Bandlimited communication systems

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Passband channel example

Two-ray wireless channel (multi-path – 1+0.9D)



Multi-path creates notching in frequency domain
 Just slide the frequency window to bb

Add single-sided noise

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Bandlimited channel example



Low-pass channel causes pulse attenuation and dispersion

- Notches cause ripples in time domain
- Makes it hard to transmit successive messages

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Inter-Symbol Interference (ISI)



- Middle sample is corrupted by 0.2 trailing ISI (from the previous symbol), and 0.1 leading ISI (from the next symbol) resulting in 0.3 total ISI
- As a result middle symbol is detected in error

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Block detector vs. symbol-by-symbol



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Block of K symbols – M^K messages

- MAP/ML detector complexity grows exponentially
 - M^K basis functions (branches in the matched filter)
 - Sequence detection can bound that growth
- Simpler detector is "Symbol-By-Symbol"
 - Optimal for AWGN channel

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Symbol-by-symbol detection



- Suffers significantly from Intersymbol-interference (channel memory), so need to remove ISI to get almost AWGN channel
- Need to adapt basis functions to the particular channel, to avoid ISI
- Alternatively, use equalization to remove ISI

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Vector channel - revisited



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ISI impact



Treat worst-case ISI as constellation offset

$$\mathcal{D}_p \stackrel{\Delta}{=} |x|_{max} \cdot ||p|| \cdot \sum_{m \neq 0} |q_m| \qquad \qquad P_e \le N_e Q \left[\frac{||p|| \frac{\alpha_{\min}}{2} - \mathcal{D}_p}{\sigma} \right]$$

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Matched Filter Bound

- You can't do better with successive transmissions than with one-shot
- Matched filter collects the pulse energy ||p||²
- Then calculate performance as on AWGN

$$SNR_{MFB} = \frac{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\boldsymbol{X}} \|p\|^2}{\frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2}}$$

Example – binary transmission

$$x_p(t) = \sum_k x_k p(t - kT)$$
 ; $x_k = \pm \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_x}$. $P_e \ge Q(\sqrt{\text{SNR}_{MFB}})$

Will use MFB to compare different ISI compensation techniques

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Nyquist criterion – 6.011 revisited

□ A channel specified by pulse response p(t) is ISI free if $Q(e^{-\mu T}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} Q(\omega + \frac{2\pi n}{T}) = 1$ $q(t) = \frac{p(t)*p^*(-t)}{\|p\|^2}$



$$\begin{split} q(kT) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Q(\omega) e^{j\omega kT} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{T}}^{\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{T}} Q(\omega) e^{j\omega kT} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{T}}^{\frac{\pi}{T}} Q(\omega + \frac{2\pi n}{T}) e^{j(\omega + \frac{2\pi n}{T})kT} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{T}}^{\frac{\pi}{T}} Q_{eq}(\omega) e^{j\omega kT} d\omega \quad , \end{split}$$

$$Q_{eq}(\omega) \triangleq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} Q(\omega + \frac{2\pi n}{T})$$

$$\frac{1}{T}Q_{eq}(\omega) = Q(e^{-\jmath\omega T}) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} q_k e^{-\jmath\omega kT}$$

Nyquist frequency: w=pi/T or f=1/2T

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Raised-cosine pulses

Can have "excess" bandwidth as long as there is symmetry that "fills" the aliased spectrum flat





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Basic equalization concepts



Linear equalization

- Zero-forcing not good on channels with nulls
 - Equalizer enhances noise
- Remember, P_e depends on both noise and ISI
- Balance noise and ISI in the mean-square sense

 $e_k = x_k - w_k \ast y_k = x_k - z_k \qquad \quad E(D) = X(D) - W(D)Y(D)$

- Minimizing MMSE wrt. $W_k = \sigma_{MMSE-LE}^2 \triangleq \min_{w_k} E[|x_k z_k|^2]$
 - Same as using the orthogonality principle

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ZFE vs. MMSE - LE



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Example: ZFE vs. MMSE LE



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Fractional equalizers



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Oversampling in the receiver

- Can merge matched filter and equalizer
 - Can reconstruct original signal from oversampled signal (as long as original is band-limited)

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ISI channel model

Oversampled channel representation (3x e.g)



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Finite length equalizer formulation



Write convolution as multiply with Toeplitz matrix

$$Y_{k} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} y_{k} \\ y_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k-N_{f}+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{0} \ p_{1} \ \dots \ p_{\nu} \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \\ 0 \ p_{0} \ p_{1} \ \dots \ \dots \ p_{\nu} \ \dots \ 0 \\ \vdots \ \vdots \ \ddots \ \ddots \ \ddots \ \ddots \ \vdots \\ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0 \ p_{0} \ p_{1} \ \dots \ p_{\nu} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k} \\ x_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ x_{k-N_{f}-\nu+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n_{k} \\ n_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ n_{k-N_{f}+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \boldsymbol{Y}_k = \boldsymbol{P} \boldsymbol{X}_k + \boldsymbol{N}_k & z_k = w \boldsymbol{Y}_k & e_k = x_{k-\Delta} - z_k & \Delta \approx \frac{\nu + N_f}{2} \\ & & z_k = w \boldsymbol{P} \boldsymbol{x}_k \end{array}$$

