

# Reduced Complexity Solution for Weight Extraction in QRD-LSL Algorithms

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**Abstract**—QR-decomposition-based least-squares lattice (QRD-LSL) algorithms do not provide the transversal weight vector in explicit form. These weights can be computed from the variables of the QRD-LSL algorithm using the Levinson–Durbin (LD) recursion. If the prediction coefficients do not vary over time, a reduced complexity but approximate solution can be obtained. Nonetheless, this approximate solution requires algorithm convergence and infinite memory support (forgetting factor equal to one). To obtain the exact weights at any time instant and for any choice of the forgetting factor, the computational complexity of the true LD recursion increases by an order of magnitude. In this letter, we show that an exact solution can be obtained with a reduced computational complexity and without any added restriction. Simulation results show that the solutions obtained using the proposed method and the exact LD recursion are the same up to the precision used, whereas the weights from the approximate method always deviate from the true solution.

**Index Terms**—Adaptive filtering, adaptive systems.

## I. INTRODUCTION

LEAST-SQUARES lattice (LSL)-based algorithms provide a good alternative to the recursive least-squares (RLS) algorithm. These algorithms are stable in finite precision [1], and their computational complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(N)$ , with  $N$  being the number of coefficients, thus making them attractive for practical applications. An example of such algorithm is the (angle-normalized) QRD-LSL algorithm [1].

It is known that the QRD-LSL recursions do not explicitly provide the transversal weight vector. If an application does not require weight coefficients at each iteration, e.g., in system identification, a weight extraction mechanism can be used in tandem with the QRD-LSL algorithm at the particular iteration of interest, thus saving computational cost. In order to identify the exact weights, the least-squares version of the Levinson–Durbin (LD) recursion may be used [1], [2] for which the computational cost is  $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ . However, if infinite memory support and algorithm convergence are assumed, the computational complexity may be decreased by an order of magnitude. This is because the backward prediction weights have converged and the “solution pyramid” of the LD recursion reduces to the one in [3]. Since

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these assumptions do not usually hold in practice, only an approximate solution is obtained which may differ significantly from the true solution (even after convergence).

In this letter, we show how to extract the exact transversal weights associated with the QRD-LSL algorithm using the least-squares LD with a computational complexity of  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ , i.e., significantly reducing the computational cost. In our solution, the backward prediction coefficients of all orders are efficiently computed by exploiting their relation to the Cholesky factor of the input-data matrix. The elements of each column in the inverse Cholesky factor are recursively computed using the LD recursion in conjunction with a sequence of Givens rotations. Thereafter, the transversal weights can be obtained as in [1]. The proposed method is different than the serial weight identification technique proposed for the fast QRD-RLS algorithm in [4] (or its multichannel version in [5]), where two Givens rotations matrices were used to get the rows of the inverse Cholesky factor. For the purpose of comparison, a system identification setup is considered and the weights obtained from the proposed method and the approximate LD recursion are compared to those obtained with the exact Levinson–Durbin algorithm. Also, the computational complexity of the proposed method is addressed.

## II. BASIC EQUATIONS FOR THE ALGORITHMS

In this section, we provide the basic concepts of the QRD-RLS and the QRD-LSL algorithms to aid the explanation of the proposed weight extraction technique. The notation used with the QRD-LSL is adopted from [1], where a detailed description and pseudo-code implementation can be found.

### A. Basic Concepts of QR Decomposition Algorithms

The RLS algorithm minimizes the following cost function:

$$\xi_N(k) = \sum_{i=0}^k \lambda^{k-i} |d^*(i) - \mathbf{x}_N^H(i) \mathbf{w}_N(k)|^2 = \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_N^*(k)\|^2 \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the forgetting factor,  $[\cdot]^*$  denotes complex conjugate,  $d(i)$  is the  $i$ th desired signal value,  $\mathbf{x}_N(i) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1}$  is the input vector at the  $i$ th instant,  $\mathbf{w}_N(i) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1}$  is the coefficient vector, and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_N(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times 1}$  is the *a posteriori* error vector

