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FADING CHANNELS: MODELING



- Channel consists of a random number of path components, each with random amplitude, phase, Doppler shift, delay, changing with time. Multipath fading due to constructive and destructive interference of the transmitted waves.
- W: signal bandwidth, sampling rate: 1/W
- Transmission at passband $[f_c-W/2, f_c+W/2]$ and processing at baseband [-W/2, +W/2].



LINEAR TIME-VARIANT CHANNEL MODEL OF MULTIPATH PROPAGATION

- The (baseband) impulse response of an LTV channel, h(τ; t), is the channel output at t in response to an impulse applied to the channel at (t-τ), i.e., τ is how long ago impulse was put into the channel for the current observation.
- Each path of h(τ; t) is associated with a delay and a complex gain

Multipath channel due to N scatters characterized by amplitude $\alpha_n(t)$ and delay $\tau_n(t)$ for n=1,2,...,N: Tx signal: Re $\left[x(t)e^{-j\omega_c t}\right], x(t)$: complex – baseband \Rightarrow Rx signal (without noise): Re $\left[r(t)e^{-j\omega_c t}\right]$ where $r(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t)e^{-j\omega_c \tau_n(t)}x(t-\tau_n(t))$ $h(\tau;t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t)e^{-j\omega_c \tau_n(t)}\delta(t-\tau_n(t))$

Linear time-variant (LTV) channel:

Received signal consists of many components with
slow amplitude changes, but fast phase
changes, introducing constructive and
destructive addition of signal components.

$$r(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j\omega_c \tau_n(t)} \delta(t - \tau_n(t))$$

$$r(t) = \lim_{\delta \tau \to 0} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} h(m \partial \tau; t) x(t - m \partial \tau) \partial \tau = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau; t) x(t - \tau) d\tau$$
input: $x_1(t) \to$ output: $r_1(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau; t) x_1(t - \tau) d\tau$
input: $x_2(t) = x_1(t - t_1) \to$ output: $r_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau; t) x_1(t - t_1 - \tau) d\tau \neq r_1(t - t_1)$
since $h(\tau; t) \neq h(\tau; t) - t_1$ in general
Transfer function: $H(f; t) \triangleq \mathbb{F}_{\tau} \{h(\tau; t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau; t) e^{-j2\pi f \tau} d\tau$
 $H(f; t) \Leftrightarrow h(\tau; t) = \mathbb{F}_{f}^{-1} \{H(f; t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} H(f; t) e^{j2\pi f \tau} df$
 $R(f; t) = H(f; t) X(f)$ where $X(f) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau} \{x(t)\}$

Narrowband frequency-flat fading:

- Delay spread: $T_m = \max_{m,n} |\tau_n(t) \tau_m(t)|$
- If $T_m \ll 1/W$, W:signal BW, then $x(t) \approx x(t-\tau_n)$.
- Received signal given by

$$r(t) \approx x(t) \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j\varphi_n(t)} \triangleq a(t)x(t)$$

- Multipath effects: complex random fading a(t).
- No signal distortion (spreading in time, frequency-flat fading)
- For N(t) large, the Im and Re parts of a are jointly Gaussian (they are i.i.d., stationary if φ_n(t) ~U[0,2π])
- Received signal characterized by its mean, autocorrelation, and cross correlation.

Multipath Resolution and Frequency- Flat and Selective Fading



Sampled baseband-equivalent noise-free received signal:

$$r[m] \triangleq r(m/W) = \sum_{k=K_1}^{K_2} h_m [k] x [m-k] + w[m],$$

w[*m*]: zero-mean complex Gaussian noise

- $h_m[k] \approx \sum_{n^*} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j\omega_c \tau_n(t)}$: complex, random tap

- where n* denotes all n's corresponding to delays τ_n(t)'s within the time interval [(k-1)/2W, (k+1)/2W], and
- all possible paths τ_n 's are in the time interval [(K_1 -1)/2W, (K_2 +1)/2W].
- Delay spread $T_m \le (K_2 K_1 + 1) / W$. Coherence $BW = 1/T_m$
- Hence, T_m < <1/W: single tap (resolvable path), frequency-flat fading
- T_m>1/W: multiple taps (resolvable paths), frequency-selective fading

