

# Notes on ESPRIT methods for large array processing

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we would like to evaluate the performance of the estimation of Direction of Arrival (DoA) method ESPRIT [?], the idea of which is described in the following section.

## 2 System Model

For a Unitary Linear Array (ULA) of size  $N$ , we consider the following model for the signal received at time  $t = 1, \dots, T$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^K \mathbf{a}(\theta_\ell) s_\ell(t) + \mathbf{z}(t) \in \mathbb{C}^N \quad (1)$$

with  $\mathbf{a}(\theta_\ell) \in \mathbb{C}^N$  the steering vector of source  $s_\ell$  at angle of arrival  $\theta_\ell$ , its  $j$ -th entry given by<sup>1</sup>

$$[\mathbf{a}(\theta_\ell)]_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda_0} (j-1) \sin(\theta_\ell)} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j\omega(j-1) \sin(\theta_\ell)}, \quad \omega \equiv \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda_0} \quad (2)$$

where there is in total  $k$  signal sources  $\{s_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^K$ , at angle  $\{\theta_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^K$  for some  $K \ll \min(N, T)$ , as well as some independent Gaussian noise  $\mathbf{z}(t) \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_N)$  for all  $t$ .

The above signal model can be rewritten in matrix model by cascading the total  $T$  observations as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{Z} \quad (3)$$

with  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}(1), \dots, \mathbf{x}(T)] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}(\theta_1), \dots, \mathbf{a}(\theta_k)] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times K}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{s}(1), \dots, \mathbf{s}(T)] \in \mathbb{C}^{K \times T}$ , column vector  $\mathbf{s}(t) = [s_1(t), \dots, s_k(t)]^T \in \mathbb{C}^K$  and  $\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{z}(1), \dots, \mathbf{z}(T)] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$  a standard (circular) Gaussian random matrix.

## 3 ESPRIT method for DoA estimation

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<sup>1</sup>The normalization by  $\sqrt{N}$  here is for notational convenience so that  $\mathbf{a}(\theta_\ell)$  is of unit norm, note that this is equivalent to a *rescaling* of the source signal  $s_\ell$ .

**ESPRIT: intuition.** Note that the *population* covariance of received signal

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{C} &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}(t)\mathbf{x}^H(t)] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}(t) + \mathbf{z}(t))(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}(t) + \mathbf{z}(t))^H] \\ &= \mathbf{A}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{s}(t)\mathbf{s}^H(t)]\mathbf{A}^H + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}(t)\mathbf{z}^H(t)] \\ &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}(t)\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}_N\end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $\mathbf{z}(t)$  is independent of the signal  $\mathbf{s}(t)$  and denote the signal power  $\mathbf{P}(t) \equiv \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{s}(t)\mathbf{s}^H(t)]$ . Then, for diagonal  $\mathbf{P}(t) = \text{diag}\{p_\ell(t)\}_{\ell=1}^K$  (which implies uncorrelated signal in the Gaussian case), one has

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}(t)\mathbf{x}^H(t)] = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k(t)\mathbf{a}(\theta_k)\mathbf{a}^H(\theta_k) + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}_N = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}_N, \quad (4)$$

so that the top subspace of *population* covariance is expected to obtain structure information about the subspace spanned by the steering vectors  $\mathbf{a}(\theta_k)$ . If the sample covariance  $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$  is a good “proxy” of the population  $\mathbf{C}$  in the sense that, e.g.,

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{C}} - \mathbf{C}\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (5)$$

in spectral norm, then, one has, by Davis–Kahan theorem that

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{U}}_S - \mathbf{U}_S\|_F \rightarrow 0, \quad (6)$$

(in fact, this holds for each individual eigenvector).

On the other hand, using the rotational invariance of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , we have, for two selection matrices  $\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}$  that selection  $n$  among the in total  $N$  rows of  $\mathbf{X}$ , with “distance”  $\Delta$ , that

$$\mathbf{J}_1\mathbf{A} \text{diag}\{e^{i\omega\Delta \cdot \sin(\theta_\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^K = \mathbf{J}_2\mathbf{A} \quad (7)$$

with

$$\mathbf{J}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_k^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{n+k-1}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}, \quad \mathbf{J}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{k+\Delta}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{n+k+\Delta-1}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N} \quad (8)$$

for  $\mathbf{e}_k$  the canonical vector of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with  $[\mathbf{e}_k]_i = \delta_{ij}$ . We take, without loss of generality,  $k = 1$  here so that

$$\mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_n & \mathbf{0}_{N-n} \\ \mathbf{0}_{N-n} & \mathbf{0}_{N-n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{n \times \Delta} & \mathbf{I}_n & \mathbf{0}_{n \times (N-n-\Delta)} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

so that with  $\mathbf{U}_S = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$  for some invertible  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{K \times K}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{U}}_S \simeq \mathbf{U}_S$ , we obtain

$$\mathbf{Q} \text{diag}\{e^{i\omega\Delta \cdot \sin(\theta_\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^K \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = (\mathbf{J}_1\mathbf{U}_S)^\dagger \mathbf{J}_2\mathbf{U}_S \simeq (\mathbf{J}_1\hat{\mathbf{U}}_S)^\dagger \mathbf{J}_2\hat{\mathbf{U}}_S. \quad (10)$$

**ESPRIT: algorithm.**

1. define two selection matrices  $\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}$  that selection  $n$  among the in total  $N$  rows of  $\mathbf{X}$ , with “distance”  $\Delta$ , for instance,  $\mathbf{J}_1$  from row  $i$  to  $i + n$ , and  $\mathbf{J}_2$  from  $i + \Delta$  to  $i + \Delta + n$ ;
2. compute the sample covariance matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{T}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H = \frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{x}(t)\mathbf{x}^H(t)$ , and denote  $\hat{\mathbf{U}}_S$  the top subspace composed of the eigenvectors associated to the largest- $k$  eigenvalues, or the so-called *signal subspace*;

3. compute  $\Phi = (\mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_S)^H \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_S \in \mathbb{C}^{K \times K}$ , where we denote  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger$  the Moore–Penrose pseudoinverse of  $\mathbf{A}$ , note that the resulting matrix  $\Phi$  is, in general, non-Hermitian;
4. the estimate of the angles of  $\hat{\theta}_k$  are given by

$$\hat{\theta}_k = \arcsin(\arg(\lambda_k(\Phi))/\omega/\Delta), \quad (11)$$

with  $\lambda_k$  the  $k$ th (complex) eigenvalues of  $\Phi$ .

