

LECTURE #8

- Capacity of fading channels :

System model :

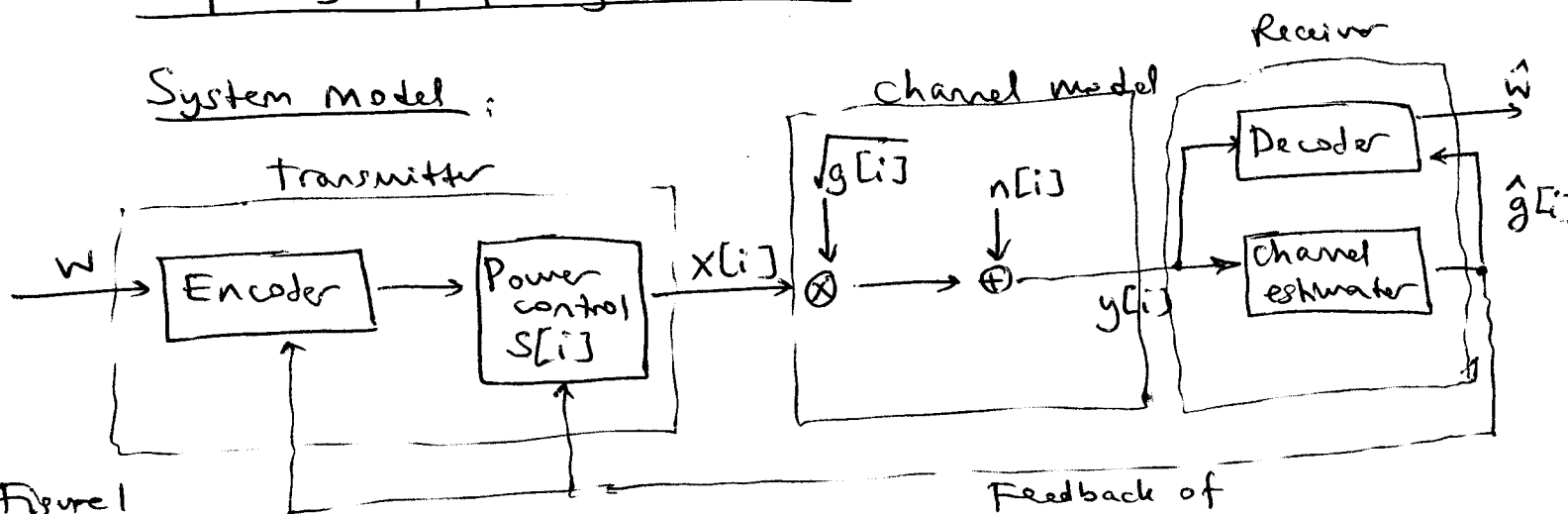


Figure 1

AWGN channel: $[g[i] = \text{constant (in above system model)}]$

• Let γ denote the received SNR.

• For AWGN channels $C = B \log_2(1 + \gamma)$

[• B denotes the bandwidth in Hz.]

Fading channels: $(g[i] \text{ variable})$, ~~from symbol to~~

Different cases

(A) No side information = [nothing is known about channel fading]

It turns out that the only way to guarantee that the error probability (P_e) is arbitrarily small, is to assume worst-case fading.

Let $\gamma_{\min} \triangleq \min_{\gamma: p(\gamma) > 0} \gamma$ [i.e. $\gamma_{\min}$ is the minimum SNR over the set of SNR's with non-zero probability.]

Then:

$C = B \log_2(1 + \gamma_{\min})$

(no side information)

© Side information at both the transmitter and receiver:

— Assume that $g[i]$ is known at both the transmitter and the receiver.

Wolfowitz's result:

Let $C[i]$ be a stationary, ergodic stochastic process that represents the channel state.

Assume that $C[i]$ takes values on a finite set S

of discrete memoryless channels (DMCs) [A DMC is characterized by a ~~trans~~ probability transition matrix:

