

# LIKELIHOOD FUNCTION

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We learnt received vector/observation vector

$$X =$$

Cov of  $X_j$ 's = 0 .

Eg: Let  $\text{cov}(X_1, X_2) = 0$  means they are uncorrelated or statistically independent

**If 2 fns are independent, joint prob density fn = pdt of p.d.f of its individual elements.**

Joint prob density fn of vector  $X = f_X()$

Conditional pdf of vector  $X = f_X(s_{ij})$  or  $f_X(i)$

Source emits  $m_i$  symbols where  $i$  varies from  $1, \dots,$

$M$ . ( $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_M$ )

This  $m_i$  is encoded to obtain the w/f  $s_i(t)$ .

$m_1 \text{ ---- } s_1(t)$

$m_2 \text{ ---- } s_2(t) \text{ etc}$

Since the elements of  $X$  are indep., the conditional pdf of  $X$  (given that s/g  $s_i(t)$  or symbol  $m_i$  was transmitted) is the conditional pdf of its individual elements.

$$f_{X(i)} = f_{X1}(1) f_{X2}(2) \dots f_{XN}(N)$$

$$f_{X(i)} = \quad i=1,2,\dots,M \text{ -----(4)}$$

$X_j$  is a Gaussian RV with mean  $S_{ij}$  and variance =  $N_0/2$ .

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$X_j$  is a Gaussian R.V. as it contains AWGN.

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$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma_y \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y - \mu)^2}{2 \sigma_y^2}}$$

$$f_j(x) = f_{x_j}(x_j|m_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{x_j} \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x_j - \mu_{x_j})^2}{2\sigma_{x_j}^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot \frac{N_0}{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x_j - s_{ij})^2}{2 \times N_0/2}}$$

$$f_{x_j}(x_j|m_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} e^{-\frac{(x_j - s_{ij})^2}{N_0}}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow f_x(x|m_i) = \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} e^{-\frac{(x_j - s_{ij})^2}{N_0}} \quad \text{from eqn } \textcircled{4}$$

$$= (\pi N_0)^{-N/2} e^{-\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{(x_j - s_{ij})^2}{N_0}}$$

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★ Conditional pdf of vector  $x$

$$f_x(x|m_i) = (\pi N_0)^{-N/2} e^{\left[ -\frac{1}{N_0} \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - s_{ij})^2 \right]}$$

$f_x(x|m_i)$  depends on  $s_{ij}$  or  $m_i$ .

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# Likelihood function $L(m_i)$

- Used to decode s/gs properly

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- Rather than finding likelihood function, it is convenient to use log likelihood fn.
- Log likelihood fn.

$$\mathcal{L}(m_i) = \log L(m_i)$$

- $= \log$   
 $= \log \{ \}$   
 $= \log + ]$

$\log$  is indep of msg s/g /symbol. So we neglect this term.

i from 0 to M

To get error free decoding or to minimise error, log likelihood fn shud be maximized.

# MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD DECODING

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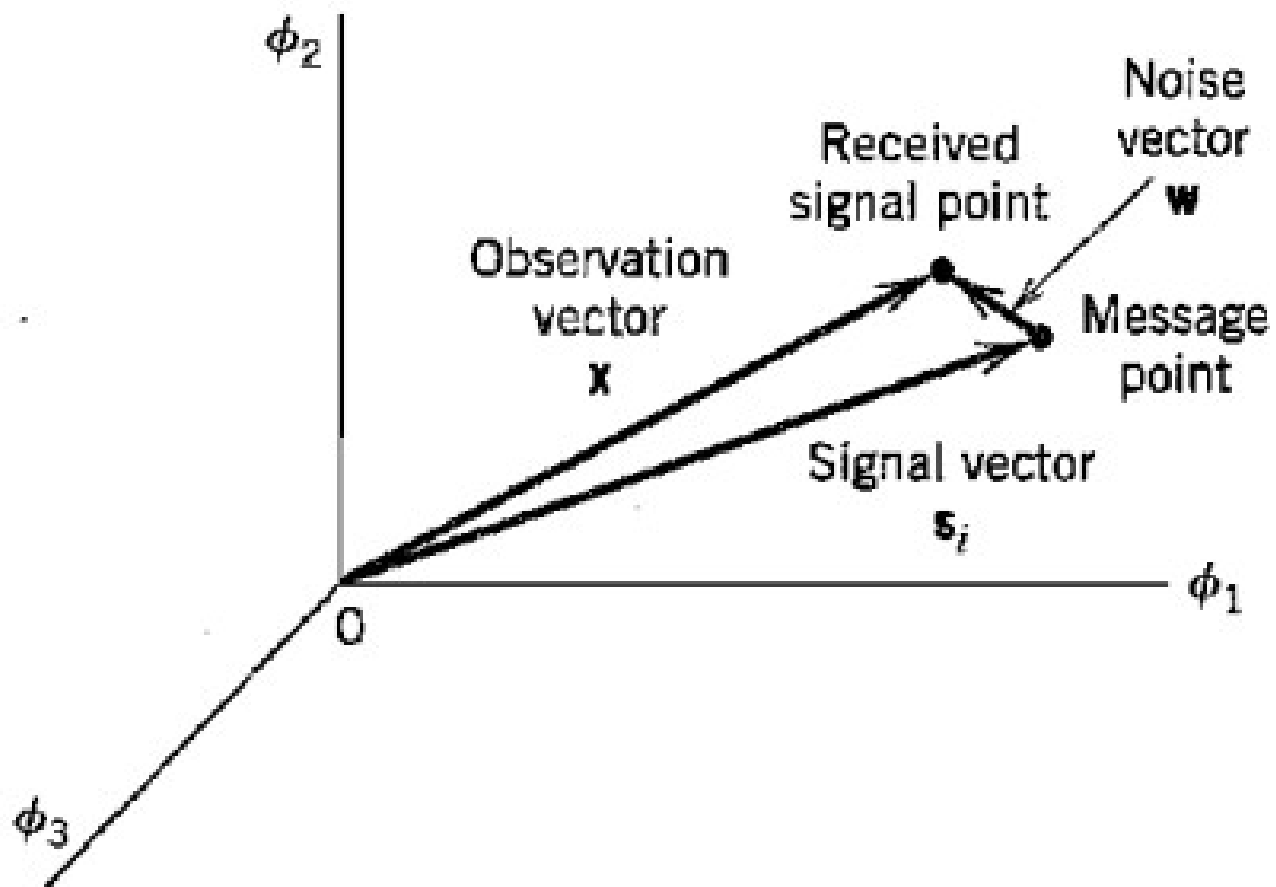
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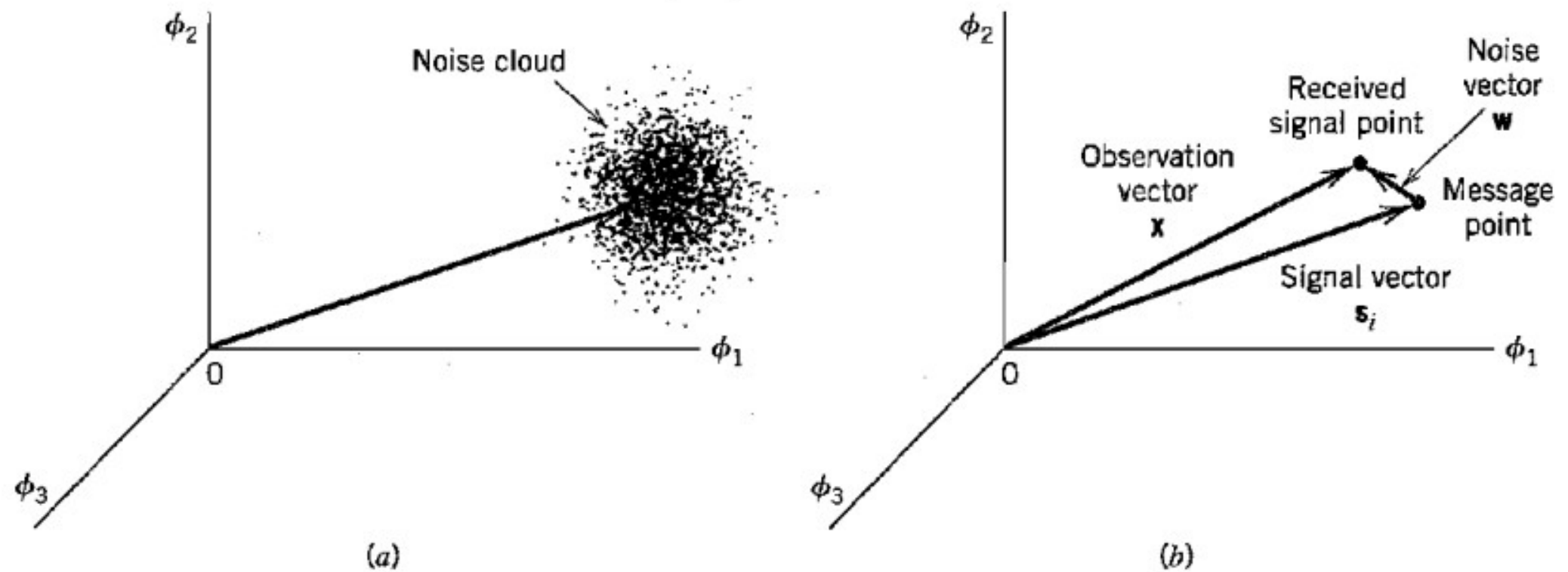
- Used for coherent detection of s/gs in presence of noise.
- We have a source which emits  $m_i$  symbols.  $i = 1, \dots, M$
- Every symbol is emitted with equal probability.
- $P(m_i) =$
- $m_i$  is encoded to  $s_i(t)$  and transmitted thru AWGN channel
- Rxd s/g  $x(t)$ .