## 4 Characterization of ESPRIT method for large linear array

It follows from (??) that, for selection matrix  $\mathbf{J}_1$  such that  $\mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{U}_S$  has linearly independent columns so that the inverse  $(\mathbf{U}_S^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{U}_S)^{-1}$  is well defined, we have

$$\text{diag}\{e^{i\omega\Delta \cdot \sin(\theta_\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^K = (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A}$$

where we assume that the selection matrix  $\mathbf{J}_1$  is such that it suffices to evaluate the two terms  $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A}$  so as to retrieve the DoA  $\theta_k$  as desired.

We posit ourselves under the following large array scenario.

**Assumption 1** (Large array). *As  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , we have that*

$$0 < \liminf_T N/T < \limsup_T N/T < \infty, \quad 0 < \liminf_T n/N < \limsup_T n/N < 1. \quad (12)$$

**Assumption 2** (Widely spaced DoA). *All DoA angles  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K$  are fixed as  $N, T \rightarrow \infty$ .*

The *widely spaced* DoA scenario as ?? practically arises, e.g., when the DoA have an angular separation much larger than a beamwidth [?], by considering the case of all DoAs  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K$  are *fixed* with respect to  $N$  large. In this case, we have in particular that

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A}]_{ij} &= \mathbf{a}(\theta_i)^H \mathbf{a}(\theta_j) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=1}^N e^{-i\omega(\ell-1)(\sin(\theta_j) - \sin(\theta_i))} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = j \\ \frac{1}{N} \frac{1 - e^{-i\omega(\ell-1)N(\sin(\theta_j) - \sin(\theta_i))}}{1 - e^{-i\omega(\ell-1)(\sin(\theta_j) - \sin(\theta_i))}} = O(N^{-1}) & \text{for } i \neq j. \end{cases} \\ [\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A}]_{ij} &= \mathbf{a}(\theta_i)^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{a}(\theta_j) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{N}, & \text{for } i = j; \\ O(N^{-1}), & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

as well as

$$[\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A}]_{ij} = \mathbf{a}(\theta_i)^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{a}(\theta_j) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{N} e^{-i\omega\Delta \sin(\theta_i)}, & \text{for } i = j; \\ O(N^{-1}), & \text{for } i \neq j. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

As such, under ?? and ??, we have, in matrix form that

$$\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}(\theta_1)^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{a}(\theta_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}(\theta_K)^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{a}(\theta_K) \end{bmatrix} + O_{\|\cdot\|}(N^{-1}), \quad (15)$$

and similarly

$$\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}(\theta_1)^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{a}(\theta_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}(\theta_K)^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{a}(\theta_K) \end{bmatrix} + O_{\|\cdot\|}(N^{-1}). \quad (16)$$

As a consequence, we get

$$\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \text{diag}\{e^{i\omega\Delta \cdot \sin(\theta_k)}\}_{k=1}^K \mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{U}_S^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{U}_S)^{-1} \mathbf{U}_S^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{U}_S, \quad (17)$$

holds for some invertible matrix  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{K \times K}$  such that

$$\mathbf{U}_S = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}. \quad (18)$$

[Zhenyu: The above claim to clarify!]

The above result illustrates two cases, one is when  $N$  tends to infinity, the elements on the off-diagonal are 0 and the division of the elements on the diagonal is the angle we want

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q} \text{diag}\{e^{i\omega\Delta \cdot \sin(\theta_\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^k \mathbf{Q}^{-1} &= (\mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{U}_S)^+ \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{U}_S. \\ &= (\text{diag}(\mathbf{U}_S^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{U}_S)) \backslash \text{diag}(\mathbf{U}_S^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{U}_S) \end{aligned}$$

In practice we cannot correctly estimate the  $u_i$ , and we tend to approximate  $u_i$  by  $\hat{u}_i$ , which leads to an error.

We need to find two functions  $u_i^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 u_i = f_1(\hat{u}_i^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{u}_i)$ ,  $u_i^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 u_i = f_2(\hat{u}_i^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{u}_i)$ , We need to approximate the real eigenvector by these two functions

If we can perfectly estimate the true eigenvector,

$$(\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A})) \backslash \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A}) = \text{diag}\{e^{i\omega\Delta \cdot \sin(\theta_\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^k$$

## 5 Simplified model with single DoA

In the case of  $k = 1$  with angle  $\theta$ , we have the following simplified model

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{a}(\theta)[s(1), \dots, s(T)] + \mathbf{Z} \equiv \mathbf{a}(\theta) \mathbf{s}^H + \mathbf{Z} \quad (19)$$

so that

$$\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H = \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} & \frac{\mathbf{z}_s}{T} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}^H \\ \frac{(\mathbf{z}_s)^H}{T} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H + \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^H \quad (20)$$

where we denote  $\rho = \frac{1}{T} \|\mathbf{s}\|^2$  the (limit of the normalized) signal strength and  $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} & \frac{\mathbf{z}_s}{T} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 2}$ .

As a consequence,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1} &= \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H + \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} (\mathbf{I}_2 + \mathbf{V}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{V}^H \mathbf{Q} \end{aligned}$$

where we denoted  $\mathbf{Q}(z) = \mathbf{Q} = (\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1}$  and used Woodbury matrix identity. Now, since

$$\mathbf{V}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}^H \\ \frac{(\mathbf{z}_s)^H}{T} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}(z) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} & \frac{\mathbf{z}_s}{T} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} + o(1) \quad (21)$$

with

$$\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s} = \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z) \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s} = \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H (\mathbf{I}_T + z \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z)) \mathbf{s} = \rho + \frac{z}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z) \mathbf{s} \quad (22)$$

for co-resolvent  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z) = (\frac{1}{T}\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z} - z\mathbf{I}_T)^{-1}$ .

Since

$$\mathbf{Q}(z) \leftrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}(z) = m(z)\mathbf{I}_N = \left(\frac{1}{1+cm(z)} - z\right)^{-1} \mathbf{I}_N, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z) = -\left(\frac{1}{zm(z)} + 1\right) \mathbf{I}_T \quad (23)$$

for  $c = \lim N/T$  and  $m(z)$  the unique solution of the Marčenko-Pastur equation

$$zcm^2(z) - (1 - c - z)m(z) + 1 = 0, \quad (24)$$

Therefore

$$(\mathbf{I}_2 + \mathbf{V}^H\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{V}\Lambda)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \rho m(z) & m(z) \\ \rho \left(1 - z - \frac{1}{m(z)}\right) & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} + o(1) \quad (25)$$

and

$$\mathbf{V}\Lambda(\mathbf{I}_2 + \mathbf{V}^H\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{V}\Lambda)^{-1}\mathbf{V}^H = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} & \frac{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{s}}{T} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1 + \rho + \rho zm(z)} \begin{bmatrix} \rho z + \frac{\rho}{m(z)} & \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{H} & \mathbf{H} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}^H \\ \frac{(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{s})^H}{T} \end{bmatrix} + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1) \quad (26)$$

so that it suffices to evaluate the following expectations:

1.  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^H\mathbf{Q}(z)] = m^2(z)\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^H + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1)$ ;
2.  $\frac{1}{T}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{a}\mathbf{s}^H\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{Q}(z)] = o_{\|\cdot\|}(1)$  and its Hermitian transpose.

