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# Preface

Channel coding is a process of detecting and correcting bit errors in digital communication systems. It is also known as forward error control coding (FECC). FECC is performed both at the transmitter and at the receiver. At the transmit side, channel coding is referred to as encoder, where extra bits (parity bits) are added with the raw data before modulation. At the receive side, channel coding is referred to as the decoder. Channel coding enables the receiver to detect and correct errors, if they occur during transmission due to noise, interference and fading.

This book presents the salient concepts, underlying principles and practical applications of channel coding. In particular, this book will address the following topics as they relate to channel coding:

- Automatic repeat request (ARQ)
- Block coding
- Convolutional coding
- Waveform coding
- Waveform capacity

This text has been primarily designed for electrical engineering students in the area of telecommunications. However, engineers and designers working in the area of wireless communications would also find this text useful. It is assumed that the student is familiar with the general theory of telecommunications.

In closing, I would like to say a few words about how this book was conceived. It came out of my long industrial and academic career. During my teaching tenure at the University of North Dakota, I developed a number of graduate level elective courses in the area of telecommunications that combine theory and practice. This book is a collection of my courseware and research activities in wireless communications.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction to Channel Coding

**Abstract** Channel coding, also known as forward error control coding (FECC), is a process of detecting and correcting bit errors in digital communication systems. Channel coding is performed both at the transmitter and at the receiver. At the transmit side, channel coding is referred to as encoder, where extra bits (parity bits) are added with the raw data before modulation. At the receive side, channel coding is referred to as the decoder. Channel coding enables the receiver to detect and correct errors, if they occur during transmission due to noise, interference and fading. This book presents the salient concepts, underlying principles and practical realization of channel coding schemes, as listed below:

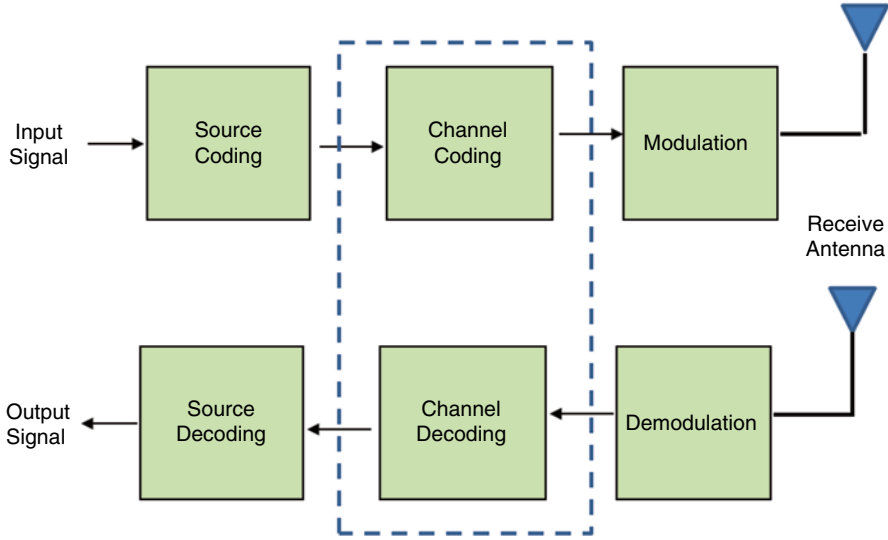
- Automatic repeat request (ARQ)
- Block coding
- Convolutional coding
- Concatenated coding
- Orthogonal coding

### Topics

- Introduction to Channel Coding
- Types of Channel Coding
- Design Considerations
- Conclusions

## 1.1 Introduction to Channel Coding

Channel coding, also known as forward error control coding (FECC), is a process of detecting and correcting bit errors in digital communication systems. Channel coding is performed both at the transmitter and at the receiver [1–4]. Figure 1.1 shows the conceptual block diagram of a modern wireless communication system,



**Fig. 1.1** Block diagram of a modern full-duplex communication system. The channel coding stage is shown as a *dotted* block

where the channel coding block is shown in the inset of the dotted block. At the transmit side, channel coding is referred to as encoder, where redundant bits (parity bits) are added with the raw data before modulation. At the receive side, channel coding is referred to as the decoder. This enables the receiver to detect and correct errors, if they occur during transmission due to noise, interference and fading. Since error control coding adds extra bits to detect and correct errors, transmission of coded information requires more bandwidth.

As the size and speed of digital data networks continue to expand, bandwidth efficiency becomes increasingly important. This is especially true for broadband communication, where the digital signal processing is done keeping in mind the available bandwidth resources. Hence, channel coding forms a very important pre-processing step in the transmission of digital data (bit-stream). Since bandwidth is scarce and therefore expensive, a coding technique that requires fewer redundant bits without sacrificing error performance is highly desirable.

## 1.2 Types of Channel Coding

Channel coding attempts to utilize redundancy to minimize the effect of various channel impairments, such as noise and fading, and therefore increase the performance of the communication system. There are two basic ways of implementing redundancy to control errors. These are as follows:

- Automatic repeat request (ARQ)
- Forward error control coding (FECC)

### 1.2.1 ARQ Technique

The ARQ technique adds parity, or redundant bits, to the transmitted data stream that are used by the decoder to detect an error in the received data. When the receiver detects an error, it requests that the data be retransmitted by the receiver. This continues until the message is received correctly. In ARQ, the receiver does not attempt to correct the error, but rather it sends an alert to the transmitter in order to inform it that an error was detected and a retransmission is needed. This is known as a negative acknowledgement (NAK), and the transmitter retransmits the message upon receipt. If the message is error-free, the receiver sends an acknowledgement (ACK) to the transmitter. This form of error control is only capable of detecting errors; it has no ability to correct errors that have been detected. This concept is presented in Fig. 1.2.

### 1.2.2 FECC Technique

In a system which utilizes FECC coding, the data are encoded with the redundant bits to allow the receiver to not only detect errors, but to correct them as well. In this system, a sequence of data signals is transformed into a longer sequence that

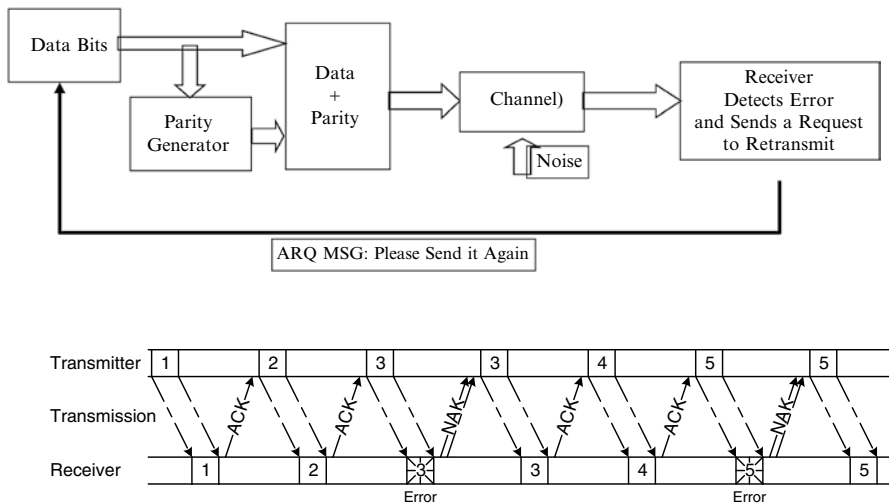


Fig. 1.2 Automatic repeat request (ARQ)

contains enough redundancy to protect the data. This type of error control is also classified as channel coding, because these methods are often used to correct errors that are caused by channel noise. The goal of all FECC techniques is to detect and correct as many errors as possible without greatly increasing the data rate or the bandwidth. FECC codes are generally classified in two broad categories [4–10]:

- Block codes
- Convolutional codes
- Concatenated codes
- Orthogonal codes

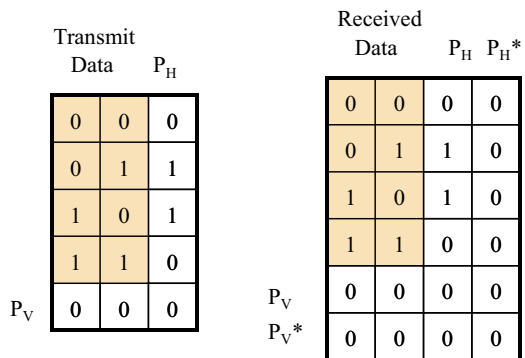
### Block Coding

In block coding the information bits are segmented into blocks of  $k$ -data bits. The encoder transforms each  $k$ -bit data block into a larger block of  $n$ -bits, called coded information bits where  $n > k$ . The difference  $(n - k)$  bits are the redundant bits, also known as parity bits. These redundant bits do not carry information, but enable the detection and correction of errors. The code is referred to as  $(n, k)$  block code and the ratio  $k/n$  is known as “code rate”.

Figure 1.3a shows an encoding scheme using  $(15, 8)$  block code where an 8-bit data block is formed as  $M$ -rows and  $N$ -columns ( $M=4, N=2$ ). The product,  $MN=k=8$ , is the dimension of the information bits before coding. Next, a horizontal parity,  $P_H$ , is appended to each row and a vertical parity,  $P_V$ , is appended to each column. The resulting augmented dimension is given by the product  $(M+1)(N+1)=n=15$ , which is then transmitted to the receiver. The rate of this coding scheme is given by

$$r = \frac{k}{n} = \frac{MN}{(M+1)(N+1)} = \frac{8}{15}$$

**Fig. 1.3** Illustration of  $(n, k)$  block code. (a) Encoder. (b) Decoder



Conversely,  $1/r$  is a factor that increases the bit rate, and hence the bandwidth. For example, if  $Rb$  is the bit rate before coding and  $r$  is the code rate, then the coded bit rate will be  $Rb/r$  (b/s).

Upon receiving, the decoder (Fig. 1.3b) generates a new horizontal parity,  $P_H^*$ , and a new vertical parity,  $P_V^*$ . Now, if there is a single bit error, there will be a parity check failure in the respective column and the respective row ( $P_H^* = 1$  and  $P_V^* = 1$ ), identifying the location of the error. Today block coding is used in all digital communications.

### Convolutional Coding

In convolutional coding:

- $k$  information bits enter into the convolutional encoder sequentially.
- The convolutional encoder generates  $n$  parity bits ( $n > k$ ).
- These parity bits (known as encoded bits) are modulated and transmitted through a channel.
- At the receive side, the receiver decodes by means of code correlation and regenerates the information bits.

As an illustration, a convolutional encoder is constructed with the following specifications:

- Constraint length  $k = 3$
- Rate  $r = 1/2$

The corresponding encoder, based on a 3-bit shift register and two exclusive OR gates, is shown in Fig. 1.4.

The operation of the encoder is as follows:

- The initial content of the encoder is 0 0 0.
- Three information bits enter into the 3-bit shift register sequentially, one bit at a time.

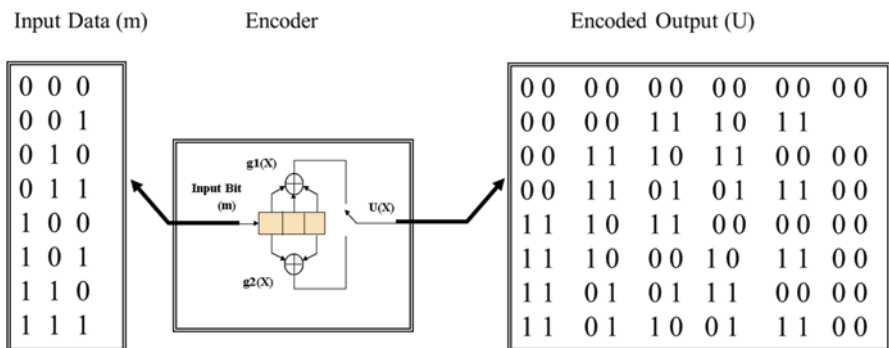


Fig. 1.4 Encoder input/output relationships for  $k = 3$ ,  $r = 1/2$  (Mapping)

- There are 6 shifts in the entire operation, generating 6 pairs of parity bits (12 parity bits) after which the shift register is cleared. The outcome is a rate  $r=6/12=1/2$  convolutional encoder.
- 3-bit data has  $2^3=8$  combinations. Each combination generates a unique encoded bit pattern and stored in the look-up table.
- These encoded bits are modulated and transmitted through a channel.

### Convolutional Decoder

Decoding is a process of code correlation, as presented below:

- A lookup table at the receiver contains the input/output bit sequences.
- In this process, the receiver compares the received data and generates a correlation value.
- The correlation value for each data-set is stored in the look-up table.
- For  $k=3$ , there are 8-possible outputs.
- The receiver validates the received data pattern by means of code correlation.
- This is a process of finding the closest match, as shown in the table.
- The code rate is given by  $r=1/2$  since there are 6 input bit sequences including the initial content of the shift register and there are 12 encoded data ( $r=6/12=1/2$ ) (Fig. 1.5).

### Concatenated Coding

There are two types of concatenated coding:

- Series concatenated coding
- Parallel concatenated coding

**Series Concatenated Coding** originally developed by Forney [5] is well known for its excellent error control properties. A simple concatenated code, based on two codes in series, can be constructed as shown in Fig. 1.6.

Here, the high-speed user data is first encoded by means of an outer code, typically a block code. Next, the data and parity bits resulting from the outer code are interleaved and encoded by a rate  $1/2$  or rate  $3/4$  convolutional encoder inner code. The encoded bit stream is then modulated and transmitted through a channel.

On the receive side, the impaired code is first decoded by an inner decoder, typically a Viterbi decoder, de-interleaved and then by an outer decoder. The essential feature of the concatenated coding scheme is that any errors which do not get detected by the inner code are corrected by the outer code.

**Parallel Concatenated Coding** also known as turbo coding, uses two identical convolutional encoders, connected in parallel, and one internal interweaver. Turbo codes are a class of high-performance forward error correction (FEC) codes that closely approaches the theoretical channel capacity.



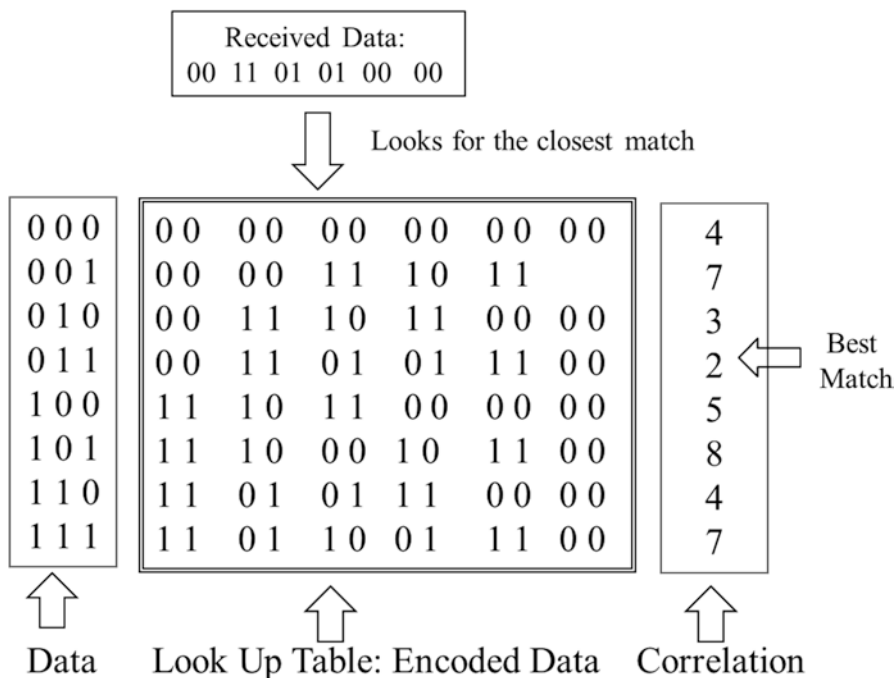


Fig. 1.5 Convolutional decoder. The received data is compared with the look up table and finds the best match

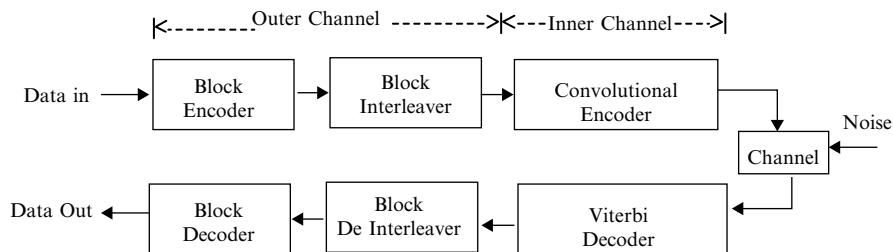


Fig. 1.6 Series concatenated coding based on block outer code and convolutional inner code

### Orthogonal Coding

Orthogonal codes are binary valued and have equal number of 1's and 0's. These codes can be used as  $(n, k)$  block codes where a  $k$ -bit data set can be represented by a unique  $n$ -bit orthogonal code ( $k < n$ ). We illustrate this by means of an 8-bit orthogonal code, having 8-orthogonal and 8-antipodal codes for a total of 16 bi-orthogonal codes. We assume that an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code can be treated as an  $(n, k)$  block code.

We now show that, code rates such as rate  $\frac{1}{2}$ , rate  $\frac{3}{4}$  and rate 1 are indeed available out of orthogonal codes. The principle is presented below:

A rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  orthogonal coded modulation with  $n=8$  can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic,  $Rb$  (b/s), into 4 parallel streams ( $k=4$ ) as shown in Fig. 1.7. These bit streams, now reduced in speed to  $Rb/4$  (b/s), are used to address sixteen 8-bit orthogonal codes, stored in an  $8 \times 16$  ROM. The output of each ROM is a unique 8-bit orthogonal code, which is then modulated by a BPSK modulator and transmitted through a channel.

At the receiver, the incoming impaired orthogonal code is first examined by generating a parity bit. If the parity bit is one, the received code is said to be in error. The impaired received code is then compared to a lookup table for a possible match. Once the closest approximation is achieved, the corresponding data is outputted from the lookup table. A brief description of the decoding principle is given below:

An  $n$ -bit orthogonal code has  $n/2$  1s and  $n/2$  0s; i.e., there are  $n/2$  positions where 1s and 0s differ. Therefore, the distance between two orthogonal codes is  $d=n/2$ . This distance property can be used to detect an impaired received code by setting a threshold midway between two orthogonal codes. This is given by:

$$d_{th} = \frac{n}{4}$$

Where  $n$  is the code length and  $d_{th}$  is the threshold, which is midway between two valid orthogonal codes. Therefore, for the given 8-bit orthogonal code, we have  $d_{th}=8/4=2$ . This mechanism offers a decision process, where the incoming impaired orthogonal code is examined for correlation with the neighbouring codes for a possible match. Since the distance properties are the fundamental in error control coding, it can be shown that an  $n$  bit orthogonal code can correct  $t$  errors, as given below:

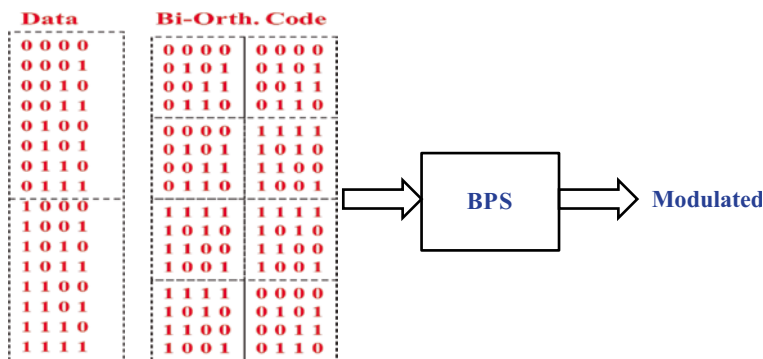


Fig. 1.7 Rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  orthogonal coded modulation with  $n=8$

$$t = \frac{n}{4} - 1$$

In the above equation,  $t$  is the number of errors that can be corrected by means of an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code. For example, a single error-correcting orthogonal code can be constructed by means of an 8-bit orthogonal code ( $n=8$ ). Similarly, a three-error-correcting orthogonal code can be constructed by means of a 16-bit orthogonal code ( $n=16$ ), and so on. Table 1.1 below shows a few orthogonal codes and the corresponding error-correcting capabilities.

### 1.3 Design Considerations

In any communication system, the use of channel coding is often achieved at the expense of other system characteristics. Therefore, trade-offs often need to be made in order to develop a system that meets not only the performance needs, but also adheres to the bandwidth and power constraints as well.

The first of these trade-offs is error performance versus bandwidth. Error-correction coding can be implemented to increase error performance, but these techniques require the transmission of additional bits, which will require an increase in bandwidth. Likewise, a system with limited power can reduce power without sacrificing error performance by implementing an FECC technique. This will again introduce an increase in the number of bits that need to be transmitted by the system, again at the expense of bandwidth. Both these trade-offs assume a real-time communication system. However, if a non-real-time system is used, FECC coding can be used to improve performance and reduce power, but there will be an increase in delay instead of bandwidth. These trade-offs need to be considered when a communication system is being designed.

Several challenges, affecting minimum bandwidth and channel capacity, in designing digital communication systems, are introduced in this chapter. These are as follows [5, 10,11].

- Nyquist minimum bandwidth
- Shannon-Hartley capacity theorem

**Table 1.1** Orthogonal codes and the corresponding error correcting capabilities

Code length $n$	Number of errors that can be corrected: $t=(n/4)-1$
8	1
16	3
32	7
64	15
128	31

- Baseband modulation
- Waveform coding

### 1.3.1 Nyquist Minimum Bandwidth

Every realizable system that contains non-ideal filtering will suffer from intersymbol interference (ISI). Intersymbol interference occurs when the tail of one pulse spills over and interferes with the correct detection of the adjacent symbol. Harry Nyquist showed in his 1928 paper “Certain Topics on Telegraph Transmission Theory” that the maximum theoretical number of symbols that can be received without ISI by a system with a transmission bandwidth of  $R_s$  Hertz is  $R_s/2$ .

Consequently, the sampling frequency,  $\Omega_r$ , must be at least two times greater than the modulation frequency,  $\Omega_m$ , of the transmitted data. This is known as the Nyquist condition, and is written as:

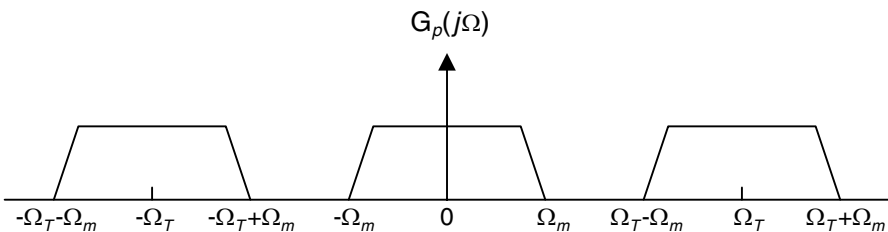
$$\Omega_r \geq 2\Omega_m.$$

If the Nyquist condition is satisfied, the transmitted data can be fully reconstructed at the receiver with the use of an ideal lowpass filter with gain  $T$  and cutoff frequency  $\Omega_c$ , so that

$$\Omega_m < \Omega_c < (\Omega_r - \Omega_m) \geq 2\Omega_m.$$

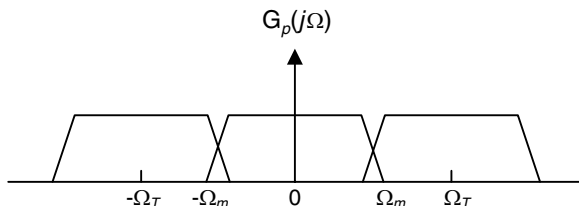
The spectrum of a signal,  $g_p(t)$ , sampled following the Nyquist condition is illustrated in Fig. 1.8. The spectrum of  $g_p(t)$  sampled with  $\Omega_r < 2\Omega_m$  is shown in Fig. 1.9.

The overlap in the sampled spectrum in Fig. 1.9 that is not present in Fig. 1.8 is known as aliasing and is the result of under sampling. Aliasing leads to the receiver’s inability to fully reconstruct the signal, because the spectrum  $G_p(j\Omega)$  cannot be separated by filtering. Therefore, in order for a communication system to accurately and completely receive a transmitted signal, the modulation technique used needs to adhere to the Nyquist condition.



**Fig. 1.8** Spectrum of the sampled signal with the Nyquist condition followed

**Fig. 1.9** Spectrum of the sampled signal with the Nyquist condition not followed



### 1.3.2 Shannon-Hartley Capacity Theorem

Any modern communication system strives to maximize bit rate while minimizing error probability, transmission energy and bandwidth. Working against this goal is the presence of additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) in all communication channels. Shannon showed in his 1948 paper that the system capacity  $C$  of a channel affected by AWGN can be written as [11]:

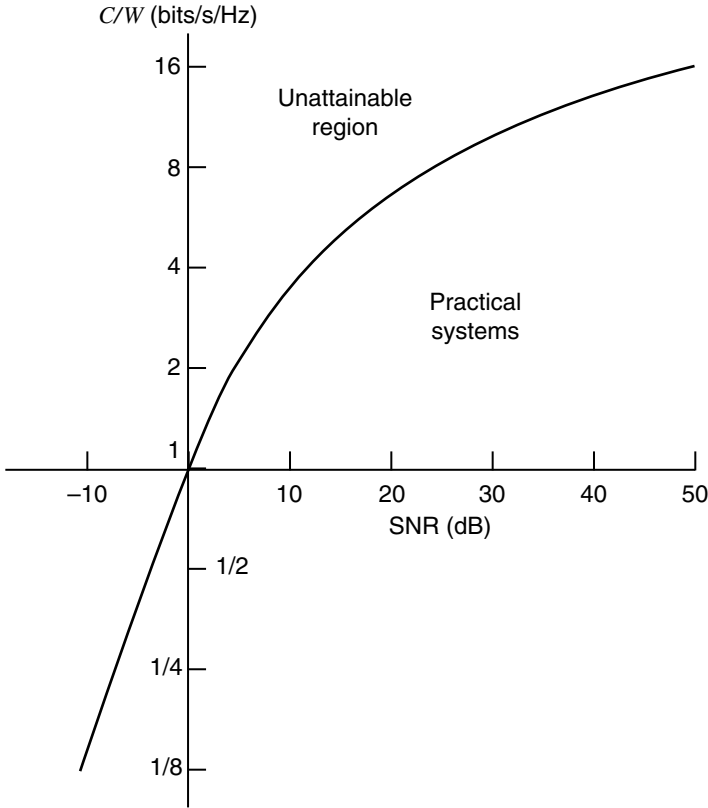
$$C = W \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{S}{N} \right).$$

The system capacity is a function of bandwidth  $W$ , average received signal power  $S$ , and average noise power  $N$ . This relationship is known as the Shannon-Hartley capacity theorem. When the bandwidth is in hertz and the base 2 logarithm is taken, the capacity is given in bits/s.

From this theorem, Shannon proved that it is theoretically possible to transmit information at a rate of  $R$  bits/s over a channel corrupted by AWGN with an arbitrarily small probability of error, so long as  $R < C$ . In order to accomplish this, a sufficiently complicated coding scheme needs to be implemented. It should be noted that Shannon's work set a limit on channel capacity, not achievable error performance. Using the above equation, Shannon determined a bound for the achievable performance of a practical system. This bound is shown graphically in Fig. 1.10 as the normalized channel capacity  $C/W$  in bits/s/Hz versus the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of the channel.

### 1.3.3 Baseband Modulation

In baseband modulation, the input waveforms are typically in the form of shaped pulses. Pulse and square waveforms are the most commonly used waveforms to represent digital data. Choice of return to zero (RZ) or non-return to zero (NRZ) data waveform depends on the application. NRZ is a binary code with no neutral



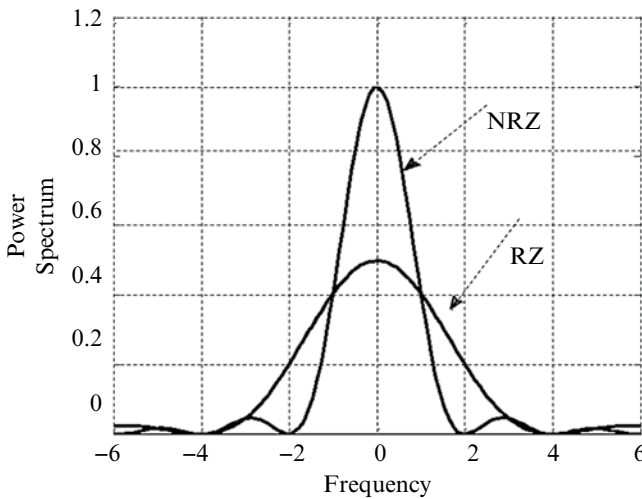
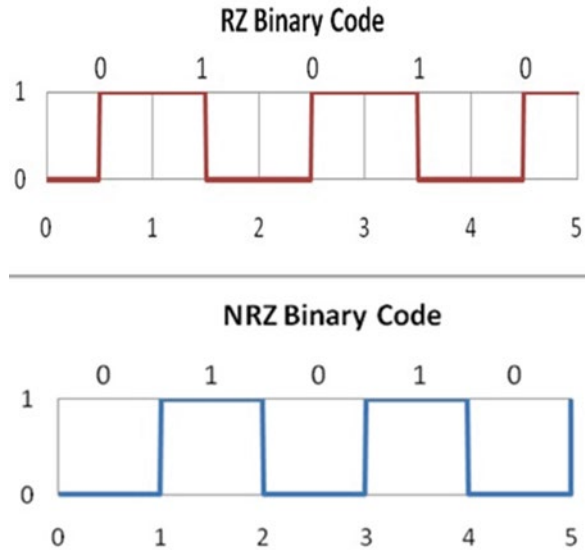
**Fig. 1.10** Normalized channel capacity versus channel SNR

rest condition and requires half the bandwidth required by the RZ data code. Also, it offers better noise immunity than the unipolar data waveforms like RZ data code. The bit durations for RZ and NRZ data are shown in Figs. 1.11 and 1.12. The transmission bandwidth of NRZ and RZ data varies due to the fact that they have different bit duration. As a result, the bandwidth associated with them also varies. Figure 1.12 shows the bandwidth and power density associated with both RZ and NRZ data. According to the law of conservation of energy, the area under the two curves as shown in Fig. 1.12 is same. Therefore, the power magnitude  $IP(\omega)|_{\text{RZ}}$  is reduced to half of  $IP(\omega)|_{\text{NRZ}}$ .

### 1.3.4 Waveform Coding

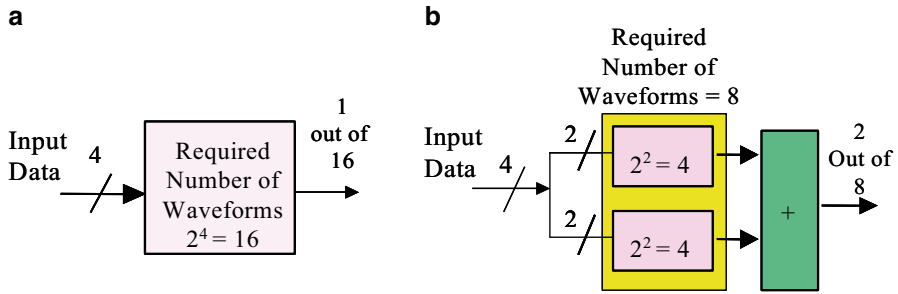
Waveform coding is a form of channel coding where a set of waveforms is transformed into a set of orthogonal waveforms, so that the detection process is less subject to errors. There are two classes of waveform coding: (a) M-ary signaling

**Fig. 1.11** RZ and NRZ binary data code



**Fig. 1.12** Power spectrum of RZ and NRZ binary data

and (b) orthogonal coding. In M-ary signaling, a k-bit data set is used to address  $M=2^k$  modulated waveforms (e.g. MFSK). This process provides improved error performance at the expense of bandwidth. Similarly, in bi-orthogonal coding, a k-bit data set is directly mapped into  $2n$  bi-orthogonal codes where  $n$  is the code length. This approach is also bandwidth inefficient, since the k-bit data set is directly mapped into  $2 \times 2^k$  bi-orthogonal codes.



