
Localization in Sensor Networks I

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Find where the sensor is...

- Location information is important.
 1. Devices need to know where they are.
 - Sensor tasking: turn on the sensor near the window...
 2. We want to know where the data is about.
 - A sensor reading is too hot – where?
 3. It helps infrastructure establishment.
 - geographical routing
 - sensor coverage.

GPS is not always good

- Requires clear sky, doesn't work indoor.
- Too expensive.
 - A \$1 sensor with a \$100 GPS?

Localization algorithm:

- (optional) Some nodes (anchors or beacons) know their locations (e.g., through GPS).
- Nodes make local measurements;
 - Distances or angles between two neighbors.
- Communicate between each other;
- Infer location information from these measurements.

Localization problem

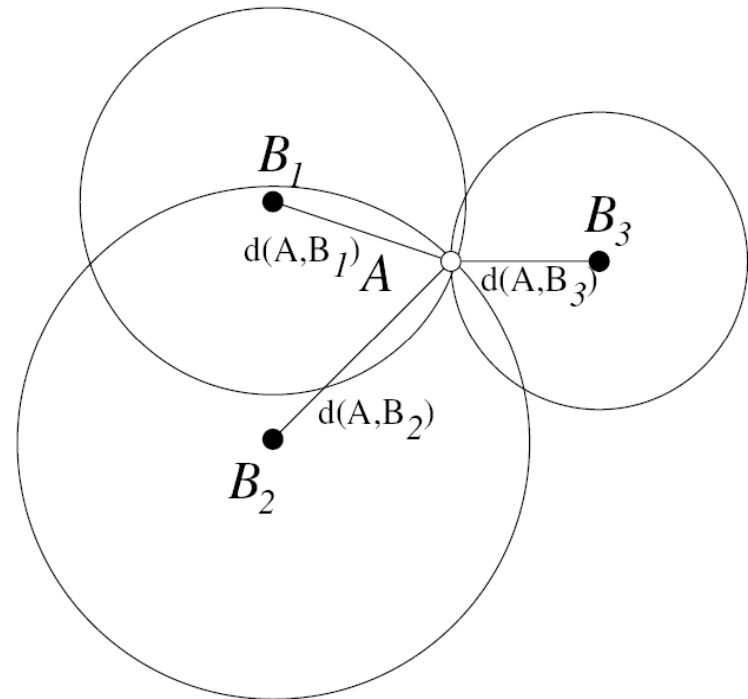
- Output: nodes' location.
 - Global location, e.g., what GPS gives.
 - Relative location.
- Input:
 - Connectivity, hop count (under Unit Disk Graph model).
 - Nodes with k hops away are within Euclidean distance k .
 - Nodes without a link must be at least distance 1 away.
 - Distance measurement of an incoming link.
 - Angle measurement of an incoming link.
 - Combinations of the above.

Distance Measurements

- Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI)
 - The further away, the weaker the received signal.
 - Mainly used for Radio Frequency (RF) signals.
- Time of Arrival (ToA) or Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA)
 - Signal propagation time translates to distance.
 - RF, acoustic, infrared and ultrasound.

Time of Arrival (ToA)

- Used in GPS.
- Triangulation.
- Need synchronization.
- Synchronization can be relaxed if round-trip time is used.



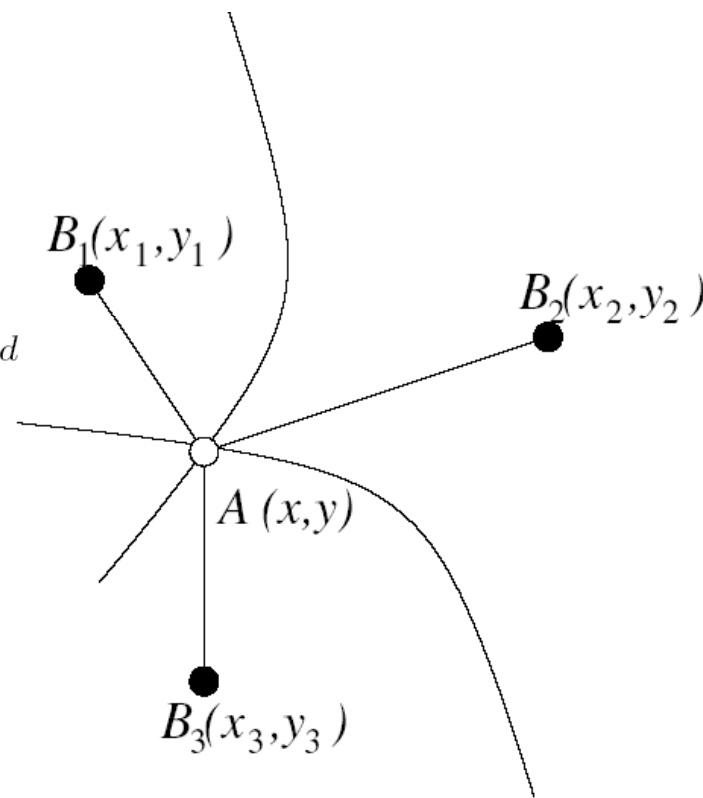
Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA)

- Anchor B1 and B2 send signal to A simultaneously. The time difference of arrival is recorded.

- A stays on the hyperbola:

$$\sqrt{(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2} - \sqrt{(x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2} = \delta_d$$

- Do this for B2 and B3.
- A stays at the intersection of the two hyperbolas.
- If the two hyperbolas have 2 intersections, one more measurement is needed.

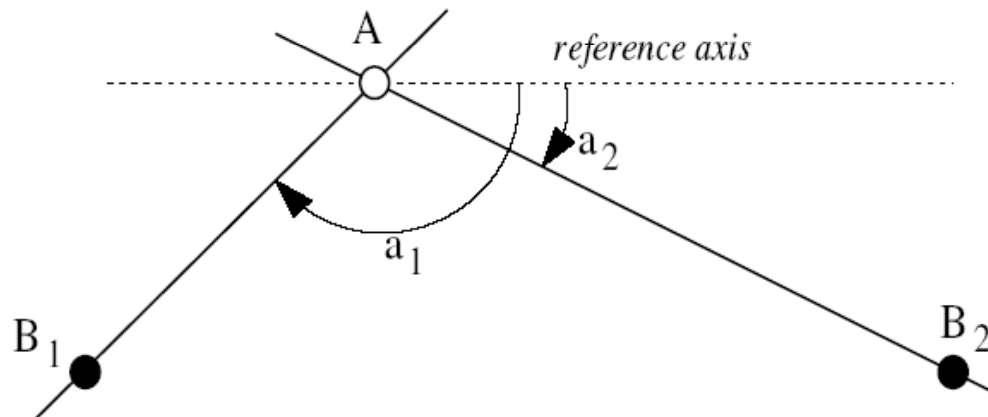


Angle Measurements

- Angle of Arrival (AoA)
 - Determining the direction of propagation of a radio-frequency wave incident on an antenna array.
- Directional Antenna
- Special hardware, e.g., laser transmitter and receivers.

Angle of Arrival (AoA)

- A measures the direction of an incoming link by radio array.
- By using 2 anchors, A can determine its position.



Localization algorithms for a network

- **Anchor-based**
 - Some nodes know their locations, either by a GPS or as pre-specified.
- **Anchor-free**
 - Relative location only.
 - A harder problem, need to solve the global structure. Nowhere to start.
- **Range-based**
 - Use range information (distance estimation).
- **Range-free**
 - No distance estimation, use connectivity information such as hop count.

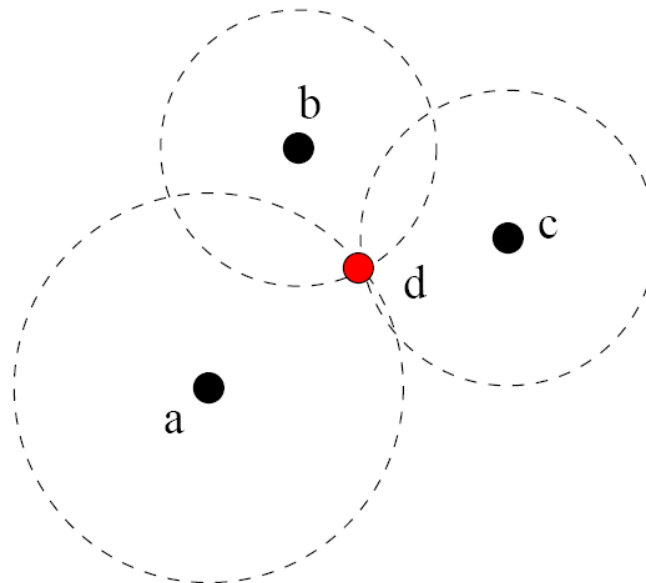
Required Papers

- **[Savvides01]** A. Savvides, C.-C. Han, and M. B. Strivastava. [Dynamic fine-grained localization in ad-hoc networks of sensors](#). Proc. MobiCom 2001.
- **[Eren04]** Tolga Eren, David Goldenberg, Walter Whitley, Yang Richard Yang, A. Stephen Morse, Brian D.O. Anderson and Peter N. Belhumeur, [Rigidity, Computation, and Randomization of Network Localization](#). In Proceedings of IEEE INFOCOM, Hong Kong, China, April 2004.