We can represent  $S_i(t)$  as a vector in Euclidean space.

- Signal vector  $s_i$
- Coordinates -
- Observation/rxd vector =

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**FIGURE 5.7** Illustrating the effect of noise perturbation, depicted in (a), on the location of the received signal point, depicted in (b).

- Noise cloud / Gaussian distributed cloud.
- Aim is to set a decoding method to detect the msg symbol from the rxd s/g.
- Detection should be error free or with least error.
- Now we will state the detection problem.
- Given the observation vector perform a mapping from to an estimate of the tx'd s/g, so that error prob shud be min.
- Suppose given the observation vector we make the decision  $\hat{s}$ . The prob of error in this



$$P_e(m_i | \mathbf{x}) = P(m_i \text{ not sent} | \mathbf{x}) \\ = 1 - P(m_i \text{ sent} | \mathbf{x})$$

- **Decision making criterion** is to minimize the prob of error in mapping each given obs vector  $\mathbf{x}$  into a decision.
- **Inorder to minimize  $P_e(m_i | \mathbf{x})$ , we have to maximize  $P(m_i \text{ sent} | \mathbf{x})$ .**

So we may state the **optimum decision rule** :

Set  $i$  if  $P(m_i \text{ sent} | ) \geq P(m_k \text{ sent} | )$  for all  $k$

That is for eg: if 4 symbols  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  and  $m_4$  are txd.

