Autonomous Underwater Vehicle: A Surveillance Protocol

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Chapter 1

Setup

1.1 Overview

- Clone the AUV repository: `https://github.com/vrsreeganesh/AUV.git`.
- This can be performed by entering the terminal, "cd"-ing to the directory you wish and then typing: `git clone https://github.com/vrsreeganesh/AUV.git` and press enter.
- Note that in case it has not been setup, ensure github setup in the terminal. If not familiar with the whole git work-routine, I suggest sticking to Github Desktop. Its a lot easier and the best to get started right away.

Chapter 2

Underwater Environment Setup

Overview

- The underwater environment is modelled using discrete scatterers.
- They contain two attributes: coordinates and reflectivity.

2.1 Seafloor Setup

- The sea-floor is the first set of scatterers we introduce.
- A simple flat or flat-ish mesh of scatterers.
- Further structures are simulated on top of this.
- The seafloor setup script is written in section **??**;

2.2 Additional Structures

- We create additional scatters on the second layer.
- For now, we stick to simple spheres, boxes and so on;

Chapter 3

Hardware Setup

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3.1 Transmitter

3.2 Uniform Linear Array

3.3 Marine Vessel

Chapter 4

Geometry

Overview

4.1 Ray Tracing

- There are multiple ways for ray-tracing.
- The method implemented during the FBLS and SS SONARs weren't super efficient as it involved pair-wise dot-products. Which becomes an issue when the number of points are increased, which is the case when the range is super high or the beamwidth is super high.

4.1.1 Pairwise Dot-Product

- In this method, given the coordinates of all points that are currently in the illumination cone, we find the cosines between every possible pairs of points.
- This is where the computational complexity arises as the number of dot products increase exponentially with increasing number of points.
- This method is a liability when it comes to situations where the range is super high or when the angle-beamwidth is non-narrow.

4.1.2 Range Histogram Method

- Given the angular beamwidths: azimuthal beamwidth and elevation beamwidth, we quantize square cone into a number of different values (note that the square cone is not an issue as the step before ensures conical subsetting).
- We split the points into different ”range-cells”.
- For each range-cell, we make a 2D histogram of azimuths and elevations. Then within each range-cell and for each azimuth-elevation pair, we find the closest point and add it to the check-box.

- In the next range-cell, we only work with those azimuth-elevation pairs whose check-box has not been filled. Since, for the filled ones, the filled scatter will shadow the othersin the following range cells.

Algorithm 1 Range Histogram Method

ScatterCoordinates $\leftarrow$
ScatterReflectivity $\leftarrow$
AngleDensity $\leftarrow$ Quantization of angles per degree.
AzimuthalBeamwidth $\leftarrow$ Azimuthal Beamwidth
RangeCellWidth $\leftarrow$ The range-cell width

Chapter 5

Signal Simulation

Overview

- Define LFM.
- Define shadowing.
- Simulate Signals (basic)
- Simulate Signals with additional effects (doppler)

5.1 Transmitted Signal

- We use a linear frequency modulated signal.
- The signal is defined in setup-script of the transmitter. Please refer to section: **??**;

5.2 Signal Simulation

1. First we obtain the set of scatterers that reflect the transmitted signal.
2. The distance between all the sensors and the scatterer distances are calculated.
3. The time of flight from the transmitter to each scatterer and each sensor is calculated.
4. This time is then calculated into sample number by multiplying with the sampling-frequency of the uniform linear arrays.
5. We then build a signal matrix that has the dimensions corresponding to the number of samples that are recorded and the number of sensors that are present in the sensor-array.
6. We place impulses in the points corresponding to when the signals arrives from the scatterers. The result is a matrix that has x-dimension as the number of samples and the y-dimension as the number of sensors.

7. Each column is then convolved (linearly convolved) with the transmitted signal. The resulting matrix gives us the signal received by each sensor. Note that this method doesn't consider doppler effects. This will be added later.

Chapter 6

Imaging

Overview

- Present different imaging methods.

Decimation

1. The signals received by the sensors have a huge number of samples in it. Storing that kind of information, especially when it will be accumulated over a long time like in the case of synthetic aperture SONAR, is impractical.
2. Since the transmitted signal is LFM and non-baseband, this means that making the signal a complex baseband and decimating it will result in smaller data but same information.
3. So what we do is once we receive the signal at a stop-hop, we baseband the signal, low-pass filter it around the bandwidth and then decimate the signal. This reduces the sample number by a lot.
4. Since we're working with spotlight-SAS, this can be further reduced by beamforming the received signals in the direction of the patch and just storing the single beam. (This needs validation from Hareesh sir btw)

Match-Filtering

- A match-filter is any signal, that which when multiplied with another signal produces a signal that has a flag frequency-response = an impulse basically. (I might've butchered that definition but this will be updated later)
- This is created by time-reversing and calculating the complex conjugate of the signal.
- The resulting match-filter is then convolved with the received signal. This will result in a sincs being placed where impulse responses would've been if we used an infinite bandwidth signal.

Questions

- Do we match-filter before beamforming or after. I do realize that theoretically they're the same but practically, does one conserve resolution more than the other.

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