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Ch. 3 Baseband Demodulation and Detection

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OUTLINE

- **Signals and noise**
- **Detection of binary signals in AWGN**
- **Matched Filter**
- **Intersymbol Interference (ISI)**
- **Equalization**

SIGNAL AND NOISE

- **Baseband demodulation and detection**

- Recover the received baseband signal from distortions caused by noise and intersymbol interference (ISI)

- **Equivalence theorem**

- The following two operations are equivalent
 - 1. performing **bandpass linear signal processing**; 2. converting the processed signal to baseband.
 - 1. converting the received signal to baseband; 2. performing **baseband linear signal process**.
- It's usually more **expensive** to perform **bandpass** linear signal processing.
- Baseband demodulation/detection can be used for both bandpass system and baseband system.
- Simulation of communication system is usually performed in baseband only
 - Faster simulation
 - Yields the same result

SIGNAL AND NOISE

- **Binary Communication System Model**

- The transmitted signal over a symbol interval $(0, T)$ is represented by

$$s_i(t) = \begin{cases} s_1(t), & 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad '1' \\ s_2(t), & 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad '0' \end{cases}$$

- The received signal through LTI channel

$$r(t) = s_i(t) \otimes h_c(t) + n(t)$$

- For ideal distortionless channel, $h_c(t) = \delta(t)$

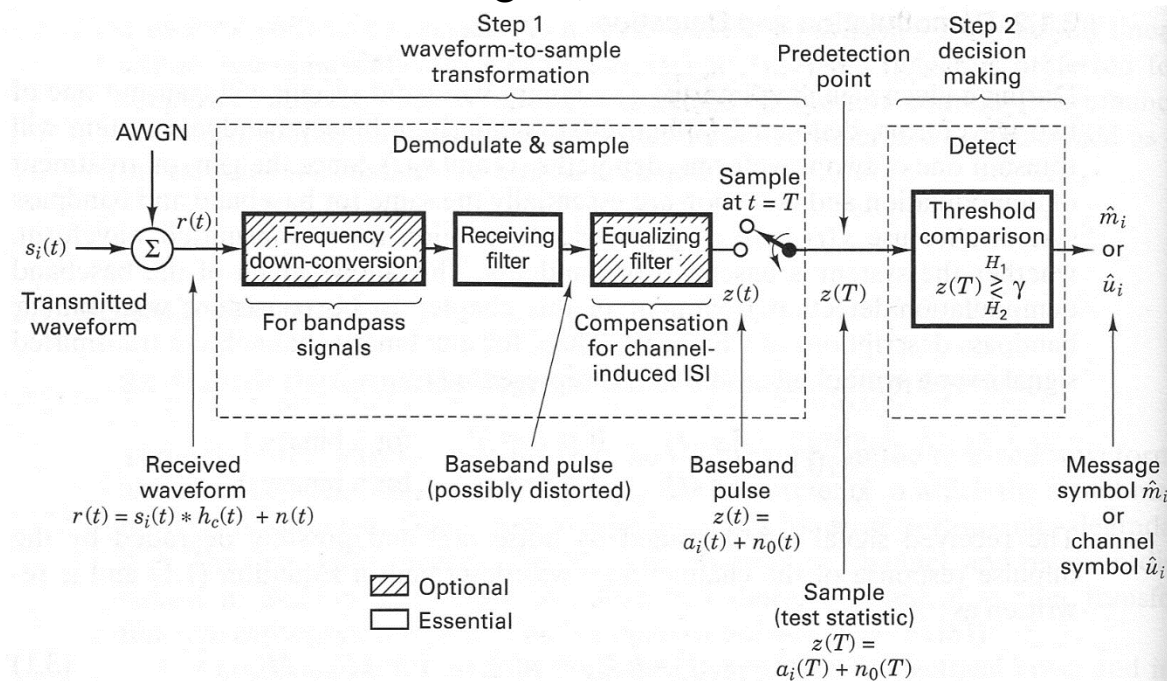
$$r(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$$

- AWGN channel

SIGNAL AND NOISE

Receiver structure

- Demodulation (frequency down-conversion, receiving filter)
 - Recovers a waveform to an undistorted baseband signal
- Equalization
 - Mitigates the effects caused by intersymbol interference (ISI).
- Detection
 - Based on the demodulated signal, make decision of '1' or '0'.



SIGNAL AND NOISE: VECTORIAL REPRESENTATION

- **N-dimensional Orthogonal Space**

- Basis functions: $\psi_j(t)$ $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$

- Orthogonal functions

$$\int_0^T \psi_j(t) \psi_k(t) dt = K_j \delta_{jk}$$

$$\delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1, & j = k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- If $K_j = 1$: orthonormal

- Any arbitrary finite set of waveforms $\{s_j(t)\}$ $j = 1, \dots, M$

can be expressed a linear combination of N orthogonal waveforms

$$s_1(t) = a_{11}\psi_1(t) + a_{12}\psi_2(t) + \dots + a_{1N}\psi_N(t)$$

$$s_2(t) = a_{21}\psi_1(t) + a_{22}\psi_2(t) + \dots + a_{2N}\psi_N(t)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$s_M(t) = a_{M1}\psi_1(t) + a_{M2}\psi_2(t) + \dots + a_{MN}\psi_N(t)$$

$$s_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \psi_j(t)$$

$$a_{ij} = \frac{1}{K_j} \int_0^T s_i(t) \psi_j(t) dt$$

SIGNAL AND NOISE: VECTORIAL REPRESENTATION

- **Vectorial signal representation**

- An example of orthogonal space: Fourier series

$$\psi_k(t) = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$

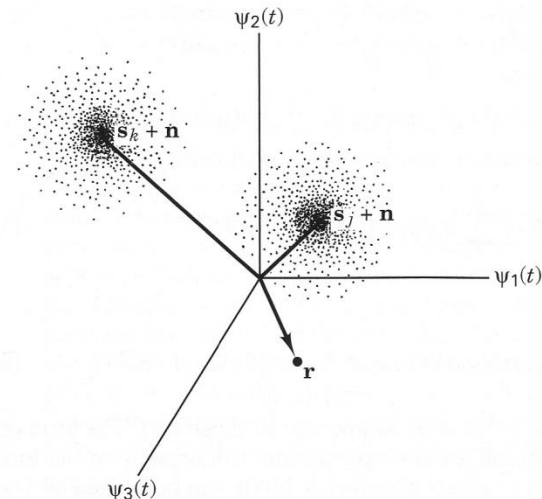
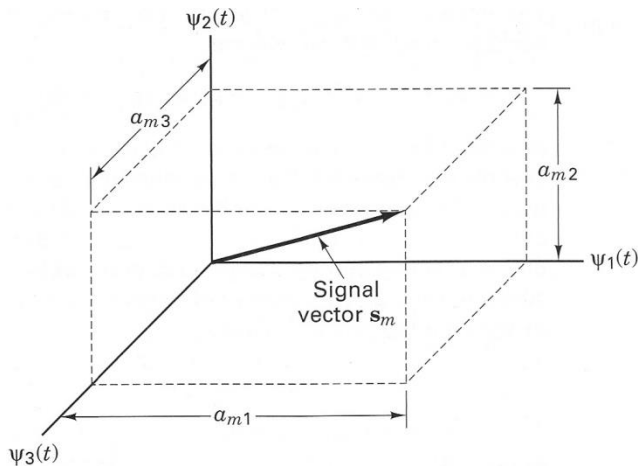
$$s(t) = \sum_n a_n e^{j\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$

