

# Testing 3D displacement vectors by confidence ellipsoids

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## Testovanie deformačných vektorov

Testovanie 3D deformačných prejavov štandardnou procedúrou je možné aj geometrizovať, t.j. posúdiť vlastnosti vektorov posunov pomocou relatívnych konfidenčných elipsoidov. Sú uvedené dve metódy: priestorová a priesečníková a ich použitie ilustrované príkladom.

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## Introduction

Geodetic survey technics, making possible 3D measurements of points (GPS technologies, geodetic total stations, IMS, analytical photogrammetry) and following 3D processing networks in a convenient 3D cartesian reference frame  $s^S$ , are increasingly used in the present time. Many of these 3D measuring technics are applied for various quality controls of products, regular checking of object movements, all kinds of deformation measurements, i.e. for threedimensionally determining the network object points  $P_k, k \in \langle 1, p \rangle$  in epochs  $t_i, t_j$ . The computed coordinate estimates,  $C_{ki}^S = [XYZ]_{ki}^T$  and  $C_{kj}^S = [XYZ]_{kj}^T$  of  $P_{ki}$  and  $P_{kj}$  (two positions of the same point  $P_k$  obtained from epochs  $t_i, t_j$ ) are determined with accuracy described by absolute confidence ellipsoids  $E_{ki}$  and  $E_{kj}$  and their coordinate differences (discrepancies)  $\delta C_{kij}^S = C_{kj}^S - C_{ki}^S = [\delta X \ \delta Y \ \delta Z]_{kij}^T$  are obtained with accuracy given by a relative confidence ellipsoid  $E_{kij}$  with the center in position  $P_{ki}$  (Fig.1).

As known, using the discrepancy vector  $\delta C_{kij}^S$  (giving informations about the movement of  $P_k$  between epochs  $t_i, t_j$ ), one can accept a decision based on its testing by statistical hypotheses, whether the moving  $P_k$ , expressed by  $\delta C_{kij}^S$ , is significant, i.e. if the position change of  $P_k$  from  $P_{ki}$  to  $P_{kj}$  can be hold as its deformation displacement or if  $\delta C_{kij}^S$  is a manifestation of the measuring errors in  $C_{ki}^S$  and  $C_{kj}^S$ . An analogous information source for a such decision can be created by a relative confidence ellipsoid  $E_{kij}$  together with the vector  $\delta C_{kij}^S$ . This ellipsoid may be therefore used (instead of conventional testing procedures) to decide on the character of the 3D vector  $\delta C_{kij}^S$  in the same way as the confidence ellipses are applied for testing 2D position changes of points (Heck et al., 1977; Hetényi, 1982, 1984).

The presented paper gives methods of using  $E_{kij}$  for testing  $\delta C_{kij}^S$  and outlines the visualisation possibilities of these procedures.

## Testing the discrepancy vector

### Initial data for testing

A convenient procedure for a common adjusting network observations from both epochs  $t_i, t_j$  give the coordinate estimates  $C_i^S$  and  $C_j^S$  of  $P_k$ , the discrepancy vector  $\delta C_{kij}^S$  and its cofactor matrix

$$Q_{\delta C_{ij}} = Q_{C_i} + Q_{C_j} - Q_{C_{ij}} - Q_{C_{ji}} \quad (1)$$

where the matrix arguments are submatrices of the cofactor matrix of the estimates (obtained within the network adjustment)

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$$Q_{Cij} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{Ci} & Q_{Cij} \\ Q_{Cji} & Q_{Cj} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

