

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF A SECOND ORDER STATISTICS BASED SOLUTION FOR THE MIMO CHANNEL IDENTIFICATION PROBLEM

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ABSTRACT

The CFC₂ algorithm is a recently introduced analytical solution for the blind MIMO channel identification problem, provided a certain spectral diversity holds for the stochastic inputs of the MIMO system. Here, we develop a theoretical study to derive the asymptotic performance of the CFC₂ algorithm, in terms of mean-square error. Asymptotic normality of the MIMO channel estimate is proved, and the asymptotic error covariance matrix derived. Computer simulation results are included to validate the theoretical expressions.

1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The closed-form correlative coding (hereafter, CFC₂) was introduced in [1, 2]. It provides an analytical solution for the blind MIMO channel identification problem, under an appropriate pre-filtering correlative framework which does not increase the transmitted power nor decreases the original data rate. Also, only 2nd order statistics are used. We refer the reader to [1, 2] for details. Here, we analyse the performance of the CFC₂ algorithm, in order to assess the asymptotic mean-square error (MSE) of the MIMO channel estimate. For simplicity, we consider here the case of binary sources and zero-mean spatio-temporal white Gaussian noise. The extension to the general case follows easily. The set \mathcal{T} in (5) of [1] is given here by $\mathcal{T} = \{0, 1, \dots, d\}$ for some integer d .

Notation. We maintain the notation in [1]. In addition, we let $\mathbf{I}_{m,n,p} = [\mathbf{0}_{n \times m} \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{0}_{n \times p}]$, $\mathbf{S}_{p,n,i} = \mathbf{I}_p \otimes \mathbf{I}_{0,n,i}$, $\mathbf{T}_{p,n,i} = \mathbf{I}_p \otimes \mathbf{I}_{i,n,0}$ and $\mathbf{1}_{m \times n}$ is the $m \times n$ matrix with all 1's. The symbol \boxtimes denotes the Khatri-Rao product: for $\mathbf{A} : m \times n$, $\mathbf{B} : p \times n$, $\mathbf{A} \boxtimes \mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_n \otimes \mathbf{b}_n] : mp \times n$, where $\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{b}_i$ denote the i th column of \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} , respectively. $\mathbf{A}^{[k]}$ is the k -fold Kronecker product of \mathbf{A} : $\mathbf{A}^{[k]} = \mathbf{A} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{A}$ (k times). For $\mathbf{A} : m \times n$, $\text{vec}(\mathbf{A})$, $\text{tr}\{\mathbf{A}\}$, $\|\mathbf{A}\|$ represent the vectorization operator, the trace and the Frobenius norm of \mathbf{A} , respectively. Also, $\mathbf{i}_n = \text{vec}(\mathbf{I}_n)$ and $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ is the commutation matrix [6]: for $\mathbf{A} : n \times m$, $\mathbf{K}_{n,m} \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}^T)$. For random vectors \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} , $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{x}\}$ is the statistical expectation operator, $\text{corr}\{\mathbf{x}\} = \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T\}$ and $\text{cov}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\} = \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^T\} - \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{x}\}\mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{y}^T\}$; $\stackrel{d}{\rightarrow}, \perp$ stand for convergence in distribution and statistical independency, respectively, and $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ is the Gaussian distribution with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$. Random matrices are viewed as random vectors through the $\text{vec}(\cdot)$ operator. For matrix-to-matrix differentiable mappings $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X})$, $\mathbf{Y} : m \times n$, $\mathbf{X} : k \times l$, $\dot{\mathbf{F}} : mn \times kl$ denotes the usual derivative by interpreting both \mathbf{Y} and \mathbf{X} as vectors, through $\text{vec}(\cdot)$.

2. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS: OUTLINE

We view the CFC₂ algorithm as a differentiable mapping Φ which maps the set of sample correlation matrices

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}} \equiv (\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[0], \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[1], \dots, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[d]) \quad (1)$$

into the corresponding MIMO channel estimate $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$: $\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \Phi(\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}})$. Keep in mind that

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau] = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{x}[t] \mathbf{x}[t-\tau]^T$$

denote a sequence of random matrices indexed by T (the number of observed data samples), although this dependency is not explicit here (to avoid cumbersome notation). The same applies to the remaining random variables ($\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{H}}$, etc). Using the concept of m -dependent sequences [3], we start by establishing the asymptotic normality of $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}$:

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}) \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0), \quad (2)$$

for a certain covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0$. Here,

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} \equiv (\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0], \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[1], \dots, \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[d])$$

denotes the expected value of $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}$. By the Delta method [5], we have $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\mathbf{H}} - \mathbf{H}) \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \dot{\Phi}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 \dot{\Phi}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}})^T$. To obtain the derivative of the mapping Φ , we interpret Φ as the composition of $n = 4$ (simpler) differentiable mappings, $\Phi = \Phi_4 \circ \Phi_3 \circ \Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1$, each Φ_i representing an intermediate step of the CFC₂ algorithm; $\dot{\Phi}$ is obtained by the chain rule: $\dot{\Phi} = \dot{\Phi}_4 \cdot \dot{\Phi}_3 \cdot \dot{\Phi}_2 \cdot \dot{\Phi}_1$. In the following, we fill in the details of this outline.

3. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS: DETAILS

First, we prove the asymptotic normality of the sample statistics $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}$, and obtain the associated asymptotic covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0$ in (2). Then, we focus on each of the differentiable mappings Φ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$, and obtain $\dot{\Phi}_i$.

Asymptotic normality of $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}$. We say that a random variable $\alpha \sim \mathcal{A}(\kappa)$ if $\mathbb{E}\{\alpha\} = 0$, $\mathbb{E}\{\alpha^2\} = 1$, $\mathbb{E}\{\alpha^3\} = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}\{\alpha^4\} = \kappa$. Also, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)^T \sim \mathcal{A}^n(\kappa)$ if $\alpha_i \perp \alpha_j$, for $i \neq j$,

and $\alpha_i \sim \mathcal{A}(\kappa)$. Finally, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\boldsymbol{\alpha}_1^\top, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2^\top, \dots, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_p^\top)^\top \sim \mathcal{A}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$, where $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_p)^\top$ if $\alpha_i \perp \alpha_j$, for $i \neq j$, and $\alpha_i \sim \mathcal{A}^n(\kappa_i)$. We shall need lemma 1 concerning the second and fourth moments of the distribution $\mathcal{A}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$. The proof is omitted due to paper length constraints.

Lemma 1. For $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \sim \mathcal{A}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$, $\mathbb{E}\{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top\} = \mathbf{P}_p^n(\mathbf{i}_p \otimes \mathbf{i}_n)$, where $\mathbf{P}_p^n = \mathbf{I}_p \otimes \mathbf{K}_{p,n} \otimes \mathbf{I}_n$. Also, $\text{corr}\{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top\} = \mathbf{P}_p^n \mathbf{C} \mathbf{P}_p^{n\top}$, where

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{I}_{p^2 n^2} + \mathbf{i}_p \mathbf{i}_p^\top \otimes \mathbf{i}_n \mathbf{i}_n^\top + \mathbf{K}_{p,p} \otimes \mathbf{K}_{n,n} + \text{diag}[(\kappa_1 - 3)\mathbf{I}_{pn^2}, (\kappa_2 - 3)\mathbf{I}_{pn^2}, \dots, (\kappa_p - 3)\mathbf{I}_{pn^2}] \square$$

For further reference, we let $\boldsymbol{\mu}_p^n = \mathbb{E}\{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}\}$ and $\mathbf{C}_p^n(\mathbf{k}) = \text{corr}\{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}\}$, for $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \sim \mathcal{A}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$. For a scalar signal $\{\alpha[t] : t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and given length n , we define the stacking operator

$$\mathcal{S}^n(\alpha[t]) = (\alpha[t], \alpha[t-1], \dots, \alpha[t-(n-1)])^\top.$$

Correspondingly, for p signals $\{\alpha_i[t] : t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and given n , we let

$$\mathcal{S}_p^n(\alpha_1[t], \dots, \alpha_p[t]) = \left(\mathcal{S}^n(\alpha_1[t]), \dots, \mathcal{S}^n(\alpha_p[t]) \right)^\top.$$

We say that the random multivariate time series $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t]$ has the distribution $\mathcal{Z}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$, for $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_p)^\top$, written $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[\cdot] \sim \mathcal{Z}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$, if $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] = \mathcal{S}_p^n(\alpha_1[t], \dots, \alpha_p[t])$, with $\alpha_i[s] \perp \alpha_j[t]$, for $i \neq j$ or $s \neq t$, and $\alpha_i[t] \sim \mathcal{A}(\kappa_i)$, for all t .

