

On the Minimum Mean p -th Error in Gaussian Noise Channels and Its Applications

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- Applications

Notation

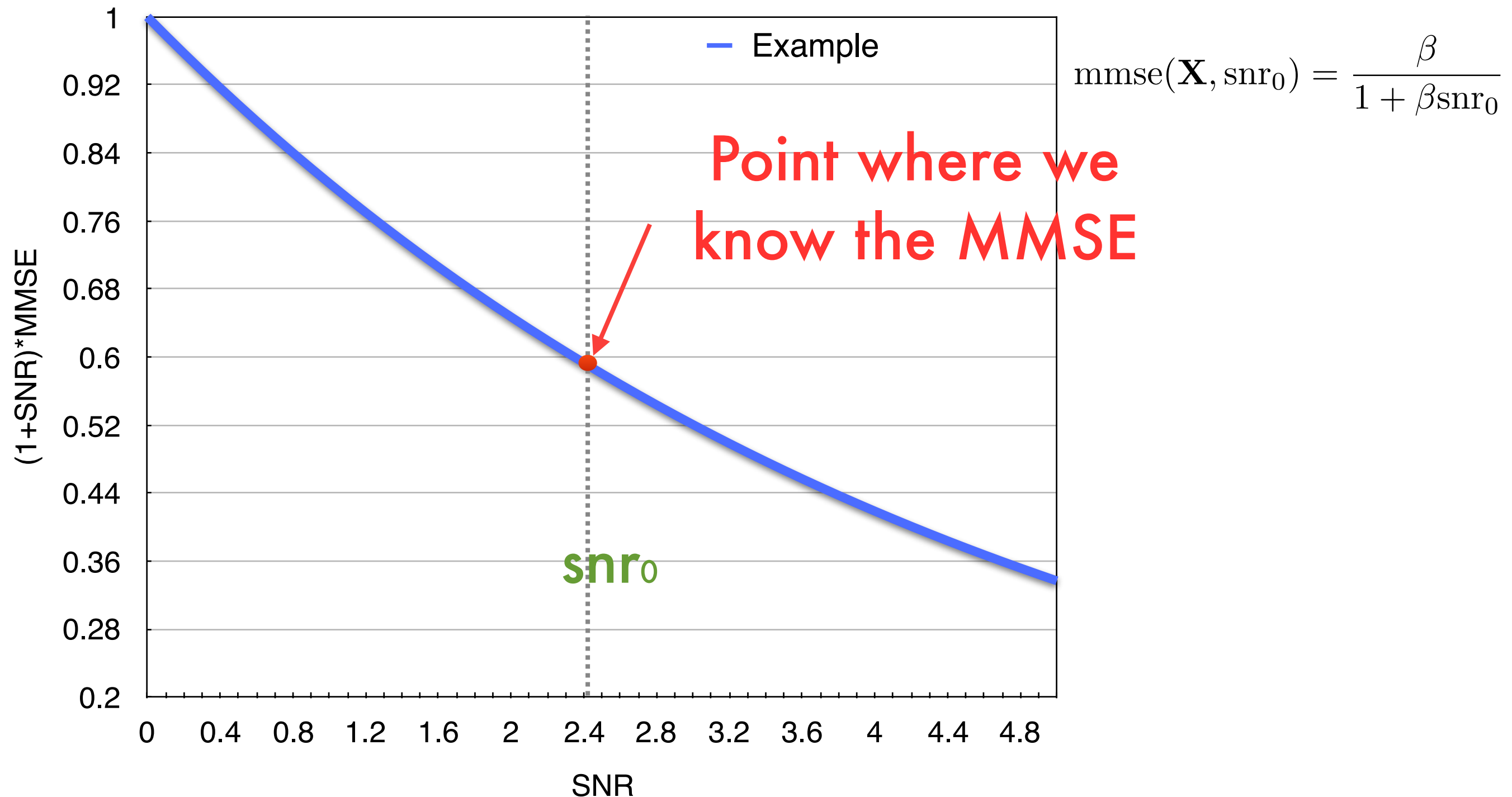
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The I-MMSE relationship

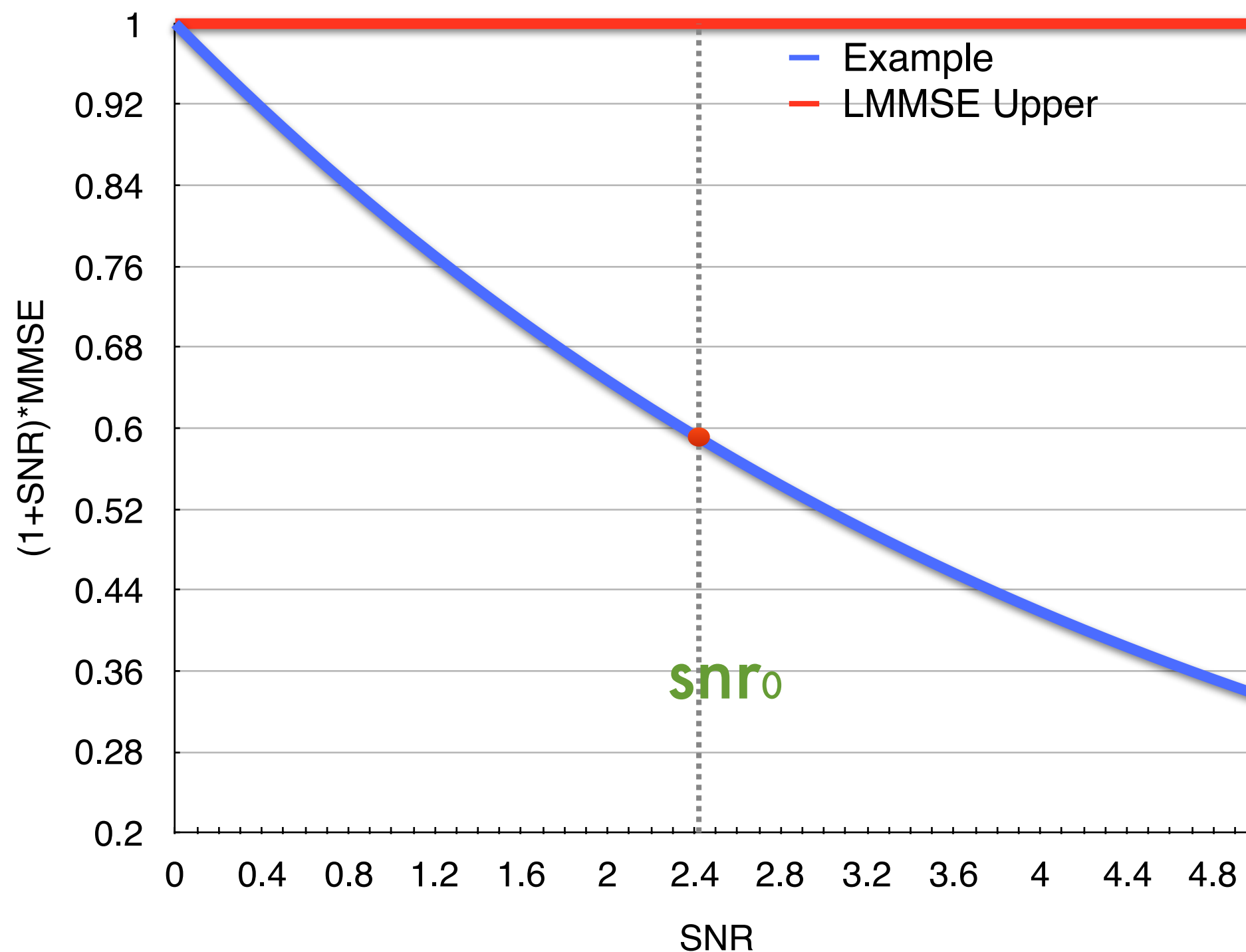
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Review: MMSE bounds



