
**Space data and information transfer
systems — TM (telemetry)
synchronization and channel coding**

*Systèmes de transfert des informations et données spatiales —
Synchronisation TM (télémessure) et codage de canal*





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Space data and information transfer systems — TM (telemetry) synchronization and channel coding

1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard specifies synchronization and channel coding schemes for use with the TM Space Data Link Protocol (according to ISO 22645:2005) or the AOS Space Data Link Protocol (according to ISO 22666:2007), which are intended to be used over space-to-ground or space-to-space communications links by space missions.

1.2 This International Standard defines synchronization and channel coding schemes in terms of

- a) the services provided to the users of this specification,
- b) data formats, and
- c) the procedures performed to generate and process the data formats.

1.3 This International Standard does not specify

- a) individual implementations or products,
- b) the methods or technologies required to perform the procedures, or
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Add the following information to the reference indicated:

- [1] Document CCSDS 132.0-B-1, September 2003, is equivalent to ISO 22645:2005.
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- [E2] Document CCSDS 101.0-B-6, October 2002, is equivalent to ISO 11754:2003¹⁾ .

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FOREWORD

This document is a technical Recommended Standard for use in developing synchronization and channel coding systems and has been prepared by the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS). The synchronization and channel coding concept described herein is intended for missions that are cross-supported between Agencies of the CCSDS.

This Recommended Standard establishes a common framework and provides a common basis for the synchronization and channel coding schemes to be used by space missions with the TM or AOS Space Data Link Protocol (references [1] or [2]) over space-to-ground and space-to-space communications links. This Recommended Standard was developed by consolidating the specifications regarding synchronization and channel coding in older CCSDS Recommended Standards (references [E2] and [E3]).

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- b) all CCSDS space link protocols are specified in a unified manner;
- c) the layered model matches the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model (reference [3]).

Together with the change in presentation, a few technical specifications in references [E2] and [E3] have been changed in order to define all Space Data Link Protocols in a unified way. Also, some technical terms in references [E2] and [E3] have been changed in order to unify the terminology used in all the CCSDS Recommended Standards that define space link protocols and to define these schemes as general communications schemes. These changes are listed in annex H of this Recommended Standard.

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- adds Security, SANA, and Patent Considerations annex;
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- clearly differentiates the terms ‘Codeblock’ and ‘Codeword’, with the term ‘Codeblock’ confined to Reed-Solomon coding (see definitions in annex D).

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Recommended Standard is to specify synchronization and channel coding schemes used with the TM Space Data Link Protocol (reference [1]) or the AOS Space Data Link Protocol (reference [2]). These schemes are to be used over space-to-ground or space-to-space communications links by space missions.

1.2 SCOPE

This Recommended Standard defines synchronization and channel coding schemes in terms of:

- a) the services provided to the users of this specification;
- b) data formats; and
- c) the procedures performed to generate and process the data formats.

It does not specify:

- a) individual implementations or products;
- b) the methods or technologies required to perform the procedures; or
- c) the management activities required to configure and control the system.

1.3 APPLICABILITY

This Recommended Standard applies to the creation of Agency standards and to the future data communications over space links between CCSDS Agencies in cross-support situations. This Recommended Standard includes comprehensive specification of the data formats and procedures for inter-Agency cross support. It is neither a specification of, nor a design for, real systems that may be implemented for existing or future missions.

The Recommended Standard specified in this document is to be invoked through the normal standards programs of each CCSDS Agency, and is applicable to those missions for which cross support based on capabilities described in this Recommended Standard is anticipated. Where mandatory capabilities are clearly indicated in sections of this Recommended Standard, they must be implemented when this document is used as a basis for cross support. Where options are allowed or implied, implementation of these options is subject to specific bilateral cross support agreements between the Agencies involved.

1.4 RATIONALE

The CCSDS believes it is important to document the rationale underlying the recommendations chosen, so that future evaluations of proposed changes or improvements will not lose sight of previous decisions.

