



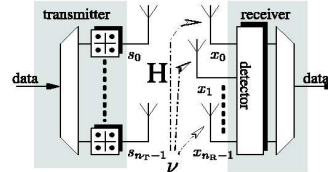
Comparison of Blind Source Separation Methods based on Iterative Algorithms

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System Setup / Problem Statement

- separation of data streams that are transmitted non-cooperatively
- 200 QPSK symbols
- 4 transmit and 4 receive antennas
- block fading channel

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{s} + \nu$$



MIMO Constant Modulus Algorithms

- general CMA approach

$$J_{CMA}(\mathbf{C}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n_T-1} E \left\{ \left(|e_k| - 1 \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n_T-1} E \left\{ \left(\mathbf{e}_k^H \mathbf{x} - 1 \right)^2 \right\} \quad \text{MIMO cost function}$$

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{C}^H \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{C}^{(t)} - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{C}^{(t)}} J_{CMA}(\mathbf{C}^{(t)}) \quad \text{solution with gradient descent}$$

update equation

$$\mathbf{C}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{C}^{(t)} - 4\mu E \left\{ \left(D \{ \mathbf{e}^{(t)} \} - 1 \right) \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e}^{(t)H} \right\}$$

$$D \{ \mathbf{e}^{(t)} \} = \text{diag} \left(|e_0^{(t)}|^2, |e_1^{(t)}|^2, \dots, |e_{n_T-1}^{(t)}|^2 \right)$$

problem: separation of different signals can not be guaranteed

- 1st approach: correlation penalty

- idea: modify the CMA cost function so that correlated output signals increase its value.

$$J_{corr}(\mathbf{C}) = J_{CMA}(\mathbf{C}) + \sum_{k,l=0; k \neq l}^{n_T-1} |\psi_{k,l}^{(t)}|^2$$

$$\psi_{k,l}^{(t)} = E \left\{ e_k^{(t)} \cdot e_l^{(t)*} \right\}$$

update equation

$$\mathbf{C}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{C}^{(t)} - \mu \left(4E \left\{ \left(D \{ \mathbf{e}^{(t)} \} - \mathbf{I} + \Psi_{corr}^{(t)H} \right) \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e}^{(t)H} \right\} \right)$$

$$\Psi_{corr}^{(t)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \psi_{0,1}^{(t)} & \dots & \psi_{0,n_T-1}^{(t)} \\ \psi_{1,0}^{(t)} & 0 & \dots & \psi_{1,n_T-1}^{(t)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_{n_T-1,0}^{(t)} & \psi_{n_T-1,1}^{(t)} & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 3rd approach: subspace limitation

- idea: separate the signals one by one and ensure orthogonality at initialization

1st step:

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{whitening (spatial decorrelation)}$$

2nd step:

$$\mathbf{B}_t = [\mathbf{b}_0, \mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{t-1}] \quad \text{start: matrix with zeros}$$

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{B}^H \cdot \mathbf{z}$$

iteration $t = 0 \dots n_T - 1$ (all signals)

$$\text{initialize } \mathbf{b}_t \text{ with } [0 \dots 0 \underset{t^{\text{th}} \text{ entry}}{1} 0 \dots 0]^H$$

$$\mathbf{b}'_t = \mathbf{b}_t - \mathbf{B}_t \mathbf{B}_t^H \mathbf{b}_t$$

solution for one component: steepest descent, CMA cost function

$$\mathbf{e}_t = \mathbf{b}_t^H \mathbf{z}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_t^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{b}_t^{(t)} - 4\mu E \left\{ \left(|e_t^{(t)}|^2 - 1 \right) \cdot \mathbf{z} \cdot e_t^{(t)H} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{b}'_t = \mathbf{b}'_t / \|\mathbf{b}'_t\|$$

- 2nd approach: determinant penalty

- idea: modify the CMA cost function so that linear dependent column vectors in MATRIX C increase the cost.

$$J_{det}(\mathbf{C}) = J_{CMA}(\mathbf{C}) - \ln |\det \mathbf{C}^H|$$

update equation

$$\mathbf{C}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{C}^{(t)} - \mu \left(4E \left\{ \left(D \{ \mathbf{e}^{(t)} \} - 1 \right) \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e}^{(t)H} \right\} - \left(\mathbf{C}^{(t)H} \right)^{-1} \right)$$

HOS based BSS Approaches

JADE: joint separation of multiple signals by kurtosis maximization

1st step:

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{whitening (spatial decorrelation)}$$

2nd step:

$$\max_{\mathbf{B}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,l=0}^{n_T-1} |\text{cum}(e_i^*, e_j, e_l)|^2 \quad \text{independence (4th order approx.)}$$

solved via EVD and joint diagonalization

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{B}^H \cdot \mathbf{z}$$

fastICA: extract of one signal and orthogonalize

1st step:

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{whitening (spatial decorrelation)}$$

2nd step:

$$\mathbf{B}_t = [\mathbf{b}_0, \mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{t-1}] \quad \text{start: matrix with zeros}$$

iteration $t = 0 \dots n_T - 1$ (all signals)

initialize \mathbf{b}_t with random values

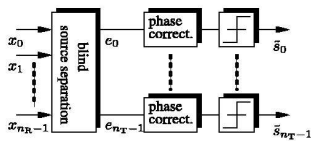
$$\mathbf{e}_t = \mathbf{b}_t^H \mathbf{z}$$

solution for one component: fixed point iteration

$$\max_{\mathbf{b}_t} J_{\text{fastICA},t}(e_t) = \max_{\mathbf{b}_t} \text{kurt} \{ e_t \} \quad \mathbf{b}'_t = \mathbf{b}_t - \mathbf{B}_t \mathbf{B}_t^H \mathbf{b}_t$$

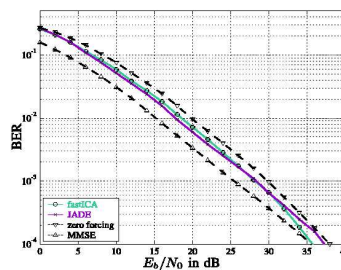
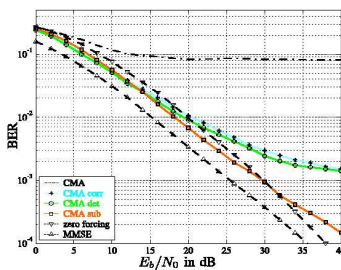
$$= \max_{\mathbf{b}_t} \text{kurt} \{ \mathbf{b}_t^H \mathbf{z} \} \quad \mathbf{b}'_t = \mathbf{b}'_t / \|\mathbf{b}'_t\|$$

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{B}^H \cdot \mathbf{z}$$



- all blind separation approaches include a phase and permutation ambiguity problem
- therefore:
- blind phase correction and symbol decision
- for quadrant ambiguity and permutation: utilize ideally known transmit data

$$e_{t,\text{detrot}} = e_t \cdot e^{-j \arg(-E\{e_t^*\})/4}$$



- mandatory for all CMA approaches: strategy to avoid separation of same signals
- new CMA with subspace limitation closely related to fastICA but with CMA cost function
- outperforms other CMA approaches
- simple iterative loop: only CMA update
- all blind approaches achieve the performance region of spatial linear filters

Application of Iteration Techniques (Decision Feedback)

motivations for iterative processing:

- BSS-only approach designs a linear spatial filter with very low signal knowledge => bad performance, because finite symbol alphabet is not used

- VBLAST: powerful detection algorithm for MIMO-diversity transmissions
- successive interference cancellation

- turbo principle: iteration between data decisions and channel estimations
- free running turbo/decision loop (overall algorithm remains blind)

problem?

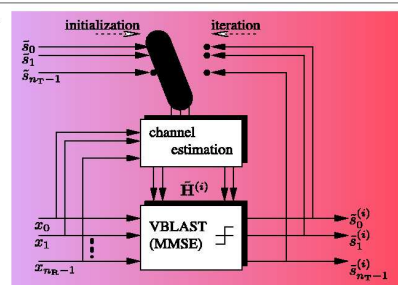
After applying BSS and deciding symbols, we get separated signals that are permuted by \mathbf{P} and rotated by Φ .

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \Phi \mathbf{P} \mathbf{s}$$

- What is the estimation result when applying rotated and permuted symbols for channel estimation?

- Assumption: transmission model without noise

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{s}$$



$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{X} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}}^+$$

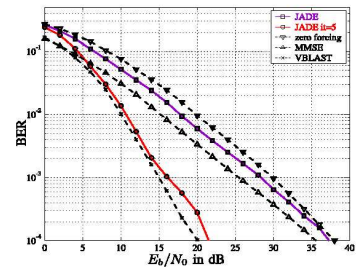
$$= \mathbf{X} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}}^H (\hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}}^H)^{-1} \quad \text{estimation with pseudo inverse}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{P}^H \Phi^H \left(\Phi \mathbf{P} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{P}^H \Phi^H \right)^{-1} \quad \text{uncorrelated signals}$$

$$= \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}^H \Phi^H \left(\Phi \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^H \Phi^H \right)^{-1}$$

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$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}^H \Phi^H \quad \text{permuted and rotated channel matrix}$$



- gain of 10 dB at 10^{-3} (uncoded) by iterative estimation/detection
- gain also shown in real transmissions: J.Rinas and K.D. Kammeyer: "MIMO Measurements of Communication Signals and Application of Blind Source Separation", in IEEE Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology (ISSPIT 2003), Darmstadt, Germany, December 2003