



Detection Theory

Chapter 10: NonGaussian Noise

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NonGaussian Noise Characteristics

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NonGaussian Noise Characteristics (1/4)

Example:

Gaussian:

$$p(w[n]) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}w^2[n]\right)$$

Laplacian

$$p(w[n]) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{\sigma^2}}|w[n]|\right)$$

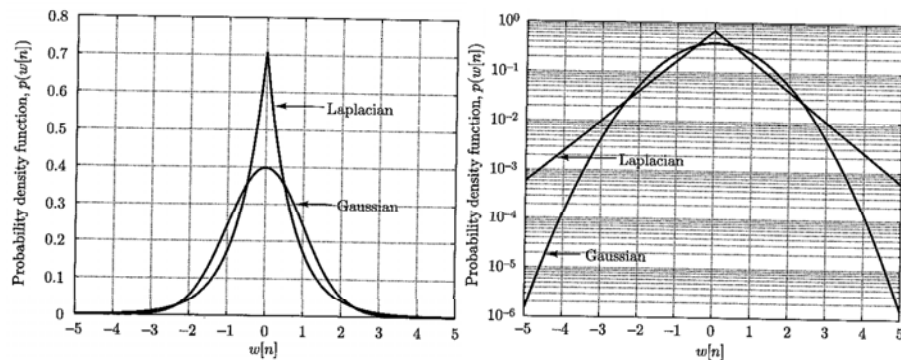
The degree of nonGaussianity of a zero mean PDF:

$$\textit{Kurtosis: } \gamma_2 = \frac{E(w^4[n])}{E^2(w^2[n])} - 3$$

NonGaussian Noise Characteristics (2/4)



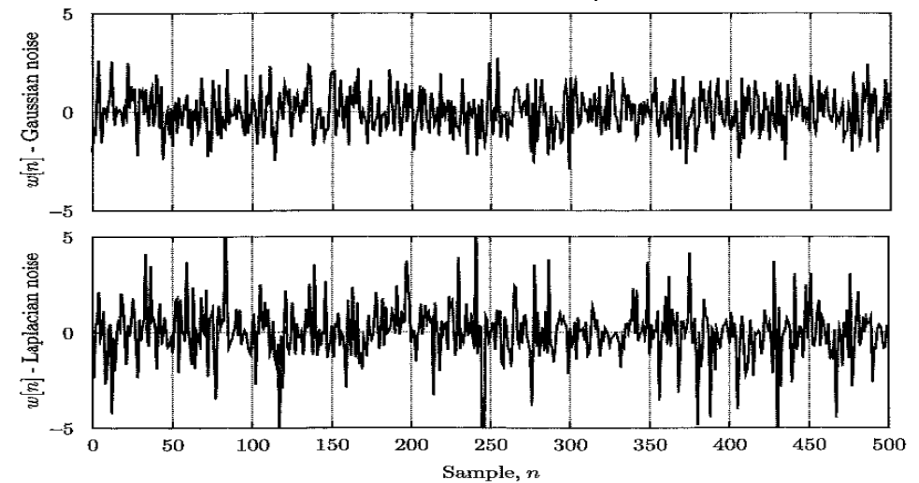
Gaussian versus nonGaussian PDF



NonGaussian Noise Characteristics (3/4)



Time series realizations of IID noise samples:



NonGaussian Noise Characteristics (4/4)



A general family of PDFs that encompass the Gaussian, Laplacian, and uniform PDFs is the **generalized Gaussian** distribution:

Expressed by Gamma function

$$p(w) = \frac{c_1(\beta)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-c_2(\beta) \left|\frac{w}{\sqrt{\sigma^2}}\right|^{\frac{2}{1+\beta}}\right)$$

Detection:

Known Deterministic Signals

Detection: Known Deterministic Signals (1/8)



Example: DC level in IID nonGaussian noise

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : x[n] = w[n]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : x[n] = A + w[n]$$

A is known with $A > 0$

Noise: IID samples with known pdf

NP detector: decide \mathcal{H}_1 if

$$\ln L(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \ln \frac{p(x[n] - A)}{p(x[n])} \gtrless \ln \gamma = \gamma'$$