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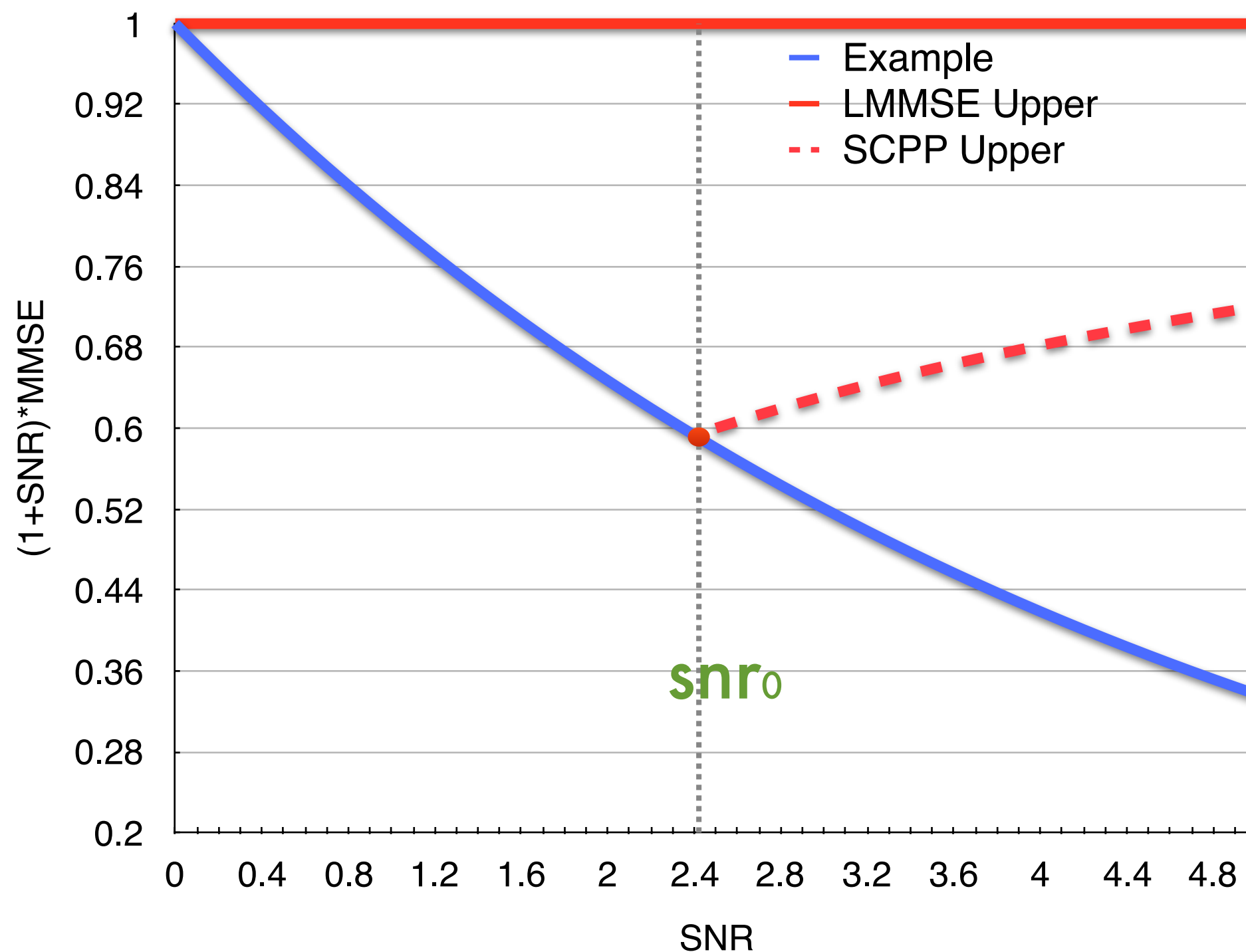
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**only power
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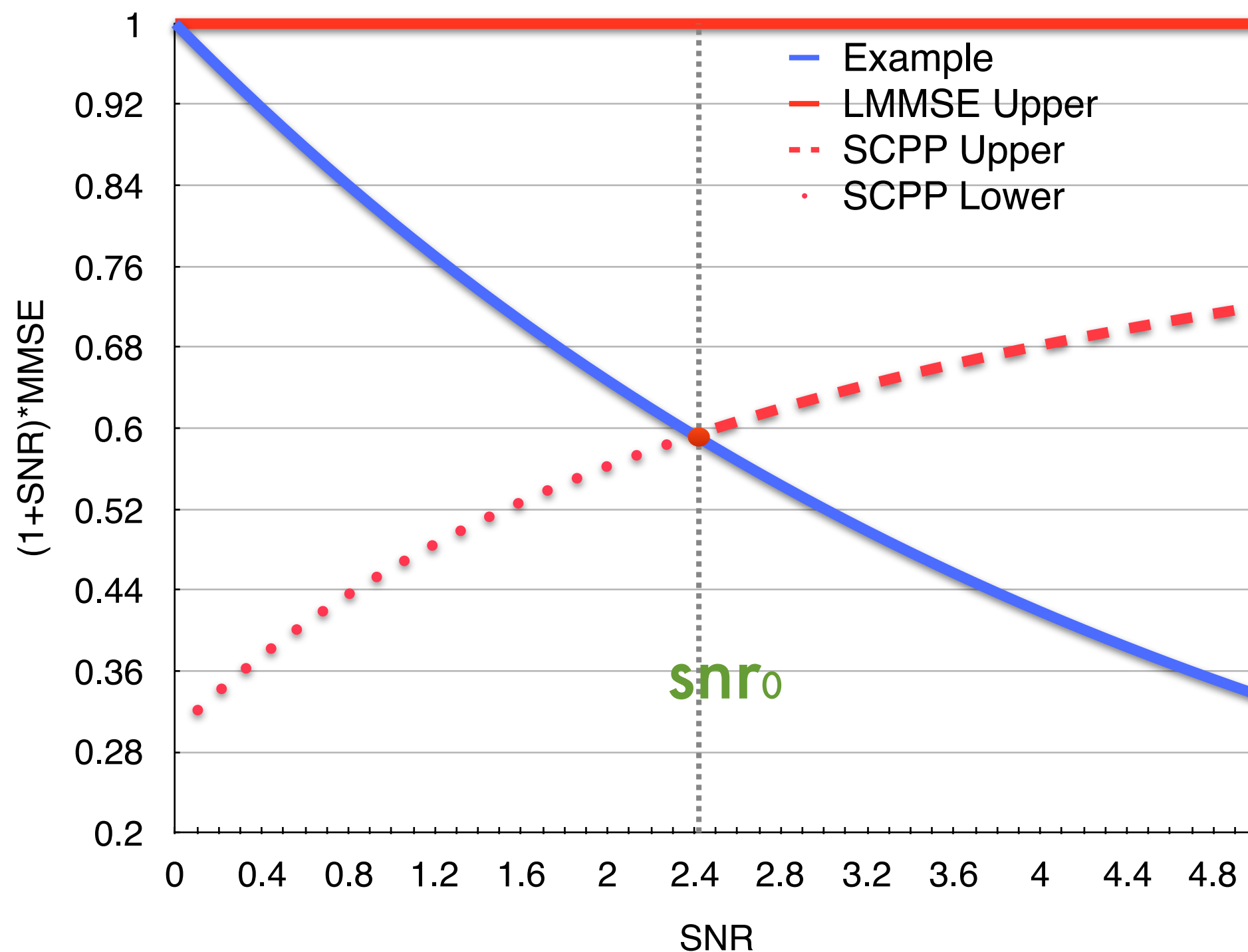
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**MMSE
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MMSE bounds



