

## Question 1(a) [3 marks]

**Differentiate Basic modes of Communication: Broad casting communication and Point to Point Communication.**

**Answer:**

Parameter	Broadcasting Communication	Point to Point Communication
<b>Definition</b>	One transmitter sends signals to multiple receivers simultaneously	One transmitter communicates with one specific receiver
<b>Direction</b>	Unidirectional (one-way)	Bidirectional (two-way)
<b>Examples</b>	TV, Radio, FM	Telephone, Mobile calls, Private networks
<b>Privacy</b>	Low (signal available to everyone in range)	High (dedicated connection between endpoints)
<b>Efficiency</b>	High for mass communication	Better for personal/private communication

**Mnemonic:** "BDPEC" - Broadcasting Distributes to Public, Endpoints Connect in point-to-point

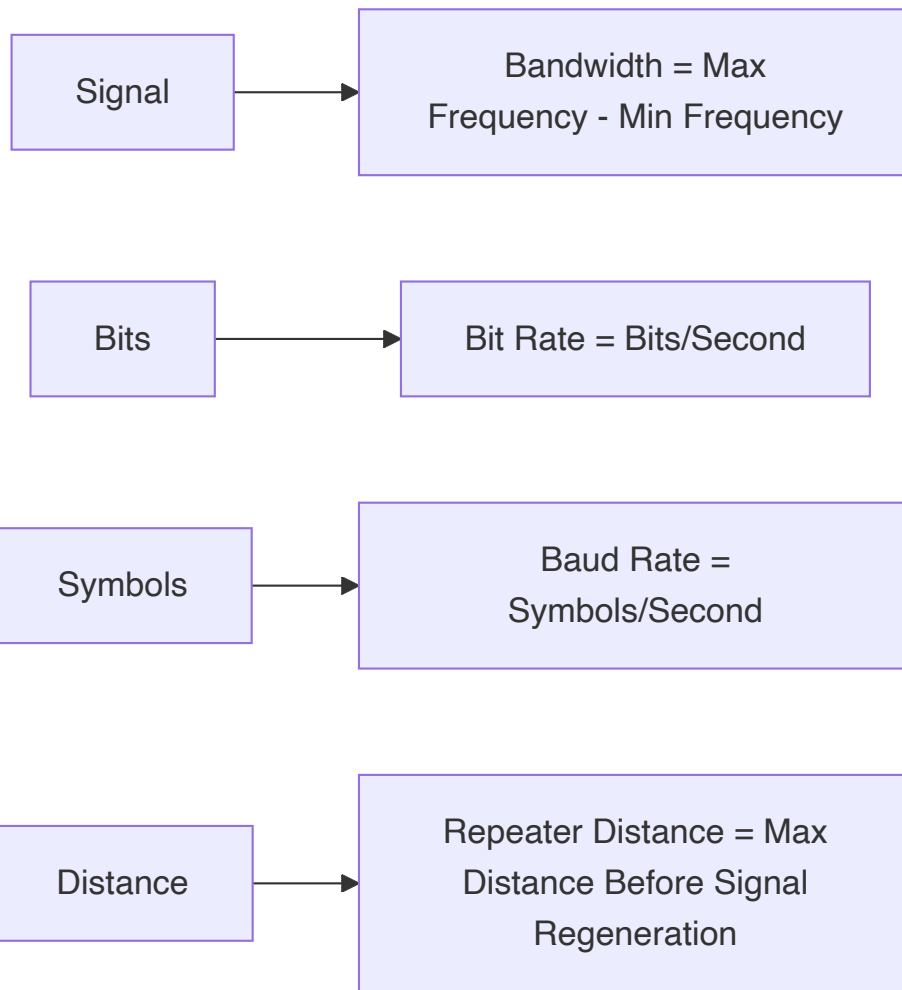
## Question 1(b) [4 marks]

**Define: Bit Rate, Baud Rate, Bandwidth and Repeater Distance.**

**Answer:**

Term	Definition
<b>Bit Rate</b>	Number of binary bits transmitted per second (bps). Measures actual data transfer speed.
<b>Baud Rate</b>	Number of signal units or symbols transmitted per second. One symbol may contain multiple bits.
<b>Bandwidth</b>	Range of frequencies used by a signal, measured in Hertz (Hz). Determines maximum data capacity of a channel.
<b>Repeater Distance</b>	Maximum distance between repeaters in a communication system before signal degradation requires regeneration.

**Diagram:**



**Mnemonic:** "BBRR" - "Better Bandwidth Requires Repeaters"

## Question 1(c) [7 marks]

Draw the block diagram of digital communication system. Explain the functions of each block in brief. State advantages and disadvantages of it.

**Answer:**

**Block Diagram:**



**Functions:**

Block	Function
Source Encoder	Converts analog signal to digital, removes redundancy, compresses data
Channel Encoder	Adds redundancy for error detection and correction
Digital Modulator	Converts digital data to suitable form for transmission (ASK, FSK, PSK, etc.)
Channel	Medium through which signal travels (wired/wireless)
Digital Demodulator	Extracts original digital data from received modulated signal
Channel Decoder	Detects and corrects errors using added redundancy
Source Decoder	Decompresses data and converts to original form

**Advantages and Disadvantages:**

Advantages	Disadvantages
Better noise immunity	Requires more bandwidth
Easier signal regeneration	Complex implementation
Secure transmission possible	Synchronization required
Integration with computers	Quantization errors
Better quality for long distance	Higher cost for simple applications

**Mnemonic:** "SEDCSO" - "Secure Encoding Creates Digital Communication System Output"

## Question 1(c) OR [7 marks]

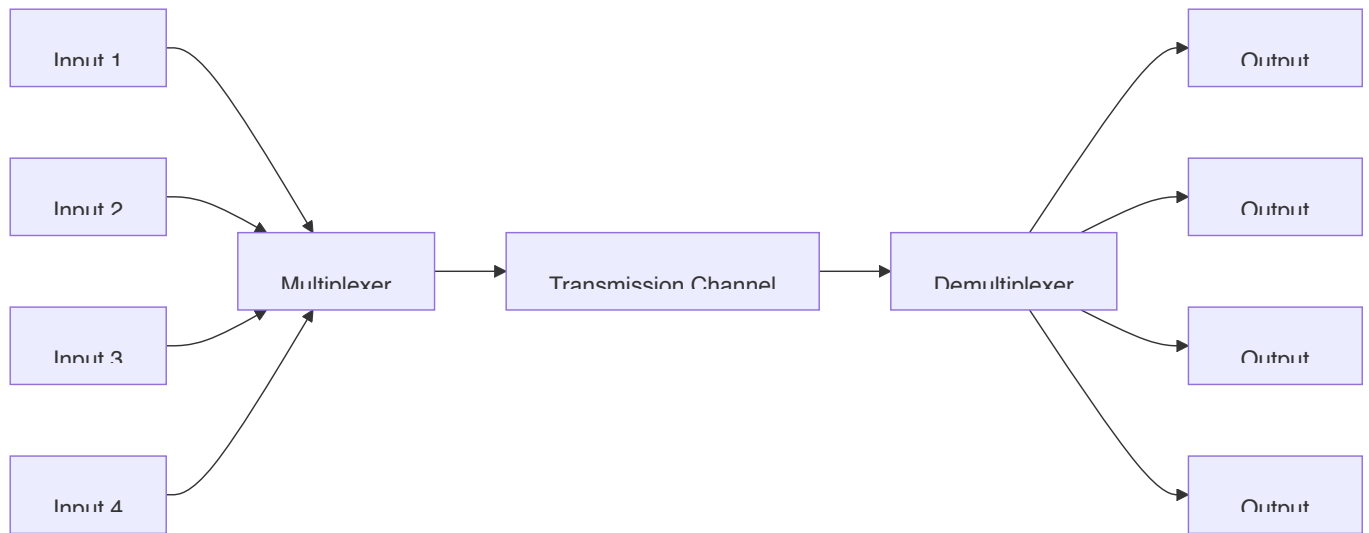
**Justify the needs of multiplexing techniques for digital communication. Draw and explain Time Division multiplexing technique in brief. Discuss its merits and demerits.**

**Answer:**

**Need for Multiplexing:**

Need	Explanation
Channel Efficiency	Allows multiple signals on one channel, saving bandwidth
Cost Reduction	Reduces need for multiple transmission media
Infrastructure Utilization	Maximizes use of expensive infrastructure
Spectrum Conservation	Conserves limited frequency spectrum

**Time Division Multiplexing (TDM):**



**Working:** In TDM, each input signal gets a specific time slot. The multiplexer samples each input sequentially, combining them into a single high-speed data stream. At the receiver, the demultiplexer separates the stream back into original signals based on timing.