Time-variant & Doppler effects

$$\tau_n(t) \triangleq \int \tau'_n(t) dt \to \omega_c \tau_n(t) \triangleq 2\pi \int f_c \tau'_n(t) dt,$$

 $f_{dn}(t) \triangleq f_c \tau'_n(t)$: Doppler frequency shift in path *n*

Doppler frequency spread: $B_d = f_c \max_{l,n} \left| \tau'_n(t) - \tau'_l(t) \right|$

- Coherence time: $(\Delta t)_c = 1/B_d$,
- For $1/B_d >> 1/W$, slow (TIME-FLAT) fading
- For $1/B_d < 1/W$, fast (TIME-SELECTIVE) fading
- $T_m < 1/B_d$: *under-spread* channels (typical):
 - Delay spread T_m depends on distance to scatterers, of the order of nanoseconds (indoor) to microseconds (outdoor).
 - Coherent time $1/B_d$ depends on carrier frequency and vehicular speed, of the order of milliseconds or more.
 - over a long-time scale, channel can be considered as time-invariant.

STATIONARY RANDOM PROCESS: REVIEW

- **Definition: Strictly** or strict-sense stationary (SSS) random process X(t):
 - Its 1st-order distribution function **independent of t**:
 - $F_{X(t)}(x) = F_{X(t+t')}(x)$, for $\forall t, t'$
 - Its 2nd-order distribution function depends only on the time difference (between 2 observation times t, t'):

 $F_{X(t),X(t')}(x,x') = F_{X(0),(t'-t)}(x,x'), \forall t,t'$

- Results: **Strictly** stationary random process X(t) has:
 - **Constant mean**: $m_{\chi}(t) \equiv E\{X(t)\} = m_{\chi}$ for $\forall t$
 - Autocorrelation function depends only on time difference:

 $R_{X}(t,t') \equiv E\{X(t)X(t')\} = R_{X}(d) = R_{X}(-d); R_{X}(0) = E\{X^{2}(t)\} \ge |R_{X}(d)|, d = t-t'$ power spectral density (psd): $S_{X}(f) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} R_{X}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$

 $R_{\chi}(t-t')$ describes the interdependence of 2 RV's obtained by observing X(t) at times t and t': $R_{\chi}(t-t')$ with a wide pulse-width indicates a slowly fluctuating X(t) The above results are not sufficient to guarantee that X(t) is **strictly stationary**. If X(t) ONLY has the above characteristics, it is called **wide-sense stationary (WSS)**, or **2nd-order** or **weakly stationary**

WSSUS MODEL OF MULTIPATH CHANNEL

- A channel is wide-sense stationary uncorrelated scattering (WSSUS) when:
 - (a) its impulse response $h(\tau; t)$ is a wide-sense stationary (WSS) process;
 - (b) US: its impulse responses at τ_1 and τ_2 , $h(\tau_1; t)$ and $h(\tau_2; t)$, are uncorrelated if $\tau_1 \neq \tau_2$ for any t, i.e., $E\{h(\tau_1; t)h(\tau_2; t)\}=0$ if $\tau_1 \neq \tau_2$.
- The autocorrelation function of $h(\tau; t)$: $\phi_h(\tau, \Delta \tau, \Delta t) = 0.5E\{h^*(\tau, t) \ h(\tau + \Delta \tau, t + \Delta t)\}; US: \phi_h(\tau, \Delta \tau, \Delta t) = \phi_h(\tau, 0, \Delta t)\delta(\Delta \tau)$
- $\phi_h(\tau) \equiv \phi_h(\tau, 0, 0)$: **multipath intensity profile** (or delay power spectrum) provides the average power at the channel output as a function of the propagation delay, τ . Approximate max delay of significant multipath.
- multipath delay spread, T_m : nominal width of the multipath intensity profile $\phi_h(\tau)$: range of τ over which $\phi_h(\tau)$ is essentially non-zero $\phi_h(\tau)$
- Usually, it is assumed that $T_m \approx \sigma_\tau$

autocorrelation function of transfer function H(f; t)

