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Chapter 5

Detection of Signals with Unknown Phase (Non-coherent Detection)

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Introduction

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Noncoherent Detection

- In previous study, we assume that the receiver is **perfectly synchronized** (in both **frequency** and **phase**) to the transmitter
 - The only **channel impairment** is **AWGN**
- In practice, there is also uncertainty due to the randomness of certain signal parameters; for example, a **time-variant channel**
 - Including the **channel distortion, propagation distance uncertainty, multiple-path propagation, and user velocity**
 - Induce **carrier phase uncertainty** at the receiver
- The **phase** may change in a way that the receiver cannot follow
 - The receiver **cannot estimate** the received carrier phase
 - The carrier phase may **change too rapidly** for the receiver to **track**

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Noncoherent Detection (Cont.)

- **Phase synchronization** may be **too costly**
 - The designer may simply choose to **disregard the phase information** in the received signal
 - At the expense of some **degradation in noise performance**
- A digital communication receiver with no provision made for **carrier phase recovery** is said to be **noncoherent**
 - **Noncoherent detection**

Optimum Quadratic Receiver

Optimum Quadratic Receiver

- Consider a binary communication system, in which the transmitted signal is defined by (BFSK)

$$s_i(t) = \sqrt{2E/T} \cos(2\pi f_i t), \quad 0 \leq t < T, i = 1, 2$$

- E is the signal energy
 - T is the duration of the signaling interval
 - The carrier frequency f_i for symbol i is an integer multiple of $1/2T$
- Assuming the receiver operates **noncoherently** with respect to the transmitter, the received signal for an AWGN channel is

$$x(t) = \sqrt{2E/T} \cos(2\pi f_i t + \theta) + w(t), \quad 0 \leq t < T, i = 1, 2$$

- where θ is the **unknown carrier phase**

Optimum Quadratic Receiver (Cont.)

- Assuming that there is **no information** about θ
 - **Uniform distribution**

$$f_{\Theta}(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1/2\pi, & -\pi < \theta \leq \pi \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The binary **detection** problem to be solved is
 - Given the received signal $x(t)$ with the **unknown carrier phase** θ
 - Design an optimum receiver for detecting symbol s_i represented by the signal component $\sqrt{2E/T} \cos(2\pi f_i t + \theta)$
- The **likelihood function** of symbol s_i , given the carrier phase θ :

$$L(s_i(\theta)) = \exp \left[\sqrt{E/N_0 T} \int_0^T x(t) \cos(2\pi f_i t + \theta) dt \right]$$

Optimum Quadratic Receiver (Cont.)

- Averaging over all possible values of θ , we have

$$L(s_i) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} L(s_i(\theta)) f_{\Theta}(\theta) d\theta = I_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{E}{N_0 T}} l_i \right)$$

- where $I_0(\cdot)$ is the modified Bessel function of the first kind of zero order

$$I_0(x) = \int_0^{2\pi} \exp(x \cos \psi) d\psi / 2\pi$$

$$l_i = \left\{ \left[\int_0^T x(t) \cos(2\pi f_i t) dt \right]^2 + \left[\int_0^T x(t) \sin(2\pi f_i t) dt \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x+y) &= \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y) \\ \sin(x+y) &= \sin(x)\cos(y) + \cos(x)\sin(y) \end{aligned}$$

Optimum Quadratic Receiver (Cont.)

- For **binary transmission**, there are two hypotheses:
 - Hypothesis H_1 , that signal $s_1(t)$ was sent
 - Hypothesis H_2 , that signal $s_2(t)$ was sent
- The binary-hypothesis test may be formulated as follow:

$$I_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{E}{N_0 T}} l_1 \right) \underset{H_2}{\overset{H_1}{>}} I_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{E}{N_0 T}} l_2 \right)$$

- Because the modified Bessel function $I_0(\cdot)$ is a **monotonically increasing** function, we may simplify the hypothesis test as

