Indefinite Hermitian Quadratic Forms in Gaussian Random Variables: Distribution, Scaling, and Some Applications

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A Brief about KFUPM

- Established in 1963
- Located in Dhahran, in the heart of oil fields and industrial cities
- Has a large world class campus but small enough to build close relationships
- Disciplines: Engineering, Sciences, Environmental Design, & Industrial Management
- Around 450 faculty members and 8,000 Students (10% Graduate students)
- The QS Times Ranking (2008): 338 out of 500 Top World Universities

Quadratic Forms in Gaussian Variables

- Gaussian variables play a very important role in statistics, signal processing, and communications
- Quadratic forms in Gaussian random variables are of particular importance
- We will characterize the distribution of quadratic forms and apply our findings to
 - Multiuser information theory
 - Mean-square analysis of the normalized LMS adaptive filter

Simplest Case of Quadratic Forms

- $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{M} |H(i)|^2$ is a sum of iid Gaussian random variables
- Y is Chi-square with M degrees of freedom
- We find the pdf of Y using the characteristic function approach

$$\begin{aligned} f_y(y) &= f_{|H(1)|^2}(y) * f_{|H(2)|^2}(y) * \cdots * f_{|H(M)|^2}(y) \\ \phi_y(w) &= \phi^M(w) \\ &\to f_Y(y) \to F_Y(y) \end{aligned}$$

• This gives the pdf of the quadratic form $Y = ||H||^2$

More Complicated Forms

• Follow same approach to find pdf of a weighted sum

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \lambda_i |H(i)|^2 \quad \lambda_i \ge 0$$

• This corresponds to the weighted Euclidean norm

 $\|H\|_{\Lambda}^2 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} H^* \Lambda H$

• This is equivalent to finding the CDF of

 $\|H\|_A^2 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} H^* A H$

where A is positive semi-definite.

• Approach fails when the sum is mixed (not all λ_i 's are postive)

What about Indefinite Quadratic Forms

• We tackle the most general problem

$$Y = \|H\|_A^2 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} H^* A H \tag{1}$$

- -A is a general Hermitian matrix
- H is circularly symmetric Gaussian random variable, i.e. $H \sim C\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{R}).$
- We abandon the conventional approach of

Charcateristic function $\rightarrow pdf \rightarrow CDF$





• Consider the random Hermitian quadratic form

$$Y = \|H\|_A^2 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} H^* A H$$

• *H* has the pdf
$$p(H) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^N} e^{-\|H\|^2}$$

• The CDF of Y is defined by

$$F_Y(y) = P \{Y \le y\}$$
$$= \int \cdots \int_{\mathcal{A}} p(H) dH$$

 \mathcal{A} is an area in M multidimensional plane defined by $||H||_A^2 \leq y$

• Integral very difficult to evaluate/manipulate

An Alternative Way...

- Express inequality that defines \mathcal{A} in terms of unit step function
- CDF takes the form

$$F_Y(y) = \int \cdots \int_{\mathcal{A}} p(H) dH$$

=
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(H) u(y - \|H\|_A^2) dH$$

=
$$\frac{1}{2\pi^M} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-H^*H} u(y - \|H\|_A^2) dH$$

The constraint appears in the integrand and not in the integration limits

- Difficult to deal with the unit step as is
- Replace unit step with its Fourier transform

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{x(j\omega+\beta)}}{j\omega+\beta} d\omega$$

which is valid for any $\beta > 0$

• So

$$u(y - \|H\|_{A}^{2}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{(y - \|H\|_{A}^{2})(j\omega + \beta)}}{j\omega + \beta} d\omega$$

The CDF as a 1-D Integral

• CDF can be written as M + 1 integral

$$F_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi^{M+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{e^{y(j\omega+\beta)}}{j\omega+\beta} \int \cdots \int dH e^{-H^*(I+A(j\omega+\beta))H} dH$$

• Inner integral looks like integral of a Gaussian pdf

$$\frac{1}{\pi^M} \int \cdots \int e^{-H^*(I+A(j\omega+\beta))H} dH = \frac{1}{\det(I+A(j\omega+\beta))}$$

