

Topic: Data Communication and Networks

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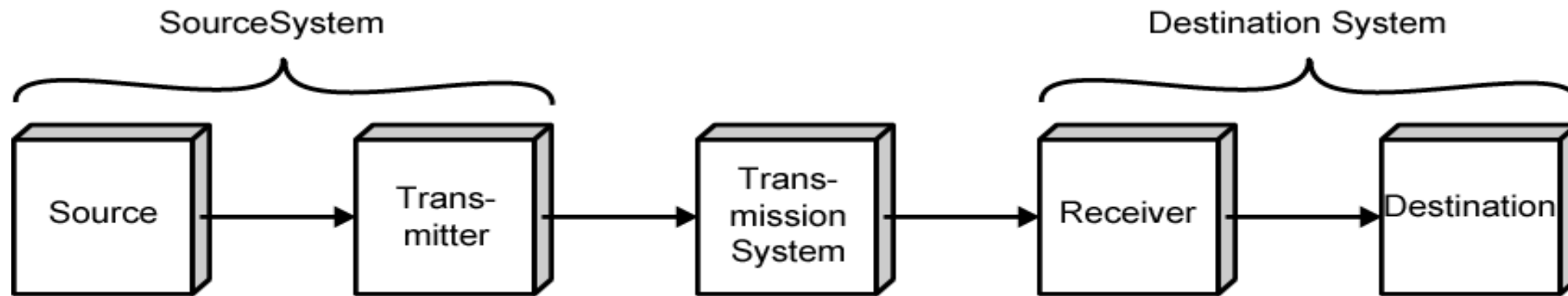
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Communications Model



(a) General block diagram



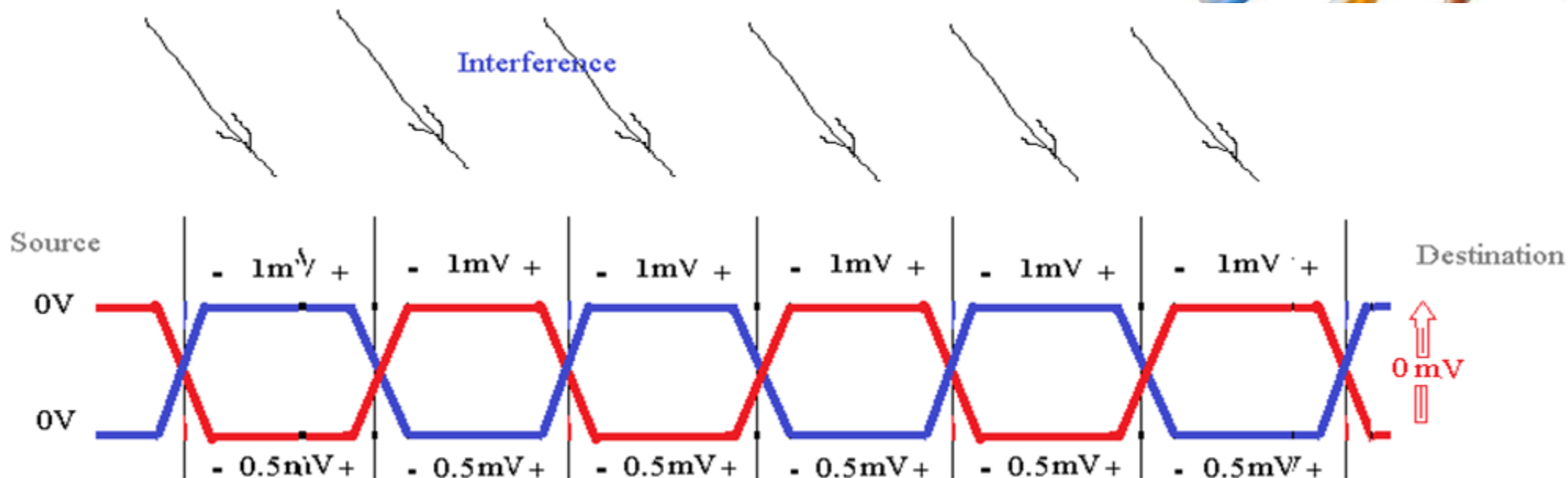
(b) Example

- Types of connections of computers into networks: Physical versus Wireless connections
 - The first type: The Physical Connection.
 - Physically connect computers together.
 - Use of wires or optical cables.
 - The connections are called network links.
 - Three most common physical links:
 - Twisted pair
 - Coaxial cable
 - Fiber-optic cable

Communication Channel (Contd.)

- **Twisted pair**

- Two wires twisted together.
 - Makes them less susceptible to acting like an antenna and picking up radio frequency information or appliance noise.
- Telephone company uses twisted-pair copper wires to link telephones.