 $H(f;t) \triangleq \mathbb{F}_{\tau} \{h(\tau,t)\}$: time-varying channel transfer function time-frequency correlation function: $\phi_H(\Delta f; \Delta t) \triangleq 0.5E\{H^*(f;t)H(f + \Delta f; t + \Delta t)\}$ $\phi_{H}(\Delta f;\Delta t) = \int \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 0.5E \left\{ h^{*}(\tau,t)h(\tau';t+\Delta t) \right\} e^{-j2\pi(f\tau+\Delta f\tau+\Delta f\Delta \tau)} d\tau d\tau', \quad \tau' = \tau + \Delta \tau$ WSS: $0.5E\{h^*(\tau;t)h(\tau';t+\Delta t)\}=\phi_h(\tau,\tau',\Delta t)$ US: $E\{h^*(\tau,t)h(\tau';t+\Delta t)\} = E\{h^*(\tau,t)h(\tau,t+\Delta t)\}\delta(\Delta \tau)$ WSSUS: $\phi_h(\tau, \tau', \Delta t) = \phi_h(\tau, \mathbf{0}, \Delta t) \delta(\Delta \tau);$ WSSUS: $\phi_H(\Delta f; \Delta t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi_h(\tau, 0, \Delta t) e^{-j2\pi\Delta f\tau} d\tau = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,\Delta f} \left\{ \phi_h(\tau, 0, \Delta t) \right\}$ frequency-correlation function: for $\Delta t = 0$, $\phi_H(\Delta f) \leftrightarrow \phi_h(\tau) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,\Delta f}^{-1} \{ \Phi(\Delta f) \} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi_H(\Delta f) e^{j2\pi\Delta f \tau} d\Delta f$ US $\Rightarrow \phi_H(\Delta f) = 0.5E \{ H^*(f;t) H(f + \Delta f;t) \}$: WSS in frequency

Fourier transform relations for WSSUS $h(\tau; t)$

auto-correlation function of $h(\tau,t)$: $\phi_h(\Delta\tau,\Delta t) = 0.5E\{h^*(\tau,t)h(\tau + \Delta\tau,t + \Delta t)\} = \phi_h(\tau,0,\Delta t)\delta(\Delta\tau);$ for $\Delta t=0$, $\phi_{h}(\tau)$: multipath intensity profile time-frequency correlation function of H(f;t): $\phi_H(\Delta f;\Delta t) = 0.5E\{H^*(f;t)H(f+\Delta f;t+\Delta t)\}$ Fourier transform relations: $H(f;t) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,f} \{h(\tau;t)\}$: time-varying channel transfer function $H(f; v) = \mathbb{F}_{t,vf} \{ H(f; t) \}$: Doppler-spread function scattering function: measures power vs delay $\phi_{H}(\Delta f;\Delta t) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,\mathcal{N}} \left\{ \phi_{h}(\tau,\Delta t) \right\}$ and Doppler for $\Delta t=0$, $\phi_H(\Delta f) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,\mathcal{M}} \{\phi_h(\tau)\}$: delay power spectrum, used to characterize channel rms delay and correlation of channel gains at f and Δf for any t. Doppler spread. $S_H(\Delta f; v) = \mathbb{F}_{\Delta, v} \{ \phi_H(\Delta f; \Delta t) \}; \text{ for } \Delta f = 0, \text{ Doppler power spectrum } S_H(v)$ $S_{H}(\Delta f; v) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau \wedge f} \{S_{h}(\tau, v)\};$ $S_{H}(\Delta f; v) = 0.5E\{H^{*}(f; v)H(f + \Delta f; v + \Delta v)\}$: Auto-correlation function of H(f; v) $S_h(\tau, v) = \mathbb{F}_{\Delta t v} \{ \phi_h(\tau, \Delta t) \}$: scattering function

Delay spread & frequency-selective fading

$\phi_{H}(\Delta f) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,\Delta f} \{\phi_{h}(\tau)\}$: delay power spectrum,

correlation of channel gains at f and Δf for any t

 $\phi_H(\Delta f)=0$ implies signals separated in frequency by Δf will be uncorrelated after passing through channel

coherence bandwidth of the channel, $(\Delta f)_c \approx 1/T_m$: The maximum frequency difference for which the signals are still strongly correlated. Two sinusoids with frequency separation larger than $(\Delta f)_c$ are affected differently by the channel at any t. W: bandwidth of the transmitted signal.

