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*Lecture 4*

# **Complex AWGN and Other Channels**

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# Announcements & Agenda

## ■ Announcements

- PS2 next Wed – Jan 24
  - See [HWH](#) if you are having difficulty before spending too much time
  - Or ask questions (homework feedback is good also for future students)
- Uploading assignments issues?
  - So far, sending to Ethan works

## ■ Today

- Coding Gain
- Signal Representations
  - The Phase-Splitting Demodulator
- Noise and passband processes
- SSB, VSB, CAP, other forms of QAM
- Discrete Memoryless Channels



# Coding Gain

# Lattices and Codes (AWGN)

- **Lattice**  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots\}$  that is closed under an operation “addition” (usually normal addition, but can also be over a finite field when  $|\Lambda| < \infty$ . (Appendix B)

- Examples include:

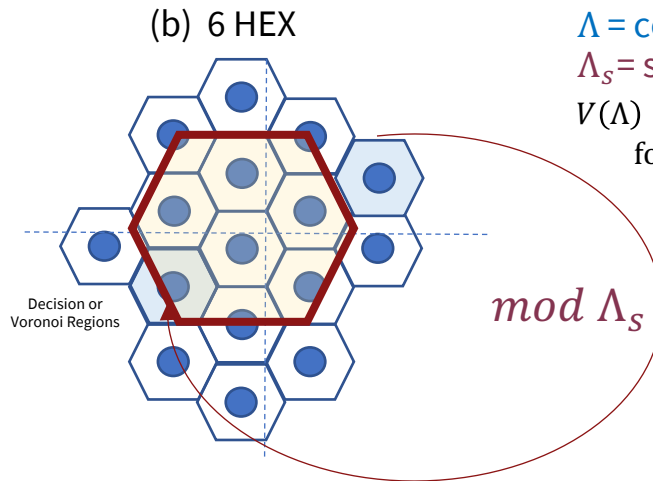
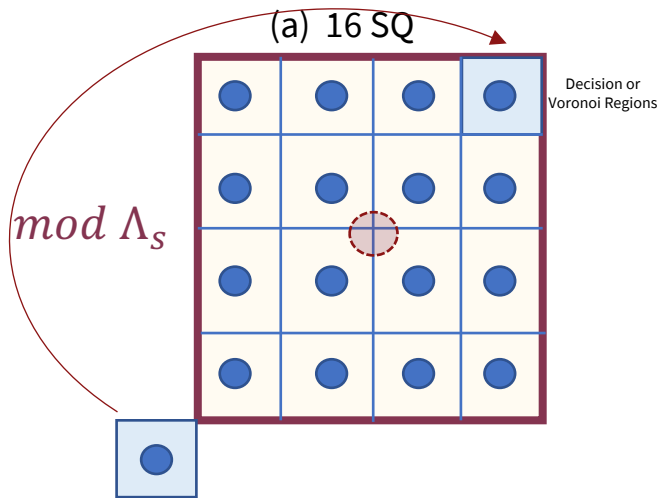
- $\mathbb{Z}$  - the integers (think PAM),
- $\mathbb{Z}^2$ - 2D integer vectors (think QAM), and
- $\mathbb{Z}^N$  - think codewords built from PAM/QAM.

$$D_2 = 2\mathbb{Z}^2 + \{0,1\} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is odd-}b \text{ square QAM}$$

- **Coset**  $\Lambda + \mathbf{a} = \{\lambda_0 + \mathbf{a}, \lambda_1 + \mathbf{a}, \dots\}$  basically maintains all the lattice properties, but need to add constant  $\mathbf{a}$  (or remove it) appropriately.
- Most constellations  $C$  are subsets of lattices  $\Lambda$  (or their cosets).
  - Designs choose  $M$  symbols from  $\Lambda$ , and subtract mean so that the set  $C$  has minimum average energy.
- Lattices are a nice way for code designers to pack points evenly into given volume or energy.



# Coding Gain and Constellation/Code



$\Lambda =$  coding lattice for  $d_{\min}$   
 $\Lambda_s =$  shaping lattice for  $\mathcal{E}_x$   
 $V(\Lambda) \triangleq$  decision – region volume  
 for (any) lattice point in  $\Lambda$

$$\gamma \triangleq \frac{\left( d_{\min}^2(\mathbf{x}) / \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{x}} \right)}{\left( d_{\min}^2(\check{\mathbf{x}}) / \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\check{\mathbf{x}}} \right)} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{d_{\min}^2(\mathbf{x})}{V^{2/N}(\Lambda)} \right)}_{\gamma_f \text{ fundamental gain}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{V^{2/N}(\Lambda)}{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{x}}} \right)}_{\gamma_s \text{ shaping gain}}$$

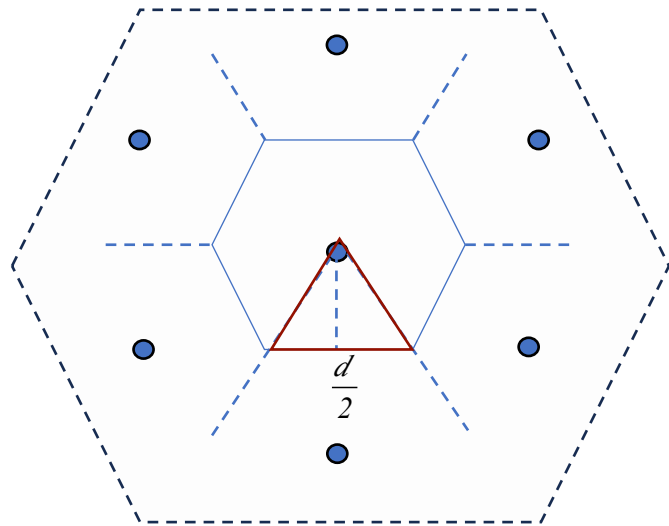
**coding gain**

Basic principle extends as  $\bar{N} \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 Hexagon  $\rightarrow$  hypersphere (Gaussian marginals).