This thus allows to conclude that

$$\left(\frac{1}{T}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H - z\mathbf{I}_N\right)^{-1} \leftrightarrow m(z)\mathbf{I}_N - \frac{\rho m(z)(zm(z) + 1)}{1 + \rho(zm(z) + 1)}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^H. \quad (27)$$

## 5.1 Random matrix analysis

In the case of single DoA, our object of interest is the following *complex* random variable

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}}{\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}}, \quad (28)$$

with  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  the dominant eigenvector of the sample covariance matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{T}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H$ . Note that  $\|\mathbf{J}_i^T \mathbf{J}_j\| = O(1)$  for  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , we have

According to (??), we need to evaluate the random variable of the form  $\mathbf{y}_1^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{y}_2$  for  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^N$  of bounded Euclidean norm. To this end, we introduce the following deterministic equivalent result.

**Theorem 1** (Deterministic Equivalent).

$$\left(\frac{1}{T}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H - z\mathbf{I}_N\right)^{-1} \leftrightarrow m(z)\mathbf{I}_N - \frac{\rho m(z)(zm(z) + 1)}{1 + \rho(zm(z) + 1)}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^H. \quad (29)$$

As a consequence, we have, in the notation of (??),

$$\mathbf{e}_j^H \left(\frac{1}{T}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H - z\mathbf{I}_N\right)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_j \leftrightarrow m(z) - \frac{\rho m(z)(zm(z) + 1)}{1 + \rho(zm(z) + 1)} (\mathbf{e}_j^H \mathbf{a})^2 \quad (30)$$

and

$$\mathbf{e}_{j+\Delta}^H \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_j \leftrightarrow m(z) \delta_{\Delta=0} - \frac{\rho m(z)(zm(z)+1)}{1+\rho(zm(z)+1)} (\mathbf{e}_{j+\Delta}^H \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{e}_j) \quad (31)$$

It follows from Cauchy's integral formula and residue theorem that, for  $\Gamma_S$  circling around the isolated eigenvalue, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_S} \mathbf{e}_j^H \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_j dz &\simeq \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_S} \frac{m(z)}{1+\rho(zm(z)+1)} dz \cdot (\mathbf{e}_j^H \mathbf{a})^2 \\ &= -\lim_{z \rightarrow \lambda_S} (z - \lambda_S) \frac{m(z)}{1+\rho(zm(z)+1)} \cdot (\mathbf{e}_j^H \mathbf{a})^2 = -\frac{m(\lambda_S)}{\rho(m(\lambda_S) + \lambda_S m'(\lambda_S))} \cdot (\mathbf{e}_j^H \mathbf{a})^2 \end{aligned}$$

with  $\lambda_S \equiv 1 + \rho + c \frac{1+\rho}{\rho}$  the (asymptotic) position of the isolated eigenvalue and  $m'(z) = \frac{m^2(z)}{1 - \frac{cm^2(z)}{(1+cm(z))^2}}$  obtained by differentiating the Marčenko-Pastur equation, where we used the fact that  $\Gamma_S$  does not contain any pole of  $m(z)$ .

And similarly that

$$-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_S} \mathbf{e}_{j+\Delta}^H \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_j dz \simeq -\frac{m(\lambda_S)}{\rho(m(\lambda_S) + \lambda_S m'(\lambda_S))} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{j+\Delta}^H \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{e}_j \quad (32)$$

To-do list:

1. simulate the different between  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{M} \hat{\mathbf{u}}$  and its deterministic equivalent, for spiked covariance model and big matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  with large rank, Note that two things happen at the same time: i)  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{e} \mathbf{e}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} = O(1)$  and ii)  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{I}_N \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 1 = O(1)$ .

## 6 Proof of ESPRIT in the case of single DoA

To investigate the performance of ESPRIT method, one needs to evaluate the statistic of the dominant eigenvector  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_S$  of the spiked random matrix model  $\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H$ , for  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{a} \mathbf{s}^H + \mathbf{Z}$  with  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  such that  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{C}^T$  a standard (circular) Gaussian random vector, and  $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$  a standard (circular) Gaussian random matrix.

Denote  $(\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{u}})$  the pair of largest eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of  $\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H$ , and thus satisfies

$$\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\lambda} \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\|\mathbf{s}\|^2}{T} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{T} (\mathbf{a} \mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{Z}^H + \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s} \mathbf{a}^H) \hat{\mathbf{u}}. \quad (33)$$

Denote  $\mathbf{Q}(z) = (\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N)$ , for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  not an eigenvalue of  $\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^T$  (which is known to have eigenvalues lying within the MP support as  $N, T \rightarrow \infty$ ), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= \frac{\|\mathbf{s}\|^2}{T} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - \hat{\lambda} \mathbf{I}_N \right) \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{T} (\mathbf{a} \mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{Z}^H + \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s} \mathbf{a}^H) \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow -\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\|\mathbf{s}\|^2}{T} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{N} [\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_i = \sqrt{N} \mathbf{e}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} = -\frac{\|\mathbf{s}\|^2}{T} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \sqrt{N} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \sqrt{N} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{N}}{T} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s} \end{aligned}$$

Note that till now no asymptotic approximation has been performed, we have only used linear algebraic results.

