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Bundle Adjustment



Triggs, B., Mclauchlan, P., Hartley, R., and Fitzgibbon, A. 1999. Bundle adjustment—a modern synthesis. In Proceedings of the International Workshop on Vision Algorithms: Theory and Practice. 298–372.

Nonlinear Least Squares

Gaussian Newton

$$x^{*} = \arg\min_{x} \|\varepsilon(x)\|^{2}$$
$$\varepsilon(x^{*}) = \varepsilon(\hat{x} + \delta_{x}) \approx \varepsilon(\hat{x}) + J\delta_{x}$$
$$J = \partial \varepsilon / \partial x \Big|_{x = \hat{x}} \quad \text{Jacobian matrix}$$
$$J^{T} J \delta_{x} = -J^{T} \varepsilon(\hat{x})$$

first order approximation to Hessian

Levenberg-Marquardt

$$(J^T J + \mu I)\delta x = -J^T \varepsilon(\hat{x})$$



Manolis I. A. Lourakis, Antonis A. Argyros: SBA: A software package for generic sparse bundle adjustment. ACM Trans. Math. Softw. 36(1) (2009)

- An simple example
 - 4 points
 - 3 cameras
 - □ all points are visible in all cameras

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & 0 & B_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{12} & 0 & B_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{13} & B_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_{21} & 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} & 0 & 0 & B_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{23} & 0 & B_{23} & 0 & 0 \\ A_{31} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{31} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{32} & 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{32} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{33} & 0 & 0 & B_{33} & 0 \\ A_{41} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{41} \\ 0 & A_{42} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{42} \\ 0 & 0 & A_{43} & 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{43} \end{pmatrix}, \varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{12} \\ \varepsilon_{13} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{23} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ \varepsilon_{41} \\ \varepsilon_{42} \\ \varepsilon_{43} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J^{T} J \delta_{x} = -J^{T} \varepsilon$$

$$J^{T} J = \begin{pmatrix} U & W \\ W^{T} & V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{1} & 0 & 0 & W_{11} & W_{21} & W_{31} & W_{41} \\ 0 & U_{2} & 0 & W_{12} & W_{22} & W_{32} & W_{42} \\ 0 & 0 & U_{3} & W_{13} & W_{23} & W_{33} & W_{43} \\ W_{11}^{T} & W_{12}^{T} & W_{13}^{T} & V_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ W_{21}^{T} & W_{22}^{T} & W_{23}^{T} & 0 & V_{2} & 0 & 0 \\ W_{31}^{T} & W_{32}^{T} & W_{33}^{T} & 0 & 0 & V_{3} & 0 \\ W_{41}^{T} & W_{42}^{T} & W_{43}^{T} & 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_{j} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} A_{ij}^{T} A_{ij}, V_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{3} B_{ij}^{T} B_{ij}, W_{ij} = A_{ij}^{T} B_{ij}$$

. . .

$$J^{T}J\delta_{x} = -J^{T}\varepsilon$$
$$\delta_{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{C} \\ \delta_{X} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{C_{1}} & \delta_{C_{2}}^{T} & \delta_{C_{3}}^{T} & \delta_{X_{1}}^{T} & \delta_{X_{2}}^{T} & \delta_{X_{3}}^{T} & \delta_{X_{4}}^{T} \end{pmatrix}^{T}$$



$$J^{T} J \delta_{x} = -J^{T} \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U & W \\ W^{T} & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{C} \\ \delta_{X} \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{C} \\ \varepsilon_{X} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U - WV^{-1}W^{T} & 0 \\ W^{T} & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{C} \\ \delta_{X} \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{C} - WV^{-1}\varepsilon_{X} \\ \varepsilon_{X} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $S = U - WV^{-1}W^{T}$

Schur Complement

 $S\delta_C = -(\varepsilon_C - WV^{-1}\varepsilon_x)$

 $V\delta_{x} = -\varepsilon_{x} - W^{T}\delta_{C}$

Compute cameras first (# cameras << # points)

back substitution for points

 In general, NOT all points are visible in all cameras

$$U_{j} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} A_{ij}^{T} A_{ij}, V_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{3} B_{ij}^{T} B_{ij}, W_{ij} = A_{ij}^{T} B_{ij}$$