Multilateration: use plane geometry

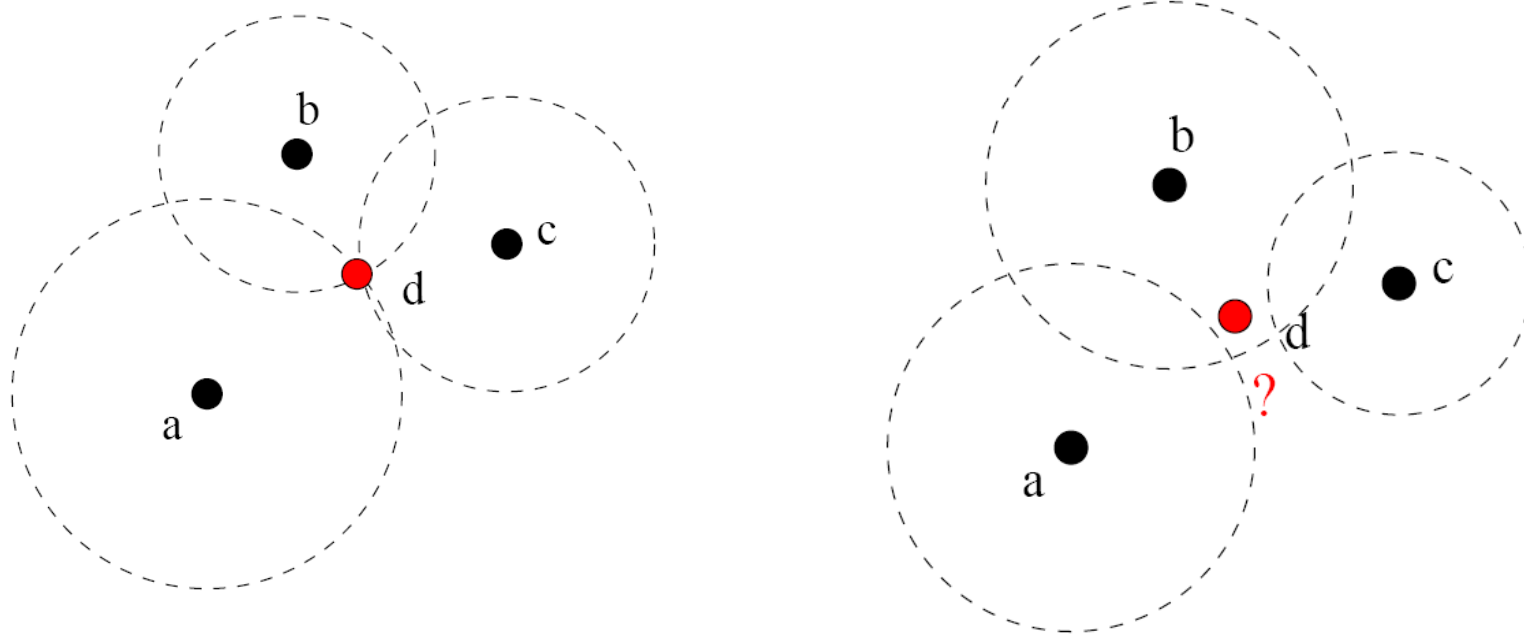
Triangulation, trilateration

- Anchors advertise their coordinates & transmit a reference signal
- Other nodes use the reference signal to **estimate** distances to anchor nodes.



Triangulation, trilateration

- Problem: distance measurements are noisy!
- Solve an optimization problem: minimize the mean square error.



Indoor localization systems

- RADAR: with RF signals
 - Offline phase: acquire a detailed map of the signal strength from 3 fixed base station inside a building – fingerprinting.
 - Online phase: match the received signal strength with the readings in the offline phase.
 - Significant overhead for fingerprinting
- Cricket: with ultrasound signals
 - Fixed anchor nodes covering the building.
 - Higher granularity.
 - Use trilateration.

Maximal likelihood estimation

- k beacons at positions (x_i, y_i)
- Assume **node to be localized** has position (x_0, y_0)
- Distance measurement between node 0 and beacon i is r_i

- Error:

$$f_i = r_i - \sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2}$$

Linearization and Min Mean Square Estimate

- Ideally, we would like the error to be 0

$$f_i = r_i - \sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2} = 0$$

- Re-arrange:

$$(x_0^2 + y_0^2) + x_0(-2x_i) + y_0(-2y_i) - r_i^2 = -x_i^2 - y_i^2$$

- Subtract the last equation from the previous ones to get rid of quadratic terms.

$$2x_0(x_k - x_i) + 2y_0(y_k - y_i) = r_i^2 - r_k^2 - x_i^2 - y_i^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2$$

- Note that this is linear.

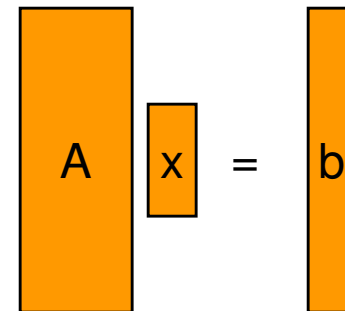
Linearization and Min Mean Square Estimate

- In general, we have an over-constrained linear system

$$Ax = b$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} r_1^2 - r_k^2 - x_1^2 - y_1^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ r_2^2 - r_k^2 - x_2^2 - y_2^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ \vdots \\ r_{k-1}^2 - r_k^2 - x_{k-1}^2 - y_{k-1}^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_k - x_1) & 2(y_k - y_1) \\ 2(x_k - x_2) & 2(y_k - y_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 2(x_k - x_{k-1}) & 2(y_k - y_{k-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Solve using the Least Square Equation

The linearized equations in matrix form become

$$Ax = b$$

Now we can use the least squares equation to compute an estimation.

$$x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

How to solve it in a sensor network?

- Check conditions
 - Beacon nodes must not lie on the same line
- For ToA, TDoA, if we use acoustic signals, how to solve for the speed of sound?

Acoustic case: Also solve for the speed of sound

With at least 4 beacons,

$$f_i = st_{i0} - \sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2}$$

Speed of sound \leftarrow f_i t_{i0} \leftarrow Time measurement

This can be linearized to the form
where

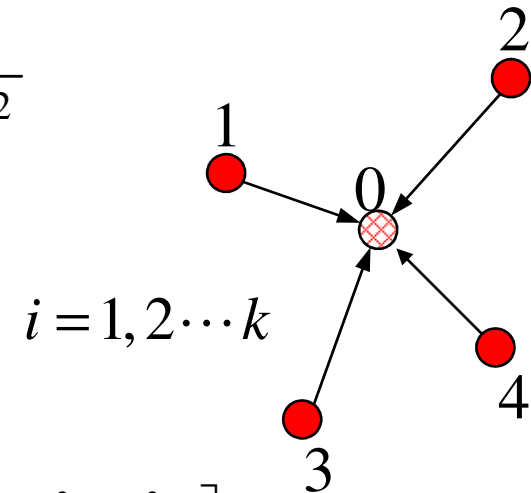
$$Ax = b$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1^2 - y_1^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ -x_2^2 - y_2^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ \vdots \\ -x_{k-1}^2 - y_{k-1}^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