**Fig. 1.13** Illustration of waveform coding. (a) Conventional method: a 4-bit data set requires 16 waveforms. (b) Proposed method: a 4-bit data set partitioned into two sub-sets requires only 8 wave forms

**Table 1.2** Shows a comparison between the conventional M-ary signalling and the proposed method

	Conventional method	Proposed method	Bandwidth reduction
# Bits (x)	# Waveforms ( $2^x$ )	# Waveforms ( $2x$ )	Factor ( $2^x/2x$ )
1	2	2	1
2	4	4	1
3	8	6	1.333333333
4	16	8	2
5	32	10	3.2
6	64	12	5.333333333
7	128	14	9.142857143
8	256	16	16
9	512	18	28.44444444
10	1024	20	51.2
11	2048	22	93.09090909
12	4096	24	170.6666667
13	8192	26	315.0769231
14	16,384	28	585.1428571
15	32,768	30	1092.266667
16	65,536	32	2048

In this book, we introduce an alternate method of waveform coding that does not consume additional bandwidth and offers protection against errors. In the proposed method, a high-speed data stream is inverse multiplexed into several parallel streams. These parallel streams, now reduced in speed, are grouped into a number of subsets and mapped into a predetermined group of bi-orthogonal codes and modulated by means of an MPSK modulator. This methodology substantially reduces the required number of waveforms and enhances transmission efficiency.



Figure 1.13 illustrates the concept. In Fig. 1.3a we have a conventional method of waveform coding where a 4-bit data set is represented by  $2^4 = 16$  waveforms. This scheme is commonly viewed as being bandwidth inefficient since we need 16 waveforms to transmit a 4-bit data.

On the other hand, in the proposed method, as shown in Fig. 1.13b, when the same 4-bit data set is partitioned into two subsets, the number of waveforms reduces to 8. Similarly, in the conventional method, an 8-bit data set would require  $2^8 = 256$  waveforms, while the proposed method requires only  $2 \times 8 = 16$  waveforms. This is a substantial reduction of bandwidth indeed.

In the conventional method (Col-2, Table 1.2), a  $k$ -bit data set requires  $2^k$  waveforms where  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus the number of waveforms increases rapidly as the length of the data set increases. For these reasons, the conventional method of waveform coding is bandwidth inefficient. In the proposed method, a  $k$ -bit data set requires only  $2k$  waveforms where  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  (Col-3, Table 1.2). Clearly, the proposed method of waveform coding is bandwidth efficient. Our objective is to show that the proposed method of waveform coding applies to bi-orthogonal signaling. We also intend to show that there is a built-in error control mechanism in this scheme. Forward error control coding (FECC) schemes normally used in digital communication systems are not needed in the proposed method. Therefore the proposed method is also cost-effective.

## 1.4 Conclusions

- Channel coding is a process of detecting and correcting bit errors in digital communication systems.
- It is also known as forward error control coding (FECC).
- Channel coding is performed both at the transmitter and at the receiver.
- At the transmit side, channel coding is referred to as encoder, where extra bits (parity bits) are added with the raw data before modulation.
- At the receive side, channel coding is referred to as the decoder. It enables the receiver to detect and correct errors if occur during transmission due to noise, interference and fading.

This book presents the salient concepts, underlying principles and practical realization of channel coding schemes currently used in digital communication system.

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# Chapter 2

## Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ)

**Abstract** ARQ technique adds parity or redundant bits to the transmitted data stream that are used by the decoder to detect an error in the received data. When the receiver detects an error, it requests that the data be retransmitted by the receiver. This continues until the message is received correctly. In ARQ, the receiver does not attempt to correct the errors, but rather it sends an alert to the transmitter in order to inform it that an error was detected and that a retransmission is needed. This is known as a negative acknowledgement, and the transmitter retransmits the message upon receipt. If the message is error-free, the receiver sends an acknowledgement (ACK) to the transmitter. This form of error control is only capable of detecting errors; it has no ability to correct errors that have been detected.

### Topics

- Introduction
- The Basic Concept of ARQ
- ARQ Building Blocks
- Construction of ARQ for Serial Data Processing
- Construction of ARQ for Parallel Data Processing
- Merits and Demerits of ARQ System
- Conclusions

## 2.1 Introduction to ARQ

Error control coding is a technique that adds redundant bits to minimize the effect of various channel impairments, such as noise and fading, and therefore increase the performance of the communication system [1–5]. There are two basic ways of implementing redundancy to control errors. The first is known as error detection and retransmission, which is also referred to as automatic repeat request (ARQ). The second method of error control through the use of redundancy is forward error control coding (FECC). In this chapter, our goal is to provide the basic understanding of error detection, focusing particularly on the following:

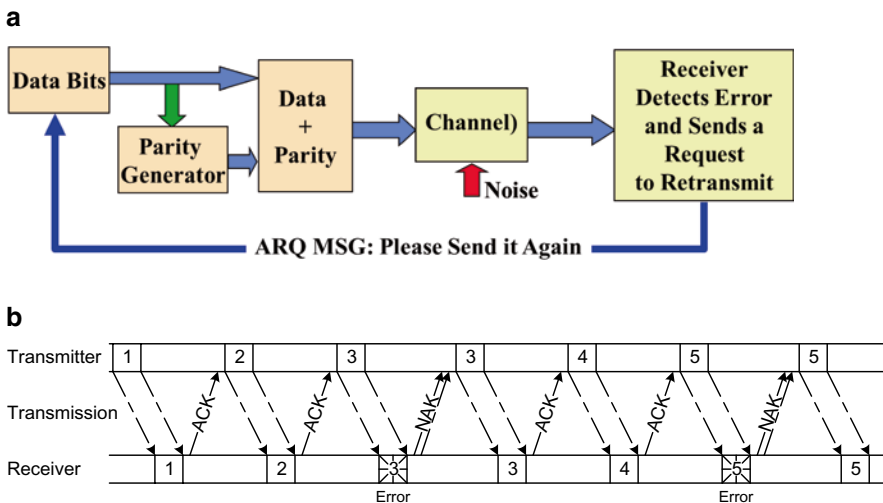
- Describe the basic functional blocks used in ARQ system.
- Construct an ARQ system for processing serial data.
- Construct an ARQ system for processing parallel data.
- Provide examples.

## 2.2 The Basic Concept

The ARQ technique adds parity or redundant bits to the transmitted data stream that are used by the decoder to detect an error in the received data [6, 7]. When the receiver detects an error, it requests that the data be retransmitted by the receiver. This continues until the message is received correctly. In ARQ, the receiver does not attempt to correct the errors, but rather it sends an alert to the transmitter in order to inform it that an error was detected and a retransmission is needed. This is known as a negative acknowledgement, and the transmitter retransmits the message upon receipt. If the message is error-free, the receiver sends an acknowledgement (ACK) to the transmitter. This form of error control is only capable of detecting errors; it has no ability to correct errors that have been detected. This concept is presented in Fig. 2.1.

Briefly, the operation can be described as follows:

- The transmitter generates “parity-bits” from a block of raw data.
- The transmission includes both data and parity bits.
- The receiver computes the received data and looks for errors.
- If it detects an error, an ARQ message is sent over the reverse channel.
- Upon receiving the request, the transmitter retransmits the data.



**Fig. 2.1** Automatic repeat request (ARQ). (a) The functional block diagram. (b) Representation of negative acknowledgement (NAK) and positive acknowledgement (ACK)

- The process continues until the receiver declares a valid data.

Although ARQ system cannot correct errors, it is an important building block in non-real-time digital communications where delay is not a problem, such as the Internet.

## 2.3 ARQ Building Blocks

### 2.3.1 Parity

A parity bit, also known as a check bit, is a bit added to the end of a string of binary word that indicates whether the number of bits in the word with the value one is even or odd [8, 9]. There are two types of parity bits:

- Even parity bit
- Odd parity bit

#### Even Parity (Pe)

In the case of even parity, the number of bits whose value is 1 in a given word are counted. If the count of ones in a given word is even, the parity bit value is 0. This is defined as  $Pe=0$ .

For example, a 2-bit word is said to be even, having an even parity bit as shown in the table below:

2-bit word	Even parity (Pe)
0 0	0
1 1	0

Similarly, a 3-bit word is said to be even, having an even parity bit as shown in the table below:

3-bit word	Even parity (Pe)
0 0 0	0
0 1 1	0
1 0 1	0
1 1 0	0

#### ODD Parity (Po)

In the case of odd parity, the number of bits whose value is 1 in a given word are counted. If the count of ones in a given word is odd, the parity bit value is 1. This is defined as  $Po=1$ .

For example, a 2-bit word is said to be odd, having an odd parity bit as shown in the table below:

2-bit word	Odd parity (Po)
0 1	1
1 0	1

Similarly, a 3-bit word is said to be odd, having an odd parity bit as shown in the table below:

3-bit word	Odd parity (Po)
0 0 1	1
0 1 0	1
1 0 0	1
1 1 1	1

Likewise, a 4-bit data has  $2^4=16$  words, having 8 even parities and 8 odd parities.

From the above examples, we see that, an n-bit word has  $n/2$  even parity bits and  $n/2$  odd parity bits.

### 2.3.2 Parity Is an Arithmetic Operation

Parity is an arithmetic operation, also known as Modulo2 or MOD2 addition. The following examples illustrate the operation:

#### Even Parity

$$0 \text{ MOD2 Add } 0 = 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$1 \text{ MOD2 Add } 1 = 1 + 1 = 0 \text{ (ignore the carry which is 1)}$$

#### Odd Parity

$$0 \text{ MOD2 Add } 1 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$1 \text{ MOD2 Add } 0 = 1 + 0 = 1$$

Similarly, a 3-bit word can be MOD2 added to generate an even parity and an odd parity as follows:

### Even Parity

$$0+0+0=0$$

$$0+1+1=0$$

$$1+0+1=0$$

$$1+1+0=0$$

### Odd Parity

$$0+0+1=1$$

$$0+1+0=1$$

$$1+0+0=1$$

$$1+1+1=1$$

Once again, in a given word, we see that when the number of 1's is even, the parity value is 0 and when the number 1's is odd, the parity value is 1. Therefore, by counting the number of 1's, the parity value of a given word can be determined simply by inspection.

### 2.3.3 Parity Generator

A parity generator is an array of exclusive OR (EXOR) gates that generate parity bits known as odd parity or even parity. The parity generators are used in the transmit side as well as in the receive side. Briefly,

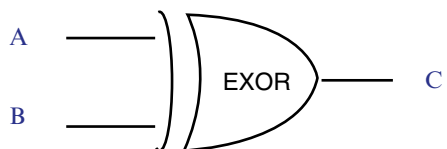
- ARQ is an arithmetic operation in digital system.
- It generates parity bits from a block of data.
- These parity bits are generated by means of a chain of exclusive OR gates (EXOR)

Our objective now is to examine exclusive OR gates and observe how parity bits can be generated by inspection.

### Two-Input EXOR

Consider the 2-input exclusive OR gate as shown in Fig. 2.2.

**Fig. 2.2** Two-input exclusive OR gate



The Boolean function of the exclusive OR gate is given by:

$$C = A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B$$

$$C = A \oplus B$$

$$C = A \text{ EXOR } B$$

Where,

- A=0 or 1
- B=0 or 1
- C=–Output bit value

The truth table is given below:

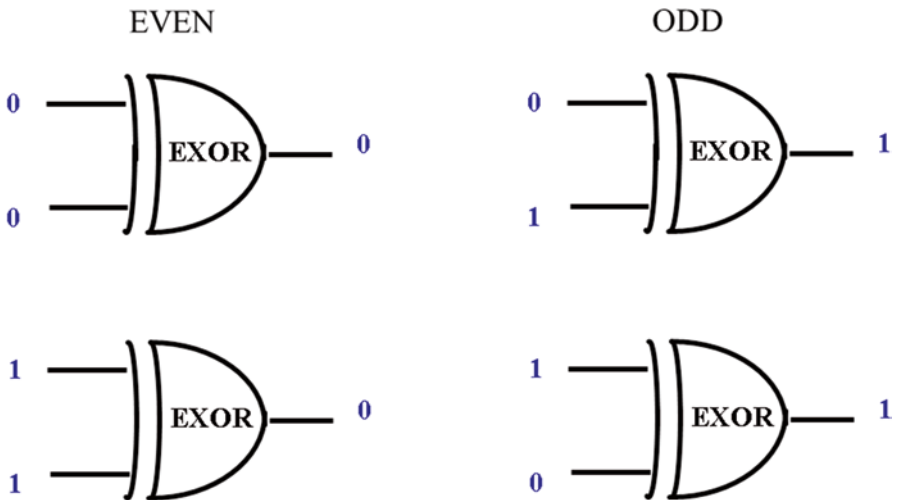
**Truth table of 2-input EXOR**

A	B	C
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

From the above truth table, we see that:

- When both inputs are the same, the output is 0: Even parity
- When both inputs are not the same, the output is 1: Odd parity

Therefore, we can also determine the parity simply by inspection as shown in Fig. 2.3.



**Fig. 2.3** Generation of parity bits by inspection



### 2.3.4 Exclusive OR Chain Showing the Generation of Even Parity by Inspection

Figure 2.4 shows a chain of two exclusive OR gates. To determine the value of the parity, we use the following logic:

- If the input=even number of 1's, then the output is even:  $P_e=0$
- If the input=odd number of 1's, then the output is odd:  $P_o=1$

Therefore, by inspection, we find that:

- For the first EXOR chain: Input = 110, which is even. Therefore, the parity value is 0, i.e.  $P_e=0$ .
- For the second EXOR chain: Input = 101, which is also even. Therefore, the parity value is 0, i.e.  $P_e=0$ .

### 2.3.5 Exclusive OR Chain Showing the Generation of Odd Parity by Inspection

Figure 2.5 shows a chain of two exclusive OR gates. To determine the value of parity, we use the following logic:

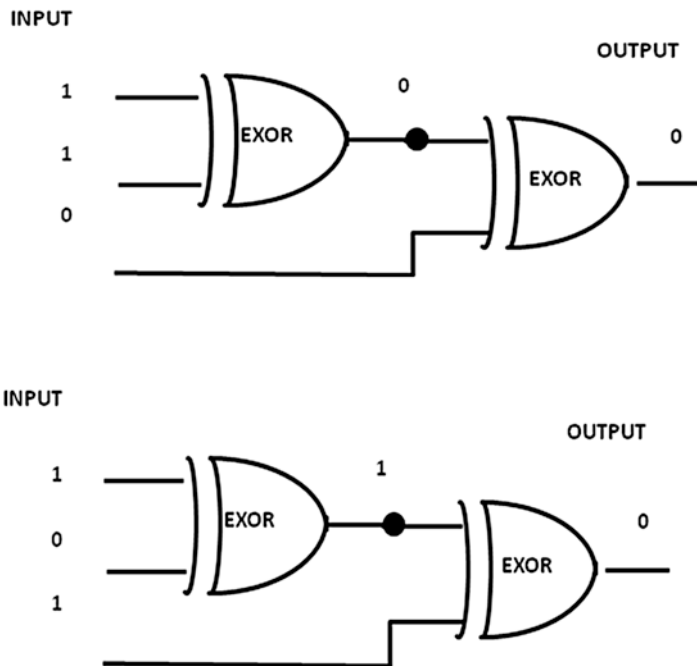


Fig. 2.4 Exclusive OR chain showing the generation of even parity by inspection

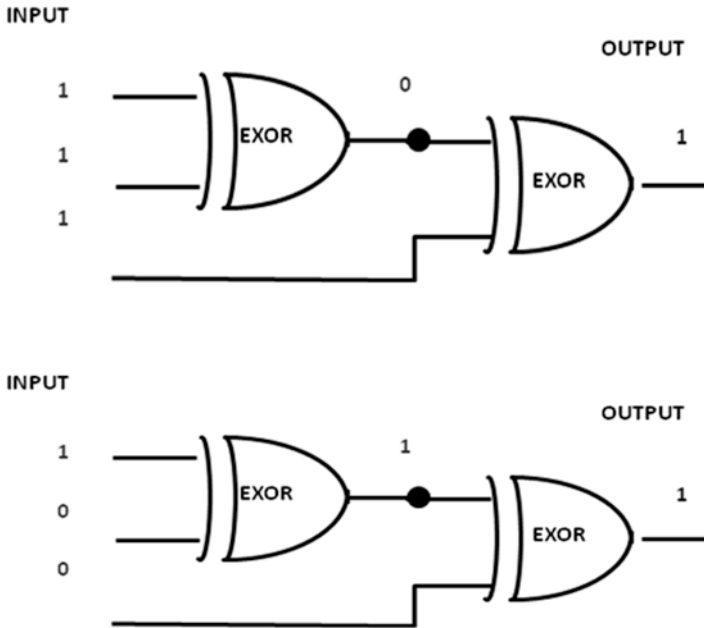


Fig. 2.5 Exclusive OR chain showing the generation of odd parity by inspection

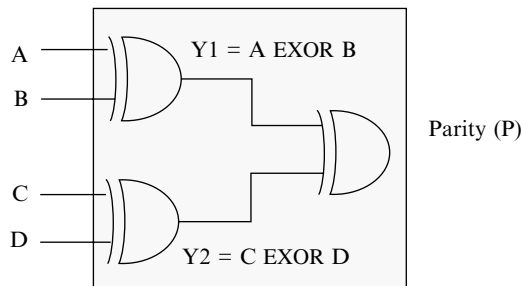
- If the input=even number of 1's, then the output is even:  $P_e=0$
- If the input=odd number of 1's, then the output is odd:  $P_o=1$

Therefore, by inspection, we find that:

- For the first EXOR chain: Input = 111, which is odd. Therefore, the parity value is 1, i.e.  $P_o=1$
- For the second EXOR chain: Input = 100, which is also odd. Therefore, the parity value is 1, i.e.  $P_o=1$ .

**Problem 2.1**

Consider the exclusive OR chain as shown below:



**Find:**

(a) The following Boolean function:

- Y1
- Y2
- P (Parity)

(b) If A=1, B=0, C=1, D=0, find the value of the corresponding parity value.

(c) If A=1, B=1, C=0, D=1, find the value of the corresponding parity value.

(d) Repeat part (b) and part (c) and give the parity values by inspection.

**Solution:**

(a)  $Y1 = A \text{ EXOR } B$

$Y2 = C \text{ EXOR } D$

$P = Y1 \text{ EXOR } Y2$

$= (A \text{ EXOR } B) \text{ EXOR } (C \text{ EXOR } D)$

(b) and (c) Table below show the parity values for the corresponding input bit values.

4-Bit Data Input				Parity		
A	B	C	D	Y1	Y2	P
1	0	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	1	1

(d) Generation of parity by inspection

Since A=1, B=0, C=1, D=0

We can write:

$$A + B + C + D = 1 + 0 + 1 + 0 = 0 \text{ (Even parity)}$$

Similarly, we have:

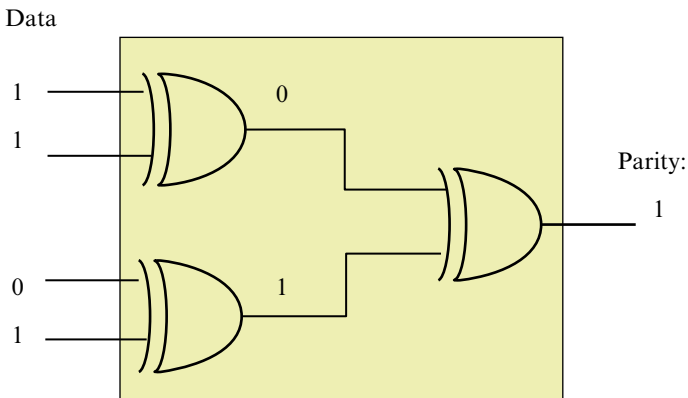
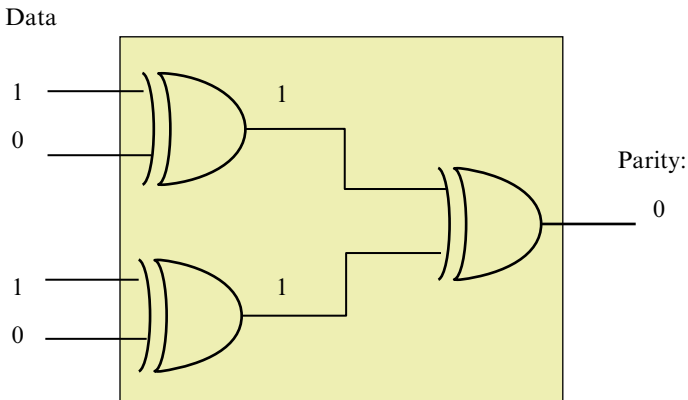
$$A = 1, B = 1, C = 0, D = 1$$

Therefore we can write:

$$A + B + C + D = 1 + 1 + 0 + 1 = 1 \text{ (Odd)}$$

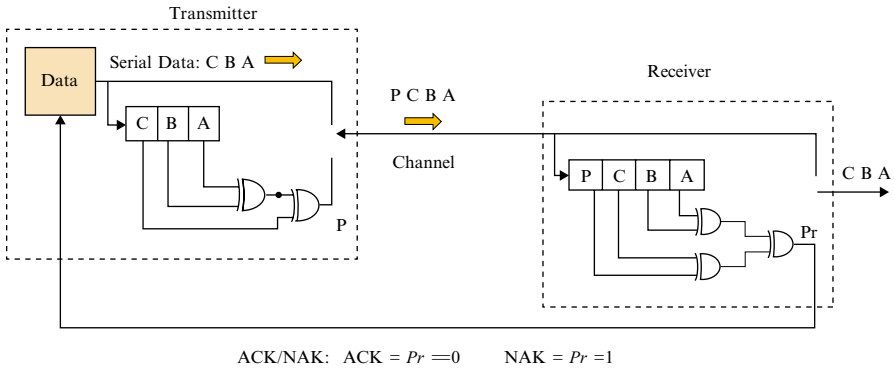
Figures below show the parity values obtained by inspection.

- The first parity generator yields an even parity since the data is even:  
 $1+0+1+0=0$ .
- The second parity generator yields an odd parity since the data is odd:  
 $1+1+0+1=1$ .



## 2.4 Construction of ARQ for Serial Data Processing

The ARQ technique adds a parity bit to the transmitted data stream that are used by the decoder to detect an error in the received data. Upon receiving, the receiver generates an additional parity bit out of the received data to detect an error and requests that the data be retransmitted, which is known as negative



**Fig. 2.6** Illustration of a 3-bit ARQ transceiver

acknowledgement or “NAK” and the transmitter retransmits the message upon receipt. This continues until the message is received correctly. When the message is error-free, the receiver sends a positive acknowledgement to the transmitter, known as “ACK”. This form of error control is only capable of detecting errors; it has no ability to correct errors that have been detected.

We examine this by means of a 3-bit ARQ transceiver system for serial data communication as shown in Fig. 2.6. It comprises a 3-bit parity generator at the transmit side and a 4-bit parity generator at the receive side. The operation is as follows:

- At the transmitter, the serial bit stream A B C are loaded into a serial to parallel shift register to generate a parity bit P.
- The parity generator generates a parity-bit (P), where  $P = A + B + C = 1$  or 0.
- The transmitter then transmits data+parity = 3 + 1 = 4 bits to the receiver.
- The receiver computes a new parity bit Pr, where  $Pr = P + A + B + C = 1$  or 0.
- If  $Pr = 1$ , it declares an error and an ARQ message is sent over the reverse channel as “NAK”.
- Upon receiving the request, the transmitter retransmits the data.
- The process continues until the receiver declares a valid data by transmitting a 0 ( $Pr = 0$ ), which is designated as “ACK”.

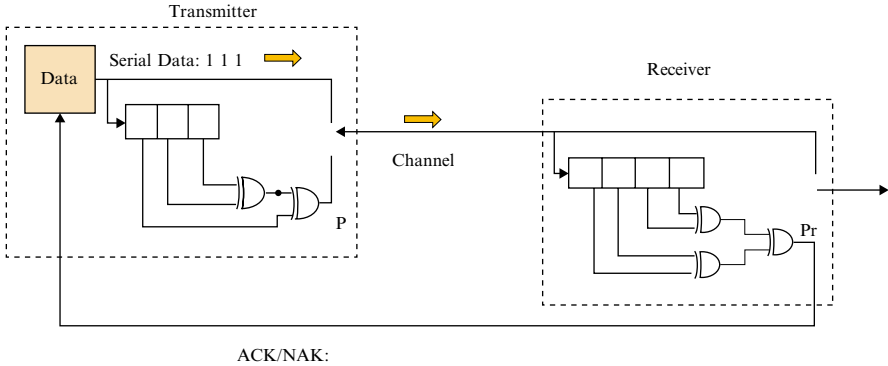
The ARQ process is governed by the following logic:

- If  $Pr = 1$ , then retransmit the data (NAK).
- If  $Pr = 0$ , then validate the data (ACK).

Where Pr is the parity generated by the receiver. This forms the basis of ARQ system.

**Problem 2.2**

Consider the 3-bit ARQ transceiver as shown below:

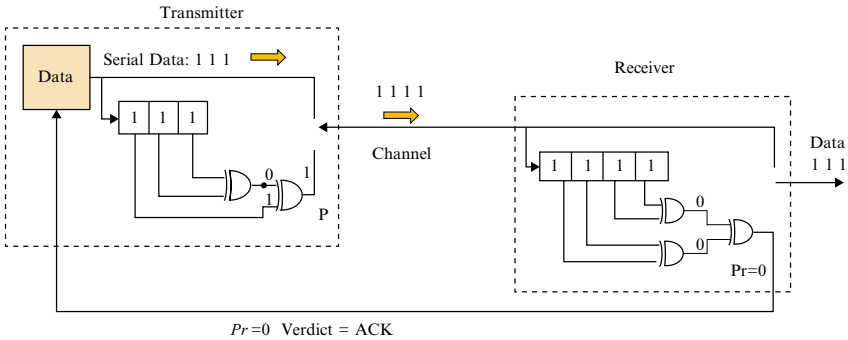


If the input bit pattern is 1 1 1, and if there are no transmission errors, show the flow of data throughout the ARQ transceiver. Give the parity values generated and declare a verdict (ACK or NACK).

**Solution:**

- Input bit pattern = 1 1 1 (Odd)
- Transmit parity  $P = 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$  (Odd parity)
- Transmit data = Data + Parity = 1 1 1 1 (Even)
- Received data with no errors = 1 1 1 1 (Even)
- Receive parity  $Pr = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 0$  (Even)
- Verdict = ACK (No errors)

Figure below shows the data flow and parity.



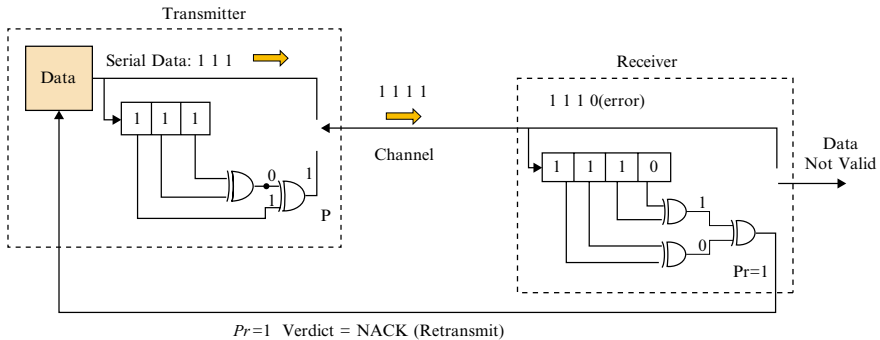
**Problem 2.3**

Consider the previous problem again. If the input bit pattern is 1 1 1, and if there is a transmission error for which the receiver receives a bit pattern 1 1 1 0, show the flow of data throughout the ARQ transceiver. Give the parity values generated and declare a verdict (ACK or NACK).

**Solution:**

- Input bit pattern = 1 1 1 (Odd)
- Transmit parity  $P = 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$  (Odd parity)
- Transmit data = Data + Parity = 1 1 1 1 (Even)
- Received data with one error = 1 1 1 0 (Odd)
- Receive parity  $P_r = 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 = 1$  (Odd)
- Verdict = NACK (Error) – Retransmit

Figure below shows the data flow and parity.



## 2.5 Construction of ARQ for Parallel Data Processing

Figure 2.7 shows the functional diagram of an ARQ system supporting 4-bit parallel data communication between a transmitter and a receiver. It comprises a 4-bit parity generator at the transmit side and 5-bit parity generator at the receive side.

As shown in the figure:

- The transmitter generates a parity-bit from a 4-bit word and transmits 4+1=5 bits to the receiver.
- The receiver computes a new parity from the received data comprising data plus a parity bit and looks for 1 or 0.
- If it is 1, it declares an error, an ARQ message is sent over the reverse channel.
- Upon receiving the request, the transmitter retransmits the data.
- The process continues until the receiver declares a valid data by transmitting a 0.

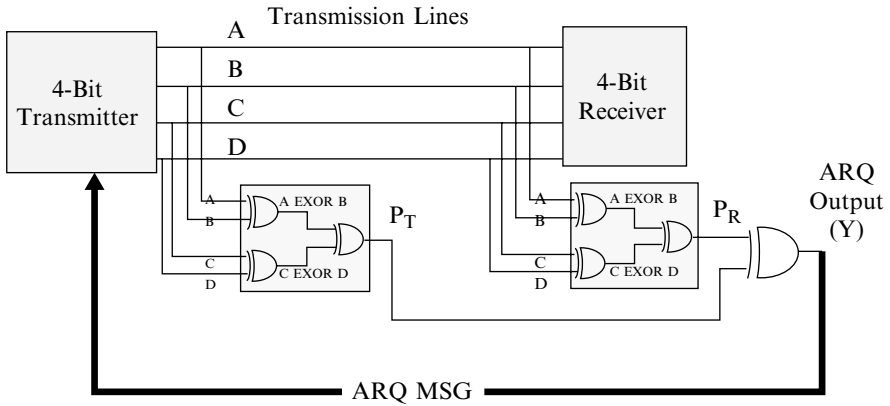
The ARQ process is governed by the following logic:

- If  $Y = 1$ , then retransmit the data (NAK).
- If  $Y = 0$ , then validate the data (ACK).

To illustrate this, let's consider the following examples:

**Example 2.1: (No Errors)**

In this example (Fig. 2.7), let's assume that there is no error.



**Fig. 2.7** ARQ for parallel data processing. This example shows that no error has been detected and the verdict is ACK

**Input data:**

- A = 1
- B = 0
- C = 1
- D = 0

**Parity bit generated from 4-bit data:**

$$P_T = A + B + C + D = 1 + 0 + 1 + 0 = 0$$

**Transmit bits:**

Data and parity = ABCDP<sub>T</sub> = 10100 (5 bits transmitted)

**Receive bits:**

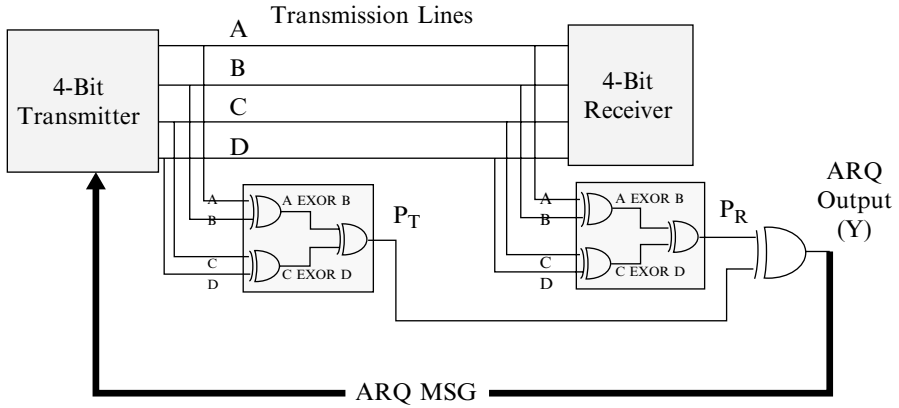
Receive Bits:

- A = 1 ↑
- B = 0
- C = 1
- D = 0
- P<sub>T</sub> = 0 ↓

Receiver generates its own parity out of 5 bits as P<sub>R</sub>:

- P<sub>R</sub> = A + B + C + D + P<sub>T</sub> = 1 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 = 0 (Even)
- Verdict: No error, ACK (Don't care).





