

Digital Communication Systems

ECS 452

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7. The Waveform Channel



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The Big Plan

- Although we are thinking about digital communication systems,
- actual signaling in the wire or air is in continuous time which is described by the **waveform channel**:

$$R(t) = S(t) + N(t).$$

- Directly finding the optimal (MAP) detector or evaluating the performance $P(\mathcal{E})$ of such system is difficult.
- Our approach is to first construct an equivalent **vector channel** that preserves the relevant features. (Chapter 7)
- Then, at the end, we can use what we learn to go back to the original waveform channel and directly work with the waveforms.



Review: ECS315

ECS 315: Probability and Random Processes

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HW Solution 11 — Due: Not Due

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Problem 2 (Randomly Phased Sinusoid). Suppose Θ is a uniform random variable on the interval $(0, 2\pi)$.

(a) Consider another random variable X defined by

$$X = 5 \cos(7t + \Theta)$$

where t is some constant. Find $\mathbb{E}[X]$.

Solution: First, because Θ is a uniform random variable on the interval $(0, 2\pi)$, we know that $f_{\Theta}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} 1_{(0, 2\pi)}(\theta)$. Therefore, for “any” function g , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[g(\Theta)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\theta) f_{\Theta}(\theta) d\theta.$$

(a) X is a function of Θ . $\mathbb{E}[X] = 5\mathbb{E}[\cos(7t + \Theta)] = 5 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos(7t + \theta) d\theta$. Now, we know that integration over a cycle of a sinusoid gives 0. So, $\mathbb{E}[X] = \boxed{0}$.

Autocorrelation Function

For random variables, correlation: $\mathbb{E}[XY]$

11.4 Linear Dependence

Definition 11.47. Given two random variables X and Y , we may calculate the following quantities:

(a) **Correlation:** $\mathbb{E}[XY]$.

(b) **Covariance:** $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}X)(Y - \mathbb{E}Y)] = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}X\mathbb{E}Y$

(c) **Correlation coefficient:** $\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}[X,Y]}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y}$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{X - \mathbb{E}X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{Y - \mathbb{E}Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)\right]$$

expectation operator

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For a random process, autocorrelation function:

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$$

For two random processes, cross-correlation function:

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)Y(t_2)]$$

Review: ECS315

(b) Consider another random variable Y defined by

$$Y = 5 \cos(7t_1 + \Theta) \times 5 \cos(7t_2 + \Theta)$$

where t_1 and t_2 are some constants. Find $\mathbb{E}[Y]$.

Solution:

(b) Y is another function of Θ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[Y] &= \mathbb{E}[5 \cos(7t_1 + \Theta) \times 5 \cos(7t_2 + \Theta)] = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} 5 \cos(7t_1 + \theta) \times 5 \cos(7t_2 + \theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{25}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(7t_1 + \theta) \times \cos(7t_2 + \theta) d\theta.\end{aligned}$$

Recall [1](#) the cosine identity

$$\cos(a) \times \cos(b) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(a + b) + \cos(a - b)).$$

