

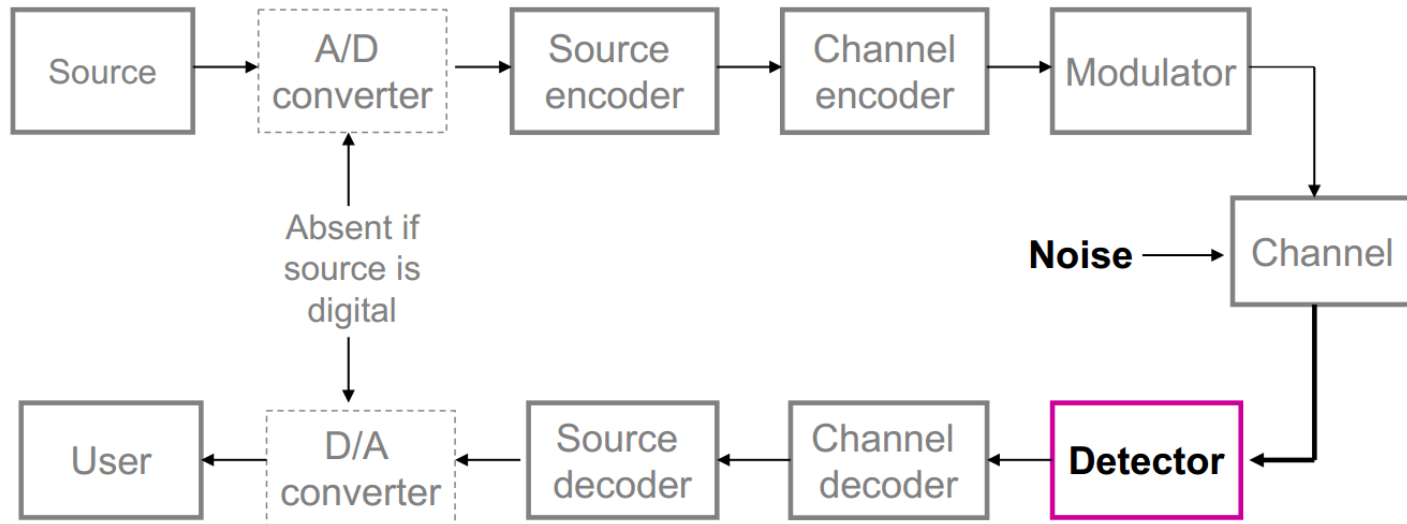


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# Optimal receivers

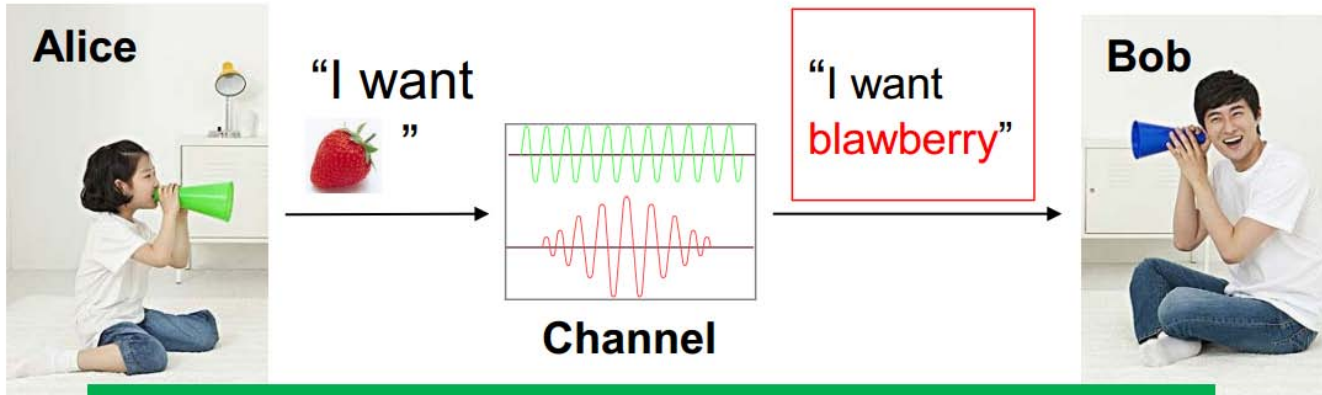


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# Optimal receivers



Alice can ask either **strawberry** or **blueberry** from Bob.

- In digital communications, **hypotheses** are the **possible messages** and **observations** are the output of a **channel**
- Based on the observed values of the channel output, we are interested in the best decision making rule in the sense of **minimizing the probability of error**



# Detection theory

- Given  $M$  possible hypotheses  $H_i$  (signal  $m_i$ ) with probability

$$P_i = P(m_i) \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

where  $P_i$  represents the priori knowledge concerning the probability of the signal  $m_i$  (priori probability)

- The observation is some collection of  $N$  real values denoted by  $\vec{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N)$  with conditional pdf  $f(\vec{r}|m_i)$  -- conditional pdf of observation  $\vec{r}$  given the signal  $m_i$

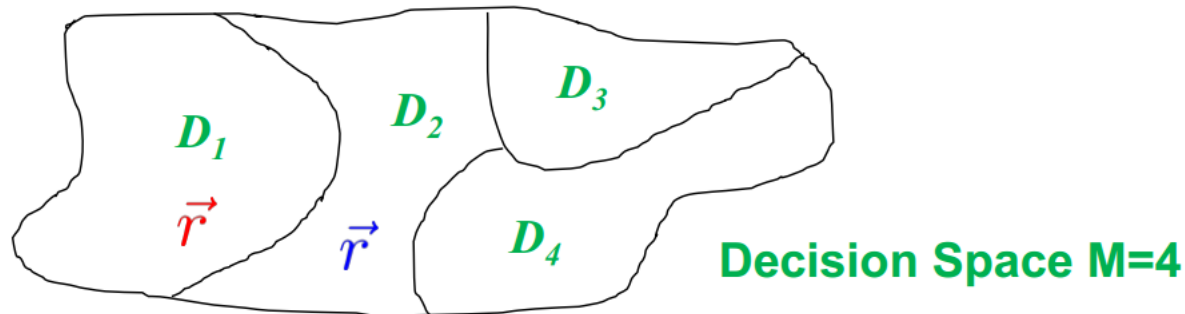
- Our goal is to find the **best decision-making rule** in the sense of minimizing the probability of error





# Detection theory

- In general,  $\vec{r}$  can be regarded as a point in some observation space
- Each **hypothesis**  $H_i$  is associated with a **decision region**  $D_i$ :  
If  $\vec{r}$  falls into  $D_i$ , the decision is  $H_i$
- Error occurs when a decision is in favor of another when the signal  $\vec{r}$  falls outside the decision region  $D_i$





# Detection theory

- Consider a decision rule based on the computation of the posterior probabilities defined as

$$P(m_i|\vec{r}) = P(\text{signal } m_i \text{ was transmitted given } \vec{r} \text{ observed})$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, M$

- **A posterior** since the decision is made **after** (or given) the observation
- Different from the **a priori** where some information about the decision known **before** the observation
- By Bayes' Rule:  $P(m_i|\vec{r}) = \frac{P_i f(\vec{r}|m_i)}{f(\vec{r})}$
- Minimizing the probability of detection error given  $\vec{r}$  is equivalent to maximize the probability of correct dection
- **Maximum a posterior (MAP)** decision rule:

Choose  $\hat{m} = m_k$  if and only if  
 $P_k f(\vec{r}|m_k) \geq P_i f(\vec{r}|m_i);$  for all  $i \neq k$



# Detection theory

- If  $p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_M$ , the signals are equiprobable, finding the signal that maximizes  $P(m_k|\vec{r})$  is **equivalent to** finding the signal that maximizes  $f(\vec{r}|m_k)$
- The conditional pdf  $f(\vec{r}|m_k)$  is usually called the likelihood function. The decision criterion based on the maximum of  $f(\vec{r}|m_k)$  is called the maximum likelihood (ML) detection
- **ML** decision rule:

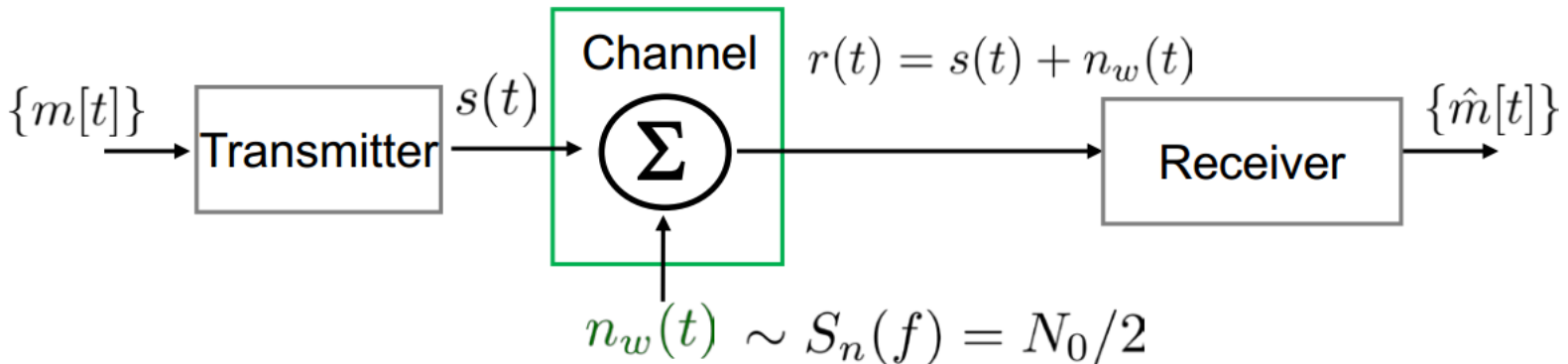
Choose  $\hat{m} = m_k$  if and only if

$$f(\vec{r}|m_k) \geq f(\vec{r}|m_i); \text{ for all } i \neq k$$



# Optimal receiver structure

- Signal model
  - Transmitter transmits a sequence of symbols or messages from a set of  $M$  symbols  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_M$  with priori probabilities
$$p_1 = P(m_1), p_2 = P(m_2), p_M = P(m_M)$$
  - The symbols are represented by finite energy waveforms  $s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_M(t)$  defined in intervals  $[0, T]$
  - The signal is assumed to be corrupted by additive