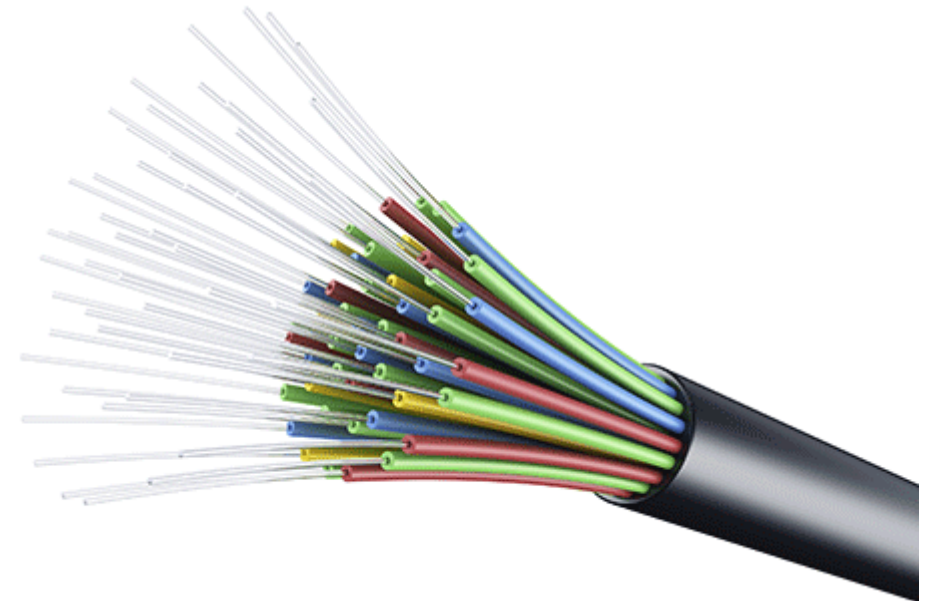
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- **Coaxial cable**
 - Also two wires:
 - One of the wires, which is woven of fine strands of copper forming a tube.
 - The wire mesh surrounds a solid copper wire that runs down the center.
 - Coaxial cable is a type of transmission line, which is used to carry high frequency electrical signals with low losses.



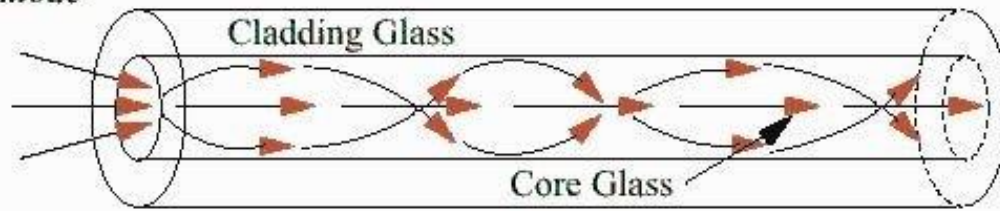
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- **Fiber-optic cable**
 - *It is a method of transmitting information from one place to another by sending pulses of infrared light through an **optical fiber**.*
 - Can transmit more information down a single strand.
 - Each cable can send several thousand phone conversations or computer communications.

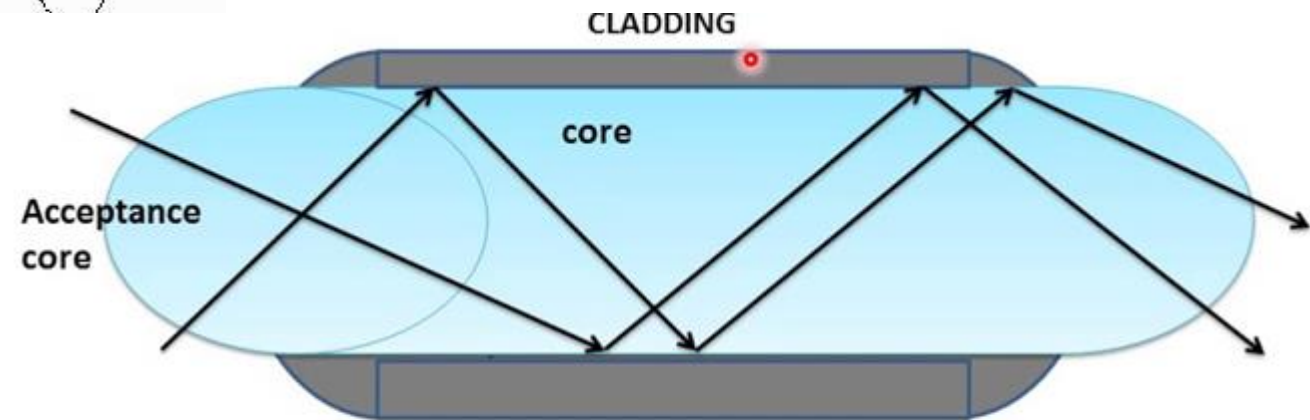
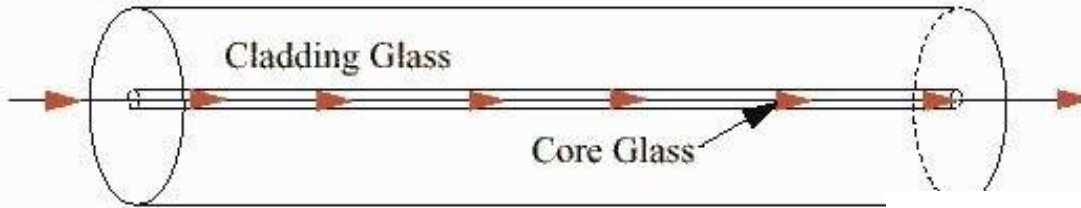


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Multimode



Single-Mode



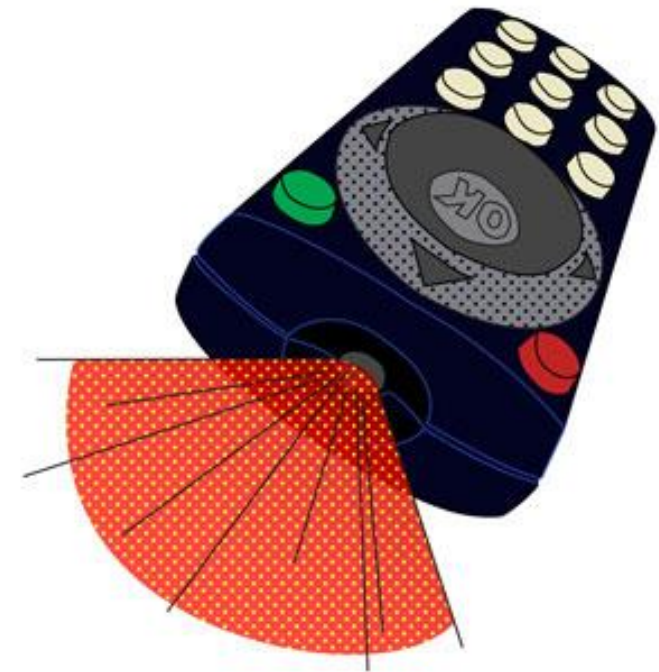
Acceptance angle give equation $\theta_o = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$

