

Lecture 4:

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## UMP (Uniformly Most Powerful) Test

In Neyman-Pearson test, one tries to find the most powerful test, i.e., one that has the highest probability of detection

( $P_D(\delta)$ ) for a given level, i.e., a given bound  $\alpha$  on  $P_{FA}(\delta)$  (probability of ~~miss~~ <sup>alarm</sup> <sub>Hypothesis</sub>).

- In a composite testing problem  $\mathcal{H}$ , one can find a test <sup>that</sup> maximizes  $P_D(\delta; \theta)$

for all  $\theta \in \Delta_1$ , subject to  $P_F(\delta; \theta) \leq \alpha$ ,  $\theta \in \Delta_0$ .

We say that there is a uniformly most powerful (UMP) test.

The following example clarifies the idea.

Example: Testing the radius of a Point in a Plane.

Assume that a point is either at the origin or ~~at~~ on a circle of radius  $A$ . Therefore, its coordinates are either  $(0, 0)$  or

$(A \cos \psi, A \sin \psi)$ . Further assume that we observe the measurement is corrupted by a Gaussian error  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \sim N(\{0, 0\}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix})$

So, the hypotheses are:

$$H_0: \begin{cases} Y_1 = \epsilon_1 \\ Y_2 = \epsilon_2 \end{cases}$$

versus

$$H_1: \begin{cases} Y_1 = A \cos \psi + \epsilon_1 \\ Y_2 = A \sin \psi + \epsilon_2 \end{cases}$$

In this problem  $\underline{y} = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , i.e.,  $\Gamma = \mathbb{R}_2$

The parameter  $\underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$  where

$\theta_1 \in \{0, A\}$ , i.e., a constant being either equal to 0 or A.

$\theta_2 \in [0, 2\pi]$ , say uniformly distributed between 0 and  $2\pi$ .

So  $\Lambda = \{0, A\} \times [0, 2\pi]$ ,

and

$$\Lambda_0 = \{\underline{\theta} \in \Lambda \mid \theta_1 = 0\}$$

$$\Lambda_1 = \{\underline{\theta} \in \Lambda \mid \theta_1 = A\}$$

The conditional density  $p(\underline{y}|\underline{\theta})$  is:

$$p(\underline{y}|\underline{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left[-\frac{(y_1 - \theta_1 \cos\theta_2)^2 + (y_2 - \theta_1 \sin\theta_2)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

For  $H_0$ ,

$$p(\underline{y}|\underline{\theta} \in \Lambda_0) = p(\underline{y}|\underline{\theta})|_{\theta_1=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left[-\frac{(y_1^2 + y_2^2)}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

and for  $H_1$ ,

$$p(\underline{y}|\underline{\theta} \in \Lambda_1) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} p(\underline{y}|\underline{\theta})|_{\theta_1=A} d\theta_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp\left[-\frac{(y_1 - A \cos\theta_2)^2 + (y_2 - A \sin\theta_2)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] d\theta_2$$

The likelihood ratio is:

$$L(\underline{y}) = \frac{p(\underline{y}|\Lambda_1)}{p(\underline{y}|\Lambda_0)} = \frac{e^{-A^2/2\sigma^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp\left[\frac{A}{\sigma^2} (y_1 \cos\theta_2 + y_2 \sin\theta_2)\right] d\theta_2}{2\pi}$$

Let  $r = \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}$  and  $\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y_2}{y_1}\right)$ . Then