Proof to-do list:

- (i) establish the asymptotic *complex* limit of  $\mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} = ? + o(1)$ ; and
- (ii) establish the asymptotic *complex* limit of  $\sqrt{N} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{a} = ? + o(1)$ ; and
- (iii) show that  $\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \rightarrow 0$  almost surely (this, together with item (ii), allows us to asymptotic discard the term  $\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \sqrt{N} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{a}$ ;

this allows us to conclude that the  $i$ -th entry of  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  satisfies

$$\sqrt{N}[\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_i = -\mathbf{a}^H \hat{\mathbf{u}} \left( \underbrace{\frac{\|\mathbf{s}\|^2}{T} \sqrt{N} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{a}}_{\text{deterministic } O(1)+o(1)} + \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{N}}{T} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{Q}(\hat{\lambda}) \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{s}}_{\text{Gaussian fluctuation } O(1)} \right) + o(1). \quad (34)$$

This further leads to

$$\begin{aligned} N[\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_i^2 &= +o(1), \\ N[\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_i [\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_j &= +o(1). \end{aligned}$$

We thus obtain

$$(\mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}})^+ \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}}{\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}} = \frac{\sum_{j=i}^{i+n} \overline{[\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_j} [\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_{j+\Delta}}{\sum_{j=i}^{i+n} [\hat{\mathbf{u}}]_j^2} \quad (35)$$

## 7 Alternative proof of ESPRIT in the case of single DoA: random signal case

In the case of (proper) complex Gaussian signal  $\mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \rho^2 \mathbf{I}_T)$  with signal strength  $\rho^2$ , we have that the observation matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$  is equivalently given by

$$\mathbf{X} = \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Z}, \quad (36)$$

for standard complex Gaussian  $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$ .

Let us first consider the form  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}$ , with  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  the dominant eigenvector of the SCM  $\hat{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H$ . We have, for  $\Gamma$  circling around the isolated eigenvalue of  $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_i dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N + z \frac{\rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H}{1 + \rho^2} \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \mathbf{Q}(z) - \frac{\rho^2}{1 + \rho^2} \frac{z \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z)}{1 + \frac{\rho^2}{1 + \rho^2} \cdot z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a}} \right) \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\rho^2}{1 + \rho^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{z \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z)}{1 + \frac{\rho^2}{1 + \rho^2} \cdot z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a}} \left( \mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \end{aligned}$$

with the resolvent

$$\mathbf{Q}(z) \equiv \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1}. \quad (37)$$

This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{u}}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) (\mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a}}{1 + \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \cdot z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a}} dz, \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) (\mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a}}{1 + \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \cdot z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a}} dz, \end{aligned}$$

Note that the only pole in this case is  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(\lambda) \mathbf{a} = -\frac{1+\rho^2}{\rho^2}. \quad (38)$$

Since  $\mathbf{Q}(z) \leftrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}(z) = m(z) \mathbf{I}_N$ , we have

$$h(\lambda) \equiv \lambda m(\lambda) = -1 - \rho^{-2}, \quad (39)$$

with

$$\lambda = 1 + \rho^2 + c \frac{1+\rho^2}{\rho^2}, \quad (40)$$

and therefore the following first-order result

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{z \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z)}{1 + \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \cdot z \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{a}} (\mathbf{I}_N + \rho^2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz \\ &\simeq \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{z m^2(z) dz}{1 + \rho^2 + \rho^2 z m(z)} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{e}_i + O(N^{-1/2}) \\ &= -\text{Res} \left( \frac{z m^2(z) dz}{1 + \rho^2 + \rho^2 z m(z)} \right) \frac{\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{e}_i + O(N^{-1/2}) \\ &= \frac{m(\lambda)(1+h(\lambda))}{h'(\lambda)} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{e}_i + O(N^{-1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $m(z)$  is the solution to

$$z c m^2(z) - (1 - c - z) m(z) + 1 = 0, \quad (41)$$

we have

$$m'(z) = \frac{m^2(z)}{1 - \frac{c m^2(z)}{(1 + c m(z))^2}}, \quad (42)$$

so that

$$h'(z) = m(z) + z m'(z). \quad (43)$$

Further note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{a}. \quad (44)$$



## 8 Proof of ESPIRIT in the case of multiple DoAs: random signal case

In this case, we have

$$\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{Z}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^H, \quad \mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times K}, \quad \mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}\{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^K, \quad (45)$$

for standard complex Gaussian  $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$ .

Let us first consider the diagonal entries of the form  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k$ , with  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k$  the  $k$ th dominant eigenvector of the SCM  $\hat{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H$ . We have, for  $\Gamma$  circling around the isolated eigenvalue of  $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k &= \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z\mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_i dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z\mathbf{I}_N + z\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^H \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \mathbf{Q}(z) - z\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A} + z\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z) \right) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot z\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A} + z\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} z \text{tr} \left( (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A} + z\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A} \right) dz \end{aligned}$$

with the resolvent

$$\mathbf{Q}(z) \equiv \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z\mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1}. \quad (46)$$

We have the following first and second deterministic equivalent results.

$$\mathbf{Q}(z) \leftrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}(z) = m(z)\mathbf{I}_N, \quad \mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Q}(z) \leftrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}(z)\mathbf{B}\bar{\mathbf{Q}}(z) + \frac{1}{T} \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) \frac{m'(z)m^2(z)}{(1 + cm(z))^2} \mathbf{I}_N, \quad (47)$$

for any deterministic matrix  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$  of bounded operator norm.

As such,

$$z\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A} = zm(z)\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A} + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1), \quad (48)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{Q}(z) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{A} \\ &= m^2(z)\mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \\ &+ \frac{1}{T} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \right) \frac{m'(z)m^2(z)}{(1 + cm(z))^2} \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A} + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1), \end{aligned}$$

[Zhenyu: Note that we have in general  $\frac{1}{T} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \right) = o(1)$  and  $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_K + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1)$ . This leads to ]

For the non-diagonal entries with  $k \neq \ell$ , we have instead

$$\begin{aligned}
|\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell|^2 &= \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k dz_1 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k dz_1 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{e}_i dz_1 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_2 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_i dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z_1 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \times \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} z_1 \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} + z_1 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \times \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} z_2 \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} + z_2 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} z_1 z_2 \text{tr} \left( (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} + z_1 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{A})^{-1} \times \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \right. \\
&\quad \left. (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} + z_2 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{A} \right) dz_1 dz_2
\end{aligned}$$

with

## 9 Proof of ESPIRIT in the case of multiple DoAs: deterministic signal case

In this case, we have

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{Z}, \quad (49)$$

with  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}(1), \dots, \mathbf{x}(T)] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}(\theta_1), \dots, \mathbf{a}(\theta_k)] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times K}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{s}(1), \dots, \mathbf{s}(T)] \in \mathbb{C}^{K \times T}$ , column vector  $\mathbf{s}(t) = [s_1(t), \dots, s_k(t)]^T \in \mathbb{C}^K$  and  $\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{z}(1), \dots, \mathbf{z}(T)] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times T}$  a standard (circular) Gaussian random matrix.