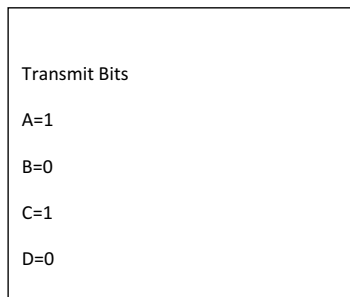
**Fig. 2.8** ARQ for parallel data processing. This example shows that an error has been detected and the verdict is NAK (Retransmit data)

**ARQ Example 2.2: With an Error**

In this example, let's assume that there is a transmission error. Let this error be A, which is 0 instead of 1 (Fig. 2.8).

**Transmit bits:**

- A = 1**
- B = 0**
- C = 1**
- D = 0**
- P<sub>T</sub> = 0**



**Receive bits: (A is in error at the receiver)**

- A = 0 → (Error)
- B = 0
- C = 1
- D = 0
- P<sub>T</sub> = 0

Receiver generates its own parity out of 5 bits as  $P_R$ :

- $P_R = A + B + C + D + P_T = 0 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 = 1$  (Odd)
- Verdict = NAK (Retransmit)

**Problem 2.4: [This Problem Assumes That the Parity Is in Error]**

**Given:**

**Transmit bits:**

$$A = 1$$

$$B = 0$$

$$C = 1$$

$$D = 0$$

$$P_T = 0$$

**Receive bits: ( $P_T$  is in error at the receiver)**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 0 \\ C = 1 \\ D = 0 \\ P_T = 1 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{(Parity is in Error)}$$

Receiver generates its own parity out of 5 bits as  $P_R$ :

- $P_R = A + B + C + D + P_T = 1 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 1 = 1$  (Odd)
- Verdict = NAK (Retransmit)

## 2.6 Merits and Demerits of ARQ System

This section will show that the ARQ system can only detect odd errors and cannot detect even errors. Let's examine this by means of examples.

### 2.6.1 Merits (ARQ Can Detect Odd Errors Only)

Consider the ARQ system as shown in Fig. 2.9. Here, we assume that there are three errors during transmission.

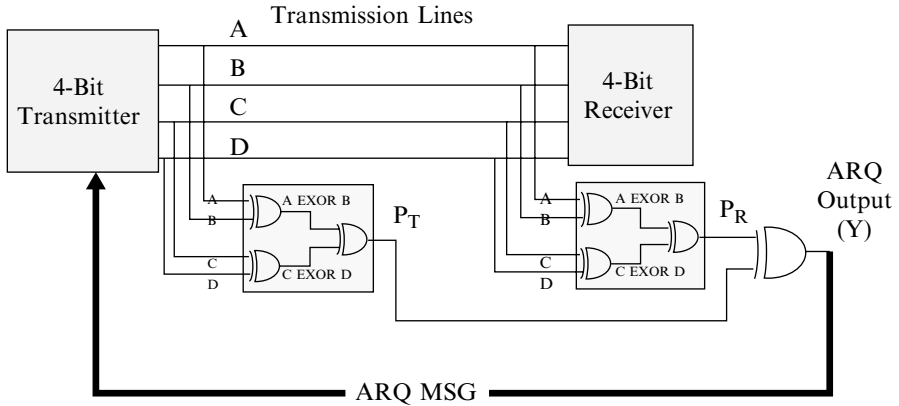
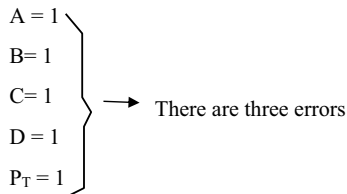


Fig. 2.9 A 4-bit ARQ for parallel data processing. This example will show that it can detect odd errors only

**Transmit bits:**

- A = 1
- B = 0
- C = 1
- D = 0
- $P_T = 0$

**Receive bits: (There are 3 errors at the receiver)**



Receiver generates its own parity out of 5 bits as  $P_R$ :

- $P_R = A + B + C + D + P_T = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$  (Odd)
- Verdict = NAK (Correct verdict)

Therefore, ARQ can detect odd errors.

### 2.6.2 Demerits (ARQ Cannot Detect Even Errors)

Consider the ARQ system as shown in Fig. 2.9 again. Here, we assume that there are two errors during transmission.

**Transmit bits:**

**A = 1**  
**B = 0**  
**C = 1**  
**D = 0**  
 $P_T = 0$

**Receive bits: (There are 2 errors at the receiver)**

A = 1  
 B = 1  
 C = 1  
 D = 1  
 $P_T = 0$

} → There are two errors

Receiver generates its own parity out of 5 bits as  $P_R$ :

- $P_R = A + B + C + D + P_T = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 = 0$  (Even)
- Verdict = ACK (Wrong verdict)

Therefore, ARQ cannot detect even errors.

## 2.7 Conclusions

- We have presented the basic concept of ARQ.
- We have also provided essential building blocks for ARQ.
- Construction of ARQ for serial data processing as well as for parallel data processing were shown to illustrate the concept.
- It is also shown that ARQ system cannot detect even errors and can detect multiple odd errors.

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# Chapter 3

## Block Coding

**Abstract** In block coding,  $k$  information bits are segmented into rectangular blocks consisting of  $M$  rows and  $N$  columns. The input data stream is parsed into  $N$ -bit chunks and placed into the block one row at a time. Once the  $M$  rows are filled, the encoder adds parity, or redundant, bits to the block to form a larger block. This larger rectangular block consist of  $(M + 1)$  rows and  $(N + 1)$  columns, and contains  $n$  coded information bits where  $n > k$ . The difference,  $(n - k)$ , are the parity bits. The purpose of the parity bits is to allow the decoder to detect and correct errors.

### Topics

- Introduction to Block Coding
- Block Code Building Blocks
- Typical Rectangular Block Coding
- Code Rate and Bandwidth
- Modified Rectangular Block Coding
- Modulation and Transmission at a Glance
- Transmission Bandwidth at a Glance
- Conclusions

### 3.1 Introduction to Block Coding

In forward error control coding (FECC), the data is encoded with the redundant bits to allow the receiver to not only detect errors but to correct them as well. In this system, a sequence of data signals is transformed into a longer sequence that contains enough redundancy to protect the data. This type of error control is also classified as channel coding because these methods are often used to correct errors that are caused by channel noise. The goal of all FECC techniques is to detect and correct as many errors as possible without greatly increasing the data rate or the bandwidth [1–5].

FECC codes are generally classified in two broad categories:

- Block codes
- Convolutional codes

Block codes are typically a memoryless technique that attempts to map the  $k$  input bits to  $n$  output bits, where  $n > k$ . The extra bits are referred to as parity bits. Block codes are usually denoted as  $(n, k)$  codes and have a code rate defined by  $k/n$  [6–8].

Convolutional codes are a technique that uses memory to produce  $n$  output bits from  $k$  input bits. The code rate is again defined as  $k/n$ . The code rate is an indication of the amount of redundancy for a particular code. A low value for the code rate relates to more error-correcting ability, but at the cost of increased bandwidth [9–14].

In any communication system, the use of channel coding is often achieved at the expense of other system characteristics. Therefore, trade-offs are often needed in order to develop a system that meets not only the performance needs, but also adheres to the bandwidth and power constraints as well. The first of these trade-offs is error performance versus bandwidth. Error-correction coding can be implemented to increase error performance, but these techniques require the transmission of additional bits, which will require an increase in bandwidth. Likewise, a system with limited power can reduce power without sacrificing error performance by implementing an FECC technique. This will again introduce an increase in the number of bits that need to be transmitted by the system, again at the expense of bandwidth. Both these trade-offs assume a real-time communication system. However, if a non-real-time system is used, FECC coding can be used to improve performance and reduce power, but there will be an increase in delay instead of bandwidth. These trade-offs need to be considered when a communication system is being designed.

This chapter presents the key concepts, underlying principles and practical application of block coding. Examples are provided to further illustrate the concept. In particular, the following topics are presented in this chapter:

- Block coding building blocks
- Typical rectangular block coding
- Code rate and bandwidth
- Modified rectangular block coding
- Modulation and transmission

## 3.2 Block Code Building Blocks

In block coding, the basic building block is a parity generator, where parity is an arithmetic operation, also known as Modulo2 or MOD2 addition. We have presented this topic in Chap. 2 in details. However, a short description is presented here for convenience.

A 2-bit word can be MOD2 added to generate an even parity and an odd parity as follows:

Even parity	ODD parity
0+0=0	0+1=1
1+1=0	1+0=1

Similarly, a 3-bit word can be MOD2 added to generate an even parity and an odd parity as follows:

Even parity	ODD parity
0+0+0=0	0+0+1=1
0+1+1=0	0+1+0=1
1+0+1=0	1+0+0=1
1+1+0=0	1+1+1=1

In a given word, we see that when the number of 1's is even, the parity value is 0 and when the number 1's is odd, the parity value is 1. Therefore, by counting the number of 1's, the parity value of a given word can be determined simply by inspection. We will use these analogies to construct block coding and see how block codes can detect and correct single errors.

### 3.3 Typical Rectangular Block Coding

#### 3.3.1 Construction of Data Block

Block codes are a form of forward error correction (FECC) that can be used to both detect and correct errors. They are a type of parity check code that map  $k$  input binary bits to  $n$  output binary bits. They are characterized by the  $(n, k)$  notation. One type of block code is a rectangular code, which can be thought of as a parallel code structure.

In rectangular block coding, the  $k$  information bits are first segmented into rectangular blocks consisting of  $M$  rows and  $N$  columns. The input data stream is parsed into  $N$ -bit chunks and placed into the block one row at a time. Once the  $M$  rows are filled, the encoder adds parity, or redundant, bits to the block to form a larger block. This larger rectangular block consist of  $(M+1)$  rows and  $(N+1)$  columns, and contains  $n$  coded information bits where  $n > k$ . The difference,  $(n-k)$ , are the parity bits. The purpose of the parity bits is to allow the decoder to detect and correct errors. The rate of the rectangular code is defined as:

$$r = \frac{k}{n} = \frac{MN}{(M+1)(N+1)}. \quad (3.1)$$

Once the information bits are placed into the rectangular block, a series of parity calculations are performed on the data. Modulo-2 addition, which is equivalent to



the logical exclusive-OR operation, is used to perform the calculations. The rules of modulo-2 addition are given in the previous section, which is given by the following equation:

$$0+0=0, 0+1=1, 1+0=1, 1+1=0, \quad (3.2)$$

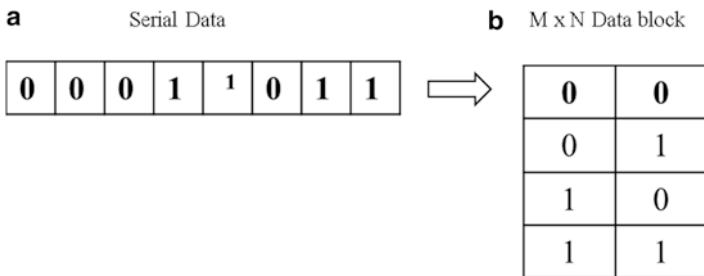
To illustrate the concept, an example of a  $(n, k)$  block coding scheme utilizing a  $(15, 8)$  rectangular block coding technique is displayed in Fig. 3.1a as an  $M \times N$  matrix, where

- $M$ =Number of rows=4
- $N$ =Number of columns=2
- $n=(M+1)(N+1)=15$  and
- $k=MN=8$
- $r=k/n=8/15$  is the code rate

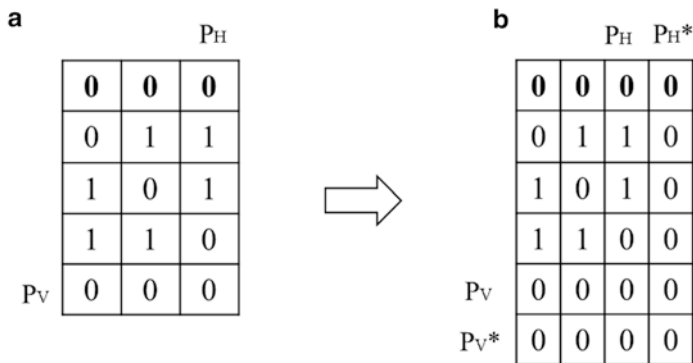
The input data stream is presented in Fig. 3.1a with the block assembled by the encoder given in Fig. 3.1b, which is the desired block of data having  $M$  rows and  $N$  columns, having  $M=4$ ,  $N=2$  and  $k=MN=8$ . The ratio  $k/n$ , defined as the code rate, is an important designed parameter in channel coding, where the inverse of code rate  $1/r$  is a factor which expands the transmission bandwidth.

### 3.3.2 Encoder: Construction of Block Codes

Figure 3.2a shows the construction of a block code, commonly known as encoder. Here, the encoder performs a horizontal parity calculation on each row of data and the result,  $P_H$ , is appended to the end of each row. Additionally, a vertical parity calculation is performed on each column of data with the result,  $P_V$ , being appended to the end of each column. An additional parity calculation is performed on the horizontal parity column,  $P_H$ , and placed at the end of the column. This ensures that both the parity row and parity column themselves have even parity. The entire block (data+parity) is then modulated and transmitted across the communication channel.



**Fig. 3.1** (a) Serial data and (b) rectangular data block having  $M=4$ ,  $N=2$  and  $k=MN=8$



**Fig. 3.2** (a) Encoder: Encoded data at the transmitter with vertical parity,  $P_V$ , and horizontal parity,  $P_H$ . (b) Decoder: Received data with an additional vertical and horizontal parity,  $P_V^*$ , and horizontal parity,  $P_H^*$ , respectively

### 3.3.3 Decoder: Detection and Correction of Errors

At the receiving end (Fig. 3.2b), the decoder performs a series of additional parity calculations on the received block. A new horizontal parity,  $P_H^*$ , is calculated with the result appended to the end of each row. A new vertical parity,  $P_V^*$ , is also calculated and placed at the end of each column. These additional parity calculations are utilized by the decoder in the error detection and correction process.

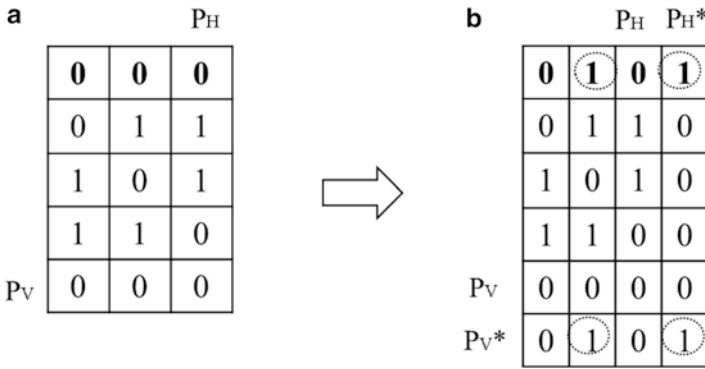
### 3.3.4 Example of Error Detection and Correction

Rectangular block coding is capable of detecting and correcting any single bit errors. If there is an error, a parity check failure ( $P_H^* = 1$  and  $P_V^* = 1$ ) will occur in the respective row and column. This allows the decoder to determine the location of the error and correct it. An example of an erroneous (15, 8) rectangular block coding scheme is presented in Fig. 3.3.

The input data stream is the same as before. The encoded block of data, shown in Fig. 3.3a, is generated as follows.

- At the Encoder** Generate horizontal parity  $P_H$  from each row.
- Generate vertical parity  $P_V$  from each column.
  - Transmit the entire content of the coded block to the receiver.

**At the Decoder** Let's assume that there is an error during transmission. The error is indicated in Fig. 3.3b by a circle. The decoder has no knowledge about this error. According to the protocol, the decoder performs the following:



**Fig. 3.3** Example of an erroneous  $(n, k)$  rectangular block code. (a) The encoder block. (b) The decoder block

- Decoder generates horizontal parity  $P_H^*$  from each row.
- Decoder generates vertical parity  $P_V^*$  from each column.

In Fig. 3.3b, it can be observed that the location of the error is determined by the row and column in which the parity check failures occur. The decoder would then flip this bit to correct the error. This type of FECC technique, however, is only capable of correcting single bit errors. Rectangular block codes can detect some multi-bit errors, but are unable to correct them.

### 3.4 Code Rate and Bandwidth

#### 3.4.1 Code Rate

In rectangular block coding, the  $k$  information bits are segmented into rectangular blocks consisting of  $M$  rows and  $N$  columns. Parity bits are generated from each row and each column to form a larger rectangular coded block. This larger rectangular block consist of  $(M + 1)$  rows and  $(N + 1)$  columns, and contains  $n$  coded information bits where  $n > k$ . The extra bits,  $(n - k)$ , are referred to as parity bits. The purpose of the parity bits is to allow the decoder to detect and correct errors. Block codes are usually denoted as  $(n, k)$  codes and have a code rate defined by  $k/n$ . This is given by the following equation:

$$r = k / n \tag{3.3}$$

Where,

$r$  = Code rate

$k$  = Number of uncoded bit

$n$  = Number of coded bits

### 3.4.2 Bandwidth

In block coding, redundant bits (parity bits) are transmitted along with information bits, which will require an increase in bandwidth. Before modulation, this is given by:

$$\text{Bandwidth : } BW = R_b / r = R_b (n / k) \tag{3.4}$$

Where,

$R_b$  = Input bit rate (b/s)

$n$  = Number of bits after coding

$k$  = Number of bits before coding

#### Problem 3.1

A rectangular block code is constructed by using  $M$  rows and  $N$  columns, where  $M=4$  and  $N=3$ . Calculate the code rate.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Code Rate } r = \frac{k}{n} = \frac{MN}{(M+1)(N+1)} = (4 \times 3) / (5 \times 4) = 12 / 20 = 0.6$$

#### Problem 3.2

Consider the block of data as shown below:

Data

<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0

- (a) Construct the encoded data block at the transmitter.
- (b) If there is no error, construct the decoded data block at the receiver.
- (c) If the bit in location row 1 and column 1 is in error, show how the receiver detects and corrects the error.

**Solution:**

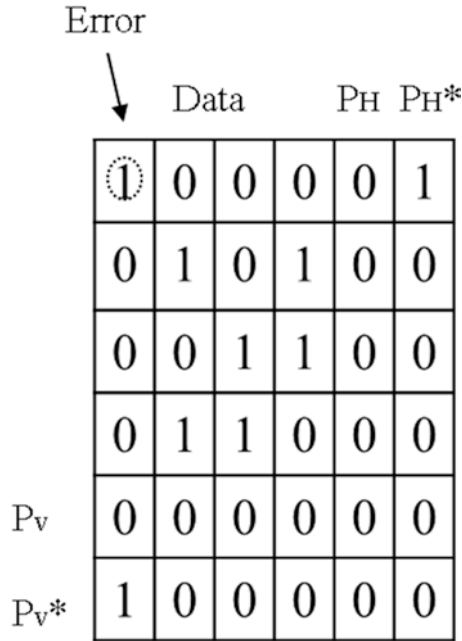
- (a) Encoded Data Block

At the transmit end, the encoder performs a series of parity calculations on the data block. A horizontal parity,  $P_H$ , is calculated with the result appended to the end



(c) Decoded Data Block (With an Error)

Since the error occurs in location row 1 and column 1 (dotted circle), the corresponding horizontal and vertical parity values are changed, indicating the location of the error. Therefore, this bit can be inverted to make the correction. See figure below:



**Problem 3.3**

**Given:**

- Bit rate  $R_b = 10$  kb/s
- $(49 \times 36)$  block code

**Find:**

- (a) The  $(49 \times 36)$  block coding scheme
- (b) Calculate the code rate  $r$
- (c) Calculate the bandwidth without modulation
- (d) If the input bit rate  $R_b = 10$  kb/s, calculate the required transmission bandwidth

**Solution:**

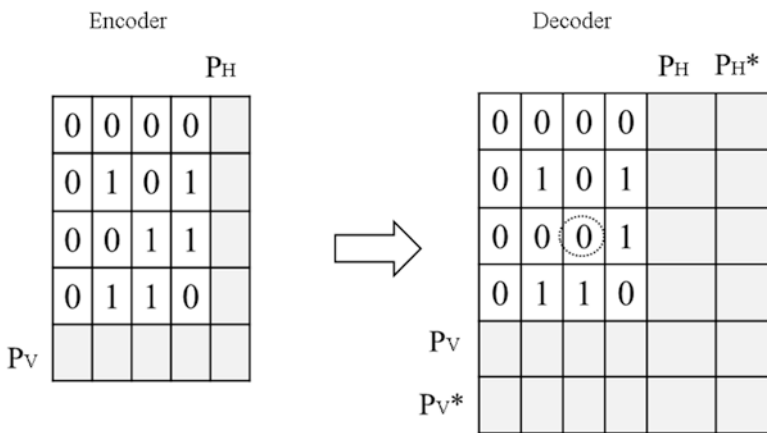
- (a)  $(49 \times 36)$  block coding scheme:
  - $k = 36$ . Therefore the uncoded block can be constructed as:  $M \times N = 6 \times 6$  matrix
  - $n = 49$ . Therefore the coded block can be constructed as:  $(M + 1)(N + 1) = 7 \times 7$  matrix

- (b) Code rate  $r = k/n = 36/49 = 0.734694$
- (c)  $BW = R_p/r = 10 \text{ kb}/0.734694 = 13.61111 \text{ kHz}$

**Drill Exercise**

**Given:**

- A 16-bit data block arranged as a  $4 \times 4$  matrix as shown below.
  - During transmission, the bit in location row 3 and column 3 gets corrupted and the receiver decodes it as “0” as indicated by a circle.
- (a) Construct the encoded data block.
  - (b) Construct the decoded data block and show how the receiver detects and corrects the error bit.



### 3.5 Modified Rectangular Block Coding

#### 3.5.1 Encoder

In an attempt to enhance the error correcting capability, a modified technique was developed [15]. This modified block coding scheme adds fewer parity bits, which results in a saving of bandwidth. As the input data stream enters the encoder, it is parsed into smaller  $k$ -bit data chunks. A horizontal parity calculation is then performed on the  $k$ -bit data chunk. The parity calculations are computed using modulo-2 addition. The  $k$ -bit data chunk is then placed into one of two rectangular blocks, each containing  $M$  rows and  $k$  columns. If the result of the horizontal parity calculation is even (a result of 0), the  $k$ -bit data chunk is placed into the “even” block. If the result of the horizontal parity calculation is odd (a result of 1), the  $k$ -bit data chunk is placed into the “odd” block. This technique eliminates the need to transmit the horizontal parity column,  $P_H$ , required in typical rectangular block coding. This is possible because the horizontal parity of the blocks is known to the decoder, since only  $k$ -bit data chunks consisting of even (or odd) parity are present in each block.

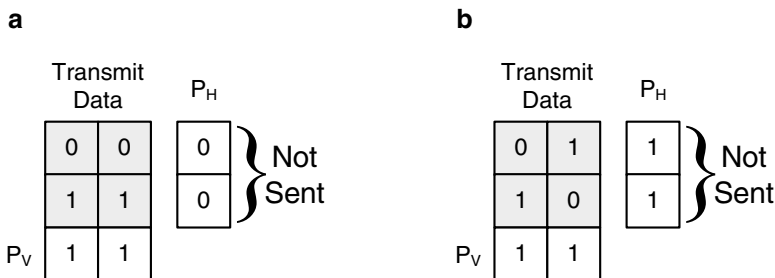
The savings depend on the number of rows in each block used by the encoder. The modified scheme then performs a vertical parity calculation,  $P_V$ , and appends it to the end of each column. This is illustrated in Fig. 3.4, using 2-bit data chunks and the same 8-bit input data stream used in the rectangular block coding examples and shown previously.

### 3.5.2 Decoder

As the data are received, they are placed in the appropriate parity block and a time-stamp is appended to the end of the row corresponding to the order of arrival. This does not add to the amount of transmitted data because it is performed at the decoder. Once the parity row has been received, the decoder calculates a new vertical parity,  $P_V^*$ , for each column. It also calculates a new horizontal parity,  $P_H^*$ , for each row. For the horizontal parity calculations, the encoder uses the received data along with the parity value of the block. This is the same method as that used in typical rectangular block coding.

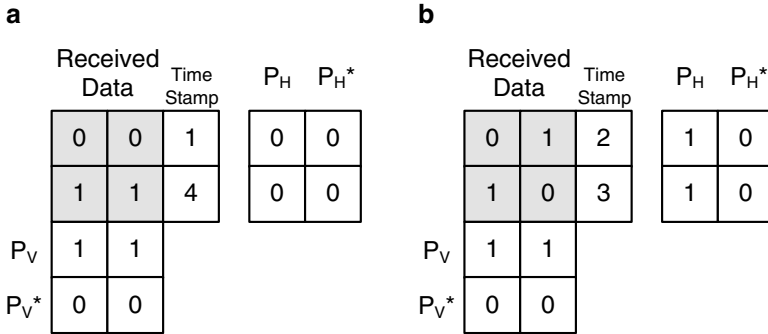
The modified technique can detect and correct any single-bit error in each block for a total of two errors. The location of the error can be determined from the row and column in which a parity check failure ( $P_H^* = 1$  and  $P_V^* = 1$ ) occurred. A visual example of a decoder using the modified block coding technique is displayed in Fig. 3.5.

Not only does the modified technique require fewer parity bits than typical rectangular block coding, but it also results in greater coding strength. This is due to the fact that there are fewer bits being transmitted over a potentially noisy channel. In typical rectangular block coding, the horizontal parity column is transmitted, which makes it susceptible to corruption by channel noise. If the horizontal parity bits are corrupted, they will affect the ability of the decoder to detect and correct errors in the received data. The modified technique proposed does not suffer from this because the horizontal parity column for each block is not transmitted over the communication channel. Instead, it is determined by the decoder, based on the received demodulation frequency. Moreover, the proposed modified technique is capable of correcting any single bit error per block, for a total of two errors.



**Fig. 3.4** Example encoder using the modified block coding technique. (a) Even parity block. (b) Odd parity block





**Fig. 3.5** Example decoder using the modified block coding technique. (a) Even parity block. (b) Odd parity block

A major difference between the modified block coding scheme and typical rectangular block coding is the method in which the data are modulated and transmitted across the communication channel. If the entire block was modulated and transmitted as in rectangular block coding, it would not be possible to reassemble the data. This is because the decoder would not know the order in which the data entered the encoder without the encoder adding a timestamp to the data. The timestamp would eliminate the bandwidth saved by the modified technique.

To accommodate this, as each parsed chunk of the input data stream is placed into one of the blocks, it is also modulated and transmitted across the communication channel. Modulation can be performed using any of the following modulation schemes:

- Amplitude shift keying (ASK), also known as on-off keying (OOK)
- Frequency shift keying (FSK)
- Phase shift keying (PSK)

Once the parity row of the block has been calculated, it is also modulated using the appropriate modulator and transmitted by means of the respective carrier frequency. Since there are two parity blocks, the modified technique corrects two errors at the expense of two carrier frequencies (one for each parity block).

### 3.6 Modulation and Transmission at a Glance

Once the data is encoded, it needs to be modulated before transmission. This is a fundamental requirement in wireless communication, where modulation is a technique that changes the characteristics of the carrier frequency in accordance to the input digital signal. Furthermore, the radiating device is an antenna, which is a reciprocal device that transmits and receives sinusoidal waves. The size of the antenna depends on the wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) of the sinusoidal wave where,

$$\lambda = c / f \text{ meter}$$

$c$  = velocity of light =  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s

$f$  = Frequency of the sinusoidal wave, also known as “carrier frequency”

Therefore, a carrier frequency much higher than the input signal is required to keep the size of the antenna at an acceptable limit. For these reasons, a high frequency carrier signal is used in the modulation process. In this process, the low frequency input signal changes the characteristics of the high frequency sinusoidal waveform in a certain manner, depending on the modulation technique. For digital signals, there are several modulation techniques available. The three main digital modulation techniques are:

- Amplitude shift keying (ASK)
- Frequency shift keying (FSK)
- Phase shift keying (PSK)

### 3.6.1 Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK) Modulation

Amplitude shift keying (ASK), also known as on-off keying (OOK), is a method of digital modulation that utilizes amplitude shifting of the relative amplitude of the carrier frequency [16, 17]. The signal to be modulated and transmitted is binary; this is referred to as ASK, where the amplitude of the carrier changes in discrete levels, in accordance to the input signal.

Figure 3.6 shows a functional diagram of a typical ASK modulator for different input bit sequences, where

- Input digital signal is the information we want to transmit.
- Carrier is the radio frequency without modulation.
- Output is the ASK modulated carrier, which has two amplitudes corresponding to the binary input signal. For binary signal 1, the carrier is ON. For the binary signal 0, the carrier is OFF; however, a small residual signal may remain due to noise, interference etc.

As shown in Fig. 3.6, the amplitude of the carrier changes in discrete levels, in accordance to the input signal, where,

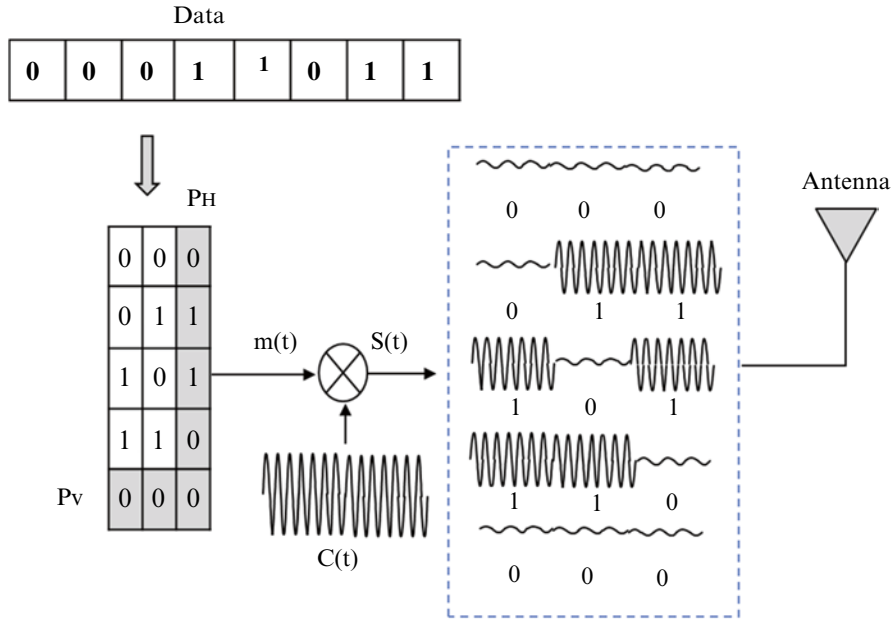
- Input data :  $m(t) = 0$  or  $1$
- Carrier frequency :  $C(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$
- Modulated carrier :  $S(t) = m(t)C(t) = m(t)A \cos(\omega t)$

Therefore,

For  $m(t) = 1$ :  $S(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$ , i.e. the carrier is ON

For  $m(t) = 0$ :  $S(t) = 0$ , i.e. the carrier is OFF

Where  $A$  is the amplitude and  $\omega$  is the frequency of the carrier.



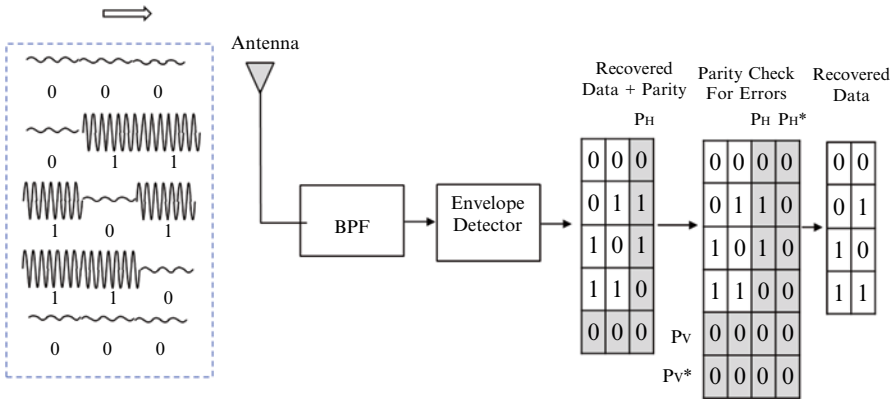
**Fig. 3.6** Amplitude shift keying (ASK), also known as on-off keying (OOK). The input encoded data block is transmitted row by row. The amplitude of the carrier frequency changes in accordance to the input digital signal

### 3.6.2 Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK) Demodulation

Once the modulated binary data has been transmitted, it needs to be received and demodulated. This is often accomplished with the use of a bandpass filter. In the case of ASK, the receiver needs to utilize one bandpass filter that is tuned to the appropriate carrier frequency. As the signal enters the receiver, it passes through the filter and a decision as to the value of each bit is made to recover the encoded data block, along with horizontal and vertical parities. Next, the receiver appends horizontal and vertical parities  $P_H^*$  and  $P_V^*$  to check parity failures and recovers the data block. This is shown in Fig. 3.7 having no errors. If there is an error, there will be a parity failure in  $P_H^*$  and  $P_V^*$  to pinpoint the error.