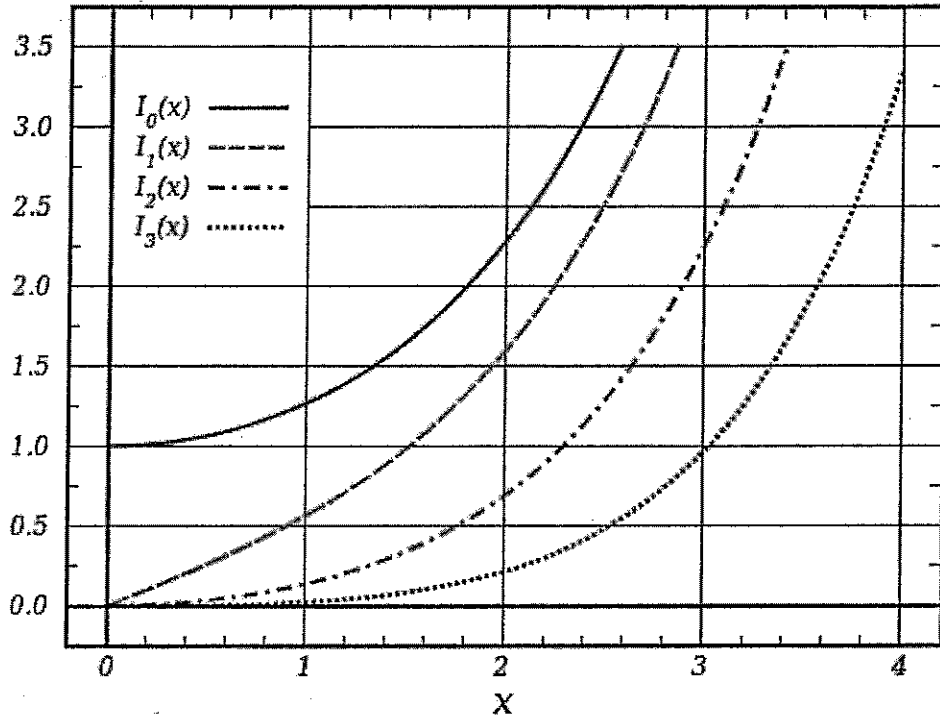
$y_1 = r \cos\phi$  and  $y_2 = r \sin\phi$  and,

$$L(\underline{y}) = \frac{e^{-A^2/2\sigma^2}}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{Ar}{\sigma^2} \cos(\theta_2 - \phi) \right\} d\theta_2$$

$$= e^{-A^2/2\sigma^2} I_0\left(\frac{Ar}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

modified

where  $I_0(\cdot)$  is the Bessel function of zero-th order of the first kind.



We observe that since  $I_0(x)$  is monotonically increasing with  $x$ , we can replace the  $L(y)$ , i.e.,  $I_0(\frac{Ar}{\sigma^2})$  with threshold, by a comparison of  $r$  with another threshold, i.e.,

$$\tilde{\delta}_0(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r \geq r' \\ \gamma & \text{if } r = r' \\ 0 & \text{if } r < r' \end{cases}$$

where  $r' = \frac{\sigma^2}{A} I_0^{-1}(\gamma e^{\frac{A^2}{2\sigma^2}})$ .

The Decision Region for this problem is:

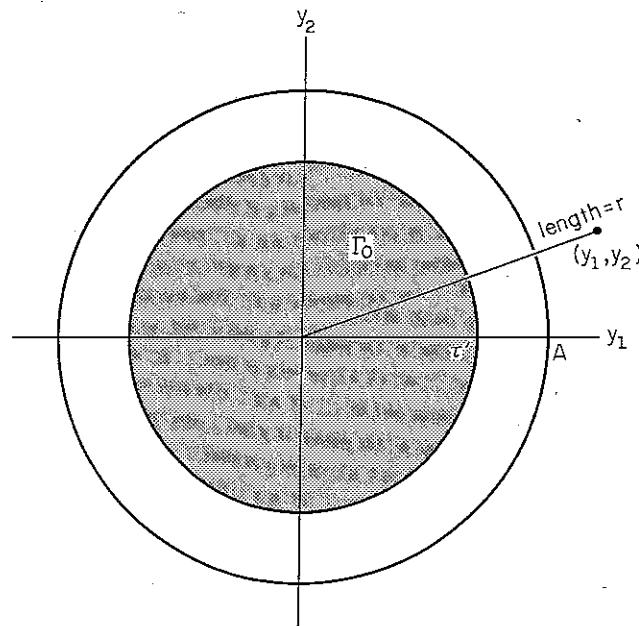


FIGURE II.E.1. Decision regions for Example II.E.1 ( $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_0^c$ ).

The above test does not depend on  $\theta$ . So, it is a UMP test. UMP tests are desired since sometimes we do not have knowledge of the distribution of the parameters.

For a randomized decision rule  $\tilde{\delta}$ , we can define

$$P_F(\tilde{\delta}, \underline{\theta}) = E_{\underline{\theta}} \{ \tilde{\delta}(Y) \}, \quad \underline{\theta} \in \Lambda_0$$

and

$$P_D(\tilde{\delta}, \underline{\theta}) = E_{\underline{\theta}} \{ \tilde{\delta}(Y) \}, \quad \underline{\theta} \in \Lambda_1$$

So, a UMP test of  $\alpha$ -level exists if:

the optimum test is the one that maximizes

$P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \underline{\theta})$  for every  $\underline{\theta} \in \Lambda_1$ , subject to the

Constraint:

$$\{P_F(\tilde{\delta}, \theta) \leq \alpha, \theta \in \Delta_0\}.$$

while UMP is desirable, it <sup>does</sup> ~~is~~ not always exist.

