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Indoor Localization Accuracy Estimation from Fingerprint Data

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- Offline: important for the service provider.
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 - Perform decision making.



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Existing solutions

Heuristics: e.g., fingerprint density, cluster & merge, etc.

- + Do not require models
- No theoretical guarantees
- Theoretical: e.g., use Cramer-Rao Lower Bound (CRLB)
 - + Provide theoretical guarantees
 - Model is required

Our goal:

- + No model required
- + Provide guarantees via CRLB

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- Pure fingerprinting approach
- Arbitrary data sources
- $FM = \{(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{m}_i) : i = \overline{1, N}, \mathbf{r}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_r}, \mathbf{m}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_m}\}$ $\mathbf{m}_i - d_m$ -dimensional vector of measurements at location \mathbf{r}_i .
- Given the FM, assign to any location a *navigability score*.
- Visualize navigability scores to assist INS deployer.

ACCES framework

1 Interpolation:

 $FM + Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) \Rightarrow likelihood$

2 CRLB:

 $\textit{Likelihood} + \textsf{CRLB} \Rightarrow \textsf{lower bound on localization error}$

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- Theoretical bound on localization error
- Assume that behaves similar to real error

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Nuances:

- parameters tuning is required (kernel, length scale, etc.)
- assume normality condition (does not directly work for NLOS)
- \blacksquare directly applicable only to scalar data \Rightarrow assume independence
- computationally expensive \Rightarrow clustering



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 - \blacksquare analytical representation depends on GPR parameters \Rightarrow we involve numerical methods

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From GPR:

$$\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{r} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{r}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{r}))$$

Thus,

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{d_m} \left[(\sigma_k^2 + \mu_k^2) H(\sigma_k^{-2}) + H(\mu_k^2 \sigma_k^{-2}) - 2\mu_k H(\mu_k \sigma_k^{-2}) + 2H(\log \sigma_k) \right]$$

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- UJIIndoorLoc-Mag database
- 8 corridors over 260 m² lab
- 40,159 discrete captures
- Magnetometer readings
- Measurements along the corridors ⇒ 1-D data



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ACCES: our solution



DQRelSim(X, Y) - behavior similarity of sequences $X = X_i$, $Y = Y_i$ for 1-D case.

- Construction:
 - Difference Quotient $\Rightarrow DQ(X)$ and DQ(Y)
 - DTW \Rightarrow optimally warped DQ(X)' and DQ(Y)' from
 - Normalization
- Values:
 - Similar: 1, if X = Y + const
 - Dissimilar: 0, if either X or Y is constant
 - Opposite: -1, if X = -Y + const

DQRelSim(ACCES, RMSE) vs DQRelSim(FSSI, RMSE)

1 "Cut" scenario:

- Contiguous sequence of measurements is removed
- \Leftrightarrow fingerprints were not collected
- 2 "Flat" scenario:
 - Contiguous sequence of measurements is made constant
 - \blacksquare \Leftrightarrow low signal variability

3 "Sparse" scenario:

- Measurements are removed uniformly
- \Leftrightarrow different frequency of fingerprint collection

"Cut" scenario: magnetic field magnitude



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