Lemma 2. Let $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[\cdot] \sim \mathcal{Z}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$. We have

$$\sqrt{T} \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] - \boldsymbol{\mu}_p^n \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})),$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \mathbf{K}_0 + 2 \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{K}_l - (2n-1) \boldsymbol{\mu}_p^n \boldsymbol{\mu}_p^{n\top},$$

with $\mathbf{K}_l = \mathbf{S}_{p,n,l}^{[2]} \mathbf{C}_p^{n+l}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) \mathbf{T}_{p,n,l}^{[2]\top} \square$

Proof. By definition, there exist p mutually independent random signals $\alpha_i[t]$, $\alpha_i[s] \perp \alpha_i[t]$, for $s \neq t$, and $\alpha_i[t] \sim \mathcal{A}(\kappa_i)$, such that $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] = \mathcal{S}_p^n(\alpha_1[t], \dots, \alpha_p[t])$. Within the context of this proof we let $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^k[t] = \mathcal{S}_p^k(\alpha_1[t], \dots, \alpha_p[t])$; thus, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^n[t]$. Let $\lambda[t] = \mathbf{u}^\top (\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t])$, for arbitrary (fixed) \mathbf{u} . From the given assumptions, it is clear that $\lambda[t]$ is a stationary $(n-1)$ -dependent sequence [3]. Thus,

$$\sqrt{T} \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \lambda[t] - \mu \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \nu^2),$$

$\mu = \mathbb{E}\{\lambda[t]\}$, $\nu^2 = \nu_0 + 2 \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \nu_l$, and $\nu_l = \text{cov}\{\lambda[t], \lambda[t-l]\}$, for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ [4]. Since $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] \sim \mathcal{A}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$, we have $\mu = \boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_p^n$. Using the identities

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] = \mathbf{S}_{p,n,l} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t] \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t-l] = \mathbf{T}_{p,n,l} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t],$$

we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] &= \mathbf{S}_{p,n,l}^{[2]} \left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t] \right) \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t-l] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t-l] &= \mathbf{T}_{p,n,l}^{[2]} \left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t] \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{\lambda[t] \lambda[t-l]\} &= \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{S}_{p,n,l}^{[2]} \text{corr}\{\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+l}[t]\} \mathbf{T}_{p,n,l}^{[2]\top} \mathbf{u} \\ &= \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{K}_l \mathbf{u}, \end{aligned}$$

for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. Finally

$$\begin{aligned} \nu^2 &= \mathbb{E}\{\lambda[t]^2\} + 2 \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \mathbb{E}\{\lambda[t] \lambda[t-l]\} - (2n-1) \mu^2 \\ &= \mathbf{u}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_p^n(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) \mathbf{u}. \end{aligned}$$

Since \mathbf{u} was chosen arbitrarily, the Cramér-Wold device [5] concludes the proof \square

Rewrite the data model of equation (2) in [1] as

$$\mathbf{x}[t] = \underbrace{\left[\widetilde{\mathbf{H}}_1 \widetilde{\mathbf{H}}_2 \cdots \widetilde{\mathbf{H}}_P \sigma \mathbf{I}_N \right]}_{\mathcal{H}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1[t] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_P[t] \\ \mathbf{b}[t] \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}[t] \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where $\mathbf{b}[t] = \mathbf{n}[t]/\sigma = (b_1[t], \dots, b_N[t])^\top$, $\widetilde{\mathbf{H}}_p = \mathbf{H}_p \mathbf{G}_p$ and $\mathbf{G}_p : \tau_p \times (\tau_p + \gamma_p - 1)$ is a Toeplitz matrix with first line given by

$$(g_p[0], \dots, g_p[\gamma_p - 1], \mathbf{0}_{1 \times (\tau_p - 1)}).$$

Recall from equation (3) in [1] that $g_p[\cdot]$ denotes the correlative filter associated with the p th user. In (3),

$$\mathbf{a}_p[t] = (a_p[t], \dots, a_p[t - L_p - 1])^\top,$$

$L_p \equiv \tau_p + \gamma_p - 1$, where the scalar signal $a_p[t]$ denotes the (unfiltered) i.i.d. information symbol sequence emitted by the p th source. With $\mathbf{x}[t]$ as in (3) and $\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}$ as in (1), we have $\widehat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \text{vec}(\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}) = (\mathbf{I}_{d+1} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{[2]}) \widehat{\mathbf{r}}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$, where

$$\widehat{\mathbf{r}}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \begin{bmatrix} (\boldsymbol{\theta}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\theta}[t])^\top & \cdots & (\boldsymbol{\theta}[t-d] \otimes \boldsymbol{\theta}[t])^\top \end{bmatrix}^\top.$$

