BEARING ANGLE ESTIMATION OF ATMOSPHERIC SONIC PLANE WAVES USING GROUND ARRAYS

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This Memorandum presents a method of estimating the bearing angle of an incoming plane wave using an arbitrary ground array of sensors. It was prepared for the Advanced Research Projects Agency's VELA Analysis study. The project is a broad and continuing system-oriented study of the detection of nuclear bursts above the ground.

The Memorandum should be useful to those concerned with acoustics and seismology, as well as those interested in data processing.
This study is concerned with developing data processing techniques to obtain bearing angle estimates of plane sonic waves using arbitrary ground arrays of microphones. The evaluation of the accuracy obtainable as measured by the rms bearing angle error is computed in detail for a 16-station square array. A novel feature of the method is that the ground trace velocity of sound need not be known a priori or measured independently, but can be derived from the same measurements as the bearing angle.
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LIST OF SYMBOLS

A: matrix of unknown coefficients \( A_j \)
\( \hat{A} \): minimum variance estimate of A
\( \hat{A}^* \): least-squares estimate of A
\( \hat{\Sigma} \): covariance matrix of estimate \( \hat{A} \)
\( \Sigma^* \): covariance matrix of estimate \( \hat{A}^* \)
\( B \): upper 2 x 2 minor of matrix \( B = \{ B_{ij} \}, \ i,j = 1,2; \)
\( \sigma^2 \{ b_{ij} \}, \ i,j = 1,2 \)
c: local velocity of sound, \( c_o + \frac{dc}{dz} \cdot z \)
c: effective ground trace velocity, in m/sec
\( c_o \): nominal velocity of sound, 344 m/sec at 20°C
d: distance scale factor, distance between adjacent stations
   in both the x and y direction in the square array of
   16 stations, in meters
\( \frac{dc}{dz} \): - 4.4 m/sec/km for \( z \leq 10 \) km
E( ): expected value of ( )
I: identity matrix
\( K_l \): wind velocity gradient, in m/sec/km
\( L(\theta)_{L.S.} \): normalized rms bearing angle error in rad when \( \rho = I \)
\( L(\theta)_{\text{min}} \): normalized rms bearing angle error in rad when \( \rho \theta = I \)
\( M(\theta)_{L.S.} \): normalized error when \( \rho = I \)
\( M(\theta)_{\text{min}} \): normalized error when \( \rho \theta = I \)
N + 1: number of ground stations processed including the reference
   station; the number of transit times measured is N
n: index of refraction
p: perpendicular distance from station \((x, y)\) to the phase plane
   of the sound wave incident at the reference station
R \quad \frac{L(\theta)_{\text{L.S.}}}{L(\theta)_{\text{min}}} \geq 1, \text{ measure of information gain by using}
\quad \text{the matched estimator } \hat{\theta} \text{ instead of the mismatched least-squares estimator } \hat{\theta}^* \n\nR' \quad \frac{M(\theta)_{\text{L.S.}}}{M(\theta)_{\text{min}}} \geq 1 \n\nr_{ij} \quad \text{distance between normalized coordinates of the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ and } j^{\text{th}} \text{ station} \n\nT \quad \text{column matrix of observations} \n\nT_i \quad \text{observed transit time after processing signals from station } i \text{ and the reference station; } i = 1, 2, \ldots, N \n\nv_n \quad \text{projection of the wind velocity vector onto the direction of propagation of the sound wave, in m/sec} \n\n\begin{align*}
(x_i, y_i) & \quad \text{normalized coordinates of the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ station in the array} \\
(x_o, y_o) & \quad \text{rectangular coordinates of the reference station in the ground array, in meters} 
\end{align*} \n\nZ \quad \text{N x 5 or N x 2 matrix, depending on the coordinates } (X_i, Y_i) \n\nz \quad \text{altitude above the ground plane} \n\n(\alpha, \beta) \quad \text{coefficients in the representation of } \tau \n\n\tau = \alpha p + \beta^2 \phi^2 \n\n\Delta \tau_i \quad \text{random error in estimate of transit time } \tau_i \n\n\theta \quad \text{bearing angle of plane wave, in deg (see Fig. 1)} \n\n\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi \quad \text{elevation angle of plane wave, in deg (see Fig. 1)} \n\n\rho \quad \text{positive definite symmetric matrix with elements } \rho_{ij} \text{ used to weight the residual errors in deriving the parametric estimates } \hat{\theta} \text{ or } \hat{\theta}^* \n\n\sigma^2 \quad \text{mean square transit time errors, } E(\Delta \tau_i^2) \n\n\sigma_{\Delta \theta} \quad \sqrt{L(\theta)}, \text{ rms bearing angle error, in radians} \n\n\sigma_{\Delta \tau_0} \quad \sigma M(\theta), \text{ rms ground transit time error, in sec}
true transit time of the plane wave from the reference station to the station with coordinates \((x, y)\)

\[ \tau = A_1 X + A_2 Y + A_3 XY + A_4 X^2 + A_5 Y^2 \]

\(\tau_o\) d/c, ground transit time for plane wave over scale distance \(d\), in sec

normalized covariance matrix of \((\Delta \tau_i)\) with elements \(\psi_{ij}\)

\[ \psi_{ij} = \frac{E(\Delta \tau_i \Delta \tau_j)}{\sigma^2}, \exp \left( -\frac{r_{ij}}{kL} \right) \]
1. INTRODUCTION

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Given an array of nondirectional microphones which measure sound pressure, it is desired to measure the bearing angle of an arriving plane acoustic wave in the infrasonic region, that is, in the frequency range of from 0.1 to 1 cps. The array may be of arbitrary geometry in the ground plane. A novel aspect of the problem is that the local velocity of sound propagation is not presumed known except for a nominal value of \( c_0 = 344 \text{ m/sec} \). The actual velocity may deviate by 5 to 10 percent. The local ground trace of sound propagation is also obtainable from the measurements as described; however, estimates of the elevation angle of the plane wave are not.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MODEL

