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*Lecture 7*

# **Binary Codes and BICM**

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# Announcements & Agenda

## Announcements

- PS3 due tomorrow
- PS4 due Feb 6, no late (solutions immediate)
- Midterm Feb 8 (PS5 the following week)
  - Open book, laptop, internet
  - In class (or other arrangements)
- Web site is usually best place for latest copy
  - Canvas uses R1, R2, ... notation so you can see history
    - Removed by SU after quarter end
- The Edstem page (responding there also)
  - Just arrived this morning for me, and I responded.
- Feedback
  - 6-15 Hours
  - Ethan very much appreciated.
  - Homework extends understanding.

## Today

- Finish L6
- Binary Codes in GF(2) – Basics
  - Convolutional code tables
  - Block code parametrization (LDPC)
- Binary Code Use
- Mappings to M-ary Symbols: BICM

## PS3.1 (1.63)

- $L(d)$  is an overall gain multiplier applied to each (all) multipaths
- Equivalently to the entire channel response
- $d_{bp}$  is a specific model parameter (simplified Wi-Fi) where an extra attenuation factor applies for distances longer than this “break-point” distance

## PS3.2 (1.65)

- For the last part, the number of samples per try might best be 100k, not 10k
  - This gives a little more accurate match between theory and simulation.

## Problem Set 4 = PS4 due Tuesday February 6 at 17:00, no late

1. 8.1 A convolutional encoder and code
2. 8.2 Systematic encoders
3. 8.4 A fool’s code
4. 8.5 power-bandwidth trade at  $\bar{b} < 1$
5. 8.8 code for satellite transmission

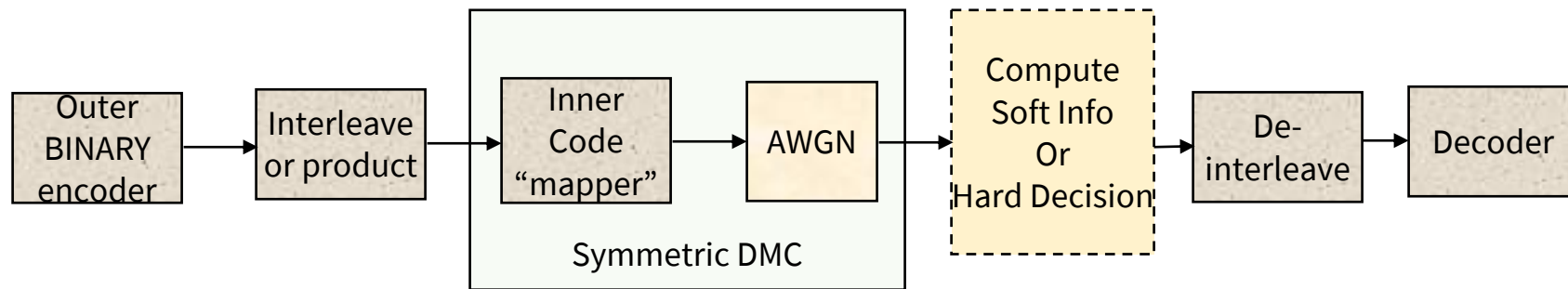


# Finish L6

*Sections 2.1-2*

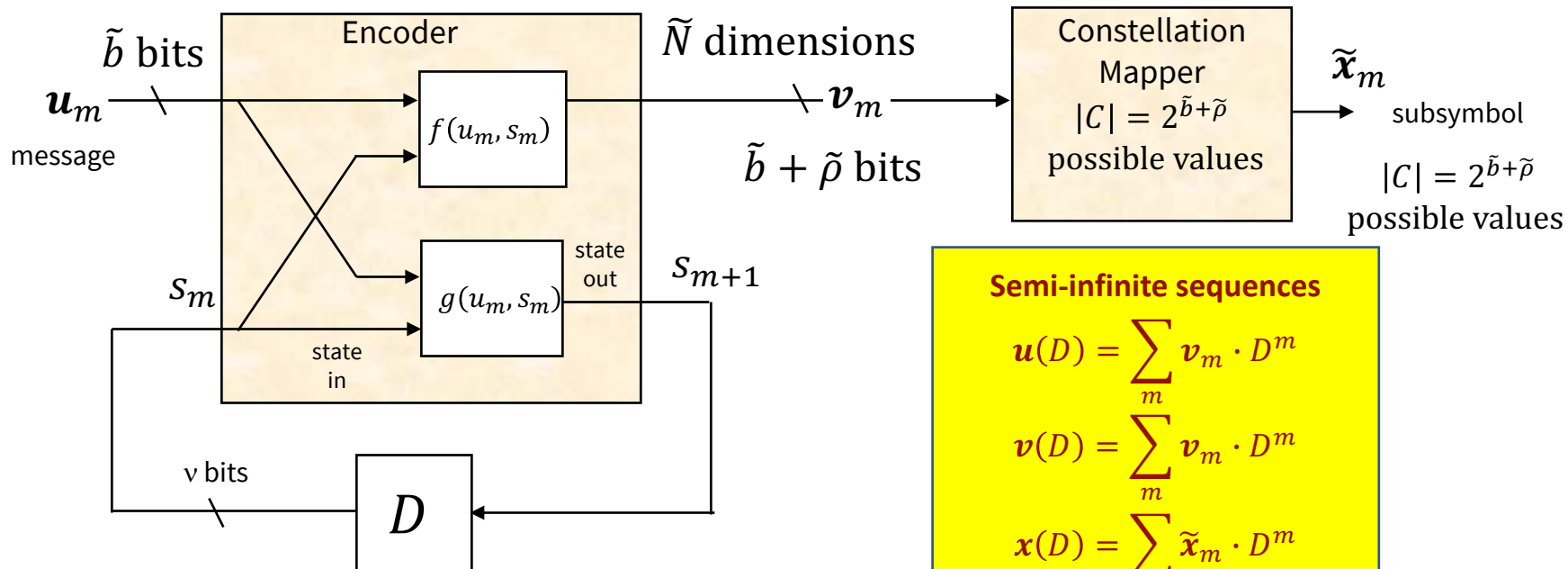
# Modern Powerful codes

- $\gamma_f$  is large, equivalently can be reliably decoded (low  $P_e$ ).
- $\gamma_f$  is large with good long-length binary codes:
  - With binary-to- $|C|$  “**mapper**” for larger QAM constellations
  - But leaves shaping ( $\gamma_s$ ) to the constellation boundary design (< 1.53 dB).



# Generalization: Sequential Encoder & Mapper

- **Trellis** or **Convolutional** Codes (see feedback below) have model:



## Semi-infinite sequences

$$u(D) = \sum_m v_m \cdot D^m$$

$$v(D) = \sum_m v_m \cdot D^m$$

$$x(D) = \sum_m \tilde{x}_m \cdot D^m$$

- Inputs have  $\tilde{b}$  – usually bits.
- Outputs are  $\tilde{N}$  –dimensional.
  - When  $\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{N}} \rightarrow$  Trellis Code.
  - When  $\tilde{x} = v \in GF(2)^{\tilde{N}} \rightarrow$  Binary convolutional code.

This “fakes” a larger block length  
with finite real-time complexity/delay

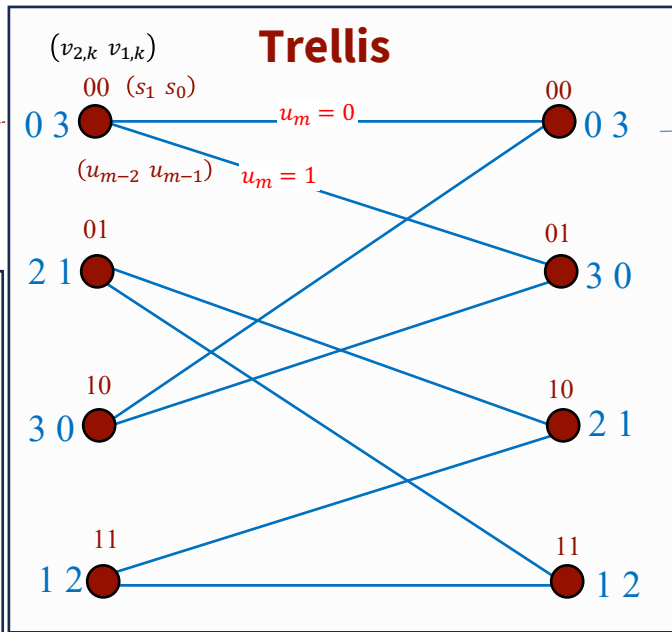
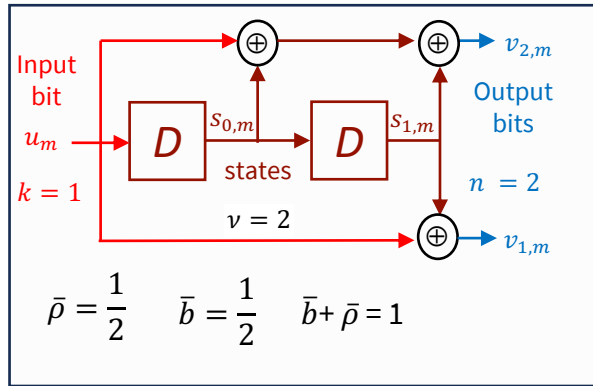


# Binary Codes in $GF(2)$ - Basics

## [Section 8.1](#)

# Example, rate $r = 1/2$ convolutional code

$(v_{2,m} \ v_{1,m}) = (0,0) = 0$   
 $(v_{2,m} \ v_{1,m}) = (0,1) = 1$   
 $(v_{2,m} \ v_{1,m}) = (1,0) = 2$   
 $(v_{2,m} \ v_{1,m}) = (0,1) = 3$



Trellis stage for each time  $m$  has  
 2 possible output Subsymbols,  
 $n = 2$ .  
 Encoder is in 1 of 4 STATES,  
 $v = 2$ .

