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Solution 1.

(a) With the observation Y being  $Y_2$ ,

$$f_{Y|X}(y|+1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-(y-1)^2/2)$$
 and  $f_{Y|X}(y|-1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-(y+1)^2/2)$ 

Thus the MAP rule will decide +1 or -1 according to  $p \exp(-(y-1)^2/2)$  or  $(1-p) \exp(-(y+1)^2/2)$  being larger. This can be implemented simply by comparing y to the threshold  $\frac{1}{2} \log[(1-p)/p]$  and deciding +1 if y is larger, and -1 otherwise.

(b) Observe that

$$f_{Y_1Y_2|X}(y_1, y_2|+1) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{1} \{ y_1 \in [0, 2] \} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-(y_2 - 1)^2/2)$$
  
$$f_{Y_1Y_2|X}(y_1, y_2|-1) = \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{1} \{ y_1 \in [-3, 1] \} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-(y_2 + 1)^2/2).$$

With

$$g_{+1}(u, y_2) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{1} \{ u \ge 0 \} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-(y_2 - 1)^2/2)$$
$$g_{-1}(u, y_2) = \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{1} \{ u \le 0 \} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-(y_2 + 1)^2/2)$$
$$h(y_1, y_2) = \mathbf{1} \{ -3 \le y_1 \le 2 \}$$

we find  $f_{Y_1Y_2|X}(y_1, y_2|x) = g_x(u, y_2)h(y_1, y_2)$  and the Fisher–Neyman theorem lets us conclude that  $t = (u, y_2)$  is a sufficient statistic.

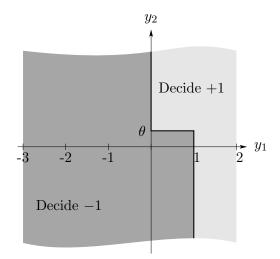
(c) The MAP rule minimizes the error probability and is given by the likelihood ratio test

$$\Lambda(y_1, y_2) = \log \frac{f_{Y_1 Y_2 | X}(y_1, y_2 | + 1)}{f_{Y_1 Y_2 | X}(y_1, y_2 | - 1)} \stackrel{+1}{\underset{-1}{\geq}} \log \frac{1 - p}{p}$$

Note that

$$\Lambda(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} +\infty & 1 < y_1 \le 2\\ 2y_2 + \log 2 & 0 \le y_1 \le 1\\ -\infty & -3 \le y_1 < 0 \end{cases}$$

So the decision region looks as follows (with  $\theta = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-p}{2p}$ ):



(d) When -1 is sent an error will happen either when  $y_1 > 1$  or when  $0 \le y_1 \le 1$  and  $y_2 \ge \theta$ . The first of these cannot happen, and the second happens with probability  $\frac{1}{4}Q(1+\theta)$ .

When +1 is sent an error will happen either when  $y_1 < 0$  or when  $0 \le y_1 \le 1$  and  $y_2 \le \theta$ . The first of these cannot happen, and the second happens with probability  $\frac{1}{2}Q(1-\theta)$ .

So the error probability is given by

$$\frac{1-p}{4}Q(\theta+1) + \frac{p}{2}Q(1-\theta)$$

with  $\theta = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-p}{2p}$ .

SOLUTION 2. Note that the decision statistic Y is given by

$$Y = \begin{cases} (w * h)(t_0) + Z & 1 \text{ is sent} \\ Z & 0 \text{ is sent} \end{cases}$$

where  $Z = (N * h)(t_0)$  is  $\mathcal{N}(0, ||h||^2)$ .

(a) With the given choice of h(t) and  $t_0$  we see find  $(w * h)(t_0) = 1/6$  and  $||h||^2 = 4/3$ , so the decision statistic Y is given by

$$Y = \begin{cases} 1/6 + Z & 1 \text{ is sent} \\ Z & 0 \text{ is sent} \end{cases}$$

and the ML rule will compare Y to the threshold 1/12. The resulting error probability is then  $Q(1/(12||h||)) = Q(\sqrt{3}/24)$ .