- Second type of connections of computers into networks:
Wireless connections
 - The link is made using electromagnetic energy that goes through space instead of along wires or cables.
 - Three types of wireless communications commonly used in networking:
 - Infrared
 - Radio frequency
 - Microwave

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- **Infrared**

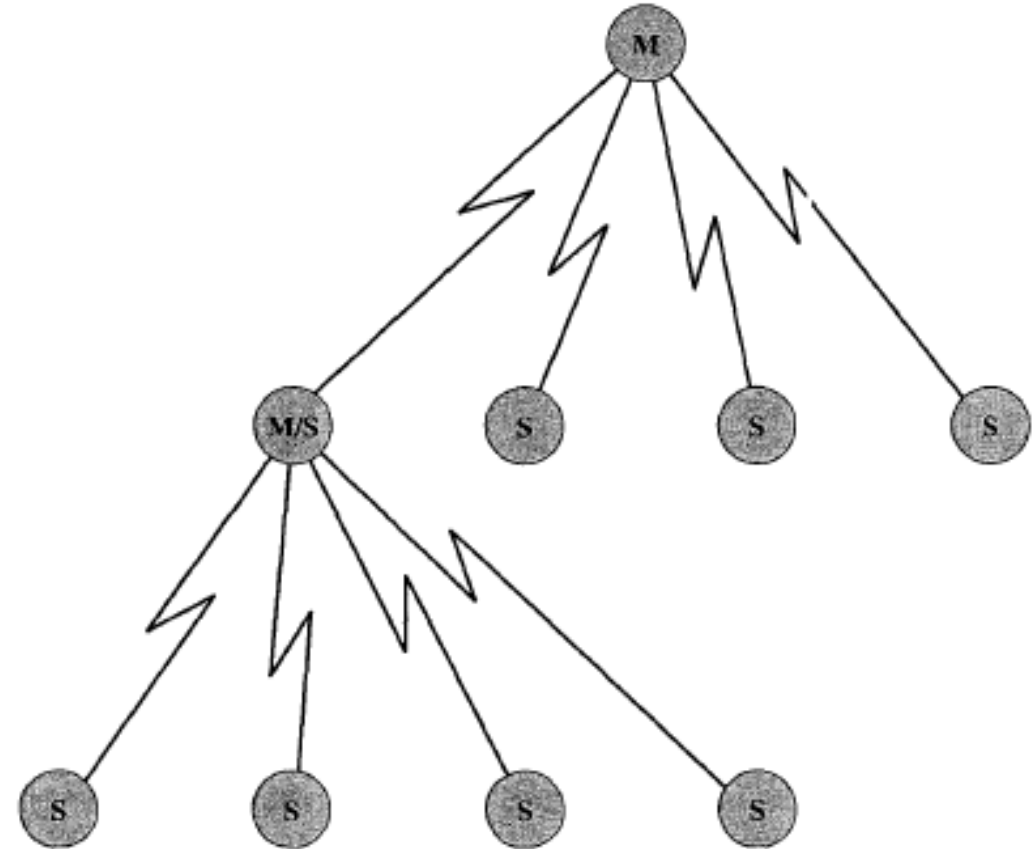
- Commonly used in TV remote controls.
- Use infrared frequencies of electromagnetic radiation that behave much like visible light.
- Must be in the line of sight.
- Often used to connect keyboards with printers.



