

Chapter 11 : Information extraction from sensor data

→ extract lines, circles, planes (Geometric primitives)

2 steps:

- ① Segmentation (Split & Merge, RANSAC)
- ② Fitting (Least squares estimation)

trajectory ↓ many uses
parameter estimation
camera calibration

Least squares Estimation



y sensor data

x unknowns

A model you will fit

$$y = Ax \Rightarrow x = A^+ y \quad A^+ \text{ pseudo inverse (pinv)}$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ Assumption A is full rank

$x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ vector

$y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ vector

① $m = n$

A 

$$A^+ = A^{-1}$$

② $m > n$

A 

$$A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

least squares estimate

③ $m < n$

A 

$$A^+ = A^T (A A^T)^{-1}$$

Minimum norm estimate

Example : Someone gives you some data & asks you to fit a line or curve to it.

$$y = Ax$$

index i	x_i	y_i
1	2	3
2	1	2
3	3	7
4	7	8
5	5	3
6	4	9

Solution : Do a scatter plot & understand the data.

$$y = mX + c \quad (\text{line eq.})$$

$$y = a_1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 \quad (\text{curve eq.}) \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

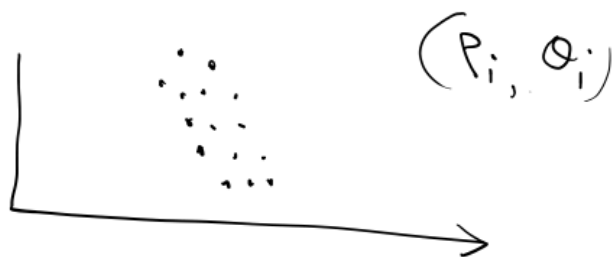


$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = m \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

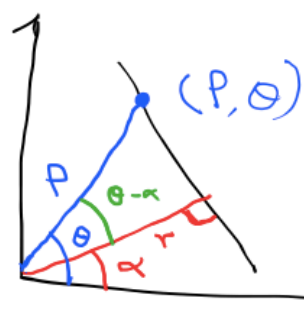
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$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} m \\ c \end{bmatrix} = A^+ y = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$

Lidar data \rightarrow polar coordinates (P, θ)



Line equation in polar coordinates



(r, α) line parameters

$$\cos(\theta - \alpha) = \frac{r}{P} = \frac{\text{base}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{r = P \cos(\theta - \alpha)}$$

\uparrow equation of line in polar coordinates

Given $(P_i, \theta_i) \quad i=1, \dots, n$
estimate (r, α)
using Least squares

Step 1 : Line segmentation

Decide which points belong to a distinct line.

split & Merge

