

Wireless Networks

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Agenda

- ✓ • Channel Capacity
 - How much can a channel handle?
- ✓ • Modulation
 - How do we send the waves (with specific characteristic, for example: on a certain frequency)?



Channel Capacity

There are four concepts here that we are trying to relate to one another:

- **Data rate:** This is the rate, in bits per second (bps), at which data can be communicated.
- **Bandwidth:** This is the bandwidth of the transmitted signal as constrained by the transmitter and the nature of the transmission medium, expressed in cycles per second, or Hertz.
- **Noise:** the average level of noise over the communications path.
- **Error rate:** This is the rate at which errors occur, where an error is the reception of a 1 when a 0 was transmitted or the reception of a 0 when a 1 was transmitted.



Nyquist Theorem (Noise-Free Channel)

• Signaling speed:

- The number of times per second the signal changes its value/voltage
- Also known as *symbol rate* and Measured in baud
- For example, if the signal has 4 voltage levels 0,1,2,3,
 - each level can carry 2 bits 00, 01, 10, 11
 - if the signal changes its value 4 times per second
 - ◆ Its baud rate is 4 → Its bit rate is 8

• Nyquist rate

$$C \text{ (bit rate)} = 2B \log_2 L \text{ bits/sec}$$

- B = channel bandwidth in Hz
- L = Number of discrete signal/voltage levels

Given a bandwidth of B, the highest signal rate that can be carried is 2B. This limitation is due to the effect of inter-symbol interference, such as is produced by delay distortion.



Shannon Theorem

- Signal to noise ratio SNR measured in decibel (dB)

- It is ratio of Signal Power (S) to Noise power (N)

- $SNR_{db} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{Signal Power}}{\text{Noise Power}}$

- Maximum channel capacity C in bits/sec

$$C = B \log_2 (1 + SNR)$$



Example

If Phone wire bandwidth = 3100 Hz and SNR is 30db, calculate the max. channel capacity and the maximum number of signaling levels

$$30 \text{ dB} = 10 \log_{10} \text{SNR}$$

$$3 = \log_{10} \text{SNR}$$

$$\text{SNR} = 10^3 = 1000$$

$$\text{Capacity} = 3100 \log_2(1+1000) = 30,894 \text{ bps}$$

Based on Nyquist:

$$C = 2B \log_2 L$$

$$30894 = 2 * 3100 * \log_2 L$$

$$\log_2 L = 4.98$$

$$L = 31.5 = 31 \text{ levels}$$



Modulation

- Modulation
 - is to convert **data** (digital or analog) into an **EM wave**
 - alters certain properties of a radio wave, called **carrier wave**, whose frequency is the same as the center frequency of the wireless channel used for transmission.
- Allocated radio spectrum is a precious resource so it has to be used efficiently.
- Types:
 - Analog modulation (for analog signals)
 - Digital modulation (for digital signals)

Modulation Techniques

Analog Modulation:

>>transmits continuous signals

- Amplitude Modulation (AM)
- Frequency Modulation (FM)
- Phase Modulation (PM)

Digital Modulation:

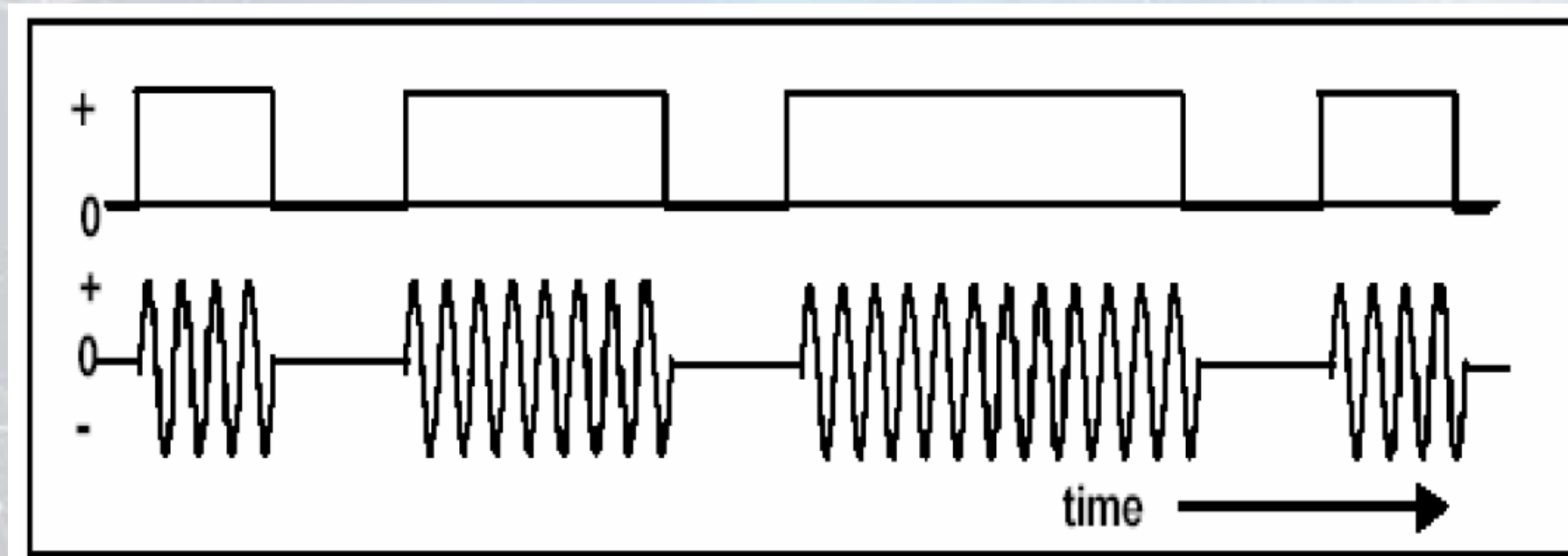
>>transmits digital signals that consist of a sequence of 0 and 1 bits

- Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK)
- Frequency Shift Keying (FSK)
- Phase Shift Keying (PSK)



Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK) ✓

- Also known as “OOK” On-Off Keying ✓
- A **binary 1** is represented by the **presence** of the signal.
- A **binary 0** is represented by the **absence** of the signal.

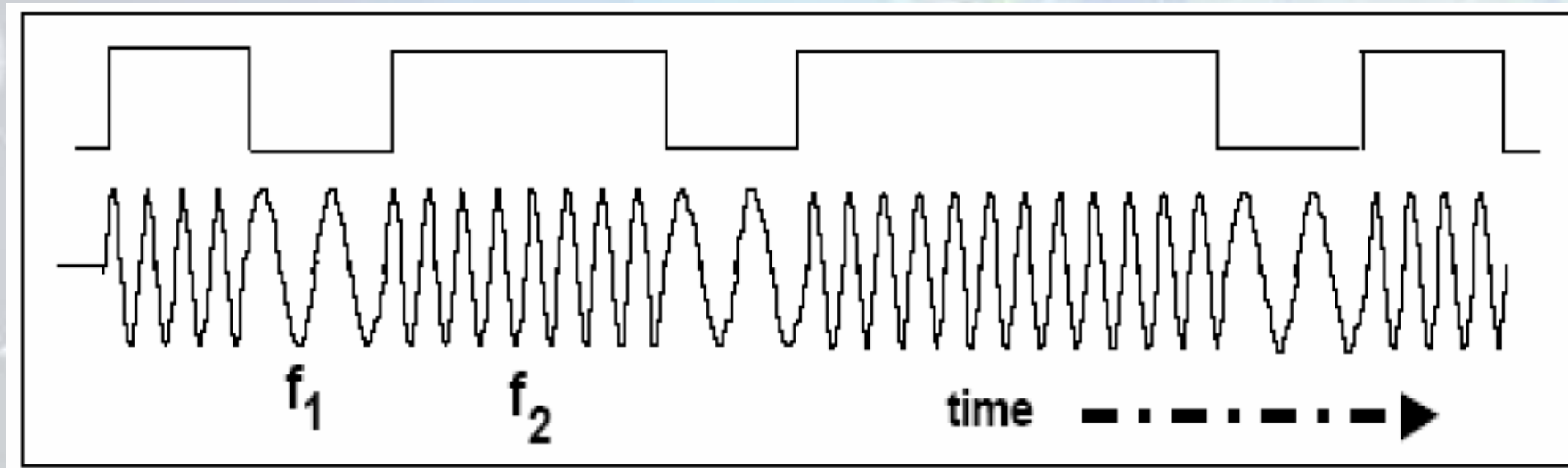


- Issue: No signal or zero bit.



Frequency Shift Keying (FSK)