### 3.6.3 Frequency Shift Keying (FSK) Modulation

Frequency shift keying (FSK) is a method of digital modulation that utilizes frequency shifting of the relative frequency content of the signal [16, 17]. The signal to be modulated and transmitted is binary; this is referred to as binary FSK (BFSK), where the carrier frequency changes in discrete levels, in accordance with the input signal.



**Fig. 3.7** Data recovery process in ASK, showing no errors. If there is an error, there will be a parity failure in P<sub>H</sub>\* and P<sub>V</sub>\* to pinpoint the error

Figure 3.8 shows a functional diagram of a typical FSK modulator for different input bit sequences, where

- Input digital signal is the information we want to transmit.
- Carrier is the radio frequency without modulation.
- Output is the FSK modulated carrier, which has two frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , corresponding to the binary input signal.
- These frequencies correspond to the messages binary 0 and 1, respectively.

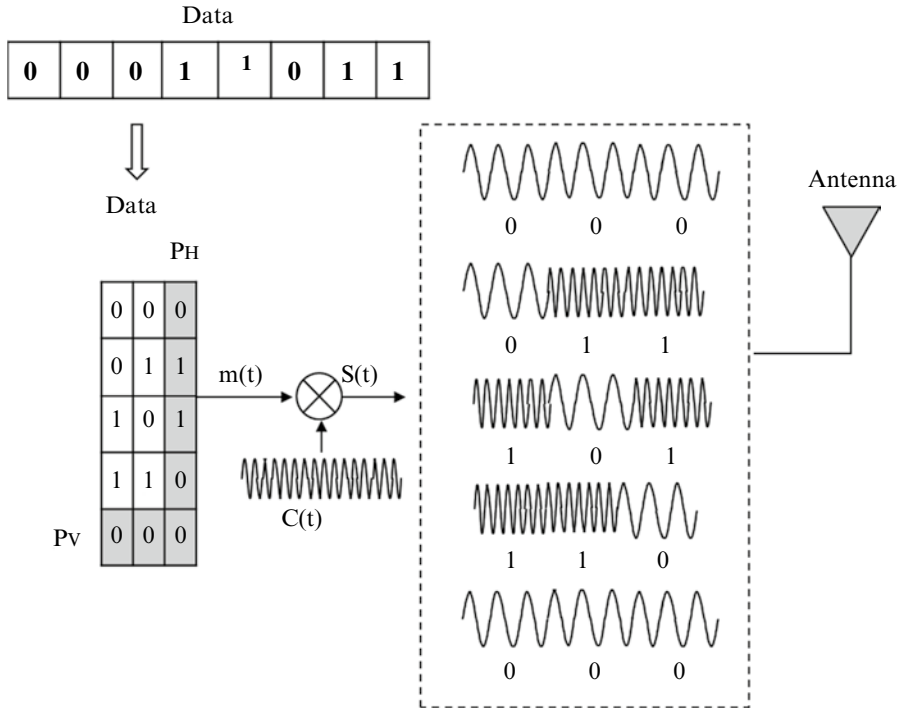
As shown in Fig. 3.8, the frequency of the carrier changes in discrete levels, in accordance to the input signals. We have:

- Input data :  $m(t) = 0$  or  $1$
  - Carrier frequency :  $C(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$
  - Modulated carrier :  $S(t) = A \cos(\omega - \Delta\omega)t$ , For  $m(t) = 1$
- Where  $S(t) = A \cos(\omega + \Delta\omega)t$ , For  $m(t) = 0$

- $A$  = Amplitude of the carrier
- $\omega$  = Nominal frequency of the carrier frequency
- $\Delta\omega$  = Frequency deviation

### 3.6.4 Frequency Shift Keying (FSK) Demodulation

Once the modulated binary data has been transmitted, it needs to be received and demodulated. This is often accomplished with the use of bandpass filters. In the case of binary FSK, the receiver needs to utilize two bandpass filters that are tuned to the appropriate frequencies. Since the nominal carrier frequency and the frequency



**Fig. 3.8** Binary frequency shift keying (BFSK) modulation. The input encoded data block is transmitted row by row. The frequency of the carrier changes in accordance to the input digital signal

deviation are known, this is relatively straightforward. One bandpass filter will be centred at the frequency  $\omega_1$ , and the other at  $\omega_2$ . As the signal enters the receiver, it passes through the filters and a decision as to the value of each bit is made. This is shown in Fig. 3.9. In order to assure that the bits are decoded correctly, the frequency deviation needs to be chosen with the limitations of the filters in mind to eliminate cross-over.

### 3.6.5 Phase Shift Keying (PSK) Modulation

Phase shift keying (PSK) is a method of digital modulation that utilizes phase of the carrier to represent digital signal [16, 17]. The signal to be modulated and transmitted is binary; this is referred to as binary PSK (BPSK), where the phase of the carrier changes in discrete levels, in accordance with the input signal as shown below:

- Binary 0 (Bit 0):  $\text{Phase}_1 = 0^\circ$
- Binary 1 (Bit 1):  $\text{Phase}_2 = 180^\circ$

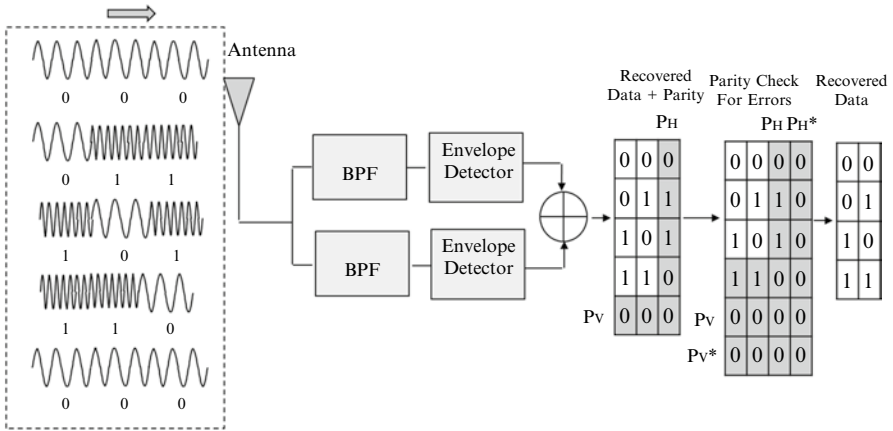


Fig. 3.9 Binary FSK detector utilizing two matched bandpass filters

Figure 3.10 shows a functional diagram of a typical binary phase shift keying (BPSK) modulator for different input bit sequences, where

- Input digital signal is the information we want to transmit.
- Carrier is the radio frequency without modulation.
- Output is the BPSK modulated carrier, which has two phases  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  corresponding to the two information bits.

As shown in Fig. 3.10, the phase of the carrier changes in discrete levels, in accordance to the input signal. We have:

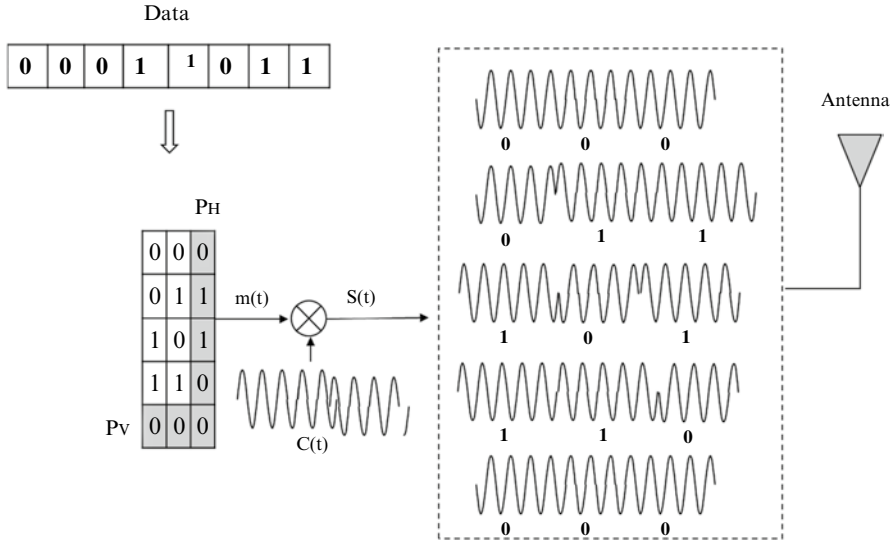
- Input data :  $m(t) = 0$  or  $1$
- Carrier frequency :  $C(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$
- Modulated carrier :  $S(t) = A \cos(\omega + \varphi)t$

Where

- $\varphi = 0^\circ, m(t) = 0$
- $\varphi = 180^\circ, m(t) = 1$
- $A =$  Amplitude of the carrier
- $\omega =$  Frequency of the carrier frequency

### 3.6.6 Phase Shift Keying (PSK) Demodulation

Once the modulated binary data has been transmitted, it needs to be received and demodulated. This is often accomplished with the use of a phase detector, typically known as phase locked loop (PLL). As the signal enters the receiver, it passes through the PLL. The PLL locks to the incoming carrier frequency and tracks the variations in frequency and phase. This is known as coherent detection technique,



**Fig. 3.10** Binary phase shift keying (BPSK) modulation. The input encoded data block is transmitted row by row. The phase of the carrier frequency changes in accordance to the input digital signal

where the knowledge of the carrier frequency and phase must be known to the receiver. Figure 3.11 shows a simplified diagram of a BPSK demodulator along with the data recovery process. In order to assure that the bits are decoded correctly, the phase deviation needs to be chosen with the limitations of the PLL in mind to eliminate cross-over.

### 3.7 Estimation of Transmission Bandwidth

In wireless communications, the scarcity of RF spectrum is well known. For this reason we have to be vigilant about using transmission bandwidth in error control coding and modulation. The transmission bandwidth depends on:

- Spectral response of the encoded data
- Spectral response of the carrier frequency
- Modulation type (ASK, FSK, PSK) etc.

#### 3.7.1 Spectral Response of the Encoded Data

In digital communications, data is generally referred to as a non-periodic digital signal. It has two values:

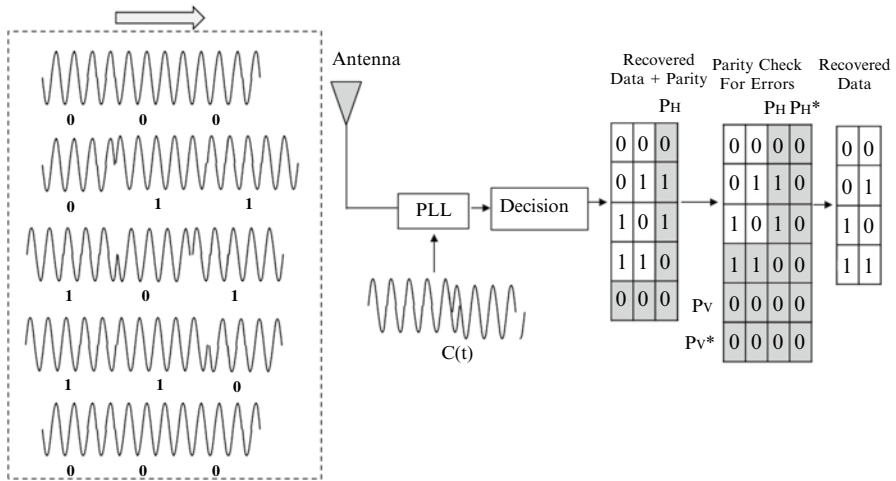


Fig. 3.11 Binary PSK detector showing data recovery process

- Binary-1 = High, Period = T
- Binary-0 = Low, Period = T

Also, data can be represented in two ways:

- Time domain representation
- Frequency domain representation

The time domain representation (Fig. 3.12a), known as non-return-to-zero (NRZ), is given by:

$$V(t) = \begin{cases} V & 0 < t < T \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

The frequency domain representation is given by “Fourier transform”:

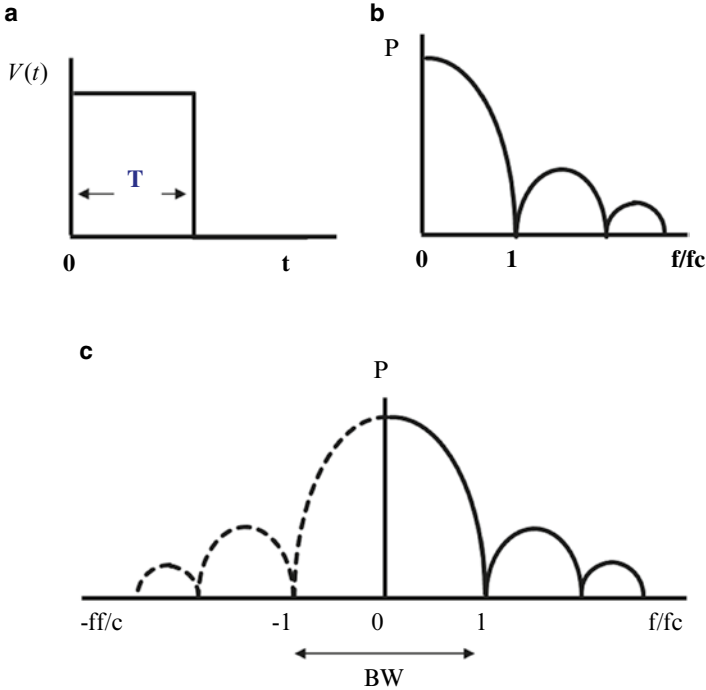
$$V(\omega) = \int_0^T V \cdot e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (3.6)$$

$$|V(\omega)| = VT \left[ \frac{\text{Sin}(\omega T / 2)}{\omega T / 2} \right]$$

$$P(\omega) = \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) |V(\omega)|^2 = V^2 T \left[ \frac{\text{Sin}(\omega T / 2)}{\omega T / 2} \right]^2 \quad (3.7)$$

Here,  $P(\omega)$  is the power spectral density. This is plotted in Fig. 3.12b. The main lobe corresponds to the fundamental frequency and side lobes correspond to harmonic





**Fig. 3.12** (a) Discrete time digital signal, (b) its one-sided power spectral density and (c) two-sided power spectral density. The bandwidth associated with the non-return to zero (NRZ) data is  $2R_b$ , where  $R_b$  is the bit rate

components. The bandwidth of the power spectrum is proportional to the frequency. In practice, the side lobes are filtered out since they are relatively insignificant with respect to the main lobe. Therefore, the one-sided bandwidth is given by the ratio  $f/f_b = 1$ . In other words, the one-sided bandwidth  $= f = f_b$ , where  $f_b = R_b = 1/T$ ,  $T$  being the bit duration.

The general equation for two-sided response is given by:

$$V(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V(t) \cdot e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

In this case,  $V(\omega)$  is called two-sided spectrum of  $V(t)$ . This is due to both positive and negative frequencies used in the integral. The function can be a voltage or a current Fig. 3.12c shows the two-sided response, where the bandwidth is determined by the main lobe as shown below:

$$\text{Two sided bandwidth (BW)} = 2R_b \quad (R_b = \text{Bit rate before coding}) \quad (3.8)$$

### Important Notes

1. If  $R_b$  is the bit rate before coding, and if the data is NRZ, then the bandwidth associated with the raw data will be  $2R_b$ . For example, if the bit rate before coding is 10 kb/s, then the bandwidth associated with the raw data will be  $2 \times 10 \text{ kb/s} = 20 \text{ kHz}$ .
2. If  $R_b$  is the bit rate before coding, code rate is  $r$ , and if the data is NRZ, then the bitrate after coding will be  $R_b(\text{coded}) = R_b(\text{uncoded})r$ . The corresponding bandwidth associated with the coded data will be  $2R_b(\text{coded}) = 2R_b(\text{uncoded})/r$ . For example, if the bit rate before coding is 10 kb/s and the code rate  $r = 1/2$ , the coded bit rate will be  $R_b(\text{coded}) = R_b(\text{uncoded})/r = 10/0.5 = 20 \text{ kb/s}$ . The corresponding bandwidth associated with the coded data will be  $2 \times 20 = 40 \text{ kHz}$ .

### 3.7.2 Spectral Response of the Carrier Frequency Before Modulation

A carrier frequency is essentially a sinusoidal waveform, which is periodic and continuous with respect to time. It has one frequency component. For example the sine wave is described by the following time domain equation:

$$V(t) = V_p \sin(\omega t_c) \quad (3.9)$$

Where,

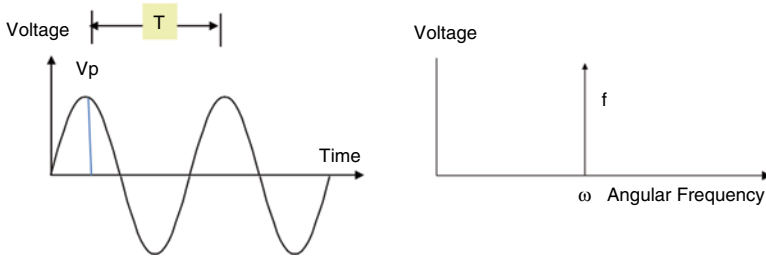
- $V_p$  = Peak voltage
- $\omega_c = 2\pi f_c$
- $f_c$  = Carrier frequency in Hz

Figure 3.13 shows the characteristics of a sine wave and its spectral response. Since the frequency is constant, its spectral response is located in the horizontal axis and the peak voltage is shown in the vertical axis. The corresponding bandwidth is zero.

### 3.7.3 ASK Bandwidth at a Glance

In ASK, the amplitude of the carriers changes in discrete levels, in accordance with the input signal, where,

- Input data :  $m(t) = 0 \text{ or } 1$
- Carrier frequency :  $C(t) = A_c \cos(\omega_c t)$
- Modulated carrier :  $S(t) = m(t)C(t) = m(t)A_c \cos(\omega_c t)$



**Fig. 3.13** A sine wave and its frequency response

Since  $m(t)$  is the input digital signal and it contains an infinite number of harmonically related sinusoidal waveforms and that we keep the fundamental and filter out the higher order components, we write:

$$m(t) = A_m \text{Sin}(\omega_m t)$$

The ASK modulated signal then becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) = m(t)S(t) &= A_m A_c \text{Sin}(\omega_m t) \text{Cos}(\omega_c) \\ &= A_m A_c \text{Cos}(\omega_c \pm \omega_m) \end{aligned}$$

The spectral response is depicted in Fig. 3.14. Notice that the spectral response after ASK modulation is the shifted version of the NRZ data. Bandwidth is given by:

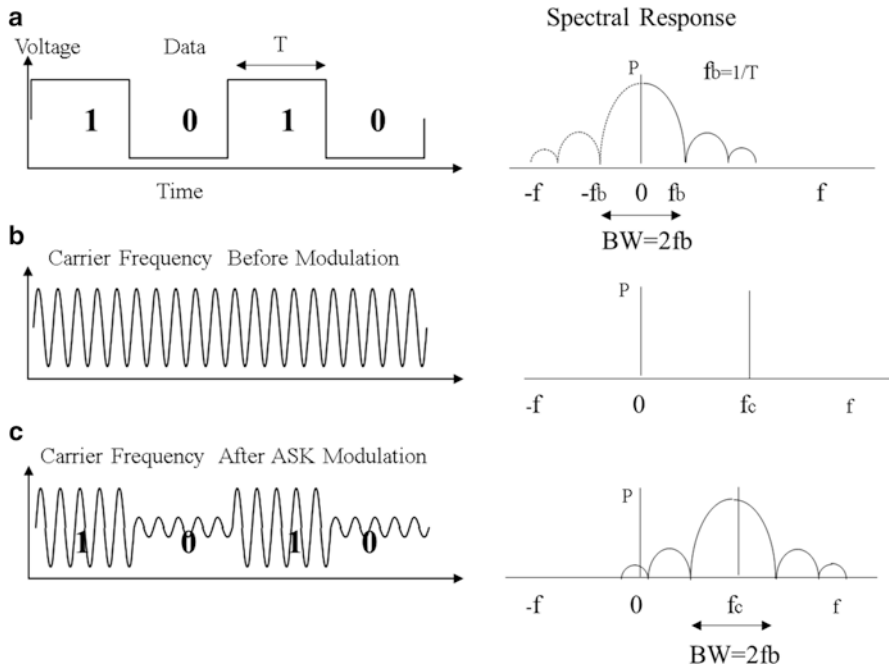
$$\text{BW} = 2R_b \text{ (coded), where } R_b \text{ is the coded bit rate.}$$

### 3.7.4 FSK Bandwidth at a Glance

In FSK, the frequency of the carrier changes in two discrete levels, in accordance to the input signals. We have:

- Input data :  $m(t) = 0$  or  $1$
  - Carrier frequency :  $C(t) = A \text{Cos}(\omega t)$
  - Modulated carrier :  $S(t) = A \text{Cos}(\omega - \Delta\omega)t$ , For  $m(t) = 1$
- Where  $S(t) = A \text{Cos}(\omega + \Delta\omega)t$ , For  $m(t) = 0$

- $S(t)$  = The modulated carrier
- $A$  = Amplitude of the carrier
- $\omega$  = Nominal frequency of the carrier frequency
- $\Delta\omega$  = Frequency deviation



**Fig. 3.14** ASK bandwidth at a glance. (a) Spectral response of NRZ data before modulation. (b) Spectral response of the carrier before modulation. (c) Spectral response of the carrier after modulation. The transmission bandwidth is  $2f_b$ , where  $f_b$  is the bit rate and  $T=1/f_b$  is the bit duration for NRZ data

The spectral response is depicted in Fig. 3.15. Notice that the carrier frequency after FSK modulation varies back and forth from the nominal frequency  $f_c$  by  $\pm \Delta f_c$ , where  $\Delta f_c$  is the frequency deviation. The FSK bandwidth is given by,

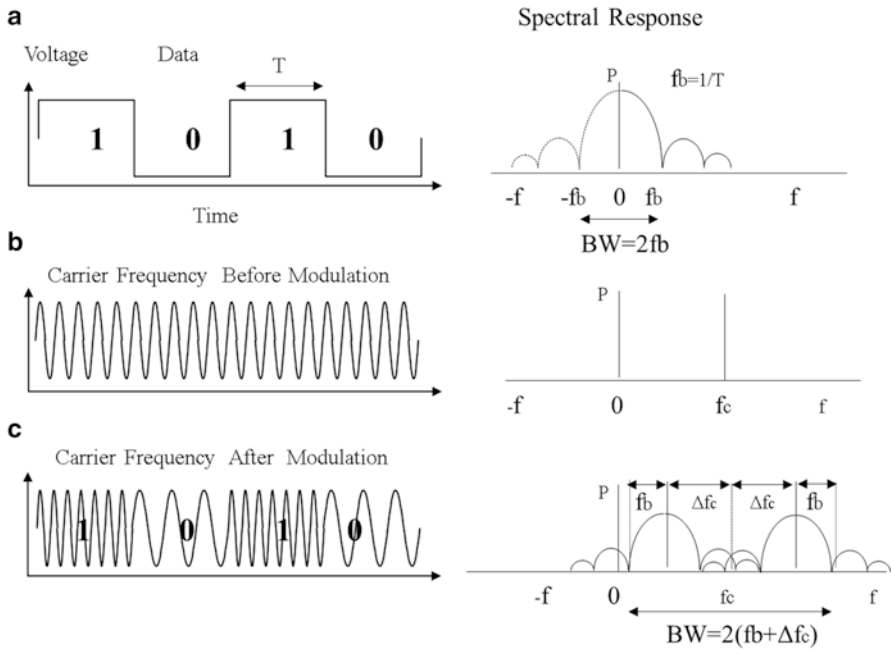
$$BW = 2(f_b + \Delta f_c) = 2f_b (1 + \Delta f_c / f_b) = 2f_b (1 + \beta), \text{ where } \beta = \Delta f / f_b \text{ is known as the modulation index and } f_b \text{ is the coded bit frequency (bit rate } R_b).$$

### 3.7.5 BPSK Bandwidth at a Glance

In BPSK, the phase of the carrier changes in two discrete levels, in accordance to the input signal. Here we have:

- Input data :  $m(t) = 0 \text{ or } 1$
- Carrier frequency :  $C(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$
- Modulated carrier :  $S(t) = A \cos(\omega + \varphi)t$

Where,



**Fig. 3.15** FSK bandwidth at a glance. (a) Spectral response of NRZ data before modulation. (b) Spectral response of the carrier before modulation. (c) Spectral response of the carrier after modulation. The transmission bandwidth is  $2(f_b + \Delta f_c)$ .  $f_b$  is the bit rate and  $\Delta f_c$  is the frequency deviation =  $1/f_b$  is the bit duration for NRZ data

- $A$  = Amplitude of the carrier frequency
- $\omega$  = Angular frequency of the carrier
- $\varphi$  = Phase of the carrier frequency

Table below shows the number of phases and the corresponding bits per phase for MPSK modulation schemes for  $M=2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64$  etc. It will be shown that higher order MPSK modulation schemes ( $M > 2$ ) are spectrally efficient. See Problem 3.7.

Modulation	Number of phases $\varphi$	Number of bits per phase
BPSK	2	1
QPSK	4	2
8PSK	8	3
16	16	4
32	32	5
64	64	6
:	:	:

Figure 3.16 shows the spectral response of the BPSK modulator. Since there are two phases, the carrier frequency changes in two discrete levels, one bit per phase, as follows:

$$\varphi = 0^\circ \text{ for bit 0}$$

$$\varphi = 180^\circ \text{ for bit 1}$$

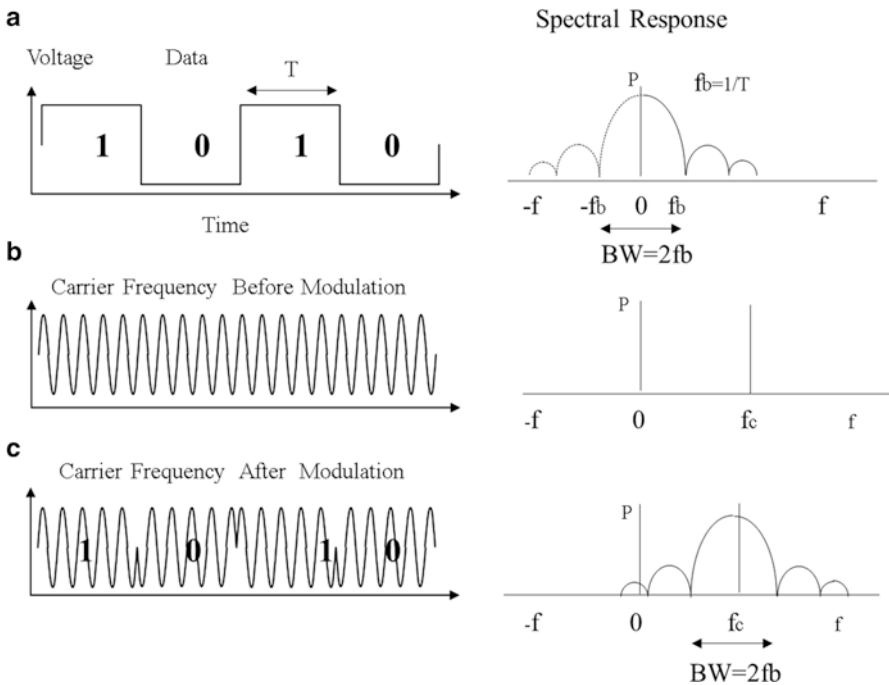
Notice that the spectral response after BPSK modulation is the shifted version of the NRZ data, centred on the carrier frequency  $f_c$ . The transmission bandwidth is given by:

$$BW(\text{BPSK}) = 2R_b / \text{Bit per Phase} = 2R_b / 1 = 2R_b$$

Where,

- $R_b$  is the coded bit rate (bit frequency).
- For BPSK,  $\varphi = 2$ , one bit per phase

Also, notice that the BPSK bandwidth is the same as the one in ASK modulation. This is due to the fact that the phase of the carrier changes in two discrete levels, while the frequency remains the same.



**Fig. 3.16** BPSK bandwidth at a glance. (a) Spectral response of NRZ data before modulation. (b) Spectral response of the carrier before modulation. (c) Spectral response of the carrier after modulation

**Problem 3.4: This Problem Relates to ASK****Given:**

- Uncoded input bit Rate:  $R_b$  (uncoded) = 10 kb/s
- Block coding:  $M=4$ ,  $N=4$
- Carrier frequency  $f_c = 1$  MHz
- Modulation: ASK

**Find:**

- Code rate  $r$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b$ (coded)
- Transmission bandwidth BW

**Solution:**

- $r = MN / (M + 1)(N + 1) = (4 \times 4) / (5 \times 5) = 16 / 25$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b$  (coded) =  $R_b / r = 10 \text{ kb/s} (25/16) = 15.625 \text{ kb/s}$
- Transmission bandwidth:

$$BW = 2R_b \text{ (coded)} = 2 \times 15.625 \text{ kb/s} = 31.25 \text{ kb/s}$$

**Problem 3.5: This Problem Relates to FSK****Given:**

- Uncoded input bit rate:  $R_b$  (uncoded) = 10 kb/s
- Block coding:  $M=4$ ,  $N=4$
- Carrier frequency  $f_c = 1$  MHz
- Modulation: FSK
- Modulation index  $\beta = 1$

**Find:**

- Code rate  $r$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b$  (coded)
- Transmission bandwidth BW

**Solution:**

- $r = MN / (M + 1)(N + 1) = (4 \times 4) / (5 \times 5) = 16 / 25$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b$ (coded) =  $R_b / r = 10 \text{ kb/s} (25/16) = 15.625 \text{ kb/s}$
- Transmission bandwidth:

$$BW = 2R_b (1 + \beta) = 2 \times 15.625 \text{ kb/s} (1 + 1) = 62.5 \text{ kb/s}$$

Note: FSK needs more bandwidth

**Problem 3.6: This Problem Relates to BPSK****Given:**

- Uncoded input bit rate:  $R_b(\text{uncoded}) = 10 \text{ kb/s}$
- Block coding:  $M=4, N=4$
- Carrier frequency  $f_c = 1 \text{ MHz}$
- Modulation: BPSK (2 phases). 1 bit per phase

**Find:**

- Code rate  $r$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b(\text{coded})$
- Transmission bandwidth BW

**Solution:**

- $r = MN / (M+1)(N+1) = (4 \times 4) / (5 \times 5) = 16 / 25$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b(\text{coded}) = R_b / r = 10 \text{ kb/s} / (16/25) = 15.625 \text{ kb/s}$
- Transmission bandwidth BW:

- Modulation is BPSK. Therefore, there are two phases, 1 bit per phase = 1
- BPSK BW =  $2R_b(\text{coded}) / \varphi = 2 \times 15.625 \text{ kb/s} / 1 = 31.25 \text{ kb/s}$

Note: BPSK bandwidth is the same as in ASK.

