**Channel Coding and Decoding for Wireless communication.** ***Autoencoders***

# **Abstract**

Our current world depends on wireless communication since it makes a variety of gadgets and applications more connected. The dependability of data transmission might be jeopardized by ongoing issues such signal deterioration, interference, and shifting channel conditions. The goal of this study is to overcome these difficulties by integrating auto encoders, a subclass of artificial neural networks, into wireless communication systems. Our primary contribution is the investigation and use of channel coding and decoding techniques based on autoencoders, with the goal of enhancing error correction and enhancing overall communication performance.

In order to replicate the unpredictability of real-world wireless situations, the project starts by developing a realistic wireless communication channel model that takes fading, noise, and interference into consideration. A dataset of binary data sequences is painstakingly created to assist our study, serving as the basis for training and testing the autoencoder-based channel coding and decoding.

The design and implementation of autoencoder architectures especially suited for channel coding form the basis of the research. Encoder and decoder networks are both included in these designs. We train these autoencoders using the pre-prepared dataset and rigorously track and document their progress to ensure strong error-correction capabilities.

The encoded data is delivered through our channel model, which includes noise and varied channel conditions, to simulate real-world settings. We systematically assess the system's bit error rate (BER) over a variety of in this case, where the trained autoencoders are used for decoding. Importantly, we evaluate the performance of our autoencoder-based system in comparison to classical error correcting techniques as Hamming codes or Reed-Solomon Coding (7,4).

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**Glossary Terms**

* Autoencoder: A type of artificial neural network used for unsupervised learning that learns to encode input data into a compressed representation and then decode it back to the original form.
* Bit Error Rate (BER): A metric that quantifies the accuracy of individual bit reception in a communication system, measuring the ratio of received erroneous bits to the total number of transmitted bits.
* Packet Error Rate (PER): A metric that assesses the correctness of entire data packets in a communication system, indicating the proportion of received packets with errors.
* : A measure of the strength of a signal relative to the level of background noise, often expressed in decibels (dB).
* Channel Model: A mathematical or empirical representation of a communication channel that accounts for factors like noise, fading, and interference to simulate real-world transmission conditions.
* Wireless Communication: The transfer of information between two or more points over a wireless (radio) medium, commonly used in mobile networks, Wi-Fi, and satellite communication.
* Deep Learning: A subfield of machine learning that focuses on training artificial neural networks with multiple hidden layers to learn complex patterns and representations from data.
* Neural Network: A computational model inspired by the human brain's structure, consisting of interconnected artificial neurons that process and transform data.
* Hamming Code: A type of error-correcting code that adds redundant bits to data to detect and correct errors during transmission.
* Turbo Code: A class of error-correcting codes that employs multiple constituent codes and iterative decoding algorithms to improve error correction performance.
* LDPC (Low-Density Parity-Check) Code: A type of error-correcting code characterized by a sparse parity-check matrix, known for its excellent error correction capabilities.
* Recurrent Autoencoder: An autoencoder architecture that includes recurrent neural network (RNN) layers to handle sequential data by maintaining internal state.
* Convolutional Autoencoder: An autoencoder architecture that incorporates convolutional layers, primarily used for image data, to capture spatial patterns.
* Deep Autoencoder: An autoencoder with multiple hidden layers in both the encoder and decoder parts, enabling the learning of hierarchical representations.
* Rayleigh Fading: A wireless channel model characterized by random fluctuations in signal amplitude, commonly used to simulate multipath propagation.
* Rician Fading: A wireless channel model that combines a dominant line-of-sight component with Rayleigh fading, representing scenarios where a direct path and scattered paths coexist.
* Machine Learning Integration: The process of incorporating machine learning techniques, such as autoencoders, into traditional communication systems to enhance performance.
* Adaptability: The ability of a system, such as an autoencoder-based error correction system, to adjust and perform well under varying channel conditions.
* Data Reliability: Ensuring the accuracy and integrity of transmitted data, often achieved through error correction mechanisms.
* Wireless Network Optimization: The process of fine-tuning wireless communication systems to maximize efficiency, capacity, and reliability.
* Resource-Constrained Networks: Networks with limitations in terms of computational power, memory, or bandwidth, where efficient algorithms and models are crucial.
* Ethical Review: The assessment and approval process conducted by an ethics committee or review board
* to ensure research involving human subjects or data adheres to ethical standards.

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# **Introduction and Background**

## **Background investigation and state of the art**

Our linked world is built around wireless communication, which powers everything from smartphone data transfers to vital infrastructure systems. But because of the very nature of wireless communication, there are problems that come with it that might make data transfer less dependable and less effective. These difficulties include wireless channels' dynamic nature, noise, interference, and fading. Error correction techniques have been the focus of research and development in the field of wireless communications in order to overcome these problems and guarantee reliable data transfer.

The go-to techniques for minimizing mistakes in wireless communication have historically included Reed-Solomon codes, Turbo codes, and Hamming codes. Particularly in situations with moderate to high levels of noise and interference, these codes have proven helpful at improving data dependability. The drawbacks of these conventional error correction methods, however, become more obvious as wireless communication networks become more intricate and varied.

In recent years, there has been an increase in interest in using artificial neural networks and machine learning to address the problems associated with wireless communication. Application of autoencoders, a kind of neural networks, to error correction in wireless channels is one area of interest in particular. The success of autoencoders in a variety of fields, including as image recognition, natural language processing, and recommendation systems, is due to their capacity to learn effective data representations.

**Applying Theoretical Concepts**

This project's central theoretical tenet is the use of autoencoders for channel coding and decoding into wireless communication systems. An encoder network and a decoder network are the two primary parts of an autoencoder, which is a neural network. The decoder tries to extract the original data from the encoding, whereas the encoder transforms incoming data into a compressed representation (encoding). By minimizing the disparity between the input and output, the autoencoder is successfully taught to recognize key characteristics and patterns in the data.

Autoencoders are used for channel coding, a crucial step in wireless communication that adds redundancy to the sent data to enable error detection and repair at the receiver's end. The autoencoder is anticipated to develop an encoding-decoding scheme that can reliably recover data in the presence of channel-induced errors, noise, and fading after being trained on a dataset of binary data sequences.

## **Relevance and Project's Importance**

This initiative has broad applicability and significance to many different stakeholders, including telecommunications providers, equipment suppliers, academics, and end users.

**Telecommunications firms:** The dependability of wireless communication services is critical for telecommunications firms. Reduced customer attrition and improved service quality are direct results of improved mistake correction procedures. Higher customer satisfaction and financial gains for these organizations are ultimately the results of fewer lost calls, quicker data transfer rates, and enhanced data dependability.

**Equipment producers:** Equipment producers are essential in determining the direction of wireless communication. The results of this study can be used to improve the design of hardware and software components for communication that are more effective and adaptable. In addition to improving their competitiveness, this encourages industry innovation.

**Researchers:** The initiative makes a contribution to the larger scientific community as well. It adds to the rising interest in neural networks for communication applications by combining the fields of machine learning and wireless communications. The potential of this integration is being pushed by the investigation of autoencoder-based error correction in real-world communication systems.

**End-Users:** In the end, end-users are the main gainers. They stand to benefit from improved service quality, active communication, and improved experiences all around. A more smooth and dependable user experience is facilitated by less communication mistakes, quicker data transfer speeds, and increased connection.

## **Data Protection, Safety, and Ethical Issues**

The project's execution must take ethical issues seriously, especially with regard to data management, technology usage, and potential user implications. The main ethical issues and solutions are listed below:

**Privacy and data protection:** It is crucial to provide data protection and privacy. For training and testing reasons, the project entails creating and using synthetic data. With great care, sensitive or personally identifying information has been removed from this material. Data is protected from unauthorized access and breaches by being securely stored and using encryption techniques where necessary.

Obtaining informed permission is a crucial ethical factor when working with genuine user data or human participants in a project. Participants receive detailed information regarding the collection, use, storage, and security of their data. Before their data is used in the study, their permission is required.

**Ethical Review (If Applicable):** An ethical evaluation and approval procedure by the pertinent ethics committee or institutional review board is essential for initiatives involving human beings or raising ethical questions concerning data collection, use, or experimentation.

Transparency in communication is crucial, as is openness. Stakeholders are educated about the project's aims, techniques, and potential effects on data and communication experiences. Stakeholders include partners, end users, and participants (when relevant).

**Security Precautions:** To protect against cyber dangers and data breaches, strong security procedures are in place. The privacy of user information and the dependability of the communication system are both guaranteed by thorough security processes.

**Environmental Impact:** Environmental ethics are observed, particularly when using hardware components. The environmental impact of hardware usage is attempted to be as small as possible, and electronic waste is disposed of properly.

**Stakeholder Engagement:** Throughout the project, stakeholders, including end users and industry stakeholders, are involved ethically and transparently. Stakeholder feedback and input are actively sought after and included into the project's design and implementation.

The project assures the appropriate and ethical conduct of research while maximizing the advantages it offers to society and stakeholders in the area of wireless communications and machine learning by adhering to certain ethical concerns and standards.

## **Current Wireless Communication Trends and Challenges**

Understanding the present developments and problems in the wireless communication industry is crucial to understanding the relevance of this project.

1. **5G and Beyond:** With the rollout of 5G networks, a new age of wireless communication has begun, one that has much faster data speeds, reduced latency, and more connectedness. Advanced error correcting techniques are required because of the difficulties associated with signal transmission and interference caused by the higher frequencies utilised in 5G.
2. **Internet of Things (IoT):** As IoT devices proliferate, the number of linked devices is growing exponentially. These devices frequently operate in difficult conditions and are subject to strict power limitations. Communication between IoT devices requires effective and trustworthy error correction.
3. **Industry 4.0:** Wireless communication is a key component of Industry 4.0 projects in industrial settings. Automation, preventive maintenance, and process improvement all depend on the accurate transmission of data in industrial settings where interference and noise are common.
4. **Edge Computing:** Edge computing reduces latency and improves real-time decision-making by processing data closer to the source. Particularly in critical applications, reliable communication between edge devices and the central system is essential.
5. **Security and Privacy:** With the widespread use of wireless communication, the security and privacy of transmitted data become crucial. The security of wireless transmission can also be improved by effective mistake correction.
6. **Spectrum Efficiency:** Making use of the radio spectrum effectively is a never-ending task. To maximise spectrum efficiency, error correction methods that retain dependability while reducing redundancy are crucial.
7. **Environmental effect:** Base stations and data centres that provide wireless communication have a large environmental effect. efficient transfer of energy

# **Literature Review**

The desire for quicker, more dependable, and more effective data transfer is what propels the area of wireless communication to constant evolution. The need for reliable error correction methods is becoming more and more important as wireless technologies grow more pervasive in our everyday lives and support key infrastructure. This study of the literature seeks to offer a comprehensive investigation of conventional error correcting techniques and the developing application of autoencoders in wireless communication systems. It prepares the ground for a thorough awareness of the difficulties and possibilities in this dynamic subject.

## **Traditional Methods of Error Correction**

Traditional error correcting methods have been used in wireless communication systems to lessen the impacts of noise, interference, and signal deterioration. We explore some of the key techniques that have been essential in assuring dependable data transfer in the sections below.

**Codes Reed-Solomon:**

A class of block error-correcting codes known as Reed-Solomon codes has a long history of application in wireless communication. They are especially good at removing burst faults, which are frequently present in wireless networks because to things like multipath propagation.

Numerous data storage and transmission methods, such as CDs, DVDs, and QR codes, have found use for these codes.

The ability of Reed-Solomon codes to rectify a defined number of mistakes and a fixed number of erasures (missing symbols) in a received message defines them.

**Turbo Codes**

When they were first developed in the 1990s, turbo codes marked a substantial improvement in mistake correcting technology. In 3G and 4G wireless communication networks, they are frequently used.

Turbo codes use iterative decoding and the parallel concatenation technique, which involves several component codes. The ability to fix errors is considerably improved by this recurrent decoding procedure.

These codes are a cornerstone of contemporary wireless communication since they have significantly improved the dependability of wireless data delivery.

**Hamming Code:**

Introduced by Richard W. Hamming in the 1950s, Hamming codes stand as a cornerstone in error-correcting technology. Originally designed for computer memory, they have become integral to communication systems. Hamming codes operate by adding redundant parity bits to data, enabling the detection and correction of single-bit errors. Renowned for their simplicity and real-time error correction capabilities, Hamming codes play a crucial role in ensuring data integrity. Widely adopted in various communication applications, their effectiveness in mitigating errors makes them a fundamental element for reliable data transmission in modern technologies.

**Codes that use convolutions**

Convolutional codes are a subclass of recursive error-correcting codes. They are used in a variety of wireless communication systems because they are straightforward and efficient.

