# **Chapter 5: Signal Encoding Techniques**

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# **Encoding Techniques**

- Digital data, digital signal
- Analog data, digital signal
- Digital data, analog signal
- Analog data, analog signal

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# **Digital Data, Digital Signal**

- Digital signal
  - —Discrete, discontinuous voltage pulses
  - —Each pulse is a signal element
  - —Binary data encoded into signal elements

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# Terms (1)

- Unipolar
  - —All signal elements have same sign
- Polar
  - One logic state represented by positive voltage the other by negative voltage
- Data rate
  - -Rate of data transmission in bits per second
- Duration or length of a bit
  - —Time taken for transmitter to emit the bit

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# Terms (2)

- Modulation rate
  - —Rate at which the signal level changes
  - —Measured in baud = signal elements per second
- Mark and Space
  - —Binary 1 and Binary 0 respectively

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# **Data Transmission Terms**

Term	Units	Definition
Data element	Bits	A single binary one or zero
Data rate	Bits per second (bps)	The rate at which data elements are transmitted
Signal element	Digital: a voltage pulse of constant amplitude Analog: a pulse of constant frequency, phase, and amplitude	That part of a signal that occupies the shortest interval of a signaling code
Signaling rate or modulation rate	Signal elements per second (baud)	The rate at which signal elements are transmitted

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#### **Interpreting Signals**

- Need to know
  - —Timing of bits when they start and end
  - —Signal levels
- Factors affecting successful interpreting of signals
  - —Signal to noise ratio
  - —Data rate
  - -Bandwidth
  - -Synchronization

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# Comparison of Encoding Schemes (1)

- Signal Spectrum
  - —Lack of high frequencies reduces required bandwidth
  - Lack of DC component allows AC coupling via transformer, providing isolation
  - —Concentrate power in the middle of the bandwidth
- Clocking
  - —Synchronizing transmitter and receiver
  - —External clock
  - —Sync mechanism based on signal

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# Comparison of Encoding Schemes (2)

- Error detection
  - —Can be built in to signal encoding
- · Signal interference and noise immunity
  - —Some codes are better than others
- Cost and complexity
  - Higher signal rate (& thus data rate) lead to higher costs
  - —Some codes require signal rate greater than data rate

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#### **Encoding Schemes**

- Nonreturn to Zero-Level (NRZ-L)
- Nonreturn to Zero Inverted (NRZI)
- Bipolar -AMI
- Pseudoternary
- Manchester
- Differential Manchester
- B8ZS
- HDB3

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#### Nonreturn to Zero-Level (NRZ-L)

0 = high level1 = low level

#### Nonreturn to Zero Inverted (NRZI)

0 = no transition at beginning of interval (one bit time) 1 = transition at beginning of interval

#### Bipolar-AMI

0 = no line signa

1 = positive or negative level, alternating for successive ones

#### Pseudoternary

0 = positive or negative level, alternating for successive zeros

1 = no line signal

#### Manchester

0 = transition from high to low in middle of interval

1 = transition from low to high in middle of interval

#### Differential Manchester

Always a transition in middle of interval 0 = transition at beginning of interval

1 = no transition at beginning of interval

#### B8ZS

Same as bipolar AMI, except that any string of eight zeros is replaced by a string with two code violations

#### HDR3

Same as bipolar AMI, except that any string of four zeros is replaced by a string with one code violation

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Definition of Digital Signal Encoding Formats

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#### Nonreturn to Zero-Level (NRZ-L)

- Two different voltages for 0 and 1 bits
- Voltage constant during bit interval
  - —no transition, i.e. no return to zero voltage
  - —in general, absence of voltage for "0, constant positive voltage for 1
  - —More often, negative voltage for "1" value and positive for the "0"
  - —This is NRZ-L

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#### **Nonreturn to Zero Inverted**

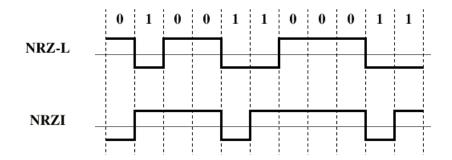
- Nonreturn to zero inverted on <u>ones</u>
  - -Constant voltage pulse for duration of bit
  - Data encoded as presence or absence of signal transition at beginning of bit time
  - —Transition denotes a binary 1
    - (low to high or high to low)
  - -No transition denotes binary 0
  - -An example of differential encoding

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#### NRZ



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#### **Differential Encoding**

- Data represented by changes rather than levels
  - —More reliable detection of transition rather than level
  - In complex transmission layouts it is easy to lose sense of polarity

