

CHANNEL EQUALIZATION

- So far, we looked at demodulating a single symbol
- We usually transmit a stream of symbols
- How to (optimally) demodulate the stream of symbols?
- For that we consider linear modulation

$$s(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b(n) p(t - nT)$$

$1/T \rightarrow$ symbol rate

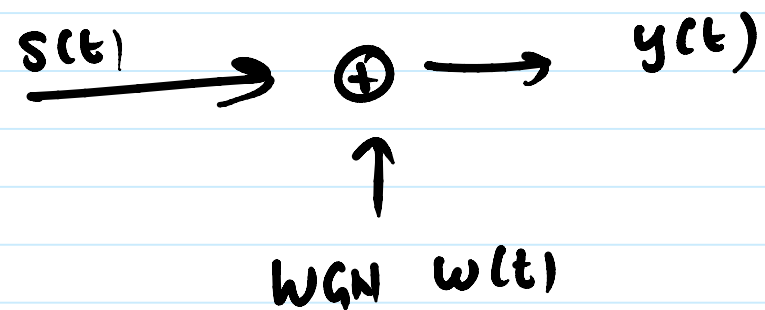
$p(t) \rightarrow$ pulse shape

$\{b(n)\} \rightarrow$ sequence (stream) of symbols

For M-ary signalling,

each $b(n)$ takes one out of
M possibilities

AWGN model



$$y(t) = \sum_n b(n) p(t-nT) + w(t)$$

Problem: From $y(t)$, we need to

recover the transmit
symbol sequence $\{b(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$

Assumptions

① Sequence of symbols $\{b(n), n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
are independent

② $w(t) \rightarrow$ WGN with variance σ^2

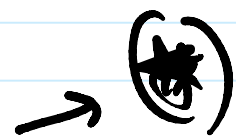
Under ~~some~~ the following condition,

demodulation of stream of symbols

is straightforward (easy)

Condition: Delayed pulses $\{p(t-nT)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$

are orthonormal.



$$\text{ie) } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t-mT) p^*(t-kT) dt = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m=k \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq k \end{cases}$$

$m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
(integers)

Problem

$$y(t) = s_b(t) + w(t)$$

$$s_b(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b(n) p(t-nT)$$

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Subscript b is used to denote

the dependence of signal on
symbol sequence $\{b(n), n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Recall, with orthonormality of $\{p(t-nT),$

Recall, with orthonormality $\mathcal{S}_b \{ p(t-nT), n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$
(Satisfying \star)

we can have $\{ p(t-nT) \}$ as
orthonormal basis for
Signal Space $\mathcal{S}_b(t)$

Let us project $y(t)$ onto each
orthonormal basis function

$$\begin{aligned} Z(n) &= \langle y(t), p(t-nT) \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Sufficient} & \\ \text{Statistics} &= \langle s_b(t) + w(t), p(t-nT) \rangle \\ &= \langle s_b(t), p(t-nT) \rangle \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\langle w(t), p(t-nT) \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$w(n)$

$\langle s_b(t), p(t-nT) \rangle$

$$= \left\langle \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} b(k) p(t-kT), p(t-nT) \right\rangle$$

$$= b(n) \quad (\text{due to orthonormality})$$

So

$$z(n) = b(n) + w(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

↓
independent
sequence

↓
independent
stream of
data
symbols

↓
independent
sequence
of noise
samples

(Projecting WGN
onto orthonormal
functions)

(Optimal)
To demodulate $b(n)$, we can
need

to use only $z(n)$
 other values $\{ z(n+1), z(n+2), \dots$
 $z(n-1), z(n-2), \dots \}$
 are not useful (irrelevant)
 to demodulate $b(n)$

