Iterative closest point registration

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Besl, McKey: A method for registration of 3D shapes. PAMI 1992

Key points:

- Find a geometric transformation between two point sets or a point set and a parametric model
- Matching closest points
- Iterative
- Rigid transformations (extensions possible)

3D Example



Fig. 12. Model surface: Range image of mask: 8442 triangles.

Geometric models

Points

Lines

- Triangles
- Parametric models
- Implicit models

Finding distance

- closed form
- iteratively (e.g. Newton method)

Quaternions for rotation representation

• "Four-vector" $\mathbf{q} = (q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3) = q_0 + iq_1 + jq_2 + kq_3 = q_0 + (q_1, q_2, q_3)$, with $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, ij = k, jk = i, ki = j, ji = -k, ...$

Rotation by angle α around axis u

 $\mathbf{q} = \cos\frac{\alpha}{2} + \mathbf{u}\sin\frac{\alpha}{2} = \left(\cos\frac{\alpha}{2}, u_x \sin\frac{\alpha}{2}, u_y \sin\frac{\alpha}{2}, u_z \sin\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$

▶ Applying a rotation
 Rv=q v q⁻¹ with **q**⁻¹ = (q₀, -q₁, -q₂, -q₃)/(q₀² + q₁² + q₂²)
 ▶ Rotation matrix from a unit quaternion (q₀² + q₁² + q₂² + q₃² = 1)

$$\boldsymbol{R} = \begin{bmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_1q_3 + q_0q_2) \\ 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & q_0^2 + q_2^2 - q_1^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_2q_3 + q_0q_1) & q_0^2 + q_3^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Product of quaternions

$$\begin{split} \mathring{rq}^{\circ} &= (r_0 q_0 - r_x q_x - r_y q_y - r_z q_z) \\ &+ i (r_0 q_x + r_x q_0 + r_y q_z - r_z q_y) \\ &+ j (r_0 q_y - r_x q_z + r_y q_0 + r_z q_x) \\ &+ k (r_0 q_z + r_x q_y - r_y q_x + r_z q_0). \end{split}$$

$$\mathring{r}\mathring{q} = \begin{bmatrix} r_0 & -r_x & -r_y & -r_z \\ r_x & r_0 & -r_z & r_y \\ r_y & r_z & r_0 & -r_x \\ r_z & -r_y & r_x & r_0 \end{bmatrix} \mathring{q} = \operatorname{IR} \mathring{q}$$

Closed-form for rotation and translation (Horn)

The unit quaternion is a four vector $\vec{q}_R = [q_0q_1q_2q_3]^t$, where $q_0 \ge 0$, and $q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 = 1$. The 3×3 rotation matrix generated by a unit rotation quaternion is found at the bottom of this page. Let $\vec{q}_T = [q_4q_5q_6]^t$ be a translation vector. The complete registration state vector \vec{q} is denoted $\vec{q} = [\vec{q}_R | \vec{q}_T]^t$. Let $P = {\vec{p}_i}$ be a measured data point set to be aligned with a model point set $X = {\vec{x}_i}$, where $N_x = N_p$ and where each point \vec{p}_i corresponds to the point \vec{x}_i with the same index. The mean square objective function to be minimized is

$$f(\vec{q}\,) = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \|\vec{x}_i - \mathbf{R}(\vec{q}_R)\vec{p}_i - \vec{q}_T\|^2.$$
(22)

Cross-covariance

The "center of mass" $\vec{\mu}_p$ of the measured point set *P* and the center of mass $\vec{\mu}_x$ for the *X* point set are given by

$$\vec{\mu}_p = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \vec{p}_i \text{ and } \vec{\mu}_x = \frac{1}{N_x} \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \vec{x}_i.$$
 (23)

The cross-covariance matrix Σ_{px} of the sets P and X is given by

$$\Sigma_{px} = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} [(\vec{p}_i - \vec{\mu}_p)(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_x)^t] = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} [\vec{p}_i \vec{x}_i^t] - \vec{\mu}_p \vec{\mu}_x^t.$$