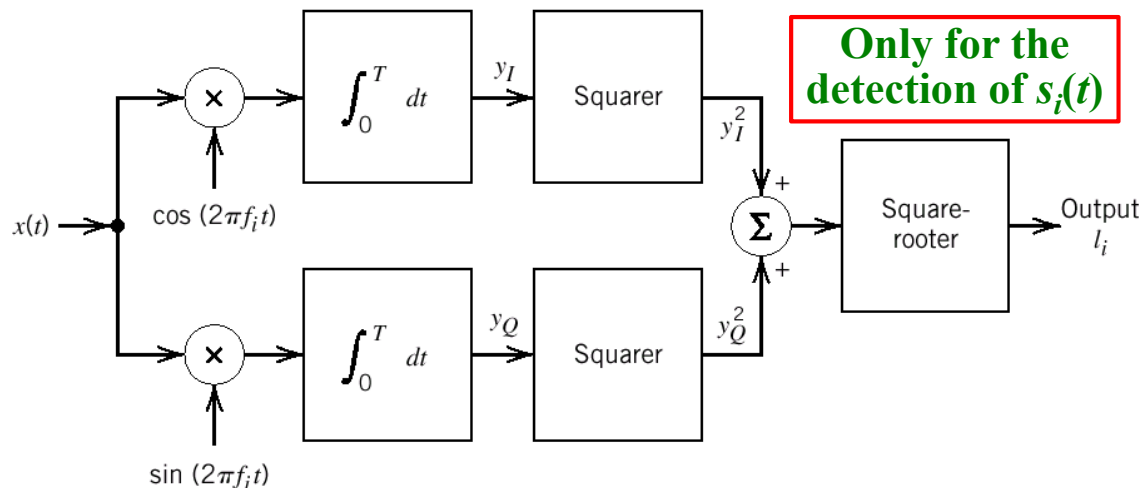
$$l_1^2 \underset{H_2}{\overset{H_1}{>}} l_2^2$$

- This **decision rule** is known as the **quadratic receiver**
 - It is independent of the symbol energy E

Implementation of the Quadratic Receiver

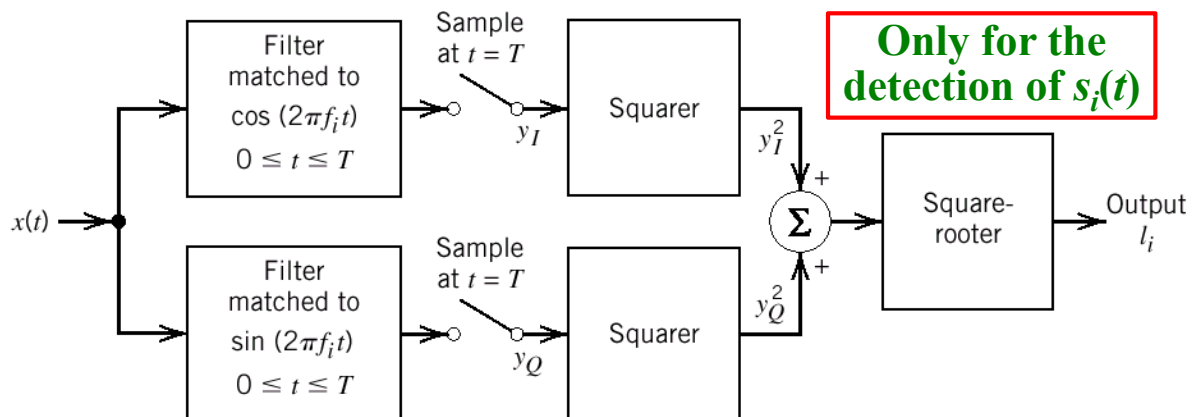
- According to the definition of l_i , the implementation of the quadratic receiver is shown as follows:

$$l_i = \left\{ \left[\int_0^T x(t) \cos(2\pi f_i t) dt \right]^2 + \left[\int_0^T x(t) \sin(2\pi f_i t) dt \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$



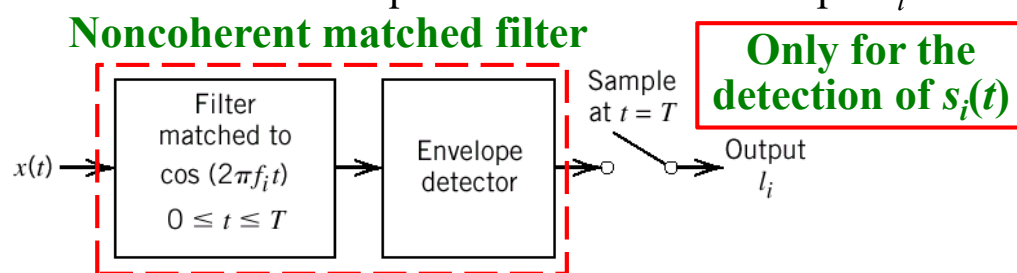
Equivalent Forms of the Quadratic Receiver

- One equivalent form of the quadrature receiver
 - Replace each **correlator** with an equivalent **matched filter**
 - In one branch, a filter matched to the signal $\cos(2\pi f_i t)$
 - In the other branch, a filter matched to $\sin(2\pi f_i t)$
 - Both of which are defined for the signaling interval $0 \leq t \leq T$



Equivalent Forms of the Quad. Receiver (Cont.)

