

TD1: Wireless Propagation

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1 Path-loss models

For our calculations, let's convert the received power from dBm to mW.

Distance d [m]	Received power [dBm]	Received power [mW]
50	1.2	1.32
100	-10.4	$9.12 \cdot 10^{-2}$
250	-19.8	$1.05 \cdot 10^{-2}$
500	-30.4	$9.12 \cdot 10^{-4}$
1000	-50.4	$9.12 \cdot 10^{-6}$

We also convert the antenna gains $g_t = 39.81$ and $g_r = 1$, and we convert the transmitted power $p_t = 39.81$ W.

Question 1

In the simplified path loss model we have

$$p_r(d) = p_t K \left(\frac{d_0}{d} \right)^\alpha \quad (1)$$

we compare this expression with the free-space path-loss model

$$\frac{p_t}{p_r} = \left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda \sqrt{g_t g_r}} \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

with $\lambda = \frac{c}{f_c}$. At $d = d_0$, we conclude that

$$K = \left(\frac{\lambda \sqrt{g_t g_r}}{4\pi d_0} \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

which gives $K = 2.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$ or $K = -15.5$ dB.

Question 2

$$p_r[dBm] = 10 \log_{10}(K \cdot p_t[mW]) + 10\alpha \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_0}{d} \right) \quad (4)$$

The mean squared error is $MSE = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 (p_r^{\text{model}}(d_i) - p_r^{\text{measured}}(d_i))^2$.

Let's define $C_i(d_i) = 10 \log_{10}(K \cdot p_t[mW]) - p_r^{\text{measured}}(d_i)[dBm]$ to ease the notation.

We observe that

$$MSE = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 \left(\alpha 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_0}{d_i} \right) + C_i(d_i) \right)^2 \quad (5)$$

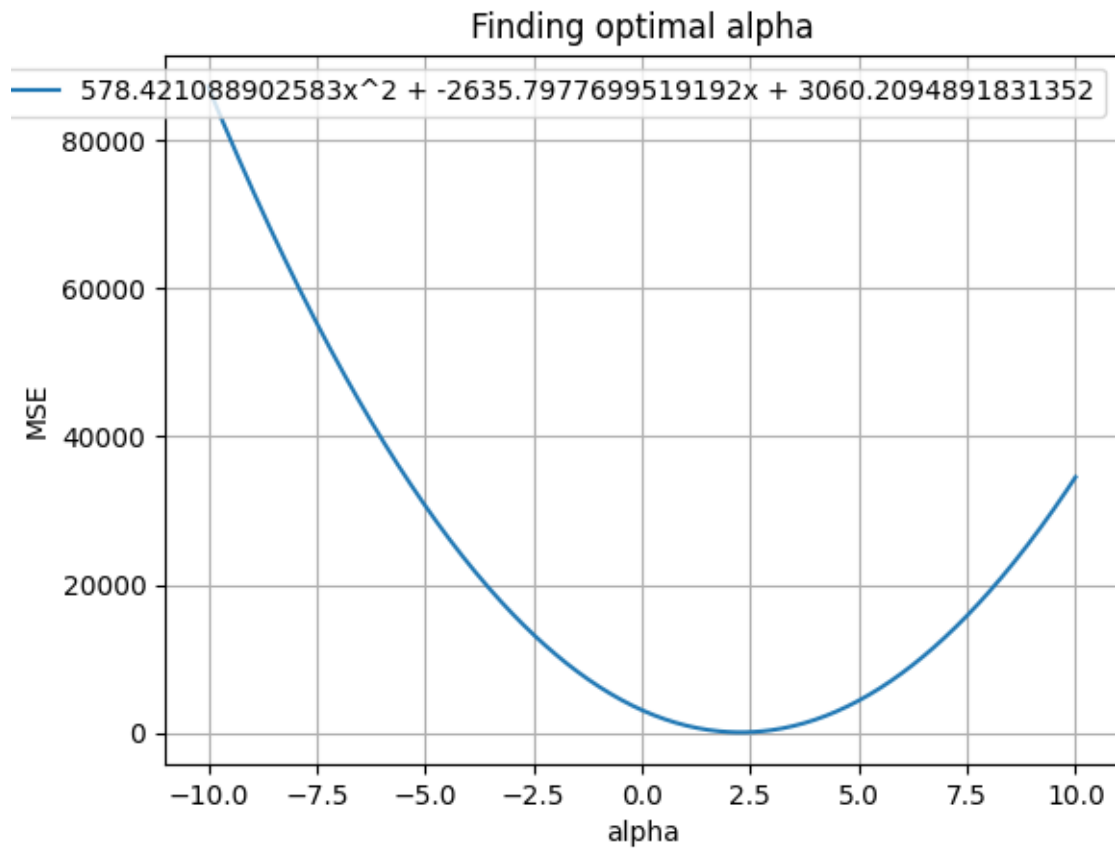
$$= \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha^2 100 \log_{10}^2 \left(\frac{d_0}{d_i} \right) + 2\alpha 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_0}{d_i} \right) C_i(d_i) + C_i(d_i)^2 \quad (6)$$

