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Sensor Fusion and Tracking for Autonomous Systems

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Abstract

- There is an exponential growth in the development of increasingly autonomous systems. These
 systems range from road vehicles that meet the various NHTSA levels of autonomy, through
 consumer quadcopters capable of autonomous flight and remote piloting, package delivery drones,
 flying taxis, and robots for disaster relief and space exploration. Work on autonomous systems
 spans industries and includes academia as well as government agencies.
- In this talk, you will learn to design, simulate, and analyze systems that fuse data from multiple sensors to maintain position, orientation, and situational awareness. By fusing multiple sensors data, you ensure a better result than would otherwise be possible by looking at the output of individual sensors.
- Several autonomous system examples are explored to show you how to:
 - Define trajectories and create multiplatform scenarios
 - Simulate measurements from inertial and GPS sensors
 - Generate object detections with radar, EO/IR, sonar, and RWR sensor models
 - Design multi-object trackers as well as fusion and localization algorithms
 - Evaluate system accuracy and performance on real and synthetic data

























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Sensor fusion and tracking is...



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Timeline of Technology Advances

Multi-object tracking





Air Traffic Control

Computer Vision for Transportation



Multi-sensor Fusion for Autonomous Systems

Localization







Today

Timeline



Fusion Combines the Strengths of Each Sensor





What is Localization?





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Sensor Models for Sensor Fusion and Tracking

>	Altimeter	altimeterSensor	>> imu = imuSensor						
>	GPS	gpsSensor	imu =						
			imuSensor with properties:						
>	IMU	imuSensor	IMUType: 'accel-gyro' SampleRate: 100 Temperature: 25	<pre>>> imu.Gyroscope ans =</pre>					
		irSensor	Accelerometer: [1×1 accelparams]	gyroparams with properties:					
>	Infrared	irSignature	Gyroscope: [1×1 gyroparams] RandomStream: 'Global stream'	MeasurementRange: Inf rad/s					
				Resolution: 0 (rad/s)/LSB ConstantBias: [0 0 0] rad/s					
>	INS	insSensor	>> imu.Accelerometer	AxesMisalignment: [0 0 0] %					
>	Radar	monostaticRadarSensor	ans =	NoiseDensity: [0 0 0] (rad/s)/√Hz BiasInstability: [0 0 0] rad/s RandomWalk: [0 0 0] (rad/s)*√Hz					
		radarEmitter	accelparams with properties:						
		radarSensor	MeasurementRange: Inf m/s ²	TemperatureBias: [0 0 0] (rad/s)/°C TemperatureScaleFactor: [0 0 0] %/°C					
>	Sonar	rcsSignature	Resolution: 0 (m/s ²)/LSB	AccelerationBias: [0 0 0] (rad/s)/(m/s ²)					
		sonarEmission	ConstantBias: [0 0 0] m/s ² AxesMisalignment: [0 0 0] %						
		sonarEmitter	NoiseDensity: [0 0 0] (m/s ²)/√Hz						
		sonarSensor	BiasInstability: [0 0 0] m/s ²						
		tsSignature	Randomwalk: $[0 \ 0 \ 0]$ $(m/s^2)^* \sqrt{Hz}$						
MA	ITLAB EXPO	2019	TemperatureBias:[0 0 0](m/s²)/°CTemperatureScaleFactor:[0 0 0]%/°C						



Exploring gyro model in Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox

```
params = gyroparams
```

```
% Generate N samples at a sampling rate of Fs with a sinusoidal frequency
% of Fc.
N = 1000;
Fs = 100;
Fc = 0.25;
t = (0:(1/F_s):((N-1)/F_s)).';
acc = zeros(N, 3);
angvel = zeros(N, 3);
angvel(:,1) = sin(2*pi*Fc*t);
imu = imuSensor('SampleRate', Fs, 'Gyroscope', params);
[~, gyroData] = imu(acc, angvel);
figure
plot(t, angvel(:,1), '--', t, gyroData(:,1))
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('Angular Velocity (rad/s)')
title('Ideal Gyroscope Data')
legend('x (ground truth)', 'x (gyroscope)')
```