The plane-acoustic wave is presumed to be generated a large distance from the array. As the sound wave is propagated through the atmosphere, the wave undergoes changes in both orientation of the phase plane and amplitude. The amplitude decreases slightly due to atmospheric absorption, but primarily due to the dilution of the sound energy over a greater volume. Superimposed on these systematic effects there are also random changes in phase at each point on the phase plane caused by turbulence in the atmosphere. Thus, the wave which arrives at the array is not strictly a plane wave. The surfaces of constant phase are taken to consist of a plane plus random deviations from the plane. An excellent discussion of the propagation properties of infrasonic sound waves through the atmosphere is given in Ref. 1.
The acoustic plane wave energy (noted as the signal) is presumed to be small compared to the atmospheric turbulence pressure (noted as noise) in the same frequency range. It is assumed that the signal has been detected by other means and that the gross direction (within, say, one quadrant) of the wave has been determined. This Memorandum is therefore not concerned with the detection problem but with the improvement of the estimate of the local bearing angle of the sound wave. The data at each array point are the result of processing the received data through noise-reducing line microphones to improve the signal-to-noise ratio. This Memorandum does not, however, attempt to evaluate the nature of the background noise or the effects of various data processing operations on the statistical properties of the signal and noise. These problems will be considered in future studies. A class of bearing estimation methods are developed and the effect of two specific methods is evaluated for certain standardized error models. The measure of merit used is a normalized standard deviation of bearing angle error, noted as \( L(\theta) \). A set of computations of \( L(\theta) \) is performed for a square array consisting of 16 equally spaced array points.
II. DISCUSSION OF THE ESTIMATION METHOD

The basic data required are the transit time of the wave from a fixed station or array point with coordinates \((x_0, y_0)\) to each of the other stations with coordinates \((x_i, y_i)\). Let this time be noted as \(\tau_i\). Then the estimation process involves the following: If each of the values of \(\tau_i\) is plotted in the \((X, Y)\) plane

\[
X = \frac{x_0 - x}{d}, \quad Y = \frac{y_0 - y}{d}
\]

where \(d\) is a normalizing scale factor, at the value \((X_i, Y_i)\), it will be shown that the transit time for a plane wave can be represented as

\[
\tau = A_1 X + A_2 Y + A_3 XY + A_4 X^2 + A_5 Y^2
\]  

(1)

The bearing angle \(\theta\) and the ground velocity \(c_\parallel\) are estimated from the coefficients \(A_1\) and \(A_2\). The process then involves estimating the coefficients \(A_j\) by curve fitting of Eq. (1) to the data set \([\tau_i]\), \(i = 1, 2, \ldots, N\) for an \((N + 1)\) station array. Let the measured value of \(\tau_i\) be given by

\[
T_i = \tau_i + \Delta \tau_i
\]

(2)

where \(\tau_i\) is the "true" transit time given by Eq. (1) and \(\Delta \tau_i\) is the random error in transit time due to such causes as initial phase errors or deviation from the plane phase surface, and errors in estimating \(\tau_i\) from the processing of signals from the array microphones. As an example, an obvious method of estimating \(\tau_i\) is by cross correlation. That is
\[ T_i^* = \max_\tau \rho(\tau) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{2t} \int_{-t}^{+t} s_o(u) s_i(u + \tau) \, du \]  

where \( s_i \) is the observed signal from the \( i^{th} \) array point and \( s_o \) is the observed signal from the reference array point. The observed \( T_i^* \) and the statistics of \( \Delta T_i \) will be determined by such factors as the actual interval of time over which the cross correlation is performed; whether the computation of the cross correlation is for sampled data or for continuous data, and the sampling rates; the time and space correlation properties of both the signal and noise components of the observed signal; and the difference in the initial timing errors of each observed signal due to initial phase errors of the plane wave.

The above effects, as well as alternate methods for generating the \( \tau_i \), will be considered in subsequent studies. For the purpose of this study, the random variable \( \Delta T_i \) is assumed to have the following properties

\[
\begin{align*}
E(\Delta T_i) &= 0 \\
E(\Delta T_i, \Delta T_j) &= \sigma^2 \delta_{ij} & \text{Case A} \\
E(\Delta T_i, \Delta T_j) &= \sigma^2 \psi_{ij} & \text{Case B}
\end{align*}
\]  

where \( E(\cdot) \) signifies the expected value and \( \delta_{ij} = 1, \ i = j; = 0, \ i \neq j \). The quantity \( \psi_{ij} \) is a normalized correlation coefficient and is assumed to have the form

\[ \psi_{ij} = \exp \left\{ -r_{ij} / k \right\} \]  

where \( r_{ij} \) is the normalized distance between the \( i^{th} \) and \( j^{th} \) station.
\[ r_{ij} = \sqrt{(X_i - X_j)^2 + (Y_i - Y_j)^2} \]

and \( k \) is a constant \( \geq 0 \).

The coefficients \( A_j \) of Eq. (2) are obtained by generalized least-squares procedures as follows: Let \( N + 1 \) be the number of stations so that the number of transit times \( \tau_i \) measured from the reference station is \( N \). Define an \( N \times N \) positive, definite, symmetric matrix \( p \) with elements \( \rho_{u,v} \). Then let

\[ Q = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (T_i - \tau_i) \rho_{ij} (T_j - \tau_j) \]

The values of \( A_j \) are selected which minimize \( Q \).

When the following conditions hold, the solutions are as indicated:

- \( p = I \) (identity matrix) = least-squares solution \( (7a) \)
- \( p = \text{diag} [\rho_{ii}] \) = weighted least-squares solution \( (7b) \)
- \( p = [\rho_{u,v}] \) = generalized weighted least-squares solution \( (7c) \)
- \( p^q = I \) = minimum variance solution \( (7d) \)

The general formulation for Eq. (7c) is shown, from which Eqs. (7a), (7b), and (7d) are given as special cases. Computations of \( L(\theta) \) are performed for the square array consisting of 16 equally spaced arrays separated by distance \( d \) between \( x \) and \( y \) coordinates of adjacent stations.

Similar computations are performed for the linear case \( (A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = 0) \) and for certain subsets of stations to measure the improvement rate in \( L(\theta) \) as more stations are processed.

**CORRELATION MATCH VERSUS MISMATCH**

The effects of mismatching the weighting matrix \( p \) and the \( \Delta \tau_i \)
correlation matrix \( \varphi \) are computed as follows

Case I: \( \rho = 1; \ \varphi \), given by Eq. (4), Case B; \( k > 0 \)

Case II: \( \rho = \varphi - 1; \ \varphi \), given by Eq. (4), Case B; \( k > 0 \)

That is, the data correlation is actually as given by Eq. (5), but a least-squares solution Eq. (7a) is used. Note that as \( k \rightarrow 0 \), \( \min(r_{ij}) \) fixed, \( i \neq j \), \( \varphi \rightarrow 1 \), so that the solution for the \( a_j \) approaches the matched condition given by Eq. (7d), i.e., Case II. The matched condition is optimum in the following sense. The estimates \( \hat{a}_i \) obtained are random variables with zero mean and covariance matrix \( \sigma = \{b_{uv}\} \) \( u, v = 1, 2, \ldots, 5 \). \( B \) is positive definite (in the quadratic case, \( A_1, A_9, A_5 \neq 0 \)) and \( \leq \) the covariance matrix of any other linear unbiased estimator of \( a' = (A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_9) \).