# Optimal receiver structure

- Signal space representation

- Signal space of  $\{s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_M(t)\}$  is assumed to be of dimension  $N$  ( $N \leq M$ )

- $\phi_k(t)$  for  $k=1, \dots, N$  will denote the orthonormal basis functions

- Then each transmitted signal waveform can be represented as

$$s_m(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N s_{mk} \phi_k(t) \quad \text{where} \quad s_{mk} = \int_0^T s_m(t) \phi_k(t) dt$$

- Note that the noise  $n_w(t)$  can be written as

$$n_w(t) = \underbrace{n_0(t)}_{\text{orthogonal to the space, falls outside the signal space spanned by } \{\phi_k(t), k = 1, \dots, N\}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N n_k \phi_k(t)}_{\text{Projection of } n_w(t) \text{ on the } N\text{-dim space}}$$

orthogonal to the space, falls outside the signal space spanned by  $\{\phi_k(t), k = 1, \dots, N\}$

Projection of  $n_w(t)$  on the  $N$ -dim space



# Optimal receiver structure

- Signal space representation

➤ The received signal can thus be represented as

$$r(t) = s(t) + n_w(t)$$

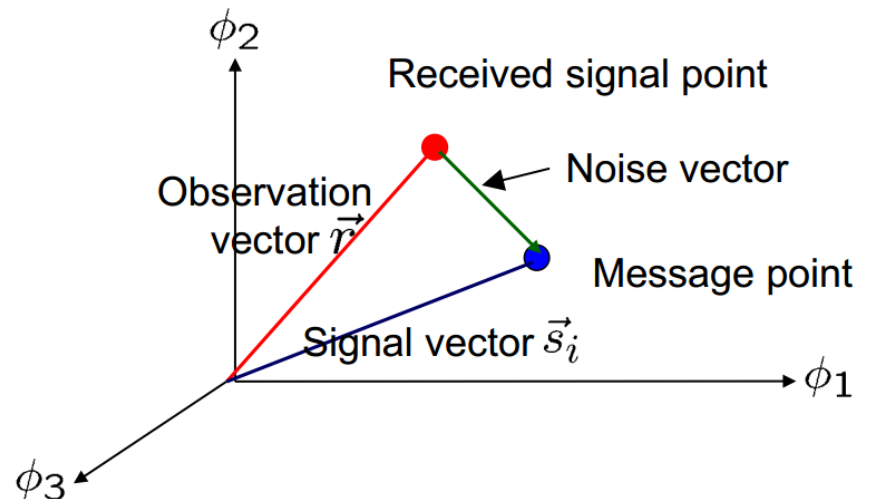
$$= \sum_{k=1}^N s_{mk} \phi_k(t) + \sum_{k=1}^N n_k \phi_k(t) + n_0(t)$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N r_k \phi_k(t)} + n_0(t) \quad \text{where } r_k = s_{mk} + n_k$$

**Projection of  $r(t)$  on N-dim signal space**

➤ In vector form, we have

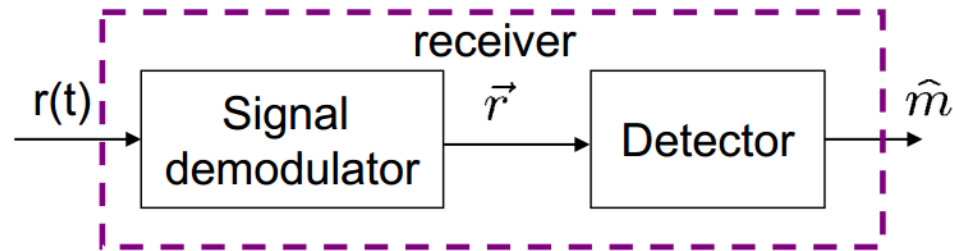
$$\vec{r} = \vec{s}_i + \vec{n}$$





# Optimal receiver structure

- Receiver structure
  - **Signal demodulator**: to convert the received wave form  $r(t)$  into an N-dim vector  $\vec{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N)$
  - **Detector**: to decide which of the M possible signal waveforms was transmitted based on the observation vector  $\vec{r}$



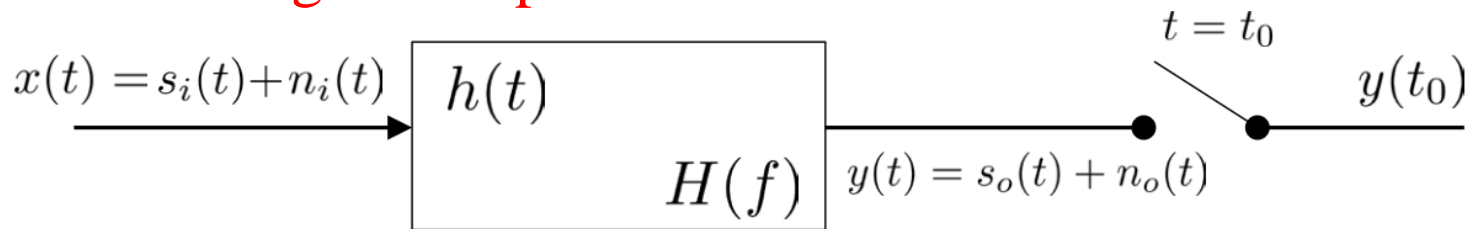
- Two realizations of the signal demodulator: **correlation** type and **matched-filter** type



# Matched filter

- Derivation

- The matched-filter (MF) is the optimal linear filter for **maximizing the output SNR**.



- Input signal component  $s_i(t) \leftrightarrow A(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$
- Input noise component  $n_i(t)$  with PSD  $S_{n_i}(f) = N_0/2$
- Output signal component

$$\begin{aligned} s_o(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(t - \tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(f) H(f) e^{j\omega t} df \end{aligned}$$

- Sample at  $t = t_0$



# Matched filter

- Derivation

- At the sampling instance  $t = t_0$  ,  $s_o(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(f)H(f)e^{j\omega t_0} df$

- Average power of the output noise is

$$N = E\{n_o^2(t)\} = \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df$$

- Output SNR

$$d = \frac{s_o^2(t_0)}{E\{n_o^2(t)\}} = \frac{\left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(f)H(f)e^{j\omega t_0} df \right]^2}{\frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df}$$



**Find  $H(f)$  that can maximize  $d$**



# Matched filter

- Derivation
  - Schwarz's inequality

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(x)|^2 dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |Q(x)|^2 dx \geq \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F^*(x) Q(x) dx \right|^2$$



equality holds when  $F(x) = CQ(x)$

- Let  $\begin{cases} F^*(x) = A(f) e^{j\omega t_0} \\ Q(f) = H(f) \end{cases}$ , then

**$E$  : signal energy**

$$d \leq \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A(f)|^2 df \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df}{\frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A(f)|^2 df}{\frac{N_0}{2}} = \frac{2E}{N_0}$$



# Matched filter

- Derivation

- When the max output SNR  $2E/N_0$  is achieved, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_m(f) &= A^*(f) e^{-j\omega t_0} \\ &\updownarrow \\ h_m(t) &= s_i^*(t_0 - t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_m(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_m(f) e^{j\omega t} df \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A^*(f) e^{-j\omega(t_0 - t)} df \\ &= s_i^*(t_0 - t) \end{aligned}$$

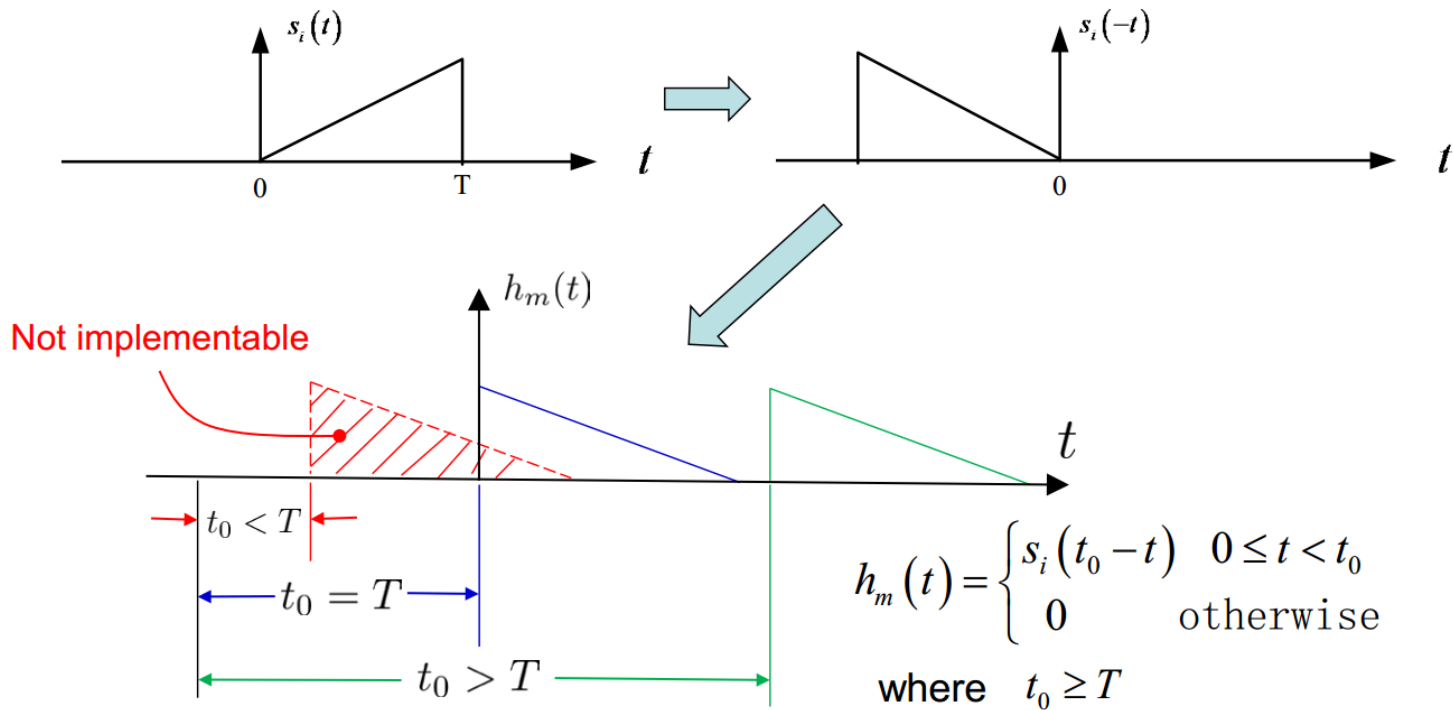
- Transfer function: **complex conjugate** of the input signal spectrum
- Impulse response: **time-reversal and delayed** version of the input signal  $s(t)$



