# Research on an Outer Bound of Achievable Secrecy Rate Region for BCE 

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#### Abstract

The security performance problems of broadcast channel with an eavesaropper (BCE) have been studied for many years in the field of communication. Many artieles have given the meaningful results. However, almost no consequent of an auter bound on BCE has been given by previous work, especially, no significant results has been given So this paper proposes and proves an outer bound of BCE by using information entropy and further proves this outer bound is tight in the cut-set bound by max flow min-eul theorem. It illustrates the outer bound is meaningful. Finally, by contrasting a variety of existing results, we can get that the outer bound in this paper include (tight) in the existing outer bound of BCE in the case of not considering the eavesdropper.


Keywords: Broadcast channel; eavesdroppeCquter bound; max-flow min-cut theorem.

## 1. Introduction

Due to the broadcast characteristics of wireless network, the wireless communication security can't be gutaranteed in effeet. Traditional methods of communication security are mostly encryption lechnology which based on application layer. However, such technologies which have been widely usedcan't achieve perfect secrecy, because they are all assumed that the computing capability of eavesdropper is limited.

The information theory security is different from traditional secure communication methods. It belongs to bbysical layer security and can be effective against the eavesdropper. Therefore, it is widely considered to be the most stringent secrecy concept.

The concept of information theory security was first proposed by Shannon in [1], and the condition of perfect secrecy had been given by Shannon: the mutual information between the information received by eavesdropper and sent by transmitter is equal to 0 . After that Wyner introduced the concept of wire-tap channel in [2], he proved that the perfect secrecy can be aenieved between the legitimate communication parties only if the eavesdropper's channel is a degaded version but not key-dependent. Then, Csiszar and Korner extended Wyner's work in [3], and they proved that if the legitimate transceiver channel is better than the eavesdropper's channel, the perfect secrecy can be achieved rather than having to ensure that the eavesdropper's channel is a degraded one. Here after Leung-Yan -Cheong and Hellman researched the Gaussian wire-tap channel with eavesdropper and proved the secrecy capacity of communication system is equal to the difference of channel capacity between the main channel and the eavesdropper's channel in [4].

This paper considers the broadcast channel with eavesdropper (BCE). The achievable security rate region of BCE was first proposed by Ghadamali Bagherikaram et al. in [5] and [6]. We focus on proving the achievable security rate region which has been proposed in the following part of this paper.

The remaining paper is organized as follows. System model will be described in Section 2. Section 3 will then focus on the proposal and certification for an outer bound of achievable security rate region of BCE. Through comparing the cut-set bound by max-flow min-cut theorem, we will elaborate and prove the significance of the outer bound in section 4. Section 5 will give the consequence analysis of contrasting the existing outer bound of BCE in the case of not considering the eavesdropper. The conclusion will be given in Section 6. Concrete proof will be completed in the appendix.

## 2. Preliminaries

The system model of BCE is shown as Fig.1. $M_{0}, M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$ indicate the message variables which have been sent by the transmitter. $x$ is the finite input alphabet of channel. $y_{1}, y_{2}$ and $z$ are the finite output alphabets of receiver 1 , recerver 2 and he eavesdropper's channel respectively. $p\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, z \mid x\right)$ is the transition probability function of the channel. Suppose that $\omega_{0}=\left\{1,2, \ldots W_{0}\right\}$ is a publid message set $\omega_{1}=\left\{1,2, \ldots W_{1}\right\}$ and $\omega_{2}=\left\{1,2, \ldots W_{2}\right\}$ are private message set of user and user 2cespectively. $M_{0}, M_{1}, M_{2}$ are the message variables which corresponding the message sets $\omega_{0}, \omega_{1}, \omega_{2}$. That is $M_{i} \subseteq \omega_{i}, i=0,1,2$.

