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## Binary Hypothesis Tests: Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)

1. Partially Singular Hypothesis Test

 $H_0$ : **y** uniformly distributed on [-1, 1] $H_1$ : **y** uniformly distributed on [0, 2]

- Derivation of ROC: discrete points achievable using likelihood ratio tests
- Achieve other points on ROC using randomized tests
- Randomization provides the optimal decision rule under the Neyman-Pearson criterion
- 2. Performance analysis: given ROC & threshold minimizing probability of error, find
  - Prior probabilities
  - Minimum achievable probability of error
  - Achievable tests given MPE rule and a fair coin
  - Given additional assumptions, the likelihood function for each hypothesis

## Geometry of M-ary Hypothesis Tests

- 1. Decomposition to sets of pairwise comparisons
- 2. Gaussian distributions with different means, shared covariance
  - Minimum distance rule
  - Voronoi diagram construction by intersection of halfspaces
- 3. Geometry on the conditional probability simplex (§2.8.4)
  - Decision boundaries are hyperplanes defined by costs
  - Visualization of these boundaries when M=2,3