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Handout 6
Problem Set 3

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PROBLEM 1. Consider the ternary hypothesis testing problem

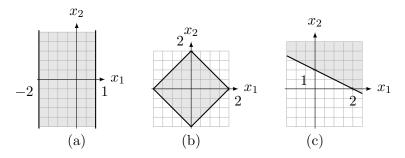
$$H_0: Y = c_0 + Z,$$
 $H_1: Y = c_1 + Z,$ $H_2: Y = c_2 + Z,$

where $Y = [Y_1, Y_2]^\mathsf{T}$ is the two-dimensional observation vector, $c_0 = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}}[1, 0]^\mathsf{T}$, $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\mathcal{E}}[-1, \sqrt{3}]^\mathsf{T}$, $c_2 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\mathcal{E}}[-1, -\sqrt{3}]^\mathsf{T}$, and $Z = [Z_1, Z_2]^\mathsf{T} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_2)$.

- (a) Assuming the three hypotheses are equally likely, draw the optimal decision regions in the (Y_1, Y_2) plane.
- (b) Assume now that the apriori probabilities for the hypotheses are $\Pr\{H=0\}=\frac{1}{2}$, $\Pr\{H=1\}=\Pr\{H=2\}=\frac{1}{4}$. Draw the decision regions in the (L_1,L_2) plane where

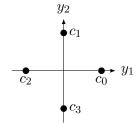
$$L_i := \frac{f_{Y|H}(Y|i)}{f_{Y|H}(Y|0)}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

PROBLEM 2. Let $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_2)$. For each of the three diagrams shown below, express the probability that X lies in the shaded region. You may use the Q function when appropriate.



PROBLEM 3. Let $H \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and assume that when H = i you transmit the codeword c_i shown in the following diagram. Under H = i, the receiver observes $Y = c_i + Z$.

- (a) Draw the decoding regions assuming that $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_2)$ and that $P_H(i) = 1/4, i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}.$
- (b) Draw the decoding regions (qualitatively) assuming $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_2)$ and $P_H(0) = P_H(2) > P_H(1) = P_H(3)$. Justify your answer.



(c) Assume again that $P_H(i) = 1/4$, $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and that $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K)$, where $K = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$. How do you decode now?

PROBLEM 4. The following problem relates to the design of multi-antenna systems. Consider the binary equiprobable hypothesis testing problem:

$$H = 0: Y_1 = A + Z_1, \quad Y_2 = A + Z_2$$

 $H = 1: Y_1 = -A + Z_1, \quad Y_2 = -A + Z_2$

where Z_1 , Z_2 are independent Gaussian random variables with different variances $\sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$, that is, $Z_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Z_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_2^2)$. A > 0 is a constant.

(a) Show that the decision rule that minimizes the probability of error (based on the observable Y_1 and Y_2) can be stated as

$$\sigma_2^2 y_1 + \sigma_1^2 y_2 \gtrsim 0$$

- (b) Draw the decision regions in the (Y_1, Y_2) plane for the special case where $\sigma_1 = 2\sigma_2$.
- (c) Evaluate the probability of the error for the optimal detector as a function of σ_1^2 , σ_2^2 and A.

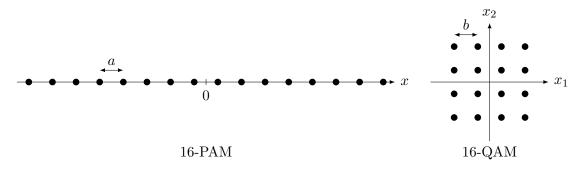
PROBLEM 5. The process of storing and retrieving binary data on a thin-film disk can be modeled as transmitting binary symbols across an additive white Gaussian noise channel where the noise Z has a variance that depends on the transmitted (stored) binary symbol X. The noise has the following input-dependent density:

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_1^2}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} & \text{if } X = 1\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma_0^2}} & \text{if } X = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $\sigma_1 > \sigma_0$. The channel inputs are equally likely.

- (a) On the same graph, plot the two possible output probability density functions. Indicate, qualitatively, the decision regions.
- (b) Determine the optimal receiver in terms of σ_0 and σ_1 .
- (c) Write an expression for the error probability P_e as a function of σ_0 and σ_1 .

PROBLEM 6. The following two signal constellations are used to communicate across an additive white Gaussian noise channel. Let the noise variance be σ^2 . Each point represents a codeword c_i for some i. Assume each codeword is used with the same probability.



- (a) For each signal constellation, compute the average probability of error P_e as a function of the parameters a and b, respectively.
- (b) For each signal constellation, compute the average energy per symbol \mathcal{E} as a function of parameters a and b, respectively:

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$$\mathcal{E} = \sum_{i=1}^{16} P_H(i) ||c_i||^2$$

(c) Plot P_e versus $\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\sigma^2}$ for both signal constellations and comment.