



Monitoring Quality for the GPS coordinates in Real Time



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Abstract

This work examines the application of the Statistical Process Control for monitoring the quality of GPS-coordinate time series in real time. Quality control is constrained to monitoring the location (i.e., mean value) and scale (i.e., accuracy) of the available data in one-dimension.

The detection of failures or changes of small magnitude in GPS coordinate solutions is critical for applications requiring continuous and reliable results. Examples include real-time deformation monitoring for dams, high-rise buildings, bridges, earth surface tectonic movements, landslides, etc.

Control charts are implemented as modules in a software package being developed at the Crete Tech University, Greece. The software has been designed to monitor data in real time and triggers alarms whenever predefined critical values are exceeded. The conventional cumulative sums and the adaptive Cusum have been applied to Real-Time-Kinematic GPS data, as produced in an experiment. An abrupt shift in data has been assumed to vary between 0.5 to 2 standard deviations from a target mean value. Comparative results show that the conventional Cusum is a suitable and efficient tool in monitoring quality of the RTK-GPS data. Results also show that the control charts for the detection of location shifts should also be accompanied by control charts on the accuracy.

Objectives

- Real-time quality monitoring of GPS coordinate time series;
- Monitoring the location (i.e., mean value) and scale (i.e., accuracy) of the data to detect changes of small magnitude;
- Use of additive shift, auto-regressive and IMA models;
- Apply different Quality-Control algorithms;
- Implement the algorithms in a software package.

Why Quality Control?

- Necessary for applications requiring automatic and reliable results;
- Inferences regarding deformation are not biased and forecasts are reliable;
- Applications in real-time monitoring of dams, bridges, high-rise buildings, tectonic movements, landslides, etc.

Algorithms

- Control charts from Statistical Process Control:
- Conventional Cumulative Sums (Cusum) on mean (location) and on variance (scale);
- Self-starting Cusum;
- Adaptive Cusum, when shift is unknown;
- Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (EWMA);
- Moving Centerline EWMA (IMA model).

Design of Algorithms

- Generate "monitoring signals (residuals)" to detect changes;
- Develop statistical tools to detect shifts & measurement failures;
- Estimate magnitude of shift (delta) and time of occurrence;
- Quick detection delay (out-of-control Average-Run-Length,

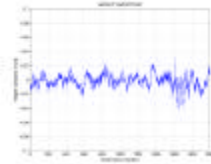
Detection of shifts in GPS

- Measurement type: Phase, phaserate, pseudo-ranges, (dX, dY, dZ)
- Choice of model: Linear model, Kalman Filter, auto-regressive, etc.
- Abrupt change type to be anticipated:
 - Additive shifts, random monitoring signals;

Experiments

- 24,000 RTK observations (coordinates), 2-second sampling. No intentional movements applied.
- 6,000 RTK observations (baseline components), 2-second sampling.

First Experiment



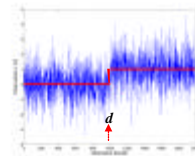
Variations for the Height component for the first 2,000 observations. Sampling interval is 2 seconds.

Data modeling-Random data

$$X(t) = \mu + \varepsilon(t)$$

$$X(t) = \{\mu + \delta \cdot \sigma_x\} + \varepsilon(t)$$

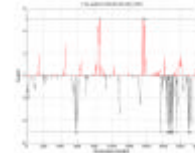
Additive Shift model



Cusum on mean

$$S(t)^{+1}, S(t)^{-1} = \max\{0, S(t-1)^{+1} + \frac{X(t) - \mu}{\sigma} - k\}$$

$$S(t)^{-1}, S(t)^{+1} = \min\{0, S(t-1)^{-1} + \frac{X(t) - \mu}{\sigma} + k\}$$



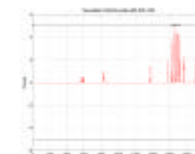
The two-sided Cusum control chart on location, within-control ARL=500 (double-sided), h=5.071 (decision interval), k=0.5 (reference value). When there is an out-of-control signal, an asterisk is plotted.