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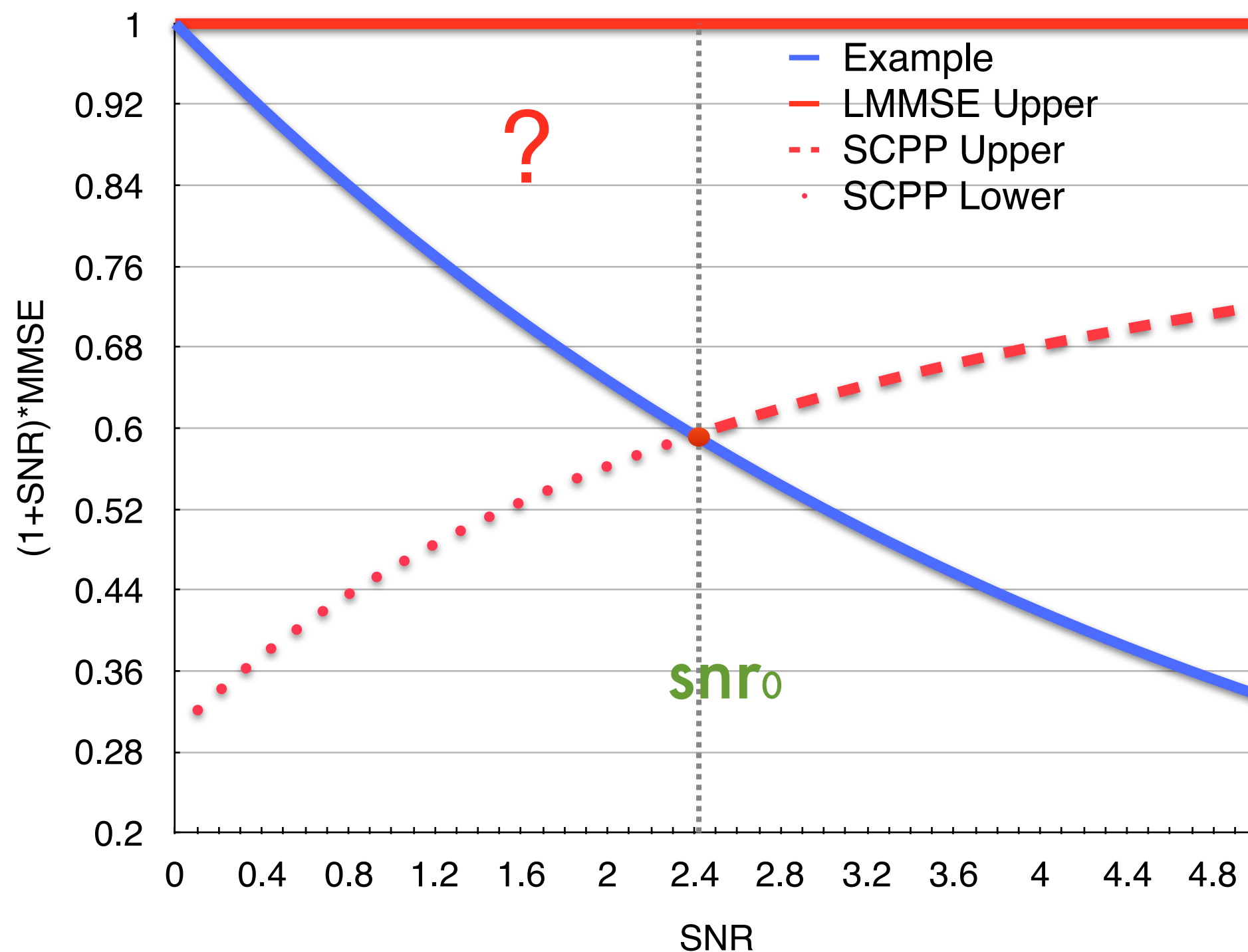
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MMSE Bounds: Single Crossing Point Property