In other words

$b(0)$ can be demod using $z(0)$

$b(1)$ " " $z(1)$

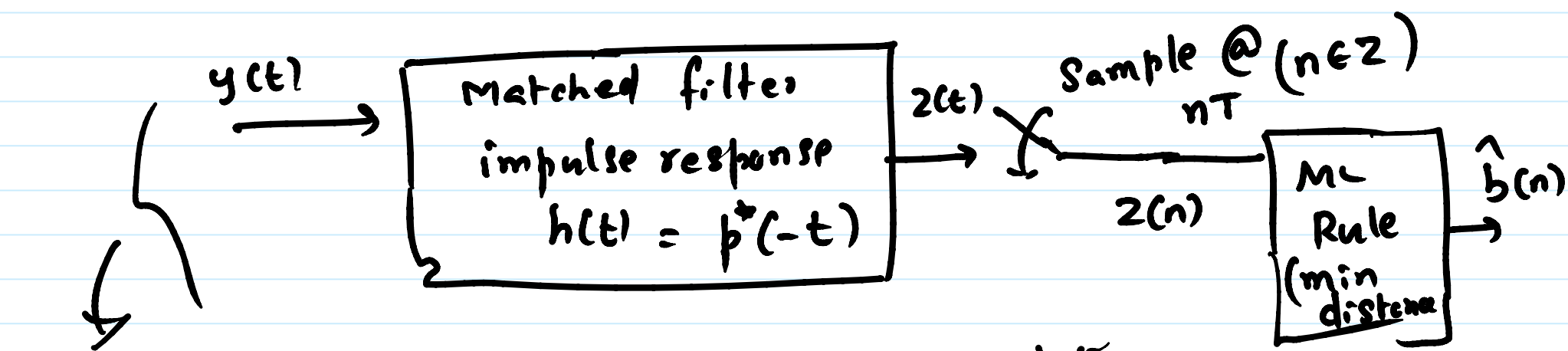
& so on.

Optimal ML Rule

$$n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \hat{b}(n) = \underset{b \in \Delta}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} |z(n) - b|^2$$

$\Delta \rightarrow$ set of M-ary
 constellation points

$\{z(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ can be obtained using matched filter



Optimal demod for stream of symbols when delayed pulses $p(t-nT)$ are orthonormal

$$z(t) = y(t) \overset{\text{Convolution}}{*} h(t)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$z(n) = z(t) \Big|_{@ t = nT}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(\tau) \underbrace{h(nT-\tau)}_{\text{}} d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(\tau) \underbrace{n(\pi - \tau) \tau}_{p^*(\tau - n\pi)} d\tau \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(\tau) p^*(\tau - n\pi) d\tau \\
&= \langle y(t), p(t - n\pi) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Recall \times orthonormality condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t - m\pi) p^*(t - k\pi) dt$$

$$m, k \in \text{integers} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq k \\ 1 & \text{if } m = k \end{cases}$$

Let $p(t)$ satisfy the above condition

Let $P(f)$ be Fourier transform

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of $p(t)$

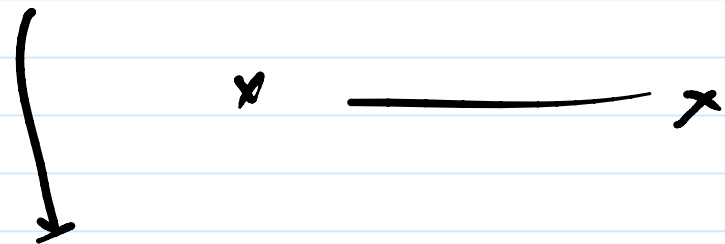
$$p(t) \xleftrightarrow{F} P(f)$$

$$\text{Let } G(f) = |P(f)|^2$$

If $p(t)$ satisfies orthonormality condition
(and only if) then $G(f)$ satisfies

Nyquist criterion @
Symbol rate $\frac{1}{T}$

$p(t)$ is called Square-root Nyquist
pulse.



This ensures no ISI

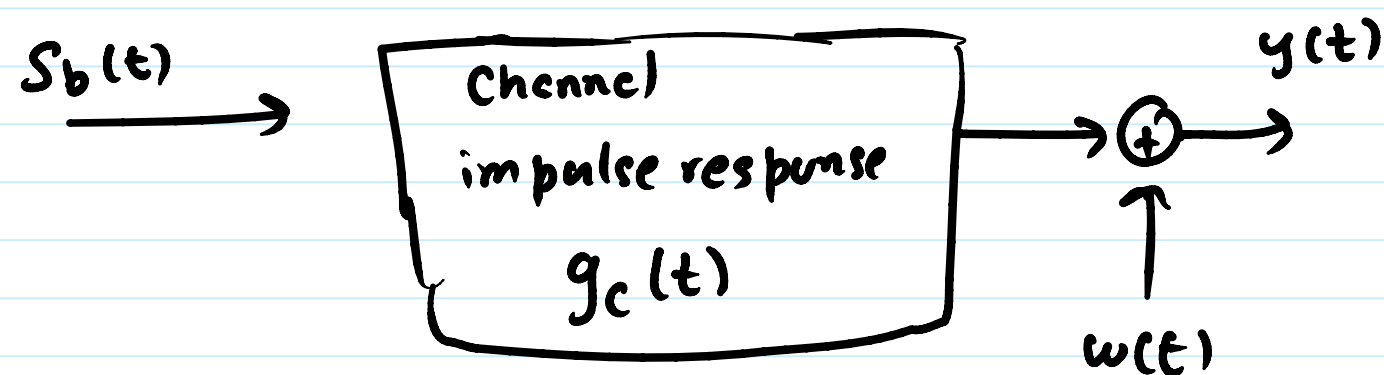
(Inter Symbol interference)

