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## I. NOTATIONS

The Transmitter energy arrival instants are marked by  $t_i$ 's with energy  $E_i^T$  while the receiver energy arrivals are marked by  $r_i$ 's with energy  $E_i^R$  for  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ . The receiver spends  $P$  amount of power to be *on* and no power when it is *off*. Hence each energy arrival  $E_i^R$  can be viewed as it adds  $T_i^R = \frac{E_i^R}{P}$  amount of time for which the receiver can be *on*. The maximum amount of time for which the receiver (and hence the Transmitter) can be *on* till time ' $t$ ' is given by function  $T^R(\cdot)$ . It can be easily seen that  $T^R(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{r_i \leq t} T_i^R$ . Similarly the maximum energy harvested at the transmitter till time ' $t$ ' is given by function  $E^T(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{t_i \leq t} E_i^T$ . The rate of bits transmission with power ' $p$ ', given by function  $g(\cdot)$  is assumed to follow the following properties as proposed in [1]

$$P1) g(0) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1)$$

$$P2) g(x) \text{ is concave in nature with } x. \quad (2)$$

$$P3) g(x) \text{ is increasing with } x. \quad (3)$$

$$P4) g(x)/x \text{ is monotonically decreasing with } x. \quad (4)$$

For convenience of presentation, we also follow the following convention : we use the notation  $\stackrel{L1}{=}$  or  $\stackrel{(1)}{=}$  or  $\stackrel{P1}{=}$  or  $\stackrel{T1}{=}$  to indicate that the equality " $=$ " follows from Lemma 1 / Equation (1) / Property 1 / Theorem 1 respectively (same for inequalities).

## II. OPTIMAL OFFLINE ALGORITHM

Before describing and proving the optimal algorithm we state the following lemmas which would be useful in later proofs

**Lemma 1.** *The transmitted power in an optimal solution is non-decreasing with time whenever the receiver is on.*

*Proof.* We prove this by contradiction. The following two cases arise according to the receiver being *on* or *off*.

*Case1 :* Assume that the transmit power is  $p_1$  from time  $A$  to  $B$  and then  $p_2$  from  $B$  to  $C$  with  $p_1 > p_2$  and the receiver is *on* throughout time  $A$  to  $C$  as shown in figure 1. In this case suppose we transmit at a power  $p' = \frac{p_1(B-A) + p_2(C-B)}{C-A}$  then the number of bits transmitted would be more over the same time duration due

to concavity of  $g(p)$  as shown below.

$$g(p_1) \frac{B-A}{C-A} + g(p_2) \frac{C-B}{C-A} \leq g\left(\frac{p_1(B-A) + p_2(C-B)}{C-A}\right) \quad (5)$$

$$\implies g(p')(C-A) \geq g(p_1)(B-A) + g(p_2)(C-B) \quad (6)$$

As we can transmit more number of bits during  $C-A$  with power  $p'$  we could save total transmission time since we would have lesser number of bits left to transmit after time  $C$ . Hence this case cannot be optimal.

*Case2 :* The receiver is *off* for certain duration (say from  $B$  to  $C$ ) of time during  $A$  to  $D$  as shown in figure 1. The transmission power is  $p_1$  from  $A$  to  $B$  and  $p_2$  from  $C$  to  $D$ . Now consider the case where keeping everything else intact we put the receiver *off* from instant  $A$  to  $A+C-B$  and keep transmission from  $A+C-B$  to  $D$ . This would always be feasible from the receiver point as energy with the receiver can only be non-decreasing with time. This scenario now boils down to *case-1* from time  $A+C-B$  to  $D$  and hence cannot be optimal.  $\square$

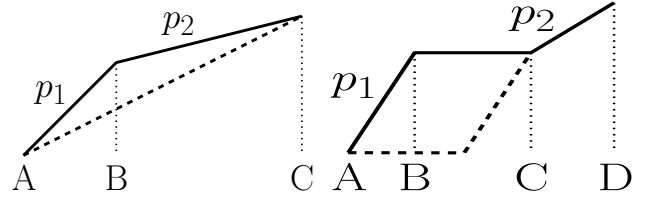


Fig. 1. Figure showing the two cases of Lemma 1, case 1 [left] case2 [right] with  $p_1 > p_2$