1.5 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

This document is divided into eleven numbered sections and seven annexes:

- a) section 1 presents the purpose, scope, applicability and rationale of this Recommended Standard and lists the conventions, definitions, and references used throughout the document;
- b) section 2 provides an overview of synchronization and channel coding;
- c) section 3 specifies convolutional coding;
- d) section 4 specifies Reed-Solomon coding;
- e) section 5 concatenated coding;
- f) section 6 specifies Turbo coding;
- g) section 7 specifies low-density parity-check coding;
- h) section 8 specifies the frame synchronization scheme;
- i) section 9 specifies the Pseudo-Randomizer;
- j) section 10 specifies the allowed lengths of Transfer Frames;
- k) section 11 lists the managed parameters associated with synchronization and channel coding;
- l) annex A defines the service provided to the users;
- m) annex B discusses security issues related to TM Channel Coding;
- n) annex C provides the generator matrix circulant table applicable to rate-223/255 LDPC coding (7.3);
- o) annex D lists acronyms and terms used within this document;
- p) annex E provides a list of informative references;
- q) annex F provides information on transformation between the Berlekamp (dual basis) and Conventional representations;
- r) annex G provides information on Reed-Solomon coefficients;

- s) annex H lists the changes from relevant previously published CCSDS Recommended Standards (references [E2] and [E3]).

1.6 CONVENTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.6.1 DEFINITIONS

1.6.1.1 Definitions from the Open System Interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model

This Recommended Standard makes use of a number of terms defined in reference [3]. The use of those terms in this Recommended Standard shall be understood in a generic sense; i.e., in the sense that those terms are generally applicable to any of a variety of technologies that provide for the exchange of information between real systems. Those terms are:

- a) Data Link Layer;
- b) Physical Layer;
- c) service;
- d) service data unit.

1.6.1.2 Definitions from OSI Service Definition Conventions

This Recommended Standard makes use of a number of terms defined in reference [4]. The use of those terms in this Recommended Standard shall be understood in a generic sense; i.e., in the sense that those terms are generally applicable to any of a variety of technologies that provide for the exchange of information between real systems. Those terms are:

- a) indication;
- b) primitive;
- c) request;
- d) service provider;
- e) service user.

1.6.1.3 Definition of Terms Used in This Recommended Standard

For the purposes of this Recommended Standard, the following definitions apply. Many other terms that pertain to specific items are defined in the appropriate sections.

Mission Phase: a period of a mission during which specified communications characteristics are fixed. The transition between two consecutive mission phases may cause an interruption of the communications services.

Physical Channel: a stream of bits transferred over a space link in a single direction.

space link: a communications link between a spacecraft and its associated ground system or between two spacecraft. A space link consists of one or more Physical Channels in one or both directions.

1.6.2 NOMENCLATURE

The following conventions apply for the normative specifications in this Recommended Standard:

- a) the words ‘shall’ and ‘must’ imply a binding and verifiable specification;
- b) the word ‘should’ implies an optional, but desirable, specification;
- c) the word ‘may’ implies an optional specification;
- d) the words ‘is’, ‘are’, and ‘will’ imply statements of fact.

NOTE – These conventions do not imply constraints on diction in text that is clearly informative in nature.

1.6.3 CONVENTIONS

In this document, the following convention is used to identify each bit in an N -bit field. The first bit in the field to be transmitted (i.e., the most left justified when drawing a figure) is defined to be ‘Bit 0’, the following bit is defined to be ‘Bit 1’, and so on up to ‘Bit $N-1$ ’. When the field is used to express a binary value (such as a counter), the Most Significant Bit (MSB) shall be the first transmitted bit of the field, i.e., ‘Bit 0’ (see figure 1-1).