# Matched filter

- Properties

- Choice of  $t_0$  versus the causality







# Matched filter

- Properties

- **Equivalent form in correlator**

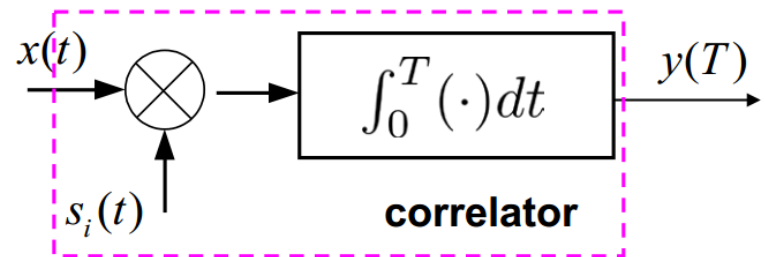
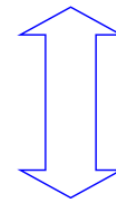
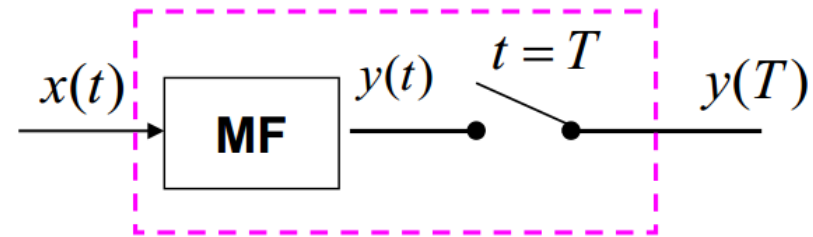
- Let  $s_i(t)$  be within  $[0, T]$

$$y(t) = x(t) * h_m(t) = x(t) * s_i(T - t) \\ = \int_0^T x(\tau) s_i(T - t + \tau) d\tau$$

- Observe at sampling time  $t=T$

$$y(T) = \int_0^T x(\tau) s_i(\tau) d\tau = \int_0^T x(t) s_i(t) dt$$

**Correlation integration**  
(相关积分)





# Matched filter

- Properties

- Correlation function

$$R_{12}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_1(t) s_2(t + \tau) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_1(t - \tau) s_2(t) dt = R_{21}(-\tau)$$

- Auto-correlation function

$$R(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t) s(t + \tau) dt$$

1.  $R(\tau) = R(-\tau)$

2.  $R(0) \geq R(\tau)$

3.  $R(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s^2(t) dt = E$

4.  $R(\tau) \leftrightarrow |A(f)|^2 \quad R(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s^2(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A(f)|^2 df$



# Matched filter

- Properties

- MF output is the auto-correlation function of input signal

$$s_o(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(t-u) h_m(u) du = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(t-u) s_i(t_0-u) du$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(\mu) s_i[\mu+t-t_0] d\mu = R_{s_0}(t-t_0)$$

- The peak value of  $s_o(t)$  happens

$$s_o(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i^2(\mu) d\mu = E$$

- $s_o(t)$  is symmetric at  $t = t_0$

$$A_o(f) = A(f) H_m(f) = |A(f)|^2 e^{-j\omega t_0}$$



# Matched filter

- Properties

- **MF output noise**

- The statistical auto-correlation of  $n_o(t)$  depends on the auto-correlation of  $s_i(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{n_o}(\tau) &= E\{n_o(t)n_o(t+\tau)\} = \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_m(u)h_m(u+\tau) du \\ &= \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(t)s_i(t-\tau) dt \end{aligned}$$

- Average power

$$\begin{aligned} E\{n_o^2(t)\} &= R_{n_o}(0) = \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i^2(\mu) d\mu \quad \text{Time domain} \\ &= \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A(f)|^2 df = \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H_m(f)|^2 df \quad \text{Frequency domain} \\ &= \frac{N_0}{2} E \end{aligned}$$



# Matched filter

- Example

- Consider a rectangular pulse  $s(t)$

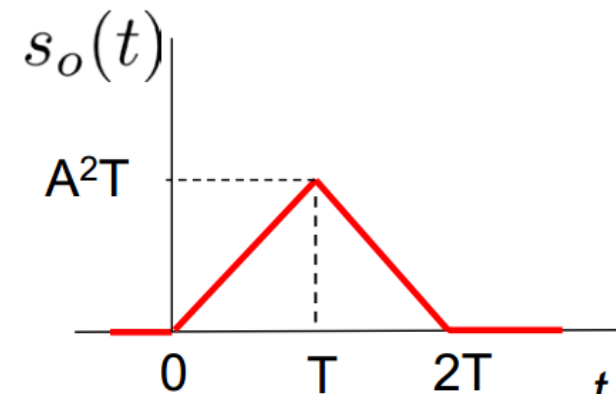
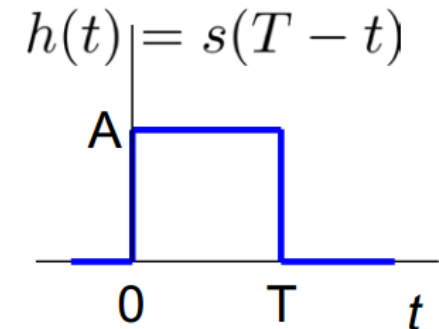
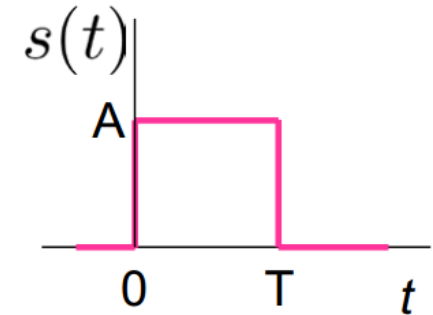
$$E_s = A^2 T$$

- The impulse response of a filter matched to  $s(t)$  is also a rectangular pulse

- The output of the matched filter  $s_o(t)$  is  $h(t) * s(t)$

- The output SNR is

$$(SNR)_o = \frac{2}{N_0} \int_0^T s^2(t) dt = \frac{2A^2 T}{N_0}$$

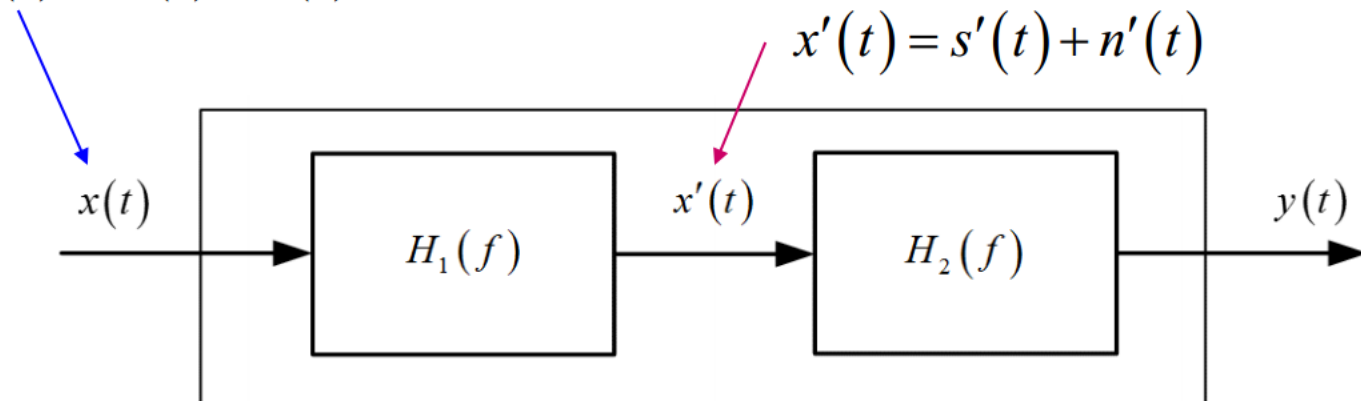




# Matched filter

- Colored noise
  - In case of colored noise, we need to preprocess the combined signal and noise such that the non-white noise becomes white noise- Whitening Process

$x(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$  where  $n(t)$  is colored noise with PSD  $S_n(f)$



**Choose  $H_1(f)$  so that  $n'(t)$  is white, i.e.**

$$S'_n(f) = |H_1(f)|^2 S_n(f) = C$$



# Matched filter

- Colored noise
  - We choose

$$H_1(f) : |H_1(f)|^2 = \frac{C}{S_n(f)}$$

$H_2(f)$  should match with  $S'(t)$   $A'(f) = H_1(f)A(f)$

$$H_2(f) = A'^*(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0} = H_1^*(f)A^*(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0}$$