**Lemma 2.** *In an optimal solution once transmission has started the receiver is never off until transmission is complete.*

*Proof.* This is equivalent to saying there is no-breaks during transmission in optimal solution. We again prove this by contradiction. Keeping intact Lemma 1 the only case in which this can occur is the transmitter transmits with power  $p_1$  from time  $A$  to  $B$  and then the receiver is *off* from  $B$  to  $C$ , again the transmitter is *on* with power  $p_2$  from time  $C$  to  $D$  with  $p_1 < p_2$  as shown in figure . Consider the case where we keep the receiver *off* from time  $A$  to  $B' = A + C - B$ . Now, an energy arrival can occur at the transmitter anywhere between  $A$  to  $D$ . If there is no energy arrival then transmitting at a constant rate from  $B'$  to  $D$  would transmit more number of bits.

*case-1 :* If the energy arrival is between  $A$  and  $B'$ , then it can be easily seen that transmitting at a constant rate from  $B'$  to  $D$  would be better due to concavity of  $g(p)$ .

*case-2 :* If the arrival is between  $B'$  and  $C$  (say  $C'$ ), then it can be easily seen that transmitting at a same rate  $p_1$  from

$B'$  to  $C'$  and at a constant rate from  $C'$  to  $D$  would deliver more number of bits. (At worst case energy arrival occurring at  $C$  would make this scenario transmit equal number of bits as the original scenario).

*case – 3*: If there is an energy arrival from  $C$  to  $D$  (say  $D'$ ), then transmitting at a constant power from  $B'$  to  $D'$  and then at same rate  $p_2$  from  $D'$  to  $D$  would fetch more number of bits at the receiver.

Applying the above scenarios iteratively we could shift the receiver off duration  $C - B$  to the beginning of transmission and still at worst case transmit equal number of bits in same time duration. Hence having a break in-between transmission is always discouraged. We can also see that the optimal solution may not be unique.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *In the optimal solution we consider transmit power can only change at energy arrival of transmitter once transmission has started.*

*Proof.* Keeping in mind Lemma 1 and 2 its proof becomes same as the one for Lemma 2, [1].  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *If the receiver has enough energy to stay on for  $T$  time, then either the transmitter will transmit for the entire duration  $T$  or the transmitter will begin transmission at  $t=0$ .*

*Proof.* We will prove this by contradiction. Suppose the optimal transmission policy does not begin transmitting at time  $T$  and transmits for a duration  $T' < T$ .

Let  $p_1$  be the first power of transmission in this policy. If we reduce this slightly to  $p_1 - \delta p$ , we will have transmitted more bits by time  $s_{i_{n-1}}$ , where  $s_{i_{n-1}}$  is the last energy arrival epoch when the transmission power changes.

Therefore at the end we can transmit with a power  $p'_n > p_n$  (see figure) and complete our transmission at an earlier time. Thus optimally we can keep lowering our first transmission power until we either exhaust our transmission duration  $T$  or we hit the origin.  $\square$

Suppose we are given a transmission duration  $T$ . Our goal is to find a transmission policy so we can minimise the time at which the transmission is completed. To do this, we shall first find a feasible solution and keep improving upon it, until we have a solution that follows all our lemmas. First, we need an initial feasible solution to start with. For this, we find the minimum energy required by the transmitter so that the transmission can be completed. That is, the first  $n$  such that

$$Tg\left(\frac{\sum_{i=0}^n E_i}{T}\right) \geq B_0$$

Let  $\tilde{T}$  be the time duration such that

$$\tilde{T}g\left(\frac{\sum_{i=0}^n E_i}{\tilde{T}}\right) = B_0$$

Let  $\tilde{p} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n E_i}{\tilde{T}}$ . We try to transmit with this power starting at  $t=0$ . If it is feasible, we are done and our transmission is completed in  $\tilde{T}$  time.

If not, we try to start the transmission as early as possible, such that the transmission is feasible. This transmission curve, will intersect the total energy arrival curve at at least one epoch.

Now, we try to improve upon this policy. Let  $Q$  be the first point where our transmission curve intersects the energy arrival curve.

