

### Detection with Multiple Symbols

In this session, we'll look at the Multiple Hypothesis Testing Problem and the classic example for Multiple Hypothesis Testing is the detection of multiple symbols in a constellation. Another example could be "Face detection and Recognition".

(ii) Mapping a set of features to one possible face from a set of faces. We'll have a Face database, making a decision about a face and mapping it to one of the faces from a DB.

So, in order to do that, let us first start with the Binary Hypothesis Testing Problem and simplify that detection rule, so that we can then get to a Multiple Hypothesis testing problem.

Recall, the Binary Hypothesis testing problem is

$$H_0 : \bar{y} = \bar{s}_0 + \bar{v}$$

$$H_1 : \bar{y} = \bar{s}_1 + \bar{v}$$

where,  $\bar{s}_0 \rightarrow$  Signal for  $H_0$

$\bar{s}_1 \rightarrow$  Signal for  $H_1$

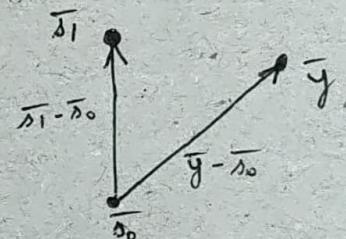
And, we see that the optimal detector is

① Choose  $H_0$  if

$$\bar{s}_0^T \bar{y} \leq \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0)^T (\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0)}_{\text{Inner Product}} \leq \gamma$$

Inner Product



② Else, choose  $H_1$

In particular for the ML detector, we've seen that

$$\gamma = \frac{\|\bar{s}\|^2}{2} = \frac{\|\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0\|^2}{2}$$

Therefore, choose  $H_0$  if

$$(\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0)^T (\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0) \leq \frac{\|\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0\|^2}{2}$$

$\bar{y} \nearrow$

This can be further simplified as follows.

$$\Rightarrow 2(\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0)^\top (\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0) \leq \|\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\bar{s}_1^\top - \bar{s}_0^\top)(\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0) \leq (\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0)^\top (\bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} & 2\bar{s}_1^\top \bar{y} - 2\bar{s}_0^\top \bar{y} \\ & - 2\bar{s}_1^\top \bar{s}_0 + 2\|\bar{s}_0\|^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \leq \|\bar{s}_1\|^2 + \|\bar{s}_0\|^2 - 2\bar{s}_1^\top \bar{s}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{s}_0\|^2 - 2\bar{s}_0^\top \bar{y} \leq \|\bar{s}_1\|^2 - 2\bar{s}_1^\top \bar{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{s}_0\|^2 + \|\bar{y}\|^2 - 2\bar{s}_0^\top \bar{y} \leq \|\bar{s}_1\|^2 + \|\bar{y}\|^2 - 2\bar{s}_1^\top \bar{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0\|^2 \leq \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_1\|^2$$

