



Modulation Schemes in Satellite Communication

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MODULATION

- A process of varying one or more properties of carrier signals with message/modulation signal.
- Properties can be amplitude, frequency and phase.

WHY MODULATION?

- Enables the adjustment of antenna in terms of size.
- Enables long distance communication
- Reduces the effect of noise on the signal.
- Need of digital modulation because digital modulation provides flexibility.
- Flexibility indicates ruggedity, compression, encryption, and possibility of error correction.

WHY MODULATION?(Cont.)

$$C=B*\log_2(1+S/N)$$

Here, C: channel capacity in bits/second

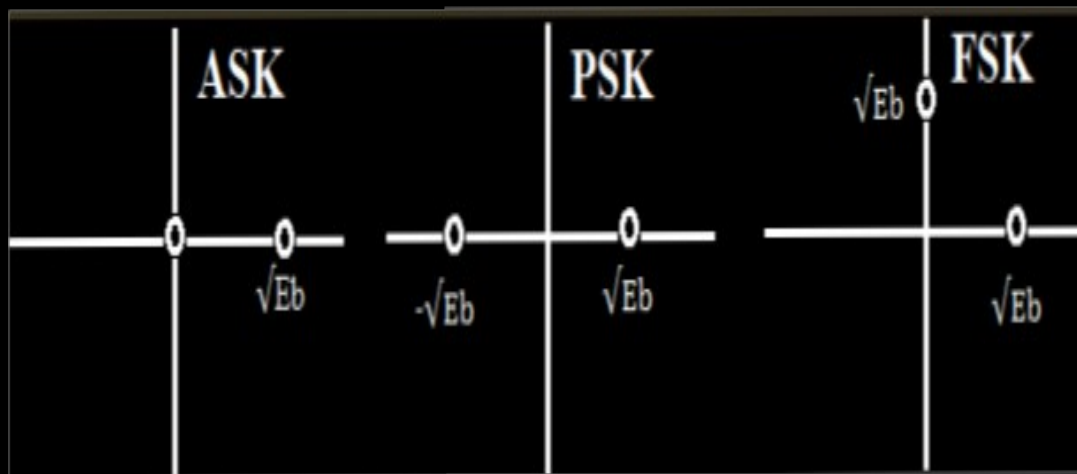
B:bandwidth of the channel in Hz

S: Signal power in watts

N:Noise power in watts

Keeping the bandwidth constant, does it mean that infinite bits can be transmitted over a channel by varying the signal to noise ratio?

WHY MODULATION?(Cont.)



Analog Modulation

- A procedure of transmitting low-frequency baseband signals along with a high-frequency carrier signal
- A bandpass channel is required where it corresponds to the specific range of frequencies
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- The carrier signal is represented as:

$$A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + \phi)$$

Where; A_c - amplitude, f_c - frequency and ϕ - phase of the carrier signal

Amplitude Modulation

- In amplitude modulation ,the amplitude of the carrier signal is varied in accordance with the amplitude of the modulating signal by maintaining frequency and phase at constant.
- The modulating (input signal) represented as : $i(t) = A_i \cos(2\pi f_i t)$
- The carrier signal is represented as: $c(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t)$
- In the expressions, A_i and A_c represent the amplitudes of two waves while f_i and f_c are the frequencies of the two waves correspondingly.
- Solving the two expressions, a modulated wave is represented as:

$$M(t) = A_i + A_c \cos (2\pi (f_i + f_c)t)$$

- The modulating signal is twice the band-width of the message signal.

Frequency Modulation

- In frequency modulation, the frequency of the carrier signal is varied in correspondence with the amplitude of the modulating signal by maintaining amplitude and phase at constant.
- When the modulating (input signal) is represented as $i(t)$ and the carrier signal is represented as $c(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t)$, then the frequency-modulated wave is $M(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_c t + k_s i(t) + \Phi)$
- The bandwidth of the FM modulated wave is considered in two cases:
 - In narrowband FM, the bandwidth is two times the maximum frequency of the FM.
 - In wideband FM, the bandwidth is very large of the FM spectrum.