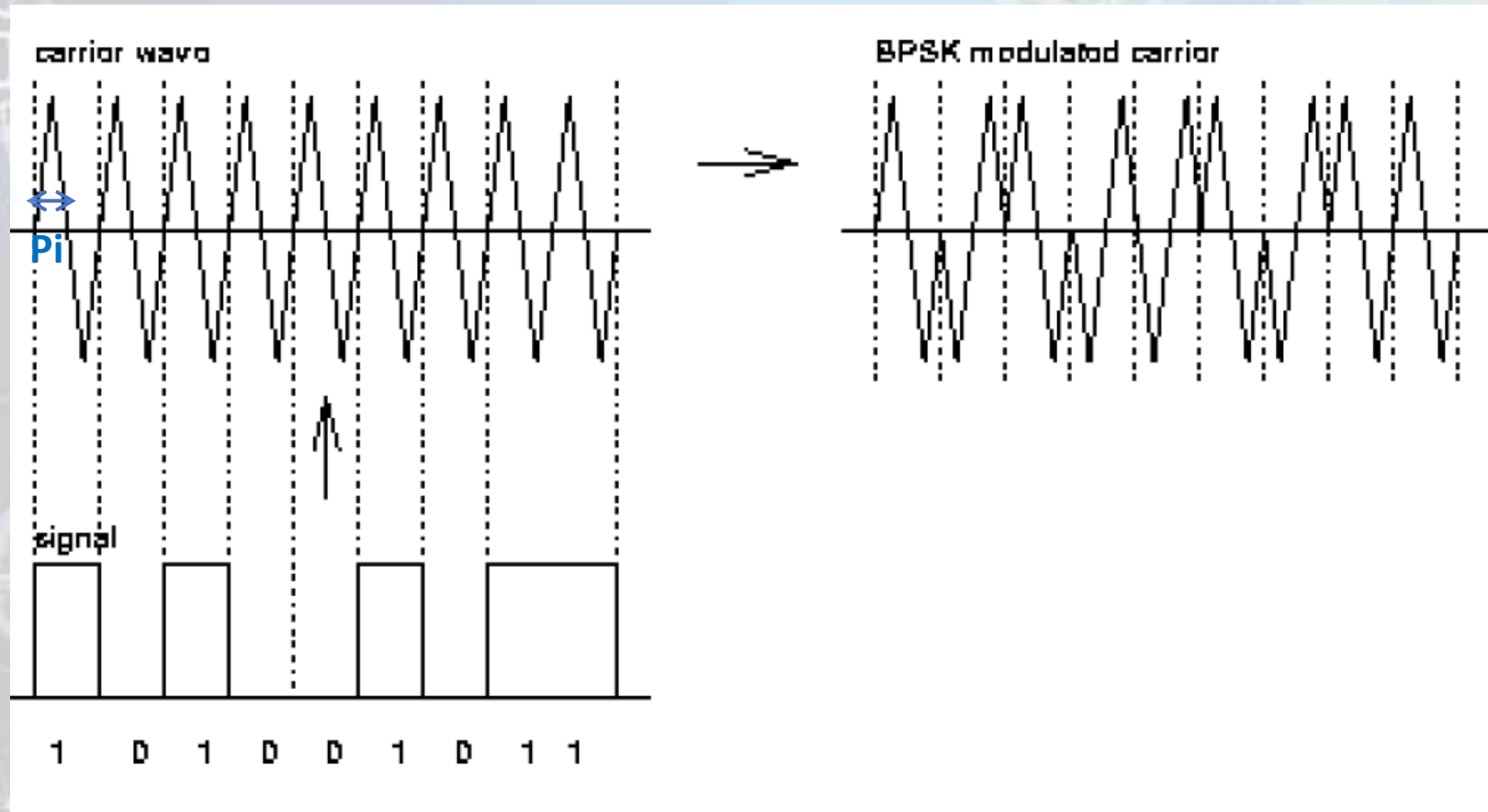
- BFSK → Binary FSK (only **two frequencies** used to represent single bits)