- Once the orthogonal space is chosen, there is a **one-to-one** mapping between $s_i(t)$ and $\mathbf{s}_i = (a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{iN})$

- The signal can be equivalently represented by the vector $\mathbf{s}_i = (a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{iN})$

- Similarly, the noise, $n(t)$ can also be represented by the vector $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N)$

- The received signal, $r(t)$ can be represented by $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{n}$



SIGNAL AND NOISE: VECTORIAL REPRESENTATION

- **Waveform energy**

- The energy of the signal waveform $s_i(t)$ over a symbol interval T

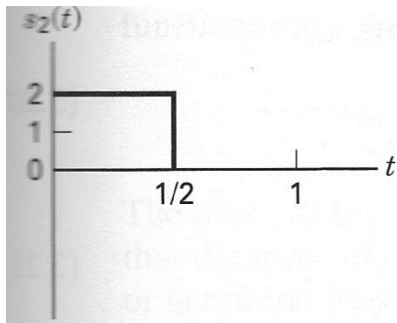
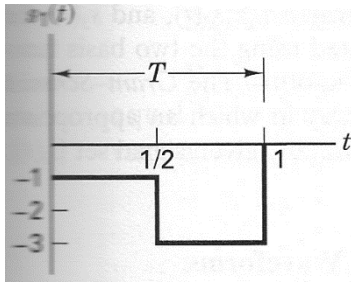
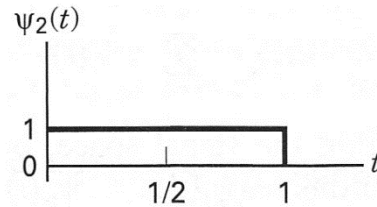
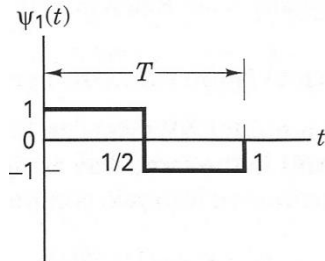
$$E_i = \int_0^T s_i^2(t) dt = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}^2 K_j$$

- Proof

- Generalized Parseval's theorem.

SIGNAL AND NOISE: VECTORIAL REPRESENTATION

- Example**



SIGNAL AND NOISE: VECTORIAL REPRESENTATION

- **Representation of white noise with orthogonal waveforms**

- The white noise can be represented as

$$n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N n_j \psi_j(t) + \tilde{n}(t)$$

$$n(t) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N)$$

- $\tilde{n}(t)$ doesn't interfere with signal (we don't need to consider it)
- $n(t)$ has unlimited power (why?)
 - But $n(t) - \tilde{n}(t)$ has limited power.

- **Variance (power) of white noise per dimension**

- If the two-sided PSD of white noise is $\frac{N_0}{2}$

$$\sigma^2 = E \left\{ \left[\int_0^T n(t) \psi_j(t) dt \right]^2 \right\} =$$

SIGNAL AND NOISE: SNR

- E_b / N_0
 - Normalized signal to noise ratio (SNR). The figure of merit in digital communication system.
 - E_b : energy of 1 bit
 - N_0 : single-sided PSD of noise

$$\frac{E_b}{N_0} = \frac{ST_b}{N/W} = \frac{S}{N} \frac{W}{R}$$

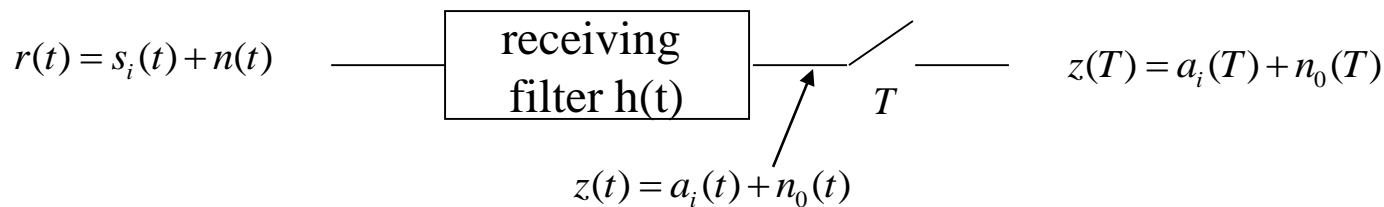
SNR

- It allows the fair comparison between systems with different modulation levels
 - E.g. a binary modulated system and a 8-ary modulated system

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DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD DETECTION



- **After receiving filter $h(t)$:**

$$a_i(t) = s_i(t) \otimes h(t)$$

$$n_0(t) = n(t) \otimes h(t)$$

$$z(t) = a_i(t) + n_0(t)$$

- **After sampler**

$$z(T) = a_i(T) + n_0(T)$$

– Or:

$$z = a_i + n_0$$

– the noise sample n_0 is obtained from linear transformation of AWGN

- n_0 is zero mean Gaussian distributed with variance σ_0^2

$$p_{n_0}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_0 \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right]$$

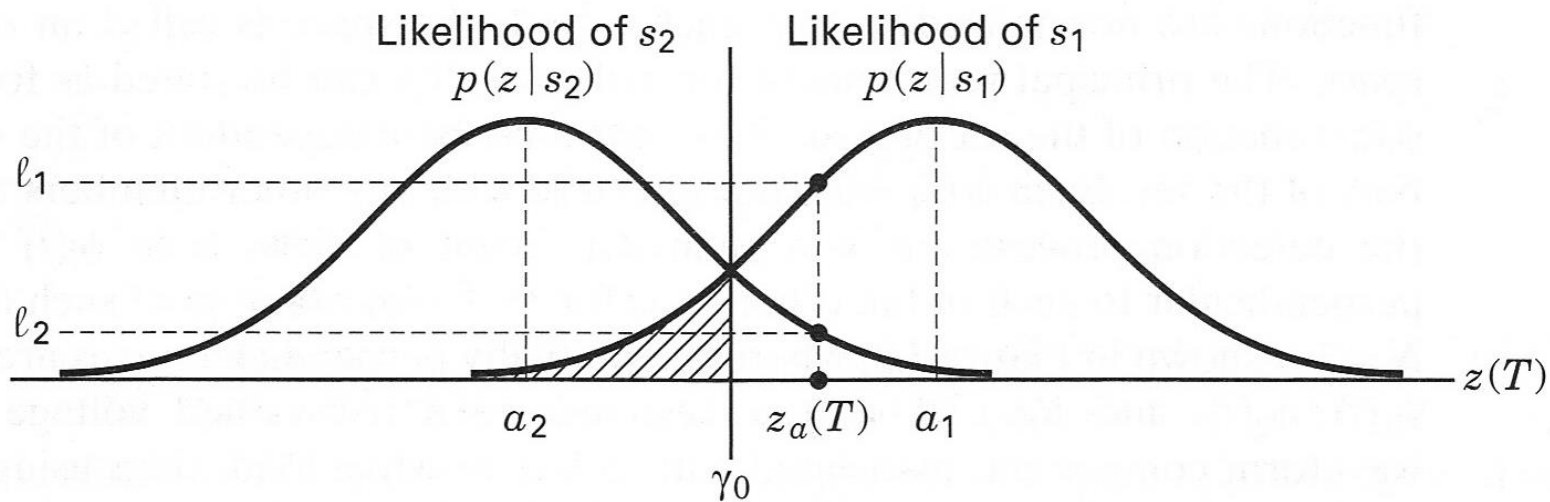
DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD DETECTION

- Likelihood function

$$z = a_i + n_0$$

- n_0 : linear transformation of Gaussian. $n_0 \sim N(0, \sigma_0^2)$
- When a_i is transmitted, $z | a_i \sim N(a_i, \sigma_0^2)$

$$p(z | s_i) = p(z | a_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_0 \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z - a_i}{\sigma_0} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{likelihood function}$$



DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD DETECTION

- **Maximum likelihood receiver**

- Decision rule: for a certain threshold γ_0
 - When $z > \gamma_0$, make decision that '1' is transmitted.
 - When $z < \gamma_0$, make decision that '2' is transmitted.
 - **How do we choose γ_0 ? \rightarrow minimize error probability.**
- The error probability when '1' is transmitted.

$$P(E | s_1) = P(\text{choose '2'} | s_1) = P(z < \gamma_0 | s_1)$$

- When s_1 is transmitted, an error will occur if $z < \gamma_0$

$$P(E | s_1) = P(z < \gamma_0 | s_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\gamma_0} p(z | s_1) dz$$

- The error probability when '2' is transmitted.

