

Bayesian/MMSE Estimation for MIMO/OFDM Wireless Communications
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Lecture – 18
Linear Minimum Mean Squared Error (LMMSE) Estimate for
Multi-Antenna Downlink Wireless Channel Estimation – Part I

Hello. Welcome to another module in this massive open online course on Bayesian MMSE Estimation for Wireless Communication Systems. Today let us start looking at LMMSE estimation for multi-antenna channel estimation, as we seen in the previous module the multi-antenna channel estimation problem correspondence to a scenario of vector parameter estimation, so now let us look at how we can apply or LMMSE principle that is a linear minimum mean squared error estimation principle to the estimation of a vector parameter in the contest of multi-antenna channel estimation.

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LMMSE Estimation For
Multi Antenna Channel
Estimation :

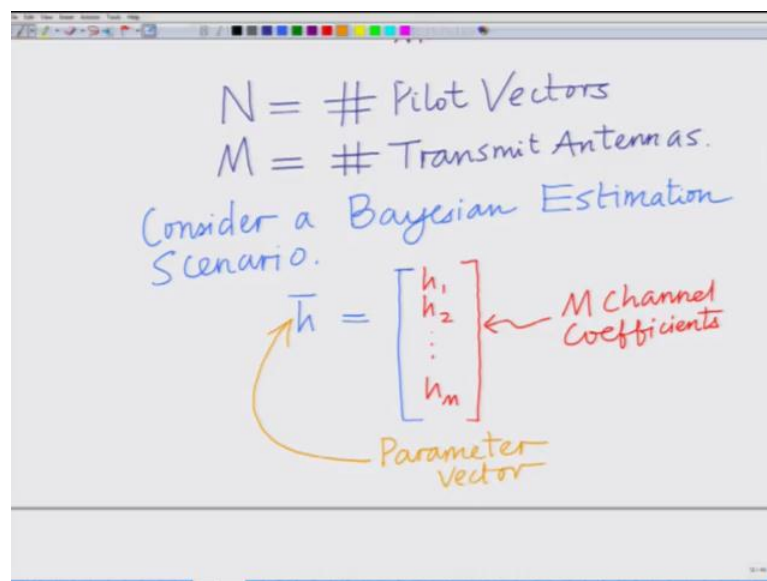
$$\bar{y} = X \bar{h} + \bar{v}$$

N x 1 observation vector N x M Pilot Matrix M x 1 Parameter vector N x 1 Additive Noise vector

So, let us look at LMMSE, where LMMSE as you know stands for linear minimum squared error estimation for multi-antenna channel estimation. In fact, multi-antenna channels estimation you know wireless system. So, we are going to look at LMMSE estimation for a multi-antenna wireless channel.

And we are already seen that the problem so consider the multi-antenna estimation, so we have seen the problem can be expressed as \bar{y} equals \bar{x} \bar{h} plus \bar{v} , where this \bar{y} this is your $N \times 1$ observation vector \bar{x} is your $N \times M$ pilot matrix and \bar{h} is now your $M \times 1$ parameter vector previously you had a scalar parameter now you have an $M \times 1$ parameter vector and \bar{v} is the additive noise; that is this is the $N \times 1$ additive. This is the same as before this is $N \times 1$ additive noise vector.

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And now if we look at it what is N , Let us define this let us recall this quantity also N equals number of pilot vectors. N is basically the number of pilot vectors transmitted in the downlink by the (Refer Time: 03:15). Remember we are considering a downlink channel estimation scenario where N is number of pilot vectors, M is a number of transmit antenna there are multiple antennas M is number of transmit antennas. Recall that we are considering a system with M transmit antennas a single receive antenna correct and N transmitted pilot vectors. Therefore, the pilot matrix \bar{x} is $N \times M$ the observation vector \bar{y} is $N \times 1$ the parameter vector \bar{h} is $M \times 1$ right and \bar{v} the noise vector is $N \times 1$ as you should as simplification we call it.

