

3. ML - GAUSSIAN CASE

$$e(n) \sim N(0, \sigma_e^2) \quad y(n) \sim N(\Phi^T \theta, \sigma_e^2)$$

$$L(\theta) = P(y| \theta) \sim \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_e} \right)^N e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_e^2} \sum (y - y_n)^2}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\ell(\theta)}$

$$\left[\hat{\theta}_{ML} \right]_{\text{GAUSSIAN PDF}} = \hat{\theta}_{LS}$$

EXAMPLE 1: 

$$y(n) = a + e(n)$$

$$y_n(n) = \Phi^T \theta = [1] [a]$$

$$e(n) \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

IDENTICALLY
DISTRIBUTED
INDEPENDENT
(i.i.d.)

(DISCRETE WHITE
NOISE)

$$P(y(n)|a) \sim N(a, \sigma^2)$$

$$P(y(1), y(2), \dots, y(N)) = \prod_{n=1}^N N(a, \sigma^2)$$

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$$L(a) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \right)^N \prod_{n=1}^N e^{-\frac{(y(n)-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \right)^N e^{-\frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (y(n)-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\ell(a) = \frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) + N \ln \sigma + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (y(n) - a)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(a)}{\partial a} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (y(n) - a) = 0 \rightarrow \left[\hat{a}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N y(n) \right] (= \hat{a}_{LS})$$

CONCLUSION: IF WE KNOW THE PDF LEADING TO L AND
CAN HANDLE IT, ML IS BETTER.

$$\left(\hat{\theta}_{ML} \right)_{\text{NOT GAUSSIAN}} \neq \hat{\theta}_{LS}$$

OTHERWISE