Thus, a comparison of the values of \( L(\theta) \) for the matched and mismatched case shows how much is gained by using a minimum variance estimator as opposed to a least-squares estimator. Comparison of the subsets \( N = 3, 7, 15 \) (linear) and \( N = 7, 15 \) (quadratic) shows how much is gained by using the additional stations. Finally, a comparison of \( L(\theta) \) for the quadratic curve fit and the linear curve fit shows how much additional root mean square error is caused in assuring an unbiased estimate of the bearing angle \( \theta \). It may be desirable to accept a linear model for Eq. (1) and a small bias in \( \theta \) with smaller rms.

**ADVANTAGES OF GENERALITY OF METHOD**

The technique does not depend on the specific geometry of the array. Thus, the method lends itself to field data measurement.
procedures since dropping bad data does not upset the computations. Further unreliable data can be weighted to have less effect.

In Appendix A the solution for the coefficients $A_i$ is given in terms of the observations $T_i$. The equations for the covariance matrix $B$ required to evaluate the variances of $\theta$ and $c$ are also derived.

In Appendix B the justification for Eq. (1) and the interpretation of the coefficients in terms of the geometry of the plane wave and local meteorological conditions are shown. The condition for accepting a linear model is derived; that is, setting $A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = 0$ in Eq. (1).

In Appendix C the normalized rms bearing angle error $L(\theta)$ is derived in terms of the covariance matrix $B$ of the parameter estimates $\hat{A}$. The ground trace transit time to travel the distance $d$ given by the scale factor in defining $X$ and $Y$ is defined as $\tau_0$. The normalized rms error in $\tau_0$, $M(\theta)$, is also derived in terms of the same variables. The results are presented in tables following Appendix D. Table 1 presents $L(\theta)$ for the Case I, ($\rho = 1$) versus selected values of $k$ for the linear case $\theta = 0^0, 15^0, 30^0$ and $45^0$ and $N = 3, 7, 15$. The value of the ratio

$$R = \frac{L(\theta)_{L.S.}}{L(\theta)_{min}}$$

is also shown in the table where $L(\theta)_{min}$ is the matched processing case $\rho \psi = 1$. The value of $R$, which is $\geq 1$, shows the gain obtained by using the matched processing. The same information is presented for the quadratic case for $N = 7, 15$ in Table 2. In Table 3, the same information is presented for $M(\theta)$ for $\theta = 45^0$. As shown in
Appendix C, $M(\theta) = L(\theta)$ for $\theta = 0^\circ$ and $90^\circ$ and the maximum $|M^2(\theta) - L^2(\theta)|$ occurs at $\theta = 45^\circ$.

In Appendix D the computations of $M(\theta)$ and $L(\theta)$ for a specific square array of sensors is described. The Fortran program for the computations is given. The results are presented in figures following Appendix D. Figures 3 to 8 are plots of $L(\theta)$ versus $\theta$ for the parameters as plotted for fixed values of $k = .125, 4$ and $256$. In Fig. 3, $k = .125$ is taken as indicating independent timing errors so that, since $\psi \approx 1$, the least-squares solution is a matched solution. For Fig. 4, $k = 4$ is taken as a moderately mismatched least-squares solution. In Fig. 5, $k = 256$ is taken as a heavily mismatched solution. For Figs. 6, 7 and 8, the matched solution is presented for the corresponding cases of $k$ of Figs. 3, 4 and 5. Figures 9 and 10 show $L(\theta)$ versus $k$ for fixed $\theta$, for the linear case $N = 3, 7$ and $15$ and the quadratic case $N = 7, 15$. Figure 9 is for $\theta = 0^\circ$ and Fig. 10 is for $\theta = 45^\circ$. Both are for Case I, $\rho = 1$. The same data are presented in Figs. 11 and 12 for Case II, the matched case for $\rho \psi = 1$. Other angles are obtainable from Tables 1 and 2. Note that for Case I, $L(\theta)$ is labeled $L(\theta)_{L.S.}$ and for Case II, $L(\theta)_{\text{min}}$. The value $k$ of Tables 1 and 2 is given by

$$R = \frac{L(\theta)_{L.S.}}{L(\theta)_{\text{min}}} \geq 1$$

where corresponding values of each of the parameters are used in the ratio.
By inspection of the tables and graphs conclusions can be made as to the accuracy in bearing angle obtainable as a function of bearing angle $\theta$, increasing station numbers, using linear versus quadratic curve fitting, the degree of mismatch for the least-squares estimate, and the accuracy gain using a minimum variance estimate.

For example, in Fig. 4 for linear curve fitting there is apparently little to be gained at any angle $\theta$ by processing more than $N = 3$. However, in the quadratic case there is a substantial gain by going from $N = 7$ to $N = 15$. This gain is dependent on $\theta$ and increases monotonically from $\theta = 0^\circ$ to $\theta = 45^\circ$. 
III. CONCLUSIONS

A method of estimating the bearing angle of a plane sonic wave using an arbitrary* ground array of sensors has been developed. The method does not require knowledge of the propagation velocity of sound. In fact, the ground trace velocity of sound can be derived from the data processing.

Equations for evaluating the rms bearing angle error and the rms ground trace timing error were developed.

Computations of $L(g)$ and $M(g)$, the normalized rms errors, were performed for a specific square array consisting of 16 equally spaced microphones. For this array, the computations demonstrate the accuracy obtainable in terms of the rms timing errors and provide a basis for determining how to efficiently process the field data.

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*Subject to certain mild restrictions, e.g., the stations shall not all be collinear and $N \geq 2$ (linear case) and $N \geq 5$ (quadratic case).
Appendix A

DERIVATION OF PARAMETER ESTIMATE EQUATIONS

QUADRATIC MODEL

It will be convenient to relabel the variables of Eq. (1) as follows: Let

\[ Z(1) = X_1, \quad Z(2) = Y_1, \quad Z(3) = X_1 Y_1, \quad Z(4) = X_1^2, \quad Z(5) = Y_1^2 \]

Then Eq. (1) can be written in matrix form as

\[ \tau = Z A \]

(A-1)

\[ \tau = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \end{bmatrix} = N \times 1 \text{ (column matrix), } N \geq 5 \]

(A-2)

\[ A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \times 1 \text{ (column matrix), of unknown parameters } A_1 \]

\[ Z = [Z(1), Z(2), \ldots, Z(5)] = N \times 5 \]

and \( Z^{(u)} \) is an \( N \times 1 \) column matrix, \( u = 1, 2, \ldots, 5 \).