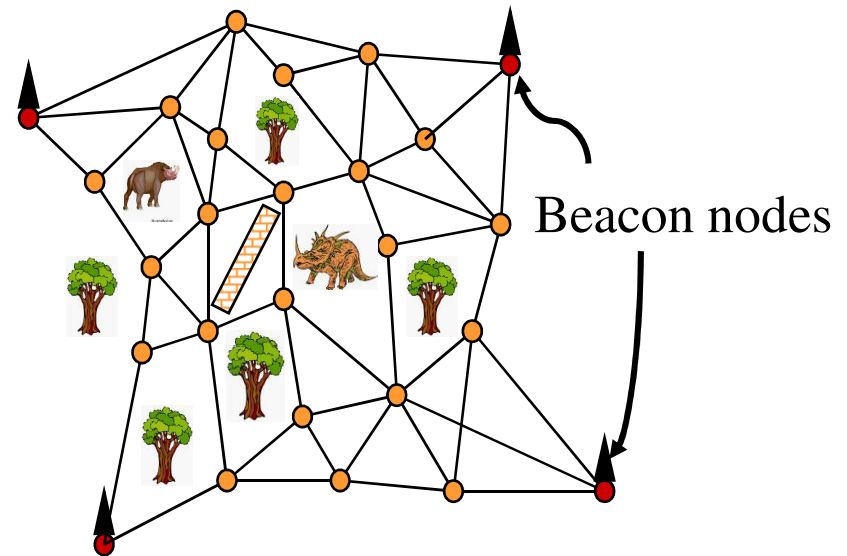
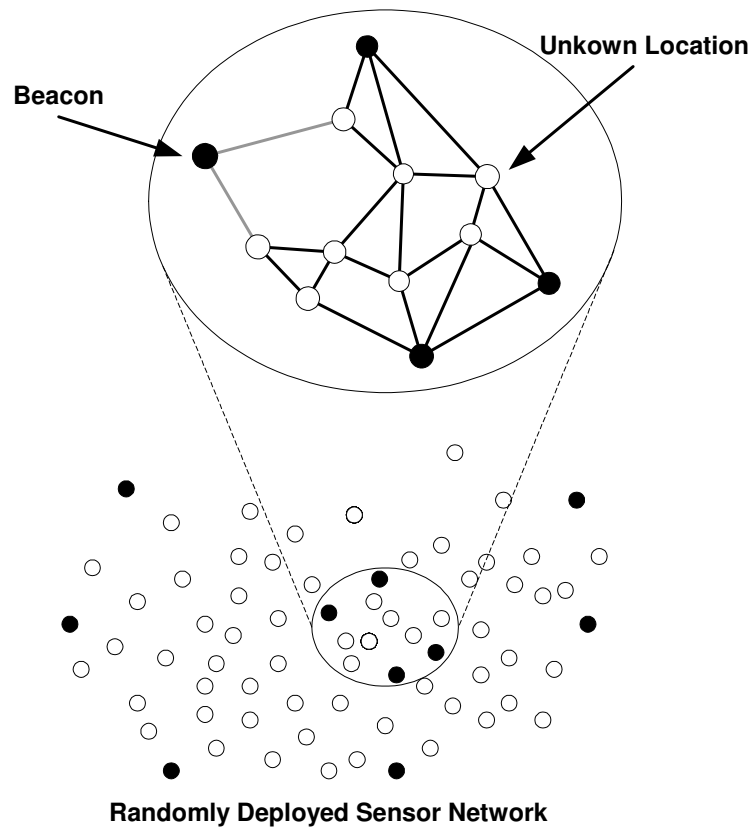
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_k - x_1) & 2(y_k - y_1) & t_{k0}^2 - t_{10}^2 \\ 2(x_k - x_2) & 2(y_k - y_2) & t_{k0}^2 - t_{20}^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 2(x_k - x_{k-1}) & 2(y_k - y_{k-1}) & t_{k0}^2 - t_{(k-1)0}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ s^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$



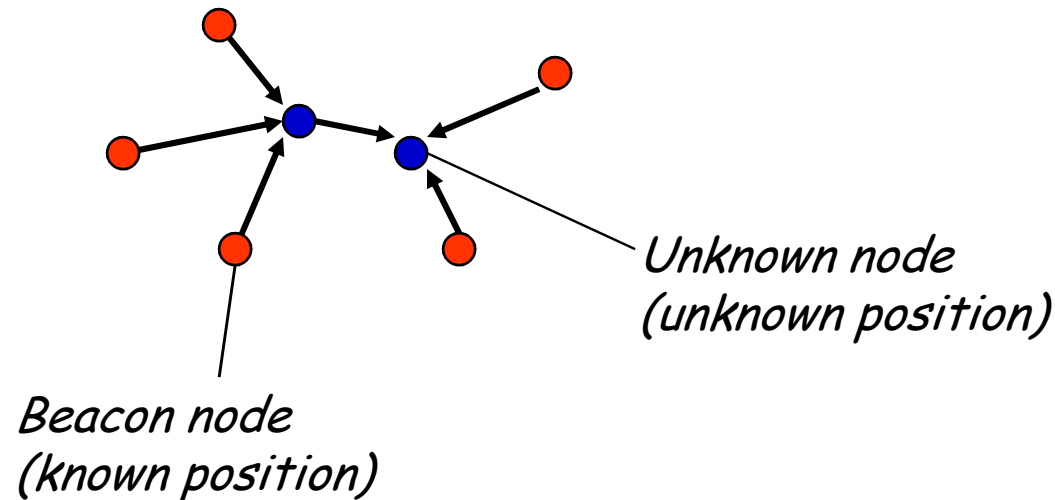
The Node Localization Problem



- Localize nodes in an ad-hoc **multihop** network
- Based on a set of inter-node distance measurements

Iterative multilateration

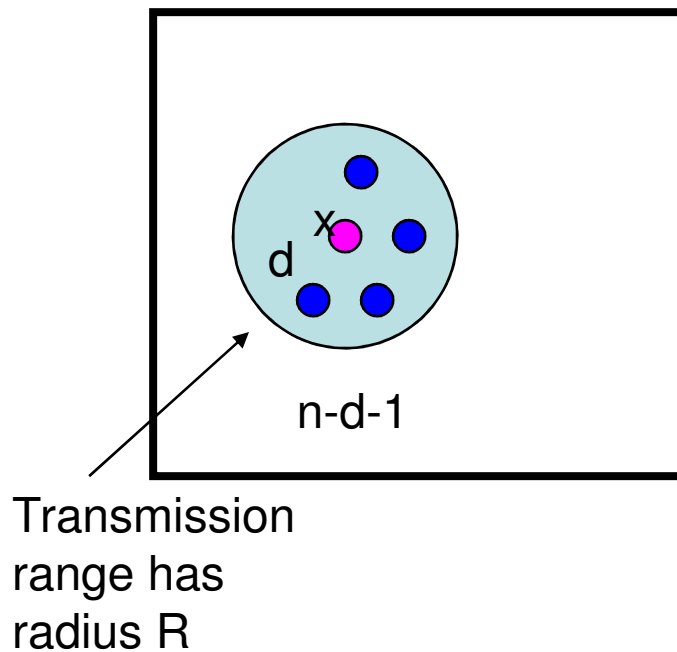
- Iterative multilateration
 - a node with at least 3 neighboring beacons estimates its position and becomes a beacon.
 - Iterate until all nodes with 3 beacons are localized.



Connectivity matters! Each node needs at least 3 neighbors.

Iterative multilateration: how many beacons?

- n nodes deployed randomly in a square of side L ,
- $P(d) = \Pr\{\text{a node } x \text{ has degree } d\} = ?$



Probability that one node falls inside the transmission range of x ?

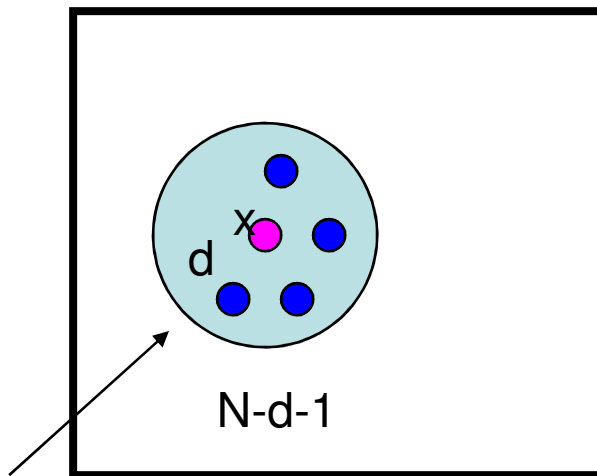
$$p = \frac{\pi R^2}{L^2}$$

Binomial distribution

$$P(d) = p^d \cdot (1-p)^{n-d-1} \cdot \binom{n-1}{d}$$

Iterative multilateration: how many beacons?

- When n tends to infinity, the binomial distribution converges to a Poisson distribution.



Transmission
range has
radius R

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Probability that one node falls inside
the transmission range of x ?

$$p = \frac{\pi R^2}{L^2} \quad \lambda = n \cdot p$$

↓ Binomial distribution
↓ Poisson distribution

$$P(d) = \frac{\lambda^d}{d!} \cdot e^{-\lambda}$$

Iterative multilateration: how many beacons?