(b) Yes. With the choice  $t_0 = 4$  we would be implementing the matched filter which we know to be optimal. Indeed the decision statistic will be

$$Y = \begin{cases} 4/3 + Z & 1 \text{ is sent} \\ Z & 0 \text{ is sent} \end{cases}$$

with Z as above, and the error probability will be  $Q((2/3)/||h||) = Q(1/\sqrt{3})$ .

- (c) With this new choice of h(t) and  $t_0$  we find  $(w * h)(t_0) = 1$  and  $||h||^2 = 2$ . The ML rule will then compare Y to the threshold 1/2 and the resulting error probability will be  $Q(1/(2||h||)) = Q(1/\sqrt{8})$ .
- (d) Similar to the idea in Homework 6 Problem 1, we can sample the filter output at instants  $t_0 = 2$  and  $t_1 = 4$  and subtract them from each other. The resulting decision statistic will be

$$Y = \begin{cases} 2+Z & 1 \text{ is sent} \\ Z & 0 \text{ is sent} \end{cases}$$

with Z being  $\mathcal{N}(0,4)$ . The resulting error probability will be Q(1/2).

Solution 3.

- (a) On this basis the representations of the signals are  $c_1 = [2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 2], c_2 = [0 \ 2 \ 2 \ 0], c_3 = [2 \ 0 \ 2 \ 0], c_4 = [0 \ 2 \ 0 \ 2].$
- (b) (2 pts) The union bound is expressed in terms of the pairwise distances  $d_{ij}$  between the signals as

$$P(\operatorname{error}|i) \le \sum_{j \ne i} Q(d_{ij}/2\sigma).$$

From (a) we observe that  $d_{12}^2 = d_{34}^2 = 16$ ,  $d_{13}^2 = d_{14}^2 = d_{23}^2 = d_{24}^2 = 8$  as we obtain

$$P(\text{error}|i) \le 2Q(2/\sqrt{N_0}) + Q(2\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{N_0})$$

Since the right hand side is the same for each i it also bounds the average error probability.

- (c) To obtain the minimum energy constellation we need to subtract from each signal  $[w_1(t) + w_2(t) + w_3(t) + w_4(t)]/4 = \mathbf{1}\{0 \le t \le 4\}$ . The resulting signals look exactly as the original ones except for being shifted down by 1 unit.
- (d) Note that in the new signal set  $\tilde{w}_2(t) = -\tilde{w}_1(t)$  and  $\tilde{w}_4(t) = -\tilde{w}_3(t)$ . Furthermore the signals  $\tilde{w}_1(t)$  and  $\tilde{w}_3(t)$  are orthogonal. Thus the new signal space is two dimensional, and the Gram–Schmidt procedure will produce the orthonormal basis  $\tilde{\psi}_1(t) = \frac{\tilde{w}_1(t)}{\|\tilde{w}_1\|} = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{w}_1(t)$  and  $\tilde{\psi}_2(t) = \frac{\tilde{w}_3(t)}{\|\tilde{w}_3\|} = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{w}_3(t)$ .
- (e) The new signal set in the new basis is represented by  $\tilde{c}_1 = [+2 \ 0]$ ,  $\tilde{c}_2 = [-2 \ 0]$ ,  $\tilde{c}_3 = [0 + 2]$ ,  $\tilde{c}_4 = [0 2]$  and thus is the 4-QAM signal set (rotated by 45 degrees). The error probability of this set is

$$P(\text{error}) = 1 - \left[1 - Q(2/\sqrt{N_0})\right]^2 = 2Q(2/\sqrt{N_0}) - Q(2/\sqrt{N_0})^2$$

(f) Since translations of a signal set do not change the probability of error, the probability of error of the receiver in (b) is equal to the result we found in (e).