

Delta modulation

Delta modulation is a special type of differential pulse code modulation. In DPCM the dynamic range of the signal is reduced by generating an error function which is obtained by taking the difference between two consecutive samples. If the signal is not changing very fast the error function will have very small value. Because the samples are correlated to each other.

In delta modulation also the dynamic range is reduced by taking the error function. But in delta modulation only 2 level quantization is possible.

$$L = 2^n \quad (\Rightarrow \text{bit encoder})$$

when $L=2$

$2 = 2^1$ which means there is one bit encoder in delta modulation.

1 bit representation means either 0 or 1.

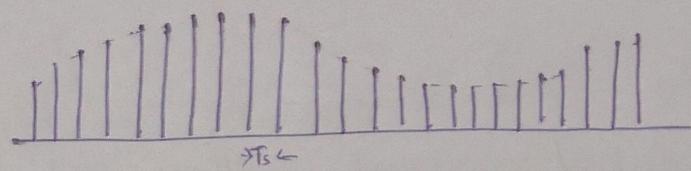
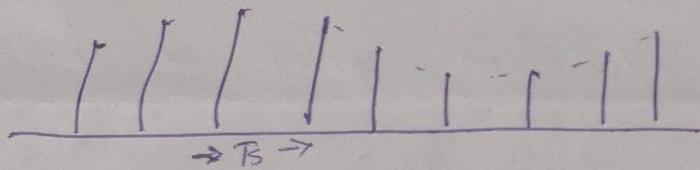
We know that when n is reduced the bandwidth get reduced.

$$Bw = nfs; \text{ so in delta modulation } Bw = fs \rightarrow (\text{reduced})$$

This is beneficial because we now require less cost to purchase bandwidth spectrum.

As n is decreased ($n=1$), bit rate has decreased. Bit rate has a direct relation with speed; when bit rate reduce the speed will reduce. So in order to increase the speed of transmission we can increase the sampling frequency f_s . So that we can manage the bit rate problem.

So in Delta modulation the analog signal is highly oversampled (Much higher than Nyquist rate) which in turn increases the adjacent sample correlation. So signal reconstruction is very easy.



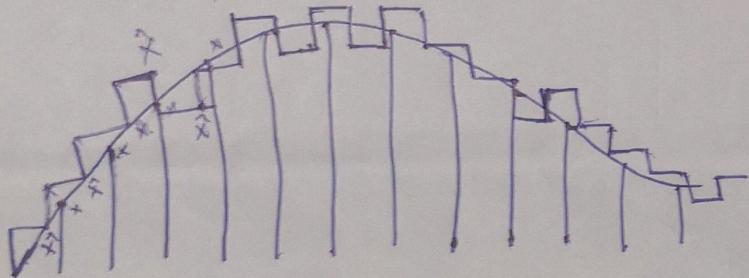
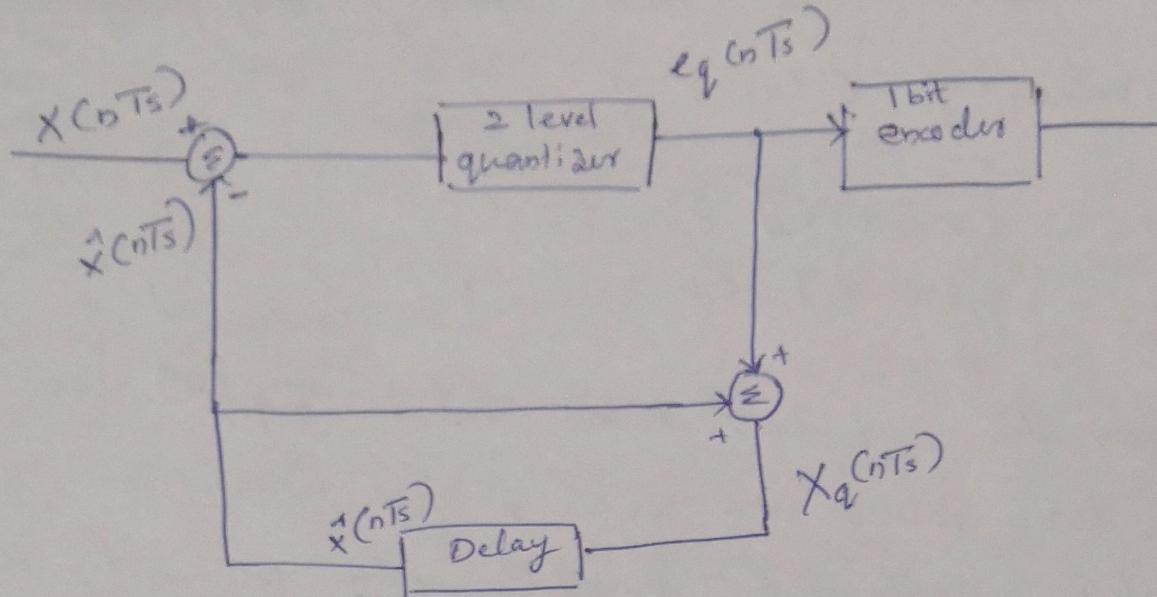
Working:-