- One equivalent form of the quadrature receiver
 - Use **noncoherent matched filter**
- A filter that is matched to $s(t) = \cos(2\pi f_i t + \theta)$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$
 - The **envelope** of the matched filter output is **unaffected** by the value of phase $\theta \Rightarrow$ Choose a matched filter with impulse response $\cos[2\pi f_i (T - t)]$ corresponding to $\theta = 0$
- The output (at time T) of the filter followed by an envelope detector is the same as the quadrature receiver's output l_i



Noncoherent Orthogonal Modulation Techniques

Noncoherent Orthogonal Modulation

- With the noncoherent receiver structures, we may now proceed to study the noise performance of **noncoherent orthogonal modulation**
 - **Noncoherent binary FSK**
 - **Differential PSK** (called DPSK)

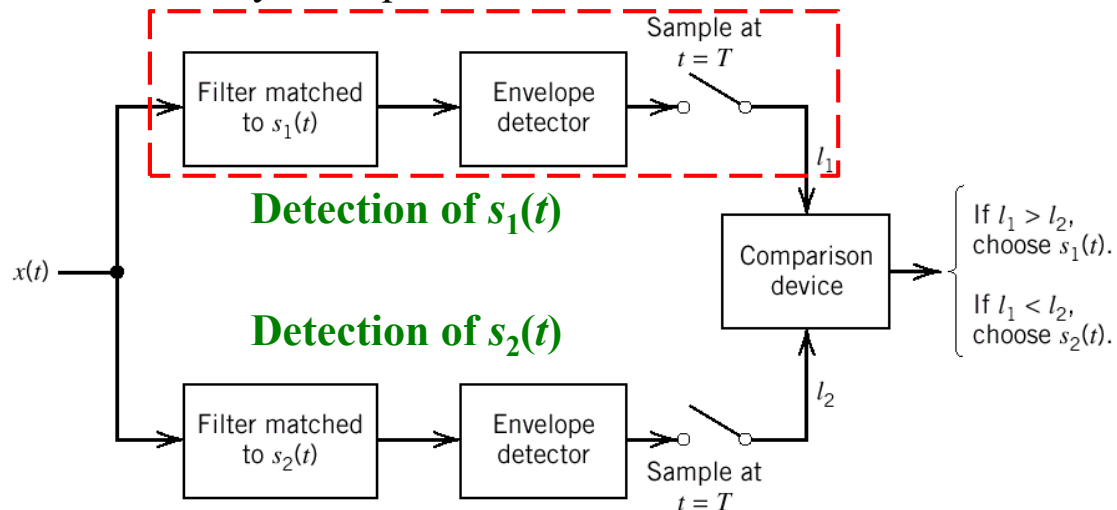
Noncoherent Orthogonal Modulation (Cont.)

- Consider a binary signaling scheme that involves the use of two **orthogonal** signals $s_1(t)$ and $s_2(t)$
 - Having the same energy E for the signaling interval $0 \leq t \leq T$
- Let $g_1(t)$ and $g_2(t)$ denote the **phase-shifted versions** of $s_1(t)$ and $s_2(t)$ that result from this transmission, respectively.
- It is assumed that the signals $g_1(t)$ and $g_2(t)$ **remain orthogonal** and have the same energy E
- In addition to carrier-phase uncertainty, the channel also introduces **AWGN** $w(t)$ of zero mean and PSD $N_0/2$
 - The received signal is

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} g_1(t) + w(t), & s_1(t) \text{ sent for } 0 \leq t \leq T \\ g_2(t) + w(t), & s_2(t) \text{ sent for } 0 \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

