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Adaptive Power Allocation Algorithm To
Support Absolute Proportional Rates
Constraint For Scalable OFDM Systems

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Presentation Plan

- Assumptions and Problem Definition
- Sub-carrier allocation by Rhee
- Optimal power allocation by Shen
- Proposed Methods:
 - Method 1: Optimal Power Allocation with strict QoS guarantee
 - Method 2: Slope method with subchannel auctioning
- Conclusions

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Assumptions

- Downlink
- K users – total of N sub-carriers (called sub-channels)
- Total transmit power, P_{total}
- N₀ is the power spectral density of AWGN
- B is total system bandwidth
- p_{k,n} is power allocated for user k in sub-channel n
- h_{k,n} is the channel gain for user k in sub-channel n
- ρ_{k,n} is the sub-channel allocation indicator; equal to 1 if the nth sub-channel is allocated for kth user, 0 otherwise

NOTE:

ρ_{k,n} is discrete – either 0 or 1 –
Sub-channels can not be shared!

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Optimization Problem

Very hard problem to solve – involves both continuous variables p_{k,n} and discrete one ρ_{k,n}

- The objective is to maximize equally weighted sum of capacities

$$\max_{p_{k,n}, \rho_{k,n}} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\rho_{k,n}}{N} \log_2(1 + p_{k,n} H_{k,n})$$

where $H_{k,n} \propto h_{k,n}^2 / (N_0 (B/N))$ is the channel gain to noise power ratio for the nth subchannel as measured by kth user.

- Subject to the following constraints:

Power constraint $\implies \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N p_{k,n} \leq P_{\text{total}} \\ p_{k,n} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } k, n \end{cases}$

Allocation constraint $\implies \rho_{k,n} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for all } k, n \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \rho_{k,n} = 1 \quad \text{for all } n$

Proportional Fairness $\implies \frac{R_1}{\gamma_1} = \frac{R_2}{\gamma_2} = \dots = \frac{R_K}{\gamma_K}$

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Optimization Problem – cont'd

- The kth user total user rate, R_k , is given by

$$R_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\rho_{k,n}}{N} \log_2 (1 + p_{k,n} H_{k,n})$$

- The fairness index

$$F = \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^K R_k / \gamma_k \right)^2}{K \sum_{k=1}^K (R_k / \gamma_k)^2}$$

F = 1 → Rates constraint is 100% satisfied

F = 0 → Rates constraint is 100% NOT satisfied

- The set $\{\gamma_k\}_{k=1}^K$ is given.

Ideally, R_k / γ_k is equal for all k

- Note that if $\gamma_k = 1$ for all k, then the optimization problem reduces to the max-min problem (maximum fairness problem)

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Comments on the Optimization Problem

- Contains both continuous and discrete (binary) variables
- The previous problem is known as "Mixed binary integer programming problem"
- The non-linear constraints increase the difficulty of finding the optimal solution
- For K users and N sub-channels, there are total of K^N possible subchannel allocations
 - The exhaustive search solution is nearly impossible for large K and N!!

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Solution Proposed by Rhee [1]

- Assume that ALL subchannels carry same power share equal to P_{total}/N
- We need to distribute the N subchannels to K users.
- Compute Ω_k (set of allocated subchannels for k th user) for $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$ as follows:
 - 1) Initialization
 - a) Set $R_k = 0$, $\Omega_k = \emptyset$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$ and $A = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$.
 - 2) For $k = 1$ to K ,
 - a) find n satisfying $|H_{k,n}| \geq |H_{k,j}|$ for all $j \in A$;
 - b) let $\Omega_k = \Omega_k \cup \{n\}$, $A = A - \{n\}$ and update R_k according to (2).
 - 3) While $A \neq \emptyset$,
 - a) find k satisfying $R_k/\gamma_k < R_i/\gamma_i$ for all $i, 1 < i < K$;
 - b) for the found k , find n satisfying $|H_{k,n}| \geq |H_{k,j}|$ for all $j \in A$;
 - c) for the found k and n , let $\Omega_k = \Omega_k \cup \{n\}$, $A = A - \{n\}$ and update R_k according to (2).