In particular, values of \( A \), noted as \( A^* \), are sought which minimize the quadratic form

\[ Q = (Z A - T)' p (Z A - T) \]

(A-3)

where \( T \) is the \( N \times 1 \) column matrix of observations of \( T_i \) and the prime indicates the transpose. Upon setting the gradient \( Q = 0 \) one obtains the well known result

\[ A^* = (Z' p Z)^{-1} Z' p T \]

(A-4)

\*(1)\( (\quad)^{-1} \) indicates the inverse of the matrix \( (\quad) \), and \( ' \) the transpose.
where it is assumed that the columns of $Z$ are linearly independent so that $(Z' \rho Z)^{-1}$ exists.

It is easily demonstrated that $A^*$ is unbiased; that is

$$E(A^*) = A$$

The covariance matrix of $A^*$ is given by (see Eq. (4))

$$B^* = E[(A^* - A)(A^* - A)'] = \sigma^2 (Z' \rho Z)^{-1} Z' \rho Z (Z' \rho Z)^{-1}$$

Case B

$$= \sigma^2 (Z' \rho Z)^{-1} Z' \rho^2 Z (Z' \rho Z)^{-1}$$

Case A

If $\rho = 1$, the matched least-square case gives ($\psi = 1$)

$$B^* = \sigma^2 (Z' Z)^{-1}$$

It is well known that case 7d, the minimum variance estimator, is given by (1)

$$\hat{A} = (Z' \psi^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z' \psi^{-1} \gamma$$

and the corresponding smallest covariance matrix for the matched correlated case, corresponding to $\rho \psi = 1$, is

$$B = \sigma^2 (Z' \psi^{-1} Z)^{-1}$$

**LINEAR MODEL**

The derivation for the linear case is the same as the quadratic case except that since $A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = 0$, the definition of $Z$ in Eq. (A-2) is changed to

$$Z = [Z^{(1)}, Z^{(2)}]$$
and $N \geq 2$ is required. All equations (A-1) to (A-9) then hold with the above changes. For example, $\mathbf{B}^*$ and $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$ are $2 \times 2$ matrices instead of $5 \times 5$ and $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ is a $2 \times 1$ instead of a $5 \times 1$. 
Appendix B

DERIVATION OF CURVE FITTING EQUATIONS

It is assumed that a plane acoustic wave is incident at the array at bearing angle $\theta$ and elevation angle $\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi\right)$, as defined in Fig. 1. Since the quadrant is assumed known, there is no loss in generality by assuming the wave as incident in the first quadrant such that

$$0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

The equation of the phase plane is

$$(\sin \theta \cos \phi)x + (\sin \phi \sin \theta)y + (\cos \theta)z - P = 0$$

Consider the position of the phase plane when the plane is incident at the reference station with coordinates $(x_0, y_0, 0)$; then $P$ is given by

$$P = \sin \phi \left[ (\cos \theta)x_0 + (\sin \theta)y_0 \right]$$

and the equation of the phase plane is

$$\sin \phi \left[ (\cos \theta)(x - x_0) + (\sin \theta)(y - y_0) \right] + (\cos \theta)z = 0$$

It is required to compute the transit time of the phase plane from its position when incident at station $(x_0, y_0)$ to the time when the phase plane is incident at $(x, y)$. Note first that the distance of the point $(x, y)$ from the phase plane through station $(x_0, y_0)$ as given by Eq. (B-2) is
Fig. 1—Geometry of incident plane sonic wavefront
\[ p = -\sin \theta [ (\cos \theta)(x - x_o) + (\sin \theta)(y - y_o) ] \]  

(B-3)

where \( x_o \) and \( y_o \) are selected such that \( -(x_i - x_o) \geq 0, -(y_i - y_o) \geq 0 \) for each of the station coordinates. The transit time is given by ray theory as (2,3)

\[ \tau = \frac{1}{c_o} \int_{0}^{P} n(r) \, dr \]  

(B-4)

where

\[ n(r) = \frac{c_0}{c + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}} = \frac{c_0}{c + v_n} \]  

(B-5)

is the index of refraction at a distance \( r \) along the ray from the station at \((x, y)\) to the plane, given by Eq. (B-2), formed by a line perpendicular to the plane and

\[ c_o = \text{nominal velocity of sound} = 344 \text{ m/sec at 20°C} \]

\[ \vec{n} = \text{unit vector in the direction of wave propagation, or perpendicular to the phase plane} \]

\[ \vec{v}(r) = \text{wind velocity vector} \]

\[ c = \text{local velocity of sound} \]

\[ v_n = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} \text{ projection of } \vec{v} \text{ on } \vec{n} \]

It is assumed that the medium is horizontally stratified so that both \( c \) and \( v \) are functions of height only. For a standard atmosphere one may write

\[ c(z) = c_o + \frac{v_c}{dz} \cdot z \quad 0 \leq z \leq 10 \text{ km} \]  

(B-6)

where

\[ \frac{dc}{dz} \approx -4.4 \text{ meters/sec/km} \]  

(2)
$v(z)$ versus $z$ increases logarithmically with $z$ for heights up to 30 to 50 meters and then at a slower rate. However, for the purpose of this discussion, wind height will be considered a slowly increasing linear function of height which can be represented over the range of altitudes of interest as

$$v_n(z) = v_n(o) + K_1 z$$  \hspace{1cm} (B-7)

Setting $z = r \cos \phi$, Eq. (B-4) becomes

$$\tau = \frac{1}{c_o \cos \phi} \int_0^p \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{c_o} \frac{dc}{dz} z - \frac{v_n(z)}{c_o} \right] dz$$  \hspace{1cm} (B-8)

where $p$ is sufficiently small so that $|\frac{dc}{dz}| < < 1$, and $(v_n(z)/c_o) < < 1$. Substituting Eq. (B-7) into Eq. (B-8) and integrating Eq. (B-8) gives

$$\tau = \frac{p}{c_o} \left[ 1 - \frac{v_n(o)}{c_o} \right] - \left( \frac{p}{c_o} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\cos \phi}{2} \left( \frac{dc}{dz} + K_1 \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (B-9)

Equation (B-9) is a quadratic in $p$ which can be written in the form

$$\tau = \alpha p + \beta p^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (B-10)

On substituting Eq. (B-3) into Eq. (B-9) one finds

$$\tau = A_1 X + A_2 Y + A_3 X Y + A_4 X^2 + A_5 Y^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (B-11)