- When s_2 is transmitted, an error will occur if $z > \gamma_0$

$$P(E | s_2) = P(z > \gamma_0 | s_2) = \int_{\gamma_0}^{+\infty} p(z | s_2) dz$$

- Error probability:

$$P(E) = P(E | s_2)P(s_2) + P(E | s_1)P(s_1)$$

$$= P(s_1) \int_{-\infty}^{\gamma_0} p(z | s_1) dz + P(s_2) \int_{\gamma_0}^{+\infty} p(z | s_2) dz$$

DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD DETECTION

- **Maximum likelihood receiver (Cont'd)**

- Minimize $P(E)$

- Differentiate $P(E)$ with respect to γ_0

$$\frac{\partial P(E)}{\partial \gamma_0} = p(\gamma_0 | s_1)P(s_1) - p(\gamma_0 | s_2)P(s_2)$$

- Optimum $\gamma_0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial P(E)}{\partial \gamma_0} = 0$

- The optimum threshold should satisfy the following condition

$$\frac{p(\gamma_0 | s_1)}{p(\gamma_0 | s_2)} = \frac{P(s_2)}{P(s_1)}$$

DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD RECEIVER

- **Maximum likelihood receiver: threshold in the presence of AWGN**

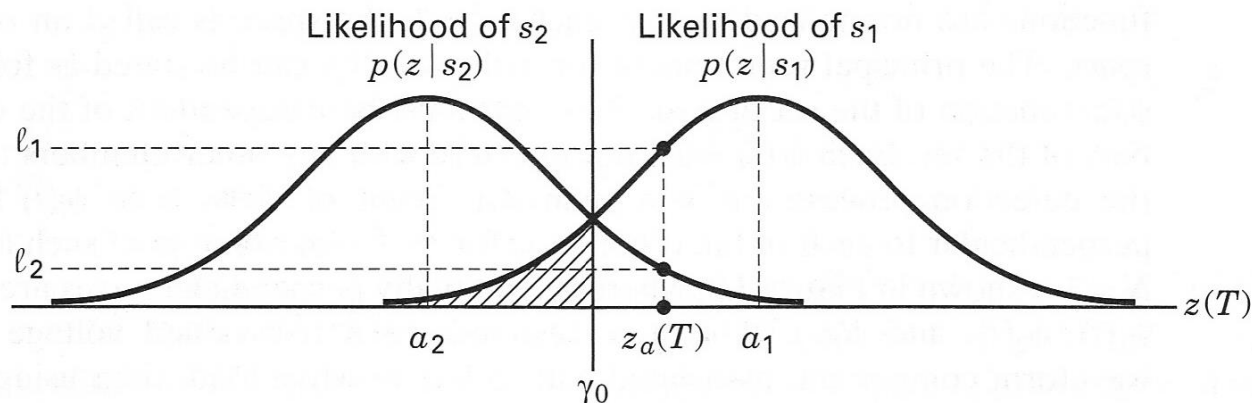
$$z = a_i + n_0$$

- n_0 : linear transformation of Gaussian. $n_0 \sim N(0, \sigma_0^2)$
- When a_i is transmitted, $z | a_i \sim N(a_i, \sigma_0^2)$

$$p(z | s_i) = p(z | a_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_0 \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z - a_i}{\sigma_0} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{likelihood function}$$

- the threshold γ_0 when $P(s_1) = P(s_2)$

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}$$



DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD RECEIVER

- Maximum likelihood receiver: threshold in the presence of AWGN

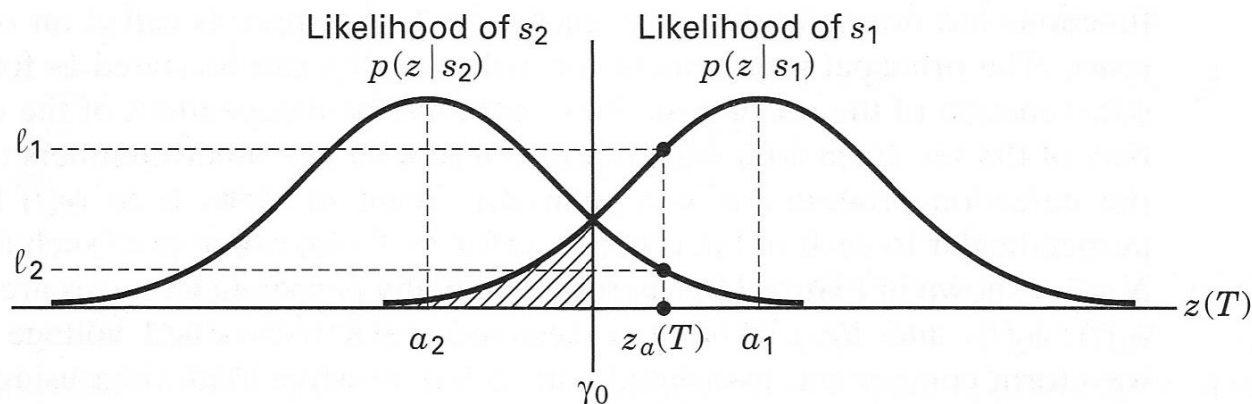
- The decision rule that minimize $P(E)$ when $P(s_1) = P(s_2)$

$$\frac{p(z | s_1)}{p(z | s_2)} > 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad '1'$$

$$\frac{p(z | s_1)}{p(z | s_2)} < 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad '2'$$

- Likelihood function: $p(z | s_1)$ $p(z | s_2)$

- Likelihood ratio: $\frac{p(z | s_1)}{p(z | s_2)}$



DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD RECEIVER

- Error probability**

- Definition: Gaussian Q function:

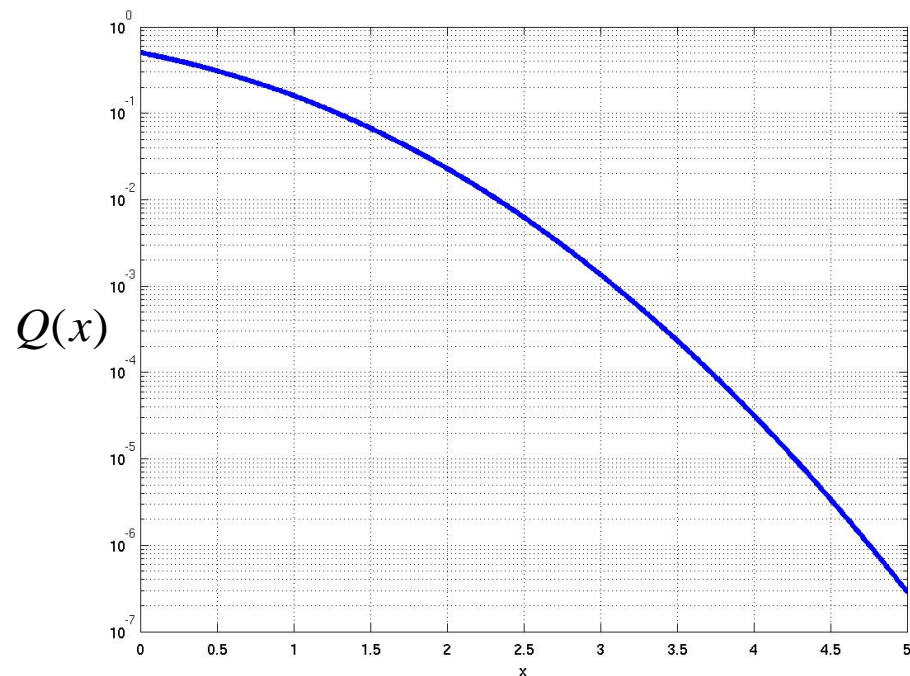
$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right) du$$

- Error probability:

$$P(E | s_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\gamma_0} p(z | s_1) dz =$$

$$P(E | s_2) = \int_{\gamma_0}^{+\infty} p(z | s_2) dz =$$

$$P(E) = Q\left(\frac{a_1 - a_2}{2\sigma_0}\right)$$



DETECTION: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD RECEIVER

- **Example**

- Assume that in a binary digital communication system, the signal component after receiving filter and sampling is $a_1 = 3V$ when '1' is transmitted, it is $a_2 = 1V$ when '0' is transmitted. If the Gaussian noise at the output of receiving filter has unit variance. Assume '1' and '0' have equal probability
 - 1. Find the detection threshold.
 - 2. Find the error probability.
 - 3. If the output of the receiving filter and sampler is $z = 2.4V$, what should we detect?
 - 4. Find the values of $p(z|s_1)$ and $p(z|s_2)$
 - 5. Write the equation that can be used to solve the threshold when $P('1') = 0.7$, and $P('0') = 0.3$. Solve the threshold

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$$P(E) = Q\left(\frac{a_1 - a_2}{2\sigma_0}\right)$$

- **Error probability depends on**

- 1. $a_1 - a_2$

$$a_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s_i(T - \tau)h(\tau)d\tau$$

$$a_1 - a_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [s_1(T - \tau) - s_2(T - \tau)]h(\tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s_0(T - \tau)h(\tau)d\tau$$

- $a_1 - a_2$ depends on: $s_0(t) = s_1(t) - s_2(t)$ and $h(t)$

- 2. σ_0

$$n_0(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} n(T - \tau)h(\tau)d\tau$$

- σ_0 depends on: $n(t)$ and $h(t)$

- We want to design receiving filter $h(t)$ to maximize the following SNR:

$$\frac{(a_1 - a_2)^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{\left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s_0(T - \tau)h(\tau)d\tau \right|^2}{\sigma_0^2}$$

$$r(t) = s_i(t) + n(t)$$

$h(t)$

$$z(t) = a_i(t) + n_0(t)$$

$$z(T) = a_i(T) + n_0(T)$$

DETECTION: MATCHED FILTER

- **Matched filter: Design**

- Signal:

$$A_0(f) = S_0(f)H(f) \rightarrow a_0(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_0(f)H(f)e^{j2\pi ft} df$$

inverse Fourier transform

$$[a_0(T)]^2 = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_0(f)H(f)e^{j2\pi fT} df \right|^2$$

- noise:

$$\psi_n(f) = \frac{N_0}{2} |H(f)|^2 \rightarrow \sigma_0^2 = \frac{N_0}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |H(f)|^2 df$$

- SNR maximization

Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality

$$\left| \int f(x)g(x)dx \right|^2 \leq \int |f(x)|^2 dx \int |g(x)|^2 dx$$

- Equality holds if $g(x) = kf^*(x)$

DETECTION: MATCHED FILTER

- **Matched filter**

- The impulse response of matched filter is

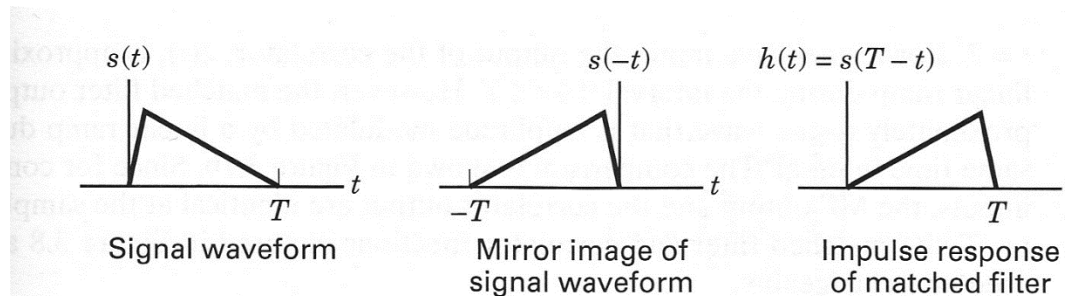
$$h(t) = ks_0^*(T - t)$$

- The SNR at the output of the matched filter is

$$\max \left(\frac{(a_1 - a_2)^2}{\sigma_0^2} \right) = \frac{2E_d}{N_0}$$

$$E_d = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |S_0(f)|^2 df$$

- the maximum output SNR depends on the input signal energy within on symbol and the PSD of noise.
 - It doesn't depend on the particular shape of the waveform



DETECTION: MATCHED FILTER

- **Error probability after matched filter**

- Error probability

$$P(E) = Q\left(\frac{a_1 - a_2}{2\sigma_0}\right)$$

- After matched filter

$$\frac{(a_1 - a_2)^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{2E_d}{N_0}$$

$$P(E) = Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_d}{2N_0}}\right)$$

$$E_d = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |S_0(f)|^2 df = \int_0^T [s_1(t) - s_2(t)]^2 dt$$

DETECTION: BINARY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

- **Unipolar signaling**

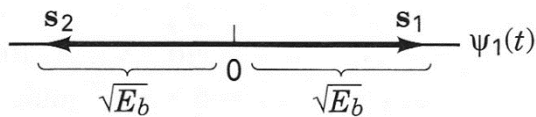
- $s_1(t) = A \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$ for binary '1'

- $s_2(t) = 0 \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$ for binary '0'

DETECTION: BINARY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

- Bipolar signaling**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 - & s_1(t) = A \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \quad \text{for binary '1'} \\
 & s_2(t) = -A \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \quad \text{for binary '0'}
 \end{array}$$

