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#### LECTURE 7: SPEECH CODING

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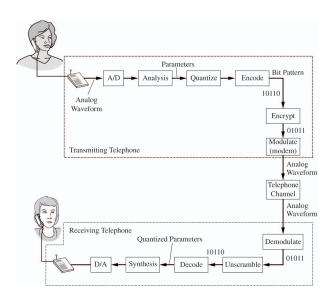
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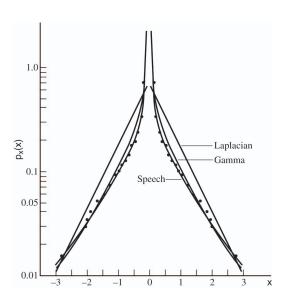
By setting  $x[n] \to x$ , the histogram of speech samples can be approximated by a *gamma density*:

$$p_X(x) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8\pi\sigma_X|x|}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{3}|x|}{2\sigma_X}}$$

or by a simpler Laplacian density:

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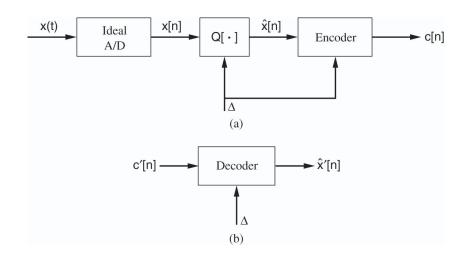


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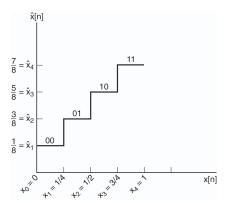
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#### UNIFORM QUANTIZATION

$$x_i - x_{i-1}$$
 =  $\Delta$ ,  $1 \le i \le M$   
 $\hat{x}_i = \frac{x_i + x_{i-1}}{2}$ ,  $1 \le i \le M$ 

 $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$  is referred to as uniform quantization step size.

Example of a 2-bit uniform quantization:



# Uniform quantization: designing decision regions

- Signal range:  $-4\sigma_x \le x[n] \le 4\sigma_x$
- Assuming B-bit binary codebook, we get  $2^B$  quantization (reconstruction) levels
- Quantization step size,  $\Delta$ :

$$\Delta = \frac{2x_{max}}{2^B}$$

ullet  $\Delta$  and quantization noise.

# CLASSES OF QUANTIZATION NOISE

There are two classes of quantization noise:

• Granular Distortion:

$$\hat{x}[n] = x[n] + e[n]$$

where e[n] is the quantization noise, with:

$$-\frac{\Delta}{2} \le e[n] \le \frac{\Delta}{2}$$

• Overload Distortion: clipped samples

# ASSUMPTIONS

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### DITHERING

# DEFINITION (DITHERING)

We can force e[n] to be white and uncorrelated with x[n] by adding noise to x[n] before quantization!

To quantify the severity of the quantization noise, we define the Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) as:

$$SNR = \frac{\sigma_{x}^{2}}{\sigma_{e}^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{E(x^{2}[n])}{E(e^{2}[n])}$$

$$\approx \frac{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=0}^{N-1}x^{2}[n]}{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=0}^{N-1}e^{2}[n]}$$

• For uniform pdf and quantizer range  $2x_{max}$ :

$$\sigma_e^2 = \frac{\Delta^2}{12}$$
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$$SNR = \frac{3 \ 2^{2B}}{\left(\frac{x_{max}}{\sigma_x}\right)^2}$$

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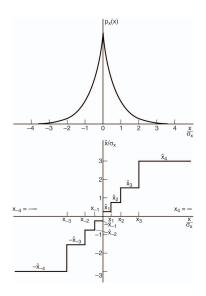
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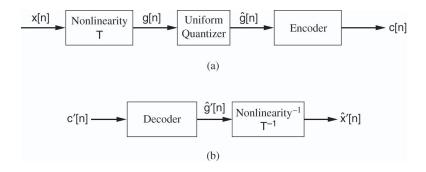
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# PRINCIPLE OF COMPANDING



