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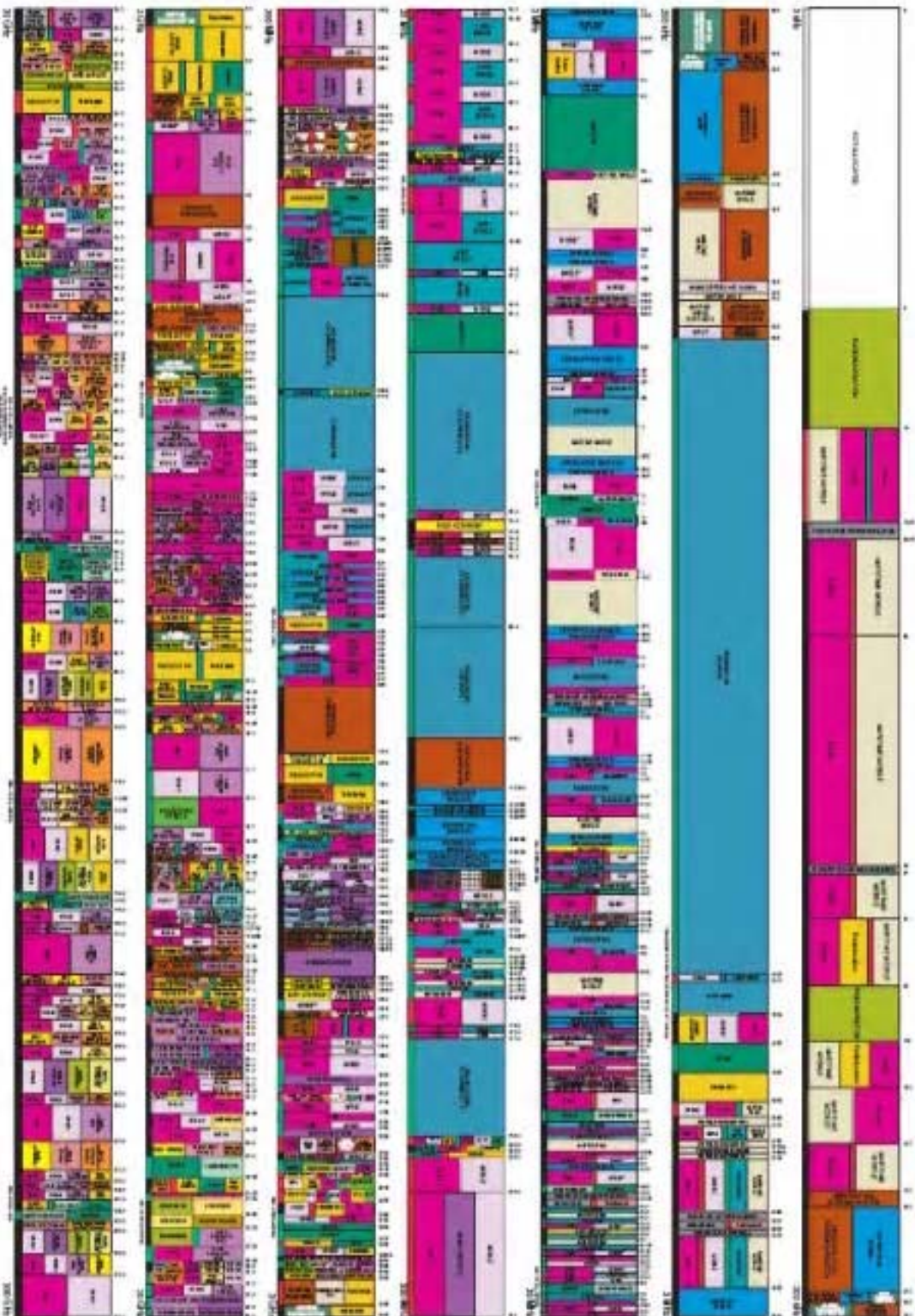
**Communication Systems**

**Chapter 8: Baseband Digital  
Transmission**

# Introduction

- Transmission of digital signal
  - Over a baseband channel (Chapter 8) → local communications
  - Over a band-pass channel using modulation (Chapter 9) → network
- Channel-induced transmission impairments
  - Channel **noise**, or receiver noise
    - Interference: sometimes treated as noise
  - Intersymbol interference (**ISI**)
    - Digital data has a broad bandwidth with a significant low-frequency content
    - Many channels are bandwidth limited: dispersive, unlike low-pass filter
    - Each received pulse is affected by neighboring pulses → ISI
    - Major source of bit errors in many cases
- Solutions to be studied in this chapter
  - Noise: **matched filter** → maximize the signal noise level at the receiver
  - ISI:
    - Pulse shaping → minimize the ISI at the sampling points
    - Equalization → compensate the residual distortion for ISI

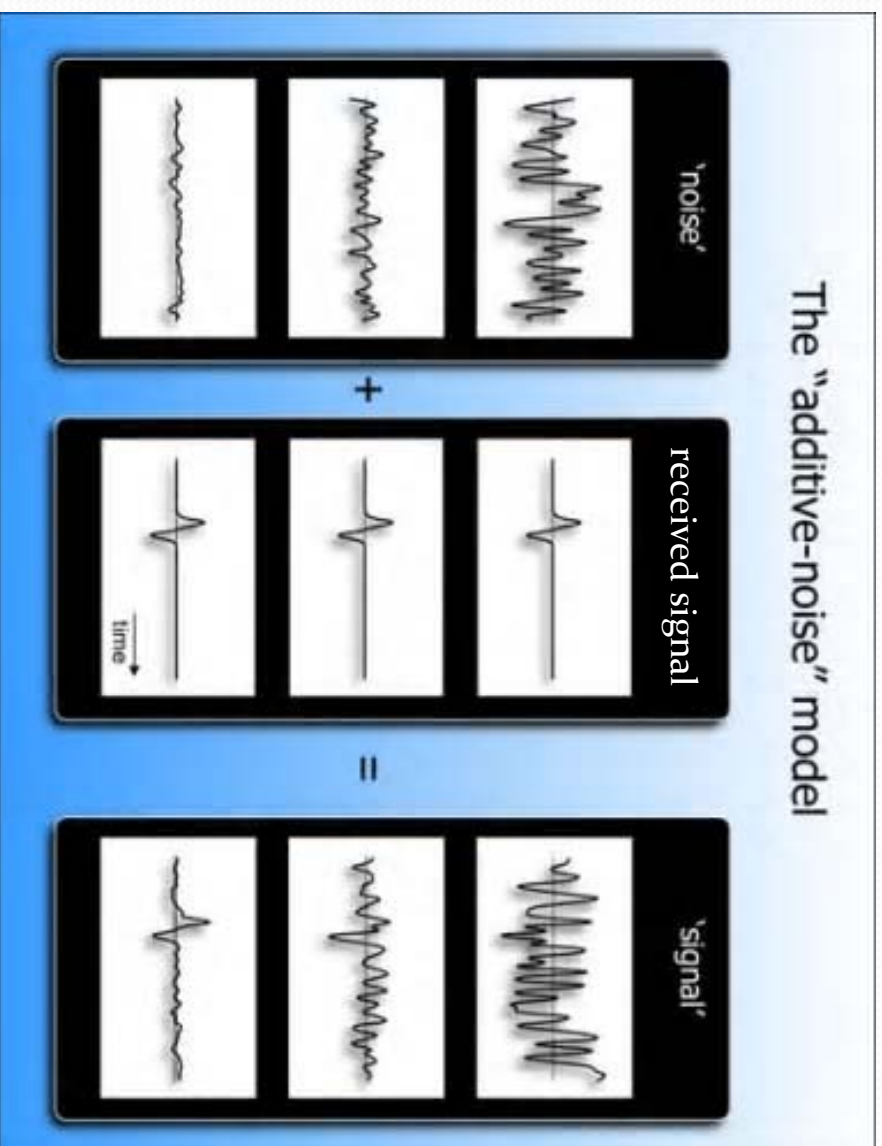
# US Spectrum Allocation



# Transmission Impairment: Noise

- Thermal noise: generated by the equilibrium fluctuations of the electric current inside the receiver circuit
  - Due to the random thermal motion of the electrons
  - Modeled as an **Additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN)**
    - **Noise spectral density:**  $N_o = KT$  (watts per hertz), where  $K$  is the Boltzmann's constant  $K = 1.380 \times 10^{-23}$ , and  $T$  is the receiver system noise temperature in kelvins ( $[K] = [^{\circ}C] + 273.15$ )
    - If bandwidth is  $B$  Hz, then the **noise power** is  $N = BKT$
- Always exists
- Other sources of noise: interference

# Additive Noise



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# Transmission Impairment: ISI

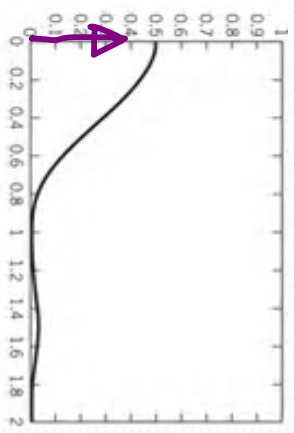
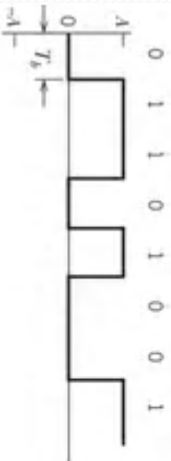
- Line codes
  - Mapping 1's and 0's to symbols
  - Random process, since 1's and 0's are random
- Power spectrum (Section 5.8)
  - Representation in the frequency domain
  - The nominal bandwidth of the signal is the same order of magnitude as  $1/T_b$  and is centered around the origin
- Mismatch between signal bandwidth  $B_s$  and channel bandwidth  $B_c$ 
  - If  $B_c \geq B_s$ , no problem
  - If  $B_c < B_s$ , the channel is *dispersive*, the pulse shape will be changed and there will be ISI



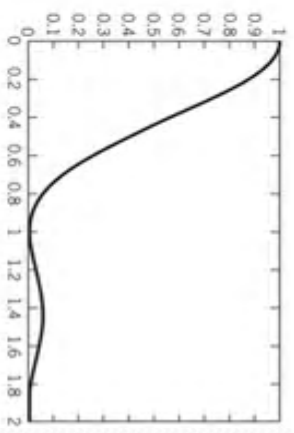
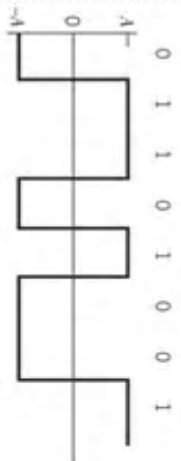
# Power Spectra of Several Line Codes

## Codes

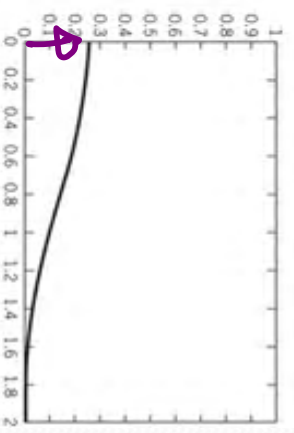
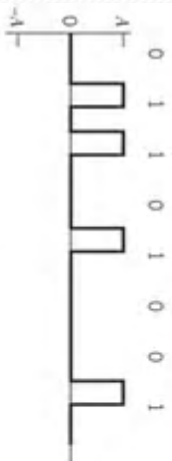
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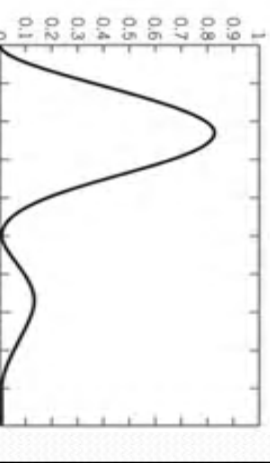
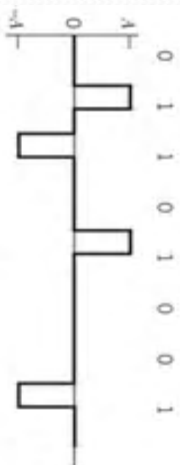
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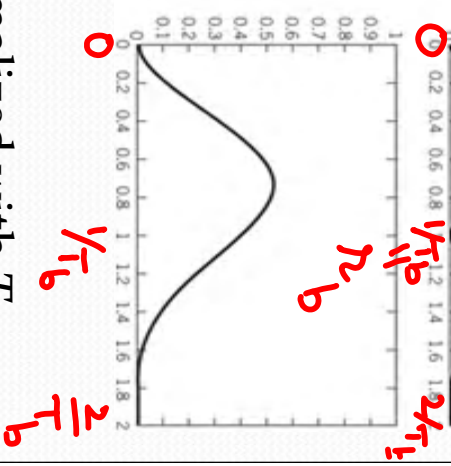
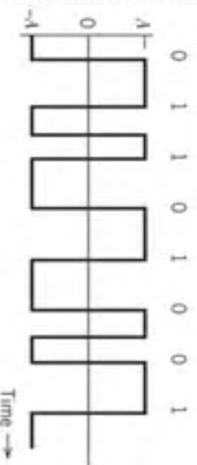
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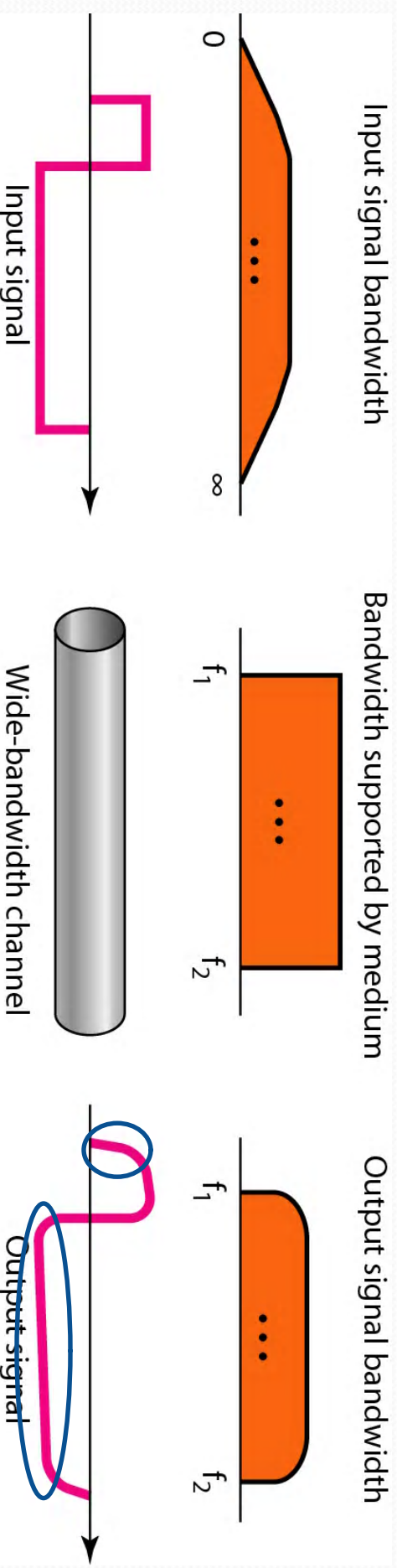
- Frequency axis normalized with  $T_b$
- Average power is normalized to unity

# Transmission Impairments due to

## Limited Channel Bandwidth

- Each received symbol may be **wider** than the transmitted one, due to loss of high frequency components
- Overlap between adjacent symbols: ISI
- Limit on data rate: use **guard time** between adjacent symbols
- Or need to shape the pulses to cancel ISI at sampling points

INTERSYMBOL INTERFERENCE



From *Data Communications and Networking*, Behrouz A. Forouzan

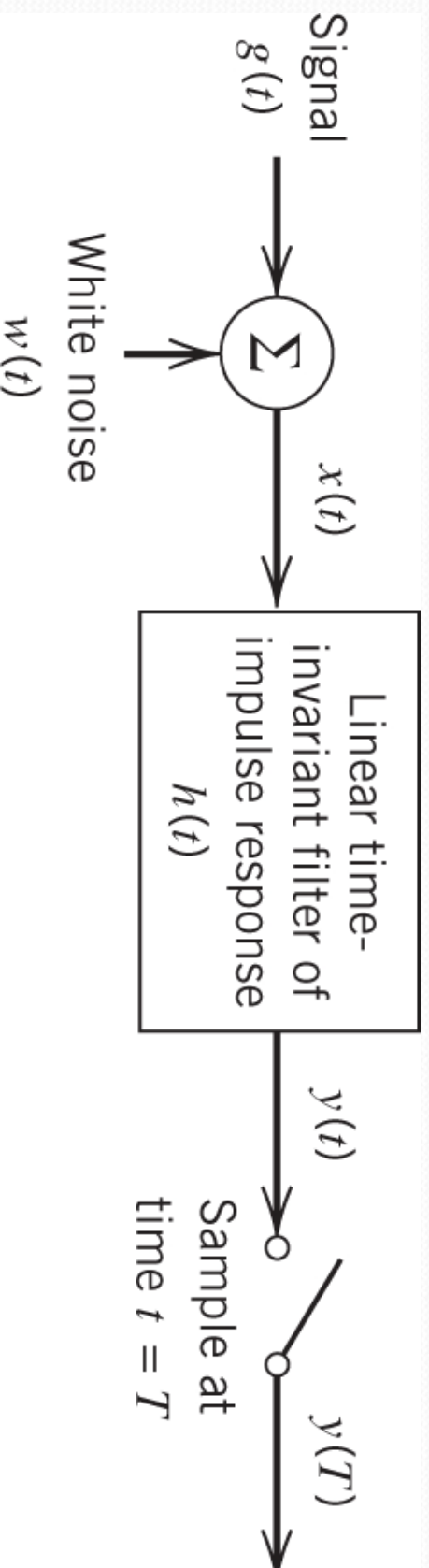


# Matched Filter – The Problem

- Methodology:
  - Cope with the two types of impairments separately
- First assume an ideal channel and **only consider noise**
  - e.g., low data rate over a short range cable
    - No problem of ISI
  - Transmitted pulse  $g(t)$  for each bit is unaffected by the transmission except for *the additive white noise at the receiver front end*