The coefficients $A_j$ are given by
\[ A_1 = (\gamma \sin \phi \cos \theta) \, d \]
\[ A_2 = (\gamma \sin \phi \sin \theta) \, d \]
\[ A_3 = (2\delta \sin^2 \phi \sin \theta \cos \theta) \, d^2 \]
\[ A_4 = (\delta \sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \theta) \, d^2 \]
\[ A_5 = (\delta \sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta) \, d^2 \]

\[ \alpha = \frac{1 - \frac{v_n(0)}{c_0}}{c_0} \]

\[ \beta = -\frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\cos \phi}{\sum} \left( \frac{dc}{dz} + K \right) \]

Define the effective ground trace velocity \( c_g \) by

\[ c_g^{-1} = \gamma \sin \phi \]

Then estimates of both \( c_g \) and \( \phi \) may be obtained as follows:

Note that

\[ \tan \theta = \frac{A_2}{A_1}, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{A_2}{A_1} \right) \]

\[ \tau_0 = (d \, c_g^{-1}) = \left[ A_1^2 + A_2^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \]

Thus the estimates of \( A_1 \) and \( A_2 \) provide estimates of the bearing angle \( \theta \) and the effective ground trace velocity. The quantity \( \tau_0 \) is the time for the wave to travel a distance \( d \) on the ground.

If \( \beta = 0 \), so that the linear model for \( \tau \) can be used, the amount of data processing is reduced and the rms of the estimates of \( \theta \) and \( \tau_0 \) is decreased. From Eq. (B-11)
From Eq. (B-12)

\[ \tau = \alpha p \left( 1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} p \right) \quad (B-16) \]

so that Eq. (B-16) can be written

\[ \tau = \alpha p \left\{ 1 + \frac{A_4 + A_5}{\sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2}} \frac{p}{d \sin \phi} \right\} \quad (B-18) \]

The value of \( p/d \sin \phi \) is clearly determined from Eq. (B-3) as

\[ \frac{p}{d \sin \phi} = X \cos \theta + Y \sin \theta \]

so that the maximum magnitude of \( p/d \sin \phi \) = the maximum normalized dimension of the array. Let this characteristic value be \( D \) where

\[ D = \max \left( \frac{p}{d \sin \phi} \right) \]

\( \theta, x_1, y_1 \)

Then, if

\[ \frac{A_4 + A_5}{\sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2}} \frac{p}{d \sin \phi} \ll 1 \]

one may take \( \beta = 0 \), and therefore \( A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = 0 \), and use the linear model.
Appendix C

BEARING ANGLE ACCURACY

The relationship between the bearing angle $\theta$ and the coefficients of the curve fit $A_1, A_2$ is given in Eq. (B-14). This relationship is nonlinear. However, if the errors in the coefficients are small, then the errors in $\theta$ can be determined as follows:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{A_2}{A_1}$$
$$\Delta \theta = \cos^2 \theta \left[ \frac{A_2 \Delta A_1 - A_1 \Delta A_2}{A_1^2} \right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (C-1)

where $\Delta \theta$ is the random error in $\theta$ due to random errors $\Delta A_1$ and $\Delta A_2$ in the parameter estimates $A_1$ and $A_2$. Since $E(\Delta A_j) = 0$, then $E(\Delta A_j) = 0$, $j = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, 5$, and $E(\Delta \theta) = 0$. Then

$$E(\Delta \theta^2) = \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{A_1} \right)^4 [A_2 - A_1] B_2 [A_2 - A_1]'$$  \hspace{1cm} (C-2)

where $B_2$ is the $2 \times 2$ submatrix of the covariance matrix given by Eq. (A-7) or Eq. (A-9); e.g.

$$B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \Sigma \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (C-3)

where the $b_{ij}$ are the normalized covariance $E(\Delta A_i \Delta A_j) = \sigma^2 b_{ij}$  \hspace{1cm} (C-4)

$$| b_{ij} | \leq 1$$

The value of $A_j$ used in the estimation is matched to the appropriate choice of $p$ for a given $\psi$ to determine which $B$ matrix to use.

From Eq. (B-12)
\[ A_1 = \tau_0 \cos \theta, \ A_2 = \tau_0 \sin \theta, \] (C-5)

so that

\[ E(\Delta \theta^2) = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\tau_0}\right)^2 \left\{ \cos^2 \theta b_{11} + \sin^2 \theta b_{22} - 2 b_{12} \cos \theta \sin \theta \right\} \] (C-6)

Define

\[ L^2(\theta) = \frac{E(\Delta \theta^2)}{(\sigma/\tau_0)^2} \] (C-7)

the normalized variance of \( \theta \).

Equation (C-6) shows that \( E(\Delta \theta^2) \) is inversely proportional to \( \tau_0 \), the ground transit time of the wave over the distance given by the scale factor \( d \). Assuming \( d \) to be fixed (say the \( x \), \( y \) coordinate distance between adjacent stations in a square array), then \( \tau_0 \rightarrow 0 \) as \( \theta \rightarrow 0 \). (See Fig. 1.) In this case the ground trace velocity is infinite and \( \theta \) becomes indeterminate, as is expected. Thus, it is required to limit \( \theta \) so that \( \theta > \theta_0 \) before an attempt to estimate \( \theta \) is considered. Define

\[ \sigma_{\Delta \theta} = \sqrt{E(\Delta \theta^2)} = \frac{\sigma}{\tau_0} \cdot L(\theta) \text{ in radians} \]

\( L(\theta) \) is shown in Tables 1 and 2 and gives the bearing angle accuracy in radians.

From Eq. (C-6) note that if \( b_{11} = b_{22} \)

\[ E(\Delta \theta^2) = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\tau_0}\right)^2 [b_{11} - 2 b_{12} \cos \theta \sin \theta] \] (C-8)

so that \( L(\theta) \) is symmetrical with respect to \( \theta = 45^\circ \). When the stations are placed symmetrically with respect to the line \( y = x \),
Table 1

NORMALIZED BEARING ANGLE rms (L(\(\theta\))) AND RATIO \(^d\) R VERSUS CORRELATION PARAMETER k FOR THE LINEAR CASE

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\(^d\) R is the ratio of L(\(\theta\)) for the mismatched case to the matched case

N + 1 is the number of stations

\(\theta\) is the bearing angle
Table 2

NORMALIZED BEARING ANGLE rms (L(θ)) AND RATIO $^a$ R VERSUS CORRELATION PARAMETER $k$ FOR THE QUADRATIC CASE

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$a$ is the ratio of $L(θ)$ for the mismatched case to the matched case

$N + 1$ is the number of stations

$\theta$ is the bearing angle
then it is obvious that one may interchange y and x and demonstrate that \( b_{11} = b_{22} \) so that the symmetry conditions given by Eq. (C-8) hold.