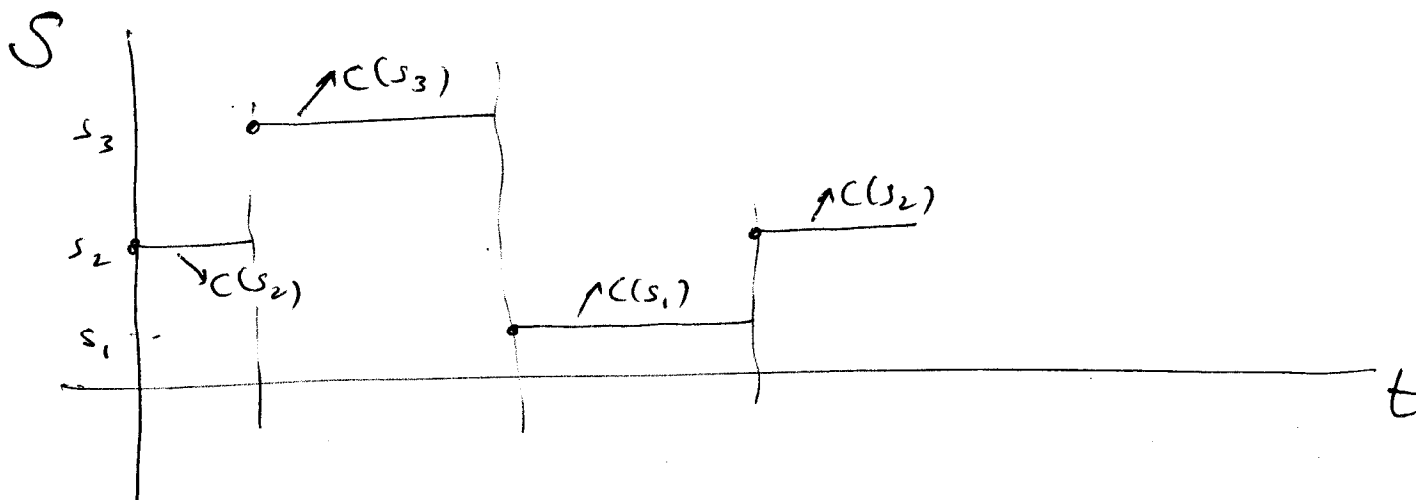
$$p(y|x)]$$

— Let C_s denote the capacity of a particular channel $s \in S$

and let $p(s)$ denote the probability (or fraction of time) that the channel is in state s .

— Wolfowitz showed that the capacity of this time-varying channel is:

$$C = \sum_{s \in S} C_s p(s)$$



Now go back to ~~the~~ the channel model in Figure 1.

Assume that channel path $g[i]$ is stationary and ergodic.

- If the $g[i]$ is known both at the transmitter & the receiver, then $g[i]$ becomes deterministic (for each i).

Then, Wolfowitz's result gives:

(extended to continuous SNR range.)

$$C = \int_0^\infty C(\gamma) \cdot p(\gamma) d\gamma \quad [\text{no power adaptation, Rate only adaptation}]$$

$$= \int_0^\infty [B \log_2(1+\gamma)] \cdot p(\gamma) d\gamma \quad (= E_\gamma [B \underbrace{\log_2(1+\gamma)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{concave function}}}])$$

- Note that by Jensen's inequality

[which says that $E[f(X)] \leq f(E(X))$ f concave.]

$$\leq B \cdot \log_2(E[1+\gamma])$$

$$= \underline{B \cdot \log_2(1+\bar{\gamma})}$$

- This shows that the capacity of the fading channel (under transmitter and receiver side information) is less than or equal to the AWGN channel with the same average SNR.

* Why does this hold? Because the above scheme assumes no power adaptation (and uses only rate adaptation), i.e. The implicit assumption above is that the TX power

Solution to maximization problem:

(use Lagrange multiplier);

$$\frac{S(\gamma)}{S} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\gamma_0} - \frac{1}{\gamma} & , \gamma \geq \gamma_0 \\ 0 & \gamma < \gamma_0 \end{cases}$$

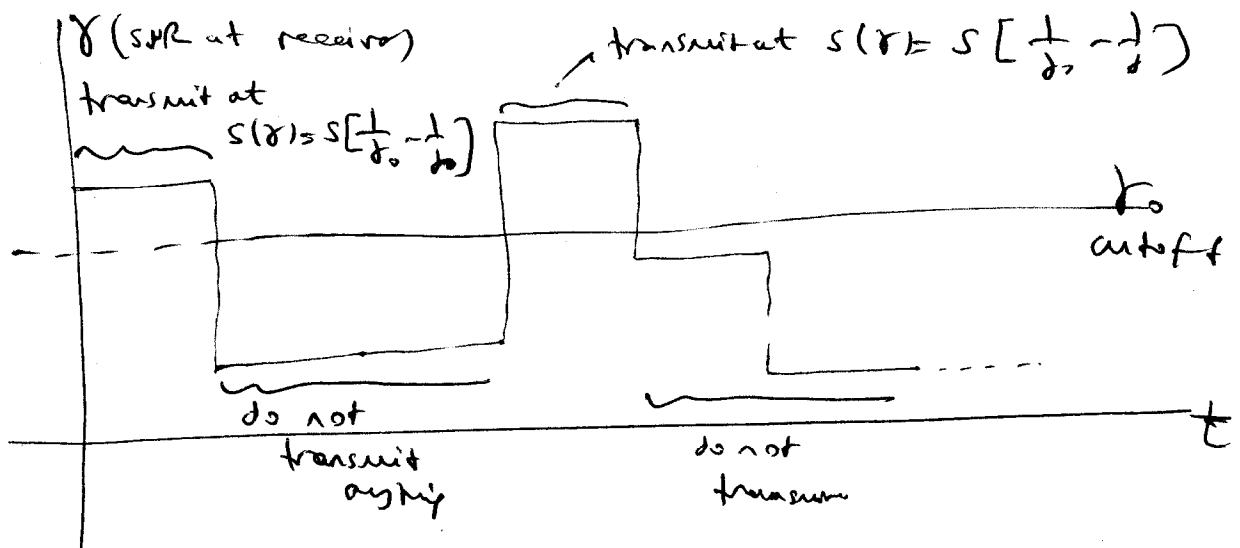
That is, if the SNR ($=\gamma$) is below some "cut-off" value γ_0 , then do not transmit anything. If $\gamma > \gamma_0$, then use $S(\gamma) = S \cdot \left[\frac{1}{\gamma_0} - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right]$ amount of power (under those channel conditions.)