And now we are going to demonstrate or illustrate how to estimate this channel vector \bar{h} and this is a vector parameter. So, now consider a Bayesian scenario; remember this

is a base we are talking about base and estimation considers a Bayesian scenario. Bayesian scenario implies there is prior information about the parameter Bayesian estimation scenario. Bayesian estimation scenario implies there is prior information about the parameter. And this case since we have a parameter vector \bar{h} equals what is this we have a parameter vector $h_1 h_2$ up to h_M , where these are the M channel coefficients correct. These are the M channel coefficients varying channel coefficients rather these are the M channel coefficients and therefore \bar{h} is a collection of M parameters, so there \bar{h} this is your parameter vector. These are some things to remember this is a parameter vector; we are considering the estimation of a vector parameter.

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$h_i =$ channel coefficient of i th antenna.
 $E\{h_i\} = 0$
 $E\{|h_i|^2\} = \sigma_h^2$
 $E\{h_i h_j^*\} = 0$ if $i \neq j$
 $\Rightarrow h_i, h_j$ are uncorrelated Random Variables.
 $E\{\bar{h}\} = 0$
 $E\{\bar{h} \bar{h}^T\}$

And h_i is the channel coefficient corresponding to the i th antenna, h_i is a channel coefficient of the i th antenna. Now, previously remember whenever we consider previously so far when we looked at Bayesian estimation we have looked at MMSE estimation and we consider the parameter vector parameter \bar{h} to be Gaussian in nature. However, in previous module we have introduced the LMMSE estimation, and for the LMMSE the LMMSE is valued for an arbitrarily distributed observation and parameter. Therefore, we no longer need to consider the parameter or the parameter vector to be

Gaussian in nature as long as we are willing to simply accept that it is only the LMMSE estimator and it is a best amongst the class of linear estimators.

Since we are going to be using the LMMSE estimate we now are not going to assume that we are going to assume in the \mathbf{h} the parameter vector $\bar{\mathbf{h}}$ can be (Refer Time: 06:57) any arbitrary distribution not necessarily Gaussian distributed. And therefore we can simply use the LMMSE estimate without any problem. So, we are not going to assume any prior distribution for \mathbf{h} we are simply going to say that \mathbf{h} is any arbitrary distribution with each coefficient h_i having 0 mean power average gain or expected value of magnitude h_i^2 equals σ_h^2 . Further, we are also going to say that this expected value of $h_i h_j^*$ conjugate that is channel coefficient of two different antennas this is equal to 0 if $i \neq j$. Implies h_i and h_j are uncorrelated random variables; these are since the covariance is 0.

And once this is the expected value of $h_i h_j^*$ conjugate is 0 we can only say that these are uncorrelated, because we have not assuming $h_i h_j$ to be Gaussian we cannot say that these are independent. All we can say at this point since we are not made any assumption about the prior distribution of \mathbf{h} ; we can only assume they are uncorrelated. And that is sufficient for the purpose of LMMSE estimation. We do not need to nearly assume that they are independent. As long as they are uncorrelated we are only concerned with the uncorrelated nature, we are not nearly bothered about whether they are independent or not because the LMMSE estimates simply considers the covariance information it does not need information about the probability density functions of \mathbf{h} the parameter vector \mathbf{h} in fact also the observation vector $\bar{\mathbf{y}}$.

So, that is something keeps in mind. And therefore, we have since each element h_i is 0 mean if we look at expected $\bar{\mathbf{h}}$ naturally since each component is 0 mean expected value of this parameter vector $\bar{\mathbf{h}}$ is going to be 0.

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LMMSE Estm.
Multi Antenna Channel
Estimation:

$$\bar{y} = X \bar{h} + \bar{v}$$

\bar{y} : NX1 Observation vector
 X : NXM Pilot Matrix
 \bar{h} : MX1 Parameter vector
 \bar{v} : NX1 Additive Noise vector

consider all quantities to be real.

$N = \#$ Pilot Vectors
 $M = \#$ Transmit Antennas.

Further, if we look at this covariance matrix, to consider a simple scenario I am simply considering a real scenario. Let us simply consider a real scenario I am going to remove this complex conjugate just to make this estimate paradigm simple consider all quantities to be real to begin with. Consider all this quantities to be real. We are going to illustrate later how you can extend this to complex scenario.