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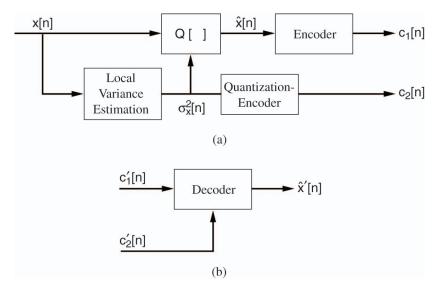
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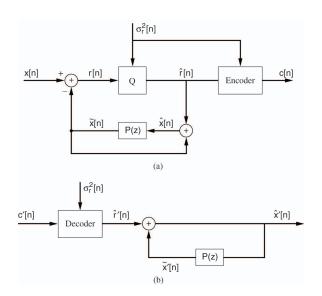
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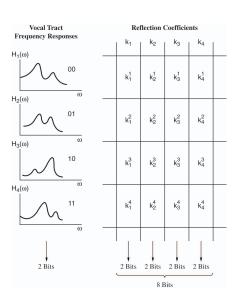


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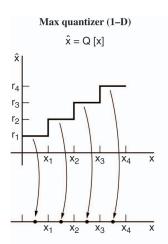
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# COMPARING SCALAR AND VECTOR QUANTIZATION

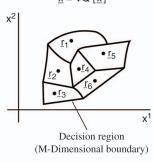


• = Centroid over the decision interval

$$\mathsf{D} = \mathsf{E} \left[ (\hat{\mathsf{x}} - \mathsf{x})^2 \right]$$

Vector quantizer (2-D)

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = VQ[\mathbf{x}]$$



• = Centroid over the decision region

$$D = E \left[ (\hat{\underline{x}} - \underline{x})^2 (\hat{\underline{x}} - \underline{x}) \right]$$

# DISTORTION IN VQ

Here we have a multidimensional pdf  $p_x(x)$ :

$$D = E[(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})^T (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})^T (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}) p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{M} \int \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_i} \cdots \int (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{x}) p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

Two constraints

• A vector  $\mathbf{x}$  must be quantized to a reconstruction level  $\mathbf{r}_i$  that gives the smallest distortion:

$$C_i = \{\mathbf{x} : ||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_i||^2 \le ||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_i||^2, \forall i = 1, 2, \cdots, M\}$$

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# DISTORTION IN VQ

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• S1:

$$D = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k)^T (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k)$$

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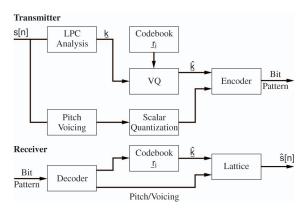
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# VQ IN LPC CODING

- $\triangleright$  A 22-bit codebook (4200000 codewords), 2400 bps VQ provides a higher output speech quality.



# Unique components of MELP

- Mixed pulse and noise excitation
- Periodic or aperiodic pulses
- Adaptive spectral enhancements
- Pulse dispersion filter

# LINE SPECTRAL FREQUENCIES (LSFs) IN MELP

LSFs for a pth order all-pole model are defines as follows:

Form two polynomials:

$$P(z) = A(z) + z^{-(p+1)}A(z^{-1})$$
  
 $Q(z) = A(z) - z^{-(p+1)}A(z^{-1})$ 

- ② Find the roots of P(z) and Q(z),  $\omega_i$  which are on the unit circle.
- **3** Exclude trivial roots at  $\omega_i = 0$  and  $\omega_i = \pi$ .

### MELP CODING

### For a 2400 bps:

- 34 bits allocated to scalar quantization of the LSFs
- 8 bits for gain
- 7 bits for pitch and overall voicing
- 5 bits for multi-band voicing
- 1 bit for the jittery state

which is 54 bits. With a frame rate of 22.5 ms, we get an 2400 bps coder.

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