**Good codes can follow  
 from  $\Lambda_s / \Lambda = |C|$ .**



# Hexagon Constellation, fund gain



$\Lambda = A_2$  , the “hexagonal” lattice.

$$V(A_2) = \underbrace{6}_{\text{of } \Delta's} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{d}{\sqrt{3}}}_{\text{base}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{d}{2}}_{\text{altitude}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot d^2 .$$

$$\gamma_f = \frac{d^2}{\frac{\sqrt{3}d^2}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = .625 \text{ dB}$$

- $A_2$  is (up to) .625 dB better than  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  ( $d = 1, V = 1$ ) in fundamental gain.
- It's also better as a shaping lattice (closer to a circle).



# Maximum Shaping Gain

- Let  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , then **best shape** is a **hypersphere**.

- For hypersphere: 
$$\frac{\bar{\epsilon}_x}{V^{2/N}} = \underbrace{\frac{r^2}{N+2}}_{\substack{\text{2nd moment} \\ r^2/4}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\left(\frac{N!}{2!}\right)^{2/N}}{\pi \cdot r^2}}_{\substack{\text{1/area} \\ 1/(\pi \cdot r^2)}} = \frac{\left(\frac{N!}{2!}\right)^{2/N}}{\pi \cdot (N+2)}$$
 Problem 1.19

- Limit, relative to  $\mathbb{Z}^N$ , is  $\frac{\pi e}{6} = 1.53$  dB.
  - Proof in text.

**BEST SHAPING  
GAIN IS 1.53 dB**

- Fundamental gain can be infinite – see Chapter 2.



# Peak-to-Average Ratio (PAR)

- Can be important for amplifiers (see PSK discussion).

**Definition 1.3.23 [Discrete Peak Energy]** A constellation's  $N$ -dimensional discrete peak energy is  $\mathcal{E}_{peak}$ .

$$\mathcal{E}_{peak} \triangleq \max_i \sum_{n=1}^N x_{in}^2 \quad . \quad (1.328)$$

A modulated signal's continuous-time peak energy is

$$\mathcal{E}_{cont} \triangleq \max_{i,t} |x_i(t)|^2 \geq \mathcal{E}_{peak} \quad . \quad (1.329)$$

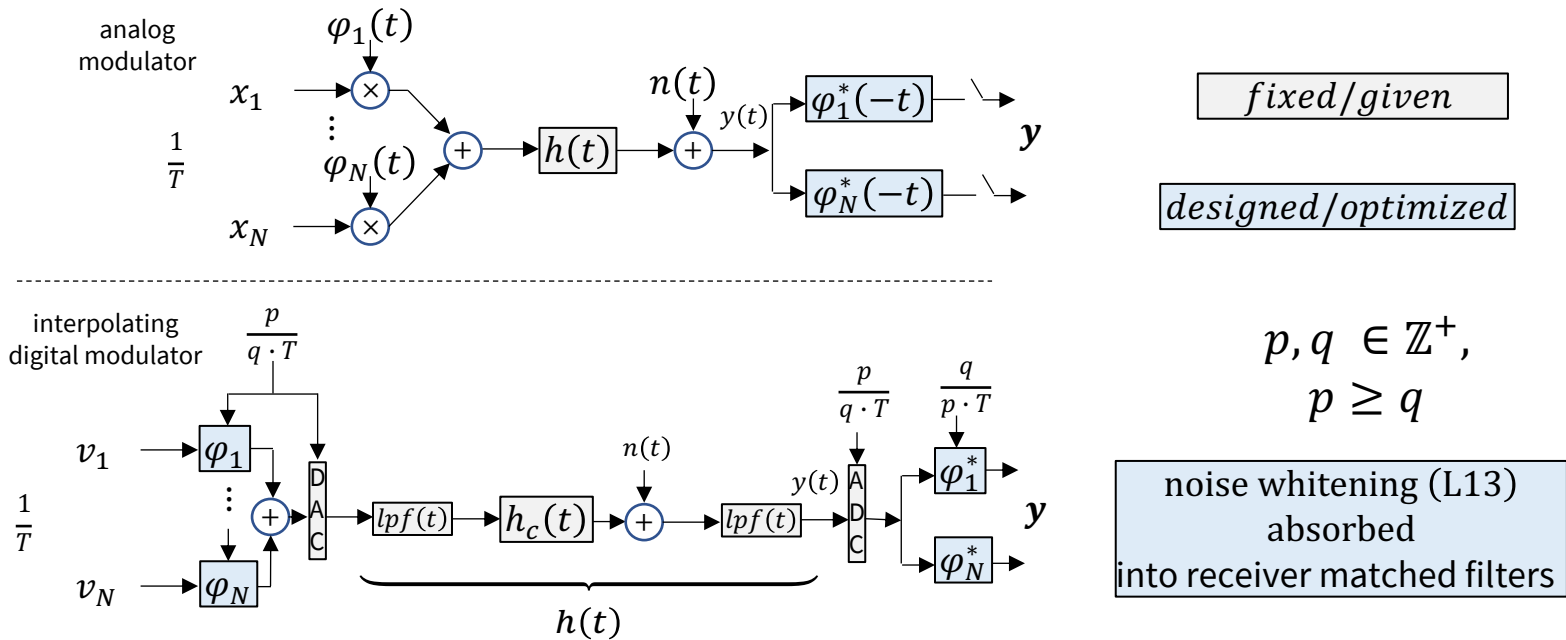
- PARs could be an additional measure:
  - At symbol instants:  $PAR = \mathcal{E}_{peak} / \mathcal{E}_x$
  - In continuous time for an overall  $PAR = \mathcal{E}_{cont} / \mathcal{E}_x$  - this one is always at least as large.
  - Example – simple sinusoid symbol-rate sampled at peaks has symbol-rate  $PAR = 1$  while any continuous sinusoid has  $PAR$  3dB.





# Signal Representations

# Revisit the filtered AWGN, more detail

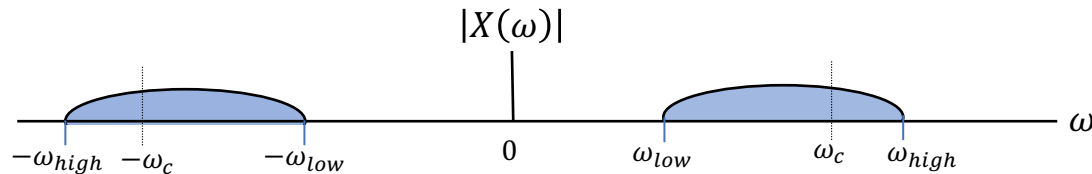


- Often the modulator basis functions are designed with DSP (379B).
- They may be optimized for the channel  $h(t)$  - as opposed to some fixed filter.
- Channels often limit to a band centered at  $f_c$ , the "carrier" or "center" frequency.
- If not familiar with multi-rate filters, just set  $q = 1$ , insert  $p - 1$  zeros between symbol values at xmit.
  - Filter is designed at  $p$  times sample rate ; similarly, receiver just accepts inputs at  $\frac{p}{T}$  and discards  $p - 1$  samples/symbol-period at filter output.