x $\xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}}$

In practice channel does some filtering
& disturbs the pulse shape

Say we use pulse $g(t)$ for
lin. mod.

$$S_b(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b(n) g(t - nT)$$



$$y(t) = S_b(t) * g_c(t) + w(t)$$

↓
convolution

$$= \left(\sum_n b(n) g(t-nT) \right) * g_c(t) + w(t)$$

$$= \sum_n b(n) \left(g(t-nT) * g_c(t) \right) + w(t)$$

Let ϕ $g(t) * g_c(t) = p(t)$

$$g(t-nT) * g_c(t) = p(t-nT)$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b(n) p(t-nT) + w(t)$$

↓
effective pulse



satisfies
Nyquist
Criterion

does not
satisfy
Nyquist
Criterion

x ————— x

Define (sampled) autocorrelation function

$$h(m) = \langle p(t), p(t - mT) \rangle$$

$m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t) p^*(t - mT) dt$$

This satisfies (from definition)

$$h(m) = h^*(-m)$$

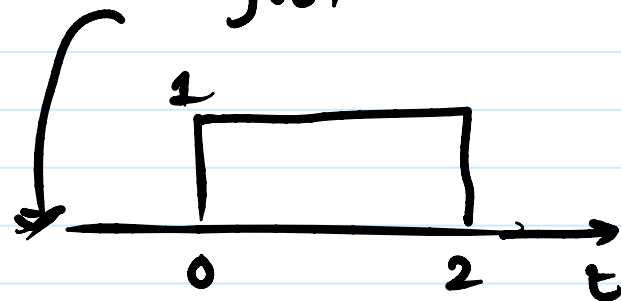
v ————— x

Running Example.

Symbol Rate $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{T}$

Original pulse

$g(t)$

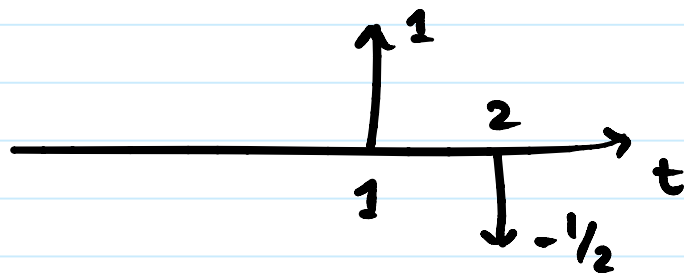


delayed pulses are orthogonal (no ISI)