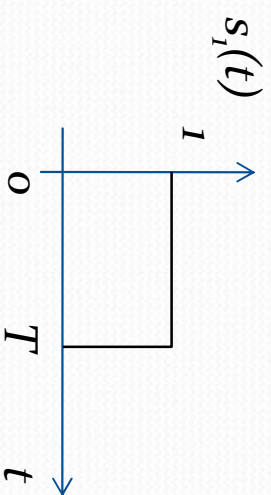
**Basic problem** of detecting a pulse transmitted over a channel that is corrupted by additive white noise at the receiver front end

# Matched Filter

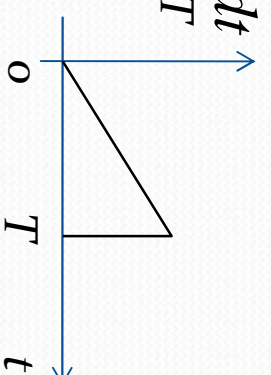


- Received (or, input) signal  $x(t) = g(t) + w(t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$ 
  - $T$ : an arbitrary observation interval
  - $g(t)$ : represents a binary symbol 1 or 0
  - $w(t)$ : white Gaussian noise process of zero mean and power spectrum density  $N_0/2$
- Output signal:  $y(t) = x(t) \otimes h(t) = g_o(t) + n(t)$

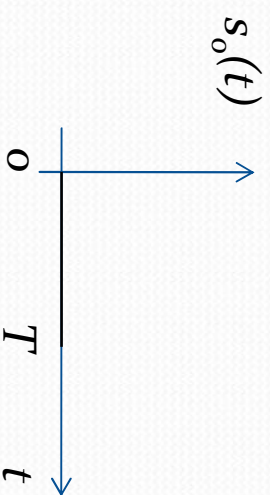
# Detection of Received Signal



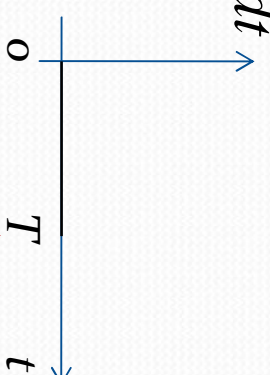
$$\int_0^T s_1(t) dt$$



Optimal detection time



$$\int_0^T s_0(t) dt$$



Optimal detection time

# Matched Filter (contd.)

Instantaneous power

- Problem
- Find  $h(t)$  to maximize the peak pulse signal-to-noise ratio at the sampling instant  $t=T$ .

Why square?

$$\eta = \frac{|g_0(T)|^2}{E[n^2(t)]} = \frac{\text{Instantaneous power in the output signal}}{\text{Average output noise power}}$$

- If  $G(f) \leftrightarrow g(t)$ ,  $H(f) \leftrightarrow h(t)$ , then  $g_0(t) \leftrightarrow H(f)G(f)$ . We can derive  $g_0(t)$  by inverse Fourier transform:

$$g_0(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f)G(f)\exp(j2\pi ft)df$$

- The instantaneous signal power at  $t=T$  is:

$$|g_0(T)|^2 = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f)G(f)\exp(j2\pi fT)df \right|^2$$

# Matched Filter (contd.)

- The average noise power
- The power spectral density of the output noise  $n(t)$  is
- The average noise power is

$$S_N(f) = \frac{N_0}{2} |H(f)|^2$$

$$E[n^2(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_N(f) df = \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df$$

- The peak pulse signal-to-noise ratio is

$$\eta = \frac{\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f) G(f) \exp(j2\pi fT) df \right|^2}{\frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df}$$

**Find  $H(f) \leftrightarrow h(t)$  that maximizes  $\eta$**

# Matched Filter (contd.)

- Schwarz's inequality

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_1(x)\phi_2(x) dx \right|^2 \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi_1(x)|^2 dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi_2(x)|^2 dx$$

If  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi_1(x)|^2 dx < \infty$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi_2(x)|^2 dx < \infty$

The equality holds if and only if:  $\phi_1(x) = k\phi_2(x)$

Complex conjugation

- Therefore, we have

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f)G(f)\exp(j2\pi fT) df \right|^2 \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(f)|^2 df$$
$$\eta \leq \frac{2}{N_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(f)|^2 df$$

$$\eta_{\max} = \frac{2}{N_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(f)|^2 df \quad \text{when} \quad H_{\text{opt}}(f) = kG^*(f)\exp(-j2\pi fT)$$

# Matched Filter (contd.)

- Except for the factor  $k \cdot \exp(-j2\pi fT)$ , the transfer function of the optimal filter is the same as the complex conjugate of the spectrum of the input signal
  - $k$ : scales the amplitude
  - $\exp(-j2\pi fT)$ : time shift
  - For real signal  $g(t)$ , we have  $G^*(f) = G(-f)$ : time inverted
- The optimal filter is found by inverse Fourier transform

$$h_{\text{opt}}(t) = k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G^*(f) \exp[-j2\pi f(T-t)] df$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\text{opt}}(t) &= k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(-f) \exp[-j2\pi f(T-t)] df \\ &= k g(T-t) \end{aligned}$$

- Matched filter: *matched to the signal*
  - A time-inversed and delayed version of the input signal  $g(t)$

# Properties of Matched Filters

- Matched filter:
- Received signal:

$$h_{\text{opt}}(t) = kg(T - t)$$

$$H_{\text{opt}}(f) = kG^*(f)\exp(-j2\pi fT)$$

$$G_o(f) = H_{\text{opt}}(f)G(f) = kG^*(f)G(f)\exp(-j2\pi fT) = k|G(f)|^2\exp(-j2\pi fT)$$

$$g_o(T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G_o(f)\exp(j2\pi fT) df = k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(f)|^2 df$$

$$g_o(T) = kE$$

- Noise power:

$$\mathbb{E}[n^2(t)] = \frac{k^2 N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(f)|^2 df = k^2 N_0 E / 2$$



# Properties (contd.)

- Maximum peak pulse signal-to-noise ratio

$$\eta_{\max} = \frac{(kE)^2}{(k^2 N_0 E/2)} = \frac{2E}{N_0}$$

- Observations
  - Independent of  $g(t)$ : removed by the matched filter
  - Signal energy (or, transmit power) matters
    - For combating additive white Gaussian noise, all signals that have the same energy are equally effective
  - Not true for ISI, where the signal wave form matters
  - $E/N_o$ : signal energy-to-noise spectral density ratio

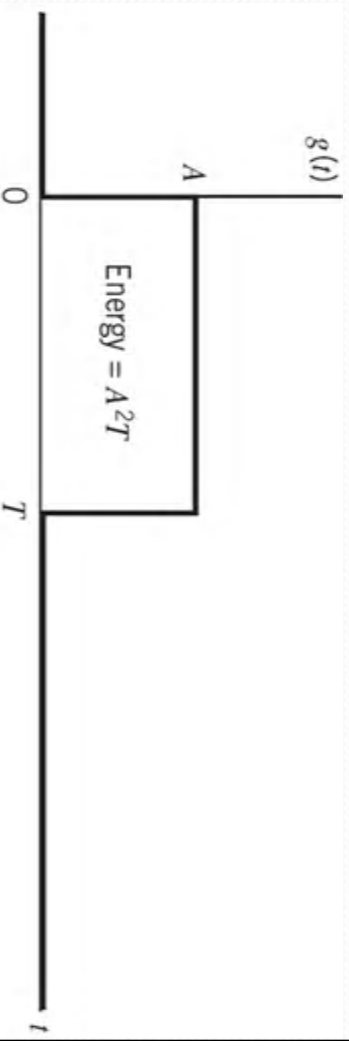
# Example 8.1 Matched Filter for

## Rectangular Pulse

- Rectangular pulse for

$$g(t)$$

$$g(t) = A \text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{T} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

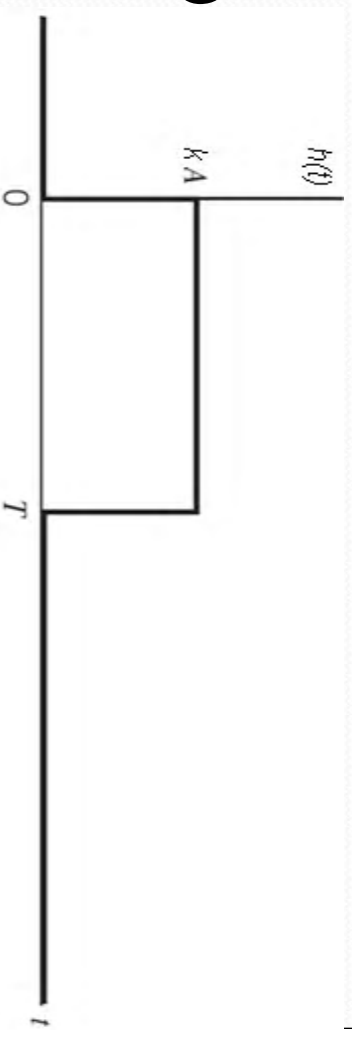


- Matched filter

$$h(t) = kg(T-t)$$

$$= kA \text{rect}\left(\frac{T-t}{T} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= kA \text{rect}\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{t}{T}\right)$$



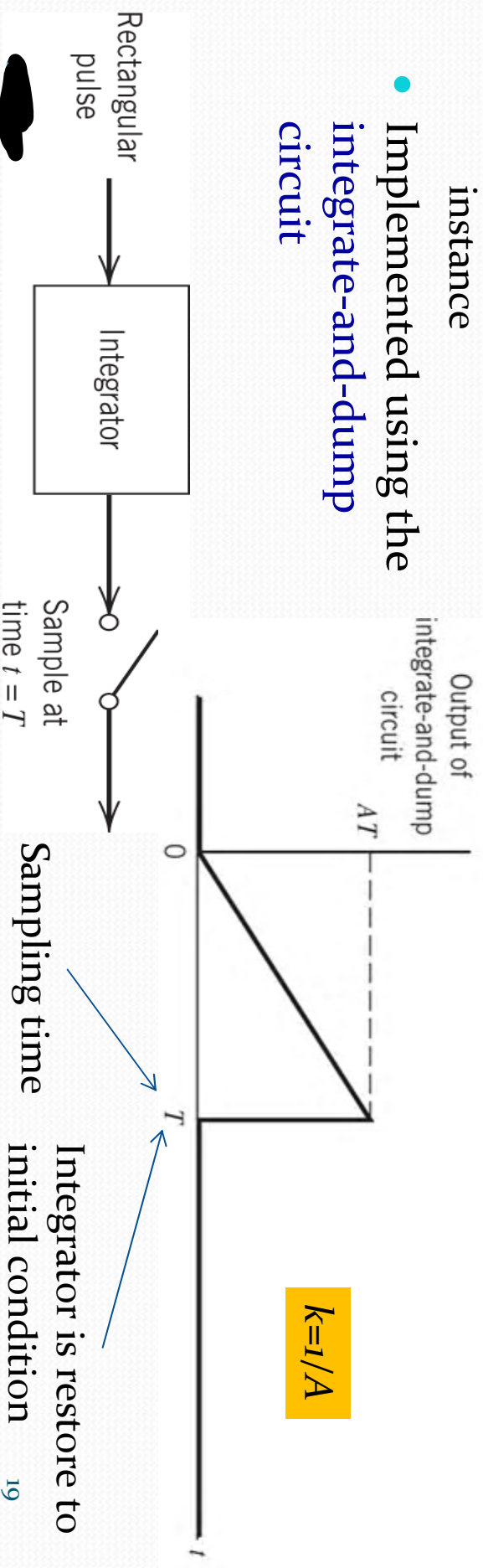
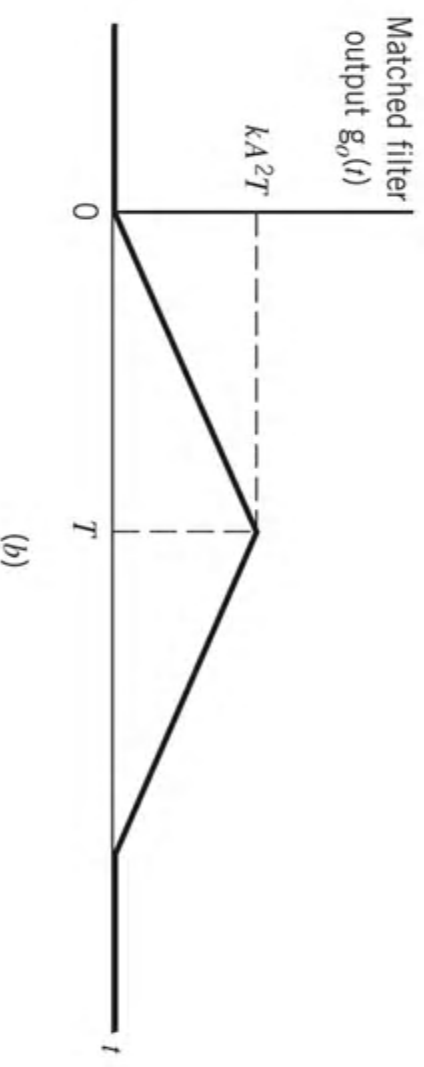
# Example 8.1 Matched Filter for

## Rectangular Pulse (contd.)

- Output  $g_o(t)$

$$g_o(t) = g(t) * h(t)$$

- Max output  $kA^2T$  occurs at  $t=T$
- Optimal sampling instance
- Implemented using the integrate-and-dump circuit



# Effect of Noise

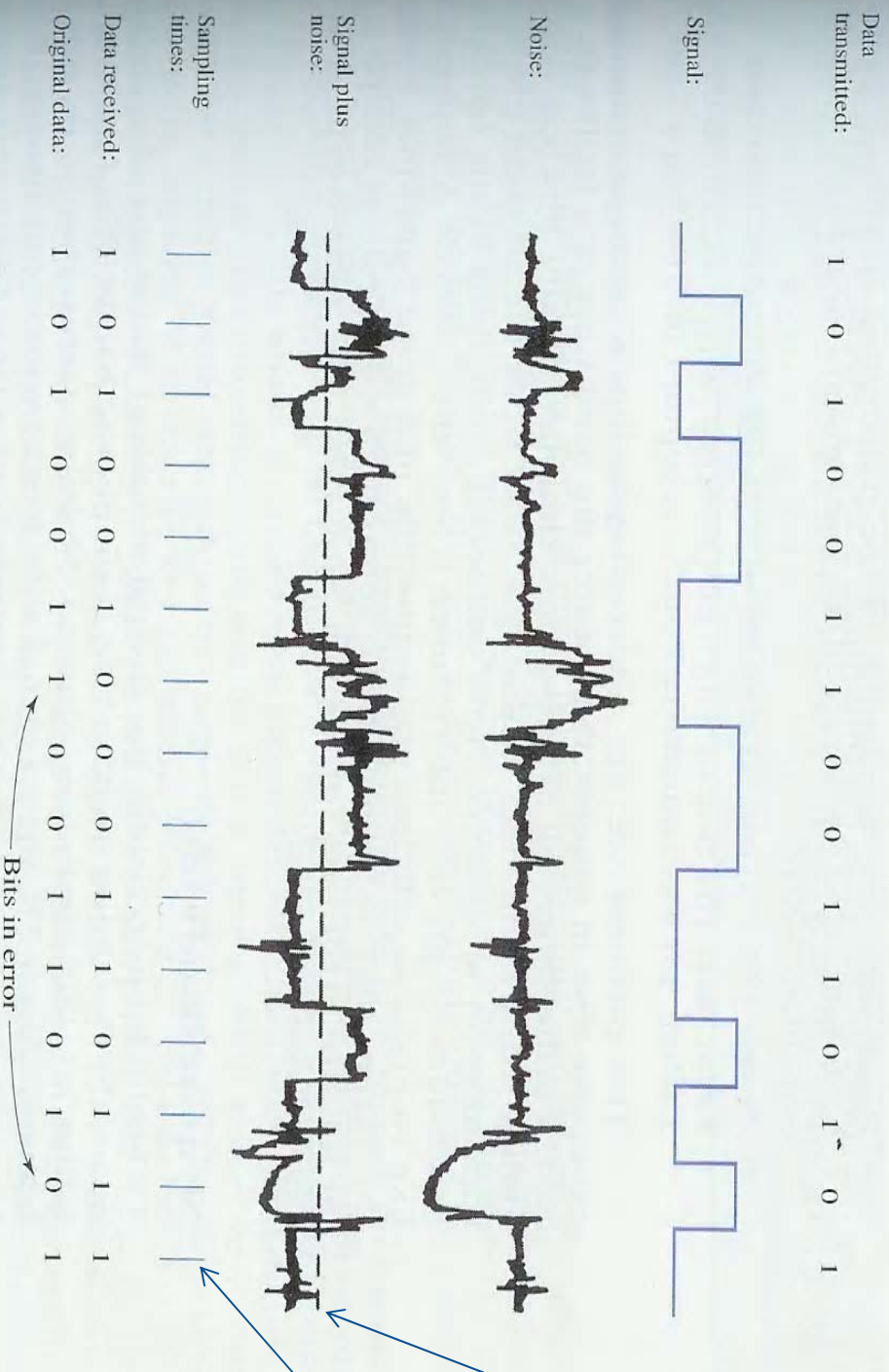


Figure 3.16 Effect of Noise on a Digital Signal

William Stallings, Data and Computer Communications, 8/E, Prentice Hall, 2007.

