

Outline

- Chapter 2: Direct Link Networks
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Direct Link Networks



Direct Link Networks

- Hosts are directly connected by some medium
 - Twisted pair: telephone cable, Ethernet (Category 5: Cat5)
 - Coaxial pair: TV
 - Optical Fiber
 - Wireless: Infrared, Radio, Microwave
- Common bandwidth designators:
 - DS1 (or T1): 1.544 Mbps
 - DS3 (or T3): 44.736 Mbps (for example, Charter Athens has 2 DS3 links now)
 - STS-1 (OC1): 51.840 Mbps
 - STS-12: 622.080 Mbps ...



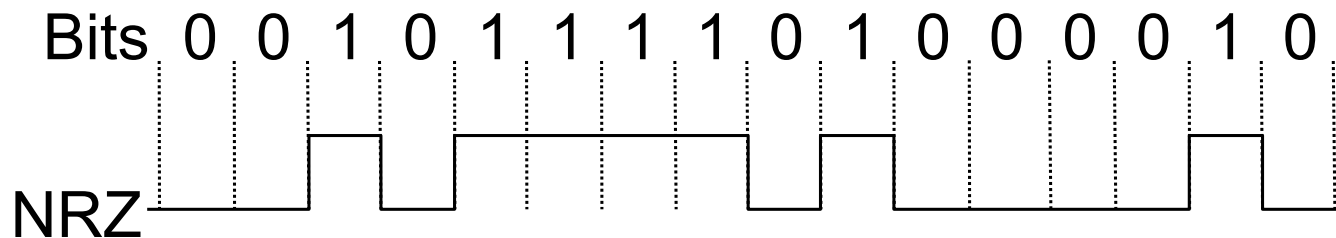
Last Mile

- Plain Old Telephone Service) POTS:
 - 28.8 Kbps to 56 Kbps
- ISDN
- xDSL 1.544 Mbps to 8.448 Mbps
- Cable (40 Mbps down, 20 Mbps up) – Shared
 - wish we can get that much huh?

Encoding

Encoding

- Signals propagate over a physical medium
 - modulate electromagnetic waves
 - e.g., vary voltage
- Encode binary data onto signals
 - e.g., 0 as low signal and 1 as high signal
 - known as Non-Return to zero (NRZ)



Problem: Consecutive 1s or 0s

- Low signal (0) may be interpreted as no signal
- High signal (1) leads to baseline wander
- Unable to recover clock

