

# **Applied Probability: Digital Communication**



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Abstract—The manual frames the problems of receiver design and performance analysis in digital communication as applications of probability theory.

#### 1 Multivariate Gaussian

1.1 The multivariate Gaussian distribution is defined as

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right\}$$
(1)

where  $\mu$  is the mean vector,  $\Sigma = E\left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mu) (\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \right]$  is the covariance matrix and  $|\Sigma|$  is the determinant of  $\Sigma$ .

1.2 Show that

$$p(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\right] \times \left\{ \frac{(x-\mu_x)^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-\mu_y)^2}{\sigma_y^2} - \frac{2\rho(x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y)}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} \right\}$$
(2)

where

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y \\ \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y & \sigma_y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3)

1 1.3 If

$$\mathbf{y}|0 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{A} + n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix},\tag{4}$$

3 and

$$\mathbf{y}|1 = \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ \sqrt{A} + n_2 \end{pmatrix},\tag{5}$$

use the MAP criterion to reach a decision.

1.4 Derive and plot the probability of error. Verify through simulation.

#### 2 COHERENT BESK

2.1 Let

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n} \tag{6}$$

where  $\mathbf{s} \in \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  and

$$\mathbf{s}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{s}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ A \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{s}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -A \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{s}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -A \end{pmatrix}, \tag{7}$$

$$E[\mathbf{n}] = \mathbf{0}, E\left[\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^{T}\right] = \sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}$$
 (8)

a) Show that the MAP decision for detecting  $s_0$  results in

$$|r|_2 < r_1 \tag{9}$$

b) Express  $\Pr(\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{s}_0 | \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_0)$  in terms of  $r_1, r_2$ . Let  $X = n_2 - n_1, Y = -n_2 - n_1$ , where  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2)$ . Their correlation coefficient is defined as

$$\rho = \frac{E\left[ (X - \mu_x) \left( Y - \mu_y \right) \right]}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \tag{10}$$

X and Y are said to be uncorrelated if  $\rho = 0$ 

c) Show that if *X* and *Y* are uncorrelated Verify this numerically.

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- d) Show that X and Y are independent, i.e.  $p_{XY}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y).$
- e) Show that  $X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2\sigma^2)$ . f) Show that  $\Pr(\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{s}_0 | \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_0)$ Pr(X < A, Y < A).
- g) Find Pr(X < A, Y < A).
- h) Verify the above through simulation.

### 3 Noncoherent BFSK

#### 3.1 Show that

$$I_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{x \cos \theta} d\theta$$
 (11)

$$I_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{x \cos(\theta - \phi)} d\theta$$
(12)

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{m_1 \cos \theta + m_2 \sin \theta} d\theta = I_0 \left( \sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2} \right)$$
(13)

where the modified Bessel function of order n (integer) is defined as

$$I_n(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} e^{x \cos \theta} \cos n\theta \, d\theta \qquad (14)$$

## 3.2 Let

$$\mathbf{r}|0 = \sqrt{E_b} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi_0 \\ \sin \phi_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{n}_0, \mathbf{r}|1 = \sqrt{E_b} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \cos \phi_1 \\ \sin \phi_1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{n}_1$$
(15)

where  $\mathbf{n}_0, \mathbf{n}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \frac{N_0}{2}\mathbf{I}\right)$ .

- a) Taking  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4)^T$ ,, find the pdf  $p(\mathbf{r}|0,\phi_0)$  in terms of  $r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, \phi, E_b$  and  $N_0$ . Assume that all noise variables are independent.
- b) If  $\phi_0$  is uniformly distributed between 0 and  $2\pi$ , find  $p(\mathbf{r}|0)$ . Note that this expression will no longer contain  $\phi_0$ .
- c) Show that the ML detection criterion for this scheme is

$$I_0\left(k\sqrt{r_1^2+r_2^2}\right) \stackrel{0}{\underset{1}{\gtrless}} I_0\left(k\sqrt{r_3^2+r_4^2}\right)$$
 (16)

where k is a constant.

d) The above criterion reduces to something simpler. Can you guess what it is? Justify your answer.

e) Show that

$$P_{e|0} = \Pr\left(r_1^2 + r_2^2 < r_3^2 + r_4^2|0\right) \tag{17}$$

f) Show that the pdf of  $Y = r_3^2 + r_4^2$  id

$$p_Y(y) = \frac{1}{N_0} e^{-\frac{y}{N_0}}, y > 0$$
 (18)

g) Find

$$g(r_1, r_2) = \Pr(r_1^2 + r_2^2 < Y | 0, r_1, r_2).$$
 (19)

- h) Show that  $E\left[e^{-\frac{X^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{4\sigma^2}}$  for  $X \sim$

$$E[g(r_1, r_2)] = \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{E_b}{2N_0}}.$$
 (20)