$d_{free} = 5$

$G(D) = k \times n$  **generator matrix**, elements/ops in  $GF(2) = \mathbb{F}_2$ .

$$v(D) = u(D) \cdot \underbrace{[1 + D + D^2 \quad 1 + D^2]}_{G(D)}$$

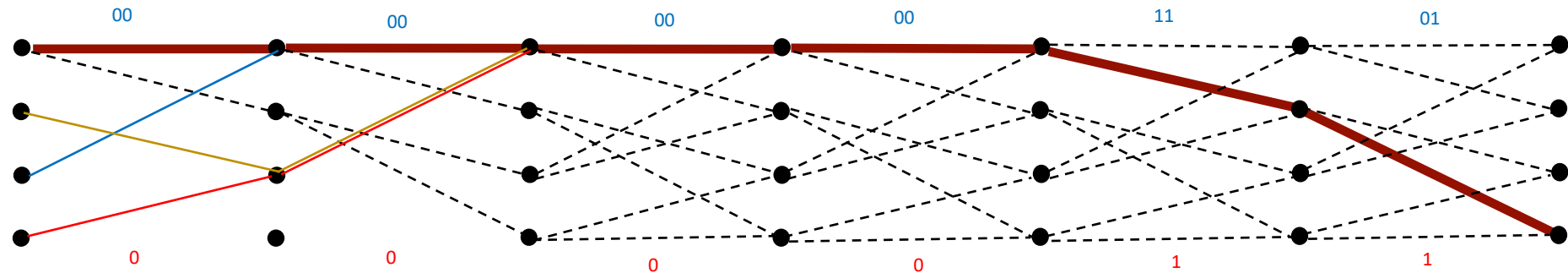
$H(D)$  is an  $(n - k) \times n$  **parity matrix**, null space of  $G(D)$ ,  $G(D) \cdot H^t(D) = 0$ ,

$$H(D) = [1 + D^2 \quad 1 + D + D^2]$$



# Example with 6 bits of input (12 output)

Cardinal is sequence or path corresponding to input bits below trellis (outputs blue).



- Other paths are possible, indeed 63 more of them (if initial state known as shown ---).
- Each path has **12 output bits**,
  - and there is **1-to-1** map if we know initial state.
  - The other possible “unknown-initial-state” paths differ only in first  $\nu = 2$  stages.





# Binary Codewords & Sequences

- **Galois Field 2**  $\rightarrow$   $\text{GF}(2)$ , or  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , is the binary field of two elements  $\{0, 1\}$  or bits - See Appendix B.
  - Addition is “exclusive or,”  $\oplus$ .
  - Multiplication is “and,”  $\wedge$ , which this class writes as “ $\cdot$ ”.
  - No complex variables exist in our finite fields (not in this class).
- **Block** codes’ codewords are **finite sequences** of  $n \triangleq N$  binary subsymbols.
- **Convolutional** codes’ codewords are **semi-infinite sequences** of  $n \triangleq \tilde{N}$ -dimensional binary-vector subsymbols.
  - Sequence time index is  $m$ , which has **D-Transform** notation  $a(D) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} a_m \cdot D^m$ .

$D$  is dummy variable,  $D \oplus D = 0$ ;  $D^l \cdot D^m = D^{l+m}$ .

- The **ring** of **finite-length** binary sequences is

$$F[D] \triangleq \left\{ a(D) \mid a(D) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} a_m \cdot D^m, a_m \in \mathbb{F}_2, v \in \{0, Z^+\} \right\}.$$

- The **field** of **causal infinite-length binary sequences** is

$$F_r[D] \triangleq \left\{ c(D) \mid c(D) = \frac{a(D)}{b(D)}, a(D), b(D) \in F[D], b(D) \neq 0 \wedge b_0 = 1 \right\}, \sim \text{long division}$$



# Sequence parameters

## Sequence delay is

- $del(a) = \min_m a_m = 1$  ( $a(D) = 0 \rightarrow del = \infty$ )
- Lowest power of  $D$
- $del(g) = 4$ .

## Sequence degree is

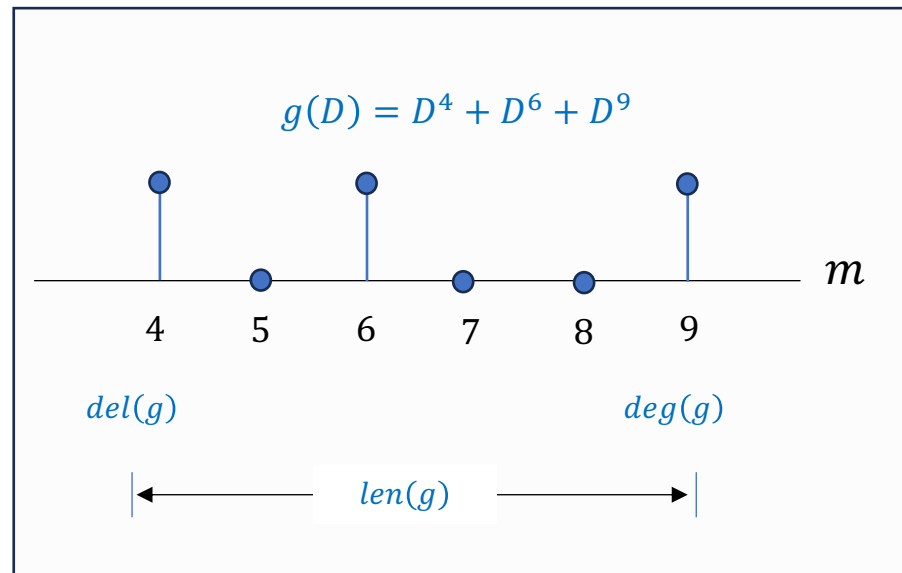
- $deg(a) = \max_m a_m = 1$  ( $a(D) = 0 \rightarrow del = -\infty$ )
- Highest power of  $D$
- $deg(g) = 9$ .

## Sequence length is

- $len(a) = deg(a) - del(a) + 1$ ;  $len(0) = 0$
- $len(g) = 6$ .

## Constraint length is

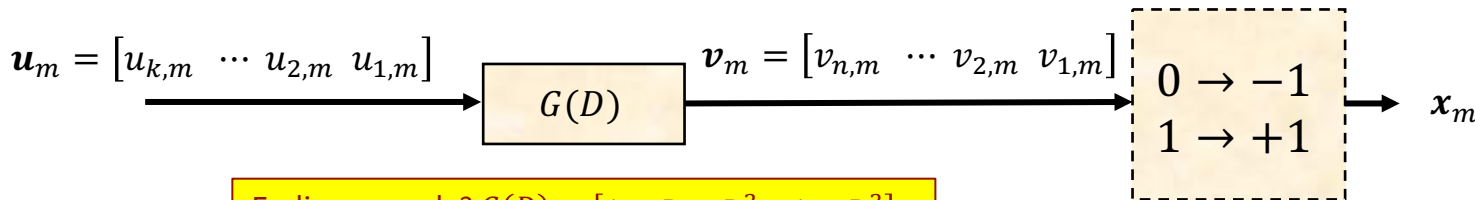
- $v = len(a) - 1 = deg(a) - del(a)$  or number of delay elements if  $a(D)$  has feedback.



# LINEAR Binary Code

- **Linear Binary Code** is a set of binary sequences such that
  - $C[G] \triangleq \{v(D) \mid v(D) = u(D) \cdot G(D), u(D) \in F_r(D)\}$ .
  - **Rate**  $r = k/n$ , so conv codes often use  $m$  as a time index.
  - **Systematic** if  $v_{n-i} = u_{k-i}, i = 0, \dots, k - 1$  for all times  $m$ .
  - **Free Distance**  $d_{free} = \min_{v \neq v'} d_H(v, v')$ .

Code = outputs



AWGN modulator/mapper  
(omit for BSC)

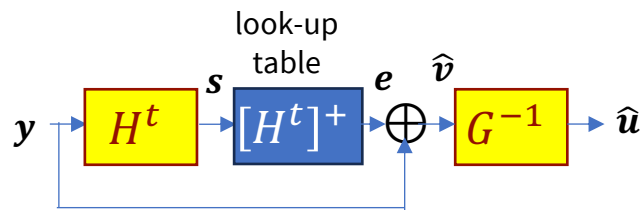
When  $G(D) = G(0)$ , it is a **block code**, otherwise a **convolutional code**.



# Syndrome Decoding for Linear (binary) Block Codes

## Parity Matrix

- $H$  is a  $(n - k) \times n$  binary matrix such that  $v \cdot H^t = 0, \forall v \in C$
- $G \cdot H^t = 0$
- $H$  is a generator too (dual code, rate  $1 - r$ ), and spans the null space of  $G$ .
  - The generator and parity matrices together span  $[GF(2)]^N = \{u \cdot G\} \cup \{u' \cdot H\}$ .
    - This is the same concept as a real/complex matrix' pass and null spaces, but with finite field.



