

## Photogrammetry & Robotics Lab

### 3D Coordinate Systems (Bsc Geodesy & Geoinformation)

#### 11. ML solution for 2D similarity

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## Outline

ML estimation of parameters of similarities

- 1D: straight line fitting → principles, notation
- 2D similarity, two options  
(problems are linear in the parameters)

Assumption: Gaussian distribution

- mean and covariances are sufficient
- weighted LS with  $W = \Sigma^{-1}$

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## Linear Gauss-Markov model

Mathematical model

$$\mathbb{E}(\underline{l}) = A\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbb{D}(\underline{l}) = \Sigma_l$$

Optimization function

$$\Omega = (\underline{l} - A\mathbf{x})^T W_l (\underline{l} - A\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{with} \quad W_l = \Sigma_l^{-1}$$

Necessary condition for estimates

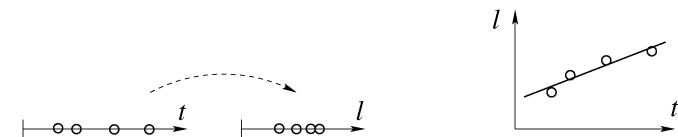
$$\mathbf{0} = \frac{\partial \Omega(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = -2(\underline{l} - A\mathbf{x})^T W_l A$$

Normal equations

$$N\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{h} \quad \text{with} \quad N = A^T W_l A \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{h} = A^T W_l \underline{l}$$

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## Straight line fitting



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## 1D similarity = straight line fitting

Functional model: translation and scale, no rotation ☺

$$\mathbb{E}(\underline{l}_i) = r + st_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, I \quad \text{with} \quad \{l_i, t_i, r, s\} \in \mathbb{R}$$

or

$$\mathbb{E}(\underline{l}) = A\mathbf{x} \quad \text{with} \quad A = [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{t}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

Stochastic model

$$\mathbb{D}(\underline{l}) = \Sigma_{ll} = \text{Diag}(\{\sigma_{l_i}^2\}) = \text{Diag}(\{1/w_i\}) = W_{ll}^{-1}$$

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## Straight line fitting – normal equations

Normal equation matrix

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}^\top \\ \mathbf{t}^\top \end{bmatrix} W_{ll} [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{t}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i w_i & \sum_i t_i w_i \\ \sum_i t_i w_i & \sum_i t_i^2 w_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$\propto t_C$

Right hand side

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}^\top \\ \mathbf{t}^\top \end{bmatrix} W_{ll} \underline{l} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i l_i w_i \\ \sum_i t_i l_i w_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$\propto l_C$     $\propto d^2$

Choose centroids  $(t_C, l_C) \rightarrow$  centred model

- Normal equation matrix diagonal  $\rightarrow$  simpler equations
- Numerically more stable

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## Centroids and average distance

- Centroids

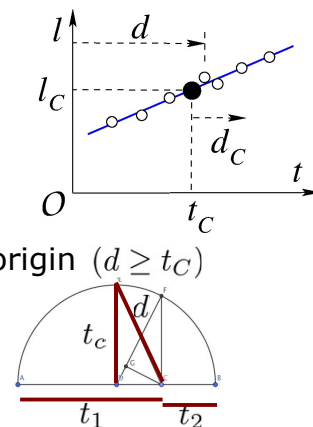
$$t_C = \frac{\sum_i t_i w_i}{\sum_i w_i}$$

$$l_C = \frac{\sum_i l_i w_i}{\sum_i w_i}$$

- Mean squared distance of  $t_i$  to origin ( $d \geq t_C$ )

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i t_i^2 w_i}{\sum_i w_i}}$$

From Wikipedia



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## Straight line fitting – centred model

Centroids

$$l_C = \frac{\sum_i l_i w_i}{\sum_i w_i} \quad \text{and} \quad t_C = \frac{\sum_i t_i w_i}{\sum_i w_i}$$

Centred observations and coefficients

$${}^c l_i = l_i - l_C \quad \text{and} \quad {}^c t_i = t_i - t_C$$

Functional model

$$\mathbb{E}(l_i - l_C) = {}^c r + s(t_i - t_C)$$

General relation, we expect  ${}^c r$  is small

$$r = {}^c r + (l_C - s t_C)$$

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## Straight line fitting – normal equations

Normal equation matrix

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}^\top \\ c\mathbf{t}^\top \end{bmatrix} W_{ll} [\mathbf{1}, c\mathbf{t}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i w_i & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_i c t_i^2 w_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Right hand side