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ZFE and MMSE solution

Zero forcing equalizer (ZFE)

$$z_k = x_{k-\Delta} = wPx_k \implies 1_{\Delta} = w_{zfe}P \implies w_{zfe} = 1_{\Delta}^T P^T \left(PP^T\right)^{-1}, \qquad 1_{\Delta} = [00...1...00]^T$$

Minimum-mean square error (MMSE) equalizer

 $\sigma_{MMSE-LE}^2 = E\left\{|e_k|^2\right\} = E\left\{e_k e_k^*\right\} = E\left\{(x_{k-\Delta} - z_k)(x_{k-\Delta} - z_k)^*\right\}$ $E\left\{e_{k}\boldsymbol{Y}_{k}^{*}\right\} = 0 \qquad E\left\{x_{k-\Delta}\boldsymbol{Y}_{k}^{*}\right\} - wE\left\{\boldsymbol{Y}_{k}\boldsymbol{Y}_{k}^{*}\right\} = 0$ $w = R_{Yx}^* R_{YY}^{-1} = R_{xY} R_{YY}^{-1} \implies w = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left[PP^* + \frac{1}{SNR} R_{nn} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \left$ $R_{YY} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} E\left\{Y_k Y_k^*\right\} / N$ $R_{V_{x}} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} E\left\{Y_{k}x_{k-\Delta}^{*}\right\}/N$ $R_{xY} = \overline{E\left\{x_{k-\Delta}Y_{k}^{*}\right\}} = \overline{E\left\{x_{k-\Delta}X_{k}^{*}\right\}}P^{*} + \overline{E\left\{x_{k-\Delta}N_{k}^{*}\right\}}$ $= [0 \dots 0 \overline{\mathcal{E}}_{x} 0 \dots 0] P^{*} + 0$ $= \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{x} [0 \dots 0 p_{y}^{*} \dots p_{0}^{*} 0 \dots 0]$ $R_{VV} = \overline{E\{Y_kY_k^*\}} = P\overline{E\{X_kX_k^*\}}P^* + \overline{E\{N_kN_k^*\}}$ $[0...0 p_{\nu}^*...p_0^* 0...0] = \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^*$ $= \bar{\mathcal{E}}_x P P^* + l \cdot \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2} \cdot R_{nn} \quad ,$



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Decision feedback equalizer



Feed-back equalizer

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- Removes trailing ISI
- To get w, first puncture the channel matrix to emulate the effect of feedback on the equalized pulse response wP
- Then, get b from the causal taps of equalized pulse response wP

$$\mathbf{Y}_{k} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} y_{k} \\ y_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k-N_{f}+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{0} \quad p_{1} \quad \dots \quad p_{\nu} \\ 0 \quad p_{0} \quad p_{1} \quad \dots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \quad \dots \quad 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k} \\ x_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ x_{k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k-N_{f}-\nu+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n_{k} \\ n_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ n_{k-N_{f}+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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MMSE DFE

$$MSE = E \{ |x_{k-\Delta} - wY_k - bx_{k-\Delta-1}|^2 \}$$

Selects the feedback taps
$$b \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_{N_b}]$$

$$\tilde{w} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ \vdots \ -b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{y}_k \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} Y_k \\ x_{k-\Delta-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w \left(PP^* - PJ_{\Delta}J_{\Delta}^*P^* + \frac{l}{\text{SNR}}Rnn \right) = 1_{\Delta}^*P^*$$

$$w = 1_{\Delta}^*P^* \left(PP^* - PJ_{\Delta}J_{\Delta}^*P^* + \frac{l}{\text{SNR}}Rnn \right)^{-1}$$

$$MSE = E \{ |x_{k-\Delta} - \tilde{w}\tilde{Y}_k|^2 \}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w \vdots -b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{x} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} PP^* + \frac{l}{\mathrm{SNR}} Rnn & PJ_{\Delta} \\ J_{\Delta}^* P^* & I_{N_b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\Delta}^* P^* \vdots \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Basic multitone modulation



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- Best performance if basis functions are tailored to the channel
 - Use each tone as a basis function
 - Each tone transmits narrow QAM signal and satisfies Nyquist criterion – i.e. no ISI per tone
 - Put less energy where channel is bad or where there is more noise

