

## Digital Modulation Techniques

In baseband data transmission (PCM, DPCM, DM, and ADM) an incoming serial data stream is represented in the form of a discrete pulse-amplitude modulated wave that can be transmitted over a low-pass channel (e.g. a coaxial cable).

Baseband digital signals however can not be transmitted over a radio link (wireless and satellite) because this would require impractically large antennas to efficiently radiate the low frequency spectrum of the signal.

Note: Radio link is example of band-pass channel.

In applications of this kind, digital modulation techniques dealing with band-pass data transmission is utilized.

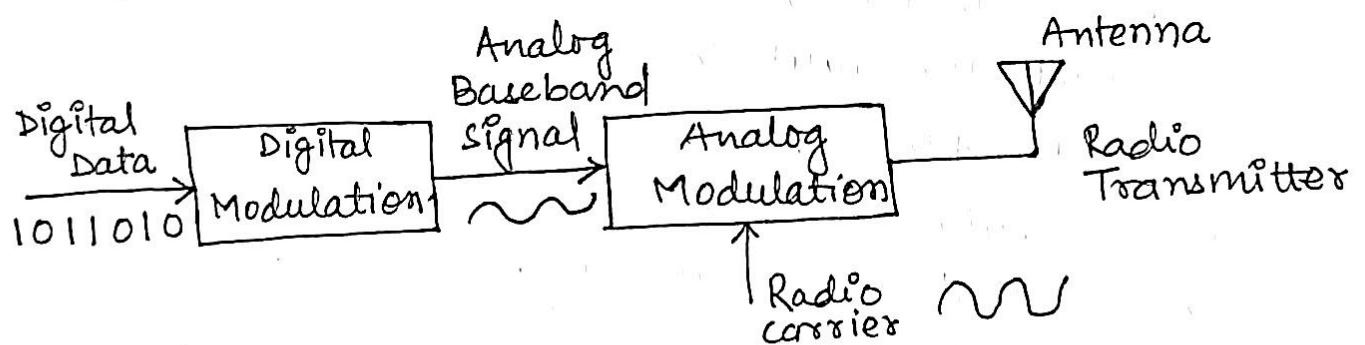
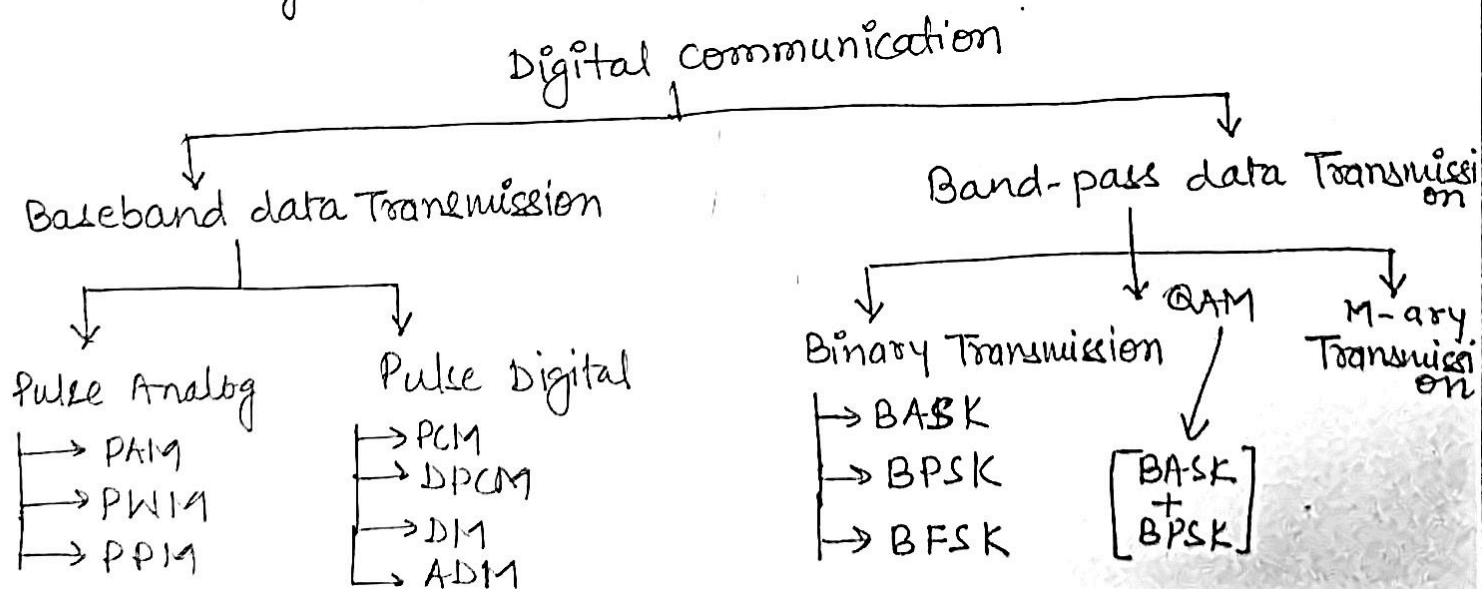


Figure:- Block diagram of digital and Analog modulation system.