A codeword ( $\left(2^{n R_{a}}, 2^{n R_{s}}, 2^{n R_{c}}\right), \ldots$ of discrefemoryless broadcast channel with eavesdropper is composed by folpwing elements:

An encoder:
$f:\left(\left\{1,2, \ldots, 2^{n R_{a}}\right\} \times\left\{1,2, \ldots, 2^{n R_{b}}\right\} \times\left\{1,2, \ldots, 2^{n R_{c}}\right.\right.$
Two decoders:
$g_{1}: y_{1}^{n} \rightarrow\left\{1,2, \ldots, 2^{w R_{n}} \times\left\{, 2, \ldots, 2^{n R_{k}}\right\}\right.$
$g_{2}: y_{2}^{n} \rightarrow\left\{1,2, \ldots{ }^{\prime \prime} \sim\left\{1,2, \ldots, 2^{\prime \prime}\right\}\right.$
The average error probability is defined as:


It should be noted that Weyner introduced the concept of perfect secrecy in [2]. It is that the eavesdropper can' receive any confidential messages which have been transmitted. Therefore, the perfect secrecy means:


$$
\begin{aligned}
& I\left(Z^{n}, M_{1}\right)=0 \Leftrightarrow H\left(M_{1}\right)=H\left(M_{1} \mid Z^{n}\right) \\
& I\left(Z^{n}, M_{2}\right)=0 \Leftrightarrow H\left(M_{2}\right)=H\left(M_{2} \mid Z^{n}\right) \\
& I\left(Z^{n},\left(M_{1} M_{2}\right)\right)=0 \Leftrightarrow H\left(M_{1}, M_{2}\right)=H\left(M_{1}, M_{2} \mid Z^{n}\right) \\
& n \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}
$$

## 3. The Outer Bound of BCE

We will propose the outer bound of achievable secrecy rate region of BCE in this section. It is as following,

## Theorem 1:

Let $\Re_{a}$ represent the region constituted by all of non-negative rate triples $\left(R_{a}, R_{b}, R_{c}\right)$ which satisfy the following conditions,

$$
\begin{gather*}
R_{a} \leq \min \left\{I\left(V ; Y_{1}\right), I\left(V ; Y_{2}\right)\right\}-I(V ; Z) \\
R_{a}+R_{b} \leq I\left(U_{1} ; Y_{1} \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{1} ; Z \mid V\right)+\min \left\{I\left(V ; Y_{1}\right), I\left(V ; Y_{2}\right)\right\}-I(V ; Z) \\
R_{a}+R_{c} \leq I\left(U_{2} ; Y_{2} \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{2} ; Z \mid V\right)+\min \left\{I\left(V ; Y_{1}\right), I\left(V ; Y_{2}\right)\right\}-I(V ; Z) \\
R_{a}+R_{b}+R_{c} \leq I\left(U_{1} ; Y_{1} \mid V U_{2}\right)+I\left(U_{2} ; Y_{2} \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{1}, U_{2} ; Z \mid V\right) \\
-I\left(U_{1} ; U_{2} \mid V\right)+\min \left\{I\left(V ; Y_{1}\right), I\left(V ; Y_{2}\right)\right\}-I(V ; Z) \\
R_{a}+R_{b}+R_{c} \leq I\left(U_{2} ; Y_{2} \mid V U_{1}\right)+I\left(U_{1} ; Y_{1} \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{1}, U_{2} ; Z \mid V\right) \\
-I\left(U_{1} ; U_{2} \mid V\right)+\min \left\{I\left(V ; Y_{1}\right), I\left(V ; Y_{2}\right)\right\}-I(V ; Z) \tag{1}
\end{gather*}
$$

In (1), $V, U_{1}, U_{2}$ are auxiliary random variable, random variable group $\left(V, U_{1}, U_{2}, X, Y_{1}, Y_{2}, Z\right)$ obey,

$$
p\left(v, u_{1}, u_{2}, x, y_{1}, y_{2}, z\right)=p(v) p\left(u_{1}, u_{2} \mid v\right) p\left(x \mid u_{1}, u_{2}\right) p\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, z \mid x\right)
$$

That is $\left(V, U_{1}, U_{2}, X, Y_{1}, Y_{2}, Z\right)$ which satisfies the Markov condition
$V \rightarrow U_{1} U_{2} \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y_{1} Y_{2} Z$.
From theorem 1, we can know that $\mathfrak{R}_{a}$ is the outer bound on the secrecy achievable rate regions of BCE.