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A bit of history

- 1948 Shannon constructs capacity bounds
 - AWGN channel with linear ISI effectively uses multi-tone modulation
- Analog multi-tone
 - 1958 Collins Kineplex modem (first voiceband modem) analog multitone
 - 1964 Holsinger's MIT thesis modem that approximates Shannon's "water-filling"
 - 1967 Saltzberg, 1973 Bell Labs, 1980 IBM ...
- Digital multi-tone ~ 1990s
 - DMT for DSL Major push by prof. Cioffi's group at Stanford
 - Use DSP power to improve the robustness and algorithms for discrete multi-tone modulation
 - We will mostly focus on this type of modulation

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Basic multitone transmission



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$$\varphi_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \cdot \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \quad \bar{b}_n = \frac{1}{2}\log_2\left(1 + \frac{\operatorname{SNR}_n}{\Gamma}\right)$$

Each tone sees AWGN channel (no ISI)

- N QAM-like symbols (complex)
- 1 PAM symbol

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The effect of the channel



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Each channel can be treated as AWGN

 With only one basis function – hence simple symbol-by-symbol detector is optimal

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Gap review



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Example – simplified multitone

- 1+0.9D channel
 - With gap 4.4 dB

$$SNR_{m,u} \triangleq \left[\left(\prod_{n=1}^{N} \left[1 + \frac{SNR_n}{\Gamma} \right] \right)^{1/N} - 1 \right] \cdot \Gamma$$

n	\mathcal{E}_n	H_n	SNR_n	b_n	arg Q-func (dB)
0	8/7	1.9	$22.8 \ (13.6 \ \mathrm{dB})$	1.6	9.2
1	16/7	$1 + .9e^{j\pi/4} = 1.76\angle 21.3^{o}$	$19.5 \ (12.9 \ \mathrm{dB})$	2 imes 1.5	9.2
2	16/7	$1 + .9e^{j\pi/2} = 1.35\angle 42.0^{\circ}$	$11.4 \ (10.6 \ \mathrm{dB})$	2 imes 1.2	9.1
3	16/7	$1 + .9e^{j3\pi/4} = .733\angle 60.25^o$	$3.4~(5.3~{ m dB})$	$2 \times .5$	10

- Put unit energy per dimension (simply guessed)
 - Same as baseband DFE
- Data rate 1bit/dimension
 - Re-calculate the necessary SNR margin
- SNRmfb=10dB
 - SNRmultitone=8.8dB (with more tones to better approx no-ISI case)
 - SNRdfe=7.1dB
 - Can do even better with multitone, if allocated energy properly

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Water-filling derivation

- Find optimum energy allocation that maximizes b for given total energy constraint
 - b is a convex function in energy/dimension

$$b = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log_2(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_n \cdot g_n}{\Gamma}) \qquad g_n = |H_n|^2 / (\sigma_n^2) \qquad \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{E}_n = N \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}}$$

• Use Lagrange multipliers to solve for ε_n

$$\max_{\mathcal{E}_n} b = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_n \cdot g_n}{\Gamma} \right)$$

subject to: $N\bar{\mathcal{E}}_x = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{E}_n$
$$\frac{1}{2\ln(2)} \sum_n \ln \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_n \cdot g_n}{\Gamma} \right) + \lambda \left(\sum_n \mathcal{E}_n - N\bar{\mathcal{E}}_x \right) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{2\ln(2)} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_n \cdot g_n}{\Gamma}} = -\lambda$$

$$\mathcal{E}_n + \frac{\Gamma}{g_n} = \text{ constant} \qquad \mathcal{E}_n + \Gamma \cdot \frac{\sigma_n^2}{|H_n|^2} = \text{ constant}$$

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Water-filling spectrum

Flip the channel and pour in energy like water



Water-fill loading algorithms

Rate maximization

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathcal{E}_n} b &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_n \cdot g_n}{\Gamma} \right) \\ subject \ to: N \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{X}} &= \sum_{n=1}^N \mathcal{E}_n \end{aligned}$$

Margin maximization

$$\min_{\mathcal{E}_n} \mathcal{E}_x = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathcal{E}_n$$

subject to: $b = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_n \cdot g_n}{\Gamma} \right)$

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Rate-adaptive loading



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Water-filling example (rate-adaptive)

1+0.9D again (Gap=1, so calculating capacity)





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Summary

- Bandlimited communication
 - Block vs. symbol-by-symbol detector
- Try to make bandlimited channel look AWGN
 - Use complex block detectors to orthogonalize basis functions (MAP)
 - Simplify with equalization+sbs detector
 - Generate basis functions that don't loose orthogonality when passing through frequency selective channle (multitone modulation)
- Equalization
 - ZFE removes ISI but enhances noise
 - Trade-off by designing MMSE equalizer
 - DFE removes trailing ISI without noise enhancement
- Multitone
 - Optimal transmission with proper allocation of energy/dimension (waterfilling)
- Next practical loading algorithms and DMT/OFDM, Vector coding

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