Performance Analysis of Intelligent Reflecting Surface-Assisted Orbital Angular Momentum-Based Communication Systems

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Abstract—Uniformed circular array antenna (UCA) based orbital angular momentum (OAM) communication system has some disadvantages, such as not being suitable for long-distance multiplexing and requiring a high degree of synchronization between the transmitting and receiving antennas. To achieve non-line-of-sight (NLoS) communication using OAM radio waves, we propose an inter-mode interference (IMI) cancellation method for intelligent reflecting surface (IRS)-Assisted OAM multiplexing to eliminate the IMI from all OAM modes. We also propose a L2-ball projection method to optimize the transmit power allocation for OAM modes to increase the system capacity of IRS-assisted OAM communication systems. The IMI cancellation method and the L2-ball projection method are shown to achieve increasing the maximum system capacity as compared to the L1-ball projection method when the IRS is located closer to the middle between the transmitter UCA and receiver UCA.

Keyword— orbital angular momentum (OAM), spatial multiplexing, unified circular array antenna (UCA), intelligent reflecting surface (IRS), inter-mode interference (IMI) cancellation method

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