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3D Coprime Arrays in Sparse Sensing

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¹Van Trees HL. Optimum array processing: Part IV of detection, estimation, and modulation theory. John Wiley Sons; 2004.

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Examples of 1D Coprime Arrays



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(a) The coprime array². (b) The CACIS configuration³.

²P.P. Vaidyanathan and P. Pal, "Sparse sensing with co-prime samplers and arrays," IEEE Trans. Signal Process., vol. 59, no. 2, pp. 573–586, Feb. 2011.
³S. Qin, Y. D. Zhang, and M.G. Amin, "Generalized coprime array configurations for direction-of-arrival estimation," IEEE Trans. Signal Process., vol. 63, pp. 1377–1390, Mar. 2015.

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Examples of 2D Coprime Arrays²





(a) Mn_1 and (b) Nn_2 where $M = [2, 2; -1, 5], N = [1, 2; -1, 4], n_1 = FPD(N)$, and $n_2 = FPD(M)$.

⁴P.P. Vaidyanathan and P. Pal, Theory of sparse coprime sensing in multiple dimensions. IEEE Trans. Signal Process., vol. 59, no. 8, pp. 3592–3608, Aug. 2011.

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Definition 1 (Coprime Matrices)

Coprime Matrices

Two integer matrices B_m and B_n are left coprime if and only if there exist integer matrices C and D such that

$$\mathbf{B}_m\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{B}_n\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{I}$$



Find a more general and systematic way of finding pairwise 3-by-3 coprime matrices.

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Cubic Integers

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Definition 2 (Cubic Field)

A field extension of degree 3 over rational numbers \mathbb{Q} , i.e., it is a \mathbb{Q} -vector space of dimension three.

E.g. $\gamma = 5 + 2\sqrt[3]{12} + \sqrt[3]{12^2}$ is in the ring of integers of the cubic field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{12})$.

 $a + b\sqrt[3]{12} + c\sqrt[3]{12^2}$ is an cubic integer in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{12})$ $(a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z})$.

Other algebraic integers include quadratic integers, which can be used for planar arrays⁵.

⁵C. Li, L. Gan and C. Ling, "Coprime sensing via Chinese remaindering over quadratic fields—Part I: Array designs," in IEEE Trans. Signal Process., vol. 67, no. 11, pp. 2898-2910, June 2019.

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• if $r \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$

$$\left\{1,\,\theta,\,\frac{\theta^2+r\theta+b^2}{3b}\right\}.$$
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Integral Basis of Cubic Field

A pure cubic field K is a field extension of \mathbb{Q} in the form of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{r})$ where r is a non-unit cubic-free integer. An integral basis of $\mathbb{Q}(\theta)$ $(\theta = \sqrt[3]{r}, r = ab^2)$ is

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• if
$$r \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$\left\{1,\,\theta,\,\frac{\theta^2}{b}\right\},\,\,\,\mathrm{or}$$

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Representation Matrix of a Cubic Integer

By stacking the coefficients corresponding to basis (2), the matrix representation of $m=m_1+m_2\theta+m_3\frac{\theta^2}{b}$ is

$${f B}_m = \left(egin{array}{cccc} m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \ m_3 a b & m_1 & m_2 b \ m_2 a b & m_3 a & m_1 \end{array}
ight),$$

E.g. The corresponding matrix of $\gamma = 5 + 2\sqrt[3]{12} + \sqrt[3]{12^2}$ is

$$\mathbf{B}_{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 2\\ 12 & 5 & 4\\ 12 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$
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If ${\mathcal I}$ and ${\mathcal J}$ are coprime, the Chinese Remaindering Theorem asserts that:

$$R/\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J}\simeq R/\mathcal{I}\times R/\mathcal{J}.$$
 (6)

For all $a_k \in R/\mathcal{I}$ and $b_j \in R/\mathcal{J}$, it can be verified that every pair (a_k, b_j) forms the solution

 $z \equiv x_k b_j + y_j a_k \pmod{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J}}.$

where $x_k \in \mathcal{I}$ and $y_j \in \mathcal{J}$. Eg. $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \langle 3 \rangle = 3\mathbb{Z} = \pm 3, \pm 6 \cdots$. Let $\mathcal{J} = \langle 5 \rangle$, thus $z \equiv x_k b_j + y_j a_k \pmod{15}$, where $x_k \in \langle 3 \rangle$, $b_j = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$, $y_j \in \langle 5 \rangle$, and $a_k = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

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Algebraic Construction of 3D Lattices

Definition 3 (Lattice)