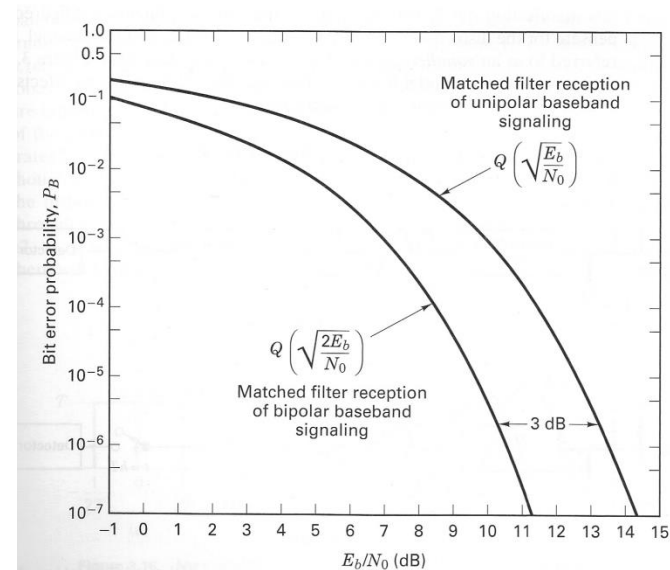
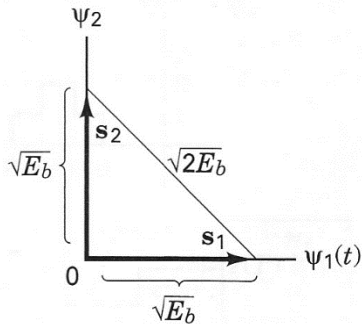


DETECTION: BINARY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

- Orthogonal signals

$$- \int_0^T s_1(t)s_2(t)dt = 0$$

$$\int_0^T s_1^2(t)dt = \int_0^T s_2^2(t)dt = E_b$$



$\sqrt{E_d}$ equals to the Euclidean distance between the constellation points.

DETECTION: BINARY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

- **Example**

- Consider NRZ binary pulses with period T are transmitted along a cable that attenuates signal by 3dB. AWGN with two-sided PSD 10^{-3} watt/Hz. The signal is detected with a matched filter.
 - 1. Assume the signal amplitude is -2 V and 2 V at the transmitter. Determine the maximum data rate that can be sent with a bit error rate (BER) of $P_B \leq 10^{-3}$?
 - 2. If the data rate is 64kbps. What is the signal amplitude required at transmitter to achieve a BER of $P_B \leq 10^{-3}$?

DETECTION: MATCHED FILTER

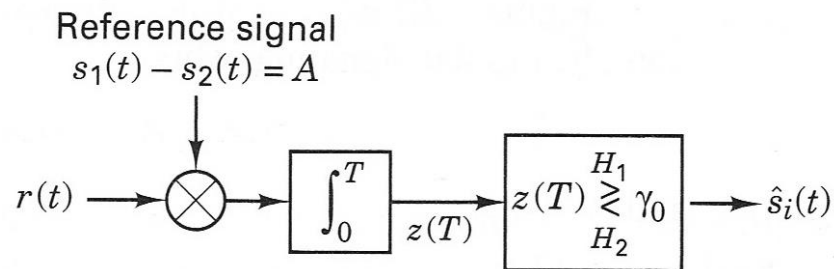
- **Correlation realization of matched filter**

- The output of matched filter is

$$z(t) = r(t) \otimes s_0(T-t) =$$

- The correlation between $r(t)$ and $z(t)$

$$z_i(T) = \int_0^T r(\tau) s_i(\tau) d\tau$$



DETECTION: BINARY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

- **Graphic interpretation of E_d**

- Vector signal representation

$$s_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \psi_j(t)$$

- $E_d = \int_0^T [s_1(t) - s_2(t)]^2 dt =$

$$E_d = \sum_{j=1}^N (a_{1j} - a_{2j})^2$$

– $\sqrt{E_d}$ is the distance between two points in an N-dimension Euclidean space

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = [a_{11}, \dots, a_{1N}]$$

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = [a_{21}, \dots, a_{2N}]$$

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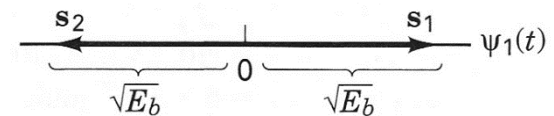
- Graphic interpretation

- 1. unipolar signal

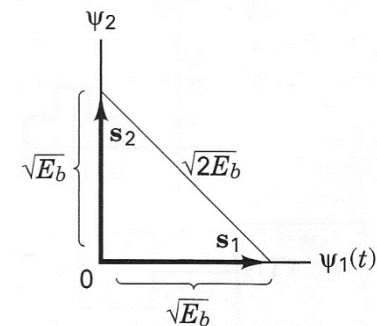
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| $s_2(t) = 0$ | $0 \leq t \leq T$ |

- 2. bipolar signal

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- 3. orthogonal signal



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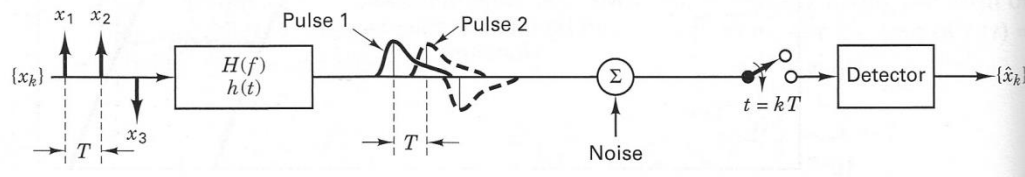
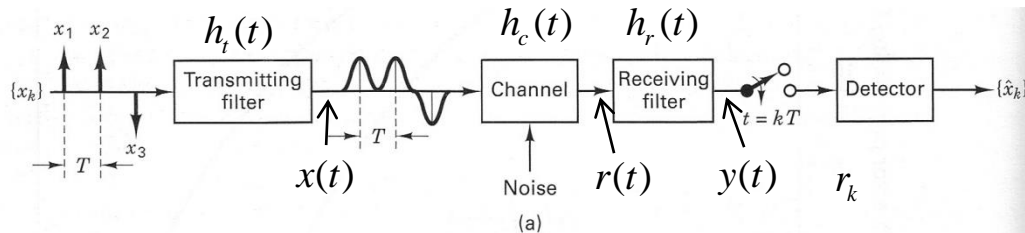
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- Filters in a communication system

- Composite channel impulse response (CIR), or, equivalent filter

$$h(t) = h_t(t) \otimes h_c(t) \otimes h_r(t)$$

$$H(f) = H_t(f)H_c(f)H_r(f)$$



CIR $H(f)$

$$x(t) =$$

$$r(t) =$$

$$y(t) =$$

- **Equivalent Discrete-Time System Model**

$$y_n = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_k h_{n-k} + v_n$$

- **Intersymbol interference (ISI)**

- Due to the effects system filtering, the received pulse can “smear” into adjacent symbol intervals, thereby interfering with other symbols.
- ISI is introduced by filtering and channel.
- ISI will degrade system performance even in the absence of noise.

- **Nyquist Criterion**

- In order to achieve ISI-free communication, the composite impulse response (CIR) must satisfy

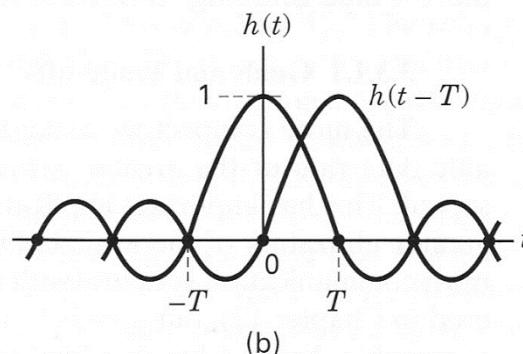
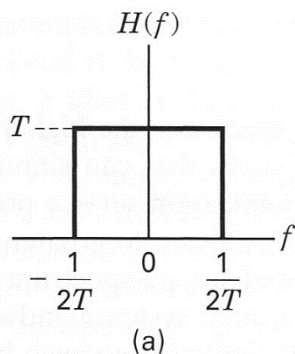
$$h_n = h(nT) = \begin{cases} K, & n = 0 \\ 0, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

ISI: NYQUIST FILTER

- **Ideal Nyquist filter**

- If the CIR is an ideal Nyquist filter, then the symbol can be detected without ISI.

$$h(t) = \text{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$$



- **Nyquist bandwidth constraint**

- A system with bandwidth W Hz can support a maximum **symbol rate** of $R_s = 2W$ symbols/sec without ISI.
 - What is the maximum bandwidth efficiency for M-ary modulation without ISI?

