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Lecture 2

The AWGN

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Announcements & Agenda

■ Announcements

- Homework – please start/look, due next Wed (1/17)
 - Submit by email to emliang@stanford.edu for now (he'll give to grader).
 - See Homework Helper documents (HWH) at website if needed.
 - Use off hours, help, emails, canvas notes, other students
 - EE379B pages significantly updated

■ Today

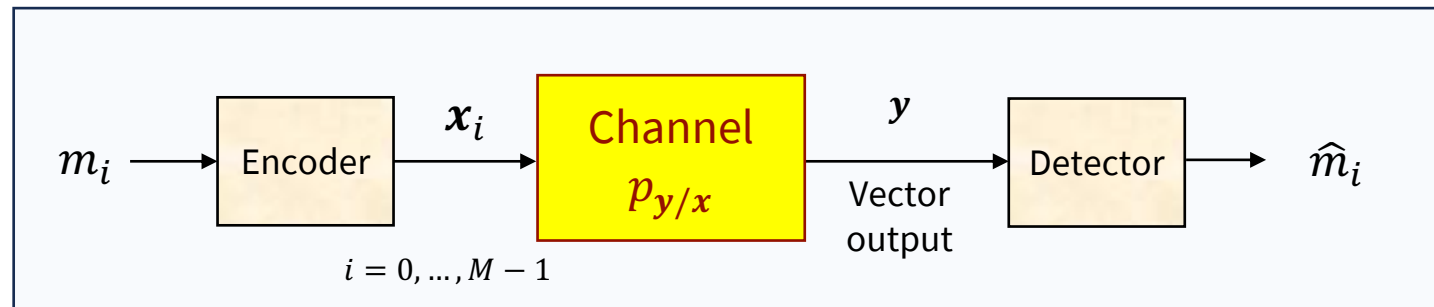
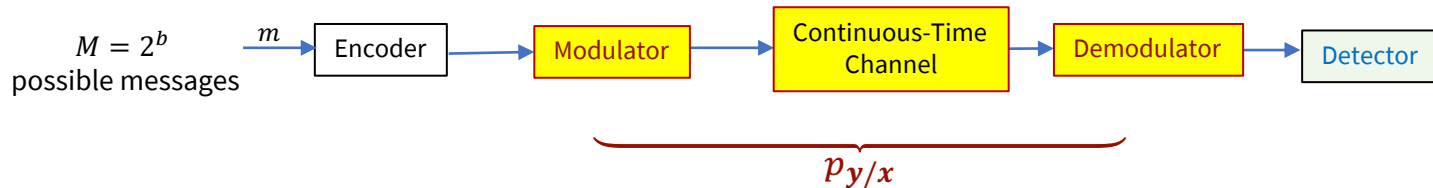
- Review, Irrelevance, and Reversibility (1.1.5)
 - Bit-error probability (1.1.6)
- AWGN Definition/Basics (1.3)
 - ML/MAP on AWGN (1.3.1-2)
- Pe calculations and bounds (1.3.2)
- Measures & Fair Comparisons (1.3.3)



Review, Irrelevance, & Reversibility

Section 1.1.5

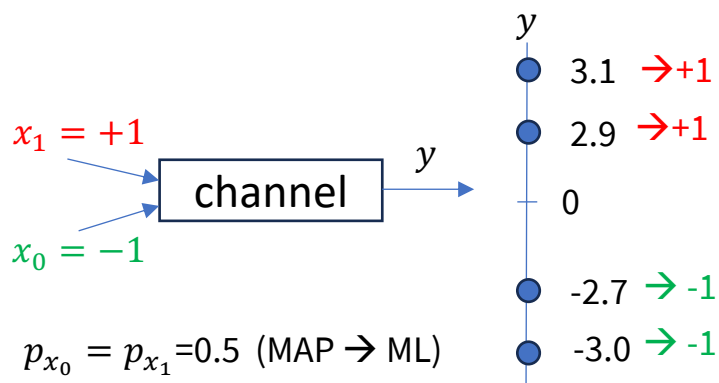
Review of “modem” and discrete channel



- The modulator/demodulator match to the “analog-world” channel.
 - Apply common analysis to all.
- This forms a strong basis for all modern digital transmission.



MAP Detector Example/Review



$p_{x/y}$	3.1	2.9	-2.7	-3.0
+1	.9	.85	.1	.2
-1	.1	.15	.9	.8

$$P_{C,MAP} = \mathbb{E}_{x,y}[P_C(\mathbf{y})] = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}_i} P_{y/m_i}(\mathbf{v}, m_i) \right\} \cdot \underbrace{p_{m_i}}_{1/2}$$

- This MAP detector minimizes P_e .

The following equations (after scaling each by 2) implement $p_x = \sum_y p_y \cdot p_{x/y}$

$$1 = 1.8 \cdot p_{3.1} + 1.7 \cdot p_{2.7} + .2 \cdot p_{-2.7} + .4 \cdot p_{-3}$$

$$1 = .2 \cdot p_{3.1} + .3 \cdot p_{2.7} + 1.8 \cdot p_{-2.7} + 1.6 \cdot p_{-3}$$

% First, compute py/x

```
>> right=[1.8 1.7 .2 .4 ; .2 .3 1.8 1.6]
    1.8000 1.7000 0.2000 0.4000
    0.2000 0.3000 1.8000 1.6000
```

```
>> left=[1 ; 1]
```

```
1
1
```

```
py=pinv(right)*left;
```

```
py' = 0.2409 0.2421 0.2597 0.2573
```

```
>> sum(py) = 1.0000
```

```
>> pygx1=py.*[1.8 ; 1.7 ; .2 ; .4]; % Bayes - move 1/2 to right side
```

```
Pygx1' = 0.4336 0.4115 0.0519 0.1029
```

```
>> pygxm1=py.*[.2 ; .3 ; 1.8 ; 1.6];
```

```
Pygxm1' = 0.0482 0.0726 0.4675 0.4118
```

```
>> pygx1*.5 + pygxm1*.5
```

```
0.2409
```

```
0.2421
```

```
0.2597
```

```
0.2573
```

```
% same, so far it checks!
```