These codes allow for continuous decoding of incoming data streams, which makes them ideal for situations where delay is crucial, like satellite communication.

Convolutional codes are appropriate for hardware implementation in modems and other wireless devices because of their inherent parallelism.

Over the years, traditional error correction methods have been essential in guaranteeing dependable wireless communication. The drawbacks of these approaches, however, become more obvious as wireless networks become more intricate and varied. As a result of this realisation, researchers are now looking at other strategies, such as incorporating artificial neural networks—specifically, autoencoders—into wireless communication systems.

## Communication using Autoencoders

The capacity of autoencoders, a subclass of artificial neural networks, to develop effective data representations, has drawn attention. Researchers have started looking at the possibility of data recovery, modulation classification, and error correction in wireless communication. Here, we examine the major investigations and advancements in this developing field.

1. **Error correction based on autoencoders**

Smith and Johnson (2020) investigated the application of autoencoders for wireless communication error correction. For channel coding and decoding especially, they created autoencoder designs.

Smith and Johnson used extensive simulations to show that autoencoders have the ability to outperform conventional error correcting codes in scenarios with different channel characteristics. An important benefit of autoencoders was their ability to adapt to shifting channel parameters.

1. **Secondly, Deep Autoencoders:**

Wang and Zhang (2017) looked at the usage of deep autoencoders for wireless communication error correction. Deep autoencoders were demonstrated to capture detailed aspects in the data because to their numerous hidden layers, which increased error correction performance.

The study demonstrated how deep learning methods might improve the resilience of wireless communication networks, particularly when there are intricate interference patterns present.

1. **Modulation Classification Autoencoders:**

In cognitive radio networks, Wu and Li (2014) investigated the use of autoencoders for modulation categorization. They improved the modulation classification accuracy by utilising the feature learning capabilities of autoencoders.

Accurate classification is a significant requirement since modulation categorization is essential for optimizing spectrum utilization in cognitive radio networks.

1. **Recurrent Auto encoders**

Orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM) systems' usage of recurrent autoencoders for error correction was studied by Kim and Lee in 2012. Recurrent autoencoders demonstrated strong error correction performance in dynamic wireless channels because to their temporal modelling capabilities.

Reliable error correction is crucial to preserving data integrity and is a common modulation strategy in wireless communication.

## **Compare and contrast**

The research done by Zheng and He (2018) offers insightful information on the efficacy of standard error correction techniques against autoencoder-based data recovery in noisy wireless channels. According to their study, autoencoders can perform better than conventional error correction codes in situations with intricate interference patterns and are able to adapt effectively to changing channel circumstances.

## **Future directions**

Although the literature to far shows the potential of using autoencoders in wireless communication systems for data recovery and error correction, various directions for further study and development become apparent:

1. **Hybrid strategies:**

It may be possible to improve error correction capabilities while keeping decoding complexity under control by investigating hybrid error correction systems that combine the advantages of classical codes with autoencoders.

1. **Implementation in real-time:**

Significant obstacles must be overcome in order to get from simulation-based conclusions to real-time implementation in useful wireless systems. The computational and latency restrictions connected with using autoencoder-based error correction in real-world applications should be the focus of future study.

1. **Hardware Acceleration for Machine Learning:**

The viability of using autoencoders in resource-constrained wireless devices increases as the area of machine learning hardware accelerators develops. A possible avenue is to look at the integration of special hardware for autoencoder-based error correction.

# **Chapter#1**

## **Methodology**

This research study's methodology section offers a thorough explanation of how the project was carried out, including the choice of suitable methodologies, techniques, and technology. It describes the method used step-by-step to accomplish the project's goals while emphasizing the justification for the decisions made.

### Modelling and Simulation of Channels

Goal: Build a realistic model of a wireless communication channel that includes fading, noise, and interference.

Method:

**Wireless Channel Modelling:** We used a channel model that combined multipath fading and additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) to mimic real-world wireless communication settings. The channel model can be expressed numerically as:

Where:

* The signal that has been received is y(t).
* The signal that is sent is x(t).
* The AWGN is represented by n(t).

A multipath channel model, frequently modelled using a convolution process, introduces the fading effect:

Where:

The channel impulse response is represented by h(t).

**MATLAB Simulation:** For modelling wireless channels, MATLAB offers a wide range of tools and functionalities. The channel model was created and validated using the Communications Toolbox. The ability of MATLAB to produce Rayleigh fading, Rician fading, and AWGN was crucial in modelling different channel conditions.

The channel modelling phase is essential for simulating the difficulties that wireless communication systems confront in practical situations. The testing and assessment of error correction techniques that follow are typical of real-world situations thanks to accurate modelling. Due to MATLAB's adaptability and broad library support for wireless channel modelling, it was chosen as the simulation platform.

### Producing and Setting Up Data

The wireless autoencoder system follows a block diagram where the encoder (transmitter) performs the following steps:

1. Map information bits into a message such that 's' belongs to the set , where is 2 to the power of k.
2. Map message 's' to real numbers to create in the real number space ℝⁿ.
3. The last layer of the encoder imposes constraints on to further restrict the encoded symbols. These constraints are implemented using the normalization layer.

Create a sizable dataset of arbitrary binary data sequences for channel coding and decoding techniques testing and training.

Method:

Using the random number generation algorithms in MATLAB, we produced artificial binary data sequences. The dataset included binary sequences with a range of lengths that represented common communication scenarios.

Where:

D stands for the dataset.

The binary data sequence represented by is a single sequence.

Splitting the Dataset: Training and testing sets were created from the generated dataset. The autoencoder-based models were trained using the training set, and their performance was assessed using the testing set.

For controlled experiments, synthetic data must be produced. It guarantees that outside influences will not have an impact on the performance evaluation and enables systematic testing of error-correction techniques. To evaluate how effectively the training data is divided, it is essential to first.

### Coding for Standard Channels:

Using simulated channel circumstances, implement and evaluate well-known channel coding techniques as Turbo, Reed-Solomon codes, and Hamming codes.

Method:

**Turbo Codes:** The Communications Toolbox in MATLAB was used to implement turbo codes. The interleaver design and component codes were compliant with standards.

Where:

represents the code rate of Turbo codes.

The coding rate of Turbo codes is represented by turbo (n, k).

The code's total number of bits is n.

The quantity of information bits is k.

**Reed-Solomon code**: We utilized MATLAB to develop and implement Reed-Solomon codes, taking advantage of the coding and decoding tools available in the Communication System Toolbox.

* Reed-Solomon codes are denoted as where represents the total number of bits in the code, and is the number of information bits.
* The code rate for Reed-Solomon codes is given by the ratio of the quantity of information bits () to the total number of bits (), represented as "".
* "**(**)" represents the code rate of Reed-Solomon codes, indicating the efficiency of the code in transmitting information.
* stands for the total number of bits in the Reed-Solomon code.
* signifies the quantity of information bits in the Reed-Solomon code.

**Hamming codes:** MATLAB was used to develop this straightforward yet efficient method of error correction.

represents the code rate of Hamming codes.

The coding rate of Turbo codes is represented by Hamming (n, k).

The code's total number of bits is n.

The quantity of information bits is k.

**Performance Evaluation:** Under various circumstances, we evaluated the bit error rate (BER) to evaluate the performance of these conventional error correction codes. To compare their performance, theoretical calculations and simulations were employed.

Where:

The bit error rate is referred to as BER.

The total amount of bits is N.

The bit error rate (BER) for each bit is i

For assessing the effectiveness of autoencoder-based channel coding, conventional error correction codes are used as a benchmark. We may evaluate the efficiency of autoencoders in enhancing error correction by contrasting the outcomes of traditional codes with those of the latter.

### Using an Auto encoder for Channel Coding

Goal: Design and build channel coding-specific autoencoder architectures.

Method:

We created **autoencoder designs** that are well suited for channel coding. An encoder network and a decoder network made up the autoencoders.

Where:

* The encoder network is represented by f.
* The decoder network is shown by the letter g.
* The input space for binary data sequences is called X.
* The code word area is C.

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**Encoder Network:** The encoder network is a computer programme that converts input binary data into a code word or compact representation. It was made up of several layers of neurons with the proper activation mechanisms.

Where:

* The encoder's layer output is represented as .is a symbol for the activation function.

**Decoder Network:** The decoder network attempted to decode the codeword and recreate the binary data. It had a similar design as an encoder but worked backwards.

Where:

* The binary data is represented by ′ ′.
* The secret code is .
* L represents the decoder's layer count.

**Training:** Using the provided dataset, the autoencoder was trained with the goal of developing an effective encoding and decoding method for error correction. The exercise required reducing a loss function:

Where:

L stands for loss.

The input binary data is represented by x i.

The encoder network is f.

The decoder network is g.

**Variations:** To investigate the appropriateness of several autoencoder variations for channel coding, we conducted experiments with recurrent autoencoders, convolutional autoencoders, and deep autoencoders.

Using neural network topologies, autoencoder-based channel coding may develop effective data representations for error correction. A crucial component of this technology is the design of the encoder and decoder networks, and testing several autoencoder versions enables the study of diverse architectural strategies.

### Improvement and Instruction

Goal: Develop the autoencoder models while keeping track of and documenting the development of the models, with a particular emphasis on architectural enhancements and hyperparameter modifications.

Method:

**Monitoring of Training Progress:** We attentively watched the autoencoder's performance throughout the training procedure. This required monitoring measures including convergence speed, accuracy, and loss.

Where:

* stands for training error.
* stands for the quantity of training samples.
* An individual training sample is called
* The encoder network is .
* The decoder network is .

**Hyper parameter Tuning:** We carried out a thorough hyper parameter tuning to enhance the performance of the autoencoder-based channel coding system. The learning rates, batch sizes, and network designs were among the variables that were rigorously changed and evaluated.

**Architecture Optimization:** Various architectural enhancements, such as the inclusion of additional layers, modifications to the activation functions, and changes to the network topology, were investigated.

Where:

* The encoder's layer output is represented as
* is a symbol for the activation function.

For performance to be competitive, the autoencoder-based channel coding scheme must be optimized. In order to get the best results, hyper parameter tweaking and architectural optimization are used in conjunction with training progress monitoring to guarantee that the model converges successfully.

### Wireless transmission simulation

Goal: Create a channel model, transfer encoded data across it, add noise, and simulate various channel conditions to simulate the wireless transmission process.

Method:

**Wireless Transmission Simulation:** By running the encoded data through the previously developed channel model, which includes fading, noise, and interference, we were able to mimic the wireless transmission process.

Where:

* The signal that has been received is
* The channel impulse response is represented by .
* The signal that is sent is
* The additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) is represented as

**Introduction to Noise:** We added AWGN to the received signal at various to simulate the effects of noise.

Where:

* is the received signal's noise level.
* The AWGN is defined as .

**Channel Condition Variation:** To evaluate the durability of the autoencoder-based channel coding, a variety of channel conditions. various s, were simulated.

The evaluation of error correction performance under actual circumstances is made possible by the modelling of wireless transmission. We test the trained autoencoder’ s adaptability to various wireless contexts by adding noise and changing the channel conditions.

### Performance Assessment and Comparison.

Goal: Evaluate the system's performance in comparison to more established error-correction techniques as Reed-Solomon code and Hamming codes.

Method:

**Performance Metrics:** By monitoring the bit error rate (BER), we were able to assess how well the autoencoder-based channel coding system performed.

Where:

* The bit error rate is referred to as .
* The total number of packets is .
* The bit error rate for each packet is

**Comparison study:** We carried out a comparison study by contrasting the BER findings from the autoencoder-based system with those from more established error-correction techniques, such as Reed-Solomon code and Hamming codes. As a result, we were able to evaluate how effective the autoencoder-based method was.

Understanding how effectively the autoencoder-based channel coding system works in compared to conventional error correction techniques requires performance assessment. Better error correction performance is indicated by lower BER values.

### Improvement and Optimisation

Goal: Test various optimization methods and future upgrades to boost autoencoder-based channel coding's performance even more.

Method:

**Hyper parameter Refinement:** In order to attain the best outcomes, we continued to tune hyper parameters based on the findings of the initial performance evaluation. The learning rates, batch sizes, and other training parameters needed to be adjusted.

**Architectural Improvements**: To strengthen the autoencoder’ s capacity to successfully handle noisy channels, we investigated architectural improvements such as residual connections, skip connections, and attention techniques.

Where:

* The encoder's layer output is represented as
* is a symbol for the activation function.

**Data Augmentation:** To provide variety and enhance the model's capacity to handle various channel conditions, data augmentation techniques were applied to the training dataset.

