

Lab program 2

Pedestrian Dead Reckoning

Navigation Systems

WS 2025/26

Given dataset

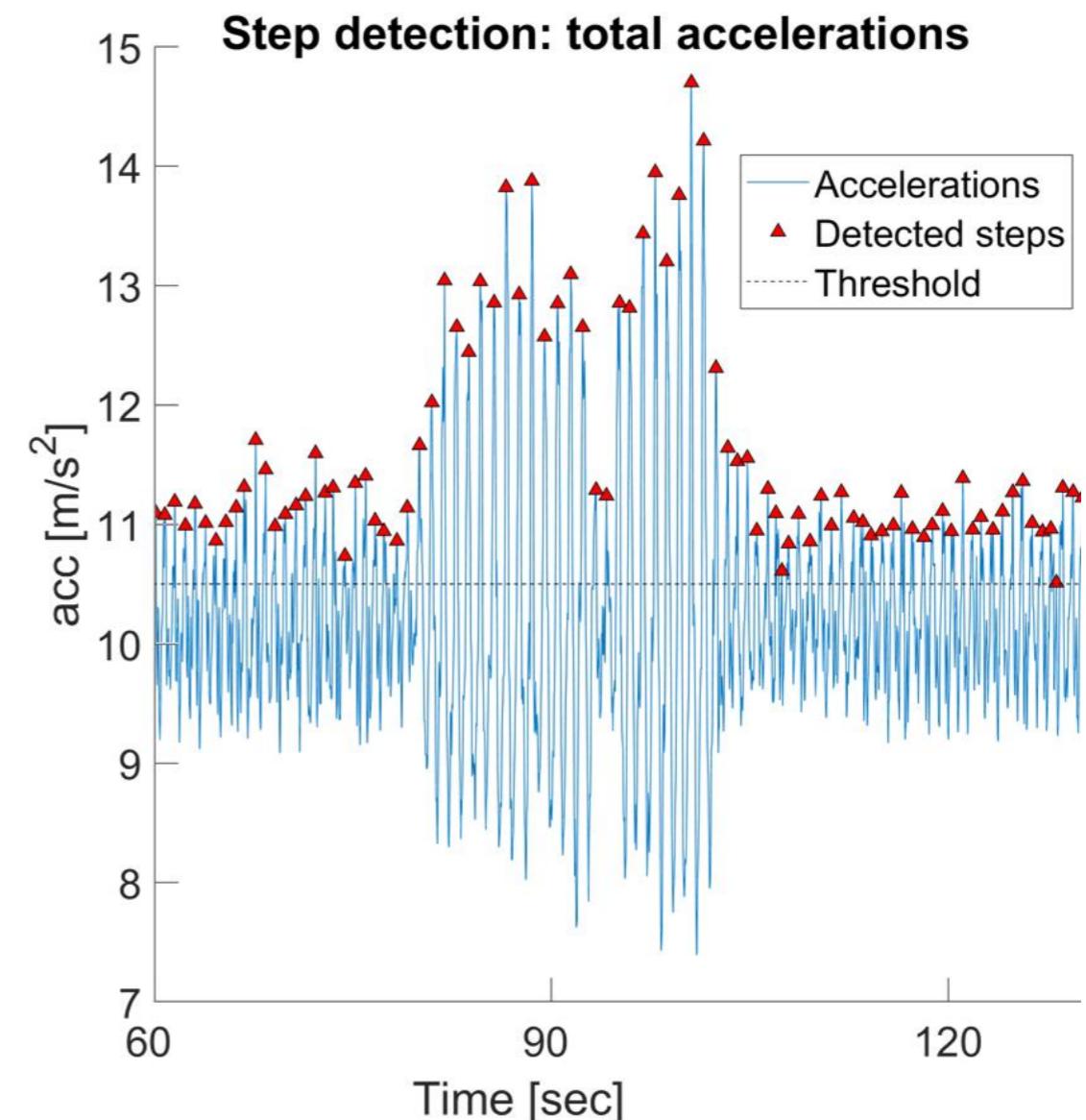
- Smartphone data
 - Time [*ms*]
 - 3-axis accelerometer (acc_x , acc_y , acc_z) [m/s^2]
 - 3-axis magnetometer (mag_x , mag_y , mag_z) [μT]
 - 3-axis gyroscope ($gyro_x$, $gyro_y$, $gyro_z$) [rad/s]
 - Barometer (pressure) [hPa]
- *Reference/ground truth data*
 - *Reference orientation (roll, pitch, yaw) [rad]*
 - *Ground truth path (x [m], y [m], latitude [°], longitude [°]) from a camera-based tracking system (only available in one room)*