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- **Bluetooth**

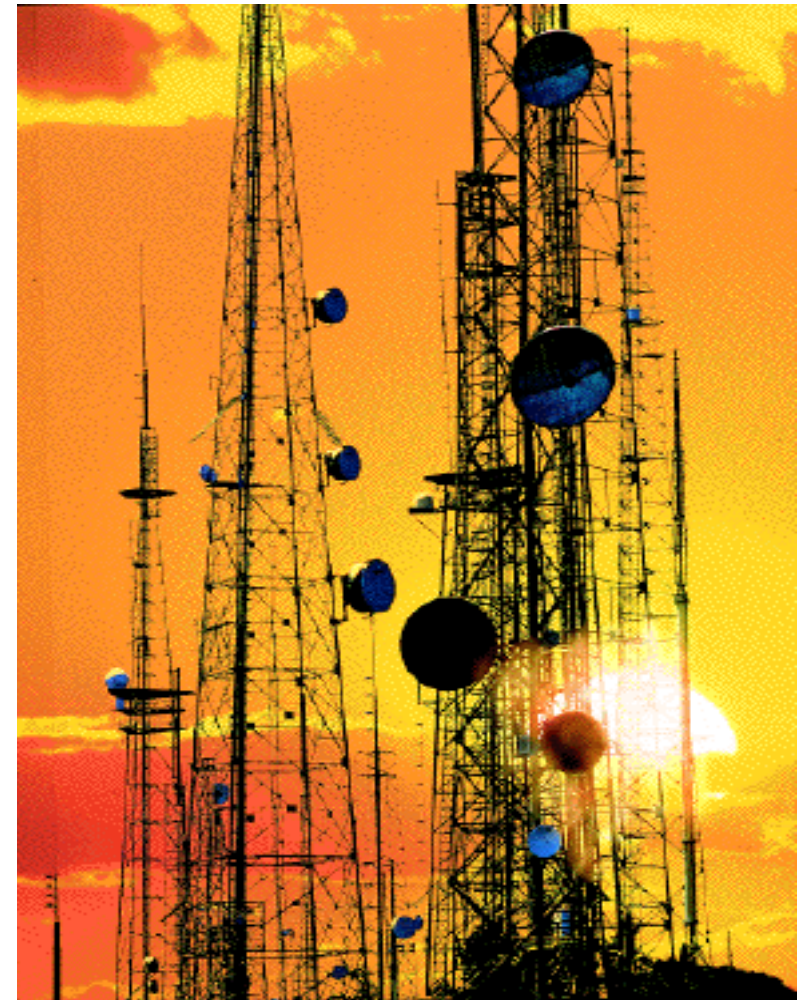
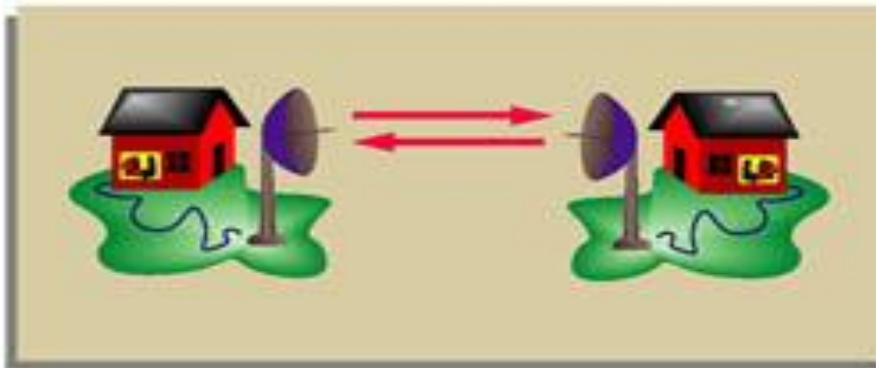
- Make calls from a wireless headset connected remotely to a cell phone.
- Eliminate cables linking computers to printers, keyboards, and the mouse.
- Hook up MP3 players wirelessly to other machines to download music.
- From a remote location to turn appliances on and off, set the alarm, and monitor activity.



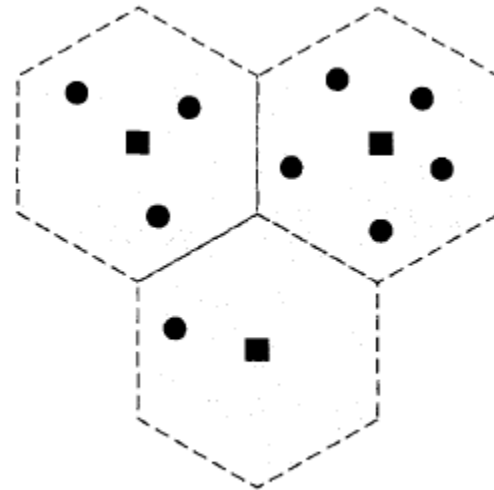
- **Radio frequency**
 - Uses radio frequencies.
 - Function even though line of sight is interrupted.
 - Not commonly used because of the possible interference from other sources of electromagnetic radiation such as old electric drills and furnace motors.

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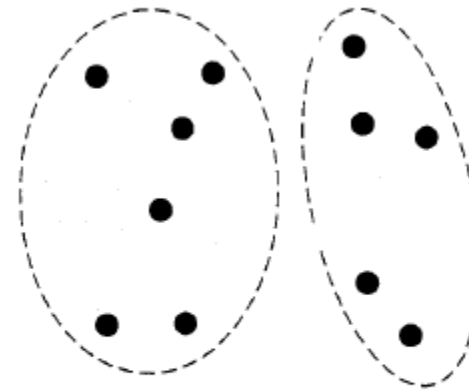
- **Microwave**
 - Often used to communicate with distant locations.
 - Must be line of sight.
 - Satellite communications use microwaves.



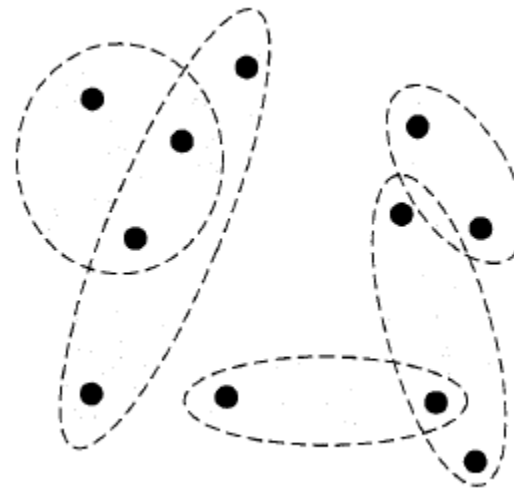
Communication Channel (Contd.)



(a) Cellular system (squares represent stationary base stations)



(b) Conventional ad hoc systems



(c) Scatternets

The speed at which the signal is transmitted (how fast the data travels).

- In digital systems: Speed is measured in...
 - **Bits per second (bps).**
 - The number of bits (0's and 1's) that travel down the channel per second.
 - **Baud rate**
 - The number of bits that travel down the channel in a given interval.
 - The number is given in signal changes per second, not necessarily bits per second.