(**SCPP.**) For any fixed $\mathbf{X}$, suppose that $\text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}_0) = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta\text{snr}_0}$, for some fixed $\beta \geq 0$. Then

$$\text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}) \leq \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta\text{snr}}, \quad \text{snr} \in [\text{snr}_0, \infty)$$

$$\text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}) \geq \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta\text{snr}}, \quad \text{snr} \in [0, \text{snr}_0).$$

SCPP+I-MMSE important tool for derive converses:

- Version of EPI
- BC
- Wiretap
- MIMO channels

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max-MMSE problem

Motivated by the need of a complementary
(to the SCPP) upper bound for MMSE

max-MMSE problem

$$M_n(\text{snr}, \text{snr}_0, \beta) := \sup_{\mathbf{X}} \text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}),$$

$$\text{s.t. } \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T]) \leq 1,$$

$$\text{and } \text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}_0) \leq \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta \text{snr}_0}.$$

From SCPP

$$\text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}) \leq \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta \text{snr}}$$

for $\text{snr} \geq \text{snr}_0$

solution for $\text{snr} > \text{snr}_0$:
Gaussian input with
reduced power

In the rest focus on $\text{snr} < \text{snr}_0$

Bounds on max-MMSE

$$M_{\infty}(\text{snr}, \text{snr}_0, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+\text{snr}}, & \text{snr} < \text{snr}_0, \\ \frac{\beta}{1+\beta\text{snr}}, & \text{snr} \geq \text{snr}_0, \end{cases}.$$

- Converse: LMMSE+SCPP.
- Achievability: superposition coding with Gaussian codebooks.

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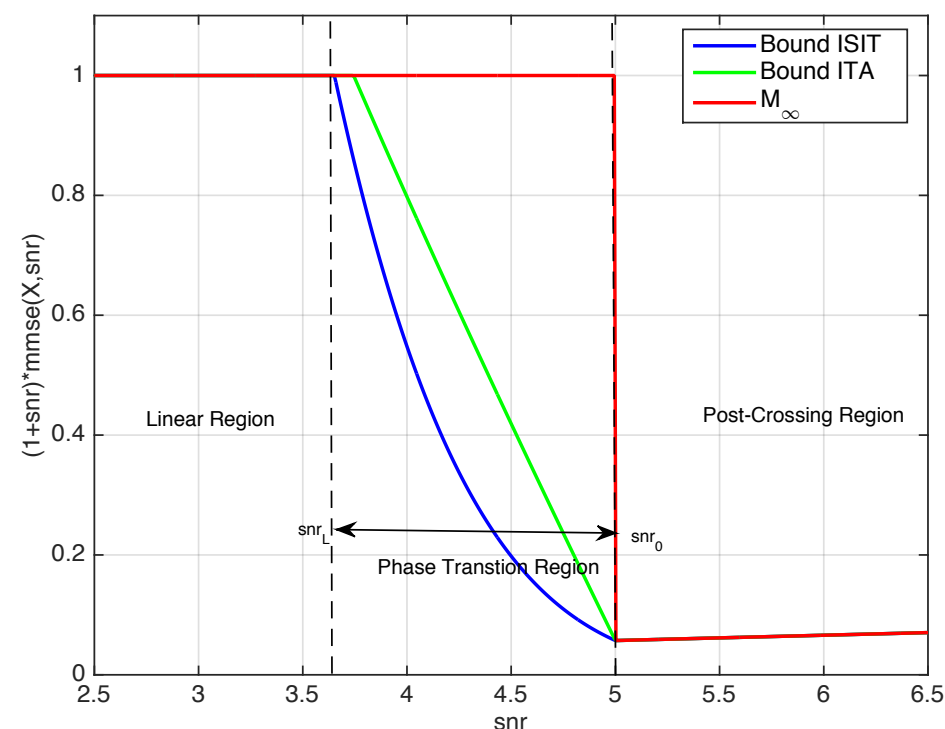
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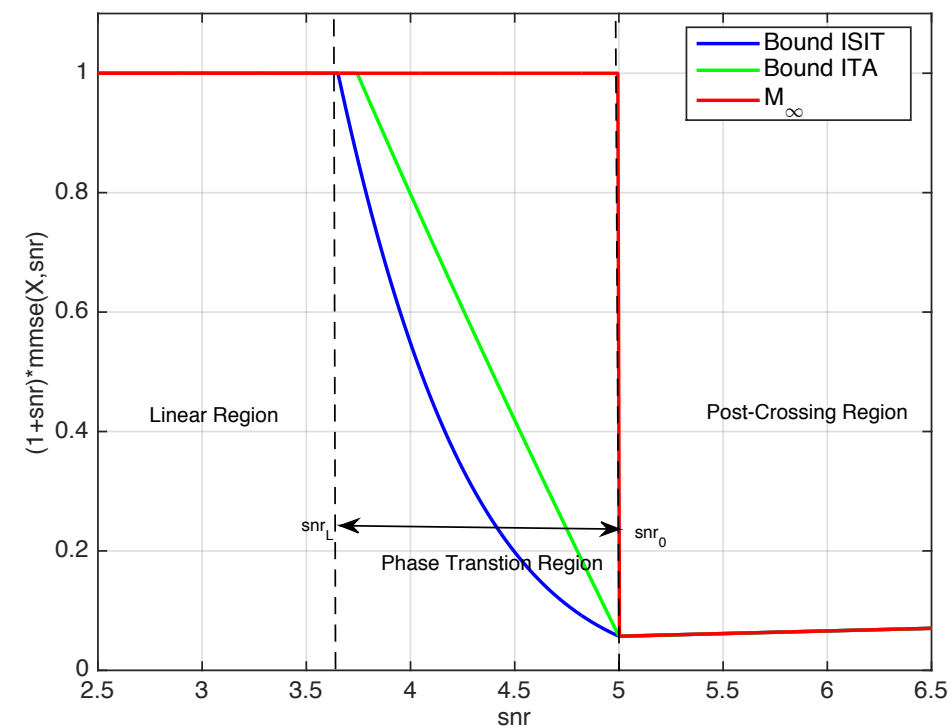


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Theorem.

$$T_n(\text{snr}, \text{snr}_0, \beta) \leq \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta\text{snr}_0} + \kappa_n \left(\frac{1}{\text{snr}} - \frac{1}{\text{snr}_0} \right),$$

where $\kappa_n \leq n + 2$.