impulse response of channel

$g_c(t)$

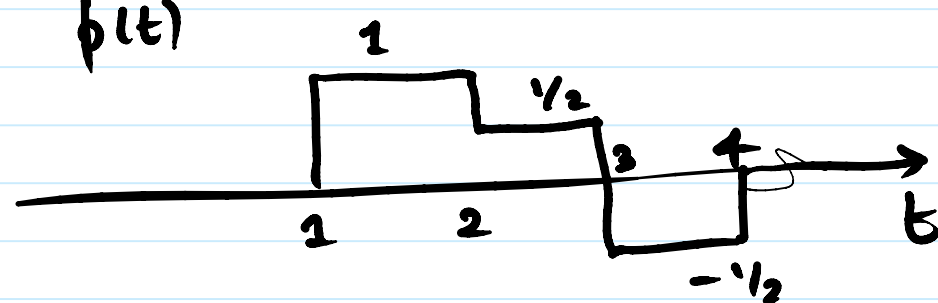
$g_c(t)$



$$\delta(t-1) - \frac{1}{2}\delta(t-2)$$

Effective pulse $p(t) = g(t) * g_c(t)$

$p(t)$



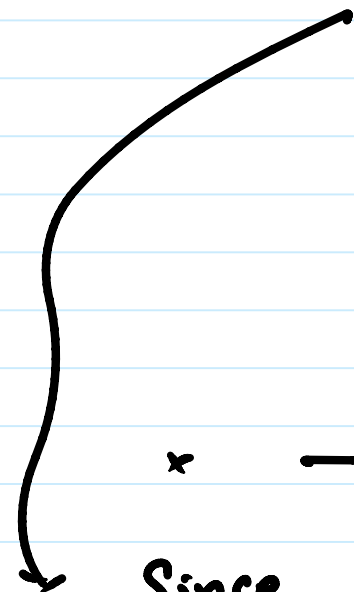
$T=2$

$p(t)$ & $p(t-T)$ are not orthogonal

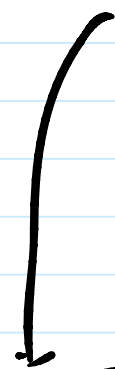
(sampled) Auto correlation function of $p(t)$

$$h(m) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t) p^*(t - mT) dt$$

$$= \begin{cases} 3/2 & \text{if } m = 0 \\ -1/2 & \text{if } m = 1 \\ -1/2 & \text{if } m = -1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |m| \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



x ————— x
Since $h(m) \neq 0$ for $m = \pm 1$,



we note that

ISI exist

This means that

$b(n)$ interferes with $b(n+1)$ &
 $b(n-1)$

Maximum Likelihood Sequence Detection (MLSE)

Suppose $\{b(n)\}$ is the
transmit sequence of
symbols

Let N denote the number of
symbols transmitted.

$$\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ b(n+1) \\ b(n) \\ b(n-1) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector of
transmitted symbols $(N \times 1)$

Each symbol $b(n)$ comes from
 M -ary constellation

Total number of possibilities

Total number of possibilities

for \underline{b} is M^N

H_b : \rightarrow Hypothesis corresponding to
a particular transmit
vector \underline{b}

We need to demodulate the
symbols jointly when there is
ISI.

) There are M^N hypotheses.

$$\text{Under } H_b : y(t) = S_b(t) + \underbrace{w(t)}_{\text{WGN}}$$

$$S_b(t) = \sum_n b(n) p(t - nT)$$

Optimal ML rule "picks" the hypothesis for which $s_b(t)$ is "closest" to $y(t)$.

$$d_{ML}(y) = \arg \min_b \|y(t) - s_b(t)\|^2$$

\downarrow set of all possible transmit vectors
Symbol
(total number M^N)

$$d_{ML}(y) = \arg \max_b \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \langle y(t), s_b(t) \rangle \right\} - \frac{\|s_b(t)\|^2}{2}$$

For $M = 4$, $N = 1000$ Symbols
QPSK

total number of possible transmit

total number of possible transmit

vectors is 4^{1000}
(quite large)

We need to develop

efficient way of implementing MLSE

↳ done with Viterbi algorithm

Theorem:

$$\hat{s}_{ML}(y) = \underset{b}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \langle y(t), s_b(t) \rangle \right\} - \frac{\|s_b(t)\|^2}{2}$$

For this ML demodulation,

matched filter outputs

$$z(n) = \langle y(t), p(t-nT) \rangle$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ (integers)

are sufficient statistics

Proof:

ML Rule:

$$\delta_{ML}(y) = \arg \max_b \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \langle y(t), s_b(t) \rangle \right\} - \frac{\|s_b(t)\|^2}{2}$$