If $(\Delta f)_c < W$, frequencyselective fading channel: severe ISI;

If $(\Delta f)_c >> W$, flat fading channel: negligible ISI.

ISI-free channel: $\phi_H(\Delta f) \approx \phi_o$:constant $\leftrightarrow \phi_h(\tau) = \phi_o \delta(\tau)$

 $= (\Delta f)_c =$

 $\Rightarrow \Delta f$

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Time correlation function $\phi_H(\Delta t)$ & Doppler power spectrum

- φ_H(Δt) is independent of f due to the US assumption: US in the time domain is equivalent to WSS in the frequency domain.
- $\phi_H(\Delta t)$ characterizes, on average, how fast the channel transfer function changes with time at each frequency.
- **coherence time** of the fading channel, $(\Delta t)_c$: Maximum time over which $\phi_H(\Delta t) > 0$: nominal width of $\phi_H(\Delta t)$.
- $(\Delta t)_c >> T(symbol interval of the Tx signal): slow fading.$
- Doppler power spectrum φ_H(ν): Fourier transform of the time correlation function φ_H(Δt)
- Doppler spread B_d is maximum Doppler for which $\phi_H(v) \rightarrow 0$: nominal width of $\phi_H(v)$, B_d≈1/(Δt)_c



Time correlation function $\phi_H(\Delta t)$ & Doppler power spectrum

 $H(f;t) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,f} \{h(\tau,t)\}$: time-varying channel transfer function time-frequency correlation function of H(f;t): $\phi_{H}(\Delta f;\Delta t) = 0.5E\{H^{*}(f;t)H(f+\Delta f;t+\Delta t)\}$ WSSUS $\rightarrow \phi_{H}(\Delta f; \Delta t) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau \wedge f} \{ \phi_{h}(\tau; \Delta t) \}$ for $\Delta t = 0$, $\phi_H(\Delta f) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau \wedge f} \{\phi_h(\tau)\}$: delay power spectrum, correlation of channel gains at f and Δf for any t. $S_{H}(\Delta f; v) = \mathbb{F}_{A \in v} \{ \phi_{H}(\Delta f; \Delta t) \};$ for $\Delta f = 0$, $\phi_H(\Delta t)$: time-correlation function of H(f;t), Doppler power spectrum $S_H(v)$ $\{S_{H}(\Delta f; v) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau, \mathcal{N}}\{S_{h}(\tau; v)\}, S_{h}(\tau; v) = \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{N}, v}\{\phi_{h}(\tau; \Delta t)\}$: scattering function $\overline{v} = \left[\int v S_H(v) dv\right] \left[\int S_H(v) dv\right]^{-1}, \quad \sigma_v^2 = \left[\int \left[v - \overline{v}\right]^2 S_H(v) dv\right] \left[\int S_H(v) dv\right]^{-1}$ Doppler spread: $B_d \approx \sigma_v$

Doppler-spread function H(f,v):

 $H(f;t) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,f} \{ h(\tau,t) \}: \text{ channel transfer function } \rightarrow H(f;v) = \mathbb{F}_{t,vf} \{ H(f;t) \}: \text{ Doppler-spread function}$ $\phi_{H}(\Delta f;\Delta t) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,N} \{ \phi_{h}(\tau,\Delta t) \}: \text{ time-frequency correlation function of } H(f;t)$

for $\Delta t = 0$, $\phi_H(\Delta f) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,\Delta f} \{\phi_h(\tau)\}$: delay power spectrum, correlation of channel gains at f and Δf for any t.