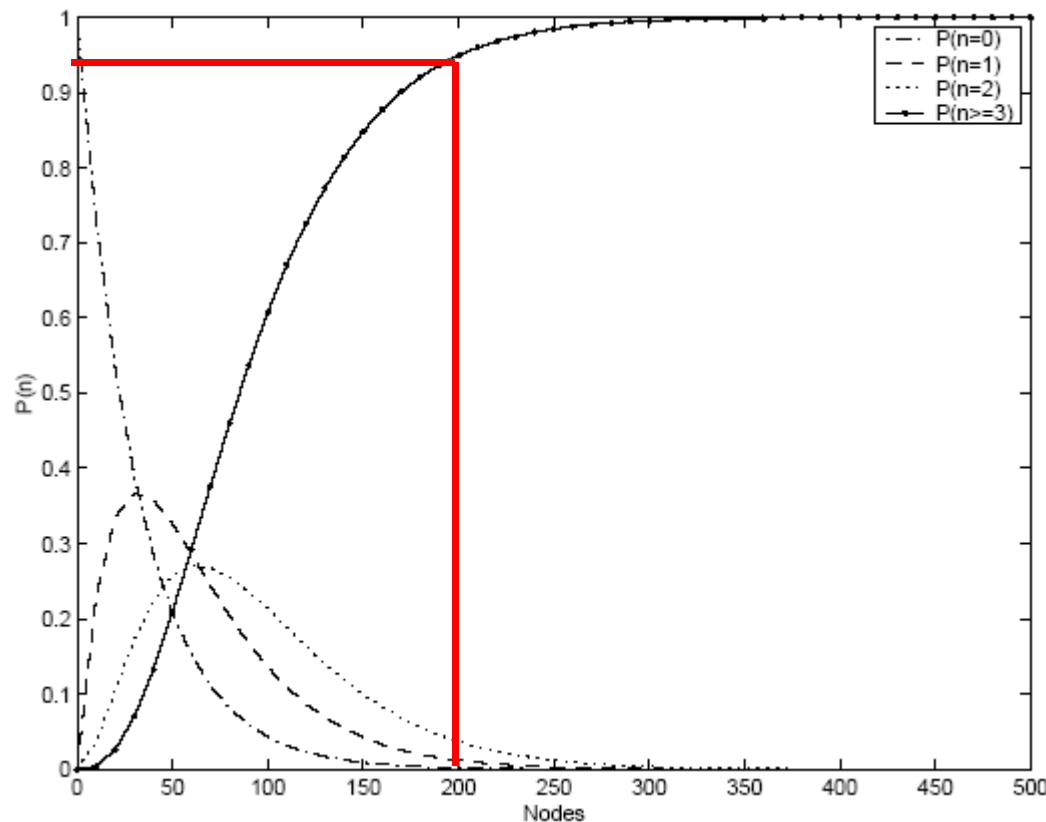
$$P(d) = \frac{\lambda^d}{d!} \cdot e^{-\lambda}$$

$$P(\geq d) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P(i)$$

**100 by 100 field
Sensor range:10**

**Probability of a node
with 0, 1, 2, ≥ 3
neighbors.**

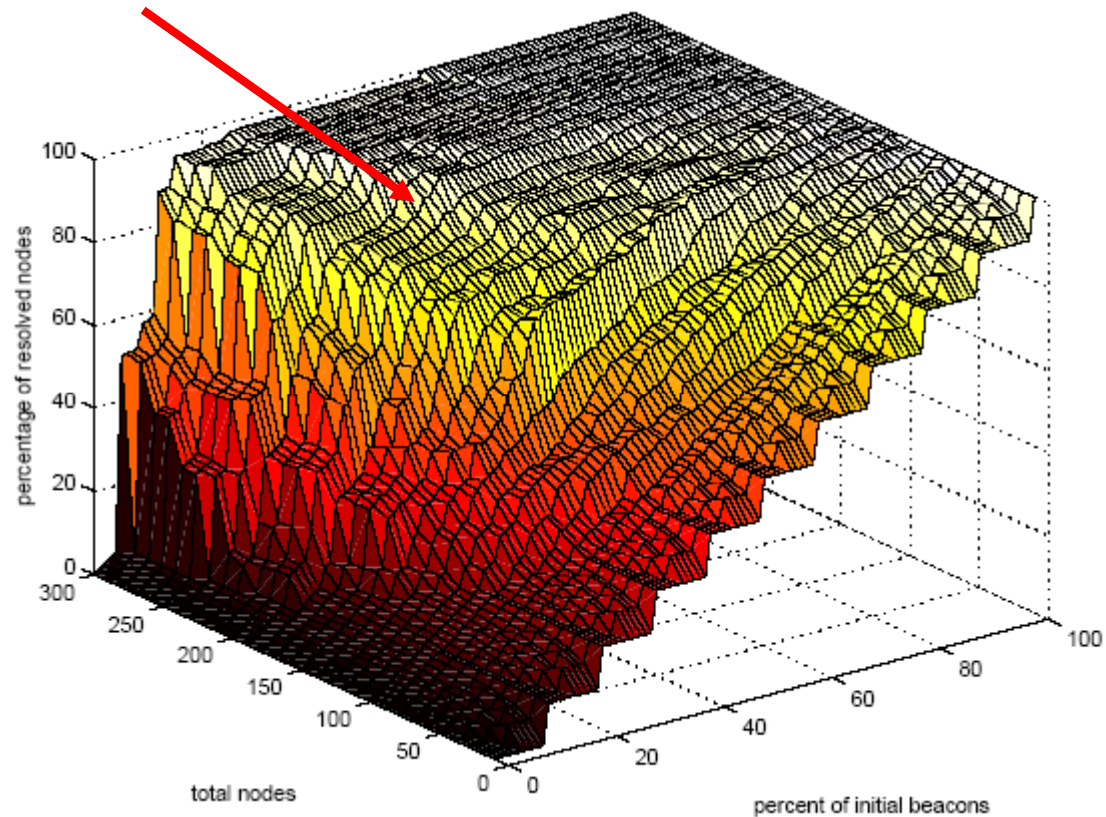
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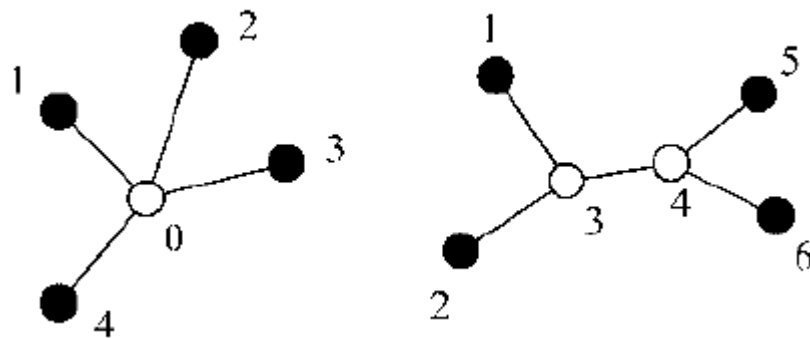
With 200 nodes, we
need about 50~60
beacons to localize
about 90% of the
nodes. That's $\frac{1}{4}$ of
the total number of
nodes.



Problems of iterative multilateration

Problems

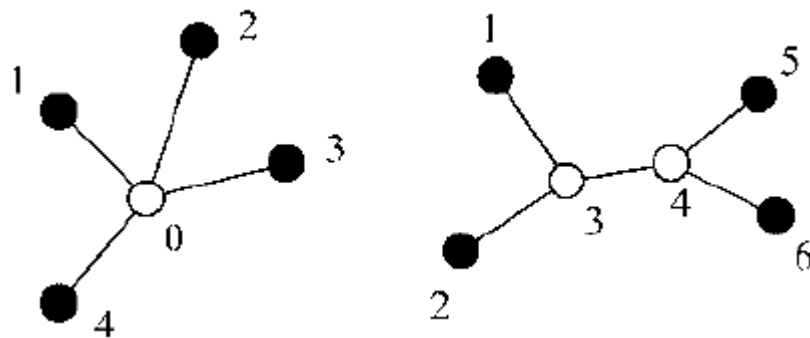
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Problems of iterative Multilateration

Problems

1. Requires a large fraction of beacons.
2. Error accumulates. ← Mass-spring optimization.
3. It gets stuck --- not all nodes with 3 or more neighbors can be located. ← Global optimization (to be discussed next class)



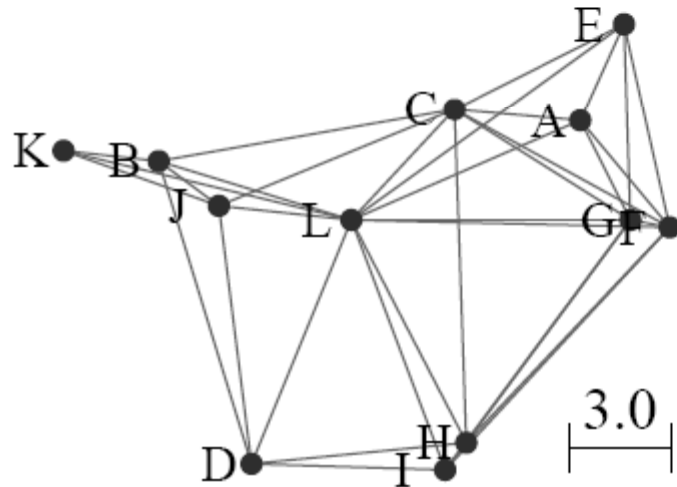
However, optimization does not solve:

Ambiguity in localization

Ambiguity in localization

- Same distances, different realization.