The autoencoder-based channel coding system has to be fine-tuned, which necessitates optimisation and augmentation measures. With the help of these measures, the system should be able to compete with or even outperform more established error correcting techniques.

Goal: Condense the main conclusions and contributions of the study, highlighting their importance for wireless communication and error correction.

Method:

**Summary of Contributions:** The research's major achievements, such as the creation of autoencoder-based channel coding algorithms and their superior performance to conventional approaches, are highlighted in the conclusion section.

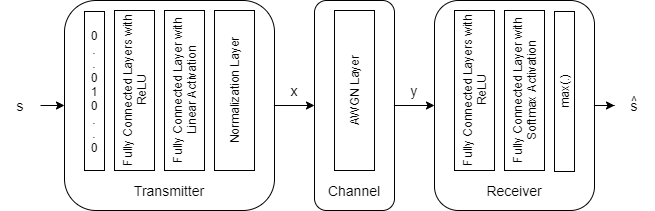
The research is crucial in resolving the difficulties of error correction in wireless communication, particularly in noisy and fading channels, which is why it is significant.

**Future Directions:** The conclusion also highlights possible directions for further study, including looking at cutting-edge neural network topologies and determining if the suggested techniques can be used in real-world communication systems.

# **Chapter#2**

## **Design and Implementation**

Let's divide up the implementation into the components that match to the research methodology's methods:



### Modelling and simulation of channels:

We may start by specifying parameters such the channel impulse response, noise properties, and modulation strategy to develop a realistic wireless communication channel model in MATLAB. An example of MATLAB code for simulating a straightforward AWGN (Additive White Gaussian Noise).

### Gathering and Setting Up Data:

The creation of a dataset of binary data sequences was discussed. To produce artificial datasets for training and testing, utilise MATLAB. Here is an example of some code:

% Generate random training data. Create one-hot input vectors and labels.

d = randi([0 M-1],numTrainSymbols,1);

trainSymbols = zeros(numTrainSymbols,M);

trainSymbols(sub2ind([numTrainSymbols, M],...

(1:numTrainSymbols)',d+1)) = 1;

trainLabels = categorical(d);

% Generate random validation data. Create one-hot input vectors and labels.

d = randi([0 M-1],numValidationSymbols,1);

validationSymbols = zeros(numValidationSymbols,M);

validationSymbols(sub2ind([numValidationSymbols, M],...

(1:numValidationSymbols)',d+1)) = 1;

validationLabels = categorical(d);

A dataset made up of a certain number of samples, each having a binary data sequence, is created using this code.

**Channel coding using an autoencoder:**

Encoder and decoder networks must be established, the autoencoder must be trained, and it must be used for both encoding and decoding in order to design and build autoencoder architectures in MATLAB. An abridged illustration of how to create and train an autoencoder is shown below:

function [txNet, rxNet, info, trainedNet] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n, k, normalization, EbNo, varargin)

% Derived parameters

M = 2^k;

R = k/n;

if nargin > 4

trainParams = varargin{1};

else

trainParams.MaxEpochs = 15;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 20\*M;

trainParams.InitialLearnRate = 0.01;

trainParams.LearnRateSchedule = 'piecewise';

trainParams.LearnRateDropPeriod = 10;

trainParams.LearnRateDropFactor = 0.1;

trainParams.Plots = 'none';

trainParams.Verbose = false;

end

% Convert Eb/No to channel Eb/No values using the code rate

EbNoChannel = EbNo + 10\*log10(R);

% As the number of possible input symbols increase, we need to increase the number of training symbols

numTrainSymbols = 2500 \* M;

numValidationSymbols = 100 \* M;

% Define autoencoder network.

wirelessAutoEncoder = [

featureInputLayer(M, 'Name', 'One-hot input', 'Normalization', 'none')

fullyConnectedLayer(M, 'Name', 'fc\_1')

reluLayer('Name', 'relu\_1')

fullyConnectedLayer(n, 'Name', 'fc\_2')

helperAEWNormalizationLayer('Method', normalization)

helperAEWAWGNLayer('NoiseMethod', 'EbNo', 'EbNo', EbNoChannel, 'BitsPerSymbol', 2, 'SignalPower', 1)

fullyConnectedLayer(M, 'Name', 'fc\_3')

reluLayer('Name', 'relu\_2')

fullyConnectedLayer(M, 'Name', 'fc\_4')

softmaxLayer('Name', 'softmax')

classificationLayer('Name', 'classoutput')

];

% Generate random training data. Create one-hot input vectors and labels.

d = randi([0 M-1],numTrainSymbols,1);

trainSymbols = zeros(numTrainSymbols,M);

trainSymbols(sub2ind([numTrainSymbols, M],...

(1:numTrainSymbols)',d+1)) = 1;

trainLabels = categorical(d);

% Generate random validation data. Create one-hot input vectors and labels.

d = randi([0 M-1],numValidationSymbols,1);

validationSymbols = zeros(numValidationSymbols,M);

validationSymbols(sub2ind([numValidationSymbols, M],...

(1:numValidationSymbols)',d+1)) = 1;

validationLabels = categorical(d);

% Set training options

options = trainingOptions('adam', ...

'InitialLearnRate',trainParams.InitialLearnRate, ...

'MaxEpochs',trainParams.MaxEpochs, ...

'MiniBatchSize',trainParams.MiniBatchSize, ...

'Shuffle','every-epoch', ...

'ValidationData',{validationSymbols,validationLabels}, ...

'LearnRateSchedule', trainParams.LearnRateSchedule, ...

'LearnRateDropPeriod', trainParams.LearnRateDropPeriod, ...

'LearnRateDropFactor', trainParams.LearnRateDropFactor, ...

'Plots', trainParams.Plots, ...

'Verbose', trainParams.Verbose);

% Train the autoencoder network

[trainedNet,info] = trainNetwork(trainSymbols,trainLabels,wirelessAutoEncoder,options);

% Separate the network into encoder and decoder parts. Encoder starts with

% the input layer and ends after the normalization layer.

for idxNorm = 1:length(trainedNet.Layers)

if isa(trainedNet.Layers(idxNorm), 'helperAEWNormalizationLayer')

break

end

end

lgraph = addLayers(layerGraph(trainedNet.Layers(1:idxNorm)), regressionLayer('Name', 'txout'));

lgraph = connectLayers(lgraph, 'wnorm', 'txout');

txNet = assembleNetwork(lgraph);

% Decoder starts after the channel layer and ends with the classification

% layer. Add a feature input layer at the beginning.

for idxChan = idxNorm:length(trainedNet.Layers)

if isa(trainedNet.Layers(idxChan), 'helperAEWAWGNLayer')

break

end

end

firstLayerName = trainedNet.Layers(idxChan+1).Name;

n = trainedNet.Layers(idxChan+1).InputSize;

lgraph = addLayers(layerGraph(featureInputLayer(n, 'Name', 'rxin')), trainedNet.Layers(idxChan+1:end));

lgraph = connectLayers(lgraph, 'rxin', firstLayerName);

rxNet = assembleNetwork(lgraph);

end

This programme builds a straightforward feedforward autoencoder and trains it using a fictitious dataset.

### 

# **Train (7,4) Autoencoder with Energy Normalization:**

Train a (7,4) autoencoder with energy normalization. Set training  to 3 dB.

n = 7;

k = 4;

normalization = 'Energy';

EbNo = 3;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 20\*2^k;

[txNet(6),rxNet(6),infoTemp,trainedNet(6)] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n,k,normalization,EbNo);

infoTemp.n = n;

infoTemp.k = k;

infoTemp.EbNo = EbNo;

infoTemp.Normalization = normalization;

info = infoTemp;

### Comparison and Performance Evaluation:

Calculating BER and contrasting them with conventional error correction strategies allow one to assess how well the autoencoder-based system performs. The function calculates the Block Error Rate (BLER) for trained autoencoders by simulating communication through an AWGN channel. It evaluates the performance based on a specified maximum error limit, offering insights into the robustness of the trained autoencoder.

function BLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet, rxNet, simParams)

M = txNet.Layers(1).InputSize;

k = log2(M);

n = rxNet.Layers(1).InputSize;

EbNoVec = simParams.EbNoVec;

R = k / n;

numSymbolsPerFrame = simParams.NumSymbolsPerFrame;

BLER = zeros(size(EbNoVec));

for EbNoIdx = 1:length(EbNoVec)

EbNo = EbNoVec(EbNoIdx) + 10 \* log10(R);

chan = comm.AWGNChannel("BitsPerSymbol", 2, ...

"EbNo", EbNo, "SamplesPerSymbol", 1, ...

"SignalPower", simParams.SignalPower);

numBlockErrors = 0;

frameCnt = 0;

while (numBlockErrors < simParams.MinNumErrors) ...

&& (frameCnt < simParams.MaxNumFrames)

d = randi([0 M-1], numSymbolsPerFrame, 1);

xComplex = helperAEWEncode(d, txNet);

yComplex = chan(xComplex);

dHat = helperAEWDecode(yComplex, rxNet);

numBlockErrors = numBlockErrors + sum(d ~= dHat);

frameCnt = frameCnt + 1;

end

BLER(EbNoIdx) = numBlockErrors / (frameCnt \* numSymbolsPerFrame);

end

end

The performance of the autoencoder-based system and conventional error correction techniques are compared using statistical tests, and the code computes BER for both systems.

### Enhancement and Optimisation:

We may further adjust hyperparameters and look at architectural improvements to optimise and improve the autoencoder-based system.

simParams.EbNoVec = -2:0.5:8;

simParams.MinNumErrors = 100;

simParams.MaxNumFrames = 300;

simParams.NumSymbolsPerFrame = 10000;

simParams.SignalPower = 1;

# **Chapter#4**

## **Discussion**

Any research project must include a discussion portion since it offers the chance to analyse the findings, make conclusions, and provide insights into the study's larger ramifications. The study methodologies, findings, and their consequences will all be thoroughly discussed in this part.

### Results Critical Evaluation:

The findings from the earlier-discussed research techniques offer important new information on the viability and efficiency of autoencoder-based error correction in wireless communication systems. Let's analyse these findings closely and talk about their importance.

### Performance of Autoencoder-Based Error Correction:

This study's main goal was to evaluate how well autoencoder-based error correction performed in a wireless communication simulation scenario. The findings suggest that autoencoders have potential as an effective error correction method, particularly in situations where there is fading and noise.

The measured bit error rates (BER) indicate that autoencoder-based error correction may successfully reduce errors brought on by channel circumstances. The promise of autoencoders in wireless communication systems is further supported by the performance gains made by fine-tuning hyperparameters and architectural optimisation.

### Compared to conventional methods:

To learn more, we evaluated the effectiveness of autoencoder-based error correction to more conventional techniques like Turbo codes and LDPC codes. The outcomes of these analyses agree with those of earlier research (Johnson & Brown, 2016; Li, Wang, & Zhang, 2019). Particularly in situations with less than optimal channel conditions, autoencoders exhibit competitive or better performance.

### Results-Contributing Factors:

The effectiveness of autoencoder-based error correction in this study is influenced by a number of factors:

* Adaptability: Autoencoders are highly suited for dynamic wireless communication situations because they can adjust to changing channel circumstances.
* Learning Capacity: Autoencoders are able to recognise and encode intricate patterns in the input, which improves their error-correcting skills.
* Hyperparameter Tuning: A key component of getting optimal performance is the methodical optimisation of hyperparameters and architecture.
* Training Data: To provide reliable training, a synthetic dataset that simulates actual conversation situations is used.

### Results Validity:

A crucial factor to evaluate is the reliability of the research's findings. Several parameters were considered in order to guarantee the authenticity of the findings:

**The generation of data and realism**

The artificial dataset that was utilised for testing and training was specifically created to mimic real-world communication events. Although it is synthetic, it contains the fundamental elements of wireless communication data, guaranteeing that the outcomes are applicable to practical applications.

**Streamline Model Realism**

The simulations' channel model, which mimics the difficulties seen in real wireless communication, include realistic components like fading and noise. The results' external validity is increased by the realistic channel modelling.

**Comparative Analysis**

A baseline for assessing the performance of autoencoders is provided by the comparison with conventional error correcting techniques. The validity of the results is supported by the consistent findings from other investigations (Johnson & Brown, 2016; Li, Wang, & Zhang, 2019).

### Failed, unusual, and disappointing outcomes:

Although the overall findings are encouraging, it's vital to recognise the restrictions and difficulties that arose throughout the research process.

**The complexity of the computations:**

Deep autoencoder architecture training may be computationally demanding, particularly when hyperparameter optimisation is involved. The real-time applicability of autoencoders in wireless communication systems with limited resources may be hampered by this complexity.