Line coding:  
 - "1": -5 volts  
 - "0": 5 volts

A properly chosen decision threshold

Sampling instance

Bit error rate (BER) =  $2/15=13.3\%$

# Probability of Error due to Noise

- Assume **polar nonreturn-to-zero (NRZ) signaling**
  - 1: positive rectangular pulse,  $+A$
  - 0: negative rectangular pulse,  $-A$
- Additive white Gaussian Noise  $w(t)$  of zero mean and power spectral density  $N_o/2$
- Received signal is

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} +A + w(t), & \text{symbol 1 was sent} \\ -A + w(t), & \text{symbol 0 was sent} \end{cases}$$

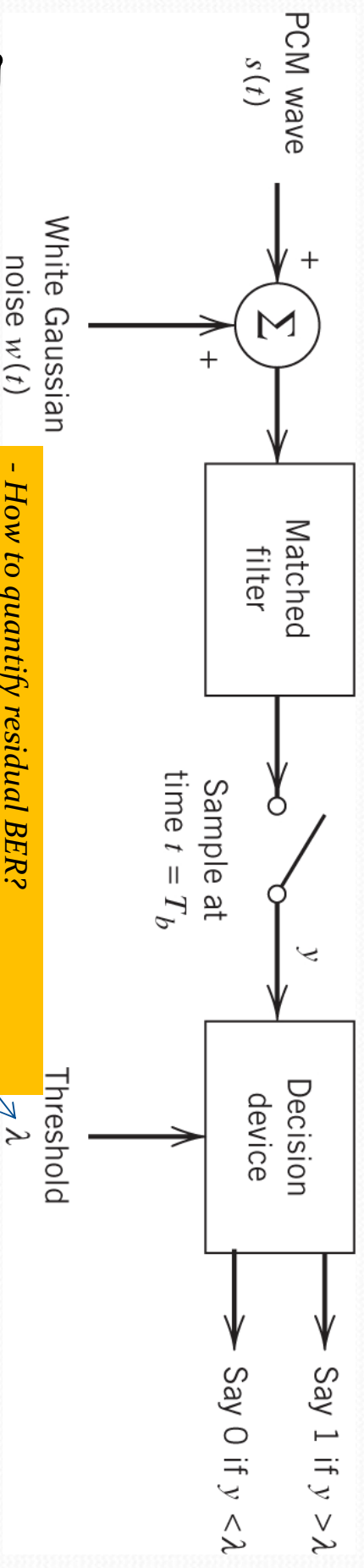
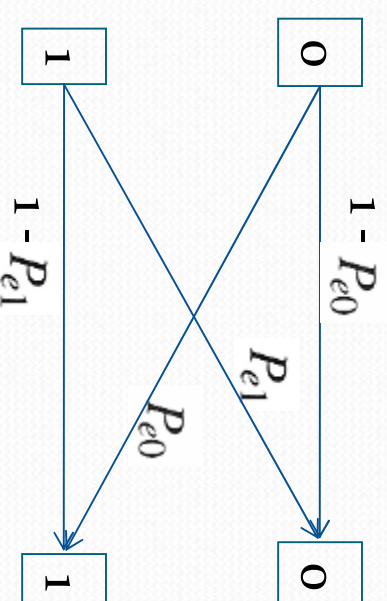
- The receiver has **prior knowledge of the pulse shape**, need to decide 1 or 0 for a received amplitude in each signaling interval  $0 \leq t \leq t_b$

# Probability of Error due to Noise

(contd.)

- Sampled value  $y$ , with threshold  $\lambda$ ,
  - if  $y > \lambda$ , symbol 1 received
  - if  $y \leq \lambda$ , symbol 0 received

- Two kinds of errors



- How to quantify residual BER?

- How to choose threshold to minimize BER?

↗  $\lambda$

# Consider the Case When Symbol 0

## Was Transmitted

- Receiver gets  $x(t) = -A + w(t)$ , for  $0 \leq t \leq T_b$
- The matched filter output, sampled at  $t = T_b$ , is the sampled value of a random variable  $Y$

See Page 19

$$y = \frac{1}{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} x(t) dt = -A + \frac{1}{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} w(t) dt$$

- Since  $w(t)$  is white and Gaussian,  $Y$  is also Gaussian with mean  $E[Y] = -A$ , and variance

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_Y^2 &= E[(Y + A)^2] = \frac{1}{T_b^2} E \left[ \int_0^{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} w(t)w(u) dt du \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{T_b^2} \int_0^{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} E[w(t)w(u)] dt du = \frac{1}{T_b^2} \int_0^{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} R_w(t, u) dt du \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian distribution can be completely determined by its mean and variance

# Sampled voltage

$$Y = \begin{cases} +A + N & \text{Transmit 1} \\ -A + N & \text{Transmit 0} \end{cases}$$

where  $f_{(n)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_n} \exp\left[-\frac{N^2}{2\sigma_n^2}\right], \quad -\infty < n < \infty$

Detection Rule (at the Receiver)

Decide as "1" if  $Y \geq 0$  (THRESHOLD VOLTAGE)  
 " " " " " " " "  
 " " " " " " " "  
 " " " " " " " " if  $Y < 0$



	Decide "1"	Decide "0"
Transmit "1"	✓	X
Transmit "0"	X	✓

UNION (OR)

Probability of Error  $\tilde{A}$

$$P_e = P(\underbrace{\{T_n \text{ "1", Decide "0"}\}}_{\tilde{A}} \cup \underbrace{\{T_n \text{ "0", Decide "1"}\}}_{\tilde{B}})$$

AND (∩)

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) \quad \text{if } A \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow P_e = P(\underbrace{T_n \text{ "1"}}_{\tilde{A}}, \underbrace{\text{Decide "0"}}_{\tilde{B}}) + P(\underbrace{T_n \text{ "0"}}_{\tilde{A}}, \underbrace{\text{Decide "1"}}_{\tilde{B}})$$

→ A  
→ B

$$P(A, B) = P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)$$

$$= P(A|B) P(B) = \underbrace{P(B|A) P(A)}_{\text{Conditional prob. of } A \text{ given } B}$$

Conditional prob. of  $A$  given  $B$

$$\{\text{Decide "0"}\} = \{Y < 0\}$$

$$\{\text{Decide "1"}\} = \{Y \geq 0\}$$

$$P(\tau_n = 1, \text{Decide "0"}) = P(\tau_n = 1, Y < 0)$$

$$= P(Y < 0 | \tau_n = 1) P(\tau_n = 1)$$

$$= \underbrace{P(A+N < 0)}_{P(N < -A)} \underbrace{P(\tau_n = 1)}_{p_1}$$

$P(N < -A)$

$p_1$

$$P(-\infty < N < -A)$$

By symmetry  $\int_{-A}^{\infty} f_N(n) \text{ about } n=0$ ,  $P(A < N < \infty)$

$$P(N < -A) = P(N > A)$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{-A} f_N(n) dn = \int_A^{\infty} f_N(n) dn$$

$$P(N > A) = \int_{n=A}^{n=\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_n} \exp\left(-\frac{n^2}{2\sigma_n^2}\right) dn$$

$$\text{Set } x = n/\sigma_n$$
$$\Rightarrow dx = \frac{dn}{\sigma_n} \quad x = \frac{A}{\sigma_n}$$
$$\int_{x=\frac{A}{\sigma_n}}^{x=\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma_n}\right)$$

$$\text{Def. } Q(d) = \int_d^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx, \quad d \geq 0$$

$$* Q(-d) = 1 - Q(d), \quad d \geq 0.$$

MATLAB:  $q\text{-func}(\cdot)$

$q\text{-funcinv}(\cdot)$

$$P(\tau_n = 1) + P(\tau_n = 0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\tau_n = 1, \text{Deutsche "1"}) = p_1 Q\left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

$$P(\tau_n = 0, \text{Deutsche "1"}) = P(\tau_n = 0, Y \geq 0)$$

$$= P(Y \geq 0 | \tau_n = 0) P(\tau_n = 0) = (1 - p_1) Q\left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

$$P(-A + N \geq 0)$$

$$P(N \geq A) = Q\left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P_e &= p_1 Q\left(\frac{A}{V_n}\right) + (1-p_1) Q\left(\frac{A}{V_n}\right) \\ &= Q\left(\frac{A}{V_n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Power spectral density of  $w(t)$  is  
 $S_w(f) = \frac{N_0}{2}$ ,  $-\infty < f < \infty$

## When 0 Was Transmitted (contd.)

- Since  $w(t)$  is white Gaussian,  $R_w(t, u) = \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(t - u)$
- The variance is

$$\sigma_Y^2 = \frac{1}{T_b^2} \int_0^{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(t - u) dt du = \frac{N_0}{2T_b}$$

- $Y$  is Gaussian with mean  $\mu_Y = -A$ , variance  $\sigma_Y^2 = N_0 / (2T_b)$
- The conditional probability density function (PDF) of  $Y$ , conditioned on that symbol 0 was transmitted, is

$$f_Y(y | 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_Y^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{2\sigma_Y^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 / T_b}} \exp\left[-\frac{(y + A)^2}{N_0 / T_b}\right]$$

Standard PDF of Gaussian r.v., with mean  $\mu_Y$  and variance  $\sigma_Y^2$

# When 0 Was

## Transmitted

(contd.)

- When no noise,  $Y=-A$
- With noise, drifts away from -

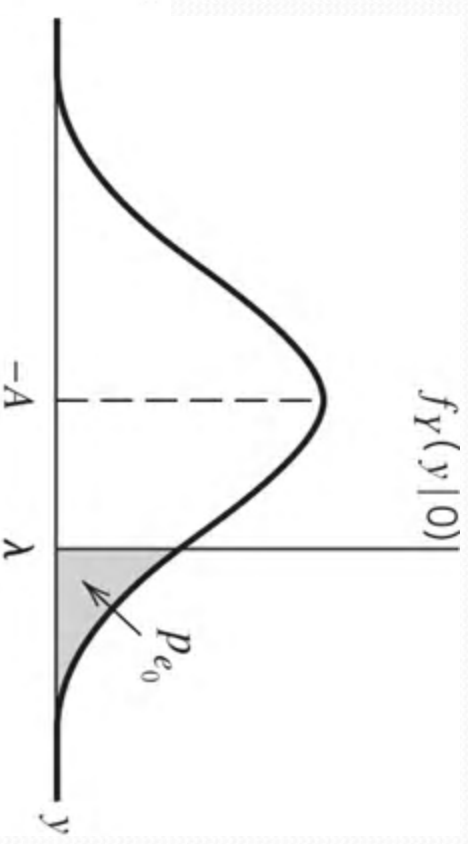
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- If less than  $\lambda$ , output 0 (no bit error)
- If larger than  $\lambda$ , output 1 (bit error occurs)

$$P_{e0} = P(y > \lambda | \text{symbol } 0 \text{ was sent})$$

$$= \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} f_Y(y|0) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0/T_b}} \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(y+A)^2}{N_0/T_b}\right) dy$$



# When 0 Was Transmitted (contd.)

- Assume symbol 1 and 0 are equal likely to be transmitted, we choose  $\lambda=0$ , due to symmetry

$$P_{e0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0/T_b}} \int_0^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(y+A)^2}{N_0/T_b}\right) dy$$

- Define  $z = \frac{y+A}{\sqrt{N_0/2T_b}}$  we have

$$P_{e0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\sqrt{2E_b/N_0}}^{\infty} \exp(-z^2/2) dz$$

$E_b$ : the transmitted signal energy per bit  $E_b = A^2 T_b$

$E_b/(N_0/2)$ : (signal power per bit)/(noise power per Hz)



# When 0 Was Transmitted (contd.)

- Define Q-Function:

$$Q(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_u^{\infty} \exp(-z^2/2) dz$$

- The conditional bit error probability when 0 was transmitted is

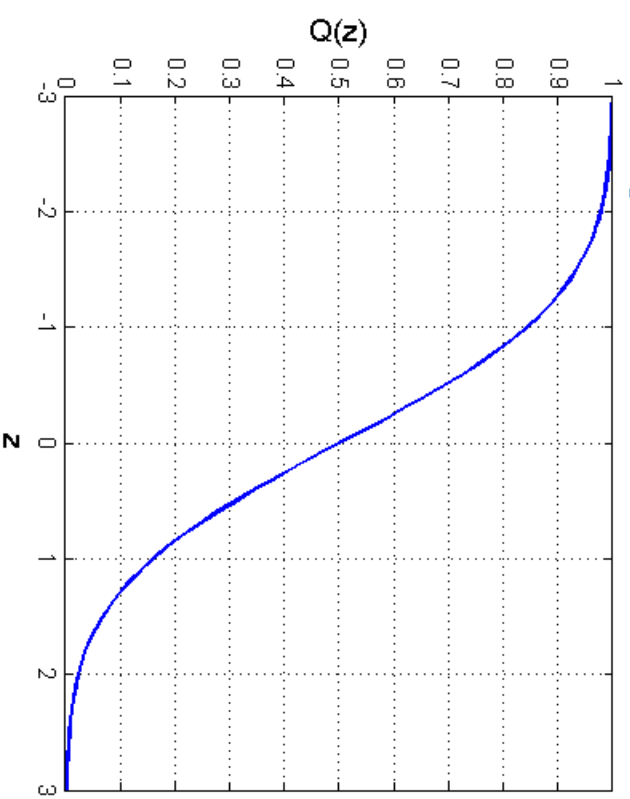
$$P_{e0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\sqrt{2E_b/N_0}}^{\infty} \exp(-z^2/2) dz$$