**Lemma 5.**  *$Q$  lies in every optimal transmission curve.*

*Proof.* We shall prove this by contradiction. Let the start and end times of the straight line transmission curve described above be  $R$  and  $S$ . We make the following claims:

**Claim 1:** Every optimal transmission policy begins transmission at or before time  $R$

Since we are transmitting all the bits at the maximum possible power, no policy that starts after  $R$  can finish before  $S$ . Therefore, any policy that starts after  $R$  cannot be optimal.

**Claim 2:** Every optimal transmission policy ends transmission at or before time  $S$ .

This follows immediately from the fact that the policy is optimal.

Let  $Q$  occur at time  $s_k$ . Suppose we have an optimal transmission policy that does not pass through point  $Q$ . Therefore, at  $s_k$  the transmission curve lies under the energy arrival curve. The transmission power at time  $s_k^+$  has to be more than  $\tilde{p}$ . If it isn't then this policy shall not intersect the energy arrival curve at any epoch till  $R$  and because of lemma (siddharth add the energy completion lemma), it shall not be able to change its power of transmission till  $R$ . Therefore, it ends after  $R$  and is not optimal.

If the policy does have a power higher than  $\tilde{p}$  at  $s_k^+$ , then it must have the same power of transmission right from the beginning of the transmission. This again follows from lemma (siddharth). Therefore, it shall begin transmission after  $R$ , which violates claim 1.

Therefore every optimal transmission curve passes through  $Q$ .  $\square$

### III. ONLINE ALGORITHM FOR ENERGY HARVESTING TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER

*Notation:* The starting time of the transmission is denoted by  $T_{start}$  and the present time is denoted by  $t$ . The number of bits and energy remaining to transmit at any Transmitter energy epoch is represented by  $B_{rem}$  and  $E_{rem}$  respectively. The on-line algorithm that we propose is presented in table III.

**Lemma 6.** *The transmit power in the online algorithm is non-decreasing with time after  $T_{start}$ .*

*Proof.* From the definition of the algorithm the transmit power only changes when there is a new energy arrival after  $T_{start}$ . So, if there is no energy arrival the transmit power is same i.e. non decreasing. Suppose there are energy arrivals

TABLE I  
OFFLINE ALGORITHM FOR FINDING OPTIMAL TRANSMISSION  
POLICY, GIVEN TRANSMISSION DURATION

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**Input:** Bits to transmit  $B_0$ , transmission duration  $T_0$ .

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**Initialize:**  $B = B_0$ ,  $T = T_0$ ,  $n=0$   
**While**  $Tg(\sum_{j=0}^n E_j) < B_0$   
 $n = n + 1$   
Solve for  $\tilde{T} : \tilde{T}g(\frac{\sum_{j=0}^n E_j}{\tilde{T}})$   
 $p_0 = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^n E_j}{\tilde{T}}$   
**for**  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  **do**  
 $\text{flag} = 1$   
**for**  $j = i, i+1, i+2, \dots, n$  **do**  
**if**  $p_0 s_j + (\sum_{k=0}^i E_k - p_0 s_i) > \sum_{k=0}^j E_k$   
 $t = 0$   
 $\text{break}$   
**end if**  
**end for**  
**if**  $\text{flag} = 1$   
 $s_{lt} = s_{rt} = s_i$   
 $\text{break}$   
**end if**  
**end for**  
**while**  $B > 0$   
**Solve:**  $xg(\frac{E^T(s_{lt})}{x}) + (T-x)g(\frac{E^T(n) - E^T(s_{rt})}{T-x})$   
 $p_{lt} = \frac{E^T(s_{lt})}{x}$   
 $p_{rt} = \frac{E^T(n) - E^T(s_{rt})}{T-x}$   
 $S_{lt} = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{lt}\}$   
 $t = 0$   
**For**  $s_i \in S_{lt} \setminus s_{lt}$   
**if**  $p_{lt} s_i + (E^T(s_{lt}) - p_{lt} s_{lt}) > E^T(s_{i-1})$   
 $s'_{lt} = s_{lt}$   
 $s_{lt} = \max_{j \in (S_{lt} \setminus s_{lt})} (\frac{E^T(s_{lt}) - E^T(j)}{s_{lt} - j})$   
 $t = 1$   
 $\text{break}$   
**end if**  
**End For**  
**if**  $t = 0$   
 $s_{lt} = \max(s_{lt} - \frac{E^T(s_{lt})}{p_{lt}}, 0)$   
**end if**  
 $S_{rt} = \{s_{rt}, s_{rt} + 1, s_{rt} + 2, \dots, s_{n-1}\}$   
 $u = 0$   
**For**  $s_i \in S_{rt}$   
**if**  $p_{rt} s_i + (E^T(s_{rt}) - p_{rt} s_{rt}) > E^T(s_i)$   
 $s'_{rt} = s_{rt}$   
 $s_{rt} = \min_{j \in (S_{rt})} (\frac{E^T(j) - E^T(s_{lrt})}{j - s_{rt}})$   
 $u = 1$   
 $\text{break}$   
**end if**  
**End For**  
**if**  $u = 0$   
 $s_{rt} = s_{rt} + \frac{E^T(s_n) - E^T(s_{rt})}{p_{rt}}$   
**if**  $s_{rt} > s_n$   
**While**  $s_n < s_{rt}$   
 $n = n + 1$   
**end while**  
 $s_{rt} = s'_{rt}$   
**end for**  
**end if**  
 $T = T - (s_{rt} - s'_{lt}) - (s'_{lt} - s_{lt})$   
 $B = B - (s'_{lt} - s_{lt})g(\frac{E^T(s'_{lt}) - E^T(s_{lt})}{s'_{lt} - s_{lt}}) - (s_{rt} - s'_{rt})g(\frac{E^T(s_{rt}) - E^T(s'_{rt})}{s_{rt} - s'_{rt}})$   
**end while**

