

# Lecture Outline

Digital TM

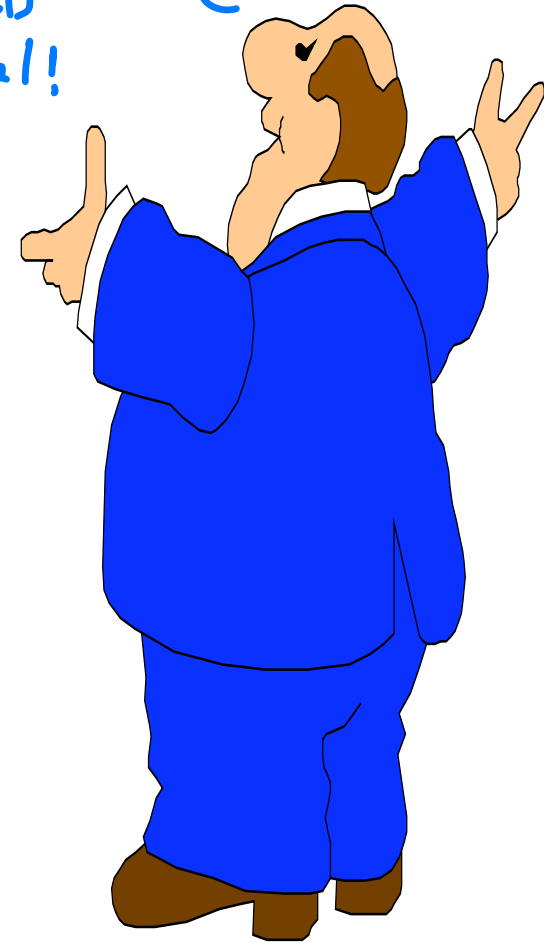
Save energy

- Have previously considered
  - Optimum detector structure.
  - The optimum receiver (in the sense of minimizing  $P_e$ ) for general M-ary signaling in the presence of AWGN
  - Graphical interpretation of decision regions

All signals are orthogonal!

## » Will now consider

- » Probability of error expressions
  - » Case study: Orthogonal signaling
- » Union bound on  $P_e$  for generic M-ary modulations
- » Orthogonal signaling & its variations



# Prelude

## **Performance evaluation of M-ary modulation:**

- Exact error probability computation is quite complicated
- Engineers typically look for good approximation that makes system analysis and design less complicated

## **Union Bound will be developed**

- A common tool used by communication engineers
- Very easy to derive
- Can give accurate probability estimates

## **Orthogonal Signals are important**

- Will show a method which can generate orthogonal signals based on binary pulses (Walsh functions)

second architecture:

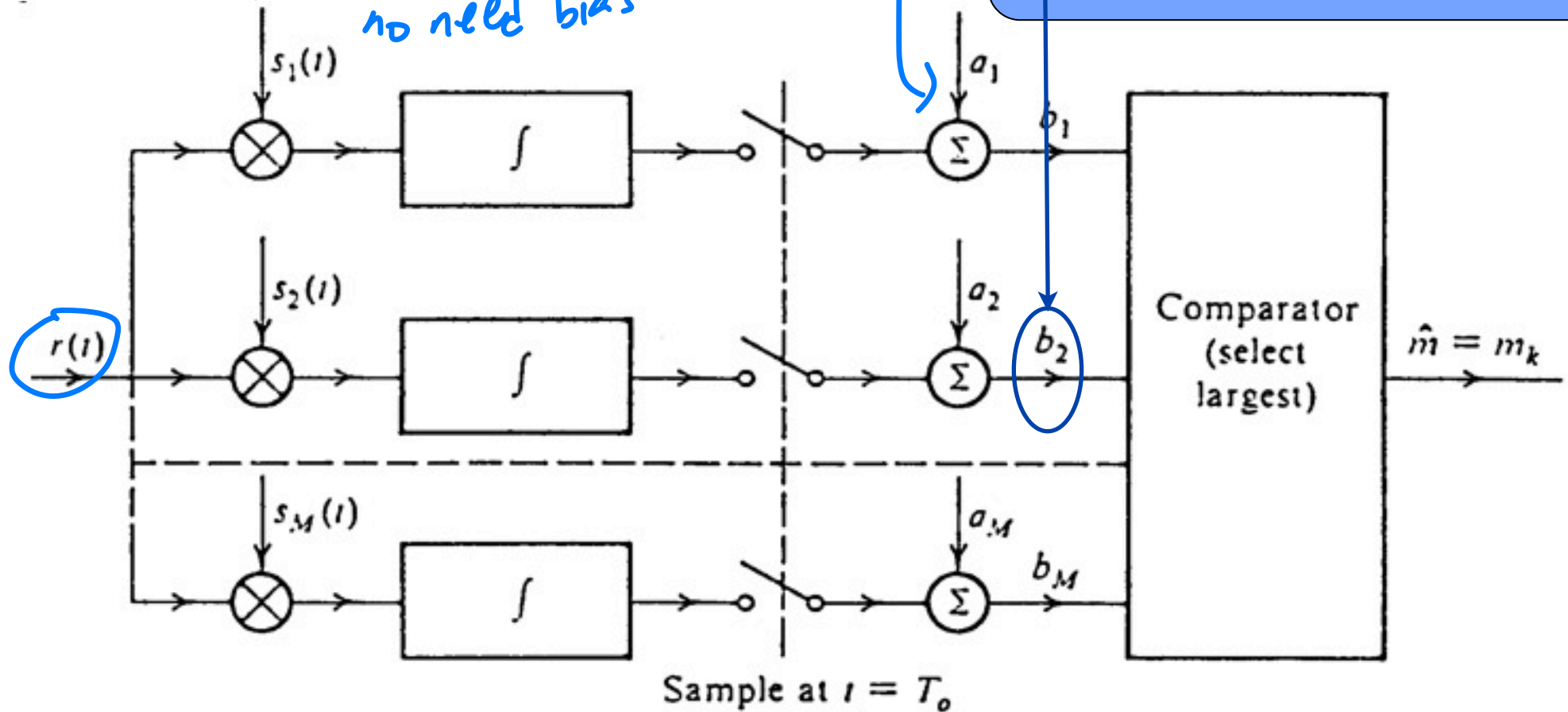
randomness

# Recall the Optimum M-ary Receiver

bias

if equal distance remove this!  
no need bias

$$b_k = \int_0^{T_s} r(t) s_k(t) dt - E_k/2$$



$$r_1: s_1(t) + n_1(t)$$

$$b_1 = \int_0^{\bar{T}_1} r(t) s_1(t) dt - \frac{E_1}{2} = \int_0^{\bar{T}_1} s_1(t)^2 dt + \int_0^{\bar{T}_1} \langle s_1(t), n_1(t) \rangle dt - \frac{E_1}{2}$$

$$= s_1(t)^2 + n_1$$

$$b_2 = \int r(t) s_2(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\bar{T}_1} s_1(t) s_2(t) dt + \int_0^{\bar{T}_1} n_1(t) s_2(t) dt$$

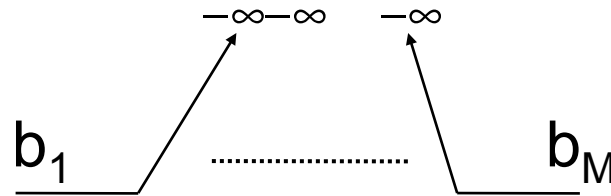
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# General Expression for $P_e$

If  $m_1$  is sent,  correct decision is made only if  $b_1 > b_2, b_3, \dots, b_M$

$$P(c / m_1) = P(b_1 > b_2, b_3, \dots, b_M / m_1)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{b_1} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{b_1} f(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_M / m_1) db_M db_{M-1} \dots db_1$$



*Union bound!*



$$P(c) = \sum_{j=1}^M P(c / m_j) P(m_j)$$

*total probability!*

and  $P_e = P_{eM} = 1 - P(c)$

$$\int \int \int_A f(x_1 \cdots x_m) dx_1 \cdots x_m$$

$$\textcircled{1} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = f(x_1) f(x_2) \cdots f(x_m)$$

