Notation

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$\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \ldots$	Tensors
$A, B, C, \ldots, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \ldots, \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C}, \ldots$	Sets

2 Signals and functions

2.1 Time indexing

$x(t)$	Continuous-time t
$x[n], x[k], x[m], x[i], \ldots$ $x_n, x_k, x_m, x_i, \ldots$ $x(n), x(k), x(m), x(i), \ldots$	Discrete-time $n, k, m, i, \ldots$ (parenthesis should be adopted only if there are no continuous-time signals in the context to avoid ambiguity)
$x\left[((n-m))_N\right]$ [25], $x\left((n-m)\right)_N$ [19]	Circular shift in m samples within a N-samples window

2.2 Common signals

$\delta(t)$	Delta function
$\delta[n], \delta_{i,j}$	Kronecker function ($n = i - j$)
$h(t), h[n]$	Impulse response (continuous and discrete time)
$\tilde{x}[n], \tilde{x}(t)$	Periodic discrete- or continuous-time signal
$\hat{x}[n], \hat{x}(t)$	Estimate of $x[n]$ or $x(t)$
$\dot{x}[m]$	Interpolation of $x[n]$

2.3 Common functions

$\mathcal{O}(\cdot), O(\cdot)$	Big-O notation
$\Gamma(\cdot)$	Gamma function
$Q(\cdot)$	Quantization function
$\mathrm{sgn}(\cdot)$	Signum function
$\tanh(\cdot)$	Hyperbolic tangent function
$I_\alpha(\cdot)$	Modified Bessel function of the first kind and order α

$\begin{pmatrix} n \\ k \end{pmatrix}$	Binomial coefficient

2.4 Operations and symbols

$f : A \to B$	A function f whose domain is A and codomain is B
$\mathbf{f} : A \to \mathbb{R}^n$	A vector-valued function $\mathbf{f}$, i.e., $n \geq 2$
$f^n, x^n(t), x^n[k]$	nth power of the function f, $x[n]$ or $x(t)$
$f^{(n)}, x^{(n)}(t)$	nth derivative of the function f or $x(t)$
$f', f^{(1)}, x'(t)$	1th derivative of the function f or $x(t)$
$f'', f^{(2)}, x''(t)$	2th derivative of the function f or $x(t)$
$\arg\max\limits_{x \in \mathcal{A}} f(x)$	Value of x that minimizes x
$\arg\min\limits_{x \in \mathcal{A}} f(x)$	Value of x that minimizes x
$f(\mathbf{x}) = \inf\limits_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{A}} g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$	Infimum, i.e., $f(\mathbf{x}) = \min\{g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mid \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{A} \wedge (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathrm{dom}(g)\}$, which is the greatest lower bound of this set [6]
$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sup\limits_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{A}} g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$	Supremum, i.e., $f(\mathbf{x}) = \max\{g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mid \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{A} \wedge (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathrm{dom}(g)\}$, which is the least upper bound of this set [6]
$f \circ g$	Composition of the functions f and g
$*$	Convolution (discrete or continuous)
$\circledast$ [12], $Ⓝ$ [25]	Circular convolution

2.5 Transformations

W_N	Twiddle factor, $e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$ [19]
$\mathcal{F}\{\cdot\}$	Fourier transform
$\mathcal{L}\{\cdot\}$	Laplace transform
$\mathcal{Z}\{\cdot\}$	z-transform
$\hat{x}(t), \hat{x}[n]$	Hilbert transform of $x(t)$ or $x[n]$
$X(s)$	Laplace transform of $x(t)$

$X(f)$	Fourier transform (FT) (in linear frequency, Hz) of $x(t)$
$X(j\omega)$	Fourier transform (FT) (in angular frequency, rad/sec) of $x(t)$
$X(e^{j\omega})$	Discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT) of $x[n]$
$X[k], X(k), X_k$	Discrete Fourier transform (DFT) or fast Fourier transform (FFT) of $x[n]$, or even the Fourier series (FS) of the periodic signal $x(t)$
$\tilde{X}[k], \tilde{X}(k), \tilde{X}_k$	Discrete Fourier series (DFS) of $\tilde{x}[n]$
$X(z)$	z-transform of $x[n]$

3 Probability, statistics, and stochastic processes

3.1 Operators and symbols

$\mathrm{E}[\cdot]$, $\mathbf{E}[\cdot]$ [24], $E[\cdot]$, $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$	Statistical expectation operator [11]
$\mathrm{E}_u[\cdot]$, $\mathbf{E}_u[\cdot]$ [24], $E_u[\cdot]$, $\mathbb{E}_u[\cdot]$	Statistical expectation operator with respect to u
$\langle\cdot\rangle$	Ensemble average
$\mathrm{var}[\cdot]$, $\mathrm{VAR}[\cdot]$	Variance operator [5, 18, 23, 27]
$\mathrm{var}_u[\cdot][\cdot]$, $\mathrm{VAR}_u[\cdot]$	Variance operator with respect to u
$\mathrm{cov}[\cdot]$, $\mathrm{COV}[\cdot]$	Covariance operator [5]
$\mathrm{cov}_u[\cdot]$, $\mathrm{COV}_u[\cdot]$	Covariance operator with respect to u
μ_x	Mean of the random variable x
$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}}$	Mean vector of the random variable $\mathbf{x}$ [7]
μ_n	nth-order moment of a random variable
σ_x^2, κ_2	Variance of the random variable x
$\mathcal{K}_x, \mu_4$	Kurtosis (4th-order moment) of the random variable x
κ_n	nth-order cumulant of a random variable
$\rho_{x,y}$	Pearson correlation coefficient between x and y
$a \sim P$	Random variable a with distribution P
$\mathcal{R}$	Rayleigh's quotient

