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Coverage Control : Literature Survey and Anisotropic Sensors Case



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Outline

- Literature survey
- Voronoi based coverage with anisotropic sensor
- Joint detection based isotropic sensor coverage and its extension to anisotropic case
- Future Works

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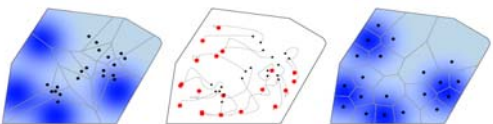
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Literature Survey

Prototype problem : locational optimization

- *A. Okabe et.al (1997)* : solving locational optimization problem through Voronoi diagram.
- *Q. Du et.al (1999)* : applications and algorithms (Lloyd's) of centroidal Voronoi tessellations.
- *J. Cortes et.al (2002)* :
 - Voronoi based decentralized coverage control (each sensor has its own sensing area).
 - convex region of interest (ROI).
 - density function is known a priori to each agent.



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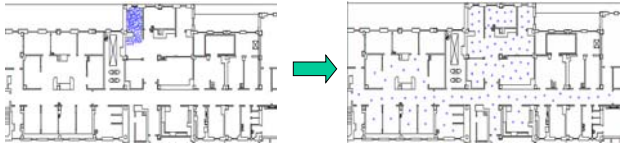
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A. Howard et.al (2002) :

- Potential-field-based approach.
- equipped with sensor to determine the range and bearing of nearby nodes and obstacles.



S. Salapaka et.al (2003) :

- Adapted Deterministic Annealing (DA) approach to find globally optimal solutions.
- Modification of Lloyd algorithm (no hard partitions).

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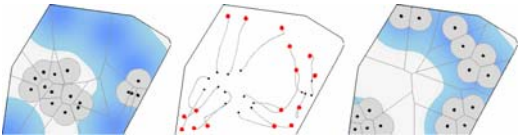
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J. Cortes et.al (2004) :

- Deployment with limited sensing or communications radius.



W. Li et.al (2005) :

- Sensing performance defined by prob. model.
- Deployment algorithm : max joint detection prob.
- Incorporate communication cost (trade off between coverage and communication cost).

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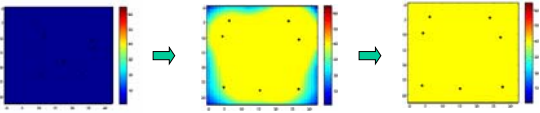
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I. Hussein et.al (2006) :

- Dynamic coverage : agents move s.t every point is sensed with a pre-specified level C .



D. Rus et.al (2006) :

- Coverage control with unknown density function .
- The robots use sensed information to estimate the density function.

C. Gao et.al (2006) :

- Relationship between coverage (discrete) and averaging algorithm (acyclic diagraphs).

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I. Hussein *et.al* (2007) :

- ACC : dynamic coverage + flocking + collision avoidance
- CCA : vision-based camera sensor model (underwater vehicle)
- CDC : coverage control with heterogeneous vehicles (communication maintenance and coverage)

P. F. Hokayem *et.al* (2007) :

- proposed algorithm : does not depend on gradient-based, distributed
- agents do not need to exchange their positions continuously.

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C. H. Caicedo *et.al* (2007) :

- Task switching between ensuring optimal coverage of a given area and locating events (e.g. biochemical source) that may appear.

J. Cortes *et.al* (2008) :

- limited-range comm. + anisotropic sensing probabilities.
- anisotropic : wedge-shaped region , sensing performance only depend on distance.

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M. Schwager *et.al* (2008) :

- Control strategy inspired by hunting tactics of ladybugs.
- Coverage + exploration : avoiding locally optimal configurations.

$$u_i = k(e_i + f_i e_i^\perp) \quad e_i = C_{V_i} - p_i$$

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Simulation :

$$u_i = k(e_i) \quad u_i = k(e_i + f_i e_i^\perp)$$

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Isotropic

position

Anisotropic

position + orientation

Assumption : orientation of all agents is **fixed and equal**

Assumption : orientation of all agents is **fixed**

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Objective function :

$$H(P, \Theta, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{W_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq$$

$$H(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{V_i} \|q - p_i\|_{L_i}^2 \phi(q) dq \quad \rightarrow \text{minimize}$$