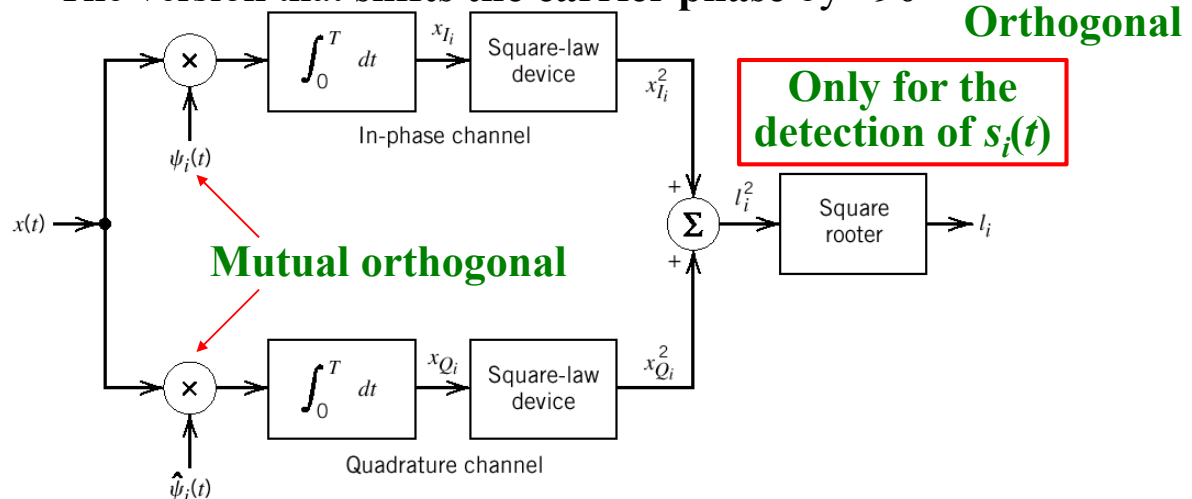
Noncoherent Orthogonal Modulation (Cont.)

- At the receiver, the quadrature receiver is used for detection
 - If the output amplitude l_1 **greater (smaller)** than the output amplitude l_2 , the receiver decides in favor of $s_1(t)$ ($s_2(t)$)
 - When they are equal, a **random decision** is made



Noncoherent Orthogonal Modulation (Cont.)

- The **upper (in-phase)** path: $x(t)$ is correlated with $\psi_i(t)$
 - A **scaled version** of $s_i(t)$ with **zero carrier phase**
- The **lower (quadrature)** path: $x(t)$ is correlated with $\hat{\psi}_i(t)$
 - The version that **shifts the carrier phase by -90°**



Noncoherent Orthogonal Modulation (Cont.)

- The signal $\hat{\psi}_i(t)$ is the **Hilbert transform** of $\psi_i(t)$
- Let $\psi_i(t) = m(t) \cos(2\pi f_i t)$
 - where $m(t)$ is a band-limited message signal

- Then the Hilbert transform is defined by

$$\hat{\psi}_i(t) = m(t) \sin(2\pi f_i t)$$

$$\cos(2\pi f_i t - \pi/2) = \sin(2\pi f_i t)$$

- An important property of Hilbert transformation is that a signal and its Hilbert transform are **orthogonal** to each other.

Probability of Error for Noncoherent Receiver

- Based on the quadrature receiver, **noise** at the output of each matched filter has **two degrees of freedom**:
 - **In-phase** and **quadrature**
- Given the phase θ , there are four noisy parameters that are **conditionally independent**, and also **identically distributed**.
 - (x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) in the upper path, and (x_{I2}, x_{Q2}) in the lower path
- The receiver has a **symmetric structure**: the error probability of transmitting $s_1(t)$ is the same as that of transmitting $s_2(t)$
- Suppose that signal $s_1(t)$ is transmitted for the interval $0 \leq t \leq T$,
 - If the channel noise $w(t)$ makes that $l_2 > l_1$
 - \Rightarrow The receiver decides in favor of $s_2(t)$ rather than $s_1(t)$
 - \Rightarrow An error occurs

Prob. of Error for Noncoherent Receiver (Cont.)

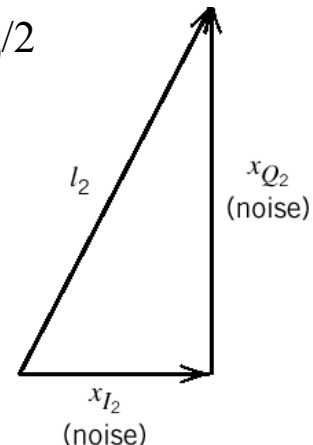
- For the probability density function of the random variable L_2 (represented by sample value l_2), we have

$$l_2 = \sqrt{x_{I2}^2 + x_{Q2}^2} \Rightarrow L_2 = \sqrt{X_{I2}^2 + X_{Q2}^2}$$

