



Satellite Navigation AAE4203 – Guidance and Navigation

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- Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)
- > US Global Positioning System GPS
- > Russia GLONASS
- > China Beidou
- > EU Galileo







New Era of GNSS

> GPS, GLONASS, Galileo and Beidou

> Visible GNSS satellites with mask angle > 30° in 2020







GNSS in Autonomous Driving

Model					
Company Name	Waymo	Ford	Tesla	Nuro	Oxbotica
Positioning Solution	<mark>GNSS-</mark> RTK/INS/LiDAR/HD Map	<mark>GNSS-</mark> RTK/INS/LiDAR/HD Map	<mark>GNSS/INS/LiDAR/H</mark> D Map	<mark>GNSS-</mark> RTK/INS/LiDAR/HD Map	<mark>GNSS-</mark> RTK/INS/LiDAR/HD Map
Tested Scenario	Open area/sub- urban	Open area/sub- urban	Open area/sub- urban	Open area/sub- urban	Open area/sub- urban
Level of Automation	L5	L5	L2.5	L5	L5

ADAS*: Advanced Driving Assistant System

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GNSS in Urban Canyons

SPP^{*}: Single Point Positioning RTK^{*}: Real-time Kinematic



nSat	Full nSat	Ra	Ratio		IDOP	VDOP	XDOP	YDOP
8.50	21.70	39.0	39.03%		2.82	4.69	1.87	1.85
Туре	Availab ility	2D Error	X Erro	r	Y Error	2D STD	X STD	Y STD
NMEA	91.43%	84.74	78.75	5	16.71	85.11	87.68	16.01
SPP	76.94%	51.49	31.71	1	32.28	61.28	49.48	43.73
DGNS S	72.07%	45.87	28.91	1	28.62	57.41	46.54	39.74
RTK FLOA T	31.40%	28.91	14.69	9	21.66	44.59	30.13	35.10
RTK FIX	2.09%	10.10	5.88		7.12	12.87	9.89	9.25

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NLOS*: Non-line-of-sight

Background

Problem 1: Poor GNSS measurements quality:

- NLOS receptions
- Multipath effects

- Problem 2: Poor satellite geometry:
 - Limited satellites numbers
 - Hard to get fixed during ambiguity resolution



Hsu, 2016

Hsu, 2016



Satellite geometry in Urban

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Outline

- GPS Overview
- Receiver Position Estimation
- GPS Performance
- Improved GPS Performance





GPS Overview



Ground stations



System Configuration of GPS

- Satellite navigation system is consisted of three segments: >
 - Control segment 1.
 - Command infrequent small maneuvers to maintain orbit
 - Keep the synchronization of GPS time ٠
 - Space segment (broadcasting) 2.
 - 31+ medium earth orbit (MEO) ٠ satellites
 - 6 orbit planes
 - 3. User segment
 - Antenna ٠
 - A/D converter ٠
 - Signal processing
 - **Positioning algorithm**



GPS Receiver





Space Segment

- > Able to see 5 to 8 satellites at any point on the earth
- > Each satellite has atomic clocks
- > 32 satellites in 6 orbital planes (5-6 satellite per orbit)
- > 20,200 km altitude, 55 degree inclination
- > Two revolutions per sidereal day
- > One sidereal day is 23 hours 56 minutes 4.091seconds
- > SVs repeat more or less the same ground track on each day





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Control Segment

- Monitor stations measure signals from SVs and compute precise orbital and clock corrections data for each SV.
- Master Control station uploads orbital & clock data to SVs.



User Segment

> GPS receivers with quartz clocks can convert SV signals into position and time estimates and derive velocity.

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> Four satellites are required to compute the four dimensions of X, Y, Z (position) and Time.







Architecture of GPS Software Define Receiver



- > Acquisition: to determine visible satellites, coarse values of carrier frequency, and code delay of received signals.
- > **Tracking:** to refine these values and keep track and demodulate navigation data from satellites.
- > Navigation Data Decode: to obtain Pseudorange, GPS time, Ephemeris, Almanac, and Klobuchar information.
- > **User Positioning:** to calculate the receiver position via estimating technique.

What is signal acquisition?



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Purpose of Tracking

> Tracking is to continuously track the code-phase and Doppler frequency of GNSS signals. Loop filter is used in the tracking loop.