Observation $y(t)$ is involved in

computing $\operatorname{Re} \langle y(t), s_b(t) \rangle$

$\|s_b(t)\|^2$ does not depend on $y(t)$

Now, $\langle y(t), s_b(t) \rangle$

$$= \left\langle y(t), \sum_n b(n) p(t-nT) \right\rangle$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) \left(\sum_n b(n) p(t-nT) \right) dt$$

$$= \sum_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) b(n) p(t-nT) dt$$

$$= \sum_n b(n) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) p(t-nT) dt$$

$$= \sum_n b(n) z(n)$$

Knowing $z(n)$ is sufficient to

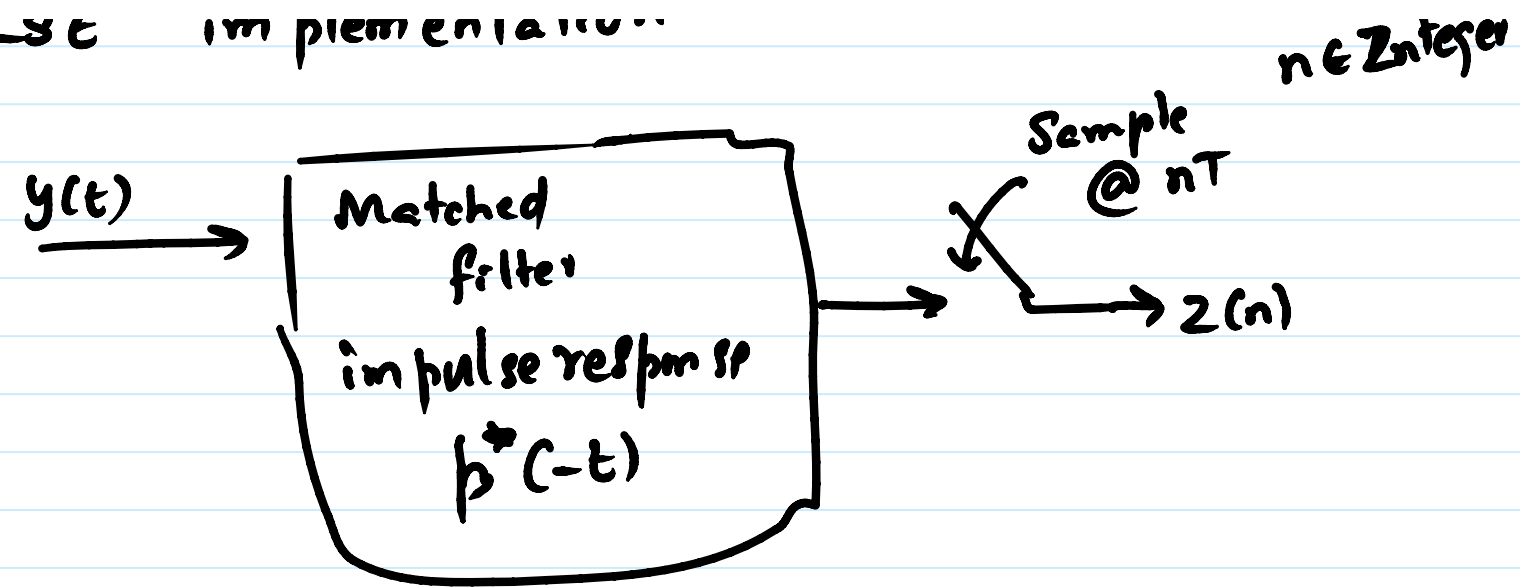
compute ML metric.

x ————— x

MLSE implementation

$n \in \text{Integer}$

MLSE implementation



Using $z(n)$ compute ML metric
for each possible

transmit
symbol vector \underline{b}

Efficient Computation of ML metric

There are M^N possible transmit
Symbol
vectors

Let $\Lambda(\underline{b})$ denote the ML
metric for symbol vector \underline{b}

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Let $\Lambda(\underline{b})$ be denoted as cost function

We want to find \underline{b} which

maximizes $\Lambda(\underline{b})$

Two steps are involved in MLSE

(1) Computing cost function $\Lambda(\underline{b})$
for each candidate \underline{b}

(2) Finding the arg max of
cost function

Efficient way of computing cost function

$$\Lambda(\underline{b}) = \operatorname{Re} \{ \langle y(t), S_{\underline{b}}(t) \rangle \}$$

$$= \frac{\|s_b(t)\|^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } z(n) = \langle y(t), p(t-nT) \rangle$$

$$\text{Re} \langle y(t), s_b(t) \rangle = \text{Re} \underbrace{\sum_n \vec{b}(n) z(n)}_{\Rightarrow \text{additive in } n}$$

$$\|s_b(t)\|^2 = \left\| \sum_n b(n) p(t-nT) \right\|^2$$

$$= \left\langle \sum_n b(n) p(t-nT), \sum_m b(m) p(t-mT) \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_n \sum_m \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(n) p(t-nT) b^*(m) p^*(t-mT) dt$$

$$= \sum_n \sum_m b(n) b^*(m) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t-nT) p^*(t-mT) dt}_{h(m-n)}$$