Definition :

A Voronoi tessellation is called an **anisotropic centroidal Voronoi configuration** if

$$p_i = C_{V_i}, \forall i;$$

where

$$C_{V_i} = \left(\int_{V_i} L_i \phi(q) dq \right)^{-1} \left(\int_{V_i} L_i q \phi(q) dq \right)$$

$$L_i = F_i^T F_i \quad \text{where} \quad F_i = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{c}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{c}{b} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_i & \sin \theta_i \\ -\sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \end{pmatrix}$$

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Proposition 1 :

The objective function is minimized by the **anisotropic centroidal Voronoi configuration**

Proof :
$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = 0$$

For a fixed Voronoi partition,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} &= \int_{V_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \|q - p_i\|_{L_i}^2 \phi(q) dq \\ &= \int_{V_i} -2L_i(q - p_i) \phi(q) dq \\ &= 2 \int_{V_i} L_i \phi(q) dq p_i - 2 \int_{V_i} L_i q \phi(q) dq \end{aligned}$$

setting $p_i = \left(\int_{V_i} L_i \phi(q) dq \right)^{-1} \left(\int_{V_i} L_i q \phi(q) dq \right)$ will result to $\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = 0$

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For dynamical systems : $\dot{p}_i = u_i$

Set :
$$u_i = -k(p_i - C_{V_i})$$

Proposition 2 :

By applying the above control law, the agents will converge asymptotically to the set of critical points i.e the set of anisotropic centroid Voronoi configurations. If this set is finite, the agents converge to one of them.

Proof :

Consider H as Lyapunov function.

$$\frac{d}{dt} H = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \dot{p}_i$$

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By applying Reynolds Transport Theorem,

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \int_{V_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq}_I + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \int_{V_j} f(\|q - p_j\|_{L_j}) \phi(q) dq}_II$$

$$I = \int_{V_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq + \int_{\partial V_i} \eta_j^i \frac{\partial \partial V_j}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq$$

$$\begin{aligned} II &= \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \int_{V_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_j\|_{L_j}) \phi(q) dq + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \int_{\partial V_j} \eta_j^i \frac{\partial \partial V_j}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_j\|_{L_j}) \phi(q) dq \\ &= \sum_{j \in N_i} \int_{\partial V_j} \eta_j^i \frac{\partial \partial V_j}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_j\|_{L_j}) \phi(q) dq \end{aligned}$$

Note that :
$$\sum_{j \in N_i} \frac{\partial \partial V_j}{\partial p_i} = \frac{\partial \partial V_i}{\partial p_i}$$

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At the boundary $f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) = f(\|q - p_j\|_{L_j})$, then

$$\sum_{j \in N_i} \int_{\partial V_j} \eta_j^i \frac{\partial \partial V_j}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_j\|_{L_j}) \phi(q) dq = - \int_{\partial V_i} \eta_i^i \frac{\partial \partial V_i}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \int_{V_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \int_{V_j} f(\|q - p_j\|_{L_j}) \phi(q) dq \\ &= \int_{V_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq + \int_{\partial V_i} \eta_i^i \frac{\partial \partial V_i}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq \\ &\quad - \int_{\partial V_i} \eta_i^i \frac{\partial \partial V_i}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) \phi(q) dq \end{aligned}$$

Assume

$$f(\|q - p_i\|_{L_i}) = \|q - p_i\|_{L_i}^2$$

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$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = 2[M_{V_i} p_i - M_{V_i} C_{V_i}]$$

where $M_{V_i} = \int_{V_i} L_i \phi(q) dq$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hence } \frac{d}{dt} H &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \dot{p}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n -2M_{V_i} [p_i - C_{V_i}]^T \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

By LaSalle's Principle, the agents converge to the largest invariant set which is the set of anisotropic centroid Voronoi configurations.

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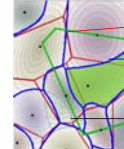
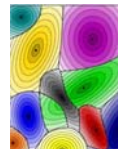


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How to make the control law **distributed** ?