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$E\{h h^T\}$

$$= E\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ \vdots \\ h_m \end{bmatrix} [h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m] \right\}$$
$$= E\left(\begin{bmatrix} h_1^2 & h_2 h_1 & \dots \\ h_1 h_2 & h_2^2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & h_m^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Then what is going to happen this expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{h}^T$, if you expand this what is a expected value of \bar{h} this is expected value of well take the column vector $h_1 h_2 \dots h_L$ times \bar{h}^T which is a row vector $h_1 h_2 \dots h_L$. Now you can see when you multiply this column vector by the row vector what you are going to have is all the diagonal elements are going to be elements of the form $h_1^2 h_2^2$ so on. The off diagonal elements are going to the form $h_1 h_2 h_2 h_1$, so those expectations are going to be 0, because we are considering the different the channel coefficient corresponding to the different antennas to be uncorrelated.

So, just write this more explicitly I think probably if writing one more step will help expected value of h_1^2 the second diagonal element will be h_2^2 square, so on the last diagonal element will be of course this is M , this is h_M^2 square and these entries are going to be of the form $h_1 h_2 h_2 h_1$ and so on.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ h_m^2 \end{array} \right] \\
 = & \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_h^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_h^2 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \sigma_h^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 = & \sigma_h^2 \mathbf{I}_M \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} M \times M \\ \text{Identity} \\ \text{Matrix} \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

And if you look at the expected value of these the expected value of the off diagonal element are going to 0 the expected value of the diagonal element expected value of h_1^2 square equals expected value of h_2^2 square so on. So, this diagonal elements are going to be equal to σ_h^2 or the off diagonal elements are going to be 0, so this is going to be σ_h^2 times the identity matrix and this is the just to be clear this is an

M dimensional identity matrix. When I write I M this means an M cross M identity matrix, because identity matrix is the square matrix that is well known so I am going to simply write the number of rows and number of columns they are both equal. So this is I M basically denotes the M cross M identity matrix.

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$$E\{\hat{h} \hat{h}^T\} = \sigma_h^2 \mathbf{I} = R_{hh}$$

$$E\{h_i v_j\} = 0 \quad \forall i, j$$

$1 \leq i \leq M$
 $1 \leq j \leq N$

Noise, channel are Independent
 \Rightarrow uncorrelated!

So, we can say that expected value of $\hat{h} \hat{h}^T$ equals σ_h^2 times the identity matrix. You can call this as in this case R_{hh} , since we have parameter vector you have the covariance matrix R_{hh} expected value of $\hat{h} \hat{h}^T$ considering uncorrelated channel coefficient each with gains σ_h^2 each with average power σ_h^2 each antenna. That means, basically the covariance matrix expected value of $\hat{h} \hat{h}^T$ that is R_{hh} is σ_h^2 times σ_h^2 times identity.

Now, another assumption that we are going to make which is also valid assumptions is that the channel coefficient and the noise samples are uncorrelated and this is a valid assumptions because the channel coefficient are related to the channel coefficients of the radio propagation of the wireless environment. And the noise samples are the noise samples which arise because of the thermal noise at the receiver. These two phenomena are basically independent one the channel coefficients are arising because of the scattering nature of the wireless environment, because of the reflections and the

propagation in the wireless environment. And the Gaussian noise at the receiver is arising basically because of the thermal property the thermal noise in the circuits at the receiver. And these two phenomena are independent so we are going to assume that the channel coefficients and the noise samples are independent.

In fact, as we already said they are independent, but for purpose we do not need independence as long as they are uncorrelated that is sufficient. So, all though they are independent we are going to simply use the fact that they are uncorrelated, which means that if you take any channel coefficient expected value of h_i times any noise samples v_j ; expected value of h_i times of v_j this is equal to 0 for all i, j . Remember we have M channel coefficients of $1 \leq i \leq M$, so i can be any value between 1 and M and we have N noise samples so j can be any value between 1 and N . And therefore this basically arises because of the noise comma channel are independent, of course independence means uncorrelated. For any random variables if they are independent then naturally they are uncorrelated. So, this is something to keep in mind.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical expressions and text. The top part contains two equations: $E \{ \bar{h} \bar{v}^T \} = 0_{M \times N}$ and $E \{ \bar{v} \bar{h}^T \} = 0_{N \times M}$. Below these equations, it says "Further similar to previous scenarios,". The bottom part of the whiteboard says "Consider $\bar{v} =$ Gaussian Noise vector".