ISI: NYQUIST FILTER

- **Nyquist filter**
 - A general class of filters that satisfy zero ISI at the sampling points
 - Ideal Nyquist filter (rectangular filter, sinc pulse) is one type of Nyquist filter
 - Frequency domain:
 - Ideal nyquist filter $T_s \text{rect}(fT_s)$ convolves with any real even-symmetric function leads to a Nyquist filter.
 - Time domain
 - Ideal Nyquist pulse $\text{sinc}(t/T_s)$ multiplied by another time function
→ Nyquist pulse
 - Most popular Nyquist filter
 - Raised cosine filter

ISI: PULSE SHAPING

- **Pulse shaping**

- Design transmit filters and receive filters such that the overall CIR, $h(t) = h_t(t) \otimes h_c(t) \otimes h_r(t)$ is a Nyquist pulse → Reduce ISI
- Limit the bandwidth of the transmitted signal

- **Raised-cosine filter: frequency domain**

- Frequency domain response

$$H(f) = \begin{cases} 1 & |f| < 2W_0 - W \\ \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} \frac{|f| + W - 2W_0}{W - W_0}\right) & 2W_0 - W < |f| < W \\ 0 & |f| > W \end{cases}$$

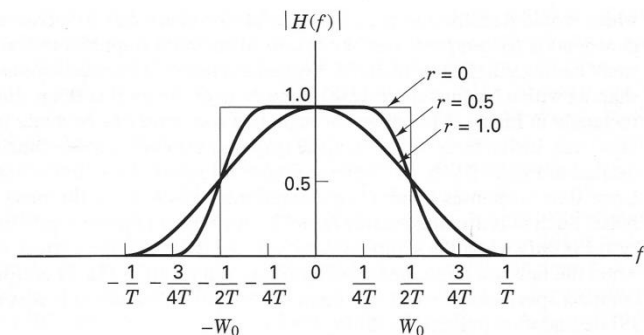
- W : absolute bandwidth

- $W_0 = \frac{1}{2T_s}$: minimum Nyquist bandwidth to support a symbol rate of $R_s = \frac{1}{T_s}$

- $W - W_0$: excessive bandwidth

- $r = (W - W_0)/W_0$: roll-off factor

$$W = (1+r)W_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1+r)R_s$$



ISI: PULSE SHAPING

- **Raised-cosine filter: time domain**

- Time domain response

$$h(t) = 2W_0 \sin c(2W_0 t) \frac{\cos[2\pi(W - W_0)t]}{1 - [4(W - W_0)t]^2}$$

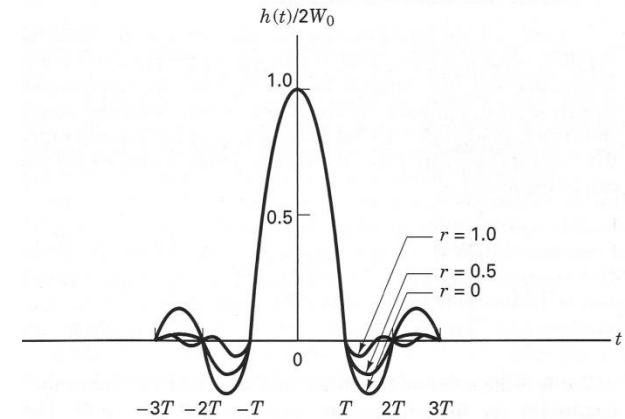
- **Raised-cosine filter: roll-off factor**

- $r = 0$: ideal Nyquist filter

- Minimum bandwidth in frequency domain: $W = R_s / 2$ ☺
- Large tail in time domain → a small sampling timing error will introduce large ISI ☹

- $r = 1$:

- large bandwidth: $W = R_s$ ☹
- Small tail in time domain → Less susceptible to sampling timing error ☺



$$W = (1+r)W_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1+r)R_s$$

Baseband bandwidth

$$W_{DSB} = 2(1+r)W_0 = (1+r)R_s$$

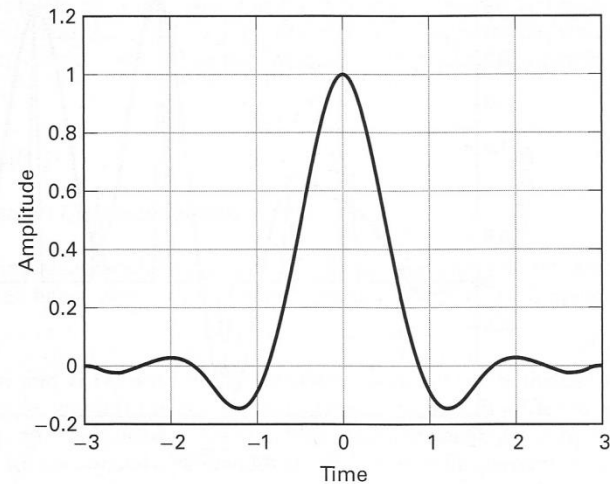
Bandpass bandwidth

ISI: PULSE SHAPING

- **Square-root raised cosine**
 - Raised cosine is the overall response
 - $h(t) = h_t(t) \otimes h_c(t) \otimes h_r(t)$ is a raised cosine filter
 - $H(f) = H_t(f)H_c(f)H_r(f)$ is a raised cosine filter
 - For AWGN channel $H_c(f) = 1$
 - Square-root raised cosine filter

$$H_t(f) = \sqrt{H(f)}$$

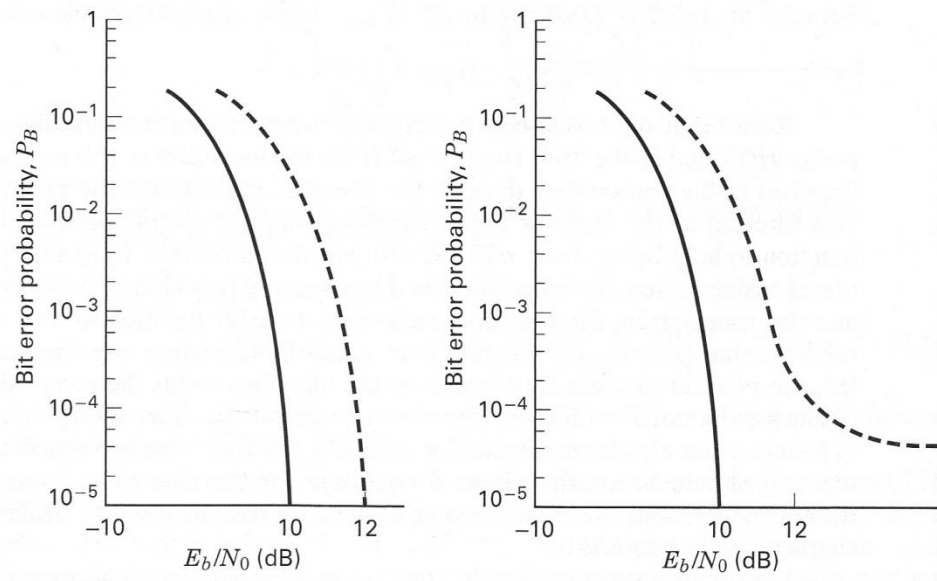
$$H_r(f) = \sqrt{H(f)}$$



$$h_t(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2R_s}}{1 - 64r^2 R_s^2 t^2} \left[\frac{\sin(2\pi R_s (1-r)t)}{2\pi R_s t} + \frac{4r}{\pi} \cos(2\pi R_s (1+r)t) \right]$$

ISI: PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION

- **Two types of performance degradation**
 - 1. Loss in E_b / N_0
 - Can be compensated by increasing signal power
 - 2. Signal distortion
 - E.g. ISI
 - Error floor occurs
 - Cannot be compensated by increasing SNR.



