Impact of Interference Model on Capacity in CDMA Cellular Networks

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- Average interference model
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Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) Overview

• Multiple access schemes



Spread Spectrum: Direct Spreading



Factors Affecting Capacity



Factors Affecting Capacity (cont.)

• <u>Soft handover of calls</u>



Factors Affecting Capacity (cont.)

• Universal frequency use



TDMA or FDMA

CDMA

• Reverse link vs forward link



• Voice activity factor

Relative Average Inter-cell Interference Model





where $F[j,i] = I_{ji} / n_j$ for i, j = 1,...,M, and n_j is the number of users in cell j

1° 18 o 17 o 16 o 26 125 0 13 0 24 •6 o 27 052 o 14 08 02 023 14 0 1B 09 > 20 0 **≥**₀ 10 o 22 o 11 042 o 21 11 12 13 1M

Hence, the total relative average intercell interference experienced by cell i is

$$I_i = \sum_{j=1}^M n_j F[j,i] \quad -- \bigcirc$$

 $I_2 = 1 \times F[1,2]$

Relative Actual Inter-cell Interference Model

- Interference matrix F cannot be calculated in advance
- Instead, a new interference matrix U is computed as follows
- For a user k in cell j, the relative actual interference offered by this user to cell i is

$$(U_{ji})_k = e^{(\gamma\sigma_s)^2} \left(\frac{r_j}{r_i}\right)^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

• Hence, the total relative actual inter-cell interference at cell *i* caused by every user in the network is

$$I_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{M} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{j}} \left(U_{ji} \right)_{k}, \text{ for } i \neq j \quad --- \textcircled{B}$$



Actual Interference Matrix U

•Example: for a new call in cell 2, compute row matrix U[2,i] for i =1,...,M using equation D

 $U_{2i} = [21 \ 22 \ 23 \ \dots \ 2M]$

• Update 2^{nd} row of interference matrix U by adding the above row matrix to it.



Capacity

• The capacity of a CDMA network is determined by maintaining a lower bound on the bit energy to interference density ratio, given by

$$\left(\frac{E_b}{I_0}\right)_i = \frac{E_b}{\alpha (RE_b)(n_i - 1 + I_i)/W + N_0} \quad -- \quad (F)$$

for $i = 1, ..., M$

- W = Spread signal bandwidth
- R = bits/sec (information rate)
- α = voice activity factor
- n_i = users in cell *i*
- N₀ = background noise spectral density

• Let τ be that threshold above which the bit error rate must be maintained, then by rewriting Eq. F

$$n_i + I_i \leq \frac{W / R}{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{1}{E_b / N_0} \right) + 1 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} c_{eff} \quad --- G$$

for $i = 1, ..., M$

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Capacity Cases

• Equal capacity: all cells have an equal number of users

$$n_i = n$$
 for all i

• <u>Optimized Capacity:</u> A set of users in each cell obtained by solving following optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max_{\underline{n}} & \sum_{i=1}^{M} n_i \,, \\ \text{subject to} & n_i + I_i \leq c_{eff} \,, \\ & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, M \,. \end{array}$$

Simulations

<u>Network configuration</u>

- COST-231 propagation model
- Carrier frequency = 1800 MHz
- Average base station height = 30 meters
- Average mobile height = 1.5 meters
- Path loss coefficient, m = 4
- Shadow fading standard deviation, $\sigma_s = 6 \text{ dB}$
- Processing gain, W/R = 21.1 dB
- Bit energy to interference ratio threshold, $\tau = 9.2 \text{ dB}$
- Interference to background noise ratio, $I_0/N_0 = 10 \text{ dB}$
- Voice activity factor, $\alpha = 0.375$
- These values in Eq. G give upper bound on the relative interference in every cell, c_eff = 38.25.

Simulations – Equal Capacity

- Average interference
 - Users in each cell: 18



- Actual interference
 - Users in each cell: 17



Simulations – Optimized Capacity Vs Actual Interference Capacity

• Optimized Capacity using average interference = 559

• Simulated Capacity using actual interference = 554



More Simulations – Actual Interference

• Simulated Capacity = 564

• Simulated Capacity = 568



Individual Cell Capacity Comparison



• Comparison of cell capacity for 3 simulation trials.

• Comparison of average cell capacity for 50 simulation trials.

Extreme Cases Using Actual Interference – Non-Uniform Distribution



- Maximum network capacity of 1026 with best case non-uniform user distribution
- Maximum network capacity of 108 with worst case non-uniform user distribution

Model User Distribution by 2D Gaussian



• Mean = 0 and standard deviation = 200

• Mean = 0 and standard deviation = 500

Model User Distribution by 2D Gaussian



• Mean = 0 and standard deviation = 900

• Non-zero mean, standard deviation between 100-300

Conclusions

- Actual interference model is computationally intensive.
- Capacity obtained using average interference is close to the capacity obtained using actual interference for uniform user distribution.
- Average interference model cannot predict extreme variations in network capacity under non-uniform user distribution.
- Can use 2D Gaussian distribution to model uniform and non-uniform user distribution.