□ $A_{ij} = B_{ij} = 0$ if *i*-th points is invisible (or not matched) in *j*-th camera □ More sparse structure, more speed-up

Related Works

- Hierarchical BA
 - Steedly et al. 2003, Snavely et al. 2008, Frahm et al. 2010
- Segment-based BA
 - □ Zhu et al. 2014, Zhang et al. 2016 (ENFT)
- Incremental BA
 - Kaess et al. 2008 (iSAM), Kaess et al. 2011 (iSAM2), Indelman et al. 2012 (iLBA), Ila et al. 2017 (SLAM++), Liu et al. 2017 (EIBA)
- Parallel BA
 - □ Ni et al. 2007, Wu et al. 2011 (PBA)

Segment-based Bundle Adjustment

Zhang G, Liu H, Dong Z, et al. Efficient non-consecutive feature tracking for robust structure-from-motion[J]. IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 2016, 25(12): 5957-5970.

The Difficulties for Large-Scale SfM

Global Bundle Adjustment

- Huge variables
- Memory limit
- Time-consuming
- Iterative Local Bundle Adjustment
 - Large error is difficult to be propagated to the whole sequence.
 - \Box Easily stuck in a local optimum.
- Pose Graph Optimization
 - □ May not sufficiently minimize the error.

Segment-based Progressive SfM

- Split a long sequence to multiple short sequences.
- Perform SfM for each sequence and align them together.
- Detect the ``split point'' and further split the sequence if the reprojection error is large.
- The above procedure is repeated until the error is less than a threshold.



Segment-based Progressive SfM

- Split Point Detection
 - □ Best minimize the reprojection error w.r.t. *a*, i.e. steepest descent direction

$$g_k = \sum_{i=1\cdots N_k} A_i^T e_i \qquad \begin{array}{l} A_i = \partial \pi (P_k X_i) / \partial a_k \\ e_i = \mathbf{x}_i - \pi (P_k X_i) \end{array}$$

□ The inconsistency between two consecutive frames

$$C(k, k+1) = \arccos \frac{g_k^T \cdot g_{k+1}}{||g_k|| \cdot ||g_{k+1}||}.$$

Split Point Detection



SFM on Garden Dataset

Input Sequences

Speed: ×2

6段长视频序列,将近10万帧,特征匹配74分钟,SfM求解16分钟(单线程), 平均17.7fps VisualSFM: SfM求解 57 分钟 (GPU加速)

Comparison on Garden Dataset



ENFT-SFM

VisualSFM

ORB-SLAM

Comparison with ORB-SLAM in Garden 01 Sequence



Non-consecutive Track Matching

Segment-based BA

Bag-of-words Place Recognition

Pose Graph Optimization + Traditional BA

Incremental BA in iSAM2 Based on Bayes Tree

Incremental Bundle Adjustment

In order to benefit from increased accuracy offered by relinearization in batch optimization:

- Fixed-lag / Sliding-window Approaches
- Keyframe-based Approaches
- Incremental Approaches (iSAM, iSAM2, our EIBA)

Gaussian Factor Graph





Main Ideas of iSAM2

- Reduce fill-in: Use heuristics algorithms CCOLAMD to provide a suboptimal ordering for factorization (finding the optimal is NP-hard).
- Encode with the Bayes tree: Introduce Bayes tree (a.k.a. directed clique tree) to encode the square root information matrix.
- Fluid relinearization: Perform fluid relinearization when adding new factors or updating the linearization points to avoid batch optimization.
- Partial state updates: Perform partial state updates when solving the Bayes in order to update a state variable only when neccesary.

One step: linearization



One step: partial update

starting from the root clique

updating all variables that change by more than a threshold



Reduce Fill-in

Reordering with CCOLAMD / CHOLMOD



Kaess, M., Ranganathan, A., & Dellaert, F. (2008). iSAM: Incremental smoothing and mapping. IEEE Transactions on Robotics, 24(6), 1365-1378.