3.2 Stochastic processes

$r_x(\tau), R_x(\tau)$	Autocorrelation function of the signal $x(t)$ or $x[n]$ [24]
$S_x(f), S_x(j\omega)$	Power spectral density (PSD) of $x(t)$ in linear (f) or angular (ω) frequency
$S_{x,y}(f), S_{x,y}(j\omega)$	Cross PSD of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ in linear or angular (ω) frequency
$\mathbf{R_x}$	(Auto)correlation matrix of $\mathbf{x}(n)$
$r_{x,d}(\tau), R_{x,d}(\tau)$	Cross-correlation between $x[n]$ and $d[n]$ or $x(t)$ and $d(t)$ [24]
$\mathbf{R_{xy}}$	Cross-correlation matrix of $\mathbf{x}(n)$ and $\mathbf{y}(n)$
$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}d}$	Cross-correlation vector between $\mathbf{x}(n)$ and $d(n)$ [**dinizAdaptiveFiltering1997**]
$c_x(\tau), C_x(\tau)$	Autocovariance function of the signal $x(t)$ or $x[n]$ [24]
$\mathbf{C_x}, \mathbf{K_x}, \mathbf{\Sigma_x}, \text{cov}[\mathbf{x}]$	(Auto)covariance matrix of $\mathbf{x}$ [5, 18, 23, 27, 34]
$c_{xy}(\tau), C_{xy}(\tau)$	Cross-covariance function of the signal $x(t)$ or $x[n]$ [24]
$\mathbf{C_{xy}}, \mathbf{K_{xy}}, \mathbf{\Sigma_{xy}}$	Cross-covariance matrix of $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}$

3.3 Functions

$Q(\cdot)$	Q-function, i.e., $P[\mathcal{N}(0,1) > x]$ [27]
$\text{erf}(\cdot)$	Error function [27]
$\text{erfc}(\cdot)$	Complementary error function i.e., $\text{erfc}(x) = 2Q(\sqrt{2}x) - \text{erf}(x)$ [27]
$P[A]$	Probability of the event or set A [23]
$p(\cdot), f(\cdot)$	Probability density function (PDF) or probability mass function (PMF) [23]
$p(x \mid A)$	Conditional PDF or PMF [23]
$F(\cdot)$	Cumulative distribution function (CDF)
$\Phi_x(\omega), M_x(j\omega), E\left[e^{j\omega x}\right]$	First characteristic function (CF) of x [27, 33]
$M_x(t), \Phi_x(-jt), E\left[e^{tx}\right]$	Moment-generating function (MGF) of x [27, 33]
$\Psi_x(\omega), \ln\Phi_x(\omega), \ln E\left[e^{j\omega x}\right]$	Second characteristic function
$K_x(t), \ln E\left[e^{tx}\right], \ln M_x(t)$	Cumulant-generating function (CGF) of x [18]

3.4 Distributions

$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	Gaussian distribution of a random variable with mean μ and variance σ^2
$\mathcal{CN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	Complex Gaussian distribution of a random variable with mean μ and variance σ^2
$\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$	Gaussian distribution of a vector random variable with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$
$\mathcal{CN}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$	Complex Gaussian distribution of a vector random variable with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$
$\mathcal{U}(a, b)$	Uniform distribution from a to b
$\chi^2(n), \chi_n^2$	Chi-square distribution with n degree of freedom (assuming that the Gaussians are $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$)
$\mathrm{Exp}(\lambda)$	Exponential distribution with rate parameter λ
$\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$	Gamma distribution with shape parameter α and rate parameter β
$\Gamma(\alpha, \theta)$	Gamma distribution with shape parameter α and scale parameter $\theta = 1/\beta$
$\mathrm{Nakagami}(m, \Omega)$	Nakagami-m distribution with shape parameter or fading figure m and spread, scale, or shape parameter $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$
$\mathrm{Rayleigh}(\sigma)$	Rayleigh distribution with scale parameter σ
$\mathrm{Rayleigh}(\boldsymbol{\Omega})$	Rayleigh distribution with the second moment $\boldsymbol{\Omega} = E\left[x^2\right] = 2\sigma^2$
$\mathrm{Rice}(s, \sigma)$	Rice distribution with noncentrality parameter s and σ. s^2 represent the specular component power
$\mathrm{Rice}(A, K)$	Rice distribution with Rice factor $K = s^2/2\sigma^2$ and scale parameter $A = s^2 + 2\sigma^2$

4 Machine learning, optimization theory, and statistical signal processing

4.1 Matrix Calculus

$\mathbf{g}, \nabla f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$	Gradient descent vector, "used" in the steepest (or gradient) descent method
$\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{x}}, \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$	Gradient descent vector with respect $\mathbf{w}$ [5]
$\mathbf{J}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^{\top}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$	Jacobian matrix.
$\mathbf{H}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \mathbf{w}^2}, \nabla^2 f$ [17]	Hessian matrix. The notation ∇^2 is sometimes used in Matrix Calculus to denote the second-order vector derivative. However, it must be avoided since, in Vector Calculus, ∇^2 also denotes the Laplacian operator which in turn may be scalar or vector Laplacian operator depending on whether f is scalar- or vector-valued, respectively. Some discussion about can be found in [1–3]

4.2 Estimated terms

$\mathbf{g}$ (or $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$ if the gradient vector is $\mathbf{g}$)	Stochastic gradient descent (SGD), i.e., instantaneous approximation of gradient descent vector
$\hat{x}(t)$ or $\hat{x}[n]$	Estimate of $x(t)$ or $x[n]$
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_x, \hat{\mathbf{m}}_x$	Sample mean of $x[n]$ or $x(t)$
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{\mathbf{x}}$	Sample mean vector of $\mathbf{x}[n]$ or $\mathbf{x}(t)$
$\hat{r}_x(\tau), \hat{R}_x(\tau)$	Estimated autocorrelation function of the signal $x(t)$ or $x[n]$ [24]
$\hat{S}_x(f), \hat{S}_x(j\omega)$	Estimated power spectral density (PSD) of $x(t)$ in linear (f) or angular (ω) frequency
$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{x}}$	Sample (auto)correlation matrix
$\hat{r}_{x,d}(\tau), \hat{R}_{x,d}(\tau)$	Estimated cross-correlation between $x[n]$ and $d[n]$ or $x(t)$ and $d(t)$
$\hat{S}_{x,y}(f), \hat{S}_{x,y}(j\omega)$	Estimated cross PSD of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ in linear or angular (ω) frequency
$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{xy}}$	Sample cross-correlation matrix of $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xy}}$
$\hat{c}_x(\tau), \hat{C}_x(\tau)$	Estimated autocovariance function of the signal $x(t)$ or $x[n]$
$\hat{\mathbf{C}}_{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\mathbf{x}}$	Sample (auto)covariance matrix
$\hat{c}_{xy}(\tau), \hat{C}_{xy}(\tau)$	Estimated cross-covariance function of the signal $x(t)$ or $x[n]$

