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Solution 1.

(a) The state diagram and detour flow graph are shown here. The states are labeled as  $(b_{j-1}, b_{j-2})$  and the transitions with  $b_j/x_{2j-1}, x_{2j}$ .



(b) The output to  $-1, -1, \ldots, -1$  will be  $-1, -1, 1, -1, 1, 1, \ldots, 1$ .

(c) Given the observation  $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_{2n})$ , the ML codeword is given by  $\arg \max_{x \in \mathcal{C}} p(y|x)$ where  $\mathcal{C}$  represents the set of codewords (i.e., the set of all possible paths on the trellis). Alternately, the ML codeword is given by

$$\arg\max_{x\in\mathcal{C}}\sum_{i=1}^{2n}\log p(y_i|x_i).$$

Hence, a branch metric for the BSC is

$$\log p(y_i|x_i) = \begin{cases} \log \epsilon & \text{if } y_i \neq x_i, \\ \log(1-\epsilon) & \text{if } y_i = x_i. \end{cases}$$

The decoder chooses the path with the largest metric.

(d) The channel output will be 1, 1, ..., 1 (length 2n all-1 sequence). The decoder will clearly choose the path corresponding to the all-1 input sequence on the trellis and, hence, decode the maximum likelihood transmitted input sequence as 1, 1, ..., 1 (length n all-1 sequence).

## Solution 2.

(a) Firstly we have

$$\psi_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = e^{-\pi f^2} (1 - e^{-j\pi f}) = 2j e^{-j\pi f/2} e^{-\pi f^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}f\right).$$

Moreover,  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$  and

$$K_X[k] = \mathbb{E}\left[X_{i+k}X_i^*\right] = \mathcal{E}\mathbb{1}\{k=0\}.$$

Thus,

$$S_X(f) = |\psi_{\mathcal{F}}(f)|^2 \sum_k K_X[k] e^{-j2\pi kf} = 4\mathcal{E}e^{-2\pi f^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}f\right)$$

Therefore,  $S_X(f) = 0$  for  $\forall f = 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) It is easy to check that still  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$  and

$$K_X[k] = \mathbb{E} \left[ X_{i+k} X_i^* \right]$$
  
=  $s^2 \left( \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k} D_i] + \alpha \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k} D_{i-2}] + \alpha \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k-2} D_i] + \alpha^2 \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k-2} D_{i-2}] \right)$   
=  $s^2 \left( (1 + \alpha^2) \mathbb{1} \{ k = 0 \} + \alpha \mathbb{1} \{ k = -2 \} + \alpha \mathbb{1} \{ k = 2 \} \right).$ 

In particular,

$$K_X[0] = \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] = s^2(1+\alpha^2) = \mathcal{E} \implies s = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{E}}{1+\alpha^2}}.$$

Therefore,

$$S_X(f) = 4\frac{\mathcal{E}}{1+\alpha^2}e^{-2\pi f^2}\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}f\right)\left((1+\alpha^2) + 2\alpha\cos\left(4\pi f\right)\right)$$

Finally, if  $|\alpha| \neq 1$ , since  $(1 + \alpha^2) + 2\alpha \cos(4\pi f)$  has no real zeros for f,  $S_X(f) = 0$  for  $\forall f = 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . However, if  $\alpha = 1$ , solving  $(1 + \alpha^2) + 2\alpha \cos(4\pi f) = 0$  for f gives additional zeros at  $f = \frac{2m+1}{4}, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Similarly if  $\alpha = -1$  there will be additional nulls at frequencies  $f = \frac{m}{2}, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(c) Since  $d, d' \in \{-1, +1\}$ , we can express f(d, d') as

$$f(d, d') = \frac{1}{2}(d - d').$$

Once again we have  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$  and

$$K_X[k] = \mathbb{E} \left[ X_{i+k} X_i^* \right]$$
  
=  $\frac{s^2}{4} \left( \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k} D_i] - \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k} D_{i-1}] - \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k-1} D_i] + \mathbb{E} [D_{i+k-1} D_{i-1}] \right)$   
=  $\frac{s^2}{4} \left( 2\mathbb{1} \{ k = 0 \} - \mathbb{1} \{ k = -1 \} - \mathbb{1} \{ k = 1 \} \right).$ 

Thus

$$K_X[0] = \frac{s^2}{2} = \mathcal{E} \implies s = \pm \sqrt{2\mathcal{E}},$$

and

$$S_X(f) = 4\mathcal{E}e^{-2\pi f^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}f\right) \left(1 - \cos\left(2\pi f\right)\right)$$

(d) Using the precoder of (c)  $S_X(f) = 0$  for  $\forall f = m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  (thus, in particular  $S_X(1) = 0$ ). Using the precoding proposed in (b) we have

$$S_X(1) = 4 \frac{\mathcal{E}}{1+\alpha^2} e^{-2\pi} \left(1+\alpha\right)^2 = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \boxed{\alpha = -1}.$$

Solution 3.