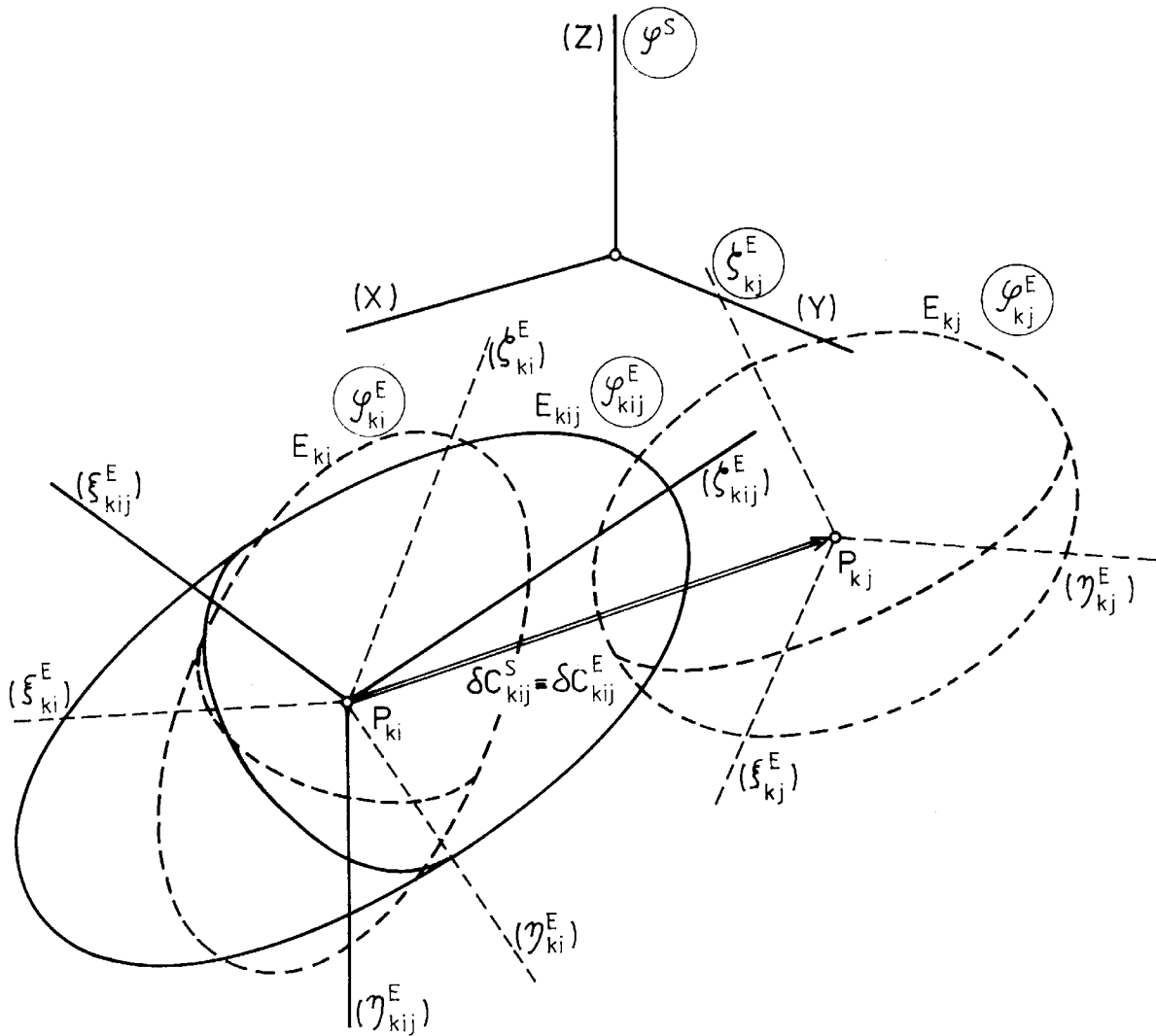


Fig. 1. Relative confidence ellipsoid at  $P_{ki}$ .

describing their accuracy. In addition, the aposteriori variance factor  $s_o^2$  and other measures of the adjusted network are available among them the covariance matrices of the estimates and of the difference vector

$$\Sigma_{Cij} = s_o^2 Q_{Cij} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{Ci1}^2 & L & s_{Ci1p} & s_{Cij11} & L & s_{Cij1p} \\ & M & & & M & M \\ s_{Cip1} & L & s_{Cip}^2 & s_{Cijp1} & L & s_{Cijpp} \\ s_{Cj11} & L & s_{Cj1p} & s_{Cj1}^2 & L & s_{Cj1p} \\ & M & & & M & M \\ s_{Cjip1} & L & s_{Cjip} & s_{Cjp1} & L & s_{Cjp}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3a)$$

$$\Sigma_{\delta Cij} = s_o^2 \begin{bmatrix} Q_{\delta C1} & L & Q_{\delta C1p} \\ M & Q_{\delta Ck} & M \\ Q_{\delta Cp1} & L & Q_{\delta Cp} \end{bmatrix}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{\delta C1} & L & \Sigma_{\delta C1p} \\ M & \Sigma_{\delta Ck} & M \\ \Sigma_{\delta Cp1} & L & \Sigma_{\delta Cp} \end{bmatrix}_{ij}. \quad (3b)$$

Spectral decomposition of the submatrices  $\Sigma_{Cki}$ ,  $\Sigma_{Ckj}$  and  $\Sigma_{\delta Ckij}$  (Forsythe et al., 1977; Linkwitz, 1988; Pelzer, 1980, 1985) give

$$\Sigma_{Cki} = M_{ki} \Lambda_{ki} M_{ki}^T, \quad \Sigma_{Ckj} = M_{kj} \Lambda_{kj} M_{kj}^T \quad (4a)$$

$$\Sigma_{\delta Ckij} = M_{\delta Ckij} \Lambda_{\delta Ckij} M_{\delta Ckij}^T, \quad (4b)$$

where

$$\Lambda_{ki} = \text{diag}(\lambda_{ki1} \lambda_{ki2} \lambda_{ki3}), \quad \Lambda_{kj} = \text{diag}(\lambda_{kj1} \lambda_{kj2} \lambda_{kj3}), \quad (5a)$$

