On Multicasting Prioritized Messages

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- Ahlswede, Li, Cai and Yeung (2000)
- Avestimehr, Diggavi and Tse (2007)

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Problem setup: prioritized messages



- Korner and Marton (1977); Nair and El-Gamal (2008)
- Ngai and Yeung (2004), Erez and Feder (2003), and Ramamoorthy and Wessel (2009)

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A combinatorial network model: combination networks



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Mixing of the common and private messages is necessary; but in a controlled manner

One has to reveal (partial) information about the private message to public receivers!



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capacity region for two public and any number of private receivers.



Main Results

An achievable rate-region using a standard linear superposition encoding schemes.

capacity region for two public and any number of private receivers.

The rate-region is enlarged by employing a proper pre-encoding at the transmitter.

capacity region for three (or fewer) public and any number of private receivers.

A block Markov encoding scheme may improve both previous schemes.

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Rate splitting and linear superposition coding

- let $W = [w_{1,1} \dots w_{1,R_1} w_{2,1} \dots w_{2,R_2}]^T$
- let $X = \mathbf{A} \cdot W$
- reveal information about the private messages to public receivers through a zero-structured encoding matrix
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 $R_2 = \alpha_{\{1,2\}} + \alpha_{\{2\}} + \alpha_{\{1\}} + \alpha_{\phi}$

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• choose appropriate parameters, and complete the matrix

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Structural constraints:

$$lpha_S \ge 0 \quad \forall S \subseteq \{1, 2\}$$
 $R_2 = \sum lpha_S$

Decoding constraints at public receiver $i \in \{1, 2\}$:

$$R_1 + \sum_{S \ni i} \alpha_S \le \sum_{S \ni i} |\mathcal{E}_S|$$

Decoding constraints at private receiver *p*:

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The converse holds for two public and any number of private receivers, characterizing the capacity region.

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Two public and any number of private receivers

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The private information revealed to different subsets of public receivers need not be independent

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Appropriate pre-encoding



• pre-encode $W_2 = [w_{2,1}, w_{2,2}]^T$ into $W'_2 = [w'_{2,1}, w'_{2,2}, w'_{2,3}]$

• now use an structured encoding matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{\{1\}} \\ X_{\{2\}} \\ X_{\{3\}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w'_{2,1} \\ w'_{2,2} \\ w'_{2,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Beyond pre-encoding: dependency through time



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$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha_{\{1,2\}} \ge 0, \quad \alpha_{\{1\}} + \alpha_{\{1,2\}} \ge 0, \quad \alpha_{\{2\}} + \alpha_{\{1,2\}} \ge 0\\ &\alpha_{\{1\}} + \alpha_{\{2\}} + \alpha_{\{1,2\}} \ge 0\\ &\alpha_{\phi} + \alpha_{\{1\}} + \alpha_{\{2\}} + \alpha_{\{1,2\}} \ge 0\\ &R_2 = \sum \alpha_S \end{aligned}$$

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Capacity result

The capacity region of a linear deterministic broadcast channel with two public receivers and any number of private receivers is given by

$$R_{1} \leq \min_{i \in I} r_{\{i\}}$$

$$R_{1} + R_{2} \leq \min_{i \in I_{2}} r_{\{i\}}$$

$$2R_{1} + R_{2} \leq \min_{i \in I_{2}} \{r_{\{1\}} + r_{\{2\}} + r_{\{1,2,i\}} - r_{\{1,2\}}\},$$

where the size of \mathbb{F} is larger than *K*. The rates given above are expressed in $\log_{|\mathbb{F}|}(\cdot)$.

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$$r_{\{i\}} \triangleq \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{H}_i)$$
 • $r_{\{i_1, \cdots, i_{|S|}\}} \triangleq \operatorname{rank} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{i_1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{H}_{i_{|S|}} \end{bmatrix}$

Example

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