Secrecy in Interference Channel with Source Cooperation: A Deterministic View

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Motivation

- Open nature of wireless medium: users can eavesdrop other user message
- Different users have subscribed to different contents
- e.g.: cellular network
- Users can cooperate
- How cooperation and interference affect the secrecy capacity?

Interference channel with source cooperation



Problem statement

- To investigate the effects of user cooperation on secrecy of interference channel (IC)
- In general, solving such problem is hard!
- e.g.: Capacity of 2-user Gaussian IC (GIC) still remains an elusive problem
- Analogous model: deterministic model
- Translate the ideas from deterministic model to Gaussian model
- More optimistic to go for approximate capacity (secure DOF/GDOF) characterization

System model

- Symmetric GIC
- · Cooperative links: lossless but of finite capacity
- Global CSI at every nodes
- Transmitters completely trust each other

Notion of secrecy

Perfect secrecy

$$I(W_i; Y_j) = 0, i \neq j$$

Strong secrecy

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} I(W_i; Y_j^n) = 0, \ i\neq j$$

Weak secrecy

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{n}I(W_i; Y_j^n)=0, \ i\neq j$$

 Symmetric secrecy capacity: largest secrecy rate that can be achieved by any coding scheme

Recap on deterministic model

- Introduced by Avestimehr, Diggavi and David Tse for relay network¹
- We will consider it for
 - 1. Point-to-Point AWGN channel
 - 2. Two-user Interference channel

¹Wireless Network Information Flow: A Deterministic Approach, Trans. IT, April, 2011

Modeling of Point-to-Point Link

Real scalar Gaussian model:

$$y = hx + z$$
, $z \sim N(0, 1)$

Assumptions:

- Avg. power constraint at the Transmitter: $E[|x|^2] \le 1$
- The transmit power and noise power are normalized to 1

Channel gain is related to SNR as: $|h| = \sqrt{SNR}$

The capacity of this channel is:

$$C_{\text{AWGN}} = \frac{1}{2}\log(1 + SNR).$$

- Assume *h*, *x* and *z*: positive real numbers
- x has peak power constraint of 1

The received signal in binary form is

$$y = hx + z = \sqrt{SNRx} + z$$

= $2^{\frac{1}{2}\log SNR} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x(i)2^{-i} + \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} z(i)2^{-i}$
= $2^{\frac{1}{2}\log SNR} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x(i)2^{-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} z(i)2^{-i}$
 $\approx \underbrace{2^n \sum_{i=1}^n x(i)2^{-i}}_{n-\text{most significant bits}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} [x(i+n) + z(i)] 2^{-i}}_{\text{Mixed with noise}}$
where $n = \left[\frac{1}{2}\log SNR\right]^+$

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- Transmitting signal: a sequence of bits at different signal levels
- Highest signal level = MSB and Lowest signal level = LSB

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• Noise: modeled by truncation

IC: Deterministic model

System model

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_1 &= \mathbf{D}^{q-m} \mathbf{x}_1 \oplus \mathbf{D}^{q-n} \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 &= \mathbf{D}^{q-m} \mathbf{x}_2 \oplus \mathbf{D}^{q-n} \mathbf{x}_1 \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{x}_i : binary input vector of length $q = \max(m, n)$ $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$



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IC with source cooperation: Deterministic model





Figure: Symmetric GIC with source cooperation

Figure: Deterministic Equivalence

- $m = (\lfloor \log |h_d|^2 \rfloor)^+$
- $n = (\lfloor \log |h_c|^2 \rfloor)^+$
- $C = \lfloor C^G \rfloor$

Class of channel: weak/moderate interference case (m > n)

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- Type of links
 - Type V
 - Type VI
 - Type VII
 - Type VIII
- Class of channel
 - Class A: Type V, VI and VII
 - Class B: Type V and VII
 - Class C: Type V, VII and VIII

Class B



Figure: Deterministic IC: m = 4, and n = 2

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- For class B: m = 2n
- Number of Type V links: $T_5 = n$
- Number of Type VII links: $T_7 = n$

Achievable scheme for Class B



Figure: Deterministic IC: m = 4, n = 2 and C = 0

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Figure: Deterministic IC: m = 4, n = 2 and C = 1



Figure: Deterministic IC: m = 4, n = 2 and $\mathcal{L} = 2$.