$$\Lambda_{\delta Ckij} = \text{diag}(\lambda_{\delta Ck1} \lambda_{\delta Ck2} \lambda_{\delta Ck3}) \quad (5b)$$

are spectral matrices and

$$M_{ki} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(X\xi) & \cos(X\eta) & \cos(X\zeta) \\ \cos(Y\xi) & \cos(Y\eta) & \cos(Y\zeta) \\ \cos(Z\xi) & \cos(Z\eta) & \cos(Z\zeta) \end{bmatrix}_{ki}, \quad M_{kj} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(X\xi) & \cos(X\eta) & \cos(X\zeta) \\ \cos(Y\xi) & \cos(Y\eta) & \cos(Y\zeta) \\ \cos(Z\xi) & \cos(Z\eta) & \cos(Z\zeta) \end{bmatrix}_{kj}, \quad (6a)$$

$$M_{\delta Ckij} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(X\xi) & \cos(X\eta) & \cos(X\zeta) \\ \cos(Y\xi) & \cos(Y\eta) & \cos(Y\zeta) \\ \cos(Z\xi) & \cos(Z\eta) & \cos(Z\zeta) \end{bmatrix}_{kij}, \quad (6b)$$

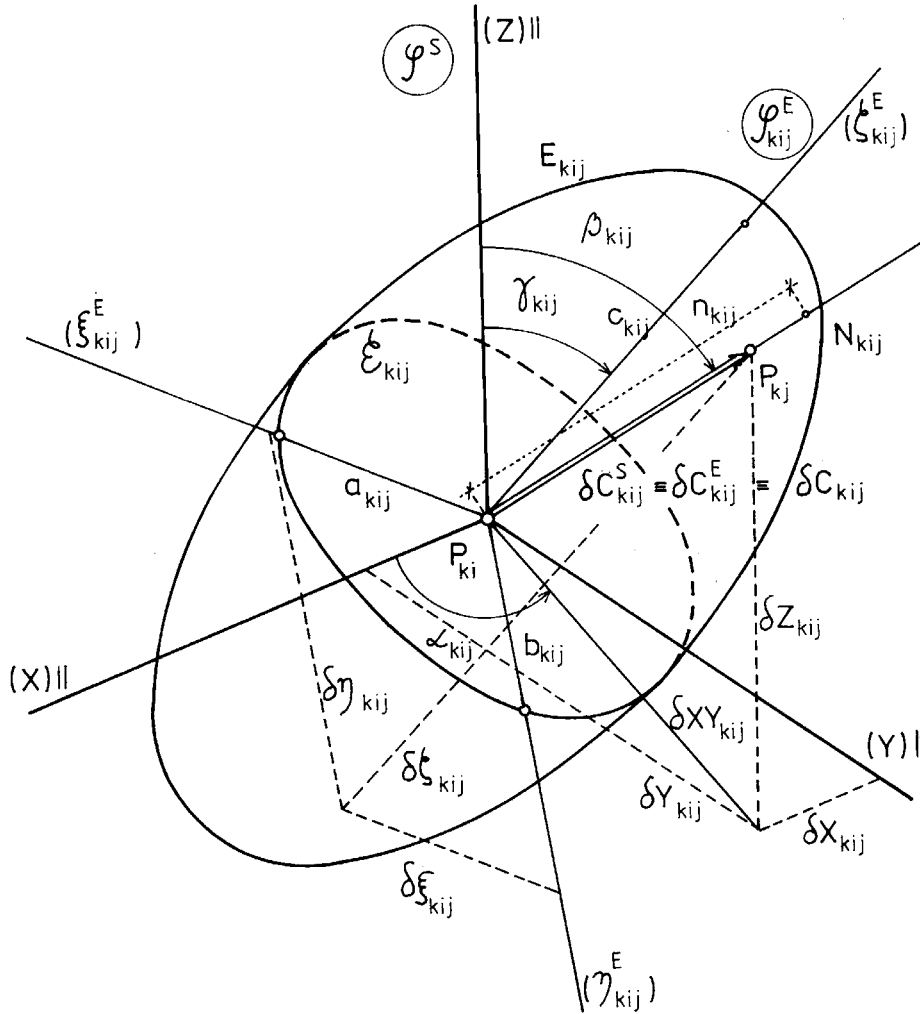


Fig. 2. Geometric interactions of absolute ellipsoids at  $P_{ki}$  and  $P_{kj}$  with the relative ellipsoid at  $P_{ki}$ . modal matrices. The spectral matrices include eigenvalues of  $\Sigma_{C_{ki}}$ ,  $\Sigma_{C_{kj}}$  and  $\Sigma_{\delta C_{kij}}$ . the modal matrices in the columns give eigenvectors needed for the axes orientation of the ellipsoids  $E_{ki}$ ,  $E_{kj}$  and of the relative ellipsoids  $E_{kij}$  in relation to the coordinate axes (X),(Y),(Z) of the system  $s^S$  (Fig.2).

