

ECL332	COMMUNICATION LAB	CATEGORY	L	T	P	CREDIT
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Preamble:

- The experiments are categorized into three parts Part A, Part B and Part C.
- The experiments in Part A involves design and setting up of prototype circuits on breadboard or trainer kits.
- The experiments in Part B are software simulations and can be done using GNU Octave or Python. Other softwares such as MATLAB/ SCILAB/ LabVIEW can also be used.
- The experiments in Part C are emulations using SDR (software-designed-radio) dongle connected to laptops. A control software has to be installed on the laptops. A combination of open-source GNU Radio software, RTL-SDR (for reception) and HackRF / LimeSDR (for transmission) can be used to conduct these experiments. Other platforms such as LabView with NI-USRP or Simulink with RTL-SDR can also be used.

Prerequisites:

- ECT 305 Analog and Digital Communication
- ECT 303 Digital Signal Processing

Course Outcomes : The student will be able to

CO 1	Setup simple prototype circuits for waveform coding and digital modulation techniques working in a team.
CO 2	Simulate the error performance of a digital communication system using standard binary and M -ary modulation schemes.
CO 3	Develop hands-on skills to emulate a communication system with software-designed-radio working in a team.

Mapping of Course Outcomes with Program Outcomes

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12
CO1	3	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	1
CO2	3	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CO3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	3

Assessment Pattern Mark**Distribution;**

Total Mark	CIE	ESE
150	75	75

Continuous Internal Evaluation Pattern:

Attribute	Mark
Attendance	15
Continuous assessment	30
Internal Test (Immediately before the second series test)	30

End Semester Examination Pattern: The following guidelines should be followed regarding award of marks.

Attribute	Mark
Preliminary work	15
Implementing the work/Conducting the experiment	10
Performance, result and inference (usage of equipments and trouble shooting)	25
Viva voce	20
Record	5

General instructions: End-semester practical examination is to be conducted immediately after the second series test covering entire syllabus given below. Evaluation is to be conducted under the equal responsibility of both the internal and external examiners. The number of candidates evaluated per day should not exceed 20. Students shall be allowed for the examination only on submitting the duly certified record. The external examiner shall endorse the record.

Experiments**Part A**

Any two experiments are mandatory. The students shall design and setup simple prototype circuits with the help of available ICs. They can observe Waveforms produced by these circuits for standard ideal inputs.

1. FM generation and demodulation using PLL
2. Generation and Detection of PCM signals

3. Generation and Detection of Delta modulated signals
4. Generation and Detection of BPSK
5. Generation and Detection of 16-QPSK

Part B

All experiments are mandatory. The students shall write scripts to simulate components of communication systems. They shall plot various graphs that help to appreciate and compare performance.

1. Performance of Waveform Coding Using PCM

1. Generate a sinusoidal waveform with a DC offset so that it takes only positive amplitude value.
2. Sample and quantize the signal using an uniform quantizer with number of representation levels L . Vary L . Represent each value using decimal to binary encoder.
3. Compute the signal-to-noise ratio in dB.
4. Plot the SNR versus number of bits per symbol. Observe that the SNR increases linearly.

2. Pulse Shaping and Matched Filtering

1. Generate a string of message bits.
2. Use root raised cosine pulse $p(t)$ as the shaping pulse, and generate the corresponding baseband signal with a fixed bit duration T_b . You may use roll-off factor as $\alpha = 0.4$.
3. Simulate transmission of baseband signal via an AWGN channel
4. Apply matched filter with frequency response $P_r(f) = P^*(f)$ to the received signal.
5. Sample the signal at mT_b and compare it against the message sequence.

3. Eye Diagram

1. Generate a string of message bits.
2. Use raised cosine pulse $p(t)$ as the shaping pulse, and generate the corresponding baseband signal with a fixed bit duration T_b . You may use roll-off factor as $\alpha = 0.4$.
3. Use various roll off factors and plot the eye diagram in each case for the received signal. Make a comparison study among them.

4. Error Performance of BPSK

1. Generate a string of message bits.
2. Encode using BPSK with energy per bit E_b and represent it using points in a signal-space.
3. Simulate transmission of the BPSK modulated signal via an AWGN channel with variance $N_0/2$.
4. Detect using an ML decoder and plot the probability of error as a function of SNR per bit E_b/N_0 .

5. Error Performance of QPSK

1. Generate a string of message bits.
2. Encode using QPSK with energy per symbol E_s and represent it using points in a signal-space.
3. Simulate transmission of the QPSK modulated signal via an AWGN channel with variance $N_0/2$ in both I -channel and Q -channel.
4. Detect using an ML decoder and plot the probability of error as a function of SNR per bit E_b/N_0 where $E_s = 2E_b$.

Part C

Any two experiments are mandatory. The students shall emulate communication systems with the help of software-defined-radio hardware and necessary control software. Use available blocks in GNU Radio to implement all the signal processing. These experiments will help students to appreciate better how theoretical concepts are translated into practice.

1. Familiarization with Software Defined Radio (Hardware and Control Software)

1. Familiarize with an SDR hardware for reception and transmission of RF signal.
2. Familiarize how it can be interfaced with computer.
3. Familiarize with GNU Radio (or similar software's like Simulink/ Lab-View) that can be used to process the signals received through the SDR hardware.
4. Familiarize available blocks in GNU Radio. Study how signals can be generated and spectrum (or power spectral density) of signals can be analyzed. Study how filtering can be performed.

2. FM Reception

1. Receive digitized FM signal (for the clearest channel in the lab) using the SDR board.
2. Set up an LPF and FM receiver using GNU Radio.
3. Use appropriate sink in GNU Radio to display the spectrum of signal.
4. Resample the voice to make it suitable for playing on computer speaker.

3. FM Transmission

1. Use a wave file source.
2. Set up an FM transmitter using GNU Radio.
3. Resample the voice source and transmit using the SDR.

Schedule of Experiments Every experiment should be completed in three hours.

Text books and References

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3. WH Tranter, KS Shanmugan, TS Rappaport, KL Kosbar, "Principles of Communication Systems Simulation with Wireless Applications", Prentice Hall
4. Michael Ossmann, "Software Defined Radio with HackRF," YouTube Tutorial
5. Mathuranathan Viswanathan, "Digital Modulations using Python"