WIRELESS CHANNELS

Large scale path loss-Path loss models: Free Space and Two-Ray models-Link Budget design- Small scale fading-Parameters of mobile multipath channels- Time dispersion parameters- Coherence bandwidth-Doppler spread & Coherence time, Fading due to Multipath time delay spread-flat fading-frequency selective fading-Fading due to Doppler spread- fast fading-slow fading.

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1 What is meant by link budget Equation/Friss Equation / Free space equation? (or) Give the equation for average large-scale path loss between transmitter and receiver as a function of distance? (Dec 2016)

A link budget is the clearest and the most intuitive way of computing the received power of the signal with respect to distance. (In other words) It is simply a link budget equation used to predict received signal strength, when unobstructed line of sight (LoS) path exists between transmitter and receiver over a larger distance.

$$P_r = \frac{P G G \lambda^2}{(4\pi d)^2}$$

P_r= Total Received Signal Power $PGG\lambda^2$ P = Total Received Signal Power <math>P = Transmitted Signal Power

G_t, G_r= Gain of the Transmitter and Receiver respectively.

 λ = Wavelength of the Antenna

d= distance between Transmitter and Receiver

What is the need of path loss models in link budget design?

The path loss models are used to estimate the received signal level as the function of distance. It is also used to predict the SNR value of a mobile communication system. Some of the path loss models are listed follows. 1. Log distance path loss models

2. Log Normal Shadowing

3 Write the effects of fading.

- Rapid changes in signal strength over a small travel distance or time interval.
- Random frequency modulation due to varying Doppler shifts on different multipath signals
- Time dispersion caused by multipath propagation delays.

4 What is mean by fading? Bring out the significance and differences (Apr 2019) on its types (May 2013).

The time variation of received signal power due to changes in transmission medium or paths or obstacles is known as fading. Based on channel model parameters and position or movement of transmitter/receiver, there are two different fading types as mentioned

small scale fading

large scale fading

- Small scale fading is concerned with rapid fluctuations of received signal strength over very short distance and short time period.
- These multipath fading types depend on propagation environment.
- It is divided into two main categories viz. multipath delay spread and doppler spread.
- Large scale fading occurs when an obstacle comes in between transmitter and receiver. This interference type significant amount of signal causes strength reduction. This is because EM wave is shadowed or blocked by the obstacle. It is related to large fluctuations of the signal over distance.
- It includes path loss and shadowing effects.

5 What is log normal shadowing? The log normal shadowing describes the random shadowing effects which occur over a large number of measurement locations which have the same T-R separation distance but has different propagation path.

$$PL(d)[dB] = \overline{PL}(d) + X_{\sigma} = \overline{PL}(d_{\sigma}) + 10nlog\left(\frac{d}{d_{\sigma}}\right) + X_{\sigma}$$

Where,

 X_{σ} is Zero mean gaussian distributed random variable in dB and σ is the Std. Deviation

6 What is path Loss?

Path Loss is the difference between the transmitted power and the effective received power.

PL [dB](Path Loss in dB) = $10\log(\frac{P_t}{P_r})$

7 What are Fresnel zones?

The concentric circles on the transparent plane located between a transmitter and receiver represent the loci of the origins of secondary wavelets which propagate to the receiver such that the total path length increases by $\lambda/2$ for successive circles. These circles are called Fresnel zones.

8 Express the power 50 Watts in (i) dBw (ii) dBm

To convert it into dBw:	To convert it into dBm:
dBw= 10 log(power watts)	$dBw = 10 \log(power_{watts} / 10^{-3})$
$=10\log(50)$	$=10 \log(50 / 10^{-3})$
50w = 17 dBw	50 w= 47 dBm

What is far field distance/ Franhoufer distance? Find the far field distance for an antenna with maximum dimension of 2m and operating frequency 1 GHz?(Dec 2015)

Franhoufer region of a transmitting antenna is defined as the region beyond the far field distance. If D is the largest linear dimension of the antenna, Far field distance D_f is given by,

 $D_f = 2D^2 / \lambda$

 $D_f = 2D^2/\lambda = 2 * 2 * 2/0.3$

 $D_f = 26.7 \text{ m}$

10 **Define Snell's law.**

Snell's law states that the ratio of the sine of the angles of incidence and refraction is equivalent to the ratio of <u>phase velocities</u> in the two media, or equivalent to the reciprocal of the ratio of the indices of refraction:

$$\frac{\sin\theta_1}{\sin\theta_2} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Calculate the Brewster Angle for a wave impinging on ground having a permittivity of $\varepsilon_r = 5$. (May 2016)

$$Sin \ \theta_B = \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r - 1}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_s}} 0.409$$
 Brewster Angle = $\sin^{-1} (0.409) = 24.14$

12 What are the effects of multipath propagation? (Nov 2017)

The presence of reflecting objects and scatterers in the channel creates a constantly changing environment which can cause the following effects.