#### Merits and Demerits:

Merits	Demerits
Efficient bandwidth usage	Requires synchronization
No guard bands needed	Complex buffering required
No cross-talk	Timing issues can cause errors
Flexible allocation	Unused slots waste capacity
Digital implementation	Higher data rate than individual channels

**Mnemonic:** "TIME" - "Transmission Interleaves Multiple Endpoints"

## Question 2(a) [3 marks]

**Differentiate: Coherent and Non-Coherent Detection Technique.**

**Answer:**

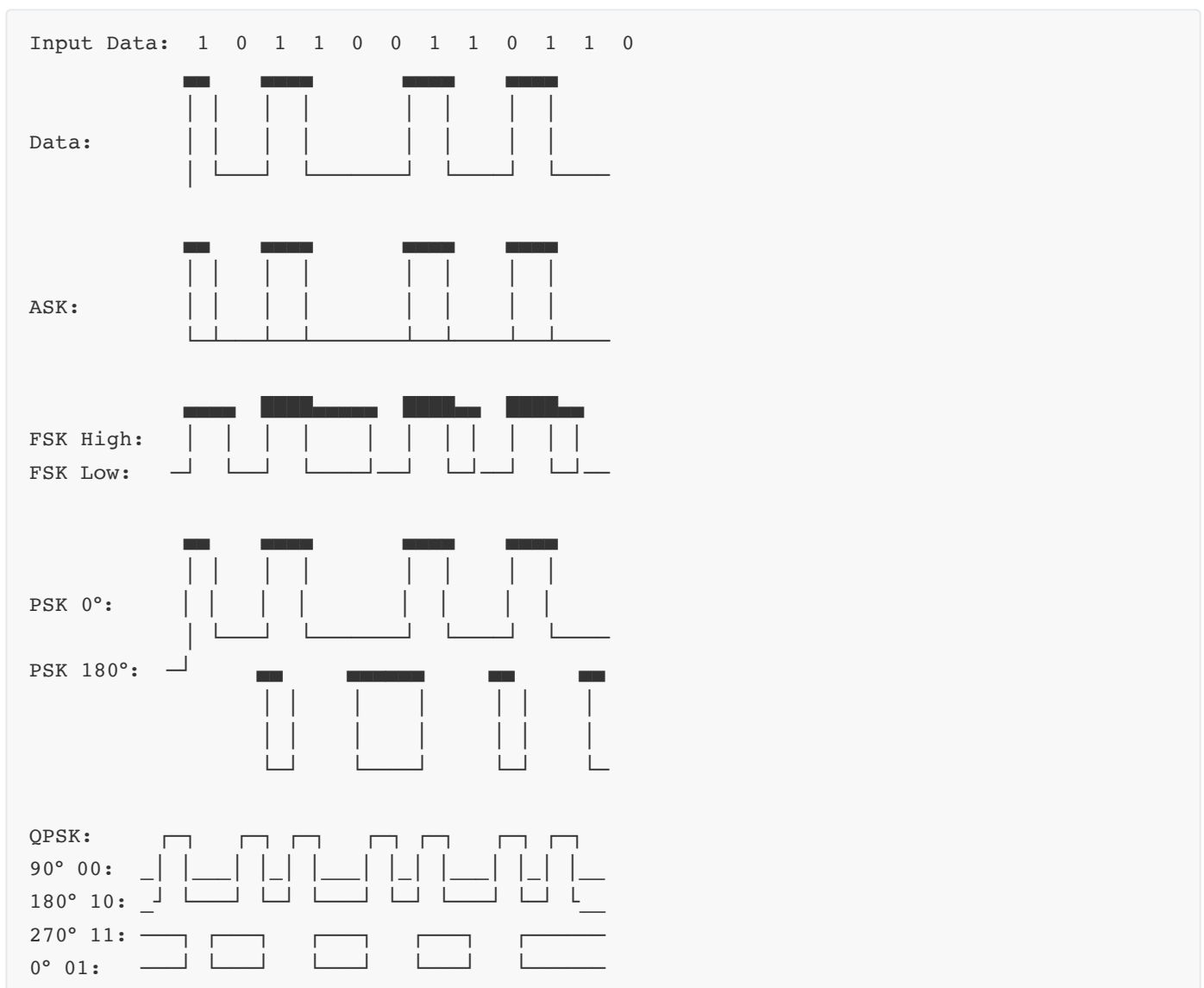
Parameter	Coherent Detection	Non-Coherent Detection
Phase Information	Uses phase information	Ignores phase information
Local Oscillator	Required	Not required
Complexity	More complex	Simpler
Performance	Better noise immunity	Less efficient in noise
Implementation	Difficult	Easier
Applications	High-quality systems	Low-cost systems

**Mnemonic:** "PLCPPIA" - "Phase Local Complex Performance Implementation Applications"

## Question 2(b) [4 marks]

Sketch the ASK, FSK, PSK and QPSK waveform for the data sequence 101100110110.

**Answer:**



**Mnemonic:** "AFPQ" - "Amplitude Frequency Phase Quadrature"

## Question 2(c) [7 marks]

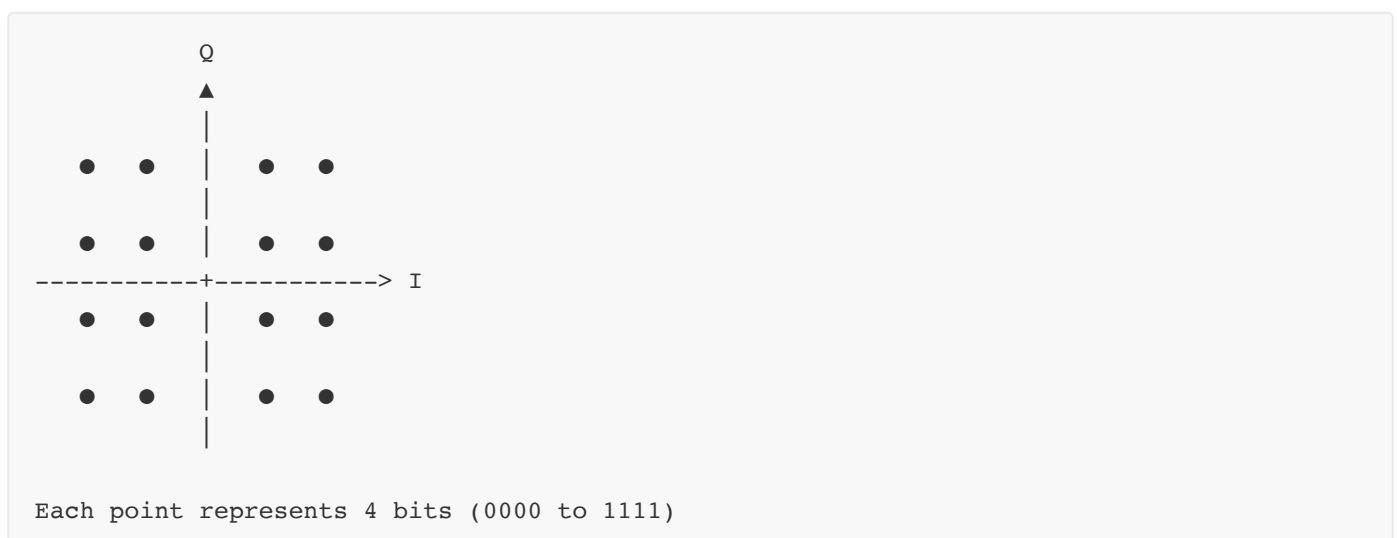
Explain the principle of 16-QAM. Also explain constellation diagram and waveform for 16-QAM. Write its advantages and disadvantages.

**Answer:**

### Principle of 16-QAM:

16-QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation) combines amplitude and phase modulation to transmit 4 bits per symbol. It uses 16 different combinations of amplitude and phase, allowing higher data rates in the same bandwidth.

### Constellation Diagram:



### Waveform:

The 16-QAM waveform varies in both amplitude (4 levels) and phase (4 phases), creating 16 unique symbols.