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_N^*(k) &= \begin{bmatrix} d^*(k) \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^{k/2} d^*(0) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_N^H(k) \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^{k/2} \mathbf{x}_N^H(0) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_N(k) \\ &= \mathbf{d}_N^*(k) - \mathbf{X}_N(k) \mathbf{w}_N(k) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{d}_N(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times 1}$  is the desired signal vector, and  $\mathbf{X}_N(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times N}$  is the input data matrix. Note that the forgetting factor is incorporated into the definition of  $\mathbf{d}_N(k)$  and  $\mathbf{X}_N(k)$ . The QRD-RLS algorithm uses an orthogonal rotation matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_N(k)$  to triangularize matrix  $\mathbf{X}_N(k)$  [1] as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{N \times (k+1-N)} \\ \mathbf{U}_N(k) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}_N(k) \mathbf{X}_N(k) \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathbf{U}_N(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$  is the Cholesky factor of  $\mathbf{R}_N(k) = \mathbf{X}_N^H(k)\mathbf{X}_N(k)$ ;  $[\cdot]^H$  denotes Hermitian. Pre-multiplying (2) with  $\mathbf{Q}_N(k)$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_N(k)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_N^*(k)$  gives

$$\mathbf{e}_q(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{q1}(k) \\ \mathbf{e}_{q2}(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}_{q1}(k) \\ \mathbf{d}_{q2}(k) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{(k+1-N) \times N} \\ \mathbf{U}_N(k) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_N(k). \quad (4)$$

If  $\mathbf{d}_{q2}(k) - \mathbf{U}_N(k)\mathbf{w}_N(k)$  is zero, the cost function in (1) is minimized and

$$\mathbf{w}_N(k) = \mathbf{U}_N^{-1}(k)\mathbf{d}_{q2}(k). \quad (5)$$

The QRD-RLS update of  $\mathbf{d}_{q2}(k)$  and  $\mathbf{U}(k)$  is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{q1}(k) \\ \mathbf{d}_{q2}(k) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}_{\theta N}(k) \begin{bmatrix} d^*(k) \\ \lambda^{1/2}\mathbf{d}_{q2}(k-1) \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{1 \times N} \\ \mathbf{U}_N(k) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}_{\theta N}(k) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_N^H(k) \\ \lambda^{1/2}\mathbf{U}_N(k-1) \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta N}(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{(N+1) \times (N+1)}$  is a sequence of Givens rotation matrices which annihilates the input vector  $\mathbf{x}_N(k)$  in (7) and can be partitioned as [6]

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\theta N}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_N(k) & \mathbf{g}_N^H(k) \\ \mathbf{f}_N(k) & \mathbf{E}_N(k) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (8)$$

The QRD-RLS algorithm is complete with the definition of the *a priori* error value  $e^*(k) = d^*(k) - \mathbf{x}^H(k)\mathbf{w}_N(k-1) = e_{q1}(k)/\gamma_N(k)$ , where  $\gamma_N(k)$  is a scalar found in matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta N}(k)$ ; see (8). An alternative relation used in the inverse QRD-RLS algorithm is [7]

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}^H(k) \\ \mathbf{U}_N^{-H}(k) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}_{\theta N}(k) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{1 \times N} \\ \lambda^{-1/2}\mathbf{U}_N^{-H}(k-1) \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

where  $\mathbf{z}(k) = -\mathbf{U}^{-1}(k)\mathbf{f}(k)/\gamma(k)$  and  $[\cdot]^{-H}$  means  $\{[\cdot]^H\}^{-1}$ . The above relation will be used in the weight extraction method presented in Section III.

### B. QRD-LSL Algorithm

The main idea in the QRD-LSL algorithm is to use order-recursive equations to find an efficient output-error-based adaptive filtering algorithm.