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#### **NRZ** pros and cons

- Pros
  - -Easy to engineer
  - -Make good use of bandwidth
- Cons
  - —dc component
  - —Lack of synchronization capability
- Used for magnetic recording
- Not often used for signal transmission

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#### **Multilevel Binary**

- Use more than two levels
- Bipolar-AMI
  - —"0" represented by no line signal
  - —"1" represented by positive or negative pulse
  - —"1" pulses alternate in polarity
  - —No loss of sync if a long string of "1"s ("0" still a problem)
  - -No net dc component
  - —Lower bandwidth
  - —Easy error detection

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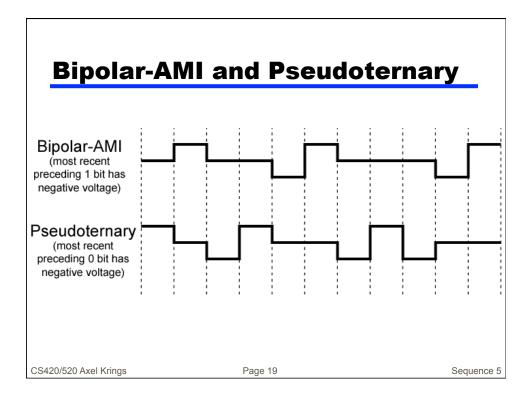
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#### **Pseudoternary**

- "1" represented by absence of line signal
- "0" represented by alternating positive and negative
- No advantage or disadvantage over bipolar-AMI

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#### **Trade-Off for Multilevel Binary**

- Not as efficient as NRZ
  - -Each signal element only represents one bit
  - -3 level system could represent  $log_2 3 = 1.58$  bits
  - —Receiver must distinguish between three levels (+A, -A, 0)
  - Requires approx. 3dB more signal power for same probability of bit error

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### **Manchester Encoding**

- Transition in middle of each bit period
- Transition serves as clock and data
- · Low to high represents one
- High to low represents zero
- Used by IEEE 802.3 (CSMA/CD, i.e. Ethernet)

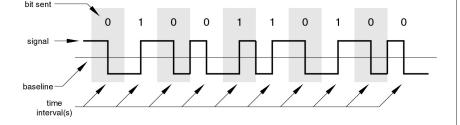
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# Manchester Encoding

#### Manchester Encoding



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#### **Differential Manchester**

- Mid-bit transition is clocking only
- Transition at start of a bit period represents zero
- No transition at start of a bit period represents one
- Note: this is a differential encoding scheme
- Used by IEEE 802.5 (token ring)

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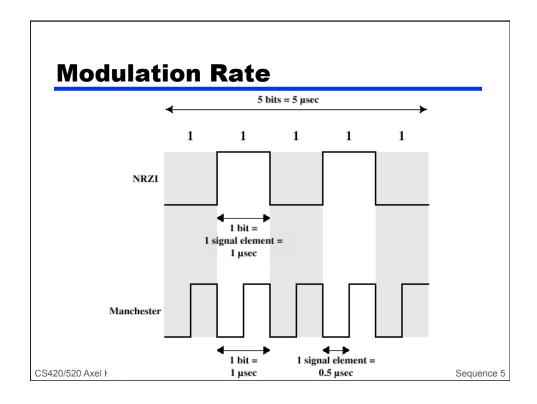
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# **Biphase Pros and Cons**

Manchester and Diff. Manchester are called Biphase

- Con
  - —At least one transition per bit time and possibly two
  - -Maximum modulation rate is twice NRZ
  - -Requires more bandwidth
- Pros
  - —Synchronization on mid bit transition (self clocking)
  - —No dc component
  - -Error detection
    - Absence of expected transition

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#### **Scrambling**

- Use scrambling to replace sequences that would produce constant voltage
- Filling sequence
  - —Must produce enough transitions to sync
  - Must be recognized by receiver and replace with original
  - —Same length as original
- No dc component
- No long sequences of zero level line signal
- No reduction in data rate
- Error detection capability

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#### **B8ZS**

- Bipolar With 8 Zeros Substitution
- Based on bipolar-AMI
- If octet of all zeros and last voltage pulse preceding was positive encode as 000+-0-+
- If octet of all zeros and last voltage pulse preceding was negative encode as 000-+0+-
- Causes two violations of AMI code
- Unlikely to occur as a result of noise
- Receiver detects and interprets as octet of all zeros

