Localization and Mapping in a complex environment: a constraint programming approach

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1 Contractors

The operator \mathcal{C} : $\mathbb{IR}^n \to \mathbb{IR}^n$ is a *contractor* for the equation $f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$, if

 $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}]) \subset [\mathbf{x}] & (\text{contractance}) \\ \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{x}] \text{ and } f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}]) & (\text{consistence}) \end{array} \right.$

Example. Consider the primitive equation:

$$x_2 = \sin x_1.$$









${\mathcal C}$ is monotonic if	$[\mathrm{x}] \subset [\mathrm{y}] \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}([\mathrm{x}]) \subset \mathcal{C}([\mathrm{y}])$
${\mathcal C}$ is <i>minimal</i> if	$\mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}]) = [[\mathbf{x}] \cap set(\mathcal{C})]$
${\mathcal C}$ is <i>idempotent</i> if	$\mathcal{C}\left(\mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}]) ight)=\mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}])$
${\mathcal C}$ is continuous if	$\mathcal{C}\left(\mathcal{C}^{\infty}([\mathbf{x}]) ight)=\mathcal{C}^{\infty}([\mathbf{x}]).$

Contractor algebra

intersection	$\left(\mathcal{C}_{1}\cap\mathcal{C}_{2} ight)\left(\left[\mathbf{x} ight] ight)\overset{def}{=}\mathcal{C}_{1}\left(\left[\mathbf{x} ight] ight)\cap\mathcal{C}_{2}\left(\left[\mathbf{x} ight] ight)$
union	$\left(\mathcal{C}_{1}\cup\mathcal{C}_{2} ight)\left(\left[\mathbf{x} ight] ight)\stackrel{def}{=}\left[\mathcal{C}_{1}\left(\left[\mathbf{x} ight] ight)\cup\mathcal{C}_{2}\left(\left[\mathbf{x} ight] ight) ight]$
composition	$(\mathcal{C}_1 \circ \mathcal{C}_2)([\mathbf{x}]) \stackrel{def}{=} \mathcal{C}_1(\mathcal{C}_2([\mathbf{x}]))$
reiteration	$\mathcal{C}^{\infty} \stackrel{def}{=} \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{C} \circ \ldots$

Contractor on images

The robot with coordinates (x_1, x_2) is in the water.





Building contractors for equations

Consider the primitive equation

 $x_1 + x_2 = x_3$

with $x_1 \in [x_1]$, $x_2 \in [x_2]$, $x_3 \in [x_3]$.

We have

 The contractor associated with $x_1 + x_2 = x_3$ is thus

$$\mathcal{C}\begin{pmatrix} [x_1]\\ [x_2]\\ [x_3] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [x_1] \cap ([x_3] - [x_2])\\ [x_2] \cap ([x_3] - [x_1])\\ [x_3] \cap ([x_1] + [x_2]) \end{pmatrix}$$

2 Solver

Example 1. Solve the system

$$\begin{array}{rcl} y &=& x^2 \\ y &=& \sqrt{x}. \end{array}$$

We build two contractors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_1 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [y] = [y] \cap [x]^2 \\ [x] = [x] \cap \sqrt{[y]} \end{array} \right. \text{ associated to } y = x^2 \\ \\ \mathcal{C}_2 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [y] = [y] \cap \sqrt{[x]} \\ [x] = [x] \cap [y]^2 \end{array} \right. \text{ associated to } y = \sqrt{x} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$



Contractor graph



















Example 2. Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} y = 3\sin(x) \\ y = x \end{cases} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \ y \in \mathbb{R}.$$







We converge the largest box [x] such that $\mathcal{C}_1([x]) = \mathcal{C}_2([x]) = [x].$

Example 3. Consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} (C_1): & y = x^2 \\ (C_2): & xy = 1 \\ (C_3): & y = -2x + 1 \end{cases}$$












3 SLAM with point marks



Show the video







Mine detection with SonarPro

Loch-Doppler returns the speed robot \mathbf{v}_r .

$$\mathbf{v}_r \in \mathbf{ ilde{v}}_r + 0.004 * \left[-1,1
ight].\mathbf{ ilde{v}}_r + 0.004 * \left[-1,1
ight]$$

Inertial central (Octans III from IXSEA).