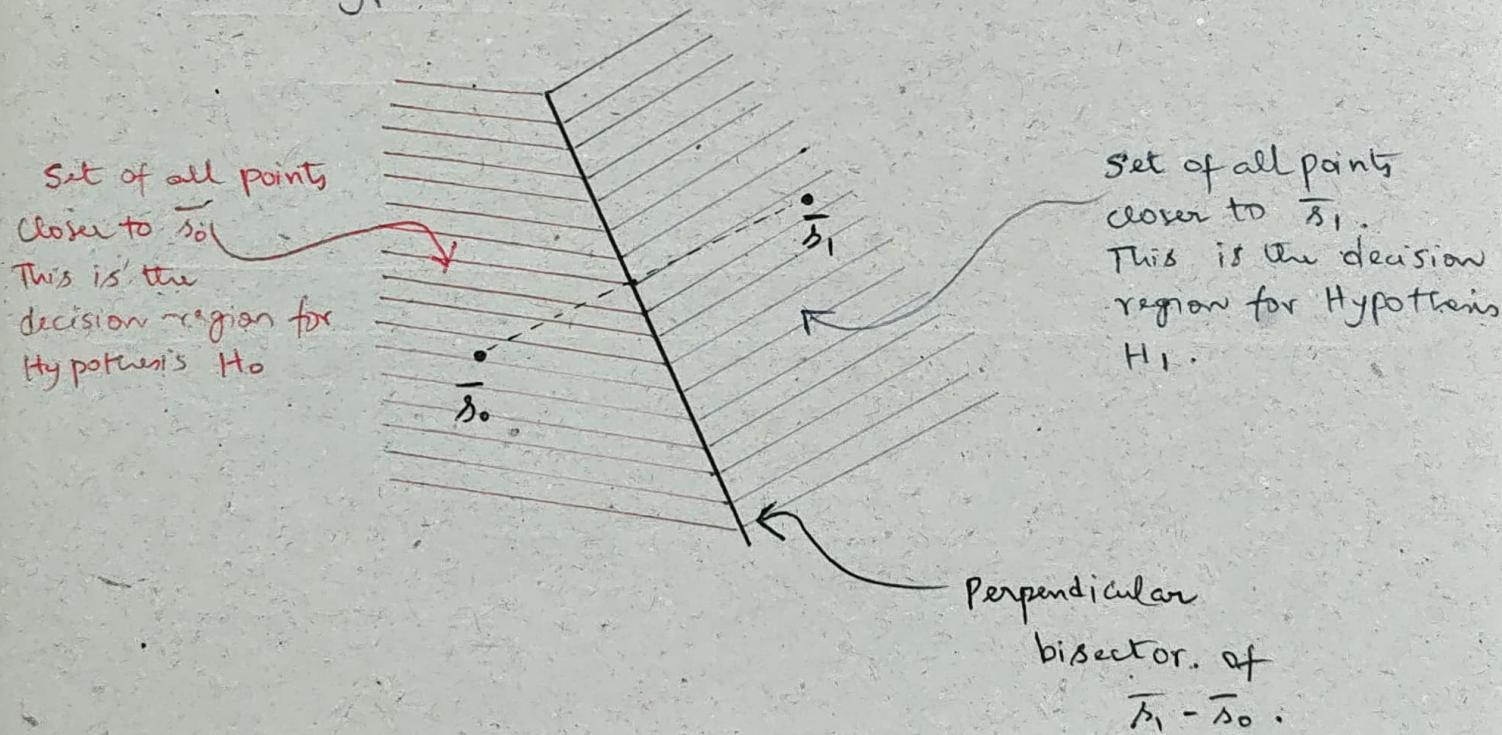
$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0\| \leq \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_1\|$$

Therefore, for ML detector, what we have is,  
choose  $H_0$  if,

$$\|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0\| \leq \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_1\|$$

This is known as Minimum distance decoder. (ii)

Choose the Hypothesis corresponding to the signal which is closer to the output vector. (ii) if  $\bar{s}_0$  is closer to  $\bar{y}$ , then choose Hypothesis  $H_0$ . And if  $\bar{s}_1$  is closer to  $\bar{y}$ , then choose Hypothesis  $H_1$ .



So, when the points are closer to  $\bar{s}_0$ , we choose  $H_0$ .  
And, when the points are closer to  $\bar{s}_1$ , we choose  $H_1$ .

Summary :

We have two signal  $\bar{s}_0$  and  $\bar{s}_1$  in  $N$  dimensional space. And if we look at the 1<sup>st</sup> bisector (i) Hyperplane that divides it into two regions. The region of points closer to  $\bar{s}_0$  is the decision region corresponding to hypothesis  $H_0$ . And the set of points closer to  $\bar{s}_1$  is the region corresponding to Hypothesis  $H_1$ .

The points on the hyperplane which are equidistant to both Hypothesis Signal  $\bar{s}_0$  and  $\bar{s}_1$ ; we can put them in any Hypothesis. But, by convention, we are putting them in Hypothesis  $H_0$ . We can as well put them in Hypothesis  $H_1$  which will not affect the performance of the test. We can arbitrarily choose Hypotheses  $H_0$  or  $H_1$ .

Thus,

- ① choose  $H_0$  if  $\|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0\| \leq \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_1\|$ .
- ② choose  $H_1$  if  $\|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_1\| < \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_0\|$ .
- ③ choose the closest signal!

This is called Nearest Neighbor decision rule/  
Nearest Neighbor decoder/  
NN decoder.

Now, we can readily extend this to a Multiple signal decoding problem / Multiple Hypothesis Testing Problem.

Consider now a multiple hypothesis testing problem

M-ary Hypothesis Testing Problem.

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_0 : \bar{y} &= \bar{s}_0 + \bar{v} \\
 H_1 : \bar{y} &= \bar{s}_1 + \bar{v} \\
 &\vdots \\
 H_{M-1} : \bar{y} &= \bar{s}_{M-1} + \bar{v}
 \end{aligned}$$

M Signals

Now, how do we choose the decision rule? The decision rule is the Nearest Neighbor decoder for this multiple hypothesis testing problem.