$\hat{\mathbf{C}}_{\mathrm{xy}}, \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{\mathrm{xy}}, \hat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_{\mathrm{xy}}$	Sample cross-covariance matrix
$\hat{\mathbf{H}}$	Estimate of the Hessian matrix

4.3 Signals, (hyper)parameters, system performance, and criteria

N	Number of instances (or samples), i.e., $n \in \{1, 2, \ldots, N\}$
N_e	Number of epochs
N_a	Number os attributes
K	Number of classes
$\mathbf{x}(n), \mathbf{x}_n$	Input signal
$\mathbf{y}(n), \mathbf{y}_n$	Output signal ($y(n)$ or y_n if the desired signal is scalar)
$d(n), d_n$	Desired label (in case of supervised learning; $d(n)$ or d_n if the desired signal is scalar)
$e(n), e_n$	Error signal
$\hat{\mathbf{y}}(n), \hat{\mathbf{y}}_n$	Alternative output signal
$\mathbf{y}(n), \mathbf{y}_n$	Alternative desired signal if the output is $\mathbf{y}(n), \mathbf{y}_n$
$\mathbf{w}(n), \mathbf{w}_n, \boldsymbol{\theta}(n), \boldsymbol{\theta}_n$	Parameters, coefficients, or weights vector
$w_0(n), b(n)$	Bias (the first term of the weight vector)
$v(n), \mathbf{w}^\top(n)\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{n})$	Induced local field [5] (also called weighted input, or net input)
$\mathbf{w}_o, \mathbf{w}^\star, \boldsymbol{\theta}_o, \boldsymbol{\theta}^\star$	Optimum value of the parameters, coefficients, or weights vector ($\mathbf{w}^*$ is also used [5] but it is not recommended as it may be confused with the conjugation operator)
$\mathbf{W}$	Matrix of the weights
$\mathbf{X}, \boxed{\mathbf{x}(1) \quad \mathbf{x}(2) \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{x}(N)}$	Data matrix
$\eta(n)$	Learning rate hyperparameter [5]
$\mathscr{R}$	Bayes risk or average risk [5]
c_{ij}, C_{ij}	Misclassification cost in deciding in favor of class $\mathscr{C}_i$ (represented in the subspace $\mathscr{H}_i$) when the $\mathscr{C}_j$ is the true class (used in Bayes classifiers/detectors) [5, 8]
$\mathscr{C}_k$	kth class [5]

$\mathscr{T}$	Training set, i.e., the set $\{\mathbf{x}(n), d(n)\}$ that is used in the training phase [5]
$\mathscr{H}_k$	Subspace of the training vector belonging to the class $\mathscr{C}_k$
$\mathscr{H}$	Complete space of the input vector, i.e., $\mathscr{H}_1 \cup \mathscr{H}_2 \cup \cdots \mathscr{H}_K$
$\varphi(\cdot)$	Activation function
$\mathscr{E}(\mathbf{w}), \mathscr{E}(\mathbf{w}(n)), \mathscr{E}(n)$	Cost function or objective function (the way it is written depends on the purpose of the text)
$J(\mathbf{w}), J(\mathbf{w}(n)), J(n)$	Alternative to the cost function
$\Delta\mathscr{E}(\mathbf{w}(n)), \Delta\mathscr{E}(n), \mathscr{E}(\mathbf{w}(n+1)) - \mathscr{E}(\mathbf{w}(n))$	Cost function or objective function (the way it is written depends on the purpose of the text)
$\mathscr{E}_{\mathrm{av}}(\cdot)$	Error energy averaged over the training sample or the empirical risk [5]
$\Lambda(\cdot)$	Likelihood function
$\Lambda_l(\cdot)$	Log-likelihood function
$\hat{\rho}_{x,y}$	Estimated Pearson correlation coefficient between x and y
ρ	Distance of the margin of separation between two classes (Support Vector Machine, SVM)
$g(\cdot)$	Discriminant function, i.e., $g(\mathbf{w}^\star) = 0$

5 Linear Algebra

5.1 Common matrices and vectors

$\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{D}$	Diagonal matrix
$\mathbf{P}$	Projection matrix; Permutation matrix
$\mathbf{J}$	Jordan matrix
$\mathbf{L}$	Lower matrix
$\mathbf{U}$	Upper matrix
$\mathbf{C}$	Cofactor matrix
$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{A}}, \operatorname{cof}(\mathbf{A})$	Cofactor matrix of $\mathbf{A}$
$\mathbf{S}$	Symmetric matrix
$\mathbf{Q}$	Orthogonal matrix
$\mathbf{I}_N$	$N \times N$-dimensional identity matrix
$\mathbf{0}_{M \times N}$	$M \times N$-dimensional null matrix
$\mathbf{0}_N$	N-dimensional null vector

$\mathbf{1}_{M\times N}$	$M \times N$-dimensional ones matrix
$\mathbf{1}_N$	N-dimensional ones vector
$\mathbf{0}$	Null matrix, vector, or tensor (dimensionality understood by context)
$\mathbf{1}$	Ones matrix, vector, or tensor (dimensionality understood by context)