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Exploring gyro model in Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox

Imposing ADC Quantisation Effects

imu = imuSensor('SampleRate', Fs, 'Gyroscope', params); imu.Gyroscope.Resolution = 0.5; % (rad/s)/LSB



Imposing White Noise

imu = imuSensor('SampleRate', Fs, 'Gyroscope', params); imu.Gyroscope.NoiseDensity = 1.25e-2; % (rad/s)/sqrt(Hz)



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Exploring gyro model in Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox

Imposing Brown Noise

imu = imuSensor('SampleRate', Fs, 'Gyroscope', params); imu.Gyroscope.RandomWalk = 9.1e-2; % (rad/s)*sqrt(Hz)



1.5 x (ground truth) x (gyroscope) 1 Angular Velocity (rad/s) 0.5 0 -0.5 -1 2 0 3 5 6 8 9 10 1 Time (s)

Imposing Pink Noise

imu = imuSensor('SampleRate', Fs, 'Gyroscope', params); imu.Gyroscope.BiasInstability = 2.0e-2; % rad/s



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Imposing Temperature Scaled Bias

```
imu = imuSensor('SampleRate', Fs, 'Gyroscope', params);
imu.Gyroscope.TemperatureScaleFactor = 3.2; % %/(degrees C)
```

```
standardTemperature = 25; % degrees C
temperatureSlope = 2; % (degrees C)/s
```

```
temperature = temperatureSlope*t + standardTemperature;
```

```
gyroData = zeros(N, 3);
for i = 1:N
    imu.Temperature = temperature(i);
    [~, gyroData(i,:)] = imu(acc(i,:), angvel(i,:));
end
```

For more information, <u>see example</u>.





Levels of Fidelity: Radar Detections vs. I/Q Samples Simulation



radar = monostaticRadarSensor('Rotator')



radar = monostaticRadarSensor('Mechanical Raster')
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radar = monostaticRadarSensor('Sector')



radar = monostaticRadarSensor('Electronic Raster')



Generating Radar Detections in MATLAB



radar =	
monostaticRadarSensor with p	roperties:
SensorIndex:	1
UpdateRate:	10
ScanMode:	'Mechanical'
MountingLocation:	[0 0 -30]
MountingAngles:	[0 0 0]
MaxUnambiguousRange:	100000
MaxUnambiguousRadialSpeed:	200
FieldOfView:	[2x1 double]
MaxMechanicalScanRate:	[2x1 double]
MechanicalScanLimits:	[2x2 double]
MechanicalAngle:	[2x1 double]
LookAngle:	[2x1 double]
DetectionProbability:	0.9000
FalseAlarmRate:	1.0000e-06

Use get to show all properties

TBC – we will see how to build this as a scenario later... 20



Fusing Sensor Data Improves Localization



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Fuse IMU & GPS for Self-Localization of a UAV



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Fuse IMU & Odometry for Self-Localization in GPS-Denied Areas





Fuse IMU & Odometry for Self-Localization in GPS-Denied Areas





Flexible Workflows Ease Adoption: Wholesale or Piecemeal



Stream Data to MATLAB from IMUs Connected to Arduino

MEMS Devices

9-axis (Gyro + Accelerometer + Compass)



6 axis (Gyro + Accelerometer)



Up to 200 Hz sampling rate





New Hardware and Multisensor Positioning Examples R2019b



Remove Bias from Angular Velocity Measurement

Remove gyroscope bias from an IMU using imufilter.



Read and Parse NMEA Data Directly From GPS Receiver

Read the data from a GPS receiver connected to a computer, and parse the National Marine Electronics Association(NMEA) data.