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}^\top \\ c\mathbf{t}^\top \end{bmatrix} W_{ll} c\mathbf{l} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sum_i c t_i c l_i w_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Estimates, see direct solution for similarity

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{c\hat{r}} \\ \hat{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sum_i c t_i c l_i w_i / \sum_i c t_i^2 w_i \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Solution for straight line fitting

Given: weighted point pairs  $\{l_i, t_i, w_i\}, i = 1, \dots, I$

Centroids

$$t_C = \sum_i t_i w_i / \sum_i w_i \quad \text{and} \quad l_C = \sum_i l_i w_i / \sum_i w_i$$

Centred coordinates

$$c t_i = t_i - t_C \quad \text{and} \quad c l_i = l_i - l_C$$

Estimated parameters

$$\hat{s} = \sum_i c t_i c l_i w_i / \sum_i c t_i^2 w_i \quad \hat{r} = l_C - s t_C$$

→ Optimal line passes through centroids

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## Numerical stability

- Condition number  $\kappa \geq 1$  of  $N$  should be small

$$\kappa = \lambda_{\max} / \lambda_{\min}$$

- with root mean square deviation  $d$  of  $t_i$  to **origin**

$$N = \sum_i w_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_C \\ t_C & d^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \kappa = \frac{1 + d^2 + \sqrt{(1 - d^2)^2 + (2t_C)^2}}{1 + d^2 - \sqrt{(1 - d^2)^2 + (2t_C)^2}}$$

- For given size  $d$  centroid should be  $t_C = 0 \rightarrow$

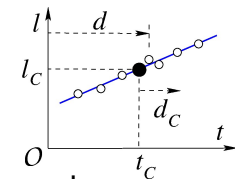
$$\kappa = \max(1, d^2) / \min(1, d^2)$$

- For  $t_C = 0$  the distance  $d_C$  of the  $c t_i$  should be  $d_C = 1$

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## Conditioning of data

For numerically stable computation



- Condition data = change coordinate system

- Translation of data to centroid  $\rightarrow t_C = 0, (l_C = 0)$
- Scaling of distance to centroid  $\rightarrow d_C = 1$

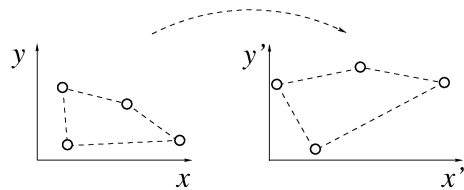
- Perform computation

- Undo conditioning after computation

**independent of application !**

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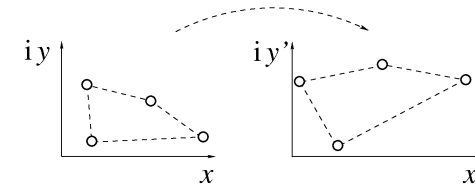
### 2D similarity



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### Reinterpret straight line fitting

Take all variables as complex numbers



Addition = translation

Multiplication = scaled rotation !

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### Reinterpret straight line fitting

All variables are complex numbers

- Observations  $l_i := x'_i + iy'_i$
- Given coordinates  $t_i := x_i + iy_i$
- Translation  $r := t_x + it_y$
- Scaled rotation  $s := \lambda e^{i\phi} = \lambda \cos \phi + i\lambda \sin \phi = a + ib$
- Isotropic uncertainty

Model

$$l_i + v_i = r + st_i, \quad w_i$$

Use result of straight line fitting

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### 2D similarity = complex straight line fitting

Functional model

$$\mathbb{E}(l_i) = r + st_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, I \quad \text{with} \quad \{l_i, t_i, r, s\} \in \mathbb{C}$$

or

$$\mathbb{E}(\underline{l}) = A\mathbf{x} \quad \text{with} \quad A = [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{t}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

Stochastic model

$$\mathbb{D} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \Re(l_i) \\ \Im(l_i) \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{D} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{bmatrix} \right) = \sigma_{l_i}^2 I_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{V}(l_i) = 2\sigma_{l_i}^2$$

$$\mathbb{D}(\underline{l}) = \Sigma_{ll} = \text{Diag}(\mathbb{V}(l_i)) = \text{Diag}(\{2\sigma_{l_i}^2\}) = \text{Diag}(\{1/w_i\})$$

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## Comparison complex numbers vs vectors

