MMSE Based Channel Estimator

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Problem Formulation

Our objective is to minimize the expected mean square error:

$$\min_{\hat{\mathbf{h}}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{h}} \left[\left\| \mathbf{h} - \hat{\mathbf{h}} \right\|_2^2 \right]$$

and it can be written in epigraph form as:

$$\min_{t,\mathbf{h}} t$$

$$s.t.\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{h}} \left[\left\| \mathbf{h} - \hat{\mathbf{h}} \right\|_2^2 \right] \leq t$$

Primal-Dual Optimization Mehthod (1)

We use parameterize channel estimator so that $\hat{\mathbf{h}} = \phi(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$, with $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ denoting the parameters of the neural network.

Then the Lagrangian function of (15) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left(\hat{\mathbf{h}}, t, \lambda\right) &= t + \lambda\left(\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{h}}\left[\left\|\mathbf{h} - \hat{\mathbf{h}}\right\|_2^2\right] - t\right) \\ &= t + \lambda\left(\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{h}}\left[\left\|\mathbf{h} - \phi(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\theta})\right\|_2^2\right] - t\right)\end{aligned}$$

Primal-Dual Optimization Mehthod (2)

It is uncertain whether or not the duality gap equals zero.
However, the stationary point of $\mathcal{L}\left(\hat{\mathbf{h}}, t, \lambda\right)$ can be found via the KKT conditions by solving for the primal and dual variables alternately using gradient descent and ascent, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1} &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_k - \alpha_{\boldsymbol{\theta},k}\lambda_k \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k} \mathbb{E}\left[\|\mathbf{h} - \phi(\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\theta}_k)\|_2^2\right] \\
t_{k+1} &= t_k - \alpha_{t,k}(1-\lambda_k) \\
\lambda_{k+1} &= \left[\lambda_k + \alpha_{\lambda,k}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\|\mathbf{h} - \phi(\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1})\|_2^2\right] - t_{k+1}\right)\right]_+
\end{aligned}$$

Policy Gradient (1)

We have the policy gradient theorem:

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbb{E}_{\tau}[G(\tau)] = \mathbb{E}_{\tau}\left[\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} G(\tau) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log \pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(A_t|S_t)\right]$$

At each time step, $t = 1, ..., T-1$:

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbb{E}_{\tau}[G(\tau)] = \mathbb{E}_{\tau}\left[G(\tau) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log \pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(A_t|S_t)\right]$$

And we can estimate the policy gradient with sample mean:

$$\widehat{\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} \mathbb{E}_{\tau}[G(\tau)] = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{\mathcal{D}} G(\tau) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log \pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(A_t|S_t)$$