But, $\boldsymbol{\theta}[t-\tau] = \mathcal{I}[\tau] \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t]$, for $0 \leq \tau \leq d$,

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] = \mathcal{S}_{P+N}^{L+d} (a_1[t], \dots, a_P[t], b_1[t], \dots, b_N[t]),$$

$L \equiv \max\{L_1, \dots, L_P\}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}[\tau] &= \text{diag}[\mathcal{I}_a[\tau], \mathcal{I}_b[\tau]] \\ \mathcal{I}_a[\tau] &= \text{diag}[\mathbf{I}_{\tau, L_1, L+d-L_1-\tau}, \dots, \mathbf{I}_{\tau, L_P, L+d-L_P-\tau}] \\ \mathcal{I}_b[\tau] &= \mathbf{I}_N \otimes \mathbf{I}_{\tau, 1, L+d-1-\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\widehat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{M} \widehat{\mathbf{r}}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}$, where $\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{I}_{d+1} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{[2]}) \mathcal{I}$,

$$\mathcal{I} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{I}[0] \otimes \mathcal{I}[0])^\top & \cdots & (\mathcal{I}[d] \otimes \mathcal{I}[0])^\top \end{bmatrix}^\top,$$

and $\widehat{\mathbf{r}}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t] \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}[t]$. Applying Lemma 2 to $\boldsymbol{\alpha}[\cdot] \sim \mathcal{Z}_{P+N}^{L+d}(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$, where $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (\mathbf{1}_{1 \times P}, \mathbf{31}_{1 \times N})^\top$ (due to our assumptions

of P binary sources and i.i.d. Gaussian entries in $\mathbf{n}[t]$, and by the Delta method [5], we obtain $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{x}}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0)$, where $\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{x}} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}})$, $\mathbf{\Sigma}_0 = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{\Sigma}_{P+N}^{L+d}(\kappa)\mathbf{M}^\top$.

Mapping Φ_1 . We define Φ_1 as the mapping

$$(\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[0], \dots, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[d]) \xrightarrow{\Phi_1} (\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[1], \dots, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[d]),$$

where $\hat{\lambda} = (\hat{\lambda}_1, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_M)^\top$, $M = \tau_1 + \dots + \tau_P$, $\hat{\lambda}_i \geq \hat{\lambda}_j$ for $i < j$, and $\hat{\mathbf{W}} = [\hat{\mathbf{w}}_1 \dots \hat{\mathbf{w}}_M]$, denote the M biggest eigenvalues and respective eigenvectors of $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[0]$. Let $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_M)^\top$ and $\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_1 \dots \mathbf{w}_M]$ denote the counterparts of $\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}$ in $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0]$, and assume (for simplicity) that $\lambda_i > \lambda_j$, for $i < j$, i.e., the M biggest eigenvalues of $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0]$ are distinct. Then, the functions $\lambda_i(\cdot)$ and $\mathbf{w}_i(\cdot)$ which extract the i th biggest eigenvalue of \mathbf{X} and associated eigenvector, respectively, are differentiable in a neighborhood of $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0]$, for $i = 1, \dots, M$ [6]; the derivatives at $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0]$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\lambda}_i &= \mathbf{w}_i^\top \otimes \mathbf{w}_i \\ \dot{\mathbf{w}}_i &= \mathbf{w}_i^\top \otimes (\lambda_i \mathbf{I}_N - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0])^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

Using these results we can write the derivative of Φ_1 at $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0]$ as

$$\dot{\Phi}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{W} \boxtimes \mathbf{W})^\top & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{w}_1^\top \otimes (\lambda_1 \mathbf{I}_N - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0])^\dagger & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_M^\top \otimes (\lambda_M \mathbf{I}_N - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0])^\dagger & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{dN^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Remark that, with the definition of $\hat{\lambda}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{W}}$ as above, the matrix

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \hat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\hat{\lambda} - \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{1/2}, \quad (4)$$

where $\hat{\lambda} = \text{diag}[\hat{\lambda}_1, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_M]$, corresponds to the estimate of \mathbf{G} in equation (6) of [1].