5.2 Indexing

$x_{i_1,i_2,\dots,i_N}, [\mathcal{X}]_{i_1,i_2,\dots,i_N}$	Element in the position $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N)$ of the tensor $\mathcal{X}$
$\mathcal{X}^{(n)}$	nth tensor of a nontemporal sequence
$\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_{:n}$	nth column of the matrix X
$\mathbf{x}_{n:}$	nth row of the matrix X
$\mathbf{x}_{i_1,\dots,i_{n-1},:,i_{n+1},\dots,i_N}$	Mode-n fiber of the tensor $\mathcal{X}$
$\mathbf{x}_{:,i_2,i_3}$	Column fiber (mode-1 fiber) of the thrid-order tensor $\mathcal{X}$
$\mathbf{x}_{i_1,:,i_3}$	Row fiber (mode-2 fiber) of the thrid-order tensor $\mathcal{X}$
$\mathbf{x}_{i_1,i_2,:}$	Tube fiber (mode-3 fiber) of the thrid-order tensor $\mathcal{X}$
$\mathbf{X}_{i_1,:,:}$	Horizontal slice of the thrid-order tensor $\mathcal{X}$
$\mathbf{X}_{:,i_2,:}$	Lateral slices slice of the thrid-order tensor $\mathcal{X}$
$\mathbf{X}_{i_3}, \mathbf{X}_{:,:,i_3}$	Frontal slices slice of the thrid-order tensor $\mathcal{X}$

5.3 General operations

$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle, \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$	Inner or dot product
$\mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^\top$	Outer product
$\otimes$	Kronecker product
$\odot$	Hadamard (or Schur) (elementwise) product
$.^{\odot n}$	nth-order Hadamard power
$.^{\odot \frac{1}{n}}$	nth-order Hadamard root
$\oslash$	Hadamard (or Schur) (elementwise) division
$\diamond$	Khatri-Rao product
$\otimes$	Kronecker Product
$\times_n$	n-mode product

5.4 Operations with matrices and tensors

$\mathbf{A}^{-1}$	Inverse matrix
$\mathbf{A}^{+}, \mathbf{A}^{\dagger}$	Moore-Penrose left pseudoinverse
$\mathbf{A}^{\top}, \mathbf{A}^{T}, \mathbf{A}^{t}, \mathbf{A}'$ [30]	Transpose
$\mathbf{A}^{-\top}$	Transpose of the inverse, i.e., $\left(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\right)^{\top} = \left(\mathbf{A}^{\top}\right)^{-1}$ [15, 26]
$\mathbf{A}^{*}$	Complex conjugate
$\mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{H}}$	Hermitian
$\lVert\mathbf{A}\rVert_{\mathrm{F}}$	Frobenius norm
$\lVert\mathbf{A}\rVert$	Matrix norm
$\lvert\mathbf{A}\rvert, \det(\mathbf{A})$	Determinant
$\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{A})$	The elements in the diagonal of $\mathbf{A}$
$\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{A}]$	Vectorization: stacks the columns of the matrix $\mathbf{A}$ into a long column vector
$\mathbf{E}_d[\mathbf{A}]$	Extracts the diagonal elements of a square matrix and returns them in a column vector
$\mathbf{E}_l[\mathbf{A}]$	Extracts the elements strictly below the main diagonal of a square matrix in a column-wise manner and returns them into a column vector
$\mathbf{E}_u[\mathbf{A}]$	Extracts the elements strictly above the main diagonal of a square matrix in a column-wise manner and returns them into a column vector
$\mathbf{E}_b[\mathbf{A}]$	Block vectorization operator: stacks square block matrices of the input into a long block column matrix
$\operatorname{unvec}(\mathbf{A})$	Reshapes a column vector into a matrix
$\operatorname{tr}\{\mathbf{A}\}$	trace
$\mathbf{X}_{(n)}$	n-mode matricization of the tensor $\mathcal{X}$

5.5 Operations with vectors

$\lVert\mathbf{a}\rVert$	l_1 norm, 1-norm, or Manhattan norm
$\lVert\mathbf{a}\rVert, \lVert\mathbf{a}\rVert_2$	l_2 norm, 2-norm, or Euclidean norm
$\lVert\mathbf{a}\rVert_p$	l_p norm, p-norm, or Minkowski norm
$\lVert\mathbf{a}\rVert_\infty$	l_∞ norm, ∞-norm, or Chebyshev norm

$\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{a})$	Diagonalization: a square, diagonal matrix with entries given by the vector $\mathbf{a}$

5.6 Decompositions

$\mathbf{\Lambda}$	Eigenvalue matrix [32]
$\mathbf{Q}$	Eigenvectors matrix; Orthogonal matrix of the QR decomposition[32]
$\mathbf{R}$	Upper triangular matrix of the QR decomposition[32]
$\mathbf{U}$	Left singular vectors[32]
$\mathbf{U}_r$	Left singular nondegenerated vectors
$\mathbf{\Sigma}$	Singular value matrix
$\mathbf{\Sigma}_r$	Singular value matrix with nonzero singular values in the main diagonal
$\mathbf{\Sigma}^+$	Singular value matrix of the pseudoinverse [32]
$\mathbf{\Sigma}_r^+$	Singular value matrix of the pseudoinverse with nonzero singular values in the main diagonal
$\mathbf{V}$	Right singular vectors [32]
$\mathbf{V}_r$	Right singular nondegenerated vectors
$\operatorname{eig}(\mathbf{A})$	Set of the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}$ [9, 23, 26]
$[\![\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \ldots]\!]$	CANDECOMP/PARAFAC (CP) decomposition of the tensor $\mathcal{X}$ from the outer product of column vectors of $\mathbf{A}$, $\mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{C}, \ldots$
$[\![\boldsymbol{\lambda}; \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \ldots]\!]$	Normalized CANDECOMP/PARAFAC (CP) decomposition of the tensor $\mathcal{X}$ from the outer product of column vectors of $\mathbf{A}$, $\mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{C}, \ldots$

5.7 Spaces and sets

5.7.1 Common spaces and sets

$\mathbb{R}$	Set of real numbers
$[a, b]$	Closed interval of a real set from a to b