Let us first consider the form  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k$ , with  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  the  $k$ th dominant eigenvector of the

SCM  $\hat{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H$ . We have, for  $\Gamma$  circling around the  $k$ th isolated eigenvalue of  $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k &= \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_i dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{U}^H \right)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_i dz, \end{aligned}$$

with  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{Z}$  and that

$$\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{A} \quad \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{S}^H] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 2K}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P} & \mathbf{I}_K \\ \mathbf{I}_K & \mathbf{0}_K \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2K \times 2K}, \mathbf{P} = \lim \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^H. \quad (50)$$

As such, we get, by Woodbury identity that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{Q}(z) - \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \right) \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{e}_i dz \right), \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} dz \right), \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} (z + \frac{1}{m(z)}) (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} & (\mathbf{I}_K + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A}) \\ (\mathbf{I}_K + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}) & -m(z) ((\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{P})^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (51)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(z) \equiv \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^H - z \mathbf{I}_N \right)^{-1}, \quad (52)$$

the resolvent.

As such, we have

$$\mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^H \\ \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) [\mathbf{A} \quad \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{S}] \simeq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_K \\ \mathbf{0}_K & \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix} \quad (53)$$

with

$$\frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{S} = [\text{Zhenyu} : \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S}^H \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z) \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Z} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z) \mathbf{S}] \quad (54)$$

for the co-resolvent

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(z) \equiv \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Z} - z \mathbf{I}_T \right)^{-1}. \quad (55)$$

For the non-diagonal entries with  $k \neq \ell$ , we have instead

$$\begin{aligned}
|\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell|^2 &= \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k dz_1 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k dz_1 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{e}_i dz_1 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_1 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 (\hat{\mathbf{C}} - z_2 \mathbf{I}_N)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_i dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{Q}(z_1) - \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \right) \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \left( \mathbf{Q}(z_2) - \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{e}_i \right) dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{e}_i dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{U} dz_1 dz_2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

with

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$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{Q}(z) - \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \right) \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \left( \Lambda^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{e}_i dz \right), \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma} \left( \Lambda^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} dz \right),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \Lambda^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} (z + \frac{1}{m(z)}) (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} & (\mathbf{I}_K + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} \\ (\mathbf{I}_K + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P})^{-1} & \frac{-m(z) \mathbf{P}^{-1}}{zm(z) + 1} (\mathbf{I}_K - (\mathbf{I}_K + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (56)$$

set  $\mathbf{H}_1 = (z + \frac{1}{m(z)}) (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_2 = \frac{-m(z) \mathbf{P}^{-1}}{zm(z) + 1} (\mathbf{I}_K - (\mathbf{I}_K + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1})$ , then

$$\left( \Lambda^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_K \\ \mathbf{0}_K & \mathbf{H}_2 \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q} \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} \right) + \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{H}_2 \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q} \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{S} \right) dz.$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} \right) dz &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \left( z + \frac{1}{m(z)} \right) (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} \right) dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} (zm^2(z) + m(z)) \text{tr} \left( (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \right) dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^{l+n-1} \oint_{\Gamma} (zm^2(z) + m(z)) \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{e}_i dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^{l+n-1} \sum_{j=1}^K \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{zm^2(z) + m(z)}{zm(z) + 1 + l_j^{-1}} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{e}_i dz \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_k} \frac{(z - \bar{\lambda}_k)(zm^2(z) + m(z))}{zm(z) + 1 + l_k^{-1}} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \right) \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_k^{-2}}{1 + cl_k^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k
\end{aligned}$$

where we consider the eigendecomposition of  $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{U}^H$ .

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{H}_2 \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q} \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{S} \right) dz = 0?$$

so we have  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = -\frac{1-cl_k^{-2}}{1+cl_k^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k + o(1)$ .

For the non-diagonal entries with  $k \neq \ell$ , we have instead

$$\begin{aligned}
|\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{\ell}|^2 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \left( \mathbf{\Lambda} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \left( \mathbf{\Lambda} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \mathbf{H}_1(z_1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{H}_1(z_2) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{A} dz_1 dz_2 \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{i=1}^{l+n-1} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \sum_{n=1}^K \sum_{m=1}^K \frac{zm^2(z_1) + m(z_1)}{zm(z_1) + 1 + l_m^{-1}} \cdot \frac{zm^2(z_2) + m(z_2)}{zm(z_2) + 1 + l_n^{-1}} \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_m \mathbf{u}_m^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta} \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_k^{-2}}{1 + cl_k^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - cl_l^{-2}}{1 + cl_l^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_l^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_l.
\end{aligned}$$

The conclusion about the diagonal elements and the nondiagonal elements are the same as  $\Phi_2$  in the case of random signals.

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \left( \mathbf{Q}(z) - \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \left( \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \right) \mathbf{e}_i dz, \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{e}_{i+\Delta}^T \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \left( \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{e}_i dz \right), \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma} \left( \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{U} dz \right),
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} \right) dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \left( z + \frac{1}{m(z)} \right) (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} \right) dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \left( z + \frac{1}{m(z)} \right) (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} [m^2(z) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} + \frac{n}{T} \cdot \frac{m'(z) m^2(z)}{(1 + cm(z))^2} \mathbf{I}_K] \right) dz \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_k^{-2}}{1 + cl_k^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \text{tr} \left( \frac{n}{T} \frac{(zm(z) + 1) m'(z) m(z)}{(1 + cm(z))^2} (\mathbf{P}^{-1} + (zm(z) + 1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right) dz \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_k^{-2}}{1 + cl_k^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{n}{T} \frac{(zm(z) + 1) m'(z) m(z)}{(1 + cm(z))^2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{u}_i}{zm(z) + 1 + l_i^{-1}} dz \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_k^{-2}}{1 + cl_k^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k + \lim_{z \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_k} \frac{n}{T} \frac{(z - \bar{\lambda}_k)(zm(z) + 1) m'(z) m(z)}{(1 + cm(z))^2 (zm(z) + 1 + l_k^{-1})} \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_k^{-2}}{1 + cl_k^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k + \frac{n}{T} \frac{1}{l_k^2 - cl_k} + o(1)(????)
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly for off-diagonal entries:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell|^2 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \mathbf{H}_1(z_1) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{H}_1(z_2) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{A} dz_1 dz_2 \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \text{tr} \left( \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \mathbf{H}_1(z_1) (m(z_1) m(z_2) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} + \eta(z_1, z_2) \frac{n}{T} \mathbf{I}_K) \mathbf{H}_1(z_2) (m(z_1) m(z_2) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} + \eta(z_1, z_2) \frac{n}{T} \mathbf{I}_K) dz_1 dz_2 \right) \\
&= o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

