



**OVSF codes**  
 ↓ spreading factor  
 ↓ variable ← the code will be of variable length  
 orthogonal  
 ↑ use orthogonal codes

variable processing gain

= variable-length Walsh codes.

**Recall CDMA**

Sync. CDMA

Hadamard Matrix

spread codes

1	1	1	1	1	$c_1$
1	-1	1	-1	1	$c_2$
1	1	-1	-1	1	$c_3$
1	-1	-1	1	1	$c_4$

Walsh codes

(ordered/arranged by \* transitions)

1	1	1	1
1	1	-1	-1
1	-1	-1	1
1	-1	1	-1

OVSF  
 ↑  
 will revisit this after CDMA review

1	1	1	1
1	1	-1	-1
1	-1	1	-1
1	-1	-1	1

observe that the rows are the same as the two matrices above but in different order.

Back to CDMA ...

Suppose you have 2 users

user 1 uses code  $c_1$

wants to send message  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$

send  $\underline{x}_1 = [a_1 \times c_1 \quad a_2 \times c_1 \quad a_3 \times c_1 \quad a_4 \times c_1, \dots]$

user 2 uses code  $c_2$

wants to send message  $b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, \dots$

$$\text{send } \underline{\alpha}_2 = [b_1 \times c_2 \quad b_2 \times c_2 \quad b_3 \times c_2 \dots]$$

Receiver gets  $\underline{r} = \underline{\alpha}_1 + \underline{\alpha}_2$

to recover  $a_1$ , calculate  $\frac{1}{4} \langle \underline{r}_{(1:4)}, c_1 \rangle$

↑ assuming there is no noise.

$b_1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{4} \langle \underline{r}_{(1:4)}, c_2 \rangle$$

$a_2$ ,

$$\frac{1}{4} \langle \underline{r}_{(5:8)}, c_1 \rangle$$

For all these to work, need  $c_1 \perp c_2$ !

$$\langle c_1, c_2 \rangle = 0$$

In the above example,  $N = 4$  = processing gain = spreading factor  
 ↑ length of the code

Remark: all codes have the same length.

Q: Can we have variable-length codes??  
 and use them simultaneously?

A: Yes.

### OVSF-based system

See slides on using tree to build OVSF codes.

Suppose...

User 1 uses  $c_{4,2}$

$$\rightarrow [1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1]$$

wants to send  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$

$$\text{send } \underline{\alpha}_1 = [a_1 \times c_{4,2} \quad a_2 \times c_{4,2} \quad a_3 \times c_{4,2} \dots]$$

User 2 uses  $c_{8,7}$

$$\downarrow [1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1]$$

wants to send  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$

$$\text{send } \underline{\alpha}_2 = [b_1 \times c_{8,7} \quad b_2 \times c_{8,7} \quad b_3 \times c_{8,7} \dots]$$

Remark: If the "chip" duration are the same, then the longer the code (SF), the slower the data rate.

At receiver,

$$\underline{r} = \underline{\alpha}_1 + \underline{\alpha}_2$$

to recover  $\alpha_1$ , compute  $\frac{1}{4} \langle \underline{r}(1:4), \underline{c}_{4,2} \rangle$

assuming there is no noise

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{\alpha}_1(1:4) + \underline{\alpha}_2(1:4) \\ &= a_1 \underline{c}_{4,2} + b_1 \underline{c}_{8,7}(1:4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Observe that } & \langle a_1 \underline{c}_{4,2} + b_1 \underline{c}_{8,7}(1:4), \underline{c}_{4,2} \rangle \\ &= a_1 \langle \underline{c}_{4,2}, \underline{c}_{4,2} \rangle + b_1 \langle \underline{c}_{8,7}(1:4), \underline{c}_{4,2} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, to recover  $\alpha_1$ , need  $\langle \underline{c}_{8,7}(1:4), \underline{c}_{4,2} \rangle = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{need } \underline{c}_{4,2} \perp \underline{c}_{8,7}(1:4) \quad \textcircled{!}$$

to recover  $b_1$ , compute  $\frac{1}{8} \langle \underline{r}(1:8), \underline{c}_{8,7} \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{\alpha}_1(1:8) + \underline{\alpha}_2(1:8) \\ &= [a_1 \underline{c}_{4,2} \quad a_2 \underline{c}_{4,2}] + b_1 \underline{c}_{8,7} \end{aligned}$$

To get a better idea of the inner product above, recall that, for real-valued row vectors,

$$\langle \underline{a}, \underline{b} \rangle = \underline{a} \underline{b}^T$$

$$\text{Now, if } \underline{a} = [ \underline{\alpha}_1 \quad \underline{\alpha}_2 ]$$

and

$$\underline{b} = [ \underline{y}_1 \quad \underline{y}_2 ]$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \underline{a}, \underline{b} \rangle &= \langle [ \underline{\alpha}_1 \quad \underline{\alpha}_2 ], [ \underline{y}_1 \quad \underline{y}_2 ] \rangle \\ &= [ \underline{\alpha}_1 \quad \underline{\alpha}_2 ] \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y}_1^T \\ \underline{y}_2^T \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underline{\alpha}_1 \underline{y}_1^T + \underline{\alpha}_2 \underline{y}_2^T = \langle \underline{\alpha}_1, \underline{y}_1 \rangle + \langle \underline{\alpha}_2, \underline{y}_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

block matrix multiplication.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \underline{r}(1:8), \underline{c}_{8,7} \rangle \\ &= \langle [ a_1 \underline{c}_{4,2} \quad a_2 \underline{c}_{4,2} ] + b_1 \underline{c}_{8,7}, \underline{c}_{8,7} \rangle \\ &= \langle [ \quad ], \underline{c}_{8,7} \rangle + b_1 \langle \underline{c}_{8,7}, \underline{c}_{8,7} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \langle \overset{c}{[ \quad ]}, \underbrace{C_{8,7}}_{=} \rangle + b_1 \langle C_{8,7}, C_{8,7} \rangle \\
&\quad \quad \quad [ C_{8,7}^{(1:4)} \quad C_{8,7}^{(5:8)} ] \\
&= a_1 \langle \overset{\textcircled{1}}{C_{4,2}}, \overset{(1:4)}{C_{8,7}} \rangle + a_2 \langle \overset{\textcircled{2}}{C_{4,2}}, C_{8,7}^{(5:8)} \rangle \\
&\quad \quad \quad + b_1 \langle C_{8,7}, C_{8,7} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, to recover  $b_1$ , we need  $C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(1:4)} \textcircled{1}$   
 $C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(5:8)} \textcircled{2}$

Similarly, you may check that

to recover  $a_2$ , we need  $C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(5:8)} \textcircled{2}$

to recover  $a_3$ , we need  $C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(1:4)} \textcircled{1}$

⋮

and that

to recover  $b_2$ , we need  $C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(1:4)} \textcircled{1}$

$C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(5:8)} \textcircled{2}$

⋮

Hence, the conditions for  $C_{4,2}$  and  $C_{8,7}$  that are needed for user 1 and user 2 to transmit simultaneously are

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
&C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(1:4)} \\
&C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}^{(5:8)}
\end{aligned} \right\} \text{This will be our definition} \\
\text{of } C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}$$

When codes are defined using the tree structure as provided in the slides, we have an easy way to tell whether  $C_{4,2} \perp C_{8,7}$ .