

Problem 10.24. Consider binary FSK transmission where $(f_1 - f_2)T$ is not an integer.

- What is the mean output of the upper correlator of Fig. 10.12, if a 1 is transmitted? What is the mean output of the lower correlator?
- Are the random variables N_1 and N_2 independent under these conditions? What is the variance of $N_1 - N_2$?
- Describe the properties of the random variable D of Fig. 10.12 in this case.

Solution:

(a) If a 1 is transmitted,

$$r(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_1 t) + n(t)$$

where $n(t)$ is a narrow band Gaussian noise. The output of the upper correlator is Y_1 :

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= \int_0^T r(t) \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_1 t) dt \\ &= \int_0^T \sqrt{2} A_c \cos(2\pi f_1 t) \cos(2\pi f_1 t) dt + \int_0^T \sqrt{2} n(t) \cos(2\pi f_1 t) dt \\ &\cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} A_c T + \int_0^T \sqrt{2} n(t) \cos(2\pi f_1 t) dt \end{aligned}$$

The expected value of Y_1 is $\mathbf{E}[Y_1] = \frac{1}{2} A_c T$, since $n(t)$ has zero mean.

The output of the lower correlator is Y_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} Y_2 &= \int_0^T r(t) \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_2 t) dt \\ &= \int_0^T \sqrt{2} A_c \cos(2\pi f_1 t) \cos(2\pi f_2 t) dt + \int_0^T \sqrt{2} n(t) \cos(2\pi f_2 t) dt \\ &= \frac{A_c}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^T \cos(2\pi(f_1 + f_2)t) dt + \frac{A_c}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^T \cos(2\pi(f_1 - f_2)t) dt + \sqrt{2} \int_0^T n(t) \cos(2\pi f_2 t) dt \\ &\cong \frac{A_c}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^T \cos(2\pi(f_1 - f_2)t) dt + \int_0^T \sqrt{2} n(t) \cos(2\pi f_2 t) dt \end{aligned}$$

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where the first term of the third line is negligible due to the bandpass assumption. The expected value of Y_2 is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}[Y_2] &= \frac{A_c}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^T \cos(2\pi(f_1 - f_2)t) dt \\ &= \frac{A_c}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi(f_1 - f_2)} \sin[2\pi(f_1 - f_2)t] \Big|_0^T \\ &= \frac{A_c}{2\sqrt{2}\pi(f_1 - f_2)} \sin(2\pi(f_1 - f_2)T)\end{aligned}$$

which clearly differs from the orthogonal case.

(b) The random variables N_1 and N_2 are given by

$$\begin{aligned}N_1 &= \int_0^T \sqrt{2}n(t) \cos(2\pi f_1 t) dt \\ N_2 &= \int_0^T \sqrt{2}n(t) \cos(2\pi f_2 t) dt\end{aligned}$$

Since $n(t)$ is a Gaussian process, both N_1 and N_2 are Gaussian. To show N_1 and N_2 are correlated consider

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}[N_1 N_2] &= \mathbf{E} \left[\int_0^T n(t) \cos(2\pi f_1 t) dt \cdot \int_0^T n(\tau) \cos(2\pi f_2 \tau) d\tau \right] \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^T \mathbf{E}[n(t)n(\tau)] \cos(2\pi f_1 t) \cos(2\pi f_2 \tau) dt d\tau \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(t - \tau) \cos(2\pi f_1 t) \cos(2\pi f_2 \tau) dt d\tau \\ &= \frac{N_0}{2} \int_0^T \cos(2\pi f_1 t) \cos(2\pi f_2 t) dt \\ &= \frac{N_0}{4} \int_0^T [\cos(2\pi(f_1 + f_2)t) + \cos(2\pi(f_1 - f_2)t)] dt \\ &= \frac{N_0}{4} \frac{\sin(2\pi(f_1 + f_2)t)}{2\pi(f_1 + f_2)} \Big|_0^T + \frac{\sin(2\pi(f_1 - f_2)t)}{2\pi(f_1 - f_2)} \Big|_0^T \\ &\cong \frac{N_0}{4} \text{sinc}(2(f_1 - f_2)T)\end{aligned}$$

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where the first term of the second last line is assumed negligible due to the bandpass assumption. Since N_1 and N_2 are correlated, they are not independent. The variance of $(N_1 - N_2)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}[N_1 - N_2] &= \text{var}[N_1] + \text{var}[N_2] - 2\mathbf{E}[N_1 N_2] \\ &= N_0 - \frac{N_0}{2} \text{sinc}(2(f_1 - f_2)T)\end{aligned}$$

(c) The random variable D is Gaussian with zero mean and variance $\text{var}[N_1 - N_2]$.