$$= \alpha^2 \sum_{i=1}^5 20 \log_{10}^2 \left(\frac{d_0}{d_i} \right) + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^5 4 \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_0}{d_i} \right) C_i(d_i) + \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 C_i(d_i)^2 \quad (7)$$

is a second order polynomial in α . We conclude that

$$\alpha_{\text{opt}} = - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^5 4 \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_0}{d_i} \right) C_i(d_i)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^5 20 \log_{10}^2 \left(\frac{d_0}{d_i} \right)} \quad (8)$$

$$\implies \alpha_{\text{opt}} = 2.28 \quad (9)$$



Now we can compute the received power p_r at $d = 750\text{m}$.

$$p_r(d = 750\text{m}) = -35\text{dBm} \quad (10)$$

Question 3

We compute the variance relative to the simplified model (with powers in dBm),

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 (p_r^{\text{model}}(d_i) - p_r^{\text{measured}}(d_i))^2 = 57.45 \quad (11)$$

this gives us a shadowing standard deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{MSE}} = 7.58 \quad (12)$$

In dB, we have $\sigma = 8.8\text{dB}$

Question 4

We can reuse the expression we got at question 1 to compute the new K ,

$$K = \left(\frac{\lambda \sqrt{g_t g_r}}{4\pi d_0} \right)^2 \quad (13)$$

which gives $K = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ or $K = -26.98\text{dB}$.

For a configuration with N antennas, with the simplified model, we have

$$p_r[\text{dBm}] = 10 \log_{10} \left(K p_t \left(\frac{d_0}{d} \right)^\alpha \right) + 10 \log_{10} N \quad (14)$$

We want $p_r(d = 750\text{m}) = -35\text{dBm}$, which implies

$$N = 10^{\frac{p_r - 10 \log_{10} \left(K p_t \left(\frac{d_0}{d} \right)^\alpha \right)}{10}} = 60.64 \quad (15)$$

We round up to $N = 61$ antennas.

Question 5

We have

$$10 \log_{10} N_d = 16\text{dBi} \implies N_d = 39.81 \quad (16)$$

which we round up to $N_d = 40$ $\lambda/2$ -dipoles.

At $f_1 = 900\text{MHz}$, each dipole has length $\frac{\lambda_1}{2} = \frac{c}{2f_1} = 0.167\text{m}$.

If we organize our dipoles in 2 columns of $\frac{N_d}{2} = 20$ dipoles \implies each column has $20 \cdot \frac{\lambda_1}{2} = 3.34\text{m}$.

At $f_2 = 30\text{GHz}$, each dipole has length $\frac{\lambda_2}{2} = \frac{c}{2f_2} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}\text{m}$.

The height N of the square panel (uniform linear array) is equal to the length of the dipole $\implies N = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}\text{m}$.

2 Cell radius

Question 6

Assuming that there is no gain at the edge device ($g_r = 0\text{dBi}$), we repeat our procedure from Question 1 to get

$$K = \left(\frac{c\sqrt{g_t g_r}}{f_c \cdot 4\pi d_0} \right)^2 \quad (17)$$

which gives $K = 6.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$ or $K = -21.74\text{dB}$.

Assuming the Shannon formula is achievable, we can fix $C_{\text{Shannon}} = 10\text{Mbps/s}$ and compute the SNR at cell edge,

$$C_{\text{Shannon}} = W \log_2(1 + \gamma_{\text{edge}}) \implies \gamma_{\text{edge}} = 2^{\frac{C_{\text{Shannon}}}{W}} - 1 \quad (18)$$

which gives $\gamma_{\text{edge}} = 0.414$ or -3.83dB .

We observe that this SNR value is very low. The signal power is lower than the noise power.

We can now calculate the received power at cell edge $P_{r,\text{edge}}$.

The noise power spectral density is $N_0[dBm] = 10 \log_{10}(kT) = -203.83\text{dBm}$. We have

$$P_{r,\text{edge}} = \gamma_{\text{edge}} P_{\text{noise}} = \gamma_{\text{edge}} N_0 W \quad (19)$$

which gives $P_{r,\text{edge}} = 3.43 \cdot 10^{-14}\text{mW}$ or -134.65dBm .

To compute the cell size d_{edge} we use the outage probability formula.

We want $\mathbb{P}[P_r < P_{r,\text{edge}}] = P_{\text{out}} = 1 - 0.99$, so

$$1 - Q \left(\frac{P_{r,\text{edge}}[dBm] - [P_t[dBm] + K[dB] + 10\alpha \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_0}{d_{\text{edge}}} \right)]}{\sigma[dB]} \right) = 1 - 0.99 \quad (20)$$

in this expression, we used the simplified path loss model and assumed no co-channel interference.