GNSS Positioning Theory

- > GNSS Positioning is based on the triangulation method.
- > Known information obtained from the signal processing
 - Position of satellites
 - Distance between satellites and receiver (Pseudoranges)
- > The time difference between satellite and receiver is also estimated in the positioning process.
- > At least 4 satellites are required.

receiver position





Receiver Position Estimation







3 clocks are not synchronized. Satellite clock error can be corrected using navigation message. User clock error can be estimated as an unknown parameter in the positioning.

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Real Pseudorange Measurements



The variations of pseudo-range are mainly due to the satellite motion and earth rotation. Several gaps in all satellites are due to receiver clock offset. Receiver usually offset their own clock because the receiver clock error continues to increase.





Position Estimation

> Satellite position in the transmitted time "t - τ ".

> Pseudo-range between satellite and user in the <u>received time "t"</u>

$$\rho^{(k)}(t) = r^{(k)}(t, t-\tau) + c \left[\delta t_u(t) - \delta t^{(k)}(t-\tau) \right] + I^{(k)}(t) + T^{(k)}(t) + \varepsilon_{\rho}^{(k)}(t)$$

Clock Errors

The reason why we call "pseudo-range" is from second term.

Satellite clock and Receiver clock are not synchronized.

How many unknown parameters do we have ?





x, y, z, receiver clock offset

- > <u>Satellite clock</u> is corrected using navigation data.
- > Fortunately, receiver clock offset is same for all satellites.
- > Therefore, unknown variables should be solved are x, y, z and receiver clock offset.





3 equations with 4 unknowns! Therefore, 4 satellites are required Can we solve? YES! How!? Mathematically, linearize the equation by Taylor Series Expansion at a point we GUESS.

 $\boldsymbol{P_{rcv}} = (x, y, z)$

Pseudorange

measurement

Satellite Positions

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Positioning using Least Square Estimation

$$\Delta \rho = \rho - \rho_0 = (\rho_{true} + b_u) - \rho_0$$

$$\Delta \rho = \Delta p \cdot \cos \theta + b_u \qquad (\Delta p \cdot \cos \theta = \Delta \overline{p} \times 1 \times \overline{\theta}_{uni})$$

$$\Delta \rho^i = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(x^i - x_0)}{\rho_0^i} & \frac{(y^i - y_0)}{\rho_0^i} & \frac{(z^i - z_0)}{\rho_0^i} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta z \\ \Delta b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \rho = G \Delta p \qquad (\Delta p = G^{-1} \Delta \rho)$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta p_x \\ \Delta p_y \\ \Delta p_z \\ \Delta b_x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \\ z - z_0 \\ b_y - b_y 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \\ z_n \\ b_{y,n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{n-1} \\ y_{n-1} \\ z_{n-1} \\ b_{y,n-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p_{x,n} \\ \Delta p_{y,n} \\ \Delta p_{z,n} \\ \Delta b_{y,n} \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta \rho = \rho_{meas} - \rho_{0} - b_{u} \text{ where } \rho_{0}^{(1)} = \|P^{(1)} - P_{0}\| \\
& \Delta \rho = G \Delta p
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Example of Iterations in LS method

- > 4 unknown variables (x,y,x,clock) are present.
- > At least 4 visible satellites are required.
- > With true satellite positions and true range between satellites and user antenna, the calculated position is true (only one solution).
- > It is impossible in a practical sense.
- >Least-Square method (LS method) is mainly used for the estimation of user antenna position.





Example of Iterations in LS method

- > The user antenna was located in PolyU campus.
- > If we set (0, 0, 0) as an initial x, y, z positions,
- > After the first iteration, the estimated position was 22.156, 114.191, 1252955m. (Po Toi Island)
- > Secondly, it was 22.304, 114.101, 42298m (close to near sea of Kowloon)
- > Thirdly, it was 22.305166, 114.181192, 116m (about 30m away from antenna)
- > Fourth, it was 22.305843, 114.181064, 63m (within 2m from antenna)





Common Biases are negligible

> Please remember that the common biases to all satellites are negligible in LS method. They are absorbed into clock offset term.



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What is receiver clock offset ?

Receiver clock offset is co-product of single positioning





f_{obs}



Doppler Effect



One dimension is assumed. Right direction is positive.

- > Receiver is set in the car.
- > Received frequency is
- > "cs" is speed of light.

$$f_{obs} = f_s \frac{cs - v_o}{cs - v_s}$$

- > Doppler frequency " f_D " is equal to " $f_{obs} f_{source}$ "
- > FLL (frequency lock loop) tries to estimate " f_D ".
- > Once we can estimate " f_D ", " v_o " can be resolved.