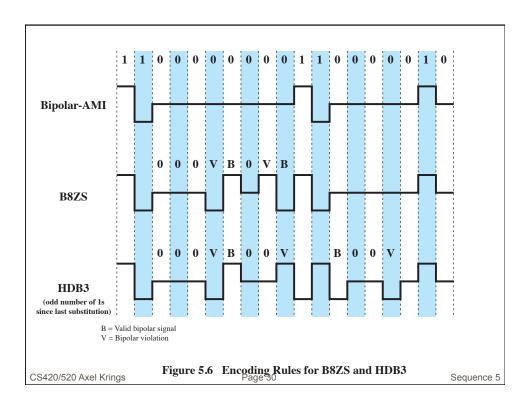
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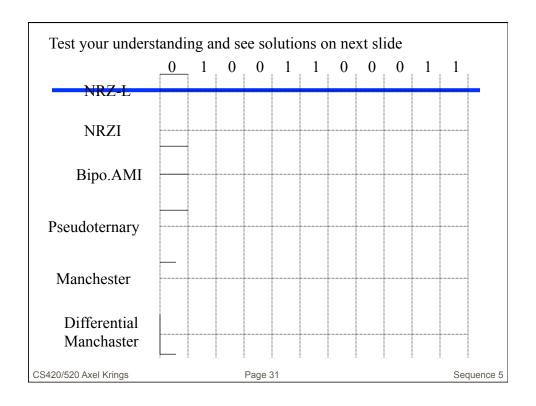
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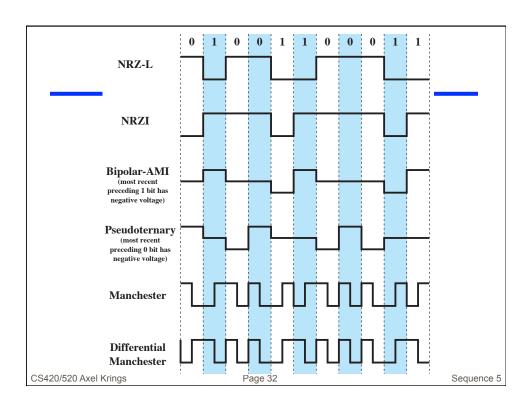
- HDB3 (High Density Bipolar 3)
  - Commonly used in Europe and Japan
  - Similar to bipolar AMI, except that any string of four zeros is replaced by a string with one code violation
  - Rules:
    - replace every string of 4 zeros by 000V
      - V is a code violation
    - this might result in DC components if consecutive strings of 4 zeros are encoded -- in this case the pattern B00V is used
      - B is a level inversion and
      - V is the code violation
    - general rule: use patterns 000V and B00V such that the violations alternate, thereby avoiding DC components

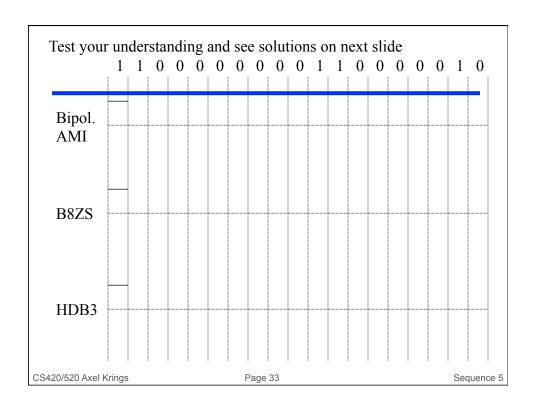
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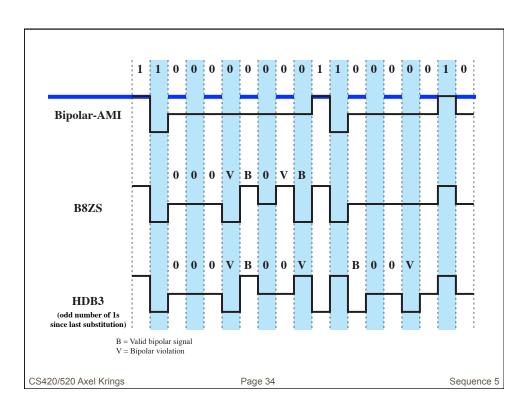


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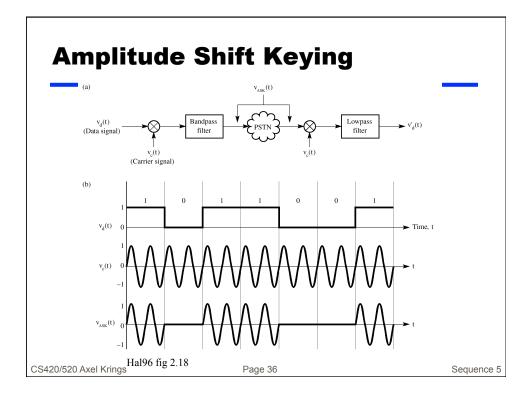


