

Seminar 3

Maximum Likelihood criterion

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1. Consider the problem of deciding between two constant signals, $s_0(t) = -1$ and $s_1(t) = 4$. The signals are affected by AWGN with distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 4)$. The receiver takes one sample, at time $t_0 = 0.75$, and the obtained value is $r = 1.8$.
 - a. Write the expressions of the two conditional distributions of the sample, and sketch them
 - b. What is the decision taken with the Maximum Likelihood criterion?
2. Consider the problem of deciding between two possible signals, $s_0(t) = \cos(2\pi t)$ and $s_1(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$. The signals are affected by AWGN with distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 4)$. The receiver takes one sample, at time $t_0 = 0.75$, and the obtained value is $r = 3.5$.
 - a. Write the expressions of the two conditional distributions of the sample, and sketch them
 - b. What is the decision taken with the Maximum Likelihood criterion?
 - c. What is the **best** moment t_0 for sampling, in order to best discriminate between the signals? Justify.
 - d. What is the **worst** moment t_0 for sampling, in order to discriminate between the signals? Justify.
 - e. Repeat a) and b) in case the noise has uniform distribution $\mathcal{U}[-4, 4]$. Is there a problem with the decision?
 - f. What is the maximum variance of a uniform noise, with zero-mean, in order to still be able to take a decision with the ML criterion for $r = 3.5$?