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Optimal Power Distribution for FIXED Sub-channel Allocation (Shen's Method [2][3])

- Rhee's algorithm is used to obtain Ω_k (set of allocated subchannels for k th user) for $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$
- Now we need to compute $p_{k,n}$ that fulfills the following optimization problem is:

$$\max_{p_{k,n}} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} \frac{1}{N} \log_2(1 + p_{k,n} H_{k,n})$$

- Subject to $\sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} p_{k,n} \leq P_{\text{total}}$ and $p_{k,n} \geq 0$ for all k, n

Ω_k are disjoint for all k

$$\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \dots \cup \Omega_K \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{\gamma_1} = \frac{R_2}{\gamma_2} = \dots = \frac{R_K}{\gamma_K}$$

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Optimal Power Distribution - Solution [2][3]

- The paper focuses on how to solve this optimization problem using (semi)analytic method
- Using *conventional*/Lagrange Multipliers method, the corresponding cost function is given by

$$L = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} \frac{1}{N} \log_2(1 + p_{k,n} H_{k,n}) + \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} p_{k,n} - P_{\text{total}} \right) + \sum_{k=2}^K \lambda_k \left(\sum_{n \in \Omega_1} \frac{1}{N} \log_2(1 + p_{1,n} H_{1,n}) - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_k} \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} \frac{1}{N} \log_2(1 + p_{k,n} H_{k,n}) \right)$$

The total power constraint

The K-1 Rate constraints

The set of $\{\lambda_k\}$ are the set of Lagrange Multipliers
The unknowns are power allocations $p_{k,n}$'s

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Optimal Power Distribution - Solution [2][3] – cont'd(1)

- Differentiate L with respect to $p_{k,n}$ and equate each derivative to zero, we get

$$\frac{H_{k,m}}{1 + H_{k,m} p_{k,m}} = \frac{H_{k,n}}{1 + H_{k,n} p_{k,n}} \quad \forall m, n \in \Omega_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

- If we order the normalized channel power gains in the set Ω_k (of size N_k) such that $H_{k,1} \leq H_{k,2} \leq \dots \leq H_{k,N_k}$, then the previous equation can be rewritten as:

Power distribution for single user

$$p_{k,n} = p_{k,1} + \frac{H_{k,n} - H_{k,1}}{H_{k,n} H_{k,1}} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N_k \quad \text{and } k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

Eq (10)

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Optimal Power Distribution - Solution [2][3] – cont'd(2)

- The power distribution for single user – shows that more power will be assigned to sub-channels with higher $H_{k,n}$ → WATER-FILLING Algorithm
- The total power assigned to a user k is then given by

$$P_{k,tot} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_k} p_{k,n} = N_k p_{k,1} + \sum_{n=1}^{N_k} \frac{H_{k,n} - H_{k,1}}{H_{k,n} H_{k,1}} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

- We can not use this relation ALONE to find $P_{k,tot} - p_{k,1}$ is STILL UNKNOWN

This relation computes the total power assigned to EVERY user k

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Optimal Power Distribution - Solution [2][3] – cont'd(3) {KEY RESULT IN PAPER}

- If we have $\{P_{k,tot}\}$ for all k, then we can use the previous relation to determine $p_{k,1}$ and then all $p_{k,n}$
- How to find $\{P_{k,tot}\}$?
- Solution: use the previous formula and substitute in the capacity (proportions) equation

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_1} \frac{N_1}{N} \left[\log_2 \left(1 + H_{1,1} \frac{P_{1,tot} - V_1}{N_1} \right) + \log_2 W_1 \right] \quad \text{Eq (12)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\gamma_k} \frac{N_k}{N} \left[\log_2 \left(1 + H_{k,1} \frac{P_{k,tot} - V_k}{N_k} \right) + \log_2 W_k \right] \quad \text{THE KEY RESULT IN PAPER}$$

For $k=2,3,\dots, K$; where V_k and W_k are given by

$$V_k = \sum_{n=2}^{N_k} \frac{H_{k,n} - H_{k,1}}{H_{k,n} H_{k,1}} \quad \text{Eq (13)} \quad W_k = \left(\prod_{n=2}^{N_k} \frac{H_{k,n}}{H_{k,1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{N_k}} \quad \text{Eq (14)}$$

For a given allocation of sub-channels V_k and W_k are constants!