# **Digital Data, Analog Signal**

- Public telephone system
  - -300Hz to 3400Hz
  - —Use modem (modulator-demodulator)
- Amplitude shift keying (ASK)
- Frequency shift keying (FSK)
- Phase shift keying (PSK)

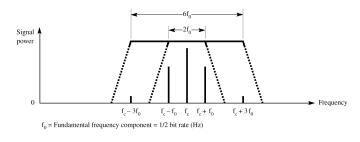
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#### **Amplitude Shift Keying**

- Amplitude Modulation
  - -carrier frequency
  - -signal to be modulated
  - -spectrum



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#### How does ASK work?

$$\begin{aligned} v_c(t) &= \cos \omega_c t \\ v_d(t) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \cos \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\omega_0 t + \frac{1}{5} \cos 5\omega_0 t - \ldots \right\} \\ v_{ASK}(t) &= v_c(t) \cdot v_d(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos \omega_c t + \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \cos \omega_c t \cdot \cos \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{3} \cos \omega_c t \cdot \cos 3\omega_0 t + \ldots \right\} \end{aligned}$$

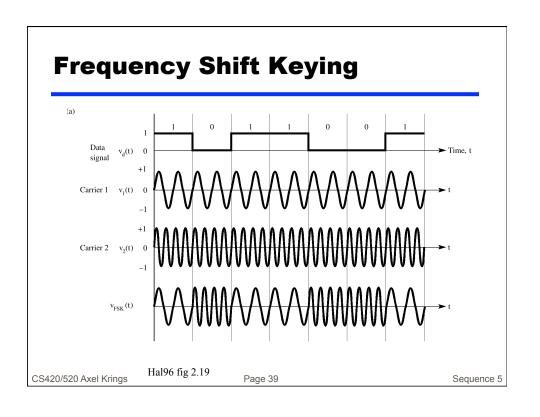
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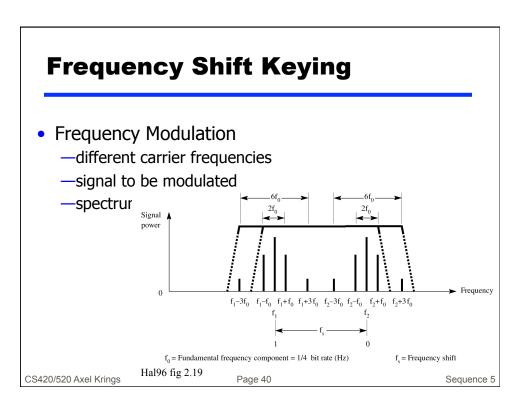
$$2\cos A\cos B = \cos(A-B) + \cos(A+B)$$

Therefore we have: 
$$v_{ASK}(t) = \frac{1}{2}\cos\omega_c t$$
 
$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \{\cos(\omega_c - \omega_0)t + \cos(\omega_c + \omega_0)t$$
 
$$- \frac{1}{3} [\cos(\omega_c - 3\omega_0)t + \cos(\omega_c + 3\omega_0)t] + \ldots\}$$

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#### **How does FSK work?**

$$v_{FSK}(t) = \cos \omega_1 t \cdot v_d(t) + \cos \omega_2 t \cdot v_{d'}(t)$$

The two carriers are  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  and  $v_{d'}(t) = 1 - v_{d}(t)$ 

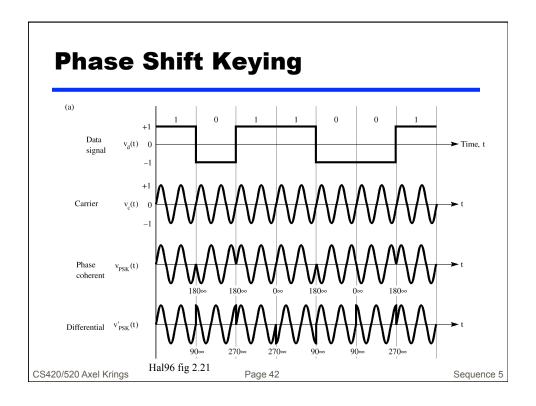
$$v_{FSK}(t) = \cos \omega_1 t \{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} (\cos \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\omega_0 t + ...) \}$$
$$+ \cos \omega_2 t \{ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi} (\cos \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\omega_0 t + ...) \}$$