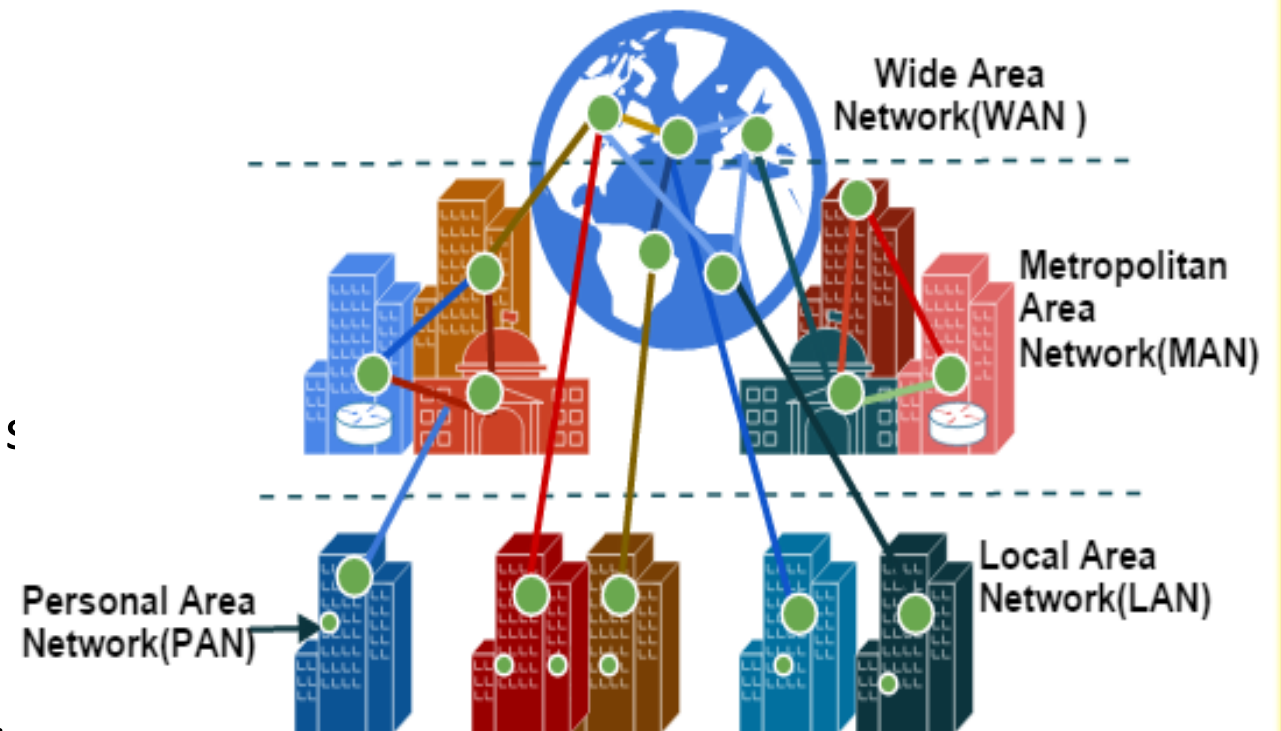
Network Criteria

- Performance – depends on number of users, type of medium, HW/SW
- Reliability – measured by freq of failure, recovery time, catastrophe vulnerability
- Security – protection from unauthorized access, viruses/worms

Network coverage

- Local Area Networks:
 - Used for small networks (school, home, office)
 - Examples and configurations:
 - Wireless LAN or Switched LAN
 - ATM LAN, Frame Ethernet LAN
- Metropolitan Area Network
 - Backbone network connecting all LANs
 - Can cover a city or the entire country
- Wide Area Network
 - Typically between cities and countries
 - Technology:
 - Circuit Switch, Packet Switch, Frame Relay, ATM