- The output of this matched filter is due to **noise alone**
- The random variables X_{I2} and X_{Q2} are both **Gaussian distributed** with zero mean and variance $N_0/2$

$$f_{X_{I2}}(x_{I2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} \exp\left(-\frac{x_{I2}^2}{N_0}\right)$$

$$f_{X_{Q2}}(x_{Q2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} \exp\left(-\frac{x_{Q2}^2}{N_0}\right)$$



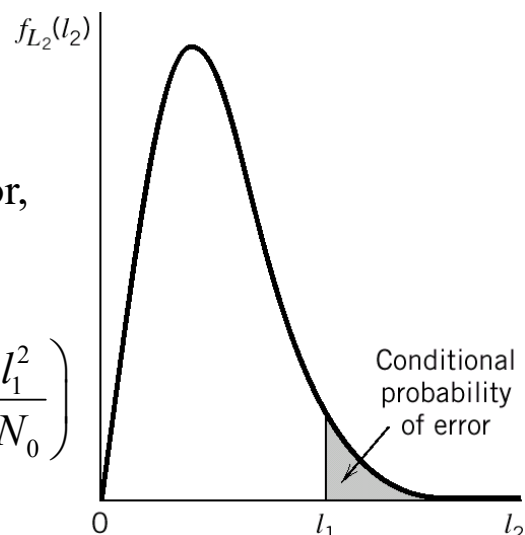
Prob. of Error for Noncoherent Receiver (Cont.)

- The **envelope** of a Gaussian process represented in polar form is **Rayleigh distributed** and independent of the phase θ
 - Therefore, the random variable L_2 has the following **probability density function**:

$$f_{L_2}(l_2) = \frac{2l_2}{N_0} \exp\left(-\frac{l_2^2}{N_0}\right), \quad l_2 \geq 0$$

- The **conditional** probability of error, **given l_1** , is the conditional probability that $l_2 > l_1$

$$P(l_2 > l_1 | l_1) = \int_{l_1}^{\infty} f_{L_2}(l_2) dl_2 = \exp\left(-\frac{l_1^2}{N_0}\right)$$



Prob. of Error for Noncoherent Receiver (Cont.)

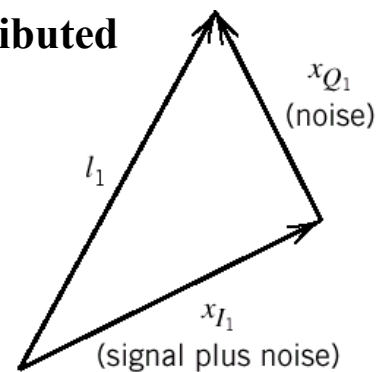
- For the random variable L_1 , we have

$$l_1 = \sqrt{x_{I1}^2 + x_{Q1}^2} \Rightarrow L_1 = \sqrt{X_{I1}^2 + X_{Q1}^2}$$

- The output of this matched filter is due to **signal plus noise**
- For simplification, we assume that the signal is within X_{I1}
- The random variable X_{I1} is **Gaussian distributed** with mean \sqrt{E} and variance $N_0/2$, where E is the symbol energy
- The random variable X_{Q1} is **Gaussian distributed** with zero mean and variance $N_0/2$

$$f_{X_{I1}}(x_{I1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x_{I1} - \sqrt{E})^2}{N_0}\right]$$

$$f_{X_{Q1}}(x_{Q1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} \exp\left(-\frac{x_{Q1}^2}{N_0}\right)$$



Prob. of Error for Noncoherent Receiver (Cont.)

- The standard approach is to find the probability density function of L_1 due to signal plus noise
 - However, this leads to rather **complicated calculations** involving the use of **Bessel functions**

- Given x_{I1} and x_{Q1} , the conditional probability of error is**

$$P(l_2 > l_1 | x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) = \exp\left(-\frac{l_1^2}{N_0}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{x_{I1}^2 + x_{Q1}^2}{N_0}\right)$$

- Since X_{I1} and X_{Q1} are **statistically independent**, their joint pdf equals the **product** of their individual pdf
- Then, the **average probability of error** is represented as

$$P_e = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(l_2 > l_1 | x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) f_{X_{I1}}(x_{I1}) f_{X_{Q1}}(x_{Q1}) dx_{I1} dx_{Q1}$$

Prob. of Error for Noncoherent Receiver (Cont.)