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TABLE II  
OFFLINE ALGORITHM FOR ENERGY ARRIVAL IN RECEIVER AFTER  
TIME  $T=0$

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**Input:** Bits to transmit  $B_0$ ;  $E_i^T$ ,  $E_i^R$  or  $T_i^R$  for all  $i$

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**Initialize:**  $u_{min} = \min u_i$  s.t.  $T^R(u_i)g(\frac{E^T(u_i)}{T^R(u_i)}) \geq B_0$   
for all  $i$ ,  $O_i = \min t$   
s.t. receiver is on from  $t$  to  $t + T^R(r_i)$   
 $prcv(x-t) \leq E^R(x)$ ,  $t \leq x \leq (t + T^R(r_i))$   
**if**  $u_{min} = r_j$  for some  $j$  **then**  
 $O_{iter} = O_j$ ,  $T = T^R(r_j)$   
**else**  
Let  $u_{min} = t_j$  for some  $j$   
 $u_{j'} = \min r_i$  s.t.  $T^R(r_i)g(\frac{E^T(t_j)}{T^R(r_i)}) \geq B_0$   
 $O_{iter} = O_{j'}$ ,  $T = T^R(r_{j'})$   
**end if**  
**while**  $O_{iter} \leq O_{final}$   
Apply *Algo1*( $O_{iter}, T$ )  $\rightarrow T_{opt}$   
 $r_k = \max_i r_i$  s.t.  $r_i < T_{opt}$   
**if**  $O_{final} > O_k$   
 $O_{final} = O_k$   
**end if**  
 $iter = iter + 1$   
**end while**

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TABLE III  
ON-LINE ALGORITHM FOR ENERGY HARVESTING TRANSMITTER  
AND RECEIVER

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**Input:** Bits to transmit  $B_0$ ;  $E_i^T$ ,  $E_i^R$  for  $t_i, r_i < t$  where  $t$  is the present time instant which increments parallelly with this algorithm.