Cusum on variance

$$V(t)^{+1} = 0, V(t)^{-1} = \max\{0, V(t-1)^{-1} + W(t) - k\}$$

$$V(t)^{-1} = 0, V(t)^{+1} = \min\{0, V(t-1)^{+1} + W(t) + k\}$$

$$W(t) = \frac{\sqrt{U(t)} - 0.822}{0.349}$$



The two-sided Cusum control chart on scale, within-control ARL=500 (double-sided).

Self-Starting Cusum

$$S(t)^{+1} = 0, S(t)^{-1} = \max\{0, S(t-1)^{-1} + U(t) - k\}$$

$$S(t)^{-1} = 0, S(t)^{+1} = \min\{0, S(t-1)^{+1} + U(t) + k\}$$

$$U(t) = \Phi^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{t-1}{t}} Z(t) \right] \quad Z(t) = \frac{\sqrt{t-1} |X(t) - \bar{X}(t-1)|}{\sqrt{\sigma^2(t-1)}}, t \geq 3$$

$$\bar{X}(t) = \bar{X}(t-1) + \frac{X(t) - \bar{X}(t-1)}{t} \quad \{\hat{\sigma}(t)\}^2 = \frac{W(t)}{t-1}$$

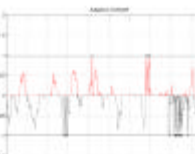
$$W(t) = W(t-1) + \frac{(t-1)}{t} (X(t) - \bar{X}(t-1))^2$$

This self-starting and robustified Cusum, within-control ARL=500 (double-sided), h=5.071 (decision interval), k=0.5 (reference value).

Adaptive Cusum

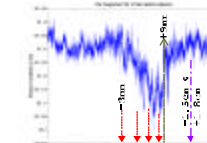
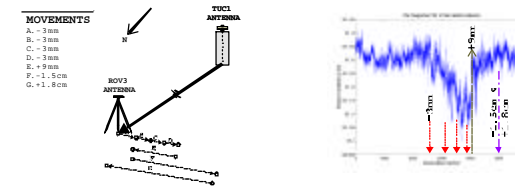
$$S_A(t) = 0, S_A(t) = \max\{0, S_A(t-1) + \frac{Z(t) - [\hat{\delta}(t)/2]}{\hat{\delta}(t)}\}$$

$$\hat{\delta}(t) = \max\{\delta_{max}, \lambda Z(t-1) + (1-\lambda)\hat{\delta}(t-1)\}$$



The adaptive Cusum within-control ARL=500 (double-sided).

Second Experiment



Variations of the distance between the rover and base GPS station in the second experiment. The applied movements of the rover antenna with their magnitude and on set times are shown. The total number of observations is about 6000.

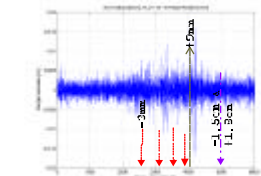
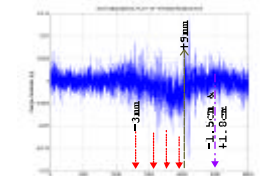
Modeling-Correlated data

AutoRegressive (1) model

IMA (1,1) model

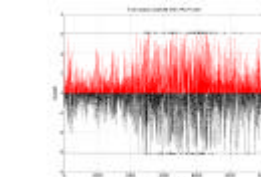
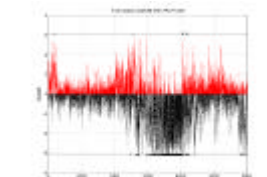
$$X(t) = [\phi_0 + \phi_1 X(t-1)] + e(t)$$

$$X(t) = X(t-1) + e(t) - \theta e(t-1)$$



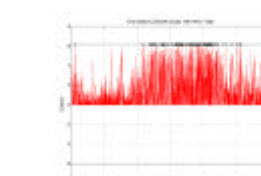
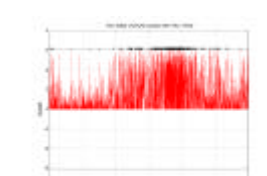
The range residuals after fitting the AR(1) and IMA(1,1) model.