Proof pinv - see
Section 1.1.4,
Appendix C on pinv



Example's Pe calculation in matlab

$$P_c = \sum_x \sum_{y \in \mathcal{D}_x} P_{y/x} \cdot P_x$$

```
>> pygx=[pygx1' ; pygxm1'] =  
    0.4336  0.4115  0.0519  0.1029  
    0.0482  0.0726  0.4675  0.4118  
>> pxgy=[.9 .85 .1 .2 ; .1 .15 .9 .8] =  
    0.9000  0.8500  0.1000  0.2000  
    0.1000  0.1500  0.9000  0.8000  
>> pxgy*py =  
    0.5000  
    0.5000 (checks)  
>> pxy = pxgy.*[py' ; py'] =  
    0.2168  0.2058  0.0260  0.0515  
    0.0241  0.0363  0.2337  0.2059  
>> sum(pxy) =  
    0.2409  0.2421  0.2597  0.2573  
>> sum(sum(pxy)) = 1 % checks  
>> px=[0.5 ; 0.5];  
>> pygx.*[px px px px] =  
    0.2168  0.2058  0.0260  0.0515  
    0.0241  0.0363  0.2337  0.2059 %checks again  
  
>> Pc= (pygx(1,1)+pygx(1,2)+pygx(2,3)+pygx(2,4))*0.5 = 0.8622  
    % sum over only y in decision region (each x)  
>> Pe=1-ans = 0.1378
```

Unshaded rows simply
Check - unnecessary

- 14% errors is not good, so this channel's input encoding could improve.
- Perhaps the design spec is $P_e \leq 10^{-3}$?
 - Maybe repeat 7 times with majority vote, so need 4 errors?
 - $(.1378)^4 \cdot \binom{7}{4} = 0.0126 \ll .1378$.
 - But data rate is $\bar{b} = 1/7 \ll 1$?
- Coding in Chapter 2
 - A good design can xmit at $P_e \rightarrow 0$ on this channel with rate $\bar{b} = 0.998$, so almost 1 bit/dimension, with the use of more sophisticated codes.
- In general, a multilevel channel output (more levels than input, e.g. **redundancy**) often provides coding opportunity.



Irrelevant Channel Outputs

- Sometimes extra output components (\mathbf{y}_2) contribute nothing more than others already used (\mathbf{y}_1).

Theorem 1.1.3 [Theorem on Irrelevance] *If*

$$p_{\mathbf{x}/(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2)} = p_{\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{y}_1}$$

or equivalently if the channel-related probability distribution

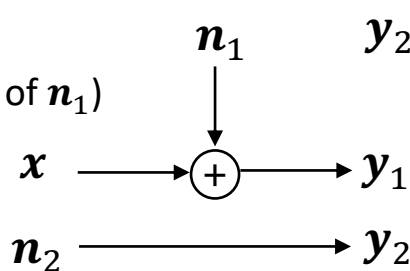
$$p_{\mathbf{y}_2/(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{x})} = p_{\mathbf{y}_2/\mathbf{y}_1}$$

then \mathbf{y}_2 is not needed in the optimum receiver, that is, \mathbf{y}_2 is irrelevant.

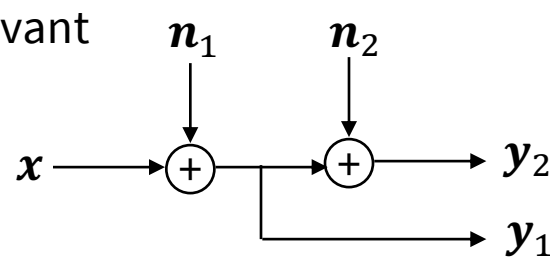
- Receiver design may discard \mathbf{y}_2 without loss.

- Examples (\mathbf{n}_2 independent of \mathbf{n}_1)

- Both independent of x



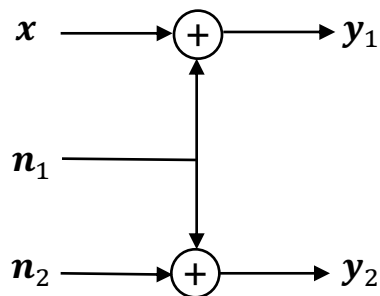
$$p_{\mathbf{y}_2/[y_1, x]} = p_{\mathbf{y}_2/y_1} = p_{\mathbf{y}_2} = p_{\mathbf{n}_2}$$



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Nondiscardable output example



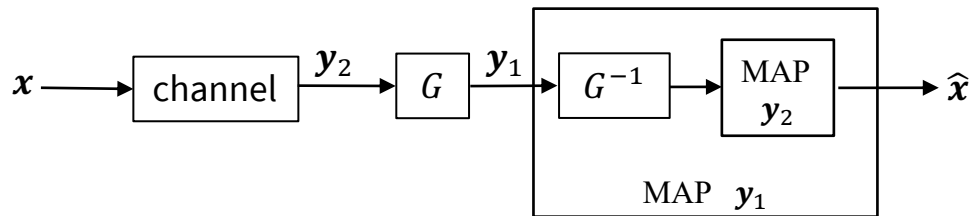
Hmmm
 y_2 is all noise, must be useless, right?

- **Noise cancellation** - y_2 cannot be discarded because it has an n_1 component that could be (partially) used to cancel noise in output y_1 .
- Suppose $n_2 = 0$, then $y_2 = n_1$, which means n_1 could be subtracted (cancelled), $y_1 = x$.
 - MAP detector has no errors!



Reversible Transformations are OK

- Special case of irrelevance:



Theorem 1.1.4 [Reversibility Theorem] *The application of an invertible transformation to the channel output vector \mathbf{y} does not affect the performance of the MAP detector.*

Proof: Using the Theorem on Irrelevance, if the channel output is \mathbf{y}_2 and the result of the invertible transformation is $\mathbf{y}_1 = G(\mathbf{y}_2)$, with inverse $\mathbf{y}_2 = G^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_1)$ then $[\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2] = [\mathbf{y}_1 \ G^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_1)]$. Then, $P_{\mathbf{x}/(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2)} = P_{\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{y}_1}$, which is the definition of irrelevance. Thus, either of \mathbf{y}_1 or \mathbf{y}_2 is sufficient to detect \mathbf{x} optimally and attain the same minimum error probability or equivalently the same optimum performance. **QED.**

- VERY useful - MAP receiver may simplify greatly after transformation.