- Binary-channel output  $y = v \oplus e$ ;  $e$  is the error sequence.

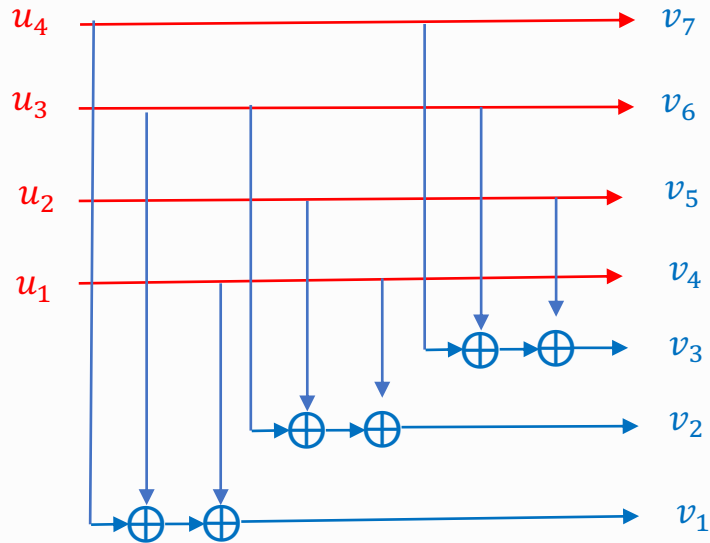
$s = y \cdot H^t = e \cdot H^t$  is the  $1 \times (n - k)$  **syndrome vector**.

- ML Decoder finds the smallest Hamming weight  $e$  that solves this equation for the given  $s$ .
  - There are fancy algorithms that find this finite-field pseudoinverse efficiently for certain linear codes.
- For present discussion, store  $2^{n-k}$  values of  $e$  in a look-up table.
- $\hat{v} = y \oplus e \rightarrow \hat{u} = G^{-1} \cdot \hat{v}$  (for systematic codes, this is simply  $\hat{u}_{k-i} = \hat{v}_{n-i}, i = 0, \dots, k - 1$ ).



# LINEAR Block-Code example Hamming (7,4) code

$$v = u \cdot G$$



only corrects a single error, but  
 $\bar{b} = 4/7 > 1/3$  majority-vote

- $k = 4; n = 7$

- Systematic  $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [I \ h^t]$

- Parity  $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; G \cdot H^t = 0$

- Rate/redundancy

- $r = \bar{b} = \frac{4}{7}$
- $\bar{\rho} = \frac{3}{7}$
- $\bar{b} + \bar{\rho} = 1$

- Performance  $d_{free} = 3$

- $v = 0$

```
>> G(end:-1:1,end:-1:1) =
    1  0  0  0  1  0  1
    0  1  0  0  1  1  1
    0  0  1  0  1  1  0
    0  0  0  1  0  1  1

>> H(end:-1:1,end:-1:1) =
    1  1  1  0  1  0  0
    0  1  1  1  0  1  0
    1  1  0  1  0  0  1

>> gf(G)*gf(H') =
    0  0  0
    0  0  0
    0  0  0
    0  0  0
```

**General Hamming Code**  
 Integer parameter  $p \geq 2$

$$n = 2^p - 1; k = n - p$$

$$r = k/n \text{ \& } d_{free} = 3$$

```
>> p=3;
>> [H,G]=hamngen(p);
>> G(end:-1:1,end:-1:1)
>> H(end:-1:1, end:-1:1)
Column/row permutaitons
(reindexing) does not change code.
```



# General Hamming (higher SNR)

- General Hamming** Codes – choose number of **parity bits**  $p \geq 2$ .
  - so  $n = 2^p - 1$ ;  $k = n - p$ ,  $d_{free} = 3$ , rate  $r \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - Enumerate indices  $i = 1, \dots, 2^p - 1$  as binary  $p$ -digit values for  $H$  (rearrange to systematic):
  - The last  $p$  bits (last  $p$  columns) appear only once in  $v \cdot H^t = 0$  and sum other 1-positions' bits.
  - It is easily possible to add 3  $H$  columns to zero, confirming  $d_{free} = 3$ .
  - Clever rearranging of  $H$ 's columns can cause the syndromes 3-bit value to be the position of a single bit error (more than 1 bit error cannot be corrected).

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Expanded Hamming** Codes (expansion applies all odd length linear-binary codes)
  - Expand codeword length by 1 redundant bit, so  $n = 2^p$ .
    - $k = n - p - 1$ .
  - First add column of all zeros to (previous Hamming parity matrix)  $H$
  - Then add row of all ones (overall parity check, which increases distance by 1 if all-zeros column was first added)  $d_{free} = 4$ .

```
>> Hext=[H, zeros(3,1);(ones(1,8))] % =
    1  0  0  1  0  1  1  0
    0  1  0  1  1  1  0  0
    0  0  1  0  1  1  1  0
    1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1
>> Hprime=inv(gf(Hext(1:4,1:4)))*gf(Hext) % =
    1  0  0  0  1  1  0  1
    0  1  0  0  0  1  1  1
    0  0  1  0  1  1  1  0
    0  0  0  1  1  0  1  1
>> Hsys=[Hprime(1:4,5:8) Hprime(1:4,1:4)]
    1  1  0  1  1  0  0  0
    0  1  1  1  0  1  0  0
    1  1  1  0  0  0  1  0
    1  0  1  1  0  0  0  1
```

**Use for SNRs > 3 dB**



# Hadamard Codes (low SNR)

- Hadamard is low-SNR binary code and has:

- Large  $d_{free} = n/2$ ,
- Small rate  $r \ll 1$
- All codewords are mutually orthogonal (in  $GF(2)$ ),
  - SO KIND OF LIKE BINARY ORTHOGONAL.
- All codewords have weight  $n/2$ .

## General Hadamard Code

$$n = 2^k ; k = \log_2 n$$
$$r = k/2^k \text{ for } d_{free} = n/2$$

- Hadamard generator forms from  $0: 2^k - 1$  in binary
  - Each of its  $n$  rows/columns are orthogonal to one another in  $GF(2)$ .
  - All zeros is a codeword, but all other codewords have at least  $n/2$  1's.
  - For parity, note the  $k$  systematic columns are there, so group them.
    - The rest is then  $h^t$  for systematic parity matrix.

- Augmented Hadamard code:

- Has  $n = 2^m ; k = m + 1 ; d_{free} = n/2$ ,
- Takes only columns of  $G(m + 1)$  that start with 1.
- Is dual code of Expanded Hamming with codeword length  $n/2$ .

There is a matlab Hadamard command that generates the unitary Walsh-Hadamard Transform matrix of +/- 1's. This is related and used in multiuser systems, but easier to create generator as shown above.

```
n=16;
k=log2(n);
Gtemp=dec2bin(0:2^k-1)';
G=zeros(k,n);
for i=1:k for j=1:n
    G(i,j)=bin2dec(Gtemp(i,j));
end; end
>> G % =
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1
0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
```

4 x 16 (n=16, k=4, dfree is 8)

```
gf(G)*gf(G)' % =
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
```

```
GA=G(:,8:16) =
```

```
0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1
1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1
1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
```

4 x 8 (n=8, k=4, m=3), dfree is now 4



# Matlab binary block codes

- **encode.m** – handles Hamming or general linear (binary).

```
codeword = encode(inbits, n, k, 'hamming')
```

```
% don't need generator nor parity matrices
```

```
codeword = encode(inbits, n,k, 'linear', G)
```

```
% if not Hamming, then input generator
```

```
% can also have 'cyclic' for cyclic binary codes (eBCH)
```

- **decode.m** – handles Hamming or general linear (binary).

```
msgbits = decode(y, n, k, 'hamming')
```

```
don't need generator nor parity matrices
```

```
msgbits = decode(y, n,k, 'linear', G)
```

```
use this for Hadamard G or any other linear G
```

```
>> y = encode([10110100011],15,11,'hamming') =  
0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1  
  
>> error=[zeros(1,7) 1 zeros(1,7)];  
  
>> decode(xor(y,error),15,11,'hamming')  
10110100011
```

**These functions  
for small codes –  
could have long  
run time for  
arbitrary G , which  
may have to test  
all codewords.**

**No time to present specific decoder simplifications for  
Hamming nor Hadamard – however, see L12 GRAND.**





# Other Binary Block Codes

- Cyclic Binary (BCH)
- Reed Muller
- Polar
- eBCH
- Golay
- “product codes” of the above
  
- See EE387
  - May have a little more on this in 379B
  - Product codes after midterm, L12.



# (General) Linear Code Equivalence and Parity

## Code Equivalence

- $G'(D) = A(D) \cdot G(D)$ ,  $|A(D)| = 1$  (invertible)
- $G'(D)$  and  $\overbrace{G(D)}^{k \times k}$  generate the same codewords (sequences).

## Alternate code description is

- $C[G] \triangleq \{v(D) \mid v(D) \cdot H^t(D) = 0, v(D) \in F_r(D)\}$

## $H(D)$ is a generator for “dual code.”

- Every codeword in dual code is orthogonal to codeword in original code ( $G$ ).
- High-rate codes are often specified more compactly by  $H(D)$ .

