

# Recursion Formulae for Relative Pose Estimation

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## 1 Introduction

This document gives recursion formulae to approximately solve the the relative localization problem from introduced in the paper, given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}_N^*, \psi^* &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{d}_N, \psi} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{-\frac{t_N - t_k}{\tau}} w_k^2 \\ \text{s. t. } w_k &= \left\| \mathbf{d}_N - \int_{t_k}^{t_N} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v}_j(\tau) - \mathbf{v}_i(\tau) d\tau \right\| - d_k \\ \mathbf{T} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\psi) & -\sin(\psi) & 0 \\ \sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

with a nested optimization strategy

$$\min_{\psi \in \{0^\circ, \dots, 359^\circ\}} \left( \min_{\mathbf{d}_N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{-\frac{t_N - t_k}{\tau}} w_k^2 \right) \quad (2)$$

We derive in the paper an approximation to the problem with a quadratic objective function and give the following recursion of the objective function parameters  $\mathbf{Q}_{k+1}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_{k+1}^\top$  and  $e_{k+1}$ :

$$\mathbf{Q}_{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix} + e^{-\frac{t_{k+1} - t_k}{\tau}} \left( \mathbf{A}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_k \mathbf{A}_k \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{c}_{k+1}^\top = e^{-\frac{t_{k+1} - t_k}{\tau}} \left( \mathbf{c}_k^\top \mathbf{A}_k + \mathbf{b}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_k \mathbf{A}_k \right) \quad (4)$$

$$e_{k+1} = e^{-\frac{t_{k+1} - t_k}{\tau}} \left( e_k + \mathbf{b}_k^\top \mathbf{b}_k \right) \quad (5)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 0 \\ \frac{\mathbf{u}_k(\psi)^\top}{d_k} & \frac{d_{k+1}}{d_k} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_k(\psi) \\ -\frac{\|\mathbf{u}_k(\psi)\|^2 + d_{k+1}^2 - d_k^2}{2d_k} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}_k = (\mathbf{v}_{i,k} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{v}_{j,k})(t_{k+1} - t_k) \quad (7)$$

## 2 Shorthand Notations

The following shorthand notations are introduced for a convenient notation. We define for the exponential decay between two consecutive time steps

$$\alpha_k := e^{\frac{t_{k+1} - t_k}{\tau}} \quad (8)$$

In order to express  $\mathbf{u}_k = \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k$ , we define

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k := \mathbf{v}_{i,k}(t_{k+1} - t_k) \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\nu}_k = -\mathbf{v}_{j,k}(t_{k+1} - t_k) \quad (9)$$

We further define

$$\gamma_k := \frac{d_k^2 - d_{k+1}^2 - \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2 - \|\boldsymbol{\nu}_k\|^2}{2d_k} \quad (10)$$

and we define  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$  implicitly (and explicitly in Equation 16) such that

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} = \frac{-1}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \quad (11)$$

in order to express

$$-\frac{\|\mathbf{u}_k(\psi)\|^2 + d_{k+1}^2 - d_k^2}{2d_k} = \gamma_k + \boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \quad (12)$$

## 3 Converting Linear Terms to a Standard Form

We would like to express a linear term in  $\mathbf{T}$  involving the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in a standard form with the vector  $\mathbf{w}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{1}$  that has all coordinates equal to one, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \quad (13)$$

and after expanding

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(w_y - w_x) + \cos(w_x + w_y) + w_z = \\ (\cos(v_x u_y - v_y u_x) + \cos(u_x v_x + u_y v_y) + u_z v_z) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

We solve for  $\mathbf{w}$  and define the function  $h : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$\mathbf{w}^\top = h(\mathbf{u}^\top, \mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(u_x v_x + u_y v_y - v_x u_y + v_y u_x) \\ \frac{1}{2}(u_x v_x + u_y v_y + v_x u_y - v_y u_x) \\ u_z v_z \end{pmatrix}^\top \quad (15)$$

The previously implicit definition of  $\delta_k$  in Equation 11 can now be written explicitly as

$$\delta_k^\top := \frac{-h(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top, \boldsymbol{\nu}_k)}{d_k} \quad (16)$$

The function  $h$  is also applicable to term that are linear in the transpose of  $\mathbf{T}$ ,

$$\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{u} = h(\mathbf{v}^\top, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \quad (17)$$

and row-wise to matrices.