If baseband digital signals are to be transmitted over a wireless communication link, they should first modulate a continuous wave high-frequency carrier.

Digital modulation provides more information capacity, high data security. Hence, digital modulation techniques have a greater demand for their capacity to convey large amount of data than analog ones.

- We know that there are many modulation/demodulation schemes available to the designer of a digital communication system required for data transmission over band-pass channel.
- Each scheme offers system trade off of its own. The final choice made by designer is determined by the way in which the available primary communication resources are best exploited.
- In particular, the choice is made in favour of the scheme that attains as many of the following design goals as possible.

- (1) Maximum data rate  
(2) Minimum probability of error (BER or BSER)
- $\swarrow$  Bit error rate       $\searrow$  Symbol error rate

- (3) Minimum transmitted power
- (4) Minimum channel bandwidth
- (5) Minimum circuit complexity.

In analog communication  $\rightarrow$  AM/FM/PM

$m(t)$  = Analog signal  $\rightarrow$  low freq. signal

$c(t) = A_c \cos \omega_c t$   $\rightarrow$  high freq. signal

In digital communication  $\rightarrow$  BASK/BFSK/BPSK

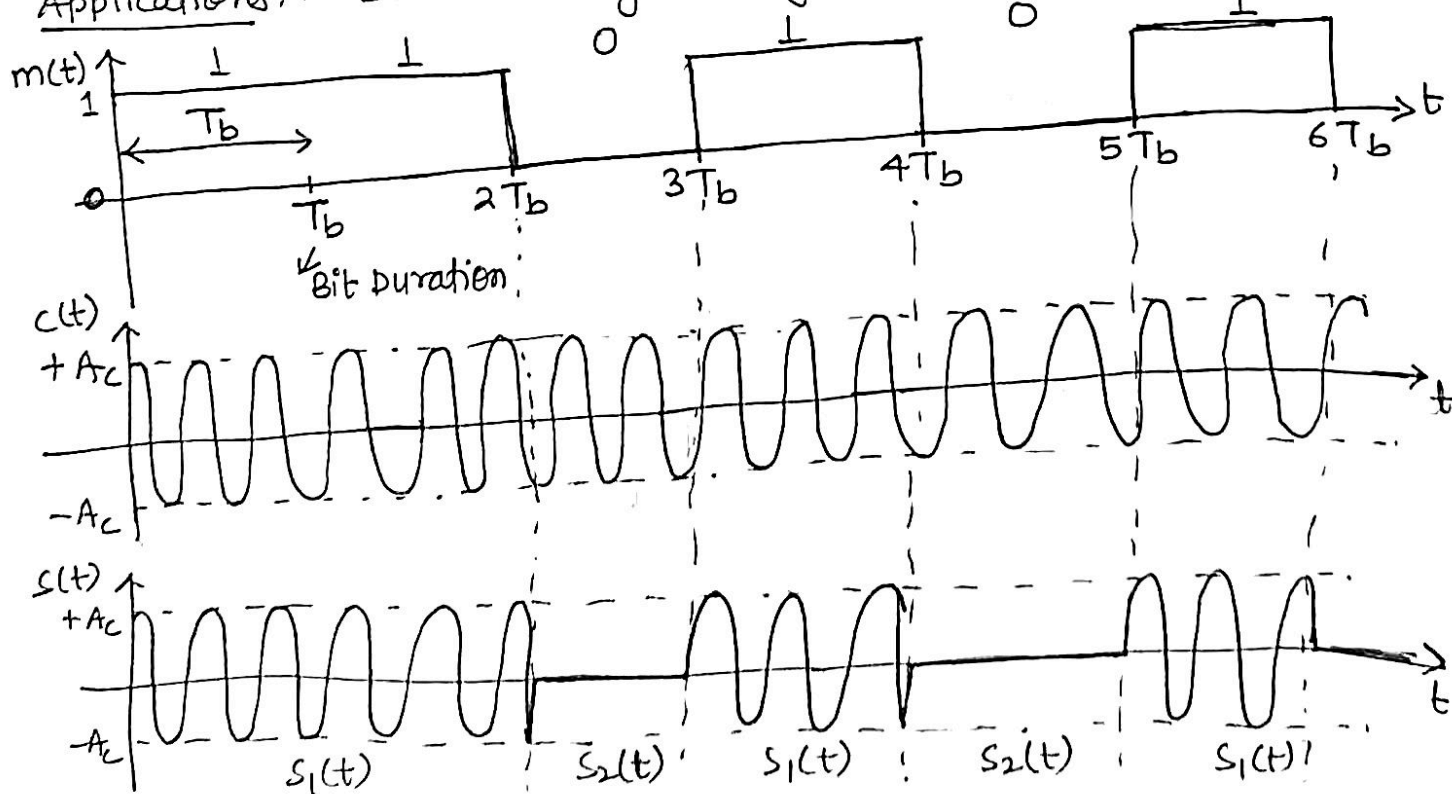
$m(t)$  = Digital/binary signal (0's or 1's)