The error function represented by $e(nT_s)$

$$e(nT_s) = x(nT_s) - \hat{x}(nT_s)$$

if $e(nT_s) > 0$ then $x(nT_s) > \hat{x}(nT_s)$ and represented by $+\Delta$
 if $e(nT_s) < 0$ then $x(nT_s) < \hat{x}(nT_s)$ and represented by $-\Delta$

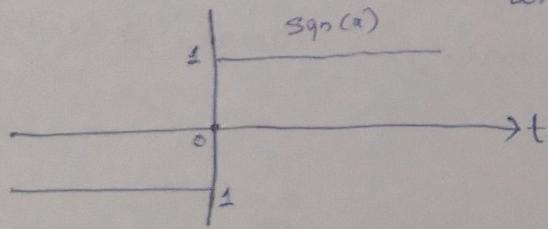
DM Transmitter



when quantization starts; initially we don't have the predicted value so we start with $+\Delta$ (Δ means quantization step going upward) when error function is less than zero it means $x(nTs)$ is less than $\hat{x}(nTs)$ and - Δ is represented by $-\Delta$ (quantization step going downward). Step size is constant.

The quantized error $eq[nTs] = \Delta \operatorname{sgn}(e[nTs])$

$$\text{where } e[nTs] = x(nTs) - \hat{x}(nTs)$$



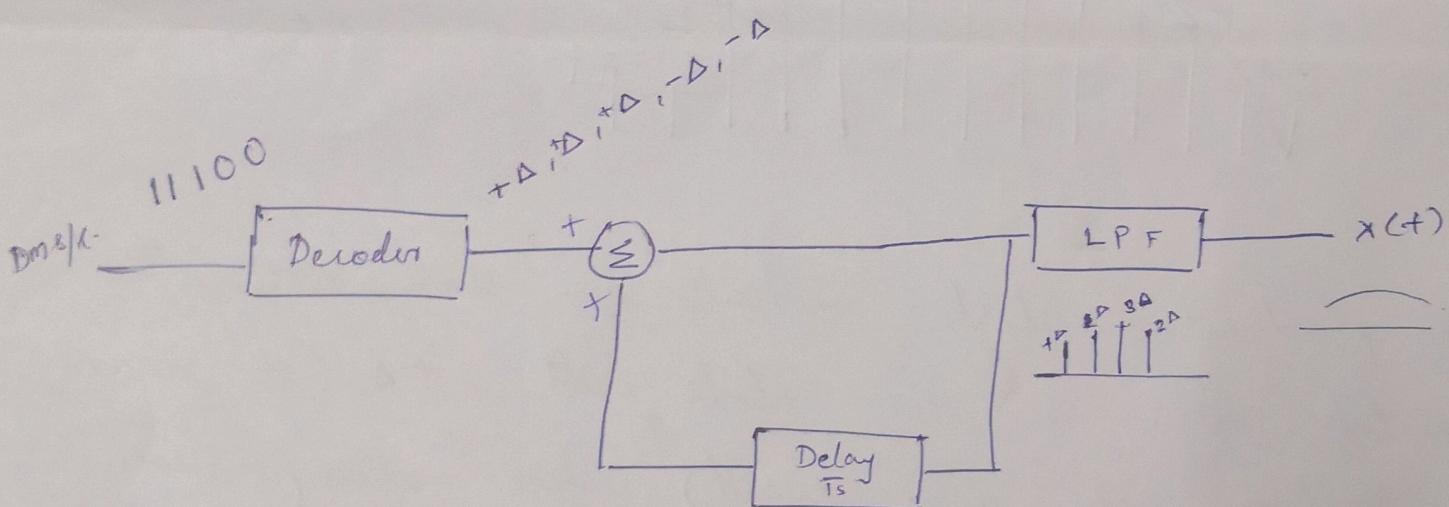
$$\operatorname{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