## Complexity $\mu = \min_{\{G(D) \text{ for } C[G]\}} (v)$ .

## When $\mu = v$ , $G(D)$ is a **Minimal Encoder**.

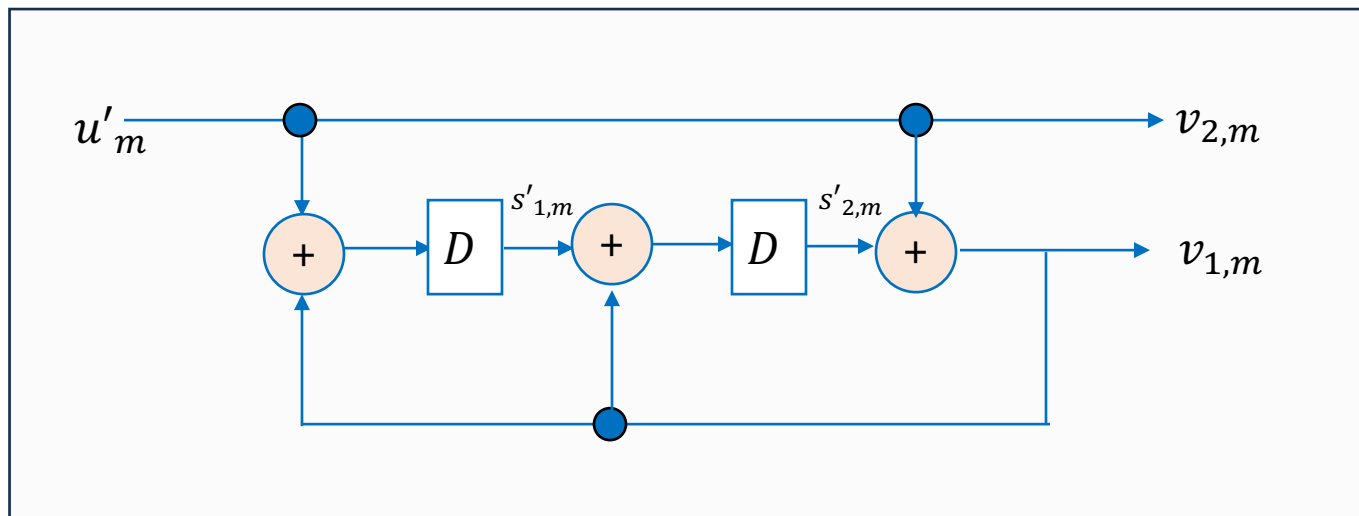
- There is always a minimal encoder, and with feedback possible, a minimal systematic encoder. (See Appendix B – this is non-trivial and not covered.)

**The codes we use here are always always be minimal**



# 4-state example (same code)

- Premultiply  $G(D) = [1 + D + D^2 \quad 1 + D^2]$  by feedback  $A(D) = \frac{1}{1+D+D^2}$  to get systematic equivalent:
  - $G_{sys} = \left[ 1 \quad \frac{1+D^2}{1+D+D^2} \right]$
- $G_{sys}$  produces the same output bit sequences, but with different input-to-output mapping.
  - $G_{sys}$  has a different trellis input-bit mapping, but otherwise has all the same paths (infinite length).
  - $G_{sys}$  has the same free distance and the same number of states.



# Puncturing:

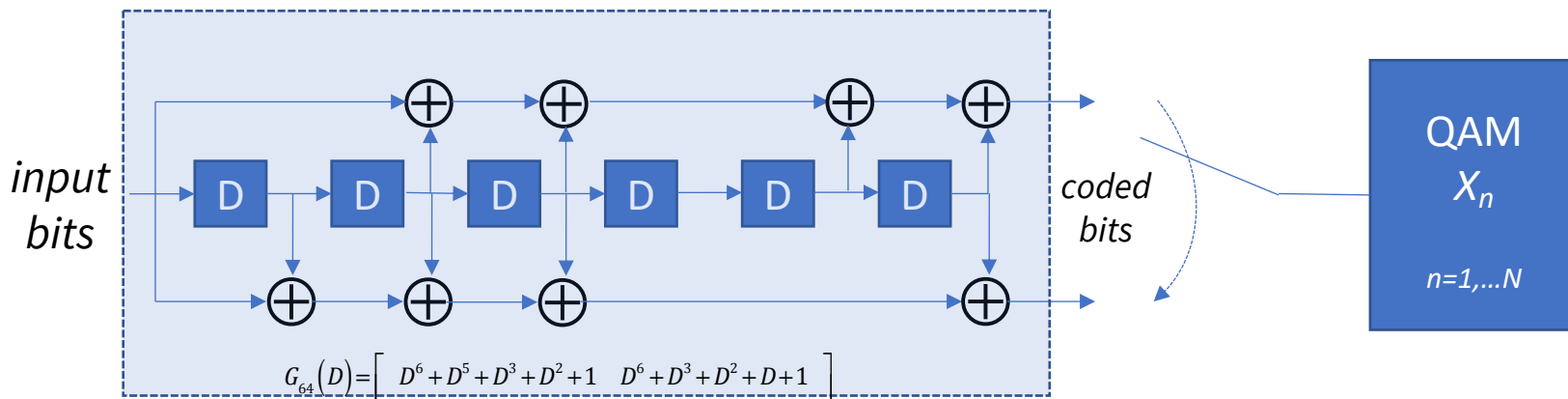
- Uses same base code, but delete some encoder-output bits.
- Increases rate  $r = k/n \rightarrow k/n-i$   $i < n - k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .
- Simplifies encoder/decoder implementation (but changes codewords and can lower minimum distance).
- Example  $r = 1/2 \rightarrow 3/4$ 
  - 3 input bits: punctures 2 output bits from 6 output bits: 1 1 0 1 1 0     3 in / 4 out
  - Often just 1 1 0 1 1 0
- Example  $r = 1/2 \rightarrow 2/3$ 
  - 4 input bits punctures 2 bits from 8: 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1     4 in/6 out
- If the pattern is regular (so occurs in same way over  $L$  subsymbol outputs), then

**Regular/periodic puncturing retains linear code.**

- Define a puncturing matrix  $G_{punc} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for above 2/3 example ; then  $G(D) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} G(D) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G(D) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G(D) \end{bmatrix} \cdot G_{punc}$ .



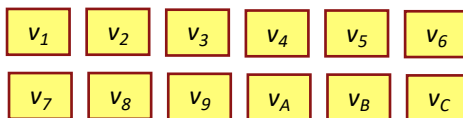
# Wi-Fi Puncturing – IEEE 802.11 standards (a,g,ac,ax,be)



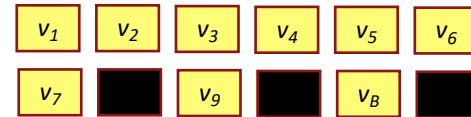
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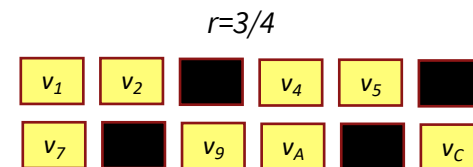
block of 12 coded bits



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Mapper can pick  $|C| = 4, 16, 64, 256$  QAM (“MCS” mod-code-scheme),
- And  $r = 1/2, 2/3, 3/4$ .
- 1024 QAM and 4096 QAM may be allowed in some advanced WiFi



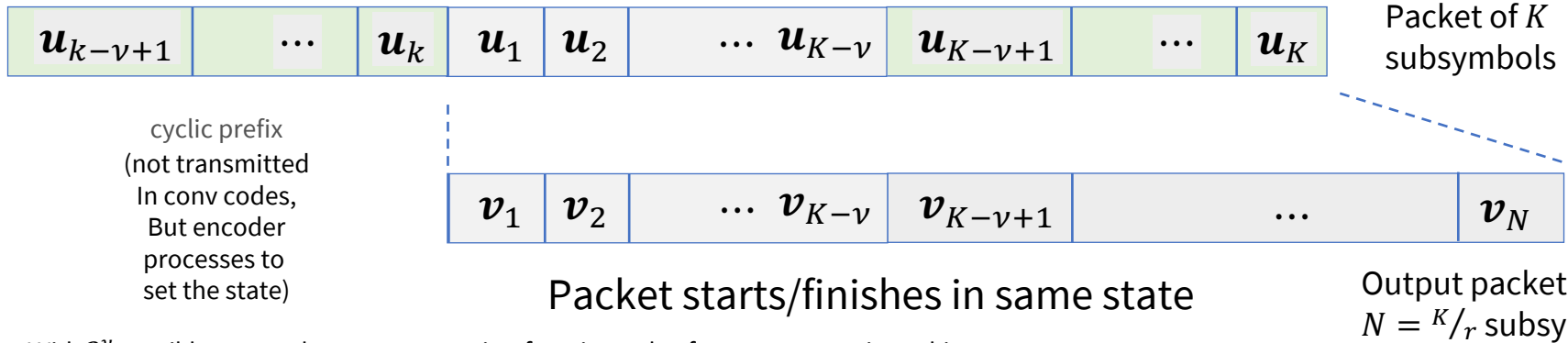
# Puncturing $G(D)$ example

- $G_{punc}(D) = G_{punc}$  ; max of one 1 in each row/col, rest are 0's.