Estimating Orientation Using Inertial Sensor Fusion and MPU-9250

Get data from an InvenSense MPU-9250 IMU sensor and to use the 6-axis and 9-axis fusion algorithms in the sensor data to



Estimate Orientation Through Inertial Sensor Fusion

Use 6-axis and 9-axis fusion algorithms to compute orientation. There are several algorithms to compute orientation from inertial



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Logged Sensor Data Alignment for Orientation Estimation

Align and preprocess logged sensor data. This allows the fusion filters to perform orientation estimation as expected. The logged data was



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Building a Simulation Scenario





Test Tracker Performance on Pre-Built Benchmark Trajectories



Reference

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W.D. Blair, G. A. Watson, T. Kirubarajan, Y. Bar-Shalom, "Benchmark for Radar Allocation and Tracking in ECM." Aerospace and Electronic Systems IEEE Trans on, vol. 34. no. 4. 1998 31



To go further on localization, see also



Inertial Sensor Noise Analysis Using Allan Variance

Use the Allan variance to determine noise parameters of a MEMS gyroscope. These parameters can be used to model the gyroscope in R2018b



Rotations, Orientation and Quaternions

Reviews concepts in threedimensional rotations and how quaternions are used to describe orientation and rotations.

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Z-axis Rotation (Yaw)

Y-axis Rotation (Roll)

X-axis Rotation (Pitch)

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Lowpass Filter Orientation

Using Quaternion SLERP

Use spherical linear interpolation

(SLERP) to create sequences of

guaternions and lowpass filter noisy

trajectories. SLERP is a commonly

SLERP Interpolation Parameter : hrange = 0.4, hbias = 0.4

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Noise

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field strength along a sensor's X,Y and Z axes. Accurate magnetic field measurements are essential for

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A Multi-object Tracker is More than a Kalman Filter





Tracking Algorithm Development Workflow





Components of a Multi-Object Tracker





Components of a Multi-Object Tracker Tracking Filter



Linear Kalman Filter Example

1. Create the measured positions from a constant-velocity trajectory

```
vx = 0.2;
vy = 0.1;
T = 0.5;
pos = [0:vx*T:2;5:vy*T:6]';
```

```
2. Specify initial position and velocity
```