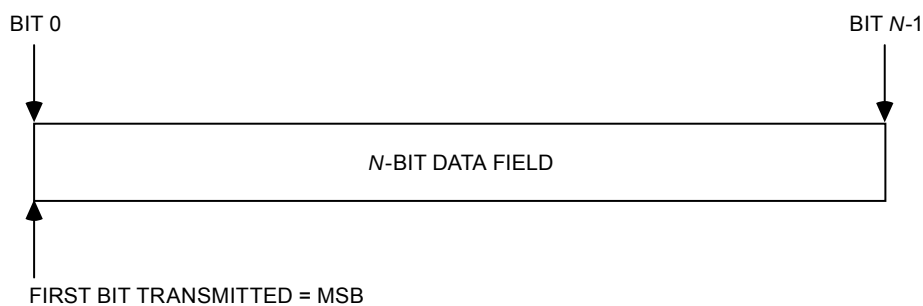


Figure 1-1: Bit Numbering Convention

In accordance with standard data-communications practice, data fields are often grouped into 8-bit ‘words’ which conform to the above convention. Throughout this Recommended Standard, such an 8-bit word is called an ‘octet’.

The numbering for octets within a data structure starts with ‘0’.

1.7 PATENTED TECHNOLOGIES

The CCSDS draws attention to the fact that it is claimed that compliance with this document may involve the use of patents concerning Turbo Coding (section 6) and Low-Density Parity-Check Coding (section 7).

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1.8 REFERENCES

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommended Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All documents are subject to revision, and users of this Recommended Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the documents indicated below. The CCSDS Secretariat maintains a register of currently valid CCSDS Recommended Standards.

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NOTE – Informative references are listed in annex E.

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2 OVERVIEW

2.1 ARCHITECTURE

Figure 2-1 illustrates the relationship of this Recommended Standard to the Open Systems Interconnection reference model (reference [3]). Two sublayers of the Data Link Layer are defined for CCSDS space link protocols. The TM and AOS Space Data Link Protocols specified in references [1] and [2], respectively, correspond to the Data Link Protocol Sublayer, and provide functions for transferring data using the protocol data unit called the Transfer Frame. The Synchronization and Channel Coding Sublayer provides additional functions necessary for transferring Transfer Frames over a space link. These functions are error-control coding/decoding, Transfer Frame delimiting/synchronizing, and bit transition generation/removal.

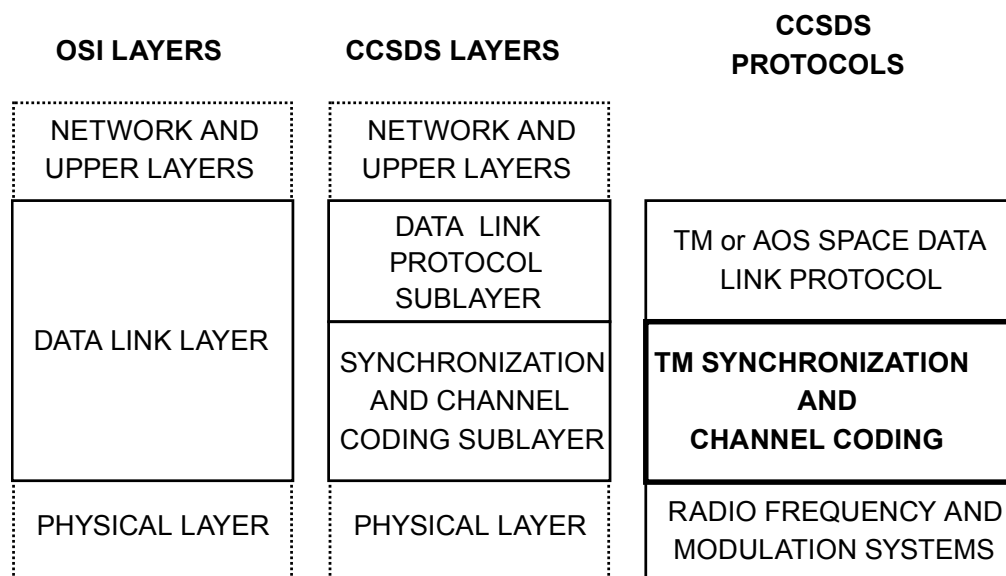


Figure 2-1: Relationship with OSI Layers

2.2 SUMMARY OF FUNCTIONS

2.2.1 GENERAL

The Synchronization and Channel Coding Sublayer provides the following three functions for transferring Transfer Frames over a space link:

- a) error-control coding, including frame validation;
- b) synchronization; and
- c) pseudo-randomizing.