Therefore we have:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{FSK}(t) &= \frac{1}{2}\cos\omega_{1}t + \frac{1}{\pi} \{\cos(\omega_{1} - \omega_{0})t + \cos(\omega_{1} + \omega_{0})t \\ &- \frac{1}{3}\cos(\omega_{1} - 3\omega_{0})t + \cos(\omega_{1} + 3\omega_{0})t + \ldots \} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\cos\omega_{2}t + \frac{1}{\pi} \{\cos(\omega_{2} - \omega_{0})t + \cos(\omega_{2} + \omega_{0})t \\ &- \frac{1}{3}\cos(\omega_{2} - 3\omega_{0})t + \cos(\omega_{2} + 3\omega_{0})t + \ldots \} \end{aligned}$$

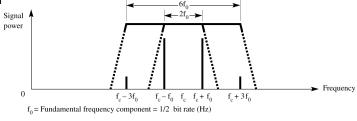
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#### **Phase Shift Keying**

- Phase Modulation
  - —phase of carrier defines data
  - —two versions
    - phase coherent
    - differential
  - —spectrum



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#### **How does PSK work?**

Carrier and bipolar data signal

$$\begin{split} v_c(t) &= \cos \omega_c t \\ v_d(t) &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left\{ \cos \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\omega_0 t + \frac{1}{5} \cos 5\omega_0 t - \ldots \right\} \\ v_{PSK}(t) &= v_c(t) \cdot v_d(t) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left\{ \cos \omega_c t \cdot \cos \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{3} \cos \omega_c t \cdot \cos 3\omega_0 t + \ldots \right\} \end{split}$$

With the usual simplification  $2\cos A\cos B = \cos(A-B) + \cos(A+B)$  we get:

$$v_{PSK}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \{ \cos(\omega_c - \omega_0)t + \cos(\omega_c + \omega_0)t - \frac{1}{3}\cos(\omega_c - 3\omega_0)t + \cos(\omega_c + 3\omega_0)t + \dots \}$$

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#### **Phase Shift Keying**

- Multilevel Phase Modulation Methods
  - —use multiple phases
  - -e.g. 4-PSK or quadrature phase shift keying QPSK

(0°,90°,180°,270°)

—4-PSK phase-time diagram

—4-PSK phase diagram

—16-QAM phase diagran

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# **Spread Spectrum**

- Spread spectrum digital communication systems
  - —developed initially for military
    - spread the signal to make it hard to jam
    - became known as "frequency-hopping"
    - switches through a pseudo random sequence of frequency assignments

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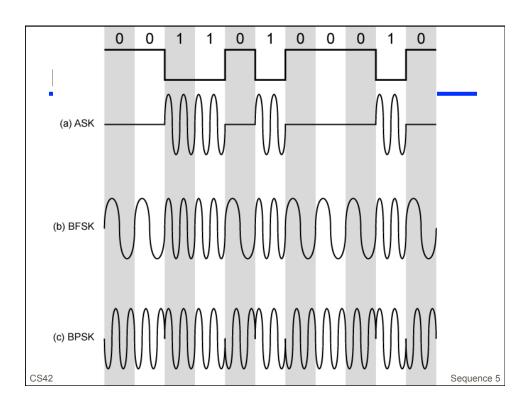
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#### **Data Signaling**

- Transmitting on Analog Lines
  - —If we use existing telephone lines (PSTN) we have to consider that they were created for voice with effective bandwidth from 300Hz to 3400Hz or total of 3000Hz.
  - —We have to concern ourselves with two forms of data.
    - Analog data
    - Digital data

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# **Amplitude Shift Keying**

- Values represented by different amplitudes of carrier
- Usually, one amplitude is zero
  - -i.e. presence and absence of carrier is used
- Susceptible to sudden gain changes
- Inefficient
- Up to 1200bps on voice grade lines
- Used over optical fiber

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# **Binary Frequency Shift Keying**

- Most common form FSK is binary FSK (BFSK)
- Two binary values represented by two different frequencies (near carrier)
- Less susceptible to error than ASK
- Up to 1200bps on voice grade lines
- · High frequency radio

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# **Multiple FSK**

- More than two frequencies used
- More bandwidth efficient
- More prone to error
- Each signalling element represents more than one bit