Recall $h(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t) p^*(t-kT) dt$

$$\|S_b(t)\|^2 = \sum_n \sum_m b(n) b^*(m) h(m-n)$$

We know $h(k) = h^*(-k)$
 $m < n, m = n, m > n$

$$= \sum_n \sum_{m < n} b(n) b^*(m) h(m-n) + \sum_n |b(n)|^2 h(0)$$

$$+ \sum_n \sum_{m > n} b(n) b^*(m) h(m-n)$$

Interchange roles of m & n in last
Summation

$$= \sum_n |b(n)|^2 h(0)$$

$$+ \sum_n \sum_{m < n} b(n) b^*(m) h(m-n) + b^*(n) b(m) h(n-m)$$

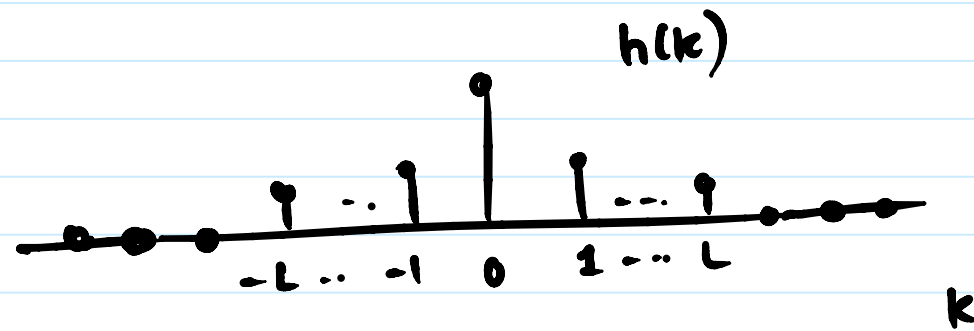
$$h(m-n) = h^*(n-m)$$

$$\|S_b(t)\|^2 = \sum_n \sum_{m < n} 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ b^*(n) b(m) h(n-m) \}$$

$$+ \sum_n |b(n)|^2 h(0)$$

Another practical assumption

$$h(k) = 0 \text{ if } |k| > L$$



$$\|s_b(t)\|^2 = \sum_n |b(n)|^2 h(0) + \sum_n \sum_{m=n-1}^{n-L} 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \vec{b}(n) \vec{b}(m) h(n-m) \}$$

Now, cost function

$$\Lambda(\underline{b}) = \sum_n \left\{ \operatorname{Re}(\vec{b}(n) z(n)) - \frac{1}{2} h(0) |b(n)|^2 - \operatorname{Re} \left(\vec{b}(n) \sum_{m=n-1}^{n-L} b(m) h(n-m) \right) \right\}$$

\downarrow
 additive in n

↓
have memory

At time n , metric computation
involves $b(n)$ and also

$$S(n) = [b(n-1), b(n-2), \dots, b(n-L)]$$

↳ state at time n (M^L possible states)

$\lambda_n(b(n), S(n)) \rightarrow$ branch metric
at time n

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n(b(n), S(n)) &= \operatorname{Re} \{ b^*(n) z(n) \} \\ &\quad - \frac{h(0)}{2} |b(n)|^2 \\ &\quad - \operatorname{Re} \left\{ b^*(n) \sum_{k=1}^L b(n-k) h(k) \right\} \\ &\quad \text{(upto)} \end{aligned}$$

Accumulated metric (upto) at time n

$$\Lambda_n(\underline{b}) = \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_k(b(k), s(k))$$

$$= \Lambda_{n-1}(\underline{b}) + \lambda_n(b(n), s(n))$$

$$s(n) = [b(n-1) \dots b(n-1)]$$

$$s(n+1) = [b(n) \ b(n-1) \dots b(n+1-1)]$$

$\lambda_n(b(n), s(n))$ can also be

thought of as state

transition metric ($s(n) \rightarrow s(n+1)$)

$$\lambda_n(b(n), s(n)) = \lambda_n(s(n) \rightarrow s(n+1))$$