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```
x = 5.3;
y = 3.6;
initialState = [x;0;y;0];
KF = trackingKF('MotionModel','2D Constant Velocity','State',initialState);
```



State Initialisation (e.g. constant velocity/acceleration/turn and Motion Models available or use your own

3. Run Kalman Filter

for k = 1:size(pos,1)
 pstates(k,:) = predict(KF,T);
 cstates(k,:) = correct(KF,pos(k,:));
end

More information here





Lowest

Complexity

Best

Performance

Components of a Multi-Object Tracker Track Association and Management

One or more sensors generating multiple detections from multiple targets – detections must be:

1. Gated - determine which detections are valid candidates to update existing tracks

2. Assigned* – make a track to detection assignment. <u>Assignment approaches</u> include:

- > Global Nearest Neighbour Minimise overall distance of track to detection assignments
- > Joint Probability Data Association Soft assignment so all gated detections make weighted contributions to a track
- > Track Orientated Multiple Hypothesis Tracking Allows data association to be postponed until more information is received

Track maintenance is required for creation (tentative status), confirmation, deletion of tracks (after coasting) > Can use history or score based logic

Advanced Topic – <u>Track to Track Fusion</u>:



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* Some trackers (e.g. PHD Filter) don't require assignment 38

More information here

Components of a Multi-Object Tracker Track Association and Management



ans =

Track Deletion

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>> h({},3) objectTrack with properties:

TrackID:	1		
BranchID:	0	>>	n({},4)
SourceIndex:	0	~~	D (1) 5)
UpdateTime:	3	11	II((1,5)
Age:	3	~	h(1) 6)
State:	[6×1 double]	11	
StateCovariance:	[6×6 double]	>>	$h({},7)$
StateParameters:	[1×1 struct]		
ObjectClassID:	0		
TrackLogic:	'History'		
TrackLogicState:	[0 1 1 0 0]		
IsConfirmed:	1		
IsCoasted:	1		
IsSelfReported:	1		
ObjectAttributes:	[1×1 struct]		

ans =

Data

0×1 objectTrack array with properties:

TrackID BranchID SourceIndex UpdateTime Age State StateCovariance StateParameters ObjectClassID TrackLogic TrackLogicState IsConfirmed IsCoasted IsSelfReported ObjectAttributes h =

trackerGNN with properties:

TrackerIndex: 0 FilterInitializationFcn: 'initcvekf' Assignment: 'MatchPairs' AssignmentThreshold: [30 Inf] MaxNumTracks: 100 MaxNumSensors: 20

TrackLogic: 'History' ConfirmationThreshold: [2 3] DeletionThreshold: [5 5]

HasCostMatrixInput: false HasDetectableTrackIDsInput: false StateParameters: [1×1 struct]

> NumTracks: 0 NumConfirmedTracks: 0

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Search

Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Multifunction Radar: Search and Track



Example <u>here</u>



Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Multifunction Radar: Search and Track





Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Multifunction Radar: Search and Track

Search Beam Grid





Target 1 Detected



0.000000	sec:	Search	[-30.000000 0.000000]
0.010000	sec:	Search	[-27.692308 0.000000]
0.020000	sec:	Search	[-25.384615 0.000000]
0.030000	sec:	Search	[-23.076923 0.000000]
0.040000	sec:	Search	[-20.769231 0.000000]
0.050000	sec:	Search	[-18.461538 0.000000]
0.060000	sec:	Search	[-16.153846 0.000000]
0.070000	sec:	Search	[-13.846154 0.000000]
0.080000	sec:	Search	[-11.538462 0.000000]
0.090000	sec:	Search	[-9.230769 0.000000]
0.100000	sec:	Search	[-6.923077 0.000000]
0.110000	sec:	Search	[-4.615385 0.000000]
0.120000	sec:	Search	[-2.307692 0.000000]
0.130000	sec:	Search	[0.000000 0.000000] Target detected at 29900



Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Multifunction Radar: Search and Track





Radar Azimuth Coverage

Detection Confirmed and Track 1 Created



0.000000	sec:	Search	[-30.000000 0.000000]
0.010000	sec:	Search	[-27.692308 0.000000]
0.020000	sec:	Search	[-25.384615 0.000000]
0.030000	sec:	Search	[-23.076923 0.000000]
0.040000	sec:	Search	[-20.769231 0.000000]
0.050000	sec:	Search	[-18.461538 0.000000]
0.060000	sec:	Search	[-16.153846 0.000000]
0.070000	sec:	Search	[-13.846154 0.000000]
0.080000	sec:	Search	[-11.538462 0.000000]
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0.100000	sec:	Search	[-6.923077 0.000000]
0.110000	sec:	Search	[-4.615385 0.000000]
0.120000	sec:	Search	[-2.307692 0.000000]
0.130000	sec:	Search	[0.000000 0.000000] Target detected at 29900.000000 m
0.140000	sec:	Confirm	[-0.000586 -0.000034] Created track 1 at 29900.000000 m

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Example of Multi-Object Tracking:

Multifunction Radar: Search and Track





Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Performing What-If Analysis







Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Performing What-If Analysis



```
tracker = trackerGNN( ...
'FilterInitializationFcn',@initCVFilter,...
'MaxNumTracks', numTracks, ...
'MaxNumSensors', 1, ...
'AssignmentThreshold',gate, ...
'TrackLogic', 'Score', ...
'DetectionProbability', pd, ...
'FalseAlarmRate', far, ...
'Volume', vol, 'Beta', beta);
```