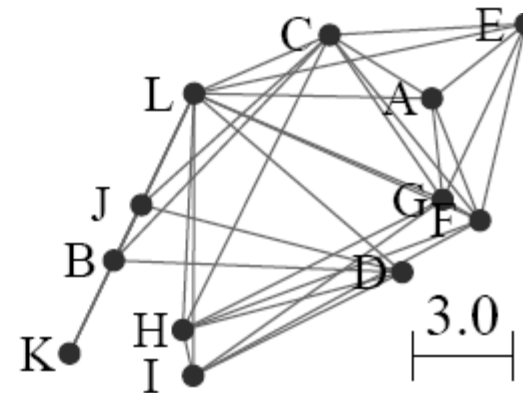
(a) Ground truth



$$\sigma_{err} = 0.37$$

Error of the measured distances
from the calculated distances

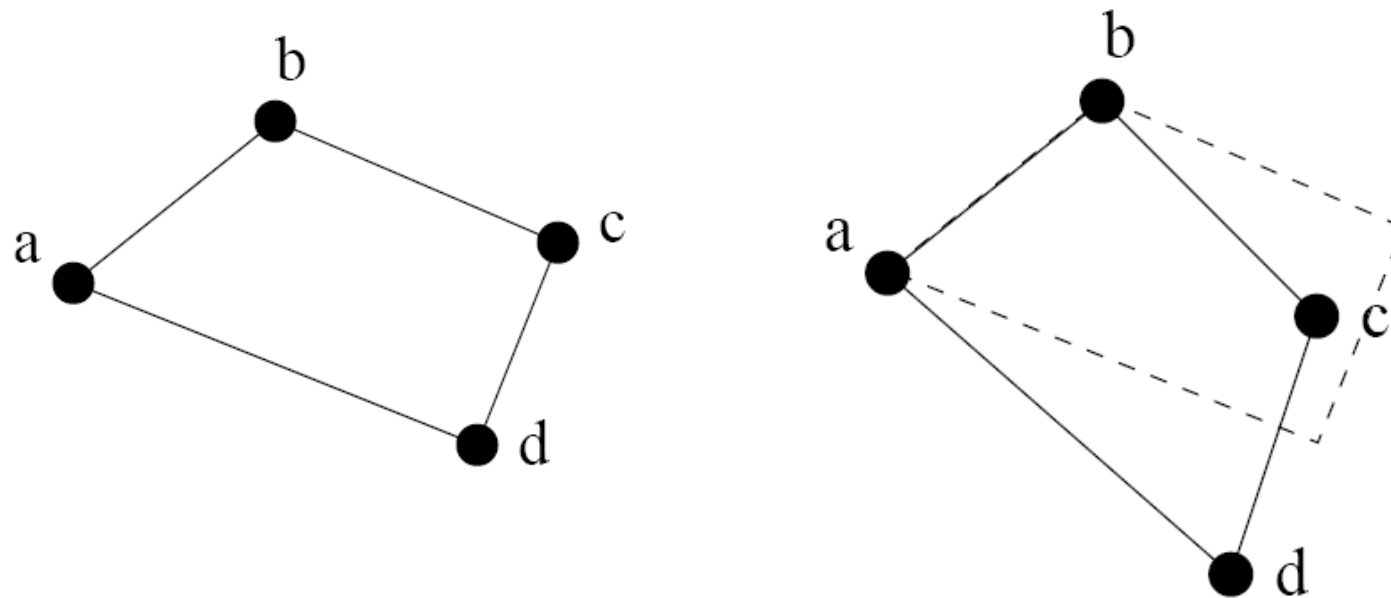
(b) Alternate realization



$$\sigma_{err} = 0.34$$

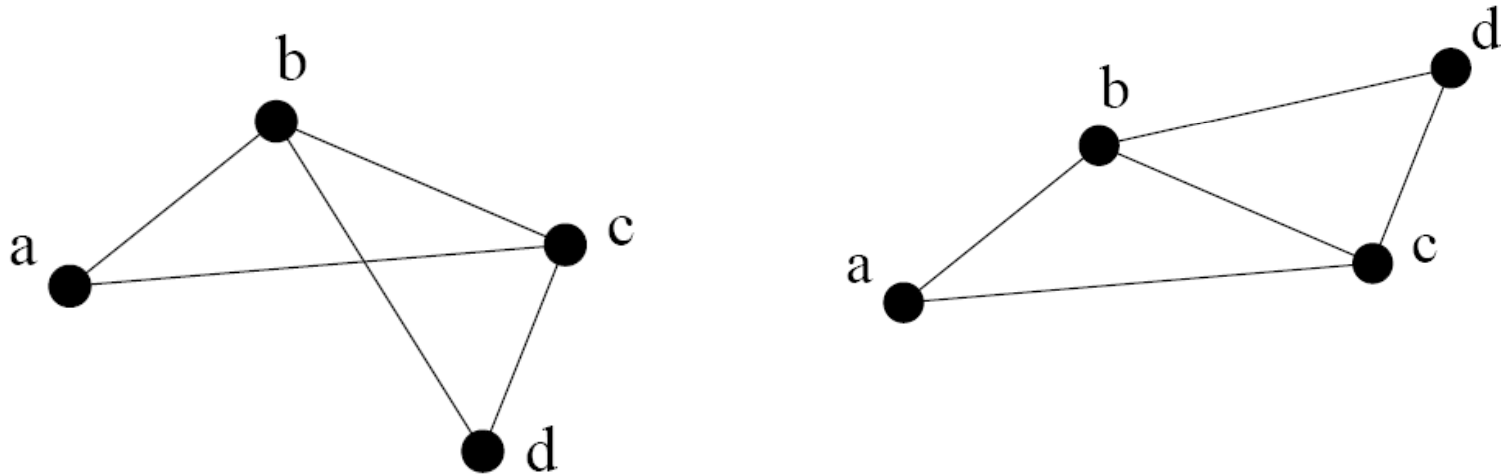
Continuous deformation

- Nodes move continuously without violating the distance constraints.



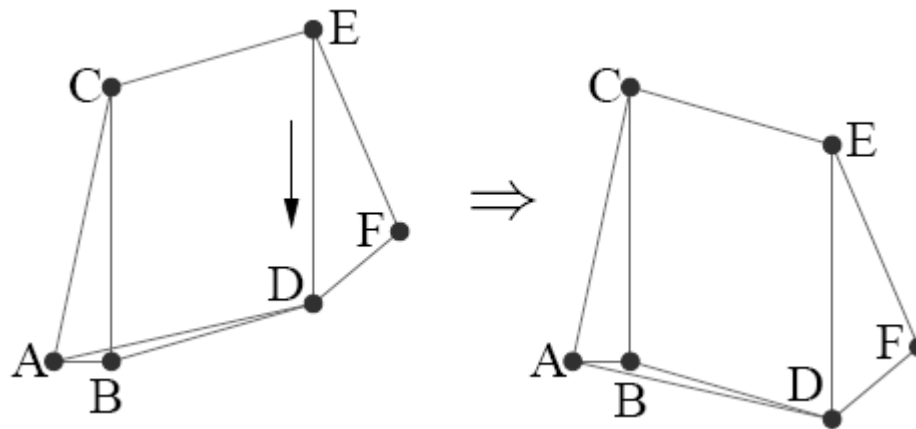
Flip

- No continuous deformation, but the solution is subject to global flipping.