ISI

- **Example**

- A 4-level PAM pulse sequence has a data rate of $R = 2400$ bps. What is the theoretical minimum bandwidth needed for the signal without ISI?
- If the signal is passed through a raised-cosine filter with 60% excessive bandwidth. Find the bandwidth of the signal at the output of the filter
- The above sequence is modulated onto a carrier wave so that the baseband spectrum is shifted and centered at frequency f_0 . Find the DSB bandpass bandwidth.

OUTLINE

- Signals and noise
- Detection of binary signals in AWGN
- Intersymbol Interference (ISI)
- Matched Filter
- **Equalization**

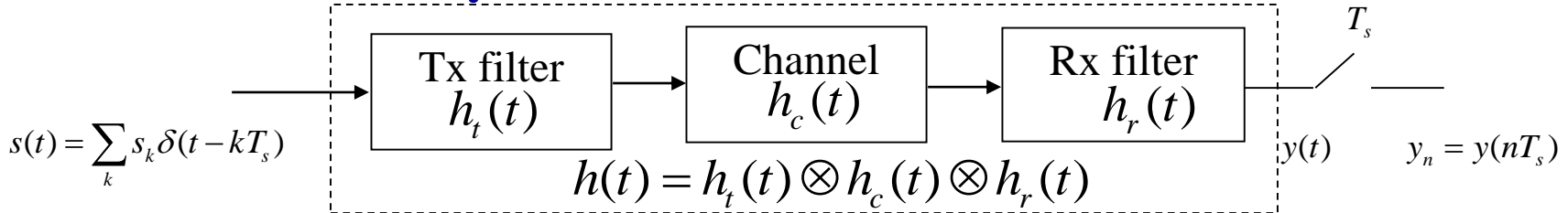
EQUALIZATION

- **Equalization**

- Any signal processing or filtering technique that is designed to eliminate or reduce ISI.
- For AWGN channel, $h_c(t) = \delta(t)$
 - ISI-free communication can be achieved by using square-root raised cosine filter as both transmit filter and receiving filter
 - $h(t) = h_t(t) \otimes \delta(t) \otimes h_r(t)$ is raised cosine (Nyquist filter).
- For general channel, $h_c(t)$ will introduce ISI
 - Equalization is required.

EQUALIZATION: DISCRETE-TIME MODEL

- Discrete-time system model



- Signal after Rx filter

$$y(t) =$$

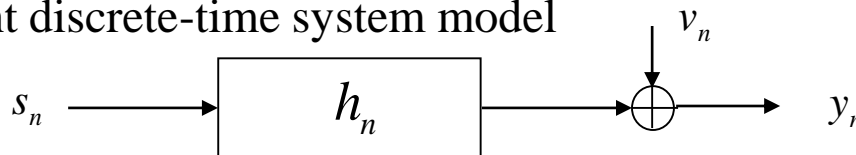
- Signal after Sampler

$$y_n =$$

- Discrete-time CIR $h_n = h(nT_s)$

- Depends on: 1. Tx filter, 2. Channel, 3. Rx filter, 4. Sampling period

- Equivalent discrete-time system model



$$y_n = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} s_{n-l} h_l + v_l = s_n \otimes h_n + v_n$$

EQUALIZATION: DISCRETE-TIME MODEL

- **Discrete-time system model examples**

- Example 1: AWGN channel with square root raised cosine filters

$$h_c(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$h(t) = h_t(t) \otimes \delta(t) \otimes h_r(t) = h_{RC}(t)$$

$$h_n = h(nT_s) = \delta(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 0, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y_n = s_n \otimes \delta(n) + v_n = s_n + v_n$$

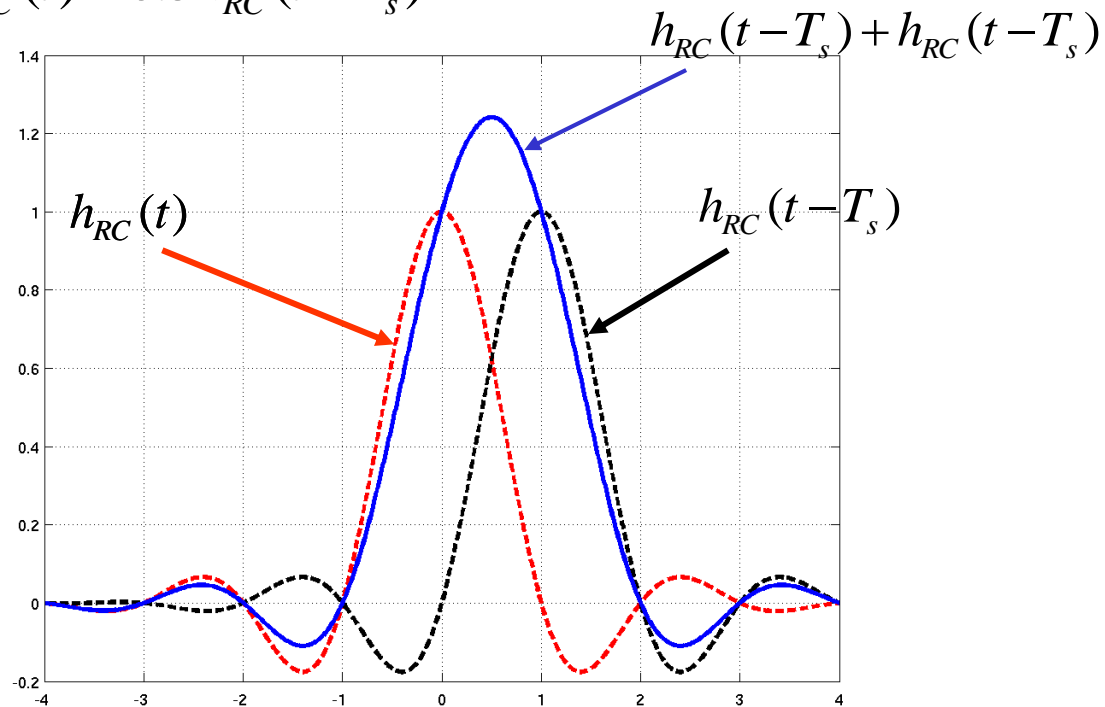
EQUALIZATION: DISCRETE-TIME MODEL

- **Discrete-time system model examples**

- Example 2: Two tap equal gain channel

$$h_c(t) = 0.5\delta(t) + 0.5\delta(t - T_s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= h_t(t) \otimes h_c(t) \otimes h_r(t) = h_{RC}(t) \otimes h_c(t) \\ &= 0.5h_{RC}(t) + 0.5h_{RC}(t - T_s) \end{aligned}$$