Centering

$$\tilde{x}_i = x_i - \mu_x$$
 $\tilde{p}_i = p_i - \mu_p$

$$fN = \sum_{i} |x_{i} - Rp_{i} - q_{T}|^{2} = \sum_{i} |\tilde{x}_{i} - R\tilde{p}_{i} + e|^{2}$$

where $e = \mu_x - R\mu_p - q_T$

$$f(e,R)N = \sum_{i} \underbrace{\left|\tilde{x}_{i}\right|^{2} + \left|R\tilde{p}_{i}\right|^{2}}_{const} + \left|e\right|^{2} + \underbrace{2e^{T}\tilde{x}_{i} - 2e^{T}R}_{0} - 2\tilde{x}^{T}R\tilde{p}_{i}$$

$$\min fN = \left| e \right|^2 - 2\sum_i \tilde{x}_i^T R \tilde{p}_i$$

Therefore:

$$e = 0 \longrightarrow q_T = \mu_x - R\mu_p, \max \sum_i \tilde{x}_i^T R \tilde{p}_i$$

Optimal rotation matrix by SVD

Maximize

$$\sum_{i} \tilde{p}_{i}^{T} R \tilde{x}_{i} = tr \sum_{i} R^{T} \tilde{p}_{i} \tilde{x}_{i}^{T} = tr (R^{T} \Sigma_{px}) = \sum_{kl} (R^{T})_{kl} (\Sigma_{px})_{kl}$$

since

$$a^T b = tr(ab^T) \Rightarrow a^T Rb = tr(R^T ab)$$

Calculate the SVD

$$\Sigma_{px} = USV^T = \sum_k \sigma_k u_k v_k^T \quad \sigma_1 = \max_{u,v \in S} u_1^T \Sigma_{px} v_1, \dots$$

then

 $R_{opt} = VCU^T$ with $C=diag(1,...,1,det(UV^T))$

Quaterion solution

With quaternions

$$\max \sum_{i} (qp_i q^{-1}) x_i = \max \sum_{i} (qp_i) (x_i q)$$

$$\max\sum_{i} (W_{p_i}q)(W_{x_i}q) = q^T \left(\sum_{i} W_{p_i}^T W_{x_i}\right) q$$

since $p_i q = W_{p_i} q$ Optimal q — eigenvector of $Q = \sum_i W_{p_i}^T W_{x_i}$

Quaternion solution (2)

The cyclic components of the anti-symmetric matrix $A_{ij} = (\Sigma_{px} - \Sigma_{px}^T)_{ij}$ are used to form the column vector $\Delta = [A_{23} \quad A_{31} \quad A_{12}]^T$. This vector is then used to form the symmetric 4×4 matrix $Q(\Sigma_{px})$

$$Q(\Sigma_{px}) = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{tr}(\Sigma_{px}) & \Delta^T \\ \Delta & \Sigma_{px} + \Sigma_{px}^T - \operatorname{tr}(\Sigma_{px})I_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
(25)

where I_3 is the 3×3 identity matrix. The unit eigenvector $\vec{q_R} = [q_0 \quad q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3]^t$ corresponding to the maximum eigenvalue of the matrix $Q(\Sigma_{px})$ is selected as the optimal rotation. The optimal translation vector is given by

$$\vec{q}_T = \vec{\mu}_x - \boldsymbol{R}(\vec{q}_R)\vec{\mu}_p. \tag{26}$$

Horn, Closed-form solution of absolute orientation using unit quaternions. J.Opt. Soc. Amer., 1987

Finding closest points



Approximate nearest neighbors

Iterative closest point algorithm

Initialize **q** as identity, $P_0 = P$. Repeat:

- a. Compute the closest points: $Y_k = C(P_k, X)$ (cost: $0(N_p N_x)$ worst case, $0(N_p \log N_x)$ average).
- b. Compute the registration: $(\vec{q}_k, d_k) = \mathcal{Q}(P_0, Y_k)$ (cost: $O(N_p)$).
- c. Apply the registration: $P_{k+1} = \vec{q_k}(P_0)$ (cost: $O(N_p)$).
- d. Terminate the iteration when the change in meansquare error falls below a preset threshold $\tau > 0$ specifying the desired precision of the registration: $d_k - d_{k+1} < \tau$.