Goal

- Compute the indoor trajectory of the pedestrian using step-based PDR
 - Step detection
 - Step length estimation
 - Direction estimation
 - Step counting (computing displacement)
- Starting point: $\varphi = 47.06422^\circ$, $\lambda = 15.45291^\circ$

Basic formulas

- Step detection: Peak detection
 - $acc_{total} = \sqrt{acc_x^2 + acc_y^2 + acc_z^2}$
- Step length estimation
 - Step length models
 - e.g. $step = 0.8\ m$



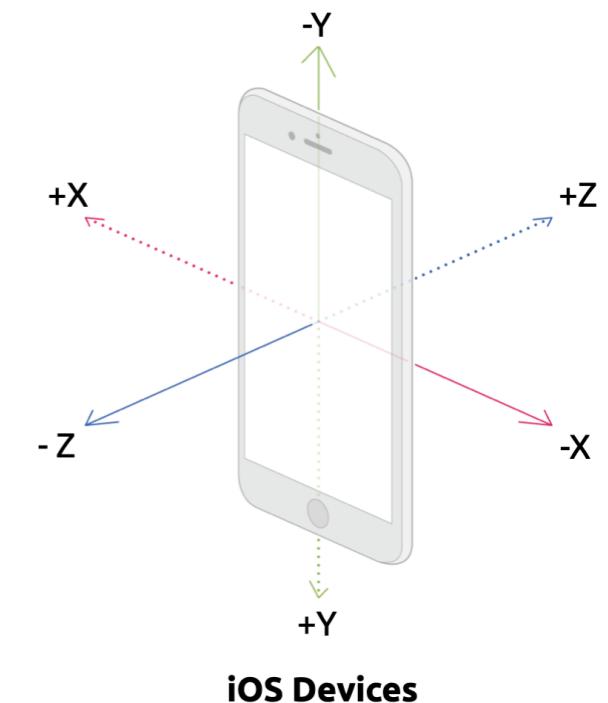
Basic formulas

- Direction estimation
 - Magnetic orientation

$$\text{roll } r = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-a_x}{-a_z} \right)$$

$$\text{pitch } p = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a_y}{\sqrt{a_x^2 + a_z^2}} \right)$$

$$\text{yaw } y_{mag} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-m_x \cos(r) + m_z \sin(r)}{m_y \cos(p) + m_x \sin(p) \sin(r) + m_z \sin(p) \cos(r)} \right)$$