EQUALIZATION

- **A possible equalization method:**

- At time 1, $y_1 = h_0 x_1 + 0 + v_1$ (no ISI) $\rightarrow \hat{x}_1 = y_1 / h_0$
- At time 2, $y_2 = h_0 x_2 + h_1 x_1 + v_2$ $\rightarrow \hat{x}_2 = [y_2 - h_1 \hat{x}_1] / h_0$
- At time 3, $y_3 = h_0 x_3 + h_1 x_2 + v_3$ $\rightarrow \hat{x}_3 = [y_3 - h_1 \hat{x}_2] / h_0$
- Problem: if \hat{x}_1 is in error, all the remaining symbols will be affected!
 - **Error propagation.**

EQUALIZATION: CLASSIFICATION

- **Classification: based on linearity**

- Linear:

- Zero-forcing (ZF), minimum mean square error (MMSE)

- Non-linear

- Decision feedback equalization (DFE)
- Maximum likelihood sequence estimation (MLSE) (Optimum)

- **Classification: based on nature of operation**

- Transversal equalizer

- ZF, MMSE

- E.g. Choose equalization filter with frequency response $H_e(f) = \frac{1}{H_c(f)}$

$$H(f) = H_t(f)H_c(f)H_r(f)H_e(f) = H_{RC}(f)$$

- Transversal filter + feedback filter:

- DFE

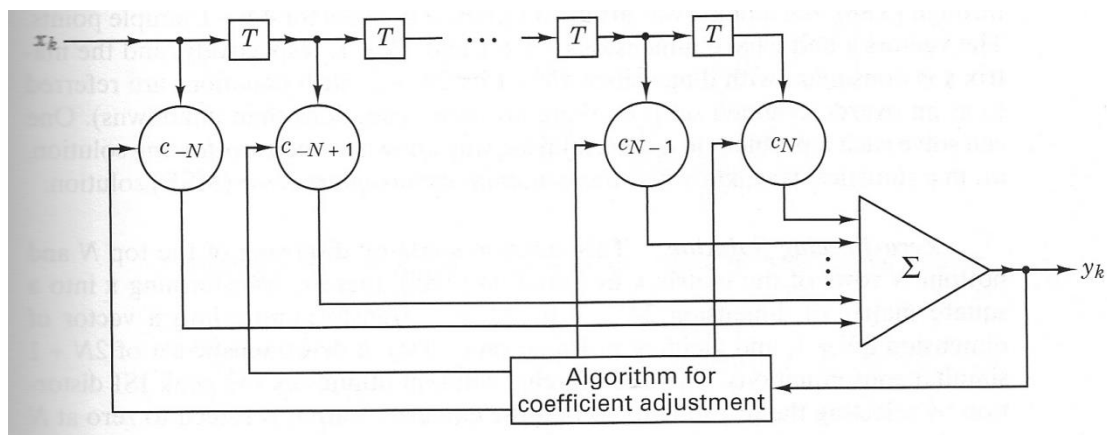
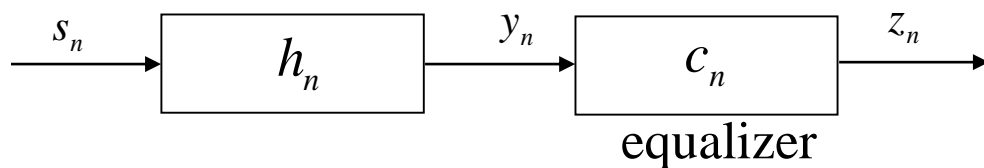
- Trellis based equalizer

- MLSE

EQUALIZATION: TRANSVERSAL EQUALIZER

- **Transversal equalizer**

- Suppressing the effects of ISI by passing the received samples through a linear filter



$$z_n = \sum_{k=-N}^N c_k y_{n-k}$$

$$n = -N, \dots, N$$

EQUALIZATION: TRANSVERSAL EQUALIZER

- **Transversal equalizer: Matrix representation**

$$z_n = \sum_{k=-N}^N c_k y_{n-k}, \quad n = -N, \dots, N$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{-N} \\ \vdots \\ z_0 \\ \vdots \\ z_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 & y_{-1} & y_{-2} & \cdots & y_{-2N} \\ y_1 & y_0 & y_{-1} & \cdots & y_{-2N+1} \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ y_{2N-1} & \cdots & y_1 & y_0 & y_{-1} \\ y_{2N} & \cdots & y_2 & y_1 & y_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{-N} \\ \vdots \\ c_0 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{c}$$

– Example

- Consider a transversal equalizer with 3 taps ($N = 1$). The ISI and noise distorted received samples are $y(-3:3) = [0, 0.2, 0.9, -0.3, 0.1]$, represent the transversal equalizer in matrix format

EQUALIZATION: TRANSVERSAL EQUALIZER

- **How do we determine the equalizer coefficients?** $c_n, n = -N, \dots, N$
 - The operation of equalizer contains two steps: 1. training, 2. transmission
 - Training:
 - Before transmission of the actual data, the transmitter sends a known sequence.
 - Could be a single narrow pulse
 - Or, a pseudo-noise sequence.
 - When the training sequence arrives at receiver, it is distorted by ISI and noise → The distorted training sequence contains information about the channel
 - The receiver calculates the equalizer coefficients based on the ISI and noise distorted training sequence.
 - ZF criterion
 - MMSE criterion
 - Data transmission
 - Once the equalizer coefficients have been trained, the Tx can send actual data.

EQUALIZATION: ZF

- **Zero-forcing equalization**

- During the training stage, calculate the transversal equalizer coefficients based on the zero-forcing criterion.
- Training sequence: $s_n = \delta(n)$
- Zero-forcing:
 - Selecting $\{c_n\}$ such that the output of the equalizer is $z_n = \delta(n)$
 - Force the elements of z_n to be zero when $n \neq 0$

$$\mathbf{z} = [0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]^T$$

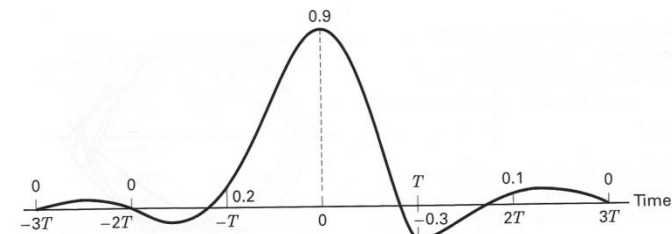
$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{c}$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{Y}^{-1}\mathbf{z}$$

EQUALIZATION: ZF

- **Zero-forcing equalization: example**

- During the training stage, a impulse is transmitted, and the received distorted samples are $\{y(k)\} = [0.0, 0.2, 0.9, -0.3, 0.1]$
 - Find the zero-forcing equalization coefficients $[c_{-1}, c_0, c_1]$
 - Find the output of the equalizer when the distorted samples are at the input.



EQUALIZATION: MMSE

- **Minimum mean square error (MMSE) equalizer**
 - Minimize the mean square error (variance of error)
 - Training sequence $s_n = \delta(n)$
 - MMSE:
 - Error: $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{z}$
 - MSE: $\varepsilon = E[\mathbf{e}^H \mathbf{e}] = E[(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{z})^H (\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{z})]$
 - MMSE: Selecting \mathbf{c} such that the MSE, ε , is minimized
 - Solution: $\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \mathbf{c}} = 0$

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{R}_{yy}^{-1} \mathbf{R}_{yz}$$