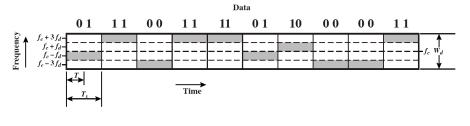


Figure 5.9 MFSK Frequency Use (M = 4)

signal strength

spectrum of signal transmitted in one direction

spectrum of signal transmitted in opposite direction

spectrum of signal transmitted in opposite direction

frequency (Hz)

Figure 5.8 Full-Duplex FSK Transmission on a Voice-Grade Line

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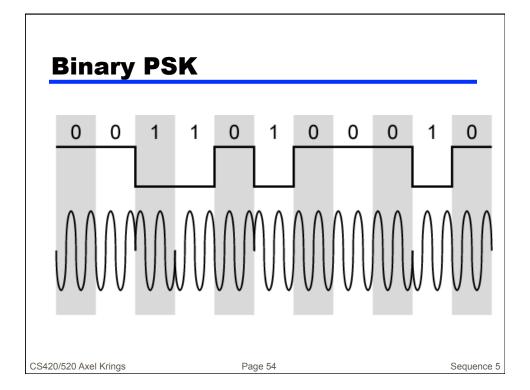
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# **Phase Shift Keying**

- Phase of carrier signal is shifted to represent data
- Binary PSK
  - —Two phases represent two binary digits
- Differential PSK
  - —Phase shifted relative to previous transmission rather than some reference signal

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#### **Quadrature (four-level) PSK**

- More efficient use by each signal element representing more than one bit
  - —e.g. shifts of  $\pi/2$  (90°)
  - -Each element represents two bits
  - —Can use 8 phase angles and have more than one amplitude
  - —9600bps modem use 12 angles, four of which have two amplitudes
- Offset QPSK (OQPSK)
  - -also called "orthogonal QPSK"
  - —Delay in Q stream

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#### **Example QPSK**

signals

$$11 s(t) = A\cos(2\pi f_c t + \frac{\pi}{4})$$

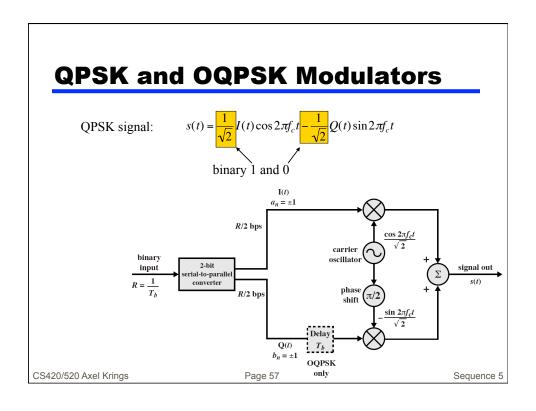
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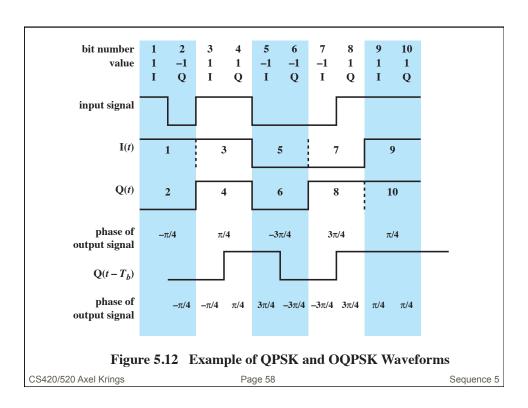
$$s(t) = A\cos(2\pi f_c t - \frac{3\pi}{4})$$

$$10 s(t) = A\cos(2\pi f_c t - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

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### Performance of Digital to Analog Modulation Schemes

- Bandwidth
  - —ASK and PSK bandwidth directly related to bit rate
  - —FSK bandwidth is larger. Why?
  - —Note the difference in the derivation of the math in Stallings compare to the previous arguments based on the spectrum.
- In the presence of noise, bit error rate of PSK and QPSK are about 3dB superior to ASK and FSK

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#### Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

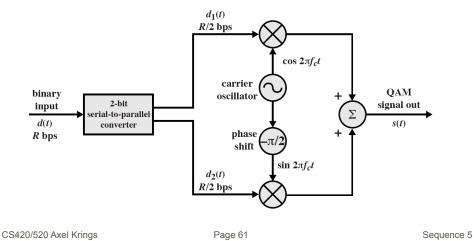
- QAM used on asymmetric digital subscriber line (ADSL) and some wireless
- Combination of ASK and PSK
- Send two different signals simultaneously on same carrier frequency
  - —Use two copies of carrier, one shifted 90°
  - —Each carrier is ASK modulated
  - —Two independent signals over same medium
    - binary 0 = absence of signal, binary 1 = carrier
    - same holds for path that uses the shifted carrier
  - —Demodulate and combine for original binary output