Mapping Φ_2 . We let Φ_2 be the mapping defined by

$$(\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[1], \dots, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[d]) \xrightarrow{\Phi_2} (\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}[1], \dots, \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d]),$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau] = \hat{\mathbf{G}}^\dagger \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau] \hat{\mathbf{G}}^{\dagger\top}$, corresponds to the estimate of $\mathbf{B}[\tau]$ (7) of [1]; $\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau]$ depends on $\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau]$, as $\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau] = \mathbf{F}(\hat{\lambda}) \hat{\mathbf{W}}^\top \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau] \hat{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{F}(\hat{\lambda})$, $\mathbf{F}(\lambda) \equiv \text{diag}[g(\lambda_1), \dots, g(\lambda_M)]$ and the function $g(x) = 1/\sqrt{x - \sigma^2}$. The derivative of \mathbf{F} at λ is easily seen to be given by

$$\mathcal{G}(\lambda) \equiv \dot{\mathbf{F}} = (\mathbf{I}_M \boxtimes \mathbf{I}_M) \text{diag}[\dot{g}(\lambda_1), \dots, \dot{g}(\lambda_M)],$$

where $\dot{g}(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - \sigma^2)^{-3/2}$. On the other hand, holding $\hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau]$ fixed, and defining $\mathbf{C}[\tau] = \hat{\mathbf{W}}^\top \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[0] \hat{\mathbf{W}}$, we can compute the derivative of $\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau]$ with respect to \mathbf{F} :

$$d\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau] = d\mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}[\tau]\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}[\tau]d\mathbf{F};$$

thus, letting $\hat{\mathbf{b}}[\tau] = \text{vec}(\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau])$, we have

$$d\hat{\mathbf{b}}[\tau] = (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}[\tau]^\top \otimes \mathbf{I}_M + \mathbf{I}_M \otimes \mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}[\tau]) d\mathbf{f},$$

where $\mathbf{f} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{F})$. By the chain rule, the derivative of $\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau]$ with respect to $\hat{\lambda}$ at

$$(\lambda, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}[1], \dots, \mathbf{B}[d]) = \Phi_1(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[0], \dots, \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[d]) \quad (5)$$

is given by

$$\partial_{\hat{\lambda}} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau] = (\mathbf{F}(\lambda) \mathbf{C}[\tau]^\top \otimes \mathbf{I}_M + \mathbf{I}_M \otimes \mathbf{F}(\lambda) \mathbf{C}[\tau]) \mathcal{G}(\lambda),$$

where $\mathbf{C}[\tau] = \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau] \mathbf{W}$. Using the same strategy, i.e., holding the pairs $\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau]$ and $\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}$ fixed, and applying standard calculus rules, we obtain the derivatives of $\hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau]$ with respect to $\hat{\mathbf{W}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau]$, at the point (5), respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau] &= (\mathbf{F}(\lambda) \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau]^\top \otimes \mathbf{F}(\lambda)) \mathbf{K}_{N,M} + \\ &\quad \mathbf{F}(\lambda) \otimes \mathbf{F}(\lambda) \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau] \\ \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[\tau]} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau] &= (\mathbf{F}(\lambda) \mathbf{W}^\top)^{[2]}. \end{aligned}$$

From all these considerations, the derivative of Φ_2 at (5) is

$$\dot{\Phi}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_M & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{NM} & \mathbf{0} \\ \partial_{\hat{\lambda}} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[1] & \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[1] & \mathbf{e}_1^\top \otimes \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[1]} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[1] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \partial_{\hat{\lambda}} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d] & \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d] & \mathbf{e}_d^\top \otimes \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}[d]} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d] \end{bmatrix},$$

where \mathbf{e}_i denotes the i th column of \mathbf{I}_d .