# Carrier Modulated Waveform

- Most channels don't use DC or some lower (and higher) frequencies – they exist in a band.



**Definition 1.3.25 [Carrier-Modulated Signal]** A carrier-modulated signal is any passband signal that satisfies

$$x(t) = a(t) \cdot \cos(\omega_c t + \theta(t)) \quad , \quad (1.333)$$

where  $a(t)$  is the modulated signal's time-varying **amplitude** or **envelope** and  $\theta(t)$  is its time-varying **phase**.  $\omega_c = 2\pi f_c$  is the **carrier frequency** (in radians/sec;  $f_c$  is in Hz).

$A(\omega) = 0$  for  $\omega \geq \omega_c$  avoids positive/neg translations' overlap.



# Quadrature Decomposition

**Definition 1.3.26 [Quadrature Decomposition]** *The quadrature decomposition of a carrier modulated signal is*

$$x(t) = x_I(t) \cdot \cos(\omega_c t) - x_Q(t) \cdot \sin(\omega_c t) \quad , \quad (1.334)$$

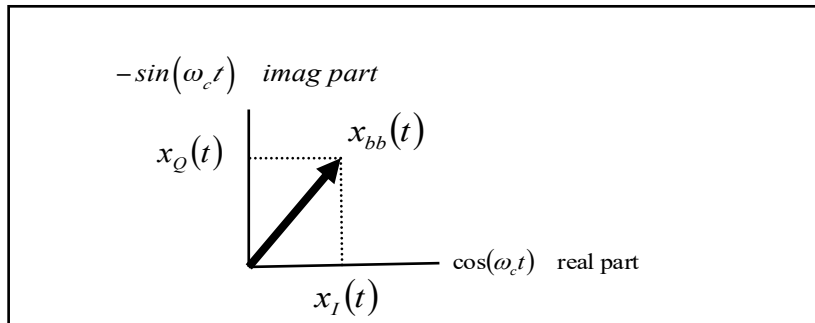
where  $x_I(t) = a(t) \cdot \cos(\theta(t))$  is the modulated signal's time-varying **inphase component**, and  $x_Q(t) = a(t) \cdot \sin(\theta(t))$  is its time-varying **quadrature component**.

Previous slide's

- Note capital  $T$  on  $Tan^{-1}$ , so must know each of I's and Q's signs.
  - Baseband components are at/near DC, as if frequency re-indexes to  $\omega \rightarrow \omega - \omega_c$ .

$$a(t) = \sqrt{x_I^2(t) + x_Q^2(t)}$$

$$\theta(t) = \text{Tan}^{-1} \left[ \frac{x_Q(t)}{x_I(t)} \right]$$



# Complex Equivalents

- **Baseband equivalent** (carrier frequency not included)

**Definition 1.3.27 [Baseband-Equivalent Signal]** *The complex baseband-equivalent signal for  $x(t)$  in (1.333) is*

$$x_{bb}(t) \triangleq x_I(t) + jx_Q(t) \quad , \quad (1.337)$$

where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ .

- Baseband components are at or near DC, as if frequency re-indexes so that  $\omega \rightarrow \omega - \omega_c$ .

- **Analytic equivalent** (carrier frequency included):

**Definition 1.3.28 [Analytic-Equivalent Signal]** *The analytic-equivalent signal for  $x(t)$  in (1.333) is*

$$x_A(t) \triangleq x_{bb}(t) \cdot e^{j\omega_c t} \quad . \quad (1.338)$$

- Translates components up to positive frequencies. (Analytic has zero neg-freq energy.)



# Example

$$x(t) = \text{sinc}(10^6 t) \cdot \cos(2\pi 10^7 t) + 3 \cdot \text{sinc}(10^6 t) \cdot \sin(2\pi 10^7 t)$$

$$x_I(t) = \text{sinc}(10^6 t)$$

$$x_Q(t) = -3 \cdot \text{sinc}(10^6 t)$$

$$x_{bb}(t) = (1 - 3j) \cdot \text{sinc}(10^6 t)$$

$$a(t) = \sqrt{10} \cdot \text{sinc}(10^6 t)$$

$$\theta(t) = \text{Tan}^{-1} \left[ \frac{-3}{1} \right] = -71.6^\circ$$

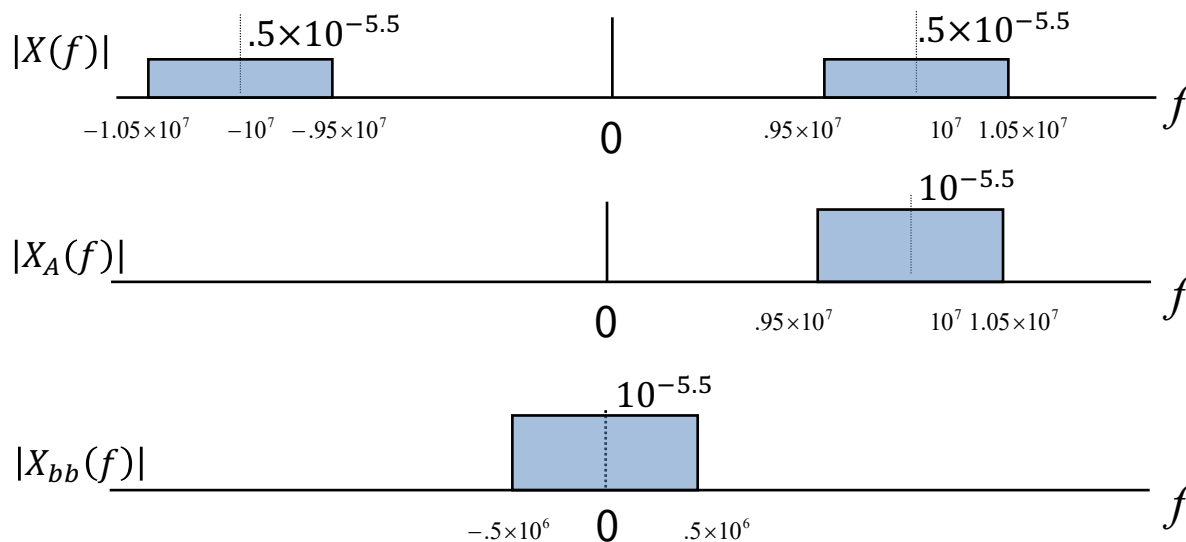
$$x(t) = \sqrt{10} \cdot \text{sinc}(10^6 t) \cdot \cos(\omega_c t - 71.6^\circ)$$

