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

Lecture 22: Optimal Demodulation-5

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References

• Chap. 6 (Madhow)

Performance Analysis of ML Reception

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- Performance analysis of ML under the assumption of equiprobable priors.
- Although performance analysis of MPE or MAP is skipped, it is simple extension of ML case.

The Geometry of Errors

Basic building block:

Send signal s.

Noise **N** gets added.

P[crossing a given boundary]?

Decision boundary

Npar

Nperp

rallel to s

crossing,

Noise component parallel to boundary cannot cause crossing, no matter how big it is.

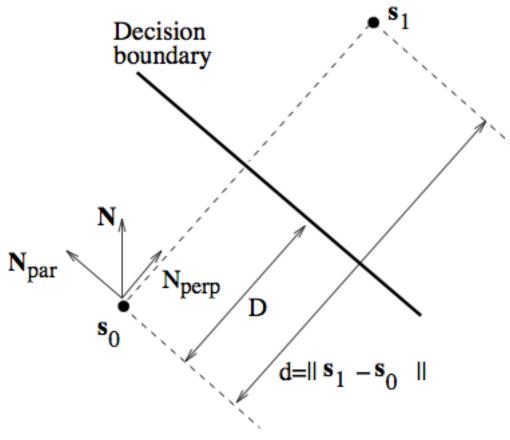
In *n*-dimensional space, this component is *(n-1)*-dimensional

Boundary crossing determined by length and sign of noise component perpendicular to boundary. 1-dimensional, regardless of the signal space dimension

$$N_{perp} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$P[\text{cross a boundary at distance } D] = P[N_{perp} > D] = Q\left(\frac{D}{\sigma}\right)$$

Geometry for binary signaling



Distance between signals $d = ||\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_0||$

Distance from boundary (starting from either signal) $D = d/2 = ||\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_0||/2$

$$P[\text{cross ML boundary between } \mathbf{s}_0 \text{ and } \mathbf{s}_1] = Q\left(\frac{||\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_0||}{2\sigma}\right) = Q\left(\frac{||s_1 - s_0||}{2\sigma}\right)$$
 (starting from either signal)

$$P_{e|0} = P_{e|1} = P_e$$

Important Note

• As the equivalence between CT signal s_i and vector \mathbf{s}_i has been already established, we drop the boldface notation, using y, s_i , and n to denote the received signal, the transmitted signal, and the noise, respectively, in both the settings

Performance with binary signaling: Algebraic

• For the binary hypothesis test

$$H_0: y(t) = n(t)$$

 $H_1: y(t) = s(t) + n(t)$

show that

$$P_e = P_{e|1} = P_{e|0} = Q\left(\frac{||s||}{2\sigma}\right) = Q\left(\frac{d}{2\sigma}\right)$$

• Moreover for following binary hypothesis test

$$H_0: y(t) = s_0(t) + n(t)$$

$$H_1: y(t) = s_1(t) + n(t)$$

show that

$$P_e = P_{e|1} = P_{e|0} = Q\left(\frac{||s_1 - s_0||}{2\sigma}\right) = Q\left(\frac{d}{2\sigma}\right)$$

Importance of Scale Invariance

• The error probability is given by

$$P_e = P_{e|1} = P_{e|0} = Q\left(\frac{||s_1 - s_0||}{2\sigma}\right) = Q\left(\frac{d}{2\sigma}\right)$$

- Same scaling in the signal and noise does not change the performance
- The performance depends on ratio rather than individually on the signal and noise strengths