1) *Normalized Output Error Order-Recursive Equations:* The output-error vector in (2), considered for filter order  $i$ , is normalized by  $\gamma_i^{1/2}(k)$  and rewritten in order recursive form as [1]

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i(k) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i-1}(k) - \kappa_i^*(k)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k) \quad (10)$$

where the order update is from  $i-1$  to  $i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times 1}$  is the normalized backward prediction error vector, and

$$\kappa_i(k) = \frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i-1}^H(k)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k)}{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}^H(k)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k)} = \frac{p_{i-1}(k)}{\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k)\|} \quad (11)$$

is the regression coefficient responsible for the order update where  $p_{i-1}(k)$  corresponds to the scaled value of  $\kappa_i(k)$ .

The normalized version of error vector in (2) is achieved for  $i = N$ ; however, it is only after (10) has been computed for  $1 \leq i < N$ . Instead of the normalized output-error vector  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i-1}(k)$ , we are actually interested in computing the current value of the normalized output-error (scalar)  $\epsilon_{i-1}(k)$ . According to [1], the

$i$ th order update for  $\epsilon_{i-1}(k)$  is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda}\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k-1)\| & \epsilon_{bi-1}(k) \\ \sqrt{\lambda}p_{i-1}^*(k-1) & \epsilon_{i-1}(k) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_{\theta bi-1}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k)\| & 0 \\ p_{i-1}^*(k) & \epsilon_i(k) \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta bi-1}(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$  is a Givens rotation matrix responsible for the  $i$ th order update of  $\epsilon_i(k)$  with values of sine and cosine given by  $\cos[\theta_{bi-1}(k)] = \lambda^{1/2}\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k-1)\|/\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k)\|$  and  $\sin[\theta_{bi-1}(k)] = \epsilon_{i-1}^*(k)/\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k)\|$ .

2) *Normalized Backward Prediction Order-Recursive Equations:* The order-recursive equation for the normalized backward prediction error vector is written as

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi}(k) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k-1) + \kappa_{bi}^*(k)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k) \quad (13)$$

where  $\kappa_{bi}(k)$  is the backward reflection coefficient and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times 1}$ . Note that (13) provides the update for  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi}(k)$  which is needed in (10). The backward reflection coefficient  $\kappa_{bi}(k)$  is computed similarly to regression coefficient in Section II-B1, i.e.,

$$\kappa_{bi}(k) = \frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}^H(k-1)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k)}{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}^H(k)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k)} = \frac{p_{b,i-1}(k)}{\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k)\|}. \quad (14)$$

Similarly, the update of the scalar  $\epsilon_{bi-1}(k)$  is provided using Givens rotation matrices as [1]

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda}\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k-1)\| & \epsilon_{fi-1}(k) \\ \sqrt{\lambda}p_{i-1}^*(k-1) & \epsilon_{bi-1}(k-1) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_{\theta fi-1}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k-1)\| & 0 \\ p_{i-1}^*(k) & \epsilon_{bi}(k) \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta fi-1}(k) \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$  is a Givens rotation matrix responsible for the  $i$ th order update of  $\epsilon_{bi}(k)$  with sine and cosine values given by  $\cos[\theta_{fi-1}(k)] = \lambda^{1/2}\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k-1)\|/\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k)\|$ ,  $\sin[\theta_{fi-1}(k)] = \epsilon_{i-1}^*(k)/\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k)\|$ .

3) *Normalized Forward Prediction Order-Recursive Equations:* The order-recursive equation for normalized forward prediction error vector, which is crucial for computing (13), is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi}(k) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{fi-1}(k) + \kappa_{fi}^*(k)\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k-1). \quad (16)$$

The update of  $\epsilon_{fi}(k)$  is similar to  $\epsilon_{bi-1}(k)$  in (15), i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda}\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k-2)\| & \epsilon_{bi-1}(k-1) \\ \sqrt{\lambda}p_{i-1}^*(k-1) & \epsilon_{fi-1}(k) \\ 0 & \sqrt{\gamma_{i-1}(k-1)} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_{\theta bi-1}(k-1) = \begin{bmatrix} \|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k-1)\| & 0 \\ p_{i-1}^*(k) & \epsilon_{fi}(k) \\ \frac{\epsilon_{bi-1}(k-1)}{\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{bi-1}(k-1)\|} & \sqrt{\gamma_i(k-1)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta bi-1}(k-1)$  is the Givens rotation matrix used for the update of  $\epsilon_{fi}(k)$ , and  $\gamma_{i-1}(k)$  is the  $(i-1)$ th-order conversion factor which corresponds to the scalar in (8) for  $i = N+1$ .

