

# Continuous Phase Modulation (CPM)

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## Reading Material

- Proakis section 3.3
- Haykin sections 6.3 and 6.5

## CPM

- CPM is a modulation scheme with memory
- In memory less modulations, such as PSK and FSK, the modulated signal switch from one value to the other independent from the previous value.
- This abrupt switching results in relatively large spectral side lobes outside the main spectral band of the signal.

## Continuous Phase Frequency Shift Keying (CPFSK)

- CPFSK is a special case of CPM.
- The conventional FSK signal is generated by shifting the carrier by an amount  $m\Delta f$ , where  $1 \leq m \leq M$ .
- The switching from one frequency to another will result in large spectral side lobes.
- The solution is to modulate a single carrier whose frequency is changed continuously.
- This is called CPFSK

## CPFSK

- To represent a CPFSK signal, we begin with a PAM signal

$$d(t) = \sum I_n g(t - nT)$$

- Where  $\{I_n\}$  denoted the sequence of amplitudes obtained by mapping k-bit blocks of binary digits from the information sequence  $\{a_n\}$  into the amplitude levels  $\pm 1, \pm 3, \dots, \pm(M-1)$
- $g(t)$  is a rectangular pulse of amplitude  $1/2T$  and duration  $T$  seconds.
- The signal  $d(t)$  is used to frequency modulate the carrier.

## CPFSK

- The equivalent lowpass waveform  $v(t)$  is expressed as:

$$v(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{T}} e^{j \left[ 4\pi T f_d \int_{-\infty}^t d(\tau) d\tau + \phi_0 \right]}$$

- Where  $f_d$  is the peak frequency deviation and  $\phi_0$  is the initial phase of the carrier.
- The carrier modulated signal can be expressed as:

$$s(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{T}} \cos \left[ 2\pi f_c t + \phi(t; I) + \phi_0 \right]$$

- Where  $\phi(t; I) = 4\pi T f_d \int_{-\infty}^t d(\tau) d\tau$

$$= 4\pi T f_d \int_{-\infty}^t \left[ \sum_n I_n g(t - nT) \right] d\tau$$

Note that  $d(t)$  contains discontinuities, the integral of  $d(t)$  is continuous

## CPFSK

Thus, over the interval  $nT \leq t \leq (n+1)T$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(t; I) &= 2\pi f_d T \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} I_k + 2\pi f_d T q(t-nT) I_n \\ &= \theta_n + 2\pi h I_n q(t-nT)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$h = 2f_d T \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Modulation Index}$$

$$\theta_n = \pi h \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} I_k \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Represents the accumulation (Memory) of all symbols up to time } (n-1)T$$

$$q(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{t}{2T} & 0 \leq t \leq T \\ \frac{1}{2} & t > T \end{cases}$$

## Continuous Phase Modulation (CPM)

In general, the carrier phase is:

$$\phi(t; I) = 2\pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^n I_k h_k q(t-nT), \quad nT \leq t \leq (n+1)T$$

Where  $\{I_k\}$  is the sequence of M-ary information

$\{h_k\}$  is a sequence of modulation indices

$q(t)$  is some normalized waveform shape.