The width of the phase transition region is $W(n) = O(n^{-1})$.

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MMPE

The p -norm of a random vector $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is give by

$$\|\mathbf{U}\|_p^p = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[\text{Tr}^{\frac{p}{2}} (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T) \right].$$

For $n = 1$, $\|U\|_p = \mathbb{E}[|U|^p]$.

Example: $\mathbf{U} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

$$n\|\mathbf{U}\|_p^p = 2^{\frac{p}{2}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+p}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)},$$
$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt.$$

MMPE

We define the minimum mean p -th error (MMPE) of estimating $\mathbf{X}$ from $\mathbf{Y}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mmpe}(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}; p) &:= \inf_f \|\mathbf{X} - f(\mathbf{Y})\|_p^p, \\ &:= \inf_f n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \left[\text{Err}^{\frac{p}{2}}(\mathbf{X}, f(\mathbf{Y})) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We denote the optimal estimator by $f_p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y})$.

Example: for $p = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mmpe}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, p = 2) &= \text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}), \\ f_{p=2}(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}) &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]. \end{aligned}$$

Study Properties

Properties of the MMPE

Optimal Estimator

Theorem. For $\text{mmpe}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, p)$ and $p \geq 0$ the optimal estimator is given by the following point-wise relationship:

$$f_p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{E} \left[\text{Err}^{\frac{p}{2}}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{v}) | \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y} \right].$$

Orthogonality `Like' Property

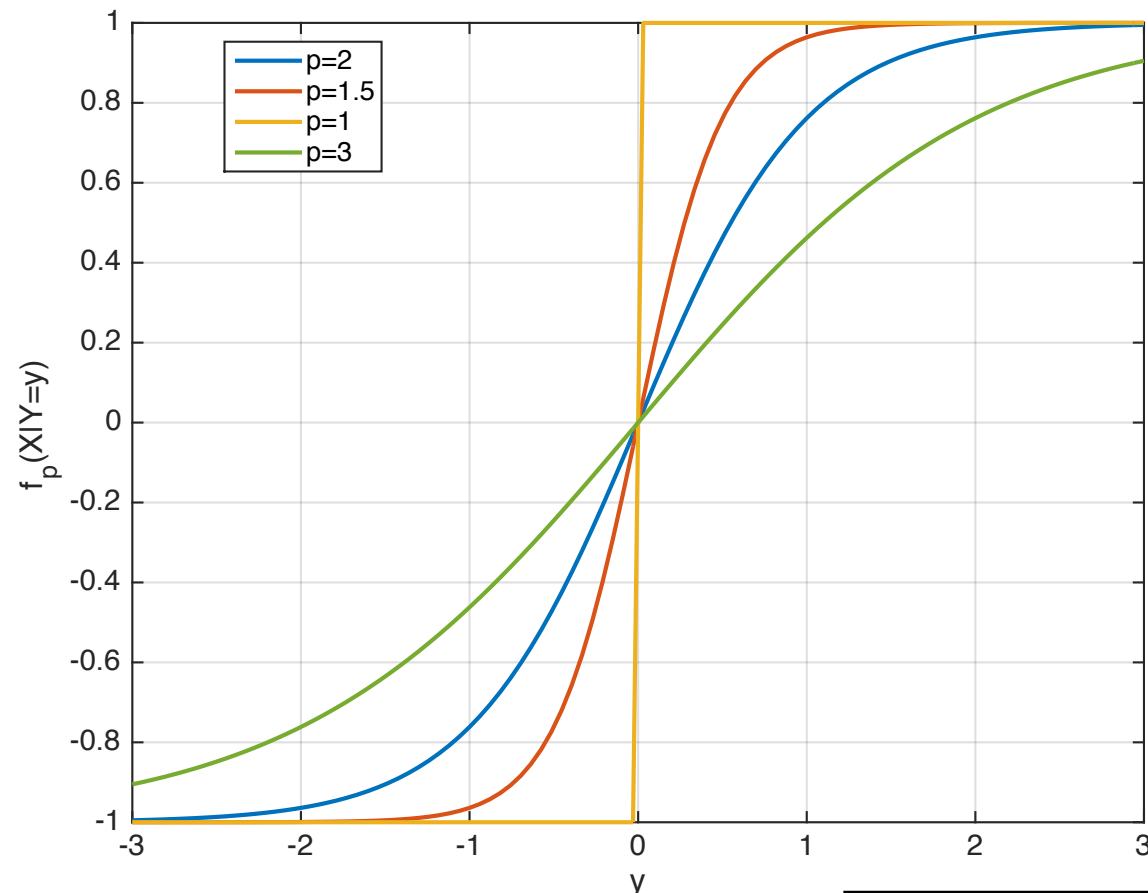
Theorem. For any $1 \leq p < \infty$ optimal estimator $f_p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y})$ satisfies

$$\mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W})^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \cdot \mathbf{W}^T \cdot g(\mathbf{Y}) \right] = 0,$$

where $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{X} - f_p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y})$ for any deterministic function $g(\cdot)$.

Examples of Optimal Estimators

- if $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ then for $p \geq 1$ $f_p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\sqrt{\text{snr}}}{1+\text{snr}} \mathbf{y}$ (i.e., linear);
- if $X = \{\pm 1\}$ equally likely (BPSK) then for $p \geq 1$ $f_p(X|Y) = \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\text{snr}}}{p-1} y\right)$.



Properties of Optimal Estimators

$E[X|Y]$

1. if $0 \leq X \in \mathbb{R}^1$ then $0 \leq E[X|Y]$,
2. (Linearity) $E[a\mathbf{X} + b|\mathbf{Y}] = aE[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}] + b$,
3. (Stability) $E[g(\mathbf{Y})|\mathbf{Y}] = g(\mathbf{Y})$ for any function $g(\cdot)$,
4. (Idempotent) $E[E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]|\mathbf{Y}] = E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]$,
5. (Degradedness) $E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}_{\text{snr}}, \mathbf{Y}_{\text{snr}_0}] = E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}_{\text{snr}_0}]$,
for $\mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}_{\text{snr}_0} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}_{\text{snr}}$,
6. (Shift Invariance) $\text{mmse}(\mathbf{X} + a, \text{snr}) = \text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr})$,
7. (Scaling) $\text{mmse}(a\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}) = a^2 \text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, a^2 \text{snr})$.

$$E[E[X|Y]] = E[X]$$

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$$E[f_p(X|Y)] \neq E[X]$$

Bounds on The MMPE

$$\text{mmse}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}) \leq \min \left(\frac{1}{\text{snr}}, \|\mathbf{X}\|_2^2 \right)$$