### Advantages and Disadvantages:

Advantages	Disadvantages
High spectral efficiency	Sensitive to noise and interference
Higher data rate	Requires higher SNR
Bandwidth efficient	Complex implementation
Better use of channel capacity	Susceptible to amplitude distortion

**Mnemonic:** "SCHAP" - "Sixteen Combinations Have Amplitude and Phase"

## Question 2(a) OR [3 marks]

**Compare: ASK and PSK**

**Answer:**

Parameter	ASK (Amplitude Shift Keying)	PSK (Phase Shift Keying)
Modulation Parameter	Amplitude	Phase
Noise Immunity	Poor	Good
Power Efficiency	Less efficient	More efficient
Bandwidth Efficiency	Lower	Higher
Implementation	Simple	More complex
BER Performance	Higher error rate	Lower error rate

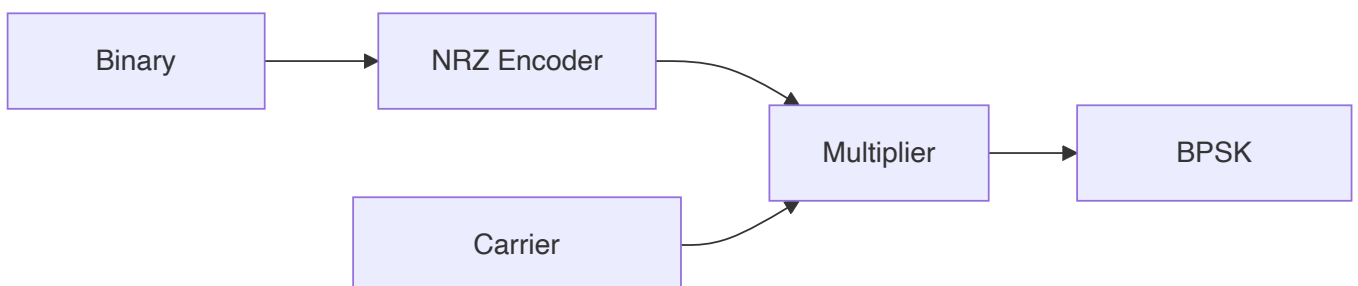
**Mnemonic:** "ANPBIP" - "Amplitude Noise Power Bandwidth Implementation Performance"

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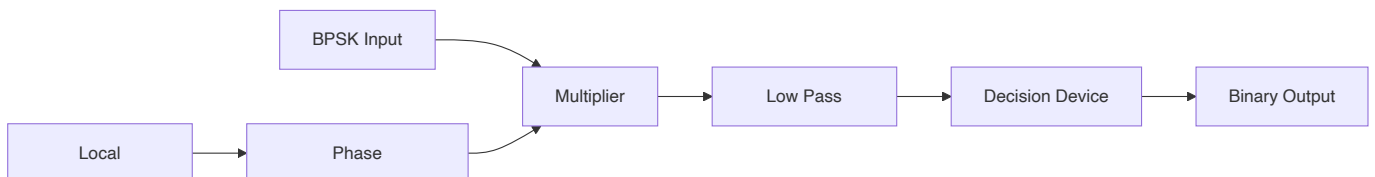
**Draw the block diagram of BPSK modulator and demodulator.**

**Answer:**

**BPSK Modulator:**



**BPSK Demodulator:**

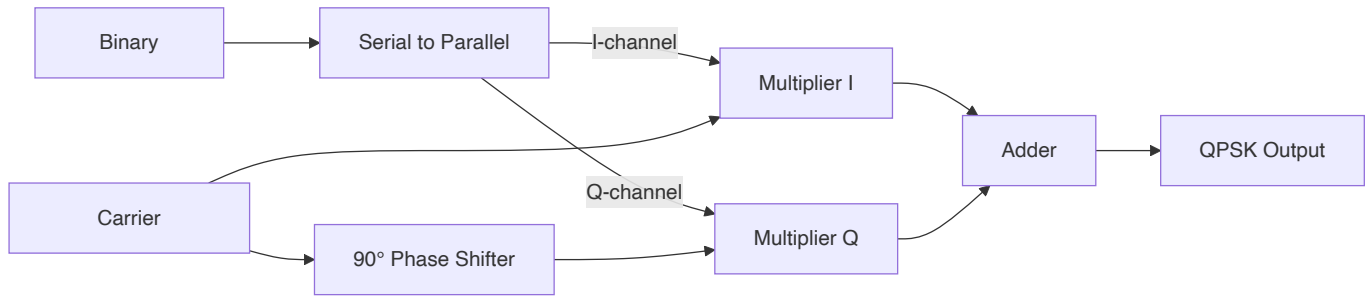
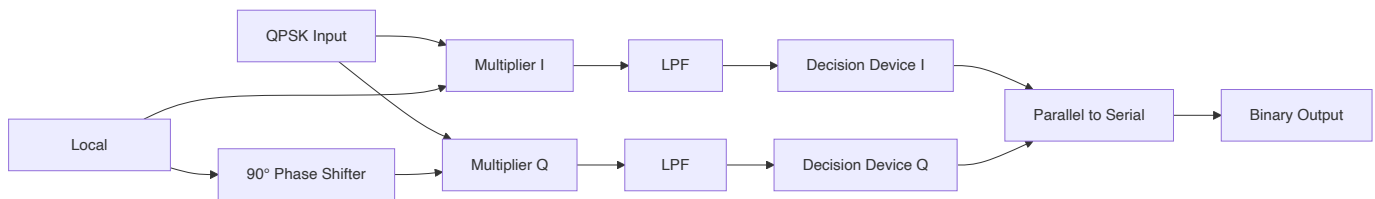


**Mnemonic:** "MNECO" - "Modulation Needs Encoding, Carriers, Oscillators"

## Question 2(c) OR [7 marks]

**Explain QPSK generation and detection with the help of block diagram and waveform. Discuss its advantages and disadvantages.**

**Answer:**

**QPSK Generation Block Diagram:****QPSK Detection Block Diagram:****QPSK Waveform:**

Each symbol in QPSK represents 2 bits, with 4 possible phase states ( $0^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$ ,  $270^\circ$ ).

**Advantages and Disadvantages:**

Advantages	Disadvantages
Twice the data rate of BPSK	More complex implementation
Same bandwidth as BPSK	Sensitive to phase errors
Good noise immunity	Requires carrier recovery
Spectral efficiency	More complex synchronization

**Mnemonic:** "PACE" - "Phase Alteration Carries Extra data"

**Question 3(a) [3 marks]**

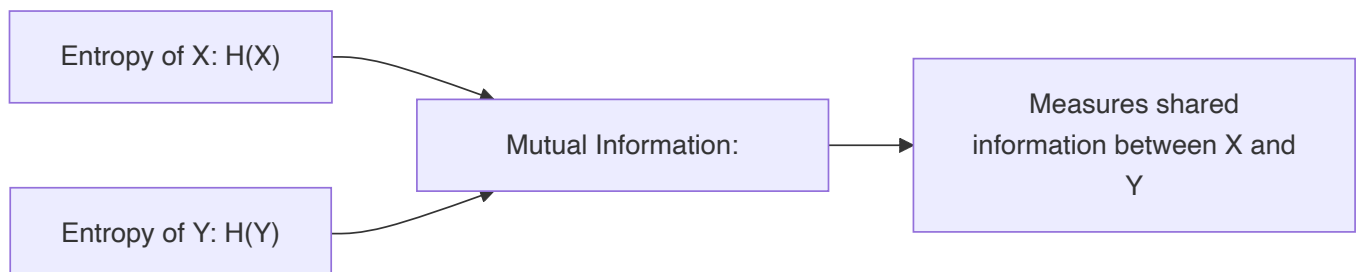
State the features of RS-422.

Answer:



**Features of RS-422****Differential signaling** for noise immunity**Maximum data rate** of 10 Mbps**Maximum cable length** of 1200 meters**Multi-drop capability** (1 driver, up to 10 receivers)**Balanced transmission line****Higher noise immunity** than RS-232**Mnemonic:** "DMMBHN" - "Differential Maximum Multi-drop Balanced Higher Noise-immunity"**Question 3(b) [4 marks]****Define: Entropy, Information, Mutual Information and Probability.****Answer:**

Term	Definition
<b>Entropy</b>	Measure of uncertainty or randomness in a message source, calculated as $H(X) = -\sum p(x) \log_2 p(x)$
<b>Information</b>	Reduction in uncertainty when a message is received, measured in bits
<b>Mutual Information</b>	Measure of dependency between two random variables, indicating how much information one variable contains about the other
<b>Probability</b>	Mathematical measure of likelihood that an event will occur, ranging from 0 (impossible) to 1 (certain)