Take the following example:

Example: Testing of location with Gaussian error

Consider

$$H_0: \theta = \mu_0 \Rightarrow Y = \mu_0 + \varepsilon$$

versus

$$H_1: \theta > \mu_0 \Rightarrow Y = \theta + \varepsilon, \theta > \mu_0$$

$\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

Note that, here we have a simple null

hypothesis  $\Delta_0 = \{\mu_0\}$  and a composite competing

hypothesis  $\Delta_1 = (\mu_0, \infty)$ , i.e.  $\Delta = [\mu_0, \infty)$ .

For each  $\theta \in \Delta$ , we have  $Y \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$  and

$$\Gamma_\theta = \{y \in \Gamma \mid y > \sigma Q^{-1}(\alpha) + \mu_0\}$$

$$\text{and } P_D(\tilde{\delta}, \theta) = Q\left(Q^{-1}(\alpha) - \frac{\theta - \mu_0}{\sigma}\right)$$

[Note: See lecture note 2 or page 36 of the text book].

So, this problem has a UMP test.

Now consider a problem that is a little bit different from the above, i.e.,

$$H_0: \theta = \mu_0$$

versus

$$H_1: \theta \neq \mu_0$$

In this problem,

$\Lambda_0 = \{\mu_0\}$  as before, but

$$\Lambda_1 = (-\infty, \mu_0) \cup (\mu_0, \infty)$$

For  $\theta > \mu_0$ , the decision rule (as we saw above) is:

$$\Gamma_\theta = \{y \in \Gamma \mid y > \sigma Q^{-1}(\alpha) + \mu_0\}$$

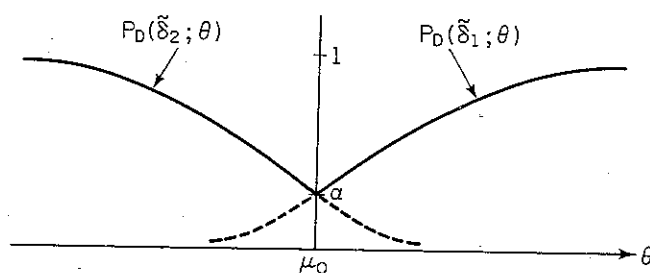
For  $\theta < \mu_0$ , however,

$$\Gamma_\theta = \{y \in \Gamma \mid y < \sigma Q^{-1}(1-\alpha) + \mu_0\}$$

If we denote this decision rule by  $\tilde{\delta}_2$ ,

$$P(\tilde{\delta}_2; \theta) = 1 - Q\left[Q^{-1}(1-\alpha) - \frac{\theta - \mu_0}{\sigma}\right]$$

Note that while we have UMP tests for  $\theta > 0$  and  $\theta < 0$ , the two decision regions are different. So, there is no UMP for the whole range of  $\theta$ , i.e., this problem has no UMP test



The above figure shows the power curves for test of  $\theta = \mu_0$  versus  $\theta > \mu_0$  and  $\theta = \mu_0$  versus  $\theta < \mu_0$ .

In the cases like the above problem UMP criterion is too strong.

For some situations a locally most powerful (LMP) test is suitable.

For example, in cases where  $\Lambda = [\theta_0, \infty)$  with  $\Lambda_0 = \{\theta_0\}$  and  $\Lambda_1 = (\theta_0, \infty)$ , i.e.,

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$$

versus  $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$



This type of problem arises when we look to find whether the signal does not exist, i.e.,  $\theta_0 = 0$  and  $\theta > \theta_0 = 0$  is the amplitude of the signal if it is present.

[ Note: in the case of Gaussian error, this problem has a UMP test as we saw before, but, not in general. ]

Most often in problems we are interested in cases where under  $H_1$ ,  $\theta$  is near  $\theta_0$ , i.e., the cases where target is present but the amplitude is so low that is near absent.

Consider a decision rule  $\tilde{\delta}$  and denote its power (probability of detection) for  $\theta$  as  $P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \theta)$ . We can expand  $P_D(\tilde{\delta}, \theta)$  using Taylor series as:

$$P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \theta) = P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \theta_0) + (\theta - \theta_0) P_D'(\tilde{\delta}; \theta_0) + O((\theta - \theta_0)^2)$$

where

$$P_D'(\tilde{\delta}; \theta) = \frac{\partial P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \theta)}{\partial \theta}$$

and  $O((\theta - \theta_0)^2)$  represents second order and higher

order terms.