### Standard method of testing

The conventional testing the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  of  $P_k$  is made by the known procedure. The null hypothesis  $H_0 : E(\delta C_{kij})=0$  is formulated , i.e. a hypothesis assuming that  $\delta C_{kij}$  occur due to accidental measuring errors, and this presumption is tested on the level  $\alpha$  using the statistics (Koch, 1987; Linkwitz, 1988)

$$T_k = (\delta C_{kij}^T Q_{\delta C_{kij}}^{-1} \delta C_{kij}) / (v_1 s_0^2) \sim F(v_1, v_2) \quad (7)$$

with a central Fisher-Snedecor distribution of probability (if  $H_0$  is valid) and with degrees of freedom  $v_1 =$  redundancy of the network,  $v_2 = 3$ . If  $T_k \geq F_k(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2)$ , where  $F_k(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2)$  is the critical value of the F-distribution ,  $H_0$  is on the level  $\alpha$  rejected, otherwise, if  $T_k < F_k(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2)$ ,  $H_0$  can be admitted. Rejection of  $H_0$  indicates that the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  does not possess a stochastic character. Such vector may be with probability  $1-\alpha$  considered as output of significant coordinate changes of  $P_k$  (in the initial point  $P_{ki}$ ) ,i.e. as a deformation displacement vector of  $P_k$  from position  $P_{ki}$  (in epoch  $t_i$ ) to position  $P_{kj}$  (in epoch  $t_j$ ).

### Testing with a relative confidence ellipsoid

#### Absolute confidence ellipsoid

As known (Hustopecký, 1987; Koch, 1987; Pelzer, 1980, 1985), the probability of positioning non accidental 3D coordinates  $C_{ki}$  (true, theoretical position of  $P_{ki}$ ) in an accidental absolute point-ellipsoid  $E_{ki}$ <sup>3)</sup> is

$$P\{(C_{ki}-C_{eki})^T \Sigma_{Ceki}^{-1} (C_{ki}-C_{eki}) \leq F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2)\} = 1-\alpha \quad (8)$$

where  $C_{eki}$  are estimates of  $C_{ki}$ . The equation

$$(C_{ki}-C_{eki})^T \Sigma_{Ceki}^{-1} (C_{ki}-C_{eki}) = F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2) \quad (9)$$

can be interpreted as that of a three-axis ellipsoid  $E_{ki}$  with centre in  $P_{ki}$ . By the covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{Ceki}$  in Eq.(9) the accuracy of coordinates  $C_{eki}$  and by the factor  $F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2)$ , the confidence volume of  $E_{ki}$  are given.

Each ellipsoid  $E_{ki}$  by axes  $(\xi_{ki}), (\eta_{ki}), (\zeta_{ki})$  creates an own 3D cartesian coordinate system  $S_{ki}^E$  (Fig.2) and then its equation may be defined according to (Linkwitz, 1988; Pelzer, 1980, 1985)

$$\frac{\xi_{ki}^2}{\sigma_{\xi_{ki}}^2} + \frac{\eta_{ki}^2}{\sigma_{\eta_{ki}}^2} + \frac{\zeta_{ki}^2}{\sigma_{\zeta_{ki}}^2} = F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2) \quad (10a)$$

or

$$\frac{\xi_{ki}^2}{a_{ki}^2} + \frac{\eta_{ki}^2}{b_{ki}^2} + \frac{\zeta_{ki}^2}{c_{ki}^2} = 1. \quad (10b)$$

In Eq.(10) it holds that

$$\sigma_{\xi_{ki}}^2 = s_o^2 \lambda_{ki1}, \quad \sigma_{\eta_{ki}}^2 = s_o^2 \lambda_{ki2}, \quad \sigma_{\zeta_{ki}}^2 = s_o^2 \lambda_{ki3} \quad (11)$$

and semiaxes of  $E_{ki}$  (determining its dimension and confidence space) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ki} &= s_o(\lambda_{ki1} F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2))^{1/2}, \\ b_{ki} &= s_o(\lambda_{ki2} F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2))^{1/2}, \\ c_{ki} &= s_o(\lambda_{ki3} F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2))^{1/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where eigenvalues  $\lambda_{ki}$  may be obtained according to Eq.(5).

If  $F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2) = 1$  (when  $1-\alpha=0,99$ ), the confidence ellipsoid may be called the standard (Helmerts') ellipsoid.