## Definition 1:

Define the following equation,

(2)

The lengths of all vector atre assumed to be $n$ in (2). Similar to the above defined type, we use $M_{0} M_{1}, M_{0} \operatorname{and}_{M_{0} M}$ replace $M_{0}$ in $\left(\Sigma_{1}, \Sigma_{1}^{*}\right)$ respectively, then we can get a corresponding expression of $\left.\Sigma_{2}, \Sigma_{2}^{*}\right),\left(\Sigma_{3}, \Sigma_{3}^{*}\right)$ and $\left(\Sigma_{4}, \Sigma_{4}^{*}\right)$.

## Lemma 1 :

For any ${ }_{i=1,2,3,4}$, there $1 \Sigma_{i}, \Sigma_{i}^{*}$.
Please refer to Appendiy for the proof.

## 4. The Significance of Outer Bound on BCE

We know that the obtained outer bound may be different by using different methods. Therefore the given mode of outer bound is also a variety of way. As a result of giving an outer bound, we must determine whether it makes sense. While the minimum standards of measuring whether the outer bound meaningful is that it at least be included in (tight in) the cut set bound which is obtained by using max-flow min-cut theorem. The following theorem guarantees the outer bound (given by Theorem 1) meaningful.

## Theorem 2:

The outer bound which is given by Theorem 1 tight in the cut-set bound which is given by max-flow min-cut theorem.

According to max-flow min-cut theorem we can obtain its corresponding outer bounder for the joint distribution of $p(x) p\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, z \mid x\right)$ as follow,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R_{a}+R_{b} \leq I\left(X ; Y_{1}\right)-I(X ; Z) \\
& R_{a}+R_{c} \leq I\left(X ; Y_{2}\right)-I(X ; Z) \\
& R_{a}+R_{b}+R_{c} \leq I\left(X ; Y_{1} Y_{2}\right)-I(X ; Z)
\end{aligned}
$$

(3)

Please refer to Appendix for the proof.

## 5. Consequence Analysis

Currently, the representative outer bound of discrete memoryless broadcast channel is proposed in the literature [8], [9] and [10] respectively. These conclusions have summarized the outer bound which has been proposed earlier in [3] and [7]. From the following remarks we can get that the outer bound in theorem 1 include (tight) in the existing outer bound of BCE in the case of not considering the eavesdropper.

## Remark 1:

If removed the eavesdropper in the model of literature [8], actording to the chatacteristic of mutual information, we can easily prove that the outer bound in theorem inelude (tight) in the outer bound of BCE which has proposed in [8].

## Remark 2:

It has been proved that the outer bound in [9] is strietly tight in the outer bound which has been proposed earlier in [3] and [7]. If remover the eaveşdrepper in the model of literature [9], we can get that the outer bound in theorem A include (ight) in the outer bound of BCE which has proposed in [9] just by simple prôor.

## Remark 3:

It has been proved that the outer bound in [10] is strictly tight in the outer bound which has been proposed earlier in [3] and [7] It removed the eavesdropper in the model of literature [10], the outer bound in theorem his consistent with the results given by [10].

## 6. Conclusions

This paper focuses on the communication system of broadcast channel with an eavesdropper, and then according to the definitions of achievable secrecy rate and equivocation we proposed and proved an outer bound on achievable secrecy rate region of BCE by using information entropy theory and we compared it with previous results to determine its meaning.

Since we proved the Byter bound of BCE in theory, so the experimental procedure does not exist, Section 5 gives a comparison with other outer bounds, which illustrates the validity of our results.

In the future work, we will study the outer bounds on different communication models.

## 7. Appendix

### 7.1. Proof of Lemma 1

Similar to the proof of lemma 7 in [3], we get,

$$
\begin{align*}
\Sigma_{1} & =\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(\tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{1 i} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} Z_{i}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} I\left(Y_{2 j} ; Y_{1 i} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{j+1} Z_{i}\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} I\left(Y_{1 j} ; Y_{2 i} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{j-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} Z_{i}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(Y_{1}^{i-1} ; Y_{2 i} \mid M_{0} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} Z_{i}\right)=\Sigma_{1}^{*} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

Using the same method we can get,

$$
\Sigma_{i}=\Sigma_{i}^{*}, i=2,3,4
$$

According to Fano inequality, we can obtain,

$$
\begin{align*}
& H\left(M_{0}, M_{1} \mid Y_{1}^{n}\right) \leq n \varepsilon_{n} / 2 \\
& H\left(M_{0}, M_{2} \mid Y_{2}^{n}\right) \leq n \varepsilon_{n} / 2 \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