Phase Shift Keying (PSK) ✓

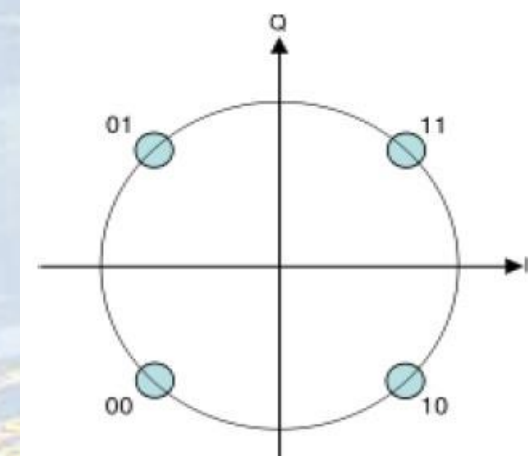
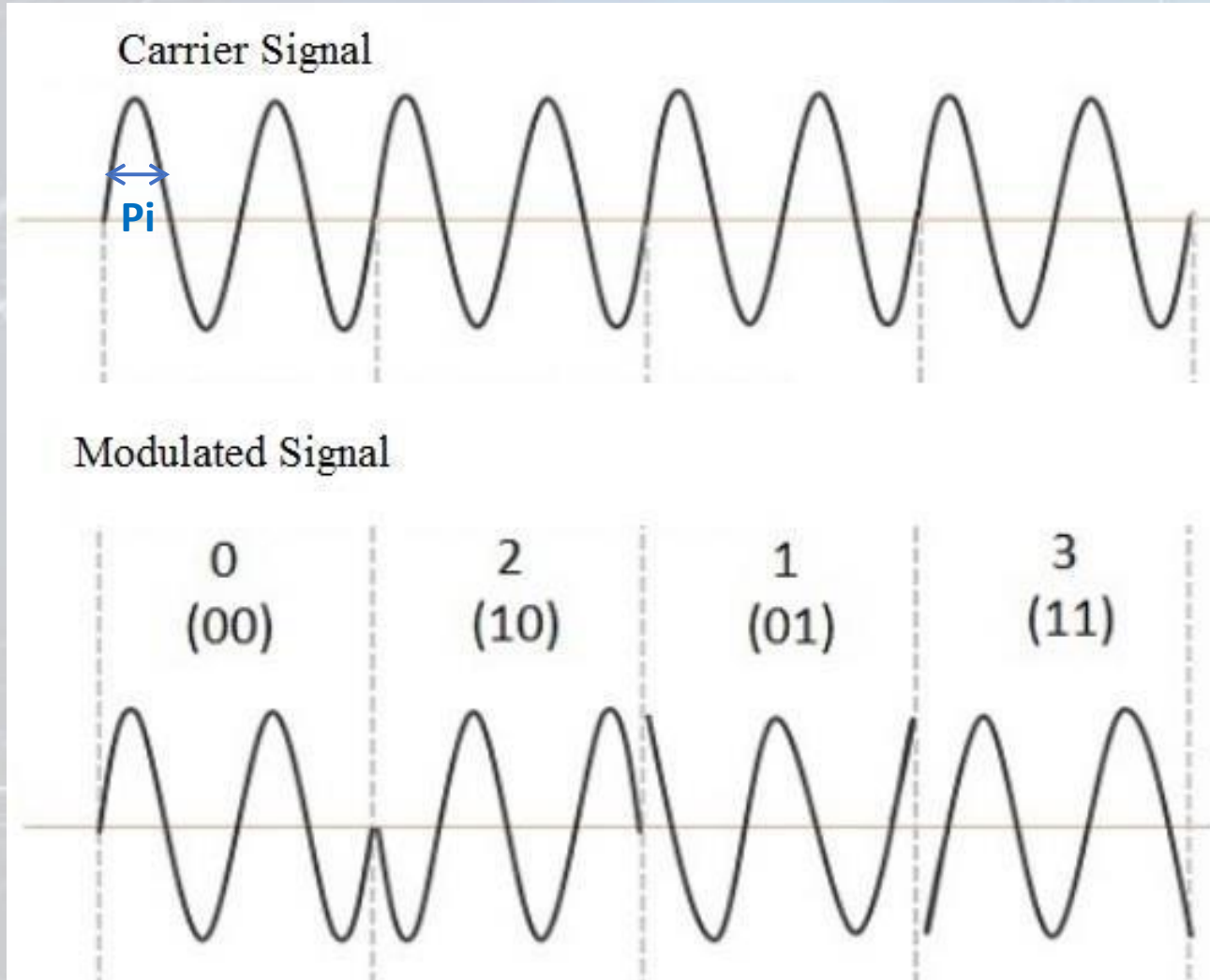
- BPSK → Binary PSK

- Binary 1 is represented by the presence of a carrier signal with a **phase difference π** radians from Binary 0's signal.



Quadrature Phase Shift Keying (QPSK)

- Uses four phases each separated by **$\pi/2$ radians** (90 degrees)



- **Symbol duration** in this modulation is **twice** the bit duration.