## 10 Proof of ESPIRIT in the case of multiple DoAs: uncorrelated signal case

$$\mathbf{T}_1 = \mathbf{P}^{-1} + (1 + zm(z)) \mathbf{I}_K + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1), \quad \mathbf{T}_2 = m^2(z) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1). \quad (57)$$

Considering the spectral decomposition  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{U}^H$  with  $\mathbf{L} = \text{diag}\{l_1, \dots, l_K\}$  and  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_K]$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathbf{T}_1)^{-1} &= \frac{1}{1 + zm(z)} \mathbf{I}_K - \frac{1}{(1 + zm(z))^2} \mathbf{U} \left( \mathbf{I}_K + \frac{1}{1 + zm(z)} \mathbf{L}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H \\
&= \frac{1}{1 + zm(z)} \mathbf{I}_K - \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{(1 + zm(z))^2} \mathbf{u}_i \frac{(1 + zm(z)) l_i^{-1}}{1 + zm(z) + l_i^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_i^H
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
[\Phi_2]_{11} &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} z \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{T}_1^{-1} \mathbf{T}_2) dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{zm^2(z)}{1+zm(z)} \frac{l_i^{-1}}{1+zm(z)l_i^{-1}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i^H) dz \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_1} \frac{(z - \bar{\lambda}_1)zm^2(z)}{1+zm(z)} \frac{l_1^{-1}}{1+zm(z)l_1^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_1} \frac{(z - \bar{\lambda}_1)zm^2(z)}{1+zm(z)l_1^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 + o(1) \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_1^{-2}}{1 + cl_1^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 + o(1)
\end{aligned}$$

The conclusion is similar to the previous formula, except that  $\mathbf{a}(\theta_1)$  is replaced by eigenvector  $\mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{a}(\theta_1)^H$ .

$$\mathbf{T}_2(z_1, z_2) = m(z_1)m(z_2)\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1)$$

where  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ .

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
|[\Phi_2]_{12}|^2 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} z_1 z_2 \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{T}_2^H(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_1) \mathbf{T}_2(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_2)) dz_1 dz_2, \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{z_1 m^2(z_1) l_i^{-1} z_2 m^2(z_2) l_j^{-1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A})}{(1+z_1 m(z_1))(1+z_1 m(z_1)l_i^{-1})(1+z_2 m(z_2))(1+z_2 m(z_2)l_j^{-1})} dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \frac{z_1 m^2(z_1) l_1^{-1} z_2 m^2(z_2) l_2^{-1} \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_2}{(1+z_1 m(z_1))(1+z_1 m(z_1)l_1^{-1})(1+z_2 m(z_2))(1+z_2 m(z_2)l_2^{-1})} dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_1^{-2}}{1 + cl_1^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - cl_2^{-2}}{1 + cl_2^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_2.
\end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that  $\mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_2 = \bar{\lambda}_1 \bar{\lambda}_2 \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_2$  in the last line.

$$\mathbf{T}_3 = m^2(z) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} + \frac{n}{T} \frac{m^4(z) \mathbf{I}_K}{(1 + cm(z))^2 - cm^2(z)} + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1)$$

As such, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
[\Phi_1]_{11} &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} z \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{T}_1^{-1} \mathbf{T}_3) dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{zm^2(z)}{1+zm(z)} \frac{l_i^{-1}}{1+zm(z)l_i^{-1}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A}) \\
&\quad + z \operatorname{tr} \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{zm^2(z)}{1+zm(z)} \frac{l_i^{-1}}{1+zm(z)l_i^{-1}} \frac{n}{T} \frac{m^4(z)}{(1+cm(z))^2 - cm^2(z)} \cdot \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H \right) dz \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_1^{-2}}{1 + cl_1^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{n}{T} \frac{1 + \rho_1^{-1}}{c + \rho_1} + o(1) \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_1^{-2}}{1 + cl_1^{-1}} \cdot \frac{n}{N} + \frac{n}{T} \frac{1 + \rho_1^{-1}}{c + \rho_1} + o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly for off-diagonal entries of  $\Phi_1$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
|[\Phi_1]_{12}|^2 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} z_1 z_2 \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{T}_4(z_2, z_1) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_1) \mathbf{T}_4(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_2)) dz_1 dz_2, \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \operatorname{tr} \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{z_1 m^2(z_1) l_i^{-1} z_2 m^2(z_2) l_j^{-1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{T}_4(z_2, z_1) \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^H \mathbf{T}_4(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H)}{(1 + z_1 m(z_1))(1 + z_1 m(z_1) + l_i^{-1})(1 + z_2 m(z_2))(1 + z_2 m(z_2) + l_j^{-1})} dz_1 dz_2 \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \frac{z_1 m^2(z_1) l_1^{-1} z_2 m^2(z_2) l_2^{-1} \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{H} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_2}{(1 + z_1 m(z_1))(1 + z_1 m(z_1) + l_1^{-1})(1 + z_2 m(z_2))(1 + z_2 m(z_2) + l_2^{-1})} dz_1 dz_2 \\
&= \frac{1 - cl_1^{-2}}{1 + cl_1^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - cl_2^{-2}}{1 + cl_2^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_2 + o(1) \\
&= o(1)
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{T}_4(z_1, z_2) &= \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z_1) \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z_2) \mathbf{A} \\
&= m(z_1) m(z_2) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} + \frac{n}{T} \eta(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{I}_K + o_{\|\cdot\|}(1) = \mathbf{T}_4(z_2, z_1),
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ . The last line is because  $\mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2^H \frac{n}{N} \mathbf{I}_K \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$ . So we can draw the conclusion that:

$$\bar{\Phi}_1 = \operatorname{diag} \left\{ \frac{n}{N} \frac{1 - cl_k^{-2}}{1 + cl_k^{-1}} + \frac{n}{N} \frac{1 + l_k^{-1}}{1 + l_k/c} \right\}_{k=1}^K, \quad (58)$$

$$[\bar{\Phi}_2]_{kk} = \frac{1 - cl_1^{-2}}{1 + cl_1^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k \quad (59)$$

However, we can only get the modulus of the off-diagonal elements of  $\bar{\Phi}_2$ .

$$|[\Phi_2]_{mn}|^2 = \frac{1 - cl_m^{-2}}{1 + cl_m^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - cl_n^{-2}}{1 + cl_n^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_m^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_m.$$

## 11 Closely DoA

Settings:  $\mathbf{a}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} [1, e^{i\theta}, \dots, e^{i(N-1)\theta}]^T$ .