- (a) Based on Nyquist's criterion we know that  $B \ge \frac{1}{2}$ .
- (b) If  $B = \frac{1}{2}$ , in order for  $\psi(t)$  to be unit-norm and orthogonal to its 1-shifts we must have  $|\psi_{\mathcal{F}}(f)|^2 = \mathbb{1}\{-\frac{1}{2} \leq f \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ . Therefore,

$$\psi_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = e^{-j2\pi f t_0} \mathbb{1}\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \le f \le \frac{1}{2}\right\} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \psi(t) = \operatorname{sinc}\left(t - t_0\right)$$

Finally solving for  $\psi(0) = 0$  gives  $t_0 = 0$ . Thus  $\psi(t) = \operatorname{sinc}(t)$ .

(c) If  $\theta = 0$ ,

$$\Re\{R_E(t)\} = \Re\{w_E(t)\} + N_R(t), \\ \Im\{R_E(t)\} = \Im\{w_E(t)\} + N_I(t),$$

where  $N_R(t)$  and  $N_I(t)$  are independent white Gaussian noise processes of power spectral density  $\frac{N_0}{2}$ .

A sufficient statistic to estimate  $X_j$  from the received signal is obtained by computing the (complex-valued) inner products

$$Y_j = \langle R_E(t), \psi(t-j) \rangle,$$

or equivalently, pairs of real-valued inner products

$$Y_{1,j} = \langle \Re\{R_E(t)\}, \psi(t-j)\rangle \text{ and } Y_{2,j} = \langle \Im\{R_E(t)\}, \psi(t-j)\rangle.$$

To this end, one in principle has to filter the outputs of the down-converter using matched filters of impulse response  $\psi^*(-t)$  and sample the outputs of the filters at times  $t = j, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . However, in this problem we see that a filter with impulse response  $\psi^*(-t)$  is nothing but a low-pass filter with frequency response  $\mathbb{1}\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \leq f \leq \frac{1}{2}\right\}$  which is already included in the down-converter. Thus, it is sufficient to sample the output of the down-converters directly to obtain the desired sufficient statistics.



## (d) We have the following hypothesis testing problem:

under 
$$H = i$$
:  $Y = c_i + Z$ ,

where  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{N_0}{2}I_2)$  and  $c_1 = [1, 0], c_2 = [0, 1], c_3 = [-1, 0], \text{ and } c_4 = [0, -1].$ 

For an AWGN setting, the ML decision rule will be the minimum distance decision rule with the following decision regions:



This is a 4-PSK constellation and the probability of error of an ML decoder for such a constellation is

$$P_e = 2Q\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_0}}\right) - Q\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_0}}\right)^2$$

(e) Using the trigonometric identity  $\cos(a + b) = \cos(a)\cos(b) - \sin(a)\sin(b)$  we can see that the output of the top modulator, in presence of the phase difference, is

$$R(t)\cos(\theta) \times \sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t) - R(t)\sin(\theta) \times \sqrt{2}\sin(2\pi f_c t).$$

Thus, as the low-pass filter is a linear system, the output of the top low-pass filter is:

 $\Re\{R_E(t)\} = \Re\{w_E(t)\}\cos(\theta) + \Im\{w_E(t)\}\sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta)N_R(t) + \sin(\theta)N_I(t).$ 

Similarly, we can show that the output of the bottom low-pass filter is:

$$\Im\{R_E(t)\} = \Im\{w_E(t)\}\cos(\theta) - \Re\{w_E(t)\}\sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta)N_I(t) - \sin(\theta)N_R(t).$$

Therefore, the observable  $Y = [Y_1, Y_2]$  (under H = i) is now equal to

$$Y = R_{\theta}c_i + R_{\theta}Z$$

where

$$R_{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

is the rotation matrix, the codewords  $c_i$  are as in part (d), and  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{N_0}{2}I_2)$ . Moreover, we know that  $V = R_{\theta}Z$  has the same statistics as Z. Thus, we can write the observable Y as

under 
$$H = i$$
:  $Y = R_{\theta}c_i + V$ 

with  $V \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{N_0}{2}I_2)$ .



Using the above diagram, we can see that the probability of error of the receiver is

$$P_e = Q\left(\frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}-\theta)}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right) + Q\left(\frac{\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}-\theta)}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right) - Q\left(\frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}-\theta)}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right)Q\left(\frac{\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}-\theta)}{\sqrt{N_0/2}}\right)$$

(f) If  $|\theta| > \frac{\pi}{4}$ , the constellation will be rotated in such a way that each codeword will be moved out of its corresponding decision region (e.g.  $c_1$  will be moved to the decision region  $\mathcal{R}_2$ ,  $c_2$  to  $\mathcal{R}_3$ , ...). Therefore, in the absence of noise the decoder always decodes the sent codeword incorrectly (error probability is 1). As the noise variance increases the error probability decreases (there is a higher chance for the noise to move the observable Y into the correct decision region). In particular if the noise variance goes to infinity the observable Y will be a point chosen on the  $\mathbb{R}^2$  plane uniformly at random. Thus, with probability  $\frac{1}{4}$  it will be in the decoding region corresponding to the transmitted codeword which means the error probability will be decreased to  $\frac{3}{4}$ .