

# **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

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  $\Sigma$ .

### **Problem 1.** 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)

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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)

**Problem 2.** If

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

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

use the MAP criterion to reach a decision.

**Problem 3.** Derive and plot the probability of error. Verify through simulation.

#### 2 Coherent BFSK

## Problem 4. Let

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

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

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

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

1) Show that the MAP decision for detecting  $\mathbf{s}_0$  results in

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

2) 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  $\rho = 0$ 

- 3) Show that if *X* and *Y* are uncorrelated Verify this numerically.
- 4) Show that X and Y are independent, i.e.  $p_{XY}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$ .

- 5) Show that  $X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2\sigma^2)$ .
- $\Pr(\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{s}_0 | \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_0)$ 6) Show Pr(X < A, Y < A).
- 7) Find Pr(X < A, Y < A).
- 8) Verify the above through simulation.

#### 3 Noncoherent BFSK

## **Problem 5.** Show that

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Problem 6.** 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  $\mathbf{n}_0, \mathbf{n}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \frac{N_0}{2}\mathbf{I}\right)$ .

- 1) 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.
- 2) If  $\phi_0$  is uniformly distributed between 0 and  $2\pi$ , find  $p(\mathbf{r}|0)$ . Note that this expression will no longer contain  $\phi_0$ .
- 3) Show that the ML detection criterion for this scheme is

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

where *k* is a constant.

- 4) The above criterion reduces to something simpler. Can you guess what it is? Justify your answer.
- 5) Show that

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

6) 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)

7) Find

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

- 8) Show that  $E\left[e^{-\frac{X^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}}$  for  $X \sim$  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . 9) Now show that

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

**Problem 7.** Let  $U, V \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{k}{2}\right)$  be i.i.d. Assuming

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

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

1) 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)

2) 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  $2\pi$ .

3) 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)

4) Find the pdf of

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

where  $\phi$  is a constant.

- 5) Find Pr(Y > Z).
- 6) 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

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

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)

7) Show that

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

8) 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

**Problem 8.** Consider a system where  $s_i$  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi i}{M}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi i}{M}\right) \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots M - 1$ . 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  $n_1, n_2 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{N_0}{2}\right)$ .

1) 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)

2) Show that

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

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

3) 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  $\gamma$ .

4) Find a compact expression for

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

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

## 5 CRAIG'S FORMULA AND MGF

**Problem 9.** 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.

1) 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)

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

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

Show that

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

where  $A = \frac{E_s |h|^2}{N_0}$ . 4) Show that

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

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