Joint Channel Coding and Physical Layer Network Coding Design for Gaussian Two-Way Relay Channels

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Abstract

Joint channel coding and physical layer network coding (CPNC) can enhance the throughput of wireless networks. In this work, we investigate a joint CPNC scheme for Gaussian two-way relay channels. The messages of two users are encoded with the same binary linear code and are transmitted simultaneously with equal power. The relay computes and forwards the network codeword without completely decoding both users’ messages. First we study the distance spectrum of the CPNC scheme and derive an asymptotically tight performance bound for the error probability at the relay. We show that the error performance of the CPNC scheme has an asymptotic SNR degradation of at most \( \ln 2 \approx 0.6931 \) (in linear scale), relative to the single-user relay system with the same channel code. This is equivalent to an SNR degradation less than 1 dB for the medium-to-high SNR range and the gap diminishes as SNR increases. Then, we study how to design capacity approaching irregular repeat-accumulate (IRA) codes for Gaussian two-way relay channels. The equivalent Tanner Graph of the joint CPNC code is investigated and the message update rules for the ternary symbols in the network decoder are derived. We proposed a method to model the a priori information for iterative decoding in the PNC scheme. The model can facilitate the convergence analysis and the code design based on extrinsic information transfer (EXIT) chart. As an example for our design approach, we construct an IRA coded PNC scheme which outperforms the regular RA coded PNC scheme by 2.4 dB.

Biography

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