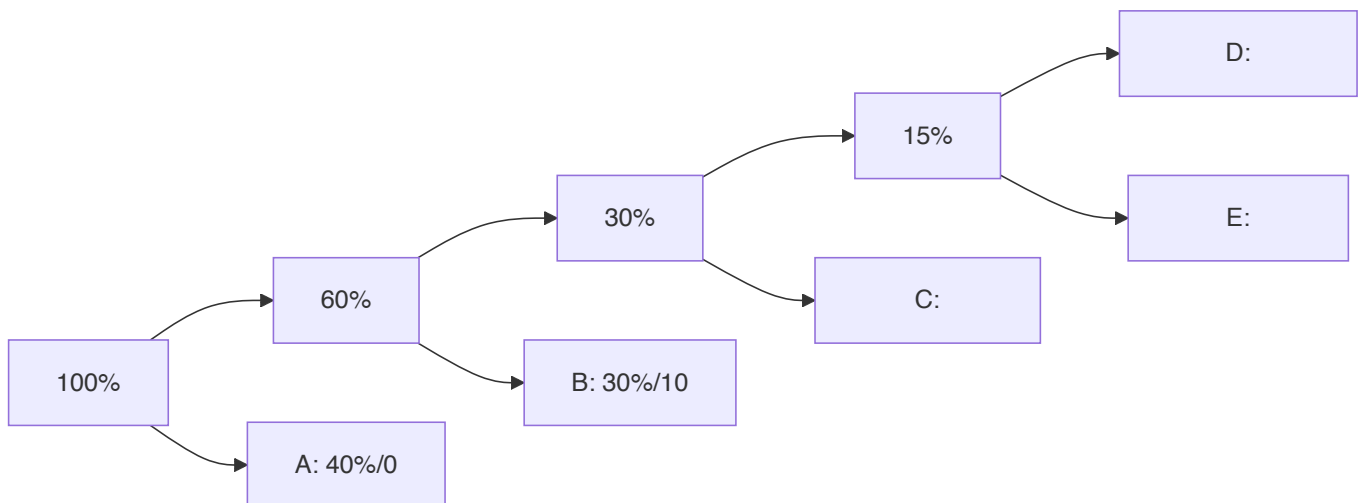
**Diagram:****Mnemonic:** "EIMP" - "Entropy Information Measures Probability"**Question 3(c) [7 marks]****Explain Huffman Code and Shannon-Fano code with suitable example.**

**Answer:****Huffman Code:**

Huffman coding assigns variable-length codes to symbols based on their frequencies, with shorter codes for more frequent symbols.

**Example:**

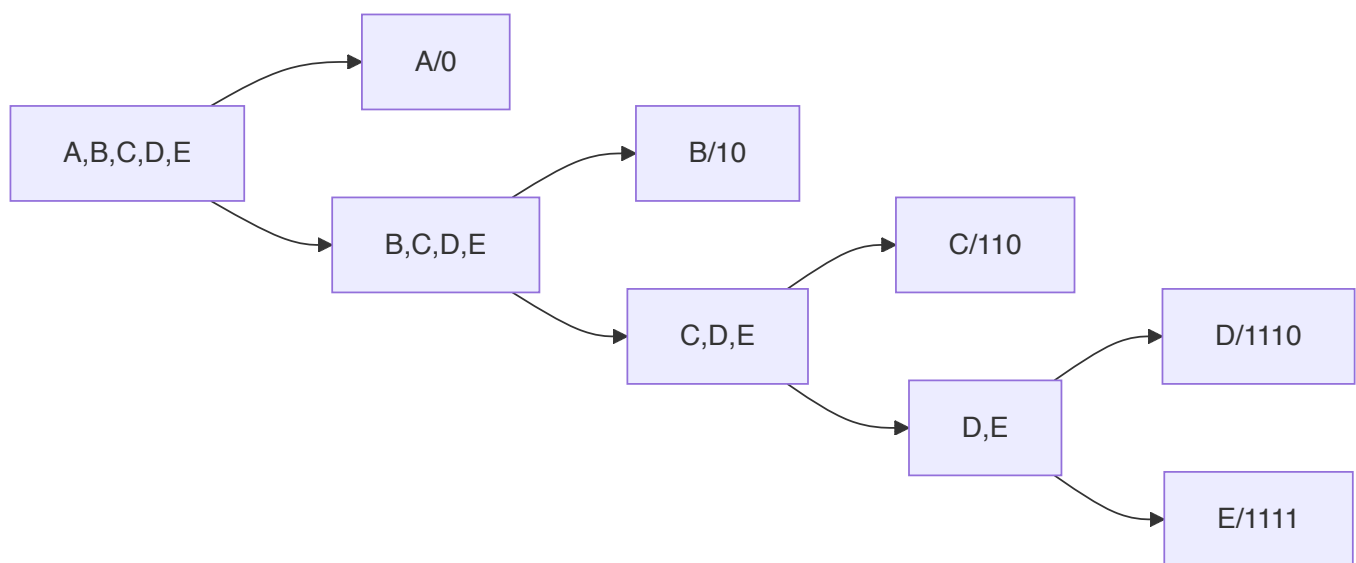
Symbol	Frequency	Huffman Code
A	45%	0
B	25%	10
C	15%	110
D	10%	1110
E	5%	1111

**Huffman Tree:****Shannon-Fano Code:**

Shannon-Fano algorithm recursively divides symbols into two groups of similar frequency, then assigns 0 to one group and 1 to the other.

**Example:**

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**Shannon-Fano Tree:**

**Mnemonic:** "FREDS" - "Frequency Reduces Encoding Digit Size"

## Question 3(a) OR [3 marks]

State the features of RS-232.

Answer:

Features of RS-232
Single-ended signaling
Maximum data rate of 20 kbps
Maximum cable length of 15 meters
Point-to-point communication (1 driver, 1 receiver)
Voltage levels: -15V to +15V
25-pin or 9-pin DB connector standard

**Mnemonic:** "SMPVD" - "Single Maximum Point-to-point Voltage DB-connector"

## Question 3(b) OR [4 marks]

**What is channel capacity in terms of SNR? Explain its importance.**

**Answer:**

### Channel Capacity:

The maximum rate at which information can be transmitted over a communication channel with an arbitrarily small probability of error.

**Formula:**  $C = B \times \log_2(1 + \text{SNR})$

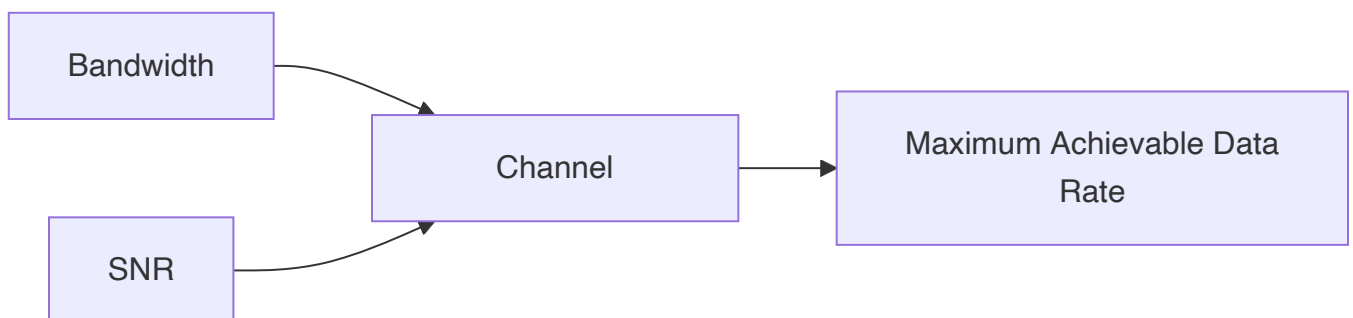
Where:

- C = Channel capacity in bits per second
- B = Bandwidth in Hertz
- SNR = Signal-to-Noise Ratio

**Importance:**

Importance of Channel Capacity
<b>Sets theoretical limits</b> for data transmission
<b>Guides system design</b> and optimization
<b>Helps evaluate performance</b> of communication systems
<b>Determines required bandwidth</b> for a given data rate
<b>Informs coding techniques</b> to approach capacity

**Diagram:**



**Mnemonic:** "BSNR" - "Bandwidth and SNR Need Relationship"

## Question 3(c) OR [7 marks]

**Explain in detail any one error detection and error correction technique in digital communication.**

**Answer:****Hamming Code Error Detection and Correction**

Hamming code is a linear error-correcting code that can detect and correct single-bit errors in data transmission.

**Working Principle:**

1. Data bits are positioned at locations that are powers of 2 (1, 2, 4, 8, etc.)
2. Parity bits are added at positions 1, 2, 4, 8, etc.
3. Each parity bit checks specific data bits according to its position
4. On receiving, parity checks identify error position

**Example: 7-bit Hamming code (4 data bits, 3 parity bits)**

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bit type	$P_1$	$P_2$	$D_1$	$P_4$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$

**Parity Bit Calculation:**

- $P_1$  checks bits 1, 3, 5, 7 (positions 1, 3, 5, 7)
- $P_2$  checks bits 2, 3, 6, 7 (positions 2, 3, 6, 7)
- $P_4$  checks bits 4, 5, 6, 7 (positions 4, 5, 6, 7)

**Error Correction:**

If an error occurs, the parity checks will indicate the error position, which can then be flipped to correct the error.