Note that

$$P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \theta_0) = P_F(\tilde{\delta})$$

That is probability of detection when there is no target is the probability of false alarm.

So for all size- $\alpha$  (or level- $\alpha$ ) tests

$$P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \theta) \approx \alpha + (\theta - \theta_0) P_D'(\tilde{\delta}; \theta_0)$$

So, for  $\theta$  near  $\theta_0$ , we can maximize the power of an  $\alpha$ -level test by maximizing

$$P_D'(\tilde{\delta}; \theta_0) = \left. \frac{\partial P_D(\tilde{\delta}, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta = \theta_0}$$

This is called an  $\alpha$ -level locally most powerful (LMP) test.

Now let's see what the structure of an LMP test is. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} P_D(\tilde{\delta}; \theta) &= E_{\theta} \{ \tilde{\delta}(Y) \} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \tilde{\delta}(y) p(y|\theta) dy \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$P_D'(\tilde{\delta}; \theta_0) = \int_{\Gamma} \tilde{\delta}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P(y|\theta) \Big|_{\theta=\theta_0} dy$$

Comparing this with Neyman-Pearson test's

$$P_D(\tilde{\delta}) = \int_{\Gamma} \tilde{\delta}(y) p(y|H_1) dy$$

α-level

we see that finding LMP test is similar to NP test if we replace  $p(y|H_1)$  by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P(y|\theta) \Big|_{\theta=\theta_0}$ , i.e.,

$$\tilde{\delta}_{LMP}(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & > \\ \gamma & \text{if } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P(y|\theta) \Big|_{\theta=\theta_0} = \eta P(y|\theta_0) \\ 0 & < \end{cases}$$

- Example: Locally Optimum Detection of Coherent Signals in i.i.d. noise

In certain detection problems, we may know the form of the received signal but not its amplitude. This problem can be modelled as a Composite Hypothesis test as follows.

$$H_0: Y_k = N_k \quad k=1, 2, \dots, n$$

versus

$$H_1: Y_k = N_k + \theta S_k \quad k=1, 2, \dots, n \quad \theta > 0$$

where  $\underline{S} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)^T$  is a known signal

$\underline{N} = (N_1, \dots, N_n)^T$  is a continuous random noise with independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) distribution with marginal density

$p_{N_k}(n_k)$  and  $\theta$  is a parameter indicating

the signal strength.

Given  $\theta$ , the likelihood ratio of  $H_1$  versus  $H_0$  is

$$L_{\theta}(\underline{y}) = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{p_{N_k}(y_k - \theta S_k)}{p_{N_k}(y_k)}$$

The critical region

$$\Gamma_{\theta} = \{ \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid L_{\theta}(\underline{y}) > \tau \}$$

in general depends on  $\theta$ . Except for some

special cases (Gaussian noise case considered

in last lecture is one special case) there is

no UMP test for problems like this.

Let's consider the LMP test.

The locally optimum test for  $H_0$  versus  $H_1$  is:

$$\tilde{S}_{lo}(\underline{y}) = \begin{cases} 1 & > \\ \gamma & \text{if } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} L_{\theta}(\underline{y}) \Big|_{\theta=0} = \tau \\ 0 & < \end{cases}$$

where

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} L_{\theta}(\underline{y}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{P_{N_k}(y_k - \theta s_k)}{P_{N_k}(y_k)}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{P_{N_k}(y_k)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} P_{N_k}(y_k - \theta s_k)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{P_{N_k}(y_k)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (y_k - \theta s_k) \frac{\partial P_{N_k}(y_k)}{\partial y_k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n s_k \frac{1}{P_{N_k}(y_k)} \frac{\partial P_{N_k}(x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=y_k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n s_k g_{lo}(y_k)$$

where

$$g_{lo}(x) = - \frac{\frac{dP_N(x)}{dx}}{P_N(x)}$$

The above can be applied to different distributions

A) In the case of Gaussian noise

$$p_N(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

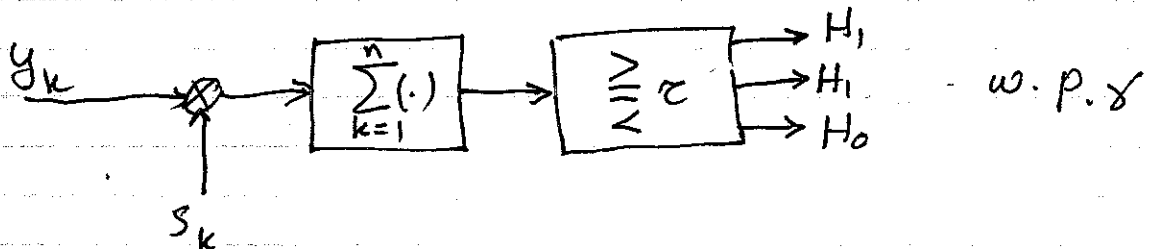
$$\frac{d}{dx} p_N(x) = -\frac{x}{\sigma^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) = \frac{-x}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$g_{lo}(x) = -\frac{d/dx p_N(x)}{p_N(x)} = \frac{x}{\sigma^2}$$