$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} h(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{v}) \\ h(\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{v}) \\ h(\mathbf{m}_3, \mathbf{v}) \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \quad (18)$$

## 4 Recursion of Objective Function Parameters

We partition  $\mathbf{Q}_k$  and  $\mathbf{c}_k$  with

$$\mathbf{Q}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_{11,k} & \mathbf{Q}_{12,k} \\ \mathbf{Q}_{21,k} & \mathbf{Q}_{22,k} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_{21,k} = \mathbf{Q}_{12,k}^\top$$

$$\mathbf{c}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{1,k} \\ \mathbf{c}_{2,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

For the partitions, we derive constant, linear and quadratic terms, implicitly defined by

$$\mathbf{Q}_{11,k} = \mathbf{Q}_{11C,k} + \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}_{11L,k} + \mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top + \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}_{11M,k} \mathbf{T}^\top \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{12,k} = \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k} + \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{22,k} = \mathbf{Q}_{22C,k} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{c}_{1,k} = \mathbf{c}_{1C,k} + \mathbf{c}_{1L,k} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{T} \mathbf{c}_{1M,k} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{c}_{2,k} = \mathbf{c}_{2C,k} + \mathbf{c}_{2L,k} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \quad (23)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{e}_{C,k} + \mathbf{e}_{L,k} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \mathbf{e}_{M,k} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \quad (24)$$

by expanding Equations 3 – 5. For the sake of better overview, we give the results as from the expansion without bringing them into a standard form of Equation 13.

The formulae for component-wise recursion of  $\mathbf{Q}_{11,k+1}$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Q}_{11,k+1} = & \alpha \mathbf{Q}_{11,k} \\
& + \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \left( -\mathbf{Q}_{12C,k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top + \frac{Q_{22,k}}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \right) \\
& + \mathbf{T} \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \left( -\mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top - \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top + \frac{Q_{22,k}}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \right) \\
& + \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \left( -\mathbf{Q}_{12C,k} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k}^\top + \frac{Q_{22,k}}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \right) \mathbf{T}^\top \\
& + \mathbf{T} \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \left( -\mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top - \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k}^\top + \frac{Q_{22,k}}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \right) \mathbf{T}^\top \quad (25)
\end{aligned}$$

for  $\mathbf{Q}_{12,k+1}$ ,

$$\mathbf{Q}_{12,k+1} = \frac{\alpha d_{k+1}}{d_k} \mathbf{Q}_{12,k} - \frac{\alpha d_{k+1} Q_{22,k}}{d_k^2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k - \frac{\alpha d_{k+1} Q_{22,k}}{d_k^2} \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \quad (26)$$

and for  $\mathbf{Q}_{22,k+1}$ ,

$$\mathbf{Q}_{22,k+1} = 1 + \frac{\alpha d_{k+1}}{d_k} \mathbf{Q}_{22,k} \quad (27)$$

We calculate for  $c_{2,k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{2,k+1} = & \frac{\alpha d_{k+1}}{d_k} c_{2,k} \\
& + \frac{\alpha d_{k+1}}{d_k} \left( -\mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_k - \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k}^\top \boldsymbol{\nu}_k - \gamma_k Q_{22,k} \right) \\
& + \frac{\alpha d_{k+1}}{d_k} \left( -\mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} - Q_{22,k} \boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \right) \quad (28)
\end{aligned}$$