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No fill-in if we eliminate the factor graph using the elimination ordering l_1, l_2, x_1, x_2, x_3 .

The resulting directed graph is called the **chordal** Bayes net.

sparse pattern of the square root information matrix

Encode with the Bayes Tree



For each conditional density $P(\theta_i|S_i)$ of the Bayes net, in reverse elimination order (i.e. x_3, x_2, x_1, l_2, l_1), we create a Bayes tree.



Encode with the Bayes Tree



A **clique** of the Bayes tree encoding the conditional density $P(l_1, x_1 | x_2)$ l_1, x_1 are called the frontal variables x_2 is called the separator

 l_2

 x_1

 x_2

 χ_3

 l_1

Adding New Factors



ALGORITHM

Fluid relinearization when adding new factors.

- For each variable affected by new factors, remove the corresponding clique and all parents up to the root
- Re-interpret the removed part as a factor graph
- Add the new factors into the resulting factor graph.
- Re-order variables and eliminate the factor graph to recreate a top Bayes tree.
- Insert the orphaned sub-trees back into the new Bayes tree.



Example of adding new states and factors **Information only propagates upwards.**





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x22,x23,x24

Constrained COLAMD

While adding new states (always along with adding new factors), information only propagates upwards.

- 1. Force the most recently accessed variables to the end and still provide a good overall ordering.
- 2. Subsequent updates will then only affect a small part of the tree (the top of the Bayes tree).
- 3. Efficient in most cases, except for large loop closures.

Fluid Relinearization

ALGORITHM

Fluid relinearization when linearization points change (together with adding new factors).

- 1. For each affected variable remove the corresponding clique and all parents up to the root.
- 2. Relinearize all factors required to recreate top.
- 3. Add cached linear factors from orphans.
- 4. Re-order variables and eliminate the factor graph to create a new top Bayes tree.
- 5. Insert the orphaned sub-trees back into the new Bayes tree.

Partial State Updates

ALGORITHM

Starting from the root clique:

- 1. For current clique:
 - compute update of frontal variables from the local conditional density.
- For all variables that change by more than a threshold: recursively process each descendant containing such a variable.



Efficient Incremental BA

Liu H, Li C, Chen G, et al. Robust Keyframe-based Dense SLAM with an RGB-D Camera[J]. arXiv preprint arXiv:1711.05166, 2017.

A regular BA function

$$\sum_{j} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_{j}} \left(|| \frac{\pi(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{C}_{i}\mathbf{X}_{j})) - \mathbf{x}_{ji}}{\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}} ||_{\delta} + || \frac{z^{-1}(\mathbf{C}_{i}\mathbf{X}_{j}) - z_{ji}^{-1}}{\sigma_{z}} ||_{\delta} \right)$$

Reprojection error Inverse depth error \mathcal{V}_{j} is the set of cameras in which point j is visible.

• Convert Huber norm by re-weighting scheme $f = \sum_{j} \sum_{i \in V_j} ||\mathbf{f}_{ij}(\mathbf{C}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)||_2^2$,

Linearization

 $\mathbf{f}_{ij}(\mathbf{C}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) \approx \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{C}_{ij}} \delta_{\mathbf{C}_i} + \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{X}_{ij}} \delta_{\mathbf{X}_j} - \mathbf{e}_{ij} \quad f \approx ||\mathbf{J}\boldsymbol{\delta} - \mathbf{e}||_2^2$

J is $3n_x \times (6n_c + 3n_p)$ Jacobian matrix

Solving normal equation $\mathbf{J}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{J}\boldsymbol{\delta} = \mathbf{J}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{e}$

Step 1: Construct normal equation

- □ Compute and store the small non-zero block matrices **U**_{*ii*}, **V**_{*jj*}, **W**_{*ij*}
- □ Do not need to reconstruct $\mathbf{J}^{\top}\mathbf{J}$ from scratch. □ Only need to add new block matrices.



