

Final exam in  
Digital Communications  
(ETT051)  
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- During this final exam, you are allowed to use a calculator, the textbook, and Tefyma (or equivalent).
- Each solution should be written on a separate sheet of paper.  
Please add Your name on each sheet.
- Show the line of reasoning clearly, and use the methods presented in the course.  
If You use results from the textbook, add a reference in Your solution.
- If any data is lacking, make reasonable presumptions.
- If You want or if You do not want Your result to appear on the department's web site, please write so on the cover page of the exam.

**Good Luck!**

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**Problem 1:** Determine for each of the five statements below if it is true or false.  
*Observe! As usual, motivations to your answers should be given.*

- Assume a conventional M-ary PSK system. Also assume that  $g(t) = g_{tri}(t)$  with duration  $2T_s/5$ . “If the bit rate is 600 kbps and  $M = 8$  then the width of the mainlobe is 2 MHz.”
- “8-PSK is worse than 16-QAM”
- Assume a conventional M-ary PSK system that uses  $g(t) = g_{rc}(t)$  with duration  $T_s$ , a conventional AWGN channel, and ML receiver. “If  $M = 16$  and  $\mathcal{E}_b/N_0$  is 20.72 dB then  $P_s \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-9}$ .”
- “If  $M = 2$  and  $d^2 = 1.5$ , then the signal alternatives are both antipodal and orthogonal.”
- “With uncoded equally likely signal alternatives the bit error probability is always larger than  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-22}$  if  $\mathcal{E}_b/N_0$  is 12 dB. ”

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**Problem 2:** Assume a binary communication system that uses equally likely signal alternatives, a conventional AWGN channel, and an ML receiver. It is required that if  $\mathcal{E}_b/N_0$  is 17.9 dB then  $P_b = 8.54 \cdot 10^{-6}$ .

a)

i) Determine  $P_b$  if instead  $\mathcal{E}_b/N_0$  is 22.845 dB.

ii) Determine also the energy efficiency compared with if orthogonal signal alternatives were used instead.

b)

Consider the two signal alternatives:  $z_0(t) = g_{rec}(t)$  with amplitude  $A$  and duration  $T = T_b/2$ , and the signal alternative  $z_1(t) = g_{rec}(t)$  with amplitude  $A/3$  and duration  $T = T_b/2$ .

Will these two signal alternatives satisfy the requirement on the bit error probability above?

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**Problem 3:** Assume that the received signal alternatives  $\{z_\ell(t)\}_{\ell=0}^{M-1}$  are conventional M-ary QAM signals. Also assume that a hcs pulse with amplitude  $A$  and duration  $T = T_s/4$  is used. It is given that here the communication bandwidth  $W$  is  $W = W_{99} = 4$  MHz. The communication is disturbed by AWGN  $N(t)$  with power spectral density  $R_N(f) = N_0/2$ , and the ML receiver is used. It is also given that the symbol error probability in this case can be upper bounded by  $4Q(\sqrt{d_{\min}^2 \mathcal{E}_b/N_0})$ .

It is a requirement that the bit error probability must not exceed the value  $4 \cdot 10^{-10}$ .

i) Determine requirements on the ratio  $\bar{P}_z/N_0$  if the bit rate is  $R_b \approx 3.39$  Mbps.

ii) At a certain communication range it has been found that the ratio  $\bar{P}_z/N_0 = 2 \cdot 10^8$ . Determine the highest bit rate that can be used in this case.

iii) Describe differences and similarities between 16-ary PSK and 16-ary QAM.

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**Problem 4:**

- a) Here we consider a three-user digital communication system. The information carrying user signals are denoted  $u_1(t)$ ,  $u_2(t)$  and  $u_3(t)$ , respectively, and they are baseband (low-frequency) signals. The width of the mainlobes of the user information signals  $u_1(t)$ ,  $u_2(t)$  and  $u_3(t)$  are: 400 kHz, 200 kHz and 600 kHz, respectively.

The transmitted multi-user signal is denoted  $s(t)$ , and  
$$s(t) = u_1(t) \cos(2\pi f_1 t) + u_2(t) \cos(2\pi f_2 t) + u_3(t) \cos(2\pi f_3 t)$$

The received multi-user signal is denoted  $r(t)$ , and  
$$r(t) = \alpha s(t) + n(t)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a given channel parameter, and  $n(t)$  denotes a disturbance.

The receiver first constructs the signal denoted  $y(t)$  as

$$y(t) = r(t) \cos(2\pi f_4 t)$$

and the desired information carrying signal is then obtained by filtering  $y(t)$  in a properly designed low-pass filter.

It is known that  $f_1 = 14$  MHz,  $f_2 = 14.4$  MHz, and  $f_3 = 14.9$  MHz. The disturbance is  $n(t) = \cos(2\pi f_A t) + \cos(2\pi f_B t)$  where  $f_A = 14.25$  MHz and  $f_B = 14.55$  MHz.

***Note that detailed calculations are not required below. However, the frequency content must be clearly seen in the figures.***

- i) Sketch the frequency content in  $r(t)$ .
  - ii) Sketch the frequency content in  $y(t)$  if  $f_4 = 14.5$  MHz.
  - iii) The choice of  $f_4 = 14.5$  MHz is not a correct choice but it can occur due to a malfunction in the receiver. Determine the correct choice of  $f_4$  if the receiver should recover the information in  $u_2(t)$ .
- b) Explain in detail why  $x[i]$  is so important in the analysis of ISI.

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**Problem 5:**

Assume that conventional 8-ary PAM signals are sent from the transmitter. Here, a sent signal alternative has the form  $A_I g_{rec}(t)$ , where  $g_{rec}(t)$  has duration  $T = 0.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$  (s) and amplitude  $A$ .

The sent signal alternative above is the input signal to a 3-ray channel (multi-path). The parameters of the 3-ray channel are:

$$\alpha_1 = 1/10, \tau_1 = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 = -1/20, \tau_2 = 0.4 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ (s)}$$

$$\alpha_3 = 1/40, \tau_3 = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ (s)}$$

- a) Which bit rates do you recommend?
- b) Assume that the input signal alternative is  $3g_{rec}(t)$ . Determine and make a detailed sketch of the output signal alternative from the 3-ray channel.
- c) Determine the squared Euclidean distances  $D_{min}^2, D_1^2, \dots, D_{max}^2$  that are used to calculate the union bound.

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