▪ and

$$x_A(t) = (1 - 3j) \cdot \text{sinc}(10^6 t) \cdot e^{j2\pi 10^7 t}$$



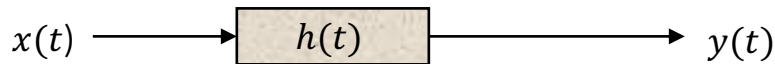
# Example's Spectra



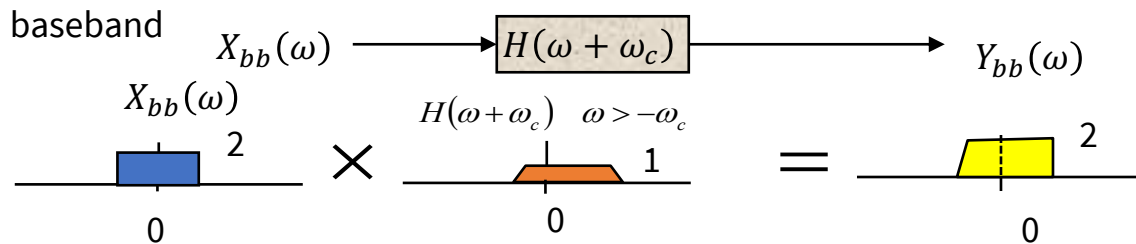
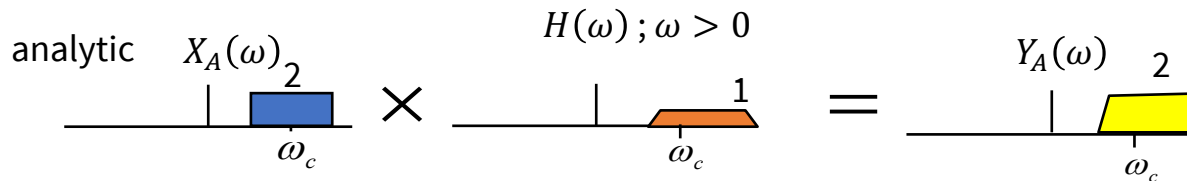
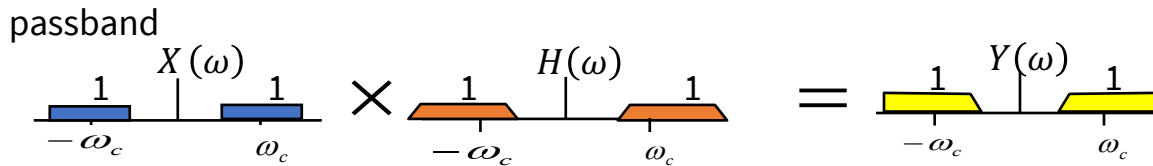
- The sinc function causes the brickwall nature of the signals (in practice never quite this perfect).



# Example revisited in terms of channel $H(\omega)$



$$H(f) = \begin{cases} 1 & |f \pm 10^7| < .5 \times 10^6 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$



- The baseband view basically centers the channel carrier frequency at 0.





# Analytic-Signal Generation (App A.3.1/2)

- **Hilbert Transform** – convolve signal  $x(t)$  with  $\check{h}(t) = \begin{cases} 1/\pi \cdot t & t \neq 0 \\ 0 & t = 0 \end{cases}$ .

$$\check{x}(t) = \check{h}(t) * x(t)$$

- Hilbert's Fourier Transform is  $-j \cdot \text{sgn}(\omega)$ , so HT:
  - shifts positive frequencies by +90° and
  - shifts negative frequencies by -90° ,
  - so that means cos into sin , and sin into -cos.

$$x(t) = x_I(t) \cdot \cos(\omega_c \cdot t) - x_Q(t) \cdot \sin(\omega_c \cdot t) = \Re\{x_A(t)\}$$

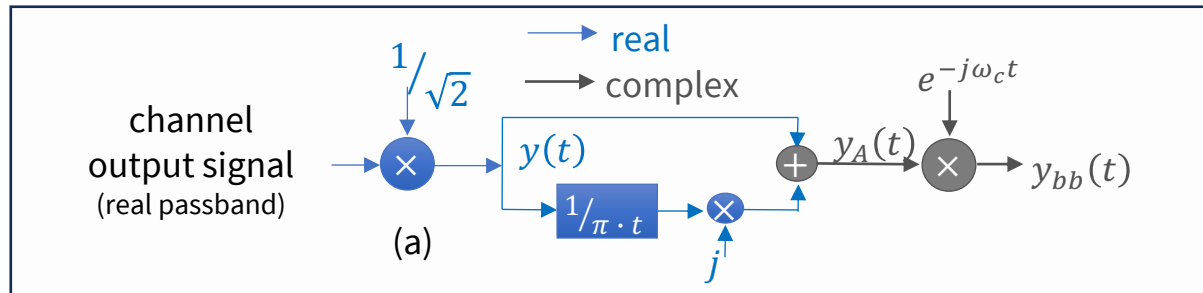
$$\check{x}(t) = x_I(t) \cdot \sin(\omega_c \cdot t) + x_Q(t) \cdot \cos(\omega_c \cdot t) = \Im\{x_A(t)\}$$

- Algebra leads to  $x_A(t) = x(t) + j \cdot \check{x}(t)$ .
- Use HT to demodulate passband to a complex baseband signal, any carrier.