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Optimal Power Distribution - Solution [2][3] – cont'd(4)

- The “Eq (12)” describes a set of K-1 non-linear equations
- The power constraint represents the Kth needed equation is

$$\sum_{k=1}^K P_{k,tot} = P_{total}$$

Eq (15)

- The above system of K non-linear equations need to be solved for $\{P_{k,tot}\}$
 - Use Iterative methods such as Newton-Raphson
 - Refer to Appendix II of paper for Shen’s implementation of Newton-Raphson method
 - Matlab can also be used

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Optimal Power Distribution - Solution [2][3] – cont'd(5)

- Shen in his paper DID NOT solve this system of non-linear equations ***for an arbitrary case***
- Shen in his paper DID simplify this system for two cases:
 - Linear case – refer to backup slides
 - High Hk,n case – refer to backup slides

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Observation on Optimal Power Distribution Solution

- Note: In general a solution for the original K nonlinear equation (or even for the two special cases) MAY NOT exist for the specified Ω_k 's
- In Shen's Matlab code: when a solution does not exist, then the problem is solved using Rhee's algorithm.
- Therefore, it is an open issue of **how to** update Ω_k
 - Intuitively, this is done by dropping weak channels first, recalculate N_k , V_k , and W_k and attempt to solve
 - For what k ? (i.e. user)
 - Repeat until a solution is found
- When evaluating the final solution $\{p_{k,n}\}$ with regard to the Rate Proportionality constraint (i.e. computing fairness index F on slide 5), we find that the constraint is not always satisfied
 - Due to the update mechanism for the Ω_k 's

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Proposed Method for Strict QoS Guarantee

- Starting with the system of non-linear equations:

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_1} \frac{N_1}{N} \left[\log_2 \left(1 + H_{1,1} \frac{P_{1,\text{tot}} - V_1}{N_1} \right) + \log_2 W_1 \right] = \frac{1}{\gamma_k} \frac{N_k}{N} \left[\log_2 \left(1 + H_{k,1} \frac{P_{k,\text{tot}} - V_k}{N_k} \right) + \log_2 W_k \right]$$

(2)

for $k=2, 3, \dots, K$; and

$$\sum_{k=1}^K P_{k,\text{tot}} = P_{\text{total}}$$

- Let us define the quantity X_k given by

$$X_k = 1 + H_{k,1} \frac{P_{k,\text{tot}} - V_k}{N_k}$$

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Proposed Method for Strict QoS Guarantee – cont'd (2)

- Then $P_{k,tot}$ can be computed in terms of X_k using

$$P_{k,tot} = \frac{N_k}{H_{k,1}} (X_k - 1) + V_k \quad (3)$$

- Substituting (3) into (1) we find

$$X_k = \left[(X_i W_i)^{(\gamma_k N_i) / (\gamma_i N_k)} \right] / W_k \quad (4)$$

- Now, using the total power constraint, we write

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \left[N_k \left(\left[(X_i W_i)^{(\gamma_k N_i) / (\gamma_i N_k)} \right] / W_k - 1 \right) + V_k \right] / H_{k,1} - P_{total} = 0 \quad (5)$$

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Proposed Method for Strict QoS Guarantee – cont'd (3)

- Equation (5) is has one unknown (X_i) – can be solved numerically using Matlab's "fzero".
- However, since (5) is derived from the original problem formulation given by (2) → a solution is not guaranteed for the given Ω_k 's
- We devise an algorithm for updating Ω_k 's and solving (5) such that the rate proportionality constraint is satisfied 100%