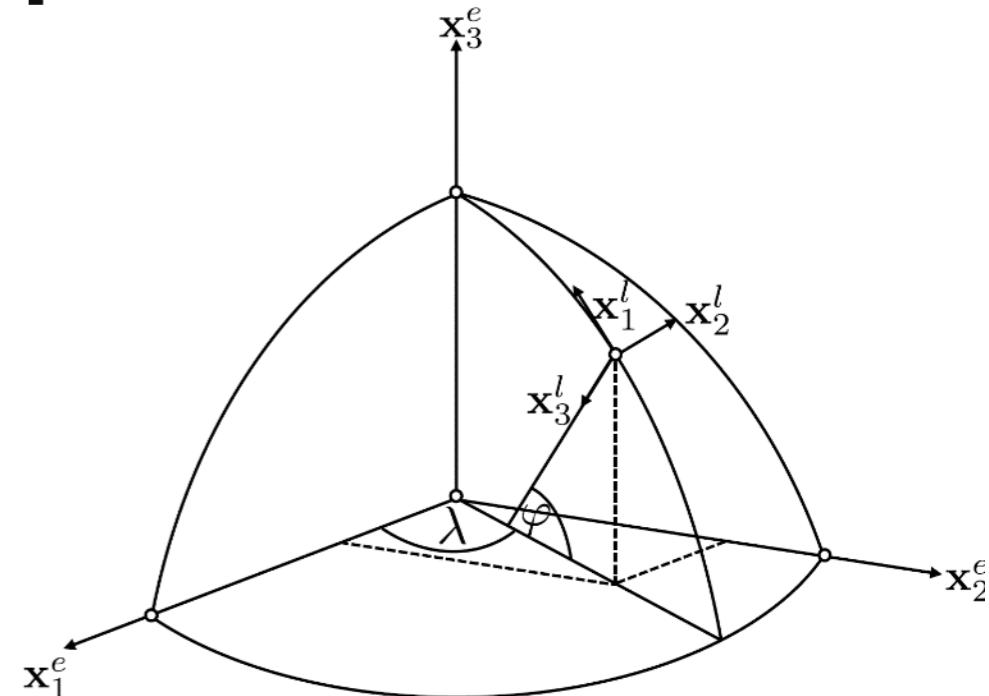


- Step counting
 - $N_{t+1} = N_t + StepLength_t \cdot \cos(\text{heading})$
 - $E_{t+1} = E_t + StepLength_t \cdot \sin(\text{heading})$

$\tan^{-1} \rightarrow \text{Python: use arctan2()}$

Coordinate transformations

- Starting point given in geographic coordinates (φ, λ) [°]
- Step counting: in local-level frame (N, E) [m]
- Starting point in local level frame: (0,0)
- Compute displacements dN, dE
→ then transform to displacements in geographic coordinates $(d\varphi, d\lambda)$



Coordinate transformation: spherical approximation

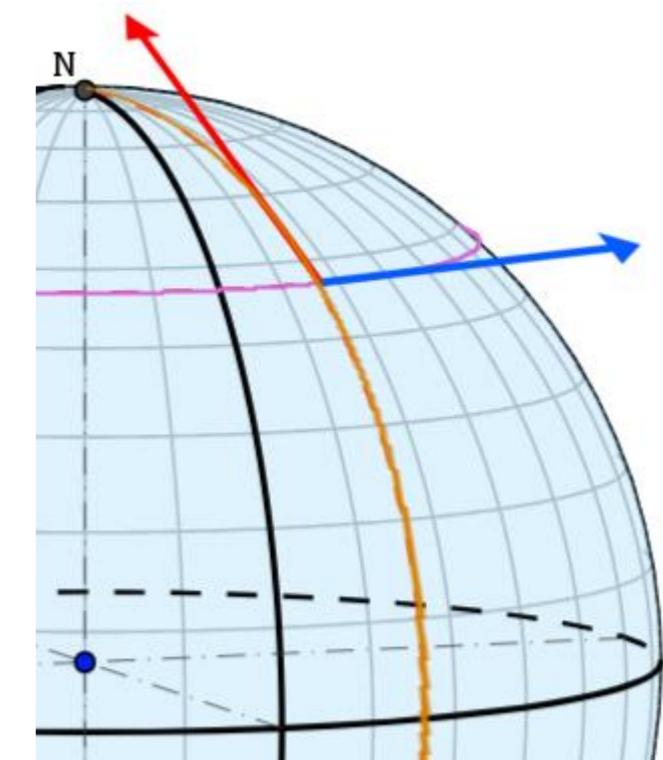
- Transformation: spherical approximation (valid for building scale)
- $R = 6378137 \text{ m}$

$$d\varphi = dN/R$$

[rad] [m] [m]

$$d\lambda = dE / (R \cdot \cos\varphi)$$

[rad] [m] [m] [rad]