Velocity Estimation

> Velocity estimation in GPS is just same as shown in the previous slide.

- > The differences are as follows.
- * 3 dimension velocity (v_x, v_y, v_z) have to be estimated.
- * Frequency in the receiver is based on on-board clock.
- * Measurement is pseudorange rate, which calculated from <u>Doppler</u> <u>frequency AND satellite velocity</u>.
- > 4 unknown variables $(v_{x, v_y, v_z, f_{clk}})$ have to be estimated using at least 4 visible satellites. DOP is also important.
- > Velocity estimation is same as position estimation.





Image of Velocity Estimation





* 4 relative velocities (projection of satellite velocity on unit LOS vector to receiver) are needed to estimate car velocity $(+f_{clk})$.



* The accuracy of car velocity depends on the accuracy of satellite velocity and received frequency estimation.







Receiver Velocity Estimation from the Doppler Measurements

Measurements from Doppler

 $\boldsymbol{y} = (-\lambda_i D_{r,i}^1, -\lambda_i D_{r,i}^2, -\lambda_i D_{r,i}^3, \dots, -\lambda_i D_{r,i}^m)^T$

Observation function

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} r_r^1 + cd\dot{t}_r - cd\dot{T}^1 \\ r_r^2 + cd\dot{t}_r - cd\dot{T}^2 \\ r_r^3 + cd\dot{t}_r - cdT^3 \\ \vdots \\ r_r^m + cd\dot{t}_r - cd\dot{T}^m \end{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{H} = \begin{pmatrix} -\boldsymbol{e}_r^{1T} & 1 \\ -\boldsymbol{e}_r^{2T} & 1 \\ -\boldsymbol{e}_r^{3T} & 1 \\ \vdots \\ -\boldsymbol{e}_r^{mT} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Can you try to formulate the steps for GNSS velocity estimation similar to the position estimation? ©

(F.6.28)

The range-rage r_r^s between the receiver and the satellite in these equations is derived from:

$$r_r^s = e_r^{sT} \left(v^s(t^s) - v_r \right) + \frac{\omega_e}{c} \left(v_y^s x_r + y^s v_{x,r} - v_x^s y_r - x^s v_{y,r} \right)$$
(F.6.29)

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Performance of GPS based Velocity



std = 1.6 cm/s

Accuracy in terms of frequency GPS L1 wavelength = 19cm 1Hz : 19cm 0.1Hz : 1.9cm

Accuracy in terms of satellite velocity sv_vel [t]=(sv_vel [t+1]-sv_vel [t-1])/2 based on ephemeris parameters Accuracy in velocity is very good comparing to accuracy in positioning.







Moving Platform (Sub-urban area)

- Origination : 0,0
- Velocity was accumulated.
- Data Rate : 5Hz
- Period : 650 sec
- Receiver : NovAtel OEM6
- Left and right rounds : 6 times
- End point : 36.76m,-62.91m
- RTK : 35.75m,-65.18m

Deviation after 11 minutes velocity accumulation was about 2-3 m.




GPS Positioning Performance







Positioning Performance of GPS

Positioning Performance =

<u>Measurements Accuracy × DOP</u>



Horizontal accuracy = Measurements accuracy × HDOP

Satellite Geometry

- > Relative position between the user and the GPS satellites affects the accuracy of the solution
 - Geometric Dilution Of Precision GDOP
 - Position or spherical PDOP
 - Horizontal HDOP
 - Vertical VDOP
 - Time TDOP
- > Lower DOP values result in better accuracy





What is DOP? (dilution of precision : DOP)

- If the measurements errors are zero, the calculated user position is true.
- However, if the measurements include some errors, the accuracy depends on measurement errors as well as the geometry of satellites (=DOP).







All Satellites VS. East Visible Satellites



- > Only east side satellites are used in the dark color plots. (average=8.7)
- > All satellites are used in the light color plots. (average=4.6)





Calculation of DOP

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{p} = \left(\boldsymbol{G}^{T}\boldsymbol{G}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{G}^{T}\Delta\boldsymbol{\rho}$$

Mapping matrix from pseudorange domain to positioning domain







Why we learn measurements and errors?

- >Needless to say, "position, velocity and time" are important for users.
- >The ability to improve final performance of the above outputs strongly depends on how can we estimate or possibly mitigate measurements errors.
- >Measurements errors strongly depends on the environment and receiver performance.