(ii) Choose  $H_i$  corresponding to signal  $\bar{s}_i$  which is closest to the output vector  $\bar{y}$ .

choose  $H_i$  such that

$$i = \arg \min_i \|\bar{y} - \bar{s}_i\|$$



Figure of Decision Region

Draw the perpendicular bisectors for every pair of signals, which forms the region of intersection. The points that are closer to  $\bar{s}_0$  than any other constellation points, is the decision region corresponding to  $\bar{s}_0$ , which is the region of points that will be mapped to  $\bar{s}_0$  in our NN decision rule.

The decision region for each hypothesis is a POLYHEDRON.

For Minimum distance decision rule (ii) For an M-ary Hypothesis testing problem, what is the Probability of Error ( $P_e$ ) of symbol decoding?

We start with the notion of Confusion Probability  $i \rightarrow j$ , which is basically the probability that  $\bar{s}_i$  will be confused for  $\bar{s}_j$ .

$$P_{\bar{s}_i \rightarrow \bar{s}_j} = Q\left(\frac{\|\bar{s}_i - \bar{s}_j\|}{2\sigma}\right)$$

Now, the Probability of error for symbol  $i$  is the Union of confused events.

$$P_{e,i} = P\left(\bigcup_{j \neq i} \bar{s}_i \rightarrow \bar{s}_j\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{e,i} \leq \sum_{j \neq i} P_{\bar{s}_i \rightarrow \bar{s}_j}$$

$$= \sum_{j \neq i} Q\left(\frac{\|\bar{s}_i - \bar{s}_j\|}{2\sigma}\right)$$

WKT, Union bound  
in Probability,  
 $P(A \cup B \cup C \dots) \leq P(A) + P(B) + P(C) + \dots$

Sum of confusion probabilities which acts as upper bound for  $P_{e,i}$ . This is called as "UNION BOUND".

At high SNR especially, this UNION BOUND, where we simply upper bounded by the sum of probabilities of the events, provides a very good approximation to the probability of error.

Generally,  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) + P(A \cap B)$

But here, we are ignoring the probabilities of intersection of confusion events.

This is done in order to overcome the complexity.

## Probability of Error (for M-dimensional constellation)

$$P_e = \sum_i P_i \cdot P_{e,i}$$

where,  $P_i = \frac{1}{M}$  (i.e. in an M-ary Hypothesis Testing probability, if the symbols are equiprobable then  $P_i = 1/M$ .)

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P_e &= \sum_i \frac{1}{M} P_{e,i} = \sum_i \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_i \underbrace{\sum_{j \neq i} Q\left(\frac{\|\bar{s}_i - \bar{s}_j\|}{2\sigma}\right)}_{\downarrow} \end{aligned}$$

This expression is dominated by  $\bar{s}_j$  which are closest to  $\bar{s}_i$ . So, choose only those  $\bar{s}_j$  which are closest to  $\bar{s}_i$ . And we call them as Nearest neighbors.

$$P_e = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i N_{\min}^i Q\left(\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma}\right)$$

where,  $N_{\min}^i \rightarrow$  Number of nearest neighbors to  $\bar{s}_i$   
 even & power of 2  
 integer bits/sym

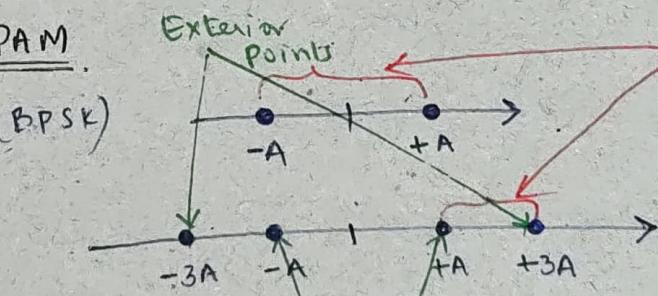
$d_{\min}^i \rightarrow$  Distance of nearest neighbors to  $\bar{s}_i$

