

Cooperative Optimal Search Control with Distributed Control

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Search Control Problem

Search Problem

To locate a target to be found, deploying agents with the available resources.

- search and rescue operations
- detecting lost objects



Objective

- formulate the Optimal Search Control Problem
 - maximize the probability of finding the target
 - reduce the control energy consumption
- analyze the agent's behavior



Outline

- review (single agent)
- Distributed Cooperative Optimal Search Control
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Problem Setting

agent: **continuous-time linear system**

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} \text{ position: } y(t) \in \mathcal{R}^2$$

observation time (obs. time): $t_k = kh, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

obs. point $y_k := y(t_k)$

waypoint $x_k := x(t_k)$

the obs. points set $\mathcal{Y}_{p,q} := \{y_k\}_{k=p,p+1,\dots,q}$

the obs. points row $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}_{p,q} := (y_k)_{k=p,p+1,\dots,q}$

sensing accuracy $\in [0, 1]$
good bad

Search Area: $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{R}^2, z \in \mathcal{E}$

A target appears randomly and stays for $gh[s]$ ($g \in \mathbb{Z}_+$)

The target appears at time $t = t_i (t_j \leq t_i < t_{j+1})$

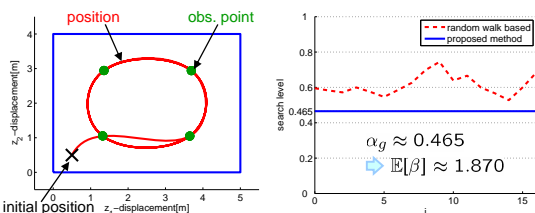
search level (small \rightarrow good)

$$S(\mathcal{Y}_{j+1:j+y}) := \int_{\mathcal{E}} \phi(z) \prod_{y_k \in \mathcal{Y}_{j+1:j+y}} p(\|z - y_k\|) dz$$

$$p(\|z - y_k\|) = 1 - e^{-\alpha \|z - y_k\|^2}$$


Main Result

- formulate Optimal Search Control Problem
 - semi-optimization problem \rightarrow approximate solution
- the analysis of the agent's behavior
 - the expectation value of how many times the targets appears without being found
 - a necessary and sufficient condition for the agent's state and input to converge respectively to a periodic trajectory



Cooperative Search Control

Cooperative Optimal Search Control

- Centralized Control
- Decentralized Control
- **Distributed Control**

n_a : the number of the agent

The superscript (l) means the state of the l -th agent.



Problem Setting

Each agent is assumed to receive the observation point information from its neighbors.

the neighborhood of the l -th agent at time t_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\mathcal{N}_k^{(l)} := \{l' \mid \|\mathbf{y}_k^{(l)} - \mathbf{y}_k^{(l')}\| \leq D\}, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, n_a$$

$$l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)} \\ \Updownarrow$$

The l -th agent receives the observation point information from the l' -th agent at time t_k .



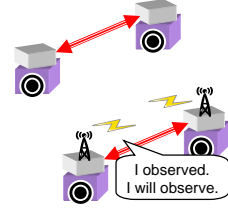
Observation Point Information

the observation point information: $\mathcal{B}_k^{(l)}$

→ the own and the other agents' information at time t_k

$$\mathcal{B}_k^{(l)} := \bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{\mathbf{y}_k^{(l')}\} \\ \text{(only use visual information)}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_j^{(l)} = \mathcal{B}_j^{(l)} \cup \left(\bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{\mathbf{y}_j^{(l')}\} \right) \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, k+g-1 \\ \text{(communicate each other)}$$



the observation point information set from t_P to t_Q

$$\mathcal{B}_{P,Q}^{(l)} := \bigcup_{k=P}^Q \mathcal{B}_k^{(l)}$$



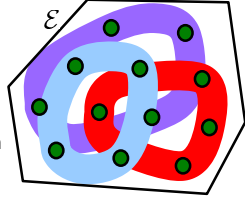
Objective

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Cooperative Semi-optimal Search Control Algorithm

to minimize $s \left(\bigcup_{l'=1}^{n_a} \mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+g}^{(l')} \right)$
as $k \rightarrow \infty$

while reducing the control energy consumption



Semi-optimal Search

the gradient method

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+g}^{(l)} = \mathbf{y}_k^{(l)} + \alpha_k \frac{\partial S \left(\bigcup_{l'=1}^{n_a} \mathcal{Y}_{k-g+1:k}^{(l')} \right)}{\partial \mathbf{y}_k^{(l)}} \quad \text{can't be used}$$