We set that  $\theta_2 = \theta_1 + \frac{\alpha}{T}$ , where  $T$  is the number of time slots, then:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}^H(\theta_1)\mathbf{a}(\theta_2) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{in\alpha/T} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{1 - e^{iN\alpha/T}}{1 - e^{i\alpha/T}} = \lim_{N,T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{T}(1 - e^{iN\alpha/T})}{\frac{1}{T}(1 - e^{i\alpha/T})} \\ &= \lim_{N,T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\frac{1}{T^2}(1 - e^{i\alpha c})}{\frac{1}{T^2}i\alpha c e^{i\frac{\alpha}{T}}} = i \frac{1 - e^{i\alpha c}}{c\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

where the  $j$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{a}(\theta)$  is given by

$$[\mathbf{a}(\theta_\ell)]_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{i\frac{2\pi d}{\lambda_0}(j-1)\theta_\ell} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{i\omega(j-1)\theta_\ell}, \quad \omega \equiv \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda_0} \quad (60)$$

So we have:

$$\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & e^{i\alpha c/2} \text{sinc}(\alpha c/2) \\ e^{-i\alpha c/2} \text{sinc}(\alpha c/2) & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with its eigenvalue decomposition  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{V}^H$  with  $\Sigma = \text{diag}\{1 + \text{sinc}\frac{\alpha c}{2}, 1 - \text{sinc}\frac{\alpha c}{2}\}$  and  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2]$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[e^{i\frac{\alpha c}{2}}, 1]^T$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[1, -e^{-i\frac{\alpha c}{2}}]^T$ .

In this part, we have:

$$\mathbf{T}_1 = \mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} + z \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} + (1_z m(z)) \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A}, \quad (61)$$

and

$$\mathbf{T}_1^{-1} = \mathbf{P} - (1 + zm(z)) \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{I}_N + (1 + zm(z)) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}.$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}[\Phi_2]_{kk} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} z \text{tr}(\mathbf{T}_1^{-1} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{C}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{A}) dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} z \text{tr}((1 + zm(z)) \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{I}_N + (1 + zm(z)) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{A}) dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} z \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{I}_N - (\mathbf{I}_N + (1 + zm(z)) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-1}) \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z)) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} z \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{I}_N + (1 + zm(z)) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z)) dz\end{aligned}$$

we define the spectral decomposition  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{U}^H$  with  $\mathbf{L} = \text{diag}\{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_N\}$  and  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N]$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}[\Phi_2]_{kk} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{z}{1 + (1 + zm(z))\rho_i} \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z)) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{z\rho_k}{1 + (1 + zm(z))\rho_i} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{u}_k dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} \frac{zm^2(z)}{\rho_i^{-1} + 1 + zm(z)} \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{u}_i dz \\ &= \frac{1 - c\rho_k^{-2}}{1 + c\rho_k^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_K^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{u}_K + o(1)\end{aligned}$$

the conclusion is the same as  $[\Phi_2]_{kk}$  in the case of widely DoA.

Similarly for  $[\Phi_1]_{kk}$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi_1]_{kk} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} \frac{z}{\rho_k^{-1} + 1 + zm(z)} \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}(z) \mathbf{u}_k dz \\ &= \frac{1 - c\rho_k^{-2}}{1 + c\rho_k^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{u}_k + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_k} \frac{z}{\rho_k^{-1} + 1 + zm(z)} \frac{n}{T} \frac{m'(z)m^2(z)}{(1 + cm(z))^2} dz \\ &= \frac{1 - c\rho_k^{-2}}{1 + c\rho_k^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{u}_k + \frac{n}{T} \frac{1 + \rho_k^{-1}}{c + \rho_k} + o(1). \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_k$  and  $\rho_k$  represent the  $k$ -th eigenvector and eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H$ , respectively. The extra bias term is the same as the previous conclusions.

For the off-diagonal term:

$$\begin{aligned} |[\Phi_2]_{12}|^2 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} z_1 z_2 \text{tr}(\mathbf{T}_2^H(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_1) \mathbf{T}_2(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_2)) dz_1 dz_2, \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{z_1 m^2(z_1) z_2 m^2(z_2) \mathbf{u}_j^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{u}_i}{(1 + z_1 m(z_1) + \rho_i^{-1})(1 + z_2 m(z_2) + \rho_j^{-1})} dz_1 dz_2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \frac{z_1 m^2(z_1) l_1^{-1} z_2 m^2(z_2) l_2^{-1} \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{u}_1}{(1 + z_1 m(z_1) + \rho_1^{-1})(1 + z_2 m(z_2) + \rho_2^{-1})} dz_1 dz_2 \\ &= \frac{1 - c\rho_1^{-2}}{1 + c\rho_1^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - c\rho_2^{-2}}{1 + c\rho_2^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{u}_1. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $[\Phi_1]_{12}$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} |[\Phi_1]_{12}|^2 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} z_1 z_2 \text{tr}(\mathbf{T}_3^H(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_1) \mathbf{T}_3(z_1, z_2) \mathbf{T}_1^{-1}(z_2)) dz_1 dz_2, \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{z_1 m^2(z_1) z_2 m^2(z_2) \mathbf{u}_j^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_2^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{u}_i}{(1 + z_1 m(z_1) + \rho_i^{-1})(1 + z_2 m(z_2) + \rho_j^{-1})} dz_1 dz_2 \\ &= \frac{1 - c\rho_1^{-2}}{1 + c\rho_1^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - c\rho_2^{-2}}{1 + c\rho_2^{-1}} \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{u}_1. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{T}_3^H(z_1, z_2) = m(z_1)m(z_2)\mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{J}_1^T\mathbf{J}_1\mathbf{C}^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{n}{T}\eta(z_1, z_2)\mathbf{I}_N$

For the special case  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_K$ , setting that  $\mathbf{x}$  is the eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$ , then  $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P})\mathbf{x}$  is the eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H$ . So that  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  have the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [e^{\frac{i\alpha c}{2}} \mathbf{a}(\theta_1) + \mathbf{a}(\theta_2)]^T \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\mathbf{a}(\theta_1) - e^{-\frac{i\alpha c}{2}} \mathbf{a}(\theta_2)]^T \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{u}_1$  has the form as:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{J}_1^T \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{n}{N} e^{i\Delta\theta_1} + \frac{n}{N} e^{i\Delta\theta_2} + \frac{1 - e^{i\alpha c n/N}}{-\alpha c} e^{\frac{i\alpha c}{2}} \frac{n}{N} e^{-i\Delta\theta_2} + \frac{1 - e^{i\alpha c n/N}}{-i\alpha c} e^{-\frac{i\alpha c}{2}} \frac{n}{N} e^{i\Delta\theta_2} \right]$$

