## EC5.203 Communication Theory I (3-1-0-4):

# Lecture 18: **Optimal Demodulation**

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## References

• Chap. 6 (Madhow)

# **Optimal Demodulation**

• In 16 QAM, one of 16 passband waveforms corresponding to 16 symbols is sent, where each passband waveform is given by

$$s_i(t) = s_{b_c,c_s} = b_c p(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) - b_s p(t) \sin(2\pi f_c t)$$

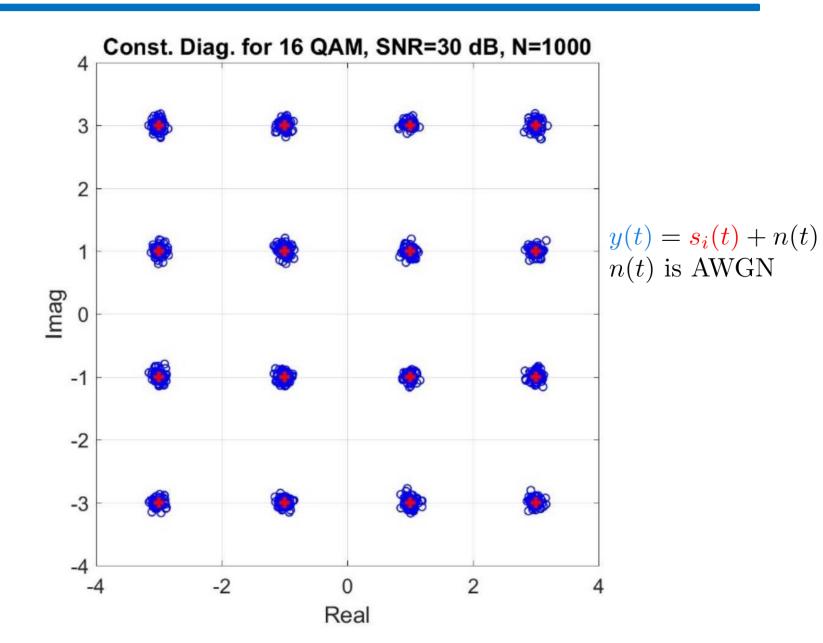
where  $b_c, b_s$  each takes value in  $\{\pm 1, \pm 3\}$ 

• At the receiver, we have noisy observations

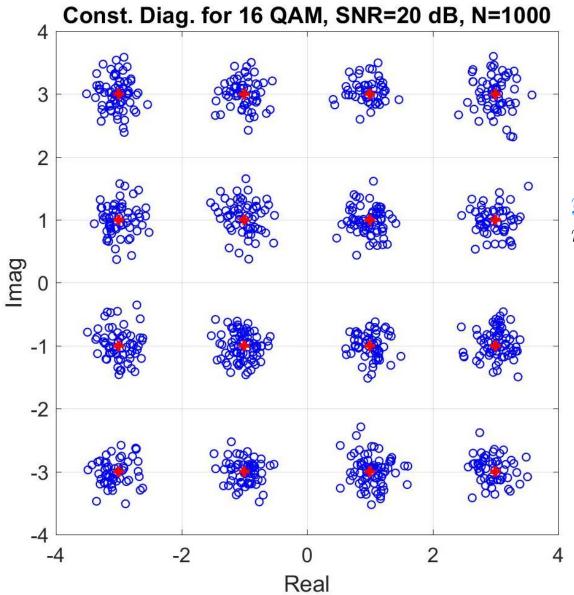
$$y(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$$

- Now, we are faced with a hypothesis testing problem at the receiver: we have M possible hypotheses about which signal was sent.
- Hypothesis: Possible cause of an event.

#### Received Data at SNR = 30 dB

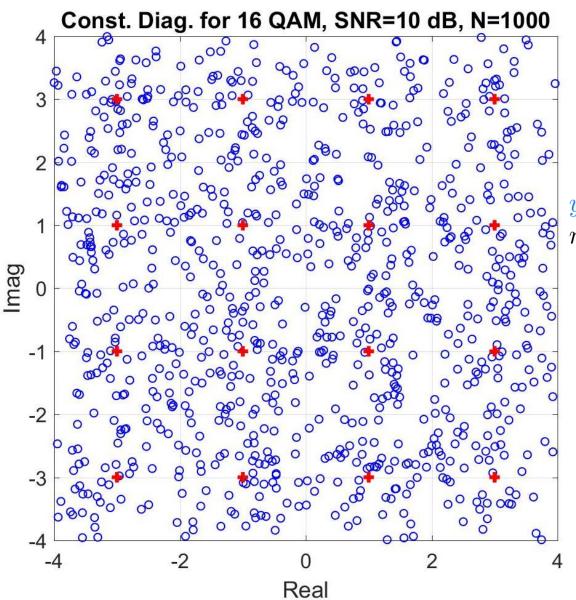


#### Received Data at SNR = 20 dB



$$y(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$$
  
  $n(t)$  is AWGN

### Received Data at SNR=10dB



 $y(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$ n(t) is AWGN

# **Optimal Demodulation**

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where  $b_c, b_s$  each takes value in  $\{\pm 1, \pm 3\}$ .

