CODE DIVIDION MULTIPLE ACCESS

CDMA

- CDMA is multiple access scheme that allows many users to share the same bandwidth
 – 3G (WCDMA), IS-95
- Basic Principles of CDMA
 - Each user is assigned a unique spreading code
 - The processing gain protects the useful signal and reduces interference between the different users

 $G_P = (Bandwidth after spreading)/(Bandwidth before spreading)$



CDMA Example



- Consider a CDMA system with two users
- The received signal can be written as

$$r(t) = s_1(t)c_1(t) + s_2(t)c_2(t) +$$
noise

• Assume that the receiver is interested in decoding user 1

$$y(t) = r(t)c_1(t) = s_1(t) + s_2(t)c_2(t)c_1(t) +$$
noise

- -Because $s_2(t)$ is not de-spreaded by the code $c_1(t)$, it will create very little interference to $s_1(t)$
- The signal $s_1(t)$ can then be decoded with little or no degration

- User A code $c_A = \{+1, -1, -1, +1, -1, +1\}$
- User B code $c_B = \{+1, +1, -1, -1, +1, +1\}$
- The received pattern can be written as

$$d = \{d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5, d_6\}$$

= $b_A \times \{+1, -1, -1, +1, -1, +1\} + b_B \times \{+1, +1, -1, -1, +1, +1\}$

• Decoding the bit of user A we get

$$\begin{aligned} d \times c_A &= b_A \times \{+1, +1, +1, +1, +1\} \\ &+ b_B \times \{+1, -1, +1, -1, -1, +1\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$S_u(b_A) = \operatorname{Sgn} \left\{ b_A \times 6 + b_B \times 0 \right\} = b_A$$

and the bit of user A is decoded correctly

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Orthogonal Codes

- Orthogonal codes
 - All pairwise cross correlations are zero
 - For CDMA application, each mobile user uses one sequence in the set as a spreading code
 - Provides zero cross correlation among all users



Walsh Codes

• Set of Walsh codes of length *n* consists of the n rows $H(2^1) =$ of an *n* x *n* Walsh matrix:

$$H(2^{k}) = \begin{bmatrix} H(2^{k-1}) & H(2^{k-1}) \\ H(2^{k-1}) & -H(2^{k-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Every row is orthogonal to every other row and to the logical not of every other row
- Requires tight synchronization
 - Cross correlation between different shifts of Walsh sequences is not zero

Spreading in Cellular CDMA Systems

- Cellular CDMA systems use two layers of spreading
- Channelization codes (orthogonal codes)
 Provides orthogonality among users within the same cell
- Long PN sequences (scrambling code)
 - Provides good randomness properties (low cross correlation)
 - Reduces interference from other cells