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\phi} \\ \tilde{\theta} \\ \tilde{\psi} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1.75 \times 10^{-4} \cdot [-1,1] \\ 1.75 \times 10^{-4} \cdot [-1,1] \\ 5.27 \times 10^{-3} \cdot [-1,1] \end{pmatrix}$$



Six mines have been detected.

i	0	1	2	3	4	5
$\tau(i)$	7054	7092	7374	7748	9038	9688
$\sigma(i)$	1	2	1	0	1	5
$\tilde{r}(i)$	52.42	12.47	54.40	52.68	27.73	26.98

6	7	8	9	10	11
10024	10817	11172	11232	11279	11688
4	3	3	4	5	1
37.90	36.71	37.37	31.03	33.51	15.05

3.1 Constraints

$t \in \{6000.0, 6000.1, 6000.2, \dots, 11999.4\},\$ $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 11\},\$ $\begin{pmatrix} p_x(t) \\ p_y(t) \end{pmatrix} = 111120 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \cos\left(\ell_y(t) \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}\right) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \ell_x(t) - \ell_x^0 \\ \ell_y(t) - \ell_y^0 \end{pmatrix},\$ $\mathbf{p}(t) = (p_x(t), p_y(t), p_z(t)),\$ $\mathbf{R}_{\psi}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\psi(t) & -\sin\psi(t) & 0 \\ \sin\psi(t) & \cos\psi(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},\$ $(\cos\theta(t) - \sin\theta(t))$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\theta}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta(t) & 0 & \sin \theta(t) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta(t) & 0 & \cos \theta(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_arphi(t) &= egin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & \cos arphi(t) & -\sin arphi(t) \ 0 & \sin arphi(t) & \cos arphi(t) \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{R}(t) &= \mathbf{R}_\psi(t) \cdot \mathbf{R}_ heta(t) \cdot \mathbf{R}_arphi(t), \ \dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) &= \mathbf{R}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}_r(t), \ ||\mathbf{m}(\sigma(i)) - \mathbf{p}(au(i))|| &= r(i), \ \mathbf{R}^ op(\tau(i)) \cdot (\mathbf{m}(\sigma(i)) - \mathbf{p}(au(i))) \in [0] imes [0,\infty]^{ imes 2}. \end{aligned}$$

3.2 GESMI





4 Vaimos



Vaimos (IFREMER and ENSTA)

The robot satisfies a state equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$$
.

With the controller $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$, the robot satisfies an equation of the form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$
.

Brest



Brest-Douarnenez. January 17, 2012, 8am













Middle of Atlantic ocean



350 km made by Vaimos in 53h, September 6-9, 2012.

5 Range-only SLAM

 $\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) & (\text{evolution equation}) \\ z(t) = d(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbb{M}) & (\text{map equation}) \end{cases}$ where $t \in \mathbb{R}, \ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \ \mathbb{M} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^q)$ is the occupancy map.

Unknown: the map $\mathbb M$ and the trajectory $\mathbf x.$

Assumption. *d* corresponds to a *rangefinder*, i.e.,

$$\begin{cases} d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbb{M}_1 \cup \mathbb{M}_2) = \min \{ d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbb{M}_1), d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbb{M}_2) \} \\ d(\mathbf{x}, \emptyset) = +\infty. \end{cases}$$



Impact, covering and dug zones

Define the function $\delta_{\mathbf{X}}: \mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}$ as

$$\delta_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{a}) = d(\mathbf{x}, \{\mathbf{a}\}).$$

For given ${\bf x}$ and z, we define

covering zone	$\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1}\left(\left[0,\infty ight[ight)=\left\{\mathbf{a},\delta_{\mathbf{x}}\left(\mathbf{a} ight)<\infty ight\}$
impact zone	$\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1}(\{z\}) = \{\mathbf{a}, \delta_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{a}) = z\}$
dug zone	$\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1}\left(\left[0,z ight] ight) = \left\{\mathbf{a},\delta_{\mathbf{x}}\left(\mathbf{a} ight) < z ight\}$
The dug zone does not intersect $\mathbb M,$ i.e.,

$$z = d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbb{M}) \Rightarrow \delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1}([\mathbf{0}, z[) \cap \mathbb{M} = \emptyset.$$

The set $\mathbb{D} = \bigcup_{t \in [t]} \delta_{\mathbf{x}(t)}^{-1} ([0, z(t)])$ is called the *dug space*. We have

 $\mathbb{D}\cap\mathbb{M}=\emptyset.$

For all $\mathbf x,$ the impact zone intersects the map, i.e,

$$z = d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbb{M}) \Rightarrow \delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1}(\{z\}) \cap \mathbb{M} \neq \emptyset.$$



The range-only SLAM problem is a *hybrid CSP*.

