# Digital Transmission of Analog Data:

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## **PCM and Delta Modulation**

Required reading: Forouzan 4.2 Garcia 3.3.2 and 3.3.3

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## **Digital Transmission of Analog Data**

#### **Digitization** – process of converting analog data into digital signal

- example: telephone system
  - human voice ↔ analog data ↔ analog signal ?!
  - analog signal is sensitive to noise, especially over long distance (cannot be perfectly reconstructed)
  - solution:
    - (1) digitize the analog signal at the sender
    - (2) transmit digital signal
    - (3) convert digital signal back to analog data at the receiver



### Digital Transmission of Analog Data (cont.)

#### Example [PCM procedure]



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Digitization– aka Pluse Code Modulation (PCM), consists of two stepsProcedure(1) sampling – obtain signal values at equal intervals (T)

(2) **quantization** – approximate samples to certain values



## Sampling

#### **Sampling** – aka Pulse Amplitude Modulation (PAM)

- "digitization in time" sampling process results in signal that is <u>discrete in time but analog in amplitude</u>!
- choice of sampling interval T is determined by how fast a signal changes, i.e. frequency content of the signal

"Nyquist Sampling Rate" Theorem: To ensure accurate reproduction of an analog signal, the sampling rate must be <u>at least</u> 2\*(the highest signal frequency). sampling rate =  $\frac{1}{T} = 2 * \max_signal_freq$ 



## Sampling (cont.)

#### **Example** [Recovery of a sampled sine wave for different sampling rates]



a. Nyquist rate sampling:  $f_s = 2 f$ 



b. Oversampling: f<sub>s</sub> = 4 f

