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Questions

1. (30 Points) 155 Mb/s binary message signal is given. We plan to hire a channel with a bandwidth 10 MHz to pass this binary message signal. Find into what M-ary PSK or QAM we should use for this purpose. The 10 MHz channel is measured to be flat in slices of 1 MHz. Hence we further plan to convert this M-ary PSK or QAM signal into OFDM. Find the subcarriers in such an OFDM system.

Solution : Assuming the inverse of the bit/symbol duration is approximately equal to the required bandwidth, then for a $R = 155$ Mb/s, binary message signal, we would require a bandwidth of

$$B_b = R = 1/T_b = 155 \text{ MHz} , T_b = 6.45 \text{ nsec} \quad (1.1)$$

It is given that $B_c = 10$ MHz, we need to set (symbol duration) $T_s = 1/10 \text{ MHz} = 100 \text{ nsec}$. Thus converting to M-ary PSK or QAM, we should have $k = T_s/T_b = 15.5 \rightarrow 16 = \log_2 M \rightarrow M = 65536$.

By setting the number of subcarriers to the M-ary level, we calculate the symbol duration for the individual subcarriers as

$$T = MT_s = 65536T_s = 6.5 \text{ msec} \quad (1.2)$$

For orthogonality to be satisfied whilst remaining within the 10 MHz given bandwidth, our subcarriers must have an integer number of cycles within $T = 6.5$ msec. Hence a simple choice is

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{T} = 152.5879 \text{ Hz} , f_2 = \frac{2}{T} = 305.1758 \text{ Hz} , \dots , f_n = \frac{n}{T} = n \times 152.5879 \text{ Hz} , \dots , f_{65536} = 10 \text{ MHz} \quad (1.3)$$

For the frequencies listed in (1.3), it is easy to verify that

$$f_p - f_m = \frac{p-m}{T} , 1 \leq m < M , p = m+i , 1 \leq i < M-m \quad (1.4)$$

Note that in the frequency listing of (1.3), both the given channel bandwidth is not exceeded, additionally adjacent frequency spacing is less than the 1 MHz slices of the total channel bandwidth, namely

$$f_{65536} - f_1 = 9.9998 \text{ MHz} < B_c = 10 \text{ MHz} , f_p - f_{p-1} = 152.5879 \text{ Hz} \ll 1 \text{ MHz} \quad (1.5)$$

We can check for orthogonality, both by assigning sinusoidal and exponential carriers. This is done below

$$I = \int_0^T \cos(2\pi f_p t) \cos(2\pi f_m t) dt \quad , \quad I_e = \int_0^T \exp(j2\pi f_p t) \exp(-j2\pi f_m t) dt \quad (1.6)$$

(1.6) can be verified in Matlab quite easily.

A few comments are in order for the OFDM system design of above. One is number of subcarriers are too high, if a practical implementation becomes difficult with such number of subcarriers, possible solutions are

- a) Increase the bandwidth above 10 MHz
- b) Use a smoother shaping waveform, thus have a reduction in Mary value

2. (40 Points) Two spreading sequences of $L_c =$ are given below

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = [-1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 1] \quad , \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = [-1 \ 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1 \ -1] \quad (2.1)$$

We have two message signals using the spreading sequences of (2.1). Assuming that in the time interval 0 to $T_b = 0.2$ msec the of the first user is $a_1 = +1$, while for the second user $a_2 = -1$. Following the operations in Fig.2.2 of lecture notes entitled, "Spread spectrum systems_2013_HTE", find the outputs of the correlators, z_1 and z_2 . Make comments on your findings.

Solution : The relevant block diagram is reproduced below.