 $S_{H}(\Delta f; v) = \mathbb{F}_{\Delta, v} \{ \phi_{H}(\Delta f; \Delta t) \}; \text{ for } \Delta f = 0, \text{ Doppler power spectrum } S_{H}(v)$

 $S_{H}(\Delta f; v) = 0.5E\{H^{*}(f; v)H(f + \Delta f; v + \Delta v)\}: \text{Auto-correlation function of } H(f; v)$

- being time-variant in the time domain can be equivalently described by having Doppler shifts in the frequency domain.
 - DOPPLER-SPREAD ⇒ TIME-SELECTIVE FADING
- Doppler power spectrum: function of the Doppler shift, v, Fourier transform of the time-correlation function $\phi_H(\Delta t)$

Doppler Spread in land-mobile channel

$$h(\tau;t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j\omega_c \tau_n(t)} \delta(t - \tau_n(t))$$

$$\omega_c \tau_n(t) = \varphi_{n0} + 2\pi \int f_{dn}(t) dt, \quad \varphi_{n0} = 2\pi d_n / c,$$

$$f_{dn}(t) = f_c \left[v(t) / c \right] \cos \theta_n(t) : \text{Doppler frequency shift in path } n$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Doppler frequency spread:}$$

$$B_d = \max_{l,n} \left| f_{dn}(t) - f_{dl}(t) \right| = 2f_c \left[v(t) / c \right]$$

$$H(f;t) = \mathbb{F}_{\tau,f} \left\{ h(\tau;t) \right\} = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j2\pi \left[(f/f_c) - 1 \right] \left[\varphi_{n0} + 2\pi \int f_{dn}(t) dt \right] - \left[\varphi_{n0} + 2\pi \int f_{dn}(t) dt \right] \right]}$$

$$\phi_{H}(\Delta t) = 0.5 \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} E \left\{ \alpha_n^{*}(t) \alpha_1(t + \Delta t) e^{j \left[(f/f_c) - 1 \right] \left[\varphi_{n0} + 2\pi \int f_{dn}(t) dt \right] - \left[\varphi_{n0} + 2\pi \int f_{dn}(t) dt \right] \right\}}$$

For independent n, l terms and uniformly distributed θ_n :

$$\phi_H(\Delta t) = 0.5 \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} E \left\{ \left| \alpha_n \right|^2 \right\} E_{\theta_n} \left\{ e^{-j\pi B_d \Delta t \cos \theta_n} \right\} = PJ_0(\pi B_d \Delta t),$$

$$uniform scattering environment [Clarke, Jakes]$$

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Δθ=2π/ N

AUTOCORRELATION & DOPPLER POWER SPECTRUM OF A LAND-MOBILE RADIO CHANNEL

Correlation over Time can be specified by autocorrelation function and power spectral density of fading process.
For an omnidirectional mobile antenna and received plan waves uniformly distributed in arrival angle,

•time correlation function:

$$\begin{split} \phi_{H}(\Delta t) &= \mathsf{PJ}_{o}(2\pi B\Delta t), \\ J_{o}(x) \text{ is the } 0^{th}\text{-order Bessel} \\ \text{function of the } 1^{st} \text{ kind.} \\ \bullet \textbf{Doppler power spectrum } \phi_{H}(v) \colon \end{split}$$

Fourier transform of timecorrelation function, $S_{H}(v) = P/{\pi[B^2 - v^2]^{1/2}},$

 $|v| < B = B_d/2 = vf_c/c$



STATISTICAL MULTI-TAP MODELS

 multi-tap model for design and performance analysis based on statistical ensemble of channels rather than specific physical channel

$$r[m] \triangleq r(m/W) = \sum_{k=K_1}^{K_2} h_m [k] x [m-k] + w[m],$$

w[*m*]: zero-mean complex Gaussian noise

$$h_m[k] \approx \sum_{n^*} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j\omega_c \tau_n(t)}$$
: complex, random tap

- Non-LOS: many small scattered paths, complex circular symmetric Gaussian tap.
 → signal envelope follows Rayleigh distribution (power is exponential)
- Near-LOS (with LOS component): 1 line-of-sight plus scattered paths. → signal envelope follows Ricean distribution.
- In some environments, measured results support Nakagami distribution (Similar to Ricean, but models "worse than Rayleigh", better to obtain closed-form BER expressions)