Types of Computer Networks

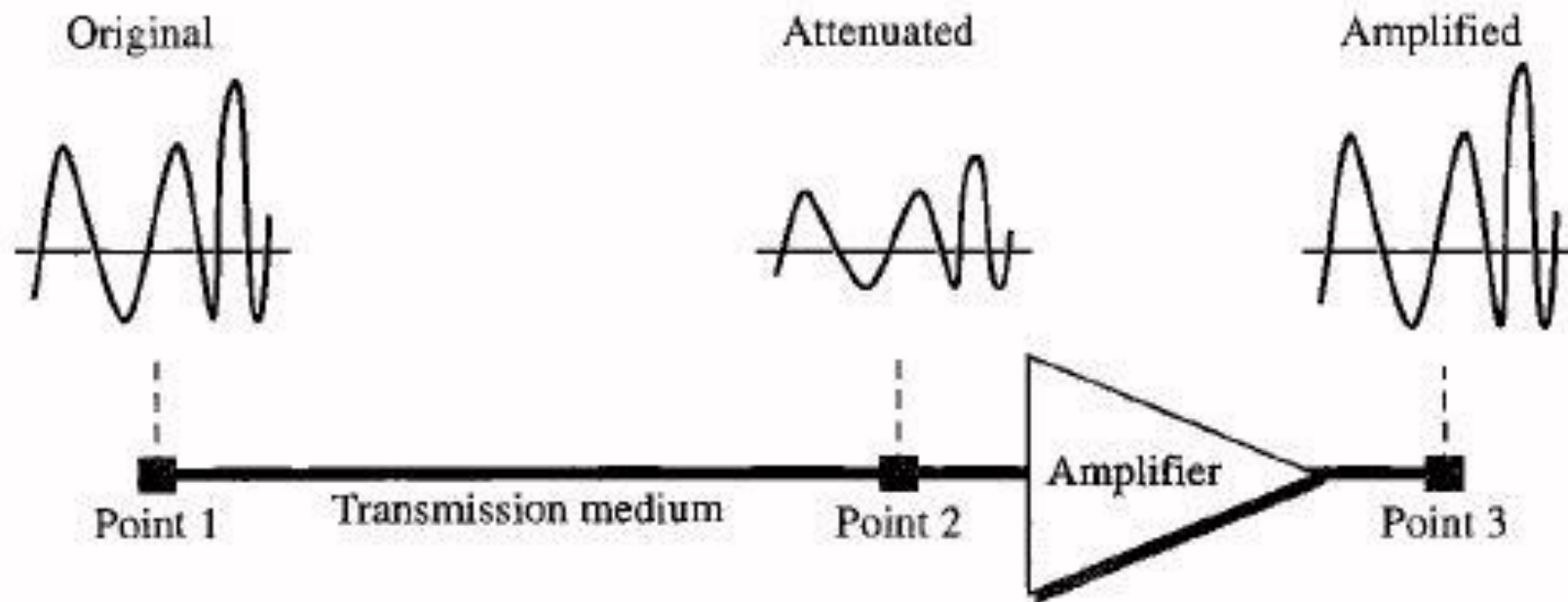


Channel /Transmission Impairments

- **Attenuation and attenuation distortion**

- a) A received signal must have sufficient strength so that the electronic circuitry in the receiver can detect the signal.
- b) The signal must maintain a level sufficiently higher than noise to be received without error.
- c) Attenuation varies with frequency.

Use repeaters



Channel /Transmission Impairments

- **Delay distortion**

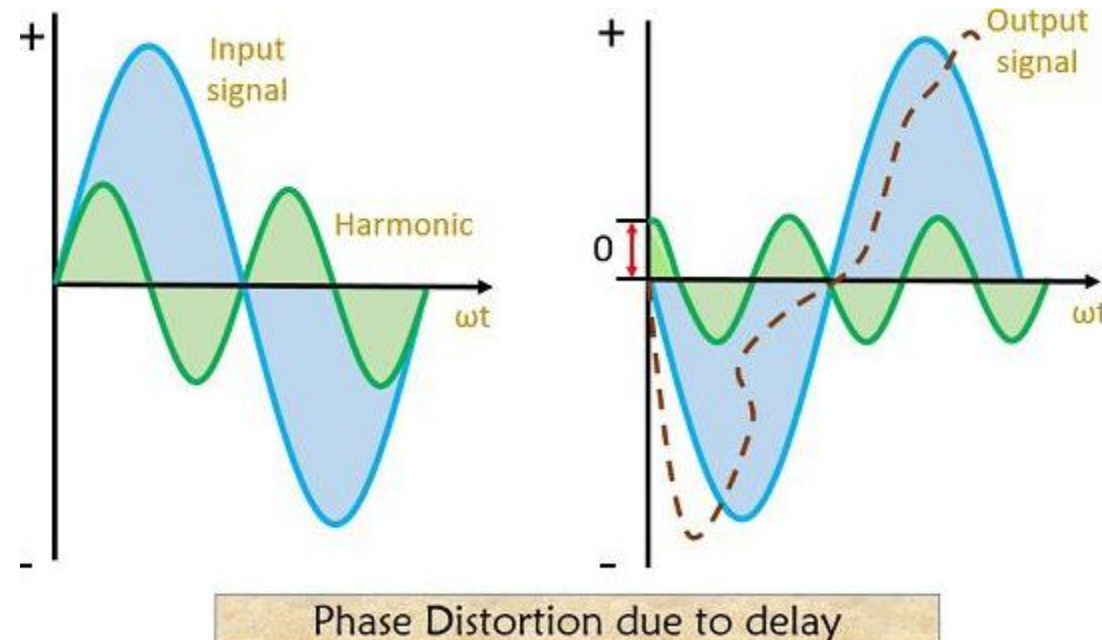
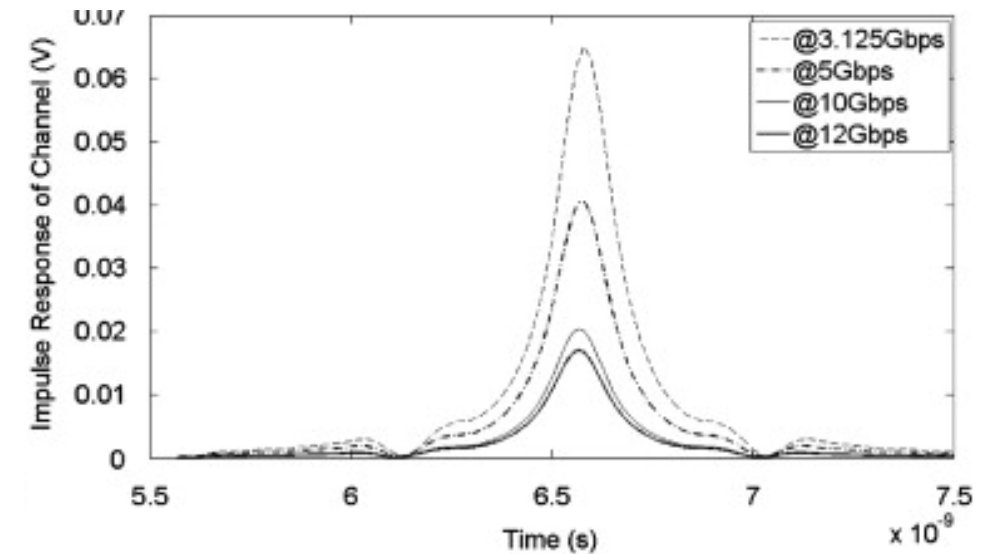
a) Delay distortion occurs because the velocity of propagation of a signal through a guided medium varies with frequency.

b) The velocity tends to be **highest near the center frequency** and **fall off toward the two edges of the band**.