**Table: Error Position from Parity Check Results**

$P_4$	$P_2$	$P_1$	Error Position
0	0	0	No error
0	0	1	Position 1
0	1	0	Position 2
0	1	1	Position 3
1	0	0	Position 4
1	0	1	Position 5
1	1	0	Position 6
1	1	1	Position 7

**Mnemonic:** "PECD" - "Parity Enables Correction of Data"

## Question 4(a) [3 marks]

Draw the block diagram of satellite communication and explain in brief.

Answer:

**Satellite Communication Block Diagram:**



### Brief Explanation:

Satellite communication involves transmitting signals from an Earth station to a satellite (uplink), which then amplifies and retransmits the signals back to Earth (downlink). The satellite acts as a repeater in space, enabling long-distance communication.

### Key Components:

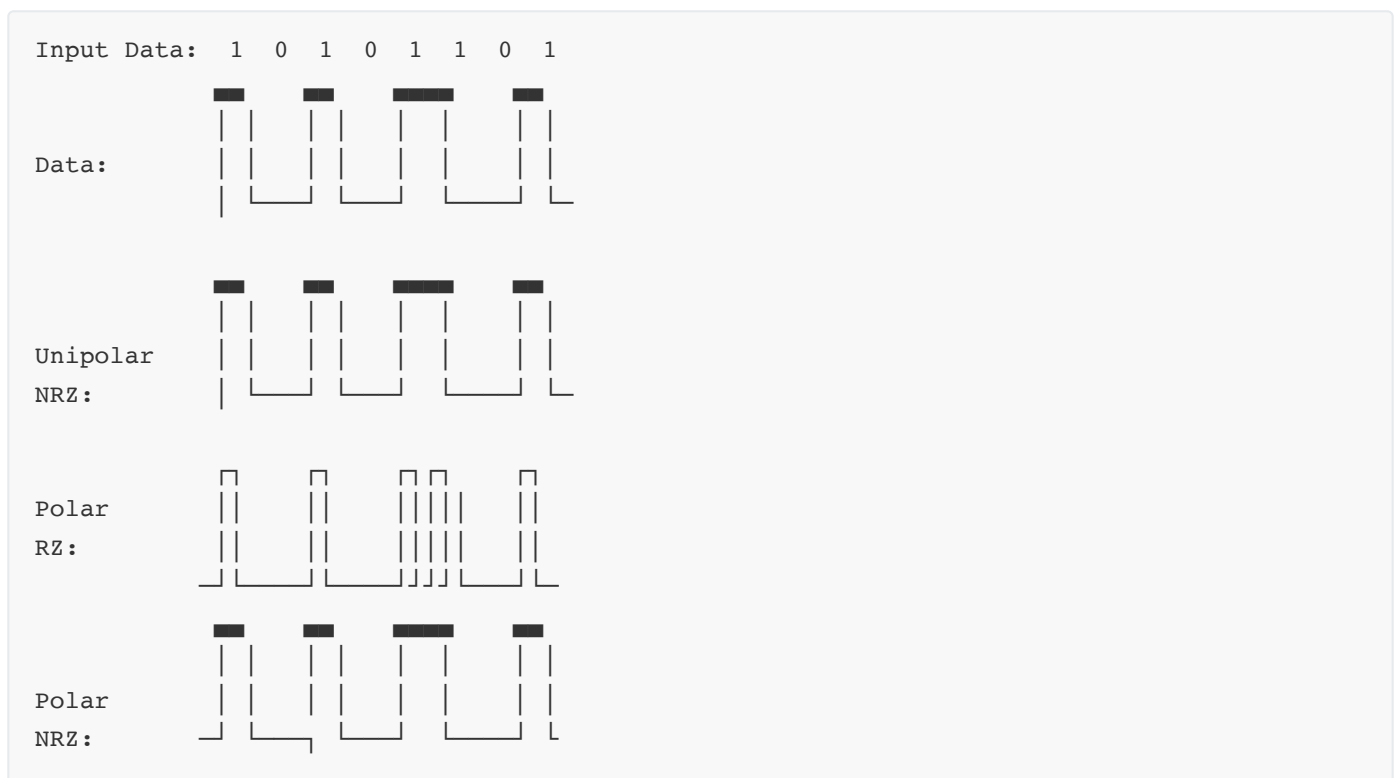
- **Earth Stations:** Transmit and receive signals
- **Transponders:** Receive, amplify, and retransmit signals
- **Antennas:** Transmit and receive electromagnetic waves
- **Modems:** Convert digital data to analog signals and vice versa

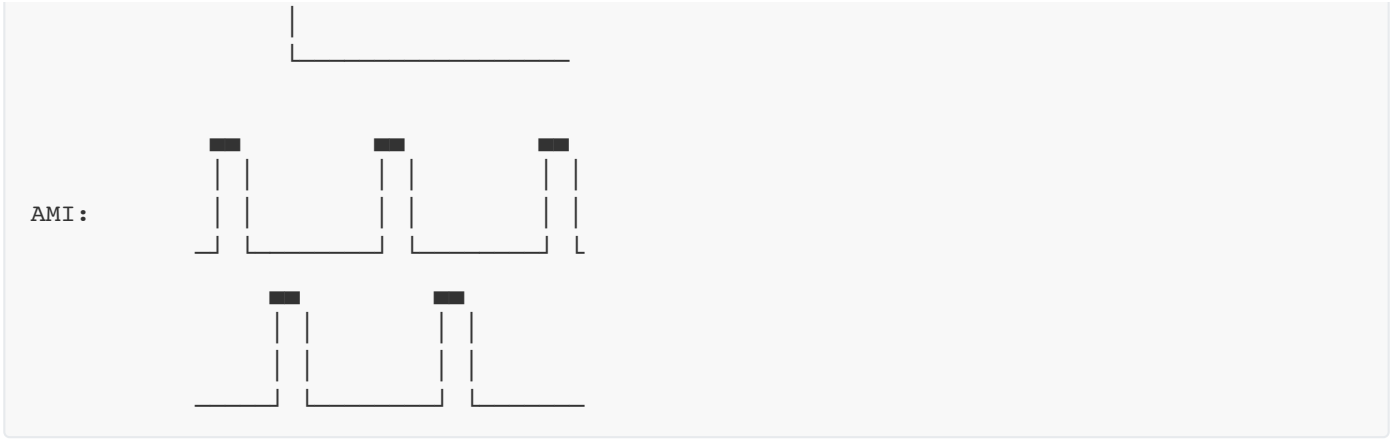
**Mnemonic:** "STAR" - "Satellite Transmits And Receives"

## Question 4(b) [4 marks]

Sketch the Unipolar NRZ, Polar RZ, Polar NRZ and AMI waveform for 10101101 data sequence.

Answer:





Mnemonic: "UPPA" - "Unipolar Polar Polar AMI"

## Question 4(c) [7 marks]

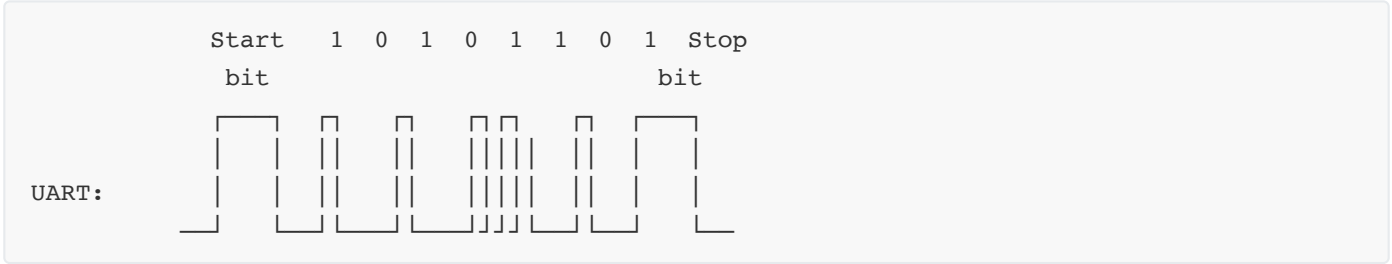
Explain data transmission techniques in details with suitable example for digital communication.