Small-Scale Multipath Fading: Rayleigh fading (NLOS propagation) case

$$r(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j2\pi f_c \tau_n(t)} x(t - \tau_n(t))$$

$$\approx \left[\sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j2\pi f_c \tau_n(t)}\right] x(t - \bar{\tau}).$$

$$Z(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t) e^{-j2\pi f_c \tau_n(t)}$$

$$= Z_c(t) - jZ_s(t)$$

$$Z_c(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t) \cos \theta_n(t)$$

$$Z_s(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(t) \sin \theta_n(t)$$

$$Z(t) = \alpha(t) \exp[j\theta(t)]$$

central limit theorem: when N is sufficiently large, $Z_c(t)$ and $Z_s(t)$ are approximately independent Gaussian random variables with zero mean and equal variance

$$\sigma_z^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N E[\alpha_n^2]$$
$$f_{Z_c Z_s}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_z^2} \exp[-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma_z^2}],$$

The amplitude fading, α , follows a Rayleigh distribution with parameter σ_{r}^{2}

$$f_{\alpha}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sigma_z^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right), & x \ge 0\\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

The phase distortion follows the uniform distribution over $[0, 2\pi]$,

$$\alpha(t) = \sqrt{Z_c^2(t) + Z_s^2(t)}, \quad \theta(t) = \tan^{-1}[Z_s(t)/Z_c(t)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Small-Scale Multipath Fading:} \\ & \text{Rician Fading (LOS propagation) case} \\ \hline & Z(t) = Z_c(t) - jZ_s(t) + \Gamma(t) \\ \hline & \Gamma(t) = \alpha_0(t)e^{-j\theta_0(t)} \text{ is the deterministic LOS component} \\ & f_\alpha(x) = \underbrace{\frac{x}{\sigma_z^2}\exp(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_z^2})}_{\text{Rayleigh}} \underbrace{\exp\{-\frac{\alpha_0^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\} \cdot I_0(\frac{\alpha_0 x}{\sigma_z^2})}_{\text{modifier}} \\ & = \frac{x}{\sigma_z^2}\exp(-\frac{x^2 + \alpha_0^2}{2\sigma_z^2})I_0(\frac{\alpha_0 x}{\sigma_z^2}), \quad x \ge 0, \\ & I_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi}\exp(x\cos\theta)d\theta. \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{zero-order modified Bessel} \\ \text{function of the first kind} \\ & K \triangleq \underbrace{\text{Power of the LOS component}}_{\text{Total power of all other scatterers}} = \frac{\alpha_0^2}{2\sigma_z^2}. \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{K} = 0: \text{ Rayleigh} \\ & \text{K} \to \infty: \text{ no fading} \\ \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

Rician probability density functions with $\sigma_z^2 = 1$



attenuation and fading



LEVEL CROSSINGS & FADE DURATION



 $z(t) \triangleq |r(t)|$: stationary and ergodic,

 $\overline{z} \triangleq E\{|r(t)|\}, \text{ threshold } R, \text{ i.e., } z(t) < R: \text{ outage, fade}$

 t_i : fade duration, for large observation time T, $\Pr\{z(t) < R\} = \left|\sum_i t_i\right| / T$

average fade duration:
$$\overline{t_R} = \frac{\left(e^{\left(\frac{R}{\overline{z}}\right)^2} - 1\right)}{\left(\frac{R}{\overline{z}}\right)f_d\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

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fade duration:

- a user is in continuous outage since the actual SNR (γ) is below the threshold level R required to maintain a maximum BER
- can be derived from level crossing rate of fading process
- for Rayleigh fading,
 - Inversely proportional to Doppler frequency
 - Dependent on margin

Outage Probability and Cell Coverage Area

- Outage: received power below given minimum required for acceptable performance.
- cell coverage area : expected percentage of area within a cell that has received power above a given minimum required for acceptable performance.
- circular cells for path loss only,
- amoeba cells for path loss & shadowing as tradeoff between coverage and interference
- Cell coverage area increases as shadowing variance decrease



EQUAL RX POWER CONTOURS

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