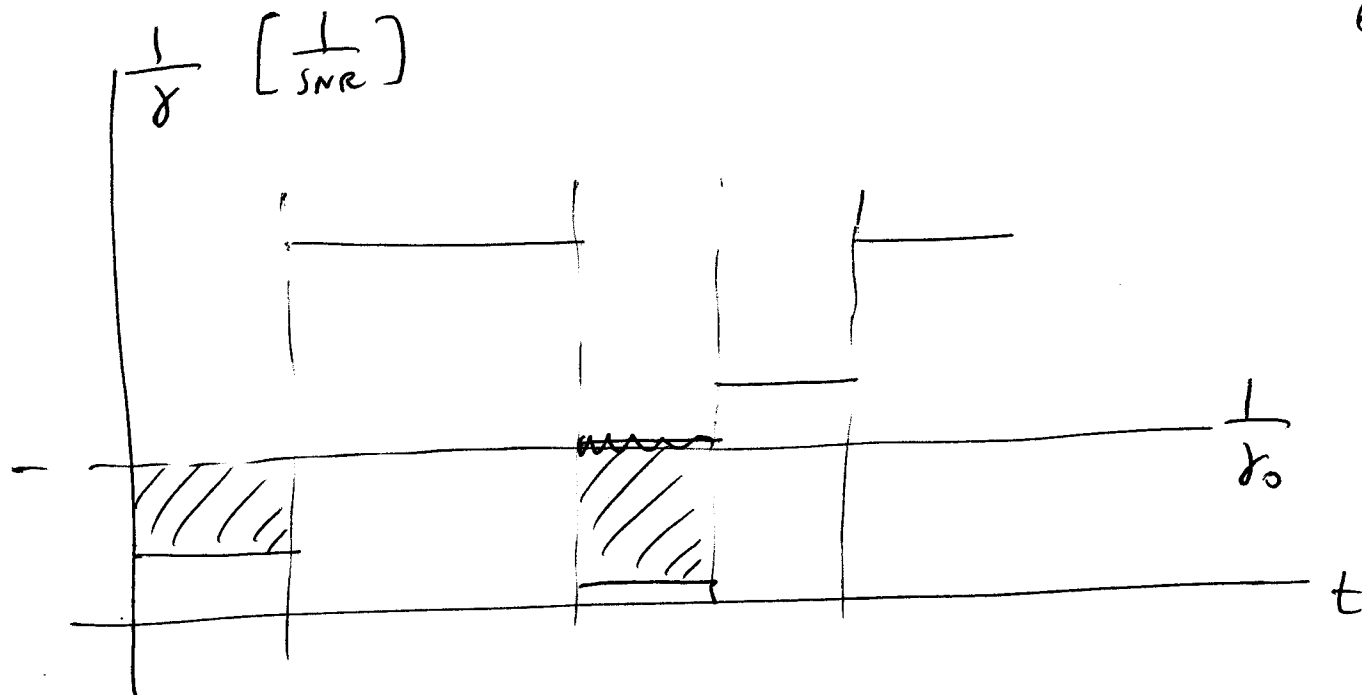
• γ_0 is computed by: Solving;

$$\int_{\gamma_0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma_0} - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right] p(\gamma) d\gamma = 1.$$

— called "water-pump in time".

Intuition:





- we pour energy (in time) to this structure [we pour it like water.] - the energy goes to where $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ is low.

- Note that at high S , all the γ 's may be used.
At low S , only a few γ 's will be used.

With this, the closed form capacity formula for power + rate adaptation under ~~tx~~ ~~rx~~ side info is:

$$C(S) = \int_{\gamma_0}^{\infty} B \log_2 \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_0} \right) p(\gamma) d\gamma$$