$$P_{e0} = Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_0}}\right)$$

Q-function, see Page 401

```
x=-3:0.1:3;  
for i=1:length(x)  
    Q(i)=0.5*erfc(x(i)/sqrt(2));  
end
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plot(x,Q)



# When 1 Was Transmitted

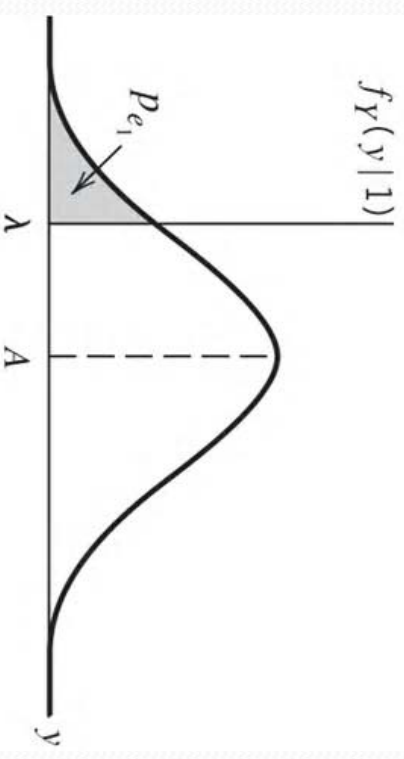
- Receiver:  $x(t)=A+w(t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T_b$
- $Y$  is Gaussian with  $\mu_Y=A$ ,  $\sigma_Y^2=N_o/(2T_b)$
- We have

$$f_Y(y|1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_o/T_b}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-A)^2}{N_o/T_b}\right)$$

- The conditional bit error rate is

$$P_{e1} = P(y < \lambda | \text{symbol 1 was sent}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda} f_Y(y|1) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_o/T_b}} \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-A)^2}{N_o/T_b}\right) dy$$



- Choosing  $\lambda=0$ , and defining  $\frac{y-A}{\sqrt{N_o/2T_b}} = -z$ , we have

$$P_{e1} = P_{e0} = Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_o}}\right)$$

# Bit Error Probability (or, Bit Error

## Rate – BER)

- Bit Error Rate (BER) is

$$P_e = \Pr\{0 \text{ is transmitted}\} \times P_{e0} + \Pr\{1 \text{ is transmitted}\} \times P_{e1}$$
$$= P_0 \times P_{e0} + P_1 \times P_{e1} = \frac{1}{2} \times Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_0}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \times Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_0}} \right) = Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_0}} \right)$$

- Depends only on  $E_b/N_0$ , the ratio of the transmitted signal energy per bit to the noise spectral density
  - Noise is usually fixed for a given temperature
  - Energy plays the crucial role → transmit power
- What are the limiting factors?
  - Battery life, interference to others, data rate requirement

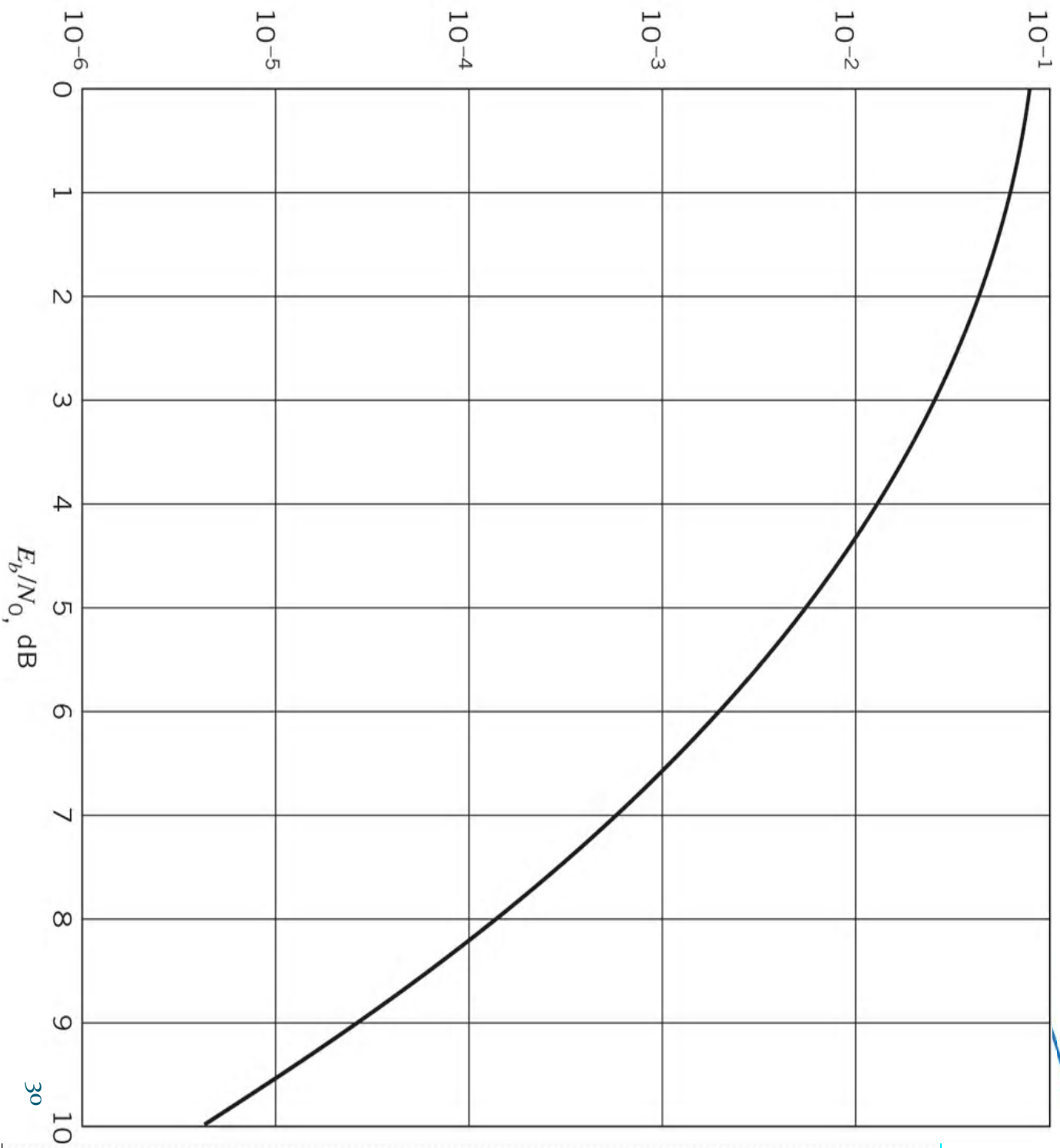
$$E_b = A^2 T_b$$

Wider pulse

Higher amplitude

# BER

Probability of error,  $P_e$



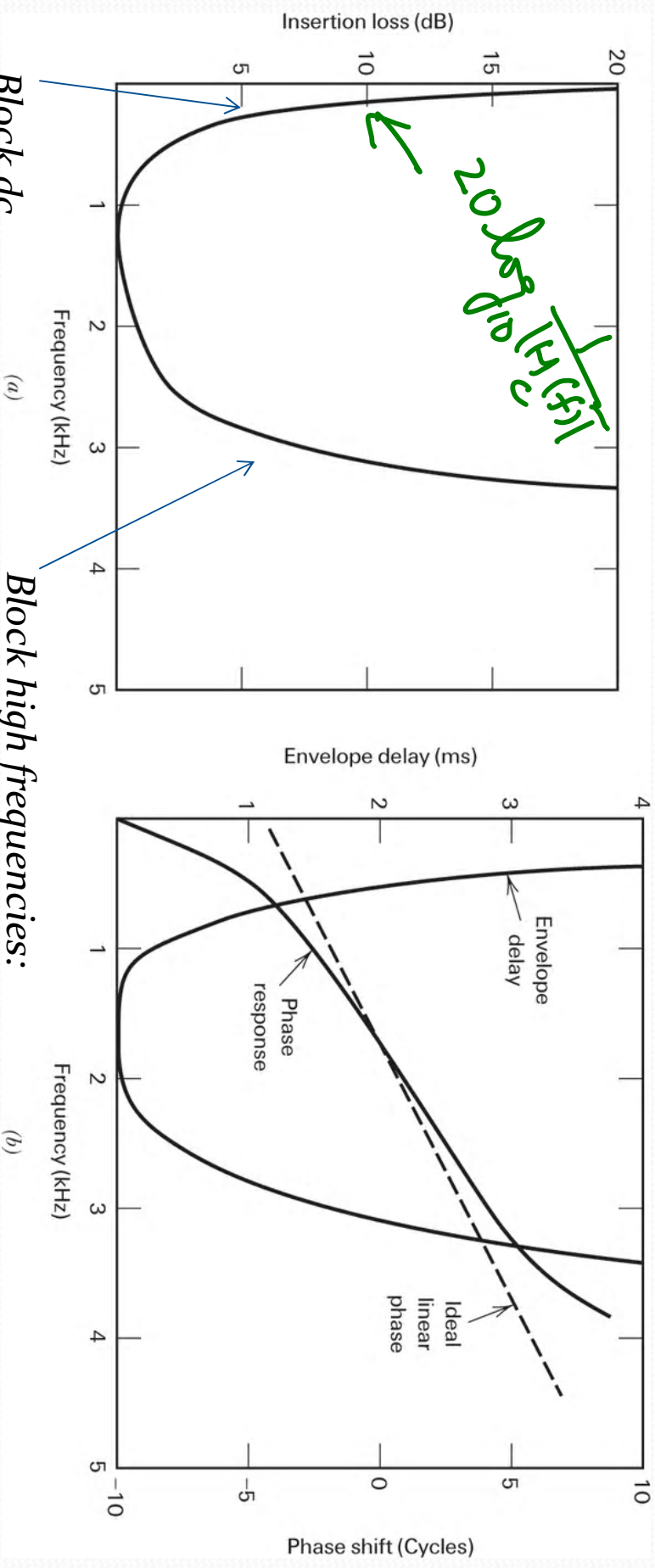
# Intersymbol Interference

- The next source of bit errors to be addressed
- Happens when the channel is **dispersive**
  - The channel has a frequency-dependent (or, frequency-selective) amplitude spectrum
    - e.g., band-limited channel:
      - passes all frequencies  $|f| < W$  without distortion
      - Blocks all frequencies  $|f| > W$
- Use discrete pulse-amplitude modulation (PAM) as example
  - First examine **binary data**
  - Then consider the more general case of  **$M$ -ary data**

# Example 8.2: The Dispersive

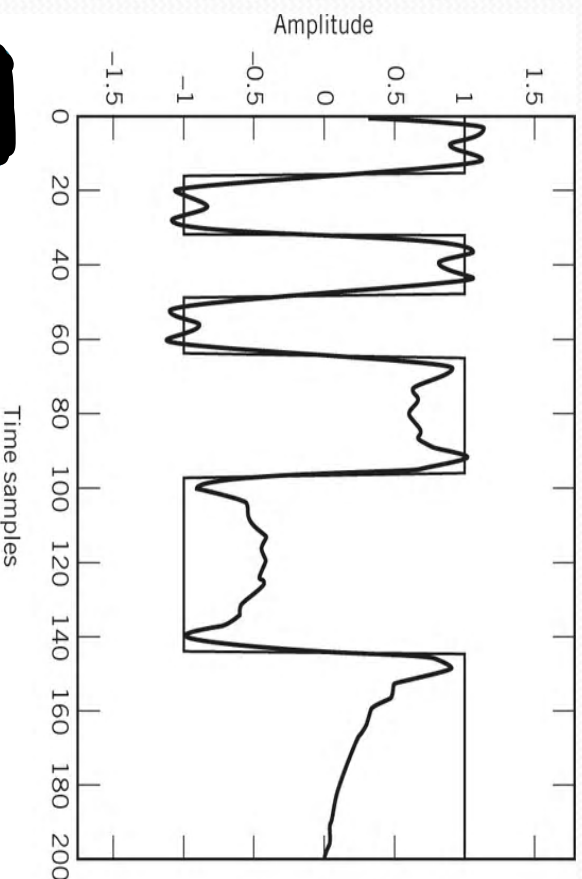
## Nature of a Telephone Channel

- Band-limited and dispersive

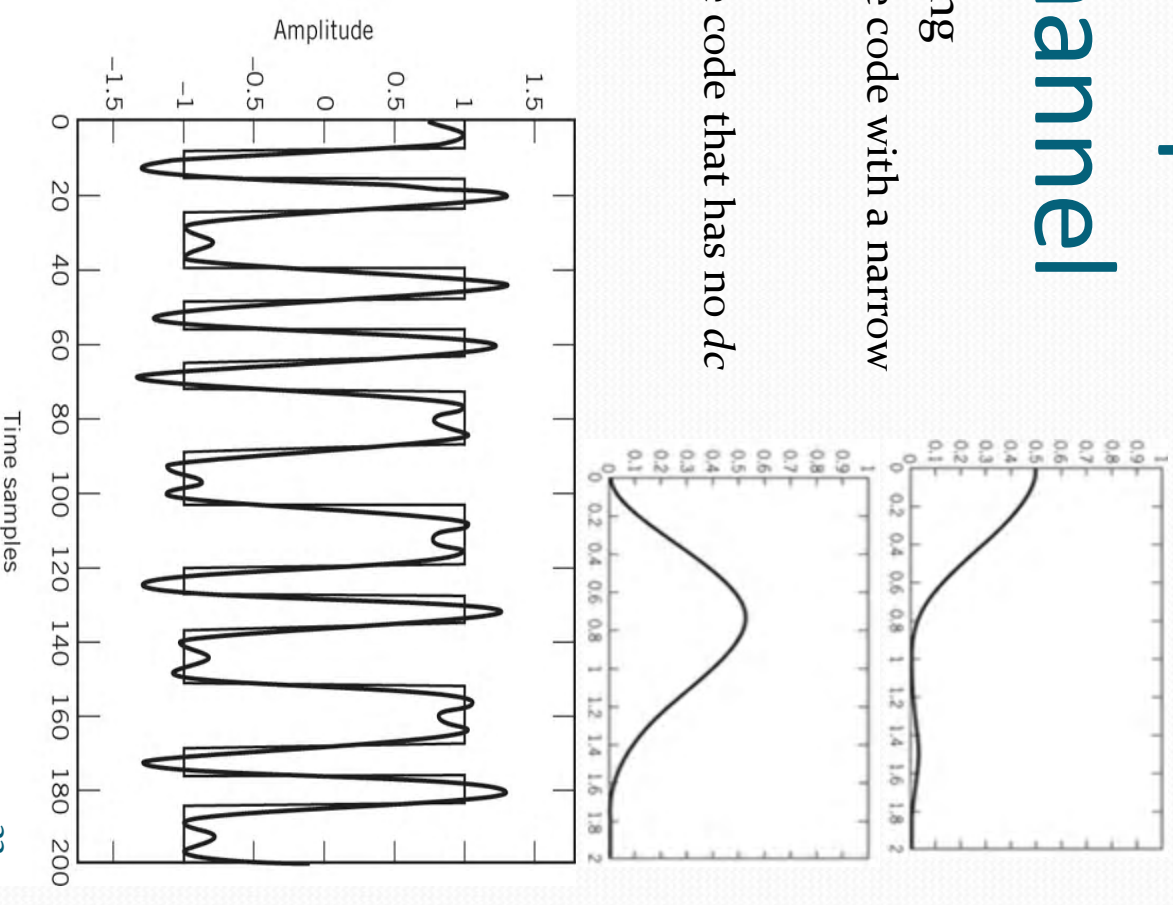


# Example 8.2: The Dispersive nature of a Telephone Channel

- Conflicting requirements for line coding
  - High frequencies blocked → need a line code with a narrow spectrum → polar NRZ
    - But polar NRZ has  $dc$
  - Low frequencies blocked → need a line code that has no  $dc$  → Manchester code
    - But Manchester code has high frequency



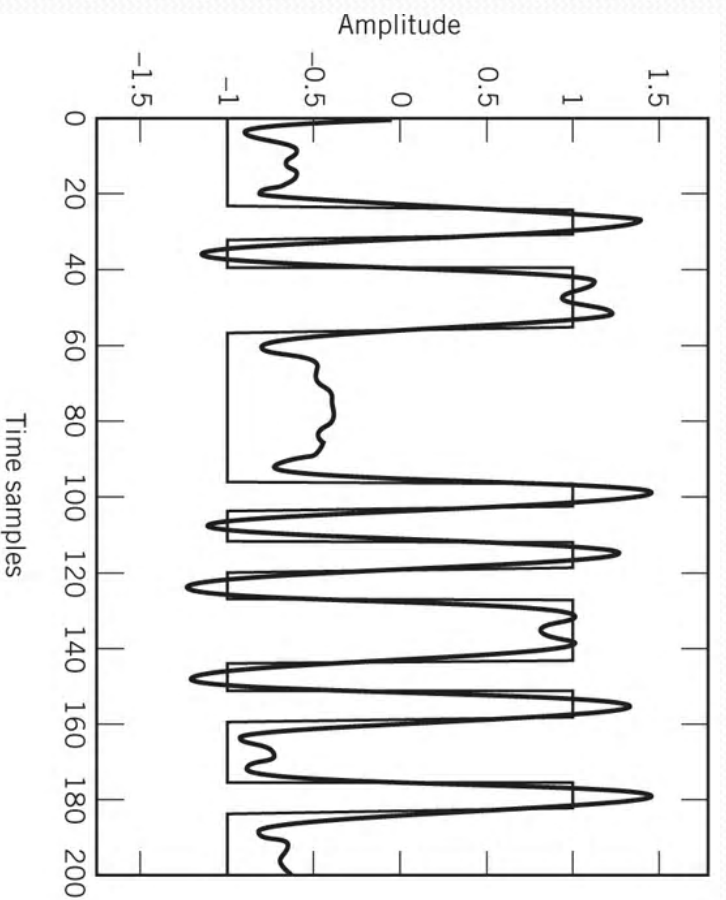
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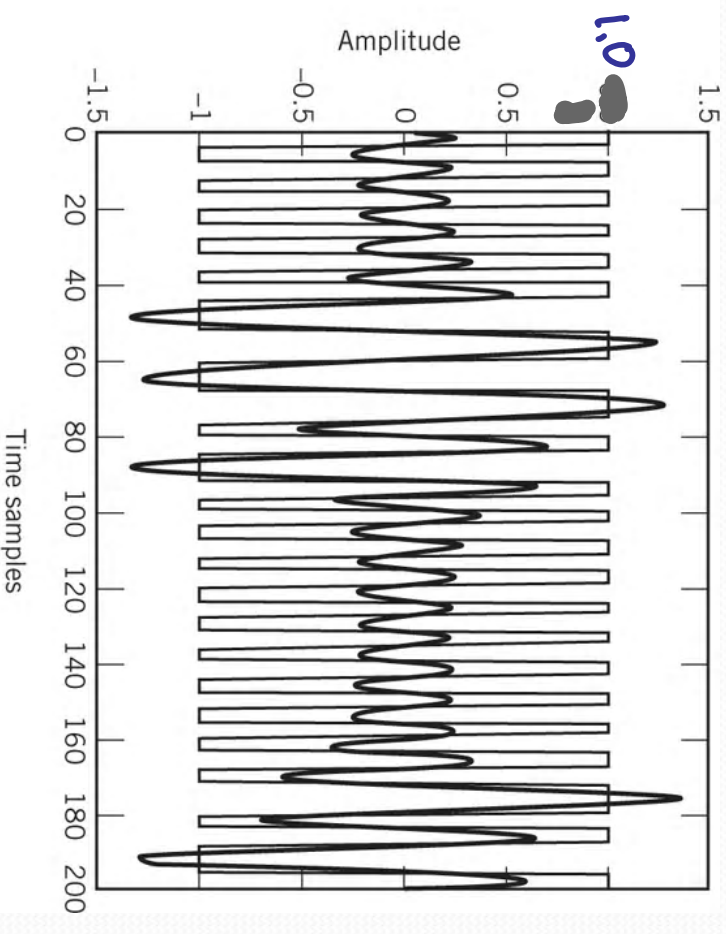
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# Example 8.2: The Dispersive nature of a Telephone Channel (contd.)

- Previous page: data rate at 1600 bps
- This page: data rate at 3200 bps



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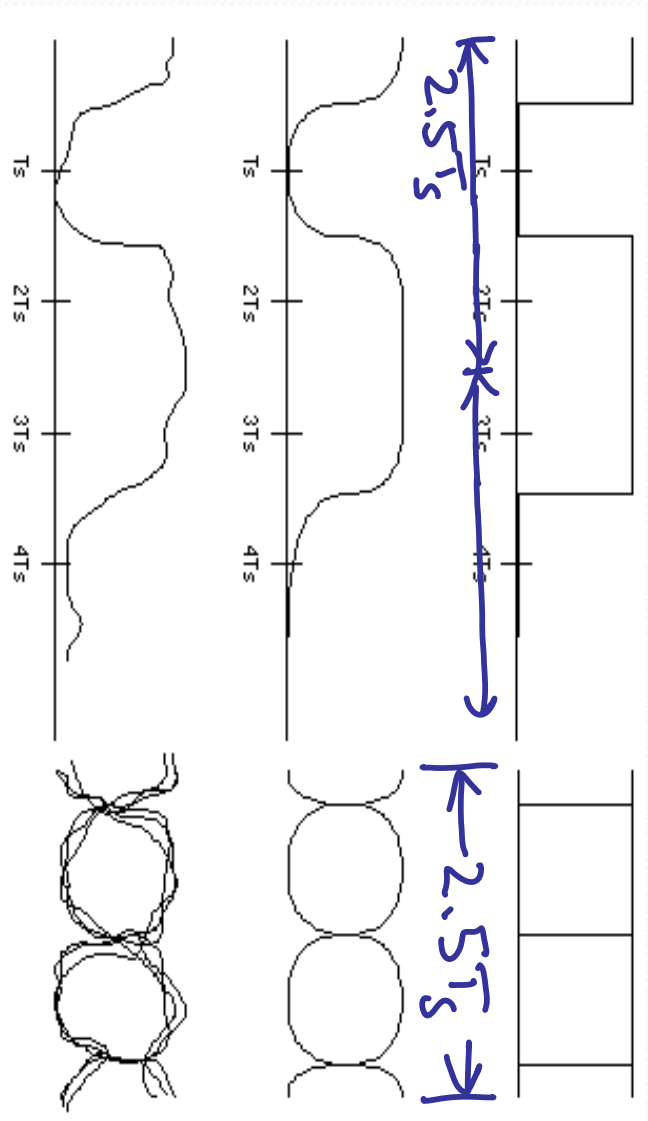


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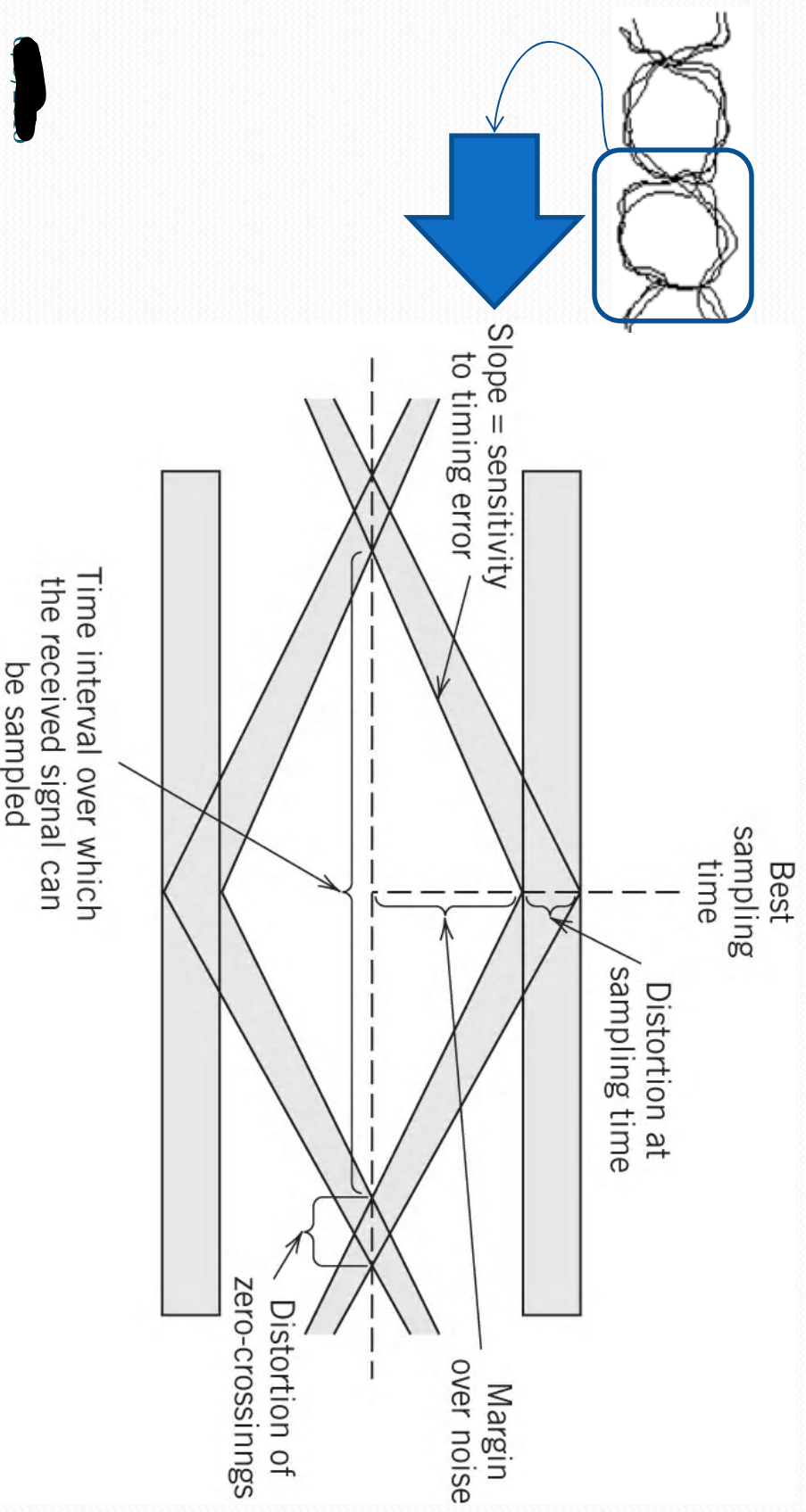
# Eye Pattern

- An operational tool for evaluating the effects of ISI
- Synchronized superposition of **all** possible realizations of the signal viewed within a particular signaling interval



# Eye Pattern (contd.)

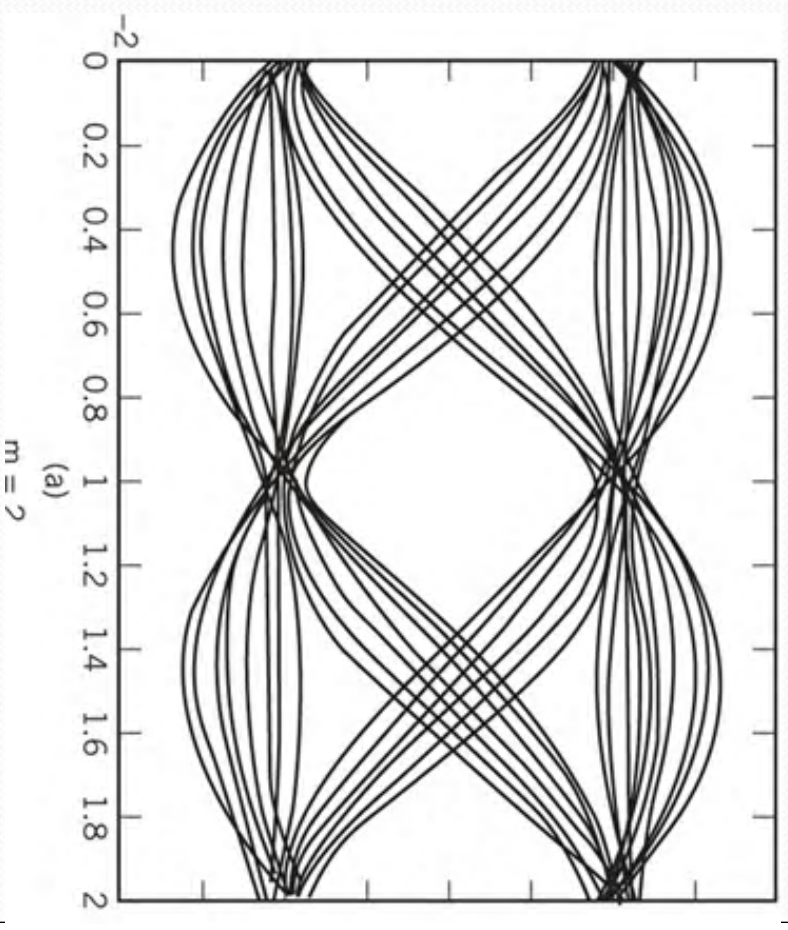
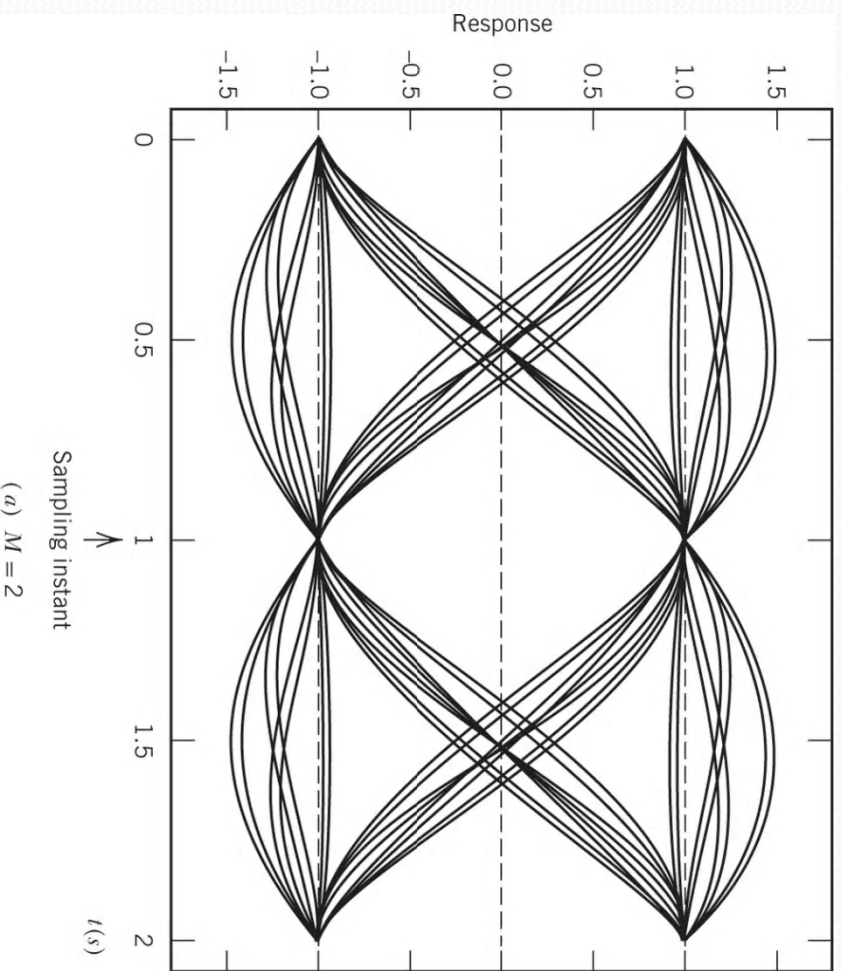
- Eye opening: the interior region of the eye pattern



# Interpreting Eye Pattern

- The **width** of the eye opening