Theorem. For $\text{snr} \geq 0$, $0 < q \leq p$, and input $\mathbf{X}$

$$\text{mmpe}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, p) \leq \min \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{Z}\|_p^p}{\text{snr}^{\frac{p}{2}}}, \|\mathbf{X}\|_p^p \right),$$

$$n^{\frac{p}{q}-1} \text{mme}^{\frac{p}{q}}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, q) \leq \text{mmpe}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, p) \leq \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]\|_p^p.$$

Bounds on The MMPE

Interpolation Bounds

Theorem. For any $0 < p < q < r \leq \infty$ and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{p} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{r} \iff \alpha = \frac{q^{-1} - r^{-1}}{p^{-1} - r^{-1}}, \quad (1a)$$

where $\bar{\alpha} = 1 - \alpha$,

$$\text{mmpe}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, q) \leq \inf_f \|\mathbf{X} - f(\mathbf{Y})\|_p^\alpha \|\mathbf{X} - f(\mathbf{Y})\|_r^{\bar{\alpha}}. \quad (1b)$$

In particular,

$$\text{mmpe}^{\frac{1}{q}}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, q) \leq \|\mathbf{X} - f_r(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y})\|_p^\alpha \text{mmpe}^{\frac{\bar{\alpha}}{r}}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, r), \quad (1c)$$

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Bounds on The MMPE

Change of Measure Bound

Theorem. For $0 < \text{snr} \leq \text{snr}_0$, $\mathbf{X}$ and $p \geq 0$, we have

$$\text{mmpe}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, p) \leq \kappa_{n,t} \text{mmpe}^{\frac{1-t}{1+t}} \left(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}_0, \frac{1+t}{1-t} \cdot p \right),$$
$$\text{where } \kappa_{n,t} := \left(\frac{2^n}{n^2} \right)^{\frac{t}{t+1}} \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{\frac{nt}{t+1} - \frac{1}{2}}, \quad t = \frac{\text{snr}_0 - \text{snr}}{\text{snr}_0}.$$

Fix SNR But Change Order

New Bound on max-MMSE

Theorem.

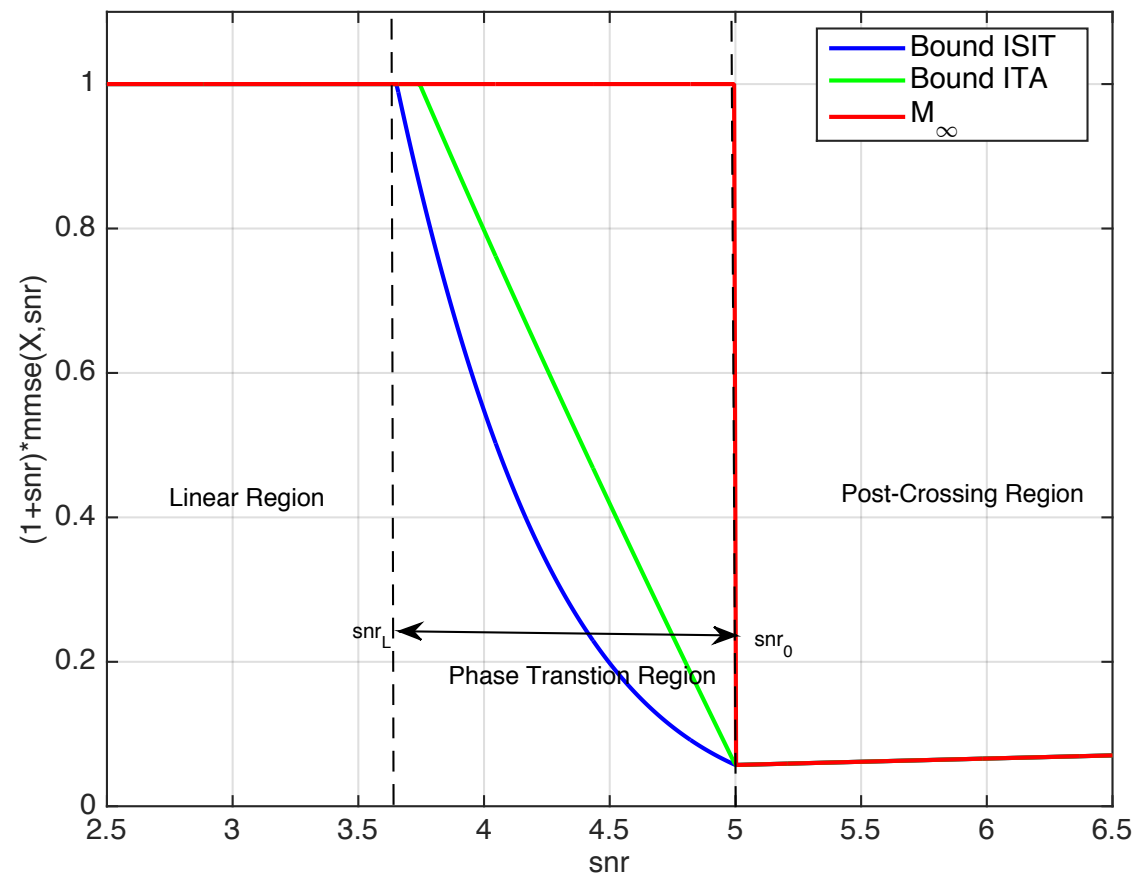
$$T_n(\text{snr}, \text{snr}_0, \beta) \leq \min_{r > \frac{2}{\gamma}} k_{n,\gamma,r} \cdot \text{mmse}^{\frac{\gamma r - 2}{r - 2}}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}_0),$$