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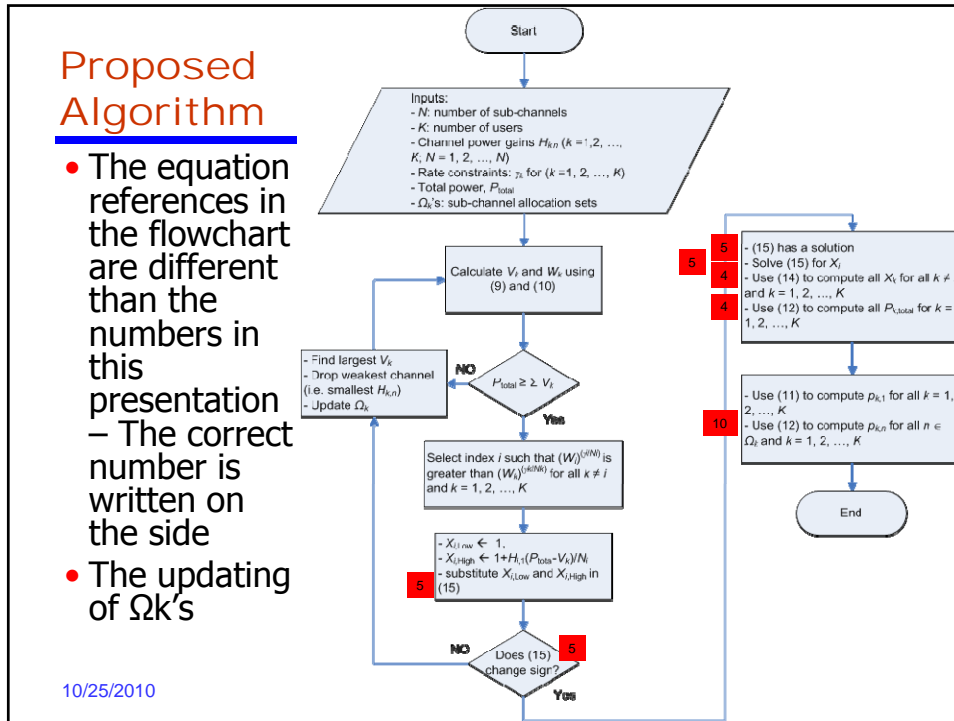
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Proposed Algorithm

- The equation references in the flowchart are different than the numbers in this presentation – The correct number is written on the side
- The updating of Ω_k 's

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Sample Results

- $P_{total} = 1$ Watts; $N_0 = -65$ dBW per Hz. $N = 64$ sub-channels in a 1 MHz bandwidth configuration.

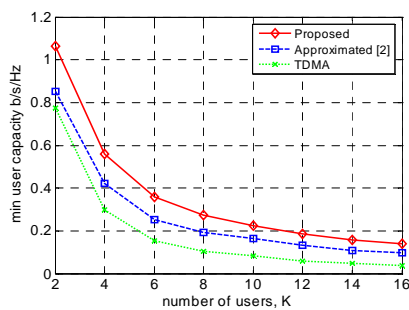


Fig.1: minimum user capacity for multiuser OFDM versus number of users for proposed algorithm and other methods.

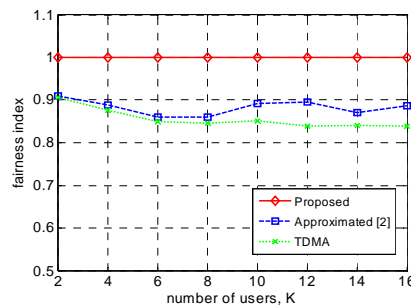


Fig.2: Fairness index and adherence to the proportional rates constraint for proposed algorithm and original algorithm.