  - Defines the time interval over which the received signal can be sampled without error from ISI
  - The best sampling time: when the eye is open the widest
- The **slope**
  - The sensitivity of the system to timing errors
  - The rate of closure of the eye as the sampling time is varied
- The **height** of the eye opening
  - Noise margin of the system
- Under severe ISI: the eye may be completely **closed**
  - Impossible to avoid errors due to ISI

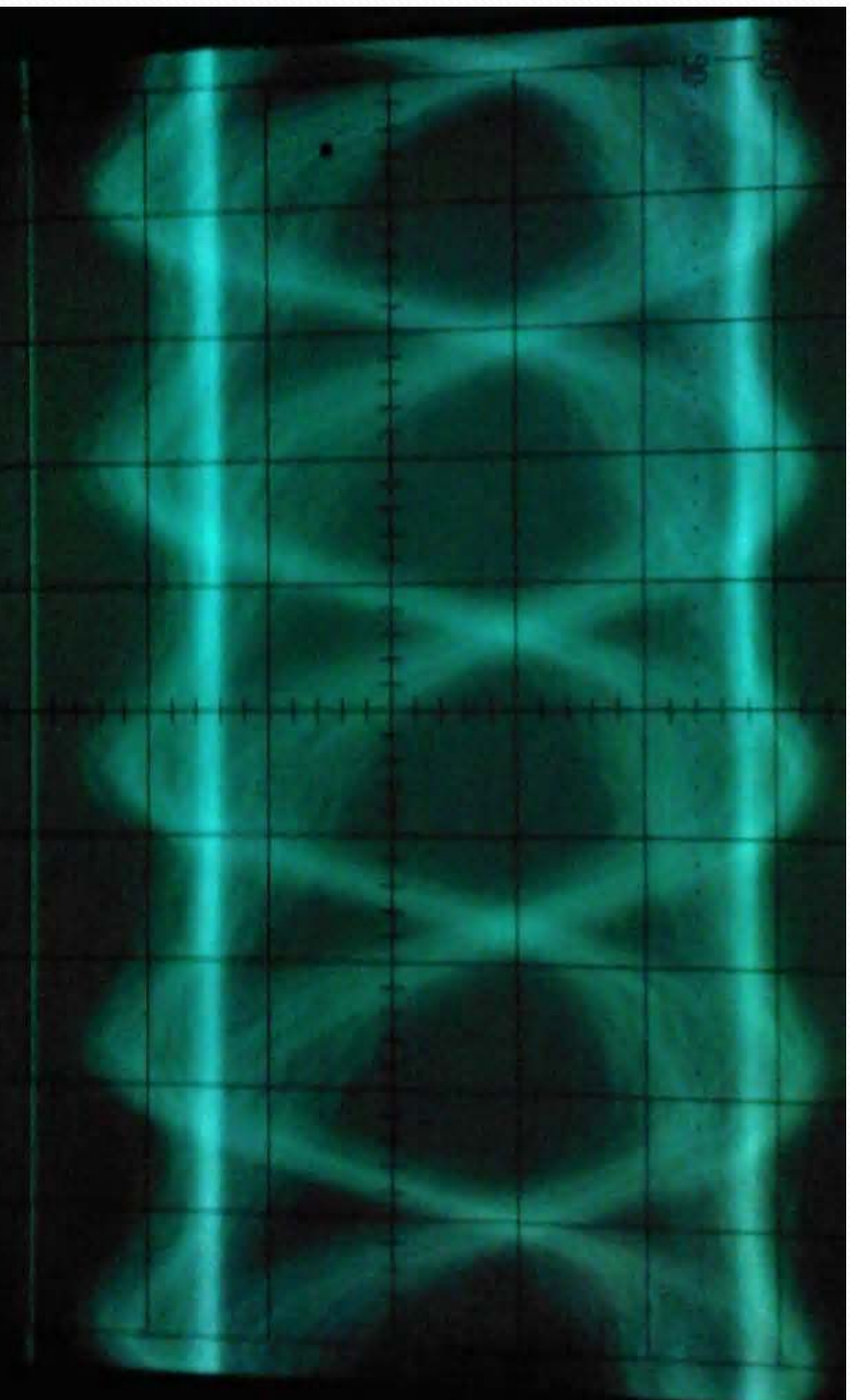
# Example 8.3



The channel has no bandwidth limitation: the eyes are open

Band-limited channel: blurred region at sampling time

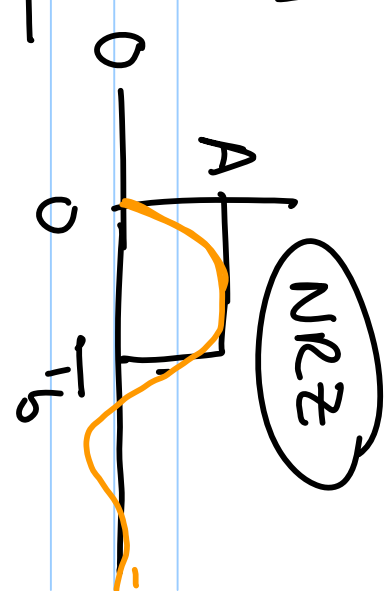
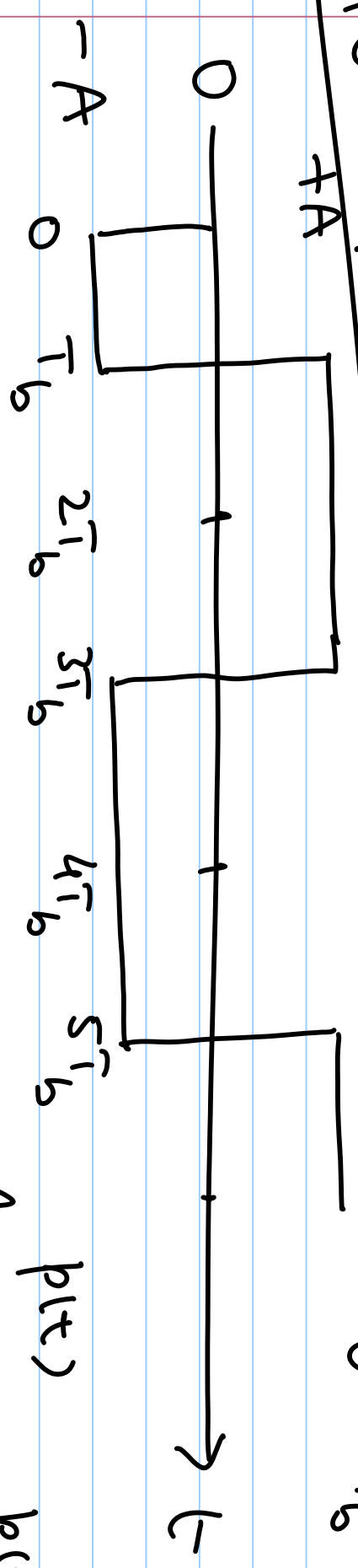
# Eye Pattern on Oscilloscope



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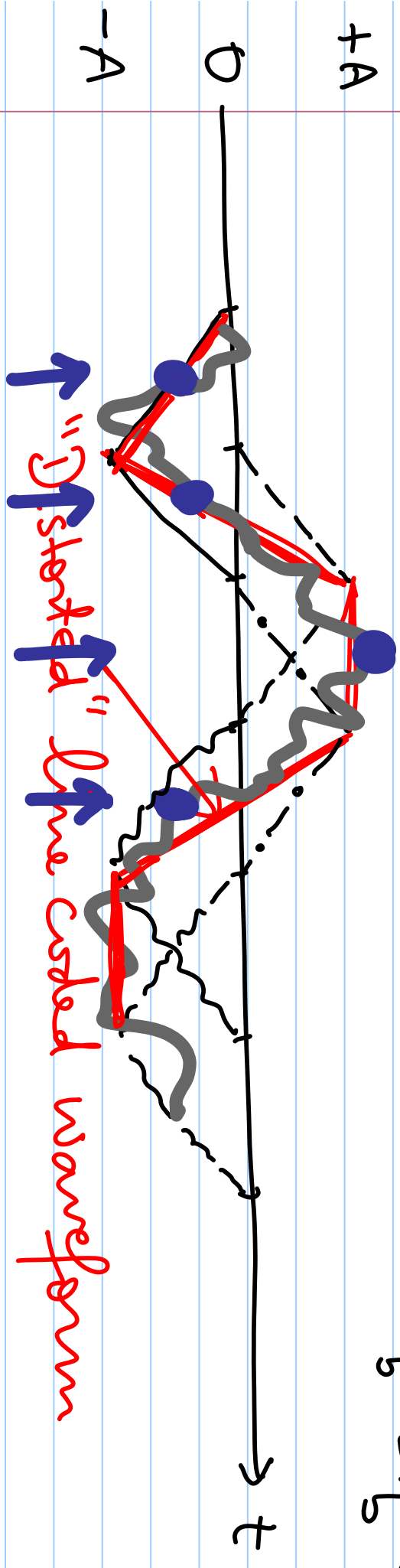
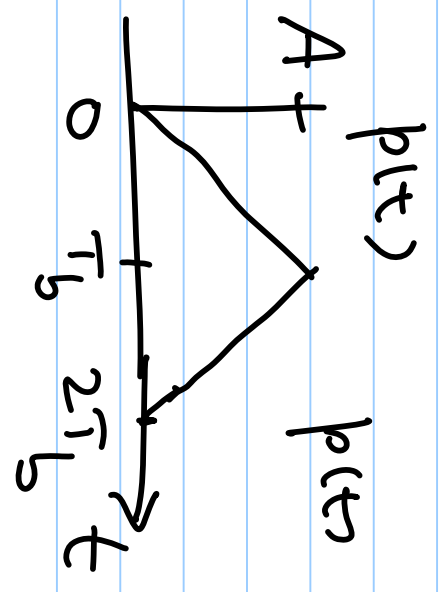
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POLAR / NRZ



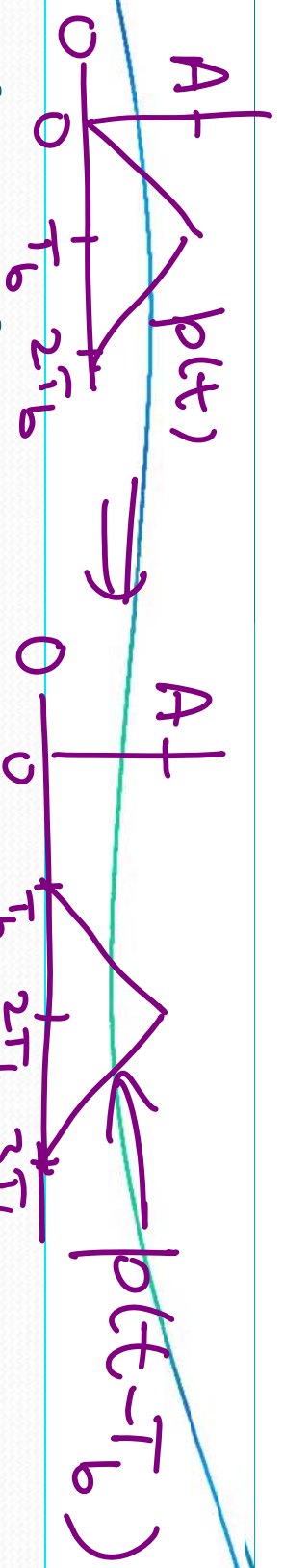
POLAR / PCM

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"D" started "D" started waveform

# Baseband Binary PAM System



• Input sequence:  $\{b_k \mid b_k = 0 \text{ or } 1\}$

• Transmitted signal:  $s(t) = \sum a_k g(t - kT_b)$

• The receiver filter output:

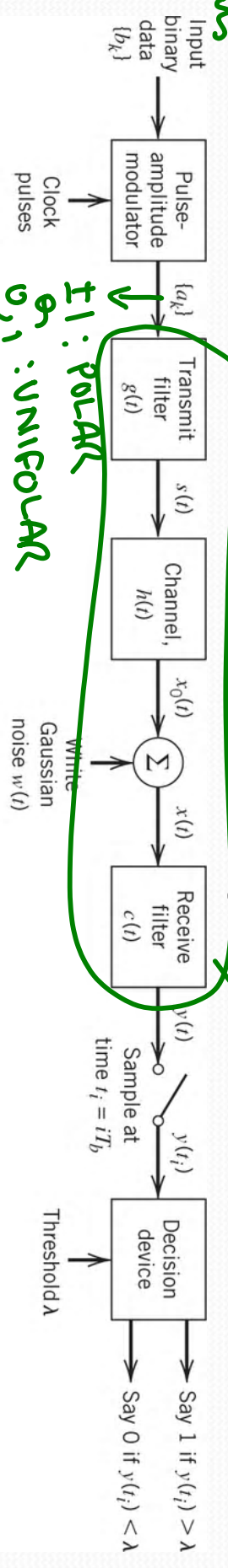
• where:

$$\mu \times p(t) = g(t) * h(t) * c(t)$$

$$\mu \times P(f) = G(f) \times H(f) \times C(f)$$

$t = iT_b$   
 $c = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

Assume  $p(t)$  is normalized,  $p(0)=1$ , using  $\mu$  as a scaling factor to account for amplitude change during transmission



$t_1$ : POLAR  
 $0, 1$ : UNIPOLAR

# Baseband Binary PAM System

(contd.)

- For the  $i$ -th received symbol, sample the output  $y(t)$  at  $t_i = iT_b$ , yielding  ~~$t_i = t$~~

$$y(t_i) = \mu \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k p[(i-k)T_b] + n(t_i)$$

$$\stackrel{k=i}{=} \mu a_i + \mu \sum_{\substack{k=-\infty \\ k \neq i}}^{\infty} a_k p[(i-k)T_b] + n(t_i)$$

Contribution of the  $i$ -th transmitted bit

Residual effect due to the occurrence of pulses before and after the sampling instant  $t_i$ : the ISI

Effect of noise, taken care of by ~~matched filter~~

In the absence of both ISI and noise:  $y(t_i) = \mu a_i$



# Nyquist's Criterion for Zero ISI

## Distortionless Transmission

- Recall that:

$$y(t_i) = \underbrace{\mu a_i}_{p(t_i)} + \mu \sum_{\substack{k=-\infty \\ k \neq i}}^{\infty} a_k p[(i-k)T_b] + n(t_i)$$

$$\mu \times p(t) = g(t) * h(t) * c(t)$$

- The problem:
  - Usually the transfer function of the channel  $h(t)$  and the transmitted pulse shape are specified (e.g., p32, telephone channel)
  - to determine the transfer functions of the transmit and receive filters so as to reconstruct the input binary  $\{b_r\}$

- The receiver performs
  - Extraction: sampling  $y(t)$  at time  $t=iT_b$
  - Decoding:
    - requires the ISI to be zero at the sampling instance:

$$p[(i-k)T_b] = \begin{cases} 1, & i=k \\ 0, & i \neq k. \end{cases}$$

instance:  
 $p(\pm mT_b) = 0$   
for  $m=1, 2, 3, \dots$

# Nyquist's Criterion for Distortionless

## Transmission (contd.)

- Sampling  $p(t)$  at  $nT_b$ ,  $n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \rightarrow \{p(nT_b)\}$
- Sampling in the time domain produces periodicity in the frequency domain, we have

$$P_s(f) = R_b \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} P(f - nR_b)$$

- On the other hand, the sampled signal is

$$p_s(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} p(nT_b) \delta(t - nT_b)$$

Its Fourier transform is

$$P_s(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} [p(nT_b) \delta(t - nT_b)] \exp(-2\pi f t) dt$$

If the condition is satisfied  $\leftarrow$

$$p[(i-k)T_b] = \begin{cases} 1, & i = k \\ 0, & i \neq k. \end{cases}$$

$$P_s(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(0) \delta(t) \exp(-2\pi f t) dt = p(0) = 1$$

# Nyquist's Criterion for Distortionless

## Transmission (contd.)

- Finally we have