Bit-Error Probability Calculation

- Message has b bits $u_j \in \{0, 1\}$; $j = 1, \dots, b$.
- Receiver can (instead) use a MAP/ML detector that minimizes bit-error probability.
 - For a MAP that maximizes bit-a-posteriori probability, $p_{u_j \in \{0, 1\} / \mathbf{y}}$.
 - Each bit could have different decision region $\mathcal{D}_j(\mathbf{y}) \rightarrow$ more complex , or could just use common $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{y})$ for P_e .

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{P}_{b,j} &= \Pr\{\hat{u}_j \neq u_j\} = 1 - \sum_{u_j=0}^1 \left[\sum_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}_j} P_{\mathbf{y}/u_j}(\hat{u}_j = u_j, \mathbf{v}) \right] \cdot p_{u_j} \\ &= 1 - \sum_{u_j=0}^1 \left[\sum_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}_j} p_{u_j | \mathbf{y}}(u_j, \mathbf{v}) \cdot p_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{v}) \right] .\end{aligned}$$

- $\bar{P}_{b,j}$ can vary with j .
- LLR's often used for MAP of each bit:

Definition 1.1.5 [Log Likelihood Ratio (LLR)] A log likelihood ratio for a bit u_j is the logarithm of probability ratio that bit takes the values 0 and 1. Often convention considers the bit value 0 as correct and the bit value 1 as incorrect, without loss of generality.

$$\begin{aligned}LLR_{u_j}(\mathbf{v}) &\triangleq \ln \left(\frac{P_{u_j=0}(\mathbf{v})}{P_{u_j=1}(\mathbf{v})} \right) \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}_{u_j} p_{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} |_{u_j=0}) \cdot p_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u} |_{u_j=0})}{\sum_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}_{u_j} p_{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} |_{u_j=1}) \cdot p_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u} |_{u_j=1})} \right) .\end{aligned}$$

When $u_j \rightarrow \hat{u}_j$ above for a decoder with average bit-error rate \bar{P}_b , then

$$LLR_{\hat{u}_j} = \ln \frac{1 - \bar{P}_{b,j}}{\bar{P}_{b,j}} \quad (1.28)$$

- Examples later in course



Bhattacharya Bound

- **B-Bound** is based on the MAP detector's specific **error events** (needs to be averaged over all such events).

$$P\{\varepsilon_{m\tilde{m}}\} \triangleq Pr\{\mathbf{x}_m \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{\tilde{m}}\}$$

$$P\{\varepsilon_{m\tilde{m}}\} \leq \sum_{\mathbf{v}} \sqrt{p_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{x}_{\tilde{m}}) \cdot p_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{x}_m)}$$

- Simple proof – see text, Section 1.1.7 ; most often used for symbols that are groups of bits (codewords).
- When $\bar{P}_{b,j} \equiv p$, the error event's B-Bound takes the simple, often-encountered, form where \mathbf{x}_m and $\mathbf{x}_{\tilde{m}}$ differ in only **Hamming distance** d_H positions:

$$P\{\varepsilon_{m\tilde{m}}\} \leq [4 \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)]^{d_H/2}$$

- Suggestive of an **inner channel** where a first decision is made with $\bar{P}_{b,j} \equiv p$, and then a second **outer** bit-level code is present.
 - Symbols are bit vectors carefully chosen to have separation (two MAP decoders).
- For binary channels where the error probability interchanges for 1 and 0 as the only two messages, Griot, Weng, and **Wesel** (GWW) tightened the B-Bound to $P\{\varepsilon_{m\tilde{m}}\} \leq \frac{1}{2}[4 \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)]^{d_H/2}$.
 - The extra factor of 1/2 can overly burden some analyses and so original B-Bound form is often used.



Return to Example on slide 5

- $\bar{P}_{b,j} \equiv p$ on this channel was equal to $P_{e,inner} = .1378$.
- Simple outer code with $\bar{b} = 1/7$ (so all zeros or all ones) would have:

$$P_{e,outer} \leq 1/2 \cdot [4 \cdot .1378 \cdot .8622]^{7/2} = 0.0012$$

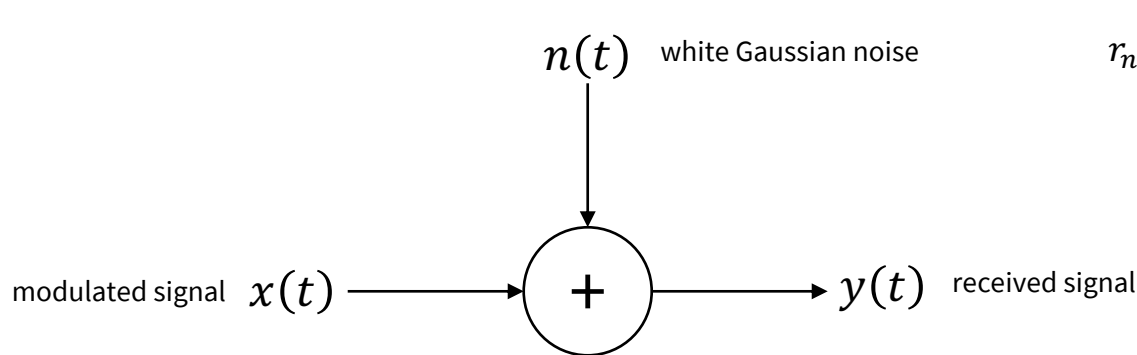
(pretty close to value on slide L2:6)



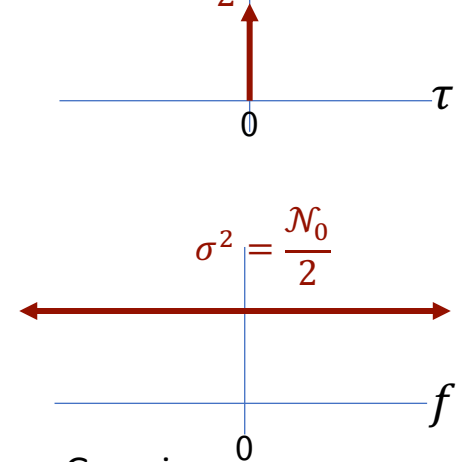
The AWGN

Section 1.3

Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN)