### 7.2. Proof of Theorem 1

1) We analyze $R_{a}$ firstly, as the security condition $R_{e a} \geq R_{a}-\varepsilon_{n} / 2$, so that,


In (6), (a) holds becatse the chain rule $I\left(M_{0} ; Y_{1}^{n} \mid Z^{n}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} ; Y_{1 i} \mid Y_{1}^{i-1} Z_{i}\right)$ and Fano inequality $H_{H} M_{0}, 2 \leq n \varepsilon_{n} 12$; (b) holds because it enlarge the inequality by removing $-\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(Y_{1}^{i-1} ; Y_{1} \mid Z_{i}\right.$, (c) holds because the definition $\Sigma_{1} \square \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(\tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{1 i} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} Z_{i}\right)$; (d) holds because it enlarge the inequality by removing $\Sigma_{\Sigma_{1}}$. In the same way we can get,


$$
\begin{align*}
n R_{a} \leq & \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{2 i}\right)-\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i}\right) \\
& +\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i} \mid Y_{2 i}\right)+n \varepsilon_{n} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
n R_{a} & \leq \min \left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{1 i}\right), \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{2 i}\right)\right\} \\
& -\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i}\right) \\
& +\min \left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i} \mid Y_{1 i}\right), \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i} \mid Y_{2 i}\right)\right\} \\
& +n \varepsilon_{n} \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

2) Analysis $R_{a}+R_{b}$, due to the security conditions $R_{c b a} \geq R_{a}+R_{b}-\varepsilon_{n} / 2$, so that,

$$
\begin{align*}
n\left(R_{a}+R_{b}\right) & \leq n R_{e b a}+n \varepsilon_{n} / 2=H\left(M_{0}, M_{1} \mid Z^{n}\right)+n \varepsilon_{n} / 2 \\
= & H\left(M_{0} \mid Z^{n}\right)+H\left(M_{1} \mid M_{0} Z^{n}\right)+n \varepsilon_{n} / 2 \\
= & H\left(M_{0} \mid Z^{n}\right)+I\left(M_{1} ; Y_{1}^{n} \mid M_{0} Z^{n}\right)+H\left(M_{1} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{n} Z^{n}\right) \\
& +n \varepsilon_{n} / 2 \\
& (a)  \tag{9}\\
& \leq \underbrace{H\left(M_{0} \mid Z^{n}\right.}_{(i)})+\underbrace{I\left(M_{1} ; Y_{1}^{n} \mid M_{0} Z^{n}\right)}_{(j)}+n \varepsilon_{n}
\end{align*}
$$

In (9), (a) holds because Fano inequality, it has
To the right side in (8), the calculation of (i) itemcan be ob@yed in the proof from 1), then we calculate (j) term as following,

In (10), (a) holds because the chain rule; (b) holds because the definition $\Sigma_{1} \square \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(\tilde{Y} \tilde{S}^{n} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} Z_{i}\right), \Sigma_{2} \square \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(\tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{l /} \mid M_{0} M_{1} Y_{1}^{i-1} Z_{i}\right)$. Combine (i) and (j) terms in (9), and put the result into (10), we can get,

$$
\begin{align*}
n\left(R_{a}+R_{b}\right) \leq & \min \left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{1 i}\right), \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Y_{2 i}\right)\right\} \\
& -\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i}\right) \\
& +\min \left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i} \mid Y_{i i}\right), \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1} ; Z_{i} \mid Y_{2 i}\right)\right\} \\
& +\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{i} ; Y_{i i} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1}\right)-\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{1} ; Z_{i} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y}_{2}^{i+1}\right) \\
& +\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{i} ; Z_{i} \mid M_{0} Y_{1}^{i-1} \tilde{Y_{2}^{i+1}}\right)+n \varepsilon_{n} \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

Similarly, we can obtain,

3) $R_{a}+R_{b}+R_{c}$ situation, the derivation is similat to 2 ), so the details are omitted here, we can obtain,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& +\min \left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{Y_{1}^{-1-1}} \bar{Y}_{2}^{n+1} ; Z_{i} \mid Y_{1}\right), \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(M_{0} Y_{1}^{[-1} \bar{Y}_{2}^{m+1} ; Z_{i} \mid Y_{22}\right) \mid\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

We introduce random variable $K$, $K$ independent from $M_{0} M_{1} M_{2} X^{\prime \prime} H_{1} Y_{2} Z^{n}$, and subject to the uniform distribution of $\{1,2, \ldots, n\}$. Let,


Obviously, the above-defined variables satisfy the Marko conditions,


Put (15) into (8), (11), (12), (13) and (14), we gan get the result (1) which have been given in Theorem 1. This completes the proof.