Noise and Bias

- Errors are often categorized as noise and bias.
- > #1 Errors in the parameter values broadcast by a satellite in its navigation message for which the Control Segment is responsible
- > #2 Uncertainties associated with the propagation medium which affect the travel time of the signal from a satellite to the receiver
- > #3 Receiver noise which affects the precision of a measurement, and interference from signals reflected from surfaces in the vicinity of the antenna





Source of Measurements Errors

- > Control Segment Errors
- > Signal Propagation Modeling Errors
- > Measurement Errors





Typical pseudo-range measurement errors for L1 receiver

Error Source	RMS Range Error
Satellite clock and ephemeris parameters	3 m (SIS URE)
Atmospheric propagation modeling	5 m
Receiver noise and multipath	1 m
User range error (URE)	6 m

Total RMS Range Error = SIS+ URE

URE : User Range Error SIS : Signal-in-Space





Measurement Error : Empirical Data



1997 : SA was activated.





Measurement Errors - Multipath

- Multipath refers to the phenomenon of a signal reaching an antenna via two or more paths.
- The range measurement error due to multipath depends on the strength of the reflected signal and the delay between direct and reflected signals.
- Mitigation of multipath errors : Antenna or Receiver







Multipath Mitigation Technique (Receiver inside)







Receiver thermal noise for two types of receiver







Sky Views in two different places (same constellation but different performance)



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Temporal Measurements Errors and DOP Variation (sub-urban)







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GPS Measurement Errors

Source	Potential error size	Error mitigation using single point positioning
Satellite clock model	2 m (rms)	\rightarrow
Satellite ephemeris prediction	2 m (rms) along the LOS	\rightarrow
Ionospheric delay	2-10 m (zenith) Obliquity factor 3 at 5°	1-5 m (single-freq.) within 0.5m (dual-freq.)
Tropospheric delay	2.3-2.5m (zenith) Obliquity factor 10 at 5°	0.1-1 m
Multipath (open sky)	Code : 0.5-1 m Carrier : 0.5-1 cm	\rightarrow
Receiver Noise	Code : 0.25-0.5 m (rms) Carrier : 1-2 mm (rms)	\rightarrow





History...Deactivation the artificial distortion of the signal



On September 18, 2007, the US DoD reported that with the next generation of GPS satellites (GPS III), satellite navigation signals can no longer be artificially distorted





Improved Positioning

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Why we discuss about measurement errors?

- > Back to bias and noise errors discussion, noise errors of pseudorange can be mitigated to some degree using <u>carrier phase</u> <u>smoothing technique</u>.
- > On the other hand, you have to estimate <u>bias errors</u> as accurate as possible <u>by yourself</u> to improve positioning performance.
- > All kinds of improved techniques are essentially same in terms of estimating or eliminating bias or noise errors.





Improved GPS

> Positioning Smoothing by Carrier measurement

> DGPS (Differential GPS) and RTK (Real Time Kinematic) are powerful method for error mitigation.

> DGPS uses the fact that the most of error sources change slowly in the time domain if the distance between reference and user is approx. within 100km.





Carrier Phase Measurement

$$\phi(t) = \phi_u(t) - \phi^s(t - \tau) + N$$
$$\phi(t) = f \cdot \tau + N$$



 $\phi_{\mathbf{u}}(t)$ carrier phase in the receiver

 $\phi^{S}(t-\tau)$ carrier pahsein the satellite

- τ transittime
- N integerambiguity
- f, λ Dopplerfrequency and wavelength
- $r(t,t-\tau)$ geometrical range

Clock error and measurements errors are assumed zero.

Carrier phase measurement is accumulated Doppler frequency. Be careful about "f". In the receiver, carrier frequency is basically converted to "IF".





Real Carrier Phase Measurements





Combining Code and Carrier Measurements

Carrier phase measurement can be used to smooth pseudo-range Measurement.



The code-based measurements are noisy. The carrier-based estimates are precise but ambiguous, and the plot starts arbitrarily at zero value.