### Relative confidence ellipsoid

Formal applying the vector  $C_{kj}-C_{ki} = \delta C_{kij}$  and their covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{\delta C_{kij}}$  (3b) in Eq.(9) instead of  $C_{ki}-C_{eki} = v_{cki}$ , one can write the equation of a relative confidence ellipsoid  $E_{kij}$

$$\delta C_{kij}^T \Sigma_{\delta C_{kij}}^{-1} \delta C_{kij} = F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2) \quad (13a)$$

or

$$\frac{\delta \xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta \eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta \zeta_{kij}^2}{c_{kij}^2} = 1 \quad (13b)$$

with its centre in  $P_{ki}$  and with axes  $(\xi_{kij}), (\eta_{kij}), (\zeta_{kij})$  creating an own cartesian coordinate system  $S_{kij}^E$ . Ellipsoid  $E_{kij}$  with lengths of its semiaxes

$$\begin{aligned} a_{kij} &= s_o(\lambda_{\delta k1} F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2))^{1/2}, \\ b_{kij} &= s_o(\lambda_{\delta k2} F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2))^{1/2}, \\ c_{kij} &= s_o(\lambda_{\delta k3} F(1-\alpha; v_1, v_2))^{1/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

<sup>3)</sup>statements and relations introduced in 3.1 for  $P_{ki}$  are analogous for  $P_{kj}$

is convenient for testing the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  and therefore it can be applied for this purpose.

The concept of the testing procedure is based on a judgement on the mutual space position of  $E_{kij}$  and the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  with the length

$$|\delta C_{kij}| = |\delta C_{kij}^E| = |\delta C_{kij}^S| = |(\delta \xi_{kij}^2 + \delta \eta_{kij}^2 + \delta \zeta_{kij}^2)^{1/2}| = |(\delta X_{kij}^2 + \delta Y_{kij}^2 + \delta Z_{kij}^2)^{1/2}|. \quad (15)$$

If  $\delta C_{kij}$  with its initial point in  $P_{ki}$  breaks through the ellipsoid surface (with centre in the same point  $P_{ki}$ ),  $H_o$  is rejected, on the contrary, when  $\delta C_{kij}$  lies inside the ellipsoid  $E_{kij}$ ,  $H_o$  can be admitted.

Further, two methods will be introduced for determination of  $\delta C_{kij}$  space positioning in relation to  $E_{kij}$ . For this, the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  has to be transformed from the system  $S_{kij}^S$  into the system  $S_{kij}^E$  (of the ellipsoid coordinates) according to

$$\delta C_{kij}^E = \begin{bmatrix} \delta \xi \\ \delta \eta \\ \delta \zeta \end{bmatrix}_{kij}^E = M_{\delta C_{kij}}^{-1} \delta C_{kij}^S = M_{\delta C_{kij}}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \delta X \\ \delta Y \\ \delta Z \end{bmatrix}_{kij}^S, \quad (16)$$

where the transformation matrix is defined by Eq.(6b).

### Testing methods proposed

#### Space method

Each point in  $S_{kij}^E$  ( e.g.  $P_{kj}$  with coordinates  $\delta \xi_{kij}, \delta \eta_{kij}, \delta \zeta_{kij}$ ) fulfilling Eq.(13b) lies on the ellipsoid surface and each of these points with  $\delta \zeta_{kij}=0$  has to be simultaneously situated in the centric-ellipse  $E_{kij}$  of  $E_{kij}$  (Fig.1)

$$\frac{\delta \xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta \eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} = 1 \quad (17)$$

on the plane  $\{(\xi_{kij}^E), (\eta_{kij}^E)\}$ , perpendicular to the axis  $(\zeta_{kij}^E)$  in the point  $P_{ki}$ . If components  $\delta \xi_{kij}$  and  $\delta \eta_{kij}$ , instead of Eq.(17), give an inequality

$$\left( \frac{\delta \xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta \eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} \right) > 1, \quad (18a)$$

the point  $P_{ki}$  will be situated outside of the area bounded by  $E_{kij}$ . This is equivalent to the statement, that the space position of the point  $P_{ki}$  is outside  $E_{kij}$ . The vector  $\delta \hat{C}_{kij}^S \equiv \delta \hat{C}_{kij}^E \equiv \delta \hat{C}_{kij}$  in this case breaks through the ellipsoid surface and its end-point  $P_{kj}$  is out of  $E_{kij}$ . This is the finally conclusion relating

to the mutual space positions of  $\delta C_{kij}$ ,  $P_{ki}$  and  $E_{kij}$  in situations with validity of Eq.(18a).

