

## I. PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLES

- **Conditional probability:**

$$P(A|B) = P(A \cap B)/P(B) = P(B|A)P(A)/P(B)$$

- **Random variable:** A mapping from sample space to real numbers.

- **Cumulative distribution function (CDF):**

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

- **Probability density function (PDF):**  $f_X(x) \geq 0 \forall x$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = 1$ .
- **Scalar Gaussian PDF:**  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$
- **Jointly Gaussian PDF:**  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{0.5}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}$
- **Q-function:**  $Q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-t^2/2} dt$  (i.e., probability that  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  is larger than  $x$ )
- $E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x)dx$
- **Variance:**  $Var(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$
- **Covariance:**  $Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$
- $X$  and  $Y$  are *uncorrelated* if  $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$
- $X$  and  $Y$  are *independent* if  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$
- $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = f_{X,Y}(x, y)/f_X(x)$

## II. RANDOM PROCESSES

An indexed family (ensemble) of random variables (equivalently, mapping from sample space to set of functions).

- **Mean (expectation) of a random process (r.p.):**

$$\mu_X(t) = E[X(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X(t)}(x)dx$$

- **Autocorrelation function of a r.p.:**

$$\begin{aligned} R_X(t_1, t_2) &= E[X(t_1)X^*(t_2)] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 x_2^* f_{X(t_1), X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

- **Autocovariance function of a r.p.:**

$$\begin{aligned} C_X(t_1, t_2) &= E[(X(t_1) - \mu_X(t_1))(X(t_2) - \mu_X(t_2))^*] \\ &= R_X(t_1, t_2) - \mu_X(t_1)\mu_X^*(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

- **Strict Sense Stationary (SSS) r.p.:**

$$X(t) \text{ is SSS if } f_{X(t_1+\tau), \dots, X(t_k+\tau)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = f_{X(t_1), \dots, X(t_k)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \text{ for all } \tau, k, t_1, \dots, t_k.$$

- **Wide Sense Stationary (WSS) r.p.:**  $X(t)$  is WSS if (i)  $\mu_X(t) = \mu_X$  (i.e., constant) and (ii)  $R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1 - t_2)$ .

- **Cyclostationary r.p.** if (i)  $\mu_X(t) = \mu_X(t + T_0)$  and (ii)  $R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1 + T_0, t_2 + T_0)$ . ( $T_0$  is period.)

- For WSS  $X(t)$ ,  $R_X(\tau) = E[X(t + \tau)X^*(t)] = R_X^*(-\tau)$

- **Crosscorrelation function:**

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)Y^*(t_2)]$$

- **Jointly WSS r.p.s:**  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are *jointly WSS* if (i)  $X(t)$  is WSS, (ii)  $Y(t)$  is WSS, and (iii)  $R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = R_{XY}(t_1 - t_2)$ .
- $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are *independent* r.p.s if  $(X(t_1), \dots, X(t_k))$  and  $(Y(u_1), \dots, Y(u_l))$  are independent for all  $k, l, (t_1, \dots, t_k)$  and  $(u_1, \dots, u_l)$ .
- $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are *uncorrelated* r.p.s if  $X(t_1)$  and  $Y(t_2)$  are uncorrelated r.v.s for all  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ .
- A SSS r.p. is *ergodic* if time averages are equal to ensemble averages (expectations).
- **Filtering of a WSS r.p.:** If a WSS r.p.  $X(t)$  passes through an LTI filter with impulse response  $h(t)$ , output  $Y(t)$  is also WSS and  $E[Y(t)] = H(0)E[X(t)]$ , where  $H(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t)dt$ .
- **Power Spectral Density (PSD):** Indicates distribution of average power among different frequencies. It is the Fourier transform (F.T.) of the autocorrelation function.  
 $S_X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(\tau)e^{-j2\pi f\tau}d\tau$   
 $R_X(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f)e^{j2\pi f\tau}df$
- If a WSS r.p.  $X(t)$  passes through an LTI filter with frequency response  $H(f)$ , output  $Y(t)$  has the following PSD:  $S_Y(f) = S_X(f)|H(f)|^2$
- $E[|X(t)|^2] = R_X(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f)df$
- **Cross-Spectral Density:**  $S_{XY}(f)$  is F.T. of  $R_{XY}(\tau)$ .
- **Gaussian r.p.:**  $X(t)$  is Gaussian r.p. if  $\int_0^T g(t)X(t)dt$  is a Gaussian r.v. for all  $g(\cdot)$ .
- **Gaussian r.p.:**  $X(t)$  is Gaussian r.p. if  $X(t_1), \dots, X(t_n)$  are jointly Gaussian for all  $n, t_1, \dots, t_n$ .
- If a Gaussian r.p. is WSS, it is also SSS.
- Linear (stable) filtering of a Gaussian r.p. leads to another Gaussian r.p.
- **White Noise:** Zero-mean WSS r.p. with  $S_W(f) = N_0/2$  for all  $f$  (i.e.,  $R_W(\tau) = 0.5N_0\delta(\tau)$ ).
- **Baseband Representation of Deterministic Bandpass Signals:**  $x(t) = \text{Re}\{\tilde{x}(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\}$   
 $x(t) = x_I(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t) - x_Q(t)\sin(2\pi f_c t)$
- One can also have baseband representation for bandpass random (noise) processes.