- At the receiver, we are faced with a hypothesis testing problem: we have M possible hypotheses about which signal was sent.
- Based on the observations

$$y(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$$
 AWGN

we are interested in finding a decision rule to make a best guess which hypothesis was sent.

• For communications applications, performance criteria is to minimize the probability of error (i.e., the probability of making a wrong guess).

## **S&S Recap: Signal Energy**

• The energy in a CT signal x(t) over time interval  $(t_1, t_2)$ 

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

where x(t) is a complex signal.

• The energy in a DT signal x[n] over sample interval  $[n_1, n_2]$  is

$$\sum_{n_1}^{n_2} |x[n]|^2$$

• The energy in a CT x(t) and a DT signal x[n] over infinite time interval respectively are

$$E_{\infty} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$$
 and  $E_{\infty} = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2$ 

## **S&S Recap: Signal Power**

• The power in a continuous-time signal x(t) over time interval  $(t_1, t_2)$ 

$$\frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

• The power in a discrete-time signal x[n] over samples  $(n_1, n_2)$  is

$$\frac{1}{n_2 - n_1 + 1} \sum_{n_1}^{n_2} |x[n]|^2$$

• The power in x(t) and x[n] over infinite time interval respectively are

$$P_{\infty} = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} |x(t)|^2 dt$$
 and  $P_{\infty} = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{-N}^{N} |x[n]|^2$ 

#### **S&S Recap:** Note on Dimension of Energy and Power Definitions

• Consider an example where v(t) and i(t) are the instantaneous voltage and current across a resistor R, then the instantaneous power across the resistor is

$$p(t) = v(t)i(t) = \frac{v^2(t)}{R}$$

• The total energy dissipated over the time interval  $(t_1, t_2)$  is

$$E = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} p(t) \ dt$$

• The average power dissipated over the time interval  $(t_1, t_2)$  is

$$P = \frac{E}{t_2 - t_1}$$

The definitions used earlier are generic and may have wrong dimensions and scaling. The advantage is the convenience and wide applicability irrespective of where the signal is coming from.

## **Example 5.6.3**

• Binary on-off keying in Gaussian noise

$$Y = m + n$$
 if 1 is sent  
 $Y = n$  if 0 is sent

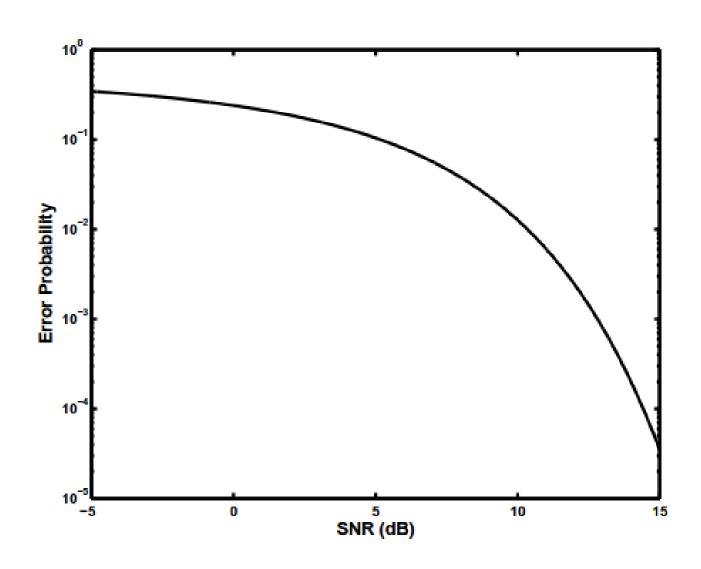
Here Y is the received sample, m > 0 is some constant and n is AWGN sample with  $\mathcal{N}(0, v^2)$ .

• At the receiver, the detection strategy is

$$Y > m/2$$
 Decide 1 is sent  $Y \le m/2$  Decide 0 is sent

- Assuming that both 0 and 1 are equally likely,
  - Find the average signal power
  - Find the conditional probability of error conditioned on 0 being sent
  - Find the conditional probability of error conditioned on 1 being sent
  - Find average error probability
  - Find the probability of error for SNR of 13 dB?

# (Bit) Error Probability vs SNR for Example



## Example 5.6.3: Poll

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Here Y is the received sample, m > 0 is some constant and n is AWGN sample with  $\mathcal{N}(0, v^2)$ .

- What is a optimal guessing strategy if  $\pi_0 = P(H_0) = 1$ ?
- What is the average  $P_e$ ?