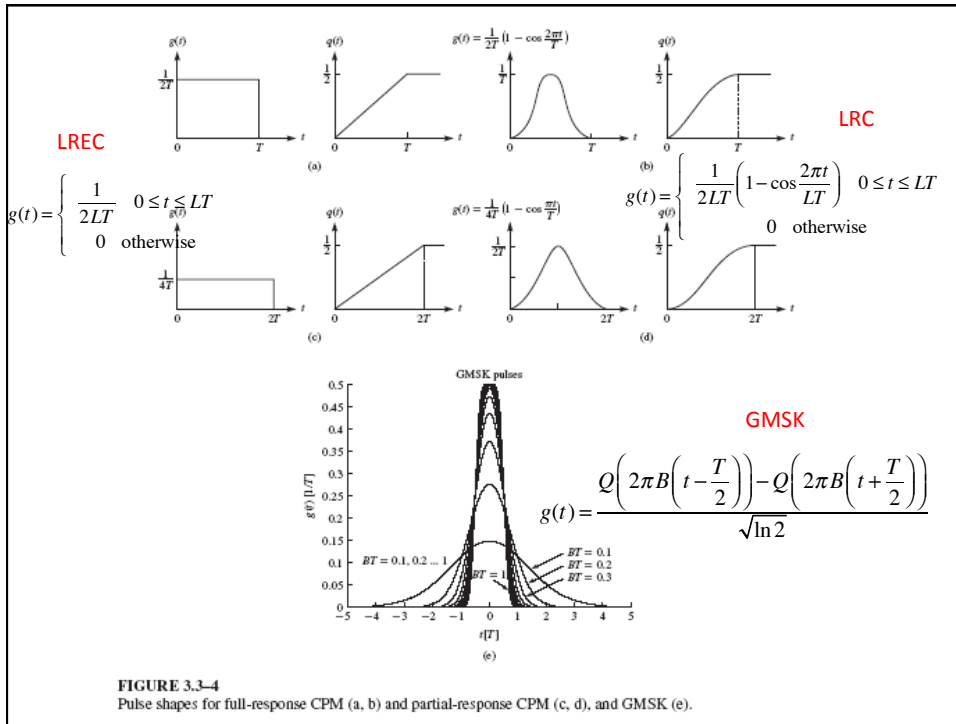
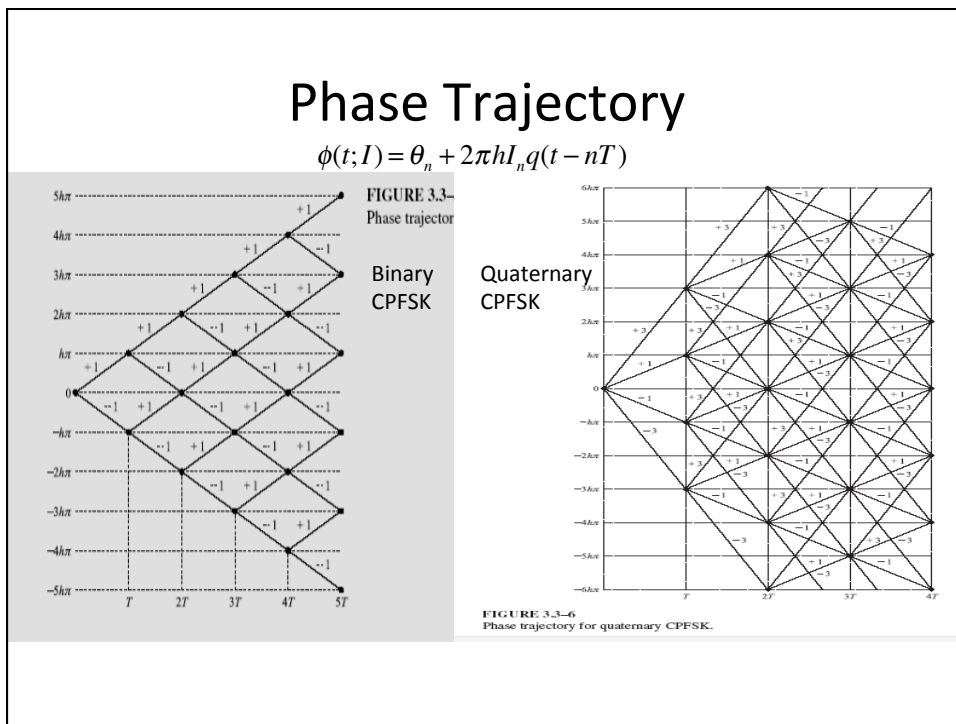


FIGURE 3.3-4 Pulse shapes for full-response CPM (a, b) and partial-response CPM (c, d), and GMSK (e).



## Phase Trajectory

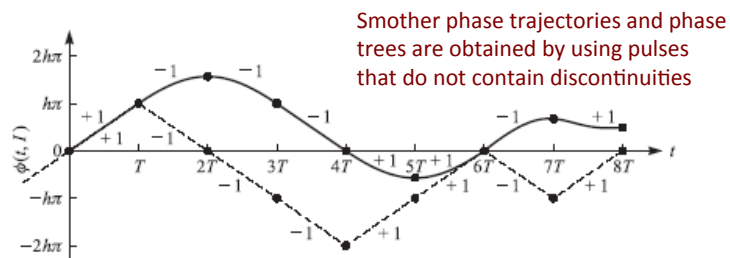


FIGURE 3.3-7  
Phase trajectories for binary CPFSK (dashed) and binary, partial-response CPM based on raised cosine pulse of length  $3T$  (solid). [Source: Sundberg (1986), © 1986 IEEE]

