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Abstrak

Tesis ini memperkenalkan algoritma pengesanan isyarat yang inovatif dalam memudahkan fungsi radio kognitif untuk piawaian IEEE 802.22 Rangkaian Tanpa Wayar Kawasan Serantau (WRAN) yang baharu. Ia adalah sejenis pengesanan isyarat yang berdasarkan teknik Penguraian Nilai Singular (SVD) yang menggunakan nilai eigen daripada isyarat yang diterima. Penyelidikan ini bermula dengan sorotan terhadap kaedah pengesanan spektrum semasa yang mana penyelidikan ini telah mengklasifikasikan kepada pengesanan isyarat tertentu, separa kenal atau tak kenal. Salah satu pengesanan isyarat tak kenal dikenali sebagai pengesanan berasaskan nilai eigen telah didapati merupakan sejenis pengesanan yang paling diminati kerana keupayaannya dalam pengesanan, masa pelaksanaan, dan sifar-keutamaan pengetahuan. Algoritma pengesanan telah dibangunkan secara analitis dengan menggunakan Teori Pengesanan Isyarat (SDT) dan Teori Matrik Rawak (RMT). Ia kemudiannya disimulasikan menggunakan perisian Matlab® bagi menguji prestasi dan dibandingkan dengan pengesanan isyarat yang juga berasaskan nilai eigen. Walaupun, terdapat beberapa teknik dalam mencari nilai eigen, kajian ini telah mempertimbangkan dua teknik yang dikenali sebagai penguraian nilai eigen (EVD) dan SVD. Penyelidikan ini telah menguji algoritma yang dibangunkan dengan isyarat yang dijana secara rawak, isyarat simulasi daripada piawaian *Digital Video Broadcasting-Terrestrial* (DVB-T) dan isyarat sebenar televisyen digital yang diukur berdasarkan piawaian *Advanced Television Systems Committee* (ATSC). Pengesanan isyarat berasaskan SVD telah didapati lebih cekap dalam mengesan isyarat tanpa mengetahui ciri-ciri isyarat yang dihantar. Algoritma ini sesuai untuk mengesan spektrum dalam klasifikasi tak kenal di mana ciri-ciri isyarat yang hendak dikesan tidak diketahui. Ini juga merupakan kelebihan algoritma ini kerana apa-apa isyarat lain akan mengganggu dan seterusnya menjejaskan kualiti perkhidmatan (QoS) dalam perhubungan piawaian IEEE 802.22. Selain itu, algoritma ini juga menunjukkan prestasi lebih baik dalam persekitaran nisbah isyarat-kepada-hingar (SNR) yang rendah. Untuk menggunakan algoritma tersebut dengan berkesan, pengguna perlu memberikan keutamaan di antara ketepatan pengesanan dan masa pelaksanaan. Daripada dapatan kajian, didapati bahawa bilangan sampel yang lebih tinggi akan memberikan pengesanan yang lebih tepat, tetapi akan mengambil masa yang lebih lama. Namun, bilangan sampel yang sedikit akan menyebabkan pengesanan yang kurang tepat, tetapi masa pelaksanaan akan lebih cepat. Sumbangan tesis ini akan membantu kumpulan kerja piawaian IEEE 802.22, badan-badan yang mengawal selia penggunaan spektrum, operator rangkaian dan pengguna akhir dalam membawa akses jalur lebar ke kawasan luar bandar.

Kata kunci: radio kognitif, rangkaian tanpa wayar kawasan serantau, pengesanan isyarat, televisyen digital, penguraian nilai singular, nilai eigen.

Abstract

This thesis introduces an innovative signal detector algorithm in facilitating the cognitive radio functionality for the new IEEE 802.22 Wireless Regional Area Networks (WRAN) standard. It is a signal detector based on a Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) technique that utilizes the eigenvalue of a received signal. The research started with a review of the current spectrum sensing methods which the research classifies as the specific, semiblind or blind signal detector. A blind signal detector, which is known as eigenvalue based detection, was found to be the most desired detector for its detection capabilities, time of execution, and zero a-priori knowledge. The detection algorithm was developed analytically by applying the Signal Detection Theory (SDT) and the Random Matrix Theory (RMT). It was then simulated using Matlab® to test its performance and compared with similar eigenvalue based signal detector. There are several techniques in finding eigenvalues. However, this research considered two techniques known as eigenvalue decomposition (EVD) and SVD. The research tested the algorithm with a randomly generated signal, simulated Digital Video Broadcasting-Terrestrial (DVB-T) standard and real captured digital television signals based on the Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) standard. The SVD based signal detector was found to be more efficient in detecting signals without knowing the properties of the transmitted signal. The algorithm is suitable for the blind spectrum sensing where the properties of the signal to be detected are unknown. This is also the advantage of the algorithm since any signal would interfere and subsequently affect the quality of service (QoS) of the IEEE 802.22 connection. Furthermore, the algorithm performed better in the low signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) environment. In order to use the algorithm effectively, users need to balance between detection accuracy and execution time. It was found that a higher number of samples would lead to more accurate detection, but will take longer time. In contrary, fewer numbers of samples used would result in less accuracy, but faster execution time. The contributions of this thesis are expected to assist the IEEE 802.22 Standard Working Group, regulatory bodies, network operators and end-users in bringing broadband access to the rural areas.