Given n linearly independent column vectors $\mathbf{g}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{g}_n$ of dimension n, an nD lattice Λ is defined as

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{g}_k : x_k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

The set $\{\mathbf{g}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{g}_n\}$ is called the basis and the matrix that consists of this basis is the generator matrix of Λ which can be written as

$$\mathbf{G} = [\mathbf{g}_1 | \cdots | \mathbf{g}_n]. \tag{9}$$

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CRT Arrays

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Definition 4 (CRT array)

 \mathbf{B}_m and \mathbf{B}_n are the matrices that represent two coprime cubic integers m and n respectively. A CRT array comprises two subarrays:

$$S_1 = \{ \mathbf{z}_m : \mathbf{z}_m = \mathbf{B}_m \mathbf{x}_2 \}, \text{ and } S_2 = \{ \mathbf{z}_n : \mathbf{z}_n = \mathbf{B}_n \mathbf{x}_1 \}.$$

The difference coarray:

$$S = \{ \mathbf{z}_m - \mathbf{z}_n : \mathbf{z}_m \in S_1, \mathbf{z}_n \in S_2 \}.$$
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Generalized Chinese Remainder Theorem asserts the surged gain of degrees of freedom.

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Algebraic Conjugates

$m \in \mathbb{Q}(heta)$ can also be expressed as

$$m=u_1+u_2\theta+u_3\theta^2.$$

Let $\omega = e^{j2\pi/3}$. The three embeddings that map $m \in \mathcal{O}_K$ into $\mathbb C$ are:

$$egin{aligned} m &
ightarrow m = u_1 + u_2 heta + u_3 heta^2, \ m &
ightarrow m' = u_1 + u_2 \omega heta + u_3 \omega^2 heta^2, \ m &
ightarrow m'' = u_1 + u_2 \omega^2 heta + u_3 \omega heta^2. \end{aligned}$$

The norm of m is defined as

$$N(m) = \det(\mathbf{B}_m) = mm'm''. \tag{13}$$

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Coprimality of Cubic Integers and Their Matrices

Lemma 1: Two cubic integers are coprime if and only if their corresponding matrices are coprime.

Theorem 1

In a pure cubic field, m and \hat{m} are coprime if and only if

$$GCD(N(m), 3\hat{u}_1) = 1,$$
 (14)

where $\hat{m} = m'm''$; $3\hat{u}_1 = 3m_2m_3ab - 3m_1^2$, if $r \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$, and $3\hat{u}_1 = 3m_1^2 + (2m_1 - m_2a)m_3b + m_3^2b^2(1 - a^2)/3$ otherwise.

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(a) $\langle 5 + 2\sqrt[3]{12} + \sqrt[3]{12^2} \rangle$ (red stars) and $\langle 1 + 2\sqrt[3]{12} - \sqrt[3]{12^2} \rangle$ (blue dots) in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt[3]{12}]$. (b) $\langle 3 + \sqrt[3]{4} \rangle$ (red stars), $\langle -1 + 2\sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4} \rangle$ (blue dots), and $\langle 1 - 2\sqrt[3]{4} \rangle$ (yellow diamonds) in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt[3]{2}]$.

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Examples of 2D CRT Arrays





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(a) $\langle 2+i \rangle$ (red stars) and $\langle 2-i \rangle$ (blue dots) in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. (b) $\langle 3+2i \rangle$ (red stars) and $\langle 3-2i \rangle$ (blue dots) in $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$.

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DOA Estimation without Mutual Coupling Effect



MUSIC spectra without considering mutual coupling effect. (a) 3D uniformly distributed array; (b) 2D CRT array: the quadratic field is $\mathbb{Q}(i)$; p = 2 + i; q = 2 - i. (c) 3D CRT array: the cubic field is $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$; $m = 3 + \sqrt[3]{4}$; $n = -1 + 2\sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4}$.

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DOA Estimation with Mutual Coupling Effect



MUSIC spectra with the presence of mutual coupling effect. (a) 3D uniformly distributed array; (b) 2D CRT array; (c) 3D CRT array.

⁶B. Friedlander and AJ. Weiss, "Direction finding in the presence of mutual coupling," in IEEE Trans. on antennas and propagation, vol. 39, no. 3, pp. 273-84, Mar. 1991.

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Concluding Remarks

- A new class of 3D coprime array is presented. They enjoy the sparse geometry and a surged gain of DOF.
- In the future, more compact 3D arrays will be developed based on denser lattices, and more applications of CRT arrays will be presented with comparisons to conventional 3D methods.

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