$$\gamma := \frac{\text{snr}}{2\text{snr}_0 - \text{snr}} \in (0, 1],$$

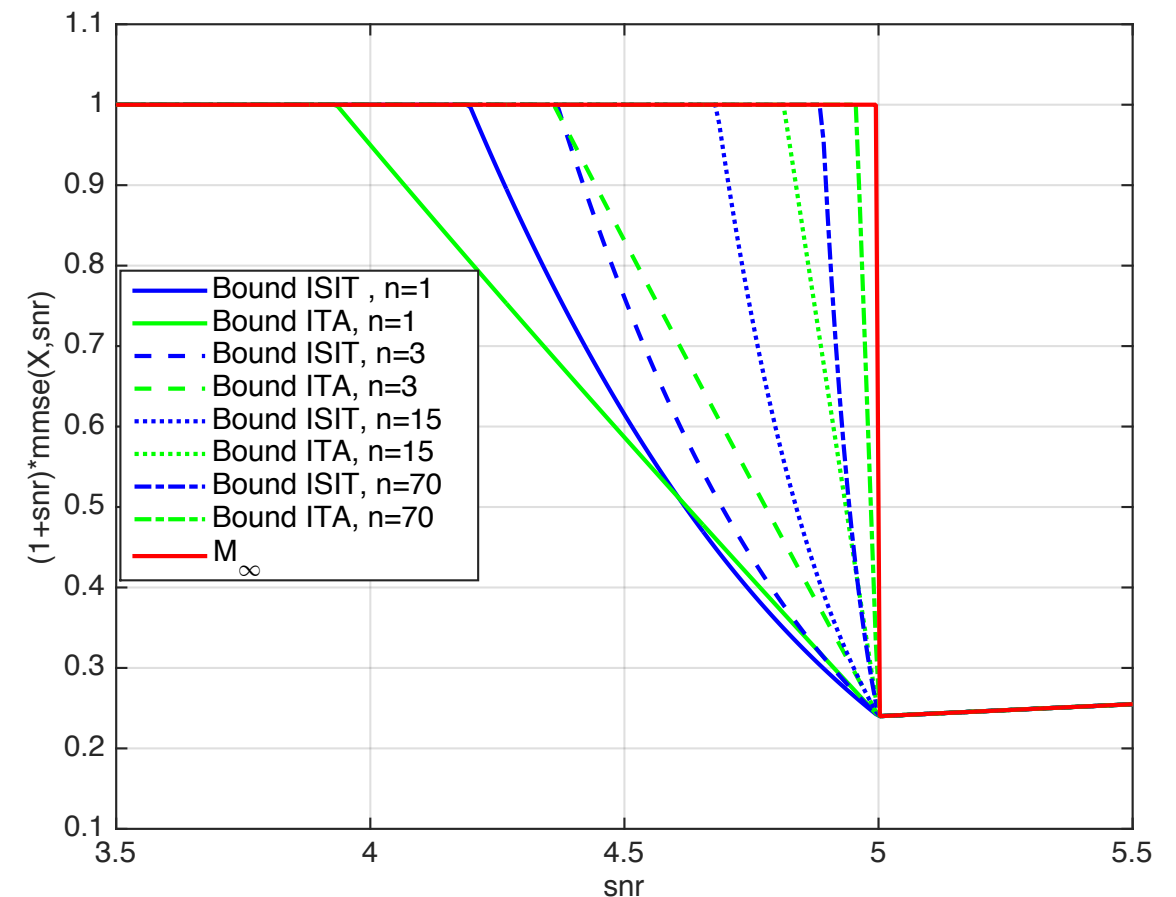
$$k_{n,\gamma,r} := \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n^{1-\gamma}} \left(\frac{1+\gamma}{\gamma} \right)^{\frac{n(1-\gamma)-1}{2}} \left(\frac{2^r \|\mathbf{Z}\|_r^r}{\text{snr}_0^{\frac{r}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{2(1-\gamma)}{r-2}}.$$

Moreover, the width of the phase transition region is given by $W(n) = O\left(n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$.

New Bound on max-MMSE



$\text{snr}_0 = 5, \beta = 0.01, n = 1$



$\text{snr}_0 = 5, \beta = 0.05$

Some New Directions

Bounds on Conditional Entropy

$$h(\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{V}) \leq \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi e \text{ mmse}(\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{V})),$$

Theorem. If $\|\mathbf{U}\|_p < \infty$ for some $p \in (0, \infty)$ then for any $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have

$$h(\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{V}) \leq \frac{n}{2} \log \left(k_{n,2p}^2 \cdot n^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \text{mmpe}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{V}; p) \right),$$

$$\text{where } k_{n,p} := \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{p}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} e^{\frac{1}{p}} \Gamma^{\frac{1}{n}}\left(\frac{n}{p}+1\right)}{\Gamma^{\frac{1}{n}}\left(\frac{n}{2}+1\right)} = \sqrt{2\pi e} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2n}}} + o\left(\frac{n}{p}\right).$$

- Sharper version of Ozarow-Wyner Bound
- Bounds on the Derivative of the MMSE

Generalized OW Bound

For any $p \geq 1$

$$[H(\mathbf{X}_D) - \text{gap}_p]^+ \leq I(\mathbf{X}_D; \mathbf{Y}) \leq H(\mathbf{X}_D),$$

where

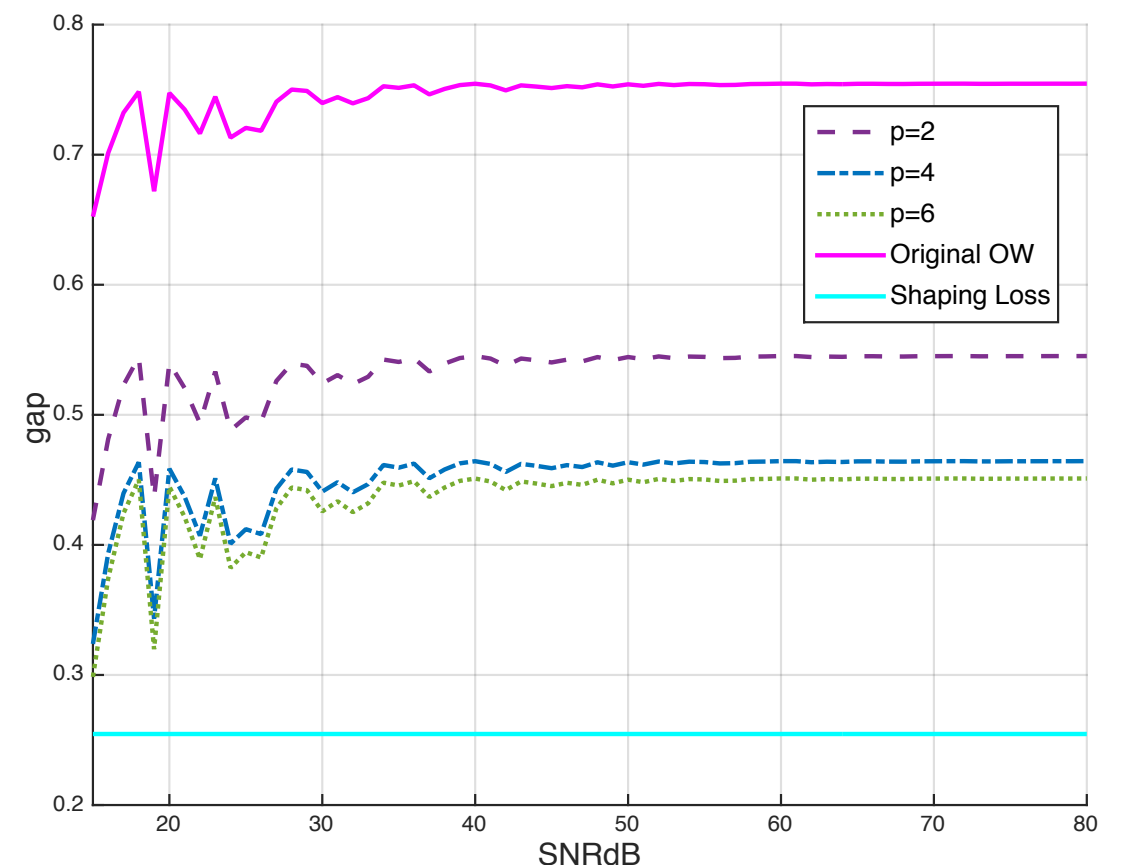
$$\text{gap}_p = \inf_{\mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{K}} \text{gap}(\mathbf{U}),$$