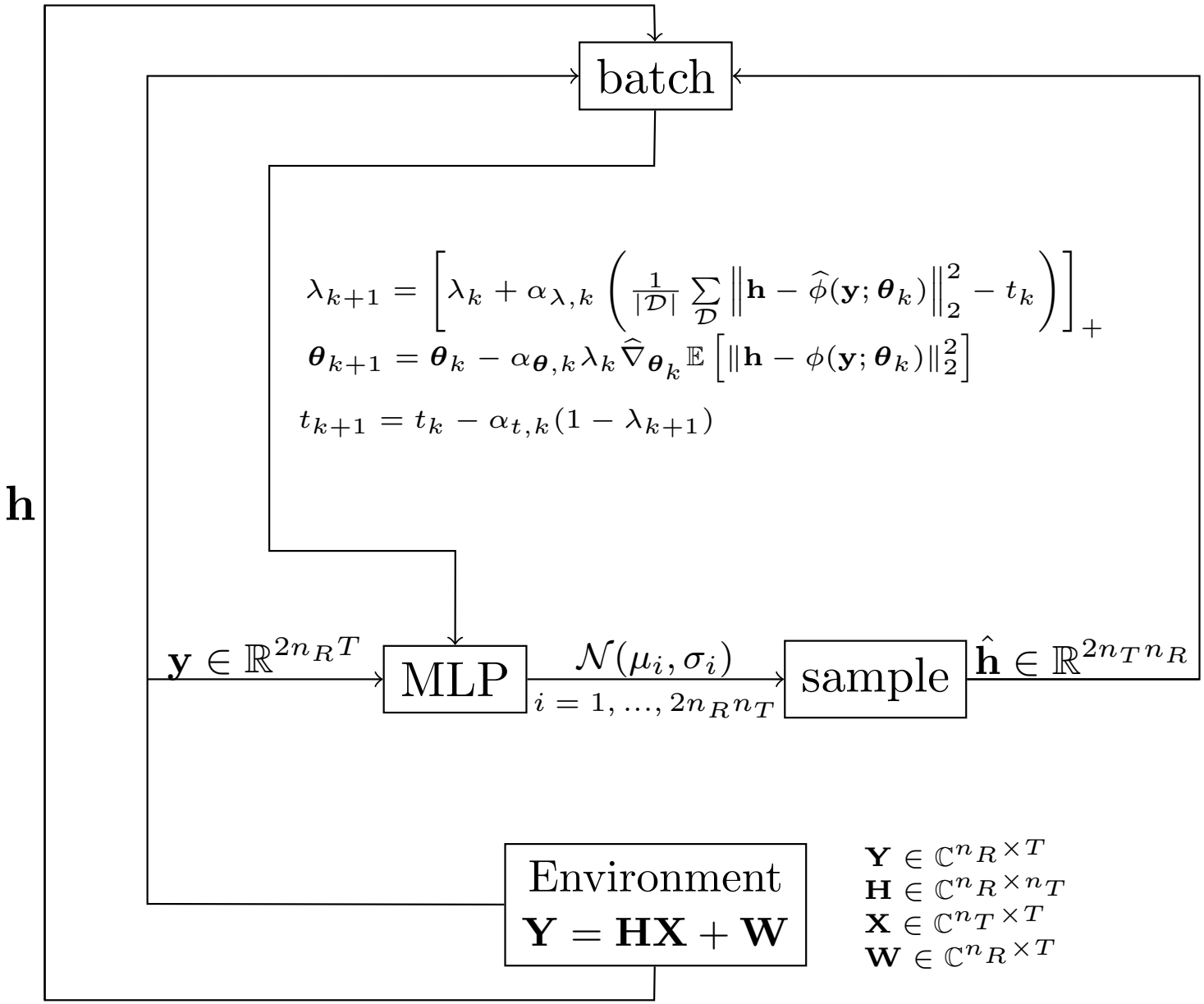
Policy Gradient (2)

Our goal is to minimize the mean square error, by substituting $\mathbb{E}_\tau[G(\tau)]$, $\pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(A_t|S_t)$ with $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{h}}\left[\|\mathbf{h}-\phi(\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\theta})\|_2^2\right]$, and $\pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\hat{\mathbf{h}}|\mathbf{y})$.
Thus, we obtain the estimated policy gradient for our problem:

$$\widehat{\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{h}}\left[\|\mathbf{h}-\phi(\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\theta})\|_2^2\right]=\frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|}\sum_{\mathcal{D}}\left\|\mathbf{h}-\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\theta})\right\|_2^2\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\log\pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\hat{\mathbf{h}}|\mathbf{y}\right),$$

where $\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\theta})=\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ is the sampled output of the policy.

Experiment Diagram



Simulation Result (1)