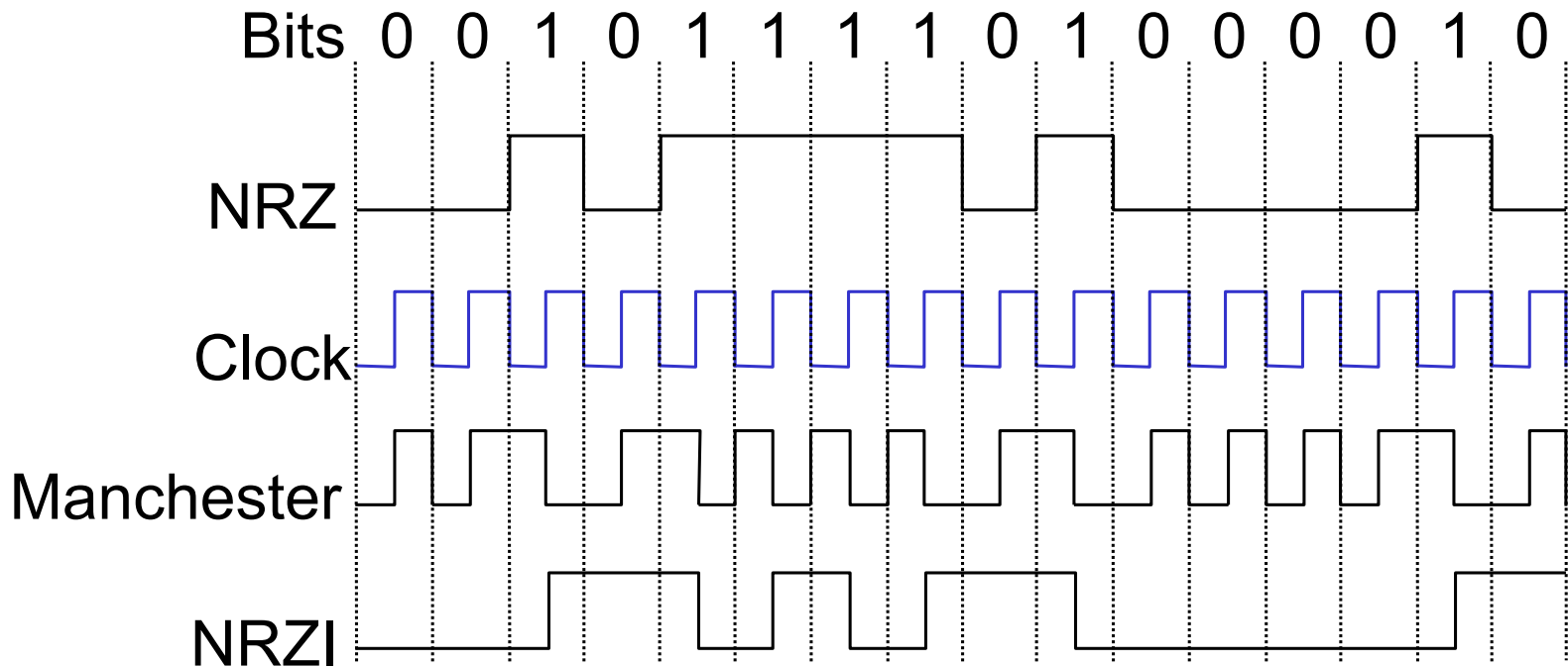
Alternative Encodings

- Non-return to Zero Inverted (NRZI)
 - make a transition from current signal to encode a one; stay at current signal to encode a zero
 - solves the problem of consecutive ones
- Manchester
 - transmit XOR of the NRZ encoded data and the clock
 - only 50% efficient.

Encodings (cont)

- 4B/5B
 - every 4 bits of data encoded in a 5-bit code
 - 5-bit codes selected to have no more than one leading 0 and no more than two trailing 0s
 - thus, never get more than three consecutive 0s
 - resulting 5-bit codes are transmitted using NRZI
 - achieves 80% efficiency

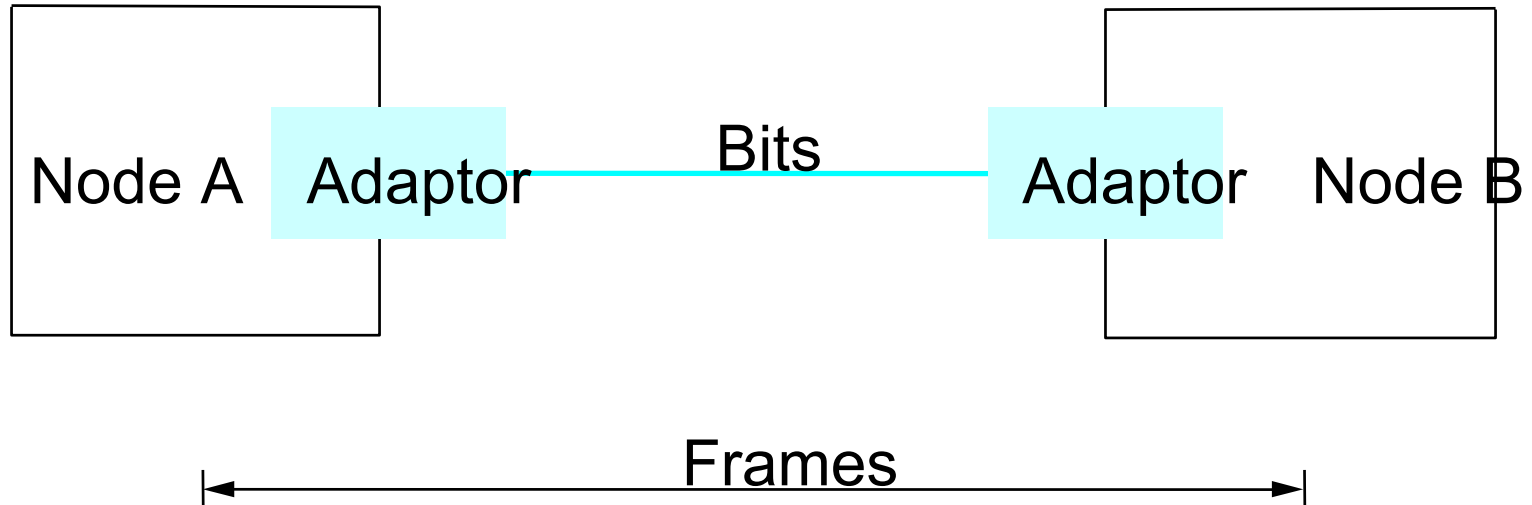
Encodings (cont)



Framing

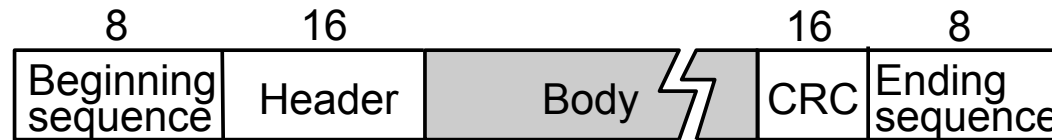
Framing

- Break sequence of bits into a frame
- Typically implemented by network adaptor



Approaches

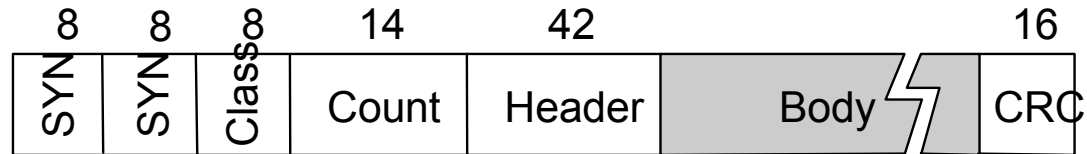
- Sentinel-based
 - delineate frame with special pattern: 01111110
 - e.g., HDLC (ISO), SDLC (IBM), PPP (dialup)