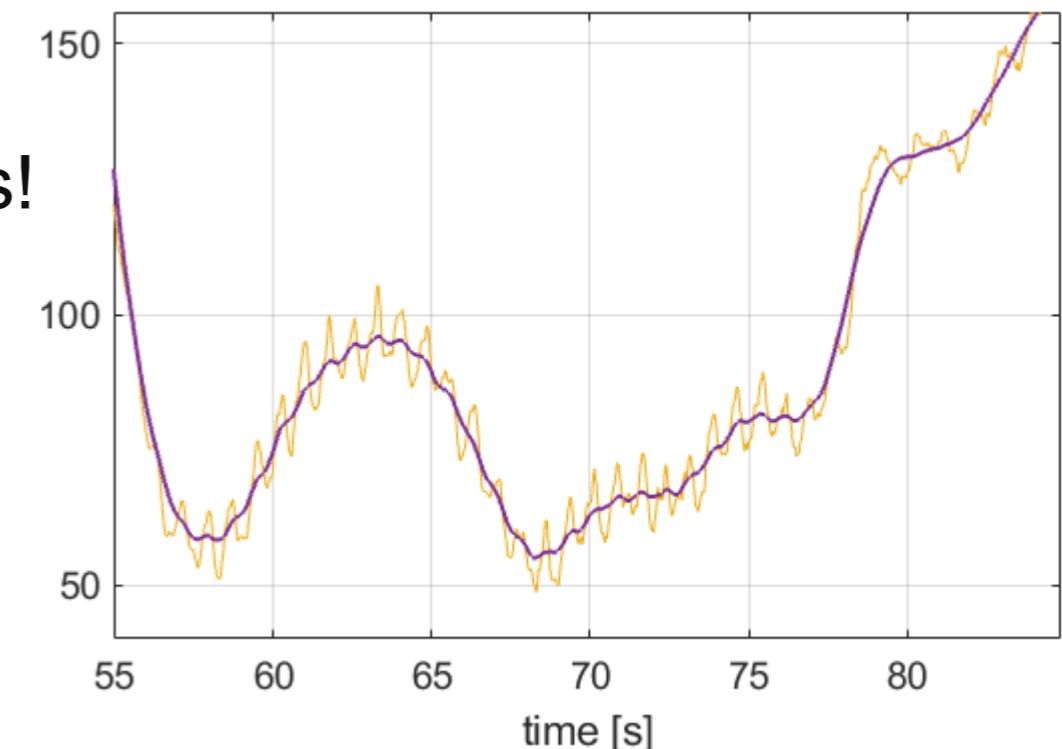
Height

- Barometer
- $$\Delta h_{0,t} = \frac{293.15}{6.5 \cdot 10^{-3}} \left[\left(\frac{p_t}{p_0} \right)^{-\left(\frac{287.1 \cdot 6.5 \cdot 10^{-3}}{9.81} \right)} - 1 \right]$$
 - p_t ... pressure at time t
 - p_0 ... reference pressure at t=0
- Filtering
- Detect stairs → adapt step length



Data preprocessing

- Keep in mind that raw smartphone inertial data is very noisy and inaccurate!
- Try using appropriate filtering methods!



Deliverables

- Source code
 - Name your files according to the following convention:
 - *lab02_ws2025_26_GROUP#_SURNAME1_SURNAME2_main.py*
- Short technical paper
 - IEEE format, 3 pages in English → use the template provided

Short paper

LATEX



- Abstract
- Introduction
- Clear explanation of your methodology, including
 - Analysis of the given dataset
 - Explanation of your algorithm, including all formulas
 - Explanation of the chosen step length estimation
 - Explanation of any other used models or assumptions
- Results
 - Visualization of step detection and step direction estimation
 - Visualization of the estimated heights
 - Visualization of the derived trajectory indoors
- Analysis and interpretation of your results
- References

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Organizational matters

- Groups of 2
 - Same groups as for the first lab program
- Important dates
 - January 12: Submission of lab program #2
 - January 19: Interviews → register for a time slot (will become available after submission)