Which means now since any channel coefficient is uncorrelated with any noise samples if I look at expected value of \bar{h} times \bar{v} transpose this is equal to 0, in fact this will be $M \times N$ expected value of \bar{v} times \bar{h} transpose. Remember \bar{v} is N

cross $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{h}^T$ is $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{h}^T$ transpose is $\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{h}$ so this will be $\mathbf{0}^T \mathbf{N}$ cross \mathbf{M} , because the channel vector and the noise samples are uncorrelated for expected value of $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{v}$ transpose expected value of $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{h}$ transpose both are 0.

Now let us look at the covariance of the noise, and this is something that we already looked at that is the covariance that is we are going to consider the noise samples for the similar previous scenario. Similar to previous scenarios consider \mathbf{v} bar equals Gaussian noise vector with covariance expected value of $\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T$ equals sigma square times identity. This implies basically that expected value of each we are going to assume 0 mean noise.

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Consider $\mathbf{v} = \text{Gaussian Noise vector}$

$$E\{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

$$E\{v_i\} = 0$$

$$E\{v_i^2\} = \sigma^2$$

$$E\{v_i v_j\} = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$$

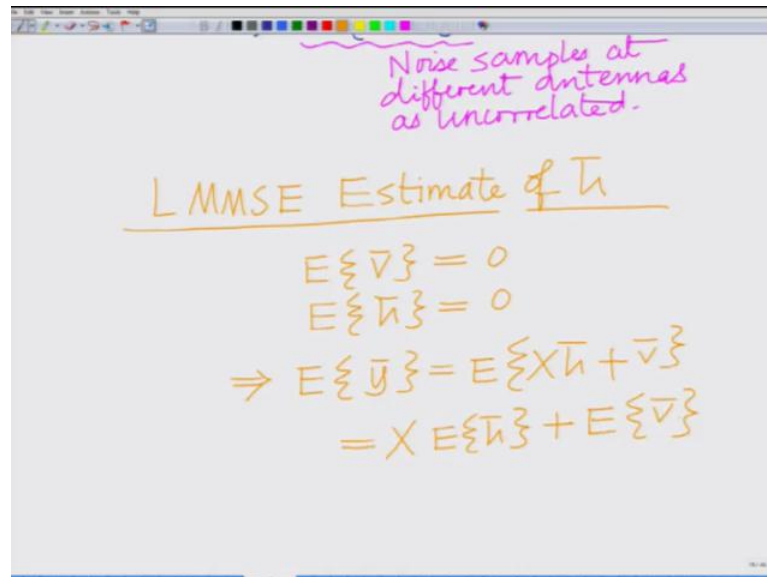
Noise samples at different antennas are uncorrelated.

So, expected value of each v_i is 0, the each noise is of variance expected value of v_i^2 equals sigma square. Further, we are going to assume that the noise samples at two different antennas are uncorrelated. Since, the noise is Gaussian this implies also independence, if i is not equal to j noise samples at two different antennas are uncorrelated.

Noise samples at the different antennas these are uncorrelated. So, this is (Refer Time: 019:06) now describe the statistics of the problem we are describe the covariance matrix

of the channel vector covariance matrix of the noise vector cross covariance of the channel and the noise. So, now, let us find the LMMSE estimate. Now we have all the ingredients to find the LMMSE estimate of the channel vector \bar{h} .

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Noise samples at different antennas as uncorrelated.

LMMSE Estimate of \bar{h}

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\bar{v}\} &= 0 \\ E\{\bar{h}\} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow E\{\bar{y}\} &= E\{X\bar{h} + \bar{v}\} \\ &= X E\{\bar{h}\} + E\{\bar{v}\} \end{aligned}$$

So, let us now proceed to find LMMSE estimate and we know we have derived this expression first observe now that we have noise is 0 mean expected of \bar{v} is equal to 0; we have channel is 0 mean expected \bar{h} equal to 0. This implies expected \bar{y} equals expected $X \bar{h}$ plus \bar{v} equals X times expected \bar{h} plus expected \bar{v} .