- 1. Multiple versions of the transmitted signal can arrive at the receiver.
- 2. Random phases and fluctuations lead to fading.
- 3. It can also lead to Inter Symbol Interference. (ISI)

What are the factors influencing small scale fading and its causes?

The factors influencing small scale fading are Speed of surrounding objects, Multipath propagation, Speed of the mobile, Transmission bandwidth of the signal. And its causes were Random frequency modulation due to varying Doppler shifts on multipath signals and Time dispersion caused by multipath propagation delays.

14 Define coherence bandwidth. (May 2016) (Dec 2015) (April 2021)

Definition 1: The coherence bandwidth is related to the specific multipath structure of the channel. The range of frequencies over which the similar fading occurs is called coherence bandwidth.

Definition 2: The range of frequencies over which the two frequencies are having strong potential for amplitude correlation. It is inversely proportional to the rms delay spread of the channel.

 $B_c = \frac{1}{50\sigma}$

What is coherence time? (Dec 2015) (Nov/Dec 2018)? In what way does this parameter decide the behaviour of wireless channel? (May 2017) (April 2021)

Definition 1: The range of time over which the similar fading occurs is called coherence time.

Definition 2: The time over which signals are having strong potential for amplitude correlation. It is inversely proportional to the Doppler frequency of the channel.

$$T = \frac{1}{fm}$$

Coherence time definition implies that the two signals arriving with a time separation greater than

T_c are affected differently by the channel.

16 **Define Doppler shift/ Doppler frequency.**

The relative moment between Mobile and Base station each multipath wave experiences an apparent shift in frequency. This shift is called the Doppler shift/Doppler frequency. It is directly proportional to the velocity and spatial angle between the directions of the mobile with respect to the arrival of wave. It is denoted by

$$f_{m}^{=} \frac{v}{\lambda} \cos \theta$$

Write the fading effects due to multipath spread, Doppler Spread?

Fading effects due to multipath spread

- Frequency Selective Fading
- > Frequency non selective fading (Flat Fading)

Fading effects due to Doppler Spread:

- > Time selective fading (Fast Fading)
- ➤ Time Non selective fading (Slow Fading)

18 What is Doppler spread?

It is a measure of spectral widening caused by the time rate of change of mobile radio channel and is defined as the range of frequencies over which the received Doppler spectrum is essentially non-zero.

19 | What is flat fading? (Nov 2017) (April 2018)

If the mobile radio channel has a constant gain and linear phase response over a bandwidth which is greater than the bandwidth of the transmitted signal, then the received signal will undergo flat fading.

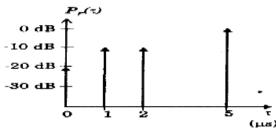
If channel bandwidth is greater than coherence bandwidth then flat fading will occur.

20 What is frequency selective fading? (Dec 2016) (April 2018)

6 (i) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of two ray ground reflection model. (**Dec 2015**) (ii) In the following cases, tell whether the two ray model could be applied, and justify why or not?

 h_1 =35m h_2 = 3m d=250 m h_1 =30m h_2 = 1.5m d=450 m

- (iii) Prove that in the two ray ground reflected model $\Delta = \frac{2h_t h_r}{d}$
- 7 Explain i) Fading and ii) Multipath propagation.
- 8 Describe small-scale fading and derive expression for parameters of mobile multipath channels. (Nov/Dec 2018)
- Explain the time variant two path model of a wireless propagation channel / Write the impulse response of a wireless multipath channel. (Dec 2015), (Dec 2016)
- Consider transmitter which radiates the sinusoidal carrier frequency of 1850 MHZ for a vehicle Moving at 60 km/hr. Compute the Received carrier frequency if (i) the vehicle is moving towards the transmitter (ii) the vehicle is moving away from transmitter (iii) the vehicle is moving the direction of transmitter. (April 2018)
- Calculate the mean excess delay, rms delay spread, maximum excess delay (10 dB) for the multipath Profile given below. Estimate 50% coherence bandwidth of the channel.



