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Problem 1

Waterfilling Example

Let n be a positive integer and let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be positive reals. Which choice of b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n maximizes $\sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{a_i + b_i}$ subject to $b_i \geq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n b_i = 1$?

Problem 2

Parallel Channels and Waterfilling

Consider a pair of parallel Gaussian channels, i.e.,

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

and every codeword has to satisfy the total average-power constraint

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{X}_i\|^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i}^2 + X_{2,i}^2) \leq E.$$

Assume $\sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$. At what power does the channel stop behaving like a single channel with noise variance σ_2^2 and begin behaving like a pair of channels?

Problem 3

Dependent Channels and Waterfilling

Consider a pair of parallel Gaussian channels, i.e.,

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

and every codeword has to satisfy the total average-power constraint

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{X}_i\|^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i}^2 + X_{2,i}^2) \leq E.$$

- Assume that E is very small. Does an optimal transmission scheme put all power into one channel? If yes, into which one? If no, why not?
- What is the capacity of the parallel channel?
- How can the capacity of the parallel channel be achieved?