We conclude

$$d_{\text{edge}} = 14.6\text{km} \quad (21)$$

Question 7

We set

$$u = Q(k) \implies u' = Q'(k)k' \quad (22)$$

$$v' = r \implies v = \frac{r^2}{2} \quad (23)$$

Using integration by parts (and the fact that $Q'(k) = -\frac{e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$) we have

$$C = \frac{2}{R^2} \left(\frac{r^2}{2} Q(k) \Big|_0^R - \int_0^R \frac{rb}{2} Q'(k) dr \right) \quad (24)$$

$$= Q(a) - \frac{2}{R^2} \int_{-\infty}^a \frac{b}{2} Re\left(\frac{k-a}{b}\right) \left(-\frac{e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \frac{R}{b} e\left(\frac{k-a}{b}\right) dk \quad \text{we make the substitution } r \rightarrow k \quad (25)$$

$$= Q(a) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{\frac{2(k-a)}{b} - \frac{k^2}{2}} dk \quad (26)$$

$$= Q(a) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{\frac{-\frac{b^2 k^2}{2} + 2kb - 2ab}{b^2}} dk \quad \text{now we can complete the square on the exponent} \quad (27)$$

$$= Q(a) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{\frac{-\left(\frac{bk}{\sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{2}\right)^2 + 2 - 2ab}{b^2}} dk \quad (28)$$

$$= Q(a) + e^{\frac{2-2ab}{b^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{\frac{-\left(k - \frac{2}{b}\right)^2}{2}} dk \quad (29)$$

$$= Q(a) + e^{\frac{2-2ab}{b^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{a - \frac{2}{b}} e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}} dk \quad \text{we make the translation } k \rightarrow k - \frac{2}{b} \quad (30)$$

$$= Q(a) + e^{\frac{2-2ab}{b^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a + \frac{2}{b}}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}} dk \quad \text{we manipulate the integration limits using the fact that the function is even} \quad (31)$$

$$= Q(a) + e^{\frac{2-2ab}{b^2}} Q\left(\frac{2}{b} - a\right) \quad (32)$$

Question 8

We describe the cell area in radial coordinates (r, θ) with $0 \leq r \leq R$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

We use $d_0 = R$ to compute $\bar{P}(r)$ using the simplified path loss model. We have

$$\bar{P}(r) = P_t + K_{\text{dB}} - 10\alpha \log_{10} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right) + P_{\text{shadowing}} \quad (33)$$

Because we changed the reference distance, we need to recompute K . We can use the outage probability at the edge, we have

$$1 - \mathbb{P}[P_{\text{shadowing}} \geq P_r^* - P_t - K_{\text{dB}}] = 0.1 \quad (34)$$

$$\iff Q \left(\frac{P_r^* - P_t - K_{\text{dB}}}{\sigma} \right) = 0.9 \quad (35)$$

which gives $K = 145.75\text{dB}$.

The proportion p_{covered} of the covered cell area is given by

$$p_{\text{covered}} = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R r \mathbb{I}_{\{\bar{P}(r, \theta) > P_r^*\}} dr d\theta}{\pi R^2} \quad \text{but we know that the received power depends only on } r \quad (36)$$

$$= \frac{2}{R^2} \int_0^R r \mathbb{I}_{\{\bar{P}(r) > P_r^*\}} dr \quad (37)$$

$$= \frac{2}{R^2} \int_0^R r \mathbb{I}_{\{P_{\text{shadowing}} > P_r^* - P_t - K_{\text{dB}} + 10\alpha \log_{10} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)\}} dr \quad (38)$$

$$= \frac{2}{R^2} \int_0^R r Q \left(a + b \ln \left(\frac{r}{R} \right) \right) \quad \text{let } a = \frac{P_r^* - P_t - K_{\text{dB}}}{\sigma} \text{ and } b = \frac{10\alpha}{\sigma \ln 10} \quad (39)$$

$$= Q(a) + e^{\frac{2-2ab}{b^2}} Q \left(\frac{2}{b} - a \right) \quad \text{using question 7} \quad (40)$$

We get $p_{\text{covered}} \approx 1$.

3 SIR and SINR

Question 9

On the downlink, we consider all antennas simultaneously transmitting to the receiver. We want to compute

$$\text{SIR} = \frac{p_{\text{signal}}}{p_{\text{interference}}} \quad (41)$$

We can use the formula for $g(r)$ to compute p_{signal} , we have

$$p_{\text{signal}} = p_t K r^{-\eta} \quad (42)$$

We compute $p_{\text{interference}}$ using the superposition principle.

$$p_{\text{interference}} = 2 \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} p_t K (r + jR)^{-\frac{\eta}{2}} \quad (43)$$

we conclude

$$\text{SIR} = \frac{r^{-\eta}}{2 \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} (r + jR)^{-\frac{\eta}{2}}} \quad (44)$$

\implies the SIR does not depend on the transmit power p_t , only on the distance r .