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# **PREFACE**

GPS Satellite Surveying has undergone a major revision in order to keep abreast with new developments in GNSS and yet maintain its focus on geodesy and surveying. All chapters have been reorganized in a more logical fashion. Because the GNSS systems have developed significantly since the last edition of the book, we have added new material on the GLONASS, Beidou, and Galileo systems, as well as on the ongoing modernization of GPS. A separate chapter was included on recursive least squares. Another chapter on RTK implementation was added that uses these recursive least-squares algorithms to process across-receiver observation differences and is capable of accepting observations from all GNSS systems. Examples are supported by real data processing. A third new chapter was added on GNSS user antennas. This chapter was prepared by an antenna expert to provide the necessary background information and details to allow practicing engineers to select the right antenna for a project. As to GNSS processing approaches, major new sections were added on PPP-RTK and TCAR. Six new additional appendices were added containing in-depth mathematical supplements for those readers who enjoy the mathematical rigor.

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# **ABBREVIATIONS**

#### COMMONLY USED GNSS ABBREVIATIONS

ARNS Aeronautical Radio Navigation Service

ARP Antenna reference point

AS Antispoofing

ASK Amplitude shift keying

B1 B1 Beidou carrier (1561.098 MHZ)
B2 B2 Beidou carrier (1207.14 MHz)
B3 B3 Beidou carrier (1268.52MHz)

BOC Binary offset carrier
BPSK Binary phase shift keying

C/A-code Coarse/acquisition code (1.023 MHz)

CDMA Code division multiple access
CIO Celestial intermediary origin

CCRF Conventional celestial reference frame

CEP Celestial ephemeris pole

CORS Continuously operating reference stations

CTP Conventional terrestrial pole

CTRS Conventional terrestrial reference system

DGPS Differential GPS
DOD Department of Defense
DOP Dilution of precision

DOY Day of year

E6 Galileo carrier (1278.75 MHz)

ECEF Earth-centered earth-fixed coordinate system

#### **XXII** ABBREVIATIONS

EOP Earth orientation parameter FAA Federal Aviation Administration

FBSR Feedback shift register

FDMA Frequency division multiple access

FSK Frequency shift keying FOC Full operational capability

GAST Greenwich apparent sidereal time GDOP Geometric dilution of precision GEO Geostationary earth orbit

GIF Geometry-free and ionospheric-free solution

GIM Global ionospheric model

GLONASS Global'naya Navigatsionnaya Sputnikkovaya Sistema

GNSS Global navigation satellite system
GML Gauss midlatitude functions
GMST Greenwich mean sidereal time
GPS Global positioning system
GPSIC GPS Information Center

GPST GPS time

GRS80 Geodetic reference system of 1980 HDOP Horizontal dilution of precision HMW Hatch/Melbourne/Wübbena function

HOW Handover word

IAG International Association of Geodesy
IAU International Astronomical Union
ICRF International celestial reference frame
IERS International Earth Rotation Service

IGDG Internet-based dual-frequency global differential GPS

IGS International GNSS Service

IGSO Inclined geosynchronous satellite orbit

ISC Intersignal Correction

ITRF International terrestrial reference frame

IOC Initial operational capability
ION Institute of Navigation
IWV Integrated water vapor

JD Julian date

JPL Jet Propulsion Laboratory L1 L1 carrier (1575.42 MHz) L2 L2 carrier (1227.6 MHz) L5 L5 carrier (1176.45 MHz)

LAMBDA Least-squares ambiguity decorrelation adjustment

LC Lambert conformal mapping
LEO Low-earth orbiting satellite
LHCP Left-hand circular polarization

MEO Medium earth orbit

NAD83 North American datum of 1983

NAVSTAR Navigation Satellite Timing and Ranging

NEP North ecliptic pole

NGS National Geodetic Survey

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

PCO Phase center offset

OPUS Online processing user service
OTF On-the-fly ambiguity resolution
P-code Precision code (10.23 MHz)

PCV Phase center variation

PDOP Positional dilution of precision

ppb parts per billion ppm parts per million

RHCP

PPP Precise point positioning
PPS Precise positioning service
PRN Pseudorandom noise
PSK Phase shift keying
PWV Precipitable water vapor
OPSK Quadature phase shift keying

RINEX Receiver independent exchange format RNSS Radio navigation satellite services

RTCM Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services

Right-hand circular polarization

RTK Real-time kinematic positioning

SA Selective availability

SBAS Satellite-based augmentation system SINEX Solution independent exchange format

SLR Satellite laser ranging SNR Signal-to-noise ratio

SP3 Standard product #3 for ECEF orbital files

SPC State plane coordinate system
SPS Standard positioning service
SRP Solar radiation pressure
SVN Space vehicle launch number

SWD Slant wet delay

TAI International atomic time
TDOP Time dilution of precision
TEC Total electron content