$$P_s(f) = R_b \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} P(f - nR_b) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} P(f - nR_b) = 1 / R_b = T_b$$

Zero ISI

- The Nyquist Criterion for ~~distortionless baseband~~ transmission in the absence of noise:

The frequency function  $P(f)$  eliminates ISI for samples taken at intervals  $T_b$  provided that it satisfies

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} P(f - nR_b) = T_b$$

$c \neq 0$

$$R_b = \frac{1}{T_b}$$

= Bit rate

$$p(t) \leftrightarrow P(f)$$

• FREQ. DOMAIN VERSION

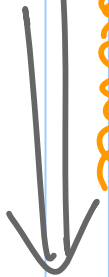
$$p(t) = \begin{cases} \neq 0, & t = 0, \pm T_b, \pm 2T_b, \dots \\ 0, & nT_b, n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} P(f - nR_b) = C,$$

$$\equiv -\infty < f < \infty$$

$$\equiv -R_b/2 \leq f \leq R_b/2$$

"in practice"

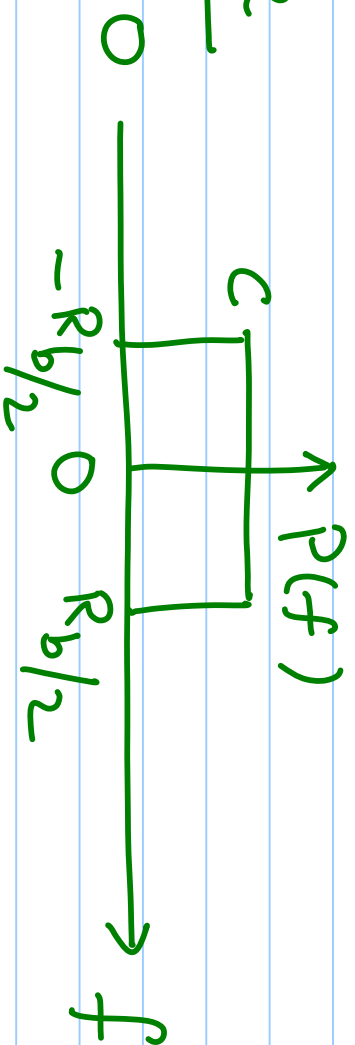


$$P(f) + P(f - R_b) + P(f + R_b)$$

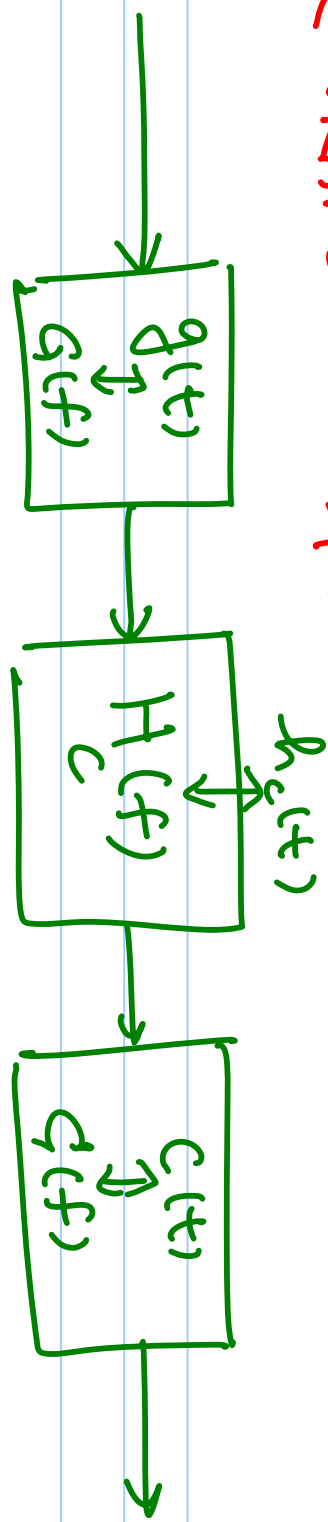
$$= C \text{ for } |f| \leq \frac{R_b}{2}$$

$$P(f) + P(f - R_b) \stackrel{?}{=} C, \quad 0 \leq f \leq \frac{R_b}{2}$$

"Candidate Pulse"



← TRANSMITTER → CHANNEL → RECEIVER →



$p(t) \leftrightarrow P(f)$

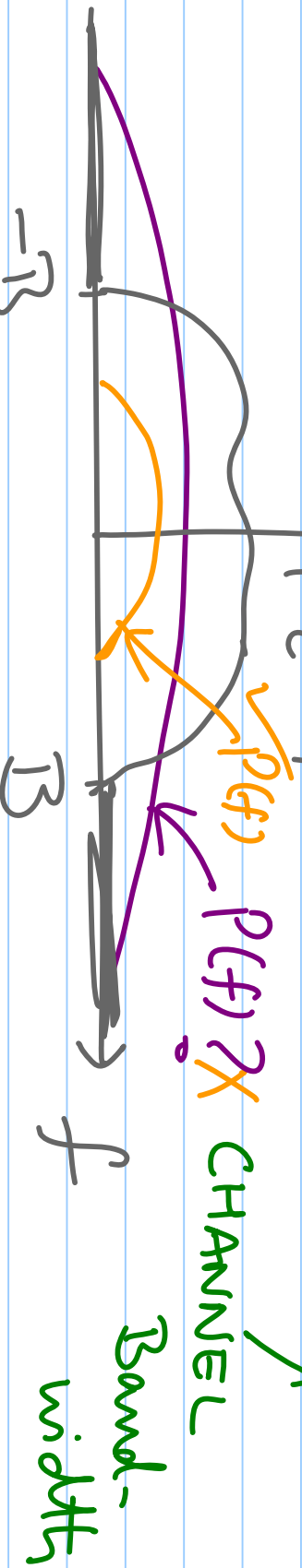
$$P(f) = G(f) H_c(f) C(f) \Rightarrow$$

$$C(f) = \frac{P(f)}{G(f) H_c(f)}$$

for  $P(f) \neq 0$ .

$$p(t) = g(t) * h_c(t) * c(t)$$

$|H_c(f)| = 0$  for  $|f| > B_c$



$$\Rightarrow [ \text{Bandwidth } g, P(f) ] \leq [ \text{Bandwidth } h, H_c(f) ]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Bandwidth of } P(f) \leq B_c$$

$$\Rightarrow R_b \leq B_c \Rightarrow R_b \leq 2B_c$$

$\leq$  Bandwidth of  $P(f)$

① No solution if  $R_b > 2B_c$

② UNIQUE solution if  $R_b = 2B_c$ :

$$P(f) = \begin{cases} c, & -\frac{R_b}{2} \leq f \leq \frac{R_b}{2} \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

③

$$\frac{\mathbb{R}_p}{2} \subset \mathbb{B}_C :$$

Infinitely many  
ordinals!

$$W = \frac{1}{2T_b} = \frac{R_b}{2}$$

# Ideal Nyquist Channel

- The simplest way of satisfying The Nyquist Criterion is

$$P(f) = \frac{1}{2W} \text{rect}\left(\frac{f}{2W}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2W}, & -W < f < W \\ 0, & |f| > W \end{cases}$$

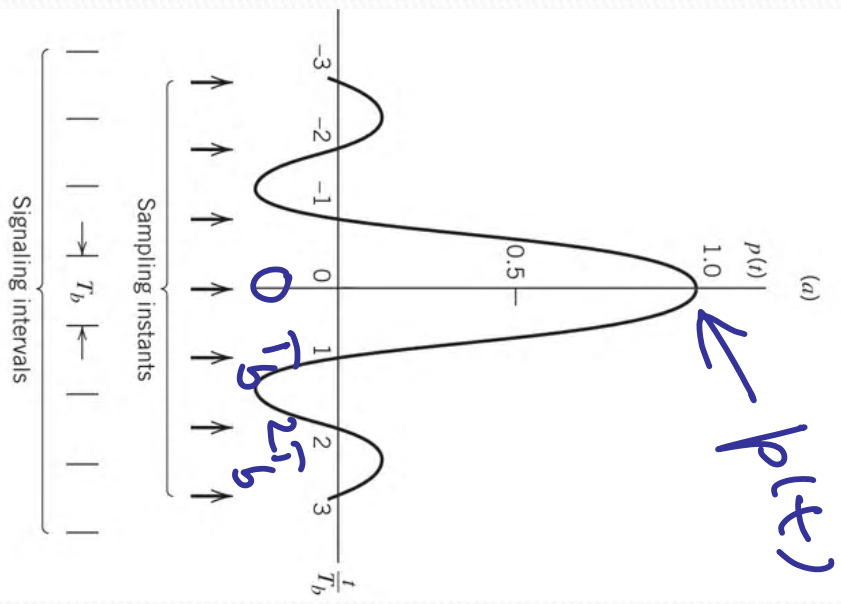
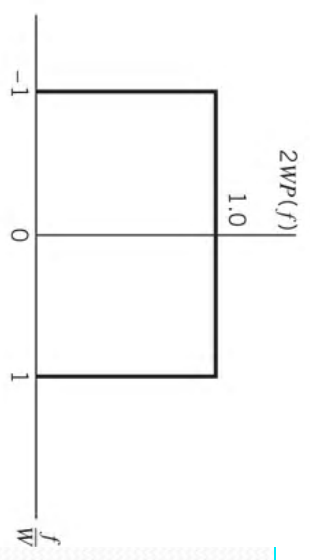
Where  $W = R_b/2 = 1/(2T_b)$ .

- The signal that produces zero ISI is the sinc function

$$p(t) = \frac{\text{sinc}(2\pi Wt)}{2\pi Wt} = \text{sinc}(2Wt)$$

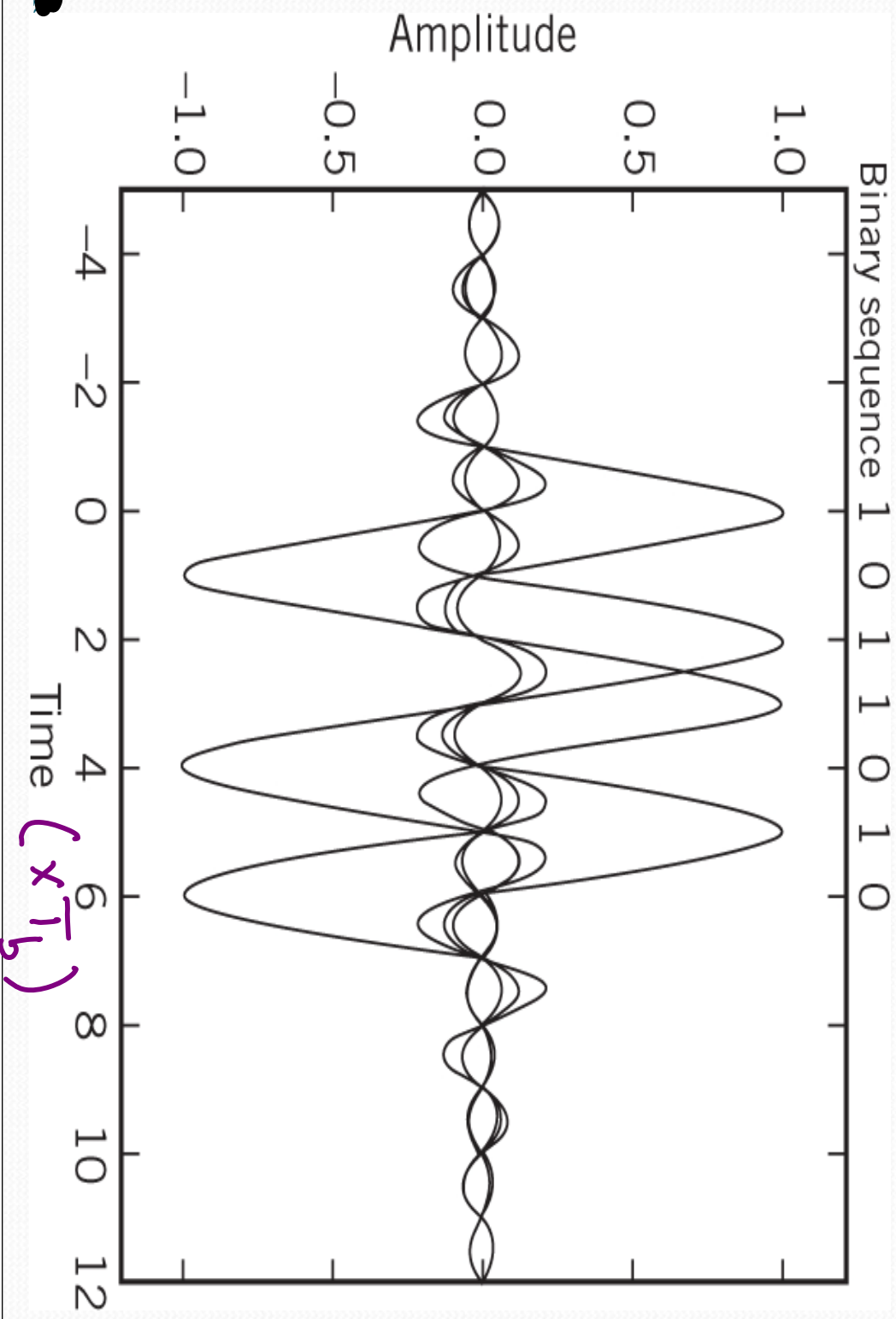
*= sinc(R<sub>b</sub>t)*

- Nyquist bandwidth:  $W$
  - Nyquist rate:  $R_b = 2W$
- = sinc(t/T<sub>b</sub>)*





# Ideal Nyquist Channel (contd.)



# Raised Cosine Spectrum

$$W = \frac{R_b}{2}$$

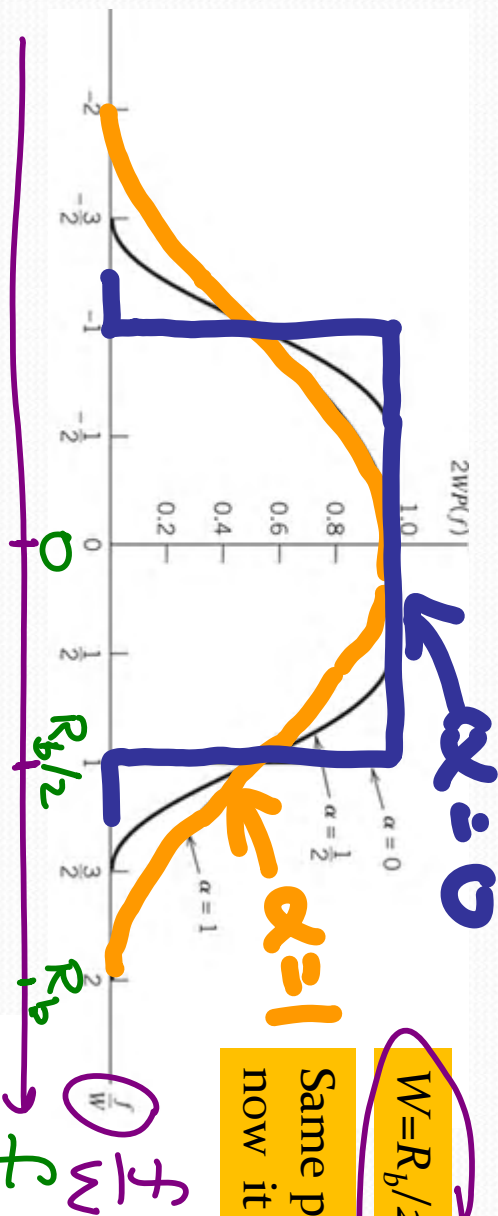
- $P(f)$  is physically unrealizable
- No filter can have the abrupt transitions at  $f = \pm W$
- $p(t)$  decays at rate  $1/|t|$ : too slow, no margin for sampling time error (see Fig. 8.16)
- Use raised cosine spectrum: a flat top + a rolloff portion

$$P(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2W}, & 0 \leq |f| < f_1 \\ \frac{1}{4W} \left\{ 1 - \sin \left[ \frac{\pi(|f| - W)}{2W - 2f_1} \right] \right\}, & f_1 \leq |f| < 2W - f_1 \\ 0, & |f| \geq 2W - f_1 \end{cases}$$

→  $p(t) = \left[ \text{sinc}(2Wt) \right] \left( \frac{\cos(2\pi\alpha Wt)}{1 - 16\alpha^2 W^2 t^2} \right)$

$\alpha = \text{ROLL-OFF FACTOR}$  |  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

# Raised Cosine Spectrum (contd.)

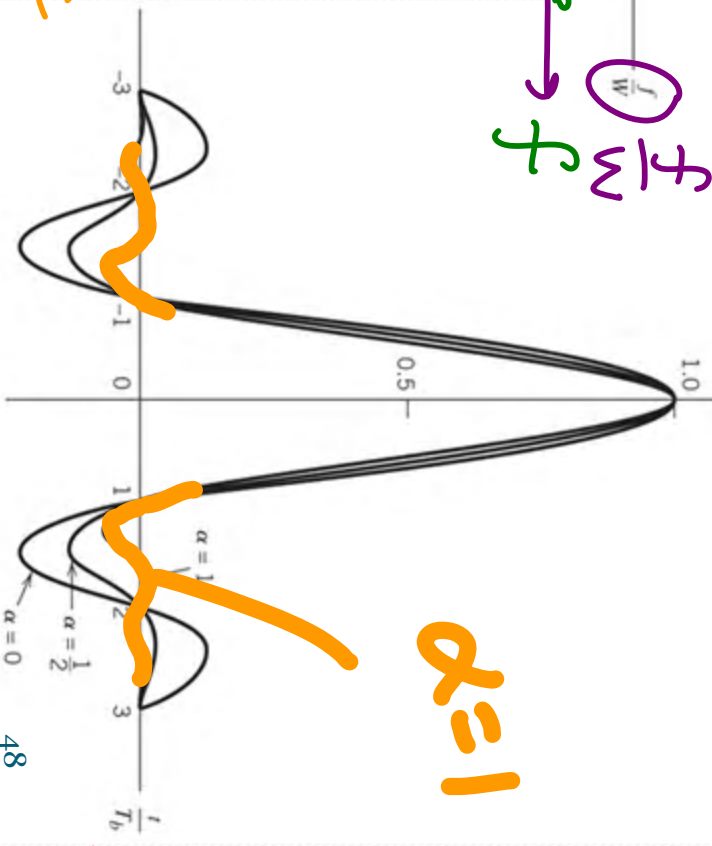


Same property as  $\text{sinc}(2Wt)$ , but now it is practical

Roll-off factor:  $\alpha = 1 - f_1/W$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

Indicates the excess bandwidth

Bandwidth ~~of the~~ ideal solution,  $W$   
 Transmission BW  $B_T = (2W - f_1) = W(1 + 1 - \frac{f_1}{W})$   
 $\hookrightarrow = W(1 + \alpha) = R_b(\frac{1 + \alpha}{2}) \leq B_c$



$\frac{1}{T_b}$

# Nyquist First-Criterion Zero ISI

pulse  $p(t)$ :

Time Domain

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} c \neq 0, & t = t_0 \quad (c=0) \\ 0, & t = t_0 \pm mT_b, \\ & m=1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