• We are left with

$$F_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{y(j\omega+\beta)}}{j\omega+\beta} \prod_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{1+\lambda_i(j\omega+\beta)} d\omega$$

The CDF in Closed Form

• Use partial fraction expansion and contour integration to write CDF in closed form

$$F_Y(y) = u(y) + \sum_{l=1}^M \frac{\lambda_i^{M+1}}{\prod_{l \neq i} (\lambda_i - \lambda_l)} \frac{1}{|\lambda_i|} e^{-\frac{y}{\lambda_l}} u(\frac{y}{\lambda_l})$$

• Note that this result applies irrespective of the correlation of H and irrespective of the weight matrix A

 λ_i 's are the eigenvalues of A

The Nonzero Mean Problem

• In the nonzero mean problem, we have the quadratic form

$$Y = \|H - a\|_A^2$$

• We can evaluate the CDF up to a 1-D integral

$$Pr\left\{Y \le y\right\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{y(j\omega+\beta)}}{j\omega+\beta} e^{-c} \frac{1}{\det(I+(j\omega+\beta)\Lambda)} d\omega$$
(2)

where

$$c = a^* (I + \frac{1}{j\omega + \beta} \Lambda^{-1})^{-1} a$$

• We could not find the distribution in closed form

Distribution of a Ratio of Weighted Norms

• We can use this approach to find the distribution of a ratio of Gaussian norms

$$\Pr\left\{\frac{\epsilon_1 + \|H\|_{B_1}^2}{\epsilon_2 + \|H\|_{B_2}^2} \le x\right\} = \Pr\left\{\|H\|_{B_1 - xB_2} \le \epsilon_2 x - \epsilon_1\right\}$$

• Recall the CDF
$$F_Y(y) = Pr\{||H||_A^2 \le y\}$$

$$F_Y(y) = u(y) + \sum_{l=1}^M \frac{\lambda_i^{M+1}}{\prod_{l \neq i} (\lambda_i - \lambda_l)} \frac{1}{|\lambda_i|} e^{-\frac{y}{\lambda_l}} u(\frac{y}{\lambda_l})$$

• To get the CDF of the ratio, perform the substitution

$$A \rightarrow B_1 - xB_2$$

$$y \rightarrow \epsilon_2 x - \epsilon_1$$



Figure 1: Empirical and calculated CDF's of a ratio of norms

Further Results

- Can use this approach to find the distribution of an indefinite quadratic form in <u>real</u>-Gaussian random vector
- We can use this approach to find the <u>joint</u> distribution of two or more weighted norms

$$F_{X_a,X_b}(x_a,x_b) = \Pr\left\{ \|H\|_A^2 \le x_a, \|H\|_B^2 \le x_b \right\}$$

• Results can be extended to <u>non-Gaussian</u> r. v.'s (e.g. quadratic forms in isotropic random variables).

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Application I:

Effect of Correlation on the Sum-Rate of Broadcast Channels

An Application to Broadcast Channels

- Multiple antennas add tremendous value to point to point systems
- Research shifted recently to the role of multiple antennas in multiuser systems
 - (Uplink) Multiple Access (MAC)
 - (Downlink) Broadcast (BC)
- Broadcast scenarios (point to multi-point) are especially important because downlink scheduling is the major bottleneck for broadband wireless networks



Three Main Questions in a Broadcast Scenario (1)

- Q1) Quantify the maximum sum rate possible to all users
- A1) Sum-rate is achieved using dirty paper coding (DPC) (Caire and Shamai '02, Viswanath and Tse '02, Vishwanath et al. '02, Yu and Cioffi '02)
 - (-) DPC is computationally complex at both Tx and Rx
 - (-) Requires a great deal of Feedback (CSI for all users at Tx)

Three Main Questions in a Broadcast Scenario (2)