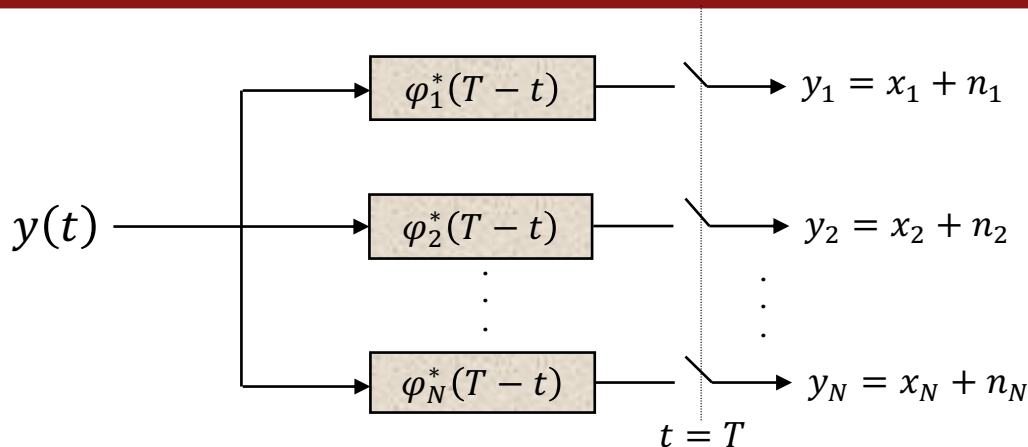
$$r_n(\tau) \triangleq \mathbb{E}[n(\tau) \cdot n(t - \tau)] = \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2} \cdot \delta(\tau)$$



- This channel is the most common in all wireless/wireline communication.
 - Most variants use it as foundation.
- Central Limit Theorem (see A.1.8) – large number of noise events added together are Gaussian.
 - White means “all frequencies equal” power spectra density, or $S_n(f) = \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2} = \mathfrak{F}\{r_n(\tau)\}$ (Fourier Transform).
 - That is “flat.”
 - Flat has the same energy σ^2 on any basis function (on any dimension).
- Thermal Noise ($k_{boltz} \cdot Temp$) = -174 dBm/Hz at room temperature) is an example, but also:
- analogy amplifiers front-end noise, ADC quantization noise (with enough bits quantizing), or even
- many crosstalking interference signals from other sources (especially if they use good “Gaussian” codes).



AWGN discrete channel loses nothing!



$$R_{nn} \triangleq \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}^t] = \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2} \cdot I$$

Autocorrelation matrix,
See Appendix D.1

$$R_{yy} = R_{xx} + R_{nn}$$

- This conversion to discrete demodulated vector \mathbf{y} loses some of white noise, but that part is irrelevant.
- See proof in Section 1.3.1.

Rule 1.3.1 [The Vector AWGN Channel] *The vector AWGN channel is given by*

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n} \quad (1.85)$$

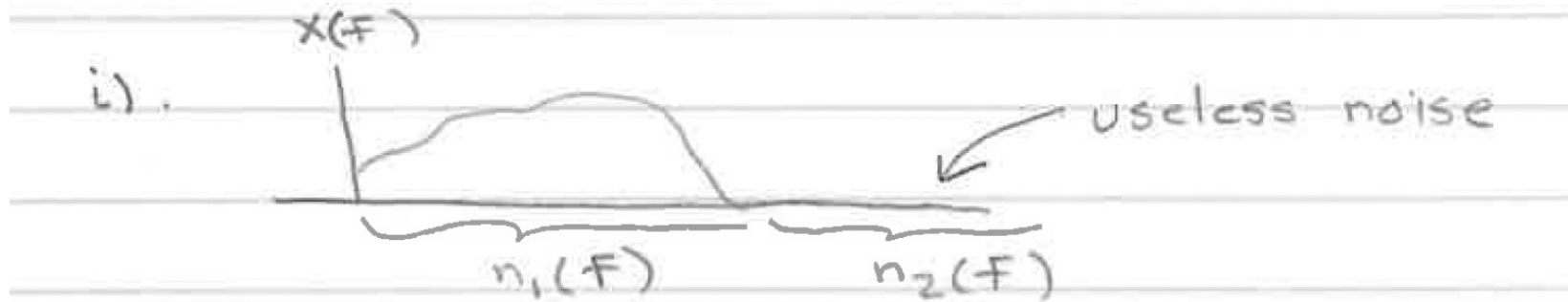
and is equivalent to the channel illustrated in Figure 1.26. The noise vector \mathbf{n} is an N -dimensional Gaussian random vector with zero mean, equal-variance, uncorrelated components in each dimension. The noise distribution is

$$p_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{u}) = (\pi\mathcal{N}_0)^{-\frac{N}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_0}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{N}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \quad (1.86)$$

- MAP for \mathbf{y} still minimizes P_e .
- For AWGN Channel, analysis need not know the modulator type



Irrelevant White-Noise Concept

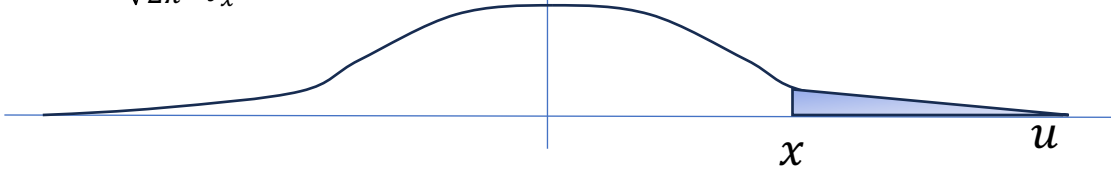


- Clearly independent noise where there is no signal does not help estimate x



The Q-function (A.1.7)

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \int_x^{\infty} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} \cdot du \quad p_{AWGN}(\sigma^2=1)(u)$$