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$$= X \underbrace{E\{h\}}_0 + \underbrace{E\{v\}}_0$$
$$E\{y\} = 0$$
$$\hat{h} = (R_{hy}) (R_{yy})^{-1} \bar{y} \leftarrow \text{LMMSE Estimate}$$

Now, expected \bar{h} is 0 expected \bar{v} is 0 so this is basically 0, so we have expected value of \bar{y} is equal to 0. Basically, we have expected value of \bar{y} equal to 0 expected value of \bar{h} equal to 0. So, the parameter expected is 0 mean observation vector is 0 mean, so we can use the expression for the LMMSE estimate that we have derived previously. We have \hat{h} will be R_{hy} into R_{yy} inverse into \bar{y} , this is the this is the expression for the LMMSE estimate.

So, now we have find these two quantities; we have to find R_{hy} and R_{yy} and R_{yy} inverse we have to find these two quantities.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical equations. At the top, the equation $\hat{h} = (R_{xy} R_{yy})^{-1} y$ is written, with R_{xy} and R_{yy} circled in pink, and the word "Estimate" written to the right. Below this, the derivation for R_{yy} is shown:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{yy} &= E\{\bar{y}\bar{y}^T\} \\ &= E\{(X\bar{h} + \bar{v})(X\bar{h} + \bar{v})^T\} \\ &= E\{(X\bar{h} + \bar{v})(\bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{v}^T)\} \\ &= E\{X\bar{h}\bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{v}\bar{h}^T X^T + X\bar{h}\bar{v}^T + \bar{v}\bar{v}^T\} \end{aligned}$$

So, now let us start with R_{yy} ; R_{yy} equals expected value of $\bar{y}\bar{y}^T$ which is equal to expected value of $x\bar{h} + \bar{v}$ into $x\bar{h} + \bar{v}$ transpose using the properties of the transpose this is basically $x\bar{h} + \bar{v}$ times $\bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{v}^T$ times X^T plus $\bar{v}\bar{v}^T$. This is equal to expected value of $x\bar{h}\bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{v}\bar{h}^T X^T + X\bar{h}\bar{v}^T + \bar{v}\bar{v}^T$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= E\{Xh + v\}^T \\
 &= X E\{h h^T\} X^T + E\{v h^T\} X^T \\
 &\quad + X E\{h v^T\} + E\{v v^T\} \\
 &= X \sigma_h^2 I X^T + \sigma_v^2 I \\
 &= \boxed{\sigma_h^2 X X^T + \sigma_v^2 I = R_{yy}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now if you take the expectation operator inside you will get x expectation of h bar h bar transpose x transpose plus expected value of v bar h bar transpose x transpose plus x expected value of h bar v bar transpose plus expected v bar v bar transpose. Now we have already said that the noise and the channels are uncorrelated so therefore expected value of v bar h bar transpose expected value of h bar v bar transpose is are both 0. Expected value of h bar h bar transpose this is σ_h^2 times identity, we have already derived that expected value of v bar v bar transpose this is σ_v^2 times identity this also we have already derived, so this becomes σ_h^2 times $x x^T$ plus σ_v^2 times identity.

So, let me write this $x x^T$ plus σ_v^2 times identity matrix into $x x^T$ plus σ_v^2 times identity which is basically σ_h^2 is a scalar so bring it out this becomes $x x^T$ plus σ_v^2 times the identity matrix this is your covariance matrix R_{yy} ; this is the covariance matrix R_{yy} . R_{yy} is the covariance matrix which expected value of y bar y bar transpose is $\sigma_h^2 x x^T$ plus σ_v^2 times identity, where x of course remember I can recall this is the pilot matrix.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Tr} \left\{ X \underbrace{E \{ \bar{h} \bar{v}^T \}}_0 + \underbrace{\sigma^2 I}_{\sigma^2 I} \right\} \\
 &= X \sigma_h^2 I \cdot X^T + \sigma^2 I \\
 &= \boxed{\underbrace{\sigma_h^2}_{N \times M} \underbrace{X X^T}_{M \times N} + \underbrace{\sigma^2 I}_{N \times N}} = R_{yy}
 \end{aligned}$$

Dimensions are indicated: $N \times M$ for X , $M \times N$ for $X X^T$, and $N \times N$ for $\sigma^2 I$.