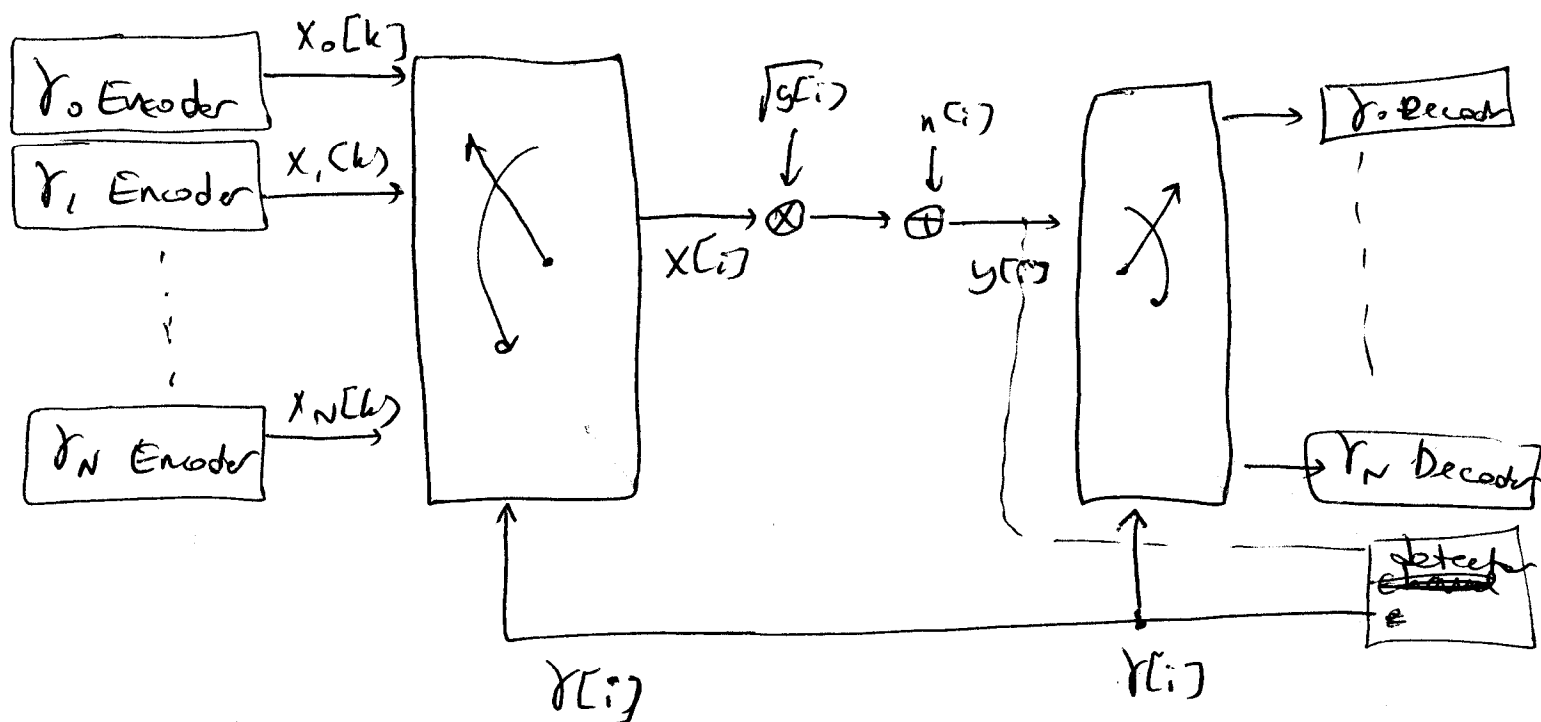
How do you achieve this capacity?

— Main idea: time diversity with multiplexed input & output.

• Quantize the γ 's into $\{\gamma_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq N\}$.

• For each γ_j , design an encoder/decoder pair with average power $S(\gamma_j)$ and $R_j \approx C_j$

where C_j = capacity of a time-invariant AWGN channel with received SNR $\frac{S(\gamma_j)}{S} \cdot \gamma_j$.



(C) Side info. at receiver; no Side info at transmitter.

- If $g(i)$ is known at the receiver, then becomes (for that symbol i), deterministic path. $\Rightarrow$ AWGN channel with noise power $\frac{N_0 B}{g(i)}$. [Note that $\exists$ no power adaptation & no rate adaptation in this case since $g(i)$ not ^{known} at transmitter.]
- Assume TX power fixed at S .
- If $g(i)$ is i.i.d., then the ^{optimal} input is n, G_{SN} i.i.d. with avg power S .

$$C(S) = \int_0^\infty B \log_2(1+\gamma) p(\gamma) d\gamma$$

- ~~no~~ side info at ?
- [hence no power + no rate adaptation]
- $g(i)$ i.i.d.

This is the same capacity as [side info at tx + receiver, with rate adaptation but no power adaptation].

- Implies that: Without power adaptation, transmitter side information does not increase capacity under i.i.d. fading $g(i)$.

[However, ~~tx~~ side information with rate adaptation may decrease the complexity of the receiver.]

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[Questions: why is that? why doesn't ^{only} Rate adaptation help capacity?]

* Note that the above result holds for iid fading $g(i)$.
Real channels ~~are~~ ^{have} correlated fading.

~~What if fading is correlated~~

- When you have correlated fading:

- Code design ~~at~~ must incorporate channel correlation statistics. (Tx)

- Rx: MLD's complexity $\sim$ channel decorrelation time.