$\rightarrow g(x[n])$

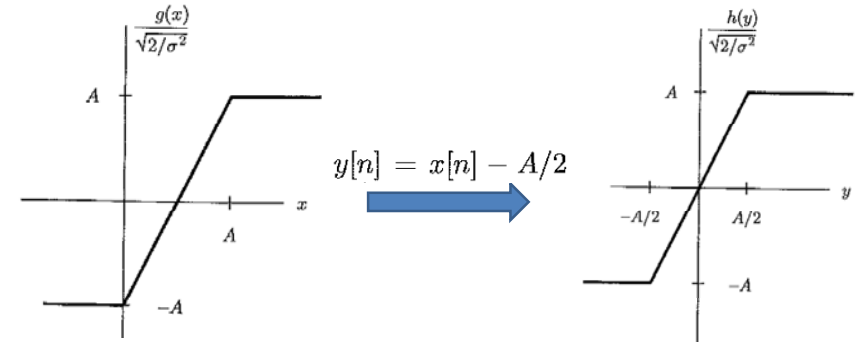
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Gaussian noise: $g(x)$ is linear \rightarrow Sample mean statistics \bar{x}

nonGaussian noise: $g(x)$ is nonlinear

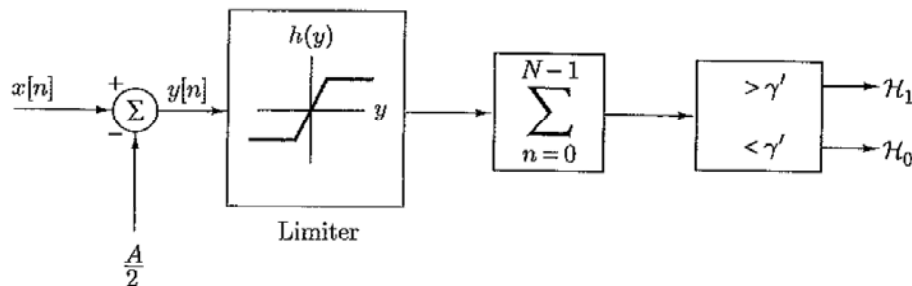
Example: Laplacian noise $\rightarrow g(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\sigma^2}} (|x| - |x - A|)$



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NP detector for DC level in IID Laplacian noise

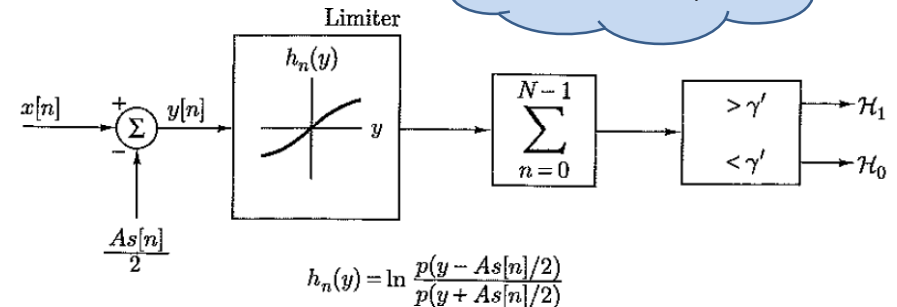


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More generally, for the detection of a known deterministic signal $s[n]$ in IID nonGaussian noise:

Determination of PD and PFA is difficult due to nonlinearity



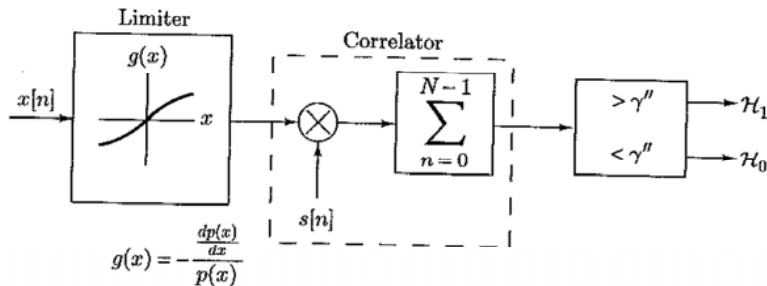
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Suggestion -> Asymptotic detector:

NP detector as $A \rightarrow 0$ or when the signal is weak

NP detector for **known weak deterministic signal** can be realized
By taking the first-order Taylor series expansion of the nonlinear function about $A=0$



Detection: Known Deterministic Signals (6/8)



Example: Weak signal detection in Laplacian noise

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : x[n] = w[n]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : x[n] = As[n] + w[n]$$

In this example: Signal is a known DC level with $A > 0$ and $S[n] = 1$

The weak signal NP detector decides H_1 if:

$$T(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} g(x) > \gamma''$$

$$g(x) = -\frac{dp(x)}{dx} / p(x) = -\frac{d \ln p(x)}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\sigma^2}} \frac{d|x|}{dx}$$

$\text{sgn}(x)$

The weak signal detector simply adds the signs of the data samples together

Detection: Known Deterministic Signals (7/8)



Example: continue ...

The asymptotic detection performance is:

$$P_D = Q\left(Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \sqrt{d^2}\right)$$

In this example:
 $S[n] = 1$

$$d^2 = A^2 i(A) \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} s^2[n]$$

deflection coefficient

$$i(A) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{dp(w)}{dw}\right)^2}{p(w)} dw$$

Fisher information

Detection: Known Deterministic Signals (8/8)



Notes:

In comparing two detectors for large data records we can use the *ratio* of the deflection coefficients.

The effect of the noise PDF on the asymptotic detection performance is only via $i(A)$: the Fisher information.

The PDF that yields the smallest $i(A)$ and hence the poorest detection performance is the Gaussian PDF.



Detection: Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (1/10)



The problem that will be addressed here is:

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : x[n] = w[n]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : x[n] = As[n] + w[n]$$

A is unknown, s[n] is known
w[n] is IID nonGaussian noise
with known pdf

$A > 0$: \longrightarrow One-sided hypothesis test

As $A \rightarrow 0$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Optimal NP detector of the previous section} \\ \text{Or} \\ \text{LMP test as in ch.6 which is asymptotically optimal} \end{array} \right.$

$-\infty < A < \infty$: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{GLRT: MLE can be difficult to obtain in nonGaussian} \\ \text{Or} \\ \text{Asymptotically equivalent Rao test} \end{array} \right.$

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (2/10)



GLRT:

The GLRT decides H1 if: $L_G(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}; \hat{A}, \mathcal{H}_1)}{p(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{H}_0)} > \gamma$

$$2 \ln L_G(\mathbf{x}) = 2 \max_A \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \ln \frac{p(x[n] - As[n])}{p(x[n])}$$

Asymptotic performance:

$$2 \ln L_G(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{a}{\sim} \begin{cases} \chi_1^2 & \text{under } \mathcal{H}_0 \\ \chi_1^2(\lambda) & \text{under } \mathcal{H}_1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda = A^2 I(A=0) \\ I(A): \text{Fisher information} \end{array}$$

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (3/10)



Rao Test:

Decides H1 if:

$$T_R(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\left(\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} -\frac{dp(x[n])}{dx[n]} s[n] \right)^2}{i(A) \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} s^2[n]} > \gamma'$$

The asymptotic detection performance is the same as that of the GLRT.

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (4/10)



Example: Rao test for DC level in IID Laplacian noise, A unknown

Since $s[n]=1$ and $i(A) = 2/\sigma^2$

$$T_R(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\left(\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{\frac{dp(x[n])}{dx[n]}}{p(x[n])} \right)^2}{2N/\sigma^2} > \gamma'$$

Then:
$$T_R(\mathbf{x}) = N \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \text{sgn}(x[n]) \right)^2$$

To within a scale factor, the Rao test averages the signs of the samples and squares the result.

