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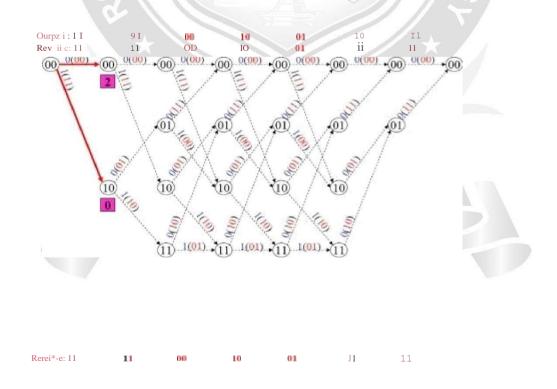
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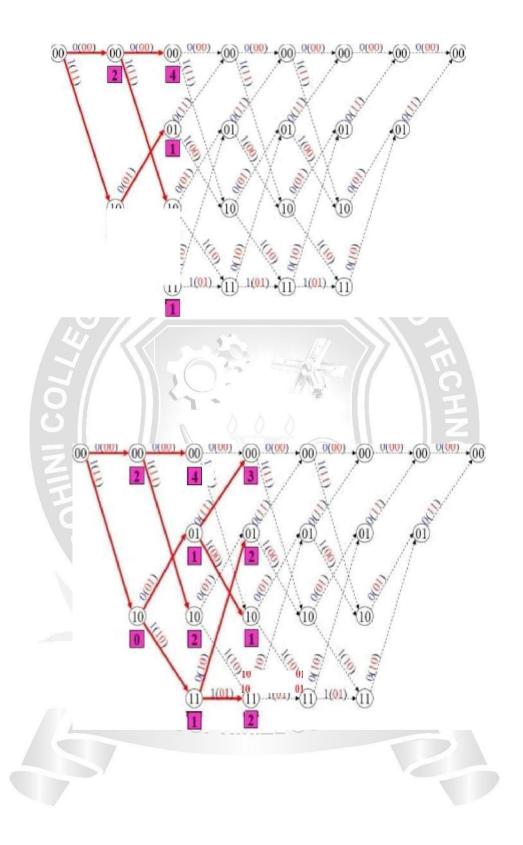
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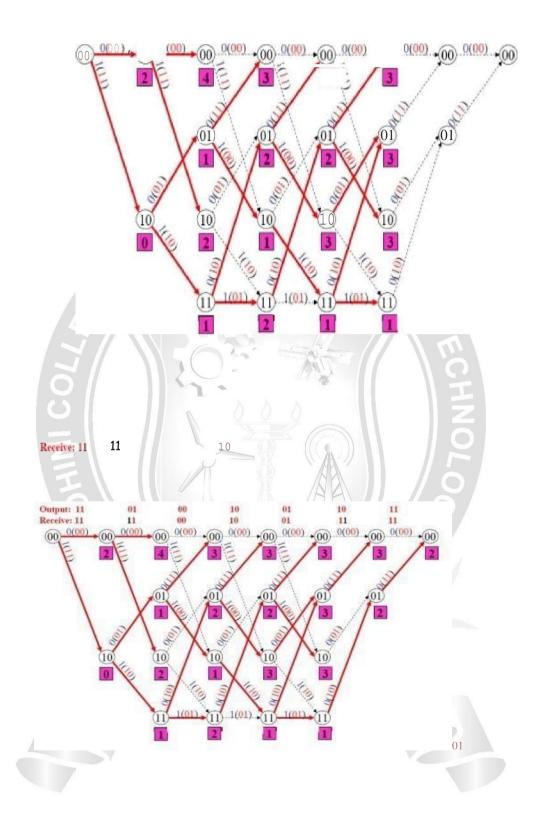
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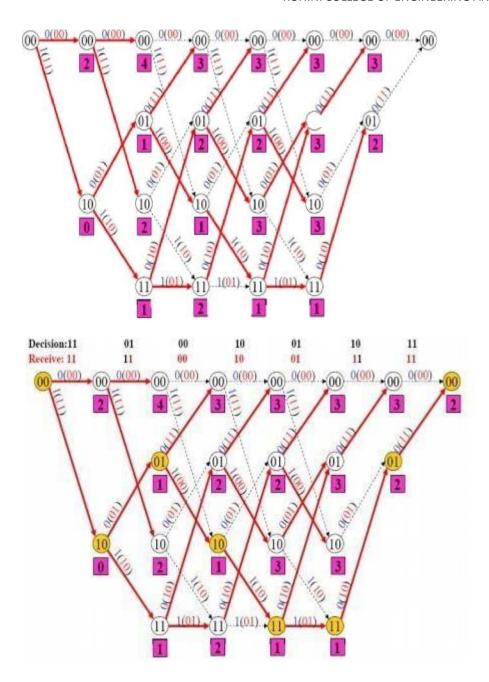
## **Basic concept**

- Generate the code trellis at the decoder
- The decoder penetrates through the code trellis *level by level* in search for the transmitted code sequence
- At each level of the trellis, the decoder computes and compares the metrics of all the partial paths entering a node
- The decoder *stores* the partial path with the larger metric and *eliminates* all the other partial paths. The stored partial path is called the *survivor*.









(Source: J.G Proakis, —Digital Communication, 4th Edition, Tata Mc Graw Hill Company, 2001)