The second question is motivated by the drawbacks of DPC

- Q2) Devise computationally efficient algorithms for capturing capacity
- A2) Utilize multi-user diversity to achieve performance close to capacity
 - (+) Opportunist multiple random beamforming coincides asymptotically with DPC (Sharif and Hassibi '06)

$$R = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M}$$

(+) Requires simply SINR feedback to Tx



System Model

- Base station with M antennas broadcasting to n single-antenna users
- Received signal at each antenna

$$Y_i = \sqrt{P}H_iS + W_i, \qquad i = 1, \dots, n$$

with $E[S^*S] = 1$ and Gaussian noise $W_i \sim CN(0, I)$

- Channel H_i of *i*-th user is $1 \times M$ vector
 - Distributed as $CN(0, \mathbf{R})$; **R** is nonsingular with $tr(\mathbf{R}) = M$
 - Known perfectly at receiver
 - Follows a bock fading model (with coherence interval T)
 - $-H_i$ is independent from one user to another

Scaling of DPC under Correlation

• Rate for spatially uncorrelated channel

$$R_{DPC} = M \log \log n + M \log \left(\frac{P}{M}\right)$$

• Rate in the presence of correction

 $R_{DPC} = M \log \log n + M \log \left(\frac{P}{M}\right) + M \log \sqrt[M]{\det \mathbf{R}}$

• Since tr(R) = M, the geometric mean satisfies

$$\sqrt[M]{\det(R)} \le \frac{\operatorname{tr}(R)}{M} \le 1$$

What is Random Beam Forming?

- Choose M random orthonormal vectors ϕ_m , $m = 1, \ldots, M$ (according to an isotropic distribution)
- Construct the signal

$$S(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \phi_m s_m, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

where T is less than the coherence interval of the channel.

• After T channel uses we independently choose another isotropic set of orthonormal vectors $\{\phi_m\}$, and so on. So we are transmitting M random beams.



Exploit Multi-User Diversity

• Signal received by the *i*th user

$$Y_i = \sqrt{P}H_i\phi_1s_1 + \sqrt{P}H_i\phi_2s_2 + \dots + \sqrt{P}H_i\phi_Ms_M + W_i$$

• Each receiver $i = 1, \ldots, n$ computes the following M SINRs

SINR_{*i*,*m*} =
$$\frac{|H_i \phi_m|^2}{1/\rho + \sum_{k \neq m} |H_i \phi_k|^2}, \qquad m = 1, \dots, M$$

and feeds back the best SINR

• Transmitter assigns signal s_m to the user with the best SINR

$$C = E \sum_{m=1}^{M} \log \left(1 + \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \operatorname{SINR}_{i,m} \right)$$
$$= ME \log \left(1 + \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \operatorname{SINR}_{i,1} \right)$$

How to Characterize the Scaling

- Need to find the scaling of $\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \operatorname{SINR}_{i,1}$ for large n
- An order statistics problem; need to find pdf and CDF of SINR
- SINR is a ratio of two weighted norms

$$SINR_{i,1} = \frac{\|H_i\|_{\phi_1\phi_1^*}^2}{\frac{1}{\rho} + \|H_i\|_{I-\phi_1\phi_1^*}^2}$$

Statistics of $SINR_{i,m}$ (White Channel)

• Easy to find distribution of $SINR_{i,m} | \Phi$ when H_i is white

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{\rho}}}{(1+x)^{M}} \left(\frac{1}{\rho}(1+x) + M - 1\right)$$

$$F(x) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{\rho}}}{(1+x)^{M}}$$

• Finding these statistics in the correlated case is challenging

Statistics of SINR_{*i*,*m*} Given Φ (Correlated Case)

• We can show that the CDF of SINR in the correlated case

$$F(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi^M \det(R)} \lambda_M \prod_{i=1}^{M-1} \frac{\lambda_i \lambda_M}{x(\lambda_i - \lambda_M)} e^{-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{x}{\lambda_M}}$$

where $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_M$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$A = (1+x)\Lambda^{1/2}\phi_m\phi_m^*\Lambda^{1/2} - x\Lambda \qquad \rho = \frac{P}{M}$$

Note that eigenvalues are a function of x.

• pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi^{M} \det(R)} e^{-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{x}{\lambda_{M}}} \prod_{i=1}^{M-1} \frac{\lambda_{i}\lambda_{M}}{x(\lambda_{i} - \lambda_{M})} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\|q_{M}\|_{C}^{2}}{\lambda_{M}} - \|q_{M}\|_{B}^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{M} \frac{1}{\lambda_{i}} \frac{\lambda_{M}^{2} \|q_{i}\|_{C}^{2} - \lambda_{i}^{2} \|q_{M}\|_{C}^{2}}{x(\lambda_{i} - \lambda_{M})} \right\}$$

where $B = \Lambda^{1/2} (\phi_{m} \phi_{m}^{*} - I) \Lambda^{1/2}$ $C = \Lambda^{1/2} \phi_{m} \phi_{m}^{*} \Lambda^{1/2}$



Sum rate of RBF with Channel Whitening

• For random beam forming with channel whitening,

$$S(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sqrt{\alpha} \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \phi_m s_m(t)$$

• Set
$$\alpha = \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{R}^{-1})}{M}$$
 to guarantee $E[S^*S] \leq 1$

• Scaling becomes the same as for white channel case with reduced signal power

$$R_{BF-W} = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M} + M \log \frac{M}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{R}^{-1})}$$

Summary: Scaling of Sum-Rate

• White channel

$$R = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M}$$

• DPC with corelation

$$R_{DPC} = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M} + M \log \sqrt[M]{\det \mathbf{R}}$$

• Random Beamforming with correlation

$$R_{\rm RBF} = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M} + M E_{\Phi} \log \left(\frac{1}{\|\phi_m\|_{\Lambda^{-1}}^2}\right)$$

• Random beamforming with channel whitening

$$R_{BF-W} = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M} + M \log \frac{M}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{R}^{-1})}$$

Simulations

- Consider a base station with M = 2 and M = 3 antennas
- The corresponding correlation matrix is

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha & 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Figure 2: Sum-rate loss versus the correlation factor α for a system with M = 2 and n = 100.





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Application II:

Mean-Square Analysis of Normalized LMS

The Normalized LMS Algorithm

- LMS algorithm has found wide-spread application in control, signal processing, and communication
- It suffers from slow convergence in the presence of input correlation
- NLMS reduces the effect of correlation by normalizing the input by its energy

$$\mathbf{w}_{i} = \mathbf{w}_{i-1} + \mu \frac{\mathbf{u}_{i}^{*}}{\epsilon + ||\mathbf{u}_{i}||^{2}} e(i), \qquad i \ge 0$$
$$e(i) = d(i) - \mathbf{u}_{i} \mathbf{w}_{i-1} = \mathbf{u}_{i} \mathbf{w}^{o} - \mathbf{u}_{i} \mathbf{w}_{i} + v(i)$$

• Performance determined by the behavior of weight error vector

$$\left\|\mathbf{ ilde{w}}_{i}
ight\|^{2}=\left\|\mathbf{w}_{i}-\mathbf{w}_{0}
ight\|^{2}$$



The Normalized LMS Algorithm

- Stability and transient and steady-state behavior are completely determined by input moments
- The matrix **F** determines the transient and steady-state preformance

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} - \mu \mathbf{A} + \mu^2 \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} 2E \left[\frac{\mathbf{u}^* \mathbf{u}}{\epsilon + \|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \right] \quad \mathbf{B} = E \left[\frac{\left(\mathbf{u} \odot \mathbf{u}\right)^* \left(\mathbf{u} \odot \mathbf{u}\right)}{\left(\epsilon + \|\mathbf{u}\|^2\right)^2} \right]$$

• A and B are determined by finding 1st and 2nd moments of the r.v.'s

$$r_k = \frac{|u(k)|^2}{\epsilon + ||\mathbf{u}||^2}$$
 and $s_{kl} = \frac{|u(k)|^2 + |u(l)|^2}{\epsilon + ||\mathbf{u}||^2}$

• Moments can found in closed form by finding the CDF of these variables.