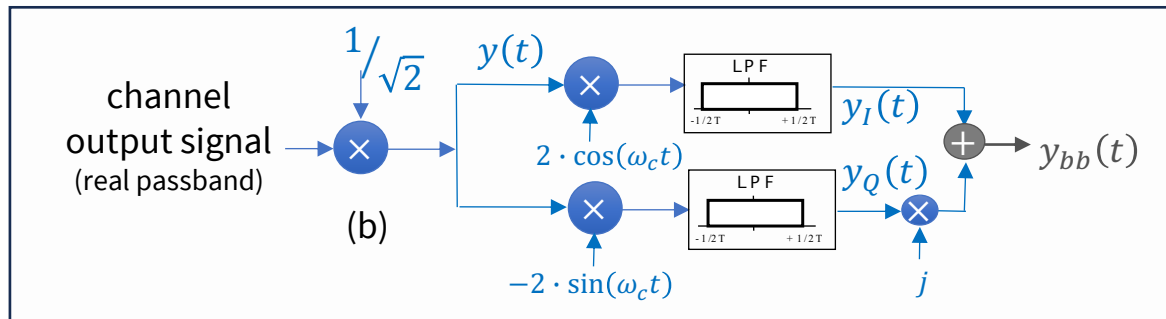
# Complex Demodulator Types

- Use Hilbert Transform? (usually implemented, with delay, in digital signal processing with one sampler at input).



The factor  $1/\sqrt{2}$  maintains signal energy. This is useful for theory, but not implemented

- Use cos/sin demodulation (usually analog implementation, with 2 samplers at I and Q outputs).



- Typically symbol rate and carrier are locked (rational fraction, Chapter 6) to same source – HT version is then much more amenable to DSP implementation.



# Inner Product Generalization

1. The inner product becomes

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{y} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^*(t) \cdot y(t) dt \quad , \quad (1.408)$$

( $\mathbf{x}^*$  means conjugate transpose of  $\mathbf{x}$ ).

2. The matched filter is conjugated, that is  $\varphi(T - t) \rightarrow \varphi^*(T - t)$ .

3. Energies of complex scalars are  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{x}} = E \{|x(t)|^2\}$ , or the expected squared magnitude of the complex scalar, and  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{x}}/2$ .

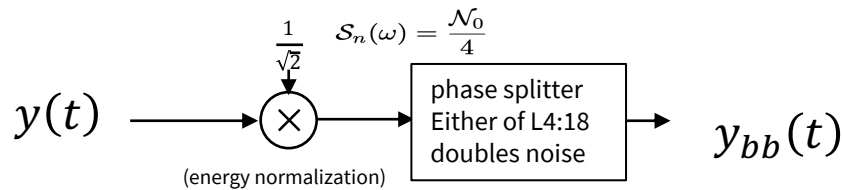
- It is rare that transpose by itself is used or needed any longer – almost always conjugate transpose
- Throughout rest of EE379A, B .... your design careers!



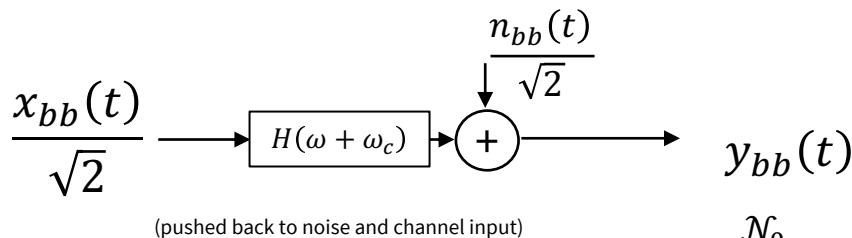
# Noise and Passband Processes

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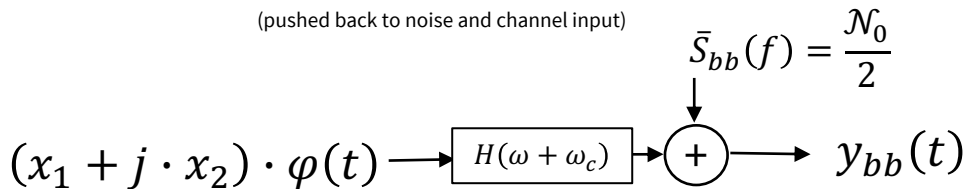
# AWGN through demodulators



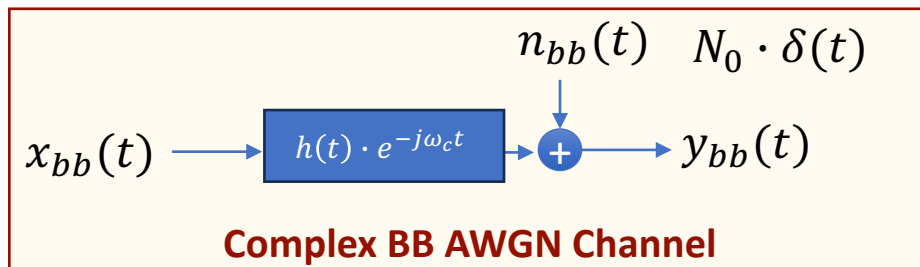
$$S_A(\omega) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}_0 & \omega > 0 \\ \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2} & \omega = 0 \\ 0 & \omega < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$S_{bb}(\omega) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}_0 & \omega > \omega_c \\ \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2} & \omega = -\omega_c \\ 0 & \omega < -\omega_c \end{cases}$$



- Scaling removes the  $\sqrt{2}$  that was in the real basis functions for QAM and resets the noise to  $\frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2}$  in each of the two dimensions.