And observe that of this matrix observe that this is N cross M this is N cross M, so R yy this is N cross M M cross N, so R yy is basically N cross N this is an identity matrix is naturally also N cross N.

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The whiteboard shows the following derivation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{hy} &= E \{ \bar{h} \bar{y}^T \} \quad \leftarrow N \times N \\
 &= E \{ \bar{h} (X \bar{h} + \bar{v})^T \} \\
 &= E \{ \bar{h} (\bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{v}^T) \} \\
 &= E \{ \bar{h} \bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{h} \bar{v}^T \}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us look at R_{hy} . R_{hy} the cross covariance matrix of h and y . R_{hy} is expected value of $\bar{h} y^T$. $\bar{h} y^T$ is equal to expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{h} \bar{v}^T$ which is equal to expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{h}^T X^T$ plus expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{v}^T$. This is equal to expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{h}^T X^T$ plus expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{v}^T$. Expanded it term by term.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= E\{\bar{h}(X\bar{h} + \bar{v})\} \\
 &= E\{\bar{h}(\bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{v}^T)\} \\
 &= E\{\bar{h}\bar{h}^T X^T + \bar{h}\bar{v}^T\} \\
 &= \underbrace{E\{\bar{h}\bar{h}^T\}}_{\sigma_h^2 I} X^T + \underbrace{E\{\bar{h}\bar{v}^T\}}_0 \\
 &= \boxed{\sigma_h^2 X^T = R_{hy}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again take the expectation operator inside this is going to be expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{h}^T X^T$ plus expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{v}^T$. noise and channels are uncorrelated expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{v}^T$ is 0 this is equal to expected value of $\bar{h} \bar{h}^T X^T$. You already see this is σ_h^2 times identity, so therefore this becomes $\sigma_h^2 X^T$.

This is your R_{hy} . So, we have now both the quantities we have R_{hy} we have R_{yy} therefore the channel estimate is \hat{h} is equal to R_{hy} into R_{yy} inverse into \bar{y} that is the LMMSE estimate. Now we are going to substitute these quantities to derive the LMMSE estimates.

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LMMSE Estimate of \mathbf{h} is,

$$\hat{\mathbf{h}} = \sigma_h^2 \mathbf{X}^T (\sigma_h^2 \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}}$$

LMMSE Estimate of Channel vector \mathbf{h} for Multi-Antenna Downlink Wireless Channel Estimation.

So therefore, now LMMSE estimate is given as; LMMSE estimate of \mathbf{h} bar is $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ this is $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ equal to $\mathbf{R} \mathbf{h}$ by which is $\sigma_h^2 \mathbf{X}^T (\sigma_h^2 \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}}$ this is your expression for the LMMSE estimate this is the expression for LMMSE estimate of the channel vector \mathbf{h} bar. Let us write this down again LMMSE estimate of channel vector \mathbf{h} bar for multi-antenna downlink wireless. So, multi-antenna downlink wireless channel estimation that is $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ equals $\sigma_h^2 \mathbf{X}^T (\sigma_h^2 \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}}$ $\bar{\mathbf{y}}$ is the observation vector.

So, we have derived the expression for the LMMSE estimate of the channel vector. And therefore, you will illustrate basically the general principle of LMMSE that is linear minimum mean squared error estimation of a channel vector. Previously we have only considered scalar parameter now we have extended to a scenario with a vector parameter. Further, there is a way to simplify this expression for the estimate further which we are going to do in the subsequent module. So, this module basically involved applying the principle of LMMSE estimation to derive the channel derived the estimate of the channel vector of a multi-antenna wireless communication downlink scenario.

So, we will stop here we will simplify this expression for the estimate further in the next module and we will also derive the mean squared error, that is the mean squared error or the mean squared error of this LMMSE estimate. So, we will stop here.

Thank you very much.