ECE-501

HOMEWORK SOLUTIONS #7

1. The MATLAB code for 4-PAM transmission, along with a plot of the output signal and the eye diagram, appears below.



In the plots above, where $\alpha = 0.5$, it can be seen that the recovered symbols y[m] match the transmitted symbols a[m] closely (though not perfectly); the eye is seen to be "open." The plots on the next page show that the eye is nearly closed when $\alpha = 0.25$, while there is a near-perfect match between y[m] and a[m] when $\alpha = 1$.

We can understand the effect of α as follows. When α is large, the pulse g(t) decays quickly, so that truncation does not affect it too much. When α is small, the pulse g(t) decays slowly, so that truncating it chops off much of the sidelobes. With significant alteration, the combined pulse p(t) = g(t) * q(t) = g(t) * g(t) is far from Nyquist, and thus inter-symbol interference results. Fig. 3 illustrates the effect.



Figure 1: Plots for SRRC rolloff parameter $\alpha = 0.25$.





Figure 2: Plots for SRRC rolloff parameter $\alpha = 1.0$.



Figure 3: Truncated SRRC pulse and corresponding combined pulse p(t) = g(t) * g(t) for $\alpha = 0.25$ (left) and $\alpha = 1$ (right). For zero ISI, we need $p(nT) = \delta[n]$, which is clearly not happening when $\alpha = 0.25$.

2. The MATLAB code for 16-QAM transmission, along with a plot of the output signal and the constellation diagram, appears below.



It is interesting to note that applying view(0,90) to the 3D output signal plot yields a view of the in-phase signal $y_{\rm I}(t)$, while view(0,0) yields a view of the quadrature signal $y_{\rm Q}(t)$, while view(0,0) yields a view of the constellation diagram:



Figure 4: Different views of the output y(t) show the in-phase $y_{I}(t)$ and quadrature $y_{Q}(t)$ components.

The clusters are reasonably tight for $\alpha = 0.5$. Further experiments show that the clusters are not at all tight for $\alpha - 0.25$ and extremely tight for $\alpha = 1.0$, due to the ISI-inducing properties of truncated SRRC pulses discussed in the previous problem.



Figure 5: QAM constellation diagrams for $\alpha = 0.25$ (left) and $\alpha = 1$ (right).

3. The MATLAB code and plots for 8-PSK appear below.



For each value of α , the cluster-size was the same as that for QAM (as seen below).



Figure 6: PSK constellation diagrams for $\alpha=0.25$ (left) and $\alpha=1$ (right).