On the contrary, if components  $\delta \xi_{kij}$ ,  $\delta \eta_{kij}$  fulfill the relation

$$\left( \frac{\delta \xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta \eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} \right) < 1, \quad (18b)$$

i.e. when  $P_{kj}$  will be positioned inside of  $E_{kij}$ , it has to be investigated further whether  $P_{kj}$  will be found inside of  $E_{kij}$  (in the upper or lower halfellipsoide with regard to the plane of  $E_{kij}$ ), or  $P_k$  will be situated out of  $E_{kij}$ . To decide upon these possibilities, Eq. (13b) can be used, from which we have

$$\delta\zeta_{kij} = c_{kij} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\delta\xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} \right)}$$

or

$$f(\delta\zeta_{kij}) = 1 - \frac{\zeta_{kij}^2}{c_{kij}^2} = \frac{\delta\xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} \quad (19)$$

According to Eq.(19), the point  $P_{kj}$  with coordinates  $\delta\xi_{kij}$  and  $\delta\eta_{kij}$  inside the ellipse  $E_{kij}$ , and, simultaneously with  $\delta\zeta_{kij}$  or  $f(\delta\zeta_{kij})$  satisfying Eq. (19), is positioned on the surface of  $E_{kij}$ .

If the relation

$$|f(\delta\zeta_{kij})| > \left( \frac{\delta\xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} \right) \quad (20a)$$

is valid,  $P_{kj}$  will be found out of the space demarcated by  $E_{kij}$ , i.e. the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  will be breaking through the ellipsoid. Otherwise, if

$$|f(\delta\zeta_{kij})| < \left( \frac{\delta\xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} \right) \quad (20b)$$

the point  $P_{kj}$  and the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  will be situated in  $E_{kij}$ .

### Intersection method

This investigation is based on comparing length of the vector  $\delta C_{kij}^E = |(\delta\xi_{kij}^2 + \delta\eta_{kij}^2 + \delta\zeta_{kij}^2)^{1/2}| \equiv \delta C_{kij}^S \equiv \delta C_{kij}$  with the distance  $n_{kij} = \overline{P_{ki}N_{kij}}$  (Fig.1), where  $N_{kij}$  is the intersection point of the straight line defined by  $P_{ki}, P_{kj}$  (direction of the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$ ) with the ellipsoid surface.

The distance  $n_{kij}$  in  $s_{kij}^E$  may be determined by

$$n_{kij} = \sqrt{(\xi_{Nkij} - \xi_{Pki})^2 + (\eta_{Nkij} - \eta_{Pki})^2 + (\zeta_{Nkij} - \zeta_{Pki})^2}, \quad (21)$$

$$n_{kij} = \sqrt{\xi_{Nkij}^2 + \eta_{Nkij}^2 + \zeta_{Nkij}^2}$$

because  $\xi_{Pki} = \eta_{Pki} = \zeta_{Pki} = 0$ . Coordinates of the intersection point can be obtained by solving a linear equation system, consisting of Eq.(13b) and the equation for the straight line through  $P_{ki}, P_{kj}$

$$\frac{\delta\xi_{kij}^2}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\zeta_{kij}^2}{c_{kij}^2} = 1,$$

$$\frac{\xi_{Nkij}}{\delta\xi_{kij}} = \frac{\eta_{Nkij}}{\delta\eta_{kij}} = \frac{\zeta_{Nkij}}{\delta\zeta_{kij}} \quad (22)$$

with regard to the null coordinate values of  $P_{ki}$ . The solution of Eq. (22) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{Nkij} &= 1/\sqrt{k}, \\ \eta_{Nkij} &= \frac{\delta\eta_{kij}}{\delta\xi_{kij}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}, \\ \zeta_{Nkij} &= \frac{\delta\zeta_{kij}}{\delta\xi_{kij}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where

$$k = \frac{1}{a_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\eta_{kij}^2}{b_{kij}^2 \delta\xi_{kij}^2} + \frac{\delta\zeta_{kij}^2}{c_{kij}^2 \delta\xi_{kij}^2} \quad (24)$$

Comparing  $\delta C_{kij}$  and  $n_{kij}$ , if

$$|\delta C_{kij}| > n_{kij} \quad (25a)$$

the end point  $P_{kj}$  of the vector  $\delta C_{kij}$  is positioned out of  $E_{kij}$ , i.e. the vector breaks through the ellipsoid surface. On the contrary, if

$$|\delta C_{kij}| < n_{kij}, \quad (25b)$$

the point  $P_{kj}$  (and at the same time the whole vector  $\delta C_{kij}$ ) will be found inside  $E_{kij}$ .

### Visualisation of results

Except for getting numerical results and statements from the testing procedure, a convenient graphical presentation of these results is expedient. Using it, one can obtain a global survey of mutual relations of the vectors  $\delta C_{kij}$  and the ellipsoids  $E_{kij}$  in the point field of a network. Such a presentation may enable for the observer an immediate glance over the situation, i.e. over dimensions and orientation of the ellipsoids  $E_{kij}$ , space relations between  $E_{kij}$  and  $\delta C_{kij}$  (whether  $\delta C_{kij}$  is going through  $E_{kij}$ , in which direction, with what length etc.). By a suitable visualisation of these informations, a good visual survey of displaying the vectors  $\delta C_{kij}$  may be possible in the whole space of the deformation network.