Then we will find each of the probs

ie,  $P(m_1 \text{ sent} | )$

$P(m_2 \text{ sent} | )$

$P(m_3 \text{ sent} | )$

$P(m_4 \text{ sent} | )$

Select the highest prob case. Say if  $P(m_i \text{ sent} | )$

Set  $i$  if  $P(m_i \text{ sent} | x) > P(m_k \text{ sent} | x)$   
for all  $k$

----- (1)

- This decision rule is known as Maximum a posteriori probability rule (MAP rule).
- According to Bayes theorem ,

$$P(A/B) =$$

Apply Bayes rule to  $P(m_i \text{ sent} | x)$

$$P(m_i | x) = \text{-----} (2)$$

Set  $i$   
 if  $P(m_i \text{ sent} | )$

- Applying Bayes rule and restating eqn(1) in terms of prob density fn. , we get

$$\text{Set } i \\ \text{-----}(3)$$

Where  $p_k$  is the a priori prob of transmitting symbol  $m_k$ ,

is the conditional pdf of random obs vector  $X$  given the txn of symbol  $m_k$  and  $p_k$  is the unconditional pdf of  $X$ .

In eqn (3)

- ) is indep of txn symbol
- $p_k = p_i$  when all source symbols are txn with equal prob. It is a constant.

So we can write,

$$\text{Set } p_k = p_i \text{ for } k=i. \text{ -----(4)}$$

- We know that Likelihood fn
- So the rule can be restated as

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Set } i \\ &\text{for } k=i. \text{ -----(5)} \end{aligned}$$

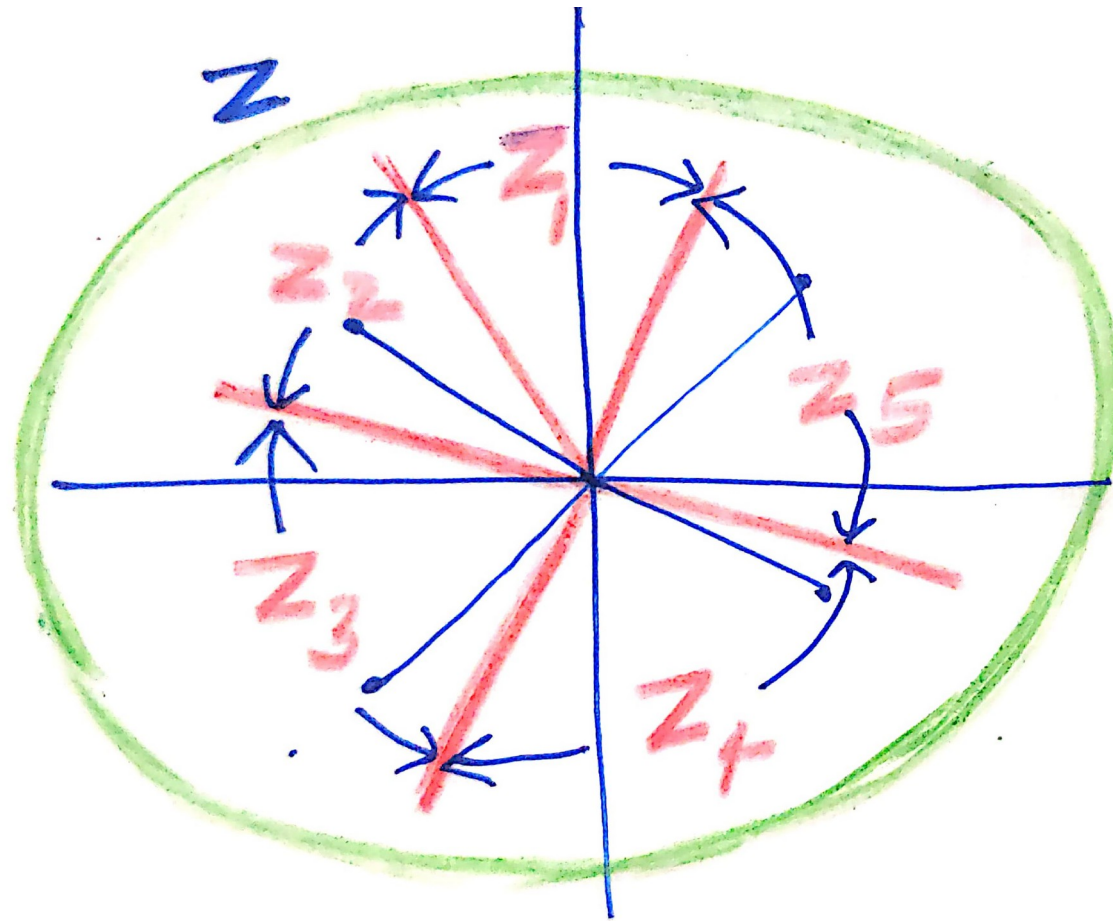
It is convenient to use log likelihood fn. So