2.2.2 ERROR-CONTROL CODING

This Recommended Standard specifies the following four types of error-control coding:

- a) convolutional coding (section 3);
- b) Reed-Solomon coding (section 4);
- c) Turbo coding (section 5);
- d) Low-Density Parity-Check (LDPC) coding (section 7).

One of the convolutional codes described in section 3 alone may be satisfactory depending on performance requirements.

For Physical Channels, which are bandwidth-constrained and cannot tolerate the increase in bandwidth required by the basic convolutional code specified in 3.3, the punctured convolutional codes specified in 3.4 have the advantage of smaller bandwidth expansion.

Alternatively, the Reed-Solomon codes and the high rate LDPC code specified in sections 4 and 7 also have the advantage of smaller bandwidth expansion and have the capability to indicate the presence of uncorrectable errors. Where a greater coding gain is needed than can be provided by a convolutional code or Reed-Solomon code alone, a concatenation of a convolutional code as the inner code with a Reed-Solomon code as the outer code may be used for improved performance.

The Turbo codes specified in section 5 or the LDPC codes specified in section 7 may be used to obtain even greater coding gain where the environment permits.

NOTES

- 1 In this Recommended Standard, the characteristics of the codes are specified only to the extent necessary to ensure interoperability and cross-support. The specification does not attempt to quantify the relative coding gain or the merits of each approach discussed, nor does it specify the design requirements for encoders or decoders.
- 2 The domains of applicability for the codes specified in this document are delineated in *Mission Profiles for TM Synchronization and Channel Coding* (reference [E5]).

2.2.3 FRAME VALIDATION

After decoding is performed, the upper layers at the receiving end also need to know whether or not each decoded Transfer Frame can be used as a valid data unit; i.e., an indication of the quality of the received frame is needed. This function is called Frame Validation. The Reed-Solomon and LDPC decoders can determine, with a very high probability, whether or not they can correctly decode a Transfer Frame. Therefore, the Reed-Solomon and LDPC codes are also

used for Frame Validation. When the Reed-Solomon or LDPC codes are not used, the Frame Error Control Field defined in references [1] or [2] is used for Frame Validation.

2.2.4 SYNCHRONIZATION

This Recommended Standard specifies a method for synchronizing Transfer Frames using an Attached Sync Marker (ASM) (see section 8).

The ASM may also be used for resolution of data ambiguity (sense of ‘1’ and ‘0’) if data ambiguity is not resolved by the modulation method used in the Physical Layer.

2.2.5 PSEUDO-RANDOMIZING

This Recommended Standard specifies a pseudo-randomizer to improve several aspects of the telemetry link that aid receiver acquisition, bit synchronization (see section 9), convolutional code synchronization, and proper Frame Validation (see 2.2.3).

2.3 INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SUBLAYER

2.3.1 SENDING END

Figure 2-2 shows the internal organization of the Synchronization and Channel Coding Sublayer of the sending end. This figure identifies functions performed by the sublayer and shows logical relationships among these functions. The figure is not intended to imply any hardware or software configuration in a real system. Depending on the options actually used for a mission, not all of the functions may be present in the sublayer.

At the sending end, the Synchronization and Channel Coding Sublayer accepts Transfer Frames of fixed length from the Data Link Protocol Sublayer (see figure 2-1), performs functions selected for the mission, and delivers a continuous and contiguous stream of channel symbols to the Physical Layer.