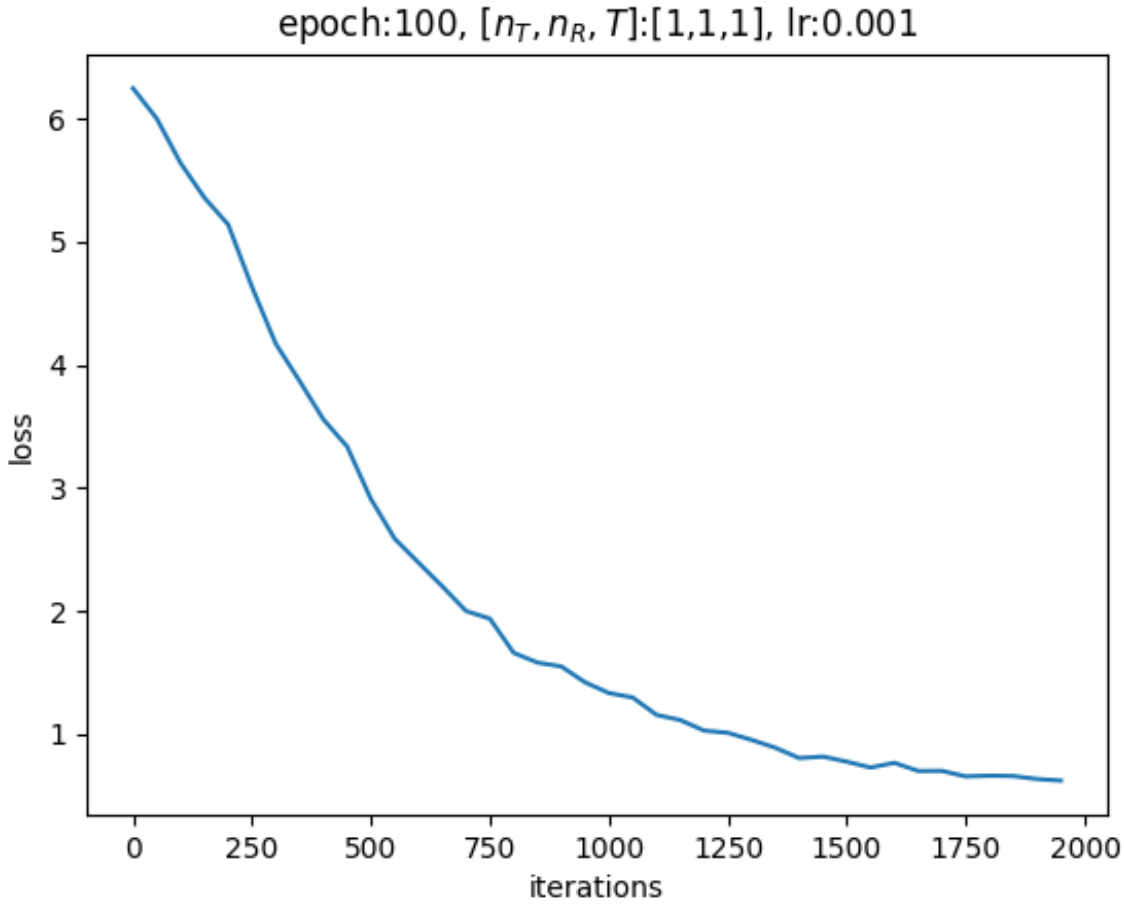


Figure: hidden layer sizes: [64,32], $\mu_H = 5, \sigma_H = 0.2, \mu_W = 0, \sigma_W = 0.1$

Simulation Result (2)