**Problem 3.7: This Problem Relates to QPSK ( $Q=4$ )****Given:**

- Uncoded input bit rate:  $R_b(\text{uncoded}) = 10 \text{ kb/s}$
- Block coding:  $M=4, N=4$
- Carrier frequency  $f_c = 1 \text{ MHz}$
- Modulation: QPSK (4 phases), 2 bits per phase

**Find:**

- Code rate  $r$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b(\text{coded})$
- Transmission bandwidth BW

**Solution:**

- $r = MN / (M+1)(N+1) = (4 \times 4) / (5 \times 5) = 16 / 25$
- Coded bit rate  $R_b = R_b / r = 10 \text{ kb/s} / (16/25) = 15.625 \text{ kb/s}$
- Transmission bandwidth:

$$BW = 2R_b(\text{coded}) / \text{Bits Per Phase} = 2 \times 15.625 (\text{kb/s}) / 2 = 15.625 \text{ kHz}$$

**Note:**

- BPSK has 2 phases, 1 bit per phase:  $BW = 2R_b / 1 = 2R_b \text{ kHz}$
- QPSK has 4 phases, 2 bit per phase:  $BW = 2R_b / 2 = R_b \text{ kHz}$



- 8PSk has 8 phases, 3 bit per phase:  $BW=2R_b/3$  kHz
- 16PSk has 16 phases, 4 bit per phase:  $BW=2R_b/4=R_b/2$  kHz
- And so on

Clearly, higher order PSK modulation is bandwidth efficient.

### Drill Exercise

#### Given:

- Uncoded input bit rate:  $R_b(\text{uncoded})=10$  kb/s
- Block coding:  $M=6, N=6$
- Carrier frequency  $f_c=1$  MHz
- Modulation: 64PSK

#### Find:

- (a) Code rate  $r$
- (b) Coded bit rate  $R_b$  (coded)
- (c) Transmission bandwidth BW

## 3.8 Conclusions

- The concept of block coding is presented in lucid language.
- Block code building blocks are presented to bring students up-to-date on key concepts and underlying principles in error control coding.
- Typical rectangular block coding is then presented with illustrations.
- Code rate and bandwidth are discussed with examples.
- A modified rectangular block coding is presented to improve error control capabilities.
- Modulation schemes are briefly presented to estimate the transmission bandwidth.
- Problems and exercises are inserted as needed.

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# Chapter 4

## Convolutional Coding

**Abstract** In convolutional coding, a sequence of data signals enters into the encoder, one bit at a time. The encoder generates  $n$  parity bits out of  $k$  information bits. The  $n$  parity bits, also known as coded information bits, are modulated and transmitted through a channel. At the receiver, the decoder recovers the data by means of code correlation. The ratio  $k/n$  is defined as the code rate  $r$ , where  $r = k/n \leq 1$ . The code rate is an indication of the amount of redundancy that protects the data. A low value for the code rate relates to more error-correcting ability, but at the cost of increased bandwidth.

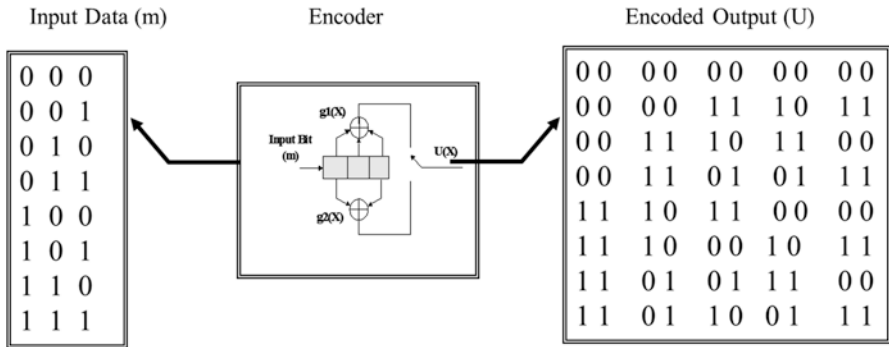
### Topics

- Introduction to Convolutional Coding
- Convolutional Code Building Blocks
- Construction of Convolutional Encoder
- Constraint Length, Code Rate and Bandwidth
- Construction of Convolutional Decoder
- Conclusions

## 4.1 Introduction

In convolutional coding, a sequence of data signals enters into the encoder, one bit at a time. The encoder generates  $n$  parity bits out of  $k$  information bits. The  $n$  parity bits, also known as coded information bits, are modulated and transmitted through a channel. At the receiver, the decoder recovers the data by means of code correlation. The ratio  $k/n$  is defined as the code rate  $r$ , where  $r = k/n \leq 1$ . The code rate is an indication of the amount of redundancy that protects the data. A low value for the code rate relates to more error-correcting ability, but at the cost of increased bandwidth.

This type of error control is also classified as channel coding because these methods are often used to correct errors that are caused by channel noise. A typical rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  ( $r = 1/2$ ) convolutional encoder is constructed as shown in Fig. 4.1, where,



**Fig. 4.1** Illustration of a typical convolutional encoder. The information data serially enters into the 3-bit shift register, one bit at a time. The encoder generates two parity bits for each entry of an information bit. The code rate is defined as  $r=k/n=1/2$ . The decoder recovers the data by means of code correlation

**Table 4.1** Correlation receiver. Received data: 00 11 01 01 00

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	4
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	7
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	3
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	2
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	5
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	8
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	4
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	7

m = 0 1 1

←

- The information bits enters into the 3-bit shift register sequentially, one bit at a time.
- The convolutional encoder generates two parity bits for each entry of an information bit as encoded bits ( $n > k$ ), where  $r = k/n = 1/2$ .
- The coded information bits are modulated and transmitted through a channel.

Decoding is a process of code correlation as presented in Table 4.1. In this process, the receiver compares the received data with the expected data set to decode the actual data.

- A lookup table at the receiver contains the uncoded and the corresponding encoded data.
- Upon receiving an encoded data pattern, the receiver validates the received data pattern by means of code correlation.

This forms the basis of our presentation of FECC, based on convolutional coding [1–6]. In this chapter we will present the key concepts, underlying principles, and practical application of convolutional coding schemes currently used in the telecommunication systems. Practical design and construction of convolutional coding schemes will be presented with illustrations. In particular, the following topics are presented in this chapter:

- Convolutional coding building blocks
- Typical convolutional coding
- Code rate and bandwidth
- Convolutional decoding

## 4.2 Convolutional Encoder Building Blocks

A convolutional encoder in its most basic construction consist of three building blocks as listed below:

- Shift register
- Exclusive OR gates
- Multiplexer

A brief description of each of these building blocks are presented below.

### 4.2.1 Shift Register (SR)

A shift register (SR) is a device that converts serial data into parallel formats or vice versa. In the case of serial to parallel SR, data enters into the SR serially, one bit at a time. Once the data has been clocked in, the content of the SR can be read off at each output simultaneously for further processing. Figure 4.2 illustrates the operation of a 3-bit serial to parallel shift register, which will be used to construct a convolutional encoder.

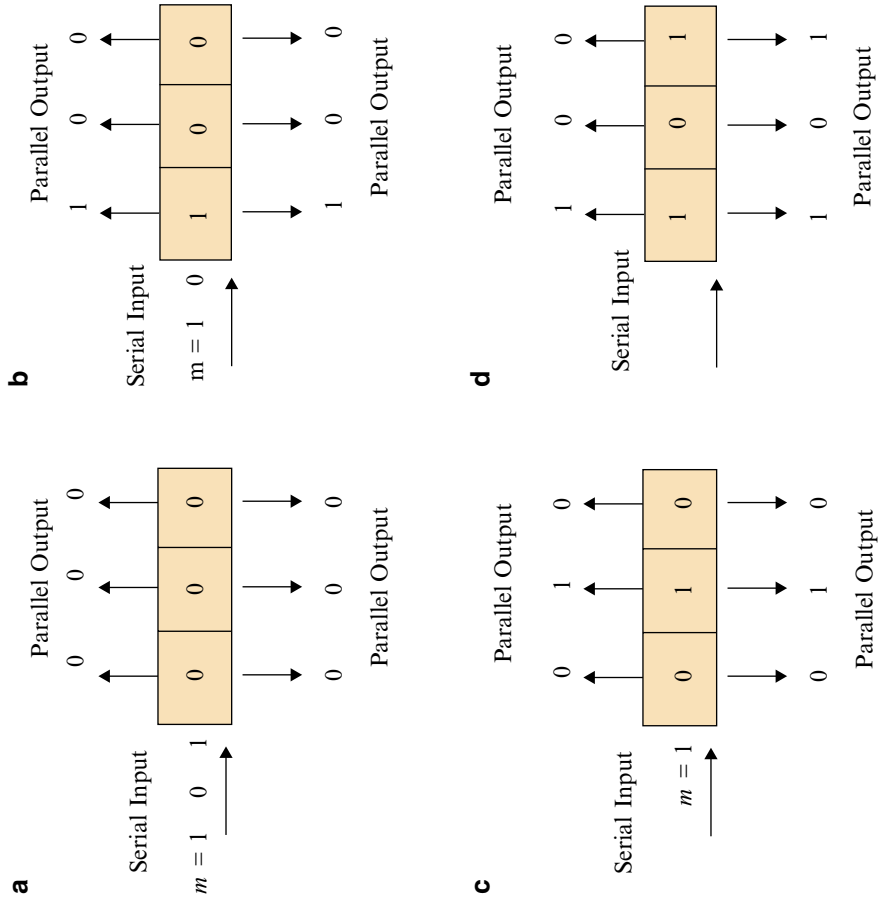
Let's assume that the input bit sequence  $m = 1\ 0\ 1$ , where the first entry is 1, second entry is 0 and the third entry is 1: Also, we assume that the initial content of the SR is 0 0 0.

**At  $t = 0$  (Fig. 4.2a):**

- Initial content of the SR is 0 0 0.
- Parallel output is 0 0 0.

**At  $t = 1$  (Fig. 4.2b):**

- The first bit entry into SR = 1.
- Content of SR: 1 0 0.
- Parallel output is 1 0 0.



**Fig. 4.2** Operation of a 3-bit serial to parallel shift register

**At  $t=2$  (Fig. 4.2c):**

- The second bit entry into  $SR=0$ .
- The first bit moves forward by one bit and occupies the next location of the SR.
- The content of SR: 0 1 0.
- Parallel output is 0 1 0.

**At  $t=3$  (Fig. 4.2d):**

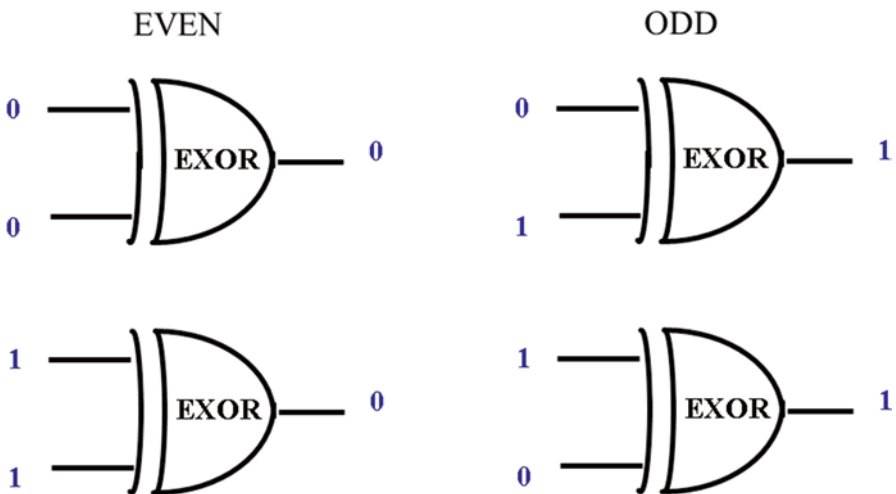
- The third bit entry into  $SR=1$ .
- The previous two bits move forward by one bit.
- Content of SR is 1 0 1.
- Parallel output is 1 0 1.

**4.2.2 Exclusive OR Gates as Parity Generators**

A parity generator is an array of exclusive OR (EXOR) gates that generate parity bits known as odd parity or even parity. These parity generators are used to construct the convolutional encoder in conjunction with a shift register. Our objective now is to examine exclusive OR gates and observe how parity bits can be generated by inspection. This is governed by the following logic:

- INPUT=EVENS → OUTPUT=0
- INPUT=ODDS → OUTPUT=1

This analogy is used to derive parity values by inspection as shown in Fig. 4.3.



**Fig. 4.3** Generation of parity bits by inspection

### 4.2.3 Symbolic Representation of Exclusive OR Gates

Figures 4.4 and 4.5 show symbolic representation and examples of exclusive OR gates, where the parity estimations are based on inspection. Once again, this is governed by the following logic:

- INPUT=EVEN 1's → OUTPUT=0
- INPUT=ODD 1's → OUTPUT=1

### 4.2.4 Modulo-2 Addition (MOD-2 ADD)

Parity is an arithmetic operation, also known as Modulo2 or MOD2 addition. This is governed by the following analogy:

- When the number of 1's is even, the parity value is 0.
- When the number 1's is odd, the parity value is 1.

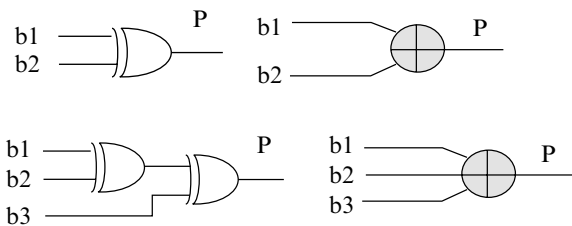
Therefore, by counting the number of 1's, the parity value of a given word can be determined simply by inspection. Figure 4.6 shows a set of examples to illustrate this, which is obtained by counting the number of 1's vertically.

### 4.2.5 Multiplexers

Multiplexing, also commonly referred to as MUX, is a method of transmitting and receiving multiple independent signals over a single transmission channel serially in a preassigned time slot. MUX at the transmit side assigns multiple channels in pre-assigned time slots. MUX at the receive side, known as the de-multiplexer (DEMUX), separates the incoming composite signal into parallel streams. Both multiplexer and de-multiplexer are synchronized by a common clock to receive data in accordance with the transmit sequence.

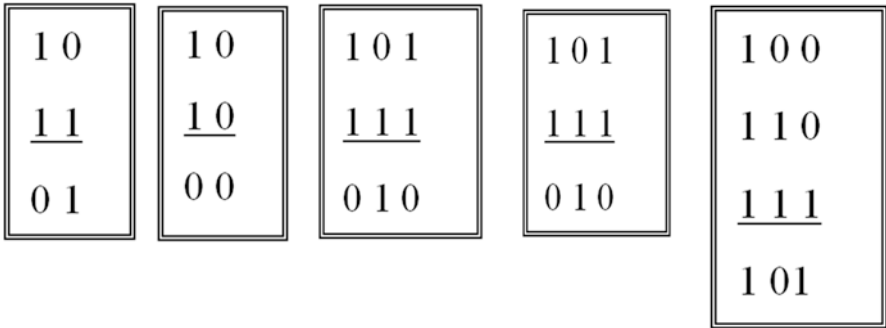
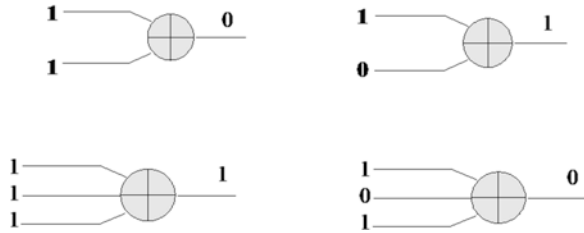
Figure 4.7 shows a symbolic representation of a 2:1 multiplexer, which will be used in the construction of a convolutional encoder. Here, 2:1 represents two input bit streams converted into a single bit stream.

**Fig. 4.4** Symbolic representation of exclusive OR gates





**Fig. 4.5** Examples of parity estimates by inspection



**Fig. 4.6** Examples of MOD2 operation. This is obtained by counting the number of 1's vertically

**Problem 4.1**

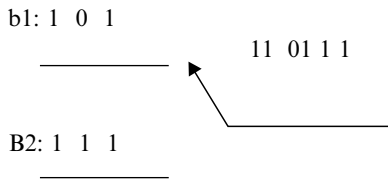
**Given:**

Two bit sequences  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  as follows:  
 $b_1=101$   
 $b_2=111$

- (a) Find the output bit sequences as  $b_1, b_2, \dots$
- (b) If the input bit rate is 10 kb/s, calculate output bit rate.

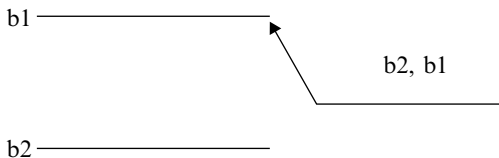
**Solution:**

$b_1=101, b_2=111$



Therefore, the output bit sequence is: (a) 11 01 11.  
 (b) Output bit rate = Input rate  $\times 2 = 10 \times 2 = 20$  kb/s.

**Fig. 4.7** Symbolic representation of a 2:1 multiplexer



### 4.2.6 Polynomial Representation of Data

In convolutional coding, we often represent data by means of polynomials and their products [7]. Here is a simple example. A sequence of bits  $m = 101$  can be expressed as polynomial  $m(x)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(X) &= 1 + 0.X + 1.X^2 \\
 &= 1 + X^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, another sequence of bits  $g = 111$  can be expressed as polynomial  $g(x)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(X) &= 1 + 1.X + 1.X^2 \\
 &= 1 + X + X^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the product of the above two polynomials can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(X)g(X) &= (1 + X^2)(1 + X + X^2) \\
 &= 1 + X + X^2 + X^2 + X^3 + X^4 \\
 &= 1 + X + X^3 + X^4 \\
 &= 1 + 1.X + 1.X2 + 1.X3 + 1.X4 \\
 &= 11111
 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $X^2 + X^2 = 0$  (MOD-2 Addition).

This forms the basis of representing data by means of polynomials and the product of two polynomials. In this chapter, we will further examine this method and show how convolutional encoders can be designed, constructed and verified by means of inspection.

**Problem 4.2**

This problem illustrates how to represent data by means of polynomials and their products.

**Given:**

$$m = 110$$

$$g = 100$$

**Find:**

- (a)  $m(x)$
- (b)  $g(x)$
- (c)  $m(x)g(x)$

**Solution:**

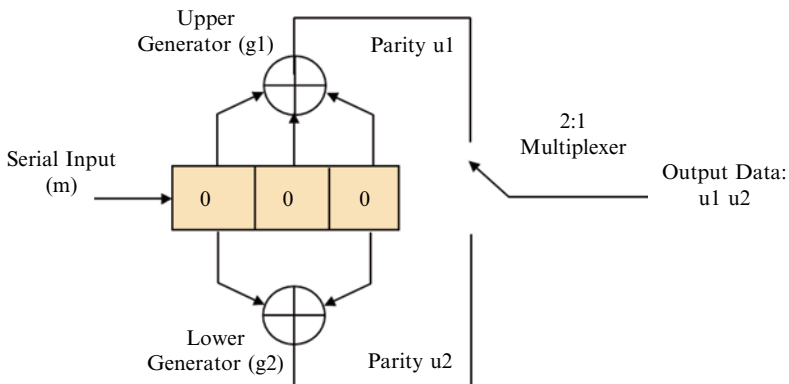
- (a)  $m = 110: m(x) = 1 + 0.X + 0.X^2 = 1 + X^2$
- (b)  $g = 1\ 0\ 0: g(x) = 1 + 0.X + 0.X^2 = 1$
- (c)  $m(x)g(x) = (1 + X^2).1 = 1 + x^2 = 1 + 0.X + 1.X^2 = 1\ 0\ 1$

### 4.3 Construction and Operation of Convolutional Encoder

A convolutional encoder, in its most basic construction, is shown in Fig. 4.8. It contains a shift register (SR), an exclusive OR gate known as the upper generator ( $g_1$ ), a second exclusive OR gate known as lower generator ( $g_2$ ) and a 2:1 multiplexer. Here, a sequence of data bits enters into the 3-bit SR one bit at a time and a corresponding 3-bit parallel data is used to generate two parity bits through a pair of parity generators  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ . The encoded output data is then taken serially by means of a 2:1 multiplexer as  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .

Briefly, the operation of the encoder is as follows:

- The initial content of the 3-bit shift register (SR) = 0 0 0.
- The input bit enters into the SR serially, one bit at a time.
- For each single bit entry into the SR, the content of the SR is updated.
- The upper generator  $g_1$  generates a parity bit  $u_1$  and the lower generator  $g_2$  generates a parity bit  $u_2$ .
- The output is 2:1 time division multiplexed to obtain:  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .



**Fig. 4.8** A convolutional encoder containing a shift register (SR), an exclusive OR gate known as the upper generator ( $g_1$ ), a second exclusive OR gate known as lower generator ( $g_2$ ) and a 2:1 multiplexer

- Next, a new bit enters into the SR and a new pair of  $u_1u_2$  is generated at the output.
- The process continues. Consequently, for every single bit entry into the SR, there are two output parity bits, resulting in a rate  $1/2$  ( $r=1/2$ ) convolutional encoder.

### 4.3.1 Polynomial Method of Analysis

Let's consider Fig. 4.8 again and assume that the input bit sequence is 1 0 1, where the first entry is 1, the second entry is 0 and the third entry is 1. Also, we assume that the initial content of the SR is 0 0 0. The encoder is described to have:

- Input data:  $m = 1\ 0\ 1$
- Upper generator  $g_1 = 1\ 1\ 1$  (according to the input connectivity)
- Lower generator  $g_2 = 1\ 0\ 1$  (according to the input connectivity)

The input sequence  $m = 1\ 0\ 1$  is described by the following polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} m(X) &= 1 + 0X + 1X^2 \\ &= 1 + X^2 \end{aligned}$$

The upper generator is described by the following polynomial:

$$g_1(X) = 1 + X + X^2$$

The lower generator is described by the following polynomial:

$$g_2(X) = 1 + X^2$$

Then the product of polynomials can be described as:

$$\begin{aligned} m(X)g_1(X) &= (1 + X^2)(1 + X + X^2) \\ &= 1 + X + X^3 + X^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(X)g_2(X) &= (1 + X^2)(1 + X^2) \\ &= 1 + X^4 \end{aligned}$$

With  $X^2 + X^2 = 0$ , the output bit sequence can be found as  $U(X) = m(X)g_1(X)$  multiplexed with  $m(X)g_2(X)$ , where  $m(X)$  is the input bit sequence [7]. We write the above two equations as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(X)g_1(X) &= 1 + 1X + 0X^2 + 1X^3 + 1X^4 \\
 m(X)g_2(X) &= 1 + 0X + 0X^2 + 0X^3 + 1X^4 \\
 \hline
 U(X) &= (1,1) + (1,0) + (0,0) + (1,0) + (1,1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking only the coefficients, we obtain the desired multiplexed output bit sequence as follows:

$$U = 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1$$

### 4.3.2 Verification by Inspection

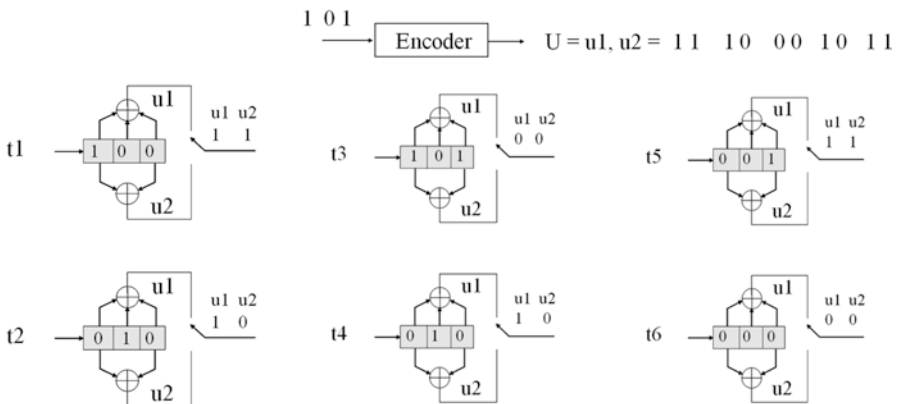
Let's consider Fig. 4.9 and observe what happens when a single bit enters into the SR and moves through the SR, one bit at a time. Let's also assume that the input bit sequence is 1 0 1, where the first entry is 1, the second entry is 0 and the third entry is 1. Also, we assume that the initial content of the SR is 0 0 0. Here, we have:

- Input data:  $m = 1\ 0\ 1$
- Generator  $g_1 = 1\ 1\ 1$
- Generator  $g_2 = 1\ 0\ 1$

Now, observe the output as the data enters into the encoder, one bit at a time.

**At  $t = 0$ :**

- Initial content of the SR is 0 0 0
- $m(x) = 0$
- $g(x) = 0$
- The output is:  $u_1\ u_2 = 0\ 0$



**Fig. 4.9** Step by step operation of convolutional encoder. For each entry of a bit, the output generates two parity bits

**At  $t=1$ :**

- The first bit entry into  $SR=1$
- Content of  $SR: 1\ 0\ 0$
- $m(x)=1$
- $g(x)=1$
- $U1u2=1\ 1$

**At  $t=2$ :**

- The second bit entry into  $SR=0$
- The first bit moves forward by one bit and occupies the next location of the  $SR$
- The content of  $SR: 0\ 1\ 0$
- $m(x)=1$
- $g(x)=0$
- $U1u2=1\ 0$

**At  $t=3$ :**

- The third bit entry into  $SR=1$
- The previous two bits move forward by one bit
- The content of  $SR: 1\ 0\ 1$
- $m(x)=0$
- $g(x)=0$
- $U1u2=0\ 0$

**At  $t=4$ :**

- The fourth bit entry into  $SR=0$
- The previous two bits move forward by one bit
- The content of  $SR: 0\ 1\ 0$
- $m(x)=1$
- $g(x)=0$
- $U1u2=1\ 0$

**At  $t=5$ :**

- The fifth bit entry into  $SR=0$
- The previous two bits move forward by one bit
- The content of  $SR: 0\ 0\ 1$
- $m(x)=1$
- $g(x)=1$
- $U1u2=1\ 1$

**At  $t=6$ :**

- The sixth bit entry into  $SR=0$
- The previous two bits move forward by one bit
- The  $SR$  is now cleared (three bits are out)
- The content of  $SR: 0\ 0\ 0$  ( $SR$  is initialized)

- $m(x)=0$
- $g(x)=0$
- $U1u2=0\ 0$  (back to initial condition, therefore ignore this pair of data)

The operation is now complete. The encoded output bit sequence is:

$$U = 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0$$

Note that the last two bits are 0 0, which is the initial condition of the SR. Therefore, these two bits are not considered and neglected. Also notice that the outcome is the same as those obtained earlier by means of the polynomial method.

### 4.3.3 Constraint Length, Code Rate and Bandwidth

The encoder we have just described is said to have the following parameters:

- Constraint length  $k=3$  (This is the length of the SR)
- Code rate  $r=1/2$

Typical parameters:

- $k=7$  and  $9$
- $r=1/2, 1/3, 2/3, 3/4$  etc.

The code rate ( $r$ ) is defined as:

- $r=k/n$  ( $r<1$ )
- $k$ =Number of information bits
- $n$ =Number of encoded information bits

The bandwidth is defined as:

- $BW = Rb/r$

Where

- $R_b$ =Uncoded bit rate b/s
- $R$ =Code rate

#### Problem 4.3

This problem shows how to analyze a given convolutional encoder by polynomial method and verify by means of inspection.

**Given:**

- The input bit sequence:  $m=0\ 0\ 1$
- Constraint length  $k=3$
- Upper generator  $g1=1\ 1\ 1$
- Lower generator  $g2=1\ 0\ 1$
- Constraint length  $k=3$

**Find:**

- (a) The output bit sequence U.
- (b) What is the code rate?
- (c) If the input bit rate is 10 kb/s, what is the encoded output bit rate?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(X) &= X^2 \\
 g1(X) &= 1 + X + X^2
 \end{aligned}$$

The product of these polynomials is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(X)g1(X) &= (X^2)(1 + X + X^2) \\
 &= X^2 + X^3 + X^4
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain the product of two polynomials as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(X)g2(X) &= (X^2)(1 + X^2) \\
 &= X^2 + X^4
 \end{aligned}$$

The above two product of polynomials can be written as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 m(X)g1(X) = 0 + 0X + 1X^2 + 1X^3 + 1X^4 \\
 m(X)g2(X) = 0 + 0X + 1X^2 + 0X^3 + 1X^4 \\
 \hline
 U(X) = (0,0) + (0,0) + (1,1) + (1,0) + (1,1)
 \end{array}$$

The encoded output bit sequence is then obtained by taking the coefficients:

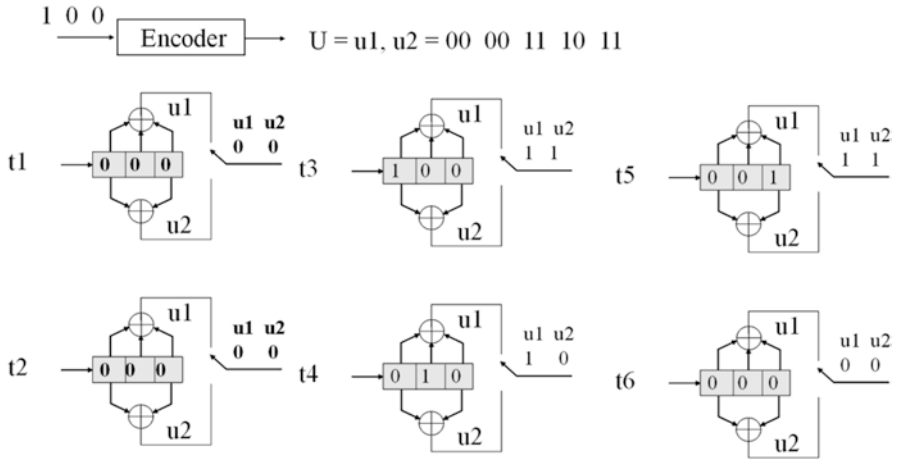
$$U = 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1$$

**Verification by inspection [8]:**

- $m = 0 \ 0 \ 1$
- $(t1)(t2)(t3)$
- 1st entry = 0 (at  $t1$ )
- 2nd entry = 0 (at  $t2$ )
- 3rd entry = 1 (at  $t3$ )
- Remaining entries are all zeros

The encoded output bit sequence U can be obtained simply by inspection as given below:





It may be noted that, the last two bits are 0 0, which is the initial condition of the SR. Therefore, these two bits are not considered and neglected. That the outcome is the same as those obtained earlier by means of polynomial method.

**Problem 4.4**

This problem relates to code rate and bandwidth.