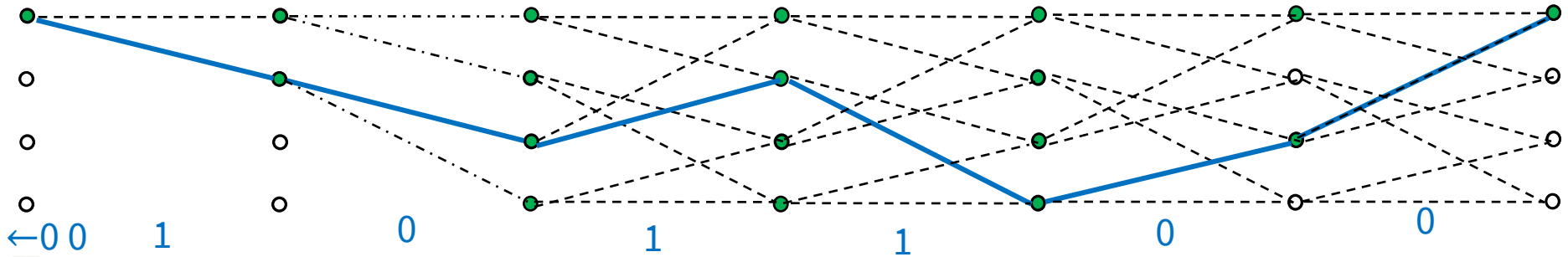
$$G_{3/4}(D) = G_{64}(D) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Tail Biting ~ converts to block code



- With  $2^\nu$  possible states, the current state is a function only of most recent  $\nu$  input bits.
  - This is a mild nonlinearity in the encoding process that becomes negligible with large  $K$ , but which can reduce distance (better to terminate).
- The last  $\nu$  bits repeat.
  - The packet must be at least  $\nu$  bits long, but in practice this should be small percentage of  $k$  (8 input bits below, but repeat the last 2. These are 00 in example below and not shown; they force a start in state 0). The rate reduction factor is  $N/(N + \nu)$ .



# Binary Code Use

## [Section 2.2](#)



# Matlab Trellis and Encoding Functions

- Convert  $G(D) = \left[ \underbrace{D^2 + D + 1}_{111} \quad \underbrace{D^2 + 1}_{101} \right] = \left[ \underbrace{7}_{octal} \quad \underbrace{5}_{octal} \right]$  to design. (Code tables appear in octal later.)

```
>> t=poly2trellis( 3 , [7 5] )
                v+1   G(D)
t = struct with fields:
  numInputSymbols: 2
  numOutputSymbols: 4
  numStates: 4
  nextStates: [4 x 2 double]
  outputs: [4 x 2 double]
```

```
>> t.nextStates =
    0  2
    0  2
    1  3
    1  3
>> t.outputs =
    0  3
    3  0
    2  1
    1  2
```

**Matlab's trellis is equivalent and:**  
 - has same set of paths  
 - but uses different state-labels.  
 (We'll translate shortly.)

- Encode bit stream `>> convenc([000011],t) = 00 00 00 00 11 01` `convenc(bits, trellis, init-state)`  
*(default is zero)*

- This is same code as earlier on [slide L7:7](#).
- `poly2trellis` works with any (nofeedback)  $G(D)$ 
  - Constraint length+1  $\rightarrow$  value for each row of  $k \times n$   $G(D)$
  - `t.numStates` =  $2^v$
  - `t.numInputSymbols` =  $2^k$
  - `t.numOutputSymbols` =  $2^n$

TRELLIS = poly2trellis(nu+1, Gnum, Gdenom)  
 is the same as the first syntax, but for a feedback convolutional encoder.

- Gdenom is a 1-by-k vector of octal numbers specifying the feedback connection for each of the k inputs. *It will be GCM of denoms in each row. only works when k=1 unfortunately (matlab bug).*



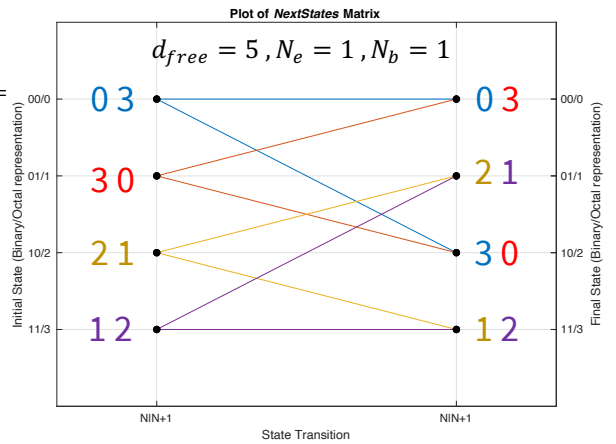
# Translating Trellises

(see <https://www.mathworks.com/help/comm/ref/convenc.html>)

- Trellis program `plotnextstates(t.nextStates)`



```
>> t.nextStates =
0 2
0 2
1 3
1 3
>> t.outputs =
0 3
3 0
2 1
1 2
```



- I superimposed `t.outputs` on figure.
- Looks reversed w.r.t. Slide L7:7 ??
  - Matlab reversed the state-label bits

```
numbits=2;
for i=1:4 for j=1:2
nst(i,j)=uint16( bin2dec( fliplr( dec2bin ...
( oct2dec(t.nextStates(i,j)),numbits) ) );
end end
```

```
>> cst=bin2dec(fliplr...
(dec2base(0:3,2)))=
0
2
1
3
```

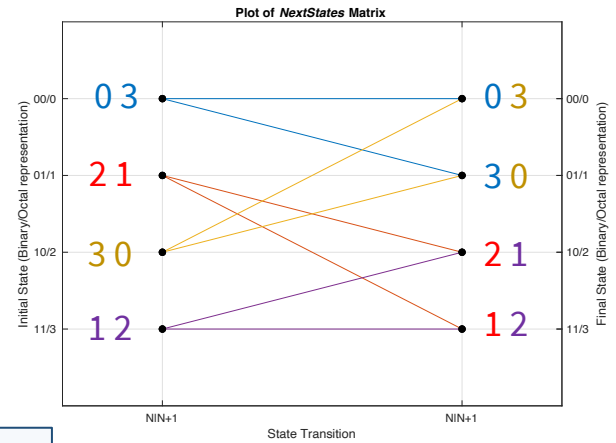
```
>> nst(cst+1,:)=
0 1
2 3
0 1
2 3
```

```
>> t.outputs(cst+1,:)=
0 3
2 1
3 0
1 2
```

```
>> t2=t; t2.nextStates=nst(cst+1,:);
>> t2.nextStates =
0 1
2 3
0 1
2 3
```

```
>> t2.outputs=t.outputs(cst+1,:);
>> t2.outputs =
0 3
2 1
3 0
1 2
```

`plotnextstates(t2.nextStates)`  
**Now it's same as L7:7**



```
>> convenc([0 0 0 0 1 1],t2) = 00 00 00 00 11 01
```



# With Feedback

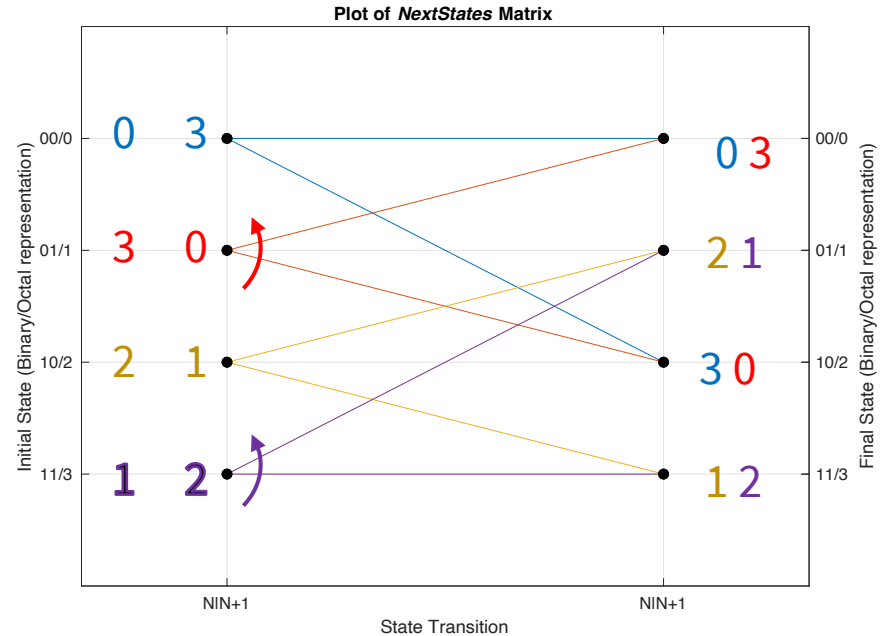
- Matlab's nextStates & outputs don't always obey inputs clockwise 0 to 11...1 on branches.

```
>> t3=poly2trellis(3,[7 5],7) =
struct with fields:
  numInputSymbols: 2
  numOutputSymbols: 4
  numStates: 4
```

```
>> t3.nextStates =
0 2
2 0 → counter clockwise
3 1
1 3 → counter clockwise
```

```
>> t3.outputs =
0 3
0 3 , so outputs reversed
1 2
1 2 , so outputs reversed
>> distspec(t3,1) =
dfree: 5
weight: 3 (input bit errors, Nb)
event: 1
```

```
>> t.nextStates =
0 2
0 2
1 3
1 3
>> t.outputs =
0 3
3 0
2 1
1 2
```



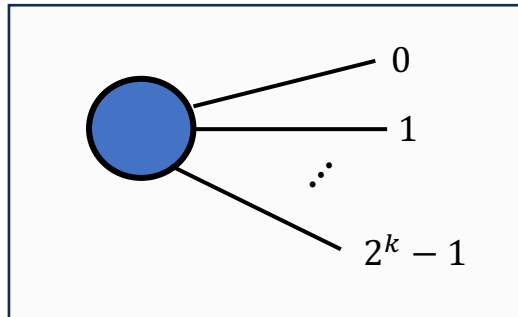
- Trellis is same as non-feedback (non-systematic) code, **with a lot of labelling care!**
- Mapping to input bits is **different:**

```
>> convenc([0 0 0 0 1 1],t3,0)= 00 00 00 00 11 10
```



