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Time: 3 Hours

Course title: Digital Communications

Credit unit: 3 credit units

Instruction: Answer any four (5) questions. Each question carries 14marks.

- 1
 - a. When can channel be said to be non distorting or ideal (1 mark)
 - b. List the three alternative methods which are often used to describe a convolutional code (3 marks)
 - c. Enumerate the properties for which A set G and a binary operation denoted by + constitute an Abelian group (4 marks)

$$v_l(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} s_l(t - nT; \mathbf{I}_n)$$

Using the equation above taking that $s_l(t; \mathbf{I}_n) \in \{s_{1l}(t), s_{2l}(t), \dots, s_{Ml}(t)\}$ is one of the possible M lowpass equivalent signals determined by the information sequence up to time n, denoted by $\mathbf{I}_n = (\dots, \mathbf{I}_{n-2}, \mathbf{I}_{n-1}, \mathbf{I}_n)$ assume that \mathbf{I}_n is stationary process determine the power spectral density of $v_l(t)$ (10 marks)

- 2
 - a. List the classes which Channel codes can be classified into (2 marks)
 - b. Identify the properties of Cross products and Dot products of vector (4 marks)
 - c. Illustrate a rake demodulator using a well labelled block diagram (8 marks)

- 3
 - a. Define a finite-state channel (2 marks)
 - b. Briefly describe two algorithms for performing the optimization automatically and adaptively (6 marks)
 - c. Using a well labelled block diagram illustrate model for a finite-state channel (6 marks)

- 4
 - a. The capacity of a channel (2 marks)
 - b. Using a well labelled block diagram illustrate the specific model for the multichannel digital signaling system. Show the expression for the signal waveforms (12 marks)

- 5
 - a. Write short notes on the following (8 marks)
 - Phase fitter
 - Spread spectrum signal
 - b. Using a well labelled block diagram illustrate the model for the downlink transmission in a CDMA cellular communication system (6 marks)

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 - a. Define a lowpass/ baseband signal (2 marks)
 - b. List four factors which can affect the path loss in mobile radio communications

(4 marks)

- c. Write short notes on any two of the following
(8 marks)

Hamming Codes
Maximum-Length Codes
Golay Code

7. a. If $s_c(t)$ be the equivalent lowpass signal transmitted over the channel and let $S_c(f)$ denote its frequency content. Express in terms of the time-domain variables $c(t)$ and $s_r(t)$ the equivalent lowpass received signal, exclusive of additive noise. (4 marks)
- b. Using a well labelled block diagram illustrate the model of the digital communication system for which the error rate performance will be evaluated (10 marks)