3.3 Let  $U, V \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{k}{2}\right)$  be i.i.d. Assuming that

$$U = \sqrt{R}\cos\Theta \tag{21}$$

$$V = \sqrt{R}\sin\Theta \tag{22}$$

a) Compute the jacobian for U, V with respect to X and  $\Theta$  defined by

$$J = \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial U}{\partial \Theta} \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Theta} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (23)

b) The joint pdf for  $R, \Theta$  is given by,

$$p_{R,\Theta}(r,\theta) = p_{U,V}(u,v) J|_{u=\sqrt{r}\cos\theta, v=\sqrt{r}\sin\theta}$$
(24)

Show that

$$p_R(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k}e^{-\frac{r}{k}} & r > 0, \\ 0 & r < 0, \end{cases}$$
 (25)

assuming that  $\Theta$  is uniformly distributed between 0 to  $2\pi$ .

c) Show that the pdf of  $Y = R_1 - R_2$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are i.i.d. and have the same distribution as R is

$$p_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2k} e^{-\frac{|y|}{k}}$$
 (26)

d) Find the pdf of

$$Z = p + \sqrt{p} \left[ U \cos \phi + V \sin \phi \right]$$
 (27)

where  $\phi$  is a constant.

e) Find Pr(Y > Z).

f) If  $U \sim \mathcal{N}\left(m_1, \frac{k}{2}\right), V \sim \mathcal{N}\left(m_2, \frac{k}{2}\right)$ , where

 $m_1, m_2, k$  are constants, show that the pdf of

$$R = \sqrt{U^2 + V^2}$$
 (28)

is

$$p_R(r) = \frac{e^{-\frac{r+m}{k}}}{k} I_0\left(\frac{2\sqrt{mr}}{k}\right), \quad m = \sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2}$$
(29)

g) Show that

$$I_0(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{4^n (n!)^2}$$
 (30)

h) If

$$p_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k}e^{-\frac{z}{k}} & z \ge 0\\ 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$$
 (31)

find Pr(R < Z).

## 4 M-PSK

4.1 Consider a system where  $\mathbf{s}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi i}{M}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi i}{M}\right) \end{pmatrix}, i =$  $0, 1, \dots M - 1$ . Let

$$\mathbf{r}|s_0 = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E_s} + n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{32}$$

where  $n_1, n_2 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{N_0}{2}\right)$ .

a) Substituting

$$r_1 = R\cos\theta \tag{33}$$

$$r_2 = R\sin\theta \tag{34}$$

show that the joint pdf of  $R, \theta$  is

$$p(R,\theta) = \frac{R}{\pi N_0} \exp\left(-\frac{R^2 - 2R\sqrt{E_s}\cos\theta + E_s}{N_0}\right)$$
(35)

b) Show that

$$\lim_{\alpha \to \infty} \int_0^\infty (V - \alpha) e^{-(V - \alpha)^2} dV = 0$$
 (36)

$$\lim_{\alpha \to \infty} \int_0^\infty e^{-(V-\alpha)^2} dV = \sqrt{\pi} \quad (37)$$

c) Using the above, evaluate

$$\int_0^\infty V \exp\left\{-\left(V^2 - 2V\sqrt{\gamma}\cos\theta + \gamma\right)\right\} dV \tag{38}$$

for large values of  $\gamma$ .

d) Find a compact expression for

$$I = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\pi}} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{M}}^{\frac{\pi}{M}} e^{-\gamma \sin^2 \theta} \cos \theta \, d\theta \qquad (39)$$

e) Find  $P_{e|\mathbf{s}_0}$ .

## 5 CRAIG'S FORMULA AND MGF

5.1 The Moment Generating Function (MGF) of X is defined as

$$M_X(s) = E\left[e^{sX}\right] \tag{40}$$

where X is a random variable and  $E[\cdot]$  is the expectation.

a) Let  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Define

$$Q(x) = \Pr(Y > x), x > 0$$
 (41)

Show that

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sin^2\theta}} d\theta$$
 (42)

- b) Let  $h \sim CN\left(0, \frac{\Omega}{2}\right)$ ,  $n \sim CN\left(0, \frac{N_0}{2}\right)$ . Find the distribution of  $|h|^2$ .
- c) Let

$$P_e = \Pr\left(\Re\left\{h^*y\right\} < 0\right), \text{ where } y = \left(\sqrt{E_s}h + n\right),$$
(43)

Show that

$$P_e = \int_0^\infty Q\left(\sqrt{2x}\right) p_A(x) \, dx \qquad (44)$$

where  $A = \frac{E_s|h|^2}{N_0}$ .

d) Show that

$$P_e = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} M_A \left( -\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) d\theta \tag{45}$$

- e) compute  $M_A(s)$ .
- f) Find  $P_e$ . g) If  $\gamma = \frac{\Omega E_s}{N_0}$ , show that  $P_e < \frac{1}{2\gamma}$ .