Formula of Carrier Smoothing

$$\rho^{*}(t) = d^{(k)}_{\ u}(t) + b^{(k)}_{\ u}(t) - B^{(k)}(t) + T(t)$$

$$\phi(t_{i}) = \rho^{*}(t_{i}) - I(t_{i}) + N\lambda$$

$$\phi(t_{i-1}) = \rho^{*}(t_{i-1}) - I(t_{i-1}) + N\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho^{*}(t_{i}) = \phi(t_{i}) - \phi(t_{i-1}) + \rho^{*}(t_{i-1})$$

$$(\operatorname{cycles} + \frac{\operatorname{phase}}{2048}) \times \lambda_{L1}$$

$$\overline{\rho(t_{i+1})} = \frac{1}{M}\rho(t_{i+1}) + \frac{M-1}{M} [\overline{\rho(t_{i})} + [\phi(t_{i}+1) - \phi(t_{i})]]$$

Carrier-smoothed pseudo-ranges W1th different filter lengths



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Carrier Smoothing Result using different M values







Architecture of DGPS



- Determination of the correction values a t the reference station
- Transmission of the correction values fr om the reference station to the GPS user
- Compensation for the determined pseud o-ranges to correct the calculated position of the GPS user

Correction [prn] = Pseudo-range[prn] – True-range [prn]





Principle of DGPS



Reference Station





Real Correction Data

> Correction [prn] =

Pseudo-range[prn] – True-range [prn]

> Correction data provides the better estimations in each satellite in LS method.
Single point positioning







DGPS mitigates ...

Source	Potential error using SPP	Error mitigation using DGPS
Satellite clock model	<mark>2 m</mark> (rms)	0.0 m
Satellite ephemeris prediction	2 m (rms) along the LOS	0.1 m (rms)
Ionospheric delay	2-10 m (zenith) Obliquity factor 3 at 5°	0.2 m (rms)
Tropospheric delay	2.3-2.5m (zenith) Obliquity factor 10 at 5°	0.2 m (rms) + altitude effect
Multipath (open sky)	Code : 0.5-1 m Carrier : 0.5-1 cm	Not helpful
Receiver Noise	Code : 0.25-0.5 m (rms) Carrier : 1-2 mm (rms)	Not helpful

rms: root mean square

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Limitation of DGPS











Without the installation of the reference stations, you can use correction data through the SBAS satellite such as MTSAT in Japan. Under quiet ionospheric condition, the performance is generally good within 1-2 m.

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DGPS and RTK Performance





Rooftop (Lab.) 15s interval 24 hours Reference : Ichikawa





RTK (Real Time Kinematic)

- The concept of **RTK** is same as **DGPS**.
- RTK uses carrier phase measurements. DGPS uses pseudo-range measurements.
- GPS receiver is able to measure 1/100 of wavelength of L1 frequency (19 cm).
- If you have high-end receiver, you know your position within 1-2cm accuracy as long as you have 5 or more LOS satellites.





RTK Flowchart






Key Concept of RTK

(double difference technique)



Generating new observation data = DD range!!!





Float Solution (Least Square)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_n^1 - \rho_n^r - (\rho_m^1 - \rho_m^r) \\ \vdots \\ \rho_n^i - \rho_n^r - (\rho_m^i - \rho_m^r) \\ \vdots \\ \Phi_n^i - \Phi_n^r - (\Phi_m^i - \Phi_m^r) \\ \vdots \\ \Phi_n^i - \Phi_n^r - (\Phi_m^i - \Phi_m^r) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x^1 - x_n}{R^1} & \frac{y^1 - y_n}{R^1} & \frac{z^1 - z_n}{R^1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{x^1 - x_n}{R^i} & \frac{y^1 - y_n}{R^i} & \frac{z^1 - z_n}{R^1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \frac{x^1 - x_n}{R^1} & \frac{y^1 - y_n}{R^1} & \frac{z^1 - z_n}{R^1} & \lambda^1 N^1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{y^i - y_n}{R^i} & \frac{y^i - y_n}{R^i} & \frac{z^i - z_n}{R^i} & 0 & \dots & \lambda^i N^i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_n \\ \Delta y_n \\ \Delta z_n \\ \Delta N^1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta N^i \end{bmatrix}$$
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GNSS Satellite w (Master) Satellite s Receiver Fixed state Pseudorange $\rho_{r,t}^s, \Phi_{r,t}^s$ Modeling $\rho_{r,t}^s, \Phi_{r,t}^s$ **Integer Ambiguity** Resolution $\rho_{r,t}^w, \Phi_{r,t}^w$ $\rho_{\mathrm{b},t}^{w}, \Phi_{\mathrm{b},t}^{w}$ $\rho_{b,t}^s, \Phi_{b,t}^s$ Carrier-Phase $\rho_{r,t}^w, \Phi_{r,t}^w$ Float solution Modeling $\Delta \nabla \rho_{r,t}^s$ Double-difference Float Solution **Estimation Via WLS** Technique $\Delta \nabla \Phi_r^s$ Pseudorange Modeling $\rho^s_{r,t}, \Phi^s_{r,t}$ **Reference Station GNSS** Receiver $\mathbf{p}_{r,t}^{G} = \left(p_{r,t,x'}^{G} p_{r,t,v'}^{G} p_{r,t,z}^{G} \right)^{T}$ $\mathbf{p}_{b} = \left(\mathbf{p}_{b,x'} \mathbf{p}_{b,y'} \mathbf{p}_{b,z}\right)^{T}$ $\rho_{r,t}^w, \Phi_{r,t}^w$ Carrier-Phase Reference Modeling Station

