

# Multimedia Internet

## 1.Exercise – TDM

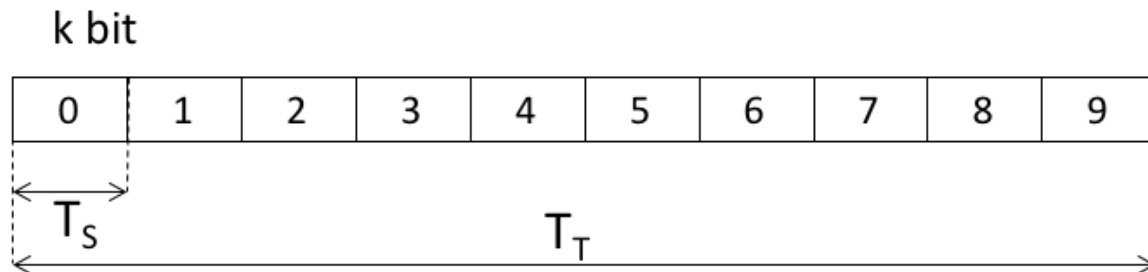
A TDM multiplexing system has a frame of  $N = 10$  slots;  $k = 128$  [bit] are transmitted in each slot. If the system is used to multiplex 10 channels, each at  $V = 64$  [kbit/s], calculate the transmission rate  $W$  of the multiplex, the duration ( $T_T$ ) of the multiplex frame and the duration of the slot ( $T_S$ ).

### Solution

The multiplexing system must have enough speed (rate) to support all the  $N$  flows; therefore, very simply:

$$W = V \cdot N = 64 \text{ [kbit/s]} \cdot 10 = 640 \text{ kbit/s}$$

The duration of the frame can be calculated by imposing that if you assign a slot per frame to a flow, the equivalent rate of the channel thus defined is equal to the input rate of tributary flow  $V$ .



$$T_T = k/V = 128 \text{ [bit]} / 64 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [bit/s]} = 2 \text{ [ms]}$$

The slot duration is defined as the time necessary for transmitting all the bits that compose the slot,  $k$ , at a speed equal to  $W$ ; hence:

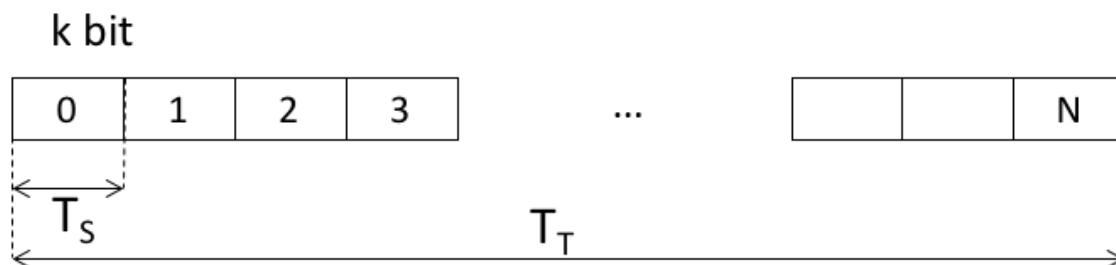
$$T_S = k/W = 128 \text{ [bit]} / 640 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [bit/s]} = 200 \text{ [\mu s]}$$

## 2.Exercise – TDM

A TDM multiplexing system has a multiplex rate of  $W = 2.048$  [Mbit/s] and  $k = 8$  [bits] per slot. Assuming the transmission rate of each channel is equal to  $V = 64$  [kbit/s], calculate the (maximum) number of supported tributary channels,  $N$ , the frame length (duration)  $T_T$ , and the length (duration) of the slot  $T_S$ .

### Solution

The Multiplexing system has an overall rate  $W$  and must support tributary flows with rate  $V$ . The maximum number of tributary flows that can be supported is therefore:



$$N = W/V = 2048 \text{ [kbit/s]} / 64 \text{ [kbit/s]} = 32$$

The frame duration can be computed by imposing that if we assign one slot per frame to a tributary flow, the equivalent rate of the channel thus defined is equal to the ingress rate of tributary flow,  $V$ .

$$T_T = k/V = 8 \text{ [bit]} / 64 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [bit/s]} = 125 \text{ [\mu s]}$$

The slot duration can be computed as the frame duration divided by the number of slots per frame, hence with the time necessary to send  $k$  bits at a speed  $W$ ; hence:

$$T_S = T_T / N = k/W = 125 \text{ [\mu s]} / 32 \approx 3,90 \text{ [\mu s]}$$

### ***3.Exercise –TDM***

A time division multiplexing system is characterized by a degree of interlacing  $k = 8$  [bit] and must serve input flows (tributaries) with rate  $r = 128$  [kbit/s]. Find the minimum duration of the multiplexing frame,  $T_T$ . Knowing then that the single slot in the multiplexing frame has a duration  $T_s = 3.125$  [microseconds], find the transmission rate downstream of the multiplexer,  $W$ , and the maximum number of input flows that can be served,  $N$ .

