

3D point correspondences in the LiDAR frame (or point cloud registration)

$$P = [\underline{p}_1, \underline{p}_2, \underline{p}_3, \dots, \underline{p}_n] \quad , \quad \underline{p}_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$Q = [\underline{q}_1, \underline{q}_2, \dots, \underline{q}_n] \quad , \quad \underline{q}_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

n : No of points in each frame.

* Let P and Q be 2 sets of corresponding points in \mathbb{R}^3 .
 Note that here we know that \underline{p}_i maps to \underline{q}_i . We want to find a rigid transformation that optimally aligns these two sets in least squares sense,
 \Rightarrow We seek a rotation R and a translation \underline{t} such that:

$$(R, \underline{t}) = \underset{\substack{R \in SO(3), \\ \underline{t} \in \mathbb{R}^3}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^n \|(R\underline{p}_i + \underline{t}) - \underline{q}_i\|^2$$

* Compute translation

$$F(\underline{t}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \|R\underline{p}_i + \underline{t} - \underline{q}_i\|^2$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \underline{t}} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (R\underline{p}_i + \underline{t} - \underline{q}_i) = R \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{p}_i + \underline{t} \sum_{i=1}^n 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{q}_i$$

(or)

$$\underline{t} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{q}_i - R \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{p}_i$$

(or)

$$\underline{t} = \bar{Q} - R\bar{P}$$

We can see that our problem reduces to .

$$(R, \underline{t}) = \underset{\substack{R \in SO(3), \\ \underline{t} \in \mathbb{R}^3}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^n \|R\underline{a}_i - \underline{b}_i\|$$

$$\underline{a}_i = \underline{p}_i - \bar{P}$$

$$\underline{b}_i = \underline{q}_i - \bar{Q}$$

either make centroids of P & Q equal to zero Or make centroid of P equal to centroid of Q .

* Compute rotation

Substitute $x = \bar{p} - R\bar{p}$ into the initial equation

$$R = \arg \min_{R \in SO(3)} \sum_{i=1}^n \| R(p_i - \bar{p}) - (q_i - \bar{q}) \|^2$$

Let $X_i = \underset{1 \times 3}{p_i} - \bar{p}$ and $Y_i = \underset{1 \times 3}{q_i} - \bar{q}$

$$X'_i = R X_i$$

Derivation: $\sum_{i=1}^n \| X'_i - Y_i \|^2 = \text{Trace}((X' - Y)^T (X' - Y))$

$$\| X_i - Y_i \|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^3 (x_{ij} - y_{ij})^2$$

$$X - Y = [X_1 - Y_1 \quad X_2 - Y_2 \quad \dots \quad X_n - Y_n]_{3 \times n}$$

$$X_i - Y_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_{i1} - y_{i1} \\ x_{i2} - y_{i2} \\ x_{i3} - y_{i3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[X - Y]^T [X - Y] = \begin{bmatrix} [X_1 - Y_1]^T_{1 \times 3} \\ [X_2 - Y_2]^T_{1 \times 3} \\ \vdots \\ [X_n - Y_n]^T_{1 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} [X_1 - Y_1]_{3 \times 1} & [X_2 - Y_2]_{3 \times 1} & [X_3 - Y_3]_{3 \times 1} & \dots & [X_n - Y_n]_{3 \times 1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} [X_1 - Y_1]^T [X_1 - Y_1] & [X_1 - Y_1]^T [X_2 - Y_2] & \dots & [X_1 - Y_1]^T [X_n - Y_n] \\ [X_2 - Y_2]^T [X_1 - Y_1] & [X_2 - Y_2]^T [X_2 - Y_2] & \dots & [X_2 - Y_2]^T [X_n - Y_n] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ [X_n - Y_n]^T [X_1 - Y_1] & [X_n - Y_n]^T [X_2 - Y_2] & \dots & [X_n - Y_n]^T [X_n - Y_n] \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$\text{Trace}((X' - Y)^T(X' - Y)) = \text{Trace}(X'^T X') + \text{Trace}(Y^T Y) - 2\text{Trace}(Y^T X')$$

$$R \text{ is orthonormal} \Rightarrow |x'_i|^2 = |x_i|^2$$

$$\text{Trace}((X' - Y)^T(X' - Y)) = \sum_{i=1}^n (|x_i|^2 + |y_i|^2) - 2\text{Tr}(Y^T X')$$

independent of R.

$$\Rightarrow R = \underset{R \in SO(3)}{\text{argmax}} \text{Tr}(Y^T X')$$

$$\text{Tr}(Y^T X') = \text{Tr}(Y^T X R) = \text{Tr}(X Y^T R)$$

$$\boxed{X Y^T = U D V^T}$$

SVD

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, $m \geq n$.

A can be factorized as,

$$\boxed{A = U D V^T}$$

U : $m \times n$ matrix with ~~any~~ orthogonal columns. i.e. $U^T U = I_{n \times n}$

D : $n \times n$ diagonal matrix of singular values in descending order, all > 0

V : $n \times n$ orthogonal matrix, whose columns are singular vectors corresponding to singular values of D .

$$\text{Tr}(XY^T R) = \text{Tr}(U D V^T R) = \text{Tr}(D V^T R U) = \sum_{i=1}^3 d_i v_i^T R u_i$$

$$M = V^T R U$$

$$\text{Tr}(Y^T X') = \sum_{i=1}^3 d_i M_{ii} \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 d_i$$

Maximum value of $\text{Tr}(Y^T X')$ occurs when $M = I$.

$$V^T R U = I$$

$$V V^T = U U^T = I$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R = V U^T}$$

properties of this method:

OPTIMAL

DIRECT

To ensure that the rotation matrix, $R \in \text{SO}(3)$, we need to make sure that $\det(R) = +1$.

If $R = V U^T$ has $\det(R) = -1$, we need to find R s.t. $\text{Tr}(Y^T X')$ takes the second largest value possible.

$$\text{Tr}(Y^T X') = d_1 M_{11} + d_2 M_{22} + d_3 M_{33}, \quad d_1 \geq d_2 \geq d_3 \\ \& \quad |M_{ii}| \leq 1$$

\Rightarrow 2nd Largest value occurs when $M_{11} = M_{22} = 1$ & $M_{33} = -1$

The above observation can be simplified by multiply by a matrix C which automatically makes R_{33} equal to $-R_{33}$ when needed.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R = V C U^T}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \det(V U^T) \end{bmatrix}$$