EE1 and ISE1 Communications I

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Lecture one

Course Aims

To introduce principles of communication systems and methods used in modulating and demodulating signals in order to carry information from a source to a destination.

Recommended text book

B.P Lathi "Modern Digital and Analog Communication Systems" Oxford University Press

- Highly recommended.
- Well balanced book.
- It will be useful in the future.
- Slides based on this book, most of the figures are taken from this book.

Handouts

- Copies of the transparencies
- Problem sheets and solutions
- Everything is on the web http://www.commsp.ee.ic.ac.uk/~pld/teaching/

Syllabus

- Fundamentals of Signals and Systems
 - Energy and power
 - Trigonometric and Exponential Fourier Series
 - Fourier transform
 - Signal Transmission through a Linear System

Syllabus (continued)

- Modulation
 - Amplitude modulation: DSB, Full AM, SSB
 - Angle modulation: PM, FM
- Transmission Lines
 - Signal propagation in a transmission line
 - Signal reflection in a transmission line
- Advanced Topics: Digital communications, CDMA, UWB

Three examples of communication systems



Another example of Communication Systems...



From the movie 'The Blues Brothers'

Communication Systems

A **source** originates a message, such as a human voice, a television picture, a teletype message.

The message is converted by an input **transducer** into an electrical waveform (**baseband signal**).

The **transmitter** modifies the baseband for efficient transmission.

The **channel** is a medium such as a coaxial cable, an optical fiber, a radio link.

The **receiver** processes the signal received to undo modifications made at the transmitter and the channel.

The **output transducer** convert the signal into the original form.

Communication Systems





Analog and digital messages

- Message are digital or analogue
- Digital messages are constructed with a finite number of symbols. Example: a Morse-coded telegraph message.
- Analog messages are characterized by data whose values vary over a continuous range. For example, the temperature of a certain location.

Digital Transmission

Digital signal are more robust to noise.

An analog signal is converted to a digital signal by means of an analog to digital (A/D) converter.



A/D conversion

The signal m(t) is first sampled in the time domain.

The amplitude of the signal samples $m_s(kT)$ is partitioned into a finite number of intervals (quantisation).





Sampling theorem

The sampling theorem states that if the highest frequency in the signal spectrum is B, the signal can be reconstructed from its samples taken at a rate not less than 2B sample per second.

What did we learn today?

- The main elements of a communication systems
- The importance of the Fourier transform
- Concept of signal bandwidth
- Analog and digital signals.