$$\textcircled{2} A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_m$$

$$Z = \prod_{i=1}^m \left( \int f(x_i) dx_i \right)$$

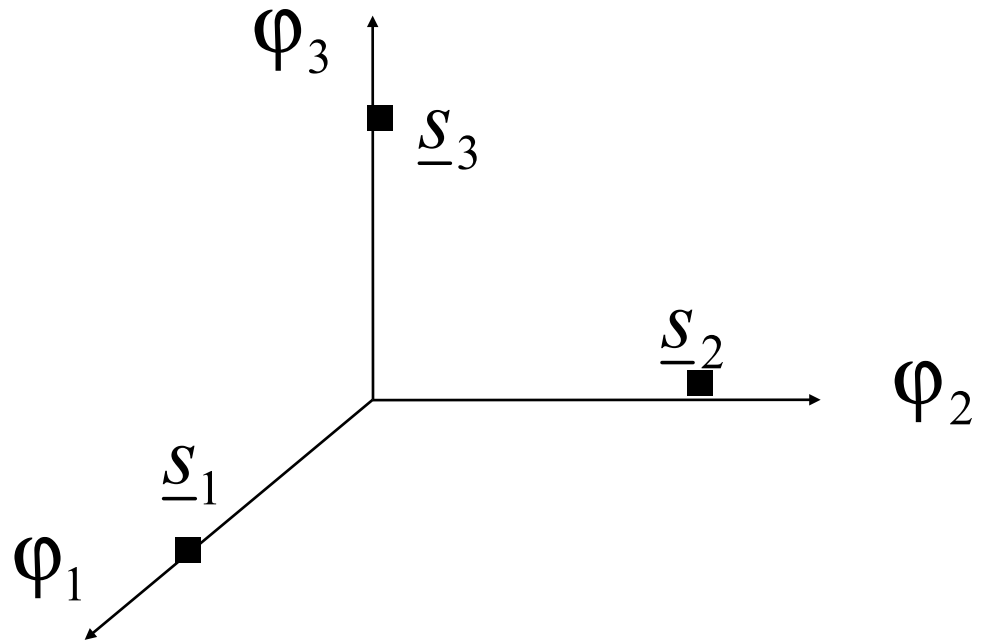
# $P_e$ for Orthogonal Signals

$$s_k(t) = \sqrt{E}\varphi_k(t) \quad \underline{s}_j \cdot \underline{s}_k = \begin{cases} 0 & j \neq k \\ E & j = k \end{cases}$$

Assume equiprobable messages

$$P(m_k) = \frac{1}{M} \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

$$\underline{E}s = E$$



# $P_e$ for Orthogonal Signals

Now, since  $\{s_k\}$  is an orthogonal set

$$b_k = \begin{cases} E + n_1 & \text{if } k=1 \\ n_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } n_k = \int_0^{T_s} n(t)s_k(t)dt$$

$\{n_k\}$  are **i.i.d. Gaussian** r.v.'s  $\bar{n}_k = 0$   $E[n_k^2] = E[N_0/2] = \frac{N_0}{2}$

➡  $f(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_M / m_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} e^{-\frac{(b_1 - E)^2}{N_0 E}} \prod_{k=2}^M \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} e^{-\frac{(b_k)^2}{N_0 E}} \right]$

➡  $P(c / m_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(b_1 - E)^2}{N_0 E}} \left\{ \prod_{k=2}^M \int_{-\infty}^{b_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} e^{-\frac{(b_k)^2}{N_0 E}} db_k \right\} db_1$



# $P_e$ for Orthogonal Signals

Now note that since **signal set** is geometrically **symmetric**:



$$P(c / m_1) = P(c / m_2) = \dots = P(c / m_M)$$



and

$$P(c) = P(c / m_1)$$

$$P_e = P_{eM} = 1 - P(c)$$

# $P_e$ for Orthogonal Signals

Let  $\lambda = \frac{E_s}{N_0}$  and  $y = x + \sqrt{\frac{2E_s}{N_0}}$

*correct expression!*

→ 
$$P_{eM} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{-Q[y]\}^{M-1} e^{-\frac{(y - \sqrt{2\lambda})^2}{2}} dy$$

*very sensitive*  
Overall Probability of Symbol Error. *to one constellation diagram*

# $P_e$ for Orthogonal Signals

Let

$$x = \frac{b_1 - E - a}{\sqrt{\frac{N_0 E}{2}}}$$

cannot simplify more!



$$P(c / m_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ 1 - Q \left[ x + \sqrt{\frac{2E}{N_0}} \right] \right\}^{M-1} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

# Symbol energy vs bit energy

Next recall that

- # bits that can be represented by a set of  $M$  signals:

$$k = \log_2(M)$$

- **Energy per bit**

$$E_b = \frac{E_s}{\log_2(M)} = \frac{E_s}{k}$$

different  
symbol energy  
and bit  
energy!



