

**Communication Systems**  
**(ECE4572)**  
**Fall 2013**

**Homework 8**

Assigned Nov. 15, due Nov. 21.

**Objectives/Preparation:** Study the principle of matched filtering. Understand the relationship between bit SNR and bit error rate.

**Problem 1.** The received signal in a PSK or QAM system is given by

$$v(t) = \sum_n d(n)g(t - nT) + w(t) \quad (1)$$

where  $d(n)$  are the data symbols,  $g(t)$  is the basic pulse (rectangular in time, with amplitude  $A$  and duration  $T$ ), and  $w_c(t)$  is additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN). The noise is zero-mean, with independent real and imaginary parts, each of p.s.d.  $N_0$ . The receiver employs a filter matched to the pulse  $g(t)$ , and samples the filter output at times  $nT$ . Show that the resulting samples are given by

$$y(nT) = d(n)E_g + z(nT) \quad (2)$$

or shortly,

$$y[n] = d(n)E_g + z[n] \quad (3)$$

where  $E_g$  is the energy of the pulse  $g(t)$  and  $z[n] = z(nT)$  is the sequence of noise samples. Determine the statistical properties of the noise sequence: (i) determine the power  $\sigma_z^2 = E\{|z^2[n]|\}$ ; (ii) specify the p.d.f. of a single sample  $z[n]$ , and (iii) determine the auto-correlation  $R_z[m] = E\{z[n+m]z^*[n]\}$ . Make a conclusion as to whether the noise samples  $z[n]$  are independent. Hint: For part (iii), begin by expressing the p.s.d.  $S_z(f)$  of the noise  $z(t)$  at the output of the matched filter in terms of the p.s.d.  $S_w(f)$  of the input noise  $w(t)$ ; find  $R_z(\tau)$  as the inverse Fourier transform of  $S_z(f)$ , and finally find  $R_z[m]$  as  $R_z(mT)$ .

**Problem 2.** Consider a BPSK communication system operating over an AWGN channel. Determine the bit error rate (BER), i.e. the probability of bit error  $P_e$  as a function of the bit SNR  $E_b/N_0$ . Use Matlab to plot  $P_e$  vs.  $E_b/N_0$ . Specifically, show  $P_e$  on the logarithmic scale vs.  $E_b/N_0$  in dB.

- (i) If  $E_b/N_0$  is 4 dB, what is the resulting  $P_e$ ?
- (ii) If  $E_b/N_0$  is 8 dB, what is the resulting  $P_e$ ?
- (iii) If  $E_b/N_0$  is 10 dB, what is the resulting  $P_e$ ?
- (iv) If it is required that the BER be kept below  $10^{-5}$  what does the bit SNR have to satisfy?
- (v) If  $N_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-21}$  W/Hz, and the link attenuation is 144 dB, what energy per bit  $E_{b,tx}$  should be used at the transmitter so as to satisfy the requirement (iv)?
- (vi) What is the corresponding transmit power if the system uses rectangular pulses and the bit rate is 1 Mbps?
- (vii) If the transmit power is limited to 1 W, what is the maximum bit rate that can be supported while keeping the BER below  $10^{-5}$ ?

**Report:** Your typed report should contain a cover page with your name, and a few paragraphs of text (including any figures and equations) describing your solution to each problem.