Finally, Eq. (C-1) seems to require \( \theta \neq \pi/2 \). However, one can define \( \cotan \theta = \frac{A_1}{A_2} \) and derive Eq. (C-6) as the end result so that Eq. (C-6) does hold for all \( \theta \).

**TRANSIT TIME ERROR**

From Eq. (B-15)

\[
\Delta T = \frac{A_1 \Delta A_1 + A_2 \Delta A_2}{\tau_0}
\]

(C-9)

so that

\[
E(\Delta T_0) = 0
\]

\[
E(\Delta T_0^2) = \sigma^2 \left[ b_{11} \cos^2 \theta + b_{22} \sin^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta b_{12} \right]
\]

(C-10)

If \( b_{11} = b_{22} \), which holds for stations symmetrically placed with respect to the line \( Y = X \)

\[
\frac{E(\Delta T_0^2)}{\sigma^2} = \{ b_{11} + 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta b_{12} \} = M^2(\theta)
\]

(C-11)

The normalized variance \( M^2(\theta) \) is symmetric with respect to \( \theta = 45^\circ \).

Note that when

\[
\theta = 0 \text{ or } \theta = \pi/2, \quad M(\theta) = L(\theta)
\]

(C-12)

for any value of \( \theta \)

\[
M^2(\theta) - L^2(\theta) = 4b_{12} \sin \theta \cos \theta
\]

(C-13)

and therefore
the equality sign holding for $\theta = 45^\circ$ when the symmetry conditions $b_{11} = b_{22}$ hold and

$$M^2(\theta) + L^2(\theta) = 2b_{11}$$

independent of $\theta$.

Table 3 presents $M(\theta)$, $\theta = 45^\circ$, for the linear and quadratic case with $k$ from .125 to 256 and values of $N$ as indicated.
Table 3
NORMALIZED GROUND TRACE rms M(θ) AND RATIO$^a$ $R'$ VERSUS CORRELATION PARAMETER $k$ FOR FIXED BEARING ANGLE $\theta = 45^\circ$

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$^a$ $R'$ is the ratio of M(θ) for the mismatched case to the matched case
$N+1$ is the number of stations
Appendix D

COMPUTATION OF NORMALIZED BEARING ACCURACIES
L(θ) and M(θ) FOR A SQUARE ARRAY

In this appendix computations of L(θ), the normalized bearing accuracy, and M(θ), the normalized ground trace timing accuracies given by Eq. (C-11), are described for a specific array configuration shown in Fig. 2.

The numbers in Fig. 2 show the normalized coordinates (X, Y) and station index number.

For the linear case, L(θ) and M(θ) are computed for the first four stations (N = 3), the first eight stations (N = 7), which includes the previous stations, and all the stations (N = 15).

For the quadratic case, L(θ) is computed for N = 7 and N = 15 defined over the same set of stations as in the linear case for corresponding N.

Computations are performed for θ = 0°, 15°, 30° and 45° for values of the correlation parameter k = (2)^j, j = -3 to 8, in steps of 1. For small values of k (.125 or .25) the effect is essentially the same as taking v = I, so that this case will not be computed separately. For large values of k, the Δt_i errors at each station are heavily correlated, and one may note the effect of using a mismatched processing such as least squares on this data versus using the matched processing, ρ v = I, of Eq. (7d). The Fortran program from which L(θ) and M(θ) are computed is shown on the following pages. Figures 3 to 12 present the L(θ) values graphically for possible interpolation and visual comparison. Tables 1 to 3 present numerical results of the program.
Fig. 2—Square array station layout in normalized coordinates (station identification number in circle)
Note that the Fortran program is sufficiently general to handle an arbitrary set of stations and not just the square array described above, provided $N \geq 2$ in the linear case and $N \geq 5$ in the quadratic case, and not all the stations are colinear.
C PROGRAM TO COMPUTE NORMALIZED BEARING ACCURACY AND NORMALIZED GROUND TRACE TIMING ACCURACY FOR LEAST SQUARES AND MINIMUM VARIANCE CASES.

REAL K
DIMENSION Z1(35),Z2(35),Z3(35),Z4(35),Z5(35),NN(35),CAY(35),THET(35),S1(1),Z(35),R(35),SINE(35),COSINE(35),PSI(35),P(35),Z1(35),Z2(35),Z3(35),Z4(35),Z5(35),B(35),Z2(35),C(35),CT(35),Z1(35),Z5(35),CT(35),Z1(35),Z1(35),Z1(35),Z1(35)
EMSQ(35),EM(35),IPIVOT(35),INDEX(35),ELL(35),EMN(35),ELR(35),EMR(35)
READ Z2(N),LB2,LC2,L12,LA2,LF2
READ Z1(N),N=1,N2
READ Z2(N),N=1,N2
READ Z3(N),N=1,N2
READ Z4(N),N=1,N2
READ Z5(N),N=1,N2
READ NN(LB),LB=1,LB2
READ CAY(LC),LC=1,LC2
READ THET(L1),L1=1,L12
1 FORMAT(18F4.0)
2 FORMAT(18I4)
3 FORMAT(8F9.3)
4 FORMAT(12F6.2)
5(1)=1.

C Z MATRIX (N2 X 5) IS FORMED.
DO 10 I=1,N2
DO 10 N=1,N2
10 IF (I.EQ.1) Z(N+1)=Z1(N)
IF (I.EQ.2) Z(N+1)=Z2(N)
IF (I.EQ.3) Z(N+1)=Z3(N)
IF (I.EQ.4) Z(N+1)=Z4(N)
IF (I.EQ.5) Z(N+1)=Z5(N)

C R MATRIX (N2 X N2) IS FORMED.
DO 20 I=1,N2
DO 20 N=1,N2
20 R(I,N)= SQRT((Z1(I)-Z1(N))**2+(Z2(I)-Z2(N))**2)