- Explain fading effects due to multipath time delay spread and fading effects due to Doppler spread (April 2019). (Dec 2016)
- What is i) Frequency -selective fading? Explain (Nov/Dec 2018) (ii) frequency-non-selective (Flat) fading (April 2019)/ Fading effects due to multipath time delay spread
- (i) Write short notes on i) Time-selective fading (Fast Fading) ii) Time-Non-Selective channels (Slow Fading)
 - (ii) Compare and contrast fast and slow fading. "In practice fast fading occurs for very low data rate Communications: Why? (May 2017) (Nov 2017)
- Explain the various path loss models for small-scale fading. (Nov/Dec 2018)
- 16 (i) Derive the received power in dBm for a free space propagation model
 - (ii) Determine the Fraunhofer distance for an antenna with maximum dimension of 1m and operating frequency of 900MHz. If the antennas have unity gain calculate the path loss. (April 2021)
- Discuss the impact of time dispersion parameter, coherence bandwidth, Doppler spread and coherence time on small scale fading. (April 2021)
- With a neat sketch explain and derive the received power for a two ray ground reflection model.

(April 2021)

UNIT II CELLULAR ARCHITECTURE

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	Multiple Access techniques - FDMA,				
Cellular concept- Frequency reuse-channel assignment-handoff-interference &					
	system capacity-trunking &grade of service—Coverage and capacity improvement. UNIT-II / PART-A				
1	., = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =				
1	What is the difference between multiplexing and multiple access schemes? Multiple Access schemes: When a resource is accessed by multiple users, it is called multiple access. Multiplexing: It is a process of simultaneously transmitting two or more individual				
	signals over a single communication channel.				
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2	What is Multiple access schemes. What are the different types of multiple a schemes? (Dec 2013), (May 2016), (April 2018) Multiple Access: When a resource is accessed by multiple users, it is called mu access. Frequency division multiple access (FDMA)-each user is assigned with different types of multiple access.				
	frequencies within the allocated spectrum. Time division multiple access (TDMA) slots within the allocated spectrum	- each user is assigned with different time each user is assigned a different code within	2		
	the allocated spectrum. Space division multiple access (SDMA)- is a channel access method used in mobile communication systems which reuses the same set of cell phone frequencies in a given service area using sectorized antennas.				
3	What are the disadvantages of FDMA?		_		
	 It requires tight RF filtering to minimize the adjacent channel interference. If the FDMA channel is not in use, it cannot be used by another user. It is prone to fading and Inter modulation 				
4	Compare FDD and TDD.				
	FDD (Frequency Division Duplexing)	TDD (Time Division Duplexing)			
	Allows two distinct bands of frequencies to every user	Allows multiple users to share a single radio channel in different time slots.			
	The frequency separation of forward and reverse channel is constant throughout the system.	The time separation of forward and reverse channel is small throughout the system.			
	Duplexer is used inside the subscriber unit.	TDD uses Single channel and does not require duplexer.			
5	 What are the advantages of FDMA? FDMA channel carries only one phone circuit at a time. Since FDMA is a continuous transmission scheme fewer bits are only needed for synchronization. ISI (Inter Symbol Interference) is low. 				
6	• Complexity of FDMA is very low. What are the features of TDMA?				
U	what are the reatures of IDMA:				

In TDMA a single carrier frequency is shared among multiple users. Each user is assigned a non-overlapping time slot. Number of time slots per frame depends on (1) available bandwidth, (2) modulation techniques etc.

- Transmission for TDMA users is not continuous, but occurs in bursts, resulting in low battery consumption.
- The subscriber transmitter may be turned off during non-transmission periods.
- Hand off process is simpler for a subscriber, since it can listen to other base stations during non-transmit times.

7 Define CDMA and mention its significance.

Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) is a sort of multiplexing that facilitates various signals to occupy a single transmission channel. It optimizes the use of available bandwidth. The technology is commonly used in ultra-high-frequency (UHF) cellular telephone systems, bands ranging between the 800-MHz and 1.9-GHz. Better system capacity (supporting high no. of users) is one of the advantages of CDMA mobile system. The main advantage of WCDMA is the much higher data rate than GSM. Therefore, one gets more data services including high speed internet communications. It also provides communication privacy between users.

