

1. a) For an input signal u ,

$$p(u) = \begin{cases} A + u & -1 \leq u < 0, \\ A - u & 0 \leq u \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is a probability density function, so the integral must sum to one, i.e. $\int p(u)du = 1$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^0 (A + u)du + \int_0^1 (A - u)du &= 1 \\ 2A - 1/2 - 1/2 &= 1 \\ A &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

b) The error is $\xi = u - Q(u)$, where

$$Q(u) = \begin{cases} -1/2 & -1 \leq u < 0, \\ 1/2 & 0 \leq u \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

So we have:

$$\xi = \begin{cases} u + 1/2 & -1 \leq u < 0, \\ u - 1/2 & 0 \leq u \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

which is shown in Figure 1. The probability density $p(\xi)$ is, $\xi^{-1}p(u)$, which is shown in Figure 2. The domain of $p(\xi)$ is $[-1/2, 1/2]$, which is the range of ξ . $p(\xi)$ is the sum of two lines, because the inverse of ξ is not a function. As you can see, the two lines sum to constant probability, so ξ is uniformly distributed.

c) Find the distortion $D = E[\xi^2]$ where

$$\xi = \begin{cases} u + 1/2 & -1 \leq u < 0, \\ u - 1/2 & 0 \leq u \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} D = E[\xi^2] &= \int_{-1}^0 (u + 1/2)^2(1 + u)du + \int_0^1 (u - 1/2)^2(1 - u)du \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 (u^3 + 2u^2 + \frac{5}{4}u + \frac{1}{4})du + \int_0^1 (\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4}u + 2u^2 - u^3)du \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$