

**Question 1)**

- a. The RRC filter bandwidth is given by  $(1 + \beta)R_s$  where  $\beta$  is the roll-off factor and  $R_s$  is symbol rate. A simple substitution yields 36Gbaud.
- b. To sample a RRC filter with bandwidth 36G, we need to sample every 1/36 nsec ( $f_{\text{Sampling}}=36\text{G}$ ) to avoid aliasing.
- c. Denote the uncoded bit stream by  $b_n$ . When passing through the **Bit-to symbol converter**, the stream turns into  $s_n$  which is a sequence of symbols, e.g. each of which chosen from the alphabet  $\{-1 - j, -1 + j, 1 - j, 1 + j\}$ , hence the output becomes

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b_n \delta(t - nT_s)$$

which has an inphase component of

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} \delta(t - nT_s)$$

and a quadrature component of

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Im\{b_n\} \delta(t - nT_s)$$

The upsampler is a system block for discretization considerations, and can be ignored since the discussion is fully taken place in analog regime. This leads to

$$S(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s)$$

where  $s_{\text{RRC}}(t)$  is the RRC pulse shape in time domain.

The signal  $S(t)$  is once multiplied in cos carrier and once in sin carrier to give the Tx. midband output signal as

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) \cos 2\pi f_c t \\ & - 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Im\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) \sin 2\pi f_c t \end{aligned}$$

which is directly input to Rx. block diagram based on back-to-back connection. The upper and lower branch signals after multiplying in cos and  $-\sin$  become

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) \cos 2\pi f_c t &= 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) \cos^2 2\pi f_c t \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Im\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) \sin 2\pi f_c t \cos 2\pi f_c t \\
&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) (\cos 4\pi f_c t - 1) \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Im\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) \sin 4\pi f_c t
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) \sin 2\pi f_c t &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) \sin 4\pi f_c t \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Im\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s) (1 - \cos 4\pi f_c t)
\end{aligned}$$

The  $\cos 4\pi f_c t$  and  $\sin 4\pi f_c t$  are modulated by a baseband signal to midband frequency  $2f_c$  and are not passed through the ideal low-pass filter. Hence the output of the filter is

$$\text{Output of the LPF} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} s_{\text{RRC}}(t - nT_s)$$

which turns into

$$Y(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Re\{b_n\} s_{\text{RC}}(t - nT_s)$$

after passing through the RRC matched filter (RRC pulse shape) block since

$$s_{\text{RRC}}(t) * s_{\text{RRC}}(t) = s_{\text{RC}}(t)$$

d. The above reasoning makes it clear as to why LPF is needed. We need LPF to extract the baseband signal out from a total received, midband signal since our pure information lays there.

### Question 2)

a. We have 4 inner points of power  $1^2 + 1^2 = 2$ , 8 points with power  $1^2 + 3^2 = 10$  and 4 outer points with equal power  $3^2 + 3^2 = 18$ , all of which equally likely. Hence the average power is

$$\frac{1}{16}(4 \times 2 + 8 \times 10 + 4 \times 18) = 10$$

b. The desired average power is assumed 6.8, which is

$$2P_1 + 10P_2 + 10P_3 + 18P_4 = 6.8$$

or equivalently

$$24P_3 + 18P_4 = 6.8$$

also

$$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4 = 1 \implies 4P_3 + P_4 = 1$$

with the following solution

$$P_1 = 0.47$$

$$P_2 = 0.23$$

$$P_3 = 0.23$$

$$P_4 = 0.07$$

### Question 3)

a. Each 4 bits of an input stream are mapped to a symbol in 16QAM, leading to a bit rate of 96 Gbps.

b. Since the channel encoder adds redundant bits to the input bit stream, each 3 input bits are mapped to 4 bits, thereby yielding a total bit rate of

$$96 \times \frac{4}{3} Gbps = 128 Gbps$$

c.

$$96 \times \frac{6}{5} Gbps = 115.2 Gbps$$

which is less than that in part b- since the redundancy is decreased.

d. For unshaped 8QAM and 32QAM, the bit-to-symbol conversion ratio is 3 and 5, respectively, hence

$$8QAM \text{ uncoded bit rate} = 24 \times 3 = 72 Gbps$$

$$32QAM \text{ uncoded bit rate} = 24 \times 5 = 120 Gbps$$

similarly

$$8QAM \text{ encoded bit rate} = 24 \times 3 = 86.4 Gbps$$

$$32QAM \text{ encoded bit rate} = 24 \times 5 = 144 Gbps$$

e. The bit-to-symbol ratio can be calculated from

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^{16} \hat{P}_i \log_2 \hat{P}_i$$

which with the probabilistic shaping parameters calculated in question 2, gives

$$H = 3.76 \text{ bits}$$

f. The bit rate is correspondingly equal to  $24G \times 3.76 = 90.24 \text{ Gbps}$ , which when encoded, increases by  $\frac{6}{5}$  to  $108.29 \text{ Gbps}$ , though less than  $115.2 \text{ Gbps}$  since the number of bits per symbol is reduced.

#### Question 4)

a and b. The ASE power spectral density is

$$\sigma_{\text{ASE,PSD}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} N_{\text{Span}} h \nu_{\text{opt}} G F = 16.06 \mu\text{W}/\text{Gbaud}$$

hence the ASE noise variance becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{ASE}}^2 &= R_{\text{Receiver}} \sigma_{\text{ASE,PSD}}^2 \\ &= (1 + \beta) R_s \sigma_{\text{ASE,PSD}}^2 \\ &= 0.462 \text{mW} \equiv -3.35 \text{dBm} \end{aligned}$$

and the SNR is calculated as

$$\text{SNR (dB)} = \text{Power (dBm)} - \sigma_{\text{ASE}}^2 \text{ (dBm)} = 12.75 \text{dB}$$

c. A LDPC code with parameters (16193,9713) is needed to obtain a probability of error as  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$ . With such probability of error, a RS code with parameters (294,244) can reduce the probability of error by an astounding factor to  $10^{-10}$ .

d. That probabilistic shaping reduces the launch power by 32% and hence the SNR; therefore

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{Shaped}} = 11.08 \text{ dB}$$

with an approximate probability of error of  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$ . Similarly, the LDPC and RS code parameters are (16195,12595) and (294,244) and the reduced probability of error is  $\sim 10^{-6}$ , respectively.