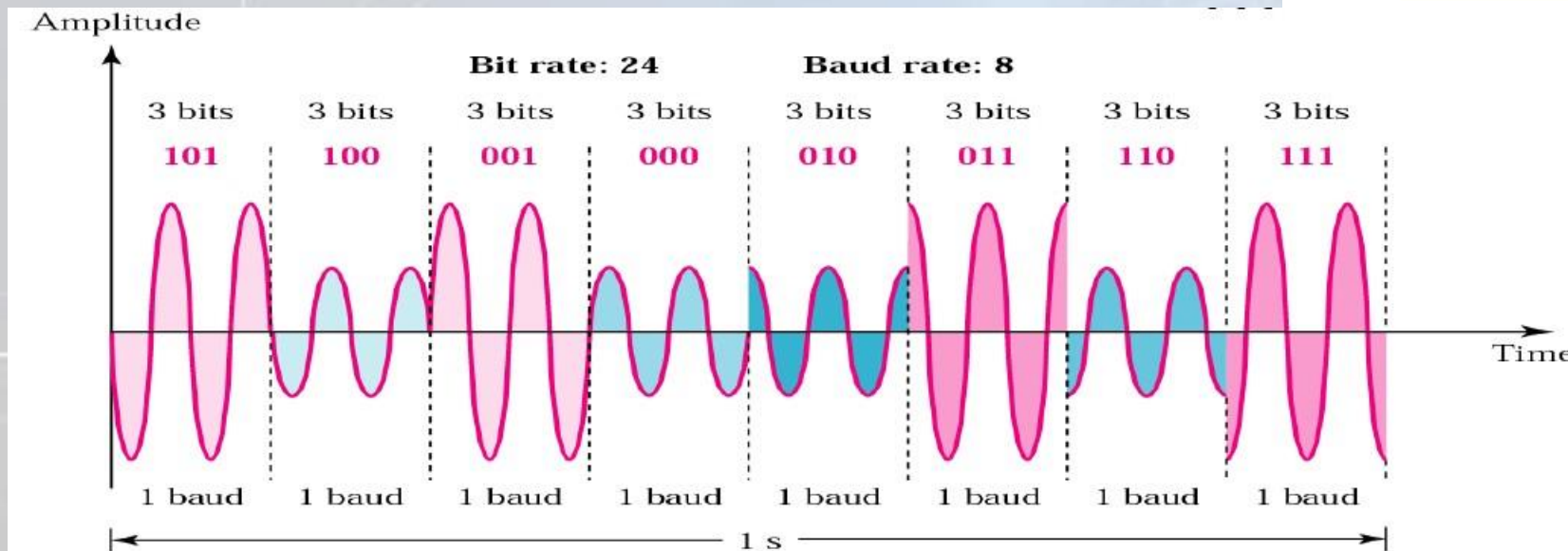
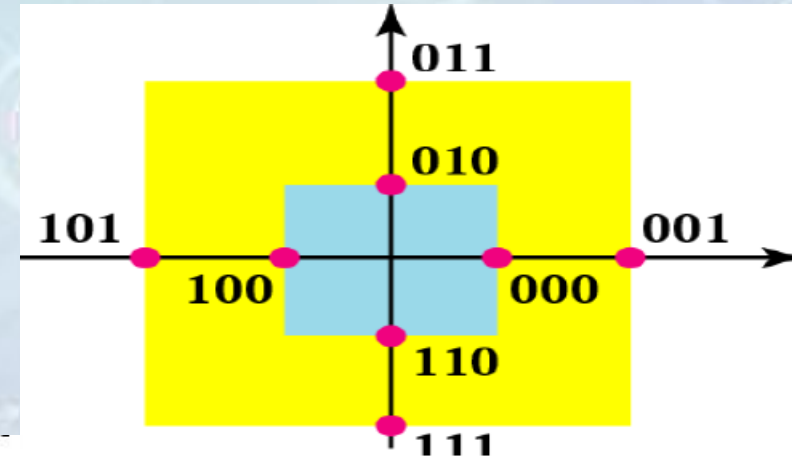
Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM)

- Amplitude and phase modulation of 2 orthogonal carriers (phase difference $\pi/2$)

- Example:

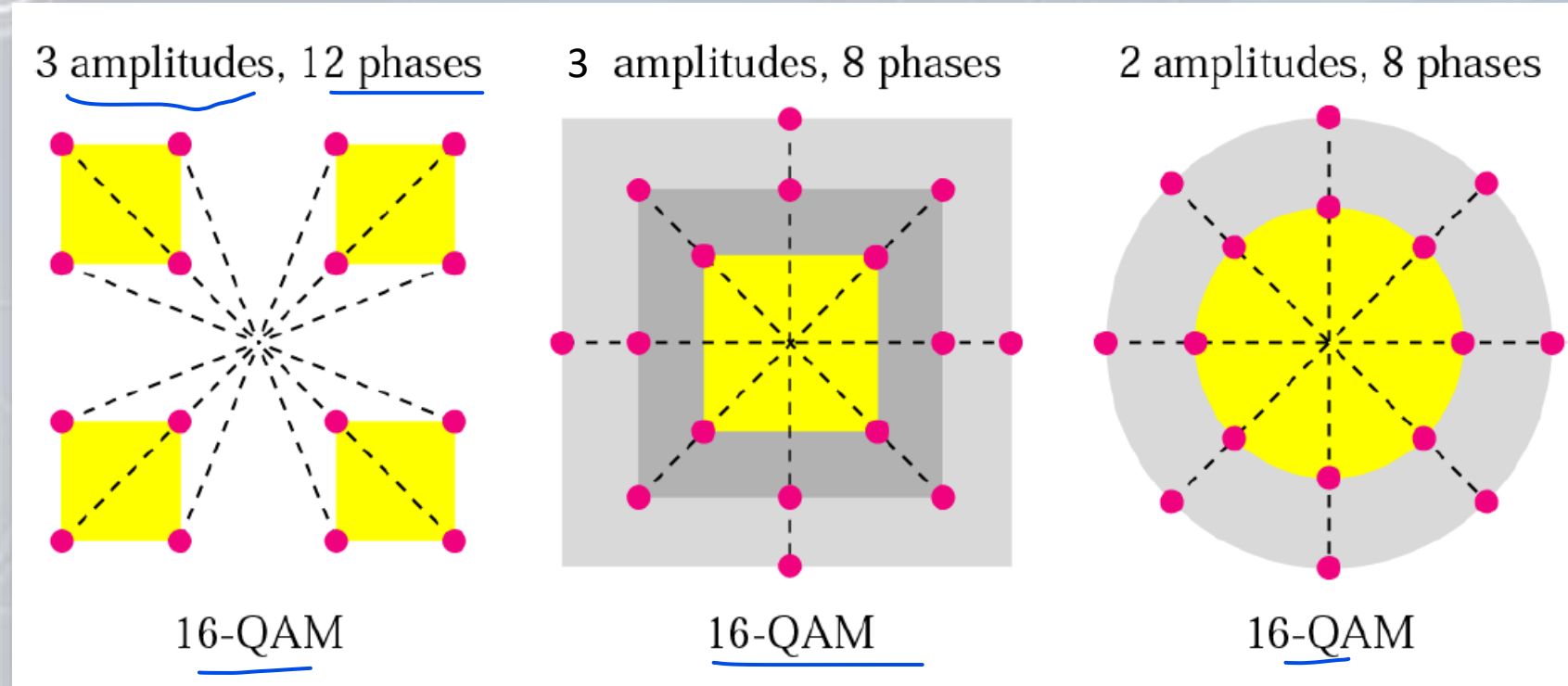
2 Amplitudes (distance from center), 4 Phases