### ***Solution***

The duration of the frame can be found by imposing:  $r = k/T_T$ ; hence, we have:  $T_T = 62.5$  [microseconds].

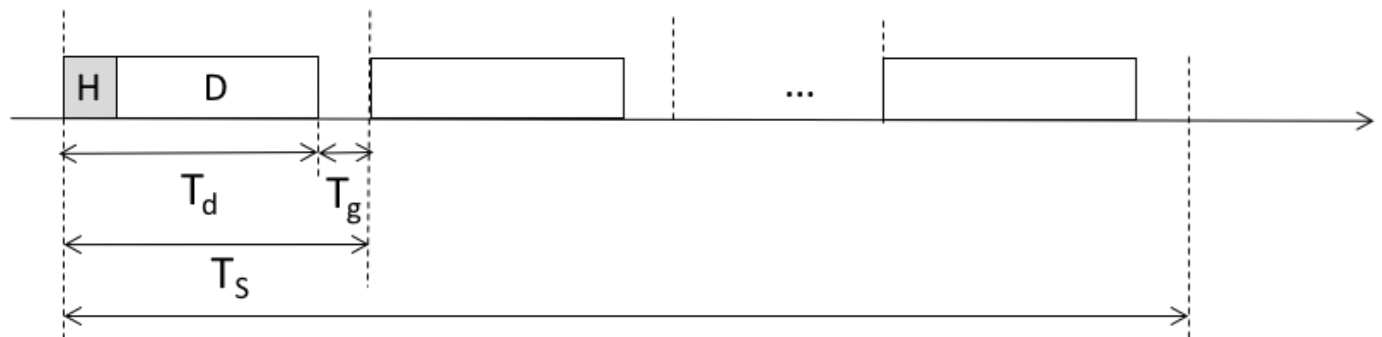
The rate  $W$  is defined as:  $W = k/T_s = 2.56$  [Mbit/s]. The maximum number of tributaries is equal to the overall multiplexer rate divided by the rate of the single tributary:  $N = W/r = 20$ .

### ***4.Exercise - TDMA***

A TDMA multiple access system uses  $N = 10$  time slots, a guard time  $T_g = 200$  [ $\mu$ s], data packets consisting of a data field of size  $D = 180$  [bit] and a header of size  $H = 20$  [bit], and a  $T_T$  frame time of 10 [ms].

Calculate the carrier speed (multiplex)  $W$  and the net speed (for transmitting *data*)  $V$  of each channel.

## ***Solution***



The size of each slot (expressed in bits) is equal to:

$$k = H + D = 200 \text{ [bit]}$$

The slot duration is given by the frame duration divided by the number of slots in the frame:

$$T_s = T_T / N = 10/10 = 1 \text{ [ms]}$$

The transmission time of the *data* part in the slot is given by the slot duration minus the guard time:

$$T_d = T_s - T_g = 0,8 \text{ [ms]}$$

The speed of the multiplexed flow is given by the size (in bits) of the data part of the slot divided by the time necessary to send it:

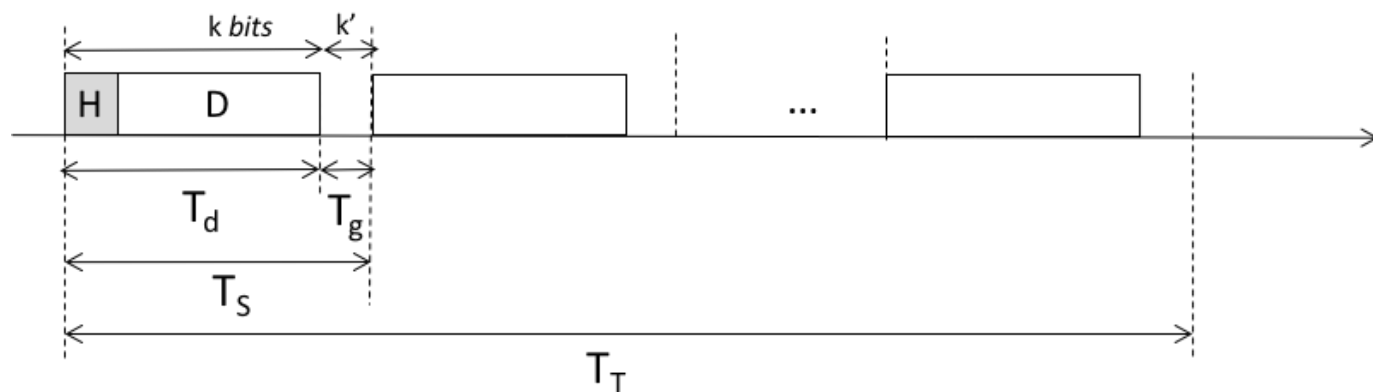
$$W = k / T_d = 200 \text{ bit} / 0.8 \text{ ms} = 250 \text{ kbit/s}$$