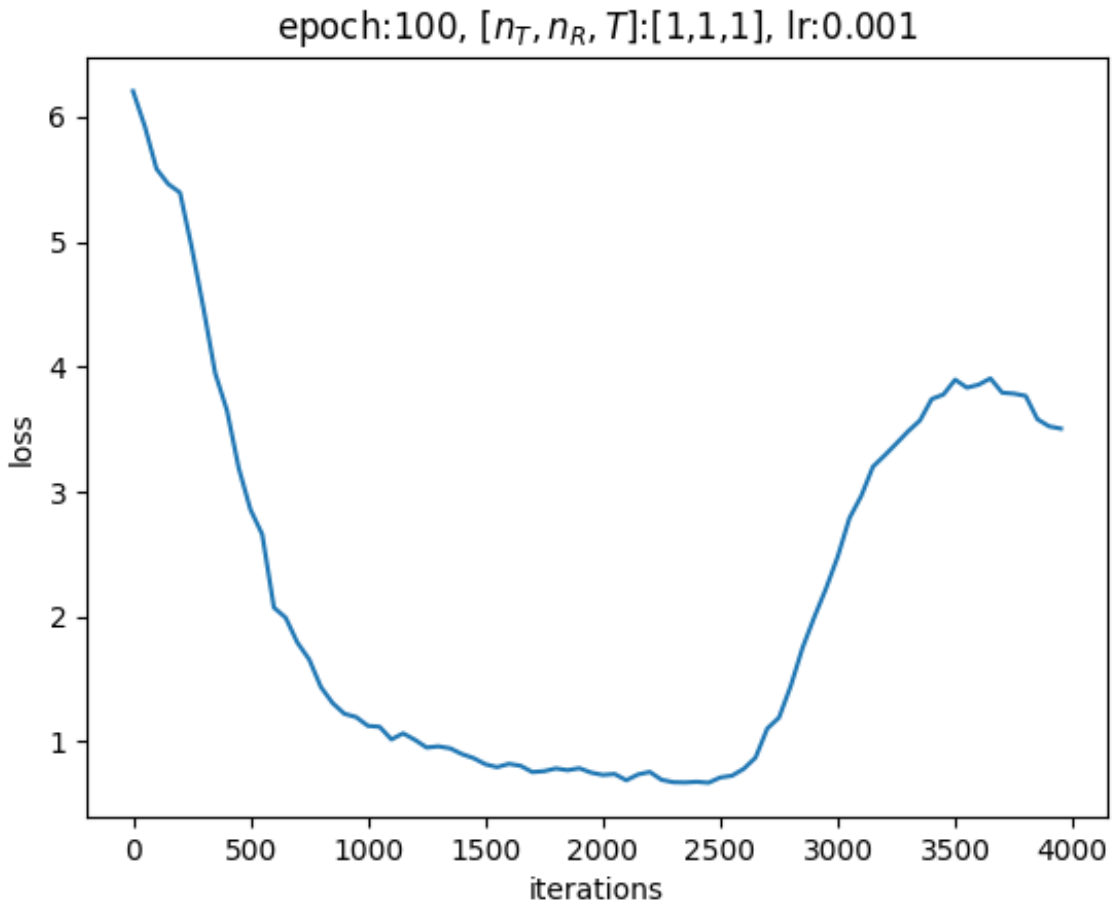


Figure: increase the iterations from 2000 to 4000

Simulation Result (3)

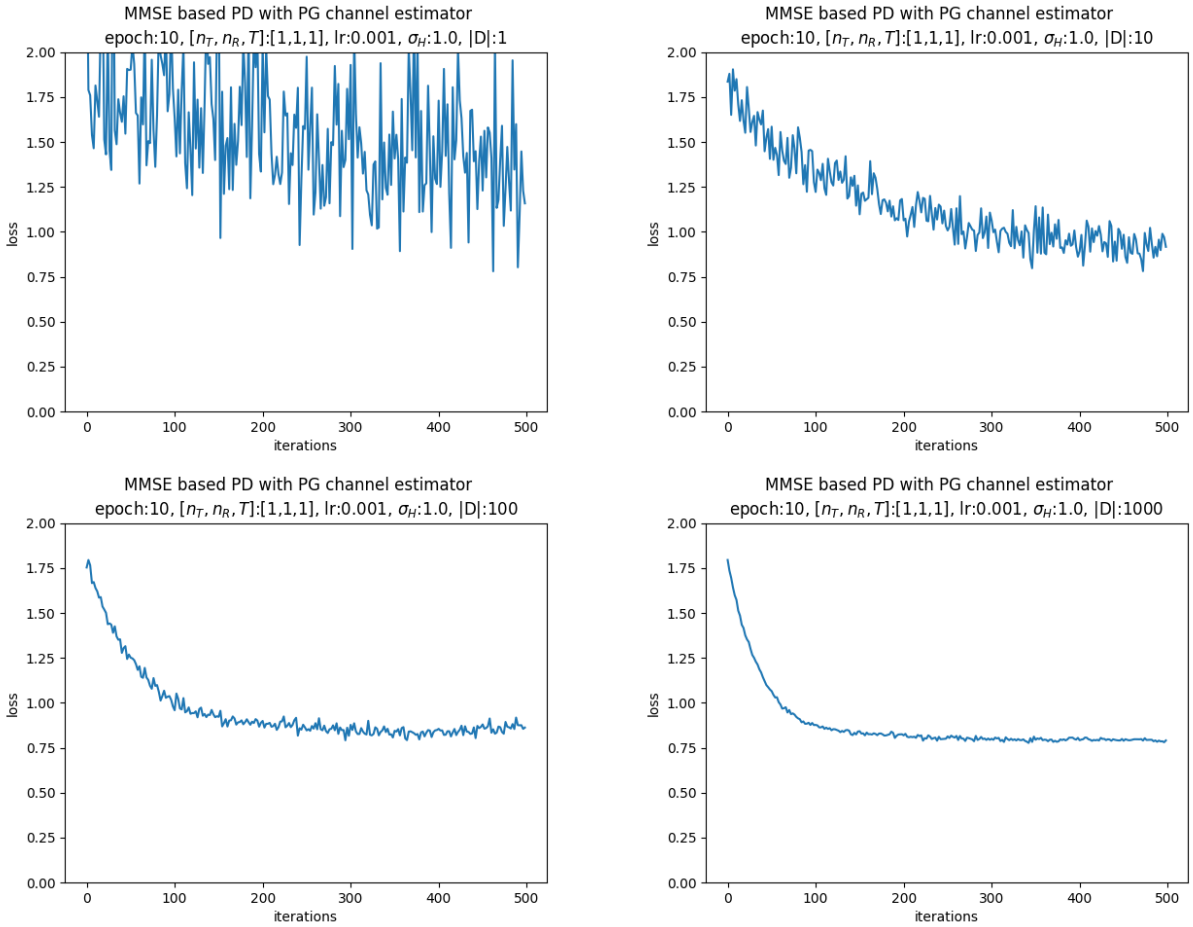


Figure: Number of trajectories from 1 to 1000