## Minimum Shift Keying (MSK)

- MSK is a special case of Binary CPFSK in which  $h=1/2$  and  $g(t)$  is a rectangular pulse of duration  $T$
- The phase of the carrier in the interval  $nT \leq t \leq (n+1)T$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(t; I) &= \frac{1}{2}\pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} I_k + \pi I_n q(t-nT) \\ &= \theta_n + \frac{1}{2}\pi I_n \left( \frac{t-nT}{T} \right)\end{aligned}$$

- The modulated carrier is

$$\begin{aligned}s(t) &= A \cos \left[ 2\pi f_c t + \theta_n + \frac{1}{2}\pi I_n \left( \frac{t-nT}{T} \right) \right] \\ &= A \cos \left[ 2\pi \left( f_c + \frac{1}{4T} I_n \right) t - \frac{1}{2}n\pi I_n + \theta_n \right]\end{aligned}$$

## Minimum Shift Keying (MSK)

Since  $I_n = \pm 1$ , MSK can be expressed as a sinusoid having one of two possible frequencies:

$$f_1 = f_c - \frac{1}{4T}$$

$$f_2 = f_c + \frac{1}{4T}$$

Note that  $\Delta f = f_2 - f_1 = 1/2T$ , which is the minimum frequency separation required to ensure orthogonality of FSK signals

And the modulated carrier signal is:

$$s(t) = A \cos \left[ 2\pi f_i t + \theta_n + \frac{1}{2} \pi (-1)^{i-1} \right]$$

## Signal Space Diagram of MSK

- Using trigonometric identities

$$s(t) = s_I(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) - s_Q(t) \sin(2\pi f_c t)$$

- Where

$$s_I(t) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2T_b} t\right), \quad -T_b \leq t \leq T_b$$

$$s_Q(t) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2T_b} t\right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2T_b$$

## MSK Power Spectral Density

- The symbol shaping function of the in-phase is

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{2T_b}\right), & -T_b \leq t \leq T_b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The energy spectral density of this symbol shaping function is:

$$\psi_g(t) = \frac{32E_b T_b}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\cos(2\pi T_b f)}{16T_b^2 f^2 - 1} \right]^2$$

- Hence, the power spectral density of the in-phase is  $\psi_g(f)/2T_b$

## MSK Power Spectral Density

- The symbol shaping function of the quadrature is

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{T_b}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{2T_b}\right), & 0 \leq t \leq 2T_b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Similar to the in-phase, the energy spectral density of this symbol shaping function is:

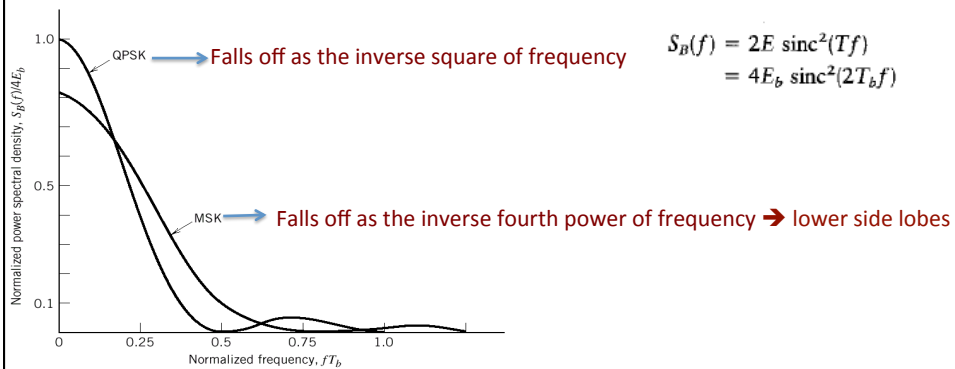
$$\psi_g(t) = \frac{32E_b T_b}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\cos(2\pi T_b f)}{16T_b^2 f^2 - 1} \right]^2$$



## MSK Power Spectral Density

Since the in-phase and quadrature are independent, the Baseband power spectral density is:

$$S_B(f) = 2 \left[ \frac{\Psi_g(f)}{2T_b} \right]^2 = \frac{32E_b}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\cos(2\pi T_b f)}{16T_b^2 f^2 - 1} \right]^2$$



## Recall QPSK

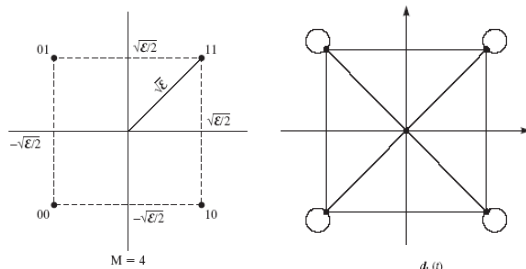


FIGURE 3.3-13 Possible phase transitions in QPSK signaling.