$$\frac{2E_s}{N_0} = \frac{2kE_b}{N_0}$$

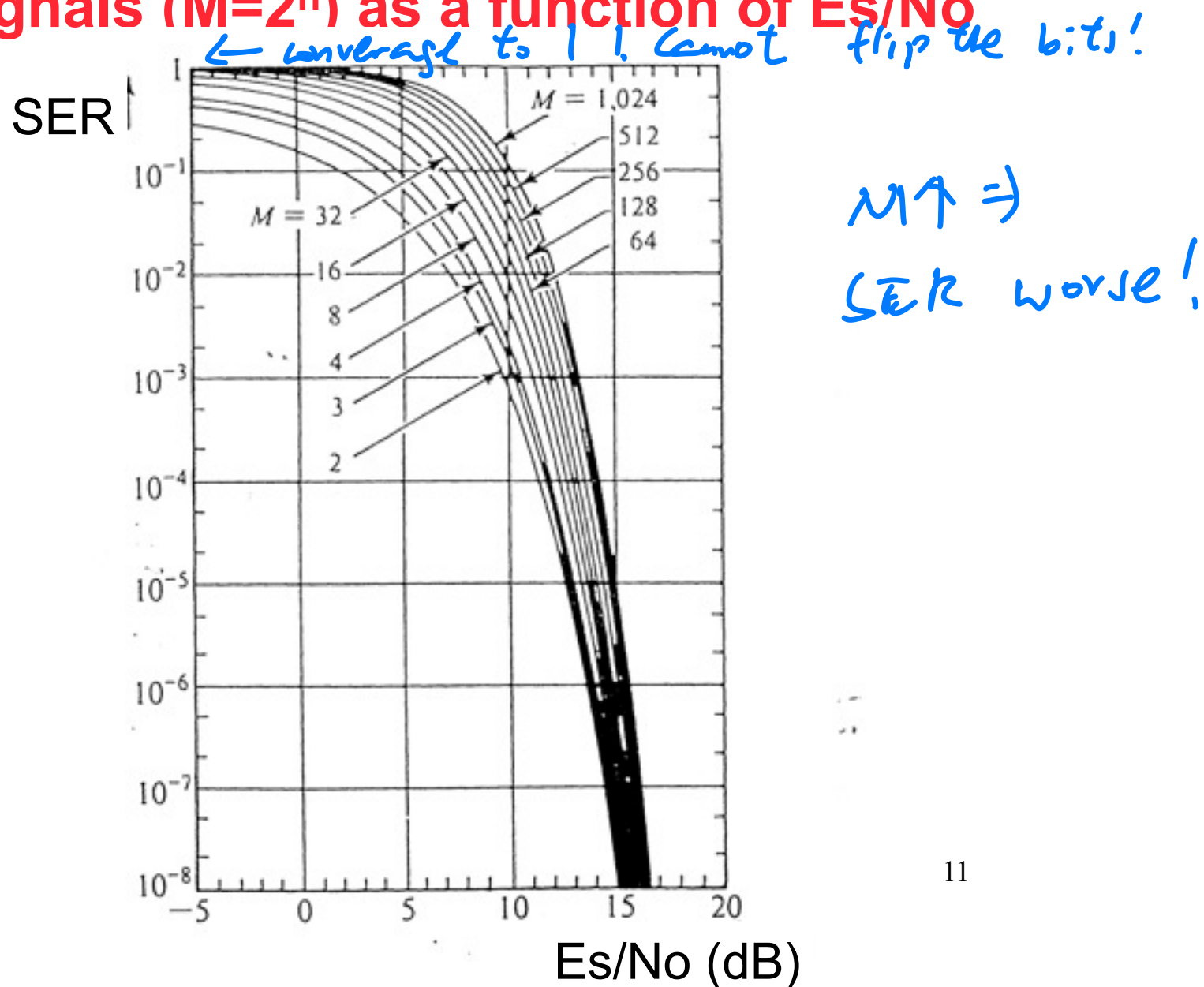
$$\frac{\bar{E}_s}{N_0} = \frac{kT_b}{N_0}$$

$P_e$  : symbol error #

$P_b$  : bit error!

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what the decoded bits  
different from original bits!