The net speed of the channel defined as "one slot per frame" is equal to the amount of information sent into the slot divided by the duration of the frame

$$V = D / T_T = 180 \text{ bit} / 10 \text{ ms} = 18 \text{ kbit/s}$$

## 5.Exercise - TDMA

The TDMA multiple access system of the GSM cellular system uses  $N = 8$  time slots, a guard time equal to  $k' = 8.25$  bit times, data packets consisting of  $D = 114$  [bit] of data, and  $H = 34$  [bit] of overhead, and a frame time  $T_T$  of  $4.615$  [ms]. Calculate the multiplex speed  $W$  and the net speed (data)  $V$  of each channel.



### Solution

The number of *overhead* and data bits contained in a slot is equal to:

$$k = H + D = 148 \text{ bit}$$

The overall number of bits (*overhead* + data + guard) is:

$$k_{TOT} = k + k' = 156,25[\text{bit}]$$

The duration of a single slot is equal to the frame duration divided by the number of slots:

$$T_S = T_T / N = 4,615[\text{ms}] / 8 = 577[\mu\text{s}]$$

The carrier speed can be calculated by observing that  $k_{tot}$  bits must be transmitted in a slot time, therefore:

$$W = k_{TOT} / T_S = 156,25[bit] / 577[\mu s] = 270,8 \text{ [kbit/s]}$$

The corresponding net speed of the channel defined as "one slot per frame" is:

$$V = D / T_T = 114[bit] / 4,615 \text{ [ms]} = 24,70 \text{ [kbit/s]}$$

Note that in the calculation we considered 114 [bits] in the numerator (without the guard bits) because this is the "space" that can be used to "host" information (data).

## ***6. Exercise TDMA***

A time division centralized multiple access system (TDMA) is characterized by a frame with slot of duration  $T_S = 10 \text{ } [\mu s]$ , with a minimum guard time  $T_G = 2 \text{ } [\mu s]$ . The system serves 8 users and has a transmission rate of the multiplexed signal equal to  $C = 1 \text{ [Mbit/s]}$ . We ask to:

- 1) indicate the number of bits of each tributary transmitted in each slot,  $n$
- 2) indicate the maximum possible rate for each incoming tributary flow,  $r$

## ***Solution***

- 1)  $n = (10 \mu s - 2\mu s) * 1 \text{ Mbit/s} = 8 \text{ [bit]}$
- 2) The frame duration ( $T_T$ ) is equal to the slot duration ( $T_S$ )

multiplied for the number of slots (8 users = 8 slots). Hence,  $T_T = 8 \cdot T_S = (8 \cdot 10 \mu s) = 80 \mu s$ .

The maximum possible transmission rate for each flow is hence given by the number of bits transmitted in a slot (8 bits, see point 1)) divided by the *frame* duration  $T_T$ .

$$r = 8 \text{ bit} / (8 \cdot 10 \mu s) = 100 \text{ [kbit/s]}$$

## ***7.Exercise – Random Multiple Access***

Consider a network based on the ALOHA access protocol, with a very large number of stations (tending to infinity). The duration of the transmitted frames is equal to  $T = 1$  unit of time. Let us assume that the traffic on the channel (that is, the average number of transmissions in time  $T$ ) is equal to  $1,649 = \sqrt{e}$  times the number of frames successfully transmitted.

a) Calculate the *throughput* of the network.

b) Then calculate the network throughput in the same conditions, in the same network but using the *Slotted ALOHA* access protocol.

### ***Solution***

a) The expression throughput  $S$  as a function of traffic on channel  $G$  for the ALOHA protocol is:  $S = G e^{-2G}$  from which it follows:  $G / S = e^{2G}$

From the data of the problem we have:  $G / S = 1,649$ , (in fact "the number of frames successfully transmitted" represents  $S$ , while the average number of transmissions  $G$ ). Hence we can get the value of  $G = 1/4$  (in fact it turns out:  $e^{1/2} = e^{2G}$ ), and finally:

$$S = G / (\text{sqrt}(e)) = (1/4)/(1.649) = \mathbf{0.1516}$$

Or also:  $S = G e^{-2G} = 0.1516$

b) The expression of the *throughput*  $S$  as a function of the traffic on the

channel  $G$  for the Slotted ALOHA protocol is:  $S = G e^{-G}$  from which it follows:  $G / S = e^G$

From the data of our problem we have:  $G / S = 1,649$ . Hence we can determine the value of  $G = 1/2$  (hence it results:  $e^{1/2} = e^G$ ), and finally:

$$S = G / (\text{sqrt}(e)) = (1/2)/(1.649) = \mathbf{0.303}$$

$$\text{Or also: } S = G e^{-G} = \mathbf{0.303}$$