**Given:**

- A rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  convolutional encoder
- Input bit rate  $R_b = 10$  kb/s
- Non-return to zero (NRZ) data

**Find:**

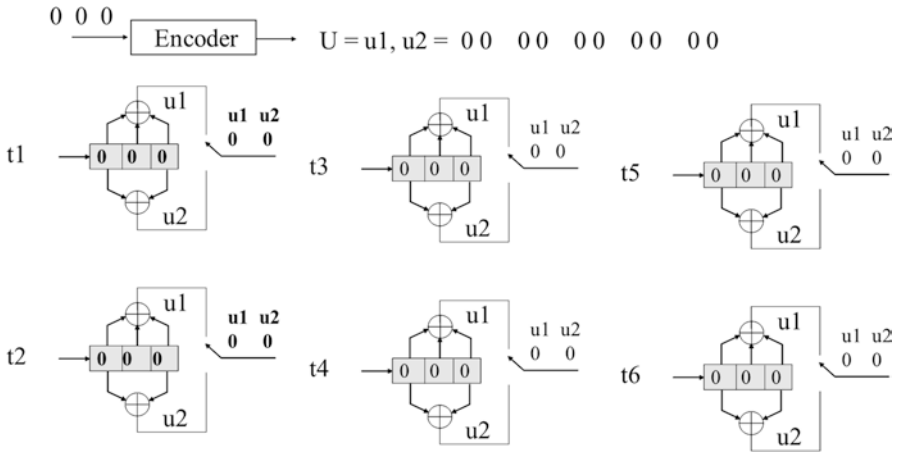
- The encoded bit rate
- Bandwidth (BW) associated with the encoded data

**Solution:**

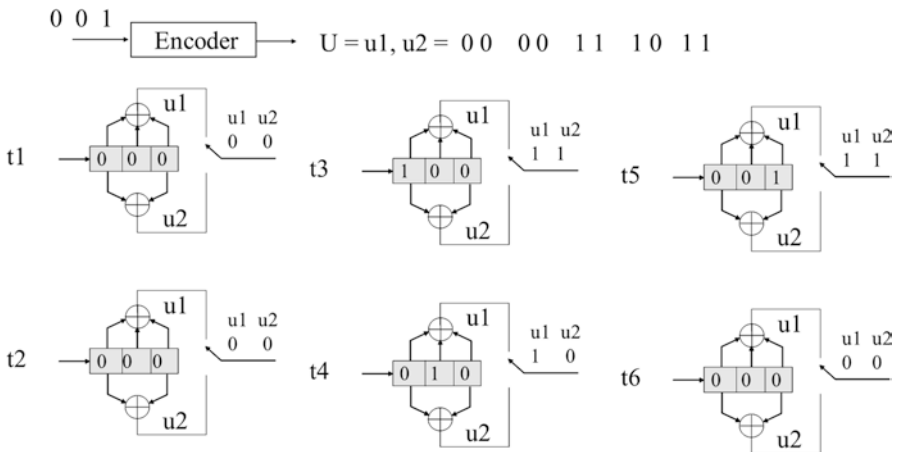
- Encoded bit Rate  $= R_b/r = 2R_b = 2 \times 10$  kb/s = 20 kb/s
- BW  $= 2 \times$  Encoded Bit Rate  $= 2 \times 20$  kb/s = 40 kHz

**4.4 Summary of Convolutional Encoder**

A rate  $= 1/2$ , constraint length  $k=3$  convolutional encoder is described by the structure as shown in Fig. 4.10. It contains a 3-bit shift register, an upper parity generator  $g_1$ , a lower parity generator  $g_2$  and a 2:1 multiplexer. The operation is as follows:



**Fig. 4.10** Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern m=0 0 0



**Fig. 4.11** Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern m=0 0 1

- A 3-bit input bit sequence enters into the shift register (SR), one bit at a time.
- For each 3-bit input bit pattern, there is a unique 10-bit encoded output bit pattern.
- Since there are  $2^3 = 8$  combinations of input data pattern, there are 8 unique 10-bit encoded bit patterns available at the output.
- These output encoded bit patterns can be determined by:
  - Polynomial method or
  - By inspection

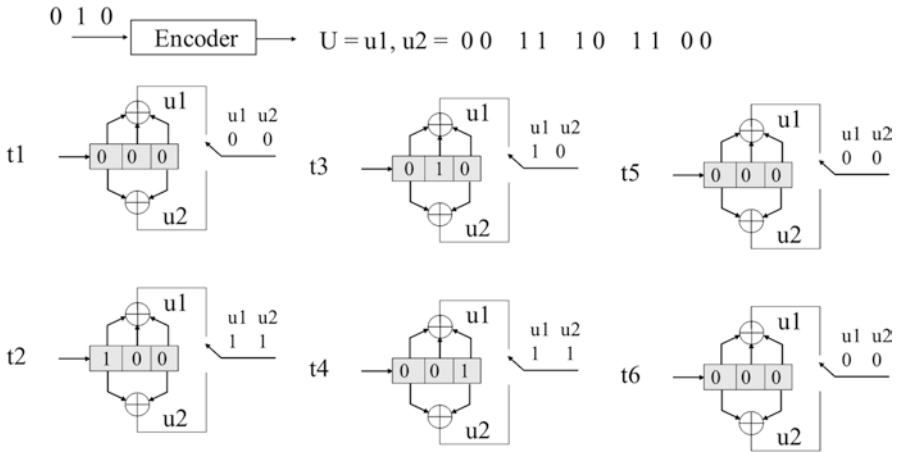


Fig. 4.12 Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern m=0 1 0

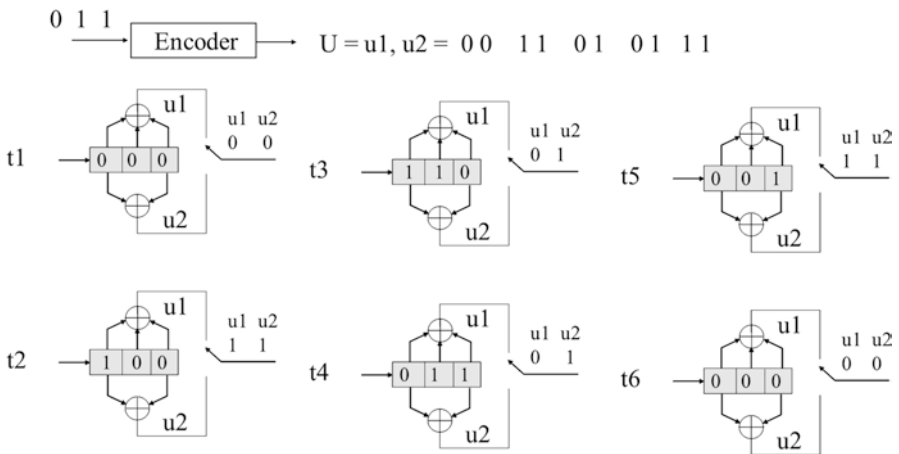
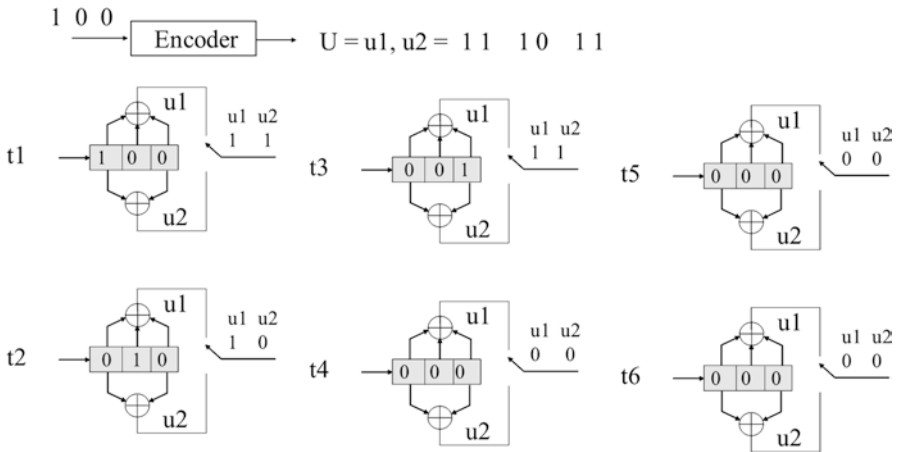


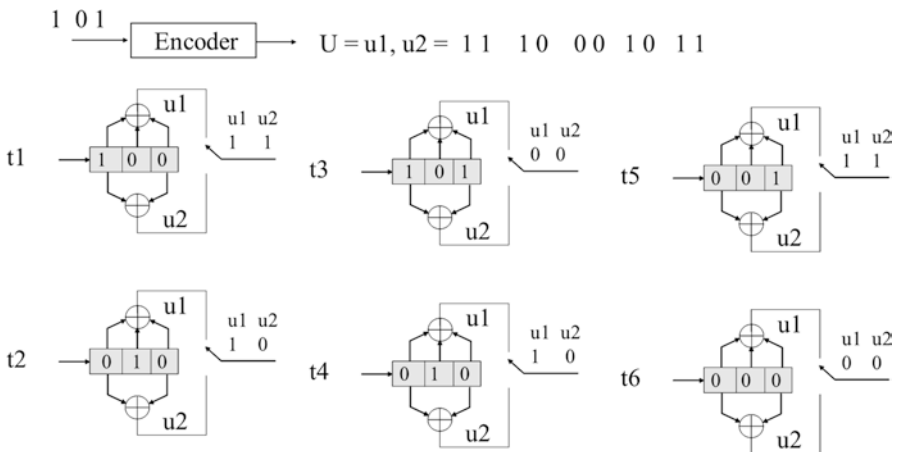
Fig. 4.13 Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern m=0 1 1

In the following, the inspection method is used to determine these encoded bit patterns.

- Input (m): 0 0 0**
- Input (m): 0 0 1**
- Input (m): 0 1 0**
- Input (m): 0 1 1**
- Input (m): 1 0 0**
- Input (m): 1 0 1**
- Input (m): 1 1 0**
- Input (m): 1 1 1**



**Fig. 4.14** Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern  $m=100$



**Fig. 4.15** Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern  $m=101$

From the above illustrations, we see that:

- 3-bit data has  $2^3=8$  combinations.
- Each input combination generates a unique encoded bit pattern.
- These encoded bits are modulated and transmitted through a channel.

Figure 4.18 shows the encoder input/output mapping for  $k=3, r=1/2$ .

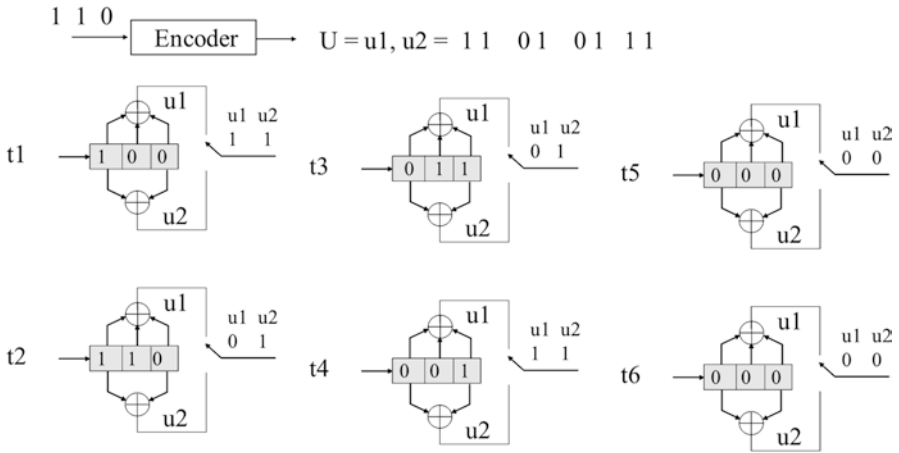


Fig. 4.16 Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern  $m = 1 1 0$

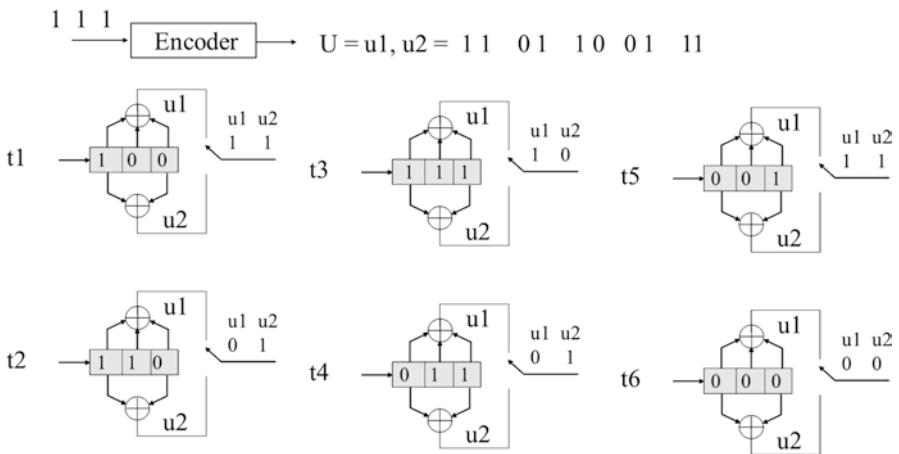


Fig. 4.17 Generation of encoded output bit pattern U for an input bit pattern  $m = 1 1 1$

## 4.5 Convolutional Decoder

### 4.5.1 Generation of a Lookup Table

Decoding is a process of code correlation. In this process, the receiver compares the received data with the expected data set to recover the actual data. The expected data is stored into a lookup table (Table 4.2) [8]:

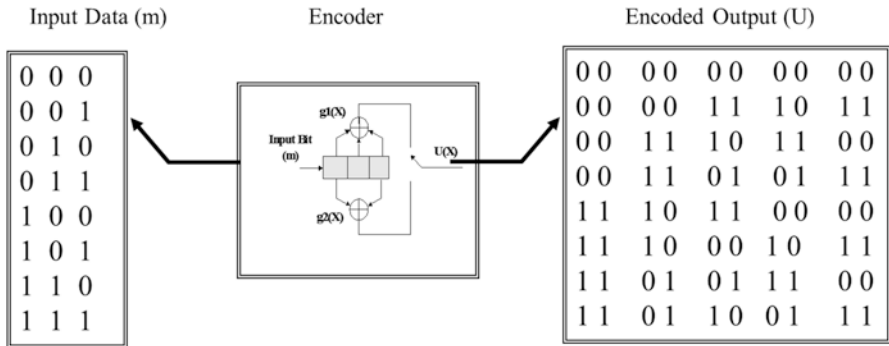


Fig. 4.18 Input/output mapping for  $k=3$  and  $r=1/2$  convolutional encoder

Table 4.2 Lookup table

Input (m)	Output (U)
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11

- The lookup table at the receiver contains the input/output bit sequences.
- For  $m=3$ , there are eight possible output combinations of 3-bit data.
- For each combination of 3-bit data, there is a unique encoded 10-bit data (see Table).
- The receiver receives one of eight output sequences.
- Upon receiving an encoded data pattern, the receiver validates the received data pattern by means of code correlation.

The correlation process and validation of the received data is presented in the following section.

### 4.5.2 Code Correlation Process

Let's examine the correlation process using the following example:

- The input bit pattern  $m=011$

- Encoded transmit data:  $U = 0011010111$
- Received data with errors  $U^* = 00110101 \mathbf{00}$

Notice that the last two bits are in error, identified in bold. Now, let's determine how the receiver recovers the correct data, where the actual input data is  $m = 011$ . This is a correlation process, requiring several tests to validate the actual data. The correlation process is described below.

**Test-0**

This test compares the received data with the 1st row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received Data:  $00\ 11\ 01\ 01\ \mathbf{00}$
- 1<sup>st</sup> row of data in the Lookup Table:  $00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00$
- Mod-2 Add:  $00\ 11\ 01\ 01\ 00$
- Correlation Value = 4 (count the number of 1's in MOD2 Add)
- Verdict: No match, Continue search.

Test-0: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	4
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	

Received Data

00 11 01 01 00

**Test-1**

This test compares the received data with the 2nd row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received Data: 0 0 11 01 01 00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> row of data in the lookup table: 0 0 00 11 10 11
- Mod-2 Add: 0 0 1 1 10 111 11
- Correlation Value = 7
- Verdict: No match, Continue search

Test 1: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	7
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	

Received Data

00 11 01 01 00

**Test-2**

This test compares the received data with the 3rd row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:



- Received Data: 00 11 01 01 00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> row of data in the lookup table: 00 11 10 11 00
- Mod-2 Add: 00 00 11 10 00
- Correlation Value = 3
- VERDICT: No match, Continue search

Test 2: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	3
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	

Received Data

00 11 01 01 00

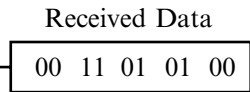
**Test-3**

This test compares the received data with the 4th row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received Data: 0 0 11 01 01 00
- 4<sup>th</sup> row in the lookup table: 0 0 11 01 01 11
- Mod-2 Add: 0 0 0 0 00 00 11
- Correlation Value: 2
- Verdict: Possible Candidate

Test 3: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	2
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	



**Test-4**

This test compares the received data with the 5th row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received Data: 00 11 01 01 00
- 5<sup>th</sup> row in the lookup table: 11 10 11 00 00
- Mod-2 Add: 11 01 10 01 00
- Correlation Value = 5
- Verdict: No match, Continue Search

Test 4: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	5
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	

Received Data

00 11 01 01 00

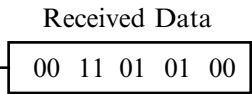
**Test-5**

This test compares the received data with the 6th row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received Data: 00 11 01 01 00
- 6<sup>th</sup> row in the lookup table: 11 10 00 10 11
- Mod-2 Add: 11 01 01 11 11
- Correlation Value = 8
- Verdict: No match, Continue Search

Test 5: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	8
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	



Test-6

This test compares the received data with the 7th row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received Data: 00 11 01 01 00
- 7<sup>th</sup> row in the lookup table: 11 01 01 11 00
- Mod-2 Add: 11 10 00 10 00
- Count the no. of 1's = 4
- VERDICT: No match. Continue search

Test 6: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	4
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	

Received Data

00 11 01 01 00

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**Test-7**

This test compares the received data with the 8th row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received Data: 00 11 01 01 00
- 7<sup>th</sup> row in the lookup table: 11 01 10 01 11
- Mod-2 Add: 11 10 11 00 11
- Correlation Value = 7
- Verdict: No Match.
- Test is complete

Test 7: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	7

Received Data

00 11 01 01 00

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**The Final Verdict**

Collect the correlation values and validate the data that indicates the lowest correlation value. This is presented in the following lookup table.

Final Verdict: Look Up Table

Input (m)	Output (U)	Correlation Value
0. 0 0 0	00 00 00 00 00	4
1. 0 0 1	00 00 11 10 11	7
2. 0 1 0	00 11 10 11 00	3
3. 0 1 1	00 11 01 01 11	2
4. 1 0 0	11 10 11 00 00	5
5. 1 0 1	11 10 00 10 11	8
6. 1 1 0	11 01 01 11 00	4
7. 1 1 1	11 01 10 01 11	7

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In examining the above table, we find that:

- The lowest correlation value is 2.
- The corresponding data is  $m=0\ 1\ 1$ .
- This is the data which has been transmitted to the receiver.

### 4.5.3 A Further Note on Code Rate

- Each 3-bit input data is preceded by three zero bits, for a total of 6 input bits.
- The total number of encoded bits is 12, where the last two encoded bits are 0 0, which have been neglected.
- Therefore, the code rate is:  $r=6/12=1/2$ .

Viewed from another angle, we observe that for each entry of an input bit, the encoder generates two parity bits at the output, indicating that the code rate is also  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## 4.6 Conclusions

In this chapter we have presented the key concepts, underlying principles and practical application of convolutional coding schemes currently used in the telecommunication systems. Practical design and construction of convolutional coding along with decoding schemes are presented with illustrations. In particular, the following topics are presented in this chapter:

- Convolutional coding building blocks
- Typical convolutional coding
- Convolutional decoding
- Code rate and bandwidth

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# Chapter 5

## Waveform Coding

**Abstract** Waveform coding is a form of channel coding where a set of waveforms is transformed into a set of orthogonal waveforms, so that the detection process has fewer errors. This chapter presents a method of waveform coding, based on orthogonal codes. In the proposed method, the high-speed data stream is inverse multiplexed into several parallel streams. These parallel streams, now reduced in speed, are grouped into a number of subsets and mapped into a predetermined group of biorthogonal codes and modulated by a bank of modulators using the same carrier frequency. This methodology substantially reduces the required number of waveforms and enhances transmission efficiency. It is also shown that there is a built-in error control mechanism in this scheme. The proposed method is cost-effective and bandwidth efficient.

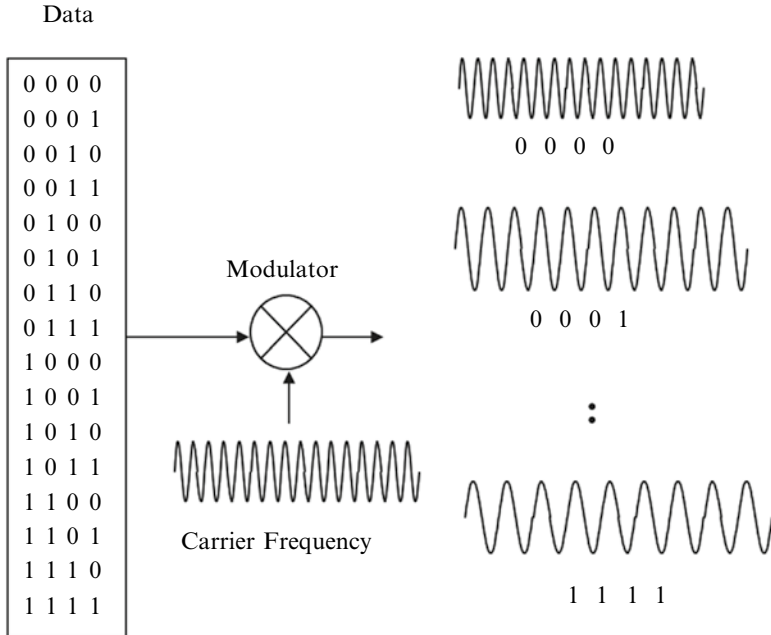
### Topics

- Introduction to Waveform Coding
- Conceptual Development
- Orthogonal and Antipodal Codes
- Error Control Coding Based on Orthogonal Codes
- Waveform Coding and Decoding
- Waveform Capacity
- Conclusions

## 5.1 Introduction

Waveform coding is a form of channel coding where a set of waveforms is transformed into a set of orthogonal waveforms, so that the detection process has fewer errors [1]. There are two classes of waveform coding: (a) M-ary signalling and (b) orthogonal coding.

In M-ary signalling, a k-bit data set is used to address  $M = 2^k$  modulated waveforms (e.g. MFSK). This process provides improved error performance at the expense of bandwidth. Figure 5.1 illustrates a typical M-ary signalling scheme, requiring  $M = 16$  waveforms, to transmit  $k = 4$  bit data. It is bandwidth inefficient.

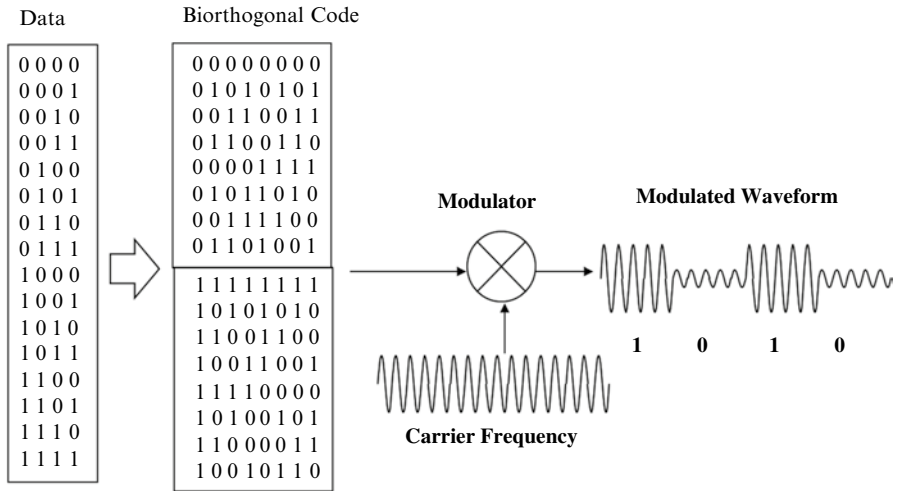


**Fig. 5.1** Typical M-ary signalling, requiring 16 waveforms to transmit 4 bit data. It is bandwidth inefficient

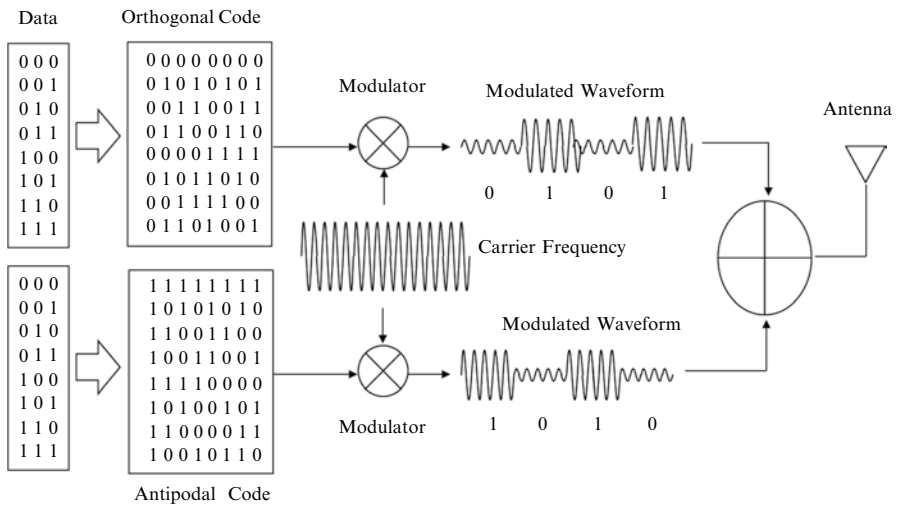
Similarly, in bi-orthogonal coding, a  $k$ -bit data set is directly mapped into  $2n$  bi-orthogonal codes, where  $n$  is the code length. This is shown in Fig. 5.2, where a block of 4-bit data is mapped into a block of 16-bit bi-orthogonal data set. This approach is also bandwidth inefficient, since the  $k$ -bit data set is directly mapped into  $2 \times 2^k$  bi-orthogonal codes.

In this chapter, we present an alternate method of waveform coding based on orthogonal codes, which does not consume additional bandwidth and offers protection against errors [2–4]. In the proposed method, conceptually shown in Fig. 5.3, a high-speed data stream is inverse multiplexed into several parallel streams. These parallel streams, now reduced in speed, are grouped into a number of subsets and mapped into a predetermined group of bi-orthogonal codes and then modulated by a bank of modulators using the same carrier frequency. This methodology substantially reduces the required number of waveforms and enhances transmission efficiency.

Our objective is to show that orthogonal codes are essentially  $(n, k)$  block codes where a  $k$ -bit information is represented by a unique  $n$ -bit orthogonal code ( $k < n$ ). We examine this by noting that an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code has  $n/2$  1s and  $n/2$  0s; i.e. there are  $n/2$  positions where 1s and 0s differ. Therefore, the distance between two orthogonal codes is also  $n/2$ . This distance property can be exploited to achieve bandwidth efficient forward error control coding (FECC). We show that an  $n$ -bit



**Fig. 5.2** Typical bi-orthogonal coding, requiring longer code to represent a 4-bit data, which is also bandwidth inefficient



**Fig. 5.3** Proposed waveform coding, which is bandwidth efficient

orthogonal code can correct  $t$  errors where  $t = \frac{(n/4) - 1}{2}$ , where  $n$  is the code length. A measure of coding gain is then obtained by comparing the word error with coding to the word error without coding.

The bandwidth efficiency is achieved by inverse multiplexing the base band binary data into several parallel streams. These parallel streams, now reduced in speed, are partitioned into a number of data blocks. Each subset of data is then used

to address a pre-determined subset of bi-orthogonal codes, stored in a ROM (read only memory). A bank of identical modulators subsequently modulates the corresponding code, combines and transmits through a given channel. This methodology achieves a code rate  $r=k/n$ , where  $n$  is the code length and  $k$  is the data set. It follows that code rates such as rate  $1/2$ , rate  $3/4$ , rate  $1$ , etc. are indeed available out of orthogonal codes with bandwidth efficiency. Construction of rate  $1/2$ , rate  $3/4$  and rate  $1$  orthogonal coded modulation schemes, using 8-bit and 16-bit bi-orthogonal code, are presented to illustrate the concept.

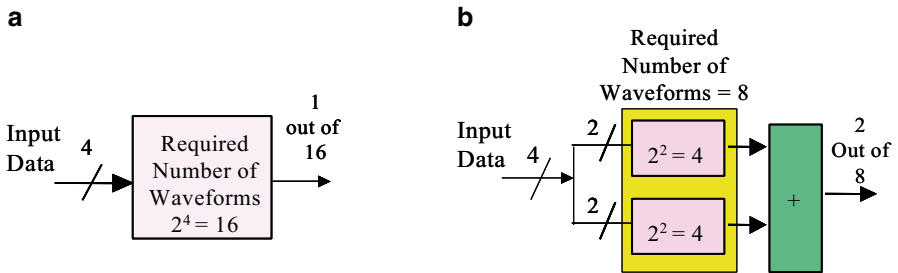
### 5.2 Conceptual Development

Figure 5.4 briefly illustrates the concept. In Fig. 5.4a we have the conventional method of waveform coding where a 4-bit data set is represented by  $2^4=16$  waveforms. This scheme is commonly viewed as being bandwidth inefficient, since we need 16 waveforms to transmit a 4-bit data.

On the other hand, in the proposed method, as shown in Fig. 5.4b, when the same 4-bit data set is partitioned into two subsets, the number of waveforms falls to 8. Similarly, in the conventional method, an 8-bit data set would require  $2^8=256$  waveforms, while the proposed method requires only  $2 \times 8=16$  waveforms. This is a substantial reduction of bandwidth indeed [5].

Table 5.1 below shows a comparison between the conventional M-ary signalling and the proposed M-ary signalling for several data lengths. In the conventional method (Col-2, Table 5.1) a  $k$ -bit data set requires  $2^k$  waveforms where  $k=1, 2, \dots$ . Thus the number of waveforms increases rapidly as the length of the data set increases. For these reasons, the conventional method of waveform coding is bandwidth inefficient.

In the proposed method, a  $k$ -bit data set requires only  $2^k$  waveforms where  $k=1, 2, \dots$  (Col-3, Table 5.1). Clearly, the proposed method of waveform coding is bandwidth efficient. Now, our objective is to show that the proposed method of waveform coding applies to bi-orthogonal signalling. We also intend to show that there is a built-in error control mechanism in this scheme. Forward error control coding (FECC)



**Fig. 5.4** Illustration of waveform coding. (a) Conventional method: a 4-bit data set requires 16 waveforms. (b) Proposed method: a 4-bit data set partitioned into two data blocks requires only 8 waveforms

**Table 5.1** Comparison of bandwidth requirements

	Conventional method	Proposed method	Bandwidth reduction
# Bits ( $x$ )	# Waveforms ( $2^x$ )	# Waveforms ( $2x$ )	Factor ( $2^x/2x$ )
1	2	2	1
2	4	4	1
3	8	6	1.333333333
4	16	8	2
5	32	10	3.2
6	64	12	5.333333333
7	128	14	9.142857143
8	256	16	16
9	512	18	28.44444444
10	1024	20	51.2
11	2048	22	93.09090909
12	4096	24	170.6666667
13	8192	26	315.0769231
14	16,384	28	585.1428571
15	32,768	30	1092.266667
16	65,536	32	2048

schemes normally used in digital communication systems are not needed in the proposed method. Therefore the proposed method is also cost-effective.

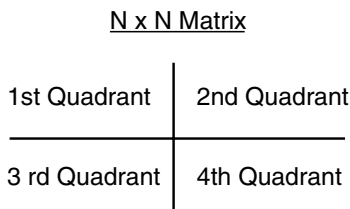
### 5.3 Orthogonal Codes and Antipodal Codes

Orthogonal codes, also known as Walsh codes, were originally developed by J. L. Walsh in 1923 [5]. Walsh codes are well known for their orthogonal properties. They have been successfully implemented in CDMA for spreading and user ID [6–9]. The use of orthogonal codes for forward error control coding (FECC) has also been investigated by a limited number of authors and has been concluded that orthogonal codes do not offer bandwidth efficiency [1]. In this chapter, our goal is to show that orthogonal codes offer error control coding with bandwidth efficiency. We accomplish this by noting that orthogonal codes are binary values and that they have equal number of 1's and 0's. The distance between each orthogonal code is  $n/2$ , where  $n$  is the code length. Since the distance properties are fundamental in error control coding, we show that an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code can correct multiple errors with bandwidth efficiency.

#### 5.3.1 Construction of Orthogonal and Antipodal Codes

Orthogonal codes are binary valued and can be generated by means of an  $N \times N$  Hadamard matrix as follows [10].

- Construct an  $N \times N$  matrix as 4 quadrants:



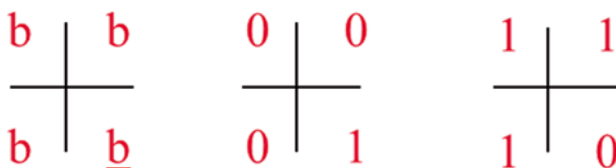
- Keep the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quadrants identical and invert the 4th as follows:



Where  $b$  is a binary bit which can be either 0 or 1. This process governs the generation of an  $N \times N$  Hadamard matrix for  $N$ -orthogonal codes with  $b=0$  and an  $N \times N$  Hadamard matrix for an  $N$ -bit antipodal code with  $b=1$ .