This means Δ can take directions (upward or downward) only depending upon the value of $e[nT_s]$

$$\begin{cases} e[nT_s] > 0 \Rightarrow e_q[nT_s] = +\Delta & - \\ e[nT_s] < 0 \Rightarrow e_q[nT_s] = -\Delta & 0 \end{cases}$$

So from this we can know that $e_q[n]$ can take only two values $+\Delta$ or $-\Delta$ which implies there is only two levels and therefore only one bit is required for encoding quantization (0 or 1)

DM Receivers



The delta modulated signal is given to a decoder which reproduces the quantized error signal which is added with the previous samples of the error signal which is produced by the delay element. And it is given to a LPF which is a reconstruction filter which produces analog signal $x(t)$.

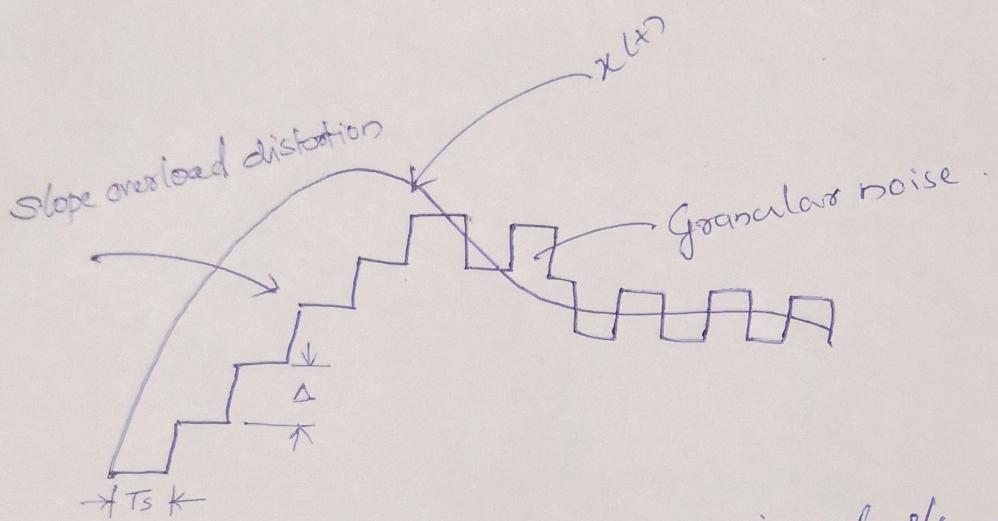
Error in Delta Modulation

(i) Slope over load distortion

In general the stepsize we choose to quantize is fixed. Hence under maximum slope of the signal stepsize becomes small to follow the slope of the input waveform. This condition is called slope-overload and the resulting quantizing error is called slope-overload distortion.

ii Granular noise

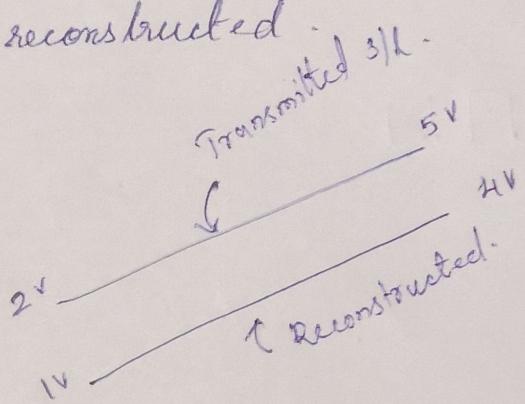
In contrast to the slope overload distortion, the granular noise occurs when the step size α is too large relative to the local slope characteristics of the input wave form, thereby causing the staircase approximations to hunt around a relatively flat segment of the input wave form.



Slope of the original s/l $x(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$

Slope of the estimated s/l (stair case) $= \frac{\Delta}{T_s}$

- The value of Δ for which $x(t)$ can perfectly reconstructed is called Δ_{opt} or optimum step size.
- If the rate of change (slope) of the reconstructed s/l is same as the transmitted s/l then transmitted can be perfectly reconstructed.



(i) Perfect reconstruction.

Slope of $x(t)$ = slope of reconstructed y_1 .

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = \frac{\Delta_{opt}}{T_s}$$

(ii) slope overload distortion

$$\frac{\Delta}{T_s} < \frac{d}{dt} x(t)$$

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$$\boxed{\Delta < \Delta_{opt}}$$

(iii) Granular Noise

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