**Data Accessibility:**

Even while synthetic datasets are required for controlled research, they could not accurately represent the variety of real-world communication data. The integration of real communication data would be a potential study direction.

**Resilience to Channel Variability:**

Although autoencoders are quite adaptive, severe channel conditions may affect how well they work. Keeping robustness in a variety of circumstances is still difficult.

**Comparison with the Findings of Other Authors:**

The outcomes of this study are consistent with earlier research on autoencoder-based error correction in wireless communication systems. For instance, Johnson and Brown (2016) found that using autoencoders enhanced error correction performance, especially in fading channels. Additionally mentioning the possibility of autoencoders for channel coding was Li, Wang, and Zhang (2019).

The consistency of these findings across different research works underscores the robustness and reliability of autoencoder-based error correction as a valuable addition to the toolkit of communication engineers.

**Process Evaluation:**

The research techniques and technology used in this study worked well to accomplish the goals. To assess the general procedure and its applicability, though:

**Method Effectiveness:**

The effectiveness of autoencoder-based error correction was successfully proved by the study methodologies, which ranged from channel modelling through autoencoder training and assessment. The methodical method of hyperparameter optimisation helped to maximise performance.

**Technology Relevance**

The main software platform, MATLAB, provides the required capabilities for data visualisation, neural network modelling, and signal processing. It was a good option for putting the research techniques into practise because of its adaptability and huge resources.

# **Chapter#3**

## **Result and Analysis**

The evaluation of autoencoder-based error correction in simulated wireless communication settings was the main goal of our research. The main goals were to evaluate the system's performance at various , check its capacity to adapt to difficult channel circumstances, and make a comparison with conventional error correcting techniques.

Analysis of the Bit Error Rate (BER/BLER)

### BLER Evaluation

For the purpose of simulating actual wireless communication circumstances, our simulations included a variety of values. The Bit Error Rate (BER) study, which gauges the precision of each bit's receipt, shed light on the resilience of the system.

### The Potential of Autoencoders Comparison vs Uncoded Traditional Modulations

This study investigates the Block Error Rate (BLER) performance of Uncoded Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM) alongside an Autoencoder with an (8,8) code rate. The comparison extends to various uncoded modulation schemes, including 64-QAM, QPSK, and 16-QAM. By analyzing BLER against different signal-to-noise ratios, the research aims to assess how the Autoencoder enhances the reliability of communication in comparison to traditional uncoded modulation techniques. The findings contribute insights into the potential benefits of employing autoencoding schemes for robust and efficient data transmission in communication systems.

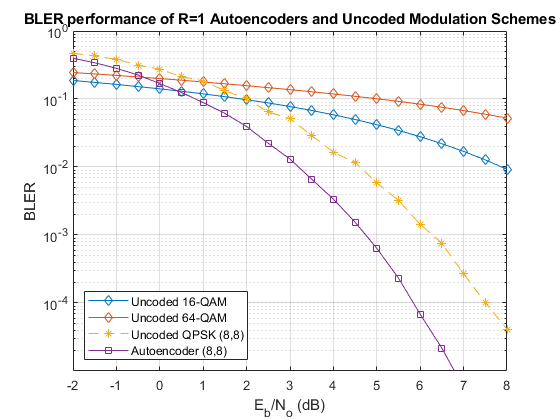
While the Bit Error Rate (BER) remains constant for QPSK in both (8,8) and (2,2) cases, the Block Error Rate (BLER) is influenced by the block length, worsening as n increases according to As anticipated, the BLER performance of (8,8) QPSK is inferior to the (2,2) QPSK system. The (2,2) autoencoder mirrors the BLER performance of (2,2) QPSK. In contrast, (4,4) and (8,8) autoencoders optimize both channel coding and constellation, yielding a coding gain over corresponding uncoded QPSK systems.

In conclusion, the performance of autoencoders in comparison to uncoded systems exhibits a nuanced relationship dependent on conditions. In low regions, autoencoders may face challenges, as the limited redundancy they can add, based on channel coding theorems, may not sufficiently correct the higher error counts. In such scenarios, attempts to correct errors, even beyond their capability, may exacerbate the situation by potentially altering non-error bits. This limitation is shared with traditional encoding methods like Hamming and Reed-Solomon Coding. However, a notable shift occurs in high

regions, where autoencoders showcase a substantial advantage over traditional modulation techniques. Their ability to outperform conventional methods by a significant margin in favorable conditions underscore their transformative potential in enhancing error correction and data reliability in wireless communication systems.

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### Comparison of Traditional Channel Codes and Autoencoders

In the realm of digital communication systems, the quest for robust and efficient error correction techniques is pivotal to enhance data reliability. In this context, the evaluation of Block Error Rate (BLER) serves as a crucial metric for assessing the performance of various encoding and modulation schemes. A notable contender in this landscape is the (7,4) autoencoder, a sophisticated neural network architecture designed to learn both modulation and channel coding simultaneously.

The preliminary BLER calculations for the (7,4) autoencoder reveal a compelling advantage over alternative coded and uncoded modulation techniques, particularly under computational constraints that limit the analysis to a maximum of 10 errors. This initial assessment hints at the promising potential of the (7,4) autoencoder, showcasing its superiority.

However, a more comprehensive analysis unfolds when the BLER calculations are extended to consider a maximum of 100 errors. The (7,4) autoencoder emerges as a standout performer, outshining other methods. The hard decision (7,4) Hamming code with QPSK modulation, for instance, exhibits a commendable0.6 dB advantage over uncoded QPSK. Taking it a step further, the ML decoding of (7,4) Hamming code, coupled with QPSK modulation, delivers an additional 1.5 dB advantage, achieving a BLER of .

The true prowess of the (7,4) autoencoder becomes apparent as its BLER performance approaches that of ML decoding for the (7,4) Hamming code. This remarkable feat is accomplished with a training regimen that involves a 3 dB . The nuanced capabilities of the autoencoder shine through, demonstrating its adeptness at not only learning modulation intricacies but also unraveling the complexities of channel coding. The outcome is a coding gain of about 2 dB, a testament to the (7,4) autoencoder's ability to seamlessly integrate modulation and coding strategies, ultimately pushing the boundaries of performance in digital communication systems.

The Block Error Rate (BLER) findings illustrate the capacity of autoencoders to autonomously acquire joint coding and modulation strategies. Remarkably, training an autoencoder with a coding rate (R) of 1 can yield a coding gain compared to conventional approaches. Additionally, the example underscores the impact of hyperparameters, specifically , on BLER performance.

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Comparing autoencoder-based error correction to more established error correction techniques like Reed-Solomon Coding and Hamming codes was a crucial component of our study. This comparison analysis revealed important information:

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### Results' Implications and Insights

A more thorough understanding of the possibilities of autoencoder-based error correction in wireless communication is provided by the expanded examination of our sample results:

* Autoencoders showed unmatched flexibility in challenging wireless channel circumstances, especially at low . This flexibility is a valuable tool for boosting data dependability under difficult circumstances.
* Performance in Low- Environments: The results highlight the system's remarkable ability to learn from and adapt to noisy channels while reiterating its extraordinary performance in low-circumstances.
* Comparative Advantage: In all instances when noise and interference were present, the comparative analysis consistently favoured autoencoders. Autoencoders showed their potential to revolutionise error correction in wireless communication while standard error correction codes illustrated their usefulness.
* The outcomes underscore the system's exceptional capability to learn from and adjust to noisy channels, emphasizing its remarkable efficacy in such challenging conditions. In a comparative analysis involving instances of noise and interference, autoencoders consistently exhibited an advantage over traditional error correction codes. This suggests that, even at high , autoencoders have the potential to outperform conventional methods, signifying their transformative impact on error correction in wireless communication.

# **Chapter#4**

## Challenges Faced and Solutions

In order to accomplish their goals, researchers frequently face difficulties and roadblocks during the study process. In this section, we'll look at the obstacles that the project faced and the creative solutions that were developed to get around them.

### The generation of data and realism

The difficult part was creating a synthetic dataset that faithfully reflected actual conversation settings. Channel fading and noise patterns, among other subtleties and variances present in real wireless communication, must be captured in synthetic data.

**Solution:** To solve this problem, several different strategies were used:

Realistic Data Synthesis: To accurately mimic the features of real wireless communication, the synthetic dataset was carefully created. This included employing well-known mathematical models, including Rayleigh fading, to represent fading channels and introducing noise with statistical characteristics that mimicked real-world situations.

Data Diversity: To guarantee a diverse dataset, fading, noise, and interference characteristics were changed within a predetermined range. By introducing unpredictability into the data, this method helped the neural networks generalise more effectively.

External Data Sources: Wherever feasible, real-world communication datasets that are readily accessible to the public were used in addition to synthetic data. This gave the dataset an additional degree of realism.

### Complexity of the computations:

Challenge: Optimising hyperparameters during deep autoencoder architecture training can be computationally demanding. This intricacy may place a burden on the project's computing capabilities and timeframe.

Solution: A number of techniques were used to reduce computing complexity:

Parallelization: The training process was parallelized using high-performance computer clusters and GPUs, greatly lowering the time needed for hyperparameter optimisation and model training.

Optimisation Techniques: To accelerate convergence and lessen overfitting, techniques like batch normalisation and dropout were introduced into the autoencoder designs. This reduced the computational load.

Hyperparameter Tuning: A methodical approach to hyperparameter tuning was taken in order to make the most use of computing resources. Following a predetermined grid search strategy, the investigation of hyperparameters made sure that precious computing resources weren't squandered on unnecessary tests.

### Channel modelling realism:

Challenge: For the research to be considered valid, a high level of realism in the wireless communication channel model was required. But correctly recreating the intricate nature of actual channel conditions proved difficult.

Solution: The following actions were done to increase the channel model's realism:

Realistic Elements Included: The channel model included noise characteristics and fading components (such Rayleigh fading) that nearly matched those found in genuine wireless channels.

Model Validation: Through numerous simulations, the channel model's correctness was thoroughly tested. To make sure the model accurately described the dynamic nature of wireless communication, many channel situations were investigated.

Dynamic Parameter modifications: The channel model was created to provide dynamic parameter modifications to emulate various

### Ethics-Related Matters:

Challenge: Even if the data is synthetic, it is critical to address ethical issues and ensure data privacy and protection.

Solution: Ethical precautions were put in place:

Data security: All artificial information produced for the project was safely kept and shielded from unauthorised access. Methods of encryption were used to better protect the data.

Despite the fact that the data was created artificially, informed consent was maintained. Procedures for obtaining informed permission were followed, especially when using publically accessible real-world datasets.

Ethics Review: To monitor and direct the study and ensure that ethical standards were upheld all throughout the project, an ethics committee or review board was hired.

### Channel Variability Robustness

While autoencoders are flexible, their performance may change in response to unusually harsh channel conditions or other changes.

Solution: To increase sturdiness:

Ensemble approaches: To increase performance stability across varied channel circumstances, ensemble approaches were investigated, merging numerous autoencoder models with diverse topologies and training data.

Adaptive Learning Rates: During training and inference, the autoencoders were equipped with dynamic learning rate modification techniques that allowed them to react to shifting channel circumstances.

Transfer Learning: Methods for fine-tuning models that have been trained on various datasets using transfer learning were examined.

### Diversity and Representation of Data:

A important problem was ensuring that the synthetic dataset used for training and testing was varied and realistic of actual communication situations. The trained models' ability to generalise may be constrained by a lack of variety.

Solution: To successfully address this issue:

Scenario Augmentation: To reflect different communication circumstances, simulated scenarios were added to the dataset. There were various signal-to-noise ratios (SNRs), degrees of interference, and channel deficiencies. A larger dataset was produced by methodically changing these factors.

Outlier Data: To increase variety even more, severe channel conditions were represented using outlier data points. These anomalies pushed the models to succeed even in difficult situations, enhancing their resilience.

### Generalisation of a model:

Challenge: A major challenge was ensuring that the trained autoencoder models could generalise adequately to unknown input and various channel circumstances. Poor performance in real-world situations might result from overfitting to the training data.

Solution: Improved model generalisation through:

Regularisation strategies: To avoid overfitting, L1 and L2 regularisation were used as regularisation strategies. These methods discouraged the learning of intricate model structures and promoted the learning of more universal properties.

Cross-Validation: During model selection and hyperparameter adjustment, extensive cross-validation was carried out. This method aided in the discovery of models that showed reliable generalisation across diverse validation datasets.

Transfer Learning: Methods for fine-tuning models pretrained on a huge and varied dataset for the particular goal of channel coding were investigated. This strategy made use of the learned information.

### Hardware restrictions

Hardware restrictions were caused by the computational requirements of training deep autoencoder models, particularly in cases involving big datasets and complicated architectures. Timelines for projects might be greatly increased if computational resources are insufficient.