For example, a  $2 \times 2$  Hadamard matrix generates 2 orthogonal codes and 2 antipodal codes, for a total of 4 bi-orthogonal codes as follows:

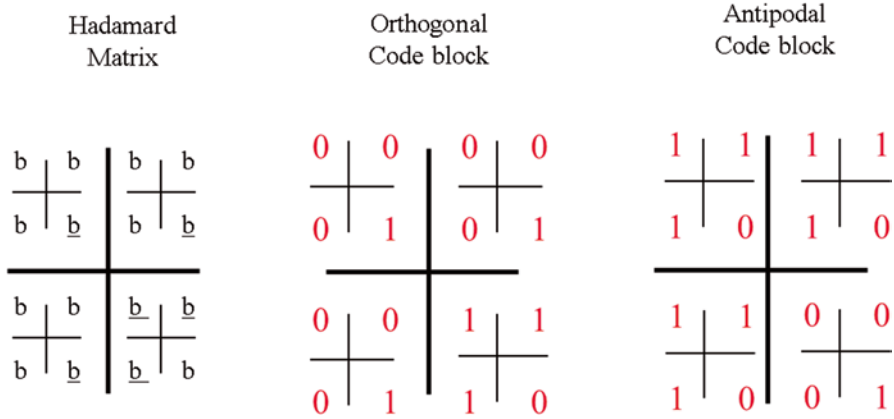
## Hadamard Matrix    Orthogonal Code block    Antipodal Code block



Where, a  $2 \times 2$  Hadamard matrix generates two orthogonal codes, having two bits each as shown below:

2-bit orthogonal code block	2-bit antipodal code block
0 0	1 1
0 1	1 0

Similarly, a  $4 \times 4$  Hadamard matrix generates 4 orthogonal codes and 4 antipodal codes, for a total of 8 bi-orthogonal codes as follows:



Here, we see that a 4x4 Hadamard matrix generates 4 orthogonal and 4 antipodal codes, for a total of 8 bi-orthogonal codes as tabulated below:

4-bit orthogonal code block	4-bit antipodal code block
0 0 0 0	1 1 1 1
0 1 0 1	1 0 1 0
0 0 1 1	1 1 0 0
0 1 1 0	1 0 0 1

This principle can be extended to generate n orthogonal codes and n antipodal codes, for a total of 2n bi-orthogonal codes. Table below provides a few orthogonal and antipodal codes for n=2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64.

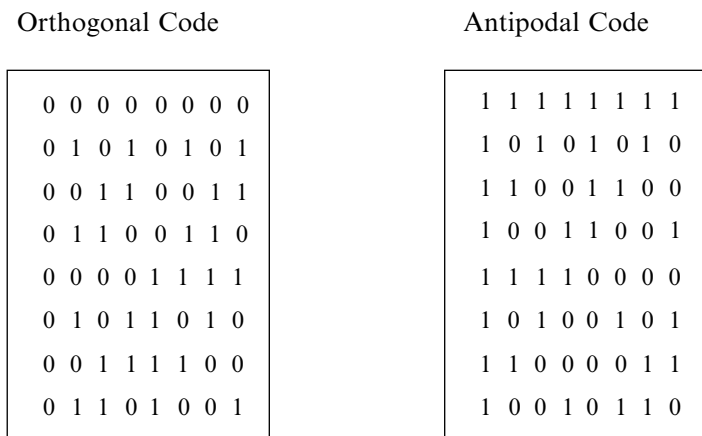
Code length (n)	Orthogonal codes (n)	Antipodal codes (n)	Bi-orthogonal codes (2n)
2	2	2	4
4	4	4	8
8	8	8	16
16	16	16	32
32	32	32	64
64	64	64	128
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### 5.3.2 Bi-orthogonal Codes

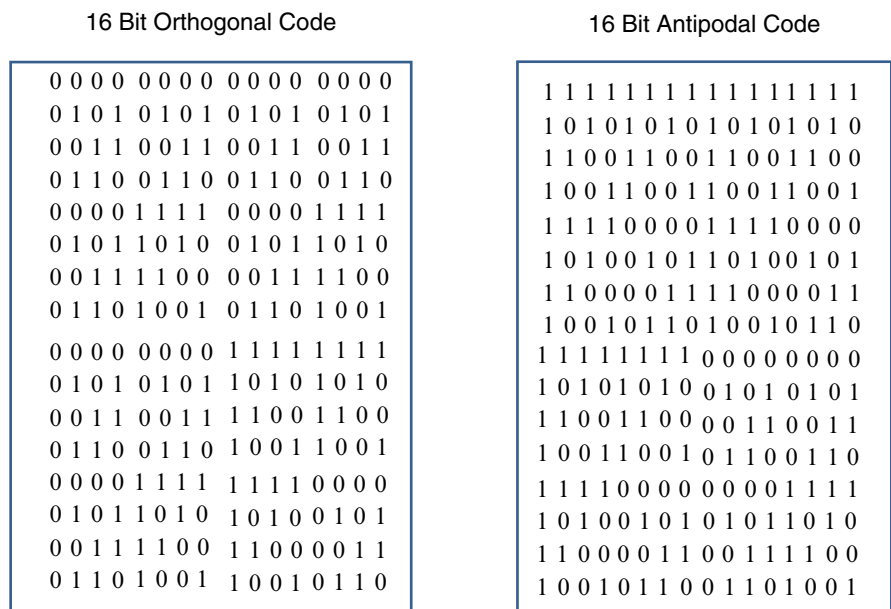
In the above, we have established that orthogonal codes are binary valued and have equal numbers of 1s and 0s. Antipodal codes, on the other hand, are just the inverse of orthogonal codes. Antipodal codes are also orthogonal among them. Therefore, an n-bit orthogonal code has n orthogonal codes and n antipodal codes,

for a total of  $2n$  bi-orthogonal codes. For example an 8-bit orthogonal code has 8 orthogonal codes and 8 antipodal codes, for a total of 16 bi-orthogonal codes as shown in Fig. 5.5 [11].

Similarly, a 16-bit orthogonal code has 16 orthogonal code and 16 antipodal code for a total of 32 bi-orthogonal codes, as shown in Fig. 5.6. We will take this bi-orthogonal code block as an example and examine the error control properties.



**Fig. 5.5** Bi-orthogonal code set for  $n=8$ . An 8-bit orthogonal code has 8 orthogonal code and 8 antipodal code for a total of 16 bi-orthogonal codes

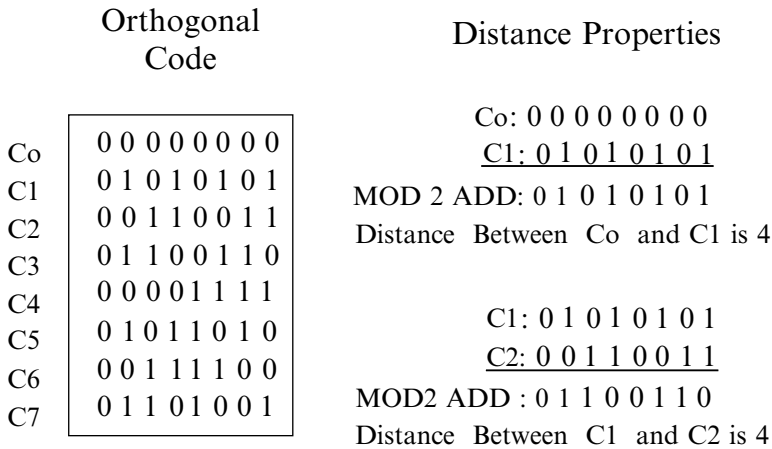


**Fig. 5.6** Bi-orthogonal code set for  $n=16$ . A 16-bit orthogonal code has 16 orthogonal code and 16 antipodal code for a total of 32 bi-orthogonal codes

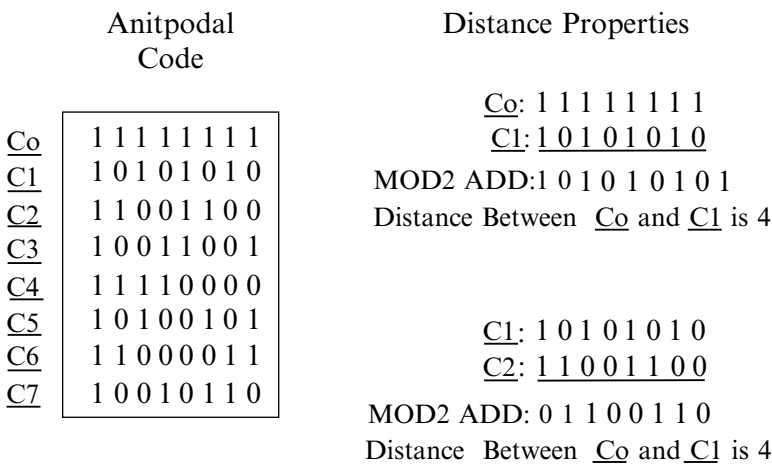


### 5.3.3 Distance Properties of Orthogonal Codes

An  $n$ -bit orthogonal code has  $n/2$  1s and  $n/2$  0s; i.e., there are  $n/2$  positions where 1's and 0's differ. Similarly, an  $n$ -bit antipodal code has  $n/2$  1s and  $n/2$  0s; i.e., there are  $n/2$  positions where 1's and 0's differ. On the other hand, the distance between an orthogonal code and an antipodal code is  $n$ , where  $n$  is the code length. For  $n=8$ , these properties can be directly verified from Figs. 5.7 and 5.8 where the distance between any orthogonal code is  $8/2=4$  while the distance between an orthogonal code and an antipodal code is 8. This distance property can be used as a method of error control, as presented in the following section [11].



**Fig. 5.7** Distance properties of orthogonal codes. For  $n=8$ , the distance between any orthogonal coded is  $8/2=4$ . There are  $n/2=8/2=4$  positions where 1's and 0's differ



**Fig. 5.8** Distance properties of antipodal codes. For  $n=8$ , the distance between any antipodal coded is  $8/2=4$ . There are  $n/2=8/2=4$  positions where 1's and 0's differ

## 5.4 Error Control Coding Based on Orthogonal Codes

### 5.4.1 Error Control Capabilities of Orthogonal Codes

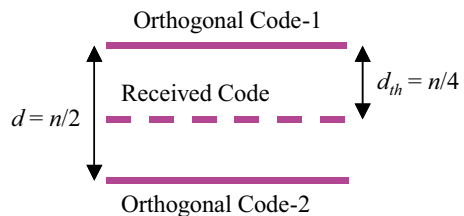
Orthogonal codes are used in CDMA for spreading and user ID. The use of orthogonal codes for forward error control coding (FECC) has also been investigated by a limited number of authors. They have concluded that orthogonal codes do not utilize bandwidth efficiently [1]. Our objective in this chapter is to investigate the distance properties of orthogonal codes and develop a bandwidth efficient coded modulation scheme. In the proposed method, orthogonal codes are treated as  $(n, k)$  block codes where a  $k$ -bit information is represented by a unique  $n$ -bit orthogonal code ( $k < n$ ). We examine this by noting that an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code has  $n/2$  1s and  $n/2$  0s; i.e., there are  $n/2$  positions where 1s and 0s differ. Therefore, the distance between two orthogonal codes is also  $n/2$ , where each orthogonal code generates a zero parity bit. These properties are exploited to detect and correct errors with bandwidth efficiency. We show that an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code can correct  $t$  errors where  $t = n/4 - 1$ ,  $n$  being the code length. A measure of coding gain is then obtained by comparing the word error with coding to the word error without coding. Construction of rate 1 orthogonal coded modulation schemes, using an 8-bit orthogonal code, is presented to illustrate the concept [2–4, 9, 11].

In order to examine the error control properties of orthogonal codes, we note that an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code has  $n/2$  1s and  $n/2$  0s; i.e., there are  $n/2$  positions where 1s and 0s differ. Therefore, the distance between two orthogonal codes is  $d = n/2$ . This distance property can be used to detect an impaired received code by setting a threshold midway between two orthogonal codes as shown in Fig. 5.9, where the received coded is shown as a dotted line. This is given by the following equation:

$$d_{th} = \frac{n}{4} \quad (5.1)$$

Where  $n$  is the code length and  $d_{th}$  is the threshold, which is midway between two orthogonal codes. Therefore, for the 8-bit orthogonal code (Fig. 5.3), we have  $d_{th} = 8/4 = 2$ . This mechanism offers a decision process, where the incoming impaired orthogonal code is examined for correlation with the neighbouring codes for a possible match.

**Fig. 5.9** Decoding principle. The received code is compared to a lookup table for a possible match



**Table 5.2** Orthogonal codes and the corresponding error correction capabilities

Code length n	Number of errors corrected t
8	1
16	3
32	7
64	15

The acceptance criterion for a valid code is that an n-bit comparison must yield a good auto-correlation value; otherwise, a false detection will occur. The following correlation process governs this where an impaired orthogonal code is compared with a pair of n-bit orthogonal codes to yield,

$$R(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \geq (n - d_{th}) + 1 \quad (5.2)$$

Where  $R(x, y)$  is the auto-correlation function,  $n$  is the code length,  $d_{th}$  is the threshold, as defined earlier. Since the threshold ( $d_{th}$ ) is in the midway between two valid codes, an additional 1-bit offset is added to Eq. 5.4 for reliable detection. The number of errors that can be corrected by means of this process can be estimated by combining Eqs. 5.3 and 5.4, yielding

$$t = n - R(x,y) = \frac{n}{4} - 1 \quad (5.3)$$

In the above equation,  $t$  is the number of errors that can be corrected by means of an n-bit orthogonal code. For example, a single error-correcting orthogonal code can be constructed by means of an 8-bit orthogonal code ( $n=8$ ). Similarly, a three-error-correcting orthogonal code can be constructed by means of a 16-bit orthogonal code ( $n=16$ ), and so on. Table 5.2 shows a few orthogonal codes and the corresponding error-correcting capabilities.

### 5.4.2 Error Performance and Coding Gain

In the previous section, we have established that an n-bit orthogonal code can correct  $t$  errors, where  $t = (n/4) - 1$ ,  $n$  being the code length. A measure of coding gain is then obtained by comparing the word error without coding WER(U) to the word error with coding WER(C). We examine this by means of the following analytical means [12].

Let a  $k$ -bit data set be represented by an n-bit orthogonal code, where  $n > k$ . Then the code rate will be  $k/n$  and the coded bit rate will be  $R_c = (n/k)R_b$ , where  $R_b$  is the uncoded bit rate. Since  $n > k$ , the coded bit rate  $R_c$  will be greater than the uncoded bit rate  $R_b$  ( $R_c > R_b$ ). Consequently, the coded bit energy  $E_c$  will be less than the uncoded bit energy  $E_b$  ( $E_c < E_b$ ). If  $S$  is the transmit carrier power, then the uncoded bit energy ( $E_b$ ) and the coded bit energy ( $E_c$ ) will be,

$$E_b = \frac{S}{R_b} \quad (5.4)$$

$$E_c = E_b \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) = \left( \frac{S}{R_b} \right) \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \quad (5.5)$$

With orthogonal on-off keying modulation and non-coherent detection, the uncoded bit error probability  $P_{eu}$  and the coded bit error probability  $P_{ec}$  over additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) channel without fading are given by,

$$P_{eu} \approx \frac{1}{2} \text{Exp} \left( \frac{-E_b}{2N_o} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Exp} \left( \frac{-S}{2R_b N_o} \right) \quad (5.6)$$

$$P_{ec} \approx \frac{1}{2} \text{Exp} \left( \frac{-E_c}{2N \text{Exp}_o} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Exp} \left[ \left( \frac{-S}{2R_b N_o} \right) \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right] \quad (5.7)$$

Where  $E_b/N_o$  is the energy per bit to noise spectral density.  $E_b/N_o$  is related to signal to noise ( $S/N$ ) ratio, also known as “SNR” as follows:

$$E_b/N_o = \left( \frac{S}{N_o R_b} \right) = \left( \frac{S}{N} \right) \left( \frac{W}{R_b} \right) \quad (5.8)$$

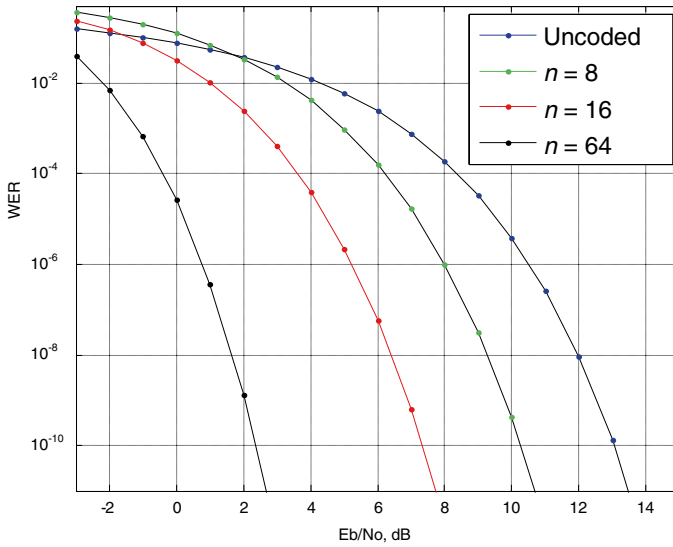
$S/N$  is the ratio of average signal power to average noise power, where  $N = N_o W$ ,  $W$ =signal bandwidth.  $E_b/N_o$  is the normalized measure of the energy per symbol to noise power spectral density. The parameter  $E_b/N_o$  is generally used to estimate the *bit error rate* (BER) performance of different digital modulation schemes.

Since  $n > k$ , the coded bit error will be more than the uncoded bit error. However, it still remains to be seen whether there is a net gain in word error rate due to coding. This can be achieved by comparing the uncoded word error rate WER(U) with the coded word error rate WER(C). These word error rates over AWGN channel without fading are given by,

$$\text{WER}(U) = 1 - (1 - P_{eu})^k \quad (5.9)$$

$$\text{WER}(C) = \sum_{i=t+1}^n \binom{n}{i} P_{ec} (1 - P_{ec})^{n-i} \quad (5.10)$$

Where  $P_{eu}$  is the uncoded bit error rate,  $P_{ec}$  is the coded bit error rate and  $t$  is the maximum errors corrected by the code. For rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  orthogonal codes, the word error rate (WER) for orthogonal on-off keying (O3K) modulation were calculated for various code lengths and plotted in the graph as shown in Fig. 5.10 [13]. The uncoded BER is also plotted for comparison.



**Fig. 5.10** Word error performance due to a single orthogonal code of different code lengths

Coding gain is the difference in  $E_b/N_0$  between the uncoded and the coded word errors. Notice that at least 3–7 dB coding gains are available in this example. We also note that coding gain increases for longer codes. From these results, we conclude that orthogonal codes offer coding gain.

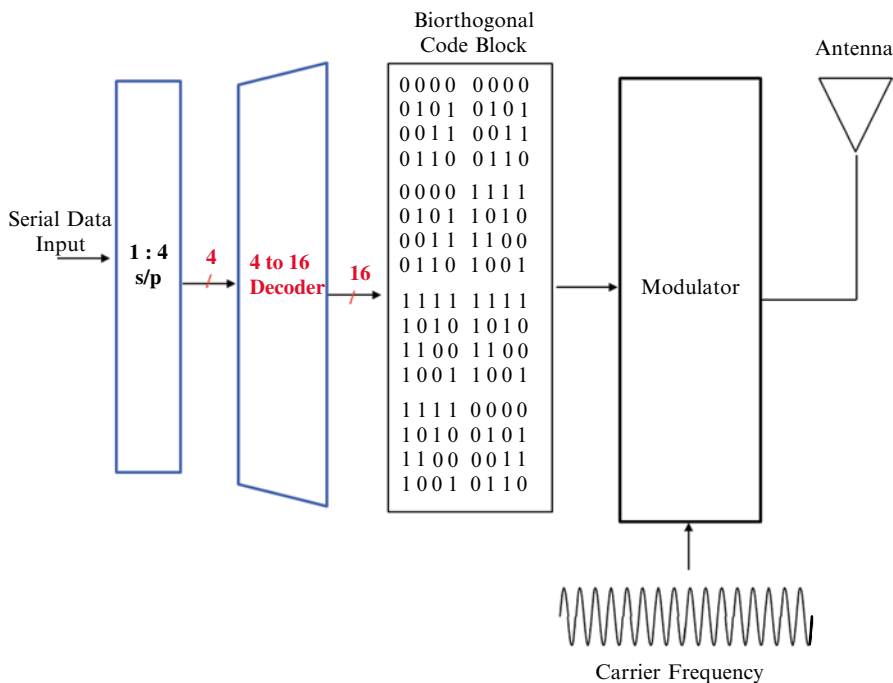
## 5.5 Waveform Coding Based on Orthogonal Codes

Orthogonal codes are essentially  $(n, k)$  block codes, where a  $k$ -bit data set is represented by a unique  $n$ -bit orthogonal code ( $k < n$ ). We illustrate this by means of an 8-bit orthogonal code, having 8 orthogonal and 8 antipodal codes for a total of 16 bi-orthogonal codes. We assume that an  $n$ -bit orthogonal code can be treated as an  $(n, k)$  block code. We now show that code rates such as rate  $1/2$ , rate  $3/4$  and rate 1 are indeed available out of orthogonal codes. The principle is presented below:

### 5.5.1 Construction of Rate 1/2 Waveform Coding

#### Encoder

A rate  $1/2$  orthogonal coded modulation with an 8-bit orthogonal code, having 16 bi-orthogonal codes ( $m=16, n=8$ ), can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic,  $R_b$ (b/s), into 4 parallel streams ( $k=4$ ) as shown in Fig. 5.11. These bit streams, now reduced in speed to  $R_b/4$  (b/s), are used to address sixteen 8-bit



**Fig. 5.11** Rate 1/2 orthogonal coded modulation with  $n=8$

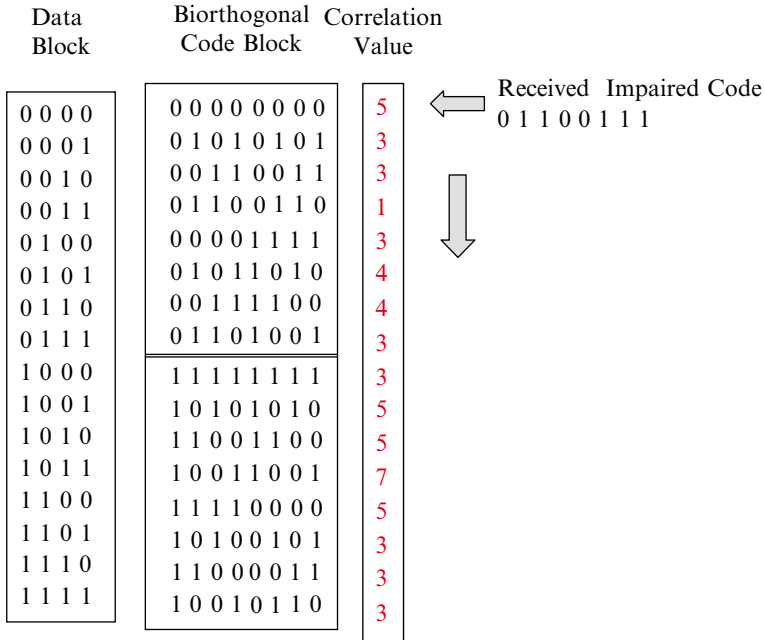
bi-orthogonal codes, stored in a  $16 \times 8$  ROM. The output of the ROM is a unique 8-bit orthogonal code, which is modulated and transmitted through a channel. The modulated waveform is in orthogonal space. The code rate is given by  $r=4/8=1/2$ . Since there is only one 8-bit orthogonal waveform, only one error can be corrected in this scheme.

### Decoder

Decoding is a process of code correlation. In this process, the receiver compares the incoming impaired data with the actual data stored in the lookup table for a possible match. Figure 5.12 shows the lookup table at the receiver. Notice that for each 4-bit data, there is unique orthogonal (antipodal) code. According to the transmission protocol, the transmitter sends a unique orthogonal (antipodal) code to the receiver. Upon receiving an orthogonal (antipodal) code, the receiver validates the received data pattern by means of code correlation and appends a correlation value for the received data. The process continues for each entry to generate the corresponding correlation value.

The acceptance criterion for a valid code is that an  $n$ -bit comparison must yield a good auto-correlation value; otherwise, a false detection will occur. This is governed by the following correlation value:

$$t \leq (n/4) - 1$$



**Fig. 5.12** Correlation receiver for rate 1/2 bi-orthogonal coding. Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison. A valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved. For rate 1/2, n=8, this value is 1 and the corresponding data is 0011

Where n is the code length and t is the number of errors that can be corrected by an n-bit orthogonal code.

Let’s examine the correlation process using the following example:

- The input bit pattern  $k=0011$
- Encoded transmit code:  $n=01100110$
- Received impaired code:  $n^*=0110011\mathbf{1}$  (the last bit is in error)

Notice that the last bit is in error, identified in bold. Now, let’s determine how the receiver recovers the correct data by means of code correlation. The correlation process is described below.

**Test 1**

This test compares the received data with the 1st row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received impaired code: 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1
- 1<sup>st</sup> row of code in the lookup table: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
- Mod-2 Add: 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1
- Correlation Value = 5 (count the number of 1’s in MOD2 Add)
- Verdict: No match, Continue search.

## Test 2

This test compares the received data with the 2nd row of data stored in the lookup table and counts the number of positions it does not match. This is accomplished by MOD2 operation (EXOR operation). The result is presented below:

- Received impaired code:           0 11 0 0 1 1 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> row of code in the lookup table: 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
- Mod-2 Add:                       0 01 1 0 01 0
- Correlation Value = 3
- Verdict: No match, Continue search

In a similar manner we can determine the remaining correlation values as depicted in Fig. 5.12. Notice that the lowest correlation value is 1, which is the valid code. Therefore, the corresponding 4-bit data is 0 0 1 1, which has been transmitted.

### 5.5.2 Construction of Rate 3/4 Waveform Coding

#### Encoder

A rate  $\frac{3}{4}$  orthogonal coded modulation with an 8-bit orthogonal code, having 16 bi-orthogonal codes ( $m=16, n=8$ ), can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic,  $R_b$ (b/s), into 6-parallel streams ( $k=6$ ) as shown in Fig. 5.13. These bit streams, now reduced in speed to  $R_b/6$  (b/s), are partitioned into two  $8 \times 3$  data blocks. The first  $8 \times 3$  data block maps the  $8 \times 8$  orthogonal code block and the next  $8 \times 3$  data block maps the  $8 \times 8$  antipodal code block. These code blocks are stored in two  $8 \times 8$  ROMs. The output of each ROM is a unique 8-bit orthogonal/antipodal code, which are modulated by means of the respective modulator using the same carrier frequency.

The code rate is given by  $r=6/8=3/4$ . Since there are two orthogonal waveforms (one orthogonal and one antipodal), the number of errors that can be corrected is given by 2. Moreover, the bandwidth is also reduced.

#### Decoder

Decoding is a correlation process similar to the one presented earlier. Let's examine the correlation process using the following example.

**For Data Block 1** Input bit pattern  $k1=0 1 1$

- Encoded transmit code:  $n1=0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0$
- Received impaired code:  $n1^*=0 1 1 0 0 1 1 \mathbf{1}$  (the last bit is in error)

Notice that the last bit is in error, identified in bold.



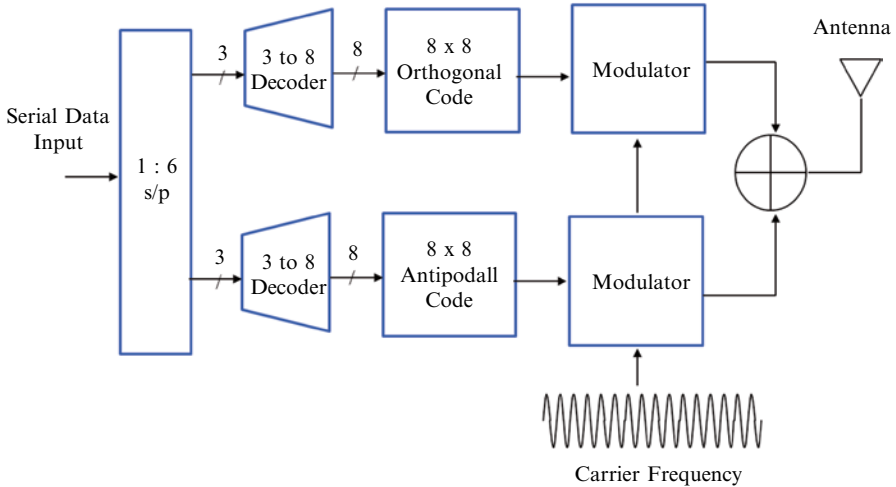


Fig. 5.13 Rate 3/4 orthogonal coded modulation with  $n=8$

**For Data Block 2**

- Input bit pattern  $k_2=1\ 0\ 0$
- Encoded transmit code:  $n_2=1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$
- Received impaired code:  $n_1^*=\mathbf{0}\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ \mathbf{1}$  (the first bit is in error)

Notice that the first bit is in error, identified in bold.

Figure 5.14 shows the correlation receiver for rate 3/4 bi-orthogonal coding. Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison. A valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved. For rate 3/4 coding with  $n=8$ , there are two code blocks, the minimum correlation value is 1 for an orthogonal code and 1 for an antipodal code. The corresponding data is 011 and 100, respectively.

The correlation process for rate  $r=3/4$  with code length  $n=8$  is described below:

- Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison.
- A valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved.
- For rate 3/4 coding with  $n=8$ , there are two code blocks, the minimum correlation value is 1 for an orthogonal code and 1 for an antipodal code.
- The corresponding data is 011 and 100, respectively.
- Number of errors corrected is 2.
- Code rate is given by  $r=3/4$ .

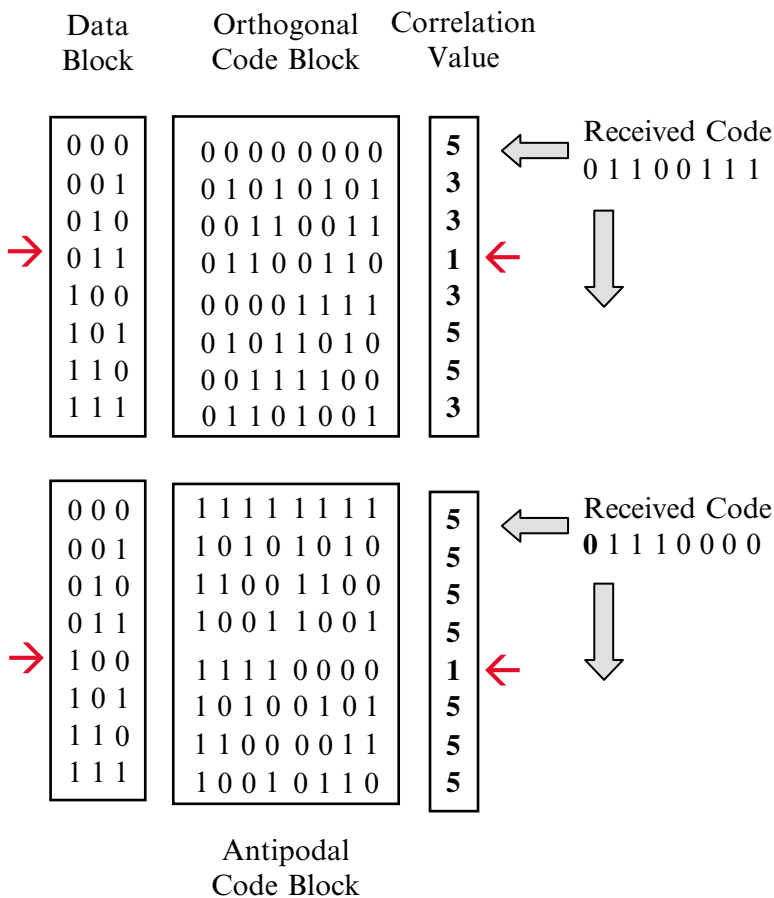


Fig. 5.14 Correlation receiver for rate 3/4 bi-orthogonal coding

### 5.5.3 Construction of Rate 1 Waveform Coding

#### Encoder

A rate 1 orthogonal coded modulation with an 8-bit orthogonal code, having 16 bi-orthogonal codes ( $m=16, n=8$ ), can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic,  $R_b$ (b/s), into 8 parallel streams ( $k=8$ ) as shown in Fig. 5.15.