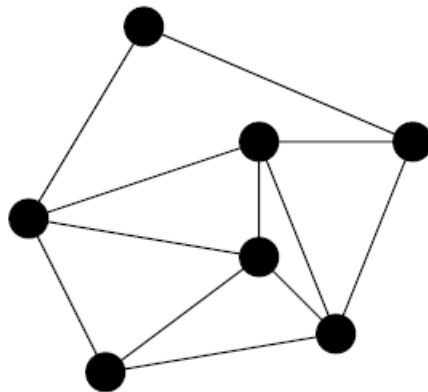
Discontinuous flex ambiguity

- Remove AD, flip ABD up, insert AD.
- No continuous deformation in between.
- But both are valid realization of the distances.



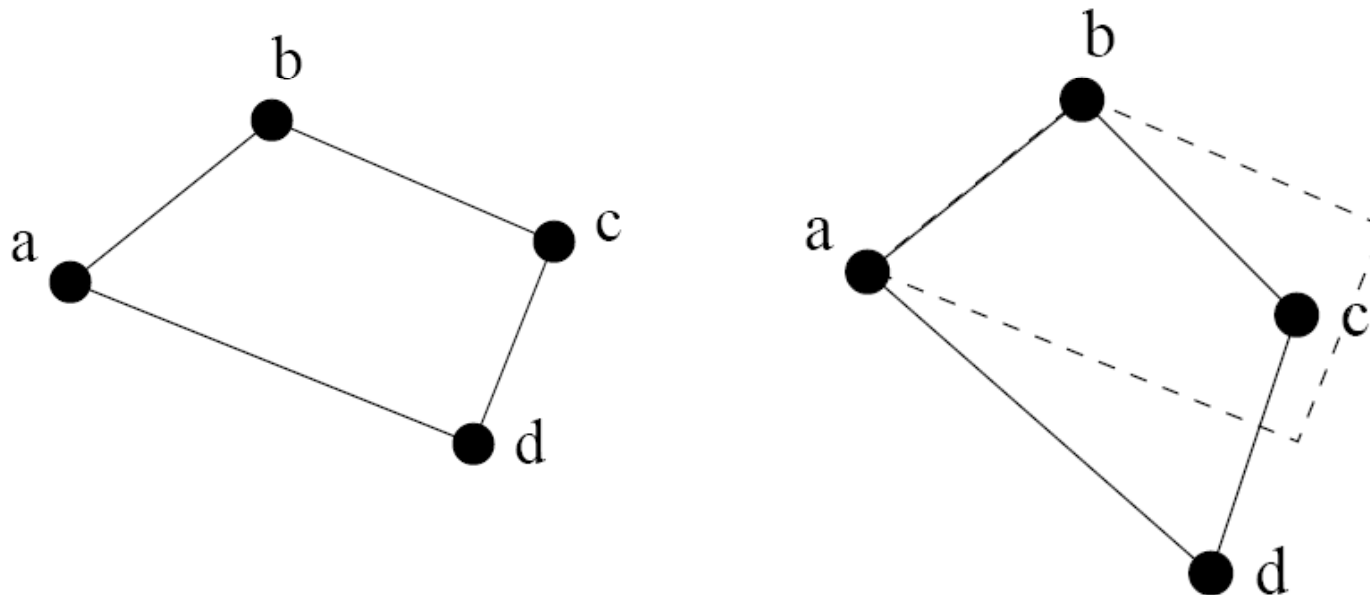
Rigidity theory

Given a system of rigid bars and hinges in 2D, does it have a continuous deformation? Or multiple realizations?



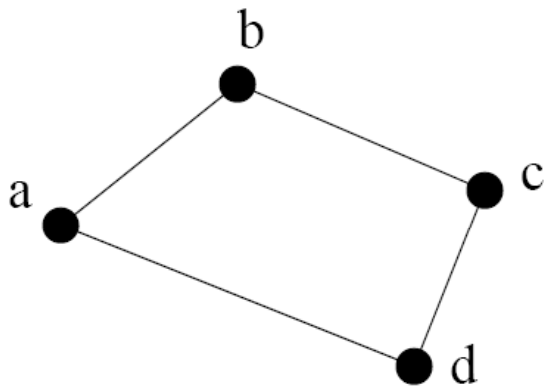
Rigidity theory

- Given a set of rigid bars connected by hinges, rigidity theory studies whether you can move them continuously.

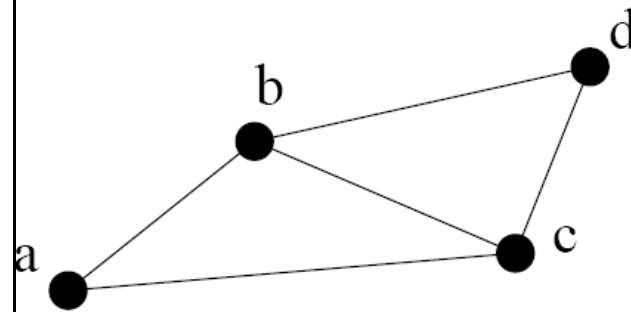
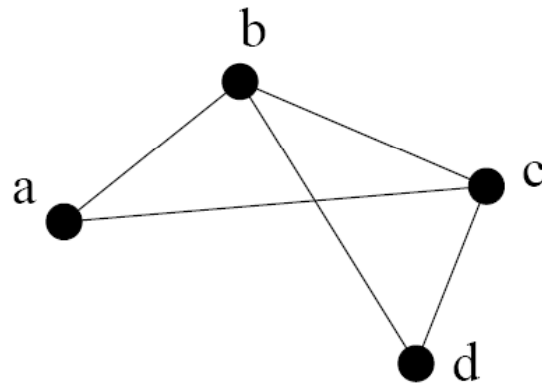


Rigidity and global rigidity

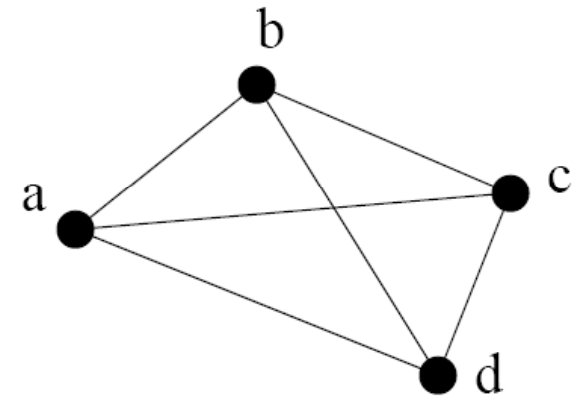
Not rigid



Rigid=
No continuous
deformation



Globally rigid=
unique realization



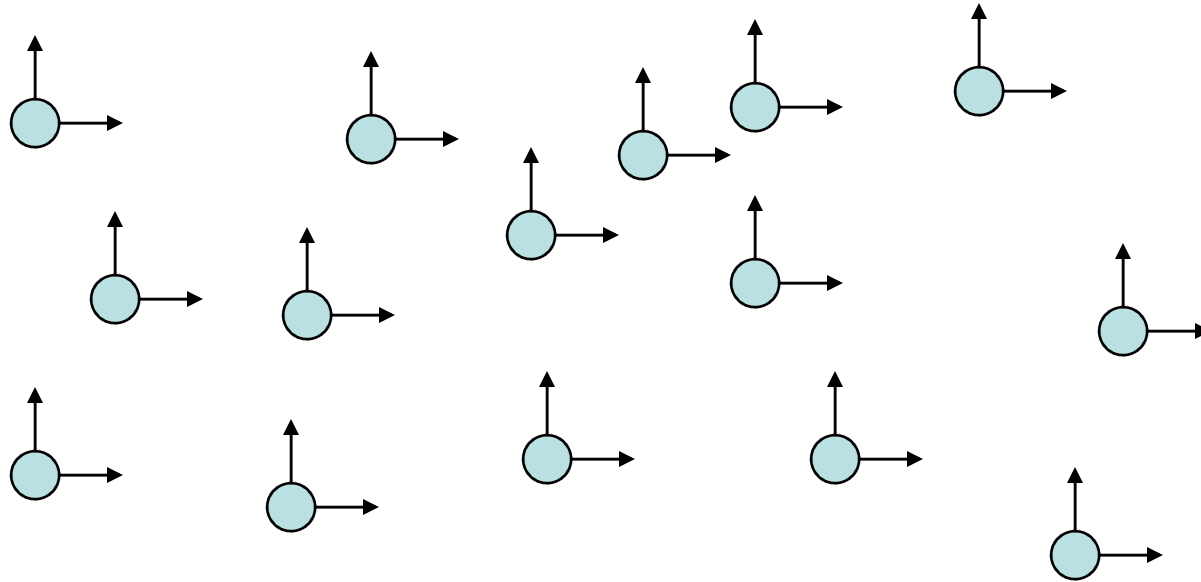
What we want!