```
tracker = trackerGNN( ...
'FilterInitializationFcn',@initIMMFilter,...
'MaxNumTracks', numTracks, ...
'MaxNumSensors', 1, ...
'AssignmentThreshold',gate, ...
'TrackLogic', 'Score', ...
'DetectionProbability', pd, ...
'FalseAlarmRate', far, ...
'Volume', vol, 'Beta', beta);
```



Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Performing What-If Analysis



tracker = trackerTOMHT(... 'FilterInitializationFcn',@initIMMFilter,... 'MaxNumTracks', numTracks, ... 'MaxNumSensors', 1, ... 'AssignmentThreshold',[0.2,1,1]*gate, ... 'TrackLogic', 'Score', ... 'DetectionProbability', pd, ... 'DetectionProbability', pd, ... 'FalseAlarmRate', far, ... 'Volume', vol, 'Beta', beta, ... 'MaxNumHistoryScans', 10, ... 'MaxNumHistoryScans', 5,... 'NScanPruning', 'Hypothesis', ... 'OutputRepresentation', 'Tracks');



Example of Multi-Object Tracking: Comparing Trackers and Tracking Filters



False track Dropped track

TrackID	AssignedTruthID	Surviving	TotalLength	DivergenceStatus
1	2	true	190	false
2	NaN	false	77	true
8	3	true	111	false
TruthID	AssociatedTrackID	TotalLengt	n BreakCount	EstablishmentLength
2	1	192	0	4
3	8	192	1	2





TrackID	AssignedTruthID	Surviving	TotalLength	DivergenceStatus				
1	2	true	190	false				
2	3	true	191	false				
TruthID	AssociatedTrackID	TotalLengt	n BreakCount	EstablishmentLengt				
2	1	192	0	2				
3	2	192	0	2				











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Simulink Support for Multi-Object Tracking

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Point object vs. Extended object

Point object

- Distant object represented as a single point
- One detection per object per scan

- Extended object
 - High resolution sensors generate <u>multiple detections per object</u> per scan







Extended Object Tracking Example







Tracking with Lidar (Even more points!!)

JPDA Tracker with IMM



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Pre-process point cloud data to extract objects of interest. Example here. 52



To go further on tracking with a single sensor, see also



Air Traffic Control

Generate an air traffic control scenario, simulate radar detections from an airport surveillance radar (ASR), and configure a global

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Introduction to Using the Global Nearest Neighbor Tracker

Configure and use the global nearest neighbor (GNN) tracker.



Tracking Maneuvering Targets

Track maneuvering targets using various tracking filters. The example shows the difference between filters that use a single motion model and

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Multi-platform Scenario Generation





Visualize Detections and Measurement Uncertainties



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Example <u>here</u>



Visualize Track Accuracy







Tune and Compare Trackers with Assignment Metrics





Assess Tracker Performance with Assignment Metrics





Multi-platform Scenario Generation Jamming Scenario







Multi-platform Scenario Generation Positioning with direction only measurements

Where are the <u>real</u> targets? How to remove the ghosts?





Example <u>here</u>



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Simulate a lane detection and lane following system





Simulate a lane detection and lane following system



helperMonoSensor.m * +
classdef helperMonoSensor < handle
properties
% Sensitivity for the lane segmentation n
Lane SegmentationSensitivity = 0.25:
</pre>

Visual Perception Using Monocular Camera Automated Driving Toolbox[™] R2017a



Simulate a lane detection and lane following system Challenge with noisy lanes



Approaching car gets confused with road



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Simulate a lane detection and lane following system Integrate noisy lane rejection and tracking



With correction



Simulate a lane detection and lane following system

Integrate noisy lane rejection and tracking



Example: Before Correction

Example: After Correction



Simulate a lane detection and lane following system Tracker Setup and Configuration



- Two instances of Kalman tracker to track left and right lanes independently.
- Initialize trackers for first valid lanes using "ConfigureKalmanFilter"
- Input Parameters for tracking: A,B,C coefficients of parabolic lane boundaries
- Motion model : Constant Acceleration
- Correct tracker for every valid lane



Simulate a lane detection and lane following system Steering Angle deviation for simulation run



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