Phase Modulation

- In phase modulation, the phase of the carrier signal is varied in correspondence with the amplitude of the modulating signal by maintaining amplitude and frequency at constant.
- $P(t) = A_c \cos[W_c t + k_p m(t)]$

Here A_c represents the amplitude of the carrier signal

W_c represents the carrier signal's angular frequency $2\pi f_c$

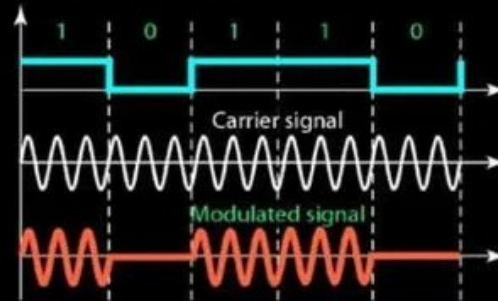
And $m(t)$ represents the modulating signal

Digital Modulation

- parameter of analog carrier is varied between two or more discrete states.
- Historically known as “Shift Keying”
- Power of digital signal processing makes digital modulation a natural choice.
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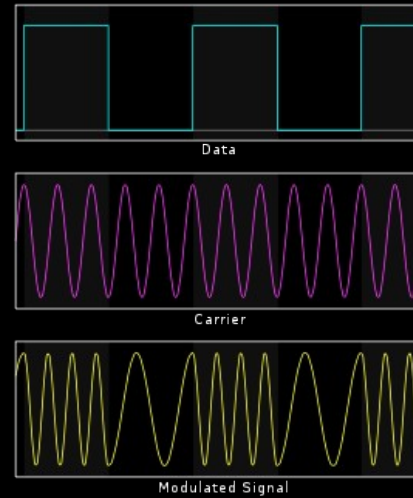
Amplitude Shift Keying

- In ASK, the amplitude of the signal is changed in response to information and all else is kept fixed
- Bit 1 is transmitted by a signal of one particular amplitude. To transmit 0, we change the amplitude keeping the frequency constant



Frequency Shift Keying

- In FSK, frequency of the carrier wave is changed according to the discrete baseband signal
- One particular frequency is used for a '1' and another frequency for a '0'



Phase Shift Keying

- A digital modulation scheme that conveys data by changing the phase of carrier signal
- Universally used for satellite links
- Phase of carrier is set into one of m states according to the value of a modulating voltage
- phase state of the transmitted signal represents a symbol, which can convey more than one bit.

Binary Phase Shift Keying

- Digital modulation technique that conveys data by modulating two different phases of carrier wave(reference) separated by 180° .
- Also known as 2-PSK
- Use different phased signals to represent binary values.
 - 0 = In phase with reference
 - 1 = Out of phase with reference

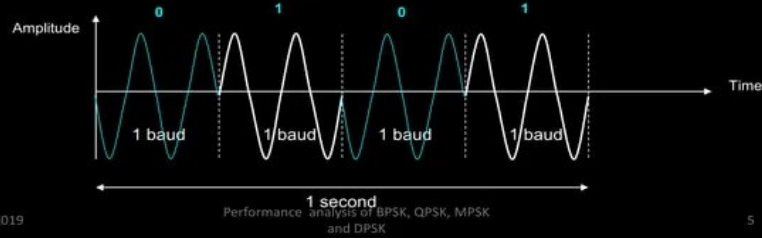
BPSK (Cont.)

General expressions for BPSK:

$$s_0(t) = -\sqrt{\frac{E_b}{T_b}} \cos 2\pi f_c t ; \text{ for binary 0}$$

$$s_1(t) = \sqrt{\frac{E_b}{T_b}} \cos 2\pi f_c t ; \text{ for binary 1}$$

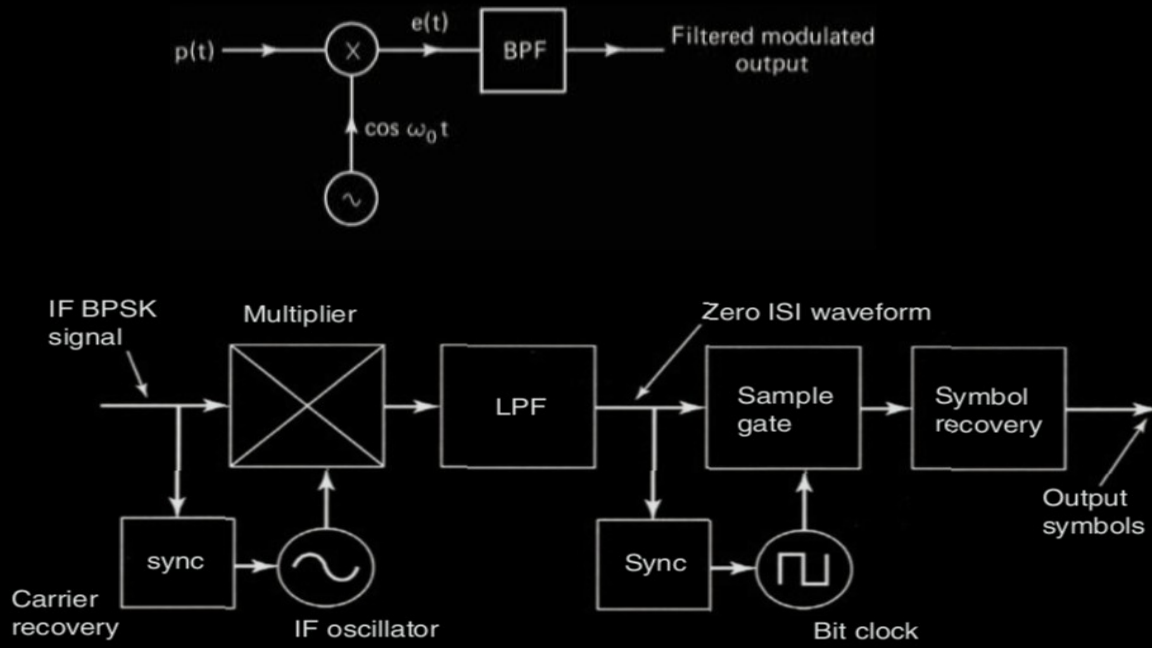
Waveform of BPSK:



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BPSK Modulator and Demodulator



QUADRATURE PHASE SHIFT KEYING

- In QPSK, two bits are grouped together to form signals, and one of the four possible cases are: 00,01,10 and 11 is transmitted.
- PSK that uses phase shifts of $90^\circ = \pi/2\text{rad}$.
- 4 different signals are generated, each representing two bits.
- Higher data rate than BPSK, while bandwidth occupancy remains the same.

QPSK(Cont.)

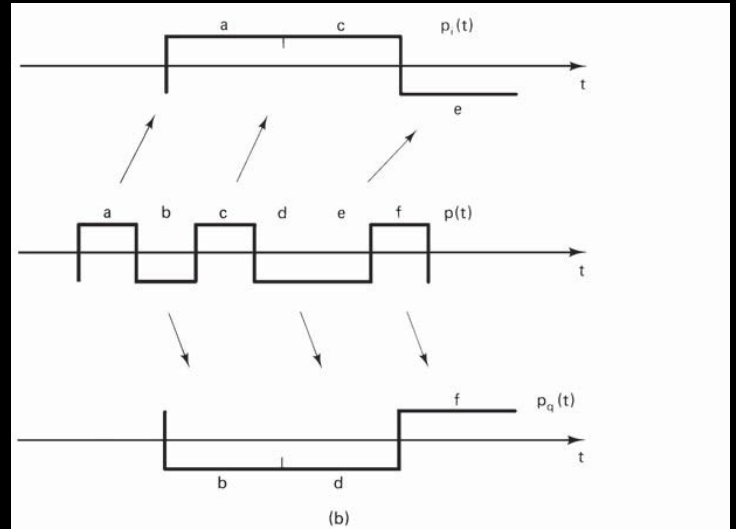
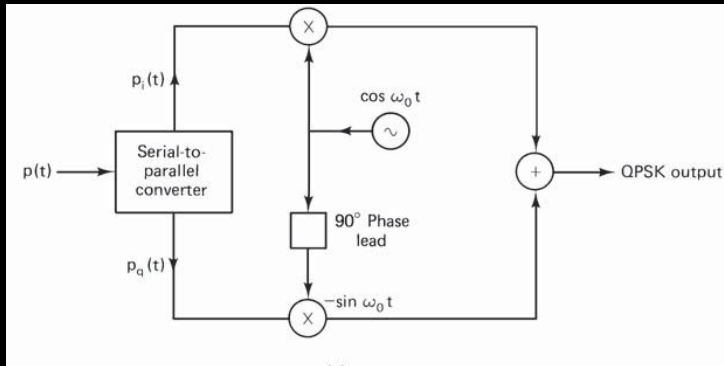
- General expressions for QPSK:

$$S_{\text{QPSK}}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \cos[2\pi f_c t + (i-1)\frac{\pi}{2}]$$

- QPSK Constellation:



QPSK Modulator



QPSK Demodulator