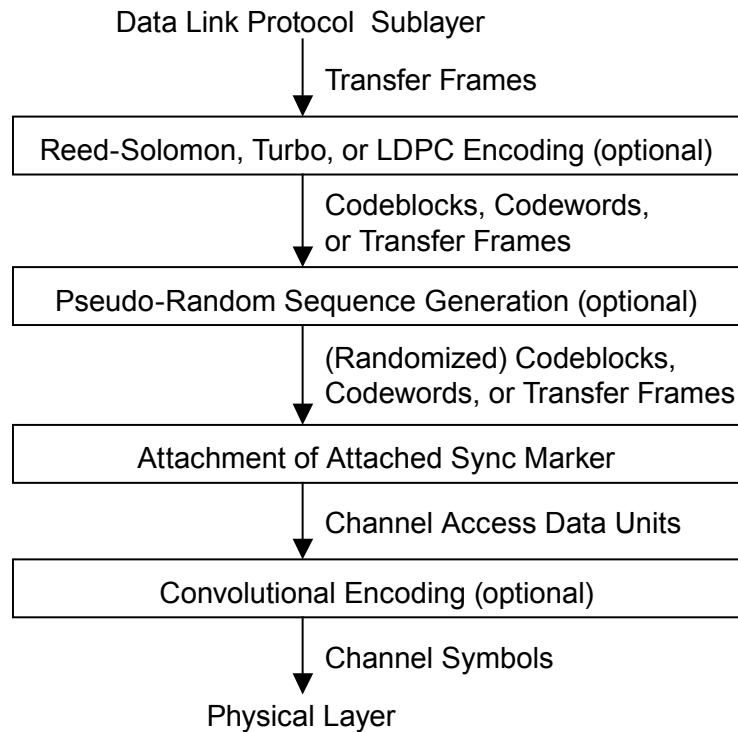


Figure 2-2: Internal Organization of the Sublayer at the Sending End

2.3.2 RECEIVING END

Figure 2-3 shows the internal organization of the Synchronization and Channel Coding Sublayer of the receiving end. This figure identifies functions performed by the sublayer and shows logical relationships among these functions. The figure is not intended to imply any hardware or software configuration in a real system (e.g., some implementations perform frame synchronization before convolutional decoding when convolutional code rate 1/2 is used). Depending on the options actually used for a mission, not all of the functions may be present in the sublayer.

At the receiving end, the Synchronization and Channel Coding Sublayer accepts a continuous and contiguous stream of channel symbols from the Physical Layer, performs functions selected for the mission, and delivers Transfer Frames to the Data Link Protocol Sublayer.

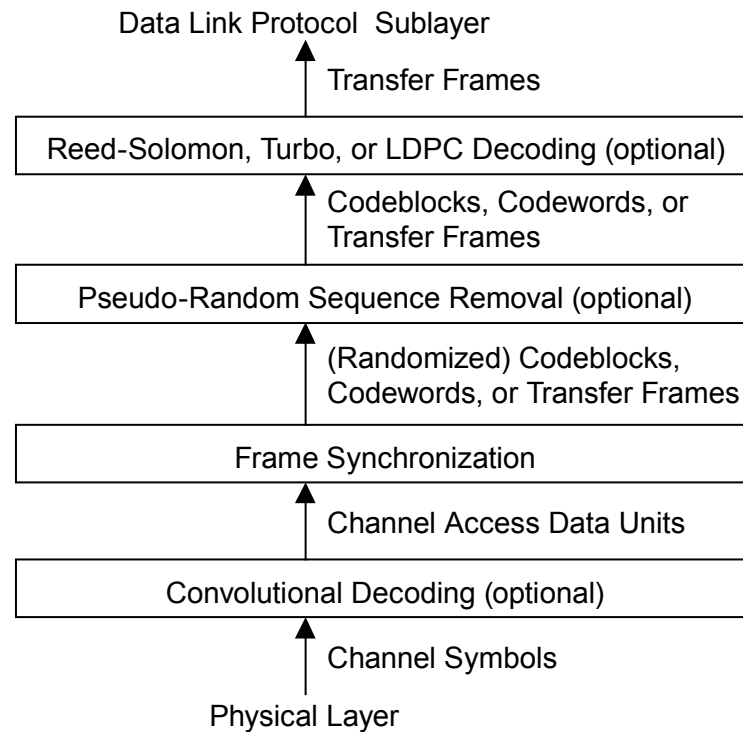


Figure 2-3: Internal Organization of the Sublayer at the Receiving End

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3 CONVOLUTIONAL CODING

3.1 OVERVIEW

The basic convolutional code is a rate (r) $1/2$, constraint-length (K) 7 transparent code which is well suited for channels with predominantly Gaussian noise. This code is defined in 3.3. When this code is punctured according to 3.4, higher code rates may be achieved although with lower error correcting performance.