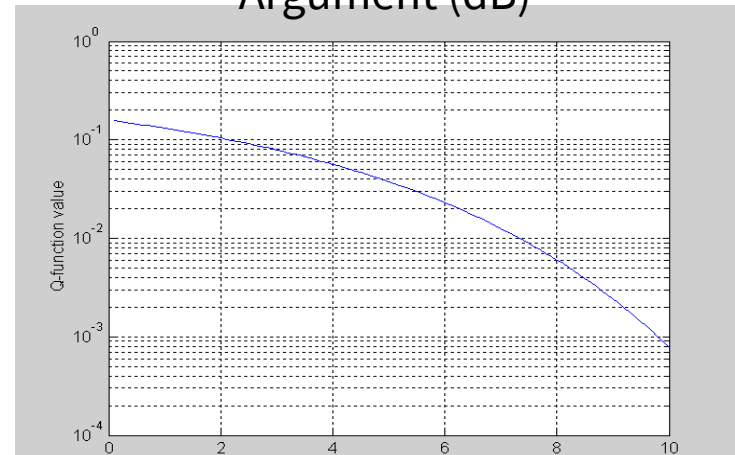
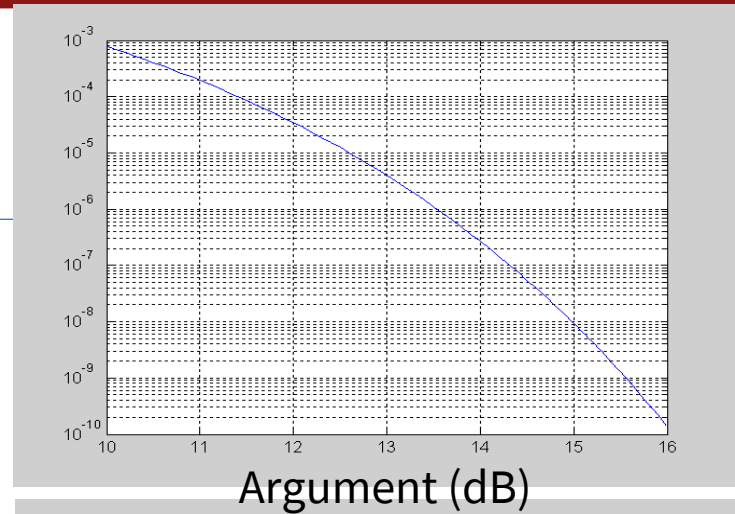