Mapping Φ_3 . The mapping Φ_3 performs the operation

$$(\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}[1], \dots, \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d]) \xrightarrow{\Phi_3} (\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\mathbf{U}}),$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{U}}$ corresponds to the estimate of the matrix \mathbf{U} at the end of step 2 of the CFC₂ algorithm in [1]. Thus, in $\hat{\mathbf{U}} = [\hat{\mathbf{U}}_1 \dots \hat{\mathbf{U}}_P]$, the submatrix $\hat{\mathbf{U}}_p : M \times \tau_p$ is the non-zero solution of the homogeneous linear system in the unknown $\mathbf{X} : M \times \tau_p$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{B}}[1] \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_p[1] = \mathbf{0} \\ \hat{\mathbf{B}}[1]^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_p[1]^\top = \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d] \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_p[d] = \mathbf{0} \\ \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d]^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_p[d]^\top = \mathbf{0} \end{cases},$$

scaled to norm $\sqrt{\tau_p}$, see [1]; $\mathbf{A}_p[\tau]$ was defined in equation (4) of [1], and depends solely on the correlative filter $g_p[\cdot]$. It is straightforward to see that $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_p = \text{vec}(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_p)$ can be obtained as $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_p = \sqrt{\tau_p} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_p$, where $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_p$ denotes the eigenvector associated with the smallest eigenvalue of $\hat{\mathbf{S}}_p = \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p^\top \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p$, where

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p = [\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p[1]^\top \quad \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p[2]^\top \quad \dots \quad \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p[d]^\top]^\top,$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p[\tau] = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p^{(1)}[\tau] \\ \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p^{(2)}[\tau] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p^{(1)}[\tau] = \mathbf{I}_{\tau_p} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau] - \mathbf{A}_p[\tau]^\top \otimes \mathbf{I}_M$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p^{(2)}[\tau] = \mathbf{I}_{\tau_p} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{B}}[\tau]^\top - \mathbf{A}_p[\tau] \otimes \mathbf{I}_M.$$

Let

$$(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}[1], \dots, \mathbf{B}[d]) = (\Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1)(\mathbf{R}_x[0], \dots, \mathbf{R}_x[d]), \quad (6)$$

and define $\mathbf{T}_p^{(1)}[\tau], \mathbf{T}_p^{(2)}[\tau], \mathbf{T}_p[\tau], \mathbf{T}_p, \mathbf{S}_p, \mathbf{v}_p$ as the direct counterparts of $\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p^{(1)}[\tau], \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p^{(2)}[\tau], \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p[\tau], \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p, \hat{\mathbf{S}}_p, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_p$, i.e., the same definitions but without the $\hat{(\cdot)}$. It can be seen [1, 2] that the smallest eigenvalue of \mathbf{S}_p is 0 with multiplicity 1. Thus, from [6] again, $\mathbf{v}_p(\cdot)$ is a differentiable function in a neighborhood of \mathbf{S}_p and, at the point (6), we have

$$\partial_{\hat{\mathbf{S}}_p} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_p = \mathbf{v}_p^\top \otimes (-\mathbf{S}_p)^\dagger.$$

Also, trivially

$$\partial_{\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_p = (\mathbf{T}_p^\top \otimes \mathbf{I}_{M\tau_p}) \mathbf{K}_{2dM\tau_p, M\tau_p} + \mathbf{I}_{M\tau_p} \otimes \mathbf{T}_p^\top.$$

Letting $\hat{\mathbf{B}} = (\hat{\mathbf{B}}[1], \dots, \hat{\mathbf{B}}[d])$ we have, after some calculus,

$$\partial_{\hat{\mathbf{B}}} \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{2d} (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{I}_{M\tau_p})^\top \otimes (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{I}_{M\tau_p}) \right] \mathbf{I}_d \otimes \nabla,$$

where \mathbf{e}_i is the i th column of \mathbf{I}_{2d} , $\nabla = [\mathcal{P}^\top (\mathcal{P} \mathbf{K}_{M,M})^\top]^\top$, and $\mathcal{P} = [(\mathbf{I}_M \otimes \mathbf{K}_{M,\tau_p}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{I}_{\tau_p} \otimes \mathbf{I}_M)] \otimes \mathbf{I}_M$. All these partial results can be collected by the chain rule to yield the derivative of $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_p$ with respect to $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$,

$$\nabla_p \equiv \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{B}}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_p = \sqrt{\tau_p} \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p} \hat{\mathbf{T}}_p \cdot \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{T}}_p} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_p \cdot \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{S}}_p} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_p.$$