Puncturing allows a single code rate of either $2/3$, $3/4$, $5/6$ or $7/8$ to be selected. The four different puncturing schemes allow selection of the most appropriate level of error correction and symbol rate for a given service or data rate.

3.2 GENERAL

3.2.1 ATTACHED SYNC MARKER

The Attached Sync Marker used with convolutional code shall be the 32-bit pattern specified in 8.2, and it shall always be inserted before performing convolutional encoding.

3.2.2 DATA RANDOMIZATION

The pseudo-randomizer defined in section 9 shall be used unless the system designer verifies that the concerns identified in the note below are resolved by other means.

NOTE – An inverter is specified with the basic convolutional code to assure sufficient bit transitions to keep receiver symbol synchronizers in lock, when used with Binary Phase Shift Keying (BPSK) modulation. Sufficient bit transitions cannot be guaranteed by the inverter alone if some multiplexing schemes are used, e.g., with Quadrature Phase Shift Keying (QPSK) modulation, or if a punctured convolutional code is used. There are also data patterns for which convolutional code synchronization cannot be determined. The pseudo-randomizer is also used to aid signal acquisition and to mitigate spectral lines in the transmitted signal.

3.2.3 FRAME VALIDATION

When TM or AOS Transfer Frames are used, the Frame Error Control Field (FECF) specified in references [1] and [2] shall be used to validate the Transfer Frame, unless the convolutional code is concatenated with an outer Reed-Solomon code (see section 4).

NOTE – If the decoder's correction capability is exceeded, undetected bursts of errors may appear in the output.

3.2.4 QUANTIZATION

Soft bit decisions with at least three-bit quantization should be used whenever constraints (such as complexity of decoder) permit.

3.3 BASIC CONVOLUTIONAL CODE SPECIFICATION

3.3.1 The basic convolutional code shall be the non-systematic code with the following characteristics:

- (1) Nomenclature: Convolutional code with maximum-likelihood decoding.
- (2) Code rate (r): 1/2 bit per symbol.
- (3) Constraint length (K): 7 bits.
- (4) Connection vectors: $G_1 = 1111001$ (171 octal); $G_2 = 1011011$ (133 octal).
- (5) Symbol inversion: On output path of G_2 .

NOTE – An encoder block diagram is shown in figure 3-1. When a single encoder is used, G_2 inversion provides no benefit to data randomization when even-order modulations higher than BPSK are used. G_2 inversion does provide value when coding is done after channel splitting and with separate encoders on each channel.

3.3.2 The output symbol sequence shall be: $C_1(1), \overline{C_2(1)}, C_1(2), \overline{C_2(2)}, \dots$

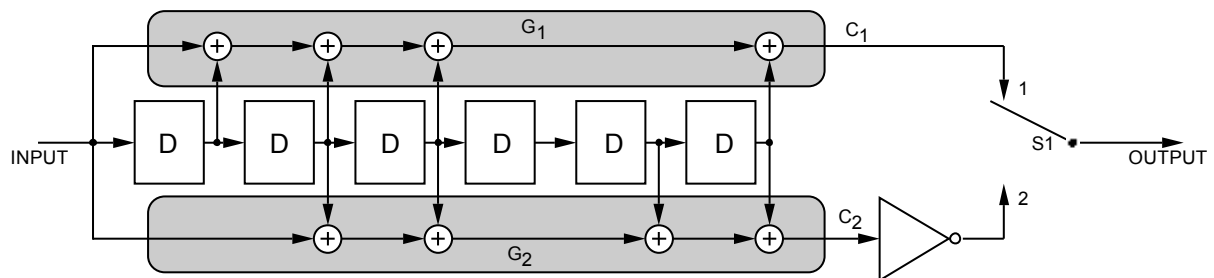
3.3.3 When suppressed-carrier modulation systems are used:

- a) Non-Return-to-Zero-Mark (NRZ-M) or Non-Return-to-Zero-Level (NRZ-L) may be used as a modulating waveform.
- b) If the user contemplates differential encoding, i.e., conversion of his modulating waveform from NRZ-L to NRZ-M, such conversion should be performed at the input to the convolutional encoder.