8 What is SDMA? What are the advantages of SDMA?

Space Division Multiple Access (SDMA): this is an alternative way of increasing the capacity of TDMA/FDMA systems. In this method, cluster size (frequency reuse) remains unchanged, while the number of users within a given cell is increased. Multiple users can be served on the *same* time/frequency slot, using sectorized antennas. The same frequency can be reused multiple times and signals on the same frequency do not interfere with one another.

9 What is near and far effect? How it influence CDMA? What are counter measurements?

The near–far problem or hearability problem is the effect of a strong signal from a near signal source in making it hard for a receiver to hear a weaker signal from a farther source due to adjacent-channel interference, co-channel interference, distortion, capture effect, dynamic range limitation, or the like. Such a situation is common in wireless communication systems, in particular CDMA.

10 Define Fixed channel Allocation (FCA).

Fixed channel Allocation (FCA): Each cell is assigned with a predetermined set of voice channels. If all the channels in the cell are occupied, then the call is blocked and the user does not get service. In variation of a fixed channel assignment, a cell can borrow a channel from its neighbouring cells, if its own channels are full.

11 Define Dynamic Channel Allocation (DCA).

In **Dynamic Channel Allocation (DCA)**: In this scheme, Voice channels are not allocated to different cells permanently. Each time a call request is made, the base station requests a channel from Mobile switching centre (MSC). To ensure the minimum QoS (Quality of Service), MSC allocates a given frequency, if that frequency is not currently used in the cell, which falls into the limiting frequency reuse distance. Thus DCA reduces the likelihood of call blocking which can improve the capacity of a cellular system.

12 When does handoff occur?

Hand-off occurs when a received signal from its serving cell becomes weak and another cell site can provide a stronger signal to the mobile subscriber. If the new cell-site has some free voice channels then it assigns one of them to the handed-off call.

channels C is the cell capacity

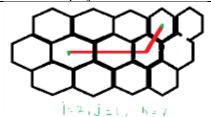
C = MS = MKN

Write down the procedure involved in the determination of co-channel cell. (April 18 2021)

- Move i cells along any chain ofhexagon.
- ➤ Turn 60° counter clock wise and move j cells

$$N=i^2+j^2+ij$$

N-Number of cells in a cluster.



19 State advantages of CDMA over FDMA? (Dec2014) (Dec 2016)

CDMA technology has bandwidth thirteen times efficient than FDMA and forty times efficient than analog systems. CDMA also have better security and higher data and voice transmission quality because of the spread spectrum technology it uses, which has increased resistance to multipath distortion. CDMA has greater coverage area when compared to FDMA. The main advantage of the CDMA is that, in the single detection method it is more flexible than FDMA or joint detection. CDMA is said to have higher capacity than FDMA.

20 Define Grade of Service? (Dec2015) (Dec 2016)

Grade of Service in Wireless communication can be defined as the measure of congestion which is specified as a probability.

The probability of a call is being blocked (Erlang B)

The probability of a call being delayed beyond a certain amount of time (Erlang C)

21 List the features of cellular concept used for mobile telephony. (May 2017)(Nov/Dec 2018)

With limited frequency resource, cellular principle can serve thousands of subscribers at an affordable cost. In a cellular network, total area is subdivided into smaller areas called "cells". Each cell can cover a limited number of mobile subscribers within its boundaries. By using the frequency reuse concept, more number of users can use the service with high coverage and maximum capacity.

In a cellular network, among handoff call and a new call, which one is given as priority? Why? (May 2017)

Handoff calls are given higher priority over new calls. A new call occurs when a user requests a new connection, while a handoff occurs when an active user moves from one cell to other. Call dropping occurs when a call in progress is forcefully terminated due to lack of available sources in the new cell. On the other hand, Call blocking takes place when a new call may not be served. Call dropping is less desirable than call blocking. Hence, Handoff calls are given higher priority over new calls.

What do you mean by forward and reverse channel? (Nov 2017) Forward Channel

The forward channel can be defined as the link between cell-to-mobile direction of communication or the downlink path.