C SINE AND COSINE VALUES ARE CALCULATED HERE TO SAVE TIME.
RAD=1.745329275E-2
DO 25 LI=1,L12
THETA=THET(L1)*RAD
SINE(LI)=SIN(THETA)
25 COSINE(LI)=COS(THETA)
C PROBLEM BEGINS.
C LINEAR WHEN LA=1* QUADRATIC WHEN LA=2.
DO 100 LA=1*LA2
   IF (LA.NE.1) GO TO 27
   LB1=1
   M=2
   GO TO 28
27 LA2=2
   M=5
C A VALUE OF N IS PICKED.
28 DO 100 LB=LB1*LB2
   N=NN(LB)
C A VALUE OF K IS PICKED, PSI MATRIX (N X N) IS FORMED.
   DO 100 LC=1*LC2
   K=CAY(LC)
   IF (LA.EQ.1) PRINT 2000,N,K
   IF (LA.EQ.2) PRINT 2001,N,K
2000 FORMAT(1H1,2X,6HLINEAR,*4X,2HN=I2,4X,2HK=F8.3///)
2001 FORMAT(1H1,2X,9HQUADRATIC,*4X,2HN=I2,4X,2HK=F8.3///)
   DO 30 LE=1,N
   DO 30 LD=1,N
   P(LD,LE) =EXP(-R(LD,LE)/K)
   30 P(LD,LE) =PSI(LD,LE)
C CASE 1.  RHO MATRIX = IDENTITY (N X N) IS FORMED.  (MISMATCHED)
C ZT MATRIX (M X N) = Z (N X M) TRANSPOSE IS FORMED.
C ZTZ MATRIX (M X M) = MATRIX PRODUCT OF ZT AND Z IS FORMED.
C ZTZ INVERSE MATRIX (M X M) IS FORMED.
C B (NORMALIZED COVARIANCE MATRIX = M X M) = MATRIX PRODUCTS OF
C ZTZ INVERSE (M X M), ZT (M X N), PSI (N X N), Z (N X M), ZTZ INVERSE
C (M X M) IS FORMED.
   DO 80 LF=1*LF2
   IF (LF.NE.1) GO TO 50
   DO 40 I=1,M
   DO 40 J=1,N
40 ZT(I,J)=Z(J,I)
   CALL MATMUL (ZT,M,N,Z,ZTZ)
   CALL MATINV (ZTZ,M,S,IPIVOT,INDEX,ISING)
   IF (ISING.NE.0) GO TO 71
   CALL MATMUL (ZTZ,M,ZT,N,Z11)
   CALL MATMUL (Z11,M,N,PSI,N,Z12)
CALL MATMUL (Z12,M,N,Z,M,Z13)
CALL MATMUL (Z13,M,N,ZTZ,M,B)
PRINT 1002
1002 FORMAT(1HO,4X,19HCASE 1 (MISMATCHED))
PRINT 1003
1003 FORMAT(/ /7X,32HB (NORMALIZED COVARIANCE MATRIX)/)
DO 43 I=1,M
43 PRINT 1004,(B(I,J),J=1,M)
1004 FORMAT(1H17,F17.8,F15.8)
GO TO 60
C
C CASE 2. RHO MATRIX (N X N) = PSI INVERSE. (MATCHED)
C PSI INVERSE MATRIX (N X N) IS FORMED.
C B (NORMALIZED COVARIANCE MATRIX - M X M) = MATRIX PRODUCTS OF ZT (M X
C N). PSI INVERSE (N X N), Z (N X M) INVERSE IS FORMED.
50 CALL MATINV (P,N,S,0,IPIVOT,INDEX,ISING)
IF (ISING.NE.0) GO TO 72
CALL MATMUL (ZT,M,N,P,N,Z21)
CALL MATMUL (Z21,M,N,Z,M,B)
CALL MATINV (B,M,S,0,IPIVOT,INDEX,ISING)
IF (ISING.NE.0) GO TO 73
C
C NORMALIZED COVARIANCE MATRIX B IS PRINTED OUT.
PRINT 1005
1005 FORMAT(/ /4X,16HCASE 2 (MATCHED),
PRINT 1003
DO 51 I=1,M
51 PRINT 1004,(B(I,J),J=1,M)
C
C FOR MISMATCHED AND MATCHED CASES, NORMALIZED BEARING ACCURACY FL,
C NORMALIZED GROUND TRACE ACCURACY EM, AND RATIOS OF
C LR = FL (MISMATCHED) / FL (MATCHED) AND
C MR = EM (MISMATCHED) / EM (MATCHED) ARE PRINTED OUT.
60 DO 62 LI=1,LI?
   C(1,1)=COSINE(LI)
   C(2,1)=-SINE(LI)
   C(3,1)=0.
   C(4,1)=0.
   C(5,1)=0.
   CT(1,1)=COSINE(LI)
   CT(1,2)=-SINE(LI)
   CT(1,3)=0.
   CT(1,4)=0.
   CT(1,5)=0.
   CALL MATMUL (CT,1,M,B,M,Z31)
CALL MATMUL (Z31, M, C, ELSQ)
EL(LI) = SQRT(ELSQ(1, 1))
C(2, 1) = SINE(LI)
C(T, 2) = SINE(LI)
CALL MATMUL (C(1, T, M, C, Z41))
CALL MATMUL (Z41, M, C, ELSQ)
EM(LI) = SQRT(ELSQ(1, 1))
IF (LF NE 1) GO TO 62
ELL(LI) = EL(LI)
EMM(LI) = EM(LI)
62 PRINT 1006, THET(LI), EL(LI), THET(LI), EM(LI)
1006 FORMAT (/ (7X, 2HL, 1F12.8, 4X, 3HMR, 1F12.8) = F12.8, 4X, 3HMR, 1F12.8)
GO TO 80
71 PRINT 1007
1008 FORMAT (/ (4X, 4X, 24HPSI, INVERSE IS SINGULAR*)
GO TO 80
73 PRINT 1009
1009 FORMAT (/ (4X, 30HB, MATRIX (CASE 2) IS SINGULAR*)
80 CONTINUE
PRINT 81
81 FORMAT (/ (1HO)
DO 90 LI = 1, LI2
ELR(LI) = ELL(LI)/EL(LI)
EMR(LI) = EMM(LI)/EM(LI)
90 PRINT 1010, THET(LI), ELR(LI), THET(LI), EMR(LI)
1010 FORMAT (/ (1HO, 4X, 3HLR, 1F12.8, 4X, 3HMR, 1F12.8)
CONTINUE
CALL EXIT
END
C MATRIX MULTIPLICATION
SUBROUTINE MATMUL (A,M,N,B,L,C)
    DIMENSION A(35,35),B(35,35),C(35,35)
    DO 20 I=1,M
    DO 20 K=1,L
    SUM=0.
    DO 10 J=1,N
      SUM=SUM+A(I,J)*B(J,K)
  10  C(I,K)=SUM
    RETURN
  END