- Therefore, the overall transfer function of the **cascaded system**:

$$\begin{aligned} H(f) &= H_1(f) \cdot H_2(f) = H_1(f)H_1^*(f)A^*(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0} \\ &= |H_1(f)|^2 A^*(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0} \end{aligned}$$



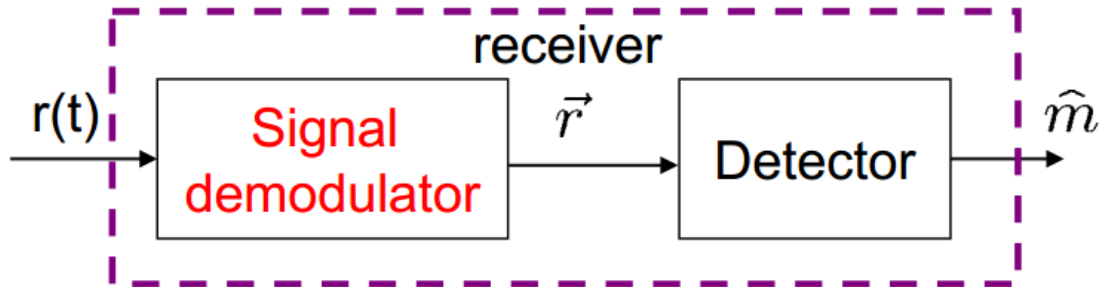
$$H(f) = \frac{A^*(f)}{S_n(f)} e^{-j2\pi ft_0}$$

**MF for colored noise**



# Updates on the receiver

- We have talked about matched filter
- Consider the optimal receiver structure again



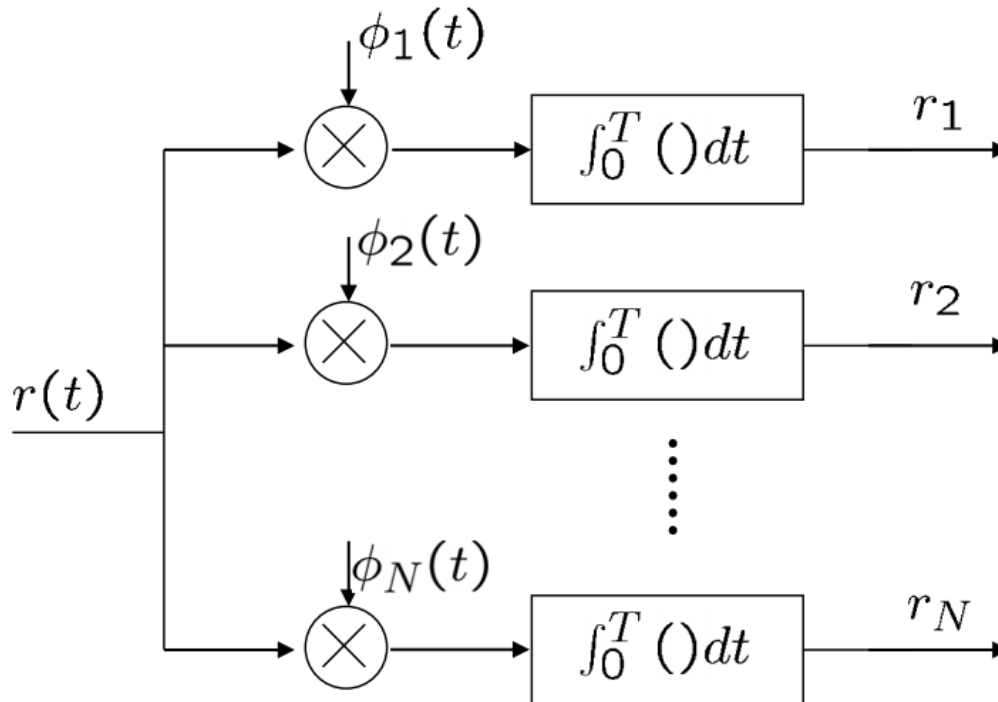
- Two realizations of the signal demodulator: **correlation** type and **matched-filter** type





# Updates on the receiver

- Correlation type demodulator
  - The received signal  $r(t)$  is passed through a parallel bank of  $N$  cross correlators which basically compute the projection of  $r(t)$  onto the  $N$  basis functions  $\{\phi_k(t), k = 1, \dots, N\}$

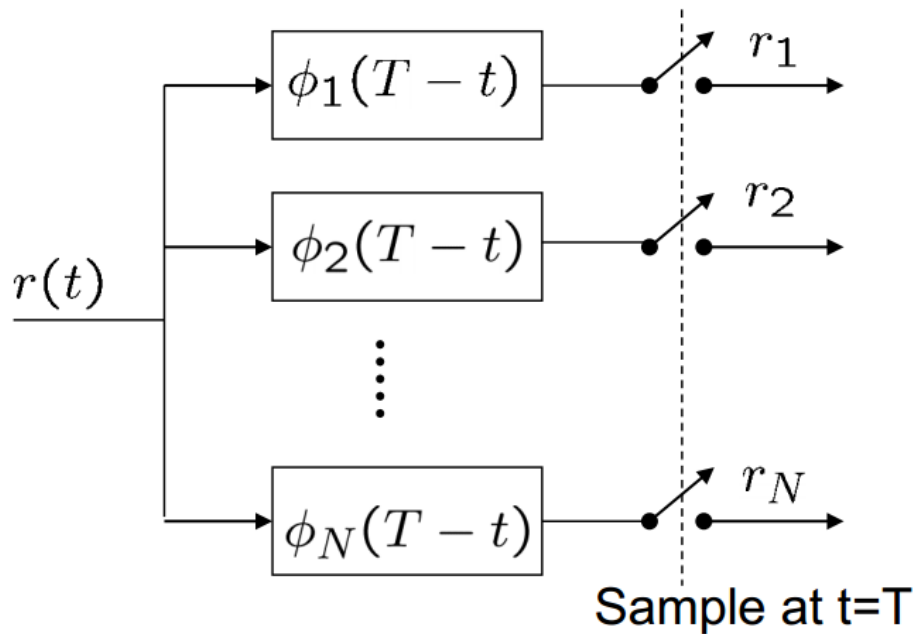




# Updates on the receiver

- Matched filter type demodulator
  - Alternatively, we may apply the received signal  $r(t)$  to a bank of  $N$  matched filters and sample the output of filters at  $t=T$ . The impulse responses of the filters are

$$h_k(t) = \phi_k(T - t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$





# Updates on the receiver

- For a signal transmitted over an AWGN channel, either a correlation type demodulator or a matched filter type demodulator produces the vector  $\vec{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N)$  which contains all the necessary information in  $r(t)$
- The next step is to design a signal detector that makes a decision of the transmitted signal in each signal interval based on the observation of  $\vec{r}$ , such that the probability of error is minimized (or correct probability is maximized)
- Decision rules:

MAP decision rule:

choose  $\hat{m} = m_k$  if and only if

$$P_k f(\vec{r}|m_k) > P_i f(\vec{r}|m_i); \text{ for all } i \neq k$$

ML decision rule

choose  $\hat{m} = m_k$  if and only if

$$f(\vec{r}|m_k) > f(\vec{r}|m_i); \text{ for all } i \neq k$$

likelihood function  $f(\vec{r}|m_k)$



# Likelihood function

- Distribution of the noise vector

- Since  $n_w(t)$  is a Gaussian random process, the noise component of output  $n_k = \int_0^T n_w(t)\phi_k(t)dt$  is Gaussian r.v.

- Mean:

$$E[n_k] = \int_0^T E[n_w(t)]\phi_k(t)dt = 0 \quad , \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

- Correlation between  $n_j$  and  $n_k$

$$\begin{aligned} E[n_j n_k] &= E \left[ \int_0^T n_w(t)\phi_j(t)dt \cdot \int_0^T n_w(\tau)\phi_k(\tau)d\tau \right] \\ &= E \left[ \int_0^T \int_0^T n_w(t)n_w(\tau)\phi_j(t)\phi_k(\tau)dtd\tau \right] \end{aligned}$$

**PSD of  $n_w(t)$  is**

$$S_n(f) = N_0/2$$



$$= \int_0^T \int_0^T E[n_w(t)n_w(\tau)]\phi_j(t)\phi_k(\tau)dtd\tau$$

$$= \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{N_0}{2}\delta(t - \tau)\phi_j(t)\phi_k(\tau)dtd\tau$$

$$= \frac{N_0}{2} \int_0^T \phi_j(\tau)\phi_k(\tau)d\tau = \begin{cases} \frac{N_0}{2}, & j = k \\ 0, & j \neq k \end{cases}$$



# Likelihood function

- Distribution of the noise vector
  - Therefore,  $n_j$  and  $n_k$  ( $j \neq k$ ) are uncorrelated Gaussian r.v.s, and hence independent with zero mean and variance  $N_0/2$
  - The joint pdf of  $\vec{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_N)$

$$\begin{aligned} p(n_1, \dots, n_N) &= \prod_{k=1}^N p(n_k) = \prod_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} \exp(-n_k^2/N_0) \\ &= (\pi N_0)^{-N/2} \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^N n_k^2/N_0\right) \end{aligned}$$



# Likelihood function

- Conditional probability

- If  $m_k$  is transmitted,  $\vec{r} = \vec{s}_k + \vec{n}$  with  $r_j = s_{kj} + n_j$   
and  $E[r_j|m_k] = s_{kj} + E[n_j] = s_{kj}$

Transmitted signal values in each dimension represent the mean values for each received signal

and  $Var[r_j|m_k] = Var[n_j] = N_0/2$

- Therefore, the conditional pdf of

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{r}|m_k) &= \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0}} \exp\left(-\frac{(r_j - s_{kj})^2}{N_0}\right) \\ &= (\pi N_0)^{-N/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{j=1}^N (r_j - s_{kj})^2}{N_0}\right) \end{aligned}$$



# Likelihood function

- Log-likelihood function

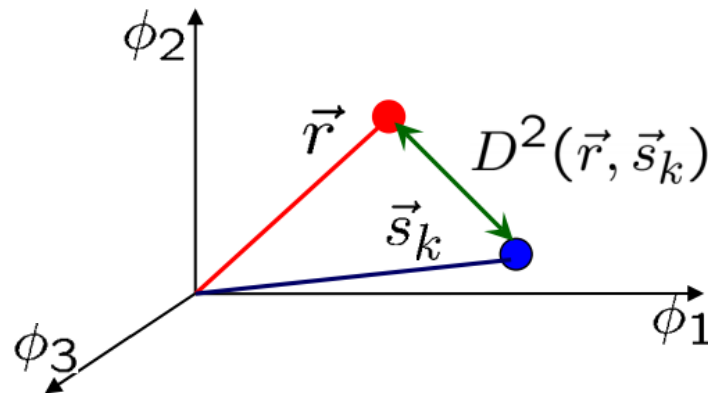
- To simplify the computation, we take the natural logarithm of  $f(\vec{r}|m_k)$ , which is a monotonic function.