ICP convergence

and proved. The key ideas are that 1) least squares registration generically reduces the average distance between corresponding points during each iteration, whereas 2) the closest point determination generically reduces the distance for each point individually. Of course, this individual distance reduction also reduces the average distance because the average of a set of smaller positive numbers is smaller. We offer a more elaborate explanation in the proof below.

Theorem: The iterative closest point algorithm always converges monotonically to a local minimum with respect to the mean-square distance objective function.

Parameter evolution



Accelerated ICP



Accelerated parameter evolution



Initial pose estimation

- ▶ ICP finds only local minima, sensitive to initial pose
- ▶ If sufficient overlap \rightarrow not too sensitive to translation
- Uniform/random sampling of initial poses

Moment matching

- align centers of gravity
- calculate covariance matrices
- find and match eigenvectors
- rotate to align eigenvectors

Conclusions

- Simple and fast method for matching 2D/3D shapes or point sets
- Needs good initialization
- Sufficient overlap
- Widely used in practice
- Many extensions to make it more robust (e.g. ICRP, soft assignment)

Myronenko, Song: Point Set Registration: Coherent Point Drift. PAMI 2010

Key points:

- Probabilistic extension to ICP
- Both rigid and nonrigid registration
- Gaussian density model
- Soft assignment
- Can handle outliers

Example point set registration problem



Probabilistic model

We consider the points in \mathbf{Y} as the GMM centroids and the points in \mathbf{X} as the data points generated by the GMM. The GMM probability density function is

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} P(m)p(\mathbf{x}|m), \qquad (1)$$

where $p(\mathbf{x}|m) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{D/2}} \exp^{-\frac{||\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}_m||^2}{2\sigma^2}}$. We also added an additional uniform distribution $p(\mathbf{x}|M+1) = \frac{1}{N}$ to the mixture model to account for noise and outliers. We use equal isotropic covariances σ^2 and equal membership probabilities $P(m) = \frac{1}{M}$ for all GMM components

Probabilistic model (2)

(m = 1, ..., M). Denoting the weight of the uniform distribution as w, $0 \le w \le 1$, the mixture model takes the form

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = w \frac{1}{N} + (1 - w) \sum_{m=1}^{M} \frac{1}{M} p(\mathbf{x}|m).$$
(2)

We reparameterize the GMM centroid locations by a set of parameters θ and estimate them by maximizing the likelihood or, equivalently, by minimizing the negative log-likelihood function

$$E(\theta, \sigma^2) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \log \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} P(m) p(\mathbf{x}_n | m),$$
(3)

where we make the i.i.d. data assumption. We define the Centroid locations $y(\theta)$

EM algorithm

Find θ, σ^2 by alternative maximization of *E*

Expectation step calculates posterior prob. of y_m given x_n for fixed θ, σ^2

$$P(m|\mathbf{x}_n) = P(m)p(\mathbf{x}_n|m)/p(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

► **Maximization** step minimizes the expected negative log-likelihood $Q = E_{Y \sim P^{\text{old}}}[\log P(\theta, \sigma | X, Y)] \ge E$ for fixed $P^{\text{old}}(m | x_n)$

$$Q = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} P^{old}(m|\mathbf{x}_n) \log(P^{new}(m)p^{new}(\mathbf{x}_n|m)),$$

$\label{eq:minimization} Minimization \ of \ Q$

$$Q(\theta, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{m=1}^{M} P^{\text{old}}(m|\mathbf{x}_n) \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{y}_m, \theta)\|^2 + \frac{N_{\mathbf{P}}D}{2} \log \sigma^2,$$

$$P^{old}(m|\mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{\exp^{-\frac{1}{2}\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x}_n - T(\mathbf{y}_n, \theta^{old})}{\sigma^{old}}\right\|^2}}{\sum_{k=1}^{M} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2}\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x}_n - T(\mathbf{y}_k, \theta^{old})}{\sigma^{old}}\right\|^2} + c},$$