Answer:

Data Transmission Techniques:

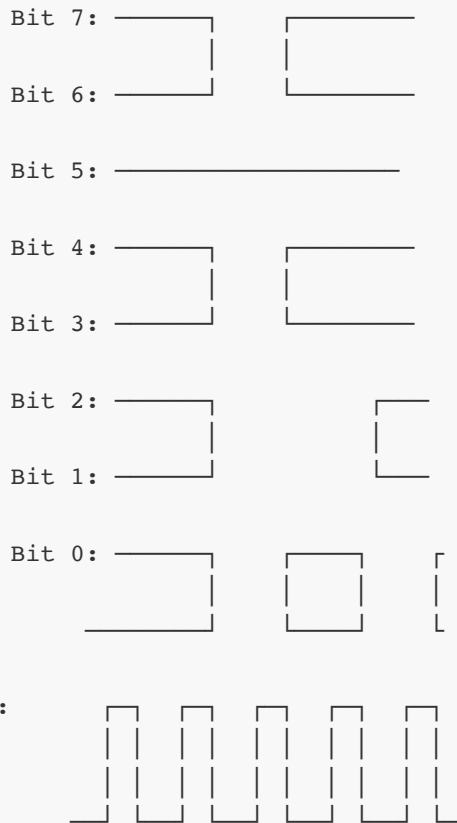
Technique	Description	Example
Serial Transmission	Data bits sent one after another over a single channel	USB, UART communication
Parallel Transmission	Multiple bits sent simultaneously over multiple channels	Printer ports, SCSI
Synchronous Transmission	Data sent in continuous stream with timing signals	Ethernet, HDLC
Asynchronous Transmission	Data sent with start/stop bits as timing references	RS-232, UART
Simplex	One-way communication	TV broadcasting
Half-Duplex	Two-way communication, one direction at a time	Walkie-talkie
Full-Duplex	Two-way simultaneous communication	Telephone calls

Serial Transmission Example:



**Parallel Transmission Example:**

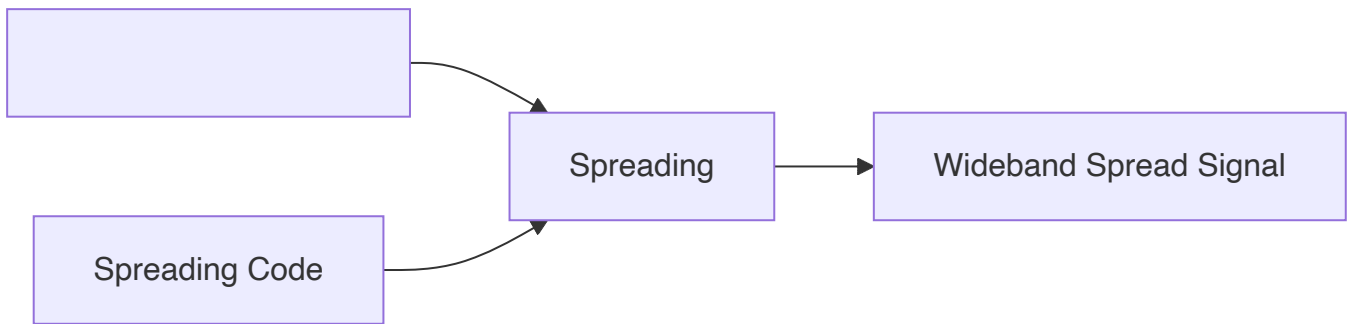
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**Mnemonic:** "SPASH" - "Serial Parallel Asynchronous Synchronous Half-duplex"**Question 4(a) OR [3 marks]****Interpret the aspects of spread spectrum techniques.****Answer:****Spread Spectrum Techniques:**

Aspect	Interpretation
<b>Bandwidth Spreading</b>	Signal spread over a wider bandwidth than required
<b>Security</b>	Difficult to intercept or jam due to spreading
<b>Noise Immunity</b>	Resistant to narrowband interference
<b>Multiple Access</b>	Allows multiple users to share same frequency band
<b>Low Power Density</b>	Signal power spread across wide band, appearing as noise

**Diagram:**





**Mnemonic:** "BSNML" - "Bandwidth Security Noise Multiple Low-power"

## Question 4(b) OR [4 marks]

Write a short note on probability and discuss its properties for digital communication.

**Answer:**

### Probability in Digital Communication:

Probability theory provides the mathematical foundation for analyzing performance, error rates, and reliability of digital communication systems.

### Properties of Probability:

Property	Description	Relevance in Digital Communication
Range	$0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$	Sets bounds for error probability
Certainty	$P(S) = 1$ for sample space $S$	Total probability of all possible outcomes
Additivity	$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ for disjoint events	Calculating overall system error rates
Conditional Probability	$P(A   B) = P(A \cap B) / P(B)$	Useful for channel modeling
Independence	$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$	Analyzing uncorrelated noise sources

### Applications in Digital Communication:

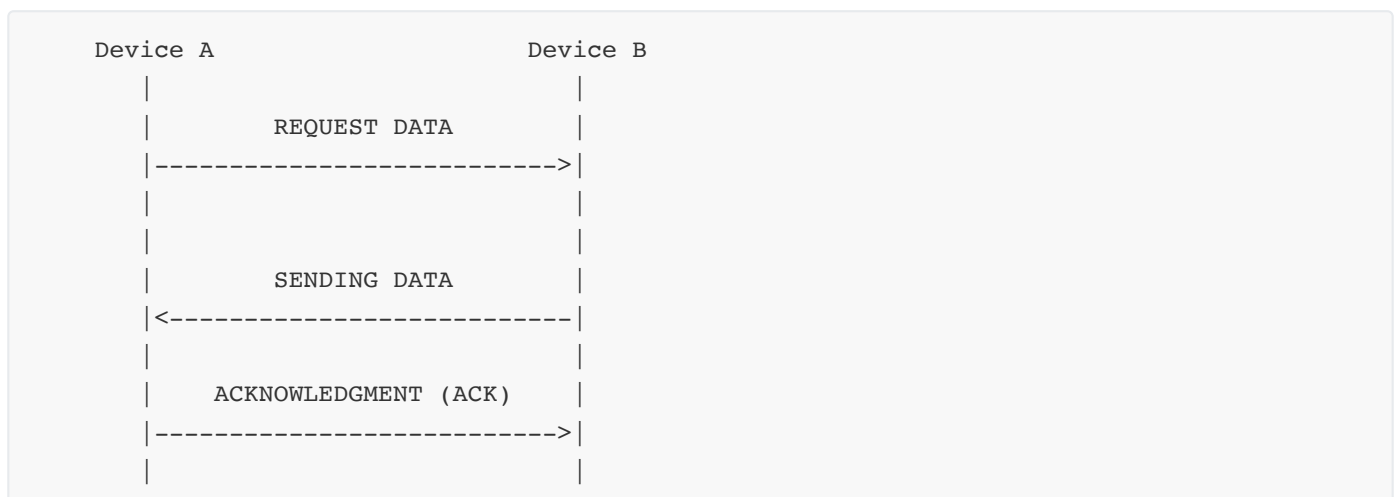
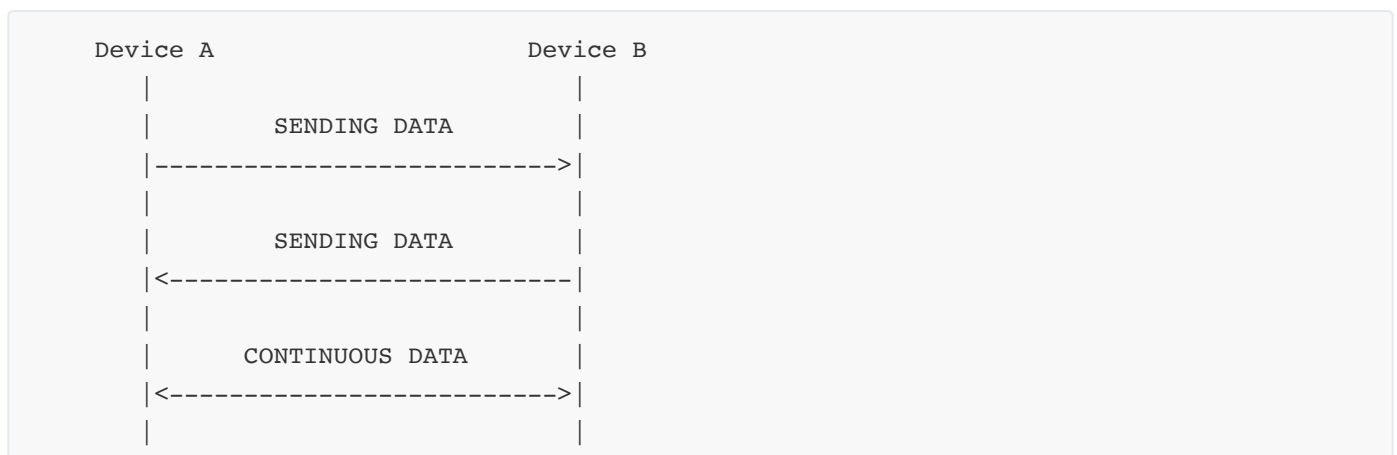
- Bit Error Rate calculation
- Signal detection theory
- Channel capacity estimation
- Coding efficiency analysis

