

Consensus Optimization for Distributed Registration

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Registration Problem

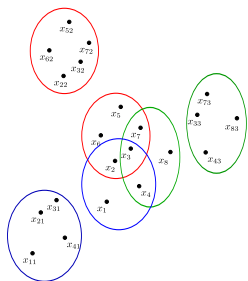
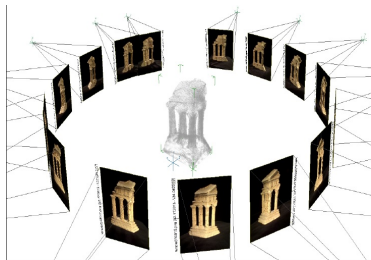


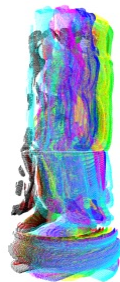
Figure: Registration problem for three point clouds.

- **Given:** Local coordinates $\mathbf{x}_{k,i}$, point correspondence.
- **Unknowns:** Global coordinates $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N$, rigid transformations $(\mathbf{O}_1, \mathbf{t}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{O}_M, \mathbf{t}_M)$ where $\mathbf{O}_i \in \mathbb{O}(d)$, $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and $\mathbb{O}(d) = \{\mathbf{O} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} : \mathbf{O}^\top \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{I}_d\}$.
- **Noiseless scenario:** $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i$.

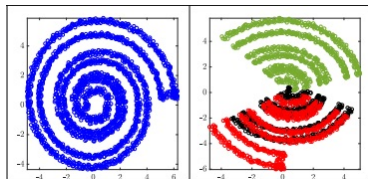
Applications



(a) Multiview registration.

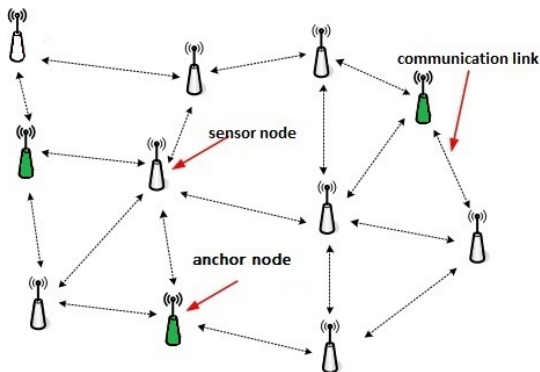


(b) 3D scan.



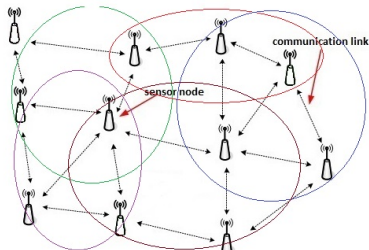
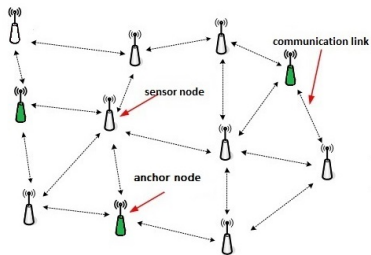
(c) Sensor network localization.

Sensor Network Localization (SNL)

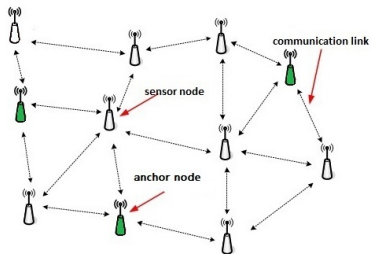


- **Available information:** Inter-sensor distances.
- **Aim:** Estimate the original location of the sensors, or up to some rigid transformation (rotation, reflection, translation) of the original locations.

Divide-and-Conquer Based SNL Algorithm



Localization of each subnetwork



Least Square Formulation

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{O}_i \in \mathcal{O}(d)} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{k \in \mathcal{P}_i} \|\mathbf{z}_k - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2. \quad (1)$$

- Non-convex problem.
- Convex relaxation proposed by Chaudhury et al., SIOPT 2015¹:
 - Fix \mathbf{O}_i 's, jointly optimizes over \mathbf{x}_k and \mathbf{t}_i .
 - Leads to the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n} \quad & \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{G}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & [\mathbf{G}]_{ii} = \mathbf{I}_d, \forall i \in [1 : M], \text{rank}(\mathbf{G}) = d. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

- Drop the rank and solve the semidefinite programming.

¹K. N. Chaudhury, Y. Khoo, and A. Singer, "Global registration of multiple point clouds using semidefinite programming," SIAM Journal on Optimization, vol. 25, no. 1, pp. 468-501, 2015.

What is the issue then?

- Computing \mathbf{C} .

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{L}^\dagger\mathbf{B}^\top \quad (3)$$

\mathbf{L} is a symmetric matrix of size $(N + M)$.