$c(t) = A_c \cos \omega_c t$

### A Binary Amplitude Shift Keying (BASK)

- ASK converts digital signal into Analog signal
- The amplitude of carrier signal (analog carrier) is varied in accordance with the instantaneous values of modulating signal (Binary data).
- In the simplest form of ASK, the carrier signal is switched ON and OFF depending upon whether a '1' or '0' is to be transmitted. ASK is also known as ON-OFF Keying (OOK).

Applications: Broadcasting of signals and radio telegraphy.



$$s(t) = \begin{cases} A_c \cos \omega_c t, & \text{for symbol 1} \\ 0, & \text{for symbol 0} \end{cases} \quad f_c = \frac{n}{T_b} \rightarrow \text{Integer}$$

The power the symbol  $P_s = \frac{A_c^2}{2} \Rightarrow A_c = \sqrt{2P_s}$

$$s(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2P_s} \cos \omega_c t, & \text{for symbol 1} \\ 0, & \text{for symbol 0} \end{cases}$$

Bit Energy,  $E_b = P_s \times T_b$

$$= \frac{A_c^2}{2} \cdot T_b \Rightarrow E_b = \frac{A_c^2 T_b}{2}$$

$$A_c = \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_b = \text{Transmitted signal energy per bit}$$

$$s(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \cos \omega_c t, & \text{for symbol 1} \\ 0, & \text{for symbol 0} \end{cases}$$

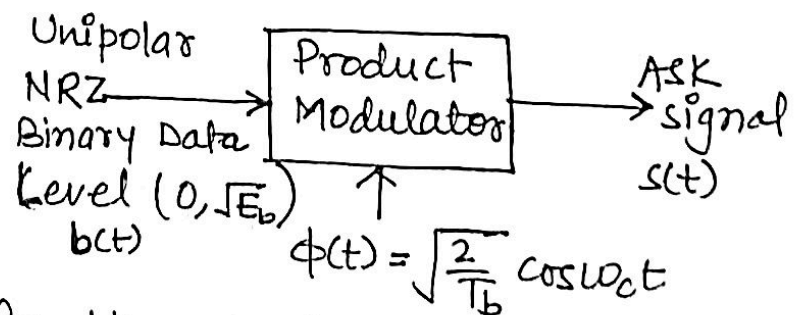
An ASK waveform can be represented by a single orthonormal basis function using GSOP.

$$\phi(t) = \frac{s(t)}{\sqrt{E_b}} \rightarrow \text{having unit energy} \quad 0 \leq t \leq T_b$$

$$\phi(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{T_b}} \cos \omega_c t$$

$$s(t) = \sqrt{E_b} \phi(t)$$

Here,  
Modulation of ASK



$$s(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \cos \omega_c t, & \text{for binary symbol 1} \\ 0, & \text{for binary symbol 0} \end{cases}$$

$$b(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{E_b} & , \text{ for bit 1} \\ 0 & , \text{ for bit 0} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2}{T_b}} \cos \omega_c t & , \text{ for bit 1} \\ 0 & , \text{ for bit 0} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Here, } \phi(t) \text{ acts as a carrier (normalized carrier).}$$

$$s(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \cos \omega_c t & , \text{ for bit 1} \\ 0 & , \text{ for bit 0} \end{cases}$$

$$s(t) = \sqrt{E_b} \phi(t)$$

$$s(t) = b(t) \phi(t)$$

Transmission Bandwidth of ASK signal :-

Let PSD of  $b(t)$  is  $S_B(f)$  and PSD of  $s(t)$  is  $S_s(f)$ .