## 12 Widely spaced DoA(P is not diagonal)

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X} &= (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H + \mathbf{I}_k)^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{Z} \\ \mathbf{C} &= (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^H + \mathbf{I}_k) \\ P &= \mathbf{B}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{B}^H, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B}^H\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^H = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{U}_s = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\end{aligned}\quad (62)$$

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We aim to get the eigenvalue of this  $\Phi_1^{-1}\Phi_2$ , (denoted as  $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_k$ )

$$\bar{\Phi}_1 = \frac{n}{N}\mathbf{I}_k, \Phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_1^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_1 & \hat{u}_1^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_2 \\ \hat{u}_2^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_1 & \hat{u}_2^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (63)$$

We do not have direct access to the deterministic equivalent for  $\Phi_2$  referring to  $\bar{\Phi}_2$ , but an asymptotic eigenvalue equivalence (denoted as  $\bar{\lambda}_1 \dots \bar{\lambda}_k$ ) can be obtained.

$$Eig(\Phi_1^{-1}\Phi_2) = Eig(\bar{\Phi}_1^{-1}\Phi_2) \quad (64)$$

$$= \frac{n}{N} Eig(\Phi_2) \quad (65)$$

The above equation is the solution of the following equation

$$\begin{aligned}\det(\Phi_2 - \lambda \mathbf{I}_2) &= (\hat{u}_1^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_1 - \lambda)(\hat{u}_2^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_2 - \lambda) - \hat{u}_1^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_2^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_1 \\ &= \lambda^2 - \lambda(\hat{u}_1^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_2) + \hat{u}_1^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_2^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_2 - \hat{u}_1^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_2^H J_1^H J_2 \hat{u}_1 \\ &= \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda}(g_1 u_1^H J_1^H J_2 u_1 + g_2 u_2^H J_1^H J_2 u_2) + g_1 g_2 u_1^H J_1^H J_2 u_1 u_2^H J_1^H J_2 u_2 - g_1 g_2 u_1^H J_1^H J_2 u_2 u_2^H J_1^H J_2 u_1 \\ &= \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda}(g_1 u_1^H J_1^H J_2 u_1 + g_2 u_2^H J_1^H J_2 u_2) + g_1 g_2 \text{Det}(\mathbf{U}_s^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{U}_s) \\ &= \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda}(g_1(b_{11}^2 \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1} + b_{12}^2 \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1}) + g_2(b_{21}^2 \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1} + b_{22}^2 \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2})) + g_1 g_2 \text{Det}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{J}_1^H \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{A}) \\ &= \bar{\lambda}^2 - \bar{\lambda}((g_1 b_{11}^2 + g_2 b_{21}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1} + (g_1 b_{12}^2 + g_2 b_{22}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2}) + g_1 g_2 (\frac{n}{N})^2 e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\theta_2} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1 = (g_1 b_{11}^2 + g_2 b_{21}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1} + (g_1 b_{12}^2 + g_2 b_{22}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2} \quad g_i = (1 - c l_i^{-2}) / (1 + c l_i^{-1})$$

$$\alpha_2 = g_1 g_2 (\frac{n}{N})^2 e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\theta_2}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_1 = \frac{\alpha_1 + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_2 = \frac{\alpha_1 - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$$

$$\Delta = \alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_2$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_1 = \frac{(g_1 b_{11}^2 + g_2 b_{21}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1} + (g_1 b_{12}^2 + g_2 b_{22}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2} + \sqrt{((g_1 b_{11}^2 + g_2 b_{21}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1} + (g_1 b_{12}^2 + g_2 b_{22}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2})^2 - 4\alpha_2}}{2}$$

I guess the two roots of the equation are  $(g_1 b_{11}^2 + g_2 b_{21}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1}, (g_1 b_{12}^2 + g_2 b_{22}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2}$

Specially,  $P$  is diagonal,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_k, b_{11} = b_{22} = 1, b_{12} = b_{21} = 0, \bar{\lambda}_1 = g_1 \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1}, \bar{\lambda}_2 = g_2 \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2}$  (consistent with the results of our paper)

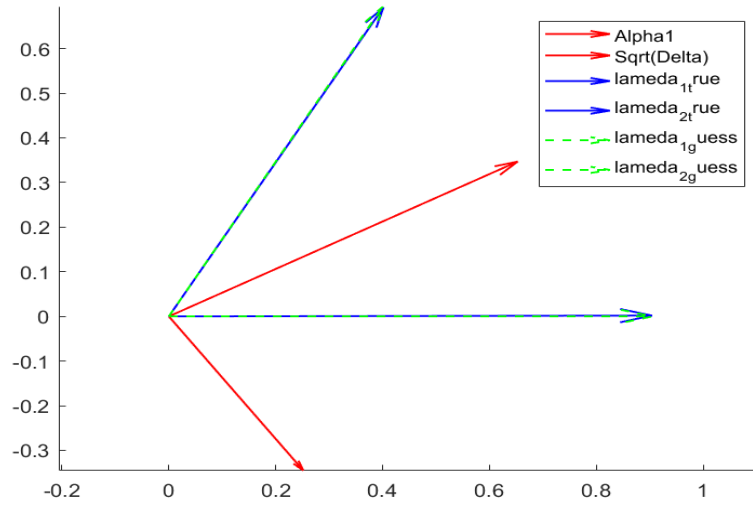


Figure 1: The caption

$$g_1 g_2 = (g_1 b_{11}^2 + g_2 b_{21}^2)(g_1 b_{21}^2 + g_2 b_{22}^2) - b_{11}^2 b_{12}^2 (g_1 - g_2)^2 (67)$$

If we can prove that the second item  $(b_{11}^2 b_{12}^2 (g_1 - g_2)^2)$  asymptotically  $(N, T \rightarrow \infty)$  converges to 0 (**Note** : the item is equal to 0 absolutely when P is diagonal, due to  $b_{12} = 0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\lambda}_1 &= (g_1 b_{11}^2 + g_2 b_{21}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_1} \\ \bar{\lambda}_2 &= (g_1 b_{21}^2 + g_2 b_{22}^2) \frac{n}{N} e^{i\theta_2} \end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

All we need do is to prove the rate of the item2 is slowly than the first ite12312321321435342m  
 $\lambda_1 = 1$