Intuition on rigidity (not global rigidity yet)

How many distance constraints are necessary to limit a framework to only trivial motion?

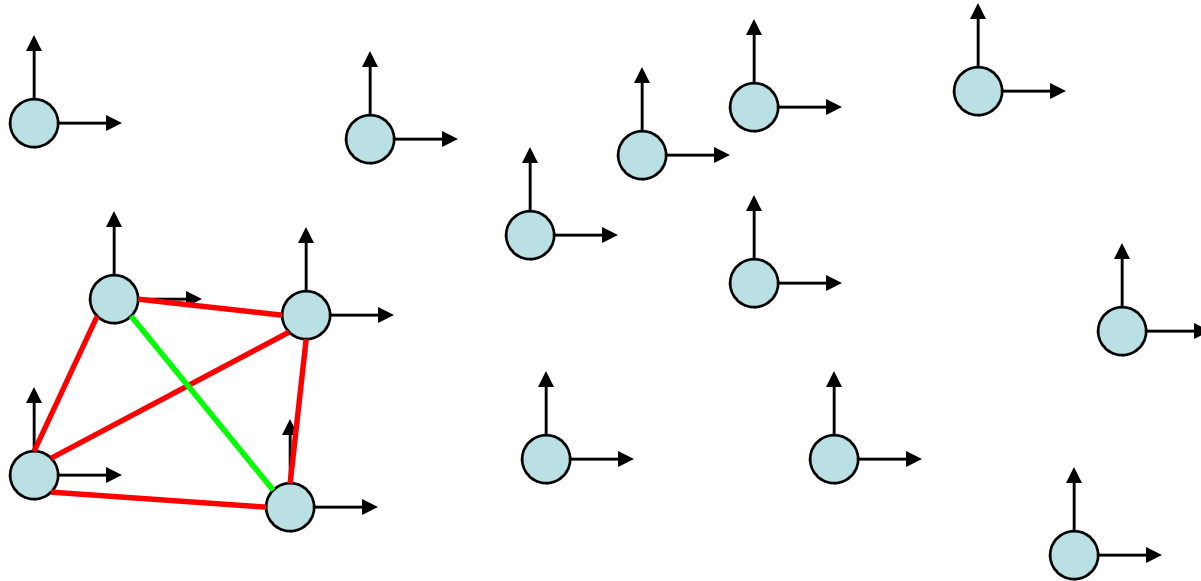
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How many edges are necessary for a graph to be rigid?



Total degrees of freedom: $2n$

How many edges are necessary to make a graph of n nodes rigid?

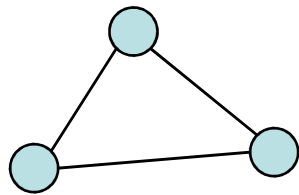


Each edge can remove a single degree of freedom

Rotations and translations will always be possible, so at least $2n-3$ edges are necessary for a graph to be rigid.

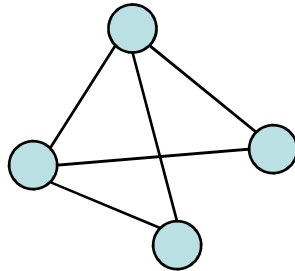
Are $2n-3$ edges sufficient?

$$n = 3, 2n-3 = 3$$



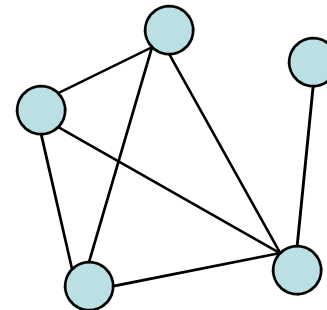
yes

$$n = 4, 2n-3 = 5$$



yes

$$n = 5, 2n-3 = 7$$



no

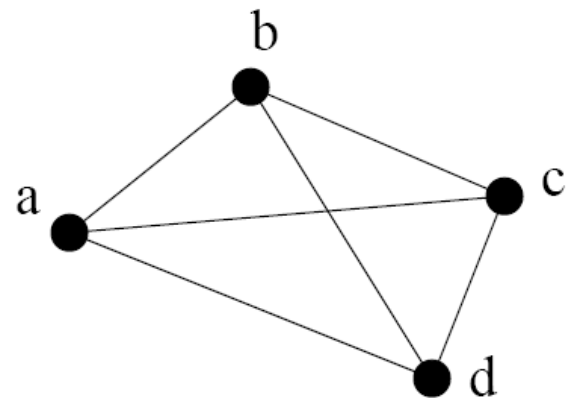
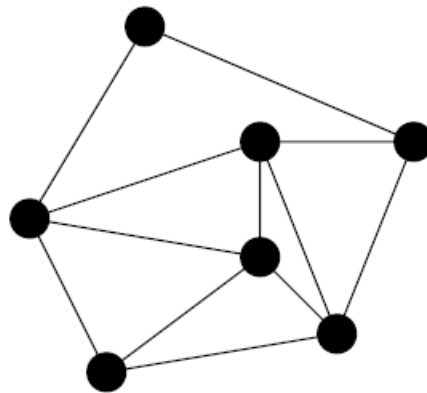
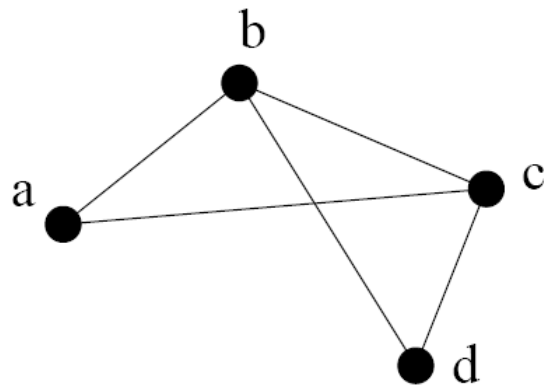
Further intuition

- Need at least $2n-3$ “well-distributed” edges.
- If a subgraph has more edges than necessary, some edges are **redundant**.
- Non-redundant edges are **independent**, i.e., they remove a degree of freedom each.
- Therefore, $2n-3$ **independent** edges guarantee rigidity.

Laman condition

Laman graph: it has $2n-3$ edges and no subgraph of k vertices has more than $2k-3$ edges.

Laman condition: A graph is rigid if it contains a Laman graph.



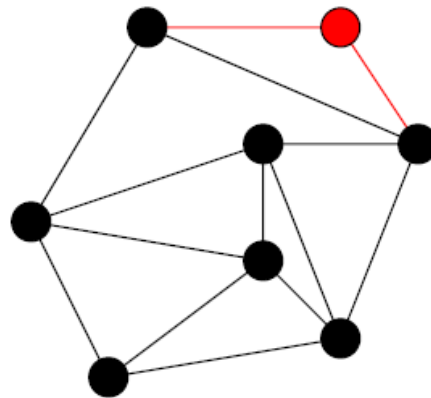
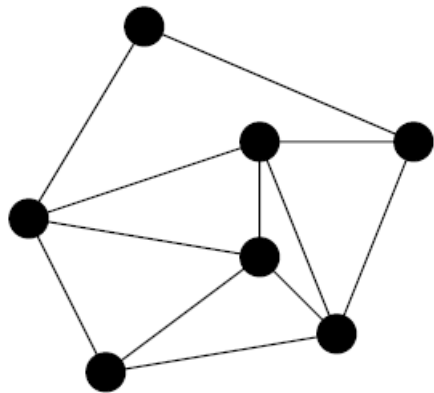
What does a Laman graph look like?

Henneberg constructions

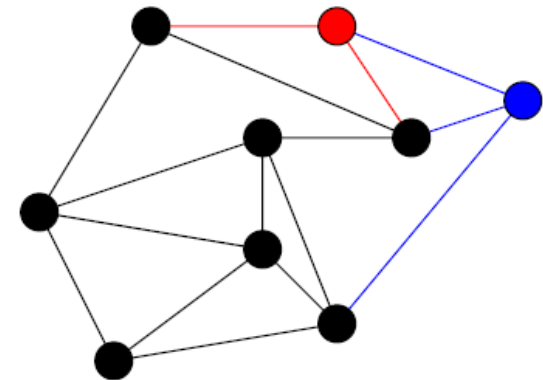
- **Henneberg constructions** (Tay-Whiteley): inductive, add one vertex at a time:
- Start with an edge. At each step, add a new vertex
 - Type I step: join the vertex to two old vertices via two edges
 - Type II step: join the vertex to three old vertices with at least one edge in between, via three edges. Remove an old edge between the three endpoints.

