Random Matrix Theory for MIMO Communications

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Presentation outline

- Overview of MIMO technology
- General applications of random matrix theory (RMT) to MIMO communications
- Generic framework for the standard condition number (SCN) distribution of Wishart matrices
- Conclusions
- Future research Open problems



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• High-SNR ergodic capacity (SNR $\rightarrow \infty$)

$$C = s \log_2 \left(\text{SNR}/N_t \right) + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \mathcal{E} \left[\ln(\det(\mathbf{HH}^{\dagger})) \right]$$
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SNR at the output of combiner

$$\gamma = \bar{\gamma} \mathbf{w}^{\dagger} \mathbf{H}^{\dagger} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{w}$$
 (9)

$$= \bar{\gamma} \mathbf{w}_{opt}^{\dagger} \mathbf{H}^{\dagger} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{w}_{opt} = \bar{\gamma} \lambda_{1}$$
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- Ergodic/outage capacity
- Higher-order capacity moments (variance, skewness,...)
- Symbol error rate (SER)-Outage probability of SM-MIMO
- Singular value decomposition (SVD) MIMO
- Performance of beamforming/MRC schemes
- Asymptotic characterization of MIMO systems (i.e. number of antennas grows infinitely large)



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In any case, the correlation matrix ${f W}$ follows a complex Wishart distribution. This is some very good news for MIMO people!



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Uncorrelated Rayleigh fading MIMO model

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_{w} \tag{11}$$

where \mathbf{H}_{w} is an $(N_r \times N_t)$ matrix whose entries are complex zero-mean unity variance RVs, i.e. $\sim C\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

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Semi-correlated Rayleigh fading MIMO model

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with $\Sigma_s \in \mathbb{C}^{s \times s}$ being a positive definite matrix containing the variances of the entries of **H** on its main diagonal.

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Uncorrelated Ricean fading MIMO model

$$\mathbf{H} = \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{K_r}{K_r + 1}}}_{\text{LoS component}} \mathbf{H}_{\text{L}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{K_r + 1}}}_{\text{Scattered waves}} \mathbf{H}_{w}$$
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where K_r is the Ricean K-factor.

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 - Quantifies the performance of linear detectors (ZF, MMSE)
 - Adaptive MIMO transmission/Adaptive decoding
 - Level of multipath activity



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B2 Exploit the inherent symmetry of the joint eigenvalue PDF to permute the multiple integral (s - 1) times

$$F_{z}(x) = \frac{1}{(s-1)!} \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\lambda_{s}}^{x\lambda_{s}} \int_{\lambda_{s}}^{x\lambda_{s}} \cdots \int_{\lambda_{s}}^{x\lambda_{s}} f(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) d\lambda_{1} \dots d\lambda_{s-1} d\lambda_{s}$$
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Generic framework for the CDF of the SCN-part C

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$$F_{z}(x) = K \sum_{\ell=1}^{s} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left| \left[\begin{array}{cc} \int_{\lambda_{s}}^{x\lambda_{s}} \phi_{i}(u)\psi_{j}(u)\xi(u)du, & i \neq \ell \\ \phi_{i}(\lambda_{s})\psi_{j}(\lambda_{s})\xi(\lambda_{s}), & i = \ell \end{array} \right] \right| d\lambda_{s}$$



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C2 Closed-form expressions for $\int_{\lambda_s}^{x\lambda_s} \phi_i(u)\psi_j(u)\xi(u)du$

Eg. Uncorrelated central case:

$$\gamma(t-s+i+j-1,x\lambda_s)-\gamma(t-s+i+j-1,\lambda_s)$$



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Spatial correlation \rightarrow reduces the effective channel rank (identical spatial characteristics of the impigning multipaths).



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SCN PDF of a (2×5) uncorrelated Ricean system against the Ricean *K*-factor





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As *K* gets larger the dynamic range of the SCN increases too \rightarrow excessive spatial correlation between the LoS rays' phases.



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- Implications of the model parameters (spatial correlation, Ricean *K*-factor) on the condition number performance.



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Future work - Open problems

- Application of RMT to cognitive radio characterization (e.g. spectrum sensing schemes)
- Extension of known RMT results from point-to-point MIMO to multiuser scenarios
- Design of practical adaptive subchannel selection algorithms for performance enhancement of MIMO beamforming schemes
- Performance analysis of MIMO systems assuming different fading models (e.g. Nakagami-*m*, Weibull...)
- Consider the impact of practical impairments (e.g. channel estimation error and feedback delay)



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