# Symbol error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of $E_s/N_0$



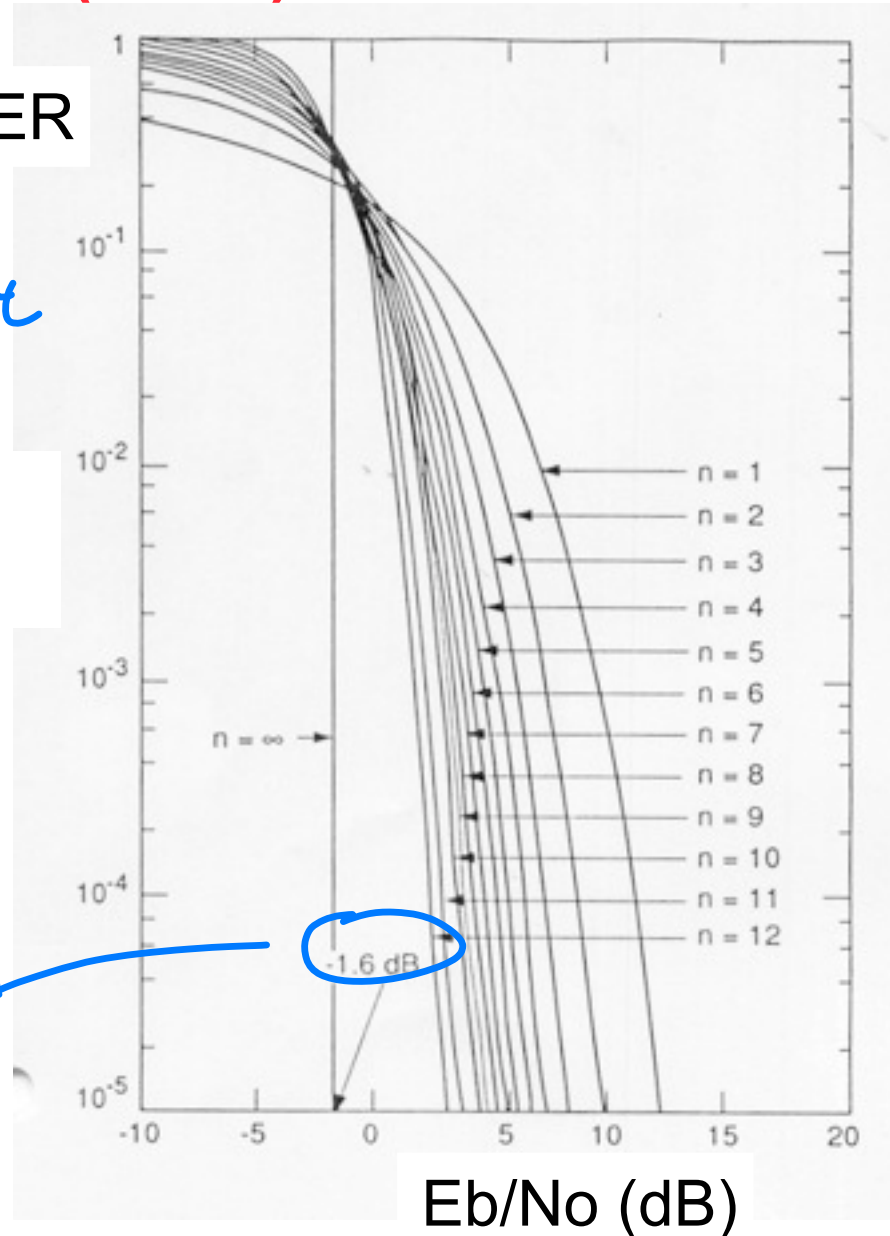
# Symbol error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of $E_b/N_0$

Mink is the only way to achieve this limit

like CBR if CBR is vertical line?

fundamental limit!

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$P_e \neq P_b$   
 $\uparrow$   
 symbol error,  $\geq 1$   
 bits are incorrect!

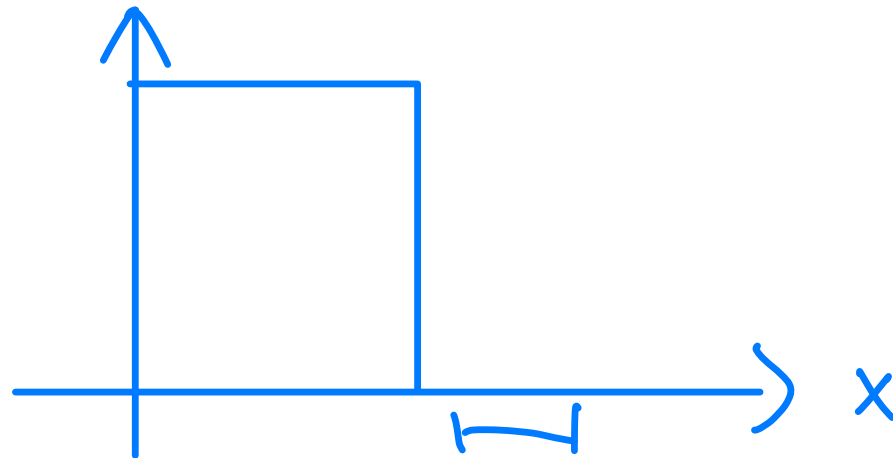
All symbols will be incorrect! if  $< -1.6$  dB

less and less  $E_b/N_0$  to achieve same  $P_e$  if  $n \uparrow$ !

$$\text{if } \bar{E}_b/N_0 < -1.6 \text{ dB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{symbol error rate} = 100\%$$

$$p_r(x \leq x_0)$$



no more randomers  
reservd to  $x$ !!!



# Symbol Errors to Bit Errors

Symbol errors are different from bit errors.

When a symbol error occurs all  $k = \log_2(M)$  bits could be in error

For orthogonal modulation when an error occurs anyone of the other symbols may result equally likely

On average therefore half the bits will be incorrect

That is  $k/2$  bits in error every  $k$  bits will on average be in error when there is a symbol error

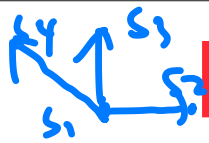
Therefore for a particular bit the probability of error is half the symbol error

$$P_e \cong \frac{1}{2} P_{eM}$$

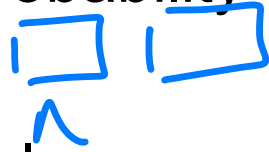
will be symmetric structure!

