



# Detection Theory

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Deterministic Signals

# Known Signal in Gaussian Noise

## >>> Matched Filter

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

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

where  $w[n]$  is for now assumed to be white with variance  $\sigma^2$ .

Recall that this means its autocorrelation function  $r_{ww}[k] = E(w[n]w[n+k]) = \sigma^2\delta[k]$ , where  $\delta[k] = 1$  for  $k = 0$  and 0 otherwise.

Starting from the likelihood ratio test, you can simplify the test to deciding  $\mathcal{H}_1$  if the *test statistic*  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is above a threshold (threshold determined by  $P_{FA}$  in Neyman-Pearson detection and by the priors and costs in Bayesian detection),

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]s[n] > \gamma'$$

# >>> Matched Filter a.k.a. Correlator, or Replica-Correlator

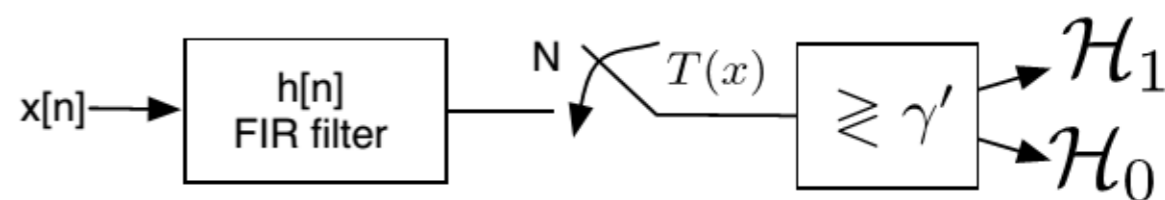
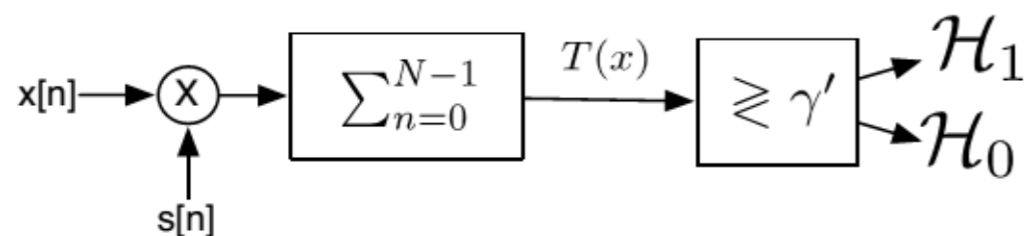
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This test is called a *correlator* or *replica-correlator*. It is optimal in white Gaussian noise.

Another equivalent but more “signal processing” type approach to detecting  $s[n]$  in the received  $x[n]$  is to use a so-called *matched filter*. Here we view send the received signal  $x[n]$  through a linear time invariant filter with a finite impulse response (FIR)  $h[n] = s[N - 1 - n]$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots N - 1$ . This impulse response is “matched” to the signal, it’s a flipped version of it. We make our decision by sampling the output of the filter at time  $N - 1$  and comparing it with the threshold  $\gamma'$ , as before.



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# Motivation & Formulation

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- Some processes are better represented as random (e.g. speech)
- rather than assume completely random, assume signal comes from a random process of known **covariance structure**

Consider a binary hypothesis testing model of the following form:

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

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

where  $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{C}_s)$  and  $\mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_s, \mathbf{C}_s)$  and  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w}$  are independent. We have  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$  ( $N$  samples).

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We thus can discriminate between the two hypothesis based on both their means and covariances. Taking the likelihood ratio and simplifying, our test statistic  $T(\mathbf{x})$  can be shown to be:

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T [\mathbf{C}_w^{-1} \mathbf{C}_s (\mathbf{C}_s + \mathbf{C}_w)^{-1}] \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{C}_s + \mathbf{C}_w)^{-1} \mu_s$$

The test statistic has a quadratic term in  $\mathbf{x}$  (intuitively account for the different variances) as well as a linear term in  $\mathbf{x}$  accounting for the different means.

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## >>> Various Scenarios

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*Energy detectors?* Suppose we have WGN of variance  $\sigma^2$  and a signal which is a zero-mean Wide Sense Stationary Gaussian process with variance  $\sigma_s^2$ ?

Then  $\mathbf{C}_s = \sigma_s^2 \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mu_s = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_w = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$ . Then the test statistic becomes  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x^2[n]$  which is then compared to a threshold. This is just an energy detector, which makes sense as the only difference between the signal and the noise is its variance.



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*Estimator-correlator?* Suppose we have WGN of variance  $\sigma^2$  and a signal of zero mean and covariance  $\mathbf{C}_s$ . Then the test statistic becomes  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{x}^T [\mathbf{C}_s (\mathbf{C}_s + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}] \mathbf{x}$ , which may be re-written as a new test statistic  $T'(\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \hat{\mathbf{s}}$  for  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{C}_s (\mathbf{C}_s + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{x}$ .

Interestingly,  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}$  is the Minimum Mean Squared Error Estimate of the signal  $\mathbf{s}$  given the received data  $\mathbf{x}$  (we will see this later). So what we are in essence doing is correlating the received signal with an *estimate* of the signal  $\mathbf{s}$ , hence the name *estimator-correlator*.

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*Estimator-correlator with colored noise?* We now have  $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}_w)$  and  $\mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}_s)$ . The test statistic becomes

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}_w^{-1} [\mathbf{C}_s (\mathbf{C}_s + \mathbf{C}_w)^{-1} \mathbf{x}] = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}_w^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{s}}$$

This looks like the generalized matched filter (matched filter in colored noise), where  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}$  is now an estimate of the signal given by  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{C}_s (\mathbf{C}_s + \mathbf{C}_w)^{-1} \mathbf{x}$  rather than the known signal we had before.