Reverse Channel

The reverse channel can be defined as the link between mobile-to-cell direction of communication or the uplink path.

24 What do you mean by mobile assisted handoff? (May 2019)

Every mobile station measures the received power from the surrounding base stations. Hand off is initiated when the power received from the base station of a neighbouring cell begins to exceed the power from the current base station by a certain

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•Spectral Efficiency is high.

•Greater noise immunity,

•Adjacent Channel Interference is low.

Write the advantages of digital over analog modulation.

- •Robustness to channel impairments
- •Easier multiplexing of various forms of information and Greater security

4 What is nonlinear modulation?

In nonlinear modulation, the amplitude of the carrier is constant regardless of the variation in the modulating signal.

What is linear modulation? Mention the merits and demerits of nonlinear modulation.

In linear modulation technique, the amplitude of the transmitted (carrier) signal varies linearly with the modulating digital signal. In general, linear modulation does not have a constant envelope

Merits:

Lower efficient class c amplifiers can be used without introducing degradation in the Spectrum occupancy of the transmitted signal.

Low out of band radiation of the order of -60dB to -70dB can be achieved.

Limiter-discriminator detection can be used, which simplifies receiver design and provides high Immunity against random FM noise and signal fluctuations due to Rayleigh fading.

Demerits:

Constant envelope modulations occupy a larger bandwidth than linear modulation scheme

In situations where bandwidth efficiency is more important than power efficiency, constant Envelope modulation is not well suited.

6 What do you meant by signal constellation diagram?

A constellation diagram is a representation of a signal modulated by a digital modulation scheme such as quadrature amplitude modulation or phase-shift keying. It displays the signal as a two-dimensional xy-plane scatter diagram in the complex plane at symbol sampling instants. The angle of a point, measured counter clockwise from the horizontal axis, represents the phase shift of the carrier wave from a reference phase. The distance of a point from the origin represents a measure of the amplitude or power of the signal.

Define the following terms: Absolute Bandwidth, Half Power Bandwidth, Null-Null Bandwidth.

Absolute Bandwidth: The range of frequencies over which the signal has non zero power spectral densities.

Null to Null Bandwidth: Width of the main spectral lobe of power spectral densities.

Half Power Bandwidth: It is defined as the interval between the frequencies at which the power spectral densities has dropped to 3 dB (or) half power below to the value.

8 Explain the following terms a) Baud rate b) Bit rate

Baud rate: Speed at which symbols are transmitted in a digital communication system, i.e. no of symbols/second.

Bit rate: Speed at which data bits is transmitted in a digital communication system, i.e. no of bits/sec.

9 What is meant by Phase shift keying?

If phase of the carrier is varied depending on the input digital signal, then it is called phase shift keying.

Filters smooth the phase trajectory of MSK signal and stabilises the instantaneous

advantages it provides, (a) Immunity to selective fading (b) Resilience to interference

25 Why GMSK is used in cellular communication? (April 2021) GMSK has high power efficiency.

GMSK has high spectral efficiency.

(c) Spectrum efficiency.

(ii) State the salient features observed in the power spectral density of MSK when

compared with QPSK and OQPSK. (April 2021)

UNIT IV MULTIPATH MITIGATION TECHNIQUES

Equalisation-Adaptive equalization, Linear and Non-Linear equalization, Zero forcing and LMS Algorithm .Diversity-Micro and Macro diversity, Diversity combining techniques, Error probability in fading channels with diversity reception, Rake receiver

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- What are the techniques used to improve the received signal quality? (April 2019)
 - Equalization, Diversity and Channel coding
- What are the factors used in adaptive algorithms? (Dec 2014)
 - * Rate of convergence,
 - Misadjustment,
 - Computational complexity
 - Numerical properties.
- 3 What is the need of equalization?
 - ❖ Equalization is used to compensate the inter-symbol interference created by multipath environment.
 - ❖ An equaliser within a receiver compensates the average range of expected channel impulse response amplitude and delay characteristics.
 - **!** Equaliser should be adaptive since the channel is unknown and time varying.
- 4 What is diversity and mention the types of diversity. (May 2017)

Transmitting the same information across independent fading channels is called diversity.