### III. WEIGHT EXTRACTION FOR QRD-LSL

In this section, we briefly describe the conventional weight extraction method using the Levinson-Durbin recursions. We



TABLE I  
WEIGHT EXTRACTION ALGORITHM

<p>Initialization: At any index <math>k</math> of the QRD-LSL algorithm.  <math>\mathbf{c}_{b_i}(k) = [\mathbf{0}_{1 \times i-1} \ 1]^T</math>  <math>\mathbf{c}_{f_i}(k) = [1 \ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times i-1}]^T</math>  <math>\mathbf{z}_N(k) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta_{b_0}(k) &amp; \mathbf{0}_{1 \times N} \\ \ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{b_0}(k)\  \cos \theta_{b_0}(k) &amp; \end{bmatrix}</math>  For any vector <math>\mathbf{v}</math>, <math>v^{(i)}</math> defines the <math>i</math>th element</p>
<p>for each <math>0 \leq i \leq N-1</math> {  Update <math>\mathbf{c}_{f_i}(k)</math> and <math>\mathbf{c}_{b_i}(k)</math> using (22)  <math>\mathbf{u}_{r,i+1}(k) = \frac{\mathbf{c}_{b_{i+1}}(k)}{\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{b_{i+1}}(k)\ }</math>  for each <math>1 \leq j \leq i+1</math> {  <math>u_{r,i+1}^{(j)}(k-1) = \frac{u_{r,i+1}^{(j)}(k)}{\cos \theta_{b_i}(k)} - \frac{z_N^{(j-1)}(k) \sin \theta_{b_i}(k)}{\cos \theta_{b_i}(k)}</math>  <math>z_N^j(k) = \frac{z_N^{(j-1)}(k)}{\cos \theta_{b_i}(k)} - \frac{u_{r,i+1}^{(j)}(k) \sin \theta_{b_i}(k)}{\cos \theta_{b_i}(k)}</math>  }  <math>\mathbf{c}_{b_{i+1}}(k-1) = \lambda^{1/2} \ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{b_i}(k-1)\  \mathbf{u}_{r,i+1}(k-1)</math>  }  <math>\mathbf{w}_N(k) = [\mathbf{c}_{b_0}(k) \ \mathbf{c}_{b_1}(k) \ \dots \ \mathbf{c}_{b_{N-1}}(k)] \boldsymbol{\kappa}(k)</math></p>

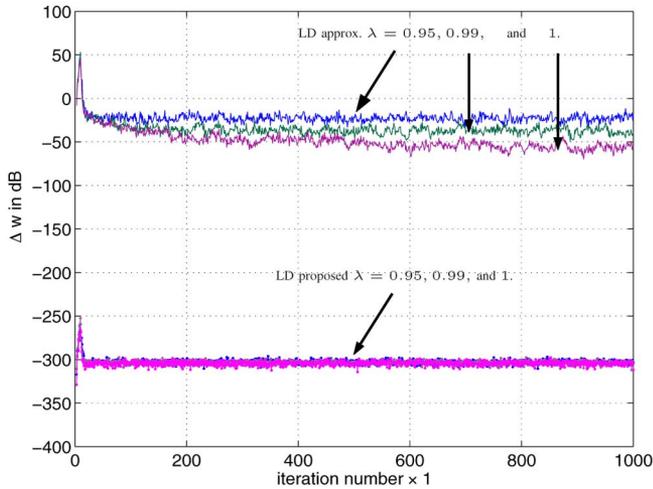


Fig. 1. Comparison of weight extraction techniques in infinite precision.