 $\rho_{r,t}^{s}$: Pseudorange measurement $\Phi_{r,t}^{s}$: Carrier-phase measurement $\Delta \nabla \rho_{r,t}^{s}$: DD Pseudorange measurement $\Delta \nabla \Phi_{r,t}^{s}$: DD Carrier-phase measurement

Overview of GNSS Real-time Kinematic

Why GNSS Real-time Kinematic?

• Remove the error from receiver/satellite clock bias, atmosphere error using double-difference technique.

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• Use the high-accuracy carrier-phase measurements.

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WLS^{*}: Weighted Least Squares

DD^{*}: Double-difference

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POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY 香港理工大學 **Observation Model for Pseudorange/Carrier Measurements** multipath effects, NLOS Observation function for pseudorange (code) measurement receptions, receiver noise, antenna phase-related noise $\underline{\rho_{r,t}^{s}}_{\text{Pseudorange}} = \underline{r_{r,t}^{s}}_{t} + c(\underline{\delta_{r,t}} - \underline{\delta_{r,t}^{s}}) + I_{r,t}^{s} + T_{r,t}^{s} + \varepsilon_{r,t}^{s}$ $(0 \sim 100 \text{m})$ Range Receiver clock Satellite clock ionospheric delay tropospheric delay distance Bias $(1 \sim 2m)$ bias Distance $(1 \sim 2m)$ Distance $(1 \sim 2m)$ $||\mathbf{p}_{t}^{G,s} - \mathbf{p}_{r,t}^{G}||$ multipath effects, NLOS To use the carrier-phase receptions, receiver noise, antenna phase-related noise measurements, the Observation function for carrier-phase measurement $(0 \sim 100 \text{m})$ ambiguity need to be $\underbrace{\psi_{r,t}^{s} = r_{r,t}^{s} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{s}) + I_{r,t}^{s} + T_{r,t}^{s} + \varepsilon_{r,t}^{s} + N_{r,t}^{s}}_{Carrier-phase}$ resolved. Ambiguity range Range Receiver clock Satellite clock ionospheric delay tropospheric delay Bias $(1 \sim 2m)$ Distance $(1 \sim 2m)$ distance bias Distance $(1 \sim 2m)$ $||\mathbf{p}_{t}^{G,s} - \mathbf{p}_{rt}^{G}||$

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Single Difference Pseudorange Measurements

Single difference between the GNSS receiver and the reference station to remove the atmosphere errors:

 $i' \rho_{r,t}^{s} = r_{r,t}^{s} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{s}) + I_{r,t}^{s} + T_{r,t}^{s} + \varepsilon_{r,t}^{s}$ $l \rho_{b,t}^{s} = r_{b,t}^{s} + c(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{s}) + I_{b,t}^{s} + T_{b,t}^{s} + T_{b,t}^{s}$ $\mathcal{E}_{b.t}^{S}$ $\Delta \rho_{r,t}^{s} = \rho_{r,t}^{s} - \rho_{h,t}^{s} = r_{r,t}^{s} - r_{h,t}^{s} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{s}) - c(\delta_{h,t} - \delta_{h,t}^{s})$ Satellite *s* $I' \rho_{r,t}^{w} = r_{r,t}^{w} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{w}) + I_{r,t}^{w} + T_{r,t}^{w} + T_{r,t}^{w} + I_{r,t}^{w}$ $\varepsilon_{r,t}^{W}$ $\rho_{h,t}^{w} = r_{h,t}^{w} + c(\delta_{h,t} - \delta_{h,t}^{w}) + I_{h,t}^{w} + T_{h,t}^{w} + T_{h,t}^{w} + I_{h,t}^{w}$ $\varepsilon_{b,t}^{W}$ $\Delta \rho_{r,t}^{w} = \rho_{r,t}^{w} - \rho_{b,t}^{w} = r_{r,t}^{w} - r_{b,t}^{w} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{w}) - c(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{w})$ Satellite w (Master) **Assumption**: GNSS receiver and the reference station are close with the same atmosphere errors