$P(f)$

Frequency Domain ( $t_s=0$ )

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} P(f + nR_b) = c (\neq 0), \quad -\frac{R_b}{2} \leq f \leq \frac{R_b}{2}$$

M-ary Signals:  $\frac{1}{T_b} = R_b \rightarrow R_s$   
 $T_b \rightarrow T_s$

$BW \int p(t)$   
TRANSMISSION BANDWIDTH  $\int$   
Raised-cosine family  $\int$  pulses:

$$B_T = \int R_b \frac{1+\alpha}{2} \quad ; \quad \text{Binary}$$

$$\left\{ R_s \frac{1+\alpha}{2} = R_b \left( \frac{1+\alpha}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\log_2 M} \quad ; \quad M\text{-ary} \right.$$

where  $\alpha = \text{roll-off factor}$  ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ )

$$B_T \leq B_c = \text{Channel BW}$$

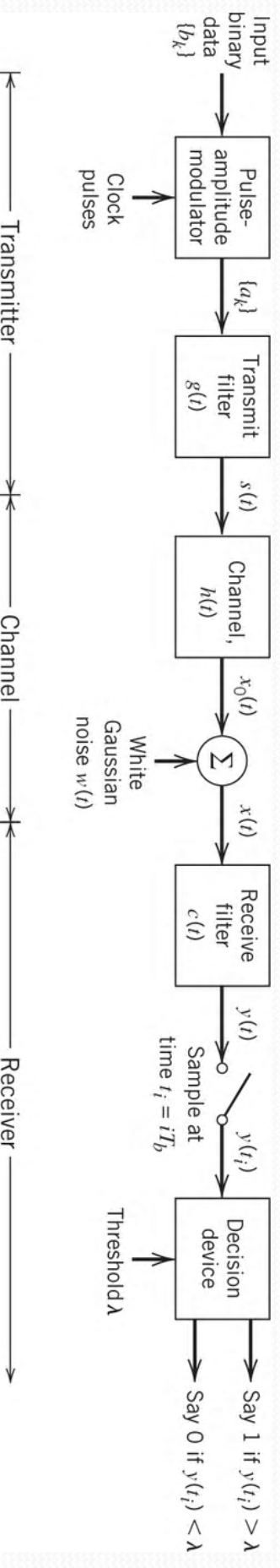
# How to Design the Transceiver

- Nyquist Criterion  $\rightarrow P(f) =$  raised cosine spectrum
- Study the channel  $\rightarrow$  find  $h(t)$
- Matched filter (to cope with noise)  $\rightarrow c(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are symmetric  $\rightarrow$  solve for  $c(t)$  and  $g(t)$

$$C(f) = kG(-f) \exp(-j2\pi fT)$$

$$\mu \times p(t) = g(t) * h(t) * c(t)$$

$$\mu \times P(f) = G(f) \times H(f) \times C(f)$$



## Example 8.4 Bandwidth

### Requirement of the T1 System

- T1 system: multiplexing 24 voice calls, each 4 kHz, based on 8-bit PCM word,  $T_b=0.647 \mu\text{s}$
- Assuming an ideal Nyquist channel, the minimum required bandwidth is

$$B_T = W = R_b / 2 = 1/(2T_b) = 773 \text{ kHz}$$

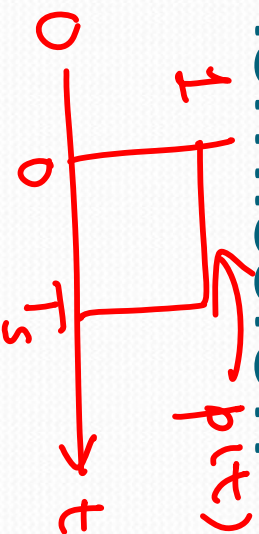
- In practice, a full-cosine rolloff spectrum is used with  $\alpha=1$ . The minimum transmission bandwidth is
$$B_T = W(1 + \alpha) = 2W = 1.544 \text{ MHz}$$
- In Chapter 3, if use SSB and FDM, the bandwidth is
$$B_T = 24 \times 4 = 96 \text{ kHz}$$

Digital transmission is not bandwidth efficient

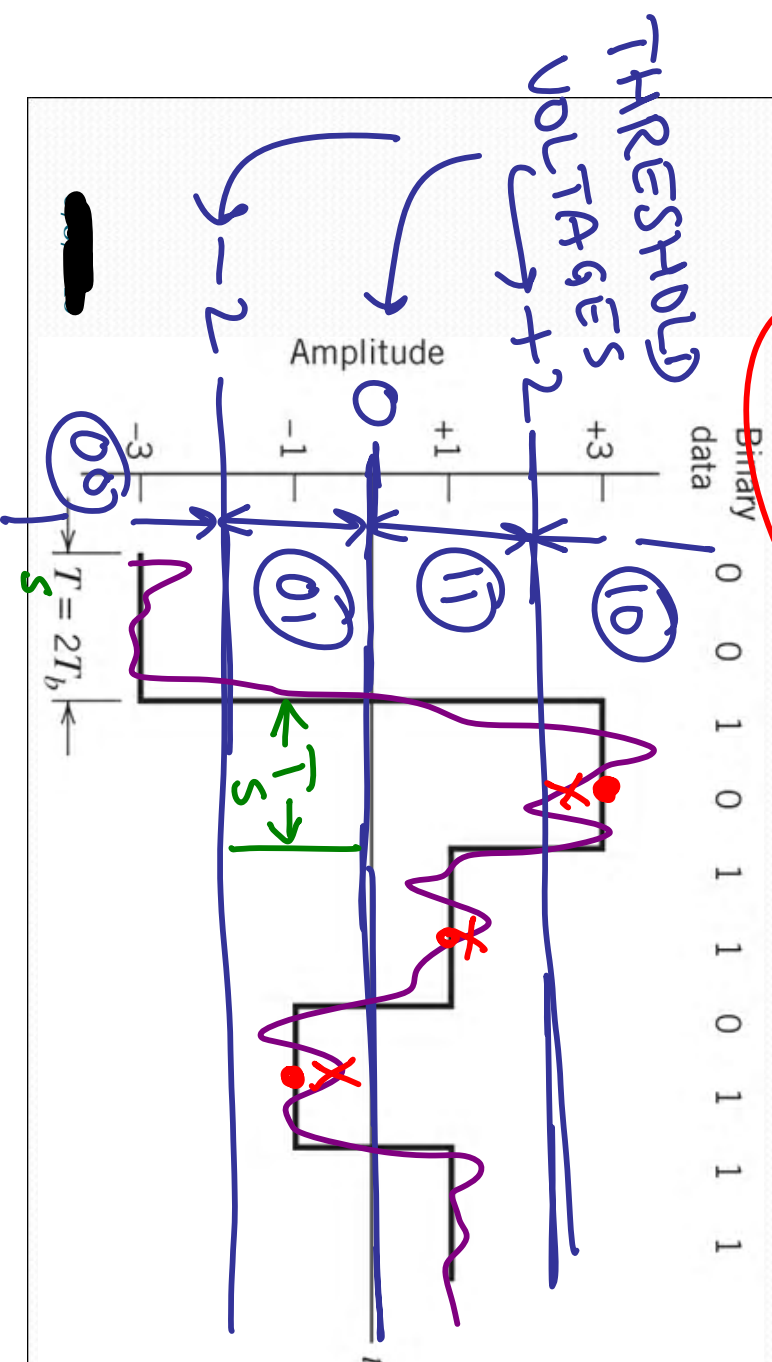
#  $\sqrt{5}$  bits / symbol

# Baseband M-ary PAM Transmission

- Baseband M-ary PAM system
- M possible amplitude levels, with  $M > 2$
- $\text{Log}_2(M)$  bits are mapped to one of the levels



$p(t) : \text{"NRZ"}$



Dibit	Amplitude
00	-3
01	-1
11	+1
10	+3



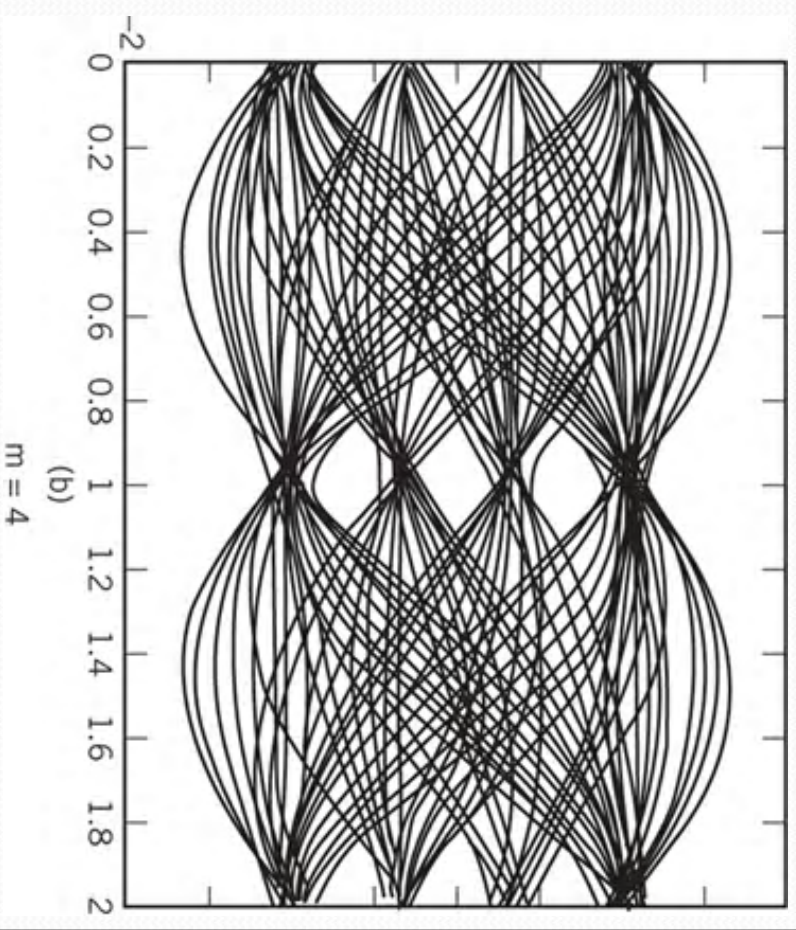
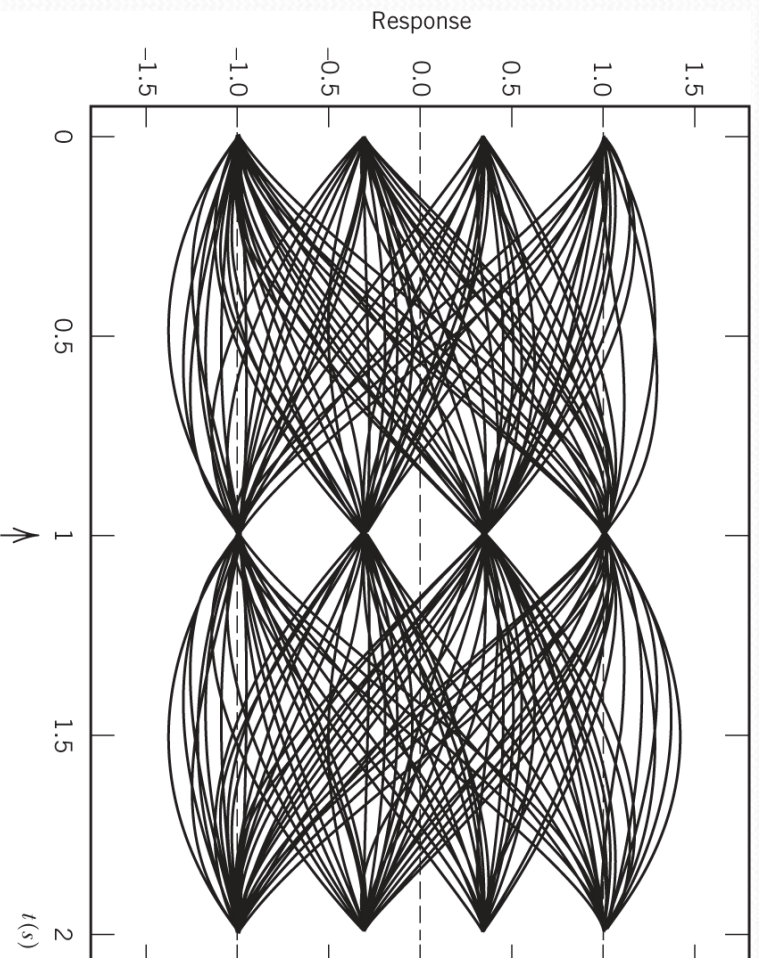
# Baseband M-ary PAM Transmission

(contd.)

- Symbol duration:  $T_s$
  - Signaling rate:  $R_s = 1/T_s$ , in symbols per second, or bauds
  - Binary symbol duration:  $T_b$
  - Binary data rate:  $R_b = 1/T_b$
- $T_s = T_b \log_2 M$        $R_b = R_s \log_2 M$
- # of bits / symbol
- Similar procedure used for the design of the filters as in the binary data case

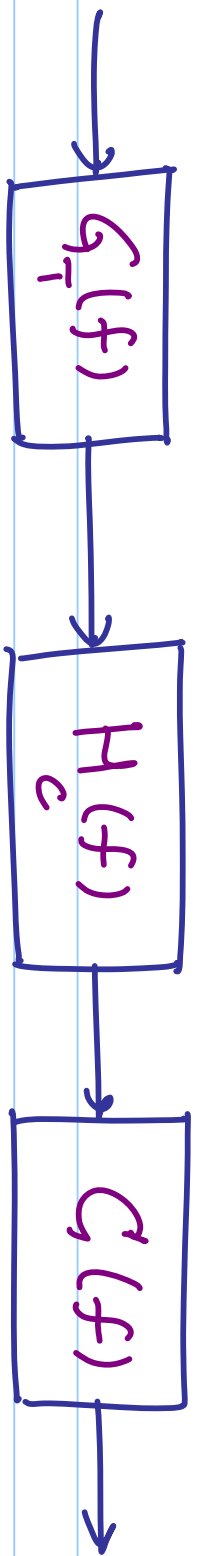
# Eye Pattern for M-ary Data

- Contains  $(M-1)$  eye openings stacked up vertically



# Tapped-Delay-Line Equalization

- ISI is the major cause of bit error in baseband transmissions
- If channel  $h(t)$  or  $H(f)$  is known precisely, one can design transmit and receiver to make ISI arbitrarily small
  - Find  $P(f) \rightarrow$  find  $G(f) \rightarrow$  find  $C(f)$
- However in practice,  $h(t)$  may not be known, or be known with errors (i.e., time-varying channels)
  - Cause residual distortion
  - A limiting factor for data rates
- Use a process, **equalization**, to compensate for the intrinsic residual distortion
  - **Equalizer**: the filter used for such process



← Transmitter → Channel → Receiver →

$$P(f) = \underbrace{G_T(f)}_{\text{Pick this}} \underbrace{H_c(f)}_{\text{"Given"}} C(f)$$

$$\Rightarrow C(f) = \frac{P(f)}{G_T(f)H_c(f)},$$

for  $f$  over signal BW

for freq.  $f$  for which  $P(f) \neq 0$

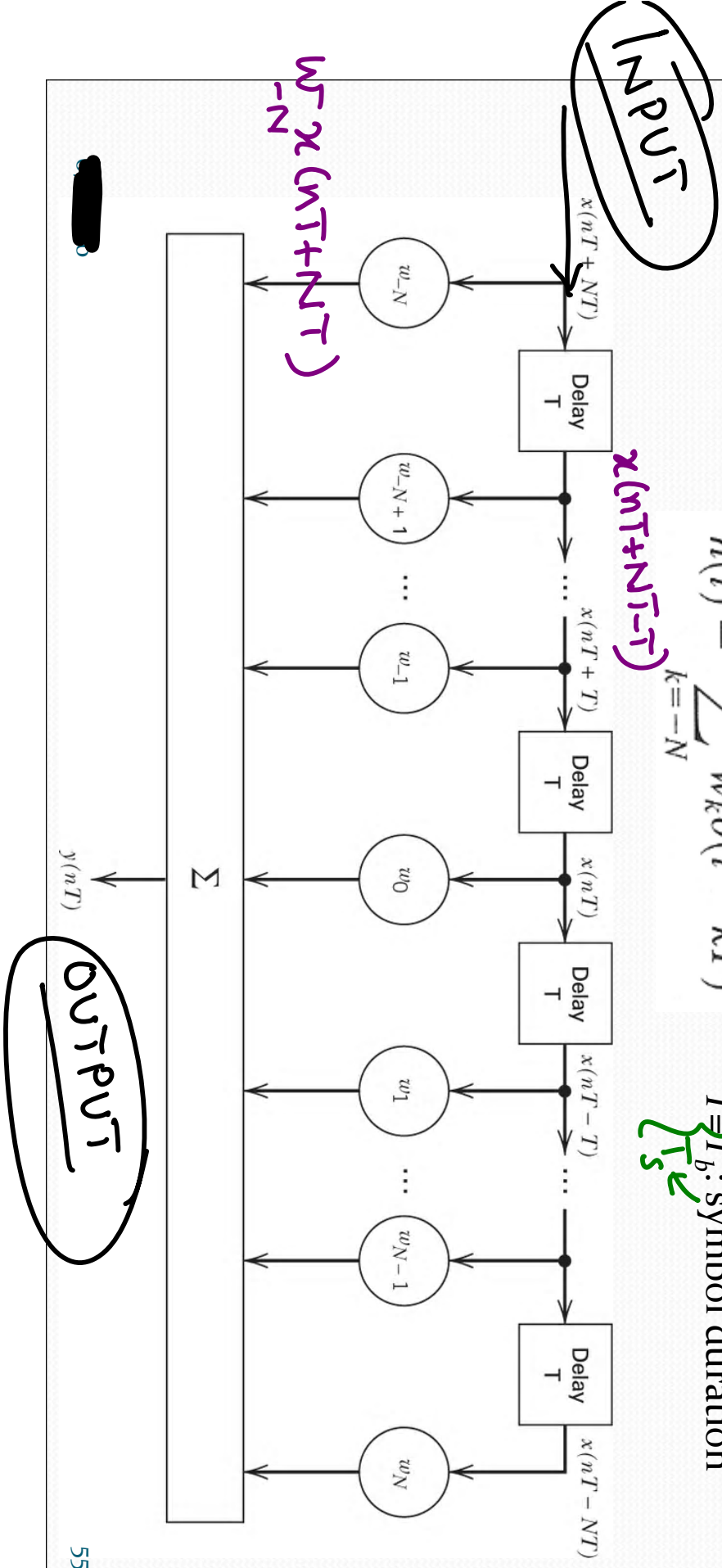
elsewhere

# Tapped-Delay-Line Filter

- Totally  $(2N+1)$  taps, with weights  $w_{-N}, \dots, w_{-1}, w_0, w_1, \dots, w_N$

$$h(t) = \sum_{k=-N}^N w_k \delta(t - kT)$$

$T = \int_{T_s}^{T_b}$ : symbol duration



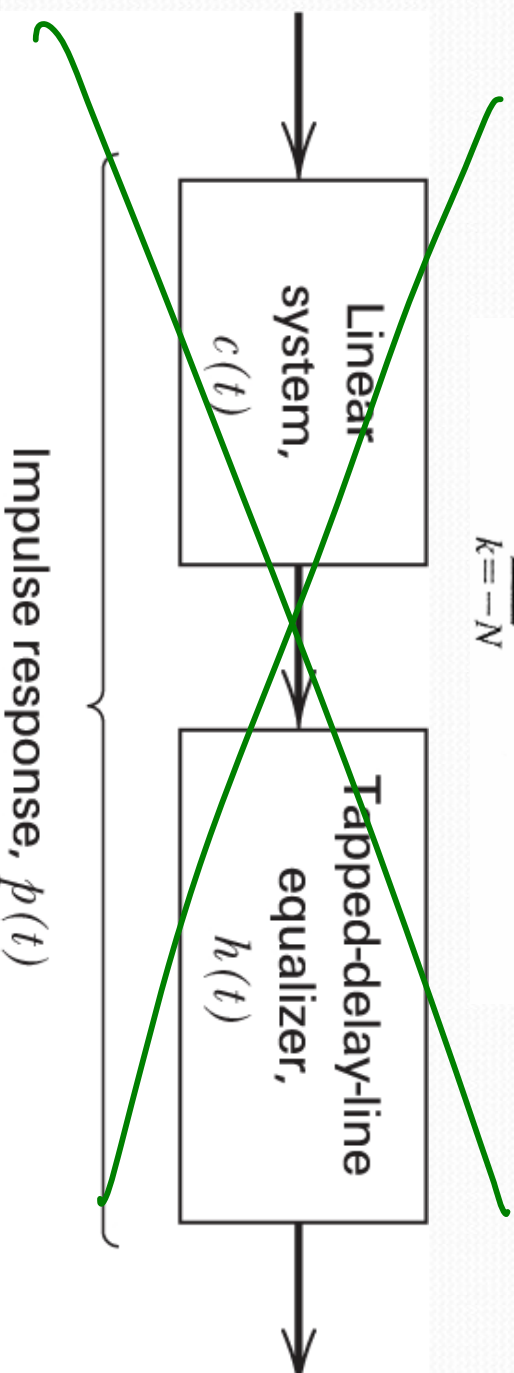
# Tapped-Delay-Line Filter (contd.)

- We have

$$\begin{aligned} p(t) &= c(t) \star h(t) = c(t) \star \sum_{k=-N}^N w_k \delta(t - kT) \\ &= \sum_{k=-N}^N w_k c(t) \star \delta(t - kT) = \sum_{k=-N}^N w_k c(t - kT) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$p(nT) = \sum_{k=-N}^N w_k c((n - k)T)$$