# Exact derivation *only for MFSK!*

$$= \frac{P_e}{M-1}$$



In orthogonal modulation when there is an error it will lead to any one of the other  $M-1=2^k-1$  possible symbols equally. That is, when there is an error event the probability of a particular symbol getting that error is  $P_{eM}/(M-1)$



$\bar{E}(n) = \text{Av. \# of bits error per symbol}$

For this given symbol error assume there are  $n$  bits in error

There are  $(k, n)$  combinations in which this may happen and therefore  $(k, n)$  symbols in total with a possible  $n$  bit errors. *on average!*

Therefore the probability of a  $n$  bit errors occurring is  $\binom{k}{n} \frac{P_{eM}}{(M-1)}$

Thus for every  $k$  bits there will be on average  $\sum_{n=1}^k n \binom{k}{n} \frac{P_{eM}}{(M-1)}$  bit errors

*at most*  $k = \log_2 M$

Therefore

$$P_b = P_e = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=1}^k n \binom{k}{n} \frac{P_{eM}}{(M-1)} = \frac{M}{2(M-1)} P_{eM}$$

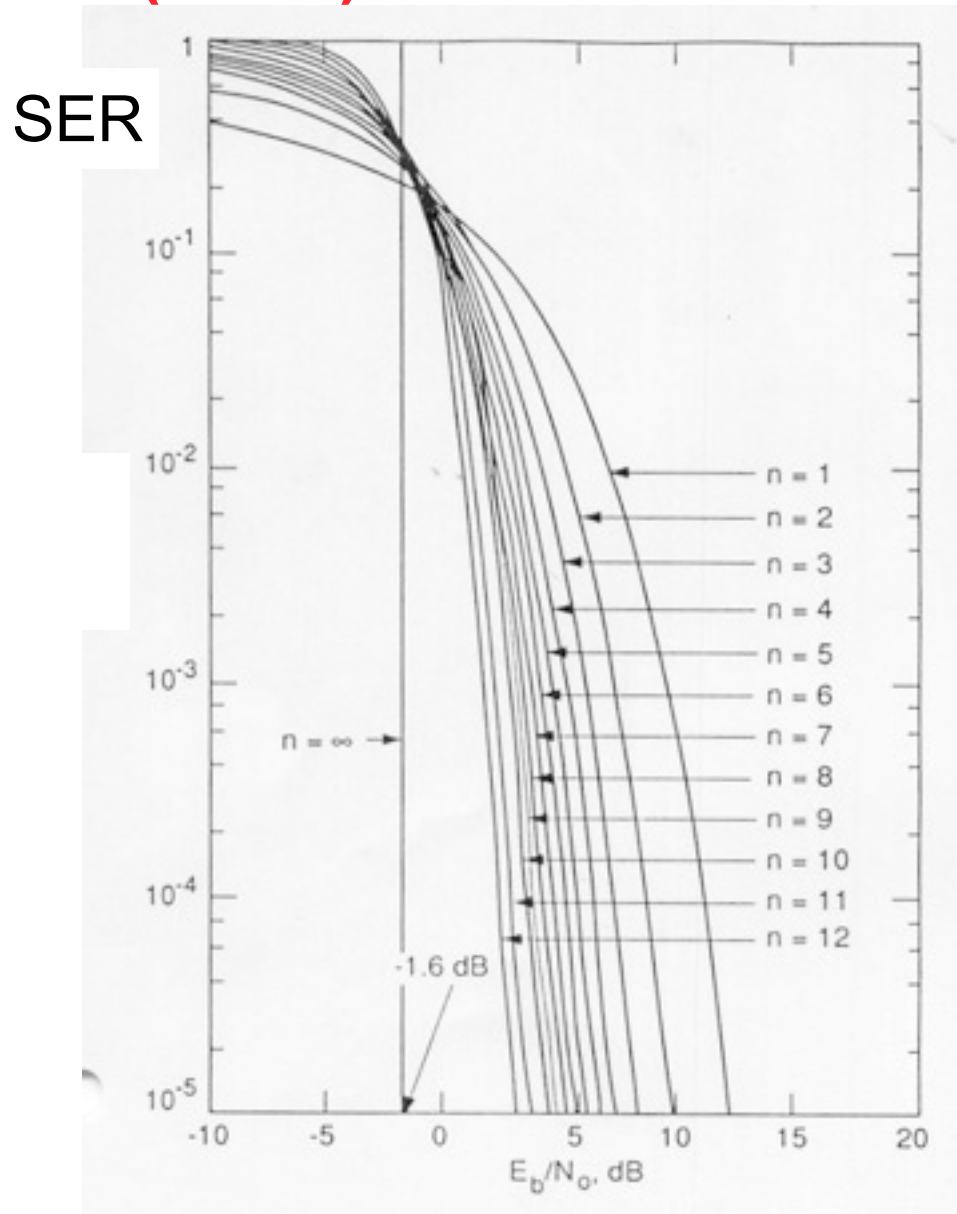
$E(n) = \sum_{n=1}^k n p(n)$  and for large  $M$