So,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} L_{\theta}(\underline{y}) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{k=1}^n s_k y_k$$

This results in the correlation receiver



B) In the case of Laplacian Noise

$$p_N(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{-\alpha|x|} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{for } x < 0 \Rightarrow p_N(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{\alpha x} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial p_N(x)}{\partial x} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2} e^{\alpha x}$$

$$\text{and } g_{lo}(x) = -\frac{\frac{\alpha^2}{2} e^{\alpha x}}{\frac{\alpha}{2} e^{\alpha x}} = -\alpha$$

For  $\alpha > 0$

$$p_N(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{-\alpha|x|} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial p_N(x)}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{|x|}{2} e^{-\alpha|x|}$$

$$g_{\text{lo}}(x) = +\alpha$$

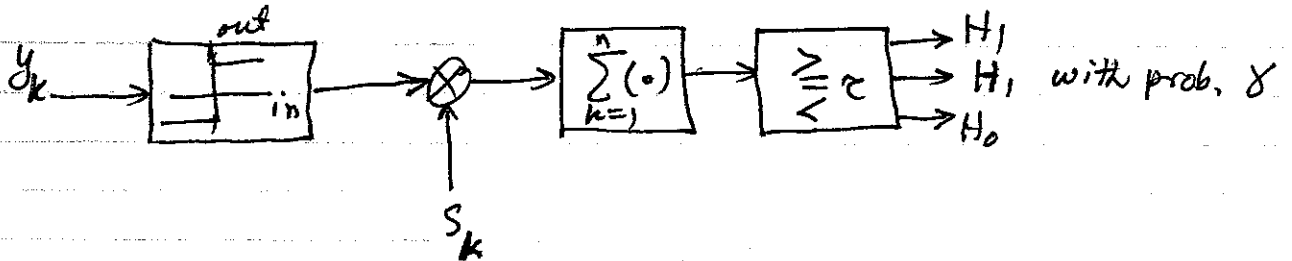
So,

$$g_{\text{lo}}(x) = \alpha \text{Sgn}(x)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} L_{\theta}(y) = \alpha \sum_{k=1}^n s_k \text{Sgn}(y_k)$$

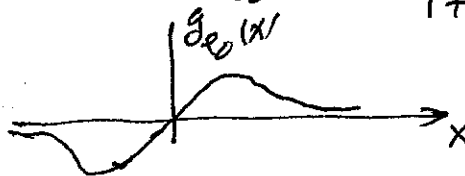
So, we need to pass  $\{y_k\}$  through a limiter and then multiply by  $\{s_k\}$  and accumulate:



c) Cauchy distributed noise:

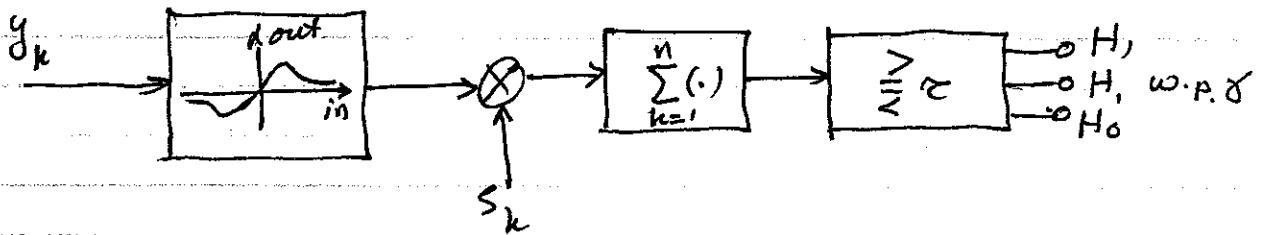
$$p_N(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

In this case  $g_{\text{lo}}(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$



In this case, the function  $g_{lo}(x)$  is linear near zero and zero for large values of  $x$ .

This means that a locally optimal detector ignores the extreme values



$g_{lo}(x)$  can be approximated by:

$$g_{lo}(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } |x| \leq K \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > K \end{cases}$$