The bit streams, now reduced in speed to  $R_b/8$  (b/s), are partitioned into four data blocks. Each data block is mapped into a  $4 \times 8$  code block. These code blocks are stored in four  $4 \times 8$  ROMs as depicted in the figure. The output of each ROM is a unique 8-bit orthogonal/antipodal code, which is modulated by the respective modulator using the same carrier frequency. The modulated waveforms are in

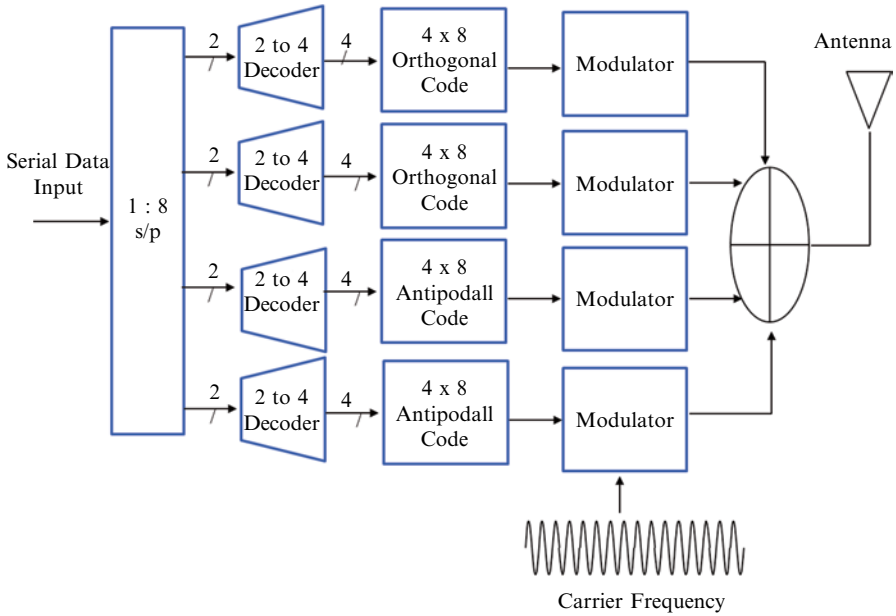


Fig. 5.15 Rate 1 orthogonal coded modulation with  $n=8$

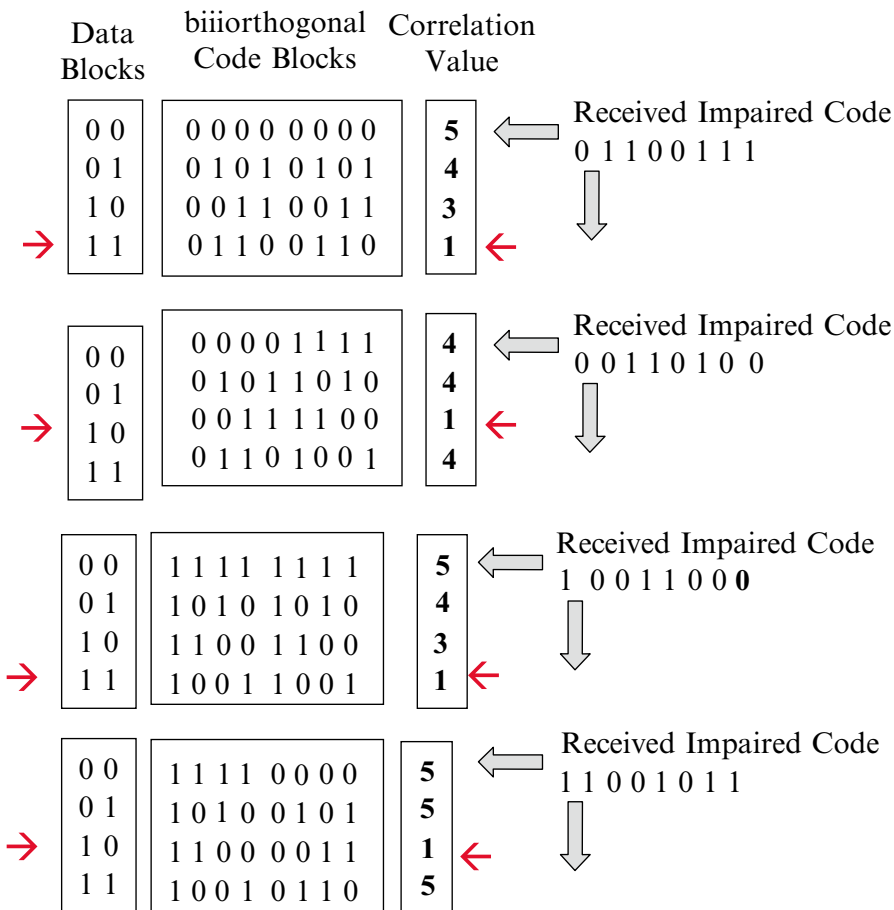
orthogonal space and have fewer errors. The code rate is given by  $r=8/8=1$ . This is achieved without bandwidth expansion. Since there are four orthogonal waveforms, the number of errors that can be corrected is 4.

**Decoder**

Figure 5.16 displays the correlation receiver for rate 1 bi-orthogonal coding with  $n=8$  orthogonal codes. Once again, the decoding process is similar to the one presented earlier. Notice that the entire bi-orthogonal code block is partitioned into four code blocks. Each code block represents a data block as shown in the figure.

- Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison.
- A valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved.
- As can be seen, the minimum correlation value in each block is 1 as depicted in the figure.
- The corresponding data is 1 1, 1 0, 1 1, 1 0 respectively.

Since there are four orthogonal waveforms (two orthogonal and two antipodal), the number of errors that can be corrected is given by  $4 \times 1=4$ . Moreover, the bandwidth is further reduced. The result is summarized below:



**Fig. 5.16** Correlation receiver for rate 1 bi-orthogonal coding with  $n=8$ . Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison. A valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved. For rate 1 coding with  $n=8$ , there are four code blocks. The minimum correlation value in each block is 1. The corresponding data is 11, 10, 1 1, 1 0 respectively

- Code rate:  $r=8/8=1$
- Number of errors corrected:  $4t = 4[(n/4)-1] = 4(8/4)-1 = 4$

### 5.6 Higher Order Orthogonal Waveform Coding Using 16-Bit Orthogonal Code

A 16-bit orthogonal code has 16 orthogonal codes and 16 antipodal codes, for a total of 32 bi-orthogonal codes as shown in Fig. 5.17. Notice that the distance between any orthogonal codes is  $n/2 = 16/2 = 8$ . Since the distance properties are fundamental

16 Bit Orthogonal Code	16 Bit Antipodal Code
0000 0000 0000 0000	1111111111111111
0101 0101 0101 0101	1010101010101010
0011 0011 0011 0011	1100110011001100
0110 0110 0110 0110	1001100110011001
0000 1111 0000 1111	1111000011110000
0101 1010 0101 1010	1010010110100101
0011 1100 0011 1100	1100001111000011
0110 1001 0110 1001	1001011010010110
0000 0000 1111 1111	1111111100000000
0101 0101 1010 1010	1010101001010101
0011 0011 1100 1100	1100110000110011
0110 0110 1001 1001	1001100101100110
0000 1111 1111 0000	1111000000001111
0101 1010 1010 0101	1010010101011010
0011 1100 1100 0011	1100001100111100
0110 1001 1001 0110	1001011001101001

**Fig. 5.17** 16-bit bi-orthogonal code set having 16 orthogonal codes and 16 antipodal codes for a total of 32 bi-orthogonal codes

in error control coding, the  $n=16$  bit code can correct more errors. The number of errors that can be corrected by each of these codes is given by,

$$t = (n/4) - 1 = (16/4) - 1 = 3 \tag{5.11}$$

Where  $n=16$  is the code length. These bi-orthogonal codes can be used to realize a variety of waveform coding with bandwidth efficiency. The construction of these code blocks are briefly presented in the following sections.

### 5.6.1 Rate 5/16 Orthogonal Waveform Coding Based on $n=16$ Orthogonal Code

A rate 5/16 orthogonal coded modulation with a 16-bit orthogonal code, having 32 bi-orthogonal codes ( $m=32, n=16$ ), can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic,  $R_b$  (b/s), into 5 parallel streams ( $k=5$ ) as shown in Fig. 5.18. These bit streams, now reduced in speed by a factor of 5, are used to address 32-, 16-bit bi-orthogonal codes, stored in a  $32 \times 16$  ROM. The output of the ROM is a unique 16-bit orthogonal (antipodal) code, which is modulated and transmitted through a channel. The modulated waveform is in orthogonal space.

Figure 5.18 also illustrates the correlation receiver for rate 5/16 bi-orthogonal coding based on  $n=16$  orthogonal codes. Notice that the entire  $32 \times 5$  data block is mapped into the entire  $32 \times 16$  bi-orthogonal code block. Each 16 bit orthogonal/antipodal code represents a 5-bit data pattern as shown in the figure.

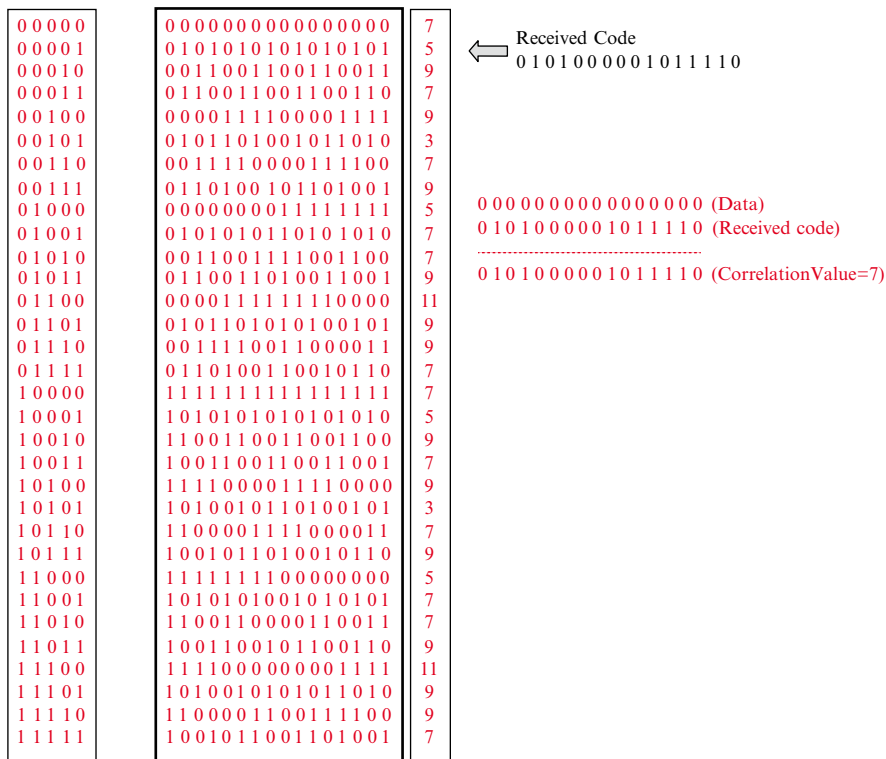


Fig. 5.18 Rate 5/16 bi-orthogonal coding based on  $n = 16$  orthogonal code

The correlation process is as follows:

- Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison.
- A valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved.
- As can be seen, the minimum correlation value in the entire block is 3, which identifies the valid code and the corresponding data as shown in the figure.

The code rate ( $r$ ) and the number of errors ( $t$ ) that can be corrected are as follows:

- Code rate:  $r = 5/16$
- Number of errors corrected:  $t = (n / 4) - 1 = (16 / 4) - 1 = 3$

Since the code rate is 5/16, this scheme is bandwidth inefficient.

### 5.6.2 Rate 1/2 Orthogonal Waveform Coding Based on n =16 Orthogonal Code

A rate 1/2 orthogonal coded modulation with a 16-bit orthogonal code, having 32 bi-orthogonal codes ( $m=32, n=16$ ), can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic,  $R_b$  (b/s), into 8 parallel streams ( $k=8$ ), as shown in Fig. 5.19. These bit streams, now reduced in speed by a factor of 8, are partitioned into two data blocks, 4 bits per subset. Each 4-bit subset is used to address eight 16-bit orthogonal codes. These codes are stored in two  $16 \times 16$  ROMs. The output of each ROM is a unique 16-bit orthogonal code, which is modulated by the respective modulator and transmitted through a channel. The modulated waveforms are in orthogonal space.

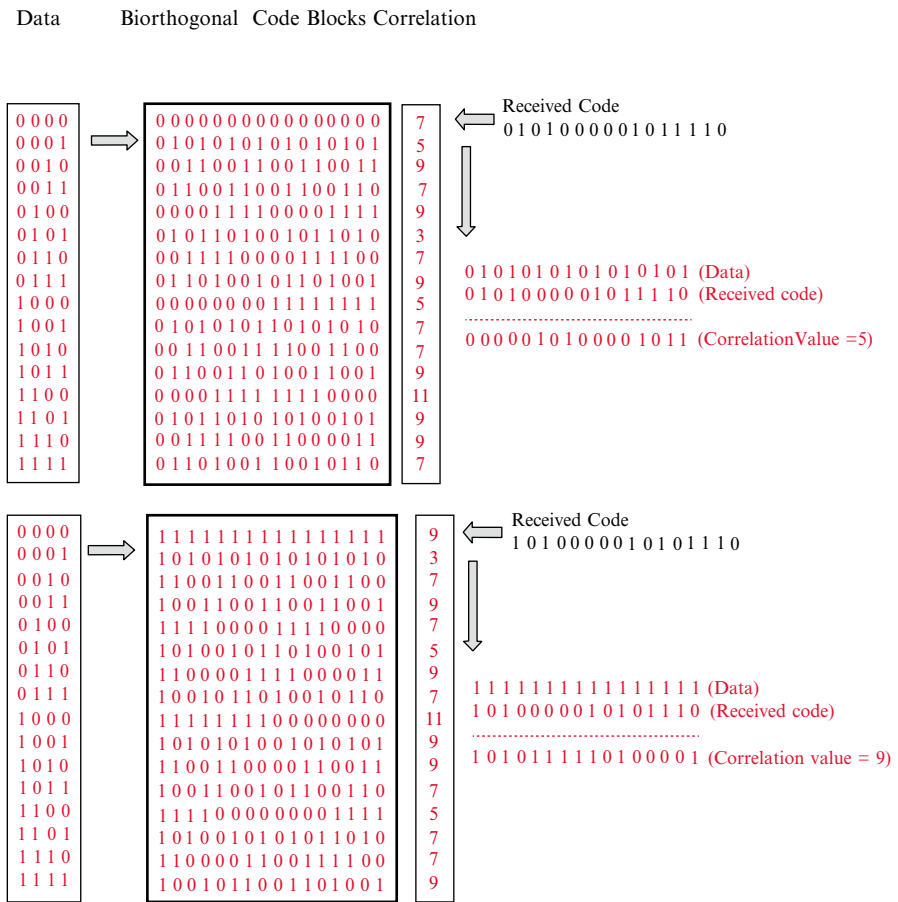


Fig. 5.19 Correlation receiver for rate 1/2 orthogonal waveform coding based on n =16 orthogonal codes

Figure 5.19 also displays the correlation receiver for rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  bi-orthogonal coding based on  $n=16$  orthogonal codes. In this scheme, both the data and the bi-orthogonal code blocks are partitioned into two blocks as shown in the figure. Each block corrects 3 errors for a total of 6 errors.

The correlation process is as follows:

- Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the orthogonal code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison.
- The process is similar for the antipodal code block.
- In each block, a valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved.
- As can be seen, the minimum correlation value in each block is 3, which identifies the valid code and the corresponding data as shown in the figure.
- The total number of errors that can be corrected by this scheme is given by 6.

Since there are two orthogonal waveforms (one orthogonal and one antipodal), the number of errors that can be corrected is given by  $2 \times 3 = 6$ . Moreover, the bandwidth is also reduced. The result is summarized below:

- Code rate:  $r = 8/16 = 1/2$
- Number of errors corrected:  $2t = 2[(n/4) - 1] = 2(16/4) - 1 = 6$

### 5.6.3 Rate $\frac{3}{4}$ Orthogonal Waveform Coding Using $n=16$ Orthogonal Code

A rate  $\frac{3}{4}$  orthogonal coded modulation with a 16-bit orthogonal code, having 32 bi-orthogonal codes ( $m=32, n=16$ ), can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic into 12 parallel streams ( $k=12$ ) as shown in Fig. 5.20. These bit streams, now reduced in speed by a factor of 12, are partitioned into four data blocks, 3 bits per subset. Each 3-bit subset is used to address eight 16-bit orthogonal codes. These codes are stored in four  $8 \times 16$  ROMs. The output of each ROM is a unique 16-bit orthogonal (antipodal) code, which is modulated by the respective modulator and transmitted through a channel. The modulated waveforms are in orthogonal space.

Figure 5.20 also displays the correlation receiver for rate  $\frac{3}{4}$  bi-orthogonal coding based on  $n=16$  orthogonal codes. In this scheme, both the data and the bi-orthogonal code blocks are partitioned into four blocks as shown in the figure. Each block corrects 3 errors for a total of 12 errors.

The correlation process is as follows:

- Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the orthogonal code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison.
- The process is similar for the remaining code blocks.
- In each block, a valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved.



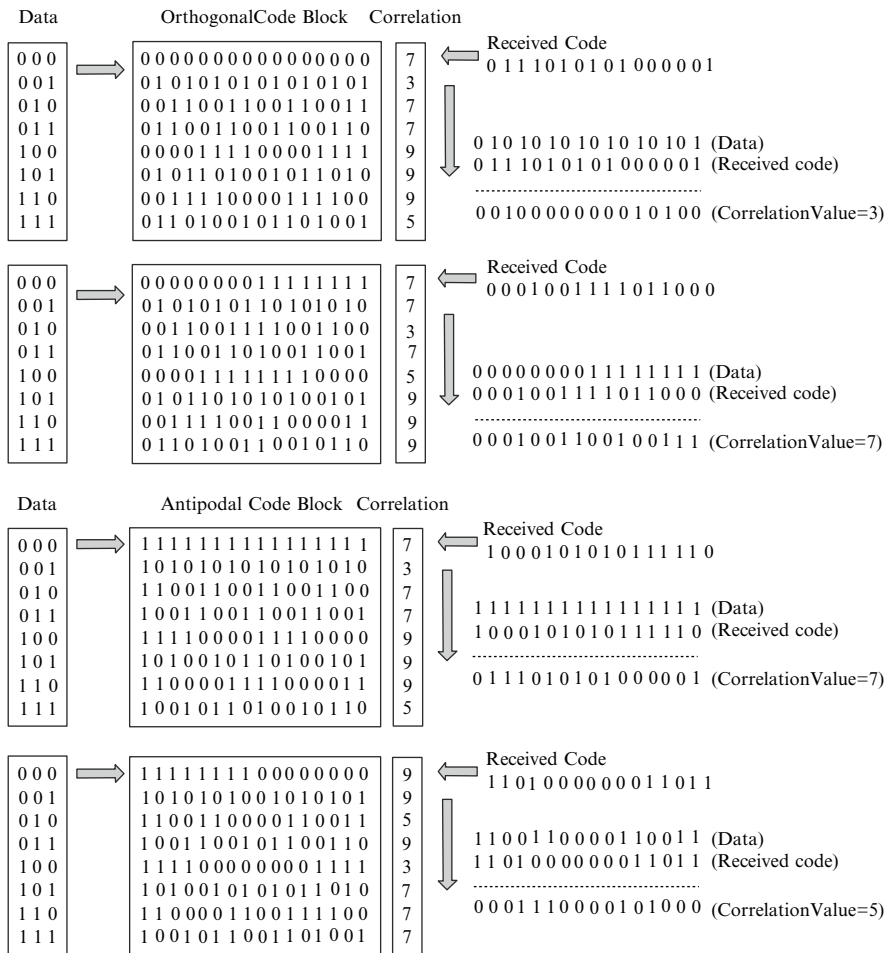


Fig. 5.20 Correlation receiver for rate 3/4 orthogonal waveform coding based on n=16 orthogonal codes

- As can be seen, the minimum correlation value in each block is 3, which identifies the valid code and the corresponding data as shown in the figure.

Since there are four orthogonal waveforms (two orthogonal and two antipodal), the number of errors that can be corrected is given by  $4 \times 3 = 12$ . Moreover, the bandwidth is further reduced. The result is summarized below:

- Code rate:  $r = 12/16 = 3/4$
- Number of errors corrected:  $4t = 4[(n/4) - 1] = 4(16/4 - 1) = 12$

### 5.6.4 Rate 1 Orthogonal Waveform Coding Based on $n=16$ Orthogonal Code

A rate 1 orthogonal coded modulation with a 16-bit orthogonal code, having 32 bi-orthogonal codes ( $m=32, n=16$ ), can be constructed by inverse multiplexing the incoming traffic,  $R_b$  (b/s), into 16 parallel streams ( $k=16$ ) as shown in Fig. 5.21.

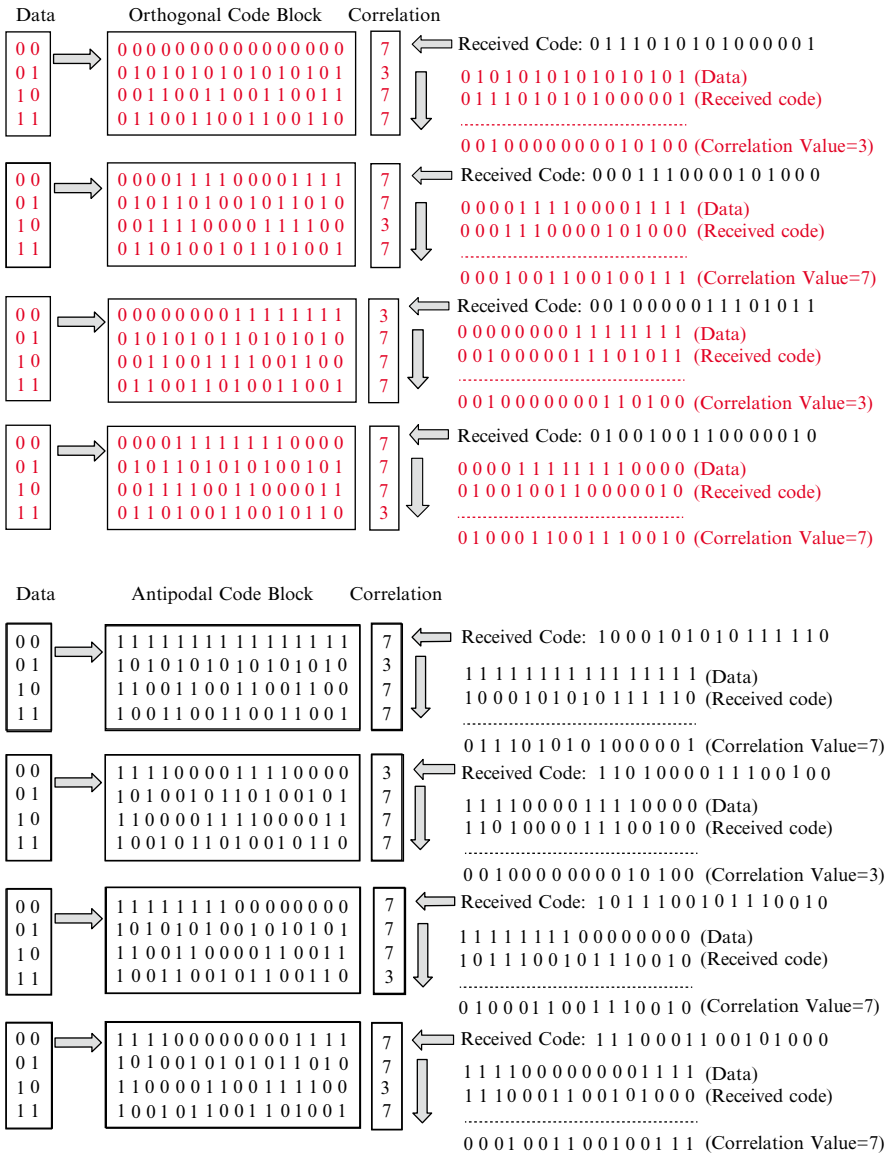


Fig. 5.21 Correlation receiver for rate 1 orthogonal waveform coding based on  $n=16$  orthogonal codes

These bit streams, now reduced in speed by a factor of 16, are partitioned into 8 data blocks, 2 bits per subset. Each 2-bit subset is used to address four 16-bit orthogonal codes. These codes are stored in eight  $4 \times 16$  ROMs. The output of each ROM is a unique 16-bit orthogonal (antipodal) code, which is modulated by the respective modulator and transmitted through a channel.

Figure 5.21 also displays the correlation receiver for rate 1 bi-orthogonal coding based on  $n=16$  orthogonal codes. In this scheme, both the data and the bi-orthogonal code blocks are partitioned into eight blocks as shown in the figure. Each block corrects 3 errors for a total of 24 errors.

The correlation process is as follows:

- Upon receiving an impaired code, the receiver compares it with each entry in the orthogonal/antipodal code block and appends a correlation value for each comparison.
- The process is carried out for each block for a total of eight blocks.
- In each block, a valid code is declared when the closest approximation is achieved.
- As can be seen, the minimum correlation value in each block is 3, which identifies the valid code and the corresponding data as shown in the figure.
- Since there are eight blocks, the total number of errors that can be corrected by this scheme is given by  $3 \times 8 = 24$ .

Since there are eight orthogonal waveforms (four orthogonal and four antipodal), the number of errors that can be corrected is given by  $8 \times 3 = 24$ . Moreover, the bandwidth is further reduced.

The result is summarized below:

- Code rate:  $r = 16/16 = 1$
- Number of errors corrected:  $8t = 8[(n/4) - 1] = 8(16/4 - 1) = 24$
- This is achieved without bandwidth expansion.

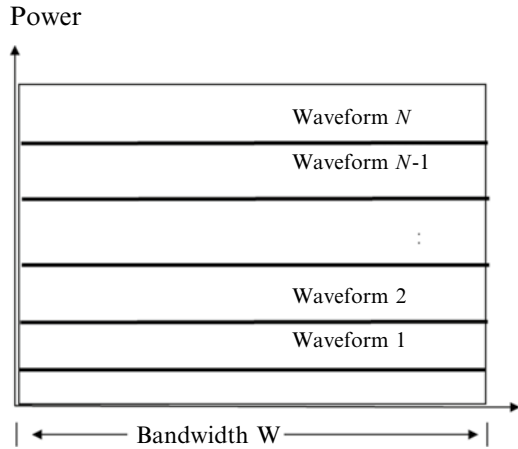
## 5.7 Waveform Capacity

Waveform coding is a technique where multiple parallel data streams from a single user are used to modulate the same carrier frequency. In this scheme, the modulated carrier frequencies are in orthogonal space and have a unique noise signature. Therefore, waveform capacity can be defined as the number of modulated waveforms that can be combined without interfering each other. This is conceptually shown in Fig. 5.22, where  $N$  waveforms share the same transmission bandwidth  $W$ . Each waveform contributes noise before data recovery.

Our objective is to determine the number  $N$  that can be supported in a given bandwidth. This is similar to CDMA capacity [6] as presented below.

From the circuit theory we know that the power delivered into a load is the rate of change of energy, which is given by,

**Fig. 5.22** Illustration of  $N$  waveforms sharing the same transmission bandwidth  $W$ . Each waveform represents a noise source before data recovery



$$P = \frac{dE}{dt} \quad (5.12)$$

Where,

- $P$  = Power
- $E$  = Energy

On the other hand, in digital communication we define power and energy as follows:

$$C = \frac{E_b}{T} = E_b R_b \quad (5.13)$$

Where,

- $C$  = Carrier power, where
- $E_b$  = Energy per bit
- $T$  = Bit duration
- $R_b$  = Bit rate (b/s)

Now, let's define:

- $W$  = Bandwidth
- $I$  = Total interference (noise) due to multiple users

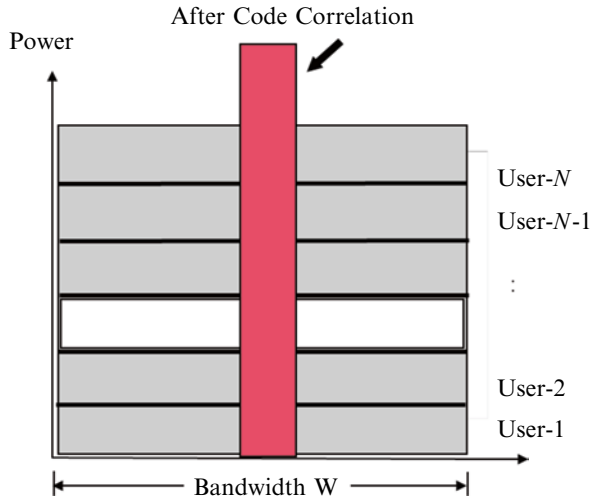
Then the noise density  $N_o$  can be written as:

$$N_o = \frac{1}{W}$$

or

$$I = N_o \times W \quad (5.14)$$

**Fig. 5.23** Correlation receiver outcome. One out of N signals is correlated and its signal strength is the highest



From the above equations, we can express the carrier to interference ratio as follows:

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{R_b \times E_b}{N_o \times W} \tag{5.15}$$

Where,

- $E_b$  = Energy per bit
- $R_b$  = Bit rate
- $N_o$  = Noise density (also called “noise spectral density”)
- $W$  = Transmission bandwidth

In a correlation receiver, the interference is due to all users except the one which is being recovered by means of code correlation as depicted in Fig. 5.23. Therefore, we can write:

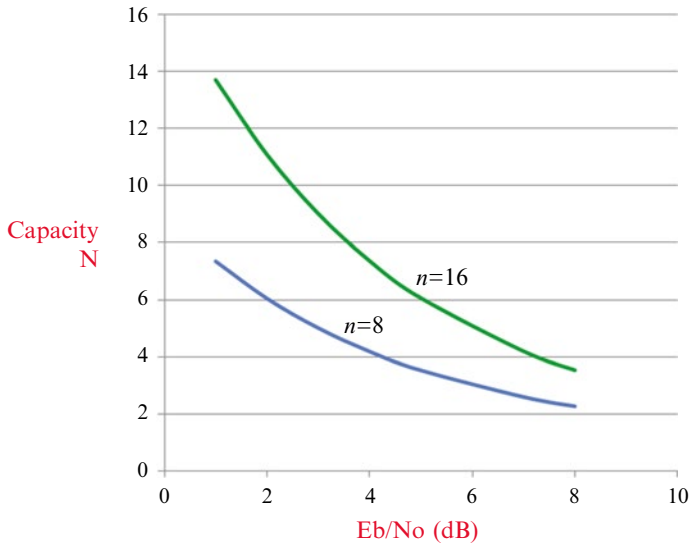
$$\begin{aligned} I &= C(N - 1) \\ \frac{C}{I} &= \frac{1}{N - 1} \end{aligned} \tag{5.16}$$

From Eqs. (5.15) and (5.16), we get:

$$\frac{1}{N - 1} = \frac{R_b \times E_b}{N_o \times W} \tag{5.17}$$

Solving for the capacity  $N$ , we obtain:

$$N = 1 + \frac{W / R_b}{E_b / N_o} \tag{5.18}$$



**Fig. 5.24** Waveform capacity as a function of  $E_b/N_o$  in dB

In the above equation,  $N$  is the waveform capacity. This is the number of waveforms that can be combined for a given code length,  $E_b/N_o$  is the energy per bit to noise ratio and  $W/R_b$  is the data spreading factor. For  $n=8$ , this value is 8 and for  $n=16$ , this value is 16. Figure 5.24 shows the waveform capacity as a function  $E_b/N_o$ .

## 5.8 Conclusions

- This chapter presents a method of waveform coding, based on orthogonal codes.
- In the proposed method, the high-speed data stream is inverse multiplexed into several parallel streams.
- These parallel streams, now reduced in speed, are partitioned into several blocks and mapped into blocks of bi-orthogonal codes.
- A bank of identical modulators are used to modulate the coded bit streams using the same carrier frequency.
- Construction of rate  $\frac{1}{2}$ , rate  $\frac{3}{4}$  and rate 1 waveform coding schemes are presented to illustrate the concept.
- It is also shown that there is a built-in error control mechanism in this scheme.
- The proposed method is bandwidth efficient.

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