180° phase changes cause abrupt changes in the signal, resulting in large spectral side lobes

Conventional QPSK

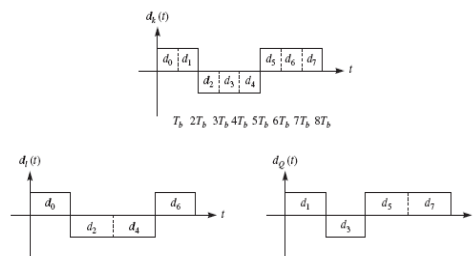


FIGURE 3.3-12 The in-phase and quadrature components for QPSK.

# Offset QPSK (OQPSK)

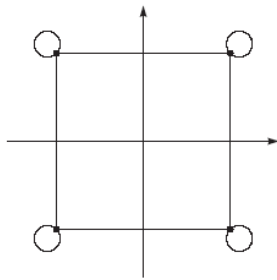


FIGURE 3.3-15  
Phase transition diagram for OQPSK signaling.

The in-phase and quadrature components are misaligned by  $T_b$

This prevents phase transitions of  $180^\circ$   
The maximum phase shifts are  $\pm 90^\circ$

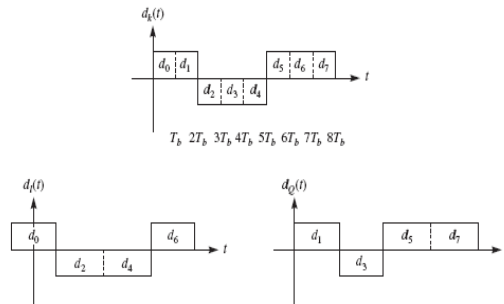


FIGURE 3.3-14  
The in-phase and quadrature components for OQPSK signaling.

# OQPSK

- The OQPSK signal can be written as

$$s(t) = A \left[ \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} I_{2n} g(t - 2nT) \right) \cos 2\pi f_c t + \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} I_{2n+1} g(t - 2nT - T) \right) \sin 2\pi f_c t \right]$$

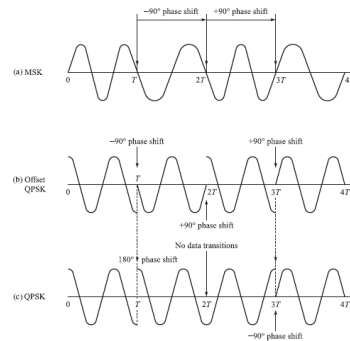
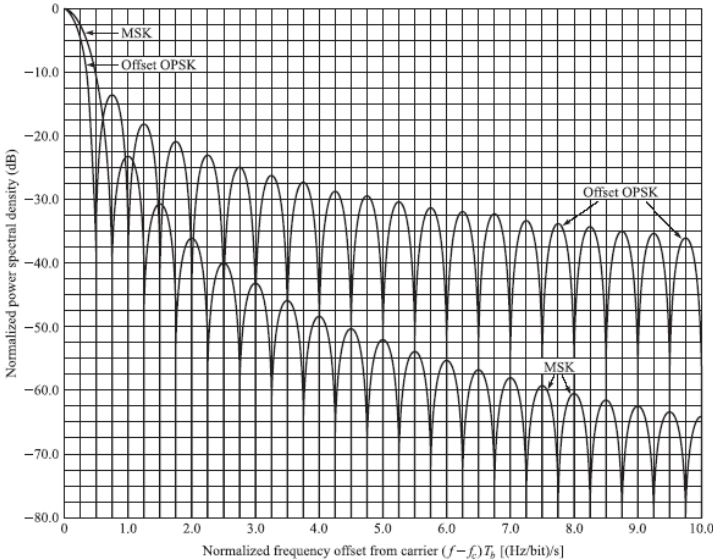


FIGURE 3.3-17  
MSK, OQPSK, and QPSK signals.



**FIGURE 3.4-4**  
Power spectral density of MSK and OQPSK. [Source: Gronemeyer and McBride (1976);  
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