- 8 symbols \rightarrow 8-QAM
- 1 symbol=3 bits



- Baud rate=symbol rate \rightarrow how many symbols/second

Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM)



- **Drawback:** as the number of symbols increases, system becomes more complex and susceptible to errors.

Multiple Access Techniques

- Transmission Medium in wireless networks is broadcast in nature → thus a node can't just transmit whenever it wants to.
- Multiple access techniques are used to control access to the **Shared Medium**
- Examples:
 - ☐ Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA)
 - ☐ Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)
 - ☐ Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)
 - ☐ Space Division Multiple Access (SDMA)

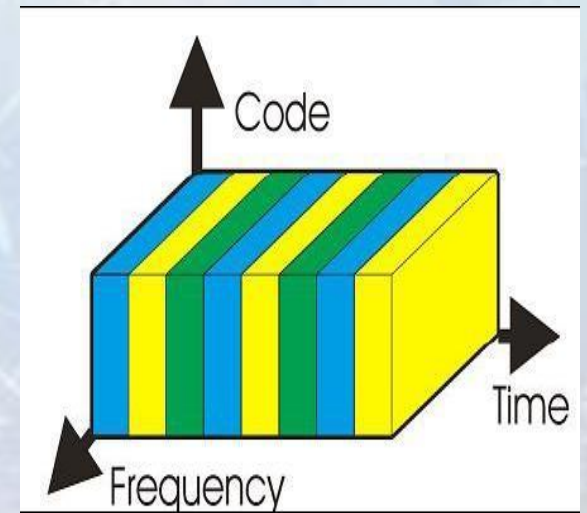
Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA) ✓

- BW is divided into multiple **frequency channels/bands** separated by guard bands (to eliminated interchannel interference)
- Tradeoff: efficiency versus interference.
- A Tx/Rx uses a single dedicated frequency channel.
- Example:
 - Cellular networks: the base station (BS) dynamically allocates a different carrier frequency to each mobile station (MS)
 - Each node is allocated two frequencies:
 - UL: uplink → BS receive, node transmit
 - DL: downlink → BS transmit, node receive
 - called **FDD** (Frequency Division Duplex)



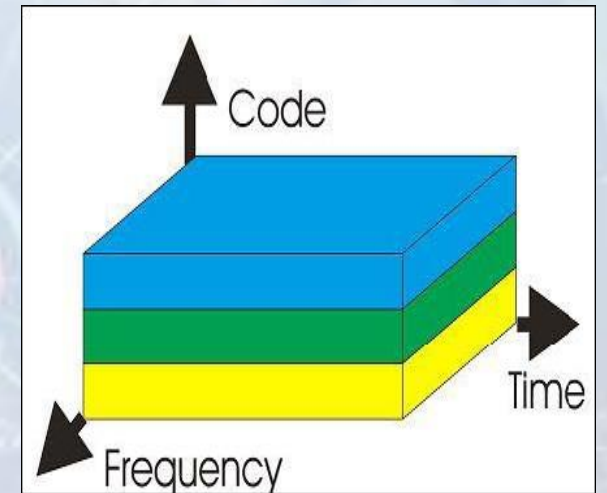
Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) ✓

- Each frequency band is divided into several time slots (channels) that repeat over time.
- The set of periodically repeating time slots is called a **TDMA frame**.
- A Tx/Rx is assigned one or more time slots in each frame.
→ The node transmits only on those slots.
- For two-way communication:
 - UL and DL time slots are allocated
 - Can be on the same band (TDD-TDMA: Time Division Duplex-TDMA)
 - Can be on different bands (FDD-TDMA: Frequency Division Duplex-TDMA)



Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)