→ minimize $s \left(\bigcup_{l'=1}^{n_a} \mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+g}^{(l')} \right)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$



the gradient method

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+g}^{(l)} = \mathbf{y}_k^{(l)} + \alpha_k \frac{\partial S \left(\mathcal{B}_{k-g+1:k}^{(l)} \right)}{\partial \mathbf{y}_k^{(l)}} \quad \text{semi-optimal solution!}$$

→ minimize $s \left(\mathcal{B}_{k+1:k+g}^{(l)} \right)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$



Semi-optimal Search Algorithm

Algorithm 5 Semi-optimal Search Algorithm (Distributed Control)

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1:  $k \leftarrow 0$ 
2: while 1
3:   if  $k = 0$ 
4:      $\mathcal{Y}_{1:g}^{(l)} = y_{int\_random}(g)$ 
5:   else
6:     Compute  $\mathbf{y}_{k+g}^{(l)}$  from  $\mathbf{y}_k^{(l)} = \mathbf{y}_k^{(l)} + \alpha_k \frac{\partial S \left( \mathcal{B}_{k-g+1:k}^{(l)} \right)}{\partial \mathbf{y}_k^{(l)}}$ 
7:   end if
8:    $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
9: end while
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Theorem

$$\bullet \mathcal{B}_k^{(l)} := \bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{\mathbf{y}_k^{(l')}\}$$

k' satisfying $\mathcal{N}_k^{(l)} = \{1, 2, \dots, n_a\}$, $k = k'+1, k'+2, \dots$ exists.

$$\bullet \mathcal{B}_j^{(l)} = \mathcal{B}_j^{(l)} \cup \left(\bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{\mathbf{y}_j^{(l')}\} \right) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k+g-1$$

k' satisfying $\bigcup_{j=k-g+1}^k \mathcal{N}_j^{(l)} = \{1, 2, \dots, n_a\}$, $k = k'+1, k'+2, \dots$ exists.

→ The proposed algorithm

$$\text{minimizes } s \left(\bigcup_{l'=1}^{n_a} \mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+g}^{(l')} \right) \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

(proof : omitted)

Semi-optimal Search Control Algorithm

Algorithm 6 Semi-optimal Search Control Algorithm (Distributed Control)

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1:  $k \leftarrow 0$ 
2: while 1
3:   if  $k = 0$ 
4:      $\mathcal{Y}_{1:g}^{(l)} = y\_int\_random(g)$  renew the observation points
5:   else
6:     Compute  $y_i^{(l)}$ ,  $i = k+g, k+2g, \dots$  from  $y_i^{(l)} = y_k^{(l)} + \alpha_k \frac{\partial S(\mathcal{B}_{k-g+1:k}^{(l)})}{\partial y_k^{(l)}}$ 
7:   end if
8:   if  $mod(k, g) = 0$ 
9:     Compute  $\mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+f}^{(l)}$  by solving [Problem E] renew the observation point row
           minimize  $J_{k:k+f}^{(l)}(\mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+f}^{(l)})$ 
           s.t.  $\mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+g}^{(l)} \in sort(\mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+g}^{(l)})$ 
               $y_i^{(l)} = y_{i-g}^{(l)}$ 
               $i = k+g, k+1+g, \dots, k+f$ 
10:    end if
11:    Compute  $u^{(l)}(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_k, t_{k+f}]$  from  $\mathcal{Y}_{k+1:k+f}^{(l)}$ , (11), (12)
12:    Input  $u^{(l)}(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}]$  RHC
13:     $k \leftarrow k+1$ 
14: end while

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Remark

Remark 1

The proposed algorithm is robust (adaptive) for changing the number of agents (due to, e.g., failures).