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Set } i \\ &\text{for } k=i. \text{ -----(6)} \end{aligned}$$

- This 6<sup>th</sup> eqn is called as **maximum likelihood rule** and the device for implementing this rule is called **max likelihood decoder**.

### Graphical interpretation of max likelihood decision rule

Let  $Z$  denote  $N$  dimensional space for representing all possible obs vectors  $x$  and this space is called as observation space.



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$m_1$  ---  $x$  lies in  $z_1$   
 $m_2$  ---  $x$  lies in  $z_2$   
 $m_3$  ---  $x$  lies in  $z_3$   
 $m_4$  ---  $x$  lies in  $z_4$



- Detection method:
- If obs vector lies in  $Z_1$ , then we can say that txd symbol is  $m_1$ .
- If obs vector lies in  $Z_2$ , then we can say that txd symbol is  $m_2$  and so on.
- Let total obs space  $Z$  is divided into  $M$  decision region  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_M$ , the eqn (6) rule can be restated as

Observation vector  $x$  lies in region  $Z_i$   
 for  $k=i$ . -----(7)

- We know that

We need to maximize

term should be -ve term so that becomes +ve.  
That means we need to minimize the  
summation term.

7<sup>th</sup> rule is restated as

Observation vector  $x$  lies in region  $Z_i$

for  $k=i$ . -----(8)

- We know that

$|^2$

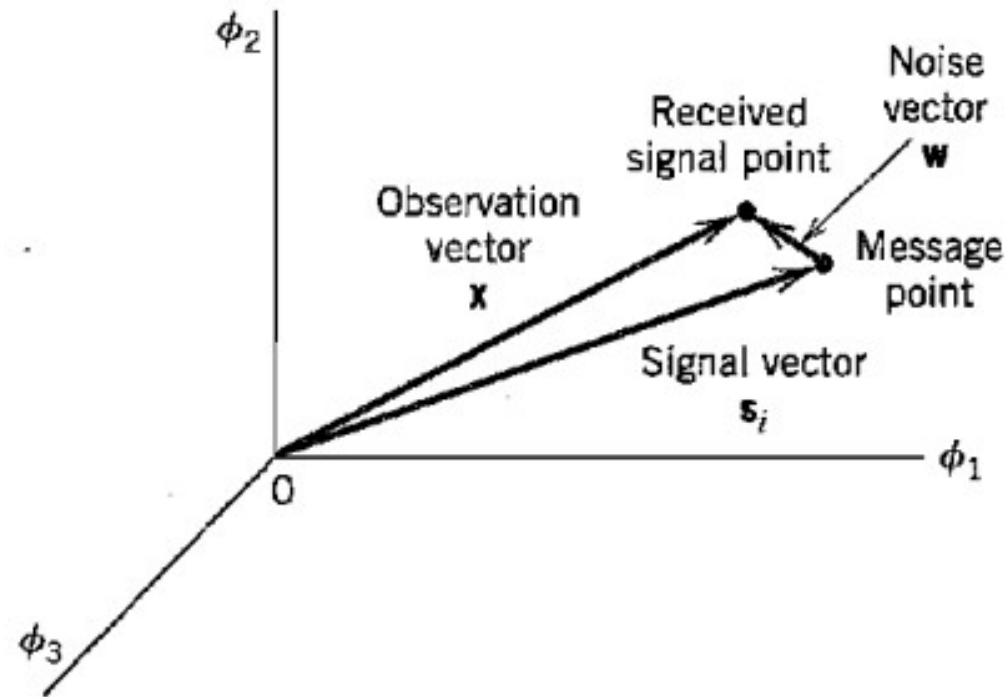
Where  $|$  is the Euclidean distance btw rxd s/g pt and msg pt.