Keywords: cognitive radio, wireless regional area networks, signal detector, digital television, singular value decomposition, eigenvalue.

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List of Abbreviations

3G	-	Third Generation Mobile Telecommunications
ACMA	-	Australian Communication Media Authority
ADC	-	Analog-to-Digital Converter
ATSC	-	Advanced Television Systems Committee
AUC	-	Area Under the Curve
AWGN	-	Additive White Gaussian Noise
BARD	-	Broadband Adaptive Receiver Design
BCED	-	Blindly Combined Energy Detection
BERG	-	Blind Equalization Research Group
BN	-	Base Node
BS	-	Base Station
CDF	-	Cumulative Distribution Function
CN	-	Cognitive Network
COFDM	-	Coded Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing
CPE	-	Customer-Premises Equipment
CR	-	Cognitive Radio
CS	-	Cosine-Sine
CSD	-	Cyclostationary Based Detector
CSFAR	-	Constant False Alarm Rate
DAC	-	Digital-to-Analog Converter
DFS	-	Dynamic Frequency Selection
DFT	-	Discrete Fourier Transform
DMS	-	Discrete Memoryless Source
DMT	-	Discrete Multi-Tone Modulation
DS	-	Downstream
DSA	-	Dynamic Spectrum Access
DSL	-	Digital Subscriber Line
DSP	-	Digital Signal Processing
DTV	-	Digital Television
DVB-T	-	Digital Video Broadcasting - Terrestrial
ED	-	Energy Detector
EIRP	-	Effective Isotropic Radiated Power
EME	-	Energy with Minimum Eigenvalue
ETSI	-	European Telecommunication Standard Institute

EVD	- Eigenvalue Decomposition
EVDSD	- Eigenvalue Decomposition Signal Detector
FCC	- Federal Communication Commission
FDM	- Frequency-Division Multiplexing
FFT	- Fast Fourier Transform
FP	- False positive
FPGA	- Field-Programmable Gate Array
GLRT	- Generalized Likelihood Ratio Test
GPS	- Global Positioning System
i.i.d.	- Independent and Identically Distributed
IDFT	- Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform
IEEE	- International Electrical and Electronics Engineer
IF	- Intermediate Frequency
IFFT	- Inverse Fast Fourier Transform
IMT	- International Mobile Telecommunications
ISI	- Intersymbol Interference
ISM	- Industrial, Scientific, and Medical
ITU	- International Telecommunication Union
ITU-R	- ITU Radiocommunication Sector
LAN	- Local Area Network
LAN/MAN	- Local Area Network/Metropolitan Area Network
LU	- Lower and Upper
MAN	- Metropolitan Area Network
MCMC	- Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission
MF	- Matched Filter
MIMO	- Multiple Input Multiple Output
ML	- Maximum Likelihood
MME	- Maximum-Minimum Eigenvalue
NPRM	- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
OFDM	- Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing
PAN	- Personal Area Network
P_d	- Probability of Detection
PDA	- Personal Digital Assistant
PDF	- Probability Density Function
P_{fa}	- Probability of False Alarm
P_{md}	- Probability of Miss Detection

PSD	-	Power Spectral Density
PU	-	Primary User
QAM	-	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
QPSK	-	Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
RAN	-	Regional Area Network
RF	-	Radio Frequency
RMT	-	Random Matrix Theory
ROC	-	Receiver Operating Characteristic
RTSA	-	Real Time Spectrum Analyzer
SDR	-	Software-Defined Radio
SDT	-	Signal Detection Theory
SG	-	Study Group
SNR	-	Signal-to-Noise Ratio
SU	-	Secondary User
SVD	-	Singular Value Decomposition
SVDS	-	Singular Value Decomposition Signal Detector
TP	-	True Positive
TV	-	Television
UHF	-	Ultra High Frequency
UMTS	-	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
US	-	Upstream
UWB	-	Ultra-Wideband
VHF	-	Very High Frequency
WAN	-	Wide Area Network
WG	-	Working Group
WiMAX	-	Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access
WP	-	Working Parties
WRAN	-	Wireless Regional Area Network
WRC	-	World Radiocommunication Conference

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

This thesis is about an innovative signal detection algorithm and its performance for IEEE 802.22 Wireless Regional Area Network (WRAN) to detect licensed user signal in order to avoid harmful interference to the incumbent. The aim of this chapter is to place the thesis in its context, where general overview of the research is described briefly. This chapter begins with highlighting the current spectrum usage in the next section. Section 1.2 highlights the motivation of the research and the worldwide organizational effort to utilize spectrum resources. The problem statement is described in Section 1.3 where the current situation of spectrum resource management is being addressed. In Section 1.4, the research questions are being addressed. The objectives, scope, and steps of the research are described briefly in Section 1.5, 1.6, and 1.7 respectively. The contributions of the research are highlighted in Section 1.8, and finally, the organization of the thesis is outlined in Section 1.9.

1.1 Current Spectrum Usage

In recent years there has been a major increase of wireless applications that have been deployed, and along with more traditional services, this has placed a significant amount of pressure on sharing the available spectrum, especially in Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) bands. This is because these bands are considered as a “sweet spot” for their advantages in propagating signals and low hardware cost.

Furthermore, the radio frequency spectrum is a limited natural resource to enable wireless communication between transmitters and receivers [21]. The radio spectrum

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