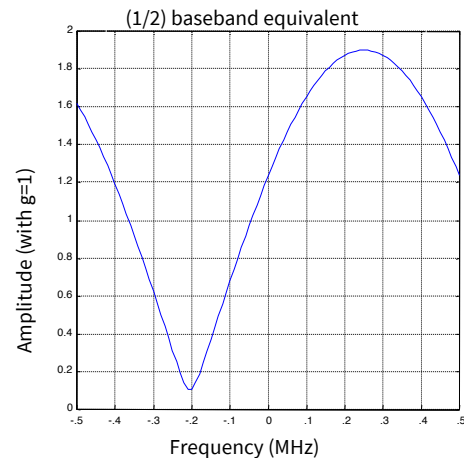
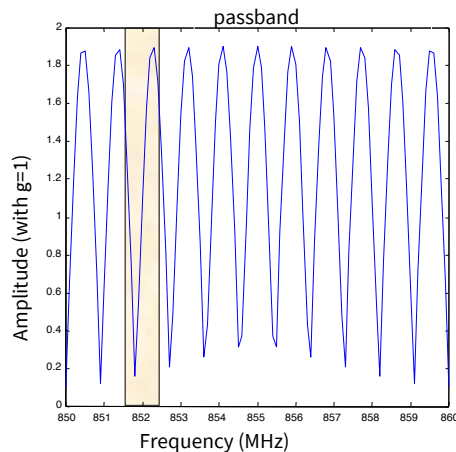
# Wireless Multipath Example

$$h(t) = g \cdot [\delta(t) - .9 \cdot \delta(t - \tau)]$$

$$\tau = 1.1ns$$

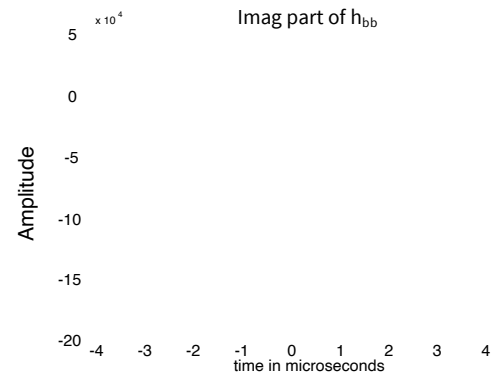
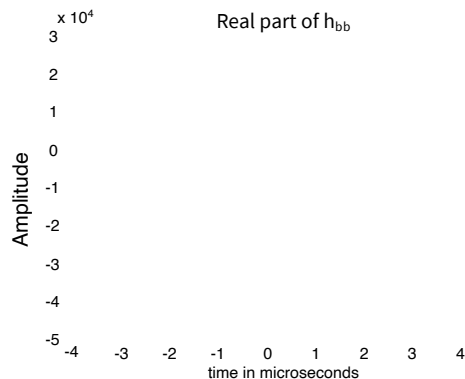
$$f_c = 852 \text{ MHz}$$

- The baseband equivalent need not be symmetric around zero frequency (it is complex).



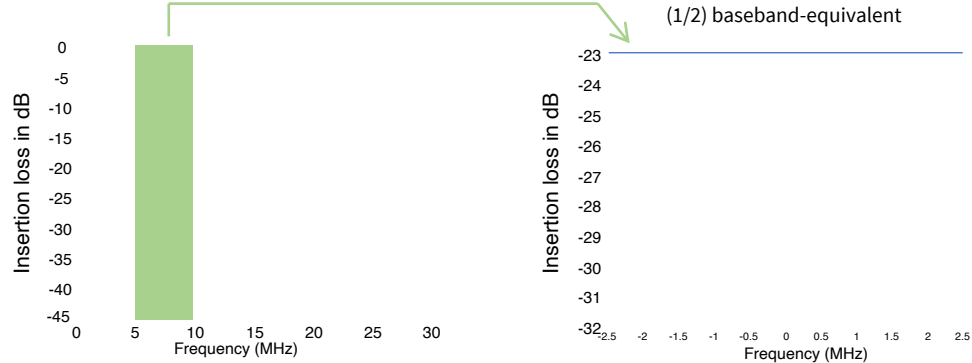
- Baseband complex channel in time domain is shown:

- Channel adds white noise.

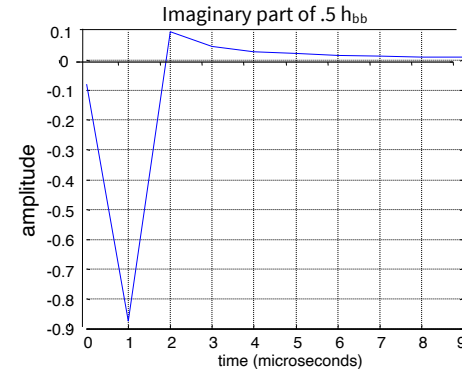
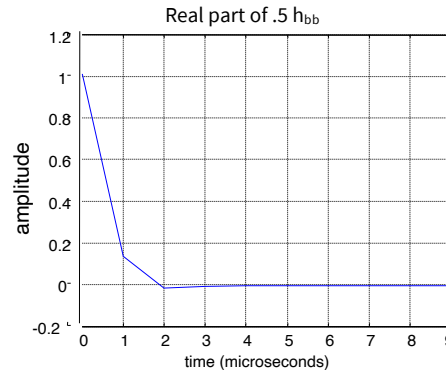


# Transmission Line Example

- 26-gauge twisted pair:
  - “Cat 3”
  - 300 meters length
  - See “linemod” software at website.
  - <https://cioffi-group.stanford.edu/linemod/>
  - Happy to hear of matlab replacements



- Baseband complex channel in time domain:
- Channel adds white noise.



Divide  $H(f)$  by  $\bar{S}_n^{-1/2}(f)$  to get noise-equivalent channel for analysis (rcvr needs to implement this filter), see L13.



# SSB, VSB, CAP, other forms of QAM

## Section 1.3.6

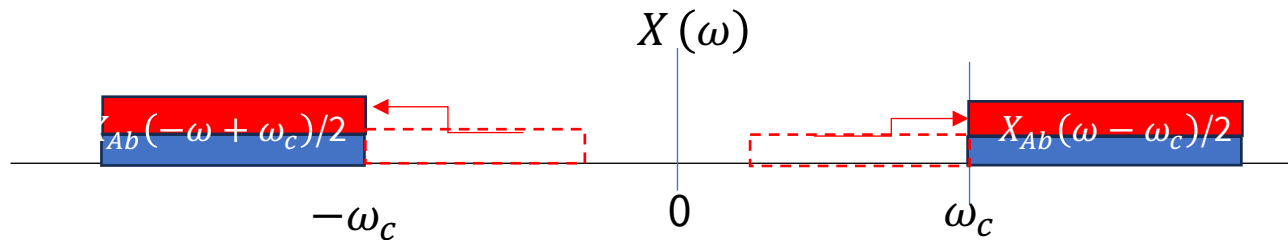
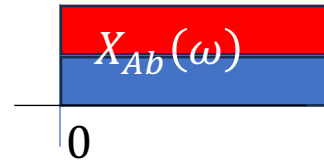