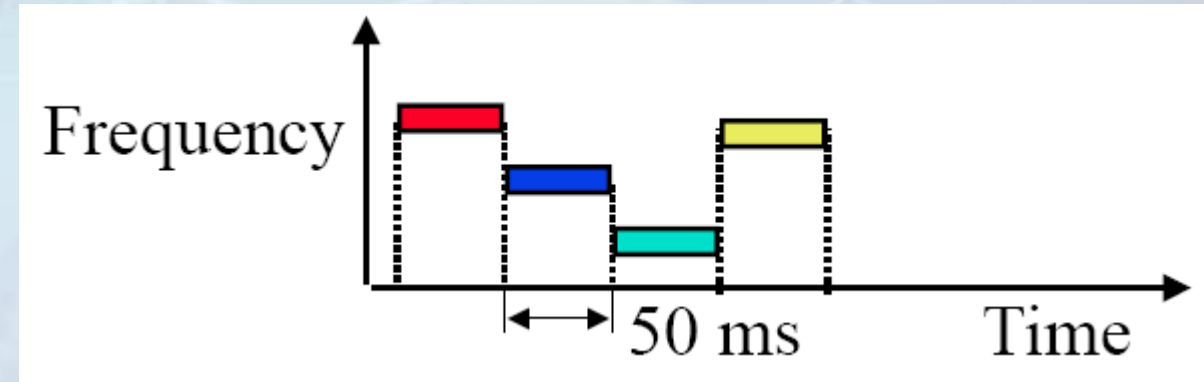
- Every channel uses the entire spectrum.
- Each channel transmission is encoded with pseudo-random digital sequence.
- A **unique code** is assigned to each user.
- Codes are orthogonal.
- Types:
 - Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)
 - Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)



Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) ✓



- A simple technique in which the transmission **switches across multiple narrow-band frequencies** in a pseudo-random manner.
- The sequence of transmission frequencies is known to Tx-Rx pair and appears random to other nodes.



- Frequency Hopping: is the process of switching from one channel to the other.
 - For example, a frequency was allotted to sender 1 for a particular period of time. Now, after a while, sender 1 hops to the other frequency and sender 2 uses the first frequency, which was previously used by sender 1. This is called **frequency reuse**.
- Dwell time: the amount of time spent on each frequency hop.
- FHSS is used to **avoid interference** (because the signal hops to a different frequency band) and to **prevent eavesdropping** (frequency-hopping pattern is not known to others).

Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)

- Each node assigned an n-bit code, called **chipping-code**.
- n is the **chipping-rate**.
- All codes are **orthogonal** to each other, i.e. the dot product of the vector representations of any two codes is zero.
- For a binary 1, the sender transmits its code.
- For a binary 0, the sender transmits the complement of the code.
- Example: codes $v_1=(1,-1)$ and $v_2=(1,1) \rightarrow \text{dot product}=0$
 - For a binary 1, the sender transmits its code
 - If the user is using v_1 , then it would transmit the code $v_1=(1,-1)$
 - For a binary 0, the sender transmits the complement of the code.
 - If the user is using v_1 , then it would transmit the code **$-v_1=(-1,1)$**



DSSS Example

- Assume we have two users that use orthogonal codes $v1=(1,-1)$ and $v2=(1,1)$
- what is the chipping rate in this case? $\rightarrow 2$
- User 1 wants to transmit $(1,0,1,1)$
- User 2 wants to transmit $(0,0,1,1)$
- Encoding of user1 = $[(1,-1),(-1,1),(1,-1),(1,-1)]$
 - Resulting signal is $[1,-1,-1,1,1,-1,1,-1]$
- Encoding of user2 = $[(-1,-1),(-1,-1),(1,1),(1,1)]$
 - Resulting signal is $[-1,-1,-1,-1,1,1,1,1]$
- Composite transmitted signal is
$$(1,-1,-1,1,1,-1,1,-1) + (-1,-1,-1,-1,1,1,1,1) = (0,-2,-2,0,2,0,2,0)$$