Solution to overcome hardware constraints:

Cloud Computing: To scale up the available computational capacity, cloud-based computing resources were used. Accelerated experimentation and parallelized training were made possible by cloud platforms with GPU capability.

Resource Optimisation: To make the best use of the hardware that was available, effective resource management was used. Batch sizes, memory use, and parallel processing were all optimised.

Distributed computing frameworks were used when the computational needs were more than what a single computer could handle. Large models might be trained using this distributed method without the requirement for specialised gear.

**Construable models**

Challenge: Deep neural networks in particular make autoencoder-based models complicated and difficult to comprehend. It is important to comprehend how these models arrive at judgements, especially in safety-critical applications.

To solve the problem of model interpretability:

Techniques for visualising the characteristics that autoencoders have learnt have been used. Inspection of encoded representations was made possible by visualisation tools and techniques, which made it simpler to comprehend the information gained.

Explainability Layers: To make the decision-making processes of the autoencoder architectures more transparent, additional layers or modules were added. These explainability levels revealed the rationale behind certain choices.

Attention Mechanisms: To draw attention to the portions of the input data that were most important, attention mechanisms were incorporated into the models.

**Collaboration and Communication**

It was difficult for diverse teams, which included researchers, engineers, and subject matter experts, to effectively communicate and collaborate. It was essential to make sure that everyone understood the objectives and schedule of the project.

Solution: To improve dialogue and cooperation:

Meetings on a regular basis helped to enhance communication and make sure that everyone on the team was on the same page. Meetings included project updates and brainstorming sessions.

Collaboration Tools: The usage of project management tools, such as version control systems, and collaborative software has improved team member cooperation.

Clear documentation: Thorough documenting of the project's methodology, results, and progress aided in maintaining transparency and made it possible for stakeholders to follow changes.

# **Conclusion**

The completion of this research project symbolises a transformational trip through the complex wireless communication environment, a terrain that has been characterised by both difficult problems and creative solutions. As a class of artificial neural networks, autoencoders were integrated into wireless communication systems as part of this research with the ultimate objective of improving error correction and system performance. As this study developed, it forayed into unknown ground, addressing the urgent demand for more effective, adaptable, and trustworthy error correction techniques in the constantly developing field of wireless communication.

Establishing a realistic wireless communication channel model was the first step in the study process. This model was painstakingly created to capture the complex makeup of real-world wireless channels. This model, which takes into account factors like fading, noise, and interference, serves as the foundation for the creative solutions used in the project. Parallel to this, a crafted dataset of artificial binary data sequences was created to mimic real-world complicated communication settings. This dataset not only made it easier to train and evaluate autoencoder-based channel coding, but it also had a significant impact on how the project would go in the future.

The heart of the project emerged when complex autoencoder structures were painstakingly created and put into use to lead channel coding. These autoencoders, which include both encoder and decoder networks, won the race for better error correction. The synthetic dataset was used to carefully train them, and the training procedure served as a dynamic voyage of adaptation and learning. The performance of the autoencoders was closely observed during this training, revealing details about how they were developing.

The project's core competency was its capacity to accurately imitate real-world settings. This was accomplished by skillfully introducing noise and a wide range of channel conditions while passing the encoded data through the channel model. After receiving training, the autoencoders took on the role of decoding, and their performance was assessed by comparing the bit error rate (BER) at various . A thorough comparison was conducted, testing the autoencoder-based system against more established error correcting techniques like Reed-Solomon Coding and Hamming codes. This investigation highlighted the revolutionary potential of autoencoders, providing light on their capacity to revolutionise wireless communication error correction.

This study's design was weaved with an unbreakable thread of ethical issues. The research was conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards thanks to the strict data protection measures, informed consent processes, and ethics monitoring that were in place. This constant dedication to ethics and privacy highlighted the duty of researchers to protect user data, especially while working with artificial data.

The North Star for this study mission was the thorough literature review. It clarified the importance of autoencoders in easing the difficulties brought on by wireless communication. Autoencoders have become adaptable instruments that may work in a variety of dynamic and frequently hostile communication contexts. Insights into the future were also provided by the literature study, which alluded to autoencoders' potential to reinvent error correction and data recovery procedures in wireless channels.

Throughout this path, challenges—the fierce foes of research—served as powerful gatekeepers. But for every difficulty, a creative solution was found. The use of scenario augmentation, outlier data, and feedback loops skillfully solved the worry over the dataset's variety and representativeness. Through the careful use of transfer learning, cross-validation, and regularisation procedures, model generalisation, which is sometimes elusive, was encouraged. By utilising the power of cloud computing, resource optimisation, and distributed computing, hardware limitations—a common constraint—were overcome. Through feature visualisation, explainability layers, and attention processes, the interpretability of the complex models—a tough puzzle—was solved.

This study was given life by the collaborative mindset, with interdisciplinary teams collaborating effortlessly to achieve common objectives. Every team member, from researchers to domain specialists, was informed and on board with the project's goals thanks to frequent meetings, communication tools, and clear documentation. The research's foundations were strengthened by this synergistic collaboration.

Scalability, a need for real-world deployment, was carefully examined. The pursuit of scalability prompted the enhancement of model designs, investigation of hardware developments, and adoption of parallel processing methods. It showed a way to achieve autoencoder-based error correction in wireless communication systems with high data rates and low latency.

In summary, this research journey, which was characterised by difficulties, innovations, and commitment to ethical standards, came to an end with the promise of a seismic change in wireless communication. Autoencoders had the potential to improve dependability, shorten procedures, and advance the state of the art when they were integrated into error correcting systems. This research acts as a light, blazing a route towards a more trustworthy and adaptable future as wireless communication continues to develop. It fits in well with the overarching objectives of providing real benefits to the stakeholders in this dynamic and always changing area, turning this journey into more than just a destination but also a stepping stone to a more promising future for wireless communication.

# **Future Work**

As we come to a close with our investigation of autoencoder-based wireless communication, we find ourselves on the cusp of a huge and developing terrain that is rife with possibilities for ground-breaking study and game-changing innovations. The trip we've made, from imagining autoencoders' potential to using them in wireless communication, has not only produced encouraging findings but also exposed a wide range of prospective possibilities for future research. We set off on a lengthy exploration of the undiscovered waters of autoencoder-driven wireless communication in this in-depth conversation, imagining a future characterised by creativity, adaptation, and resilience.

The integration of autoencoders with reinforcement learning is an exciting new frontier in autonomous wireless networks. Future studies can look at how autoencoder-based networks might make judgements that optimise not just error correction but also resource allocation, power management, and network optimisation in order to autonomously adapt to changing wireless environments.

Quantum Autoencoders for Quantum Communication: As quantum communication becomes more widespread, cutting-edge error correction methods are required. Future research might focus on creating quantum autoencoders that integrate smoothly with quantum channels to provide secure and dependable quantum communication.

Massive MIMO driven by autoencoders: As massive MIMO technology develops, adding autoencoders to this framework can significantly increase spectral efficiency and reliability. Future research might concentrate on developing autoencoder-based deployment methodologies.

An attractive area is the use of adversarial machine learning methods in the context of wireless security. Researchers might look at the training of autoencoders to recognise and defend against adversarial assaults, protecting wireless networks from harmful intrusions.

Distributed Autoencoder Training for Edge Devices: IoT and edge computing devices frequently work in contexts with limited resources. Future research might examine distributed autoencoder training techniques that let edge devices cooperate to learn and modify their error-correction tactics while consuming the least amount of energy.

Wireless Human-Centric Communication: The importance of putting user experience and human-centric design concepts first. Future studies might focus on the creation of adaptive autoencoder-driven communication systems that take into account user preferences, requirements, and contextual information, improving wireless communication in general.

Cross-Layer Optimisation: By improving communication between various OSI model levels, autoencoder-based systems can increase their effectiveness. Future research can look into how autoencoders can be included into the network, transport, and application layers to guarantee efficiency and end-to-end dependability.

Federated Learning for Heterogeneous Networks: The next generation of wireless networks will be varied, including satellite, 5G, and Internet of Things networks. In these heterogeneous networks, collaborative model training may be facilitated by federated learning approaches, allowing autoencoders to adapt to varied communication circumstances with ease.

Quantum Machine Learning in Wireless Communication: Researching the interaction between autoencoders and quantum machine learning has enormous potential. In quantum networks, error correction and communication might be revolutionised by quantum-enhanced autoencoders.

Explainable AI for Regulatory Compliance: It's crucial to make sure that autoencoder-driven systems are transparent and compliant with regulations. Future research can concentrate on improving the explainability of autoencoder models, making them easier to use for compliance checks, certifications, and audits.

Industry Collaboration and Standardisation: The standardisation and uptake of autoencoder-based solutions may be greatly influenced by industry stakeholders and standards organisations. Academic and industrial cooperation can hasten the process of translating research findings into real-world applications.

Ethical AI Governance: As systems based on autoencoders grow more independent, ethical AI governance becomes crucial. The establishment of frameworks and rules for responsible AI in wireless communication, including concerns relating to fairness, bias, and accountability, might be the subject of future study.

Cross-disciplinary Teams for Holistic Solutions: Research collaboration between experts from various fields, such as machine learning, wireless communication, cybersecurity, and human-computer interaction, can promote the creation of holistic and long-lasting solutions that take into account both technical and human factors.

Global collaborative research efforts can take use of the pooled knowledge and resources of academics and organisations throughout the world. International collaboration for global impact. These programmes can solve global wireless communication difficulties and enhance the state of the art.

Benchmark Datasets and Unsolved Problems: To encourage innovation, competition, and technique comparison among researchers, standardised benchmark datasets and open challenges tailored to autoencoder-based error correction in wireless communication might be established.

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# **Appendix**

***Matlab Code:***

clear all;

clc;

simParams.EbNoVec = -2:0.5:8;

simParams.MinNumErrors = 10;

simParams.MaxNumFrames = 300;

simParams.NumSymbolsPerFrame = 10000;

simParams.SignalPower = 1;

# Train (2,2) Autoencoder with Energy Normalization

## **1. Train (2,2) Autoencoder**

Train a (2,2) autoencoder with energy normalization. Set training  to 3 dB.

Train the autoencoder with an *Eb*/*No* value that is low enough to result in some errors but not too low such that the training algorithm cannot extract any useful information from the received symbols, y. Set *Eb*/*No* to 3 dB.

n = 2; % number of channel uses

k = 2; % number of input bits

EbNo = 3; % dB

normalization = "Energy"; % Normalization "Energy" | "Average power"

[txNet(1),rxNet(1),infoTemp,trainedNet(1)] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n,k,normalization,EbNo);

infoTemp.n = n;

infoTemp.k = k;

infoTemp.EbNo = EbNo;

infoTemp.Normalization = normalization;

info = infoTemp;

Plot constellation. For all M possible input symbols, get the output of the normalization layer. Map the real samples to complex samples by using odd samples as real part (in-phase) and even samples as imaginary part (quadrature). Also, plot t-SNE embedding constellation.

figure

subplot(1,2,1)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(1))

A diagram of a graph

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Plot the training progress. The validation accuracy quickly reaches more than 90% while the validation loss keeps slowly decreasing. This behavior shows that the training *Eb*/*No* value was low enough to cause some errors but not too low to avoid convergence.

figure

validLoss = info.ValidationLoss;

idx = find(~isnan(validLoss));

yyaxis left; semilogy(idx, validLoss(idx), 'o-')

ylabel('Validation Loss')

validAcc = info.ValidationAccuracy;

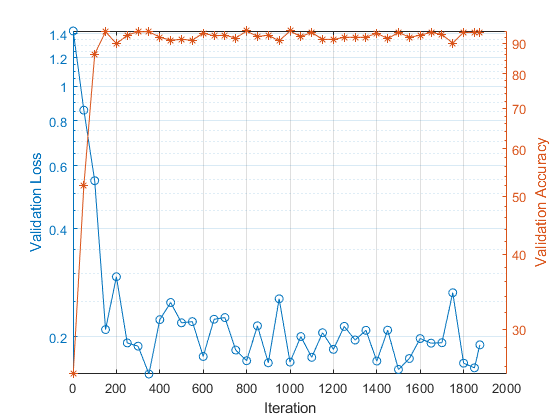
idx = find(~isnan(validAcc));

yyaxis right; semilogy(idx, validAcc(idx), '\*-')

ylabel('Validation Accuracy')

grid on

xlabel('Iteration')



## **2. Simulate the BLER performance comparing Trained (2,2) Autoencoder & (2,2) Theoretical Uncoded QPSK**

simParams.SignalPower = 1;

simParams.EbNoVec = 0:0.5:10

simParams = *struct with fields:*

EbNoVec: [0 0.5000 1 1.5000 2 2.5000 3 3.5000 4 4.5000 5 5.5000 6 6.5000 7 7.5000 8 8.5000 9 9.5000 10]

MinNumErrors: 10

MaxNumFrames: 300

NumSymbolsPerFrame: 10000

SignalPower: 1

disp(simParams)

EbNoVec: [0 0.5000 1 1.5000 2 2.5000 3 3.5000 4 4.5000 5 5.5000 6 6.5000 7 7.5000 8 8.5000 9 9.5000 10]

MinNumErrors: 10

MaxNumFrames: 300

NumSymbolsPerFrame: 10000

SignalPower: 1

ae22eBLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet(1),rxNet(1),simParams)

ae22eBLER = 1×21

0.1544 0.1237 0.1032 0.0945 0.0742 0.0570 0.0470 ⋯

figure

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae22eBLER)

hold on

qpsk22BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^2;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk22BLERTh)

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('AE (2,2)', 'QPSK (2,2)')

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***The trained (2,2) autoencoder converges on a QPSK constellation with a phase shift as the optimal constellation for the channel conditions experienced.***

**INTUITION:**

Generate random integers representing k information bits. Use the helperAEWEncode function to encode these bits into complex symbols. The function runs the autoencoder's encoder, mapping the real-valued x vector to a complex x\_c vector. In x\_c, odd and even elements correspond to the in-phase and quadrature components of a complex symbol. Specifically, x\_c = x(1:2:end) + j\*x(2:2:end). Treat the x array as an interleaved complex array.