Solution: filtering

c) It can lead to **Intersymbol interference**, where some of the signal components of one bit position will spill over into other bit positions

Solution: adaptive equalization and error correcting codes



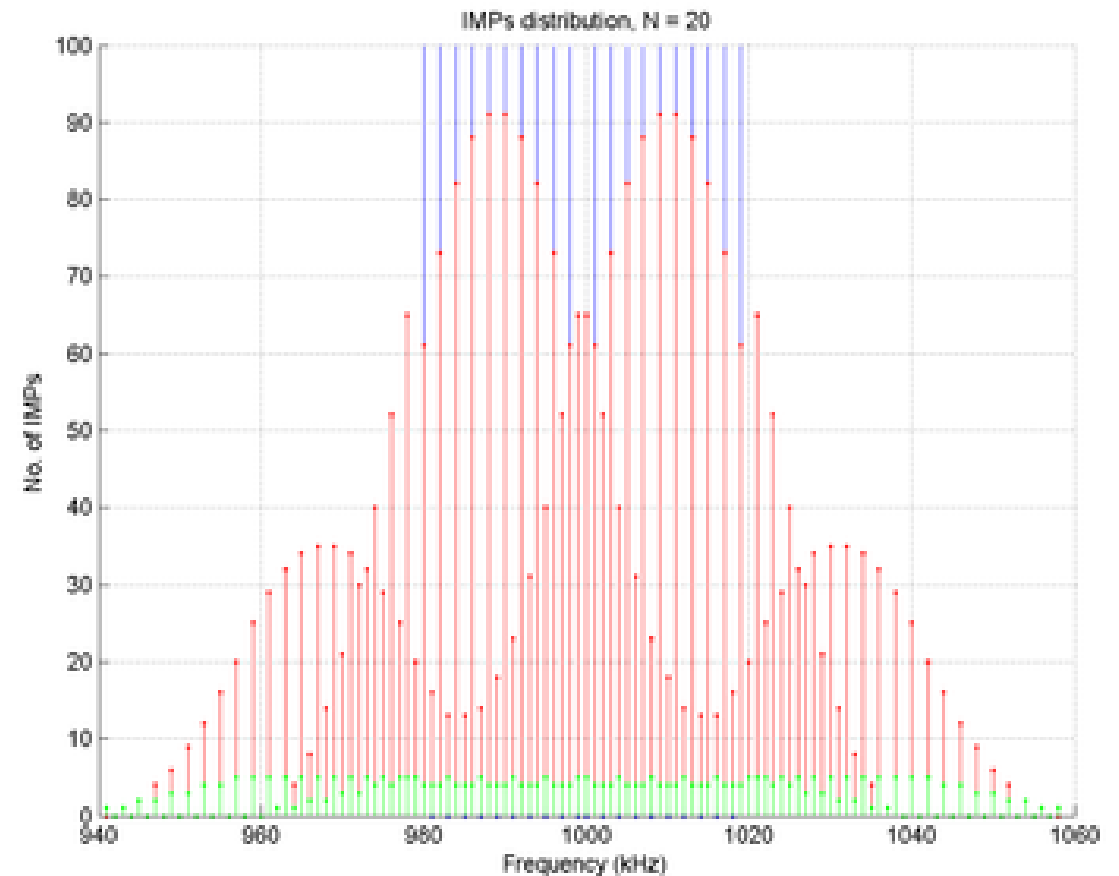
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• Noise

Thermal noise: Thermal noise is due to thermal agitation of electrons.

Solution: lowering temperature and resistance if possible

Intermodulation noise: When signals at different frequencies share the same transmission medium, the result may be intermodulation noise.

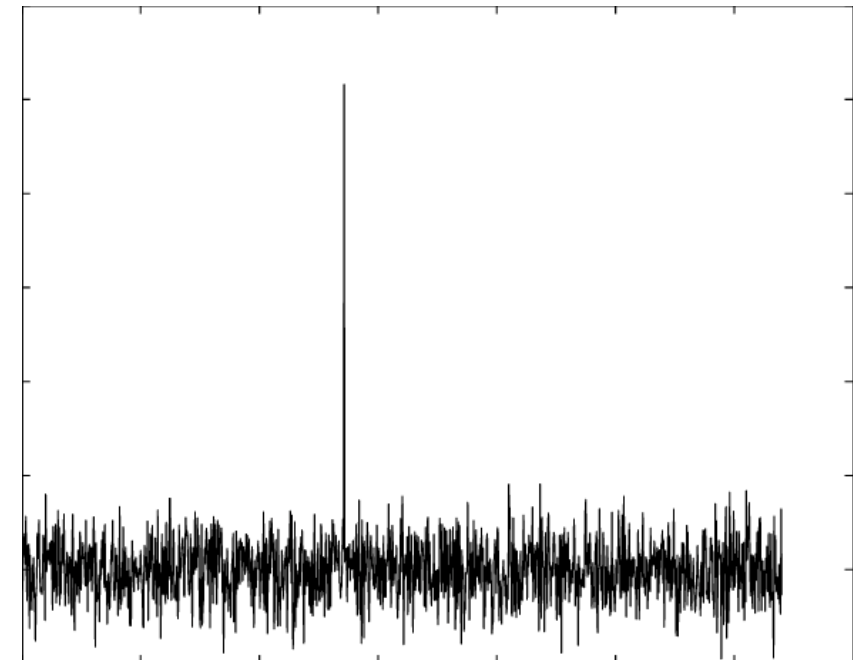
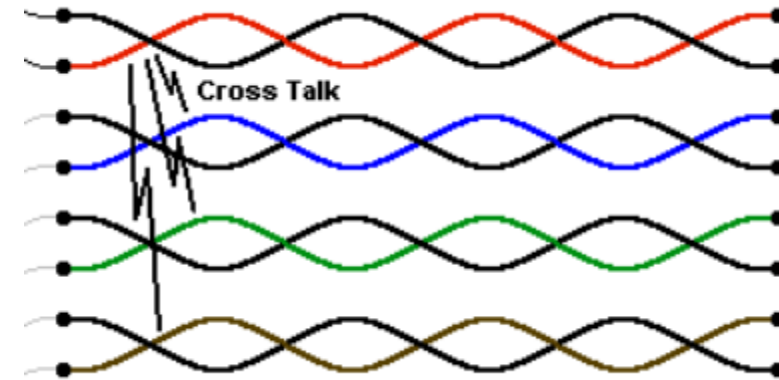