DSSS Example

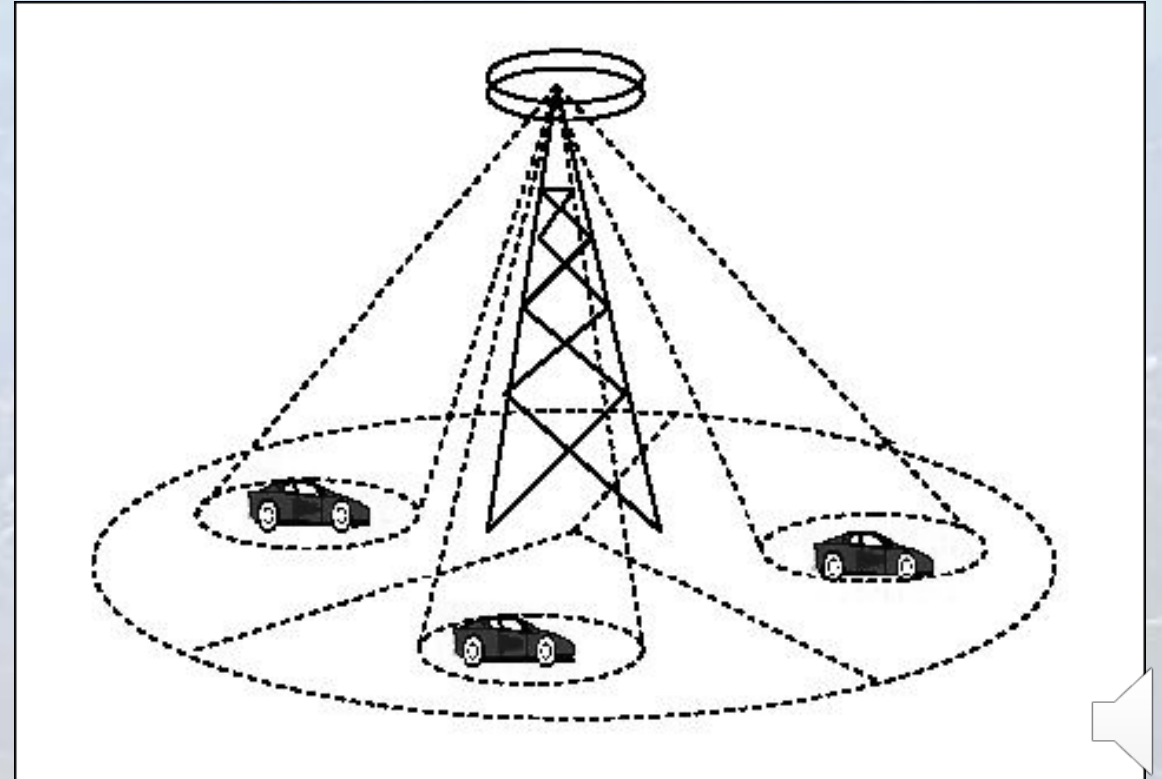
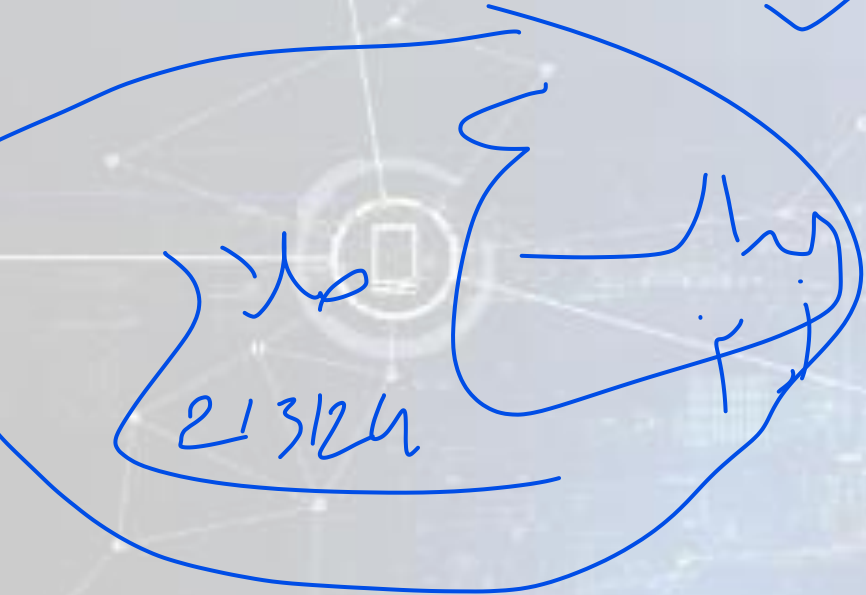
- Received Composite signal: $C = (0, -2, -2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0)$
- We know that the chipping rate is 2, hence $C = [(0, -2), (-2, 0), (2, 0), (2, 0)]$
- To decode:
 - User1 = $C.v1$
 - User2 = $C.v2$
 - User 1 = $[(0, -2), (-2, 0), (2, 0), (2, 0)].(1, -1) = ((0+2), (-2+0), (2+0), (2+0)) = (2, -2, 2, 2)$
 - User 2 = $[(0, -2), (-2, 0), (2, 0), (2, 0)].(1, 1) = ((0-2), (-2+0), (2+0), (2+0)) = (-2, -2, 2, 2)$
- Above zero $\rightarrow 1$
- Below Zero $\rightarrow 0$
- Hence the received bits are:
 - User 1 = $(1, 0, 1, 1)$
 - User 2 = $(0, 0, 1, 1)$

Why this works??



Space Division Multiple Access (SDMA)

- Space dimension.
- Uses directional tx antennas to cover angular regions.
- Same frequency is used for each space.





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