- 1. Spatial diversity 2. Antenna diversity 3. Frequency diversity 4. Time diversity 5. Polarization diversity
- 5 Write the functions of diversity. (Dec 2013)
 - ❖ Diversity is used to compensate for fading channel impairments, and is usually implemented by using two or more receiving antennas.
 - ❖ Diversity improves transmission performance by making use of more than one independently faded version of the transmitted signal.
- 6 What is equalizer? (Dec 2013)

The device which equalizes the dispersive effect of a channel is referred to as an equalizer.

7 Define adaptive equalizer. (May 2016)

As the channels are random and time varying, Equaliser must track the time varying nature of the mobile channel to combat ISI, thus are called adaptive equalizer

8 What is training mode in an adaptive equalizer?

First, a known fixed length training sequence is sent by the transmitter, then the receiver's equalizer may adapt to a proper setting of minimum bit error rate detection. Those training sequence is pseudorandom binary signal or a fixed and prescribed bit pattern.

Training sequence permits the equaliser to acquire filter coefficients under worst channel conditions.

9 What is tracking mode in an adaptive equalizer?

17 Differentiate between Macro diversity and Micro diversity. (Dec 2014) (Dec 2016) Macro diversity Micro diversity

channels. channels

It is caused by shadowing due to variation in both the terrains and nature of the surroundings in the vicinity of the

It is suitable for small scale fading

It is suitable for large scale fading

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	surroundings	mobile.	
	These antennas are located on the vehicle	Signals from within a cell may be	
	or at the same base station tower and their	received at the different corners of the	
	spacing is a few wavelengths. The	hexagonal area. The advantage is that not	
	received signal amplitude is correlated,	only the multipath fading attenuation is	
	depending on the antennas	independent at each branch but that the	
	separation d relative to the wavelength.	shadowing and path losses are also	
		uncorrelated to some extent	
18	What are the benefits of Rake Receiver?	(May 2016).	
	ance among all the CDMA		
	receivers.		
	Since, correlators form the main working system of the receiver, The		
best version of the received signal is selected and given as output.			
19	hods.		
	Selection combining, switched combining, equal gain combining, maximum		
20	ratio combining.		
Why is an adaptive equaliser is required? (May 2017) Since the channel is random and time varying, adaptive equalization can be use			
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	Diversity: It is the technique used to compensate for fading channel impairments. It is implemented by using two or more receiving antennas. While Equalization is used to		
	implemented by using two or more receiving antennas. While Equalization is used counter the effects of ISI, Diversity is usually employed to reduce the depth and		
	duration of the fades experienced by a receiver in a flat fading channel. These		
	techniques can be employed at both base station and mobile receivers. Spatial Di		
22	is the most widely used diversity technique. Define STCM. (Nov 2017)		
	STCM stands for Space-Time Coded Modulation. Channel coding can also be		
	combined with diversity a technique called Space-Time Coded Modulation. The space		
	time coding is a bandwidth and power efficient method for wireless communication.		
23	List different types of diversity schemes.	(April 2018)	
	❖ Time diversity		
	❖ Frequency diversity		
	 Space diversity Polarization diversity Multiuser diversity 		
	❖ Co-operative diversity		

What is Macro diversity? (Nov/Dec 2018, April 2019)

It is suitable for large-scale fading channels. These antennas are located on the vehicle or at the same base station tower and their spacing is a few wavelengths. The received signal amplitude is correlated, depending on the antennas separation d relative to the wavelength. It is caused by shadowing due to variation in both the terrains and nature

(ii) Assume the four-branch diversity is used, where each branch receives an independent Rayleigh fading signal. if the average SNR is 20 dB, determine the

probability that the SNR will drop below 10 dB. Compare this with the case of a single

standard.

❖ 3GPP High Speed Packet Access plus (HSPA+) and Long Term Evolution (LTE) standard use MIMO.

5 What are smart antennas in MIMO systems?

Smart antennas (also known as adaptive array antennas, digital antenna arrays) are antenna arrays with smart signal processing algorithms used to identify spatial signal signatures such as the direction of arrival (DOA) of the signal, and use them to calculate beam forming vectors which are used to track and locate the antenna beam on the mobile/target. Smart antenna techniques are used mostly in cellular systems like W-CDMA, UMTS, and LTE. Smart antennas have many functions: DOA estimation, beam forming, interference nulling, and constant modulus preservation.