Thus,

$$\ln f(\vec{r}|m_k) = -\frac{N}{2} \ln(\pi N_0) - \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_{j=1}^N (r_j - s_{kj})^2$$

- Let 
$$D^2(\vec{r}, \vec{s}_k) = \sum_{j=1}^N (r_j - s_{k,j})^2 = \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_k\|^2$$

denote the Euclidean distance between  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{s}_k$  in the N-dim signal space. It is also called the distance metric.





# Likelihood function

- Optimal detector

- MAP rule:
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{m} &= \arg \max_{\{m_1, \dots, m_M\}} f(\vec{r}|m_k)P(m_k) \\ &= \arg \max_{\{m_1, \dots, m_M\}} \ln [f(\vec{r}|m_k)P(m_k)] \\ &= \arg \max_{\{m_1, \dots, m_M\}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{N_0} \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_k\|^2 + \ln P_k \right\} \\ &= \arg \min_{\{m_1, \dots, m_M\}} \left\{ \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_k\|^2 - N_0 \ln P_k \right\}\end{aligned}$$

- ML rule:

$$\hat{m} = \arg \min_{\{m_1, \dots, m_M\}} \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_k\|^2$$

ML detector chooses  $\hat{m} = m_k$  iff received vector  $\vec{r}$  is closer to  $\vec{s}_k$  in terms of Euclidean distance than to any other  $\vec{s}_i$  for  $i \neq k$



**Minimum distance detection**  
(will discuss more in decision region)





# Likelihood function

- Optimal receiver structure

➤ With the above expression, we can develop a receiver structure using the following derivation

$$\begin{aligned} - \sum_{j=1}^N (r_j - s_{kj})^2 + N_0 \ln P_k &= - \sum_{j=1}^N r_j^2 - \sum_{j=1}^N s_{kj}^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^N r_j s_{kj} + N_0 \ln P_k \\ &= -\|\vec{r}\|^2 - \|\vec{s}_k\|^2 + 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}_k + N_0 \ln P_k \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \|\vec{s}_k\|^2 &= \int_0^T s_k^2(t) dt = E_k = \text{signal energy} \\ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}_k &= \int_0^T s_k(t) r(t) dt = \text{correlation between the received signal vector and the transmitted signal vector} \\ \|\vec{r}\|^2 &= \text{common to all M decisions and hence can be ignored} \end{aligned} \right.$$



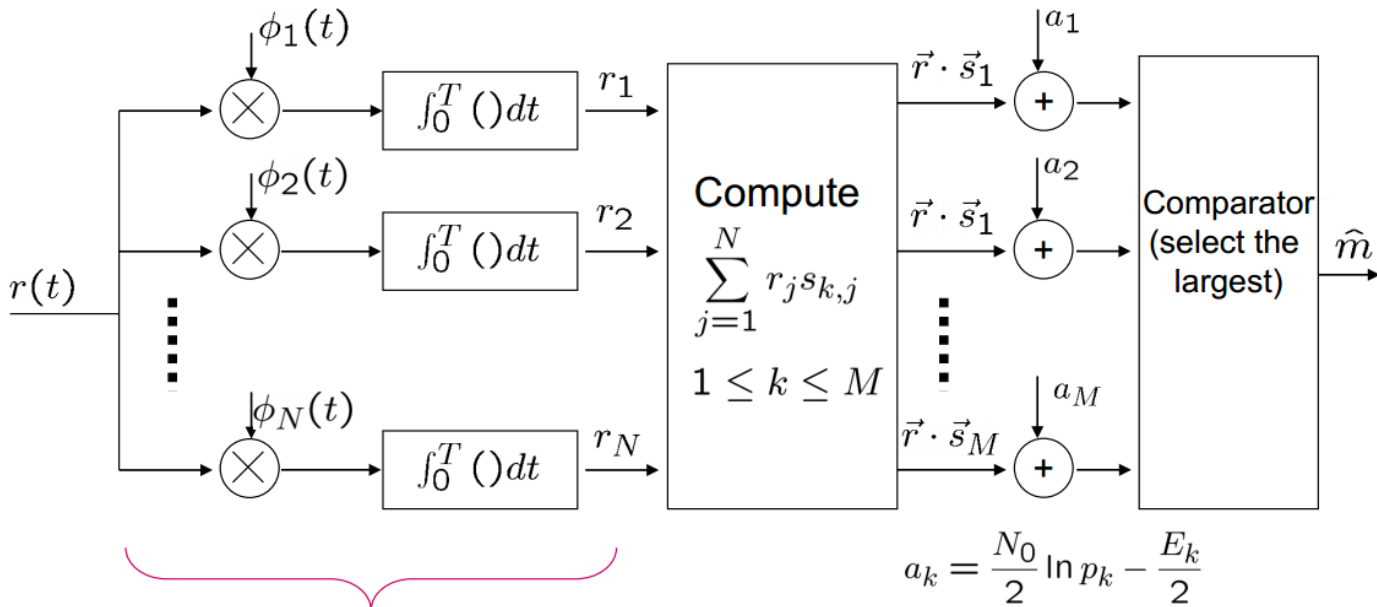
# Likelihood function

- Optimal receiver structure

➤ Hence, we have

$$\hat{m} = \arg \max_{m_1, \dots, m_M} \left\{ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}_k - \frac{E_k}{2} + \frac{N_0}{2} \ln P_k \right\}$$

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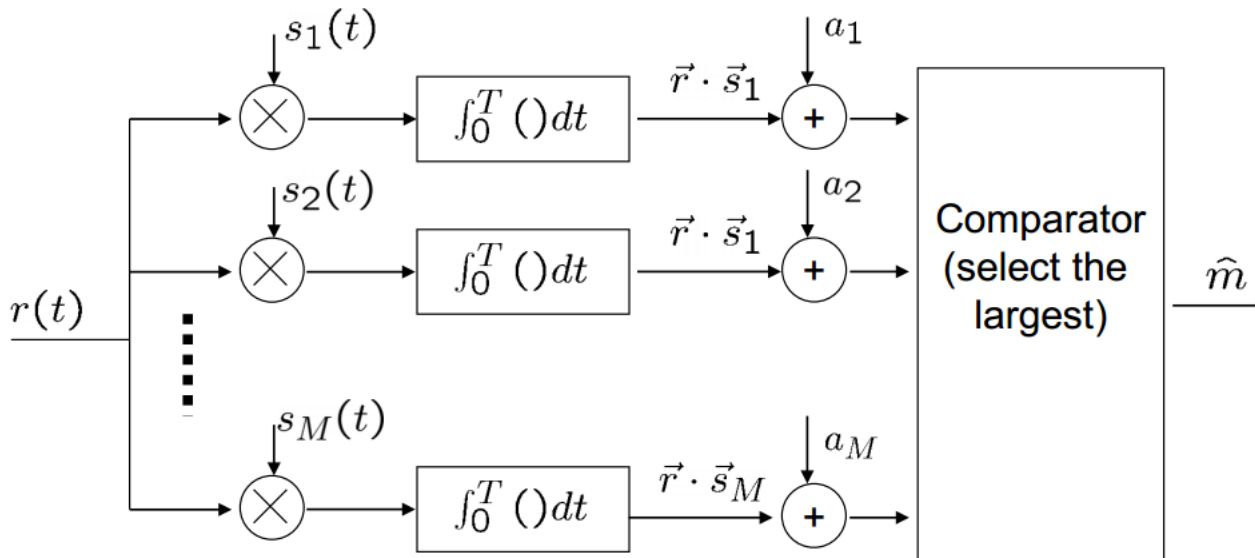
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# Likelihood function

- Optimal receiver structure

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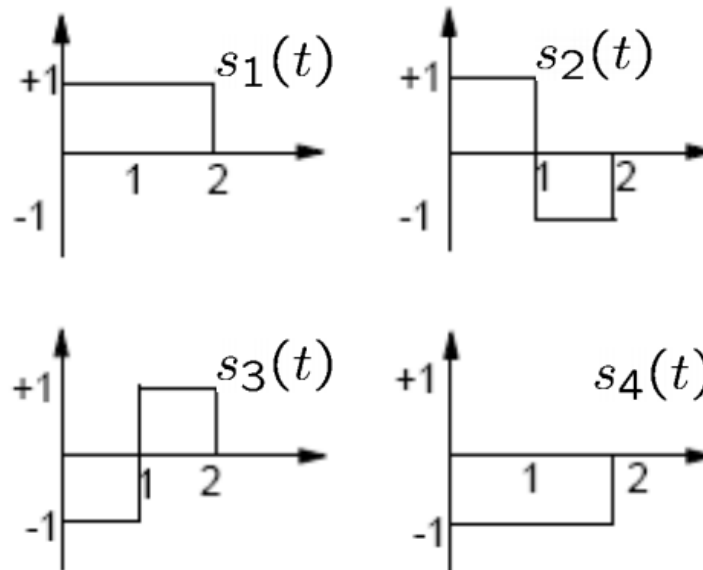
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➤ The structures are general and can be simplified in certain cases.