Correlated ^{fading} channels: Adaptive transmission has ~~at~~ lower complexity (and higher capacity)

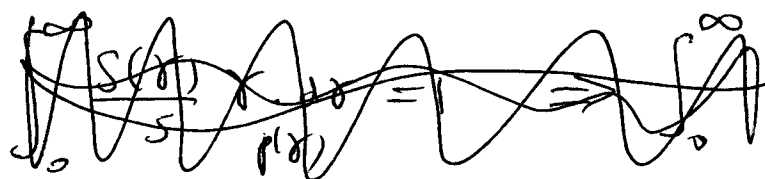
~~What if~~

Channel inversion.

- Qualcomm's IS-95 ~~power~~ system used channel inversion at the receiver. The main idea was to ~~power~~ receive each user's transmission ^{at a constant} ~~with an equal power level~~ SNR. — The receiver tries to invert the fading to make it look like an AWGN channel.
- This is a suboptimal scheme for fading channels.

Under channel inversion: $\frac{S(\gamma)}{S} = \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} \left[\sigma = \frac{S(\gamma)}{S} \cdot \gamma \right]$

Where σ = constant SNR to be maintained
under the Tx power constraint.

Then: 

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} p(\gamma) d\gamma = 1. \quad \left[\text{Since } \int_0^{\infty} \frac{S(\gamma)}{S} p(\gamma) d\gamma = 1 \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sigma = \frac{1}{\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} p(\gamma) d\gamma} = \frac{1}{E_{\gamma} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma} \right]}$$

Under channel inversion:

$$\boxed{C(S) = B \log_2(1 + \sigma)} \\ \boxed{= B \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{E[1/\gamma]} \right]}$$

- Rayleigh fading: $E\left[\frac{1}{\gamma}\right] = +\infty$, $\therefore$ hence $C(S) = 0$
under Rayleigh fading.

Truncated inversion policy:

$$\frac{S(\gamma)}{S} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} & , \gamma \geq \gamma_0 \\ 0 & \gamma < \gamma_0 \end{cases}$$

Then: $\int_{\gamma_0}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} p(\gamma) d\gamma = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{1}{\int_{\gamma_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} p(\gamma) d\gamma}$$

- The receiver must know when $\gamma < \gamma_0$.

$$C(s) = \max_{0 < \gamma_0 < \infty} B \cdot \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{\int_{\gamma_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} p(\gamma) d\gamma} \right] p(\gamma \geq \gamma_0)$$

OR can set γ_0 to obtain $P_{out} = P_r(\gamma < \gamma_0)$

Adaptive Modulation :

Variable-Rate Variable-Power MQAM :

- Fix symbol rate T_s .
- M-QAM ($M = \# \text{ points in the constellation}$)
- Assume ideal Nyquist pulses $\text{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{T_s}\right)$.

Definitions:

$\bar{S} \triangleq$ avg power constraint at transmitter.

$$\int_0^\infty s(r) p(r) \leq \bar{S}.$$

$B \triangleq$ bandwidth (in Hz)

$N_0 \triangleq$ noise spectral density (W/Hz)

$$\gamma_i = \frac{\bar{S} \cdot g[i]}{N_0 \cdot B} \quad (\text{SNR of the } i\text{th symbol}).$$

$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{\bar{S}}{N_0 B}$$

↑
average SNR

~~It assumes that $E[g[i]] = 1$ and $g[i]$ are independent~~

$$\left(\frac{\bar{E}_s}{N_0} \right) = \frac{\bar{S} \cdot T_s}{N_0} = \bar{\gamma}$$

↓
energy per symbol

noise spectral density

- For fixed M ,

$$R = \frac{\lfloor \log_2 M \rfloor}{T_s} \quad (\text{data rate in bps.})$$

M-QAM modulation:

(with ideal coherent phase detection)

$$\text{BER} \leq 2 e^{-1.5\bar{\gamma}/(M-1)} \quad (\text{AWGN channel})$$

$M\text{-QAM}$

For $M \geq 4$, ^{and} $0 \leq \bar{\gamma} \leq 30 \text{ dB}$, a tighter bound:

$$\text{BER} \leq 0.2 e^{-1.5\bar{\gamma}/(M-1)} \quad (\text{AWGN channel})$$

$M\text{-QAM}$

- Last time (lecture 7), we showed that $\overline{\text{BER}} = \int_0^\infty \text{BER}(\gamma) \cdot p(\gamma) d\gamma$
assuming no power or rate adaptation.

[Recall that for Rayleigh fadings: $\text{BER} = \frac{1}{4\bar{\gamma}}$ at
+ BPSK ($M=2$)

large SNR's. Without adaptation: $\overline{\text{BER}} = 10^{-3}$ requires $\bar{\gamma} = 24 \text{ dB}$.