Henneberg constructions

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Type I



Type II

Laman = Henneberg construction

- A graph constructed by Henneberg construction is Laman.
- Every Laman graph can be constructed by using Henneberg construction.

Henneberg \rightarrow Laman

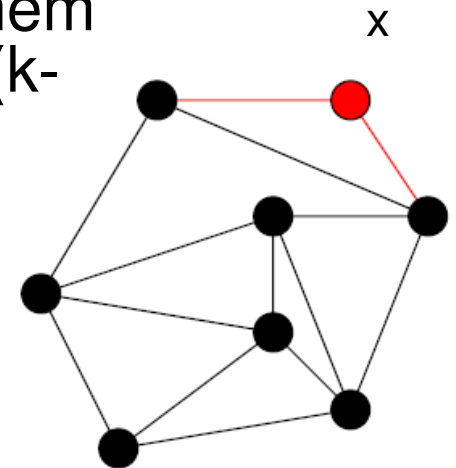
Claim: A graph constructed “Henneberg-ly” is Laman.

Proof: By induction. Suppose the current graph G is Laman with n vertices, $2n-3$ edges.

Type I: Add node x . We have $n+1$ vertices, and $2n-3+2=2(n+1)-3$ edges.

Similarly, for a subgraph with k nodes, if it does not include x , by the induction hypothesis, there are $\leq 2k-3$ edges.

If the subgraph includes x , for the other $k-1$ nodes, there are at most $2(k-1)-3$ edges between them (induction hypothesis), in total there are $\leq 2(k-1)-3 + 2 = 2k-3$ edges



Henneberg \rightarrow Laman

Type II: Add node x . We have $n+1$ vertices, and $2n-3+3-1=2(n+1)-3$ edges.

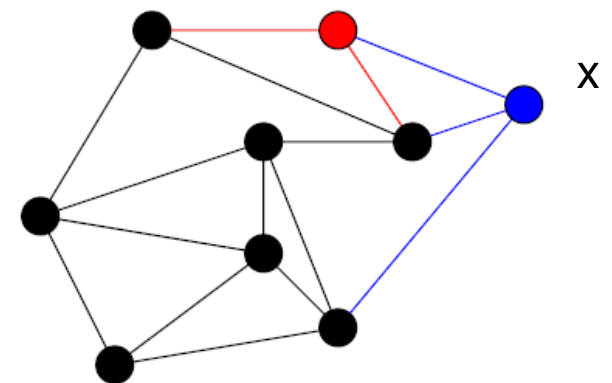
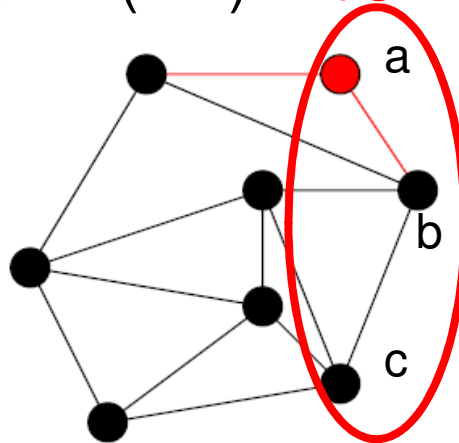
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1. $2(k-1)-3$ edges, if not all of a, b, c are included.
2. $2(k-1)-4$ edges, if a, b, c are all included.

Add x , for case 1, there are $\leq 2(k-1)-3 + 2 = 2k-3$ edges.

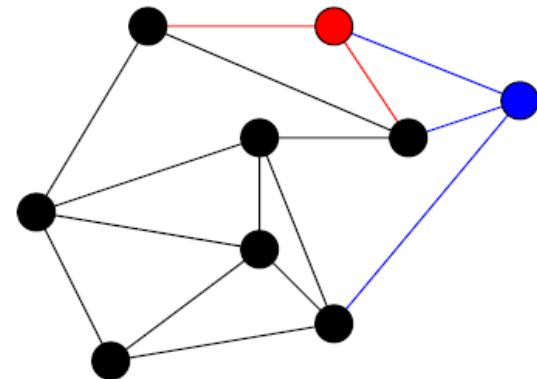
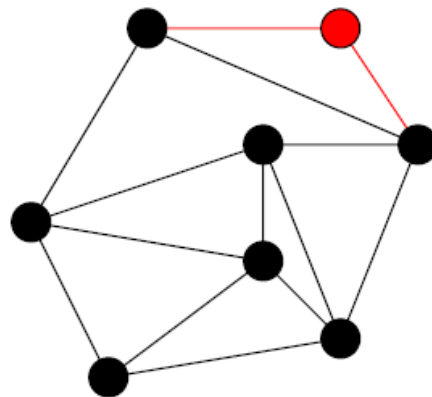
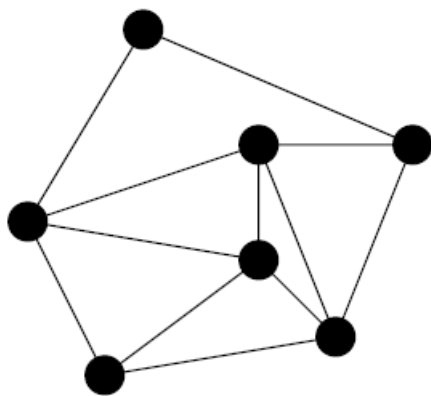
For case 2, there are $\leq 2(k-1)-4 + 3 = 2k-3$ edges. #



Laman \rightarrow Henneberg

Claim: Each Laman graph has a Henneberg construction.

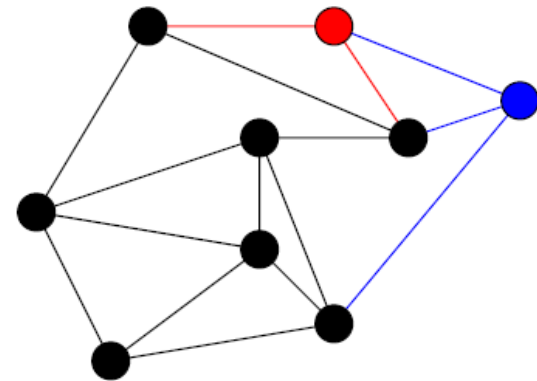
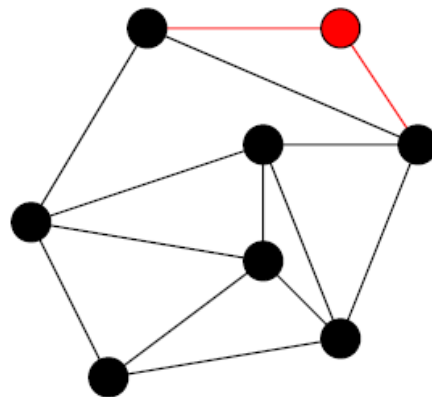
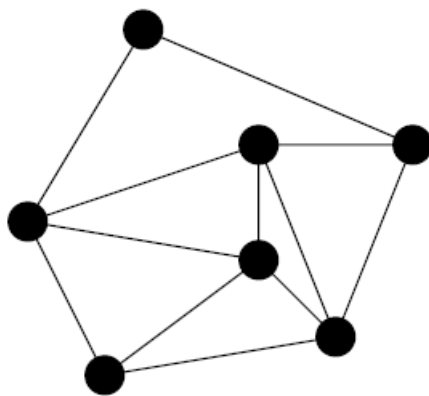
- If $m=2n-3$, there exists at least one vertex of degree 2 or 3.
- Otherwise, all nodes have degree 4. Thus we have at least $4n/2=2n$ edges. \rightarrow contradiction.



Laman \rightarrow Henneberg

Claim: Each Laman graph has a Henneberg construction.

- If degree 2: remove the vertex and its adjacent edges (Type I step in reverse)
- If degree 3: remove the vertex and the edges to its three neighbors $\{a, b, c\}$. They can't span all three edges (else violate $2k-3$ for $k=4$, e.g., $\{a, b, c, x\}$). Put one edge between them. (Type II step in reverse).
- Argue like before that Laman still holds, so we can continue.



Questions

- How to identify whether a graph is rigid or not?
- If a graph is globally rigid, how to use this information in localization algorithms?