$$P_e \cong \frac{1}{2} P_{eM}$$

$$E(n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n p(n)$$

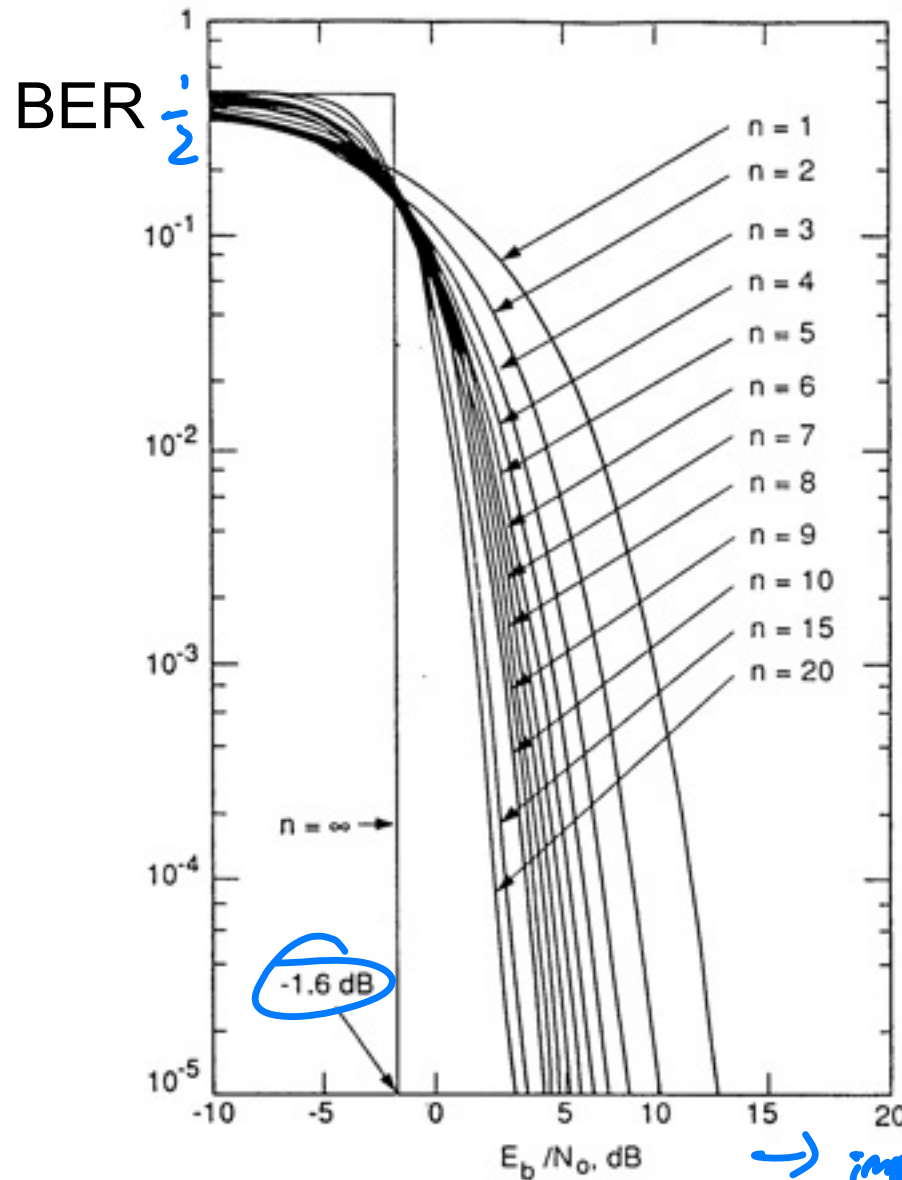
$$p_b = \frac{E(n)}{k}$$

# Symbol error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of $E_b/N_0$



performance improves!

# Bit error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of $E_b/N_0$



# M-ary Communication

## Performance Evaluation

So far, we have considered the performance evaluation of **M-ary digital modulation**.