### M-ary PAM

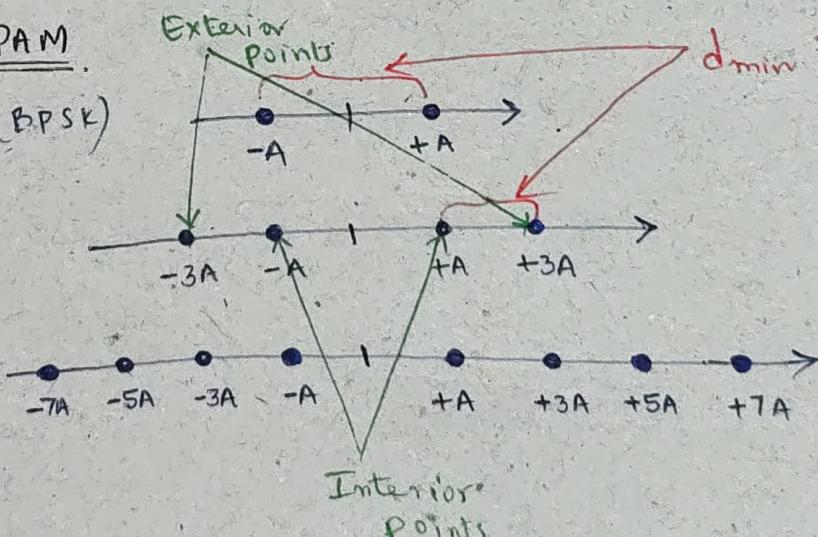
① 2-PAM (BPSK)



② 4-PAM



③ 8-PAM



M is always even, so that the constellation is SYMMETRIC.

Example : 8-any PAM.

Recall ; 8-any PAM has 8 constellation points.

$$-7A, -5A, -3A, -A, +A, +3A, +5A, +7A$$

In general , the  $i^{\text{th}}$  constellation point of  $M$ -ary PAM is given by

$$s_i = (2i - (M-1)) A, \text{ where } i = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$$

And , the distance between the neighbor constellation points ,  $d_{\min} = 2A$ .

This is a multiple Hypothesis Testing problem (  $M$ -ary Hypothesis Testing Problem).

$$H_0 : y = s_0 + v$$

$$H_1 : y = s_1 + v$$

:

$$H_{M-1} : y = s_{M-1} + v$$

For any interior point ,

① No. of nearest neighbors ,  $N_{\min} = 2$

② Distance of nearest neighbors ,  $d_{\min} = 2A$

Probability of error , for the interior points

$$P_{e,i} = N_{\min}^i Q\left(\frac{d_{\min}}{2\sigma}\right)$$

$$= 2 Q\left(\frac{2A}{2\sigma}\right)$$

$$= 2 Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right)$$

For any boundary points, (Ex.  $-7A$ ,  $+7A$ )

• No. of nearest neighbors,  $N_{\min}^i = 1$ .

• Distance of nearest neighbors,  $d_{\min}^i = 2A$

Probability of error, for the boundary points

$$\begin{aligned} P_{e,i} &= N_{\min}^i \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{\min}^i}{2\sigma}\right) \\ &= 1 \cdot Q\left(\frac{2A}{2\sigma}\right) \\ &= \underline{\underline{Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right)}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the overall probability of error,

$$\begin{aligned} P_e &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_i N_{\min}^i \cdot Q\left(\frac{d_{\min}^i}{2\sigma}\right) \quad \text{For 2 points on the boundary} \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{For } M-2 \text{ interior points}} = \frac{1}{M} (M-2) \cdot 2 \cdot Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right) + \frac{1}{M} 2 \cdot Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{M} (2M-4+2) Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{2M-2}{M} Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right) Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Express  $A$  in terms of Average Symbol power  $E_s$ .

## Week 4 : Session 1

In the previous lesson, we were looking at the PAM constellation, where the  $i^{\text{th}}$  constellation point of M-ary PAM is given by

$$s_i = (2i - (M-1)) A, \text{ where } i = 0, 1, \dots, M-1.$$

The average symbol power,

$$E_s = \sum_i p(s_i) |s_i|^2$$

### FORMULAE

① Sum of squares of  $n$  natural numbers  
 $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