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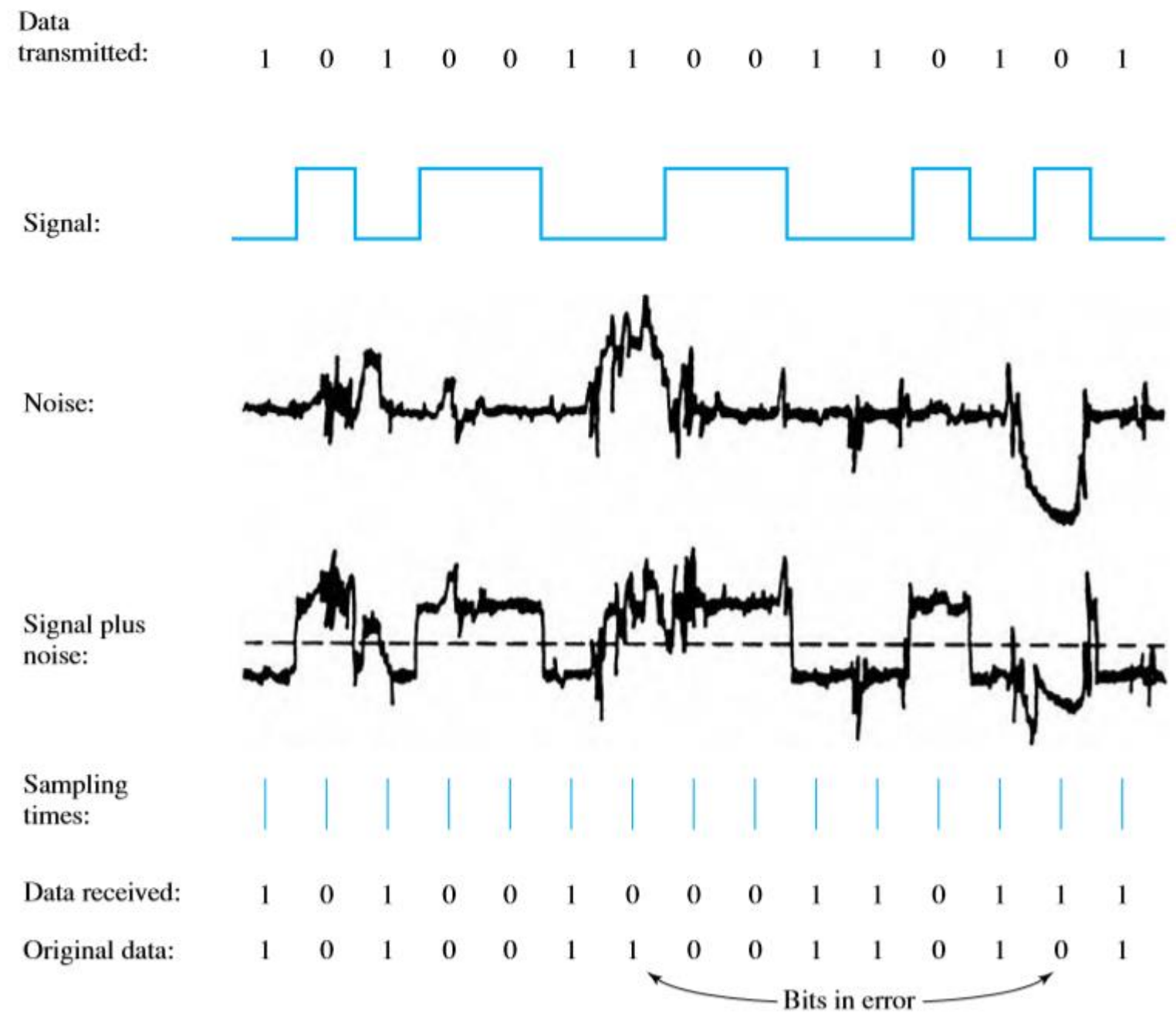
- **Noise**

Crosstalk: it is an unwanted coupling between signal paths.

Impulse noise: is noncontinuous, consisting of irregular pulses or noise spikes of short duration and of relatively high amplitude.



Effect of Noise on Digital Signal



Nyquist and Shannon Capacity formula

$$C = 2B \log_2 M$$

Shannon Capacity Formula

$$C = B \log_2(1 + \text{SNR})$$

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{signal power}}{\text{noise power}}$$

Nyquist and Shannon Capacity formula

Television channels are 6 MHz wide. How many bits/sec can be sent if four-level digital signals are used? Assume a noiseless channel.

Bandwidth = 6 MHz (given) = 6×10^6

Using Nyquist's Theorem,

$$C = 2B \log_2 M$$

$$C = 2 \times 6 \times 10^6 \times \log_2 4$$

$$C = 24 \text{ Mbps}$$

Hence, $C = 24 \text{ Mbps}$

Consider an extremely noisy channel in which the value of the signal-to-noise ratio is almost zero. In other words, the noise is so strong that the signal is faint. For this channel the capacity C is calculated as

$$C = B \log_2 (1 + \text{SNR})$$

$$= B \log_2 (1 + 0)$$

$$= B \log_2 (1)$$

$$= 0$$

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