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#### **QAM Modulator**

QAM signal: 
$$s(t) = d_1(t) \cos 2\pi f_c t + d_2(t) \sin 2\pi f_c t$$

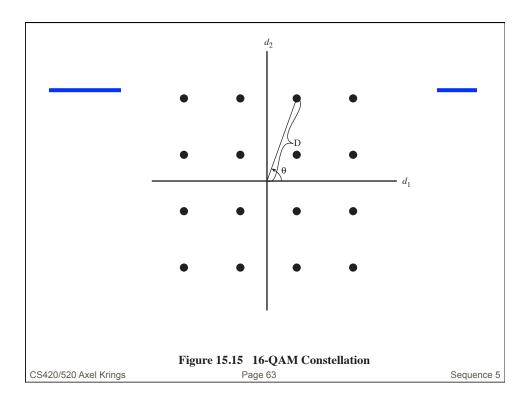


#### **QAM Levels**

- Two level ASK
  - -Each of two streams in one of two states
  - —Four state system
- Essentially this is a four level ASK
  - —Combined stream in one of 16 states
- 64 and 256 state systems have been implemented
- Improved data rate for given bandwidth
  - —Increased potential error rate

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# **Analog Data, Digital Signal**

- Digitization
  - —Conversion of analog data into digital data
  - —Digital data can then be transmitted using NRZ-L
  - Digital data can then be transmitted using code other than NRZ-L
  - —Digital data can then be converted to analog signal
  - —Analog to digital conversion done using a codec
  - —Pulse code modulation
  - -Delta modulation

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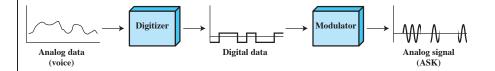


Figure 5.16 Digitizing Analog Data

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#### **Sampling theorem**

- If a signal is sampled at regular intervals at a rate higher than twice the highest signal frequency, the samples contain all the information of the original signal
  - in short: sample with rate more than twice the highest signal frequency
  - —e.g. Voice data limited to below 4000Hz, thus, require 8000 sample per second
  - —the samples are analog samples
    - think of a slice of the signal
  - —the signal can be reconstructed from the samples using a lowpass filter

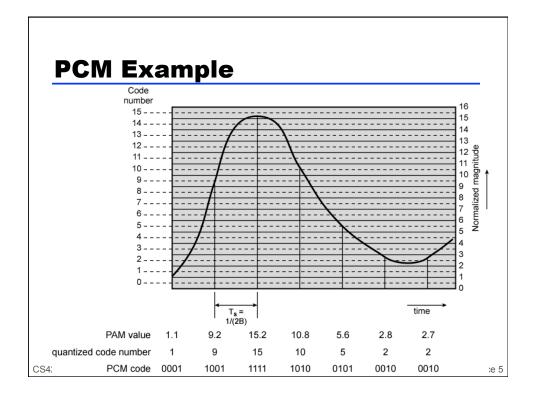
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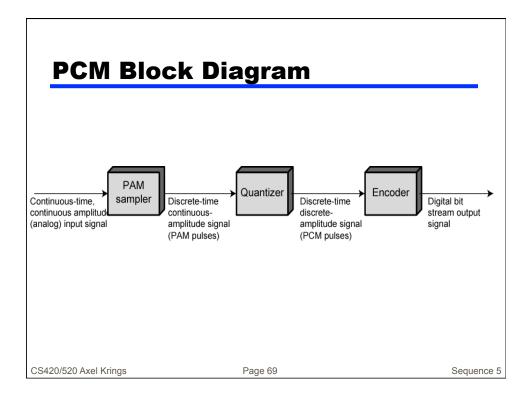
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#### **PAM and PCM**

- Pulse Amplitude Modulation (PAM)
  - —"get slices of analog signals"
- Pulse Code Modulation (PCM)
  - "assign digital code to the analog slice"
  - -n bits give  $2^n$  levels, e.g. 4 bit give 16 levels
- Quantizing error
  - -error depends on granularity of encoding
  - —it is impossible to recover original exactly
- Example
  - -8000 samples per second of 8 bits each gives 64kbps