# Single Side Band (SSB)

- **SSB** has inphase and quadrature from same source.
  - Upper side band is  $x(t) = x_I(t) \cdot \cos(\omega t) - \check{x}_I(t) \cdot \sin(\omega t)$ .

$$x_{Ab}(t) = x_{bb}(t) = x_I(t) + j \cdot \check{x}_I(t)$$

$$x_A(t) = (x_I(t) + j \cdot \check{x}_I(t)) \cdot e^{j\omega_c t}$$



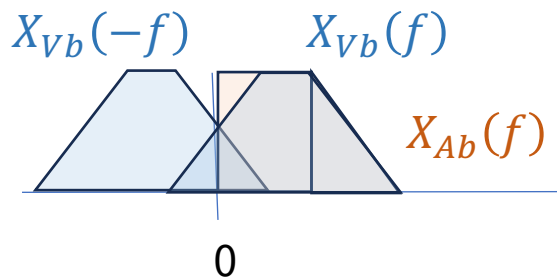
- SSB, effectively in same bandwidth, can have twice the symbol rate of QAM.
  - But quadrature derives from inphase, so the data rate remains the same.
  - SSB was used in analog radio and especially TV to half bandwidth of a real continuous-time signal. Double side band does not exploit the quadrature dimension.
- This is really just complex QAM with carrier frequency selected at the top (LSB) or bottom (USB).
  - It has no fundamental advantage over QAM.



# Vestigial Sideband (VSB)

- Old analog TV places carrier at 1/3 point in 6 MHz channel.
- **VSB** looks like SSB but the  $X_I(\omega)$  has vestigial symmetry about  $\omega_c$ .
  - $x(t) = x_{VSB}(t) \cdot \cos(\omega t) - \check{x}_{VSB}(t) \cdot \sin(\omega t)$

$$X_{Vb}(f) + X_{Vb}(-f) = X_{Ab}(f) \quad \forall f > 0$$



$$x_{Vb}(t) = x_{bb}(t) = x_{VSB}(t) + j \cdot \check{x}_{VSB}(t)$$

- Again, design might have just placed carrier where desired in baseband QAM
  - But then not compatible with transition from analog to digital in TV.

# Carrierless Amplitude Phase modulation (CAP)

- **CAP** is really just QAM that exploits the carrier and symbol clock are locked in modern digital-signal-processing-based transmitters.

$$\begin{aligned}x_A(t) &= \sum_k x_k \cdot \varphi(t - kT) \cdot e^{j\omega_c t} \\ &= \sum_k x_k \cdot \varphi(t - kT) \cdot e^{j\omega_c t} \cdot e^{-j\omega_c kT} \cdot e^{+j\omega_c kT} \\ &= \sum_k (x_k \cdot e^{+j\omega_c kT}) \cdot \varphi(t - kT) \cdot e^{j\omega_c (t - kT)} \\ &= \sum_k \check{x}_k \cdot \varphi_A(t - kT)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_A(t) &= \varphi(t) \cdot e^{j\omega_c t} \text{ and} \\ \check{x}_k &= x_k \cdot e^{+j\omega_c kT}\end{aligned}$$

- Synthesize directly the full bandwidth signal without any carrier.
  - Although it is hidden in the  $\check{x}_k$ , often the rotation is simply implemented.



# Suggestion

- Just stay with QAM baseband analysis.
- It is exactly the same for any of the SSB, VSB, CAP systems.
- Precise transmit/receiver implementation can exploit any of the techniques depending on the specific design
  - Fundamentally, the analysis and performance are the same.



# Discrete Memoryless Channels

## Section 1.4

# DMC Definition

**Definition 1.4.1** [*Discrete Memoryless Channel (DMC)*] A **discrete memoryless channel (DMC)** has  $M' \geq M = |C| < \infty$  with ordered transmitted message group  $\mathbf{X} \triangleq \{\mathbf{x}_n, n = 1, \dots, N\}$ , with each message  $\mathbf{x}_n \in \{i = 0, \dots, M - 1\}$ , and with corresponding outputs  $\mathbf{Y} \triangleq \{\mathbf{y}_n, n = 1, \dots, N\}$  with each  $\mathbf{y}_n \in \{j = 0, \dots, M' - 1\}$  that satisfy

$$p_{\mathbf{Y}/\mathbf{X}}(j, i) = \prod_{n=1}^N p_{\mathbf{y}_n/\mathbf{x}_n}(j, i) \quad . \quad (1.461)$$

The integer  $n$  here is a dimensional index (typically reflecting successive time-based DMC uses, but not necessarily so). The indices  $j$  and  $i$  reflect instead particular (output, input) sample values from the discrete distribution. A **stationary DMC** has  $p_{\mathbf{y}_n/\mathbf{x}_n}(j, i) = p_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}}(j, i) \forall j, i$ , or is thus independent of the dimensional index  $n$ .

- **Memoryless** – the channel dimensions don't interfere with each other.



# The Binary Symmetric Channel (BSC)

- ML Detector?

➤ Easy,  $0 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $1 \rightarrow 1$ .

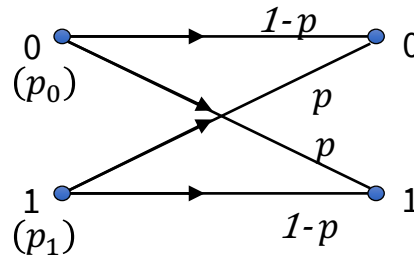
- Error prob?

➤  $P_e = p$ .

- Often used to model an “inner detector” so  $\bar{P}_b \rightarrow p$ .

- Probability transition matrix example:

$$P_{y/x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-p & p \\ p & 1-p \end{bmatrix}$$



$$P_e = p$$



# Probability Transition Matrix

$$P_{y/x} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{M'-1/M-1} & \cdots & p_{M'-1/0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{0/M-1} & \cdots & p_{0/0} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\underline{\underline{P_{y/x}(M-1)}}} & & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\underline{\underline{P_{y/x}(0)}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $P_{y/x}$  is essentially just a table of the probabilities  $p_{y/x}$ .
- $y$  has a discrete distribution.