TECU TEC unit

TIO Terrestrial intermediary origin

TLM Telemetry word

TM Transverse Mercator mapping

TOW Time of week

TRANSIT Navy navigation satellite system

URE User range error

#### **XXIV** ABBREVIATIONS

USNO U.S. Naval Observatory

UT1 Universal time corrected for polar motion

UTC Coordinate universal time
VDOP Vertical dilution of precision
VLBI Very long baseline interferometry

VRS Virtual reference station
VSWR Voltage standing wave ratio
WAAS Wide area augmentation service
WADGPS Wide area differential GPS
WGS84 World Geodetic System of 1984

WVR Water vapor radiometer Y-code Encrypted P-code

ZHD Zenith hydrostatic delay

ZWD Zenith wet delay

# **GPS SATELLITE SURVEYING**

### **CHAPTER 1**

# INTRODUCTION

Over the last decade, the development and application of GNSS (global navigation satellite system) has been unabatedly progressing. Not only is the modernization of the U.S. GPS (global positioning system) in full swing, the Russian GLONASS (Global'naya Navigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema) system has undergone a remarkable recovery since its decline in the late 1990s to be now fully operational. The first static and kinematic surveys with the Chinese Beidou system are being published, and the signals of the European Galileo system are being evaluated. While many individuals might look back on the exciting times they were fortunate to experience since the launch of the first GPS satellite in 1978, there are many more enthusiastic individuals gearing up for an even more exciting future of surveying and navigation with GNSS. Yes, it seems like a long time has passed since sunset admirers on top of Mount Wachusett, seeing a GPS antenna with cables connected to a big "machine" in a station wagon were wondering if it would "take off," or if you were "on their side," or regular folks in a parking lot approaching a car with a "GPS" license plate were wondering if you had "such a thing."

Much has been published on the subject of GNSS, primarily about GPS because of its long history. Admirably efficient search engines uncover enormous amounts of resources on the Internet to make an author wonder what else is there to write about. We took the opportunity of updating GPS Satellite Surveying to add strength by including two additional authors, while looking at rearranging the material in a way that reflects the maturity and permanency of the subject and de-emphasizes the news of the day or minor things that may have gotten the early pioneers of GPS excited.

Perhaps the most visible outcome of the rearrangement of the material for this edition is that GNSS in earnest starts only in Chapter 5, which may come as a surprise to

the unexpected reader. However, if was determined that first presenting the geodetic and statistical foundations for GPS Satellite Surveying would be more efficient, and then focusing on GNSS, thus taking advantage of having the prerequisites available and not being side-tracked by explaining essential fill-in material. Therefore, there are two chapters devoted to least-squares estimation, followed by a chapter on geodesy. These three chapters clearly identify the traditional clientele this book tries to serve, i.e., those who are interested in using GNSS for high-accuracy applications. The other chapters cover GNSS systems, GNSS positioning, RTK (real-time kinematic), troposphere and ionosphere, and GNSS user antennas. There are nine appendices.

Chapter 2, least-squares adjustment, contains enough material to easily fill a regular 3-credit-hour college course on adjustments. The focus is on estimating parameters that do not depend on time. The material is presented in a very general form independently of specific applications, although the classical adjustment of a geodetic or surveying network comes to mind as an example. The approach to the material is fairly unique as compared to a regular course on least squares because it starts with the mixed model in which the observations and the parameters are implicitly related. This general approach allows for an efficient derivation of various other adjustment models simply by appropriate specifications of certain matrices. Similarly, the general linear hypothesis testing is a natural part of the approach. Of particular interest to surveying applications are the sections on minimal and inner constraints, internal and external reliability, and blunder detection.

Chapter 3, recursive least squares, represents new material that has been added to this fourth revision. In particular in view of RTK application where the position of the rover changes with time, it was deemed appropriate to add a dedicated chapter in which the estimation of time-dependent parameters is the focus. Consequently, we changed the notation using the argument of time consistently to emphasize the time dependency. A strength of this chapter is that it explicitly deals with patterned matrices as they occur in RTK and many other applications. Apart from the term "recursive least squares," other terms might be "first-order partitioning regression" or "Helmert blocking," that express the technique applied to these patterned matrices. Although Chapters 2 and 3 are related since there is only one least-squares method, Chapter 3 stands on its own. It also could serve easily as a text for a regular 3-credit-hour college course.

Chapter 4 is dedicated to geodesy. It provides details on reference frames, such as the ITRF (international terrestrial reference frame), as well as the transformation between such frames. The geodetic datum is a key element in this chapter, which is defined as an ellipsoid of defined location, orientation, and size and an associated set of deflection of the vertical and geoid undulations. Establishing the datum, in particular measuring gravity to compute geoid undulations, is traditionally done by geodesists. The fact that here it is assumed that all this foundational material is given indicates that geodesy is treated not as a science by itself in this book but rather as an enabling element that supports accurate GNSS applications. As the "model for all," we present the three-dimensional (3D) geodetic model, which is applicable to networks of any size and assumes that the geodetic datum is available. In addressing the needs of surveying, the topic of conformal mapping of the ellipsoidal surface is treated