# A rule to avoid (e.g. Matlab's) ugly trellises

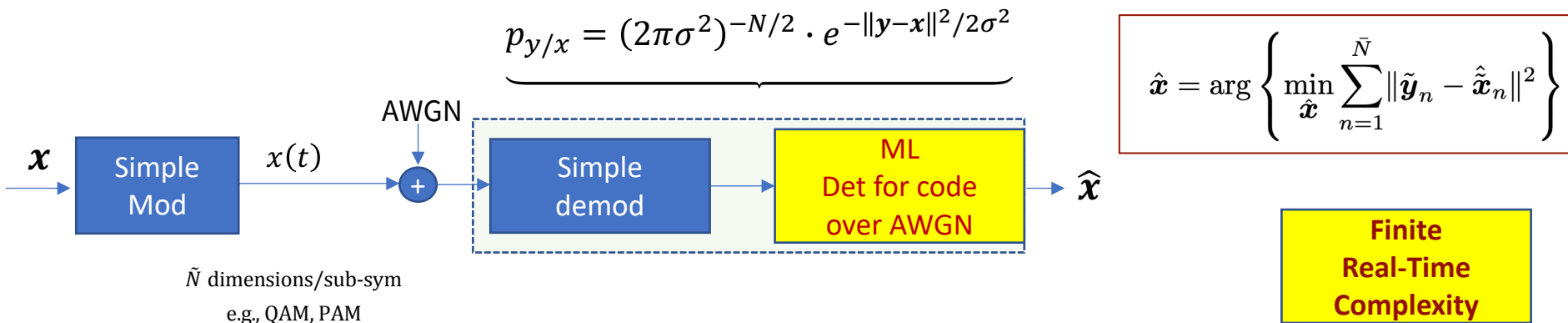
- Always use the nonsystematic (minimal) encoder, like  $G(D) = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{1 + D + D^2}_{111} & \underbrace{1 + D^2}_{101} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{7}_{\text{octal}} & \underbrace{5}_{\text{octal}} \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - See Slide L7:18.
- These have clockwise input-bit branch assignments with Matlab's nextStates, so 0,1,2,3, ...  $2^k$ .



- The systematic (minimal) encoder, like  $G_{SYS}(D) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1+D^2}{1+D+D^2} \end{bmatrix}$ , produces the same code.
  - This has different input-sequence assignments to codewords, but all inputs map 1-to-1 to one another anyway.
- Take the inputs  $u(D)$  corresponding to any  $G(D)$  path and transform them by  $u'(D) = \frac{u(D)}{1+D+D^2}$ .
- $u'(D)$  into  $G(D)$  produces the same output as  $u(D)$  into  $G_{SYS}(D)$ . (so map 1-to-1 on side  $u'(D) \leftrightarrow u(D)$ ).
  - $u = \text{conv}(\text{gf}([1 \ 1 \ 1]), \text{gf}(u'))$  ;  $u' = \text{deconv}(\text{gf}([1 \ 1 \ 1]), \text{gf}(u))$



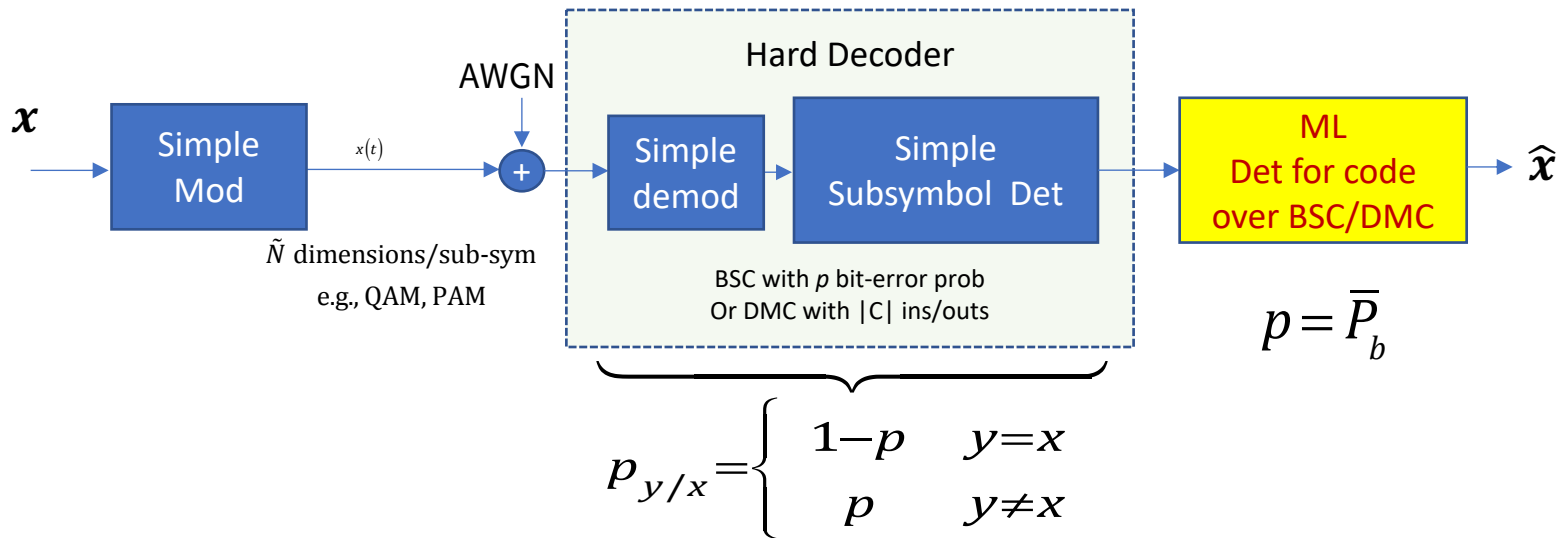
# Soft Decoder – decode the symbol



- The demodulator samples ( $\in \mathbb{C}$ ) pass to the detector for comparison of codewords (subsymbol sequences).
- The  $\mathbf{y}$  information is “soft” in that it is not pre-quantized into a decision (or at least not to  $|C|$  **subsymbol values**).
- Deployed systems often have ADC on  $y_n$  ; quantize  $\frac{d_{\min}(|C|)}{\sigma_q} = 4^3$  ; i.e., 3 bits cover intra-point distance.
  - This 3-bit quantization **of dmin** limits decoder loss (w.r.t. infinite precision) to .25 dB distortion (one more bit reduces to .06 dB distortion).
  - Same rule applies per dimension for both ADCs if receiver is in quadrature.
  - Total ADC bits will then be these 3, plus  $\bar{b}$ , plus 1-2 bits for peak-to-average (analog coverage), so  $b_{ADC} = \bar{b} + 4$ , or possibly  $\bar{b} + 5$ .



# Hard decoder – decode the bit sequence



- Subsymbols are decoded independently – e.g., a “hard” decision.
- The remaining channel is a DMC (most often a BSC) model, to which an outer binary code may also be applied.
- The BEC with the “erasure” output is a first step from hard to soft.



# AWGN Error Probability for Conv Codes

- AWGN  $\bar{P}_e = \bar{N}_e \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{min}}{2\sigma}\right) = \bar{N}_e \cdot Q\left(\sqrt{d_{free} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{E}_x}{\sigma^2}}\right) = \bar{N}_e \cdot Q\left(\sqrt{d_{free} \cdot \frac{k}{n} \cdot SNR}\right)$

- Because  $d_{min} = \sqrt{d_{free} \cdot 4 \cdot \mathcal{E}_x}$

energy-spread reduces energy/subsym  
(assumes  $\frac{1}{T}$  can increase, so no filter on AWGN)

- AWGN  $\bar{P}_b = \frac{N_b}{b} \cdot Q\left(\sqrt{d_{free} \cdot r \cdot SNR}\right)$

- Where  $N_b = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i \cdot N(i, d_{free})$  and  $N(i, d)$  for conv code is the number of  $i$ -input-bit error events with distance  $d$ .
  - Finding  $N_b$  can require exhaustive search in general, but Section 7.2 (Lecture 8) show how to compute  $N(i, d)$  for CC.
  - Yes, it is equal to Chapter 1's  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_x(i) \cdot n_b(i)$ , which is actually harder to compute.

- BC **coding gain**  $\gamma = 10 \cdot \log_{10}(r \cdot d_{free})$  (for AWGN with binary subsymbols ..) and **energy/bit**  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_b$ .

**HAZARD WARNING** ☠ – **BINARY CODING THEORIST'S FALLACY** – assumes “free bandwidth”

Binary-code fair comparison: hold 2 of 3  $\{\bar{b} \quad \bar{\mathcal{E}}_x \quad \bar{P}_e\}$  fixed and compare 3<sup>rd</sup>;

But  $N_{coded} = \frac{1}{r} \cdot N_{uncoded}$  so then BOTH  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_x$  &  $\bar{b}$  decrease for coded w.r.t uncoded (~ holding power & rate constant), not fair.

