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# **DESIGNING GEODETIC MONITORING NETWORKS: ASSESSING MINIMAL DETECTABLE DISPLACEMENT (MDD) WITH CONFIDENCE AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS**

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# Introduction

- Accuracy and sensitivity criteria are commonly used in the pre-analysis of geodetic monitoring networks. While the accuracy ensures positional quality, the sensitivity analysis measures the network's ability to detect displacements.
- According to [1] both approaches can be presented as ellipsoids. The axes of these ellipsoids can be computed through Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Minimal Detectable Displacements (MDD) [2,3,4]. The relationship between both ellipsoids only concerns to a size comparison due to a lack of theoretical basis.
- This condition also applies to the significance tests of computed displacements, where sensitivity characteristics are not considered. Thus, [1] provide a theoretical foundation that uniquely joint sensitivity with confidence and significance analysis.

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- The approach outlined by [1] determines the sizes of significance, sensitivity, and confidence ellipsoids using MDD values and considers the inequality that involve the critical displacement values  $u_{h,0}$  and the noncentrality parameter  $\lambda_{h,\alpha_0,\beta_0}$ .
- In particular, this approach coordinates the  $h$  –dimensional displacement vector with probability levels, including the significance level or Type I error rate ( $\alpha_0$ ), the false negative or Type II error rate ( $\beta_0$ ), and the test's power ( $\gamma_0 = 1 - \beta_0$ ).
- The main difference between accuracy (significance or confidence) and sensitivity ellipsoids is that the former disregards the probability of false negatives ( $\beta_0$ ). Thus, for a specific value Type II error rate ( $\beta_0$ ), called coordinate value of Type II error ( $\beta_0$ ) which depends of the  $h$  –dimensional displacement vector and  $\alpha_0$ , the inequality mentioned above becomes the equality  $u_{h,0} = \lambda_{h,\alpha_0,\underline{\beta_0}}$ .

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- Here, setting  $\alpha_0 = 1 - CL$  (where  $CL$  denotes the confidence level) reduces the analysis to two ellipsoids: confidence and sensitivity. Therefore, under this approach the MDD measures depends on variables related to the statistic test, such as  $h, \alpha_0, \beta_0$ .
- However, the research of [1] does not analyze aspects such as the network spatial dimension (1D, 2D, 3D), functional model, or their role in the pre-analysis or design of geodetic monitoring networks.
- Thus, this work presents an analysis of these aspects under the unified approach of [1], focusing on the design of geodetic monitoring networks and extending the findings of [5].

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Three experiments are presented:

- An analysis of the spatial dimension of the network,
- The influence of functional model and;
- An example of GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) monitoring network design.

# Experiments

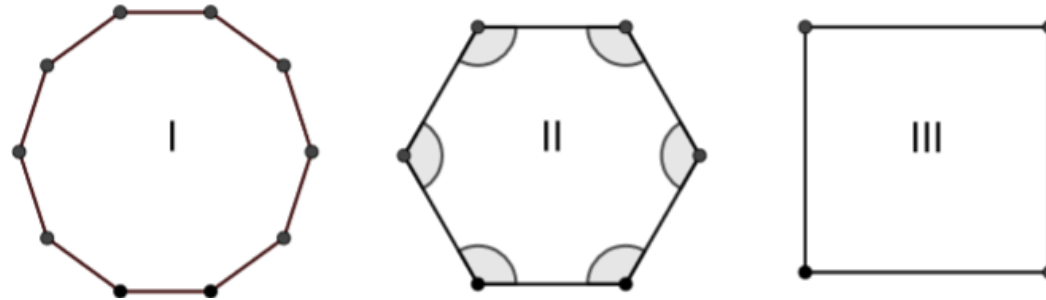


Figure 1 – equal  $h$  –dimensional networks ( $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 9$ ): I correspond to a 1D leveling network, II corresponds to a 2D horizontal network and III corresponds to a 3D GNSS network.

Table 1 – MDD values (mm) for geodetic networks (global analysis with  $\alpha_0 = 5\%$  and  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 9$ ).

Spatial dimension	Sensitivity ( $\beta_0 = 4\%$ )		Confidence ( $\beta_0 = 16\%$ )		Sensitivity ( $\beta_0 = 20\%$ )	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
1D	4.4	14.4	2.9	9.4	2.8	9.1
2D	2.5	8.9	1.7	5.8	1.6	5.6
3D	4.4	6.3	2.9	4.1	2.8	4.0

Source: Author (2024).