Some Standard Measures

• Energy Bit E_b : For binary signaling it is given by

$$E_b = \frac{1}{2}(||s_0||^2 + ||s_1||^2)$$

assuming that 0 and 1 are equally likely

• Scale invariant parameter

$$\eta_p = \frac{d^2}{E_b}$$

Note that this does not change if we scale both s_1 and s_0 by A

• In terms of energy per bit and scale-invariant parameter, the probability of error for binary signaling is given by

$$P_e = Q\left(\frac{d}{2\sigma}\right)$$
$$= Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{\eta_p E_b}{2N_0}}\right)$$

where
$$\sigma^2 = N_0/2$$

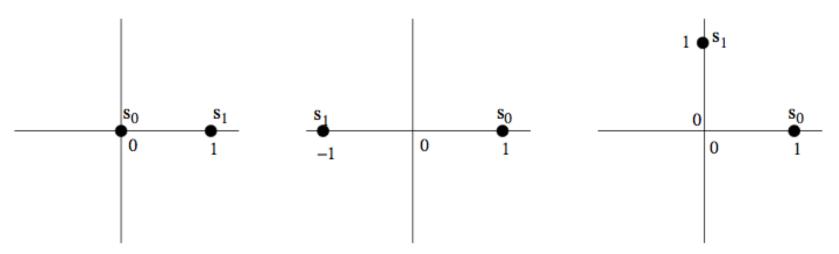
ML Binary Signaling Performance..

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- Important observations
 - Performance depends on the signal-to-noise ratio
 - For a fixed E_b/N_0 , the performance is better for higher for higher value of η_p . The parameter η_p is also called as power efficiency of the constellation

Performance for different binary schemes



On-off keying

d = 1 $E_b = (0^2 + 1^2)/2 = 1/2$ $\eta_{\rm p} = d^2 / E_{\rm h} = 2$

Antipodal signaling

d=2

$$E_{b} = ((-1)^{2} + 1^{2})/2 = 1$$

$$\eta_{P} = d^{2}/E_{b} = 4$$

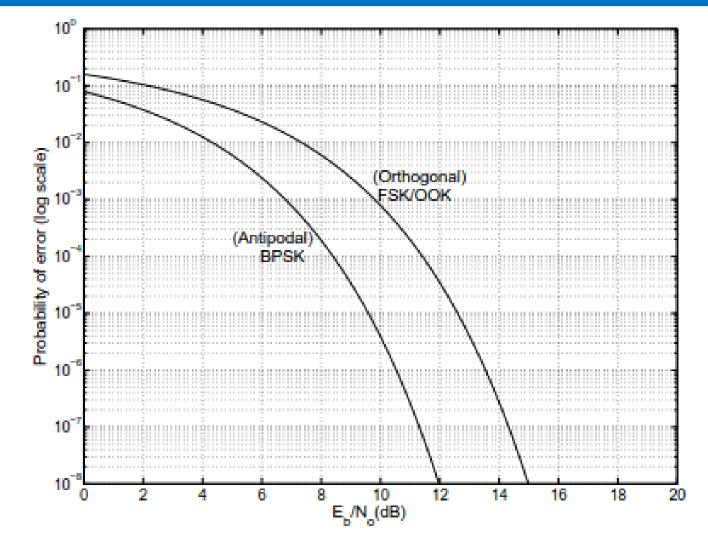
$$P_{e,ML} = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{\eta_{P} E_{b}}{2N_{0}}} \right) = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{2E_{b}}{N_{0}}} \right)$$

Equal energy, orthogonal signaling

$$\begin{split} d &= 1 & d &= 2 \\ E_b &= (0^2 + 1^2)/2 = 1/2 & E_b = ((-1)^2 + 1^2)/2 = 1 & E_b = (1^2 + 1^2)/2 = 1 \\ \eta_P &= d^2/E_b = 2 & \eta_P &= d^2/E_b = 4 & \eta_P &= d^2/E_b = 2 \\ P_{e,ML} &= Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{\eta_P E_b}{2N_0}} \right) = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{E_b}{N_0}} \right) & P_{e,ML} &= Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{\eta_P E_b}{2N_0}} \right) = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{E_b}{N_0}} \right) & P_{e,ML} &= Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{\eta_P E_b}{N_0}} \right) = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{E_b}{N_0}} \right) \end{split}$$

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