Double Difference Pseudorange Measurements

Second difference between the master satellite and the satellite *s* to remove the atmosphere errors:

$$\left[\Delta \rho_{r,t}^{s} = \rho_{r,t}^{s} - \rho_{b,t}^{s} = r_{r,t}^{s} - r_{b,t}^{s} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{s}) - c(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{s}) \text{ Satellite } s \right]$$
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$$\left[\Delta \rho_{r,t}^{w} = \rho_{r,t}^{w} - \rho_{b,t}^{w} = r_{r,t}^{w} - r_{b,t}^{w} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{w}) - c(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{w}) \text{ Satellite } w \text{ (Master)} \right]$$

$$\left[\Delta \nabla \rho_{r,t}^{s} = \Delta \rho_{r,t}^{s} - \Delta \rho_{r,t}^{w} = \rho_{r,t}^{s} - \rho_{b,t}^{s} - \rho_{r,t}^{w} - \rho_{b,t}^{w} - \rho_{b,t}^{w}$$

Assumption: GNSS receiver and the reference station are close with the same atmosphere errors

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GNSS Receiver

 $\mathbf{p}_{r,t}^G = \left(p_{r,t,x'}^G \right)$

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Satellite s

 $\rho_{b,t}^s, \Phi_{b,t}^s$

Reference Station 8

 $\rho_{r,t}^s, \Phi_{r,t}^s$

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Single Difference Carrier-phase Measurements

Single difference between the GNSS receiver and the reference station to remove the atmosphere errors:

$$\psi_{r,t}^{s} = r_{r,t}^{s} + c\left(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{s}\right) + I_{r,t}^{s} + T_{r,t}^{s} + \varepsilon_{r,t}^{s} + N_{r,t}^{s}$$

$$\psi_{b,t}^{s} = r_{b,t}^{s} + c\left(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{s}\right) + I_{b,t}^{s} + T_{b,t}^{s} + \varepsilon_{b,t}^{s} + N_{b,t}^{s}$$

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Satellite *w* (Master)
Satellite *w* (Master)
Satellite *s*

$$\psi_{b,t}^{w} = r_{b,t}^{w} + c\left(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{w}\right) + I_{b,t}^{w} + T_{b,t}^{w} + \varepsilon_{t,t}^{w} + N_{r,t}^{w}$$

$$\psi_{b,t}^{w} = r_{b,t}^{w} + c\left(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{w}\right) + I_{b,t}^{w} + T_{b,t}^{w} + \varepsilon_{b,t}^{w} + N_{b,t}^{w}$$
Satellite
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GNSS Receiver
$$E^{F_{t,t}^{v}} = V_{t,t}^{w} - \psi_{b,t}^{w} = r_{t,t}^{w} - r_{b,t}^{w} + c\left(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{w}\right) - c\left(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{w}\right) + N_{r,t}^{w} - N_{b,t}^{w}$$

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Double Difference Pseudorange Measurements

Second difference between the master satellite and the satellite *s* to remove the atmosphere errors:

Assumption: GNSS receiver and Satellite s the reference station are close with the same atmosphere errors $\Delta \psi_{r,t}^{s} = \psi_{r,t}^{s} - \psi_{b,t}^{s} = r_{r,t}^{s} - r_{b,t}^{s} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{s}) - c(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{s}) + N_{r,t}^{s} - N_{b,t}^{s}$ Satellite w (Master) Satellite w (Master) Satellite s $\dot{L} \Delta \psi_{r,t}^{w} = \psi_{r,t}^{w} - \psi_{b,t}^{w} = r_{r,t}^{w} - r_{b,t}^{w} + c(\delta_{r,t} - \delta_{r,t}^{w}) - c(\delta_{b,t} - \delta_{b,t}^{w}) + N_{r,t}^{w} - N_{b,t}^{w}$ $\rho_{r,t}^s, \Phi_{r,t}^s$ **DD** measurements $-\rho^w_{r,t}, \Phi^w_{r,t}$ $\rho_{b,t}^s, \Phi_{ht}^s$ $\rho_{b,t}^w, \Phi_{b,t}^w$ $\Delta \nabla \psi_{r,t}^{s} = \Delta \psi_{r,t}^{s} - \Delta \psi_{r,t}^{w} = \rho_{r,t}^{s} - \rho_{b,t}^{s} - \rho_{w,t}^{w} - \rho_{b,t}^{w} + \left(\frac{N_{r,t}^{s} - N_{b,t}^{s}}{N_{r,t}^{s} - N_{b,t}^{w}} \right) - \left(\frac{N_{r,t}^{w} - N_{b,t}^{w}}{N_{r,t}^{w} - N_{b,t}^{w}} \right)$ DD Ambiguity: $\Delta \nabla N_{r,t}^{s}$ Reference Station80 GNSS Receiver $\mathbf{p}_{r,t}^{G} = (p_{r,t}^{G})$