**Mnemonic:** "RACIC" - "Range Additivity Certainty Independence Conditional"

## Question 4(c) OR [7 marks]

**Explain Data transmission mode in details with example.****Answer:****Data Transmission Modes:**

Mode	Description	Diagram	Example
<b>Simplex</b>	One-way communication only. Transmitter can only send, receiver can only receive.	<pre>mermaid graph LR; A[Transmitter] --&gt; One-way  B[Receiver]</pre>	TV broadcasting, Radio
<b>Half-Duplex</b>	Two-way communication, but only one direction at a time.	<pre>mermaid graph LR; A[Device A] --&gt; Time 1  B[Device B]; B --&gt; Time 2  A</pre>	Walkie-talkie, CB radio
<b>Full-Duplex</b>	Two-way simultaneous communication.	<pre>mermaid graph LR; A[Device A] --&gt; Channel 1  B[Device B]; B --&gt; Channel 2  A</pre>	Telephone, Mobile calls

**Example of Half-Duplex Communication:****Example of Full-Duplex Communication:****Mnemonic:** "SHF" - "Simplex Half Full" or "Stop, Halt, Flow"

## Question 5(a) [3 marks]

Explain Edge Computing in detail.

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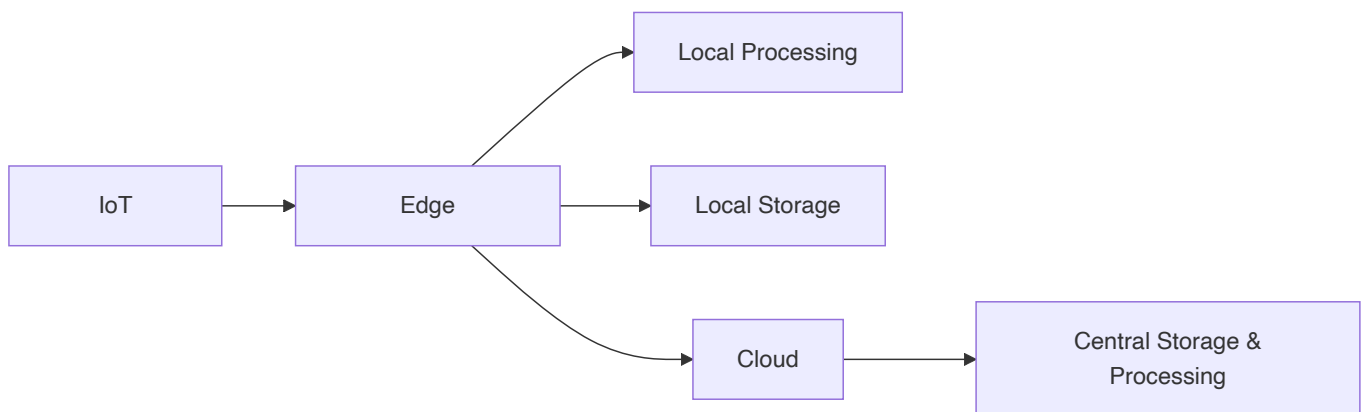
### Edge Computing:

Edge computing is a distributed computing paradigm that brings computation and data storage closer to the location where it is needed to improve response times and save bandwidth.

### Key Aspects:

Aspect	Description
<b>Decentralization</b>	Processing at network edge instead of central cloud
<b>Reduced Latency</b>	Faster response due to proximity to data source
<b>Bandwidth Efficiency</b>	Less data sent to cloud, reducing network congestion
<b>Local Data Processing</b>	Data processed near collection point
<b>Improved Security</b>	Sensitive data remains local, reducing exposure
<b>Reliability</b>	Continues to function during cloud connectivity issues

Diagram:



**Mnemonic:** "DRBLES" - "Decentralized Reduces Bandwidth, Latency, Exposure, Strengthens reliability"

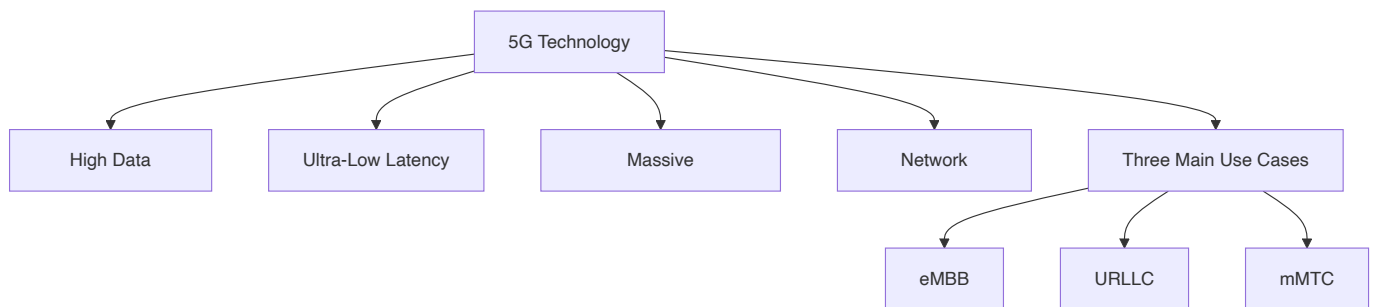
## Question 5(b) [4 marks]

Enlist the features of 5G Technology in data communication.

Answer:

Features of 5G Technology
<b>High Data Rates</b> (up to 20 Gbps peak)
<b>Ultra-Low Latency</b> (1 ms or less)
<b>Massive Device Connectivity</b> (1 million devices per km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Network Slicing</b> (customized virtual networks)
<b>Beamforming</b> (directed signal transmission)
<b>Millimeter Wave Spectrum</b> (24-100 GHz)
<b>Enhanced Mobile Broadband</b> (eMBB)
<b>Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communication</b> (URLLC)

**Diagram:**



**Mnemonic:** "HUMBLE-MN" - "High-speed Ultra-low-latency Massive Beamforming Low-latency Enhanced Millimeter Network"

## Question 5(c) [7 marks]

**Write a details note on Data communication including its characteristics and components.**

**Answer:**

**Data Communication:**

Data communication is the process of transferring digital information between two or more points.

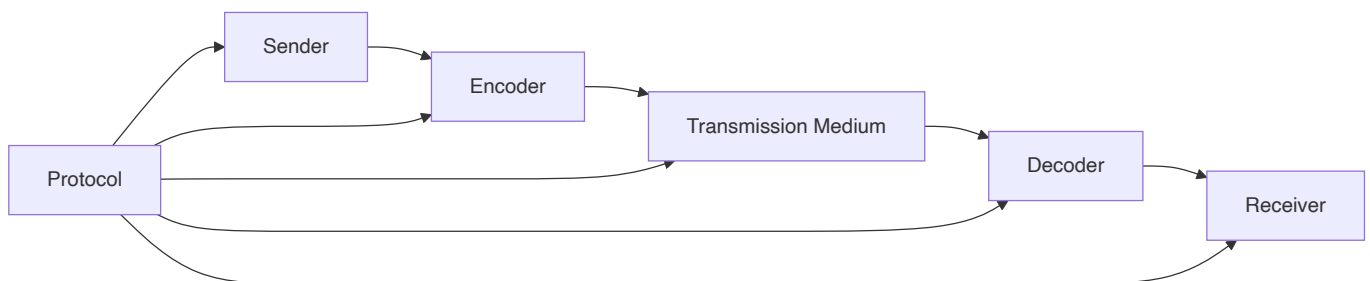
**Characteristics of Data Communication:**

Characteristic	Description
<b>Delivery</b>	System must deliver data to correct destination
<b>Accuracy</b>	System must deliver data accurately, without errors
<b>Timeliness</b>	System must deliver data in a timely manner
<b>Jitter</b>	System must maintain consistent timing between data arrivals
<b>Security</b>	System must protect data from unauthorized access

### Components of Data Communication:

Component	Description
<b>Message</b>	The information (data) to be communicated
<b>Sender</b>	Device that sends the data message
<b>Receiver</b>	Device that receives the message
<b>Transmission Medium</b>	Physical path by which message travels
<b>Protocol</b>	Set of rules governing data communication

### Data Communication Model:



### Data Communication Types:

Type	Description
<b>Analog</b>	Continuous signal that varies in amplitude or frequency
<b>Digital</b>	Discrete signal represented by binary digits (0s and 1s)
<b>Parallel</b>	Multiple bits transmitted simultaneously on separate channels
<b>Serial</b>	Bits transmitted sequentially on a single channel

**Mnemonic:** "DATJS-MSRTP" - "Delivery Accuracy Timeliness Jitter Security - Message Sender Receiver Transmission Protocol"

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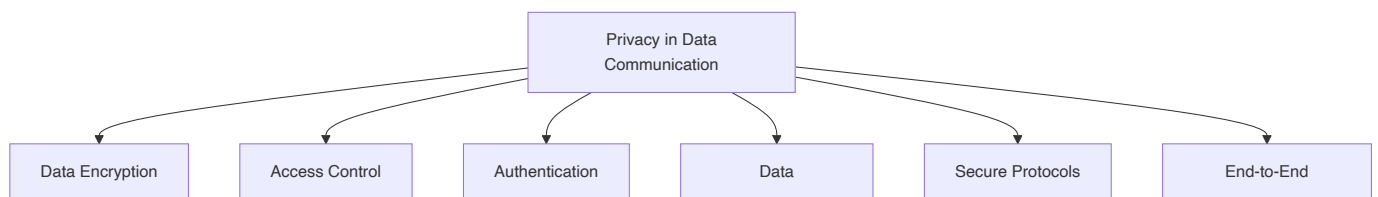
Identify and write privacy consideration in Data communication.