The standard computer possibilities of a 3D visualisation using mesh surfaces, grids, contour plots and other forms are not always the most convenient ones from the mentioned points of view because of unsufficiently information content of such presentations. It seems that various 2D line-form plotting of  $E_{kij}$  and its relation to  $\delta C_{kij}$ , completed with convenient and needful numeric or symbol data, is the most acceptable 3D graphic description of these objects and their mutual interactions. From such 2D visualisations of the computed results in the 3D space, e.g. the following ones can be applied: scaled and oriented drawing  $E_{kij}$ , plotting the scaled and oriented true length of  $\delta C_{kij}$  in the plane  $\{(X) (Y)\}$  with data of its inclination (related to  $(Z)$  in  $\langle 0, \pi \rangle$ ) and using different possible designations for  $\delta C_{kij}$  being inside or outside of  $E_{kij}$  (in Fig.3 double line, full one).

All data necessary for plotting and designation of the above mentioned geometrical characteristics are computable within computer supported solving scalar and vector quantities for performing test. Using these data and a suitable software for the automatical drawing, a graphical output can be done showing at which points of the network are 3D deformation displacements.

Other ways of 2D plotting or combinations of 3D and 2D visualisations with various numerical and symbolic complements (increasing the lucidity of these plots) are possible and applicable too.

### Example



In a 3D landslide deformation network (Fig.3), surveyed by a geodetic total station (spatial distances to 3 km, horizontal and zenith angles, trigonometrical height differences measured) and processed in a 3D cartesian system for epochs  $t_0$  (start) and  $t_1$  (next) using the Gauss-Markoff model,

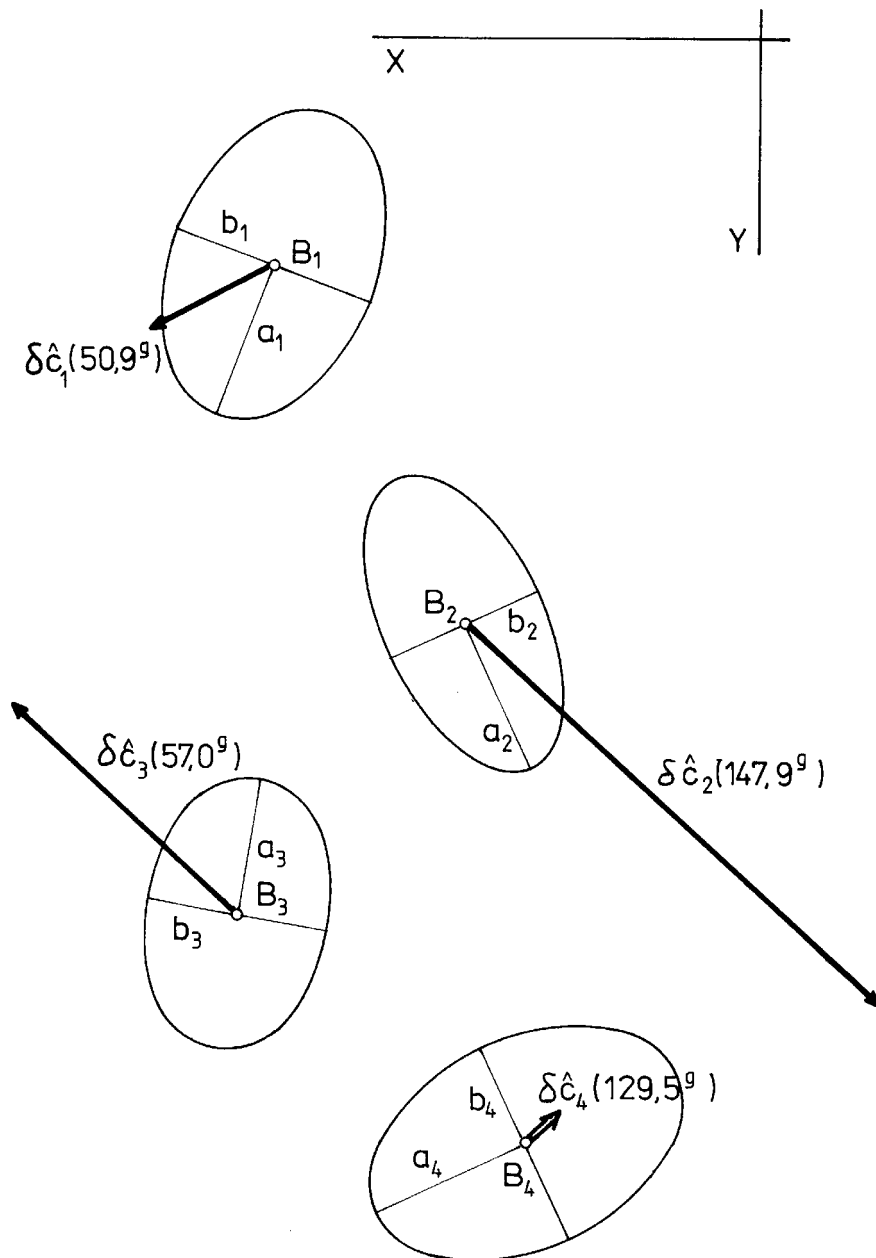


Fig. 3. Visualisation of the geometric positions between discrepancy vectors and the relative ellipsoids at the network points (scale: network 1 : 2000, vectors and ellipsoids 2 : 1).