- Large number of point clouds.
- Rank of \mathbf{G}^* may not be d .

Repose the Registration Problem

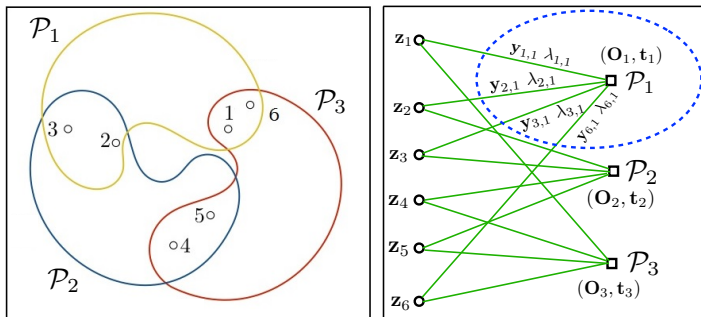
- The least-square formulation of the registration problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{O}_i \in \mathbb{O}(d)} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{k \in \mathcal{P}_i} \|\mathbf{z}_k - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2. \quad (4)$$

- Reformulate the registration problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{y}_{k,i}, \mathbf{z}_k, \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{O}_i \in \mathbb{O}(d)} & \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{k \in \mathcal{P}_i} \|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{y}_{k,i} = \mathbf{z}_k, \forall k \in \mathcal{P}_i, i \in [1 : M]. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Membership Graph



An example of a point set configuration, and the correspondence graph.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{\mathbf{y}_{k,i}, \mathbf{z}_k, \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{O}_i \in \mathbb{O}(d)} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{k \in \mathcal{P}_i} \|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2 \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{y}_{k,i} = \mathbf{z}_k, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{P}_i, i \in [1 : M].
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Augmented Lagrangian and the ADMM Solver

- Problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{y}_{k,i}, \mathbf{z}_k, \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{O}_i \in \mathbb{O}(d)} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{k \in \mathcal{P}_i} \|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{y}_{k,i} = \mathbf{z}_k, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{P}_i, \quad i \in [1 : M]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

- Augmented Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_\rho = \sum_{k \sim i} \left(\|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2 + \lambda_{k,i}^\top (\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - \mathbf{z}_k) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - \mathbf{z}_k\|^2 \right). \quad (8)$$

- Alternating direction methods for multipliers (ADMM) solver:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{Y}^{(t)}, \mathbf{O}^{(t)}, \mathbf{T}^{(t)}) &= \underset{\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{T}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\rho(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Z}^{(t-1)}, \Lambda^{(t-1)}), \\ \mathbf{Z}^{(t)} &= \underset{\mathbf{Z}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\rho(\mathbf{Y}^{(t)}, \mathbf{O}^{(t)}, \mathbf{T}^{(t)}, \mathbf{Z}, \Lambda^{(t-1)}), \\ \lambda_{k,i}^{(t)} &= \lambda_{k,i}^{(t-1)} + \rho(\mathbf{y}_{k,i}^{(t)} - \mathbf{z}_k^{(t)}), \quad (k \sim i). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}_{k,i}, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{O}_i} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{k \in \mathcal{P}_i} \left(\|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{z}_k - \lambda_{k,i}/\rho)\|^2 \right) \quad (10)$$

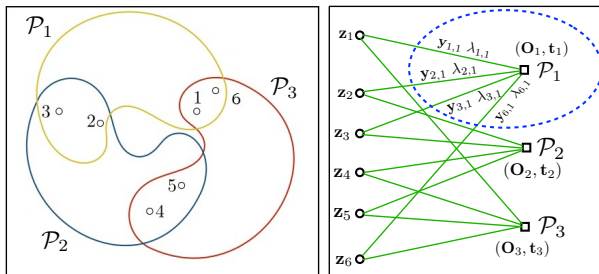
- For each point cloud:

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}_{k,i}, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{O}_i} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{P}_i} \left(\|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{O}_i \mathbf{x}_{k,i} + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{y}_{k,i} - (\mathbf{z}_k - \lambda_{k,i}/\rho)\|^2 \right) \quad (11)$$

- First, minimizes over $\mathbf{y}_{k,i}$ and \mathbf{t}_i .
- Finally, solve the following:

$$\max_{\mathbf{O}_i \in \mathbb{O}(d)} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{O}_i). \quad (12)$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_k} \sum_{k \sim i} \|\mathbf{z}_k - (\mathbf{y}_{k,i}^{(t)} + \rho^{-1} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,i}^{(t-1)})\|^2 \quad (13)$$



$$\mathbf{z}_k^{(t)} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}_k|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_k} (\mathbf{y}_{k,i}^{(t)} + \rho^{-1} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,i}^{(t-1)}) \quad (14)$$

- Computation is distributed over each point-cloud.
- Main computation per processor is an SVD: $\mathcal{O}(d^3)$.
- Solve the non-convex problem directly.