- $Q(x) = \Pr\left\{n \geq \frac{x}{\sigma}\right\}$
- Measures probability that AWGN noise exceeds a certain level (relative to standard deviation)
- Matlab

```
function qfunc(x);  
  Computes the q function  
  qfunc(x) = .5 erfc(x/sqrt(2))
```

```
>> qfunc(1) = 0.1587  
>> qfunc(3) = 0.0013  
>> qfunc(5) = 2.8665e-07  
>> qfunc(10^(13.5/20)) = 1.1143e-06 (13.5 dB → 10-6)
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>> 20*log(3) = 21.9722 dB (sample amplitude)  
>> 10*log(3^2) = 21.9722 dB (energy)
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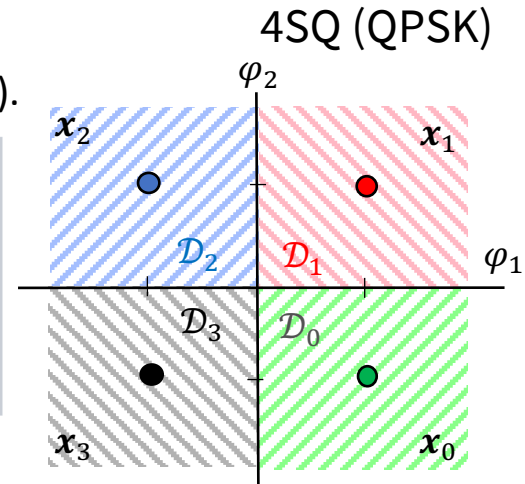
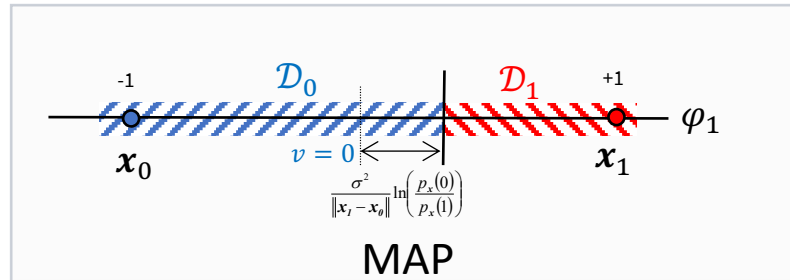
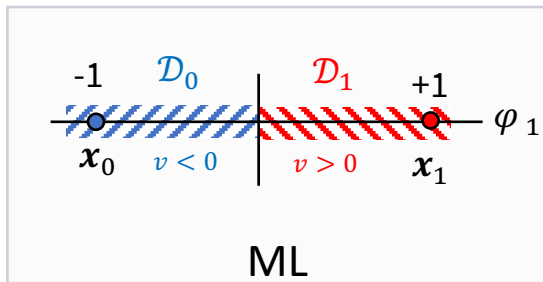
MAP/ML on the AWGN

- ML AWGN detector (if the inputs are not equally likely, your source can be improved):

Rule 1.3.3 [AWGN ML Detection Rule]

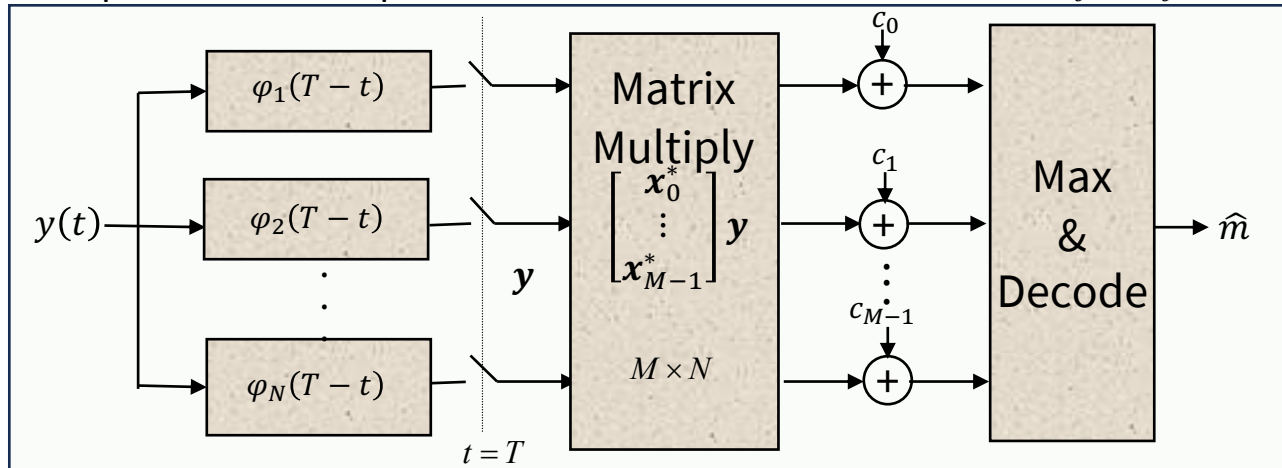
$$\hat{m} \Rightarrow m_i \text{ if } \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{x}_i\|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 \quad \forall j \neq i .$$

- ML is simple (conceptually) with AWGN – pick the closest symbol value (to \mathbf{y}).



AWGN ML Detector

- Implement closest point? $\hat{m} \Rightarrow m_i$ if $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_i \rangle + c_i \geq \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_j \rangle + c_j \forall j \neq i$

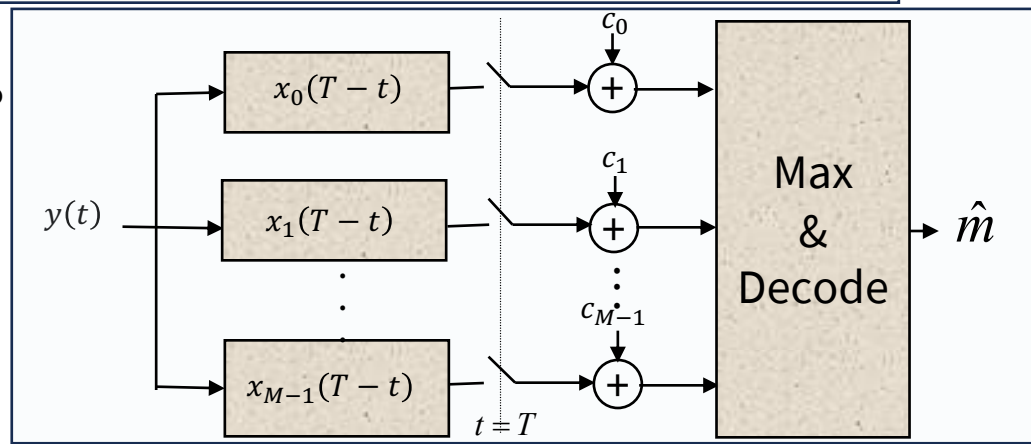


$$c_i \triangleq \frac{N_0}{2} \cdot \ln\{p_{\mathbf{x}}(i)\} - \frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2}{2}$$

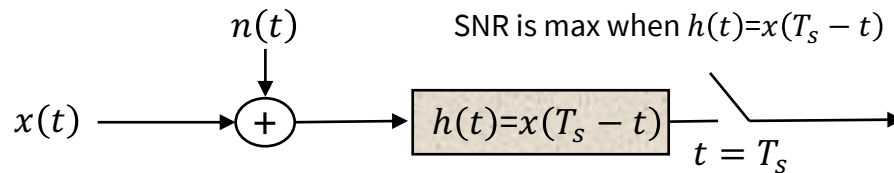
“Machine Learners” – recognize this?

It is a ReLU (rectified linear unit, 1.5.2; where we already know the coefficients, bias terms, and use hard nonlinearity.

- Or perhaps simpler?



Matched Filter SNR Maximization



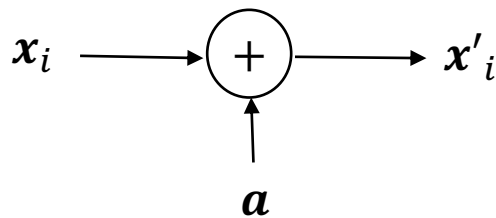
- Convolution reverses and multiplies – when the two convolved signals align perfectly, the SNR is largest.
- Matched filter essentially aligns filter with the pre-noise signal (“matched”) to align/boost maximally.
- MF is fundamental in many detection/receiver strategies.
- See Section 1.3.1 (proof is there).



Pe Calculations and Bounds

(Section 1.3.2)

Translational Invariance (AWGN)



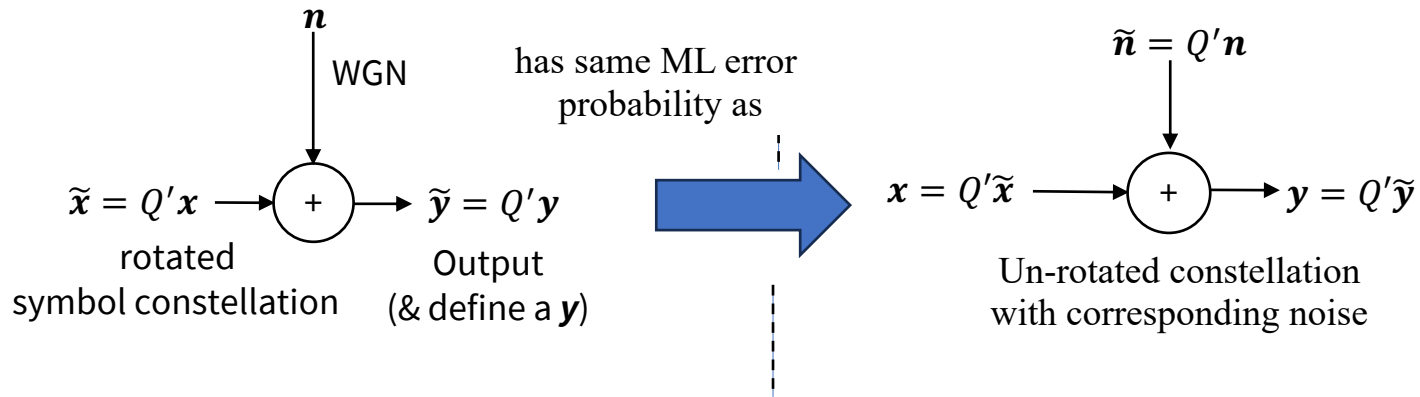
- This does not change the distances between constellation points. (It is a reversible transformation.)
- Thus, the detector simply subtracts the known \mathbf{a} so $\mathbf{y} \rightarrow \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{a}$ and proceeds the same way (note this is 1-to-1 so reversibility applies).
- **Minimum Energy translate?**

Definition 1.3.1 [Minimum-Energy Translate] *A constellation's minimum energy translate is obtained by subtracting the constant vector $E[\mathbf{x}]$ from each data symbol.*

- Section 1.3.2.1 – saves energy, no performance loss (AWGN) – PS1.5's “tilt.”



Rotational Invariance (AWGN)



- The unitary matrix $Q \cdot Q^* = I = Q^* \cdot Q$ is 1-to-1 (reversible).
- Also, the energy does not change $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{x}\|^2] = \mathbb{E}[\|Q \cdot \mathbf{x}\|^2]$.

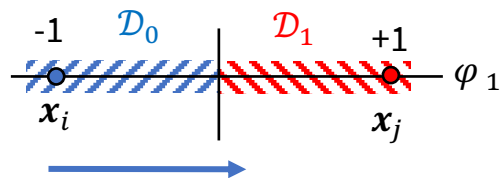
AWGN ML-Detect performance is invariant to rotation and/or translation.



Minimum Distance & AWGN's Union Bound