First we consider


Note that,

$$
\begin{align*}
& I\left(V U_{1} X ; Y_{1}\right)=I\left(V U_{1} ; Y_{1}\right)+I\left(X ; Y \mid V U_{1}\right), \\
& I\left(V U_{1} X ; Z\right)=I\left(V U_{1} ; Z\right)+I\left(X ; Z \mid V U_{1}\right), \tag{17}
\end{align*}
$$

Thus we substitute (17) into formula (16),

$$
\begin{align*}
R_{a}+R_{b} & \leq I\left(V U_{1} ; Y_{1}\right)-I\left(V U_{1} ; Z\right) \\
& =I\left(V U_{1} X ; Y_{1}\right)-I\left(V U_{1} X ; Z\right)-I\left(X ; Y_{1} \mid V U_{1}\right)+I\left(X ; Z \mid V U_{1}\right) \\
& =I\left(X ; Y_{1}\right)-I(X ; Z)-I\left(X ; Y_{1} \mid V U_{1}\right)+I\left(X ; Z \mid V U_{1}\right) \\
& (a)  \tag{18}\\
& \leq I\left(X ; Y_{1}\right)-I(X ; Z)
\end{align*}
$$

In (18), (a) holds because according to the security conditions, there is,

$$
I\left(X ; Y_{1} \mid V U_{1}\right) \geq I\left(X ; Z \mid V U_{1}\right)
$$

The same way, we have,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{a}+R_{c} \leq I\left(X ; Y_{2}\right)-I(X ; Z) \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Finally, we prove,

$$
\begin{align*}
R_{a}+R_{b}+R_{c} & \leq I\left(U_{2} ; Y_{2} \mid V U_{1}\right)+I\left(U_{1} ; Y_{1} \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{1}, U_{2} ; Z \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{1} ; U_{2} \mid V\right) \\
& +\min \left\{I\left(V ; Y_{1}\right), I\left(V ; Y_{2}\right)\right\}-I(V ; Z) \\
& \leq I\left(U_{2} ; Y_{2} \mid V U_{1}\right)+I\left(U_{1} ; Y_{1} \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{1}, U_{2} ; Z \mid V\right)-I\left(U_{1} ; U_{2} \mid V\right) \\
& -I(V ; Z)+I\left(V ; Y_{1}\right) \\
& =I\left(U_{2} ; Y_{2} \mid V U_{1}\right)+I\left(V U_{1} ; Y_{1}\right)-I V U_{1} U_{2} Z V-I U_{1} U_{2} V \\
& \leq I\left(U_{2} ; Y_{1} Y_{2} \mid V U_{1}\right)+I\left(V U_{1} ; Y_{1} Y_{2}\right)-I V U_{1} U_{2} Z ; V \mid-Y U_{1}\left(U_{i} V \mid\right. \\
& \leq I\left(V U_{1} U_{2} ; Y_{1} Y_{2}\right)-I V U_{1} U_{2} Z V-I U_{1} U_{2} V
\end{align*}
$$

Note that,


Thus we substitute (21) into formula (20),


In (22), the last two mequalities hold because base on the perfect security, there is $I\left(X ; Y_{1} Y_{2} \mid V U_{1} U_{2}\right) \geq Y\left(\mathbb{Y} U_{1} U_{2}\right)$, and dyring the proof procedure we repeatedly used the Markov properties $\rightarrow U_{1} U_{2} \nabla^{X} \rightarrow Y_{1} Y_{2} Z$ of random variable group $\left(V, U_{1}, U_{2}, X, Y_{1}, Y_{2}, Z\right)$.

So far, this completes the proof that the outer bound in theorem 1 include (tight) in the cutset bound which is obtainedby using max-flow min-cut theorem.


Fig.1. Broadcast channel with an eavesdropper.

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