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 $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (M-1)^2 \right) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i |s_i|^2 \\
 & = \frac{(M-1)(M-1+1)(2(M-1)+1)}{6} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} (2i - (M-1))^2 A^2 \\
 & = \frac{(M-1)M(2M-2+1)}{6} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} (4i^2 + (M-1)^2 - 4i(M-1)) A^2 \\
 & = \frac{(M-1)M(2M-1)}{6} = \frac{A^2}{M} \left[ 4 \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} i^2 + (M-1)^2 \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} 1 - 4(M-1) \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} i \right] \\
 & \quad \boxed{1+1+\dots+1 = M \text{ (M times)}} \\
 & = \frac{A^2}{M} \left[ 4 \frac{(M-1)M(2M-1)}{6} + (M-1)^2 M - 4(M-1) \frac{(M-1)M}{2} \right] \\
 & \quad \boxed{1+2+\dots+(M-1) = \frac{(M-1)(M-1+1)}{2}} \\
 & = \frac{A^2}{M} \left[ \frac{2}{3} (M-1)M(2M-1) + (M-1)^2 M - 2(M-1)^2 M \right] \\
 & = \frac{A^2}{M} \left[ \frac{2}{3} (M-1)M(2M-1) - (M-1)^2 M \right] \\
 & = \frac{A^2}{M} M(M-1) \left[ \frac{2}{3} (2M-1) - (M-1) \right] \\
 & = A^2 (M-1) \left[ \frac{4M-2 - (3M-3)}{3} \right] \\
 & = \frac{A^2}{3} (M-1) (M+1) = \frac{A^2}{3} (M^2 + M - M - 1) \\
 & E_s = \frac{A^2}{3} (M^2 - 1) \Rightarrow A = \sqrt{\frac{3 E_s}{M^2 - 1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $P_e$  reduces to

$$P_e = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) Q\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}\right) = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{3 Es}{(M^2-1) No/2}}\right)$$

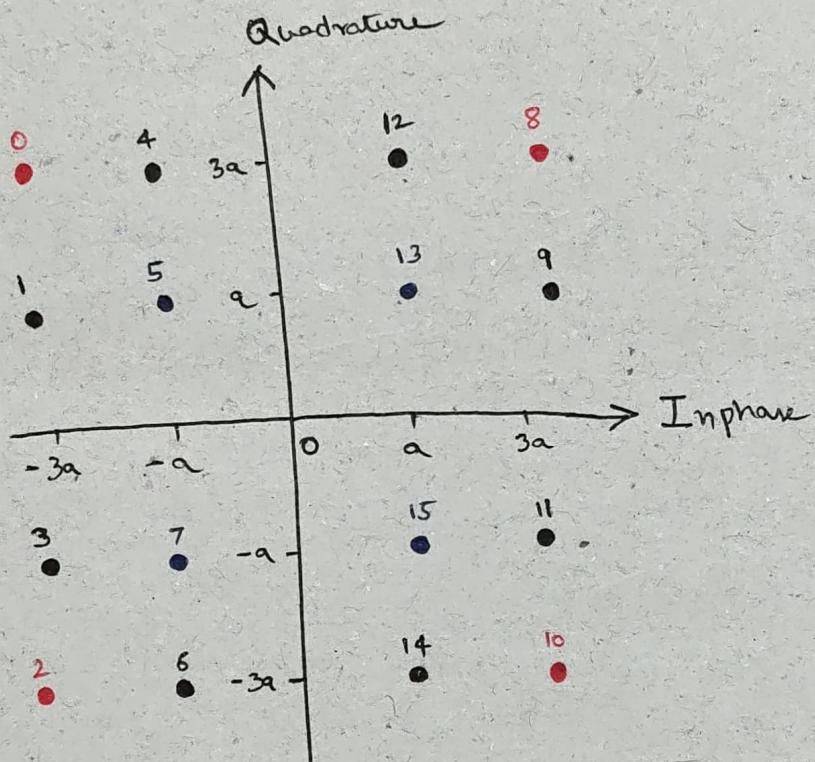
$$P_e = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{6 Es}{(M^2-1) No}}\right)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{No}{2}$$

This is the Probability of Symbol error  
for M-any PAM. (a.k.a) Symbol Error Rate (SER)

### QAM Constellation

Let us now consider a QAM constellation. (M-any QAM)



- ① We have complex Signal in QAM.

- Inphase  $\rightarrow$  Real part
- Quadrature  $\rightarrow$  Imaginary part

- ② We can think of as

- PAM constellation in Inphase
- PAM constellation in Quadrature

(i) PAM Inphase + j PAM Quadrature

In this QAM constellation, we use 4-PAM in Inphase and 4-PAM in Quadrature. Hence  $4 \times 4 = 16$  QAM. Also QAM is a SQUARE Constellation, Symmetric about zero, which maximizes the distance for a given symbol power. So, QAM is Energy efficient constellation.