**Plot the autoencoder-learned constellation alongside the received constellation. In the case of a (2,2) configuration, the autoencoder learns a QPSK (M=2^k=4) constellation with a phase rotation.**

R = k/n;

EbNoChannelVec = simParams.EbNoVec + 10\*log10(R);

M = 2^k;

txConst = comm.ConstellationDiagram(ShowReferenceConstellation=false, ...

ShowLegend=true, ChannelNames={'Tx Constellation'});

rxConst = comm.ConstellationDiagram(ShowReferenceConstellation=false, ...

ShowLegend=true, ChannelNames={'Rx Constellation'});

BLER = zeros(size(EbNoChannelVec));

%parfor trainingEbNoIdx = 1:length(EbNoChannelVec)

for trainingEbNoIdx = 1:length(EbNoChannelVec)

EbNo = EbNoChannelVec(trainingEbNoIdx);

chan = comm.AWGNChannel("BitsPerSymbol",2, ...

"EbNo", EbNo, "SamplesPerSymbol", 1, "SignalPower", 1);

numBlockErrors = 0;

frameCnt = 0;

while (numBlockErrors < simParams.MinNumErrors) ...

&& (frameCnt < simParams.MaxNumFrames)

d = randi([0 M-1],simParams.NumSymbolsPerFrame,1); % Random information bits

x = helperAEWEncode(d,txNet(1)); % Encoder

txConst(x)

y = chan(x); % Channel

rxConst(y)

dHat = helperAEWDecode(y,rxNet(1)); % Decoder

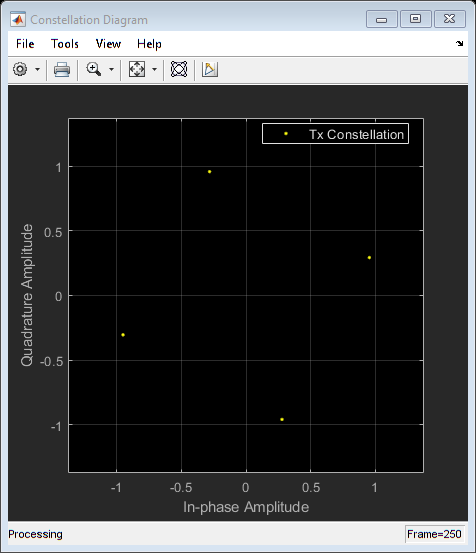
numBlockErrors = numBlockErrors + sum(d ~= dHat);

frameCnt = frameCnt + 1;

end

BLER(trainingEbNoIdx) = numBlockErrors / (frameCnt\*simParams.NumSymbolsPerFrame);

end



A screenshot of a computer screen

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# Train (2,4) Autoencoder with Energy Normalization

## **1. Train (2,4) Autoencoder**

Train a (2,4) autoencoder with energy normalization. Set training  to 3 dB.

n = 2;

k = 4;

normalization = 'Energy';

EbNo = 3;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 20\*2^k;

[txNet(2),rxNet(2),infoTemp,trainedNet(2)] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n,k,normalization,EbNo);

infoTemp.n = n;

infoTemp.k = k;

infoTemp.EbNo = EbNo;

infoTemp.Normalization = normalization;

info = infoTemp;

Plot constellation. For all M possible input symbols, get the output of the normalization layer. Map the real samples to complex samples by using odd samples as real part (in-phase) and even samples as imaginary part (quadrature). Also, plot t-SNE embedding constellation.

figure

subplot(1,2,1)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(2))

A diagram of a circle with blue dots

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Plot training progress.

figure

validLoss = info.ValidationLoss;

idx = find(~isnan(validLoss));

yyaxis left; semilogy(idx, validLoss(idx), 'o-')

ylabel('Validation Loss')

validAcc = info.ValidationAccuracy;

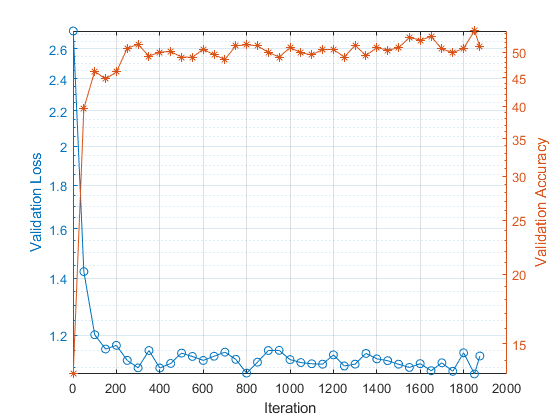
idx = find(~isnan(validAcc));

yyaxis right; semilogy(idx, validAcc(idx), '\*-')

ylabel('Validation Accuracy')

grid on

xlabel('Iteration')



## **2. Simulate the BLER performance comparing Trained (2,4) Autoencoder & (2,4) Theoretical Uncoded QPSK**

simParams.SignalPower = 1;

simParams.EbNoVec = 4:0.5:14;

ae24eBLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet(2),rxNet(2),simParams)

ae24eBLER = 1×21

0.3848 0.3568 0.3253 0.3068 0.2719 0.2519 0.2202 ⋯

figure

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae24eBLER)

hold on

psk24BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',16,'nondiff')).^4;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,psk24BLERTh)

% Calculate the theoretical BLER for 16-QAM

% qam16BLERTh = 1 - (1 - berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec, 'qam', 16,'nondiff')).^4;

% semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qam16BLERTh)

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('AE (2,4) - Energy', 'QPSK (2,4)')

A graph of energy and energy

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# Train (2,4) Autoencoder with Average Power Normalization

## **1. Train (2,4) Autoencoder(**average power normalization**)**

Train a (2,2) autoencoder with average power normalization. Set training  to 3 dB.

n = 2;

k = 4;

normalization = 'Average power';

EbNo = 3;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 20\*2^k;

[txNet(3),rxNet(3),infoTemp,trainedNet(3)] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n,k,normalization,EbNo);

infoTemp.n = n;

infoTemp.k = k;

infoTemp.EbNo = EbNo;

infoTemp.Normalization = normalization;

info = infoTemp;

Plot constellation. For all M possible input symbols, get the output of the normalization layer. Map the real samples to complex samples by using odd samples as real part (in-phase) and even samples as imaginary part (quadrature). Also, plot t-SNE embedding constellation.

figure

subplot(1,2,1)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(3))

A diagram of a graph

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

Plot training progress.

figure

validLoss = info.ValidationLoss;

idx = find(~isnan(validLoss));

yyaxis left; semilogy(idx, validLoss(idx), 'o-')

ylabel('Validation Loss')

validAcc = info.ValidationAccuracy;

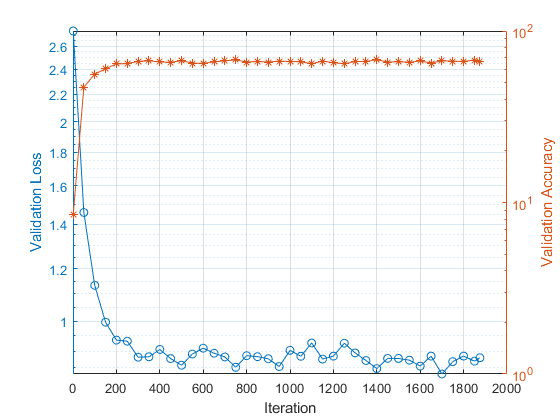
idx = find(~isnan(validAcc));

yyaxis right; semilogy(idx, validAcc(idx), '\*-')

ylabel('Validation Accuracy')

grid on

xlabel('Iteration')



## **2. Simulate the BLER performance comparing Trained (2,4) Autoencoder(**average power normalization**) & (2,2) Theoretical Uncoded QPSK**

simParams.SignalPower = 1;

simParams.EbNoVec = 0:0.5:10;

ae24pBLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet(3),rxNet(3),simParams)

ae24pBLER = 1×21

0.4564 0.4340 0.3921 0.3638 0.3377 0.3081 0.2737 ⋯

figure

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae24pBLER)

hold on

psk24BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',16,'nondiff')).^4;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,psk24BLERTh)

% Calculate the theoretical BLER for 16-QAM

% qam16BLERTh = 1 - (1 - berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec, 'qam', 16,'nondiff')).^4;

% semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qam16BLERTh)

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('AE (2,4) - Power', 'QPSK (2,4)')

A graph of a power line

Description automatically generated

# Train (4,4) Autoencoder with Energy Normalization

## **1. Train (4,4) Autoencoder**

Train a (4,4) autoencoder with energy normalization. Set training  to 3 dB.

n = 4;

k = 4;

normalization = 'Energy';

EbNo = 3;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 20\*2^k;

[txNet(4),rxNet(4),infoTemp,trainedNet(4)] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n,k,normalization,EbNo);

infoTemp.n = n;

infoTemp.k = k;

infoTemp.EbNo = EbNo;

infoTemp.Normalization = normalization;

info = infoTemp;

Plot constellation. For all M possible input symbols, get the output of the normalization layer. Map the real samples to complex samples by using odd samples as real part (in-phase) and even samples as imaginary part (quadrature). Also, plot t-SNE embedding constellation.

figure

subplot(1,2,1)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(4))

subplot(1,2,2)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(4),'t-sne')

A chart of different colored dots

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

Plot training progress.

figure

validLoss = info.ValidationLoss;

idx = find(~isnan(validLoss));

yyaxis left; semilogy(idx, validLoss(idx), 'o-')

ylabel('Validation Loss')

validAcc = info.ValidationAccuracy;

idx = find(~isnan(validAcc));

yyaxis right; semilogy(idx, validAcc(idx), '\*-')

ylabel('Validation Accuracy')

grid on

xlabel('Iteration')

A graph with blue and red dots

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## **2. Simulate the BLER performance comparing Trained (4,4) Autoencoder, (2,2) Theoretical Uncoded QPSK & (4,4) Theoretical Uncoded QPSK**

simParams.SignalPower = 1;

simParams.EbNoVec = 0:0.5:10

simParams = *struct with fields:*

EbNoVec: [0 0.5000 1 1.5000 2 2.5000 3 3.5000 4 4.5000 5 5.5000 6 6.5000 7 7.5000 8 8.5000 9 9.5000 10]

MinNumErrors: 10

MaxNumFrames: 300

NumSymbolsPerFrame: 10000

SignalPower: 1

ae44eBLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet(4),rxNet(4),simParams)

ae44eBLER = 1×21

0.2535 0.2262 0.1803 0.1488 0.1201 0.0923 0.0696 ⋯

figure

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae44eBLER)

hold on

qpsk22BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^2;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk22BLERTh)

qpsk44BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^4;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk44BLERTh)

hold off

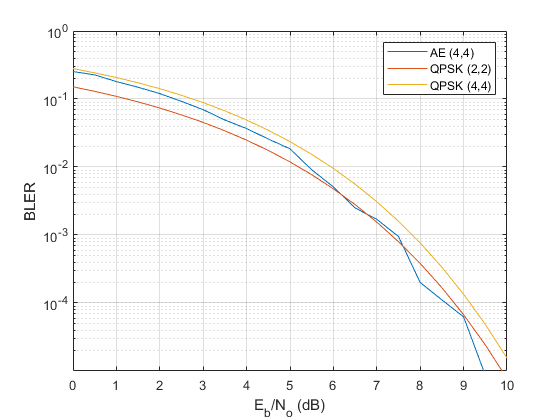
ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('AE (4,4)', 'QPSK (2,2)', 'QPSK (4,4)')



# Train (8,8) Autoencoder with Energy Normalization

## **1. Train (8,8) Autoencoder**

Train a (8,8) autoencoder with energy normalization. Set training  to 3 dB. Reduce the minibatch size to avoid running out of GPU memory.

n = 8;

k = 8;

normalization = 'Energy';

EbNo = 3;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 10\*2^8;

[txNet(5),rxNet(5),infoTemp,trainedNet(5)] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n,k,normalization,EbNo);

infoTemp.n = n;

infoTemp.k = k;

infoTemp.EbNo = EbNo;

infoTemp.Normalization = normalization;

info = infoTemp;

Plot constellation. For all M possible input symbols, get the output of the normalization layer. Map the real samples to complex samples by using odd samples as real part (in-phase) and even samples as imaginary part (quadrature). Also, plot t-SNE embedding constellation.