Rigid and affine transformations

$$Q(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}, s, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{m,n=1}^{M,N} P^{\text{old}}(m|\mathbf{x}_n) \|\mathbf{x}_n - s\mathbf{R}\mathbf{y}_m - \mathbf{t}\|^2 + \frac{N_{\mathbf{P}}D}{2}\log\sigma^2, \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}, \ \det(\mathbf{R}) = 1.$$

Can be minimized analytically for **R**, **t**, *s*, σ^2 . *R* is found using SVD.

Rigid coherent point drift

Rigid point set registration algorithm:
• Initialization:
$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{t} = 0, s = 1, 0 \le w \le 1$$

 $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{DNM} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{y}_m\|^2$
• EM optimization, repeat until convergence:
• E-step: Compute \mathbf{P} ,
 $p_{mn} = \frac{\exp^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - (s\mathbf{R}\mathbf{y}_m + \mathbf{t})\|^2}}{\sum_{k=1}^M \exp^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - (s\mathbf{R}\mathbf{y}_k + \mathbf{t})\|^2} + (2\pi\sigma^2)^{D/2} \frac{w}{1-w} \frac{M}{N}}$
• M-step: Solve for $\mathbf{R}, s, \mathbf{t}, \sigma^2$:
 $\cdot N_{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{1}, \mu_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{P}}} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{1}, \mu_{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{P}}} \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{1},$
 $\cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{1} \mu_{\mathbf{x}}^T, \ \hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{1} \mu_{\mathbf{y}}^T,$
 $\cdot \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{V}^T, \text{ where } \mathbf{C} = d(1, ..., 1, \det(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{V}^T)),$
 $\cdot s = \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{R})}{\operatorname{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^T d(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{1})\hat{\mathbf{Y}})},$
 $\cdot \mathbf{t} = \mu_{\mathbf{x}} - s \mathbf{R} \mu_{\mathbf{y}},$
 $\cdot \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{P}}D} (\operatorname{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^T d(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{1})\hat{\mathbf{X}}) - s \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{R})).$
• The aligned point set is $\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{Y}) = s\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{R}^T + 1\mathbf{t}^T,$

Affine coherent point drift

Affine point set registration algorithm: • Initialization: $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{t} = 0, 0 \le w \le 1$ $\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{D^{NM}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \|\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{y}_{m}\|^{2}$ • EM optimization, repeat until convergence: • E-step: Compute P, $p_{mn} = \frac{\exp^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}_n + \mathbf{t})\|^2}}{\sum_{k=1}^{M} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}_k + \mathbf{t})\|^2} + (2\pi\sigma^2)^{D/2} \frac{w}{1-w} \frac{M}{N}}$ • M-step: Solve for $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{t}, \sigma^2$: $\cdot N_{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{1}, \mu_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{P}}} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{1}, \mu_{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{P}}} \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{1},$ $\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{1}\mu_{\mathbf{x}}^{T}, \ \hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{1}\mu_{\mathbf{x}}^{T},$ $\mathbf{B} = (\hat{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{P}^T \hat{\mathbf{Y}}) (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^T \mathbf{d} (\mathbf{P1}) \hat{\mathbf{Y}})^{-1}.$ $\cdot \mathbf{t} = \mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{y}},$ $\cdot \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{P}}D} (\operatorname{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^T \operatorname{d}(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{1})\hat{\mathbf{X}}) - \operatorname{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{P}^T \hat{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{B}^T)).$ • The aligned point set is $\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{B}^T + 1\mathbf{t}^T$, • The probability of correspondence is given by P.