(a, b)	Opened interval of a real set from a to b
$[a, b), (a, b]$	Half-opened intervals of a real set from a to b
$\mathbb{C}$	Set of complex numbers
$\mathbb{Z}$	Set of integer number
$\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$	Discrete set containing the integer elements $1, 2, \ldots, n$
$\mathbb{B} = \{0, 1\}$	Boolean set
$\varnothing$	Empty set
$\mathbb{N}$	Set of natural numbers
$\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$	Real or complex space (field)
$\mathbb{K}^{I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_N}$	$I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_N$-dimensional real (or complex) space
$\mathbb{K}_+$	Nonnegative real (or complex) space [6]
$\mathbb{K}_{++}$	Positive real (or complex) space, i.e., $\mathbb{K}_{++} = \mathbb{K}_+ \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ [6]
U	Universe
2^A	Power set of A

5.7.2 Convex sets (or spaces)

$\mathbb{S}^n$ [10], $\mathcal{S}^n$ [6]	Conic set of the symmetric matrices in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
$\mathbb{S}^n_+$, $\mathcal{S}^n_+$	Conic set of the symmetric positive semidefinite matrices in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ [6]
$\mathbb{S}^n_{++}, \mathcal{S}^n_{++}$	Conic set of the symmetric positive definite matrices in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, i.e., $\mathbb{S}^n_{++} = \mathbb{S}^n_+ \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ [6]
$\mathbb{H}^n$	Set of all hermitian matrices in $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$
$\operatorname{conv} C$	Convex hull
$\operatorname{aff} C$	Affune hull
$\mathcal{R}$	Ray
$\mathcal{H}$	Hyperplane
$\mathcal{H}_+, \mathcal{H}_-$	Positive/negative halfspace
$B(\mathbf{x}_c, r)$	Euclidean ball with radium r and centered at $\mathbf{x}_c$
$\mathcal{E}$	Ellipsoid
C	Norm cone
K	Proper cone
K^*	Dual cone
$\mathcal{P}$	Polyhedra

S	Simplex
C_α	α-sublevel set
epi f	Epigraph of the function f
hypo f	Hypograph of the function f

5.7.3 Spaces from matrices or vectors

$\operatorname{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$	Vector space spanned by the argument vectors [15]
$\mathrm{C}(\mathbf{A})$, columnspace($\mathbf{A}$), range($\mathbf{A}$), span$\{\mathbf{A}\}$, image($\mathbf{A}$)	Columnspace, range or image, i.e., the space span $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$, where $\mathbf{a}_i$ is the ith column vector of the matrix $\mathbf{A}$ [24, 32]
$\mathrm{C}(\mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{H}})$	Row space (also called left columnspace) [24, 32]
$\mathrm{N}(\mathbf{A})$, nullspace($\mathbf{A}$), null($\mathbf{A}$), kernel($\mathbf{A}$)	Nullspace (or kernel space) [24, 32, 33]
$\mathrm{N}(\mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{H}})$	Left nullspace
rank $\mathbf{A}$	Rank, that is, $\dim(\operatorname{span}\{\mathbf{A}\}) = \dim(\mathrm{C}(\mathbf{A}))$ [24]
nullity ($\mathbf{A}$)	Nullity of $\mathbf{A}$, i.e., $\dim(\mathrm{N}(\mathbf{A}))$

5.8 Set operations

$A + B$	Set addition (Minkowski sum), i.e., $\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y},\ \forall\ \ \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \wedge \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}\}$ [21]
$A - B$	Minkowski difference, i.e., $\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y},\ \forall\ \ \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \wedge \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}\}$
$A \ominus B$	Pontryagin difference, i.e., $\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{X},\ \forall\ \ \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}\}$ [21]
$A \setminus B, A - B$	Set difference or set subtraction, i.e., $A \setminus B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$ the set containing the elements of A that are not in B [29]
$A \cup B$	Set of union
$A \cap B$	Set of intersection
$A \times B$	Cartesian product
A^n	$\underbrace{A \times A \times \cdots \times A}_{n \text{ times}}$
$A^\perp$	Orthogonal complement of A, e.g., $\mathrm{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathrm{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)^\perp$ [6]

$\mathbf{a} \perp \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{a}$ is orthogonal to $\mathbf{b}$
$\mathbf{a} \not\perp \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{a}$ is not orthogonal to $\mathbf{b}$
$A \oplus B$	Direct sum, i.e., each $\mathbf{v} \in \{\sum \mathbf{a}_i \mid \mathbf{a}_i \in S_i, i = 1, \ldots, k\}$ has a unique representation of $\sum \mathbf{a}_i$ with $\mathbf{a}_i \in S_i$. That is, they expand to a space. Note that $\{S_i\}$ might not be orthogonal each other [15]
$A \overset{\perp}{\oplus} B$	Direct sum of two spaces that are orthogonal and span a n-dimensional space, e.g., $\mathrm{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) \overset{\perp}{\oplus} \mathrm{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)^\perp = \mathbb{R}^n$ (this decomposition of $\mathbb{R}^n$ is called the orthogonal decomposition induced by $\mathbf{A}$) [6]
$\bar{A}, A^c$	Complement set (given U)
$\#A, \|A\|$	Cardinality of A
$a \in A$	a is element of A
$a \notin A$	a is not element of A

5.9 Inequalities

$\mathcal{X} \le 0$	Nonnegative tensor
$\mathbf{a} \preceq_K \mathbf{b}$	Generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a}$ belongs to the conic subset K in the space $\mathbb{R}^n$[6]
$\mathbf{a} \prec_K \mathbf{b}$	Strict generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a}$ belongs to the interior of the conic subset K in the space $\mathbb{R}^n$[6]
$\mathbf{a} \preceq \mathbf{b}$	Generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a}$ belongs to the nonnegative orthant conic subset, $\mathbb{R}^n_+$, in the space $\mathbb{R}^n$.[6]
$\mathbf{a} \prec \mathbf{b}$	Strict generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a}$ belongs to the positive orthant conic subset, $\mathbb{R}^n_{++}$, in the space $\mathbb{R}^n$[6]
$\mathbf{A} \preceq_K \mathbf{B}$	Generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A}$ belongs to the conic subset K in the space $\mathbb{S}^n$[6]
$\mathbf{A} \prec_K \mathbf{B}$	Strict generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A}$ belongs to the interior of the conic subset K in the space $\mathbb{S}^n$[6]