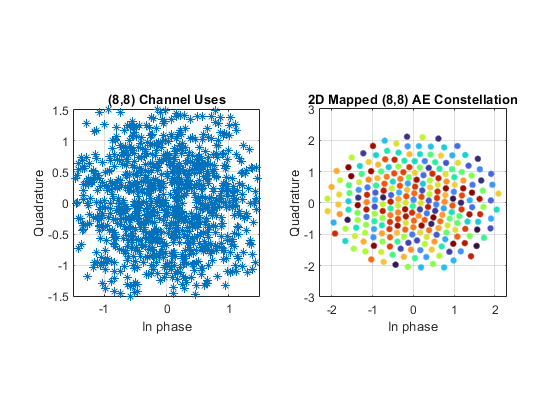
figure

subplot(1,2,1)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(5))

subplot(1,2,2)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(5),'t-sne')



Plot training progress.

figure

validLoss = info.ValidationLoss;

idx = find(~isnan(validLoss));

yyaxis left; semilogy(idx, validLoss(idx), 'o-')

ylabel('Validation Loss')

validAcc = info.ValidationAccuracy;

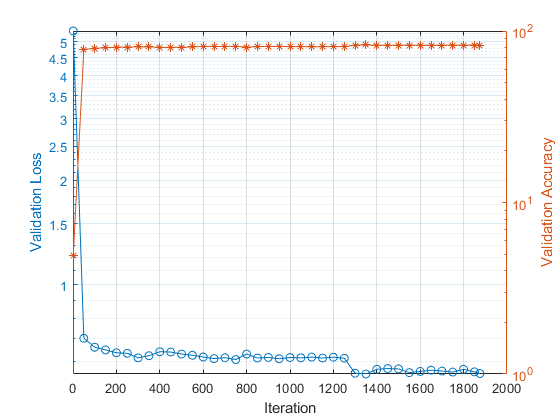
idx = find(~isnan(validAcc));

yyaxis right; semilogy(idx, validAcc(idx), '\*-')

ylabel('Validation Accuracy')

grid on

xlabel('Iteration')



**2. Simulate the BLER performance comparing Trained (8,8) Autoencoder, (2,2) Theoretical Uncoded QPSK & (8,8) Theoretical Uncoded QPSK**

simParams.SignalPower = 1;

simParams.EbNoVec = 0:0.5:10

simParams = *struct with fields:*

EbNoVec: [0 0.5000 1 1.5000 2 2.5000 3 3.5000 4 4.5000 5 5.5000 6 6.5000 7 7.5000 8 8.5000 9 9.5000 10]

MinNumErrors: 10

MaxNumFrames: 300

NumSymbolsPerFrame: 10000

SignalPower: 1

ae88eBLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet(5),rxNet(5),simParams)

ae88eBLER = 1×21

0.3968 0.3395 0.2752 0.2183 0.1775 0.1236 0.0916 ⋯

figure

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae88eBLER)

hold on

qpsk22BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^2;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk22BLERTh,'--o')

qpsk88BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^8;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk88BLERTh,'--\*')

hold off

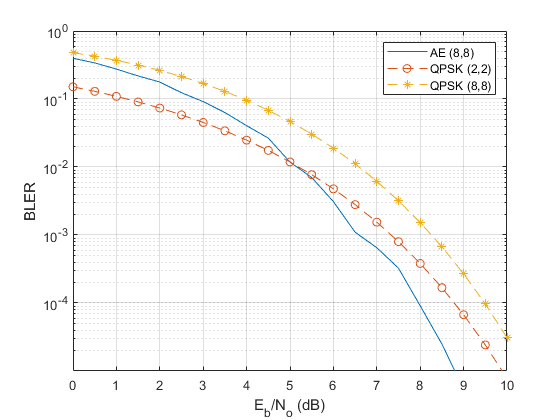
ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('AE (8,8)', 'QPSK (2,2)', 'QPSK (8,8)')



# Train (7,4) Autoencoder with Energy Normalization

## **1. Train (7,4) Autoencoder**

Train a (7,4) autoencoder with energy normalization. Set training  to 3 dB.

n = 7;

k = 4;

normalization = 'Energy';

EbNo = 3;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 20\*2^k;

[txNet(6),rxNet(6),infoTemp,trainedNet(6)] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n,k,normalization,EbNo);

infoTemp.n = n;

infoTemp.k = k;

infoTemp.EbNo = EbNo;

infoTemp.Normalization = normalization;

info = infoTemp;

Plot constellation. For all M possible input symbols, get the output of the normalization layer. Map the real samples to complex samples by using odd samples as real part (in-phase) and even samples as imaginary part (quadrature). Also, plot the t-SNE mapped 2-D constellation.

figure

subplot(1,2,1)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(6))

subplot(1,2,2)

helperAEWPlotConstellation(trainedNet(6),'t-sne')

A diagram of different types of graphs

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

Plot training progress.

figure

validLoss = info.ValidationLoss;

idx = find(~isnan(validLoss));

yyaxis left; semilogy(idx, validLoss(idx), 'o-')

ylabel('Validation Loss')

validAcc = info.ValidationAccuracy;

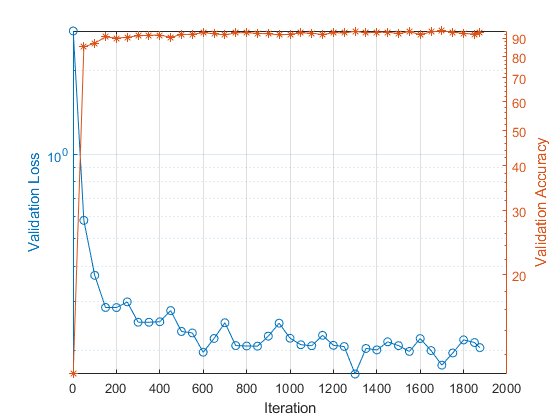
idx = find(~isnan(validAcc));

yyaxis right; semilogy(idx, validAcc(idx), '\*-')

ylabel('Validation Accuracy')

grid on

xlabel('Iteration')



## **2. Simulate the BLER performance comparing Trained (7,4) Autoencoder, (7,4) Hamming** hard decision decoding **& (7,4) Hamming** maximum likelihood decoding

ae74eBLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet(6),rxNet(6),simParams);

berHamming = bercoding(simParams.EbNoVec,'hamming','hard',7);

blerHamming = 1-(1-berHamming).^7;

load codedBLERResults hammingML74BLER

figure

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae74eBLER)

hold on

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,blerHamming)

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,hammingML74BLER)

hold off

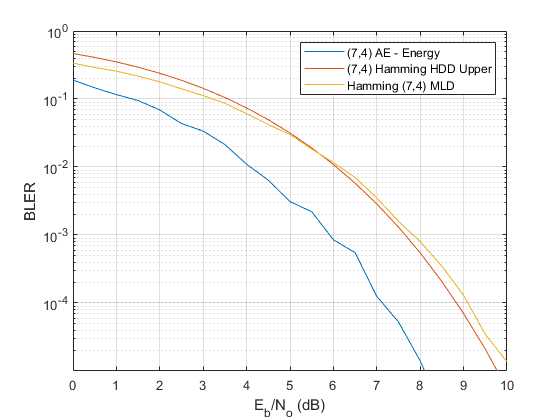
ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('(7,4) AE - Energy', '(7,4) Hamming HDD Upper', 'Hamming (7,4) MLD')



**Compare BLER Performance of Autoencoders with Coded and Uncoded QPSK(MAX\_ERROR = 10)**

simulate the BLER performance of autoencoders with R=1 with that of uncoded QPSK systems. Use uncoded (2,2) and (8,8) QPSK as baselines. Compare BLER performance of these systems with that of (2,2), (4,4) and (8,8) autoencoders.

qpsk22BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^2;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk22BLERTh,':\*')

hold on

qpsk88BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^8;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk88BLERTh,':o')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae22eBLER,'-o')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae44eBLER,'-d')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae88eBLER,'-s')

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

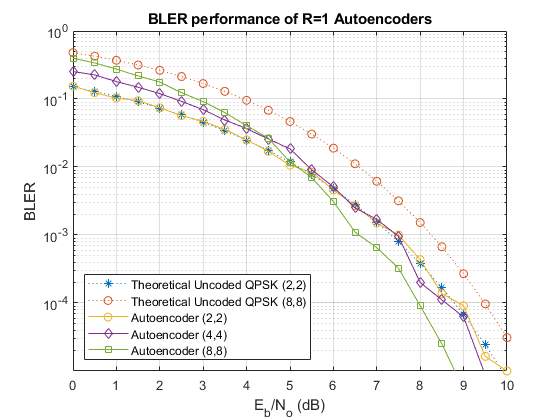
xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('Theoretical Uncoded QPSK (2,2)','Theoretical Uncoded QPSK (8,8)', ...

'Autoencoder (2,2)','Autoencoder (4,4)','Autoencoder (8,8)','Location','southwest')

title('BLER performance of R=1 Autoencoders')



Simulate the BLER performance of a (7,4) autoencoder with that of (7,4) Hamming code with QPSK modulation for both hard decision and maximum likelihood (ML) decoding. Use uncoded (4,4) QPSK as a baseline. (4,4) uncoded QPSK is basically a QPSK modulated system that sends blocks of 4 bits and measures BLER.

figure

qpsk44BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^4;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk44BLERTh,':\*')

hold on

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,blerHamming,'--s')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae74eBLER,'-')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,hammingML74BLER,'--d')

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('Theoretical Uncoded QPSK (4,4)','Hamming (7,4) Hard Decision', ...

'Autoencoder (7,4)','Hamming (7,4) ML','Location','southwest')

title('BLER comparison of (7,4) Autoencoder')

A graph of a graph with numbers and symbols

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

**Compare BLER Performance of Autoencoders with Coded and Uncoded QPSK(MAX\_ERROR = 100)**

simulate the BLER performance of autoencoders with R=1 with that of uncoded QPSK systems. Use uncoded (2,2) and (8,8) QPSK as baselines. Compare BLER performance of these systems with that of (2,2), (4,4) and (8,8) autoencoders.

load uncodedBLERResults.mat

qpsk22BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^2;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk22BLERTh,':\*')

hold on

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk88BLER,'--\*')

qpsk88BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^8;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk88BLERTh,':o')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae22eBLER,'-o')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae44eBLER,'-d')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae88eBLER,'-s')

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

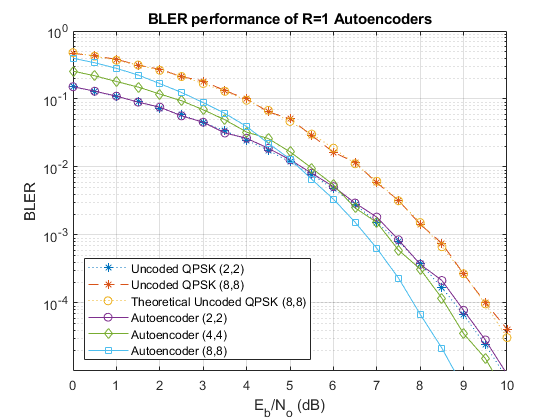
xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('Uncoded QPSK (2,2)','Uncoded QPSK (8,8)','Theoretical Uncoded QPSK (8,8)', ...