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (5/10)



Theorem 1: Rao test for linear model signal in IID nonGaussian noise

Assume the data have the form $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{w}$, where \mathbf{H} is a known $N \times p$ ($N > p$) observation matrix of rank p , $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is a $p \times 1$ vector of parameters, and \mathbf{w} is an $N \times 1$ noise vector whose elements are IID random variables with known PDF $p(w[n])$. The Rao test for the hypothesis testing problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_0: \boldsymbol{\theta} &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathcal{H}_1: \boldsymbol{\theta} &\neq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Is to decide \mathcal{H}_1 if:

$$T_R(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{y}}{i(A)} > \gamma'$$

Where: $\mathbf{y} = [y[0] y[1] \dots y[N-1]]^T$ with $y[n] = g(x[n])$

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (6/10)



The asymptotic detection performance is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{FA} &= Q_{\chi_p^2}(\gamma') \\ P_D &= Q_{\chi_p^2}(\lambda)(\gamma') \end{aligned}$$

where
$$\lambda = i(A)\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} \boldsymbol{\theta}_1$$

The Rao test for a signal known except for amplitude is a special case of the linear model

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (7/10)



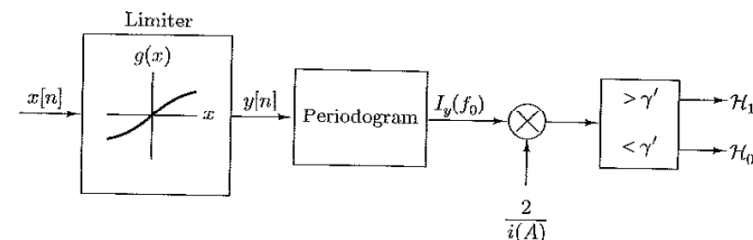
Example: Detection of a sinusoid of unknown amplitude and phase in IID nonGaussian noise

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_0: x[n] &= w[n] \\ \mathcal{H}_1: x[n] &= A \cos(2\pi f_0 n + \phi) + w[n] \end{aligned}$$

Generalized Gaussian

$$p(w) = \frac{c_1(\beta)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-c_2(\beta) \left| \frac{w}{\sqrt{\sigma^2}} \right|^{\frac{2}{1+\beta}}\right)$$

The Rao detector by applying Theorem 1 is:

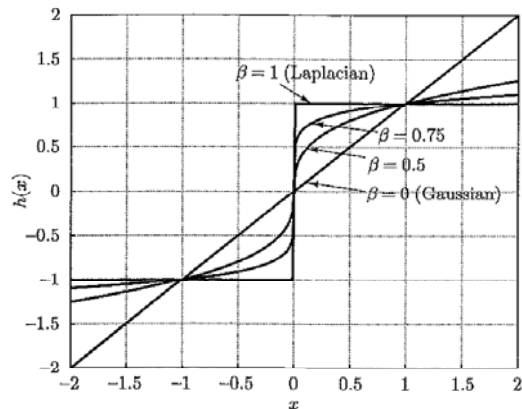


Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (8/10)



Example: continue...

Limiter for generalized Gaussian noise:



Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (9/10)



Example: continue...

According to theorem 1 asymp. detection performance is:

$$P_D = Q_{\chi^2_2(\lambda)}(\gamma')$$

PD is monotonically increasing with λ

Gaussian noise ($\beta=0$): $\lambda = NA^2/(2\sigma^2)$

Generalized Gaussian noise: $\lambda = NA^2 i(A)/2$

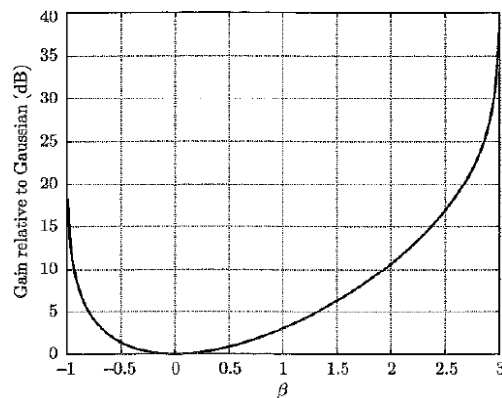
function of β

Deterministic Signals with Unknown Parameters (10/10)



Example: continue...

The gain in performance in dB:



$$\left[\frac{\lambda_{nonGaussian}}{\lambda_{Gaussian}} \right]_{dB}$$

Problems



10.1, 10.4, 10.7, 10.8, 10.13