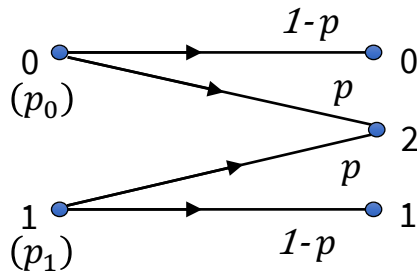




# Example 2: Binary Erasure Channel (BEC)

$$M = 2 \text{ \& } M' = 3$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{y/x} = \begin{bmatrix} p & p \\ 1-p & 0 \\ 0 & 1-p \end{bmatrix}$$



$$P_e = p$$

- ML decoder always correct on  $0 \rightarrow 0$  or  $1 \rightarrow 1$ , but 2?
- An **erasure** channel self reports it cannot decide.
  - This really corresponds to an “inner channel” like AWGN when  $y$  is on/close to the decision boundary.



# Some Properties of Transition Matrix

- Convenient description
- Can be helpful for matlab/other implementations/simulations

1. **unit column sum** - Each column sums to unity:

$$1 = \sum_{j=0}^{M'} p_{j/i} = [\mathbf{1}]^* \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}}(i) \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, M-1. \quad (1.464)$$

2. **weighted row-sum** is  $p_{\mathbf{y}}(j)$  - Each row sums to the corresponding  $\mathbf{y}$ -value's probability:

$$p_{\mathbf{y}}(j) = \sum_{i=0}^M p_{j/i} \cdot p_{\mathbf{x}}(i) \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, M' - 1. \quad (1.465)$$

Equivalently, If  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{y}}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}$  are row vectors that stack  $\mathbf{y}$  probability values  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{y}} \triangleq [p_{\mathbf{y}}(M'-1) \dots p_{\mathbf{y}}(0)]^*$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}} = [p_{\mathbf{x}}(M-1) \dots p_{\mathbf{x}}(0)]^*$  respectively, then there is an input/output matrix-multiply relation

$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}. \quad (1.466)$$

3. **Joint Probability Distribution** - The joint distribution is

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}} \cdot \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}\}. \quad (1.467)$$

4. **À Posteriori Distribution** - The à priori distribution is

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{y}} = [\text{Diag}\{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{y}}\}]^{-1} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}} \cdot \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}\}}_{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{x}}}. \quad (1.468)$$

5. **ML Detector** - An ML detector selects for any specific received DMC channel output  $\mathbf{y} = j$  or thus row  $j$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \hat{i} = \arg \left\{ \max_{i \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}} [p_{j/i}] \right\}, \quad (1.469)$$

the index of row  $j$ 's largest element. The ML decision region  $\mathcal{D}_i$  is the set of all row indices  $\{j\}$  for which element  $i$  maximizes those rows' probabilities in  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}}$ .

6. **MAP Detector** - An MAP detector selects for any specific received DMC channel output  $\mathbf{y} = j$ :

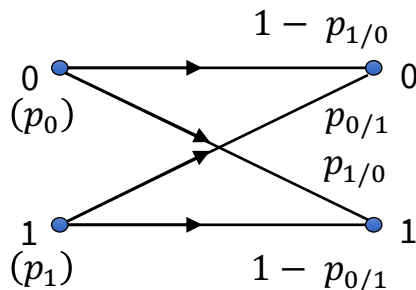
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \hat{i} = \arg \left( \max_{i \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}} \{ [\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}} \cdot \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}\}](j, i) \} \right). \quad (1.470)$$

The MAP decision region  $\mathcal{D}_i$  is the set of all row indices  $\{j\}$  for which element  $i$  maximizes those rows' probabilities in  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}} \cdot \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}\}$ .



# Binary Asymmetric Channel (BAC)

$$P_{y/x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - p_{1/0} & p_{0/1} \\ p_{1/0} & 1 - p_{0/1} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$P_e = p_{0/1} \cdot p_1 + p_{1/0} \cdot p_0$$

- **BAC** can model optical (fiber) transmission as well as some disk channels.
  - Nonlinear effects or data-dependent noise effects can cause the asymmetry.



# Symmetric DMC $M = M'$

**Definition 1.4.2 [Symmetric Channel]** A symmetric channel has MAP-detector  $P_e$  that is independent of input distribution.

**Theorem 1.4.1 [Symmetric DMC Properties]** The following statements are equivalent:

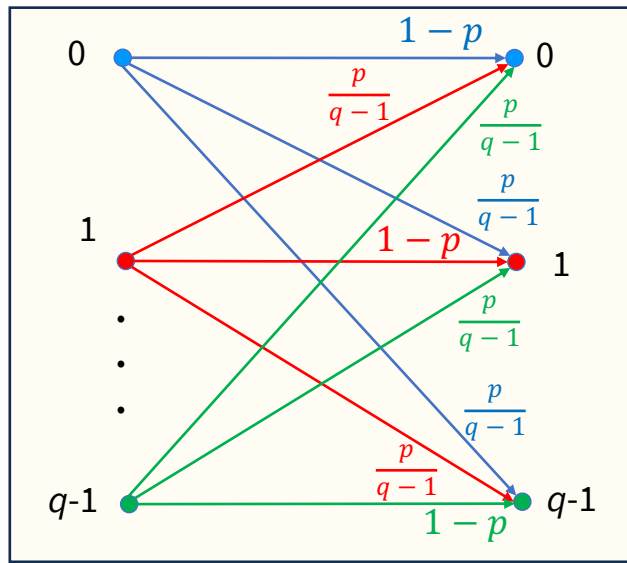
1. The DMC is symmetric.
2. The MAP and ML detectors' error probability  $P_e$  is invariant to input distribution  $\mathbf{p}_x$ .
3. Any column of  $P_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}}$  is a permutation of another column.
4. For any 1-to-1 self-reversible permutation  $\pi = \pi^{-1}$  on discrete  $\mathbf{y}$ , then  $p_{\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}}(i) = P_{\pi(\mathbf{y})/\mathbf{x}}(i')$  for some  $i' \neq i$ .

**involution**

- SDMC is useful as the channel for outer code designs.
  - There is already an “inner detector” (example is ML for symbols on AWGN).
  - BSC and BEC are symmetric DMCs.



# Example: The q-ary Symmetric Channel



- This is used with “bytes” (blocks) of inner-channel detected bits.
  - $q > 2$  codes can be much more powerful than best binary codes.
- This model can have erasures in various modifications.
- Typically models an “inner channel” for application of outer cyclic codes over finite field (will see in Lecture 11).





# End Lecture 4