- Assuming that each agent is equipped with **isotropic (omnidirectional) communication** s.t. the neighbors of each agent is the same with the neighbors of the isotropic sensor case.
- By adapting the idea in [Feng et al \(2007\)](#) : reducing the possible region of influence using the Euclidean Voronoi tessellation.



standard Voronoi
anisotropic Voronoi
localized anisotropic Voronoi

$$V_i = \{p \in D \mid i \in I_p \text{ and } d(p_i, p) \leq d(p_j, p) \forall j \in I_p, i \neq j\}$$

$$I_p = \{i \in I \mid (p_i - p_j) \cdot (p - p_j) \leq 0, \forall j \neq i\}$$

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Joint Detection Probability

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Let us think for more realistic anisotropic model e.g camera.
 Voronoi approach : has to construct the anisotropic Voronoi
 → too complicated !! Another approach ?

Voronoi approach : one point is sensed by **one** agent.
 Joint detection approach (Wei et.al, CDC 2005) : one point is sensed by **some** agents. → no need hard partitions

Problem Setting :

$R(x) \geq 0, \int_{\Omega} R(x) < \infty$: density function
 Ω : region of interest (ROI)
 $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N)$: position of mobile sensors
 $p_i(x)$: probability that sensor i detects the event at x .
 monotonically decreasing differentiable function

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Joint Detection Probability

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The joint probability that an event is observed by the sensor :

$$P(x, s) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N [1 - p_i(x)]$$

The optimal coverage is formulated by :

$$\max_s \int_{\Omega} R(x) P(x, s) dx$$

$$F(s)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial s_i} = \int_{\Omega} R(x) \frac{\partial P(x, s)}{\partial s_i} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial s_i} = \int_{\Omega} R(x) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^N [1 - p_k(x)] \frac{dp_i(x)}{ds_i} \frac{s_i - x}{d_i(x)} dx, \quad d_i(x) = \|x - s_i\|$$

→ requires **global information**

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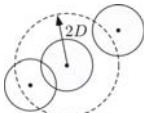
Assumption : each sensor has sensing radius D

$$p_i(x) = 0, \frac{dp_i(x)}{ds_i} = 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ s.t. } d_i(x) \geq D$$

$\Omega_i = \{x : d_i(x) \leq D\}$: sensor i 's region of coverage

Neighbors of sensor i (N_i) :

$N_i = \{k : \|s_i - s_k\| < 2D, k = 1, \dots, N, k \neq i\}$



$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial s_i} = \int_{\Omega_i} R(x) \prod_{k \in N_i} [1 - p_k(x)] \frac{dp_i(x)}{ds_i} \frac{s_i - x}{d_i(x)} dx$$

→ Requires only **local information**

$$s_i^{k+1} = s_i^k + \alpha_k \frac{\partial F}{\partial s_i^k}$$

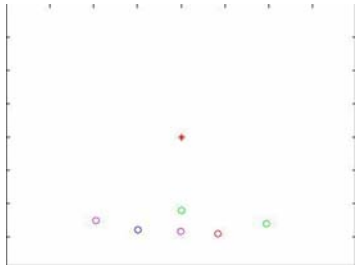
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Simulation :

$\Omega = 40 \times 40$ $x_0 = [0, 20]$ $N = 6, D = 5$
 $R(x) = 3 - 0.1 \|x - x_0\|$ $p_i(x) = e^{-\|x - s_i\|}$



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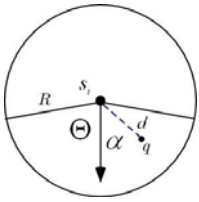
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Isotropic → Anisotropic (limited sensing range)

Sensor model :

Assumptions :
 $\Omega_i = \{x : d_i(x) \leq R \cap \alpha \leq \Theta\}$
 $\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{(x - p_i)^T (\cos \theta_i, \sin \theta_i)}{\|x - s_i\|} \right)$
 $d_i(x) = \|x - s_i\|$
 θ_i : orientation of sensor



$p_i(x)$: detection probability, depends on distance and angle from the point to be sensed
 e.g.

$$p_i(x) = \frac{(d_i - R)^2 (\alpha - \Theta)^2}{R^2 \Theta^2}$$

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Future Works

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Voronoi approach :

- ▣ Simulations to validate the result
- ▣ Consider orientation as optimization variable

Joint detection approach :

- ▣ Derive control law for anisotropic case
- ▣ Simulations to validate the result
- ▣ Consider communication cost
- ▣ Extend into 3D coverage problem

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