Achievable scheme: Class B

- When *C* ≤ *n*
 - Transmit in Type VII links from 1 to min(*n*, *C*) as :

$$a_{m-n+i} \oplus b_i$$

If n - min(n, C) > 0, then transmit in the remaining Type VII links

$$b_{\min(n,C)+i}, \quad i = 1 \text{ to } n - \min(n,C)$$

• If min(n, C) > 0, then transmit in the Type V links

$$b_{m-n+i}, \quad i=1 \text{ to } \min(n, C)$$

Secrecy capacity

$$C_{S} = n + \min(m - n, C)$$

• If C > n, then discard the excess C - n bits!

Class A



Figure: DIC: m = 3, and n = 1

- For class B: *m* > 2*n*
- Number of Type V links: $T_5 = m$
- Number of Type VII links: $T_7 = m$
- Number of Type VI links: $T_6 = m 2n$

- Use the same achievable scheme as described for the Class B channel
- Transmit the data bits as it is on the Type VI links
- Secrecy capacity

$$C_{S} = n + \min(m - n, C) + T_{6}$$
$$= m - n + \min(m - n, C)$$

Class C



Figure: Deterministic IC: m = 5, and n = 4

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- For Class C: *m* < 2*n*
- Number of Type VIII links: $T_8 = 2n m$
- Number of Type V links: $T_5 = m n$
- Number of Type VI links: $T_7 = m n$

$T_8 > T_5 + T_7$ and m < 2n

- Type V and VII links do not interfere with each other
- At least $T_5 + T_7$ bits can be transmitted
- How many bits can be transmitted on the Type VIII links?
- Number of levels available for transmission on Type VIII links

$$r = T_8 - (T_5 + T_7)$$

Transmitted bits get shifted by an amount of *m* – *n* at the unintended Rx

Transmission on Type VIII links

- No. of bits that can be sent consecutively on Type VIII links: B = m - n
- No. of such consecutive levels: $B' = \lfloor \frac{r}{B} \rfloor$
- No. of consecutive levels that can be used for transmission

$$S = \begin{cases} \frac{B'}{2} & \text{if } B' \text{ is even} \\ \frac{B'+1}{2} & \text{if } B' \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

- Total number of bits sent on the consecutive level: SB
- No. of consecutive levels no bits transmitted: $S' = \lfloor \frac{r-SB}{B} \rfloor$
- No. of nonconsecutive levels: u = r% B
- If S' = S and u ≠ 0, then these remaining u levels can be used for signal transmission
- If S' ≠ S and u ≠ 0, then these remaining u levels can not be used for transmission

Achievable scheme: Class C



Figure: Deterministic IC: m = 5, n = 4 and C = 0



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Interference as strong as signal (m = n)

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High interference case: *m* < *n*

- Different type of links
 - Type I
 - Type II
 - Type III
 - Type IV
- Type of channel
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3

Class 3 channel

- For Class 3: *n* < 2*m*
- Number of Type VIII links: $T_4 = 2m n$
- Number of Type V links: $T_5 = n m$
- Number of Type VI links: $T_7 = n m$

Achievable scheme: Class 3

Figure: DIC: m = 2, n = 3 and C = 0

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Figure: DIC: m = 2, n = 3 and C = 1

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Figure: DIC: m = 2, n = 3 and C = 2 (First round)

Figure: DIC: m = 2, n = 3 and C = 2 (Second round)

Figure: Deterministic IC: m = 2, n = 3 and C = 3

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Some observations

- When C = n, it is possible to achieve max(m, n)
- For Class A and B (weak/moderate intf. regime): scheme is optimal
- For Class C: not optimal always
- For Class 3 (high intf. regime): scheme is optimal when $C \ge 1$

• For Class 1 and 2: When C = 0, $C_S = 0$

Future work

- Outer bounds: DIC with source cooperation
- Use the insights obtained from DIC to derive inner/outer bounds for the GIC

- Is secrecy in DIC equivalent to secrecy in GIC?
- Is it possible to achieve the maximum possible rate (without secrecy constraint) as in DIC?
- $C_{\text{DIC}} \subseteq C_{\text{DIC}}^{\text{S}}$?
- What if, the users can not be trusted?