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- Specific applications of Fourier as well as single- and two-sided LaPlace transform methods
- Evaluation of covariance functions and intensity spectra
- Signal-to-noise ratios in nonlinear systems
- Sampling and interpolation
- Langevin, Fokker-Planck, and Boltzmann equations
- Amplitude, phase, and frequency modulation by noise and signals
- Detection probabilities
- Optimum estimators
- Minimum detectable signals
- Neyman-Pearson and Ideal Observer detection algorithms
- Multiple alternative detection algorithms and performance measures

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