Definition 1.3.2 [Minimum Distance, d_{\min}] The minimum distance for a constellation with symbol vectors $\mathbf{x} \triangleq \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=0, \dots, M-1}$, is $d_{\min}(\mathbf{x})$ and measures the smallest separation between any two different constellation symbol (or “codeword”) values. The argument (\mathbf{x}) is often dropped when the specific signal constellation is obvious from the context, thus leaving

$$d_{\min} \triangleq \min_{i \neq j} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\| \quad \forall i, j. \quad (1.122)$$



$x_i + n$ this big causes an error, or $|n| > \frac{d_{\min}}{2}$

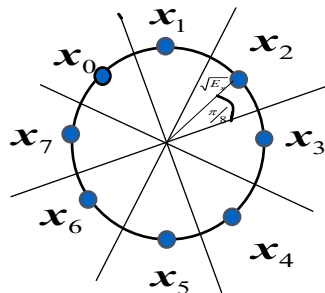
$$P_e \leq \underbrace{(M-1)}_{\text{no more than } M-1 \text{ events}} \cdot \underbrace{Q\left(\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma}\right)}_{\text{noise big enough}}$$

- **Union Bound** is thus $P_e \leq (M-1) \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma}\right)$
- At worst, any constellation point can be confused for any of the $M-1$ other points, which are at least at minimum distance.



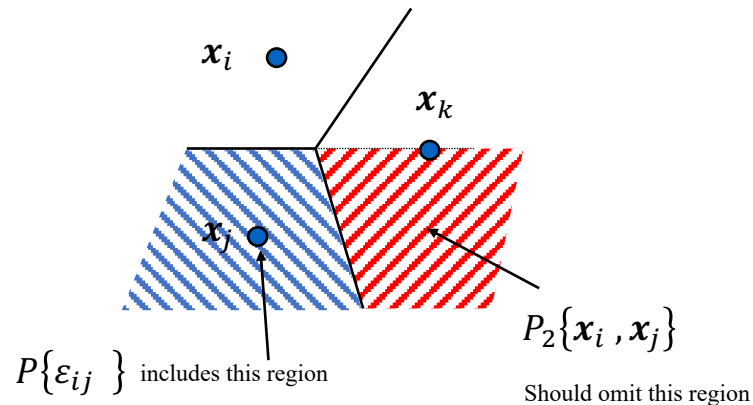
Example 8 PSK

- 8 messages ($M = 8, b = 3; N = 2$) - same basis functions as BPSK (and QPSK)



$$P_e < 7 \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{min}}{2\sigma}\right)$$

- Overkill? Well, yes, especially if M is large.
- Double counts the red-shaded region for ϵ_{ij}
- Can you do better?
- How about $P_e < 2 \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{min}}{2\sigma}\right)$?



Nearest Neighbor Union Bound

- $P_e < N_e \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{min}}{2\sigma}\right)$.

- Where $N_e \triangleq$ the **number of nearest neighbors** .

Definition 1.3.3 [Average Number of Nearest Neighbors] A constellation's average number of nearest neighbors, N_e is

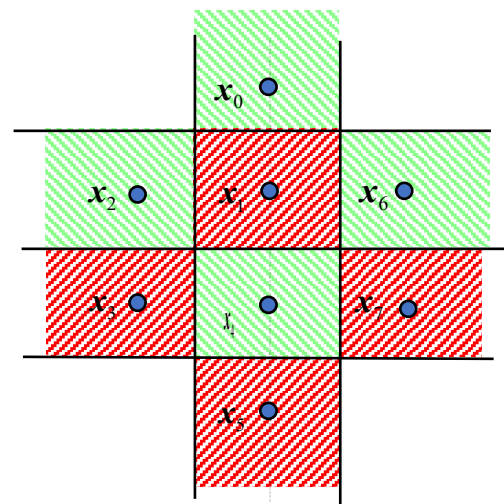
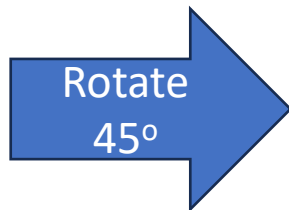
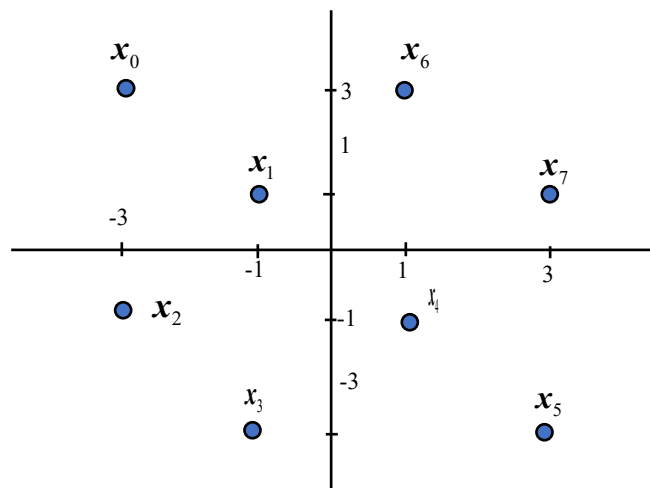
$$N_e \triangleq \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} N_i \cdot p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) \quad , \quad (1.147)$$

where N_i is the symbol \mathbf{x}_i 's number of neighboring constellation symbols, that is the number of other symbol vectors sharing a common decision region boundary²⁸ with \mathbf{x}_i .

- Count only those at distance d_{min} (often easier to do) $N_e \cong \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \tilde{N}_i \cdot p_{\mathbf{x}}(i)$; \tilde{N}_i counts only @ d_{min} .
- $P_e \cong N_e \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{min}}{2\sigma}\right)$ **this is the nearest-neighbor union bound** (usually very tight, often used).



NNUB Example 8SQ



- This analysis counts only (so approximates) neighbors at minimum distance.
 - Others have smaller contribution.
- $P_e < 3.25 \cdot Q$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_c &= \sum_{i=0}^7 P_{c/i} \cdot p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) = \sum_{i \neq 1,4} P_{c/i} \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \sum_{i=1,4} P_{c/i} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \\
 &> \frac{6}{8}(1-Q)(1-2Q) + \frac{2}{8}(1-2Q)^2 \\
 &= \frac{3}{4}(1-3Q+2Q^2) + \frac{1}{4}(1-4Q+4Q^2) \\
 &= 1 - 3.25Q + 2.5Q^2 \quad .
 \end{aligned}$$



Measures & Fair Comparisons

[See 1.3.2.4](#)

Calculate ave bit error prob (symbol decoder)

Definition 1.3.4 [Average Bit Error Rate] *The average bit error rate is*

$$P_b \triangleq \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) \cdot P\{\varepsilon_{ij}\} \cdot n_b(i, j) \quad (1.152)$$