### Isomorphy

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complex\\_number#Formal\\_construction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complex_number#Formal_construction)

▪ Entities  $s = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow s = a + ib$

▪ Multiplication

$$Z(s)t = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax - by \\ ay + bx \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & -y \\ y & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = Z(t)s$$

$$st = (a + ib)(x + iy) = (ax - by) + i(ay + bx) = ts$$

or (twice the number of operations)

$$Z(s)Z(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & -y \\ y & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax - by & -(ay + bx) \\ ay + bx & ax - by \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Comparison

- Transposition corresponds to conjugation

$$Z^T(s) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \bar{s} = \overline{a + ib} = a - ib$$

- Transposition of complex matrices includes conjugation (C. Hermite, 1822 – 1901)

$$[Z(\mathbf{n}_{ij})]^T = [Z^T(\mathbf{n}_{ji})] \leftrightarrow N^H = [n_{ij}]^H = [\bar{n}_{ji}] = \bar{N}^T$$

- Norm

$$Z^T(s)Z(s) = (a^2 + b^2)I_2 \leftrightarrow |s|^2 = \bar{s}s = (a - ib)(a + ib) = a^2 + b^2$$

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## Complex straight line – normal equations

Normal equation matrix

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}^H \\ \mathbf{t}^H \end{bmatrix} W_{ll} [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{t}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i w_i & \sum_i t_i w_i \\ \sum_i \bar{t}_i w_i & \sum_i \bar{t}_i t_i w_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Right hand side

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}^H \\ \mathbf{t}^H \end{bmatrix} W_{ll} \mathbf{l} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i l_i w_i \\ \sum_i \bar{t}_i l_i w_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose centroids → centred model

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## Solution for 2D similarity

Given: weighted point pairs  $\{x_i, y_i, x'_i, y'_i, w_i\}, i = 1, \dots, I$

$$t_i := x_i + iy_i \quad \text{and} \quad l_i := x'_i + iy'_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, I$$

Centroids

$$t_C = \sum_i t_i w_i / \sum_i w_i \quad \text{and} \quad l_C = \sum_i l_i w_i / \sum_i w_i$$

Centred coordinates

$${}^c t_i = t_i - t_C \quad \text{and} \quad {}^c l_i = l_i - l_C, \quad i = 1, \dots, I$$

Estimated parameters

$$\hat{a} + i\hat{b} := \hat{s} = \sum_i {}^c \bar{t}_i {}^c l_i w_i / \sum_i {}^c \bar{t}_i {}^c t_i w_i$$

$$\hat{t}_x + i\hat{t}_y := \hat{r} = l_C - s t_C$$

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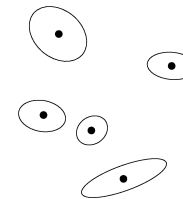
## Matlab Code for linear regression/similarity