C MATRIX INVERSION WITH ACCOMPANYING SOLUTION OF LINEAR EQUATIONS
SUBROUTINE MATINVI (A,N,B,M,PIVOT,INDEX,ISING)
    DIMENSION A(35,35),B(1,1),PIVOT(35),INDEX(35,2)
    EQUIVALENCE (IROW,JROW), (ICOLUM,JCOLUMN), (T, SWAP)
C
C INITIALIZATION
    5 ISING = 0
    15 DO 20 J=1,N
    20 PIVOT(J)=0
C BIG LOOP ON I
    30 DO 550 I=1,N
    35 IROW = 0
    40 AMAX=0.0
C SEARCH FOR PIVOT ELEMENT
    45 DO 105 J=1,N
    50 IF ( IPIVOT(J).*EQ.*1 ) GO TO 105
    60 DO 100 K=1,N
    70 IF ( IPIVOT(K).*EQ.*1 ) GO TO 100
    80 IF (ABS(AMAX).*GE.*ABS(A(I,J,K)) ) GO TO 100
    85 IROW=J
    90 ICOLUMN=K
    95 AMAX=A(I,J,K)
    100 CONTINUE
    105 CONTINUE
    107 IF (IROW.*EQ.*0) GO TO 750
110 IPIVOT(ICOLUM)=1

C INTERCHANGE ROWS TO PUT PIVOT ELEMENT ON DIAGONAL

130 IF (IROW.EQ.ICOLUM) GO TO 260
150 DO 200 L=1,N
160 SWAP=A(IROW,L)
170 A(IROW,L)=A(ICOLUM,L)
200 A(ICOLUM,L)=SWAP
205 IF (M.LE.0) GO TO 260
210 DO 250 L=1,M
220 SWAP=B(IROW,L)
230 B(IROW,L)=B(ICOLUM,L)
250 B(ICOLUM,L)=SWAP
260 INDEX(I,1)=IROW
270 INDEX(I,2)=ICOLUMN

DIVIDE PIVOT ROW BY PIVOT ELEMENT

330 A(ICOLUM,ICOLUM)=1.0
340 DO 350 L=1,N
350 A(ICOLUM,L)=A(ICOLUM,L)/A(MAX)
355 IF (M.LE.0) GO TO 380
360 DO 370 L=1,M
370 B(ICOLUM,L)=B(ICOLUM,L)/A(MAX)

COMPLETE THE PIVOT

380 DO 550 L=1,N
390 IF (L.EQ.ICOLUM) GO TO 550
400 T=A(L,ICOLUM)
420 A(L,ICOLUM)=U,0
430 DO 450 L=1,N
450 A(L:=L)=A(L=:L)-A(ICOLUM,L)*T
455 IF (M.LE.0) GO TO 550
460 DO 500 L=1,M
500 B(L,:L)=B(L,:L)-B(ICOLUM,L)*T
550 CONTINUE

INTERCHANGE COLUMNS

600 DO 710 I=1,N
610 L=N+1-I
620 IF (INDEX(L,1).EQ.INDEX(L,2)) GO TO 710
630 JROW=INDEX(L,1)
640 JCOLUMN = INDEX(L+2)
650 DO 705 K=1,N
660 SWAP = A(K+JROW)
670 A(K+JROW) = A(K+JCOLUMN)
700 A(K+JCOLUMN) = SWAP
705 CONTINUE
710 CONTINUE
740 RETURN
C SINGULARITY FLAG
750 ISING = 1 + N - 1
760 GO TO 740
END
### INPUT

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*The program is designed to handle the parameters as indicated by the restrictions. The program however has not been checked to the limit of these restrictions. Computations for the cases presented in this report have been checked. Other cases may require additional verification.*
### Sample Input

```
15 3  12 4  2  2
3* 3* 0* 1* 3* 2* 3* 2* 1* 2* 1* 0* 2* 1* 0*
0* 3* 3* 3* 1* 3* 2* 2* 2* 1* 1* 2* 0* 0* 1*
0* 9* 0* 3* 3* 6* 6* 4* 2* 2* 1* 0* 0* 0* 0*
9* 9* 0* 1* 9* 4* 9* 4* 1* 4* 1* 0* 4* 1* 0*
0* 9* 9* 9* 1* 9* 4* 4* 4* 1* 1* 4* 0* 0* 1*
3  7  15
```

### Output

\[
N = \text{Number of stations minus one}
\]

\[
K = \text{Correlation parameter}
\]

\[
L(\hat{\theta}) = \text{Normalized bearing angle accuracy}
\]

\[
M(\hat{\chi}) = \text{Normalized ground trace timing accuracy}
\]

\[
LR(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{L(\hat{\theta})_{\text{mismatched}}}{L(\hat{\chi})_{\text{matched}}}
\]

\[
MR(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{M(\hat{\theta})_{\text{mismatched}}}{M(\hat{\chi})_{\text{matched}}}
\]
Sample Output

LINEAR $N = 3$ $K = 1.000$

CASE 1 (MISMATCHED)

$B$ (NORMALIZED COVARIANCE MATRIX)

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
0.07459377 & -0.03492071 \\
-0.03492071 & 0.07459377 \\
\end{bmatrix}
$$

$L(0.0) = 0.27311860$ $M(0.0) = 0.27311860$

$L(15.00) = 0.30340423$ $M(15.00) = 0.23902597$

$L(30.00) = 0.32378387$ $M(30.00) = 0.21059807$

$L(45.00) = 0.33092972$ $M(45.00) = 0.19918097$

CASE 2 (MATCHED)

$B$ (NORMALIZED COVARIANCE MATRIX)

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
0.07457582 & -0.03493867 \\
-0.03493867 & 0.07457582 \\
\end{bmatrix}
$$

$L(0.0) = 0.27308573$ $M(0.0) = 0.27308573$

$L(15.00) = 0.30338944$ $M(15.00) = 0.23896962$

$L(30.00) = 0.32378016$ $M(30.00) = 0.21051850$

$L(45.00) = 0.33092973$ $M(45.00) = 0.19909079$

$LR(0.0) = 1.00012037$ $MR(0.0) = 1.00012037$

$LR(15.00) = 1.00004874$ $MR(15.00) = 1.00023580$

$LR(30.00) = 1.00001143$ $MR(30.00) = 1.00037797$

$LR(45.00) = 0.99999996$ $MR(45.00) = 1.00045294$
Fig. 3—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus bearing angle
Fig. 4—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus bearing angle
Fig. 5—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus bearing angle
Fig. 6—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus bearing angle
Fig. 7—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus bearing angle
Fig. 8—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus bearing angle
Fig. 9—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus correlation parameter

Mismatched case
- \( \rho = 1 \)
- \( \theta = 0^\circ \)

- quadratic case
- linear case

\( N + 1 = \) number of stations
Fig. 10—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus correlation parameter
Fig. 11—Normalized rms bearing angle accuracy versus correlation parameter

Matched case
\[ \rho \psi = 1 \]
\[ \theta = 0^\circ \]
- quadratic case
- linear case

N + 1 = number of stations
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