NOTES

- 1 Since the convolutional codes are transparent, differential encoding can be used before the convolutional encoder to help phase ambiguity resolution and, correspondingly, the conversion at the receiving end from NRZ-M to NRZ-L should be performed at the output of the convolutional decoder. Differential encoding after the convolutional encoder is not advised because it introduces considerable loss of performance. It also would require differential detection, which is more complex with soft symbols.

- 2 When a fixed pattern (the fixed part of the convolutionally encoded Attached Sync Marker) in the symbol stream is used to provide node synchronization for the convolutional decoder, any modification of the pattern resulting from the modulating waveform conversion needs to be accounted for.



NOTES:

1.  = SINGLE BIT DELAY.
2. FOR EVERY INPUT BIT, TWO SYMBOLS ARE GENERATED BY COMPLETION OF A CYCLE FOR S1: POSITION 1, POSITION 2.
3. S1 IS IN THE POSITION SHOWN (1) FOR THE FIRST SYMBOL ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCOMING BIT.
4. $\oplus$ = MODULO-2 ADDER.
5.  = INVERTER.

Figure 3-1: Basic Convolutional Encoder Block Diagram

3.4 PUNCTURED CONVOLUTIONAL CODES

3.4.1 The punctured convolutional code shall have the following characteristics:

- (1) Nomenclature: Punctured convolutional code with maximum-likelihood decoding.
- (2) Code rate (r): $1/2$, punctured to $2/3$, $3/4$, $5/6$ or $7/8$.
- (3) Constraint length (K): 7 bits.
- (4) Connection vectors: $G_1 = 1111001$ (171 octal); $G_2 = 1011011$ (133 octal).
- (5) Symbol inversion: None.

3.4.2 The puncturing patterns for each of the punctured convolutional code rates shall be as specified in table 3-1.

NOTE – Figure 3-2 depicts the punctured encoding scheme.

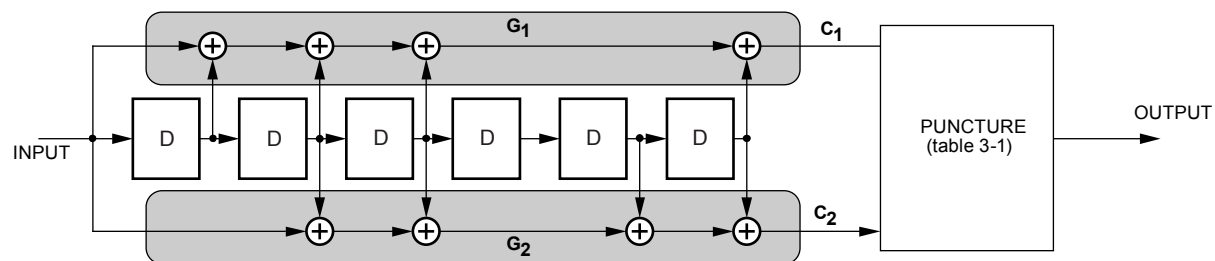


Figure 3-2: Punctured Encoder Block Diagram

Table 3-1: Puncture Code Patterns for Convolutional Code Rates

Puncturing Pattern 1 = transmitted symbol 0 = non-transmitted symbol	Code Rate	Output Sequence $C_1(t)$, $C_2(t)$ denote values at bit time t
C_1 : 1 0 C_2 : 1 1	$2/3$	$C_1(1) C_2(1) C_2(2) \dots$
C_1 : 1 0 1 C_2 : 1 1 0	$3/4$	$C_1(1) C_2(1) C_2(2) C_1(3) \dots$
C_1 : 1 0 1 0 1 C_2 : 1 1 0 1 0	$5/6$	$C_1(1) C_2(1) C_2(2) C_1(3) C_2(4) C_1(5) \dots$
C_1 : 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 C_2 : 1 1 1 1 0 1 0	$7/8$	$C_1(1) C_2(1) C_2(2) C_2(3) C_2(4) C_1(5) C_2(6) C_1(7) \dots$