Cusum on mean: residuals



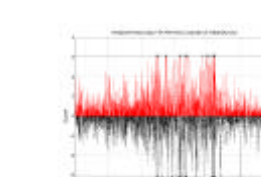
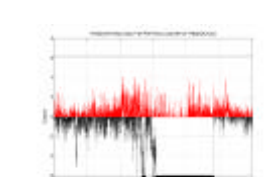
The two-sided Cusum control chart on residuals for location shifts after fitting the AR(1) and IMA(1,1) model within-control ARL=1500 (double-sided), h=6.1605 (decision interval), k=0.5 (reference value).

Cusum on variance



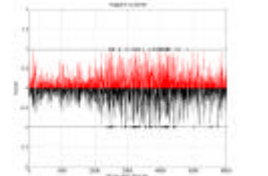
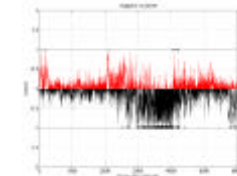
The two-sided Cusum control chart on residuals for accuracy shifts after fitting the AR(1) and IMA(1,1) model, within-control ARL=1500 (double-sided).

Self-Starting Cusum



This self-starting and robustified Cusum on residuals after fitting the AR(1) and IMA(1,1) model, within-control ARL=1500 (double-sided), h=6.1605 (decision interval), k=0.5 (reference value). When there is an out-of-control signal, an asterisk is plotted.

Adaptive Cusum



The adaptive Cusum on residuals after fitting AR(1) and IMA(1,1) model within-control ARL=1500 (double-sided).

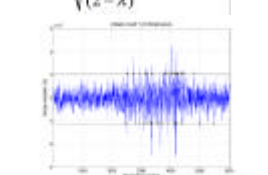
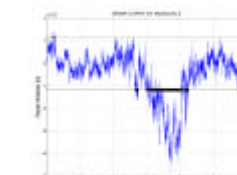
EWMA

$$Z(t) = \lambda X(t) + (1-\lambda)Z(t-1)$$

$$UCL = \mu_0 + L\sigma \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda} [1 - (1-\lambda)^t]}$$

$$CL = \mu_0$$

$$LCL = \mu_0 - L\sigma \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda} [1 - (1-\lambda)^t]}$$



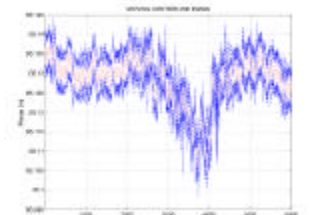
The EWMA on the residuals after applying an AR(1) and IMA(1,1) model to the original data. An in-control ARL of 1500 has for the two-sided control statistic, $\lambda=0.1$ and $L=3.215$.

IMA model

$$CL = Z(t) = \lambda X(t) + (1-\lambda)Z(t-1)$$

$$UCL_{t+1} = Z(t) + 3\sigma$$

$$LCL_{t+1} = Z(t) - 3\sigma$$



The moving centerline EWMA chart. The design parameters are $\lambda=0.1$ and $L=3$.

Conclusions

- Cusum charts are able to detect shifts in mean of 0.5 to 2 standard deviations. Fast detection of small shifts (no delays in detection). Need to know anticipated shift a priori.
- Conventional Cusums could be robustified to produce fewer false alarms.
- Cusum on variance are necessary to monitor process accuracy and reduce false alarm that may be produced as a consequence of accuracy degradation.
- Adaptive Cusum continually adjust its form to detect various unknown shifts in mean value.
- Control charts could be applied on original observations or residuals after removing an auto-correlation model.
- Process parameters should be estimated with care on calibrated samples or sequentially.
- Software package is being developed at the TUC.

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