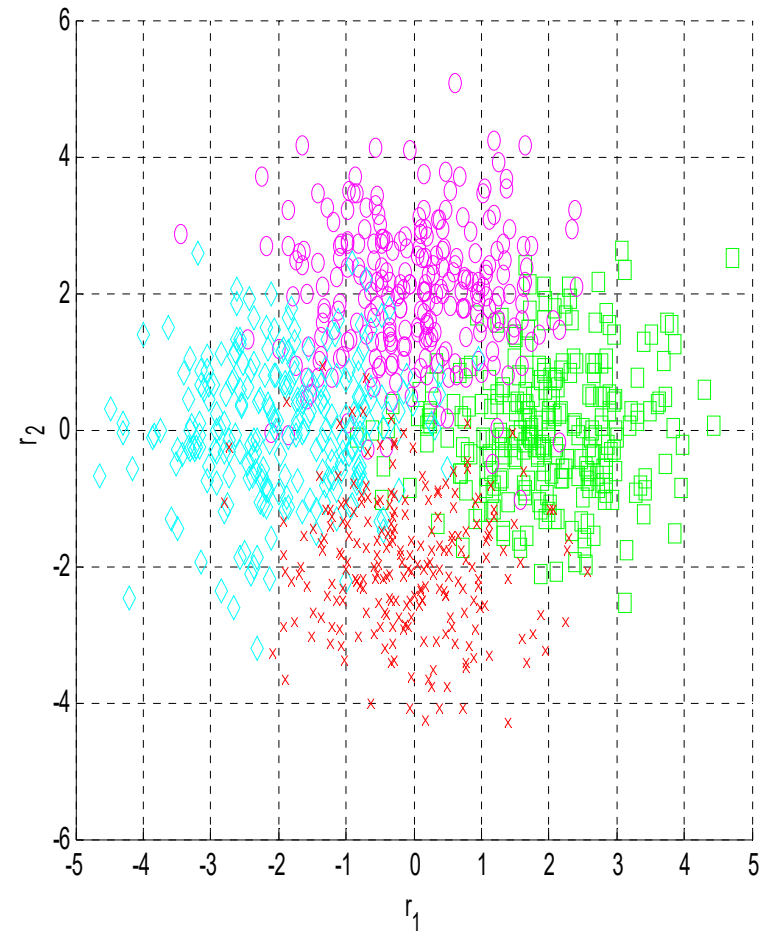
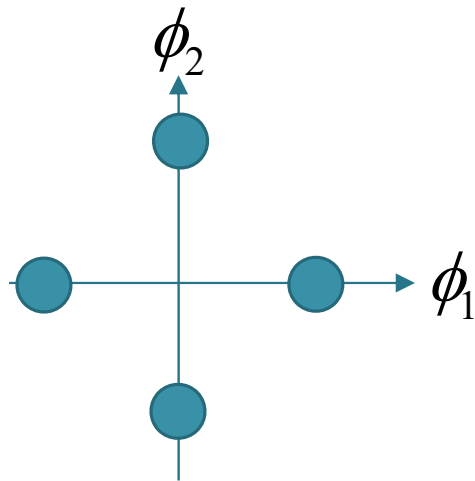
Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}Y &= \frac{25}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(7t_1 + 7t_2 + 2\theta) + \cos(7(t_1 - t_2)) d\theta \\ &= \frac{25}{4\pi} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} \cos(7t_1 + 7t_2 + 2\theta) d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(7(t_1 - t_2)) d\theta \right).\end{aligned}$$

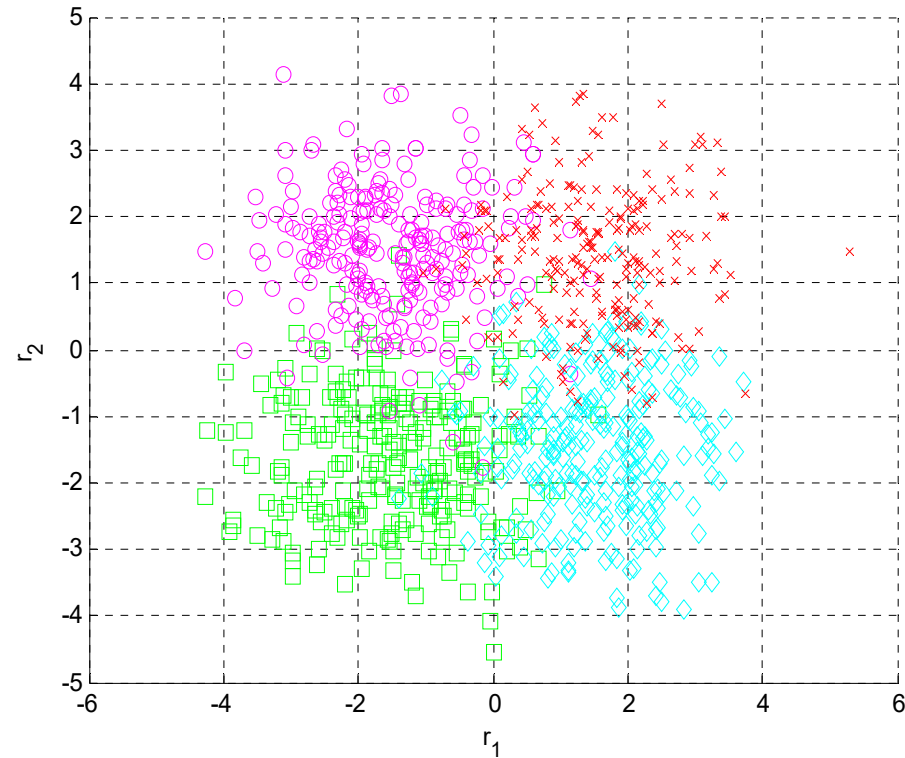
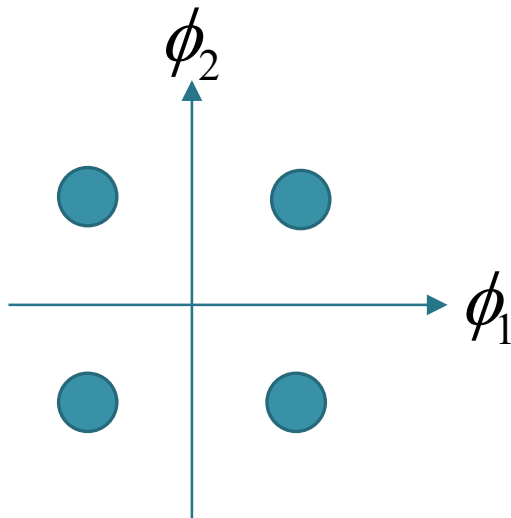
The first integral gives 0 because it is an integration over two period of a sinusoid. The integrand in the second integral is a constant. So,

