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**ABSTRACT**

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# List of Abbreviations

LS	Least Squares
ML	Maximum Likelihood
MDS	Multidimensional Scaling
DW-MDS	Distributed Weighted-Multidimensional Scaling
SR-LS	
SRD-LS	
PDF	Probability Density Function
SPF	standard fixed point
SWLS	sequential weighted least squares
WSR-LS	weighted squared range based least squares (WSR-LS)
WSRD-LS	weighted squared range-difference based least squares (WSR-LS)
GTRS	
IRWSR-LS	
IRWSRD-LS	
MSE	
TDOA	
TOA	
WCDMA	
LTE	
O-TDOA	
CRLB	Cramér-Rao lower bound
NLLS	Non-Linear Least Squares
SMACOF	Scaling by MAjorizing a COmplicated Function
RSS	Received Signal Strength
NLOS	Non-Line Of Sight
UWB	Ultra Wide Band
SDP	SemiDefinite Programming
DC	Difference of Convex
PCCP	Penalty Convex Concave Procedure
CCP	Convex Concave Procedure
LP	Linear Program

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# Chapter 1

## Least Squares Localization by Sequential Convex Relaxation

### 1.1 Second Order Cone Programming

### 1.2 Range-based localization

Problem: Given sensor array  $\mathbf{a}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and noisy range measurements  $r_i$  find the true *unknown* location of  $\mathbf{x}$  as

$$\text{minimize} \sum_i^m (\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| - r_i)^2 \quad (1.1)$$

which can be (equivalently) written as

$$\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}} \sum_i^m (z_i - r_i)^2 \quad (1.2)$$

$$\text{subject to: } \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| = z_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (1.2)$$

The constraint in 5.2 is hard to suffice, therefore we allow a relaxation:

$$\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}} \sum_i^m (z_i - r_i)^2 \quad (1.3)$$

$$\text{subject to: } \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| \leq (1 + \gamma)z_i \quad (1.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| \geq (1 - \gamma)z_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (1.3)$$



where  $\gamma$  is small, typically  $0 < \gamma < 0.5$ . This would yield an approximate solution to 5.2 and therefore to 5.1. By allowing  $\gamma$  to sequentially/monotonically decrease from some small  $0 < \gamma_0 < 0.5$  to 0 solution of 5.3 will converge to 5.2. *Proof* Let  $\gamma(k)$  be monotonically decreasing, where  $k$  is an iteration count and  $0 < \gamma_0 < 0.5$ . Then  $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow 0}(1 + \gamma)z_i = z_i$  and  $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow 0}(1 - \gamma)z_i = z_i$ . Therefore as  $\gamma$  approaches 0, the feasible region of the problem in 5.3 will become equivalent to that in 5.2. As iterations proceed, the objective in 5.3 will not be monotonically decreasing but it will converge to the critical point.

Problem in 5.3 is nonconvex due to nonconvexity of one of its inequality constraint. The constraint in 5.3b  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| \leq (1 + \gamma)z_i$  is convex, the constraint in 5.3c is not, because

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| \geq (1 - \gamma)z_i \iff \underbrace{-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\|}_{\text{nonconvex}} \leq -(1 - \gamma)z_i$$

From convexity of the norm  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\|$  it follows that for some *known*  $\mathbf{x}_k$

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| \geq \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{a}_i\| + \partial\|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{a}_i\|^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i)$$

Hence the constraint in 5.3c can be convexified by replacing it with its affine approximation

$$-\|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{a}_i\| - \partial\|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{a}_i\|^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i) \leq -(1 - \gamma)z_i$$

At the  $k$ th iteration when the iterate  $\mathbf{x}_k$  is known, the nonconvex problem in 5.3 can be relaxed to an SOCP problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}}{\text{minimize}} \sum_i^m (z_i - r_i)^2 \tag{1.4}$$

$$\text{subject to: } \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| \leq (1 + \gamma)z_i \tag{1.4}$$

$$-\|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{a}_i\| - \partial\|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{a}_i\|^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i) \leq -(1 - \gamma)z_i \tag{1.4}$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

The relaxation parameter  $\gamma$  controls the size of the convex hull that defines a feasibility region of the problem 5.4.  $\gamma$  needs to be monotonically decreasing with increase of the iteration count. Start with some  $0 < \gamma_0 < 0.5$ , typically  $\gamma_0 = 0.3$  or 0.2 is good. After  $k$ th iteration update  $\gamma_{k+1}$  linearly as

$$\gamma_{k+1} = \gamma_0 - k \frac{\gamma_0}{K_{max} - 1}$$

or quadratically as

$$\gamma_{k+1} = \gamma_0 \frac{(K_{max} - 1 - k)^2}{(K_{max} - 1)^2}$$

## Chapter 2

## SOCP

### 2.1 Range-Difference Localization

Measurement model

$$d_i = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| - \|\mathbf{x}\| + \text{noise} \quad (2.1)$$

Least-squares formulation

$$\text{minimize} \sum_{i=1}^m (\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| - \|\mathbf{x}\| - d_i)^2 \quad (2.2)$$

The problem in 6.2 can be equivalently written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \sum_{i=1}^m (z_i - y - d_i)^2 \\ & \text{subject to: } \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_i\| = z_i \\ & \|\mathbf{x}\| = y, i = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = [\mathbf{x}^T \ y \ z_1 \ \dots \ z_m]^T$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in R^{m+n+1}$  be a known feasible point of the problem in 6.3 and  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\delta}} = [\boldsymbol{\delta}_x^T \ \delta_y \ \delta_{z_1} \ \dots \ \delta_{z_m}]^T$  a small perturbation to it, such that  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\delta}} \leq \beta$ , and  $\beta > 0$  is a small positive constant. At the  $k$ th iterations with  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^k$  known update  $(\mathbf{x}^k, y^k, \mathbf{z}^k)$  to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{x}^k + \delta_x \\ y^{k+1} &= y^k + \delta_y \\ \mathbf{z}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{z}^k + \delta_z \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Then the objective can be written as

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{i=1}^m (z_i^k + \delta_{z_i} - (y^k + \delta_y) - d_i)^2$$

and the constraints ..

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