# Likelihood function

- Optimal receiver structure
  - Both receivers perform identically
  - Choice depends on circumstances
  - For instance, if  $N < M$  and  $\{\phi_j(t)\}$  are easier to generate than  $\{s_k(t)\}$ , then the choice is obvious
  - Consider for example the following signal set

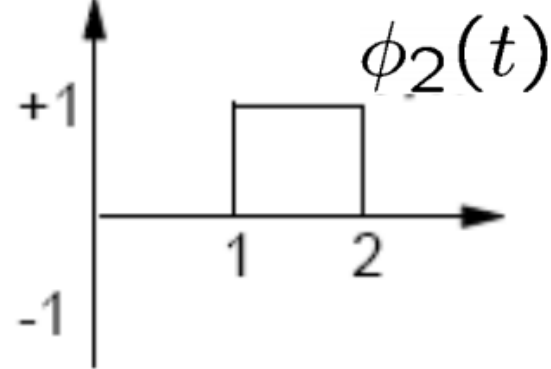
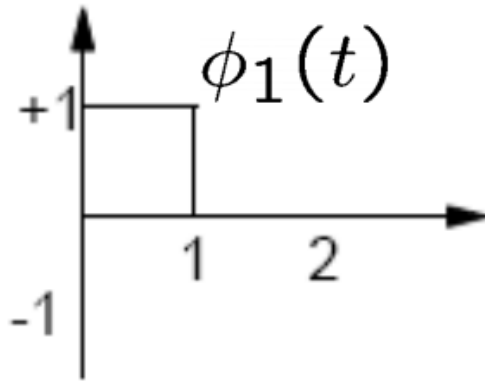




# Likelihood function

- Optimal receiver structure

➤ Suppose that we use the following basis functions



$$s_1(t) = 1\phi_1(t) + 1\cdot\phi_2(t)$$

$$s_2(t) = 1\phi_1(t) - 1\cdot\phi_2(t)$$

$$s_3(t) = -1\phi_1(t) + 1\cdot\phi_2(t)$$

$$s_4(t) = -1\phi_1(t) - 1\phi_2(t)$$

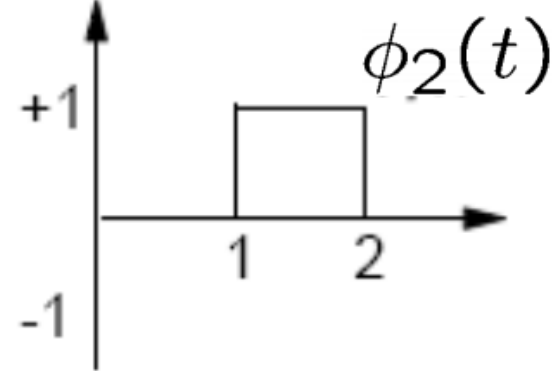
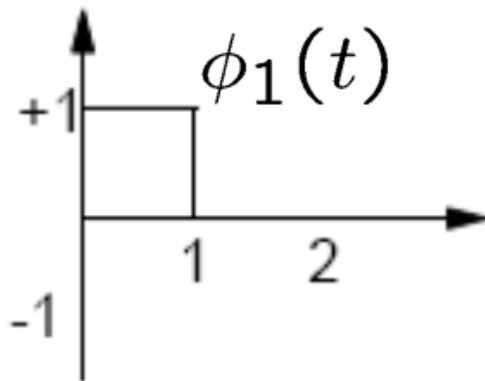
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# Likelihood function

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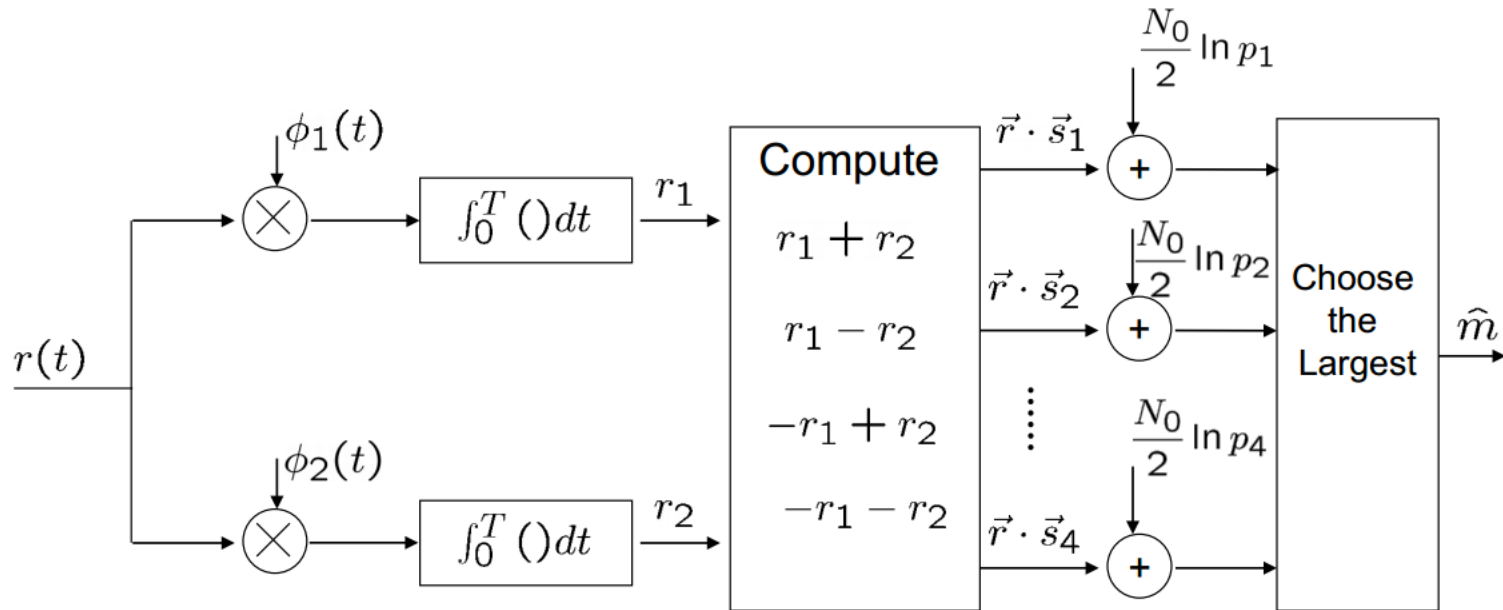
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# Likelihood function

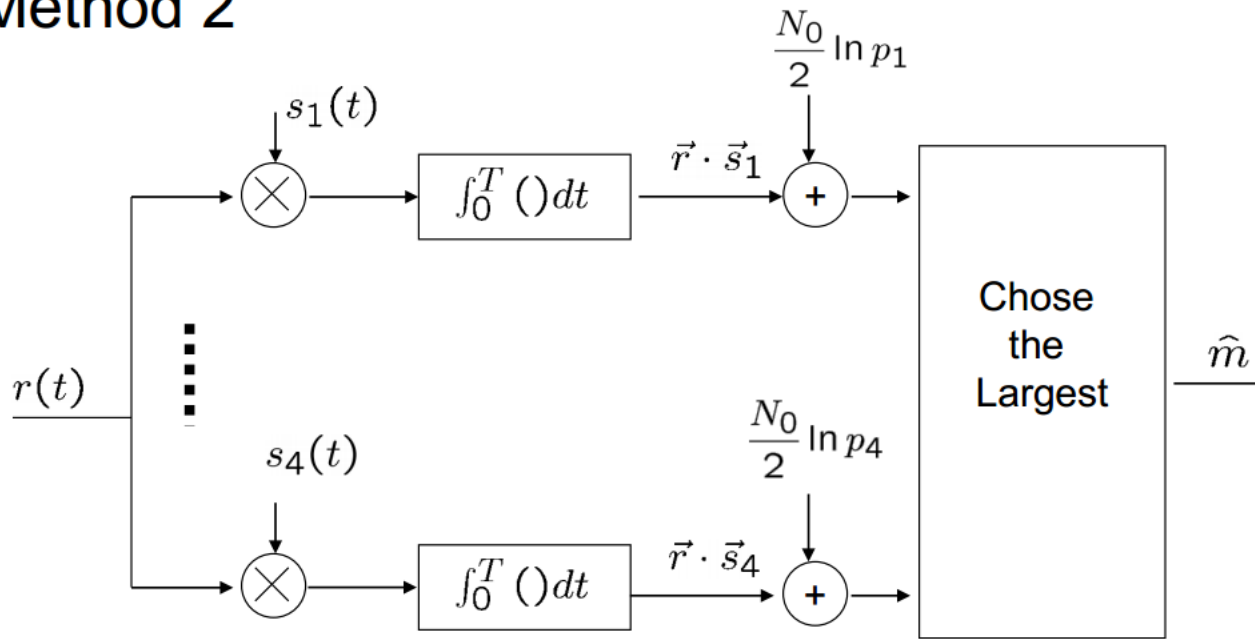
- Optimal receiver structure
  - We have (Method 1)





# Likelihood function

- Optimal receiver structure
  - Method 2







# Likelihood function

- Optimal receiver structure
  - Exercise: In an additive white Gaussian noise channel with a noise power-spectral density of  $N_0/2$ , two equiprobable messages are transmitted by

$$s_1(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{At}{T} & 0 \leq t \leq T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$s_2(t) = \begin{cases} A - \frac{At}{T} & 0 \leq t \leq T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Determine the optimal receiver structure.