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Conclusion

- Presented a new approach for calculating the (joint) distribution of indefinite quadratic forms in (Gaussian) random variables.
- Used these results to study the effect of spatial correlation on various multiuser schemes for MIMO broadcast channels.

$$R_{\text{sum-rate}} = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M} + M \log c$$

- The constant c depends 1) the scheduling technique used and 2) the eigenvalues of the correlation matrix **R**
- Used the weighted norms ratio result to evaluate the performance of NLMS in closed form.

Other Research Interests

- Compressive sensing for impulsive noise estimation/cancellation in OFDM (Giuseppe Caire, USC)
- Application of compressive sensing in multiuser information theory (KFUPM students)
- Group Broadcast Channels (Amir Dana and Babak Hassibi, Cal Tech)
- Adaptive filtering analysis and design (Vitor Nascimento; previously with Ali Sayed, UCLA)
- Receiver design for (MIMO) OFDM in (block) time-variant channels (Naofal Al-Dhahir U. T. Dallas) (previously with A. Paulraj, Stanford)
- Blind channel estimation (KFUPM Students)

Can We Do Better?

• Apply a general precoding matrix

$$\alpha AS(t) = \alpha A \sum_{m=1}^{M} \phi_m(t) s_m(t), \qquad t = 1, \dots, T$$

• The factor α ensures that we have a fixed power constraint

$$\alpha \le \sqrt{\frac{M}{\operatorname{tr}(A^*A)}}$$

• This produces the effective channel

$$\tilde{H}_i = \alpha H_i A$$

with correlation $\alpha^2 \tilde{R} = \alpha^2 A^* R A$.

What is the Sum-Rate with a General Precoding?

• Sum-rate is given by

$$R_{\rm PC} = M \log \log n + M \log \frac{P}{M} - h_{\rm PC}$$
(3)

where h_{PC} is the hit incurred by using a general precoding matrix A

$$h_{\rm PC} = M \log \frac{\operatorname{tr}(A^*A)}{M} + ME \log \|\phi_m\|_{\tilde{R}^{-1}}^2$$
(4)

• Finding the optimum A that minimizes hit is difficult. But we can show that optimum precoding matrix A_{opt} can be written as

$$A_{opt} = Q_{Aopt} D_{Aopt}$$

where Q_{Aopt} is an orthornormal matrix and D_{opt} is diag with positive entries.

Special choices of A

- Difficult to optimize Q_{opt} and D_{opt} jointly.
- Set $Q_{opt} = Q_R$ as this will diagonalize R and optimize over D_{opt} .
- Zero forcing

$$A_{\rm ZF} = Q_R \Lambda_R^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

and resulting hit

$$h_{ZF} = M \log \frac{tr(R^{-1})}{M}$$

Special Choices of A

• MMSE precoding

$$A = Q_R (\Lambda + \beta I)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

with β obtained as a solution to a fixed-pt problem

$$\frac{Tr(\Lambda + \beta^* I)^{-2}}{Tr(\Lambda + \beta^* I)^{-1}} = E\left(\frac{1}{\beta^* + \frac{1}{\|\Phi_m\|_{\Lambda^{-1}}^2}}\right)$$

• More generally, we can set $Q_{opt} = Q_R$ and find the optimum D_{opt} . Need to solve a set of M implicit equations

$$\frac{1}{d_i} E\left[\frac{\frac{1}{d_i \lambda_i} |\phi(i)|^2}{\|\phi\|_{D^{-1} \Lambda^{-1}}^2}\right] = \frac{1}{tr(D)}$$

Minimize an Upper Bound Instead

• Difficulty in minimizing h_{PC} due to the *phi* term

$$h_{\rm PC} = M \log \frac{\operatorname{tr}(A^*A)}{M} + ME \log \|\phi_m\|_{\tilde{R}^{-1}}^2$$

• Minimize an upper bound

 $h \le M \log \operatorname{tr}(A^*A) + M \log \operatorname{tr}((A^*RA)^{-1})$

• Can show that optimum A in this case is

$$A = Q_R \Lambda_R^{-1/4}$$