U : $n_c \times n_c$ V : $n_p \times n_p$ W : $n_c \times n_p$ W_{ij} no zero only if point j is visible in camera i

- Step 2: Marginalize points to construct Schur Complement
 - □ S is also sparse, with non-zero block matrix $S_{i_1i_2}$ if and only if camera i_1 and i_2 share common points.

$$S\delta_{C} = g,$$

$$S = (U - WV^{-1}W^{\top}),$$

$$g = u - WV^{-1}v.$$

Step 3: Update cameras

 \Box Use preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG) to solve for $\delta_{\rm C}$

PCG naturally leverages the sparseness of S

$$\Box \mathbf{C}_i = \exp(\delta_{\mathbf{C}_i})\mathbf{C}_i$$

Step 4: Update points

Back substitution

$$\delta_{\mathbf{X}_j} = \mathbf{V}_{jj}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_j} \mathbf{W}_{ij}^{\mathsf{T}} \delta_{\mathbf{C}_i} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_j + = \delta_{\mathbf{X}_j}$$

- Num. of observations in each keyframe much larger than Num. of cameras
 - □ Computation :

Step 1, 2 \gg Step 3

- Construction of normal equation and Schur complement takes much more time than PCG iterations
- most variables nearly unchanged (incremental reconstruction)
 - □ Most computation in steps 1, 2, 4 are unnecessary
 - \Box Contribution of most $\mathbf{f}_{ij}\mathbf{s}$ to normal equation nearly remains the same

Efficient Incremental BA (EIBA)

Local BA vs. Global B

- Iocal BA : suboptimal, especially when the local map contains large error.
- global BA : accurate but slow, high latency, lots of unnecessary computation.

Incremental BA

- Makes maximum use of intermediate computation for efficiency
- Adaptively updating affected keyframes for map refinement

 Step 1 : Update normal equations and Schur complement from the last iteration
 Store the effect of f_{ij} in A^U_{ij}, A^V_{ij}, b^u_{ij} and b^v_{ij}, initialize to 0 at first, only re-computed when linearization point of f_{ij} is changed.

Remove contribution from the last iteration, refresh them, update for current iteration.
 Update from A^U_{ij}, A^V_{ij}, b^u_{ij} and b^v_{ij}

Step 1 : Update normal equations and Schur complement from the last iteration

for each point j and each camera $i \in V_j$ that C_i or X_j is changed **do**

Construct linearized equation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_{ii} &- = \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{\mathbf{U}}; \ \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{C}_{ij}}^{\top} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{C}_{ij}}; \ \mathbf{S}_{ii} + = \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{\mathbf{U}} \\ \mathbf{V}_{jj} &- = \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{\mathbf{V}}; \ \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{X}_{ij}}^{\top} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{X}_{ij}}; \ \mathbf{V}_{jj} + = \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{\mathbf{V}} \\ \mathbf{g}_{i} &- = \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{u}}; \ \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{C}_{ij}}^{\top} \mathbf{e}_{ij}; \ \mathbf{g}_{i} + = \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{j} &- = \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{v}}; \ \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{X}_{ij}}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{W}_{ij} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{C}_{ij}}^{\top} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{X}_{ij}} \\ \mathbf{M}_{ark} \ \mathbf{V}_{jj} \ updated \end{aligned}$$
end for

Step 2 : Update point marginalization and Schur complement from last iteration

for each point *j* that \mathbf{V}_{jj} is updated and each camera pair $(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{V}_j \times \mathcal{V}_j$ do $\mathbf{S}_{i_1 i_2} + = \mathbf{A}_{i_1 i_2 j}^{\mathbf{S}}$ $\mathbf{A}_{i_1 i_2 j}^{\mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{W}_{i_1 j} \mathbf{V}_{jj}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{i_2 j}^{\top}$ $\mathbf{S}_{i_1 i_2} - = \mathbf{A}_{i_1 i_2 j}^{\mathbf{S}}$

end for

for each point j that V_{jj} is updated and each camera $i \in V_j$ do

$$\mathbf{g}_i + = \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{g}}; \ \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{g}} = \mathbf{W}_{ij}\mathbf{V}_{jj}^{-1}\mathbf{v}_j; \ \mathbf{g}_i - = \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{\mathbf{g}}$$

end for

Step 3 : Update cameras Solve δ_C by PCG Change C_i only if ||δ_{Ci}||exceeds a threshold ε_c

