

# EE23010 NCERT Exemplar

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Consider a channel over which either symbol  $x_A$  or symbol  $x_B$  is transmitted. Let the output of the channel  $Y$  be the input to a maximum likelihood (ML) detector at the receiver. The conditional probability density for  $Y$  given  $x_A$  and  $x_B$  are:

$$f_{Y|x_A}(y) = e^{-(y+1)} u(y+1)$$

$$f_{Y|x_B}(y) = e^{(y-1)} (1 - u(y-1))$$

where  $u(\cdot)$  is the standard unit step function. the probability of symbol error for this system is

**Solution:**

Decision in favour of  $x_A$  when

$$f_{Y|x_A}(y) > f_{Y|x_B}(y) \quad (1)$$

Decision in favour of  $x_B$  when

$$f_{Y|x_A}(y) < f_{Y|x_B}(y) \quad (2)$$

From the figure,

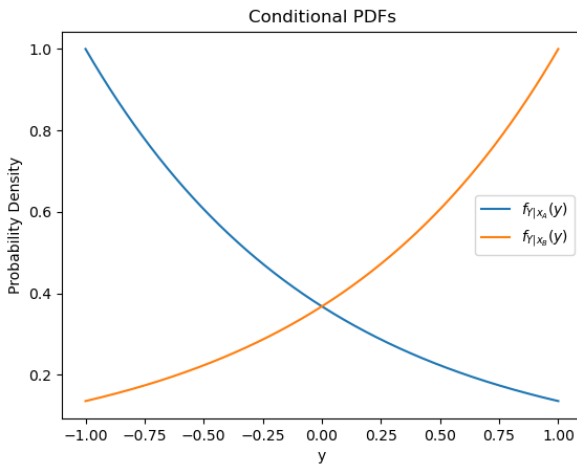


Fig. 1. Conditional pdf

$$\begin{cases} f_{Y|x_A}(y) < f_{Y|x_B}(y) & , y < -1 \\ f_{Y|x_A}(y) > f_{Y|x_B}(y) & , -1 < y < 0 \\ f_{Y|x_A}(y) < f_{Y|x_B}(y) & , 0 < y < 1 \\ f_{Y|x_A}(y) > f_{Y|x_B}(y) & , y > 1 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

1) When  $0 < y < 1$ .

In this interval, when  $x_A$  is transmitted, error occurs because the likelihood of observing  $Y$  given  $x_A$  is lower than the likelihood of observing  $Y$  given  $x_B$ . Therefore,

$$P_{e_{x_A}} = \int_0^1 f_{Y|x_A}(y) dy \quad (4)$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-(y+1)} u(y+1) dy \quad (5)$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-(y+1)} dy \quad (6)$$

$$= e^{-1} - e^{-2} \quad (7)$$

$$P_{e_{x_A}} = 0.23 \quad (8)$$

2) When  $-1 < y < 0$ .

In this interval, when  $x_B$  is transmitted, error occurs because the likelihood of observing  $Y$  given  $x_A$  is higher than the likelihood of observing  $Y$  given  $x_B$ . Therefore,

$$P_{e_{x_B}} = \int_{-1}^0 f_{Y|x_B}(y) dy \quad (9)$$

$$= \int_{-1}^0 e^{(y-1)} (1 - u(y-1)) dy \quad (10)$$

$$= \int_{-1}^0 e^{(y-1)} dy \quad (11)$$

$$= e^{-1} - e^{-2} \quad (12)$$

$$P_{e_{x_B}} = 0.23 \quad (13)$$

3) When  $y < -1$  and  $y > 1$ .

There are no errors in these intervals as the ML detectors can more reliably to make a decision. Therefore,

$$P_e = 0 \quad (14)$$

Hence, the probability of error can be given as

$$P_e = \Pr(x_A) P_{e_{x_A}} + \Pr(x_B) P_{e_{x_B}} \quad (15)$$

$$= 0.23 \times (\Pr(x_A) + \Pr(x_B)) \quad (16)$$

$$= 0.23 \quad (17)$$