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Further Work

- The slope method
 - Combines subchannel and power allocation
 - Iterative method.
- Allocation for Heterogeneous (Real-time and Non real-time users)
- Extension to MIMO systems

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BACKUP SLIDES

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Solution Steps Proposed by Shen [2][3]

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Two Special Cases of The Key Result – Linear Case

- Linear Case: if $N_1:N_2:\dots:N_K=\gamma_1:\gamma_2:\dots:\gamma_K$, then the system of Eq (12) can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & a_{2,2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & a_{K,K} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{1,\text{tot}} \\ P_{2,\text{tot}} \\ \vdots \\ P_{K,\text{tot}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{\text{total}} \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_K \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Eq (16)}$$

where $a_{k,k}$ and b_k (for $k=2, 3, \dots, K$) are given by

$$a_{k,k} = -\frac{N_1}{N_k} \frac{H_{k,1} W_k}{H_{1,1} W_1} \quad b_k = \frac{N_1}{H_{1,1} W_1} \left(W_k - W_1 + \frac{H_{1,1} V_1 W_1}{N_1} - \frac{H_{k,1} V_k W_k}{N_k} \right)$$

- Solving the above system yields the required $P_{k,\text{tot}}$ variables – and then all $p_{k,n}$ can be found as before.

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Two Special Cases of The Key Result – High $H_{k,n}$ Case

- High $H_{k,n}$ Case:
 - If $H_{k,n} \sim H_{k,1} \rightarrow V_k \sim 0$,
 - If $H_{k,1} P_{k,\text{tot}}/N_k \gg 1$
- Then the key equation Eq (*) can be rearranged and simplified to be

$$\left(\frac{H_{1,1} W_1}{N_1} \right)^{\frac{N_1}{\gamma_1}} (P_{1,\text{tot}})^{\frac{N_1}{\gamma_1}} = \left(\frac{H_{k,1} W_k}{N_k} \right)^{\frac{N_k}{\gamma_k}} (P_{k,\text{tot}})^{\frac{N_k}{\gamma_k}}$$

for $k=2,3, \dots, K$. Since sum of all $P_{k,\text{tot}}$ must be P_{total} then one can write

$$P_{1,\text{tot}} + \sum_{k=2}^K \frac{\left(\frac{H_{1,1} W_1}{N_1} \right)^{\frac{N_1 \gamma_k}{\gamma_1}}}{\frac{H_{k,1} W_k}{N_k}} (P_{1,\text{tot}})^{\frac{N_1 \gamma_k}{\gamma_1}} - P_{\text{total}} = 0 \quad \text{Eq (20)}$$

- The zero $P_{1,\text{tot}}$ of above equation can be found using numerical iterative techniques (check Matlab)
- After $P_{1,\text{tot}}$ is found, then all $P_{k,\text{tot}}$ can be found from the first equation.

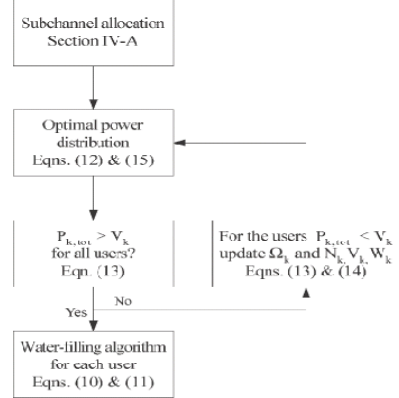
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Existence of Solution for Single User – For Optimal Power Allocation Method by Shen [2][3]

- A power allocation for user k , $P_{k,tot}$ exists only if V_k is LESS THAN $P_{k,tot}$ – Refer to the KEY RESULT SLIDE
- If this is not the case, the sub-channel algorithm (Step 1) need to be rerun and the allocated sub-channels (corresponding Ω_k) need to be changed – this means update Ω_k , then update N_k , V_k , and W_k accordingly
 - In Shen's Matlab code – Ω_k was not updated – but power allocations and rates were computed using Rhee's algorithm!!
- Therefore, it remains an open issue of how to update Ω_k 's.
 - Logically you want to drop the weakest subchannels first.