### III. DIGITAL MODULATION AND DEMODULATION

- **M-ary communication system:** We have  $M$  different messages,  $m_1, \dots, m_M$ . Transmitter modulates them as  $s_1(t), \dots, s_M(t)$  and receiver observes  $r(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$  for  $t \in [0, T]$ , where  $T$  is symbol duration and  $n(t)$  is zero-mean additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) with PSD of  $S_n(f) = N_0/2$  for all  $f$ .
- **Basis function representation** of  $s_1(t), \dots, s_M(t)$ :  
 $s_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N s_{ij} \psi_j(t)$  with  $s_{ij} = \int_0^T s_i(t) \psi_j(t) dt$ , where  $\psi_1(t), \dots, \psi_N(t)$  are orthonormal basis functions.  
Then,  $\mathbf{s}_i = [s_{i1} \dots s_{iN}]^T$  is vector representation of  $s_i(t)$ .
- **Properties:**  $\int_0^T s_i^2(t) dt = \|\mathbf{s}_i\|^2$ ,  $\int_0^T s_i(t) s_j(t) dt = \mathbf{s}_i^T \mathbf{s}_j$ .
- Two ways to find orthonormal basis functions:  
(1) Gram-Schmidt, (2) Intuition, trial and error.
- **Optimal Receiver for AWGN Channels:** Perform correlations of  $r(t)$  with each of the orthonormal basis functions, call the resulting correlator outputs as  $r_1, \dots, r_N$ . Defining  $\mathbf{r} = [r_1 \dots r_N]^T$ , find the symbol which has the minimum distance to  $\mathbf{r}$ ; that is, find  $\arg \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, M\}} \|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}_i\|$ .
- Given  $m_i$  (or,  $\mathbf{s}_i$ ),  $\mathbf{r}$  is a jointly Gaussian random vector with mean  $\mathbf{s}_i$  and covariance matrix  $0.5N_0\mathbf{I}$ , where  $\mathbf{I}$  is  $N \times N$  identity matrix. (Note that  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{n}$ .)
- **MAP Decision Rule:**  $\hat{m} = \arg \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, M\}} P(m_i | \mathbf{r})$   
Equivalently,  $\hat{m} = \arg \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, M\}} P(m_i) p(\mathbf{r} | m_i)$ .
- **ML Decision Rule:**  $\hat{m} = \arg \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, M\}} p(\mathbf{r} | m_i)$
- **Union Bound:**  $P_{e,i} \leq \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^M Q(\|\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_k\| / \sqrt{2N_0})$   
 $P_e \leq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^M Q(\|\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_k\| / \sqrt{2N_0})$
- **Loose Upper Bound:**  $P_e \leq (M-1)Q(d_{\min} / \sqrt{2N_0})$
- **M-ary PAM:**  $s_i(t) = A_i p(t)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ .  
1-dimensional signal space.
- **M-ary PSK:**  $s_i(t) = A p(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \phi_i)$   
 $i = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ .  
In general, 2-dimensional signal space for  $M > 2$ .
- **M-ary QAM:**  $s_i(t) = A_i p(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta_i)$   
 $i = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ .  
In general, 2-dimensional signal space for  $M > 2$ .  
Square-constellation  $M$ -QAM is equivalent to two  $\sqrt{M}$ -PAM's, each along one basis function.
- **M-ary FSK:**  $s_i(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_i t + \phi_i)$   
 $i = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ .  
 $M$ -dimensional signal space assuming  $f_i T$  is a distinct integer for each  $i$ .
- **Coherent FSK Receiver:** Receiver estimates phases ( $\phi_i$ 's) and uses them in the demodulator. Received signal  $r(t)$  is correlated with  $\sqrt{2/T} \cos(2\pi f_i t + \phi_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, M$ , and the symbol corresponding to maximum correlator

output is selected.

- **Non-coherent FSK Receiver:** Receiver does not estimate phases ( $\phi_i$ 's). Received signal  $r(t)$  is correlated with both  $2 \cos(2\pi f_i t)$  and  $2 \sin(2\pi f_i t)$ , and the squares of the correlator outputs are added for  $i = 1, \dots, M$ . The symbol corresponding to maximum output is selected.
- **M-ary Biorthogonal Signals:**  $M/2$  orthogonal signals and their negatives.
- **M-ary Simplex Signals:** Find the average of  $M$  orthogonal, equal-energy signals and subtract that average from each signal. (Reduces average signal power.)
- **Comparison:** PAM, PSK, QAM are spectrally efficient but not power efficient. FSK (orthogonal) modulation is power efficient but not spectrally efficient.

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS FORMULAS

- $\text{sinc}(x) = \sin(\pi x) / (\pi x)$
- F.T. of  $\text{sinc}(t)$  is a rectangular pulse of amplitude 1 between  $-0.5$  and  $0.5$ .
- F.T. of  $\text{sinc}^2(t)$  is a triangular pulse between  $-1$  and  $1$  with maximum amplitude of 1 at zero.
- $\sin(2x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x)$
- $\cos(2x) = 1 - 2 \sin^2(x) = 2 \cos^2(x) - 1$
- $\cos(x + y) = \cos(x) \cos(y) - \sin(x) \sin(y)$
- $\sin(x + y) = \sin(x) \cos(y) + \cos(x) \sin(y)$
- $\sin(x) \cos(y) = 0.5 \sin(x + y) + 0.5 \sin(x - y)$
- $\cos(x) \cos(y) = 0.5 \cos(x + y) + 0.5 \cos(x - y)$
- $\sin(x) \sin(y) = 0.5 \cos(x - y) - 0.5 \cos(x + y)$
- $\cos(\pi/3) = \sin(\pi/6) = 1/2$
- $\cos(\pi/6) = \sin(\pi/3) = \sqrt{3}/2$
- $\cos(\pi/4) = \sin(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2}$