Answer:

**Privacy Considerations in Data Communication:**

Privacy Consideration	Description
<b>Data Encryption</b>	Protecting data during transmission using encryption algorithms
<b>Access Control</b>	Ensuring only authorized users can access communication systems
<b>Authentication</b>	Verifying the identity of users and devices
<b>Data Minimization</b>	Collecting only necessary data to minimize privacy risks
<b>Secure Protocols</b>	Using communication protocols with built-in security features
<b>End-to-End Security</b>	Ensuring data is protected throughout the entire communication path

Diagram:



**Mnemonic:** "DAAESE" - "Data is Authenticated, Accessed, Encrypted Securely End-to-end"

## Question 5(b) OR [4 marks]

What is block chain in communication security? Enlist its features.

Answer:

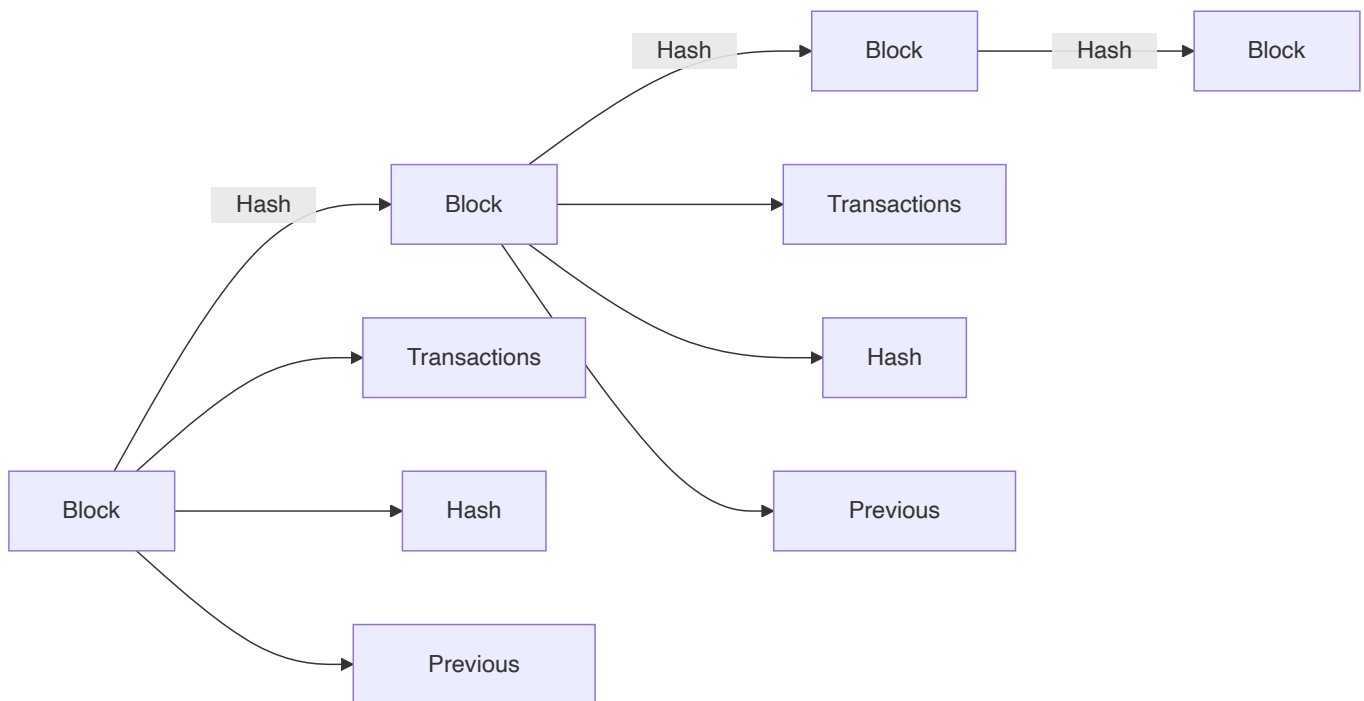
**Blockchain in Communication Security:**

Blockchain is a distributed ledger technology that provides secure, tamper-proof record-keeping for data communication through cryptographic linking of data blocks.

**Features of Blockchain:**

Feature	Description
<b>Decentralization</b>	No central authority; distributed across network nodes
<b>Immutability</b>	Once recorded, data cannot be altered without consensus
<b>Transparency</b>	All transactions visible to authorized participants
<b>Cryptographic Security</b>	Data secured using advanced cryptographic techniques
<b>Consensus Mechanism</b>	Network agrees on validity of transactions
<b>Smart Contracts</b>	Self-executing contracts with terms directly written in code
<b>Distributed Storage</b>	Data stored across multiple nodes, preventing single point of failure

Diagram:



**Mnemonic:** "DITCSD" - "Decentralized Immutable Transparent Cryptographic Secure Distributed"

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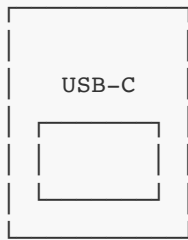
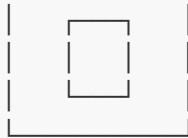
Write and illustrate different communication ports: USB, HDMI, RCA and Ethernet.

Answer:

**Communication Ports:**

1. **USB (Universal Serial Bus):**

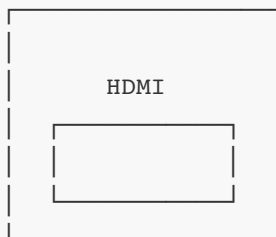




### Features:

- Data transfer, power delivery, and device connection
- Versions: USB 1.0 to USB 4.0
- Speed: Up to 40 Gbps (USB4)
- Hot-swappable
- Supports up to 127 devices in cascade

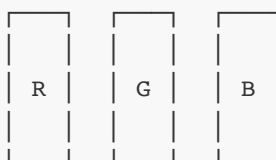
### 2. HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface):



### Features:

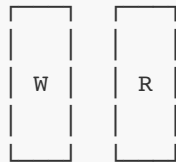
- Digital audio/video transmission
- Versions: HDMI 1.0 to HDMI 2.1
- Resolution support: Up to 10K
- Bandwidth: Up to 48 Gbps (HDMI 2.1)
- HDCP (High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection)
- CEC (Consumer Electronics Control) for device control

### 3. RCA (Radio Corporation of America):





Red      Green      Blue

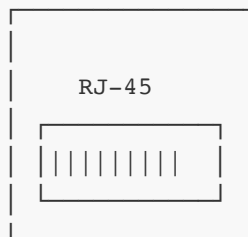


White      Red  
Video      Audio

### Features:

- Analog audio/video transmission
- Color-coded connectors (Red, White, Yellow)
- Used for composite video and stereo audio
- Simple connection but limited quality
- No digital content protection
- Being phased out by digital standards

### 4. Ethernet (RJ-45):



### Features:

- Network connectivity
- Standards: 10BASE-T to 10GBASE-T
- Speed: 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps
- Uses twisted-pair cabling (Cat5e, Cat6, Cat6a)
- Supports Power over Ethernet (PoE)
- Base communication for TCP/IP networks
- Maximum cable length: 100 meters

### Comparison Table:

Port	Type	Data Type	Max Speed	Power Delivery	Max Length
USB	Digital	Data/Power	40 Gbps	Yes (100W)	5m
HDMI	Digital	Audio/Video	48 Gbps	Limited	15m
RCA	Analog	Audio/Video	Low	No	10m
Ethernet	Digital	Network Data	10 Gbps	Yes (PoE)	100m

**Mnemonic:** "UHRE" - "USB Handles Rapid Ethernet, HDMI Delivers Rich Entertainment"