Remark 2

The initial observation points is important because **the periodic trajectory largely depends on them**.

Simulation

system

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$h = 1$

$\mathcal{E} = [0, 5] \times [0, 4]$

$p(\|z - y_k\|) = 1 - e^{-\lambda \|z - y_k\|^2}$, $\lambda > 0$

$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{20}$

$R = \text{diag}(1, 1)$

$$x_0^{(1)} = [0.5 \ 0.5 \ 0 \ 0]^T$$

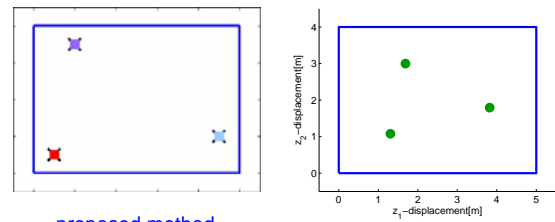
$$x_0^{(2)} = [4.5 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$$

$$x_0^{(3)} = [1 \ 3.5 \ 0 \ 0]^T$$

Simulation ($g=1, D=8$)

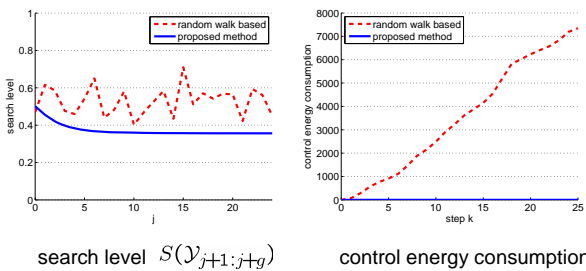
ex1. $\lambda = 0.5$
 $f = 5$ $\mathcal{B}_k^{(l)} = \bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{y_k^{(l')}\} = \bigcup_{l=1}^{n_a} \{y_k^{(l)}\}$

25 steps



proposed method

Simulation ($g=1, D=8$)



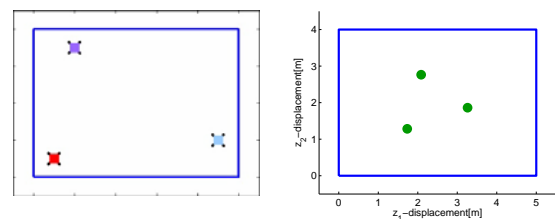
search level $S(\mathcal{Y}_{j+1:j+g})$

control energy consumption

Simulation ($g=1, D=1.5$)

ex2. $\lambda = 0.5$
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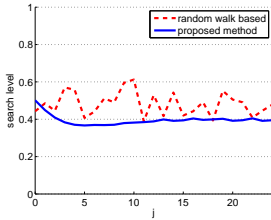
25 steps



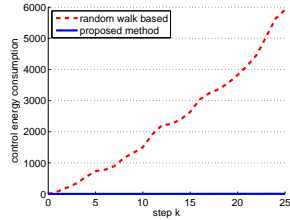
proposed method



Simulation (g=1, D=1.5)



search level $S(\mathcal{Y}_{j+1:j+q})$



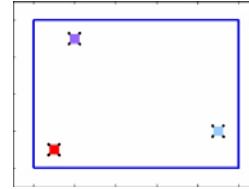
control energy consumption



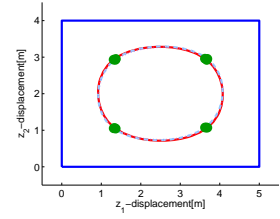
Simulation (g=4, D=0)

ex3. $\lambda = 1$
 $f = 10$ $\mathcal{B}_k^{(l)} = \bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{y_k^{(l')}\} = \{y_k^{(l)}\}$