Variables: $\mathbf{x}(t)$, \mathbb{M} and \mathbb{D} .

Constraints:

(1)
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t))$$

(2) $\mathbb{D} = \bigcup_{t \in [t]} \delta_{\mathbf{x}(t)}^{-1} ([0, z(t)[)$
(3) $\mathbb{D} \cap \mathbb{M} = \emptyset$
(4) $\delta_{\mathbf{x}(t)}^{-1} (\{z(t)\}) \cap \mathbb{M} \neq \emptyset.$
 $i = d(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbb{M})$

Domains: $[\mathbb{M}] = [\mathbb{D}] = [\emptyset, \mathbb{R}^q]$, $[\mathbf{x}](t) = \mathbb{R}^n$ for t > 0and $[\mathbf{x}](0) = \mathbf{x}(0)$.



Constraint diagram of the range only SLAM problem

6 Hybrid intervals

A closed interval (or interval for short) [x] of a complete lattice \mathcal{E} is a subset of \mathcal{E} which satisfies

$$[x] = \{x \in \mathcal{E} \mid \land [x] \le x \le \lor [x]\}$$

Both \emptyset and \mathcal{E} are intervals of \mathcal{E} .



Lattice $\left(\mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}
ight) ,\subset
ight)$



Interval in the lattice $\left(\mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}
ight),\subset
ight)$



An interval function (or tube) and a set interval

Hybrid intervals. If $[x] \in \mathbb{I}\mathcal{E}_x, [y] \in \mathbb{I}\mathcal{E}_y$ then $[x] \times [y]$ is a hybrid interval.

6.1 Interval arithmetic

$[\mathbb{A}], [\mathbb{B}], \ [\mathbb{A}] \cap [\mathbb{B}], \ [\mathbb{A}] \cup [\mathbb{B}], \ [\mathbb{A}] \setminus [\mathbb{B}], \ ([\mathbb{A}] \cup [\mathbb{B}]) \setminus ([\mathbb{A}] \cap [\mathbb{B}]).$



Intersection.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{A} \end{bmatrix} \sqcap \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{B} \end{bmatrix} = \{\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X} \in \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{A} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbb{X} \in \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{B} \end{bmatrix} \} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{A}^- \cup \mathbb{B}^-, \mathbb{A}^+ \cap \mathbb{B}^+ \end{bmatrix}.$$





6.2 Contractors



Example

$$\left\{\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{A} \subset \mathbb{B} \\ \mathbb{A} \in [\mathbb{A}], \mathbb{B} \in [\mathbb{B}]. \end{array}\right.$$

The optimal contractor is

$$\begin{cases} (i) & [\mathbb{A}] := [\mathbb{A}] \sqcap ([\mathbb{A}] \cap [\mathbb{B}]) \\ (ii) & [\mathbb{B}] := [\mathbb{B}] \sqcap ([\mathbb{A}] \cup [\mathbb{B}]) \end{cases}$$

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void Set_Contractor_Subset(paving& A,paving& B)
{ paving Z=A&B;
A=Sqcap(A,Z);
Z=B|A;
B=Sqcap(B,Z);
}
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Hybrid contractor



6.3 Propagation

Consider the following CSP

$$\begin{cases} (i) & \mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{A} \\ (ii) & \mathbb{B} \subset \mathbb{X} \\ (iii) & \mathbb{X} \cap \mathbb{C} = \emptyset \\ (iv) & f(\mathbb{X}) = \mathbb{X}, \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbb X$ is an unknown subset of $\mathbb R^2, \ f$ is a rotation with an angle of $-\frac{\pi}{6},$ and

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{A} &= \left\{ (x_1, x_2), x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 3 \right\} \\ \mathbb{B} &= \left\{ (x_1, x_2), (x_1 - 0.5)^2 + x_2^2 \leq 0.3 \right\} \\ \mathbb{C} &= \left\{ (x_1, x_2), (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \leq 0.15 \right\} \end{cases}$$



7 SLAM

Range-only SLAM equations

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{1}(t) = u_{1}(t) \cos(u_{2}(t)) \\ \dot{x}_{2}(t) = u_{1}(t) \sin(u_{2}(t)) \\ z(t) = d(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbb{M}). \end{cases}$$



Actual trajectory and dug space







Width of the tubes $[\mathbf{x}](t)$

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