For  $c_{1,k+1}$ , we calculate for the constant terms

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{1C,k+1} = & \alpha c_{1C,k} \\
& - \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k c_{2C,k} \\
& - \alpha \left( \mathbf{Q}_{11C,k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}^\top \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
& + \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \left( \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k}^\top \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
& - \alpha \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k} \gamma \\
& + \frac{\alpha Q_{22,k}}{d_k} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \gamma \quad (29)
\end{aligned}$$

for the linear terms in  $\mathbf{T}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{c}_{1L,k+1}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} &= \alpha \mathbf{c}_{1L,k}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \\
&- \frac{\alpha}{d_k} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_k \mathbf{c}_{2L,k}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \mathbf{c}_{2C,k}) \\
&- \alpha \left( \mathbf{Q}_{11C,k}\mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}\boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{11M,k}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
&+ \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \left( \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \left( \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k}^\top \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) + \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} + \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \right) \\
&- \alpha \left( \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{12L,k}\gamma + \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}\boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \right) \\
&+ \frac{\alpha Q_{22,k}}{d_k} \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \gamma_k \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

and for the quadratic terms

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{T}\mathbf{c}_{1M,k+1}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} &= \alpha \mathbf{T}\mathbf{c}_{1M,k}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \\
&- \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \left( \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \mathbf{c}_{2L,k} \right) \\
&- \alpha \left( \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}\mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{11M,k}\mathbf{T}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \right) \\
&+ \frac{\alpha}{d_k} \left( \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} + \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \right) \\
&- \alpha \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{12L,k}\boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \\
&+ \frac{\alpha Q_{22,k}}{d_k} \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1}
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Finally, we calculate for the constant terms of  $e_{1,k+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
e_{1C,k+1} &= \alpha e_{1C,k} + \alpha Q_{22,k}\gamma_k^2 - 2\alpha \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{c}_{1C,k} - 2\alpha \gamma_k \mathbf{c}_{2C,k} \\
&+ \alpha \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{11C,k}\boldsymbol{\mu}_k + 2\boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}\boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{11M,k}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
&+ 2\alpha \gamma \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

for the linear terms

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{e}_{1L,k+1}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} &= \alpha \mathbf{e}_{1L,k+1}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} + 2\alpha \gamma_k Q_{22,k}\boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \\
&+ \alpha \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \left( \mathbf{Q}_{11C,k} + \mathbf{Q}_{11C,k}^\top \right) \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k + \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \left( \mathbf{Q}_{11M,k} + \mathbf{Q}_{11M,k}^\top \right) \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
&+ \alpha \left( 2\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}\boldsymbol{\mu}_k + 2\boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{11L,k}\mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
&+ 2\alpha \left( \gamma_k \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} + \gamma_k \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k + \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} \right) \boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \right) \\
&- 2\alpha \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{c}_{1L,k}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{c}_{1C,k}^\top \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\nu}_k + \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{c}_{1M,k}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \right) \\
&- 2\alpha \left( \gamma_k \mathbf{c}_{2L,k}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{c}_{2C,k}\boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

and for the quadratic terms

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \mathbf{e}_{1M,k+1} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} &= \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \mathbf{e}_{1M,k+1} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \\
&+ \alpha \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}_{11M,k} \mathbf{T}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + 2 \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}_{11L,k} \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k + \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \mathbf{Q}_{11C,k} \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
&+ 2 \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \boldsymbol{\delta}_k \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}_{12L,k} + \mathbf{Q}_{12C,k}^\top \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
&+ \alpha Q_{22,k} \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \boldsymbol{\delta}_k \boldsymbol{\delta}_k^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1} \\
&- 2 \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \left( \mathbf{c}_{1M,k}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \mathbf{c}_{1L,k}^\top \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k \right) \\
&- 2 \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{T}^\top \boldsymbol{\delta}_k \mathbf{c}_{2L,k}^\top \mathbf{T} \mathbf{1}
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$