Resource Allocation Algorithm

Algorithm 1

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Optimal Power Allocation – Water Filling

- Water filling procedure provides the optimal power allocation for a given subchannel assignment.
- The cost function specified on slide 9 along with the constraints is given by

$$L = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} \frac{1}{N} \log_2 (1 + p_{k,n} H_{k,n}) + \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} p_{k,n} - P_{\text{total}} \right) + \sum_{k=2}^K \lambda_k \left(\sum_{n \in \Omega_k} \frac{1}{N} \log_2 (1 + p_{1,n} H_{1,n}) - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_k} \sum_{n \in \Omega_k} \frac{1}{N} \log_2 (1 + p_{k,n} H_{k,n}) \right)$$

- Differentiating L with respect to the unknown $p_{k,n}$ results in the following equality

$$\frac{H_{k,m}}{1 + H_{k,m} p_{k,m}} = \frac{H_{k,n}}{1 + H_{k,n} p_{k,n}} \quad \forall m, n \in \Omega_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

or

$$\frac{1}{H_{k,m}} + p_{k,m} = \frac{1}{H_{k,n}} + p_{k,n} = \text{constant} \quad \forall m, n \in \Omega_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

- This constant is referred to as the “water level”

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Water Filling Algorithm

- Given
 - A set of channel gains: H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n
 - A total power P_{tot}
- Required – user water filling to find optimal allocations p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n .
- Solution:
 - we must find p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n such that

$$1/H_1 + p_1 = 1/H_2 + p_2 = \dots = 1/H_n + p_n = C$$

- where $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n = P_{tot}$, and
- C is the water level
- Note the $p_i = \max(C - 1/H_i, 0) = (C - 1/H_i)^+$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

This is what Mohanram is using in step 4(e) of his algorithm!!

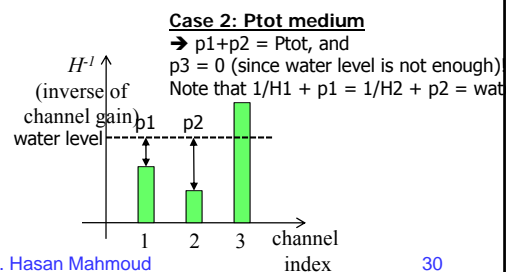
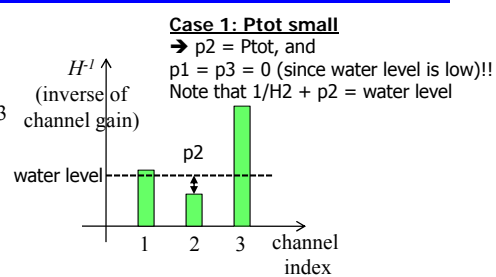
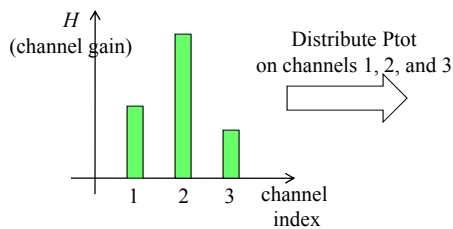
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Water Filling Algorithm (2)

- Consider the following examples:



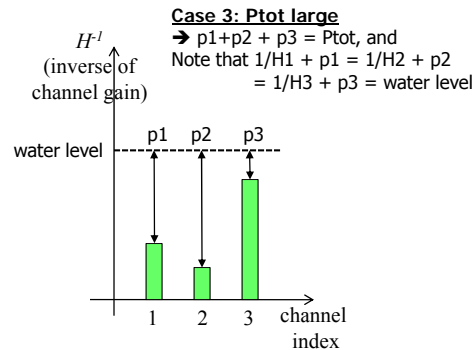
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Water Filling Algorithm (3)

- Observation on water filling
 - The algorithm starts by allocating power to the strongest channels
 - The stronger channel is always allocated power greater than that allocated for relatively weaker channel
 - If P_{tot} is not sufficient (i.e. water level is not high), for weak channels $(C - 1/H_i)^+$ will be equal to zero – i.e. the power allocation will be zero.
- We need a Matlab code that takes a vector of H_s and P_{tot} as input and returns the corresponding vector of power allocations, P_s computed as per the water filling algorithm.



