# BER Performance of ML Receiver 

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## Bit Error Rate of ML Decision Rule

- Average probability of bit error is also called bit error rate (BER)
- For fixed SNR, symbol error probability depends only on constellation geometry
- For fixed SNR, BER depends on both constellation geometry and the bits to signal mapping

- For an $M$-ary constellation, number of possible bitmaps is $M!=M(M-1) \cdots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$


## Bit Error Rate for QPSK using Gray Bitmap



- Let $b[1] b[2]$ be the transmitted symbol
- Let $\hat{b}[1] \hat{b}[2]$ be the decoded symbol
- Let $P_{1}=\operatorname{Pr}(\hat{b}[1] \neq b[1])$ and $P_{2}=\operatorname{Pr}(\hat{b}[2] \neq b[2])$
- Average probability of bit error is $P_{b}=\frac{P_{1}+P_{2}}{2}$


## Bit Error Rate for QPSK using Gray Bitmap

Gray coded bitmap for QPSK


- Probability of making error on $b[1]$ when $b[1] b[2]=00$ is

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{1 \mid 00} & =\operatorname{Pr}[\hat{b}[1]=1 \mid b[1] b[2]=00] \\
& =\operatorname{Pr}[\hat{b}[1] \hat{b}[2]=10 \text { or } \hat{b}[1] \hat{b}[2]=11 \mid b[1] b[2]=00] \\
& =\operatorname{Pr}\left[Y_{c}<0 \mid b[1] b[2]=00\right]=Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)
\end{aligned}
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- By symmetry, $P_{1}=Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)$


## Bit Error Rate for QPSK using Gray Bitmap

Gray coded bitmap for QPSK


- Probability of making error on $b[2]$ when $b[1] b[2]=00$ is

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\begin{aligned}
P_{2 \mid 00} & =\operatorname{Pr}[\hat{b}[2]=1 \mid b[1] b[2]=00] \\
& =\operatorname{Pr}[\hat{b}[1] \hat{b}[2]=01 \text { or } \hat{b}[1] \hat{b}[2]=11 \mid b[1] b[2]=00] \\
& =\operatorname{Pr}\left[Y_{s}<0 \mid b[1] b[2]=00\right]=Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- By symmetry, $P_{2}=Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right) \cdot P_{b}=\left(P_{1}+P_{2}\right) / 2=Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)$


## Bit Error Rate for QPSK using Other Bitmap



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& =2 Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)\left[1-Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)\right]
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- Can we use symmetry? Yes. $P_{2}=2 Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)\left[1-Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)\right]$
- Average probability of bit error is

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P_{b}=\frac{P_{1}+P_{2}}{2}=\frac{3}{2} Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)-Q^{2}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right) \approx \frac{3}{2} Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 E_{b}}{N_{0}}}\right)
$$

- Average bit error probability is increased by about $50 \%$

Thanks for your attention