- The integrand of the **average probability of error** is

$$P(l_2 > l_1 | x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) f_{x_{I1}, x_{Q1}}(x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) = \frac{1}{\pi N_0} \exp \left[-\frac{x_{I1}^2 + 2x_{Q1}^2 + (x_{I1} - \sqrt{E})^2}{N_0} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{\pi N_0} \exp \left[-\frac{2(x_{I1} - \sqrt{E}/2)^2 + 2x_{Q1}^2 + E/2}{N_0} \right]$$

- Hence, the **average probability of error** is = 1

$$P_e = \frac{1}{2} \exp \left[-\frac{E}{2N_0} \right] \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left[-\frac{2}{N_0} (x_{I1} - \sqrt{E}/2)^2 \right] dx_{I1}$$

$$\text{= 1} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left[-\frac{2}{N_0} x_{Q1}^2 \right] dx_{Q1} = \frac{1}{2} \exp \left[-\frac{E}{2N_0} \right]$$

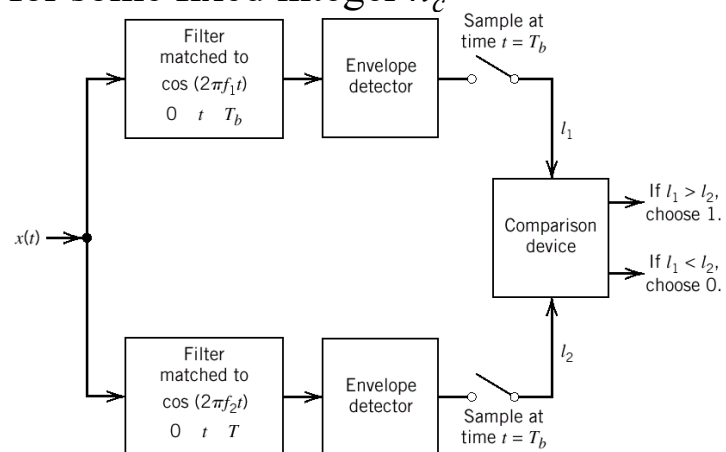
Noncoherent Binary Frequency-Shift Keying

Noncoherent Binary Frequency-Shift Keying

- In binary FSK, the transmitted signal is

$$s_i(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2E_b/T_b} \cos(2\pi f_i t), & 0 \leq t < T_b \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}, i = 1, 2$$

- To maintain **orthogonality**, the **transmitted frequency** is set at $f_i = (n_c + i)/T_b$ for some fixed integer n_c
- For the **noncoherent detection**
 - If $l_1 > l_2$: in favor of **symbol 1**
 - If $l_1 < l_2$: in favor of **symbol 0**



Probability of Error for Noncoherent BFSK

- The noncoherent binary FSK is a special case of noncoherent orthogonal modulation with $T = T_b$ and $E = E_b$
- Hence, the BER for **noncoherent binary FSK** is

$$P_e = \frac{1}{2} \exp \left[-\frac{E_b}{2N_0} \right]$$

- It is not necessary that the FSK signal is a **continuous-phase** signal
 - Using **different** phases for symbol 1 and symbol 0 is possible

Differential Phase-Shift Keying

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Differential Phase-Shift Keying (DPSK)

- DPSK is the “**noncoherent**” version of binary PSK.
 - DPSK eliminates the need for synchronizing the receiver to the transmitter
 - By combining two basic operations at the **transmitter**:
 - **Differential encoding** of the input binary sequence
 - **PSK** of the encoded sequence

Differential Encoding of DPSK

- **Differential encoding** starts with an **arbitrary first bit**, serving as the **reference bit**
 - **Symbol 1** is used as the reference bit
- Generation of the **differentially encoded sequence**:
 - Input bit is “**1**”: leave the differentially encoded symbol **unchanged** with respect to the current bit
 - Input bit is “**0**”: **change** the differentially encoded symbol with respect to the current bit ($0 \rightarrow 1$ or $1 \rightarrow 0$)
- The differentially encoded sequence $\{d_k\}$ is used to shift the sinusoidal carrier phase by **zero** and **180°**

Relative Phase

 - **Symbol 1**: the phase of the signal remains **unchanged**
 - **Symbol 0**: the phase of the signal is shifted by **180°**

Generation of DPSK

- Consider that the input binary sequence $\{b_k\}$ is “10010011”
- The **reference bit** used for differentially encoding is “**1**”
- Let $\{d_k\}$ denote the differentially encoded sequence and $\{d_{k-1}\}$ denote its **delayed version** by **one bit**
- The **complement** of the modulo-2 sum of $\{b_k\}$ and $\{d_{k-1}\}$ defines the desired $\{d_k\}$
- The binary symbols 1 and 0 are represented by the transmitted phase 0 and π

