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ECE300 Communication Theory
Problem Set VII: Digital Baseband Processing
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1. Consider a digital communication scheme using 8-PSK, a bit rate of $6Mbps$, digital processing with 16 samples per symbol, and employing \sqrt{RC} pulses with 20% rolloff.
 - (a) Compute the symbol rate.
 - (b) Compute the sampling rate for the digital processor.
 - (c) Compute the bandwidth of the pulses.
2. Here you will use MATLAB to explore pulse design. Take BPSK (symbols ± 1) with symbol rate $R_s = 1Mbps$, $L = 16$ samples per symbol. We want an FIR approximation to a \sqrt{RC} filter with rolloff 30%, that spans 4 symbols.

In MATLAB, the following will generate the coefficient vector of the FIR filter (i.e., the underlying pulse shape):

$$p = r \cos design(beta, span, L, 'sqrt');$$

where here $span = 4$. Let $g[n]$ denote the pulse shape at the output of the matched filter, which is obtained by convolving $p[n]$ with its flip.

- (a) Generate the p vector as above. Let N denote its length. Obtain a stem plot of p (horizontal axis from 0 to $N - 1$). Find the index where the peak occurs, say kp_peak . You will note the pulse extends out so that interference comes from indices $kp_peak \pm L$ and $\pm 2L$.
- (b) Obtain a stem plot of the g vector, as you did for the p vector (careful: it is longer than p !). Let kg_peak denote the index where the peak occurs. The ISI at the output of the matched filter is determined by indices that are offset by $\pm L, \pm 2L, \pm 3L, \pm 4L$ from this peak index. Observe the peak value of g is 1; determine the maximum (magnitude) of any single interferer; and compute the signal-to-interference ratio (SIR) in decibels for this case.
- (c) Use *freqz* to compute $|P(f)|$ and $|G(f)|$, the magnitude spectra of $p[n]$ and $g[n]$, respectively, at 1000 frequency points from 0 to R_s . Plot $|P(f)|$ on a linear scale (horizontal axis in Hertz). Obtain a separate plot in which you show $|G(f)|$, $|G(R_s - f)|$, and $|G(f)| + |G(R_s - f)|$ superimposed (different colors). Then repeat this plot (of the $|G|$ spectra) with the magnitude on a decibel scale; for the case of the decibel scale, set the vertical axis limits so the maximum versus minimum is no more than 30dB.