For $M \geq 4$: $\overline{\text{BER}} \leq \int_0^\infty 0.2 e^{-1.5\gamma/(M-1)} p(\gamma) d\gamma, M \geq 4$

$$\overline{\text{BER}} = 10^{-3} \Rightarrow \text{SNR} : \bar{\gamma} = 26 \text{ dB} \quad \text{for } p=2.]$$

Now, under adaptive modulation:

$$\text{BER}(\gamma) \leq 0.2 e^{-1.5 \left[\gamma \cdot \frac{S(\gamma)}{\bar{S}} \right] / (M-1)}$$

Idea: Adjust M and $S(\gamma)$ to maintain a fixed BER.

$$\Leftrightarrow M(\gamma) = 1 + \frac{1.5 \gamma}{-\ln(5 \text{BER})} \frac{S(\gamma)}{\bar{S}}.$$

The Spectral efficiency for M-QAM modulation is $\log_2 M$.

$$\max E[\log_2 M(\gamma)] = \int_0^\infty \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1.5 \gamma}{-\ln(5 \text{BER})} \frac{S(\gamma)}{\bar{S}} \right) p(\gamma) d\gamma$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \int S(\gamma) p(\gamma) d\gamma \leq \bar{S}.$$

Solution:

$$\frac{S(\gamma)}{\bar{S}} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\gamma_0} - \frac{1}{\gamma_k} & \gamma \geq \frac{\gamma_0}{k} \equiv \gamma_k \\ 0 & \gamma < \frac{\gamma_0}{k} \equiv \gamma_k \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } k \equiv \frac{-1.5}{\ln(5 \text{BER})}$$

$$\text{Define: } \gamma_k \equiv \frac{\gamma_0}{k}$$

Then:

$$\max E[\log_2 M] = \frac{R}{B} = \int_{\gamma_k}^{\infty} \log_2 \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k} \right) p(\gamma) d\gamma$$

Shows that

* $\therefore$ Uncoded M-QAM has an effective power loss of K , relative to the optimal transmission scheme (that uses continuous power levels), independent of fading distribution.
[i.e. the distribution of $\gamma(\gamma)$'s does not matter.]

Hence: $K \approx$ is also the maximum possible coding gain.

Channel inversion (vs. M-QAM):

$$\frac{R}{B} = \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{-1.5}{\ln(5BER) E[\gamma]} \right) \quad \text{for } M \geq 4$$

$$0 \leq \bar{\gamma} \leq 30 \text{ dB}$$

$$\left(\text{since } \frac{S(\gamma)}{\gamma} = \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} \right)$$

$$[\log_2 M = \log_2 (1 + K \cdot \sigma)]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{E[\gamma]}$$

for channel inversion

$$\checkmark E[\log_2 M] = \log_2 (1 + K \cdot \sigma)$$

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$$\frac{S(\gamma)}{\bar{S}} = \frac{\sigma}{\gamma}$$

$$M(\gamma) = 1 + \frac{1.5}{-\ln(SBER)} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\gamma \frac{S(\gamma)}{\bar{S}}}$$

$$\frac{R}{B} = \log_2 M(\gamma) = \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{1.5}{-\ln(SBER)} \cdot \sigma \right]$$

↑
for M-QAM
with channel
inversion

$$= \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{-1.5}{\ln(SBER) \cdot E[1/\gamma]} \right]$$

Truncated channel inversion w/ M-QAM.

$$\frac{R}{B} = \max_{\gamma_0} \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{-1.5}{\ln(5BER) \underbrace{E[\gamma]}_{\gamma_0}} \right] P(\gamma > \gamma_0).$$

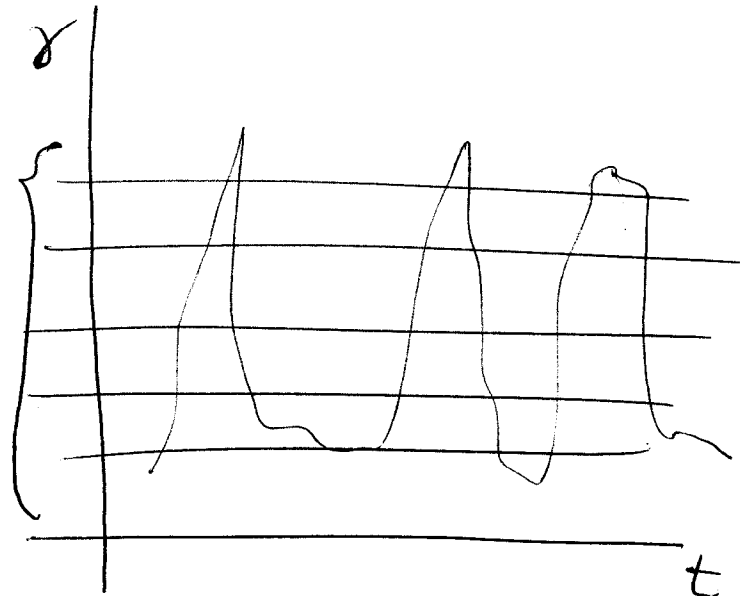
$$\int_{\gamma_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r} p(r) dr$$

Constellation restriction:

$M \in \{2, 4, 16, 64, \dots\}$

Square constellations.

discretize
to $N+1$
fading
regions



Associate M_j with j th fading region.