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function est_x = estimate_linear_regression_d(l,t,d,sigma_s)
% l_i + v_i = r + s * t_i, dim=d, sigma_i -> [s;r]
w      = 1./(d*sigma_s.^2);           % weights
sum_w  = sum(w);                      % sum of weights
tC     = sum(t.*w)/sum_w; lC=sum(l.*w)/sum_w; % centroids
ct     = t-tC; cl=l-lC;               % centred data
N22    = sum(conj(ct).*ct.*w);         % NE(2,2)
s      = sum(conj(ct).*cl.*w)/N22;    % estimated s
r      = lC-s*tC;                     % estimated r
est_x  = [s;r];                       % column vector
end
```

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## General 2D similarity with real numbers

- 2-vectors instead of complex numbers
- Allow for arbitrary covariance matrix per point (inhomogeneous, anisotropic)



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## General 2D similarity with real numbers

- Observations  $l_i := [x'_i, y'_i]^T$
- Given coordinates  $t_i := [x_i, y_i]^T$
- Translation  $r := [t_x, t_y]^T$
- Scaled rotation  $s := [\lambda \cos \phi, \lambda \sin \phi]^T = [a, b]^T$
- Isotropic uncertainty  $W_{ii} = \Sigma_{ii}^{-1} := W_{l_i l_i}$

$$l_i + v_i = r + Z(s) t_i, \quad W_{ii}$$

Scaled rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}_i + \begin{bmatrix} v'_x \\ v'_y \end{bmatrix}_i = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}_i, \quad W_{ii}$$

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## General 2D similarity with real numbers

Model for  $I$  observations  $l_i := [x'_i, y'_i]^T$  etc.

$$l_i + v_i = r + Z(s)t_i \quad \text{with} \quad Z(s)t_i = Z(t_i)s$$

Compactly

$$l + v = Ax \quad \text{with} \quad W = \text{Diag}(\{W_{ii}\})$$

with

$$l := [l_i], \quad v := [v_i], \quad A := [\{I_2, Z(t_i)\}], \quad x := \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

$$\hat{x} = (A^T W A)^{-1} A^T W l$$

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## General 2D similarity: ML estimation

- Normal equation matrix

$$N = A^T W A = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i W_{ii} & \sum_i W_{ii} Z(t_i) \\ \sum_i Z^T(t_i) W_{ii} & \sum_i Z^T(t_i) W_{ii} Z(t_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Right hand side

$$h = A^T W l = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i W_{ii} l_i \\ \sum_i Z^T(t_i) W_{ii} l_i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Using centroids → numerically more stable
- Arbitrary centroids: small translation  ${}^c\hat{r} \neq 0 \rightarrow$  sl. 8

$$\hat{r} = {}^c\hat{r} + l_C - Z(t_C)s$$

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## Centroid?

- If  $\sum_i W_{ii} Z(t_i) = 0$  and  $\sum_i W_{ii} Z(l_i) = 0$  then
  - Block diagonal normal equation matrix
  - Estimated translation  $\hat{r} = 0$
- Do centroids exist generally such that normal equation matrix is block diagonal?

No!

- Four constraints  $\sum_i W_{ii} Z(t_i - t_C) = 0$  for  $t_C$
- Only solvable if all  $W_{ii}$  have the structure of  $Z(\cdot)$   
→ Since  $W_{ii}$  is symmetric it needs to be  $W_{ii} = c_i I_2$

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## 2D similarity with *isotropic* uncertainty

Given: point pairs  $\{x_i, y_i, x'_i, y'_i, \sigma_i\}, i = 1, \dots, I$

$$t_i := \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad l_i := \begin{bmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad w_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}, \quad i = 1, \dots, I$$

Centroids

$$t_C = (\sum_i w_i)^{-1} \sum_i w_i t_i \quad \text{and} \quad l_C = (\sum_i w_i)^{-1} \sum_i w_i l_i$$

Centred coordinates

$${}^c t_i = t_i - t_C \quad \text{and} \quad {}^c l_i = l_i - l_C, \quad i = 1, \dots, I$$

Estimated parameters

$$\hat{s} = \sum_i Z^T({}^c t_i) {}^c l_i w_i / \sum_i |{}^c t_i|^2 w_i \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{r} = l_C - Z(\hat{s}) t_C$$

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## Matlab code 2D similarity, isotropic

```
function est_x = estimate_2D_similarity(lv, tv, sigma_s)
% l_i + v_i = r + s * t_i, w_i = 1/sigma_i^2 -> [a,b,tx,ty]
I = length(sigma_s); % number of data
w = 1./sigma_s.^2; % weights
sum_w = sum(w); % sum of weights
tC = sum(tv.*(w*[1,1]))/sum_w; % centroids
lC = sum(lv.*(w*[1,1]))/sum_w;
ct = tv-repmat(tC,I,1); cl=lv-repmat(lC,I,1); % centred data
N22 = sum((ct(:,1).^2+ct(:,2).^2).*w); % NE element (2,2)
s = sum([ct(:,1).*cl(:,1)+ct(:,2).*cl(:,2), ...
        -ct(:,2).*cl(:,1)+ct(:,1).*cl(:,2)] ...
        .* (w*[1,1]))')/N22; % est a, b
t = lC'-[s(1) -s(2); s(2) s(1)]*tC'; % est tx, ty
est_x = [s;t]; % estimated x
end
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## Numerical comparison

- Since same mathematical model  
→ results are identical
- Computing time (Matlab realization)  
CPU(real)/CPU(complex) appr. 2

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## Lessons learned

- 2D similarity = line fitting with complex numbers  
(slightly faster)
- Centroid coordinates → **numerically more stable**
- **Conditioning of data** (translation, scale)
- Centroid coordinates **generally** not simplifying
- Simplified stochastic model  $\Sigma_{ii} = \sigma_{x_i'}^2 l_2$   
→ allows to use centred coordinates  
→ simplifies estimation
- **Evaluation of estimates later ...**

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## Next video

### 5.3.2 Estimating parameters of 3D similarity

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