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8<sup>th</sup> rule can be restated as

Observation vector  $x$  lies in region  $Z_i$

for  $k=i$ . -----(9)



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- Eqn (9) states that ML decision rule is simply to choose the msg pt closest to the received s/g point.
- We need to minimize

- $E_k$  is the energy of the transmitted s/g.
- The first summation of this expansion is indep of index  $k$  and therefore may be ignored. This term contains only rxd vector.
- We need to **minimise**
- We need to make it (-ve) term.
- It is eqvt to **maximizing**

8<sup>th</sup> rule can be restated as

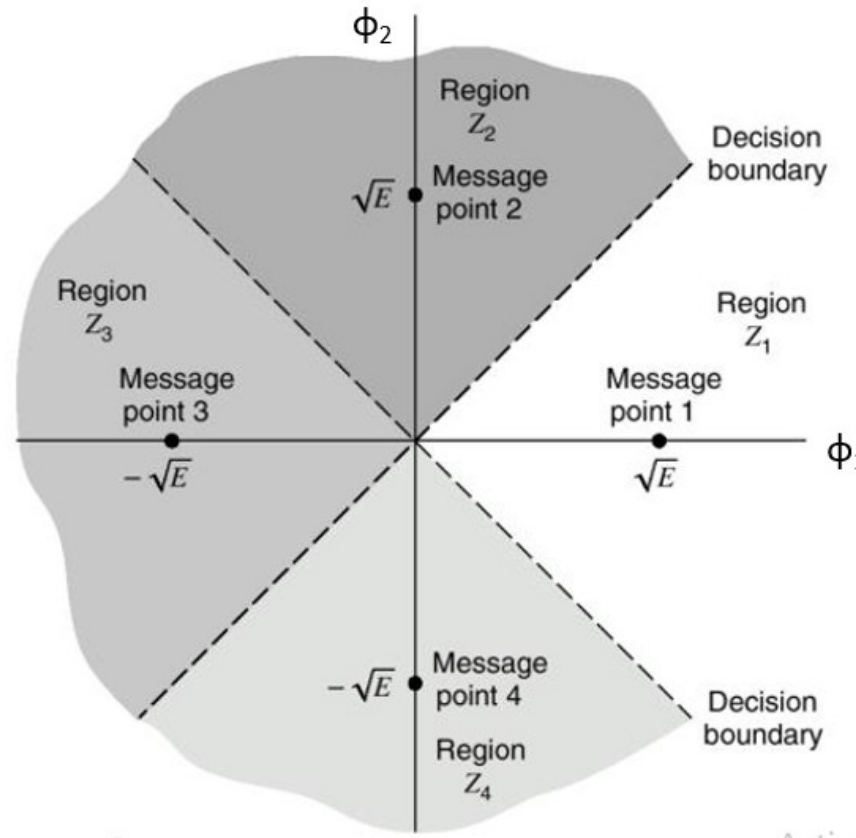
Observation vector  $x$  lies in region  $Z_i$

for  $k=i$ . -----(10)

is the inner product of obs vector  $x$  and  $s/g$  vector .

This rule is used to implement ML decoder in correlation receiver.

Fig. shows eg: of decision regions for  $M=4$  s/gs and  $N=2$  dimensions, assuming that s/gs are txd with equal energy  $E$  and equal probability.



**FIGURE 5.8** Illustrating the partitioning of the observation space into decision regions for the case when  $N = 2$  and  $M = 4$ ; it is assumed that the  $M$  transmitted symbols are equally likely.