- problem: what if the special pattern appears in the payload itself?
- solution: bit stuffing
 - sender: insert 0 after five consecutive 1s
 - receiver: delete 0 that follows five consecutive 1s

Approaches (cont)

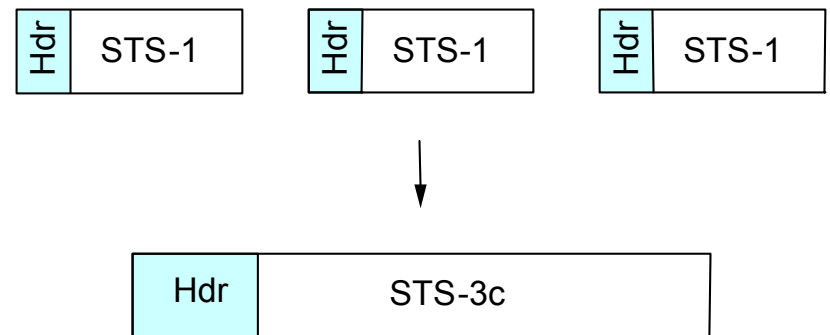
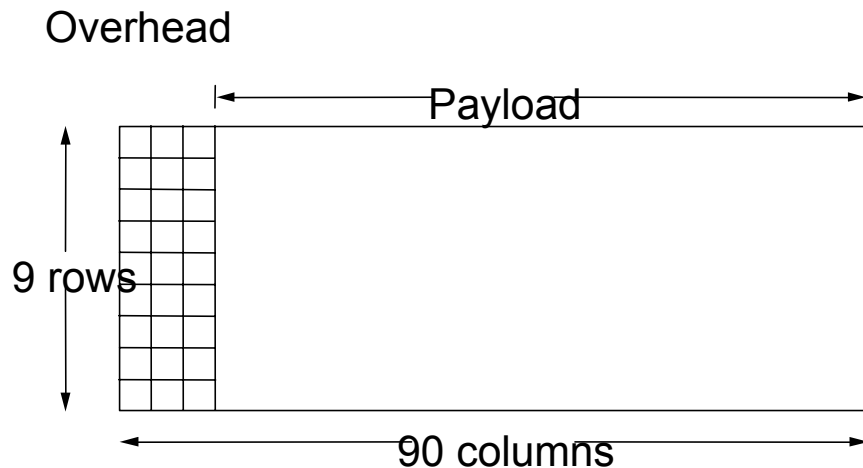
- Counter-based
 - include payload length in header
 - e.g., DDCMP (DECNET)



- problem: count field itself corrupted
- solution: catch when CRC fails

Approaches (cont)

- Clock-based
 - each frame is 125us long
 - e.g., SONET: Synchronous Optical Network
 - STS-n (STS-1 = 51.84 Mbps)



Three STS-1 frames multiplexed
onto one STS-3c

Error Detection

Cyclic Redundancy Check

- Add k bits of redundant data to an n -bit message
 - want $k \ll n$
 - e.g., $k = 32$ and $n = 12,000$ (1500 bytes)
- Represent n -bit message as $n-1$ degree polynomial
 - e.g., MSG=10011010 as $M(x) = x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + x^1$
- Let k be the degree of some divisor polynomial
 - e.g., $C(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$



CRC (cont)

- Transmit polynomial $P(x)$ that is evenly divisible by $C(x)$
 - shift left k bits, i.e., $M(x)x^k$
 - subtract remainder of $M(x)x^k / C(x)$ from $M(x)x^k$
- Receiver polynomial $P(x) + E(x)$
 - $E(x) = 0$ implies no errors
- Divide $(P(x) + E(x))$ by $C(x)$; remainder zero if:
 - $E(x)$ was zero (no error), or
 - $E(x)$ is exactly divisible by $C(x)$

Selecting $C(x)$

- All single-bit errors, as long as the x^k and x^0 terms have non-zero coefficients.
- All double-bit errors, as long as $C(x)$ contains a factor with at least three terms
- Any odd number of errors, as long as $C(x)$ contains the factor $(x + 1)$
- Any 'burst' error (i.e., sequence of consecutive error bits) for which the length of the burst is less than k bits.
- Most burst errors of larger than k bits can also be detected
- See Table 2.6 on page 102 for common $C(x)$

Internet Checksum Algorithm

- View message as a sequence of 16-bit integers; sum using 16-bit ones-complement arithmetic; take ones-complement of the result.

```
u_short cksum(u_short *buf, int count) {
    register u_long sum = 0;
    while (count--){
        sum += *buf++;
        if (sum & 0xFFFF0000){
            /* carry occurred, so wrap around */
            sum &= 0xFFFF;
            sum++;
        }
    }
    return ~(sum & 0xFFFF);
}
```