$\mathbf{A} \preceq \mathbf{B}$	Generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A}$ belongs to the positive semidefinite conic subset, $\mathbb{S}^n_+$, in the space $\mathbb{S}^n$[6]
$\mathbf{A} \prec \mathbf{B}$	Strict generalized inequality meaning that $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A}$ belongs to the positive orthant conic subset, $\mathbb{S}^n_{++}$, in the space $\mathbb{S}^n$[6]

6 Communication systems

6.1 Symbols

B	One-sided bandwidth of the transmitted signal, in Hz
W	One-sided bandwidth of the transmitted signal, in rad/s
x_i	Real or in-phase part of x
x_q	Imaginary or quadrature part of x
f_c, f_{RF}	Carrier frequency (in Hertz)
f_L	Carrier frequency in L-band (in Hertz)
f_{IF}	Intermediate frequency (in Hertz)
f_s	Sampling frequency or sampling rate (in Hertz)
T_s	Sampling time interval/duration/period
R	Bit rate
T	Bit interval/duration/period
T_c	Chip interval/duration/period
T_{sy}, T_{sym}	Symbol/signaling[27] interval/duration/period
s_{RF}	Transmitted signal in RF
s_{FI}	Transmitted signal in FI
s, s_l	Lowpass (or baseband) equivalent signal or envelope complex of transmitted signal
r_{RF}	Received signal in RF
r_{FI}	Received signal in FI
r, r_l	Lowpass (or baseband) equivalent signal or envelope complex of received signal
ϕ	Signal phase

ϕ_0	Initial phase
η_{RF}, w_{RF}	Noise in RF
η_{FI}, w_{FI}	Noise in FI
η, w	Noise in baseband
τ	Timing delay
$\Delta\tau$	Timing error (delay - estimated)
φ	Phase offset
$\Delta\varphi$	Phase error (offset - estimated)
f_d	Linear Doppler frequency
Δf_d	Frequency error (Doppler frequency - estimated)
ν	Angular Doppler frequency
$\Delta\nu$	Frequency error (Doppler frequency - estimated)
γ, A	Transmitted signal amplitude
γ_0, A_0	Combined effect of the path loss and antenna gain

6.2 Fading multipath channels

$t \overset{\mathcal{F}}{\leftrightarrow} \lambda$	Support temporal of the signal. λ is obtained after taking the Fourier transform on t.
$\tau \overset{\mathcal{F}}{\leftrightarrow} f$	Second support temporal of the signal ($c(t)$ varies with with the input at the time τ). f is obtained after taking the Fourier transform on τ.
$c(t,\tau)$	Complex envelope of the channel response at the time t due to an impulse applied at the $t-\tau$
$C(f,t)$	Transfer function of $c(t,\tau)$ in τ
$\alpha(t,\tau)$	Attenuation of $c(t,\tau)$, i.e., $c(t,\tau) = \alpha(t,\tau)e^{e\pi f_c\tau}$
$R_c(\tau_1,\tau_2,\Delta t)$	Autocorrelation function of $c(t,\tau)$, i.e., $R_c(\tau_1,\tau_2,\Delta t) = \mathrm{E}\left[c^*(t,\tau_1), c^*(t+\Delta t,\tau_2)\right]$
$R_c(\tau,\Delta t)$	Autocorrelation function of $c(t,\tau)$ assuming uncorrelated scattering
$R_c(\tau)$, $R_c(\tau,\Delta t)\big\rvert_{\Delta t=0}$	Multipath intensity profile or delay power spectrum

$R_C(\Delta f, \Delta t), R_C(f_1, f_2; \Delta t)$, $\mathrm{E}\left[C(f_1, t), C(f_2, t+\Delta t)\right]$, $\mathcal{F}_\tau\left\{R_c(\tau, \Delta t)\right\}$	Spaced-frequency, spaced-time correlation function ($\Delta f = f_2 - f_1$)
$R_C(\Delta f)$, $R_C(\Delta f, \Delta t)\big\|_{\Delta t=0}$, $\mathcal{F}\left\{R_c(\tau)\right\}$	Spaced-frequency correlation function
$(\Delta f)_c$	Coherence bandwidth of $c(t)$, that is, the frequency interval in which $R_C(\Delta f)$ is nonzero
T_m	Multipath spread of the channel, that is, the time interval in which $R_c(\tau)$ is nonzero ($T_m \approx 1/(\Delta f)_c$)
$R_C(\Delta t)$, $R_C(\Delta f, \Delta t)\big\|_{\Delta f=0}$	Spaced-time correlation function
$S_C(\lambda), \mathcal{F}\left\{R_C(\Delta t)\right\}$	Doppler power spectrum
$(\Delta t)_c$	Coherence time of $c(t)$, that is, the time interval in which $R_C(\Delta t)$ is nonzero
B_m	Multipath spread of the channel, that is, the frequency interval in which $S_c(\lambda)$ is nonzero ($B_d \approx 1/(\Delta t)_c$)
$S_C(\tau, \lambda), \mathcal{F}_{\Delta f, \Delta t}\left\{R_C(\Delta f, \Delta t)\right\}$	Scattering function

7 Discrete mathematics

7.1 Quantifiers, inferences

$\forall$	For all (universal quantifier) [16]
$\exists$	There exists (existential quantifier) [16]
$\nexists$	There does not exist [16]
$\exists!$	There exist an unique [16]
$\in$	Belongs to [16]
$\notin$	Does not belong to [16]
$\because$	Because [16]
$\|, :$	Such that, sometimes that parentheses is used [16]
$, , (\cdot)$	Used to separate the quantifier with restricted domain from its scope, e.g., $\forall\ x < 0\left(x^2 > 0\right)$ or $\forall\ x < 0, x^2 > 0$ [16]
$\therefore$	Therefore [16]