6 What is Beam forming? (May 2021)

Beam forming or spatial filtering is a signal processing technique used for directional signal transmission or reception. This is achieved by combining elements in an antenna array in such a way that signals at particular angles experience constructive interference while others experience destructive interference. Beam forming can be used at both the transmitting and receiving ends in order to achieve spatial selectivity.

7 What are the advantages of Beam forming?

Following are the benefits or advantages of Beam forming:

- ❖ It boosts the power of beams in the desired direction and hence farthest subscribers can also be reached by telecom cell towers or base stations. This increases supporting capacity of a cellular tower in terms of number of subscribers.
- ❖ It can also reduce the power of the beam for nearby subscribers and hence interference issues near to the cell towers can be avoided.
- ❖ It increases C/N ratio of the signal and hence the signal can withstand against noisy and attenuating channel environment. This increases coverage capacity of the cell tower or base station.

8 What is multiplexing Gain/ capacity gain?

MIMO channels offer a linear increase in capacity without additional power or bandwidth. This gain is referred as spatial multiplexing gain. The spatial multiplexing gain is realized by transmitting independent data signals from individual antennas.

This multiplexing gain is also referred to as capacity gain. It is also used to increase the data rate; since independent data streams are send through independent paths between multiple transmitters and multiple receivers. In other words if there are M transmit antennas and N receive antennas, the increase in the data rate is min (M, N) fold.

9 Distinguish between diversity gain versus array gain. (April 2018)

In MIMO communication systems, array gain means a power gain of transmitted signals that is achieved by using multiple-antennas at transmitter and/or receiver, with respect to single-input single-output case. It can be simply called power gain.

Diversity gain is the increase in signal-to-interference ratio due to some diversity scheme, or how much the transmission power can be reduced when a diversity scheme

is introduced, without a performance loss. Diversity gain is usually expressed in decibels, and sometimes as a power ratio.

10 How does spatial multiplexing work? (Dec 2016) (May 2017)(Nov 2017)

- ❖ Spatial multiplexing uses MEAs at the TX for transmission of parallel data streams.
- ❖ An original high-rate data stream is multiplexed into several parallel streams, each of which is sent from one transmit antenna element.
- ❖ The channel "mixes up" these data streams, so that each of the receive antenna elements sees a combination of them. If the channel is well behaved, the received signals represent linearly independent combinations.
- ❖ Appropriate signal processing at the RX can separate the data streams.
- ❖ A basic condition is that the number of receive antenna elements is at least as large as the number of transmit data streams.
- ❖ It is clear that this approach allows the data rate to be drastically increased namely, by a factor of min (Nt, Nr).

11 Define Diversity gain.

Diversity gain is the increase in signal-to-interference ratio due to some diversity scheme, or how much the transmission power can be reduced when a diversity scheme is introduced, without a performance loss. Diversity gain is usually expressed in decibels, and sometimes as a power ratio.

12 Define short term CSI and long term CSI

Instantaneous CSI (or short term CSI)

- ❖ Instantaneous CSI means current channel condition
- ❖ This gives an opportunity to adapt the transmitted signal to the channel impulse response and thereby optimize the received signal for spatial multiplexing or to achieve low BER.

Statistical CSI (or long term CSI)

Statistical characterization of the channel.

❖ Statistical characterization includes the type of fading distribution, the average channel gain, line of sight component and the spectral correlation. Statistical CSI can be used for transmission optimization.

13 State the importance of spatial multiplexing.

- Spatial multiplexing offer a linear increase in capacity without additional power or bandwidth.
- ❖ It is also used to increase the data rate; since independent data streams are send through independent paths between multiple transmitters and multiple receivers. In other words if there are M transmit antennas and N receive antennas, the increase in the data rate is min (M, N) fold.

14 Define Transmitter diversity. (May 2016).

In transmit diversity there are multiple transmit antennas, and the transmit power is divided among these antennas. Transmit diversity is desirable in systems where more space, power and processing capability is available on the transmit side than on the

receive side. Transmit diversity design depends on whether or not the complex channel gain is known to the transmitter.

15 Define Receiver diversity. (Nov 2017)

In Receive diversity there are multiple Receive antennas, and the receive power is divided among these antennas. Receive diversity is desirable in systems where more space, power and processing capability is available on the receive side than on the Transmitter side. Receive diversity design depends on whether the channel gain is known (or) unknown to the receiver.