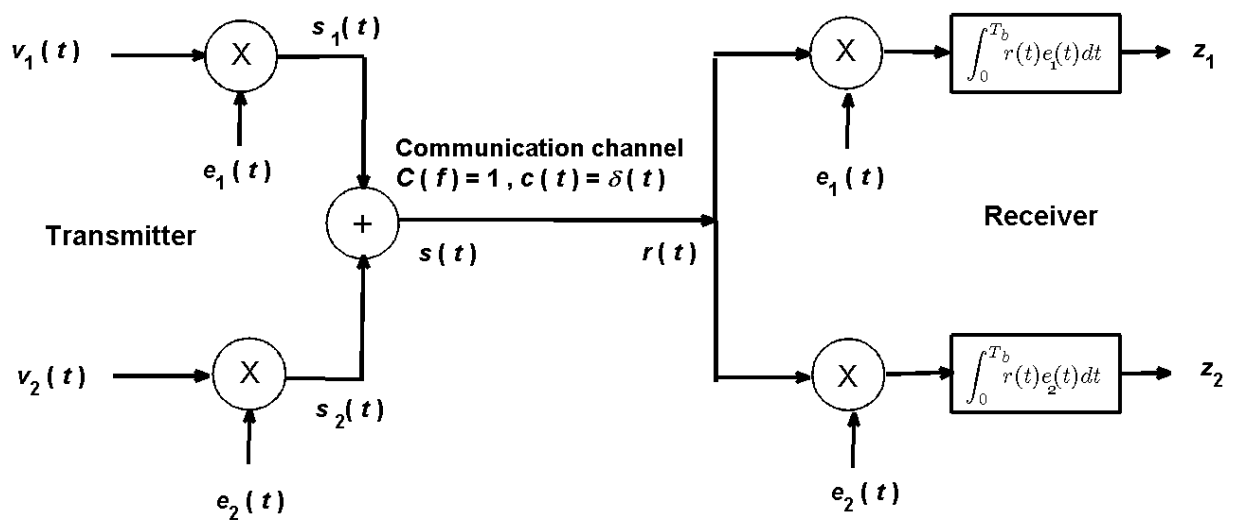


Fig. 2.1 Block diagram of a DS system consisting of two users.

To evaluate z_1 and z_2 , we use (2.17) and (2.18) of lecture notes entitled, "Spread spectrum systems_2013_HTE", which are

$$z_1 = a_1 T_b + a_2 \int_0^{T_b} e_1(t) e_2(t) dt = T_b \left[a_1 + a_2 \frac{1}{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} e_1(t) e_2(t) dt \right]$$

$$z_2 = a_2 T_b + a_1 \int_0^{T_b} e_1(t) e_2(t) dt = T_b \left[a_2 + a_1 \frac{1}{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} e_1(t) e_2(t) dt \right] \quad (2.1)$$

From the same notes, we know that

$$\frac{1}{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} e_1(t) e_2(t) dt \rightarrow \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_2' \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-1}{7} \quad (2.2)$$

Hence after inserting the numeric values, (2.1) will become

$$z_1 = 2 \times 10^{-4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} \right) , \quad z_2 = -2 \times 10^{-4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} \right) \quad (2.3)$$

It is quite easy to see that

$$\text{Sign}(z_1) = \text{Sign} \left[2 \times 10^{-4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} \right) \right] \rightarrow 1 , \quad \text{Sign}(z_2) = \text{Sign} \left[-2 \times 10^{-4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} \right) \right] \rightarrow -1 \quad (2.4)$$

So that demodulation will be successful.

3. (30 Points) Answer the following questions as **True** or **False**. For the **False** ones give the correct answer or the reason. For the **True** ones justify your answer.

- a) DS spread spectrum systems employ PN sequences with large L_c : True, since we need quite maximum number of PN sequences, which can be achieved by using large L_c .
- b) In code division multiplexing, we have to use PN sequences, which are orthogonal : True, this is the essential requirement for PN sequences.
- c) In QAM, there is no energy difference between the signal vectors : False, since QAM is a combination of PSK and ASK.
- d) OFDM uses orthogonal subcarriers to improve the error performance : Incomplete, the use of orthogonal subcarriers also conserves on bandwidth, as shown in Fig. 3.6 of lecture notes entitled, “Notes on OFDM_2013”.
- e) FM is a type of spread spectrum system : It can be considered as such since after modulation infinite number of sidebands are created. But there is no philosophy of CDM in FM.