# Tapped-Delay-Line Filter (contd.)

- The Nyquist criterion must be satisfied. We have

$$p(nT) = \begin{cases} 1, & n=0 \\ 0, & n=\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm N \end{cases}$$

DESIRE  
D OUTPUT

$I(N+1), I(N+2), \dots$   
 $n = -N$

- Denote  $c_n = c(nT)$ , we have

$$p_n = \sum_{k=-N}^N w_k c_{n-k} = \begin{cases} 1, & n=0 \\ 0, & n=\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm N \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 & \dots & c_{-N+1} & c_{-N} & c_{-N-1} & \dots & c_{-2N} \\ c_{N-1} & \dots & c_0 & c_{-1} & c_{-2} & \dots & c_{-N-1} \\ c_N & \dots & c_1 & c_0 & c_{-1} & \dots & c_{-N} \\ c_{N+1} & \dots & c_2 & c_1 & c_0 & \dots & c_{-N+1} \\ c_{2N} & \dots & c_{N+1} & c_N & c_{N-1} & \dots & c_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_{-N} \\ \vdots \\ w_{-1} \\ w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Received sampled signal

$$C_0 = 1, C_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, C_{-1} = \frac{1}{4},$$

$C_n = 0$  for other values of  $n$

Design 3-tap zero-forcing equalizer:

$$2N+1=3 \Rightarrow N=1$$

Solution

$$\sum_{k=-1}^1 w_k c_{n-k} = p_n$$

$$\Rightarrow w_{-1} c_{n+1} + w_0 c_n + w_1 c_{n-1} = p_n$$

DESIRED  
OUTPUT  
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, n=0 \\ 0, n=\pm 1, \pm 2, \\ \pm 3, \dots \end{array} \right.$

$n \leq -3$

$$w_{-1} c_{-2} + w_0 c_{-3} + w_1 c_{-4} = p_{-3} = 0$$

$n = -2$ :

$$w_{-1} c_{-1} + w_0 c_{-2} + w_1 c_{-3} = p_{-2} = 0$$

$n = -1$ :

$$w_{-1} c_0 + w_0 c_{-1} + w_1 c_{-2} = p_{-1} = \frac{1}{4}$$



$$M = -1:$$

$$w_{-1}c_0 + w_0c_{-1} + w_1c_{-2} = p_{-1} = 0$$

$$M = 0:$$

$$w_{-1}c_1 + w_0c_0 + w_1c_{-1} = p_0 = 1$$

$$M = 1:$$

$$w_{-1}c_2 + w_0c_1 + w_1c_0 = p_1 = 0$$

$$M = 2:$$

$$w_{-1}c_3 + w_0c_2 + w_1c_1 = p_2 = 0$$

$$M > 3:$$

$$p_n = 0$$

DESIRED OUTPUT

$\frac{1}{4}w_{-1}$	$= 0$
$w_{-1} + \frac{1}{4}w_0$	$= 0$
$-\frac{1}{2}w_{-1} + w_0 + \frac{1}{4}w_1$	$= 1$
$-\frac{1}{2}w_0 + w_1$	$= 0$
$-\frac{1}{2}w_1$	$= 0$

keep this

$$w_{-1} = -\frac{1}{4}w_0$$

$$w_1 = \frac{1}{2}w_0$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{4}w_0\right) + w_0 + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{2}w_0\right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{8} + 1 + \frac{1}{8}\right]w_0 = 1 \Rightarrow w_0 = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8$$

$$\frac{1+8+1}{8} = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$w_{-1} = -\frac{1}{4}w_0 = -\frac{1}{5} = -0.2$$

$$w_1 = \frac{1}{2}w_0 = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

Actual Output:  $p_n = 0$  for  $n \leq -3$  &  $n \geq 3$

$$p_{-1} = p_1 = 0, \quad p_0 = 1$$

$$p_{-2} = \frac{1}{4}w_{-1} = -\frac{1}{20} \neq 0$$

$$p_{+2} = -\frac{1}{2}w_1 = -0.2 = -\frac{1}{5} \neq 0$$

# Tapped-Delay-Line Filter (contd.)

- Remarks
  - Referred to as a *zero-forcing equalizer*
  - Optimum in the sense that it *minimizes peak distortion (ISI)*
  - Simple to implement
  - *The longer, the better*, i.e., the closer to the ideal condition as specified by the Nyquist criterion
- For time-varying channels
  - Training
  - Adaptive equalization: adjusts the weights

# Theme Example – 100Base-TX –

## Transmission of 100 Mbps over

### Twisted Pair

- Fast Ethernet: 100BASE-TX
  - Up to 100Mbps
  - Using two pairs of twisted copper wires → Category 5
    - One pair for each direction
  - Maximum distance: 100 meters
- First stage: NRZ 4B5B → provide clocking information
- Second stage: NRZI
- Third stage: three-level signaling MLT-3
- With tapped-delay-line equalization

# Summary

- Two transmission impairments
  - Noise
  - ISI
- Impact of the two transmission impairments
- How to mitigate the effects of transmission impairments
  - Matched filter
  - Evaluating the BER
  - Eye pattern
  - Nyquist criterions for distortionless criterion
  - Tapped-delay-line equalization
- Binary transmissions and M-ary transmissions