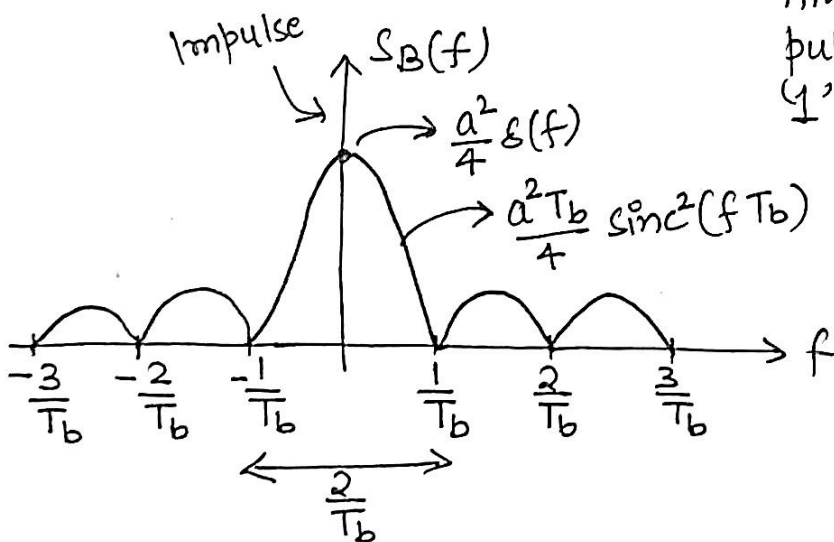
$S_B(f)$  = PSD of Unipolar NRZ binary data level  $(0, \sqrt{E_b})$

$$S_B(f) = \frac{a^2}{4} \delta(f) + \frac{a^2 T_b}{4} \text{sinc}^2(f T_b)$$

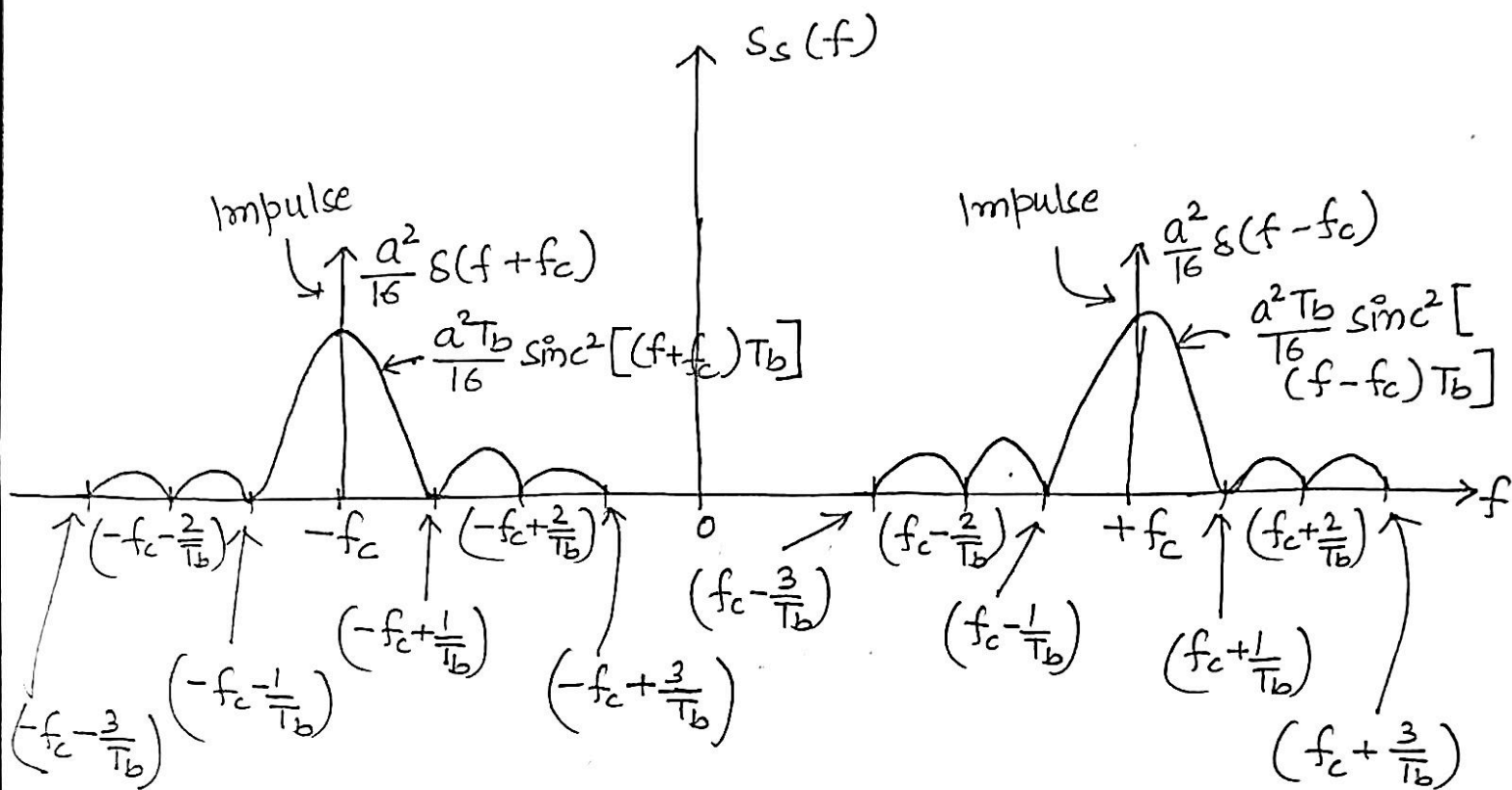
$$\text{where, } a = \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} = \sqrt{E_b} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{T_b}}$$