# Decision regions

- Graphical interpretation
  - Signal space can be divided into  $M$  disjoint decision regions  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_M$ .

If  $\vec{r} \in R_k \Rightarrow$  decide  $m_k$  was transmitted

- Select the decision regions so that  $P_e$  is minimized
- Recall that the optimal receiver sets  $\hat{m} = m_k$  iff  $\|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_k\|^2 - N_0 \ln P_k$  is minimized
- For simplicity, if one assumes  $p_k = 1/M$  for all  $k$ , then the optimal receiver sets  $\hat{m} = m_k$  iff  $\|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_k\|^2$  is minimized



# Decision regions

- Graphical interpretation
  - Geometrically, we take projection of  $r(t)$  in the signal space (i.e.,  $\vec{r}$ ). Then, decision is made in favor of signal that is the closest to  $\vec{r}$  in the sense of minimum Euclidean distance.
  - Specifically, the observations with  $\|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_k\|^2 < \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_i\|^2$  for all  $i \neq k$  should be assigned to decision region  $R_k$
  - Consider for example the binary data transmission over AWGN channel with PSD  $S_n(f) = N_0/2$  using
$$s_1(t) = -s_2(t) = \sqrt{E} \phi(t)$$
  - Assume  $P(m_1) \neq P(m_2)$ . Determine the optimal receiver and the optimal decision regions.



# Decision regions

- Graphical interpretation

- For the above example, the optimal decision making

Choose  $m_1$

$$\|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_1\|^2 - N_0 \ln P(m_1) < \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_2\|^2 - N_0 \ln P(m_2)$$

Choose  $m_2$

- Let  $d_1 = \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_1\|$  and  $d_2 = \|\vec{r} - \vec{s}_2\|$

- Equivalently,

Choose  $m_1$

$$d_1^2 - d_2^2 < N_0 \ln \frac{P(m_1)}{P(m_2)} \quad \text{Constant } c$$

Choose  $m_2$

- Therefore

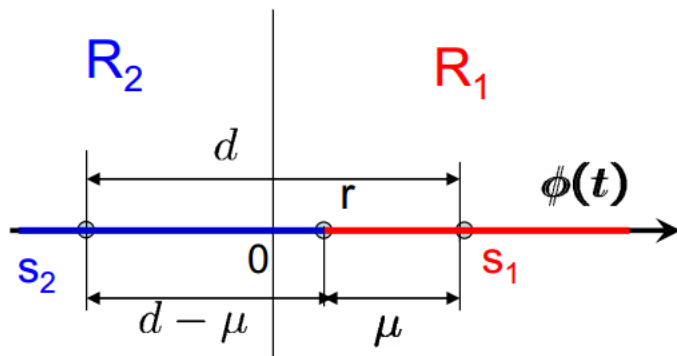
$$R_1: d_1^2 - d_2^2 < c \quad \text{and} \quad R_2: d_1^2 - d_2^2 > c$$



# Decision regions

- Graphical interpretation
  - Now consider the example with  $\vec{r}$  on the decision boundary

$$\begin{cases} d = d_1 + d_2 \\ d_1^2 = \mu^2 \\ d_2^2 = (d - \mu)^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d_1^2 - d_2^2 = 2d\mu - d^2 \equiv c \\ \mu = \frac{c + d^2}{2d} = \frac{d}{2} + \frac{N_0}{2d} \ln \frac{P(m_1)}{P(m_2)} \end{cases}$$

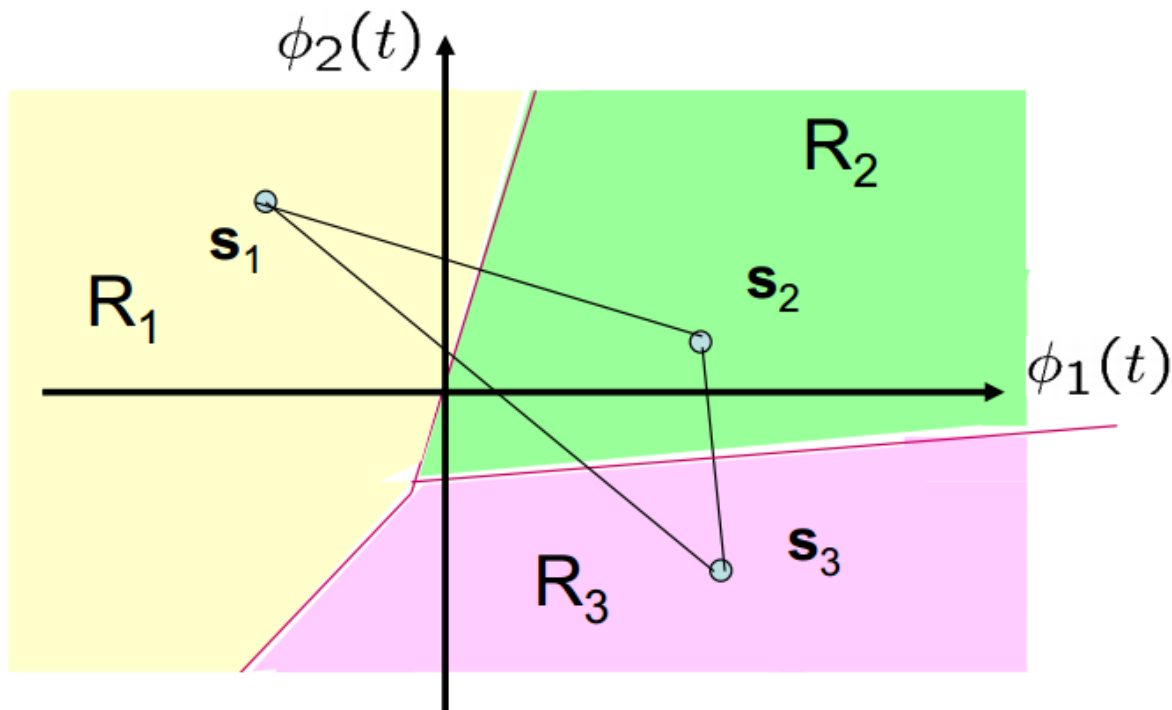


$$\mu \begin{cases} = d/2 & \text{if } P(m_1) = P(m_2) \\ > d/2 & \text{if } P(m_1) > P(m_2) \\ < d/2 & \text{if } P(m_1) < P(m_2) \end{cases}$$



# Decision regions

- Graphical interpretation
  - In general, boundaries of decision regions are perpendicular bisectors of the lines joining the original transmitted signals
  - Example: three equiprobable 2-dim signals





# Decision regions

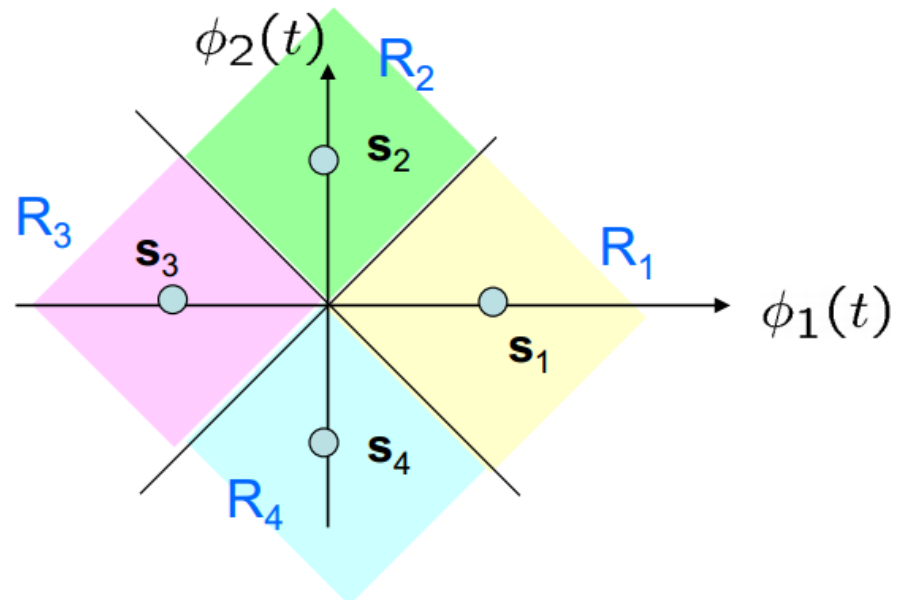
- Graphical interpretation
  - Now consider for example the decision regions for QPSK
  - Assume all signals are equally likely and all 4 signals could be written as the linear combination of two basis functions
  - Constellations of 4 signals

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = (1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{s}_2 = (0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{s}_3 = (-1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{s}_4 = (0, -1)$$





# Decision regions

- Graphical interpretation

➤ Exercise: Three equally probable messages  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3$  are to be transmitted over an AWGN channel with noise power-spectral density  $N_0/2$ . The messages are

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- What is the dimensionality of the signal space?
- Find an appropriate basis for the signal space (Hint: you donot need to perform Gram-Schmidt procedure.)
- Draw the signal constellation for this problem.
- Sketch the optimal decisions  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$ .