Many QAM constellation can be modeled as

$$x_I + j x_Q$$

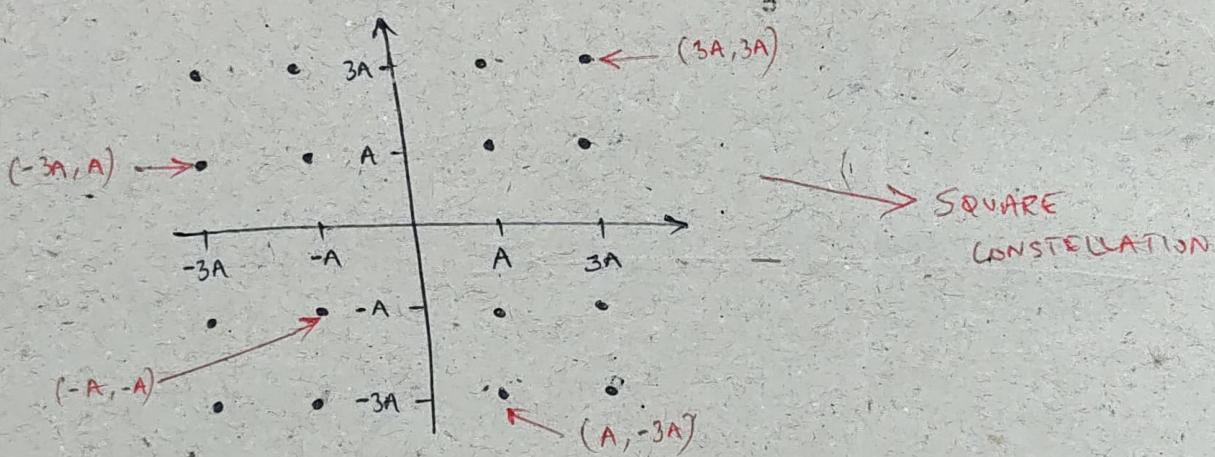
where  $x_I, x_Q \in \sqrt{M}$  PAM.

Example :  $M = 16$  QAM,

$$x_I \in 4 \text{-PAM} \quad \text{(ii)} \quad \{-3A, -A, A, 3A\}$$

$$x_Q \in 4 \text{-PAM} \quad \text{(ii)} \quad \{-3A, -A, A, 3A\}$$

Total No. of Symbols in  $M$ -QAM =  $\sqrt{M} \times \sqrt{M}$



- $E_s$  is the Total QAM average symbol power

- Power of  $x_I, x_Q$  is  $\frac{E_s}{2}$ .

- $x_I$  and  $x_Q$  is Symmetric, Each has Half power!

① SER of in-phase and quadrature constellation

- Recall, inphase and Quadrature are  $\sqrt{M}$  PAM.  
Therefore, the SER can be derived by substituting M by  $\sqrt{M}$  in the  $P_{e,PAM}$ :

$$(ii) P_{e,PAM} = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\right) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{6(E_s/2)}{(\sqrt{M}^2-1) N_0}}\right)$$

$$= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\right) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{3 E_s}{(M-1) N_0}}\right)$$

- ② Probability of symbol error for QAM (ii) SER of QAM  
is given by

$$P_{e,QAM} = 1 - \Pr(\text{Both } x_I, x_Q \text{ Not in error})$$

$$\Pr(x_I \text{ not in error}) = 1 - P_{e,PAM}$$

$$\Pr(x_Q \text{ not in error}) = 1 - P_{e,PAM}$$

$$\Pr(\text{Both } x_I, x_Q \text{ Not in error}) = (1 - P_{e,PAM})^2$$

$\because x_I, x_Q$  are independent events

$$P_{e,QAM} = 1 - (1 - P_{e,PAM})^2$$

$$= 1 - (1 + P_{e,PAM}^2 - 2 P_{e,PAM})$$

$$= 2 P_{e,PAM} - P_{e,PAM}^2$$

$$\approx 2 P_{e,PAM} \quad (\because \text{At High SNR, } P_{e,PAM} \text{ is very small (10}^{-4} \text{ or } 10^{-5}\text{).})$$

Hence, we can ignore the square of  $P_{e,PAM}$

$$= 2 \times 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\right) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{3 E_s}{(M-1) N_0}}\right)$$

$$P_{e,QAM} = 4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\right) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{3 E_s}{(M-1) N_0}}\right)$$