transversal weights obtained by the proposed method and the approximate LD recursions, at every step, are compared with those obtained by employing the exact LD recursion in (22). Fig. 1 shows the evolution of the coefficient error, defined as  $\Delta w = (1/N) \|\mathbf{w}(k) - \mathbf{w}_{opt}(k)\|^2$ , where  $\mathbf{w}_{opt}(k)$  is the coefficient vector obtained with the exact LD recursion, and  $\mathbf{w}(k)$  is the vector obtained with either the approximate LD or the proposed method. We see that the approximate LD method provides a good (but not exact) approximation only under restrictive assumptions of convergence and infinite memory support, while the proposed method is identical to the exact LD. The small deviation in the transient is due to the regularization. Fig. 2 shows the finite precision results of the average coefficient error, i.e.,  $\Delta \bar{w}(k) = 10^{-3} \sum_{k=2001}^{3000} \Delta w(k)$ . We see that the proposed method behaves well in finite precision environment, approaching the quantization limit. Moreover, an average of ten independent runs of  $10^5$  samples each was carried out. The case of 8-mantissa bits showed no sign of divergence.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

This letter showed how to use the variables of the QRD-LSL algorithm to compute the exact transversal weights in an efficient manner. The presented technique is an order of magnitude lower in complexity than a currently known exact method

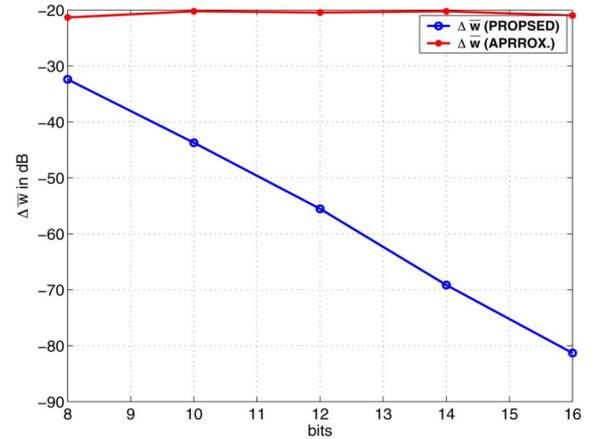


Fig. 2. Comparison of weight extraction techniques in a finite precision environment; 8–16 mantissa bits (forgetting factor  $\lambda = 0.95$ ).

employing the Levinson–Durbin recursion. The proposed method has similar complexity to the solution obtained with the conventional Levinson–Durbin recursion assuming a stationary environment. Computer simulations showed that the results of the proposed method were identical to those of the Levinson–Durbin method in infinite precision and within the quantization limits of the finite precision environment.

## APPENDIX

*Proof for Lemma 1:* The relation in (24) is obtained from (19) and (21). It is known that  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta_N}(k) = \prod_{i=N-1}^0 \mathbf{Q}_{\theta_i}(k)$ . The sine and cosine of rotation matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta_i}(k)$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta_{b_i}}(k)$  are identical [2], i.e.,  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta_{b_i}}(k)$  is the  $2 \times 2$  compact form of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta_i}(k)$ . From (9), we see that matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta_i}(k)$  only applies on the first and the  $(N-i)$ th row of the right-hand-side matrix. In other words, row  $(N-i)$  is available after this operation. Therefore, compact form using  $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta_{b_i}}(k)$  is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_i^H(k) \\ \mathbf{u}_{r,i}(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{b_i}(k) & -\sin^* \theta_{b_i}(k) \\ \sin \theta_{b_i}(k) & \cos \theta_{b_i}(k) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_{i-1}^H(k) \\ \lambda^{-1/2} \mathbf{u}_{r,i}(k-1) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (26)$$

Due to the upper triangular structure of  $\mathbf{U}_N^{-H}(k)$ , only  $i$  entries of  $\mathbf{z}_i(k)$  will be filled after this step. We can recursively compute  $\mathbf{z}_i(k)$  by solving the expression (26) (starting from  $i=0$ ):  $\mathbf{z}_i^H(k) = (\mathbf{z}_{i-1}^H(k) - \mathbf{u}_{r,i}(k) \sin^* \theta_{b_i}(k)) / \cos \theta_{b_i}(k)$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_{r,i}(k)$ ,  $\sin \theta_{b_i}(k)$ ,  $\cos \theta_{b_i}(k)$ , and  $\mathbf{z}_{i-1}(k)$  are known.

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