Finally, the derivative of the mapping Φ_3 at (6) is

$$\dot{\Phi}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_M & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{NM} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \nabla_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \nabla_P \end{bmatrix}.$$

Mapping Φ_4 . The mapping Φ_4 is defined by

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\mathbf{U}}) \xrightarrow{\Phi_4} \hat{\mathbf{H}}.$$

Here, $\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \hat{\mathbf{G}} \hat{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{R}_s[0]^{-1/2}$, where $\mathbf{R}_s[0]$ depends only on the correlative filters, see [1]; $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ was defined in (4). The derivatives of $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ at the point

$$(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{U}) = (\Phi_3 \circ \Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1)(\mathbf{R}_x[0], \dots, \mathbf{R}_x[d]) \quad (7)$$

are easily obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}} \hat{\mathbf{H}} &= (\mathbf{I}_M \boxtimes \mathbf{I}_M) \text{diag}[h(\lambda_1), \dots, h(\lambda_M)] \\ \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}} \hat{\mathbf{H}} &= \mathbf{R}_s[0]^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}^\top \otimes \mathbf{O}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \\ \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{U}}} \hat{\mathbf{H}} &= \mathbf{R}_s[0]^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbf{U} \mathbf{O}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}), \end{aligned}$$

where $h(x) = 1/(2\sqrt{x - \sigma^2})$, and $\mathbf{O}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \text{diag}[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m] - \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_M$. The derivative of Φ_4 at (7) is

$$\dot{\Phi}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}} \hat{\mathbf{H}} & \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}} \hat{\mathbf{H}} & \partial_{\hat{\mathbf{U}}} \hat{\mathbf{H}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. COMPUTER SIMULATIONS

Numerical experiments were conducted to validate the theoretical expressions. Respecting the notation in [1], we considered a scenario with $P = 2$ binary users. The entries of a MIMO channel matrix $\mathbf{H} : N \times (\tau_1 + \tau_2)$ ($N = 4, \tau_1 = 2, \tau_2 = 1$) were randomly generated as i.i.d. samples from a zero-mean unit-power Gaussian distribution. User 1 uses no correlative filter, i.e., $\gamma_1 = 1$ ($g_1[0] = 1$); user 2 uses a correlative filter with $\gamma_2 = 2$ taps ($g_2[0] = 1/\sqrt{2}, g_2[1] = -1/\sqrt{2}$); $\mathbf{n}[t]$ is taken as a zero-mean spatio-temporal white Gaussian noise with variance σ^2 . The SNR = $\text{tr}(\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{H})/N\sigma^2$ was fixed at 10 dB. The number of samples T was varied between $T_{\min} = 200$ and $T_{\max} = 1000$ in steps of $T_{\text{step}} = 50$ samples. For each T , $K = 1000$ independent Monte-Carlo runs were simulated; for the k th run, CFC₂ algorithm produced $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_T^{(k)}$ and the square-error $\epsilon_T^{(k)} = \|\hat{\mathbf{H}}_T^{(k)} - \mathbf{H}\|^2$ was recorded. The mean of these $K = 1000$ errors is denoted by $\bar{\epsilon}_T$ and is the estimate of MSE of the CFC₂'s MIMO channel estimate, for T samples. Figure 1 shows the results obtained numerically for $\bar{\epsilon}_T$ (dashed line) against the asymptotic theoretical expressions derived in section 3 (solid line). The curves show a good agreement.

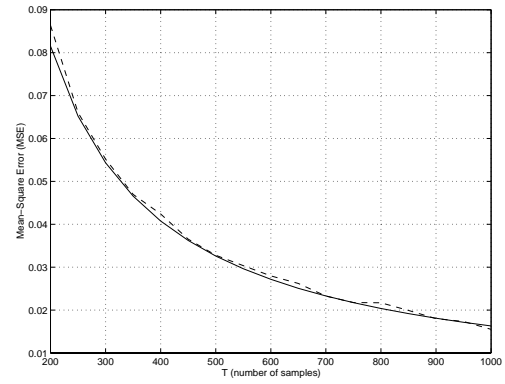


Fig. 1. MSE for the MIMO channel estimate: theoretical (solid) and observed (dashed)

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