# Error probability analysis

- Probability of error

- Suppose  $m_k$  is transmitted and  $\vec{r}$  is received

- Correct decision is made when  $\vec{r} \in R_k$  with probability

$$P(C|m_k) = P(\vec{r} \in R_k|m_k \text{ is sent})$$

- Averaging over all possible transmitted symbols, we obtain the average probability of making correct decision

$$P(C) = \sum_{k=1}^M P(\vec{r} \in R_k|m_k \text{ is sent})P(m_k)$$

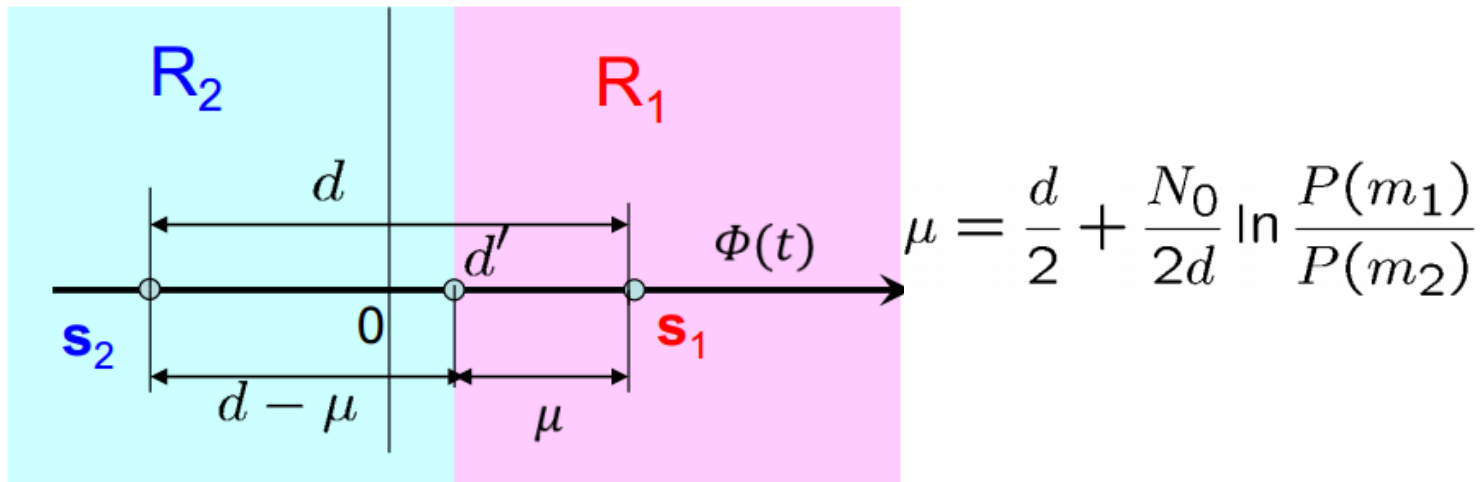
- Average probability of error

$$P_e = 1 - P(C) = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^M P(\vec{r} \in R_k|m_k \text{ is sent})P(m_k)$$



# Error probability analysis

- Probability of error
  - Consider for example the binary data transmission



- Given  $m_1$  is transmitted, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(C|s_1) &= P(r \in R_1|s_1) \\
 &= P(s_1 + n > d') \\
 &= P(n > -\mu)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Since  $n$  is Gaussian with variance  $N_0/2$

$$P(C|s_1) = 1 - Q\left(\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right)$$



# Error probability analysis


- Probability of error

- Similarly, we have

$$P(C|s_2) = P(s_2 + n < d') = P(n < d - u) = 1 - Q\left(\frac{d - \mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right)$$

- Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P(C) &= P(m_1) \left\{ 1 - Q\left[\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right] \right\} + P(m_2) \left\{ 1 - Q\left[\frac{d - \mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right] \right\} \\ &= 1 - P(m_1)Q\left[\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right] - P(m_2)Q\left[\frac{d - \mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right] \end{aligned}$$


$$P_e = P(m_1)Q\left[\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right] + P(m_2)Q\left[\frac{d - \mu}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right]$$

where  $d = 2\sqrt{E}$

$$\mu = \frac{N_0}{4\sqrt{E}} \log\left[\frac{P(m_1)}{P(m_2)}\right] + \sqrt{E}$$



# Error probability analysis

- Probability of error

- Note that when  $P(m_1) = P(m_2)$

$$\mu = \sqrt{E} = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$P_e = Q \left[ \frac{d/2}{\sqrt{N_0/2}} \right] = Q \left[ \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{2N_0}} \right] = Q \left[ \sqrt{\frac{2E}{N_0}} \right]$$

- This shows us that:

1. When optimal receiver is used,  $P_e$  does not depend on the specific waveform used.
2.  $P_e$  depends only on their **geometrical representation in signal space**
3. In particular,  $P_e$  depends on signal waveforms only through their **energies (distance)**



# Error probability analysis

- Graphical interpretation

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➤ Which of the three messages is more vulnerable to errors and why? In other words, which of the probability of error  $p(\text{Error} | m_i \text{ transmitted})$  is larger?



# Error probability analysis

- General expression

- Average probability of symbol error

$$P_e = 1 - P(C) = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^M P(\vec{r} \in R_k | m_k \text{ is sent}) P(m_k)$$

- Since

$$P(\vec{r} \in R_k | m_k \text{ is sent}) = \int_{R_k} f(\vec{r} | m_k) d\vec{r}$$

N-dim integration

Likelihood function

- Thus, we can rewrite  $P_e$  in terms of likelihood functions, assuming that symbols are equally likely to be sent

$$P_e = 1 - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \int_{R_k} f(\vec{r} | m_k) d\vec{r}$$

- Multi-dimension integrals are quite difficult to evaluate. To overcome the difficulty, we resort to the use of bounds. Then, we can obtain a simple and yet useful bound of  $P_e$ , called **union bound**.



# Error probability analysis

- General expression

- Let  $A_{kj}$  denote the event that  $\vec{r}$  is closer to  $\vec{s}_j$  than to  $\vec{s}_k$  in the signal space when  $m_k(\vec{s}_k)$  is sent
- Conditional probability of symbol error when  $m_k$  is sent

$$P(\text{error}|m_k) = P(\vec{r} \notin R_k|m_k) = P\left(\bigcup_{j \neq k} A_{kj}\right)$$

- Note that

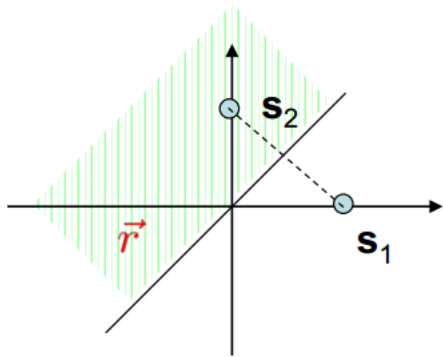
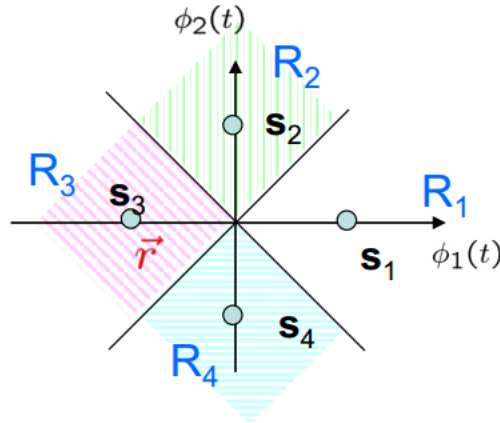
$$P\left(\bigcup_{j \neq k} A_{kj}\right) \leq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M P(A_{kj})$$



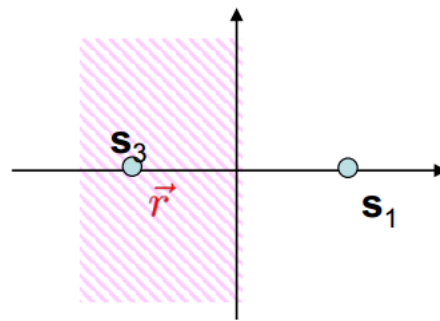
# Error probability analysis

- General expression
  - Consider for example

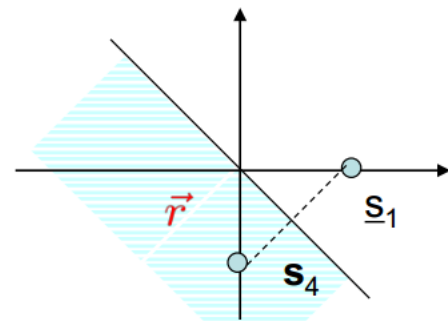
$$A_{12} \cup A_{13} \cup A_{14}$$



$A_{12}$



$A_{13}$



$A_{14}$





# Error probability analysis

- General expression

- Define the pair-wise error probability as

$$P(\vec{s}_k \rightarrow \vec{s}_j) = P(A_{kj})$$

- It is equivalent to the probability of deciding in favor of  $\vec{s}_j$  when  $\vec{s}_k$  was sent in a simplified binary system that involves the use of two equally likely messages  $\vec{s}_k$  and  $\vec{s}_j$

- Then 
$$P(\vec{s}_k \rightarrow \vec{s}_j) = P(n > d_{kj}/2) = Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{d_{kj}^2}{2N_0}}\right)$$

where  $d_{kj} = \|\vec{s}_k - \vec{s}_j\|$  is the Euclidean distance between  $\vec{s}_k$  and  $\vec{s}_j$

- Therefore the conditional error probability

$$P(\text{error}|m_k) \leq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M P(\vec{s}_k \rightarrow \vec{s}_j) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{d_{kj}^2}{2N_0}}\right)$$



# Error probability analysis

- General expression

- Finally, with  $M$  equally likely messages, the average probability of symbol error is upperbounded by

$$P_e = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M P(\text{error}|m_k) \\ \leq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{d_{kj}^2}{2N_0}} \right)$$

← The most general formulation of union bound

- Let  $d_{\min}$  denote the minimum distance, i.e.,  $d_{\min} = \min_{\substack{k,j \\ k \neq j}} d_{k,j}$
- Since Q-function is a monotone decreasing function

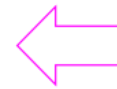
$$\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{d_{kj}^2}{2N_0}} \right) \leq (M - 1) Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{d_{\min}^2}{2N_0}} \right)$$



# Error probability analysis

- General expression
  - Consequently, we may simplify the union bound as

$$P_e \leq (M - 1)Q \left( \sqrt{\frac{d_{\min}^2}{2N_0}} \right)$$



Simplified form of  
union bound

- Think about: What is the design criterion of a good signal set?