Amplitude of rectangular pulse representing symbol '1'.

Carrier amplitude

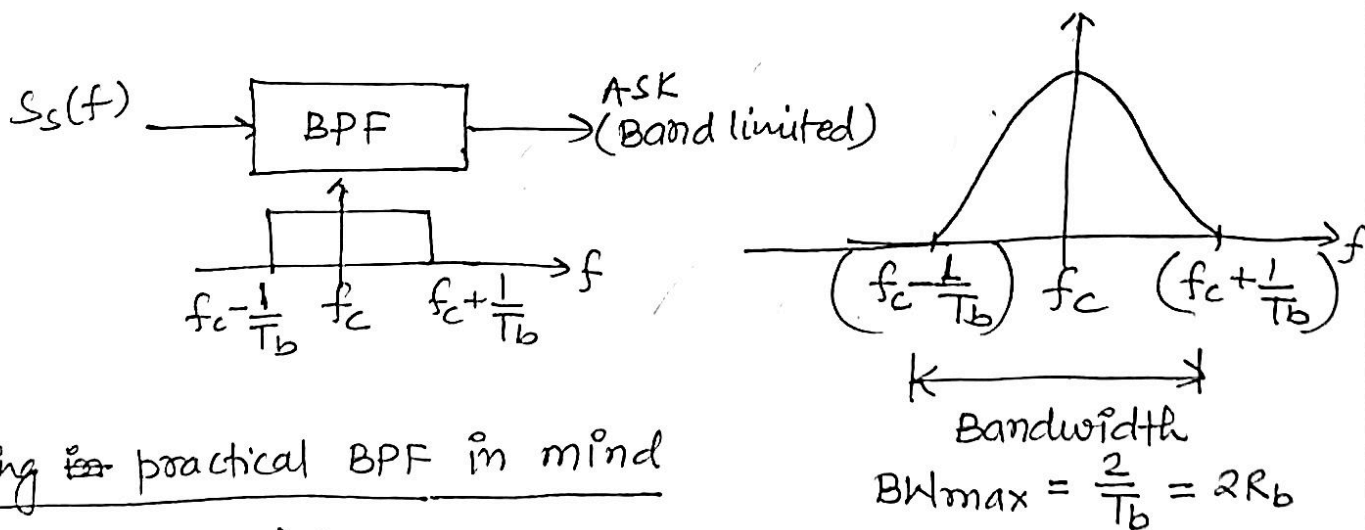


$$S_s(f) = \frac{1}{4} [S_B(f - f_c) + S_B(f + f_c)]$$



Ideally:  $S_s(f)$  is an infinite bandwidth signal.

Practically: Bandwidth of  $S_s(f)$  is defined as the bandwidth of an ideal bandpass filter centred at  $f_c$ .



Keeping ~~is~~ practical BPF in mind

$$B_T = (1 + \alpha) R_b$$

$\alpha$  = factor related to filter characteristics and modulator  
(0, 1)

(min)  $B_T = R_b$  at  $\alpha = 0$  (ideal case)

(max)  $B_T = 2R_b$  at  $\alpha = 1$  (worst-case)