GNSS Real-time Kinematic Positioning: Float Solution Estimation

Estimate the float solution via weighted least square positioning $\Delta \nabla \rho_{r,t}^1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{r,t}^{G} \\ \Delta \nabla N_{r,t}^{1} \\ \Delta \nabla N_{r,t}^{2} \\ \dots \\ \Delta \nabla N_{r,t}^{m-1} \end{bmatrix} = \left(\mathbf{G}_{t}^{G^{T}} \mathbf{W}_{t} \mathbf{G}_{t}^{G} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{G}_{t}^{G^{T}} \mathbf{W}_{t} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \nabla \rho_{r,t}^{2} \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla \rho_{r,t}^{m-1} \\ \Delta \nabla \psi_{r,t}^{1} \\ \Delta \nabla \psi_{r,t}^{1} \\ \Delta \nabla \psi_{r,t}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{p}_{r,t}^{G}$: Position of GNSS receiver \mathbf{W}_{t} : Weighting matrix *m*: number of satellite \mathbf{G}_{t}^{G} : Observation matrix $\Delta \nabla \rho_{r,t}^{m-1}$: DD pseudorange measurements $\Delta \nabla \psi_{r,t}^{m-1}$: DD carrier-phase measurements



GNSS Real-time Kinematic Positioning: Ambiguity Resolution



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Double Differenced Observation

(open sky condition : prn19->prn3 : 1 hour)







Average = 11.8 Std = 1.4

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Ambiguity Resolution by LAMBDA







Test RTK Fix



Receiver: ublox F9P Constellation: GPS Frequency: L1 only Epochs: 3562 (00:59:22); 3533 available Elev. mask: 15°; SNR mask: 15				
Method	Fixing Rate (%)	RMS 2D Error (m)		
		Fix	Float	All
goGPS	15.34	0.476	0.396	0.409
RTKLIB (2.4.3 b33)	20.10	0.197	0.386	0.356
WLS	100	0.805		







Multi-GNSS RTK Test using Car

Test	Schedule		
1 st	2014/8/13 13:07-13:32		
2 nd	2014/8/13 17:26-17:52		
3rd	2014/8/13 22:26-22:50		
4 th	2014/8/14 8:36-9:02		
5 th	2014/8/14 12:07-12:35		

* GPS/QZS/GLONASS/GALILEO/BeiDou are entirely used in this test
* Trimble SPS855 receiver was used
* RTK : Trimble and Laboratory engine





Summary of Test Results

Multi-GNSS RTK

	Average NUS	Fix rate
Test 1	12.3	58.7%
Test 2	12.3	75.4%
Test 3	13.6	65.5%
Test 4	12.4	60.0%
Test 5	14.2	70.5%

GPS VS. Multi-GNSS RTK (using two same receivers : SPS855)

Test 5	Average NUS	Fix rate
GPS	5.8	26.8%
Multi-	14.2	70.5%
GNSS		

FIX rate comparison between GNSS combinations

Velocity : Doppler based velocity output G:GPS J:QZSS C:BeiDou R:GLONASS

Test 3	G	GJ	GC	GR	GJC	GJCR
RTK FIX rate (%)	48.2	58.2	55.5	55.4	64.7	65.9

The reason for small contribution of BeiDou/GLONASS to RTK was just due to the shortage of high elevation those satellites





Height Determination using Automobile



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Route 20







How about indoor? 5 min IMES tracking in Lab.



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Improve GNSS Positioning

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Prof. Kubo, 2012





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