$\bar{b}_{coded} = r \cdot \bar{b}_{uncoded}$   $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_{x,coded} = r \cdot \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{x,uncoded}$ ; So  $\mathcal{E}_b = \frac{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_x}{\bar{b}}$  is the same, **BUT**  $W \cdot T \rightarrow W \cdot T / r$

So, either the coded design increased bandwidth (may not be possible) or otherwise reduced rate; adding a code to reduce rate is somewhat antithetical to Shannon if  $R < C$ . Increasing  $W$  is “cheating.”



# BSC Error Probability

- BSC  $\bar{P}_e = \bar{N}_e \cdot [4p(1-p)]^{\lfloor \frac{d_{free}}{2} \rfloor}$
- BSC  $\bar{P}_b = \frac{N_b}{b} \cdot [4p(1-p)]^{\lfloor \frac{d_{free}}{2} \rfloor}$
- Chapter 1's B-Bound can be used to show that this is roughly 3dB inferior to soft decoding (AWGN).
- Fair-comparison discussion is for AWGN.
  - Strictly speaking with BSC, data rate must reduce to improve with codes.
  - From BSC capacity,  $r \leq \underbrace{1 + p \cdot \log_2 p + (1-p) \cdot \log_2(1-p)}_c \leq 1$  for reliable transmission with a code  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$ .





# Coding Tables –best known rate 1/2 conv codes

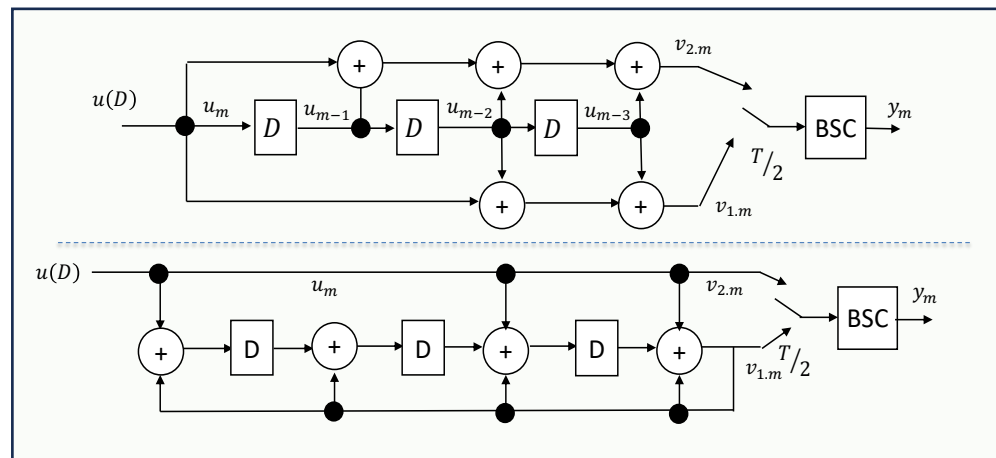
Section 8.2 – Conv Code Tables see the octal entries, chap 8 [6]

$2^v$	$g_{11}(D)$	$g_{12}(D)$	$d_{free}$	$\gamma$	(dB)	$N_e$	$N_1$	$N_2$	$N_b$	$L_D$
4	7	5	5	2.5	3.98	1	2	4	1	3
8	17	13	6	3	4.77	1	3	5	2	5
16	23	35	7	3.5	5.44	2	3	4	4	8
(2G) 16	31	33	7	3.5	5.44	2	4	6	4	7
32	77	51	8	4	6.02	2	3	8	4	8
64	163	135	10	5	6.99	12	0	53	46	16
(802.11a) 64	155	117	10	5	6.99	11	0	38	36	16
(802.11b) 64	133	175	9	4.5	6.53	1	6	11	3	9
128	323	275	10	5	6.99	1	6	13	6	14
256	457	755	12	6	7.78	10	9	30	40	18
(3G) 256	657	435	12	6	7.78	11	0	50	33	16
512	1337	1475	12	6	7.78	1	8	8	2	11
1024	2457	2355	14	7	8.45	19	0	80	82	22
2048	6133	5745	14	7	8.45	1	10	25	4	19
4096	17663	11271	15	7.5	8.75	2	10	29	6	18
8192	26651	36477	16	8	9.0	5	15	21	26	28
16384	46253	77361	17	8.5	9.29	3	16	44	17	27
32768	114727	176121	18	9	9.54	5	15	45	26	37
65536	330747	207225	19	9.5	9.78	9	16	48	55	33
131072	507517	654315	20	10	10	6	31	58	30	27

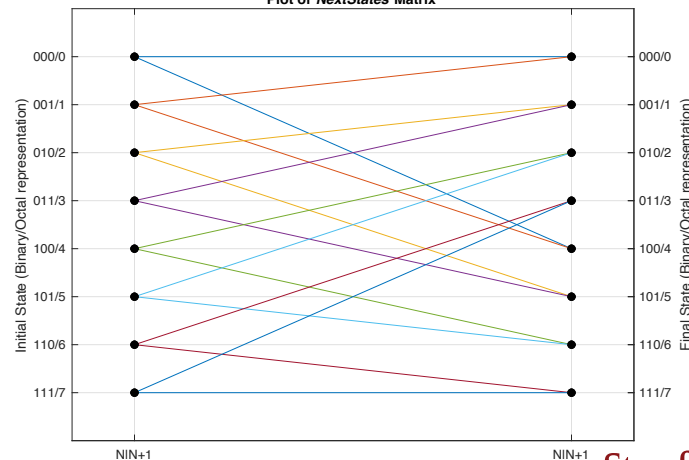
Table 8.1: Rate 1/2 Maximum Free Distance Codes

$L_D$  = length of Min-dist event

```
>> t8=poly2trellis(4,[17 13]) =
numInputSymbols: 2
numOutputSymbols: 4
numStates: 8
nextStates: [8 x 2 double]
outputs: [8 x 2 double]
>> plotnextstates(t8.nextStates)
```



Plot of NextStates Matrix



# Best rate-1/3 convolutional codes

- Codes listed for other rates, example 1/3 here, see Sec 8.2 for 1/4, 2/3, 3/4,

$2^v$	$g_{11}(D)$	$g_{12}(D)$	$g_{13}(D)$	$g_{14}(D)$	$d_{free}$	$\gamma$	(dB)	$N_e$	$N_1$	$N_2$	$N_b$	$L_D$
4	7	7	7	5	10	2.5	3.98	1	1	1	2	4
8	17	15	13	13	13	3.25	5.12	2	1	0	4	6
16	37	35	33	25	16	4	6.02	4	0	2	8	7
32	73	65	57	47	18	4.5	6.53	3	0	5	6	8
64	163	147	135	135	20	5	6.99	10	0	0	37	16
128	367	323	275	271	22	5.5	7.40	1	4	3	2	9
256	751	575	633	627	24	6.0	7.78	1	3	4	2	10
512	0671	1755	1353	1047	26	6.5	8.13	3	0	4	6	12
1024	3321	2365	3643	2277	28	7.0	8.45	4	0	5	9	16
2048	7221	7745	5223	6277	30	7.5	8.75	4	0	4	9	15
4096	15531	17435	05133	17627	32	8	9.03	4	3	6	13	17
8192	23551	25075	26713	37467	34	8.5	9.29	1	0	11	3	18
16384	66371	50575	56533	51447	37	9.25	9.66	3	5	6	7	19
32768	176151	123175	135233	156627	39	9.75	9.89	5	7	10	17	21
65536	247631	264335	235433	311727	41	10.25	10.1	3	7	7	7	20

- Code complexity measure  $N_D = \underbrace{2^v}_{states} \cdot \left( \underbrace{2^k}_{adds} + \underbrace{2^k - 1}_{compares} \right)$



# Design Example

- An AWGN has SNR = 5 dB.
- The uncoded ( $M = 2$ ) error rate is  $P_e = Q(10^{5/20}) = .0377$  (*not very good*).
- A better design uses best 64-state rate  $r = 1/2$  code, so bandwidth expands by 2x.
  - The gain is 7 dB.
  - New  $P_e = Q(10^{(5+7)/20}) = 3.4303e-05$  (better, see Slide L7:33's table for this code).
- To get  $P_e \approx 10^{-6}$  ?
  - Need 8.5 dB of coding gain with rate  $1/2$ , so use this table's 1024-state code
  - $P_e = Q(10^{(5+8.5)/20}) \approx 10^{-6}$

- Encoder is  $G(D) = \left[ \underbrace{1 + D + D^2 + D^3 + D^5 + D^8 + D^{10}}_{2457} \quad \underbrace{1 + D^2 + D^3 + D^5 + D^6 + D^7 + D^{10}}_{2355} \right]$

1024 is a lot of states: larger distances may have large  $N_i$  that increase  $P_e$ .

Design instead should use better (not CC) code (see Lectures 9-10).