Performance Metric

- Performance metric: **Average Normalized Error²** (ANE).

$$\text{ANE} = \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i\|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_c\|^2} \right\}^{1/2},$$

where,

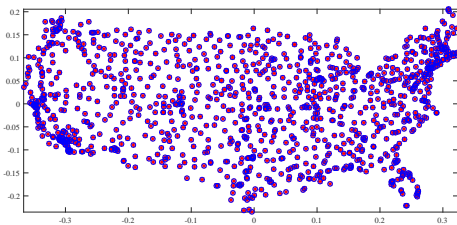
$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i$: estimated sensor position after the alignment,

\mathbf{x}_i : actual position of the sensor,

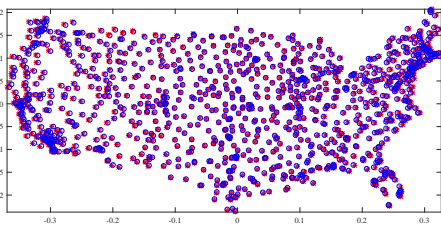
$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_c$: the centroid of the original sensor positions

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i.$$

²M. Cucuringu, Y. Lipman, and A. Singer, "Sensor network localization by eigenvector synchronization over the Euclidean group," ACM Trans. on Sensor Networks, vol. 8, no. 3, pp. 19-42, 2012.

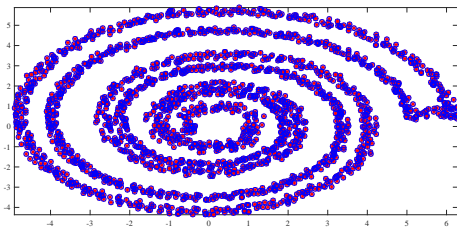


(d) $\eta = 0$, ANE = $9.5e-13$.

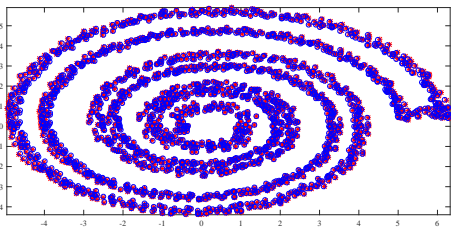


(e) $\eta = 0.006$, ANE = $9.1e-3$.

Localization of the US cities dataset consisting of 1101 points. The sensing radius used for both (a) and (b) is $r = 0.06$, which is about 9% of the diameter of the dataset (0.704). The original and estimated locations are marked using blue circles and red stars.

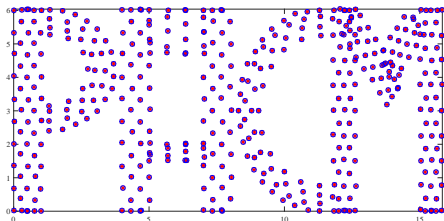


(f) $\eta = 0$, ANE = $4.6e-11$.

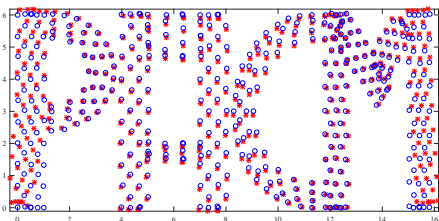


(g) $\eta = 0.01$, ANE = $7.6e-3$.

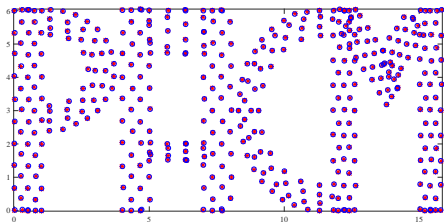
Localization of the spiral dataset consisting of 2259. The sensing radius used for both (a) and (b) is $r = 1$, which is about 9% of the diameter of the dataset (11.2). The original and estimated locations are marked using blue circles and red stars.



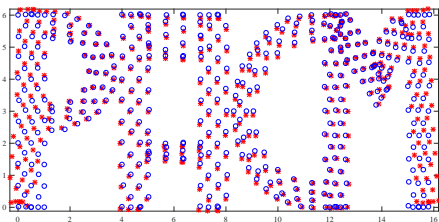
(h) Proposed ($ANE = 4.4e-12$).



(i) SNLSDP ($ANE = 2.9e-2$)



(j) Proposed ($ANE = 2.6e-3$).



(k) SNLSDP ($ANE = 3e-2$)

Localization of PACM dataset consisting of 495 points. The top and bottom rows correspond to $\eta = 0$ and $\eta = 0.03$. The original and estimated locations are marked using blue circles and red stars.