Input binary sequence $\{b_k\}$		1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Delayed version $\{d_{k-1}\}$		1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Differentially encoded sequence $\{d_k\}$	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
Transmitted phase	0	0	π	0	0	π	0	0	0

Probability of Error for DPSK

- DPSK is also **noncoherent orthogonal modulation**
 - It's **orthogonal** only when its behavior is considered over **successive two-bit intervals**; that is, $0 \leq t \leq 2T_b$
- Let the transmitted DPSK signal in the **first-bit interval** be $\sqrt{2E_b/T_b} \cos(2\pi f_c t)$, corresponds to symbol 1 for $0 \leq t < T_b$
- If the input symbol for the **second-bit interval** is also **symbol 1**

$$s_1(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2E_b/T_b} \cos(2\pi f_c t), & \text{for } 0 \leq t < T_b \\ \sqrt{2E_b/T_b} \cos(2\pi f_c t), & \text{for } T_b \leq t < 2T_b \end{cases}$$

- If the input symbol for the **second-bit interval** is also **symbol 0**

$$s_2(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2E_b/T_b} \cos(2\pi f_c t), & \text{for } 0 \leq t < T_b \\ \sqrt{2E_b/T_b} \cos(2\pi f_c t + \pi), & \text{for } T_b \leq t < 2T_b \end{cases}$$

Probability of Error for DPSK (Cont.)

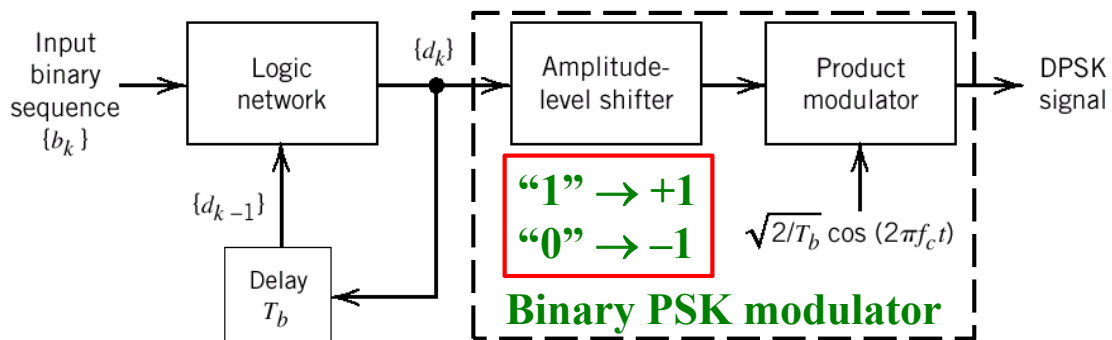
- The DPSK signals $s_1(t)$ and $s_2(t)$ are indeed **orthogonal** over the **two-bit interval** $0 \leq t \leq 2T_b$
 - A special form of **noncoherent orthogonal modulation**
 - In comparison with the binary FSK, the difference is $T = 2T_b$ and $E = 2E_b$
- Hence, the BER for DPSK is given by

$$P_e = \frac{1}{2} \exp \left[-\frac{E_b}{N_0} \right]$$

- DPSK provides a **gain of 3 dB** over binary FSK using noncoherent detection for the same E_b/N_0