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Water Filling Algorithm (4) – Matlab Code for Calculation of P_i

```
function [Ps, C] = MyWaterFilling(Hs, Ptot);
% return Ps - the power allocations corresponding to the Hs
%       C - the water level
n = length(Hs);
Ps = zeros(size(Hs));

if (Ptot == 0)
    return; % will be zero for all channels'
end
% Ptot is NOT equal to zero -
% the at least the strongest channel will have power!!
[SortedHs, Indices] = sort(Hs); % store the indices
C = (Ptot + sum(1./SortedHs))/n;
P = C - 1./SortedHs; % temporary power calculation
Sign = (P > 0); k = 0; % test for elimination of weak channels
while (sum(Sign) ~= (n-k)) && (k <= n)
    % eliminate the weakest channel
    k = k + 1; SHT = SortedHs(k+1:n);
    C = (Ptot + sum(1./SHT))/(n-k);
    P = C - 1./SHT;
    Sign = (P > 0);
end
Ps(Indices(k+1:n)) = P;
fprintf('strongest k      = %3d users were allocated\n', n-k);
fprintf('Water Level      = %7.3f\n', C);
fprintf('Total allocated power = %7.3f\n', sum(P));
fprintf('Allocations: ');
for i=k+1:n, fprintf('P[%2d] = %7.3f, ', i-k, P(i-k)); end
fprintf('\n');
```

The idea of the code is as follows:

- Sort the channel gains, H_s
- Since $p_i = (C - 1/H_i)^+$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\sum p_i = P_{tot}$, then

$$\sum p_i = nC - \sum (1/H_i) = P_{tot},$$

therefore,

$$C = (P_{tot} + \sum (1/H_i))/n$$

This is provided that C is the true water level and all p_i 's are positive.

Therefore, we iteratively compute C and p_i 's until all p_i 's are positive. For every failed, iteration we eliminate the weakest channel out of the remaining channels

Note that if P_{tot} is NOT zero, then at least we can allocate the entire P_{tot} to the strongest channel!!

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Water Filling Algorithm in Mohanram's Paper

- The channel gains are denoted by $\gamma_{k,n}$
- Every allocated channel comes with P_{total}/N share – these shares are accumulated in P_k , which is the total power for the k th user.
- Water filling is used to distribute this P_k over the channels owned by the k th user (step 4(e)).
 - γ is the water level (previously called constant C)

The joint subcarrier and power allocation strategy is as follows.

1. Initialize $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$
 2. $\forall k = 1$ to K , $A_k = \phi, P_k = 0$
 3. $\forall k = 1$ to K ,
 - (a) $\gamma_k = \max_n \gamma_{k,n}$ for $n \in A$
 - (b) $A_k = A_k \cup \{n\}, P_k = P_k + \frac{P_{total}}{N}$
 - (c) $R_k = \log_2(1 + P_k \gamma_k)$
 - (d) $A = A - \{n\}$
 4. While $A \neq \phi$,
 - (a) find i such that $\frac{R_i}{\alpha_i} \leq \frac{R_k}{\alpha_k} \forall k, i = 1$ to K
 - (b) for the above i , find n such that $\gamma_{i,n} \geq \gamma_{i,m} \forall n, m \in A$
 - (c) $A_i = A_i \cup \{n\}, P_i = P_i + \frac{P_{total}}{N}$
 - (d) $A = A - \{n\}$
 - (e) $R_i = \sum_{n \in A_i} \log_2(1 + P_{i,n} \gamma_{i,n})$ where $P_{i,n} = \left(\gamma - \frac{1}{\gamma_{i,n}}\right)^+$ and $\sum_{n \in A_i} P_{i,n} = P_i$
- The $f(x) = (x)^+$ operator indicates that $f(x) = 0$ when $x < 0$ and $f(x) = x$ when $x \geq 0$.

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