

# ber\_sbceo.m

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## Abstract

The function `ber_sbceo()` represent the formulation of Bit Error Rate (*BER*) in the symmetric binary CEO problem.

## 1 Introduction

The function `ber_sbceo()` in the m-file `ber_sbceo.m` is defined as:

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E = ber_sbceo(Ps,M);
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This function represent the formulation of *BER* in the symmetric binary CEO problem.

$$BER = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{M}{2} \rfloor + 1}^M \binom{M}{k} (1 - P_s)^{M-k} P_s^k & \text{if } M \text{ odd} \\ \sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{M}{2} \rfloor + 1}^M \binom{M}{k} (1 - P_s)^{M-k} P_s^k & \text{if } M \text{ even} \\ + 0.5 \binom{M}{\frac{M}{2}} (1 - P_s)^{\frac{M}{2}} P_s^{\frac{M}{2}} & \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

This form is showed in [1], a similar form is presented in [2, 3].

### 1.1 Working with the probability $BER = P(\hat{U}_0 \neq U_0)$

In [2, 3] is considered a maximum a posteriori (*MAP*) fusion rule  $f(\Omega_M)$ , where the output value  $\hat{u}_0$  of  $\hat{U}_0$  is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_0 &= \arg_{u_0} \max P(U_0 | \Omega_M) \\ &\equiv \arg_{u_0} \max P(\Omega_M | U_0) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Thus, considering that  $m_0$  is the number of zeros in  $\Omega_M$ , the decision is simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_0 &= 1 \\ m_0 &\geq \lfloor \frac{M}{2} \rfloor \\ &< \\ \hat{u}_0 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In this expression is considered that if  $M$  is even and  $m_0 = M/2$ , the decision is arbitrarily assume that  $\hat{u}_0 = 1$ , so that  $P(\hat{U}_0 \neq U_0)$  is  $BER = 0.5$  [ $P(\hat{u}_0 =$

$$0|u_0 = 1) + P(\hat{u}_0 = 1|u_0 = 0)],$$

$$BER = 0.5 \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{M}{2} \rfloor - 1} \binom{M}{k} (1 - P_s)^k P_s^{M-k} + 0.5 \sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{M}{2} \rfloor}^M \binom{M}{k} (1 - P_s)^{M-k} P_s^k \quad (4)$$

where,  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the floor function and the value  $BER$  only is valid for values of  $P_s \leq 1/2$ <sup>1</sup>. The Equation (4) can be sort as (1).

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<sup>1</sup>Here is important note that in [2, 3] your value  $\rho$  is equal to  $1 - P_s$  here, and your result is for  $\rho > 0.5$