Step 4 : Update points

- Back substitution only for visible points in the changed cameras
- \Box Change \mathbf{X}_j only if $||\delta_{\mathbf{X}_j}||$ exceeds a threshold ϵ_p

EIBA in RKD-SLAM

Energy function



Consist of 3D points observation term and loop constraint term

EIBA in RKD-SLAM

3D point observation term

$$\sum_{j}\sum_{i\in\mathcal{V}_{j}}\left(\left|\left|\frac{\pi(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{C}_{i}\mathbf{X}_{j}))-\mathbf{x}_{ji}}{\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}}\right|\right|_{\delta}+\left|\left|\frac{z^{-1}(\mathbf{C}_{i}\mathbf{X}_{j})-z_{ji}^{-1}}{\sigma_{z}}\right|\right|_{\delta}\right)$$

 \Box Use inverse depth parameterize \mathbf{X}_i

$$\mathbf{X}_j = \mathbf{C}_k^{-1}(z_{jk}\mathbf{K}^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{jk})$$

- Each re-projection equation \mathbf{f}_{ij} relates two camera poses \mathbf{C}_i and \mathbf{C}_k , one 3D point \mathbf{X}_j
- Linearization

 $\mathbf{f}_{ij}(\mathbf{C}_i, \mathbf{C}_k, \mathbf{X}_j) \approx \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{C}_{ij}} \delta_{\mathbf{C}_i} + \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{C}_{kj}} \delta_{\mathbf{C}_k} + \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{X}_{ij}} \delta_{\mathbf{X}_j} - \mathbf{e}_{ij},$

• Also need to update S_{kk} , S_{ik} , W_{kj} and g_k

EIBA in RKD-SLAM

Loop constraint term

$$\sum_{(i_1,i_2)\in\mathcal{L}} ||\log(\mathbf{C}_{i_1}\circ\mathbf{C}_{i_2}\circ\mathbf{T}_{i_1i_2}^{-1})||_{\Sigma_{i_1i_2}}^2$$

□ Represented as relative pose $T_{i_1i_2}$ □ Linearization

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{C}_{i_1},\mathbf{C}_{i_2})\approx\mathbf{J}_{i_1}\delta_{\mathbf{C}_{i_1}}+\mathbf{J}_{i_2}\delta_{\mathbf{C}_{i_2}}-\mathbf{e}.$$

Update



Performance of EIBAComputation time



Fig. 4. The computation time of our EIBA and iSAM2 while incrementally adding each new keyframe on "fr3_long_office" sequence.

Performance of EIBA

Computation time Our EIBA is faster by an order of one magnitude than iSAM2.

Sequence	Num. of Camera / Points	Num. of Observations	EIBA	iSAM2		
_				No relinearization	relinearizeSkip = 10	relinearizeSkip = 5
fr3_long_office	92 / 4322	12027	88.9ms	983.9ms	1968.2ms	2670.9ms
fr2_desk	63 / 2780	6897	34.8ms	507.8ms	850.4ms	1152.0ms

Performance of EIBA

Optimized reprojection error



Fig. 5. The optimized reprojection error (RMSE) for our EIBA and iSAM2 while incrementally adding each new keyframe on "fr3_long_office" sequence.

Open-source Solver & BA

- g2o: <u>https://github.com/RainerKuemmerle/g2o</u>
- GTSAM& iSAM: <u>https://bitbucket.org/gtborg/gtsam/</u>
- Ceres Solver: <u>http://ceres-solver.org/</u>
- Bundler: <u>http://www.cs.cornell.edu/~snavely/bundler/</u>
- PBA: <u>https://grail.cs.washington.edu/projects/mcba/</u>
- EIBA: the source code will be released soon. http://www.zjucvg.net