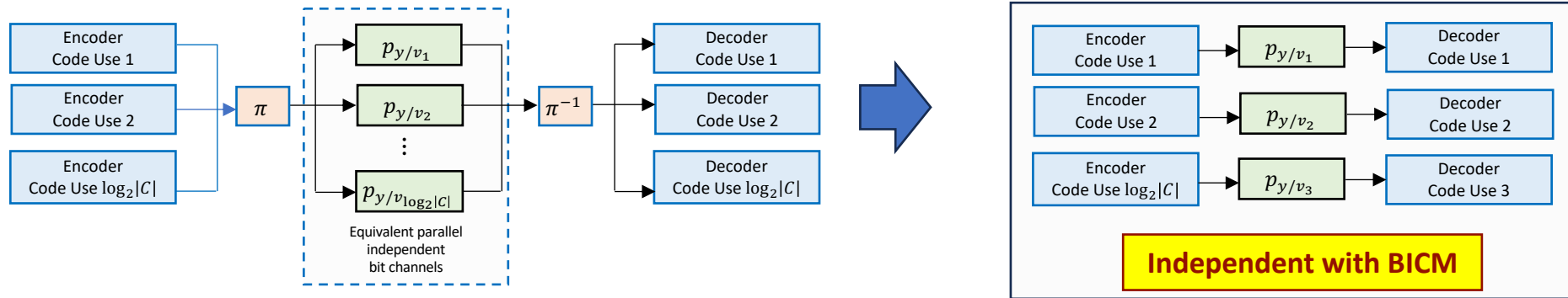
The 7 dB and 8.5 dB here often reduce in practice to about 5.5-6.0 dB, because of large  $N_i$ .



# Mappings to M'ary Constellations: BICM

*Sections 2.2, 8.1.7*

# BICM Basic concept

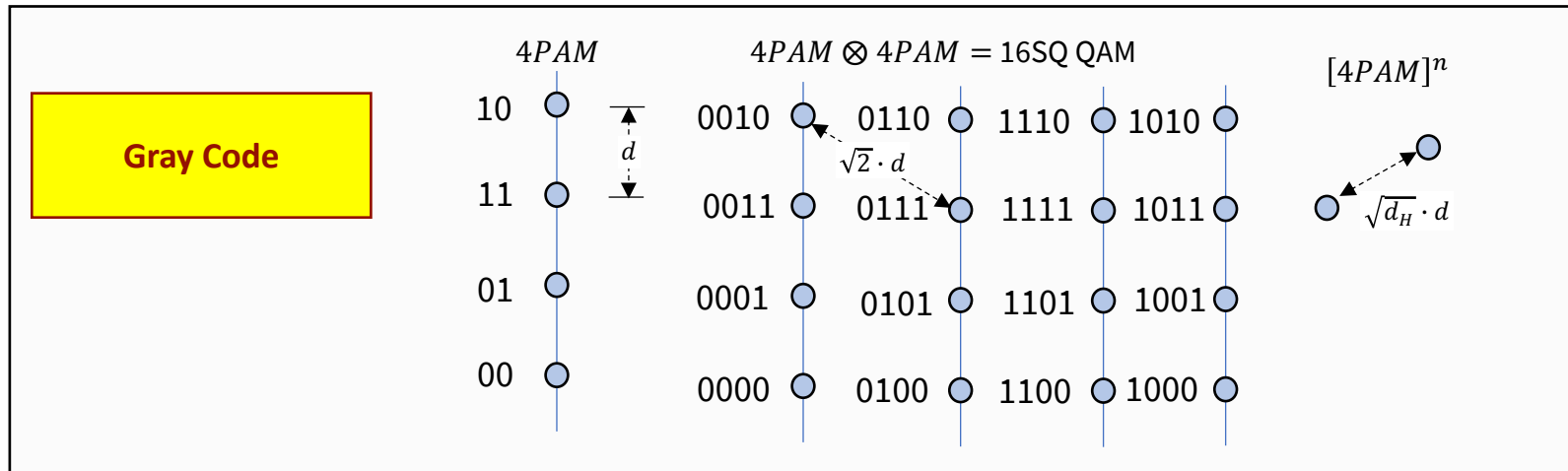


- The **interleaver**  $\pi$  reorders adjacent bits, and the **deinterleaver**  $\pi^{-1}$  causes  $p_{y/[v_i, v_{i+L-1}]} = p_{y/v_i} \cdots p_{y/v_{i+L-1}}$ .
  - Deinterleaving restores the original order but spreads a large channel-error/noise event over several codes.
  - $L$  is the interleaver's "**depth**" –  $L_9$  has more on depth (Section 8.3).
- Each code sees an independent channel – so each is like a BSC or AWGN.
- EVEN WHEN AWGN and the SNR supports  $M$ -ary PAM (or SQ QAM) with  $M > 2$  (4).
  - Without interleaving, a single large noise could cause multiple bit errors in presumably a single applied code.



# Gray Mapping and distance preservation

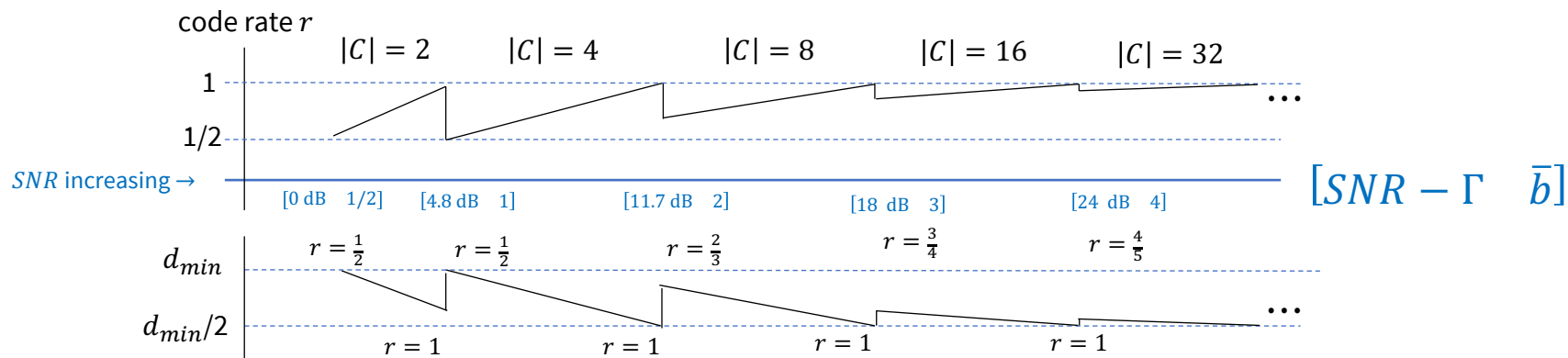
- Gray Coding (almost) **maintains coding gain**  $\gamma$  with (one-dimensional)  $|C| = 2^{\bar{b}+\bar{p}} > 2$ .
- Coded  $M$ -ary retains  $d_{min} \geq 4 \cdot d_{free} \cdot \bar{\mathcal{E}}_x$  for  $M$ -ary SQ QAM.
- This applies well to PAM, or SQ-QAM, (in effect Cartesian product of 2 PAMs) and Gray Code.



- So, with Gray Code,  $\bar{P}_b = \frac{N_b}{b} \cdot Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{3}{|C|^2-1}} \cdot \gamma \cdot SNR \right)$  where again  $\gamma = r \cdot d_{free}$ .
  - Exact ONLY IF 1-dimensional  $|C|$  remains the same for coded and uncoded, but what about  $\frac{1}{T'} \rightarrow \frac{1}{r \cdot T'}$  ??



# M'ary PAM: approx constant- $\Gamma$ puncturing with binary code



- The code rate  $r$  increases as  $1/T'$  correspondingly decreases ( $T'$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_x$  increase).
  - Puncturing carefully increases  $r$  with SNR until PAM constellation-size can double, which allows  $1/T'$  to reduce by  $\frac{b}{b+1}$ .
  - E.g., smooth transition @ 8-16 PAM has rate  $3/4$ , then increasing from  $3/4$  to 1 with puncturing until 32 PAM.
- Careful puncturing attempts to hold constant code gap.
  - $d_{free} = \infty$  for  $\Gamma = 0$  dB gap, but also  $|C| = \infty$ , so theoretically must work with some good codes that look similar.
  - For the 64-state Wi-Fi code,  $\gamma = 7$  dB, but  $\gamma_s \rightarrow 1.53$  dB for large  $|C|$ , and this reduces the 7 dB gradually. For this code the gap would be, at  $P_e = 10^{-6}$ , 8.8-7+1.5 or 3.3 dB, leaving  $\gamma_c = 5.5$  dB for the larger constellations.
    - Even with reasonable puncturing, this code eventually loses gain with large  $|C|$ , so has increasing gap (and thus needs more than 6 dB/bit-dimension to increase  $|C|$ , but they use it anyway).
    - There are larger- $N$  binary block codes (LDPC, product) that offer more continuous puncturing options so the  $d_{min}$  choices (w.r.t  $r$ ) help offset the constellation-increase.
  - In reality, with many nearest neighbors with BICM, puncturing is “about as good as it gets” with binary codes that ignore the constellation.
  - Iterative decoding (see L9) between constellation and binary-code can restore the constant gap at its best value (so account for the constellation).
  - 64-state  $r = 1/2$  's 7 dB is really for  $b < 1$  where shaping improvement is negligible. It can be restored with shaping codes (see Section 8.5, not taught).
  - There are “trellis codes” that well-hold constant gap, but their best gaps are below those of the BICM with convolutional codes.
- If there was one giant ML decoder for the aggregate of  $\log_2 |C|$  codes (large  $N$ ), the interleaving is unnecessary.
  - This aggregate code is NOT just the single binary code.

**Shaping Effects  
Reduce binary-code map's  
gain for larger  
constellations**



# Mapping by set-partitioning (Trellis Codes)

- Trellis Codes (Ungerboeck, IBM) were popular, and a major intermediate step for M'ary in 1990's.
- They also have simpler ML decoders.
- TCs have coding gain limits below best codes (roughly 2 dB less than Gray codes with good binary codes).
- See Appendix B.







# End Lecture 7