7.2 Propositional Logic

$\neg a$	Logical negation of a [29]
$a \wedge b$	Conjunction (logical AND) operator between a and b[29]
$a \vee b$	Disjunction (logical OR) operator between a and b[29]
$a \oplus b$	Exclusive OR (logical XOR) operator between a and b[29]
$a \rightarrow b$	Implication (or conditional) statement[29]
$a \leftrightarrow b$	Bi-implication (or biconditional) statement, i.e., $(a \rightarrow b) \wedge (b \rightarrow a)$ [29]
$a \equiv b, a \iff b, a \Leftrightarrow b$	Logical equivalence, i.e., $a \leftrightarrow b$ is a tautology[29]

7.3 Operations

$\lvert a \rvert$	Absolute value of a
log	Base-10 logarithm or decimal logarithm
ln	Natual logarithm
$\mathrm{Re}\{x\}$	Real part of x
$\mathrm{Im}\{x\}$	Imaginary part of x
$\angle \cdot$	Phase (complex argument)
$x \bmod y$	Remainder, i.e., $x - y\lfloor x/y \rfloor$, for $y \neq 0$
$x \operatorname{div} y$	Quotient [29]
$x \equiv y \pmod{m}$	Congruent, i.e., $m \backslash (x - y)$ [29]
$\mathrm{frac}\,(x)$	Fractional part, i.e., $x \bmod 1$ [16]
$a \backslash b$, $a \mid b$	b is a positive integer multiple of a, i.e., $\exists\, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{++} \mid b = na$ [16, 29]
$a \not\backslash b$, $a \nmid b$	b is not a positive integer multiple of a, i.e., $\nexists\, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{++} \mid b = na$ [16, 29]
$\lceil \cdot \rceil$	Ceiling operation [16]
$\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$	Floor operation [16]

8 Vector Calculus

∇	Vector differential operator (Nabla symbol), i.e., ∇f is the gradient of the scalar-valued function f, i.e., $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$t, (u, v)$	Parametric variables commonly used, t for one variable, (u, v) for two variables[31]
$\mathrm{d}\mathbf{l}, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}$	Vector position, i.e., (x, y, z). Stewart [31] utilizes the letter $\mathbf{r}$ to denote it, but it appears in many electromagnetics books as $\mathrm{d}\mathbf{l}$
$\mathbf{l}(t)$	Vector position parametrized by t, i.e., $(x(t), y(t), z(t))$ [28, 31]
$\mathbf{l}'(t), \mathrm{d}\mathbf{l}/\mathrm{d}t$	First derivative of $\mathbf{l}(t)$, i.e., the tangent vector of the curve $(x(t), y(t), z(t))$ [31]
$\mathbf{T}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)$	Tangent unit vector of $\mathbf{l}(t)$, i.e., $\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{l}'(t)/\lvert\mathbf{l}'(t)\rvert$[22, 31]
$\mathbf{n}(t), \left(\frac{y'(t)}{\lvert\mathbf{l}'(t)\rvert}, -\frac{x'(t)}{\lvert\mathbf{l}'(t)\rvert}\right)$	Normal vector of $\mathbf{l}(t)$, i.e., $\mathbf{n}(t) \perp \mathbf{T}(t)$[31]
C	Contour that traveled by $\mathbf{l}(t)$, for $a \leq t \leq b$ [31]
$L, L(C)$	Total length of the contour C (which can be defined the vector $\mathbf{l}$, parametrized by t), i.e., $L_C = \int_a^b \lvert\mathbf{l}'(t)\rvert\,\mathrm{d}t$[31]
$s(t)$	Length of the arc, which can be defined by the vector $\mathbf{l}$ and t, that is, $s(t) = \int_a^t \lvert\mathbf{l}'(u)\rvert\,\mathrm{d}u$ $(s(b) = L)$[31]
$\mathrm{d}s$	Differential operator of the length of the contour C, i.e., $\mathrm{d}s = \lvert\mathbf{l}'(t)\rvert\,\mathrm{d}t$ [31]
$\int_C f(\mathbf{l})\,\mathrm{d}s, \int_a^b f(\mathbf{l}(t))\lvert\mathbf{l}'(t)\rvert\,\mathrm{d}t$	Line integral of the function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ along the contour C [4, 31]
$\int_C \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathrm{d}\mathbf{l}, \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{l}(t))\cdot\mathbf{l}'(t)\,\mathrm{d}t, \int_C \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathbf{T}\,\mathrm{d}s$	Line integral of vector field $\mathbf{F}$ along the contour C [4, 31]
$\int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{F}, \int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathrm{d}\mathbf{l}$	Alternative notation to the line integral, where the parametric variable t goes from a to b, making r goes from $\mathbf{l}(a) = \mathbf{a}$ to $\mathbf{l}(b) = \mathbf{b}$ [4]
$\oint_C, \oint_C$	Line integral along the closed contour C (the arrow indicates the contour integral orientation, which is counterclockwise, by default)
$\oiint_S$	Surface integral over the closed surface S