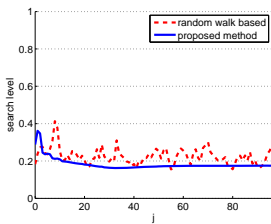
100 steps



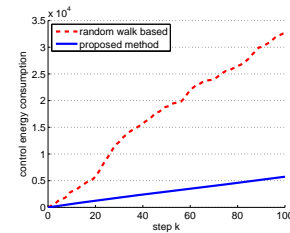
proposed method



Simulation (g=4, D=0)



search level $S(\mathcal{Y}_{j+1:j+q})$



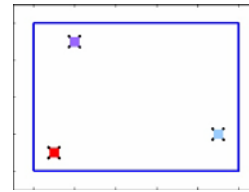
control energy consumption



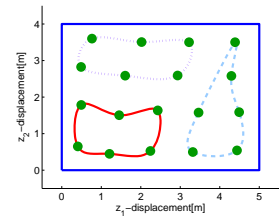
Simulation (g=6, D=8)

ex4. $\lambda = 2$
 $f = 10$ $\mathcal{B}_k^{(l)} = \bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{y_k^{(l')}\} = \bigcup_{l=1}^{n_a} \{y_k^{(l)}\}$

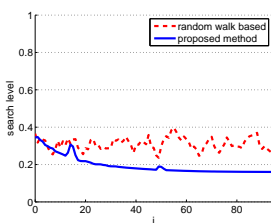
100 steps



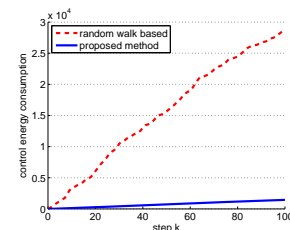
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Simulation (g=6, D=8)



search level $S(\mathcal{Y}_{j+1:j+q})$



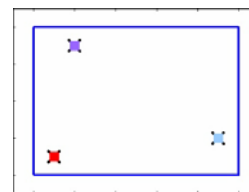
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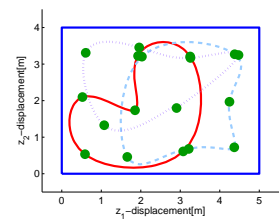
Simulation (g=6, D=2)

ex5. $\lambda = 2$
 $f = 10$ $\mathcal{B}_k^{(l)} := \bigcup_{l' \in \mathcal{N}_k^{(l)}} \{y_k^{(l')}\}$

100 steps

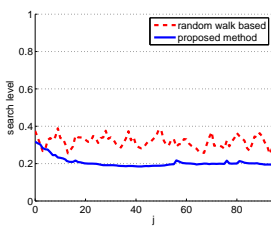


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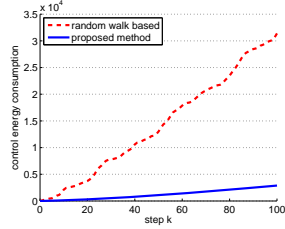




Simulation (g=6, D=2)



search level $S(\mathcal{Y}_{j+1:j+g})$



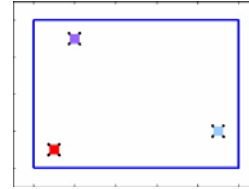
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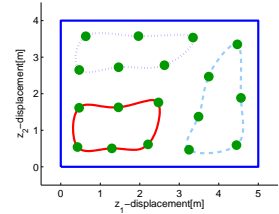
Simulation (g=6, D=2)

ex6. $\lambda = 2$
 $f = 10$
 $\mathcal{B}_j^{(l)} = \mathcal{B}_j^{(l)} \cup \left(\bigcup_{\mu \in \mathcal{N}^{(l)}} \{y_j^{(\mu)}\} \right)$
 $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+g-1$

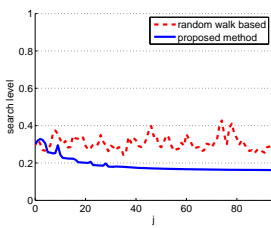
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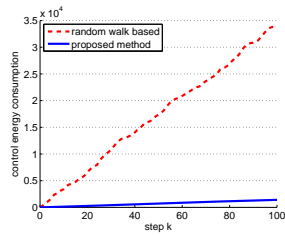
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Simulation (g=6, D=2)



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Conclusion

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Distributed Cooperative Optimal Search Control Algorithm was proposed.