Region boundaries.

$$M(\gamma) = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*}$$

Where $\gamma_k^* > 0$ is a parameter to be optimized,

Let $M_{N+1} = \infty$

For fixed γ , transmit the largest constellation possible using M_j 's from the set $\{2, 4, 16, 64, 256, \dots\}$

EX) $2 \leq \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*} < 4 \Rightarrow \text{use 2-QAM}$

Region boundaries:

$$\gamma = \gamma_k^* \cdot M_j$$

The above shows how to pick ~~M_j~~ the $M(\gamma)$ using M_j 's.

Power control:

- satisfy a target BER, ($\forall M_j > 0$)

$$\frac{S_j(\gamma)}{\bar{S}} = \begin{cases} (M_j - 1) \frac{1}{K} & M_j \leq \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*} \leq M_{j+1} \\ 0 & M_j = 0 \end{cases}$$

Fixed BER:

$$\frac{E_s(j)}{N_0} = \frac{\gamma S_j(\gamma)}{\bar{S}} = \frac{(M_j - 1)}{K}$$

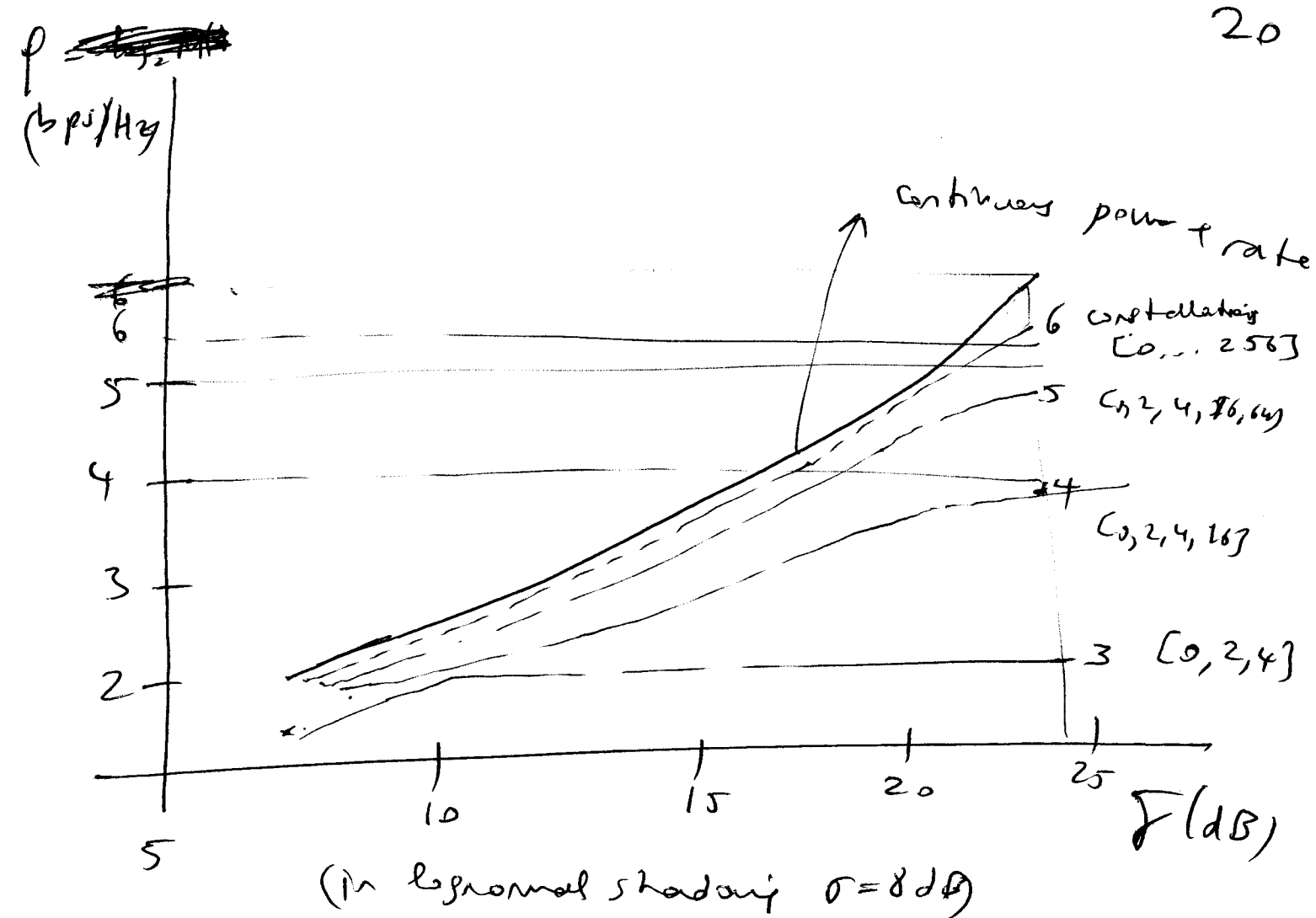
Region (j)	γ	M_j	$\frac{S_j(\gamma)}{\bar{S}}$
0	$0 \leq \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*} < 2$	0	0
1	$2 \leq \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*} < 4$	2	$\frac{1}{k \cdot \gamma}$
2	$4 \leq \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*} < 16$	4	$\frac{3}{k \cdot \gamma}$
3	$16 \leq \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*} < 64$	16	$\frac{15}{k \cdot \gamma}$
4	$64 \leq \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_k^*} < +\infty$	64	$\frac{63}{k \cdot \gamma}$

$$\frac{R}{B} = \sum_{j=1}^N \log_2(M_j) \cdot p(M_j \leq \gamma / \gamma_k^* < M_{j+1}).$$

Finally, ~~find~~ maximize this w.r.t. γ_k^* .