Nonrigid registration

Variational formulation with a smoothness regularization term

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{Y},v) = \mathbf{Y} + v(\mathbf{Y}), \qquad f(v,\sigma^2) = E(v,\sigma^2) + \frac{\lambda}{2}\phi(v),$$

$$\|v\|_{\mathbf{H}^m}^2 = \int_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_{k=0}^m \left\| \frac{\partial^k v}{\partial x^k} \right\|^2 dx. \qquad \phi(v) = \|v\|_{\mathbf{H}^m}^2 = \|Lv\|^2,$$

Minimizing

$$Q(v, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{m,n=1}^{M,N} P^{\text{old}}(m|\mathbf{x}_n) \|\mathbf{x}_n - (\mathbf{y}_m + v(\mathbf{y}_m))\|^2 + \frac{N_{\mathbf{P}}D}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|Lv\|^2.$$

Solution must have the form (from Euler-Lagrange equations) with a Green's function $\hat{LLG} = \delta$

$$v(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbf{w}_m G(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}_m) + \psi(\mathbf{z}),$$
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Regularization term

$$\phi(v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} \frac{|\tilde{v}(\mathbf{s})|^2}{\tilde{G}(\mathbf{s})} d\mathbf{s}, \quad \phi_{MCT}(v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^{2l}}{l!2^l} \|D^l v(\mathbf{x})\|^2 d\mathbf{x},$$

Green's function is a Gaussian

Coefficients w minimizing Q found by

$$(\mathbf{G} + \lambda \sigma^2 d(\mathbf{P1})^{-1})\mathbf{W} = d(\mathbf{P1})^{-1}\mathbf{PX} - \mathbf{Y}$$

Non-rigid coherent point drift

Non-rigid point set registration algorithm: • Initialization: $\mathbf{W} = 0, \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{DNM} \sum_{m,n=1}^{m,n} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{y}_m\|^2$ • Initialize $w(0 \le w \le 1)$, $\beta > 0$, $\lambda > 0$, • Construct **G**: $g_{ij} = \exp^{-\frac{1}{2\beta^2} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2}$ • EM optimization, repeat until convergence: • E-step: Compute P, $p_{mn} = \frac{\exp^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - (\mathbf{y}_m + \mathbf{G}(m, \cdot)\mathbf{W})\|^2}}{\sum_{k=1}^{M} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - (\mathbf{y}_k + \mathbf{G}(k, \cdot)\mathbf{W})\|^2} + \frac{w}{1-w}} \frac{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{D/2}M}{w^{N/2}}}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{D/2}M}}$ • M-step: · Solve $(\mathbf{G} + \lambda \sigma^2 d(\mathbf{P1})^{-1})\mathbf{W} = d(\mathbf{P1})^{-1}\mathbf{PX} - \mathbf{Y}$ $\cdot N_{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{W},$ $\cdot \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{P}}D} (\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \operatorname{d}(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{1})\mathbf{X}) - 2\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{P}\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{T}) +$ $\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{T}^T \operatorname{d}(\mathbf{P1})\mathbf{T})),$ • The aligned point set is $\mathbf{T} = \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{W}$, • The probability of correspondence is given by **P**.

CPD algorithm notes

- Three parameters: w, λ, β
- ▶ Alternative minimization of σ^2 and W, very few iterations needed

Speed

• Complexity $O(NM + M^3)$ per iteration - **slow**

Fast Gauss transform to calculate matrix-vector products

- "multipole" type hierarchic approximation
- complexity O(M+N)
- Low-rank approximation to solve the linear equations
 - ▶ factorization of **G** by eigendecomposition precomputed
 - complexity O(M)

Rigid 2D examples



Rigid 3D example



Non-rigid 2D example



Non-rigid 3D example



3D left ventricle matching



CPD summary

Relatively fast (seconds to minutes)

- ▶ Rigid, affine, non-linear transformation.
- Closed form rigid case
- Can be applied to 2D, 3D, nD
- Soft matching
- Robust to outliers and missing points (explicit modeling)
- Spatial coherence in the non-rigid case
- May fall to local minima