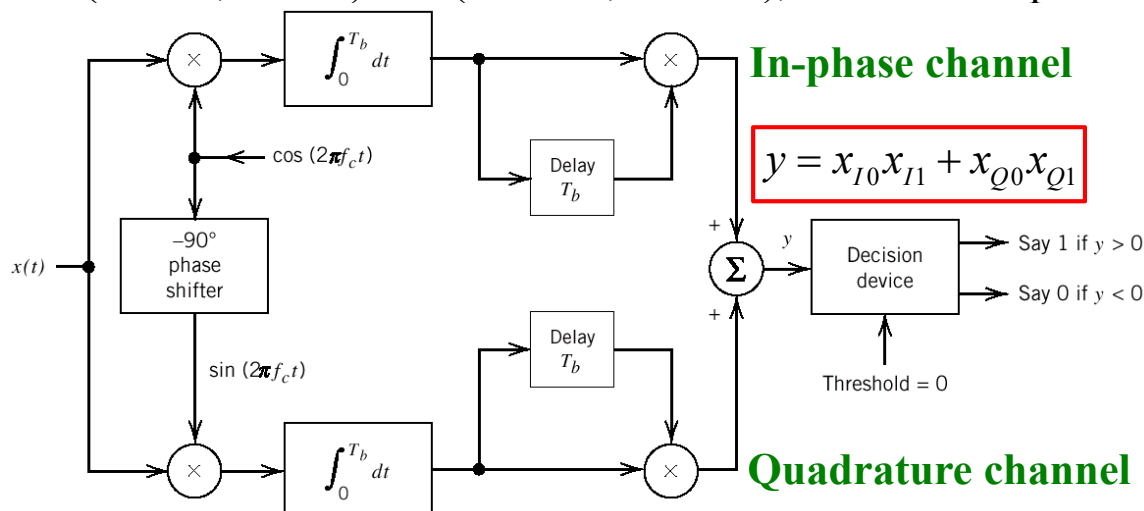
DPSK Transmitter

- The DPSK transmitter consists of two functional blocks:
 - Logic network and one-bit delay (storage) element:** convert the **raw input binary sequence** $\{b_k\}$ into the **differentially encoded sequence** $\{d_k\}$
 - Binary PSK modulator:** the output of which is the desired DPSK signal.



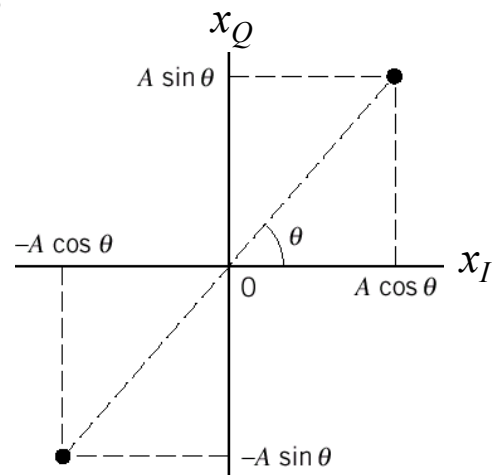
DPSK Receiver

- To deal with the unknown phase θ , the receiver equips with an **in-phase** path and a **quadrature** path
- Over the **two-bit** interval $0 \leq t \leq 2T_b$, we define the signal-space as $(A \cos \theta, A \sin \theta)$ and $(-A \cos \theta, -A \sin \theta)$, A : carrier amplitude



DPSK Receiver (Cont.)

- The receiver measures the coordinates (x_{I0}, x_{Q0}) at time $t = T_b$ and then measures (x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) at time $t = 2T_b$
 - $\mathbf{x}_0 = [x_{I0}, x_{Q0}]^T$ and $\mathbf{x}_1 = [x_{I1}, x_{Q1}]^T$
- The issue to be resolved is whether these two points map to **the same signal point** or **different ones**
- If $\mathbf{x}_0^T \mathbf{x}_1 = x_{I0}x_{I1} + x_{Q0}x_{Q1} > 0$
 - The two points are roughly in the **same direction** \Rightarrow **Symbol 1**
- If $\mathbf{x}_0^T \mathbf{x}_1 = x_{I0}x_{I1} + x_{Q0}x_{Q1} < 0$
 - The two points are roughly in **different direction** \Rightarrow **Symbol 0**



DPSK Receiver (Cont.)

- Because the following identity:

$$\mathbf{x}_0^T \mathbf{x}_1 = x_{I0}x_{I1} + x_{Q0}x_{Q1}$$

$$= \left[(x_{I0} + x_{I1})^2 - (x_{I0} - x_{I1})^2 + (x_{Q0} + x_{Q1})^2 - (x_{Q0} - x_{Q1})^2 \right] / 4$$

- The **decision-making** process is based on the binary-hypothesis test rule:

$$\left[\left((x_{I0} + x_{I1})^2 + (x_{Q0} + x_{Q1})^2 \right) - \left((x_{I0} - x_{I1})^2 + (x_{Q0} - x_{Q1})^2 \right) \right] \begin{matrix} \text{"1"} \\ \geq 0 \\ \text{"0"} \end{matrix}$$

- To test whether the point (x_{I0}, x_{Q0}) is **closer to** (x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) or its image $(-x_{I1}, -x_{Q1})$ (i.e., same direction or different direction)
- Closer to (x_{I1}, x_{Q1}) : the phase **unchanged** \Rightarrow **Symbol 1**
- Closer to $(-x_{I1}, -x_{Q1})$: the phase shifted by **180°** \Rightarrow **Symbol 0**

Homework

- **You must give detailed derivations or explanations, otherwise you get no points.**
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