$$n^{-1} \cdot \text{gap}(\mathbf{U}) = \log \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{X}_D - f_p(\mathbf{X}_D | \mathbf{Y})\|_p}{\|\mathbf{U}\|_p} \right) + \log \left(\frac{k_{n,p} \cdot n^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \|\mathbf{U}\|_p}{e^{\frac{1}{n} h_e(\mathbf{U})}} \right).$$

where $\mathcal{K} = \{\mathbf{U} : \text{diam}(\text{supp}(\mathbf{U})) \leq 2 \cdot d_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_D)\}$.

Moreover,

$$\log \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{X}_D - f_p(\mathbf{X}_D | \mathbf{Y})\|_p}{\|\mathbf{U}\|_p} \right) \leq \log \left(1 + \frac{\text{mmpe}^{\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbf{X}, \text{snr}, p)}{\|\mathbf{U}\|_p} \right).$$



Concluding Remarks

- max-MMSE
- Properties of the MMPE functional
- Bounds on the width of the phase transition region $O(n^{-1/2})$
- Other applications

Thank you

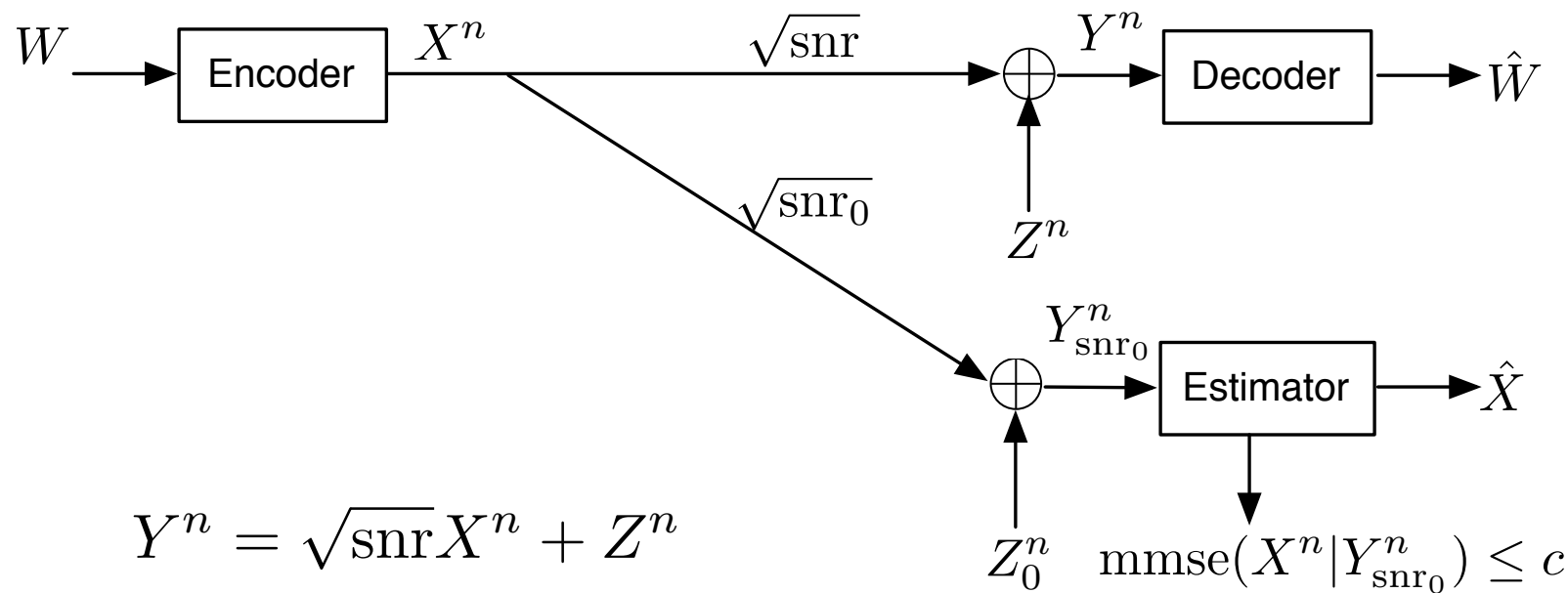
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Problem



$$Y^n = \sqrt{\text{snr}}X^n + Z^n$$

$$Y_{\text{snr}_0}^n = \sqrt{\text{snr}_0}X^n + Z_0^n$$

where $Z^n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$, $Z_0^n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

max-I problem

$$\mathcal{C}_n(\text{snr}, \text{snr}_0, \beta) := \sup_{X^n} \frac{1}{n} I(X^n, Y_{\text{snr}}^n),$$

$$\text{s.t. } \text{Tr} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[X^n (X^n)^T \right] \right) \leq n,$$

$$\text{and } \text{mmse}(X^n, \text{snr}_0) \leq \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta \text{snr}_0}.$$

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Relationship to max-I problem

$$\frac{\text{snr}}{2} M_n(\text{snr}, \text{snr}_0, \beta) \leq \mathcal{C}_n(\text{snr}, \text{snr}_0, \beta) \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\text{snr}} M_n(t, \text{snr}_0, \beta) dt.$$