16 Define channel capacity of MIMO system.

Two different definitions of capacity exist for MIMO systems:

- (i) Ergodic (Shannon) capacity
- (ii) Outage capacity

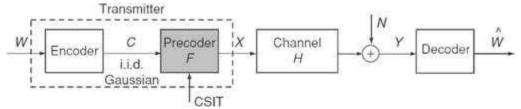
Ergodic (Shannon) capacity: this is the expected value of the capacity, taken over all realizations of the channel. This quantity assumes an infinitely long code that extends over all the different channel realizations.

Outage capacity: this is the minimum transmission rate that is achieved over a certain fraction of the time - e.g., 90% or 95%. This quantity assume that data are encoded with a near-Shannon-limit achieving code that extends over a period that is much shorter than the channel coherence time.

17 What is Precoding? (April 2019)

- ❖ Precoding is a processing technique that makes use of channel state information of the transmitter (CSIT) before the signal is transmitted.
- ❖ Precoding is done inorder to optimize the beams transmitted in intended areas.

Precoding system structure



18 What is Ergodic capacity? (Dec 2016)

Ergodic capacity is related to channel capacity. It is same as Shannon channel capacity. It is the average capacity of the channel (irrespective of deep fading or slow fading). The Shannon capacity of a fading channel with receiver CSI for an average

power constraint P is given by

$$C_{ergodic} = \int_{0}^{\infty} \text{Blog}_{2}(1+\gamma).P(\gamma).d\gamma$$

where B is the received signal bandwidth. This is also referred to as Ergodic capacity since it is the average of the instantaneous capacity for an AWGN channel with SNR γ given by $\text{Blog}_2(1+\gamma)$.

19 What is outage capacity? (Dec 2016)

Capacity with outage is define as the maximum rate that can be transmitted over a channel with some outage probability corresponding to the probability that the transmission cant be decoded with negligible error probability.

 $C_{outage} = (1 - P_{out}) \operatorname{Blog}_2(1 + \gamma_{min})$

Where P_{out} is the probability with outage= $P(\gamma < \gamma_{min})$

What is Channel state information? (Nov/ Dec 2018) Mention its benefits. (May 2017)

In wireless communications, channel state information (CSI) refers to known channel properties of a communication link. This information describes how a signal propagates from the transmitter to the receiver and represents the combined effect of scattering, fading, and power decay with respect to the distance. The CSI makes it possible to adapt transmissions to current channel conditions, which is crucial for achieving reliable communication with high data rates in multi antenna systems.

21 What is meant by spatial multiplexing? (Nov/ Dec 2018)

Spatial multiplexing employs MEA"s (Multiple element antennas) at the transmitter for transmission of data streams. An original high-rate data stream is multiplexed into several parallel streams, each of which is sent from one transmit antenna element. A basic condition is that the number of receive antenna elements (Nr) is at least as large as the number of transmit data streams (Nt). This approach allows the data rate to be drastically increased – namely, by a factor of min (Nt,Nr).

22 What is meant by spatial diversity?

In spatial diversity, many signal copies are transmitted from different antennas and are received at more than one antenna. This redundancy is provided by employing an array of antennas, with a minimum separation of half wavelength between neighboring antennas. Spatial diversity technique is used to mitigate the effect of fading in wireless communication systems.

23 Differentiate transmit diversity from random beam forming.(April 2019)

In **transmit diversity** there are multiple transmit antennas, and the transmit power is divided among these antennas. Transmit diversity is desirable in systems where more space, power and processing capability is available on the transmit side than on the receive side. Transmit diversity design depends on whether or not the complex channel gain is known to the transmitter.

Beamforming or spatial filtering is a signal processing technique used in wireless communication systems for directional signal transmission or reception. This is achieved by combining elements in an antenna array in such a way that signals at particular angles experience constructive interference while others experience destructive interference. Beam forming can be used at both the transmitting and receiving ends in order to achieve spatial selectivity.

UNIT-V / PART-B

- Briefly explain Multiple-input multiple output systems. (Dec 2016) (May 2017) (Nov 2017)
- 2 Explain Pre-coding and Beam forming with neat diagram. (May 2017) (Nov/Dec 2018)
- 3 Discuss in detail the classification of algorithms for MIMO based system. (**Dec 2016**)
- Define Beam forming and briefly explain MIMO diversity gain. (May 2016) (Nov 2017)