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \int_{\gamma_k^* M_j}^{\gamma_k^* M_{j+1}} \frac{S_j(\gamma)}{\bar{S}} p(\gamma) d\gamma = 1,$$

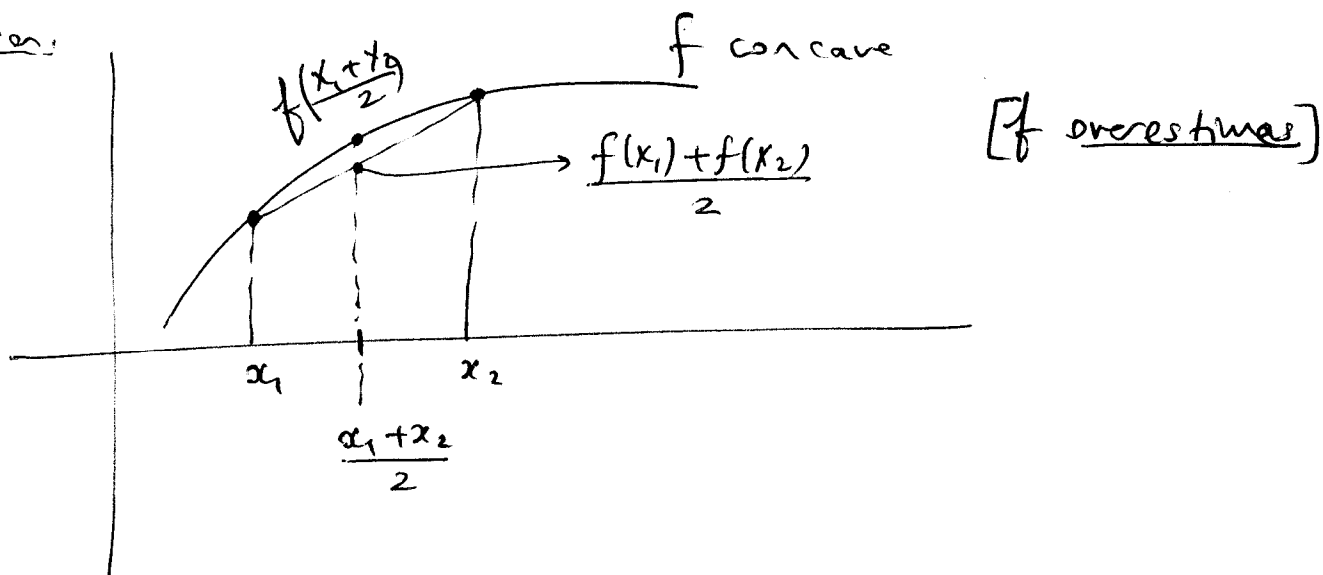
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Jensen's Inequality

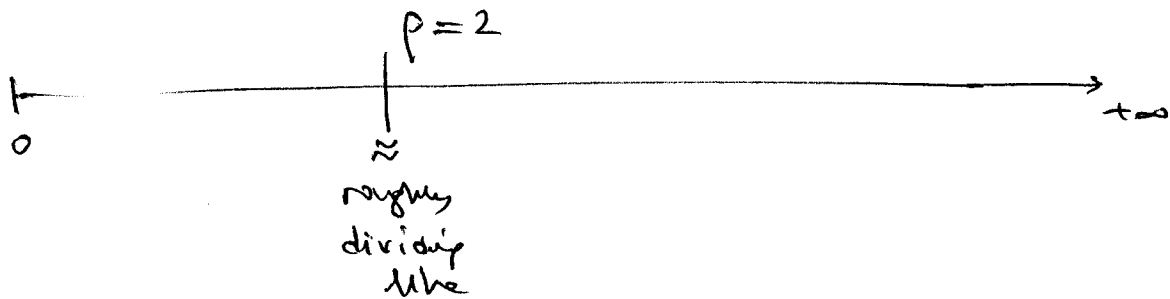
$$E[f(X)] \leq f(E(X)) \quad f \text{ concave.}$$

Intuition:



LECTURE #7 [Appendix]

1) Power-limited vs. bandwidth limited regimes:



Relationship to SNR:

- For a fixed E_b/N_0 , since $\frac{E_b}{N_0} = \frac{SNR}{p}$,

as $p \downarrow$, $SNR \downarrow$. So for fixed E_b/N_0 , small p 's correspond to small SNR's.