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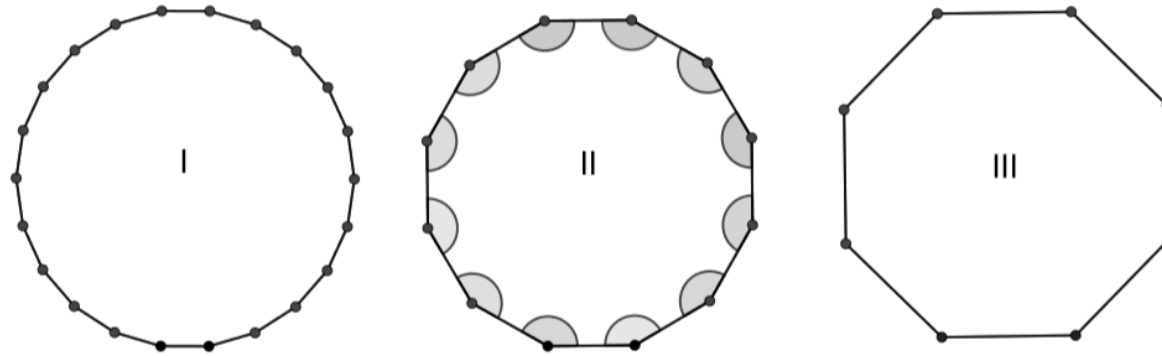


Figure 2 – equal  $h$  –dimensional networks ( $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 21$ ): I correspond to a 1D leveling network, II corresponds to a 2D horizontal network and III corresponds to a 3D GNSS network.

Table 2 – MDD values (mm) for geodetic networks (global analysis with  $\alpha_0 = 5\%$  and  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 21$ ).

Spatial dimension	Confidence ( $\beta_0 = 4\%$ )		Sensitivity ( $\beta_0 = 16\%$ )		Sensitivity ( $\beta_0 = 20\%$ )	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
1D	4.0	28.4	3.6	24.9	3.3	23.0
2D	2.1	15.6	1.8	13.6	1.7	12.6
3D	4.0	10.6	3.6	9.2	3.3	8.5

Source: Author (2024).

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Figure 3 – A and B correspond to a 2D network of “Case I” with low and high redundancy (respectively), C and D correspond to a 2D network of “Case II” with low and high redundancy (respectively),  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 9$  in all cases.

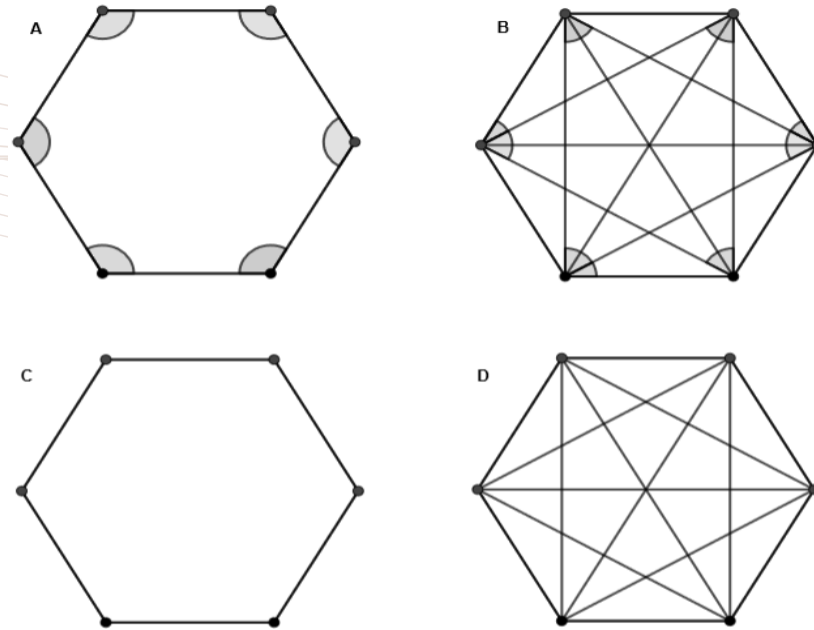


Table 3 – MDD values (mm) for 2D horizontal networks (global analysis with  $\alpha_0 = 5\%$ ,  $\beta_0 = 20\%$ , and  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 9$ ).

Approach	Case I		Case II	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
Low redundancy	1.6	5.6	2.8	5.6
High redundancy	1.3	3.0	2.3	2.3

Source: Author (2024).



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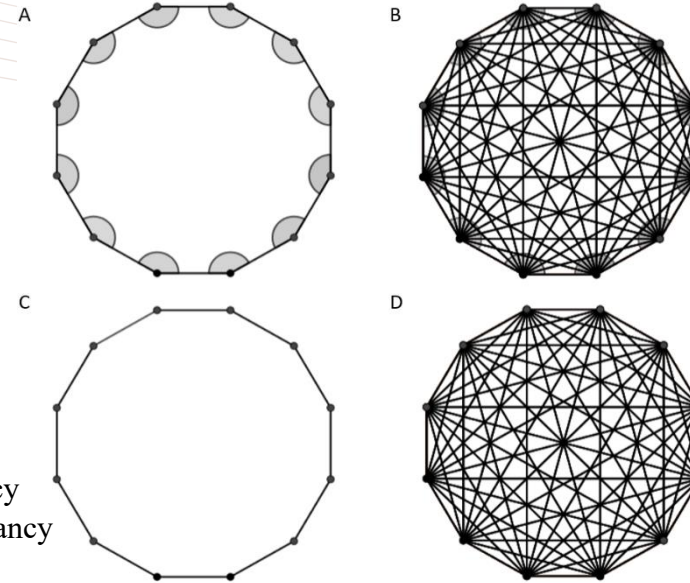


Figure 4 – A and B correspond to a 2D network of “Case I” with low and high redundancy (respectively), C and D correspond to a 2D network of “Case II” with low and high redundancy (respectively),  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 21$  in all cases.