- Typically involve the computation of error probability.
- Such computation is often very complicated.
- Derived the **symbol error probability** of **orthogonal** signals.
- Derived the **bit error probability** of **orthogonal** signals.

**Bit** error probability and **Symbol** error probability **ARE DIFFERENT**.



Bit errors

Signal errors <sup>17</sup>

union bound is <sup>generic!</sup> **Union Bound**  $b_1 > b_2$   
 $b_1 > b_3 \dots b_1 > b_m$   
 Multi-dimension integral and quite difficult to evaluate

$$P(\text{error} / m_j) = 1 - P(\bigcap (b_j > b_k / m_j \quad \forall k \neq j))$$

OR

$$P(\text{error} / m_j) = P(\bigcup (b_j \leq b_k / m_j \quad \forall k \neq j))$$

Now we simplify Pe calculation using an **approximation**  
 known as the **union upper bound**

But note that

$$P(\text{error} / m_j) \leq \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M P(b_j \leq b_k / m_j)$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_i A_i\right) \leq \sum_i P(A_i) \quad 18$$

$$P_{em} = \sum_{j=1}^M p(s_j) p(\text{error} | s_j) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M P(\text{error} | s_j)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\frac{1}{M}}$ 
 $\leq \frac{(M-1)}{M} Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right)$   
 $\leq (M-1) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right)$

$$= P(\text{error} | s_j) = P_r\left(\bigcup_{k \neq j} b_k \leq b_k | s_j\right)$$

$$\leq P_r\left(b_j \leq b_k | s_j\right)$$

if sit on  $s_j$ , can see  $M-1$  neighbours!

$$Q\left(Q\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right)$$

no bottleneck!

$$= (M-1) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right)$$



# Union Bound

The key approximation is that there may be several pairwise comparisons that imply the same symbol error

The union bound does not subtract out this intersecting possibility- therefore it is an upper bound

Now for **equally likely** symbols,

$$P_{eM} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M P(\text{error} / m_j)$$

$$P_{eM} \leq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M P(b_j \leq b_k / m_j)$$

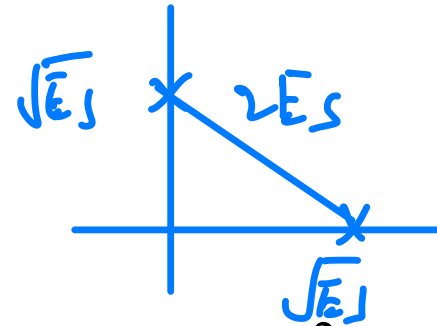


**Pairwise error probability**

# Union Bound

Let  $P_e(j,k)$  = Pairwise error probability for signals  $j$  and  $k$

$$P_e(j,k) = Q\left[\sqrt{\frac{d_{kj}^2}{2N_0}}\right]$$



where

$$d_{ij}^2 = \int_0^T [s_i(t) - s_j(t)]^2 dt = \|\underline{s}_i - \underline{s}_j\|^2 = 2E$$



$$P_{eM} \leq (M-1)Q\left[\sqrt{\frac{E}{N_0}}\right]$$

$$P_b = \frac{M}{2(M-1)} P_{eM}$$



$$P_b \leq \frac{M}{2} Q\left[\sqrt{\frac{E}{N_0}}\right]$$


# Union Bound for Orthogonal signals

Also we can upper bound the Q function with (different from previous approximation)

*intuition!*

$$Q[x] \leq \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \longrightarrow \text{Quite accurate for } x \geq 3$$

*exponentially by  $\frac{E_b}{N_0}$*

  $P_b \leq \frac{M}{4} e^{-\frac{E}{2N_0}} \longrightarrow \text{Widely used}$

where *bit error rate!*

$$k = \log_2(M)$$

$$E_b = \frac{E}{\log_2(M)} = \frac{E}{k} \longrightarrow P_b \approx \frac{M}{4} e^{-\frac{kE_b}{2N_0}}$$

# Comparison of union bound with the exact $P_e$

Comparison of union bound with exact result for orthogonal signals

if want  $\frac{E_b}{N_0} \Rightarrow$  不用 union bound!

-1.6 dB 会差其他数字

$M$	$E/N_0 = 18.2$	
	Exact $P(\epsilon)$	Union bound
2	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-5}$
4	$2.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$
8	$6.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$7 \times 10^{-5}$
16	$1.45 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
32	$2.70 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-4}$
64	$5.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-4}$
128	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.27 \times 10^{-3}$

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# Union Bound

- Have shown that the **Union bound** is a nice and good approximation.
- Must keep in mind that one does not know **a priori** (before hand) when such approximation is accurate or not.
- In general, **SIMULATION** is the practical alternative.
- Typical bit error rate is small. Hence, simulation can also take a very long time.