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**Initialize:**  $T_{start} = \min t$  s.t.  $T^R(t)g(\frac{E^T(t)}{T^R(t)}) \geq B_0$   
 $B_{rem} = B_0$ ,  $E_{rem} = E^T(T_{start})$ ,  $T = T_{start}$   
**do**  
Transmit at power  $p$  such that  $\frac{E_{rem}}{p}g(p) = B_{rem}$   
**if**  $t = t_i$  for some  $i$   
 $B_{rem} = B_{rem} - (t - \max(t_{i-1}, T_{start}))g(p)$   
 $E_{rem} = E_{rem} + E_i^T - (t - \max(t_{i-1}, T_{start}))p$   
 $T = t_i$   
**end if**  
**while**  $t \leq (T + \frac{E_{rem}}{p})$

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after  $T_{start}$  and for any energy arrival(say  $E_{new}$ ) the power changes from  $p_i$  to  $p_{i+1}$ . Let the energy remaining at start of transmission with power  $p_i$  be  $E_{rem}$  and bits remaining be  $B_{rem}$ . The transmission continues for time  $l_i$  with power  $p_i$ . Now, we need to show that  $p_i < p_{i+1}$ . Form the algorithm we get the following equations.

$$\frac{g(p_i)}{p_i} = \frac{B_{rem}}{E_{rem}} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{g(p_{i+1})}{p_{i+1}} = \frac{B_{rem} - g(p_i)l_i}{E_{rem} + E_{new} - p_i l_i} \quad (8)$$

Substituting  $g(p_i)$  from (7) into RHS of (8) we can see that  $\frac{g(p_i)}{p_i} > \frac{g(p_{i+1})}{p_{i+1}}$ . Hence by property P4 we know that

$p_i < p_{i+1}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** *The competitive ratio of the on-line algorithm presented in Table III is 2.*

*Proof.* This is equivalent to saying that the time taken by the on-line algorithm can at max be twice the time taken by optimal off-line algorithm. Let the time taken by the off-line version be  $T_{off}$  and the on-line version be  $T_{online}$ .

We now show that

$$T_{off} > T_{start} \quad (9)$$

This proof follows from contradiction. Let  $T_{off} \leq T_{start}$  and the optimal off-line algorithm transmits with energy in sequence  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\}$  for time  $\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_k\}$ . Now the number of bits transmitted can be bounded as

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=k} g\left(\frac{e_i}{l_i}\right) l_i \stackrel{P2}{\leq} g\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=k} e_i}{\sum_{j=1}^{j=k} l_j}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} l_j \quad (10)$$

$$\stackrel{P3, P4}{\leq} g\left(\frac{E^T(T_{off})}{T^R(T_{off})}\right) T^R(T_{off}) \quad (11)$$

$$\stackrel{P4}{\leq} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} g\left(\frac{E^T(T_{start} - \epsilon)}{T^R(T_{start} - \epsilon)}\right) T^R(T_{start} - \epsilon) \quad (12)$$

$$+ g\left(\frac{E^T(T_{start}) - E^T(T_{start} - \epsilon)}{T^R(T_{start}) - T^R(T_{start} - \epsilon)}\right) (T^R(T_{start}) - T^R(T_{start} - \epsilon)) \quad (13)$$

where (13) follows from definition of  $T_{start}$ . But the off-line algorithm should transmit all  $B_0$  bits and hence this concludes that  $T_{off} \geq T_{start}$ . \*\*\*\*\*

Next we estimate the maximum time taken to complete transmission after  $T_{start}$  in the on-line algorithm. Let the on-line version transmits at power sequence  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\}$  for time  $\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_k\}$ . Now,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=k} l_i g(p_i) = B_0 \stackrel{L6}{\implies} \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} l_i \leq \frac{B_0}{g(p_1)} \quad (14)$$

Now, from the definition of  $p_1$ ,  $\frac{E^T(T_{start})}{p_1} g(p_1) = B_0 \leq T^R(T_{start}) g\left(\frac{E^T(T_{start})}{T^R(T_{start})}\right)$ . Hence by property P4,  $\frac{E^T(T_{start})}{T^R(T_{start})} \leq p_1$ . So, the RHS of (14) can be reduced to

$$\frac{B_0}{g(p_1)} = \frac{E^T(T_{start})}{p_1} \leq T^R(T_{start}) \leq T_{start} \quad (15)$$

$$(16)$$

where the last inequality followed from the definition of  $T^R(T_{start})$ . So we can calculate the competitive ratio as

$$r = \max \frac{T_{online}}{T_{off}} = \frac{T_{start} + \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} l_i}{T_{off}} \leq \frac{2T_{start}}{T_{off}} \stackrel{(9)}{<} 2$$

$\square$

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