$$\mathbb{E}Y = \frac{25}{4\pi} \cos(7(t_1 - t_2)) \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = \frac{25}{4\pi} \cos(7(t_1 - t_2)) 2\pi = \boxed{\frac{25}{2} \cos(7(t_1 - t_2))}.$$

Standard Quaternary PSK



Standard Quaternary QAM



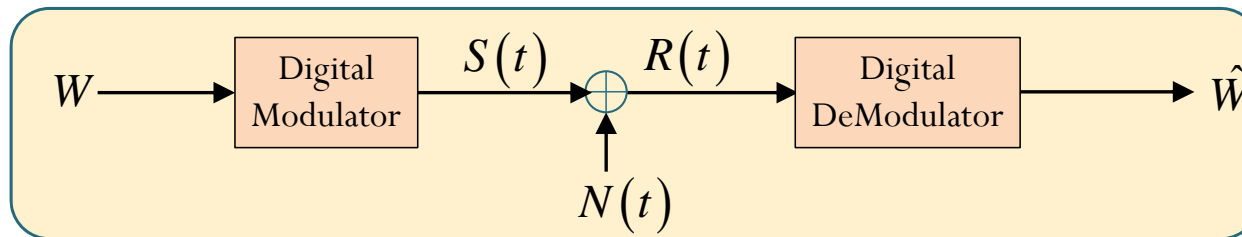
Modulator and Waveform Channel

Goal: Want to transmit the message (index) $W \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, M\}$

Prior Probabilities: $p_j = P[W = j]$

M -ary Scheme

Waveform Channel:



M = 2: Binary
M = 3: Ternary
M = 4: Quaternary

M possible messages requires
 M possibilities for $S(t)$:

$$\{s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_M(t)\}$$

$$R(t) = S(t) + N(t)$$

← Additive White Noise (Independent of $S(t)$)
← Transmitted waveform
↑ Received waveform

Transmission of the message $W = j$ is done by inputting the corresponding waveform $s_j(t)$ into the channel.

Prior Probabilities: $p_j = P[W = j] = P[S(t) = s_j(t)]$

$$\text{Energy: } E_j = \langle s_j(t), s_j(t) \rangle \quad E_s = \sum_{j=1}^M p_j E_j = (\log_2 M) E_b$$

Conversion to Vector Channels

Waveform Channel: $R(t) = S(t) + N(t)$

Vector Channel

$$\vec{R} = \vec{S} + \vec{N}$$

Note that $S_i^{(j)}$, the i^{th} component of the \vec{S} vector, comes from the inner-product:

$$S_i^{(j)} = \langle S(t), \phi_i(t) \rangle$$

The received vector \vec{R} is computed in the same way: the j component is given by

$$R_i = \langle r(t), \phi_i(t) \rangle$$

In which case, the corresponding noise vector \vec{N} is computed in the same way: the j component is given by

$$N_i = \langle N(t), \phi_i(t) \rangle$$

For additive white **Gaussian** noise (AWGN) process $N(t)$,

$$N_i \sim N \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{N_0}{2}\right) = \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \vec{N} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\vec{0}, \frac{N_0}{2} I\right) \Rightarrow f_{\vec{N}}(\vec{n}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} \sigma^K} e^{-\frac{1\|\vec{n}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Find K orthonormal basis functions $\{\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t), \dots, \phi_K(t)\}$ for the space spanned by $\{s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_M(t)\}$.

This gives vector representations for the waveforms $s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_M(t)$:

$$\vec{s}^{(1)}, \vec{s}^{(2)}, \dots, \vec{s}^{(M)}$$

which can be visualized in the form of signal constellation

Prior Probabilities:

$$p_j = P[W = j] = P[S(t) = s_j(t)] \\ = P[\vec{S} = \vec{s}^{(j)}]$$