ELEX 3525 : Data Communications 2015 Fall Session

Assignment 3

Due Monday, December 14. Show your work. Submit your assignment using the appropriate dropbox on the course web site. Assignments submitted after the solutions are made available will be given a mark of zero.

Question 1

- (a) A channel does not cause ISI to a signal transmitted at 8000 symbols/second. However, it delays the signal by 1 ms. Draw the phase response over the frequency range 0 to 4 kHz.
- (b) This channel has very high attenuation for frequencies above 6 kHz. Can we transmit over this channel at a rate of 4000 symbols/second? At a rate of 5000 symbols/second? Explain.

Question 2

Based on Figure 14-10 of the IEEE 802.3 specification (reproduced on page 4 of the lecture notes for Ethernet), approximately what is the slew rate of the differential voltage for a 10 Mb/s Ethernet transmitter?

Question 3

A logic family guarantees a maximum low output voltage of 0.3 V and a minimum high output voltage of 2.7 V. Input voltages below 0.8 V are guaranteed to be recognized as low and input voltage above 1.6 V are guaranteed to be recognized as high. What is the noise margin for this logic family?

Question 4

Look up the datasheet for the Pulse J0011D01BNL Ethernet jack with magnetics.

- (a) What is the maximum insertion loss at 65 MHz?
- (b) Is there a simple reason we cannot ignore the manufacturer's recommendation and use it for 1000Base-T Ethernet?
- (c) What is the maximum voltage (Hi Potential) rating?

(d) What pin numbers is the green LED connected to?

Question 5

ADSL systems use OFDM to transmit data to telephone company subscribers over twisted-pair cables.

- (a) The subcarrier spacing is 4.3125 kHz and the sampling rate is 2.208 MHz. How many samples are there per OFDM symbol?
- (b) A cyclic prefix is inserted between symbols. The duration is long enough to prevent ISI caused by a bridge tap with a length up to 1450 m, assuming a propagation velocity of 200 m/μs. How many samples are there in the cyclic prefix?

Hint: A bridge tap will cause ISI with a duration of twice the propagation delay through the tap.

Question 6

- (a) Is the MLT-3 line code polarity insensitive?
- (b) What is the long-term average (DC) value?
- (c) How could you mark the end of an MLT-3encoded signal using line coding violations?

Question 7

- (a) What data bit sequence results in the most overhead added by HDLC framing?
- (b) What is the throughput of a system using HDLC framing assuming the data consists of 240 of these (max-overhead) bits per HDLC frame. Assume frames are transmitted with no gaps between them and only a single flag between frames. Assume no HDLC headers or CRCs are included. Give your result as a fraction of the channel bit rate.

Question 8

SLIP is a simple way to mark the boundaries of IP frames transmitted over asynchronous serial ("RS-232") links. It is much simpler than PPP and is appropriate for very simple devices that need to communicate using IP.

Look up the definition of SLIP (on Wikipedia and/or in RFC1055) and use it to frame the following data:

0x00 0xdb 0xaa 0xc0 0x1b

Question 9

You want to transmit the bits 10011 using the generator polynomial 1011 to compute the CRC.

- (a) Compute the CRC and the message plus CRC.
- (b) Add two zero bits at the start of the message and re-compute the CRC. Is the receiver able to detect zero bits if they are added or removed at the start of a message?
- (c) Now invert the first four bits of the message and compute the CRC. Prepend two zeros and recompute the CRC. Is the receiver able to detect added or missing leading zeros now?
- (d) Append two zeros to the original message plus CRC. Does the CRC change?

Practical (e.g. IEEE CRC-32) algorithms do both of these.