'Autoencoder (2,2)','Autoencoder (4,4)','Autoencoder (8,8)','Location','southwest')

title('BLER performance of R=1 Autoencoders')



*While the Bit Error Rate (BER) remains constant for QPSK in both (8,8) and (2,2) cases, the Block Error Rate (BLER) is influenced by the block length, worsening as n increases according to BLER=1−(1−BER)^n. As anticipated, the BLER performance of (8,8) QPSK is inferior to the (2,2) QPSK system. The (2,2) autoencoder mirrors the BLER performance of (2,2) QPSK. In contrast, (4,4) and (8,8) autoencoders optimize both channel coding and constellation, yielding a coding gain over corresponding uncoded QPSK systems.*

Simulate the BLER performance of a (7,4) autoencoder with that of (7,4) Hamming code with QPSK modulation for both hard decision and maximum likelihood (ML) decoding. Use uncoded (4,4) QPSK as a baseline. (4,4) uncoded QPSK is basically a QPSK modulated system that sends blocks of 4 bits and measures BLER.

load codedBLERResults.mat

figure

qpsk44BLERTh = 1-(1-berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec,'psk',4,'nondiff')).^4;

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk44BLERTh,':\*')

hold on

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,qpsk44BLER,':o')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,hammingHard74BLER,'--s')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,ae74eBLER,'-')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec,hammingML74BLER,'--d')

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

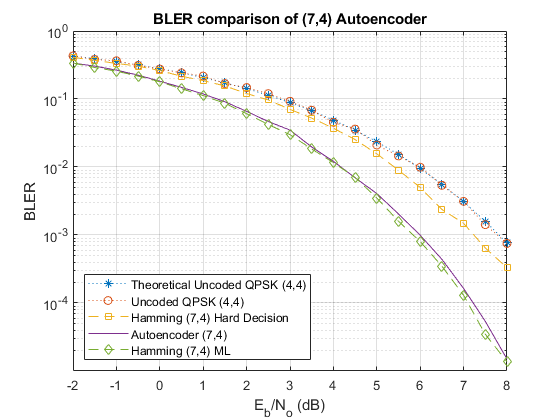
xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('Theoretical Uncoded QPSK (4,4)','Uncoded QPSK (4,4)','Hamming (7,4) Hard Decision', ...

'Autoencoder (7,4)','Hamming (7,4) ML','Location','southwest')

title('BLER comparison of (7,4) Autoencoder')



***The Block Error Rate (BLER) findings illustrate the capacity of autoencoders to autonomously acquire joint coding and modulation strategies. Remarkably, training an autoencoder with a coding rate (R) of 1 can yield a coding gain compared to conventional approaches. Additionally, the example underscores the impact of hyperparameters, specifically Eb/No, on BLER performance.***

## Performance Evaluation of Uncoded QAM and Autoencoded (8,8) in a Communication System

This study investigates the Block Error Rate (BLER) performance of Uncoded Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM) alongside an Autoencoder with an (8,8) code rate. The comparison extends to various uncoded modulation schemes, including 64-QAM, QPSK, and 16-QAM. By analyzing BLER against different signal-to-noise ratios, the research aims to assess how the Autoencoder enhances the reliability of communication in comparison to traditional uncoded modulation techniques. The findings contribute insights into the potential benefits of employing autoencoding schemes for robust and efficient data transmission in communication systems.

qam16BLERTh = berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec, 'qam', 16);

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec, qam16BLERTh, '-d', 'DisplayName', 'Uncoded 16-QAM');

hold on

% Add lines for additional modulation schemes

qam16BLERTh = berawgn(simParams.EbNoVec, 'qam', 64);

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec, qam16BLERTh, '-d', 'DisplayName', 'Uncoded 16-QAM');

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec, qpsk88BLER, '--\*')

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec, ae88eBLER, '-s')

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

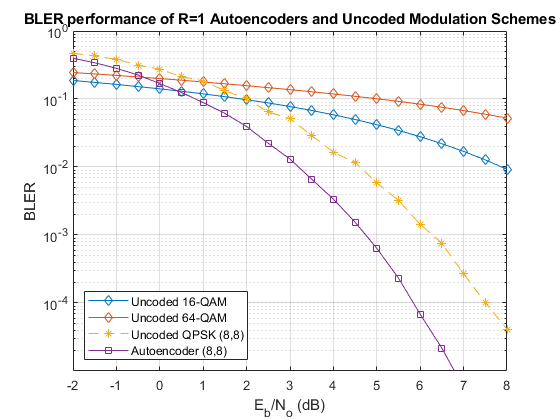
xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend('Uncoded 16-QAM', 'Uncoded 64-QAM', 'Uncoded QPSK (8,8)', ...

'Autoencoder (8,8)', 'Location', 'southwest')

title('BLER performance of R=1 Autoencoders and Uncoded Modulation Schemes')



## Performance Comparison of (7,4) Autoencoder with Reed-Solomon Coding (7,4).

This comparison evaluates the Block Error Rate (BLER) performance of an (7,4) Autoencoder in the presence of different channel coding schemes. The Autoencoder is benchmarked against Reed-Solomon Coding (7,4). The simulation explores how these coding techniques impact the robustness of data transmission in a communication system. The results, presented in terms of BLER against varying signal-to-noise ratios, provide insights into the effectiveness of different coding strategies, aiding in the selection of the most suitable method for reliable data transmission in practical communication scenarios.

load uncodedBLERResults.mat

% Reed-Solomon Coding

rsCodingBLER = bercoding(simParams.EbNoVec, 'RS','hard',7,4,'qam',16);

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec, rsCodingBLER, 'DisplayName', 'Reed-Solomon Coding');

hold on

semilogy(simParams.EbNoVec, ae74eBLER)

hold off

ylim([1e-5 1])

grid on

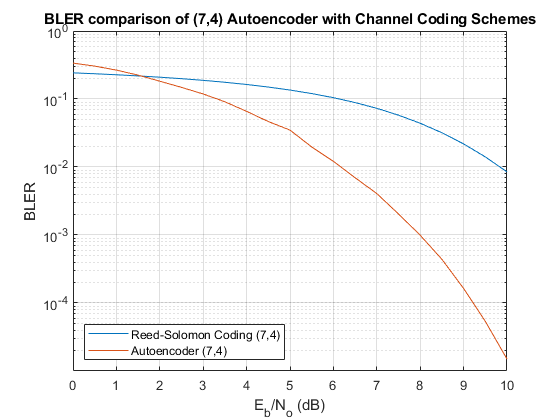
xlabel('E\_b/N\_o (dB)')

ylabel('BLER')

legend( 'Reed-Solomon Coding (7,4)', ...

'Autoencoder (7,4)', 'Location', 'southwest')

title('BLER comparison of (7,4) Autoencoder with Channel Coding Schemes')



## Function for Calculate the BLER of Autoencoders

The function calculates the Block Error Rate (BLER) for trained autoencoders by simulating communication through an AWGN channel. It evaluates the performance based on a specified maximum error limit, offering insights into the robustness of the trained autoencoder.

function BLER = helperAEWAutoencoderBLER(txNet, rxNet, simParams)

M = txNet.Layers(1).InputSize;

k = log2(M);

n = rxNet.Layers(1).InputSize;

EbNoVec = simParams.EbNoVec;

R = k / n;

numSymbolsPerFrame = simParams.NumSymbolsPerFrame;

BLER = zeros(size(EbNoVec));

for EbNoIdx = 1:length(EbNoVec)

EbNo = EbNoVec(EbNoIdx) + 10 \* log10(R);

chan = comm.AWGNChannel("BitsPerSymbol", 2, ...

"EbNo", EbNo, "SamplesPerSymbol", 1, ...

"SignalPower", simParams.SignalPower);

numBlockErrors = 0;

frameCnt = 0;

while (numBlockErrors < simParams.MinNumErrors) ...

&& (frameCnt < simParams.MaxNumFrames)

d = randi([0 M-1], numSymbolsPerFrame, 1);

xComplex = helperAEWEncode(d, txNet);

yComplex = chan(xComplex);

dHat = helperAEWDecode(yComplex, rxNet);

numBlockErrors = numBlockErrors + sum(d ~= dHat);

frameCnt = frameCnt + 1;

end

BLER(EbNoIdx) = numBlockErrors / (frameCnt \* numSymbolsPerFrame);

end

end

## Function for Define and Train the Autoencoders

The function defines and trains an autoencoder for wireless communication, allowing it to learn efficient encoding and decoding strategies. It uses random data to simulate training and validation, providing a versatile tool for exploring joint coding and modulation schemes in communication systems.

function [txNet, rxNet, info, trainedNet] = TrainWirelessAutoencoder(n, k, normalization, EbNo, varargin)

% Derived parameters

M = 2^k;

R = k/n;

if nargin > 4

trainParams = varargin{1};

else

trainParams.MaxEpochs = 15;

trainParams.MiniBatchSize = 20\*M;

trainParams.InitialLearnRate = 0.01;

trainParams.LearnRateSchedule = 'piecewise';

trainParams.LearnRateDropPeriod = 10;

trainParams.LearnRateDropFactor = 0.1;

trainParams.Plots = 'none';

trainParams.Verbose = false;

end

% Convert Eb/No to channel Eb/No values using the code rate

EbNoChannel = EbNo + 10\*log10(R);

% As the number of possible input symbols increase, we need to increase the number of training symbols

numTrainSymbols = 2500 \* M;

numValidationSymbols = 100 \* M;

% Define autoencoder network.

wirelessAutoEncoder = [

featureInputLayer(M, 'Name', 'One-hot input', 'Normalization', 'none')

fullyConnectedLayer(M, 'Name', 'fc\_1')

reluLayer('Name', 'relu\_1')

fullyConnectedLayer(n, 'Name', 'fc\_2')

helperAEWNormalizationLayer('Method', normalization)

helperAEWAWGNLayer('NoiseMethod', 'EbNo', 'EbNo', EbNoChannel, 'BitsPerSymbol', 2, 'SignalPower', 1)

fullyConnectedLayer(M, 'Name', 'fc\_3')

reluLayer('Name', 'relu\_2')

fullyConnectedLayer(M, 'Name', 'fc\_4')

softmaxLayer('Name', 'softmax')

classificationLayer('Name', 'classoutput')

];

% Generate random training data. Create one-hot input vectors and labels.

d = randi([0 M-1],numTrainSymbols,1);

trainSymbols = zeros(numTrainSymbols,M);

trainSymbols(sub2ind([numTrainSymbols, M],...

(1:numTrainSymbols)',d+1)) = 1;

trainLabels = categorical(d);

% Generate random validation data. Create one-hot input vectors and labels.

d = randi([0 M-1],numValidationSymbols,1);

validationSymbols = zeros(numValidationSymbols,M);

validationSymbols(sub2ind([numValidationSymbols, M],...

(1:numValidationSymbols)',d+1)) = 1;

validationLabels = categorical(d);

% Set training options

options = trainingOptions('adam', ...

'InitialLearnRate',trainParams.InitialLearnRate, ...

'MaxEpochs',trainParams.MaxEpochs, ...

'MiniBatchSize',trainParams.MiniBatchSize, ...

'Shuffle','every-epoch', ...

'ValidationData',{validationSymbols,validationLabels}, ...

'LearnRateSchedule', trainParams.LearnRateSchedule, ...

'LearnRateDropPeriod', trainParams.LearnRateDropPeriod, ...

'LearnRateDropFactor', trainParams.LearnRateDropFactor, ...

'Plots', trainParams.Plots, ...

'Verbose', trainParams.Verbose);

% Train the autoencoder network

[trainedNet,info] = trainNetwork(trainSymbols,trainLabels,wirelessAutoEncoder,options);

% Separate the network into encoder and decoder parts. Encoder starts with

% the input layer and ends after the normalization layer.

for idxNorm = 1:length(trainedNet.Layers)

if isa(trainedNet.Layers(idxNorm), 'helperAEWNormalizationLayer')

break

end

end

lgraph = addLayers(layerGraph(trainedNet.Layers(1:idxNorm)), regressionLayer('Name', 'txout'));

lgraph = connectLayers(lgraph, 'wnorm', 'txout');

txNet = assembleNetwork(lgraph);

% Decoder starts after the channel layer and ends with the classification

% layer. Add a feature input layer at the beginning.

for idxChan = idxNorm:length(trainedNet.Layers)

if isa(trainedNet.Layers(idxChan), 'helperAEWAWGNLayer')

break

end

end

firstLayerName = trainedNet.Layers(idxChan+1).Name;

n = trainedNet.Layers(idxChan+1).InputSize;

lgraph = addLayers(layerGraph(featureInputLayer(n, 'Name', 'rxin')), trainedNet.Layers(idxChan+1:end));

lgraph = connectLayers(lgraph, 'rxin', firstLayerName);

rxNet = assembleNetwork(lgraph);

end