

Prediction and Representation of Array Performance under Sensor Failure

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- Problem definition
- Performance bounds
 - Bayesian bounds
 - Deterministic bounds
- Signal models

Fading channels















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• How much should the sonar operator trust the system when some of the sensors fail (or disabled)?

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How to report?

- In general the user manual of a given system provides the following information;
 - The system is operational, up to N sensor failures.
 - The system is partially operational, up to M sensor failures.
 - The system is not operational, after K sensor failures.







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How to report?

- The drawback here is these bounds are loose.
 - i.e. The system may tolerate the loss of sensors in certain angular sector.



 The bounds have to be loose, as the number of possible combinations become very large, as number of sensors increase.









Performance prediction

- System performance can be assessed using performance lower bounds.
 - Two classes of performance bounds exist
 - **o** Bayesian bounds
 - The parameter to be estimated is a random variable with a known a-priori distribution.
 - o Deterministic bounds
 - The parameter to be estimated is a non-random parameter







Performance Prediction

Deterministic CRLB can be evaluated.

- Bound is optimistic,
 - Under low SNR.
 - Under fading conditions.

- Deterministic version of the Ziv-Zakai Bounds can be used.
 - Tighter lower bound, even at low SNR conditions!









SNR Regions



- CRLB can not model gross-error events, since it only considers the second derivative of the beampattern at the mainlobe.
 - Consequently the errors produced by side-lobe jumps (gross errors at low SNR values) can not be modeled.
 - CRLB is not a tight bound at low SNR values.
- Performance bounds are generally divided into three regions w.r.t. SNR:

<u>Apriori region</u>: Region in which the estimate is uniformly distributed in the a priori domain of the unknown parameter (region of low SNRs).

<u>Threshold region</u>: Region of transition between the apriori and asymptotic regions (region of medium SNRs). The mean squared error is dominated by gross error events.

<u>Asymptotic region</u>: Region in which the CRLB is achieved (region of high SNRs). Gross error probability is negligibly small.







Signal model

The signal model under Rician fading is as follows;

 $\tilde{y}_{nk} = \tilde{s}_k \eta_n e^{j\theta_c} + \tilde{N}_{nk}$

 $\eta_n \sim CN(\bar{\eta}_{I_n} + j\bar{\eta}_{Q_n}, 2\sigma^2)$









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Channel Fading

Time (secs)







Ziv-Zakai and Cramer-Rao Bounds









Cramer-Rao Bound under Rician Fading









Ziv-Zakai Bounds





*Figure taken from: K.Bell, Y.Eprahim, H.L.Van Trees, "Explicit Ziv Zakai Lower Bound for Bearing Estimation", IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, Vol. 44, No:11, Nov. 1996.





Approximate Deterministic ZZB



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This is an approximate lower bound for ML type estimators.





Stein's unified analysis of error probability



Where Q_1 is the Marcum-Q function and I_0 is the modified Bessel function of the first kind.



*S. Stein, "Unified analysis of certain coherent and non-coherent binary communication systems," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. IT-10, January 1964, pp. 43–51.



Online Performance Prediction



Case study:

Circular array with directional sensors

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Sensor patterns:

$$B_n(\phi) = \left|\frac{1}{2}\cos(\phi - \phi_n) + \frac{1}{2}\right|^2$$

$$\phi_n = \frac{(n-1)\pi}{6}, \ n = 1, 2, \dots, 12.$$







Online Performance Prediction

Array geometry and sensor beampatterns



K = 10





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Summary

- Deterministic lower bounds can be utilized for online performance estimation of the system.
 - Extension of Ziv-Zakai bounds for an approximate deterministic bound is used in this work.
 - Closed form expressions are available.
 - Actual systems can be equipped with a system performance prediction tab, to provide the user with current system capabilities.



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