where $n_b(i, j)$ is the number of bit errors for the particular choice of encoder when symbol i is erroneously detected as symbol j . This quantity, despite the label using P , is not strictly a probability. It also related to the average total number of bit errors per error event.

- Average Total Bit Errors per Error Event

$$N_b = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) \cdot n_b(i) \quad \text{where} \quad n_b(i) = \sum_{j=0}^{N_i} n_b(i, j)$$

- Then

$$P_b \approx N_b \cdot Q \left[\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_b &\approx \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) \cdot P\{\varepsilon_{ij}\} \cdot n_b(i, j) \\ &\leq Q \left[\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma} \right] \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} n_b(i, j) \\ &\lesssim Q \left[\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma} \right] \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) \cdot n_b(i) \\ &\lesssim N_b \cdot Q \left[\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$n_b(i) \triangleq \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} n_b(i, j) \quad ,$$

Lemma 1.3.2 [Average bit-error probability \bar{P}_b .] *The average probability of bit error is defined by*

$$\bar{P}_b = \frac{P_b}{b} \quad (1.155)$$

The corresponding average total number of bit errors per bit is

$$\bar{N}_b \triangleq \frac{N_b}{b} \quad (1.156)$$



Normalization to Dimensionality

$$\bar{A} \triangleq \frac{A}{N}$$

- $\bar{P}_e, \bar{N}_e, \bar{\mathcal{E}}_x, \bar{b}, \dots$
- The measure, indicated by a bar, normalizes to the “resources” - the number of dimensions.



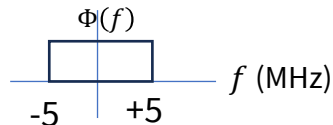
Fair Comparisons

- Fix 4 of these 5 – compare last

- Data rate $R = \frac{b}{T}$
- Power $P_x = \frac{\epsilon_x}{T}$
- System bandwidth W
- Total transmission time or symbol period T
- Error probability P_e

Many engineers, including some really famous ones, have erred on comparisons

System 1: $R = 10$ Mbps, $N = 1, \pm 1$ ($M = 2$), $\frac{1}{T} = 10$ MHz



$W = 5$ MHz

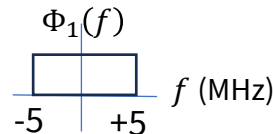


$d_{min} = 2$

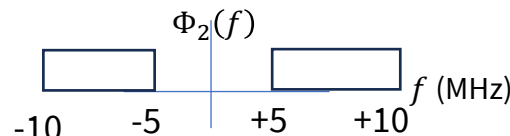
- Or fix 2 of these 3 – compare the last

- Bits/dim $\bar{b} = \frac{b}{N}$
- Energy/dim $\bar{\epsilon}_x = \frac{\epsilon_x}{N}$
- Error Prob/dim $\bar{P}_e = \frac{P_e}{N}$

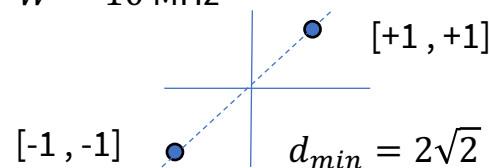
System 2: $R = 20$ Mbps, $N = 2, \pm 1$ ($M = 2$), $\frac{1}{T} = 10$ MHz



$W = 5$ MHz



$W = 10$ MHz



$d_{min} = 2\sqrt{2}$

Bigger d_{min} and twice rate ?
 Not fair, both \bar{b} and \bar{P}_e differ
 (these two are really the same)
 set $\bar{b} = 1$ and becomes QPSK, smaller d_{min}



Packet Error Rate

- **Block error rate**, $P_{e,block}$, is the average probability that a packet or “block” of B bits contains at least one erred bit.

$$P_{e,block} \approx B \cdot \bar{P}_b$$

- More accurately, $P_{e,block}$ counts the ways that bit errors can occur:

$$\sum_{i=1}^B \binom{B}{i} (1 - \bar{P}_b)^{B-i} \bar{P}_b^i$$

- Other examples
 - An **erred second** is second in which at least one (uncorrectable) bit error occurred.
 - **Code violations** – usually measured in 15min intervals -- and count the number of erred packets in that interval.





End Lecture 2

- (Reversible) Transformations to simplify detectors
- AWGN channel simplifications for ML detectors.
- P_e calculations
- Fair analysis