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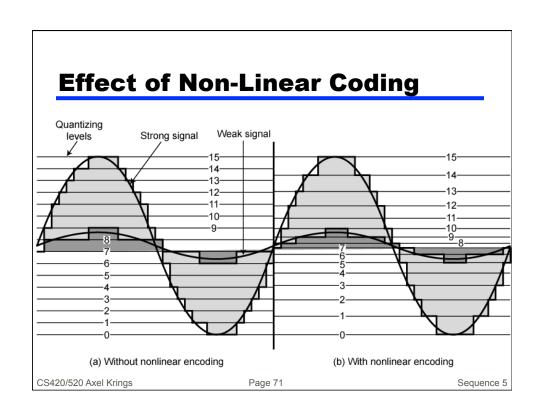


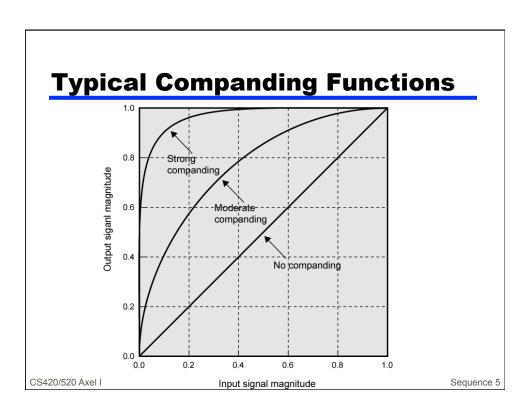
# **Nonlinear Encoding**

- Quantization levels not evenly spaced
- Reduces overall signal distortion
- Can also be done by companding

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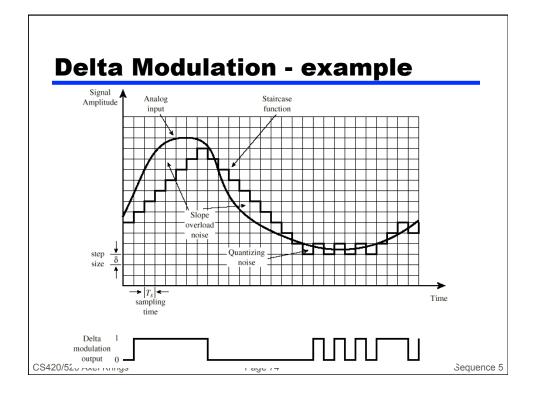


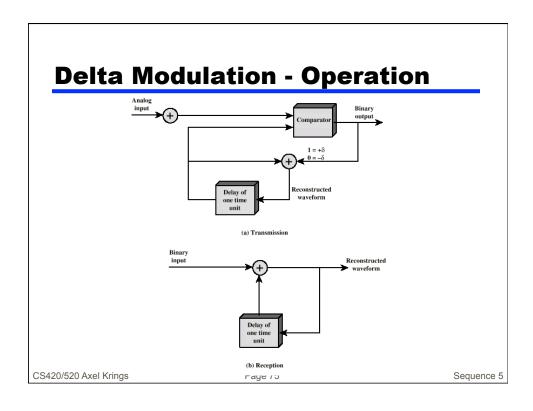
#### **Delta Modulation**

- Analog input is approximated by a staircase function
- Move up or down one level ( $\delta$ ) at each sample interval
- Binary behavior
  - —Function moves up or down at each sample interval

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# **Delta Modulation - Performance**

- Good voice reproduction
  - —PCM 128 levels (7 bit)
  - —Voice bandwidth 4khz
  - —Should be  $8000 \times 7 = 56$ kbps for PCM
- Data compression can improve on this
  - -e.g. Interframe coding techniques for video

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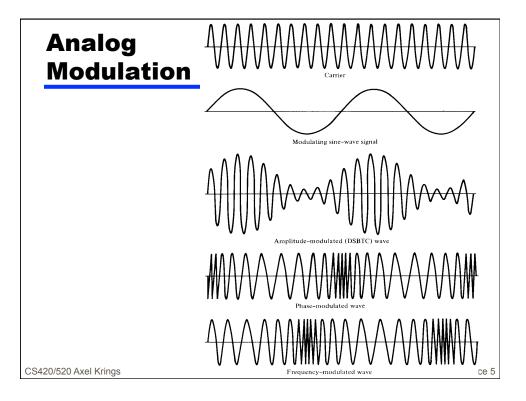
# **Analog Data, Analog Signals**

- Why modulate analog signals?
  - —Higher frequency can give more efficient transmission
  - —Permits frequency division multiplexing (chapter 8)
- Types of modulation
  - -Amplitude
  - —Frequency
  - —Phase

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#### **Summary**

- looked at signal encoding techniques
  - —digital data, digital signal
  - -analog data, digital signal
  - -digital data, analog signal
  - —analog data, analog signal

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