How Helpful is Algebraic Structure in Network Information Theory?

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Network model



- ▶ *N* nodes consisting of sources, relays, and destinations.
- ▶ Node *k* transmits $X_k \in \mathcal{X}_k$ and receives $Y_k \in \mathcal{Y}_k$.
- Channel: $p(y_1, ..., y_N | x_1, ..., x_N)$

Encoding, relaying, decoding

- ▶ $W_{i,j}$: message from node *i* to node *j*, uniformly distributed in $[1, 2^{nR_{i,j}}] \triangleq \{1, \dots, 2^{nR_{i,j}}\}$. $R_{i,i} = 0, \forall i$.
- Xⁿ_k ≜ {X_{k,1},...,X_{k,n}}: transmitted vector at node k over n channel uses
- Y_k^n : received vector at node k

►
$$X_{k,i} = X_{k,i} (\{ W_{k,j} | j \in [1, N] \}, Y_k^{i-1})$$

- ▶ $\{\hat{W}_{j,k}(Y_k^n, \{W_{k,i}|i \in [1, N]\})|j \in [1, N]\}$: message estimates at node k
- Discrete memoryless channel

$$p(y_1^n, \ldots, y_N^n | x_1^n, \ldots, x_N^n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_{1,i}, \ldots, y_{N,i} | x_{1,i}, \ldots, x_{N,i})$$

Capacity

► A set of rates {R_{i,j} | i, j ∈ [1, N]} is said to be *achievable* if there exists a sequence of encoding (relaying) and decoding functions such that

$${\mathcal P}_e riangleq \mathsf{Pr}({\mathcal W}_{i,j}
eq \hat{{\mathcal W}}_{i,j} ext{ for some } i,j \in [1,{\mathcal N}]) o 0 ext{ as } n o \infty$$

Capacity region: closure of the set of achievable rates



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► Equivalent min-cut-like form (El Gamal, Mohseni, Zahedi '06) max min{*I*(*X*₁; *Ŷ*₂, *Y*₃|*X*₂), *I*(*X*₁, *X*₂; *Y*₃) − *I*(*Y*₂; *Ŷ*₂|*X*₁, *X*₂, *Y*₃)} where the maximization is over *p*(*x*₁)*p*(*x*₂)*p*(*ŷ*₂|*y*₂, *x*₂).

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Can we do better?

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- *R_k*: rate of node *k*
- D_k : set of destination nodes receiving message from k

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- Network coding (Ahlswede, Cai, Li, Yeung '00)
- Wireless erasure networks (Dana et al '06)
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Theorem (Gaussian RN)

For multi-source multicast Gaussian RN with a single destination set, if $(R_1, ..., R_N)$ is in the cut-set bound, then $(R_1 - 0.63N, ..., R_N - 0.63N)$ is achievable by NNC.

Generalization of constant gap result by ADT

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