$\mathbf{l}(u,v)$	Vector position $(x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v))$ parametrized by (u,v)
$\mathbf{l}_u$	$(\partial x/\partial u, \partial y/\partial u, \partial z/\partial u)$
$\mathbf{l}_v$	$(\partial x/\partial v, \partial y/\partial v, \partial z/\partial v)$
$\mathrm{d}A$	Differential operator of a 2D area (denoted by D or R) in the $\mathbb{R}^2$ domain. This differential operator can be solved in different ways (rectangular, polar, cylindric, etc) [31]
D, R	Integration domain in which $\mathrm{d}A$ is integrated, i.e., $\iint_D f \,\mathrm{d}A$ [31]
S	Smooth surface S, i.e., a 2D area in a 3D space ($\mathbb{R}^3$ domain)
$\mathrm{d}S\,, \lvert\mathbf{l}_u \times \mathbf{l}_v\rvert\,\mathrm{d}A$	Differential operator of a 2D area in a 3D domain (an surface). Note that $\mathrm{d}S = \lvert\mathbf{l}_u \times \mathbf{l}_v\rvert\,\mathrm{d}A$ should be accompanied with the change of the integration interval(from S to D)
$A(S), \iint_S \mathrm{d}S\,, \iint_D \lvert\mathbf{l}_u \times \mathbf{l}_v\rvert\,\mathrm{d}A$	Area of the surface S parametrized by (u,v), in which $\mathrm{d}A$ is the area defined in the D domain (which is form by the u-by-v graph)
$\mathrm{d}V$	Differential operator of a shape volume (denoted by E) in $\mathbb{R}^3$ domain, i.e., $\iiint_E \mathrm{d}V = V$
E	Integration domain in which $\mathrm{d}V$ is integrated, i.e., $\iiint_E f\,\mathrm{d}V$ [31]
$V, \iint_D f\,\mathrm{d}A\,, \iiint_E f\,\mathrm{d}V$	Volume of the function f over the regions D (in the case of double integrals) or E (in the case of triple integrals)
$\iint_S f\,\mathrm{d}S\,, \iint_D f\lvert\mathbf{l}_u \times \mathbf{l}_v\rvert\,\mathrm{d}A$	Surface integral over S
$\mathbf{n}(u,v), \frac{\mathbf{l}_u(u,v)\times\mathbf{l}_v(u,v)}{\lvert\mathbf{l}_u(u,v)\times\mathbf{l}_v(u,v)\rvert}$	Normal vector of of the smooth surface S
$\iint_S \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathbf{n}\,\mathrm{d}S\,, \iint_S \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathrm{d}\mathbf{S}\,,$ $\iint_D \mathbf{F}\cdot(\mathbf{l}_u \times \mathbf{l}_v)\,\mathrm{d}A$	Flux integral of vector field $\mathbf{F}$ through the smooth surface S ($\mathbf{n}\,\mathrm{d}S \triangleq \mathrm{d}\mathbf{S}$)
$\oiint_S \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathbf{n}\,\mathrm{d}S\,, \oiint_S \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathrm{d}\mathbf{S}\,,$ $\iint_D \mathbf{F}\cdot(\mathbf{l}_u \times \mathbf{l}_v)\,\mathrm{d}A$	Flux integral of vector field $\mathbf{F}$ through the smooth and closed surface S ($\mathbf{n}\,\mathrm{d}S \triangleq \mathrm{d}\mathbf{S}$)
$\nabla\times\mathbf{F}$, curl $\mathbf{F}$	Curl (rotacional) of the vector field $\mathbf{F}$
$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{F}$, div $\mathbf{F}$	Divercence of the vector field $\mathbf{F}$

$\nabla^2 f, \nabla \cdot (\nabla f), \Delta f$, $\partial^2 f/\partial x^2 + \partial^2 f/\partial y^2 + \partial^2 f/\partial z^2$	Scalar Laplacian operator (performed on a scalar-valued function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$)
$\nabla^2 \mathbf{F}, \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{F} - \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}), \Delta \mathbf{F}$, $(\partial^2 \mathbf{F}/\partial x^2, \partial^2 \mathbf{F}/\partial y^2, \partial^2 \mathbf{F}/\partial z^2)$	Vector Laplacian operator (performed on a vector field, i.e., a vector-valued function, $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$). ∇^2 denotes the scalar (vector) Laplacian if the function is scalar-valued (vector-valued). The notation Δ must be avoided as it is overused in many contexts

9 Electromagnetic waves

$\mathbf{\Phi}$	Electric flux (scalar) (in V m)
$\mathbf{J}$	Electric current density vector (in $\mathrm{A/m^2}$)
$\mathbf{H}$	Magnetic field vector (in A/m)
$\mathbf{B}$	Magnetic flux density vector (in $\mathrm{Wb/m^2} = \mathrm{T}$)
q_{free}	Free electric charge (in C)
q_{bound}	Bound electric charge (in C)
$q, q_{\text{free}} + q_{\text{bound}}$	Electric charge (in C)
ρ_{free}	Free electric charge density
ρ_{bound}	Electric charge density
$\rho, \rho_{\text{free}} + \rho_{\text{bound}}$	Electric charge density (it can be in $\mathrm{C/m^3}, \mathrm{C/m^2}$ or C/m depending whether it is a volume, surface, or line shapes)
$\mathbf{f}$	Electrostatic force (Coulomb force), (in $\mathrm{kg\,m/s^2}$)
ε	Electric permittivity(in F/m) [28]
ε_r	Relative electric permittivity or dielectric constant (in F/m) [28]
ε_0	Electric permittivity in vacuum, 8.854×10^{-12} F/m [28]
$\mathbf{E}$	Electric field vector (in V/m)
$\mathbf{D}$	Electric flux density, electric displacement, or electric induction vector (in $\mathrm{C/m^2}$)
$\Phi_D, \Psi, \oiint_S \mathbf{D}\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{S}$	Electric flux (**D**-filed flux) [13]
$\Phi_E, \oiint_S \mathbf{E}\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{S}$	Electric flux (**E**-filed flux) [14]

$\mathbf{P}$	Electric polarization of the material (in C/m^2)
χ_e	Electric susceptibility (for linear and isotropic materials)
μ	Magnetic permeability
μ_0	Magnetic permeability in vacuum

10 Generic mathematical symbols

$\blacksquare$	Q.E.D.
$\triangleq$	Equal by definition
$:=, \leftarrow$	Assignment [29]
$\neq$	Not equal
∞	Infinity
j	$\sqrt{-1}$

11 Abbreviations

PS: Only names of techniques and algorithms or usual abbreviations are considered.

wrt.	With respect to
st.	Subject to
iff.	If and only if
EVD	Eigenvalue decomposition, or eigendecomposition [24]
SVD	Singular value decomposition
CP	CANDECOMP/PARAFAC
SGD	Stochastic gradient descent
SVM	Support vector machine
BPNN	Backpropagation neural network [20]
RBF	Radial basis function

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