coordinate estimates  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  of the object points  $B_k, k \in \{1,4\}$ , the vector  $\delta C_k$ , the aposteriori variance factor  $s_0^2 = 89,354$  and the cofactor matrix  $Q_{\delta C}$  have been determined. The accuracy of the adjusted coordinates is given by the average standard deviation 5.56 mm.

The coordinates of the vectors  $\delta C_{kij}^S$  (of points  $C_1$ ), related to points with  $C_0$  in  $S^S$ , are (Tab.1)<sup>4</sup> :

Point	$\delta X^S$	$\delta Y^S$	$\delta Z^S$	$\delta \xi^E$	$\delta \eta^E$	$\delta \zeta^E$
1	6.23	3.77	7.08	-1.04	6.60	7.65
2	-25.62	18.27	-29.44	-3.55	-42.78	-3.81
3	13.05	-12.88	14.70	5.17	19.90	-11.39

<sup>4</sup>all numeric data are in mm

4	-1.98	-2.06	-1.43	-1.80	-2.59	0.52
	Tab.1			Tab.2		

Using  $Q_{\delta C}$ , the corresponding spectral (Eq.(5b)) and modal matrices (Eq.(6b)) for the points  $B_k$ , by transformation (16) of the coordinates  $\delta\xi^E, \delta\eta^E, \delta\zeta^E$  of the end points  $C_1$  of discrepancy vectors in  $S_{k01}^E$  (Tab.2), and the lengths of the vectors  $\delta C_{k01}$  according to Eq.(15) (Tab.3), were further computed.

Point	$\delta C_{k01}$	$n_{k01}$
1	10.16	5.65
2	43.09	5.78
3	23.50	6.31
4	3.20	8.89

Tab.3 Tab.6

Lengths of the semiaxes of the standard relative ellipsoid  $E_{k01}$  (14) are (Tab.4):

Point	a	b	c	$\xi_{Nk01}$	$\eta_{Nk01}$	$\zeta_{Nk01}$
1	12.44	8.04	4.79	0.58	-3.67	-4.26
2	2.35	5.88	12.48	0.48	5.74	0.51
3	4.20	7.94	10.26	1.39	5.34	-3.06
4	6.07	8.12	12.63	5.02	7.20	-1.45

Tab.4

Tab.5

For testing by the intersection method, the length  $n_{k01}$  (Eq.(21)) (Tab.6) and the coordinates for the intersection points of the vectors  $\delta C_{k01}$  through  $E_{k01}$  were computed using Eq.(23) and (24) (Tab.5).

The comparison of  $n_{k01}$  with  $\delta C_{k01}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 &< \delta C_1, \\ n_2 &< \delta C_2, \\ n_3 &< \delta C_3, \\ n_4 &> \delta C_4 \end{aligned}$$

and, as may be declared, movements of  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$  should be hold as their significant position changes, i.e. these movements should be taken for deformation displacements only the movement of  $B_4$  may not be considered as a deformation displacement of this point.

The standard relative ellipsoids with the corresponding vectors are visualised in the way introduced in chapter 5 (Fig.3) to gain a good view upon the point field of the network with the maximum of needed information. For each point  $B_k$ :

-  $E_{k01}$  of  $E_{k01}$  given by their scaled true semiaxes  $a_{k01}, b_{k01}$  (Tab.4) and oriented by bearings  $\sigma_{ak01}$ , was drawn in the plane  $\{(X) (Y)\}$ ,

- the scaled projections of the vector  $\delta C_{k01}$  (Tab.3) with orientations given by bearings  $\sigma_{\delta Ck01}$  were plotted in the plane  $\{(X) (Y)\}$  with their inclinations  $\beta_{\delta C}$  to  $(Z)$ .

Bearings of semiaxes "a" are computable from the modal matrices (Eq.(6b)), bearings and inclinations of  $\delta C_{k01}$  from the coordinates (Tab.1).

### Conclusion

The conventional numerical testing procedures in the 3D deformation measurements can be supplied by equivalent graphical testing the discrepancy vectors. For this reason, various methods may be applied that investigate the mutual space relations of the vectors and the corresponding relative confidence ellipsoids. To this form of testing a suitable graphic description of the space situation of testing results should be joined that could given a good visual presentation.

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