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# Chapter 1

## Track particle finding problem

### 1.1 Problem definition

Track finding is a combinatorial optimization problem, given a set of signals in space, reconstructing particle trajectories subject to smoothness constraints [Peterson, 1989].

**Idea:**

Data:

- $L$ : number of layers
- $l, 1 \leq l \leq L$ : layer  $l$ , and generate plane  $(x, y, z)^l$
- $d_{i,j}$ : distance between 2 layers  $i, j$
- $H_l, 0 \leq l \leq L$ : number of hits for layer  $l$
- $h_l$ : set of hits for layer  $l$
- $T$ : number of tracks

Variables:

- $t, 1 \leq t \leq T$ : track  $t$
- $p_l^t = (x, y, z)_l^t = (x_l^t, y_l^t, z_l^t)$  : particle  $p$  of track  $t$  in layer  $l$  with coordinates in 3D space corresponding to  $(x, y, z)_l^t$

Let  $\overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{i,j}}$  is the vector from  $p_l^i$  to  $p_{l+1}^j$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{i,j}} &= \overrightarrow{(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)} \\
&= \left( (x_{l+1}^j - x_l^i), (y_{l+1}^j - y_l^i), (z_{l+1}^j - z_l^i) \right) \\
&= \left( (x_{l+1}^j - x_l^i), (y_{l+1}^j - y_l^i), d_{l+1,l} \right) \\
&= \left( dx_{l+1,l}^{j,i}, dy_{l+1,l}^{j,i}, dz_{l+1,l} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

We want to calculate the angle of 2 vectors  $\overrightarrow{v_{l-1,l}^{i,j}}, \overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{j,k}}$ .

Formulation:

$$\begin{aligned}
&Min \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^T \sum_{l=2}^{L-1} \cos(\overrightarrow{v_{l-1,l}^{i,j}}, \overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{j,k}}) \\
&= Min \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^T \sum_{l=2}^{L-1} \frac{\overrightarrow{v_{l-1,l}^{i,j}} \bullet \overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{j,k}}}{\left| \overrightarrow{v_{l-1,l}^{i,j}} \right| \cdot \left| \overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{j,k}} \right|} \\
&= Min \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^T \sum_{l=2}^{L-1} \frac{(\overrightarrow{p_{l-1}^i, p_l^j}) \bullet (\overrightarrow{p_l^j, p_{l+1}^k})}{\left| (\overrightarrow{p_{l-1}^i, p_l^j}) \right| \cdot \left| (\overrightarrow{p_l^j, p_{l+1}^k}) \right|} \\
&= Min \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^T \sum_{l=2}^{L-1} \frac{dx_{l,l-1}^{j,i} dx_{l+1,l}^{k,j} + dy_{l,l-1}^{j,i} dy_{l+1,l}^{k,j} + dz_{l,l-1} dz_{l+1,l}}{\sqrt{(dx_{l,l-1}^{j,i})^2 + (dy_{l,l-1}^{j,i})^2 + (dz_{l,l-1})^2} \sqrt{(dx_{l+1,l}^{k,j})^2 + (dy_{l+1,l}^{k,j})^2 + (dz_{l+1,l})^2}}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

Where:  $\bullet$  is scalar product

Constraints:

1. The angle between 2 vectors must be greater than 0 and less than or equal to  $\pi$ :

$$-1 \leq \cos(\overrightarrow{v_{l-1,l}^{i,j}}, \overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{j,k}}) < 1, \forall l = 2, \dots, L-1, \forall i, j, k = 1, \dots, T$$

2. Only one vector from a particle of track  $i$  in layer  $l$  to a particle of track  $j$  in layer  $l+1$ :

$$\sum_{j=1}^T |\overrightarrow{v_{l,l+1}^{i,j}}| = 1, \forall i = 1, \dots, T, \forall l = 1, \dots, L-1$$

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3. Only one particle for a track:

$$\sum_{l=1}^L p_l^i = 1, \forall i = 1, \dots, T$$

4. Number of particles for a layer:

$$p_l^i \in h_l, \sum_{i=1}^T p_l^i = H_l, \forall l = 1, \dots, L$$

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**Idea 2:**

Data:

- $L$ : number of layers
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- $d_{i,j}$ : distance between 2 layers  $i, j$
- $H_l, 0 \leq l \leq L$ : number of hits for layer  $l$
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- $T$ : number of tracks

Variables:

- $t, 1 \leq t \leq T$ : track  $t$
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Let:

- $d(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)$  is a distance from particle  $p_l^i$  to  $p_{l+1}^j$ .
- $(p_l^i + 1)^*$  is a projection of  $p_l^i$  onto layer  $l + 1$ .

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- $\alpha_{l,l+1}^{i,j}$  is an angle between vector from  $p_l^i$  to  $p_{l+1}^j$  and vector from  $p_l^i$  to  $(p_l^i)^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{l,l+1}^{i,j} &= \arccos \left( \frac{d(p_l^i, (p_{l+1}^j)^*)}{d(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)} \right) \\
&= \arccos \left( \frac{z_{l+1}^j - z_l^i}{d(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)} \right) \\
&= \arccos \left( \frac{z_{l+1} - z_l}{d(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)} \right) \\
&= \arccos \left( \frac{z_{l+1} - z_l}{\sqrt{(x_l^i - x_{l+1}^j)^2 + (y_l^i - y_{l+1}^j)^2 + (z_l^i - z_{l+1}^j)^2}} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

Target: Minimize all angles  $\alpha_{l,l+1}^{i,j}$ :

$$\text{Min} \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \sum_{l=2}^{L-1} \arccos \left( \frac{z_{l+1} - z_l}{d(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)} \right) \tag{1.4}$$

Constraints:

1. The angle between 2 vectors must be greater than 0 and less than or equal to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ :

$$0 < \leq \arccos \left( \frac{z_{l+1} - z_l}{d(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)} \right) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \forall l = 1, \dots, L-1, \forall i, j = 1, \dots, T$$

2. Only one vector  $\overrightarrow{(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)}$  from a particle of track  $i$  in layer  $l$  to a particle of track  $j$  in layer  $l+1$ :

$$\sum_{j=1}^T |\overrightarrow{(p_l^i, p_{l+1}^j)}| = 1, \forall i = 1, \dots, T, \forall l = 1, \dots, L-1$$

3. Only one particle for a track:

$$\sum_{l=1}^L p_l^i = 1, \forall i = 1, \dots, T$$

4. Number of particles for a layer:

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