Table 4 – MDD values (mm) for 2D horizontal networks (global analysis with  $\alpha_0 = 5\%$ ,  $\beta_0 = 20\%$ , and  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 21$ ).

Approach	Case I		Case II	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
Low redundancy	1.7	12.6	3.3	12.6
High redundancy	1.0	2.6	1.9	1.9

Source: Author (2024).

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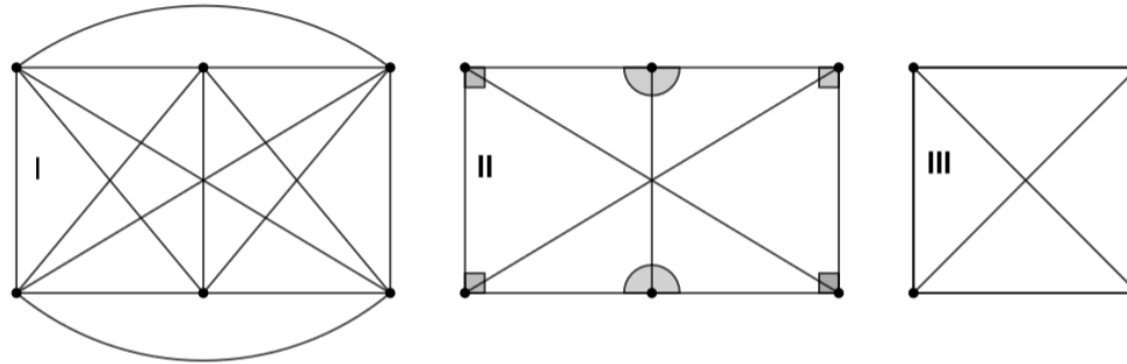


Figure 5 – I correspond to a 2D trilateration network, II corresponds to a 2D triangulation network and III corresponds to a 3D GNSS network,  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 9$  in all cases.

Table 5 – MDD values (mm) for geodetic networks of Figure 5 (global analysis with  $\alpha_0 = 5\%$  and

$$h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}}) = 9)$$

Approach	Trilateration 2D		Triangulation 2D		GNSS 3D	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
Confidence ( $\beta_0 = 16\%$ )	2.5	5.6	1.8	4.4	2.9	2.9
Sensitivity ( $\beta = 20\%$ )	2.4	5.4	1.7	4.2	2.8	2.8

Source: Author (2024).

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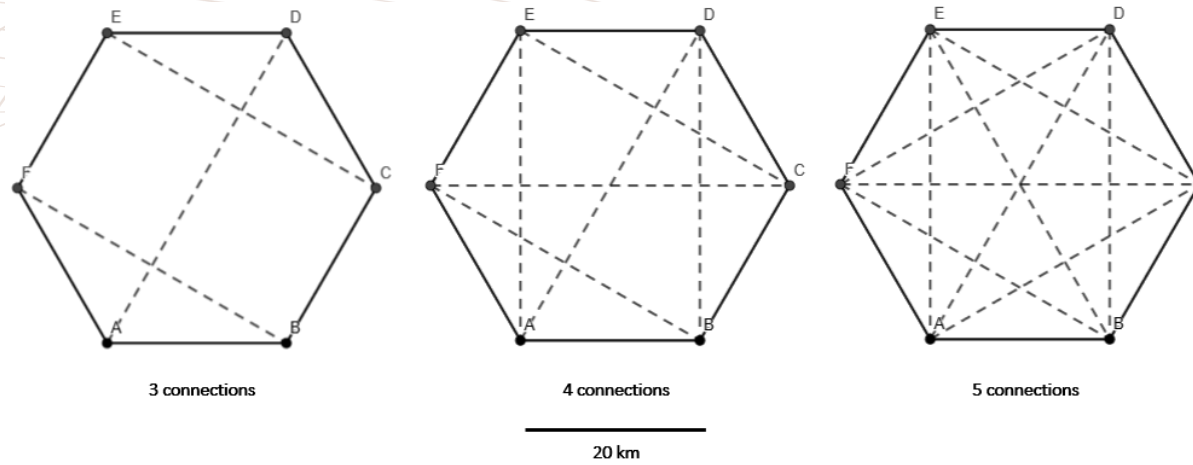


Figure 6 – GNSS monitoring network with 3, 4 and 5 connections per point.

Table 6 – Maximum MDD values (mm) for GNSS monitoring network (local analysis with  $\alpha_0 = 5\%$  and  $h = rank(C_{\hat{a}}) = 3$ )

Connections Per point	Time session: 1 hour			Time session: 2 hours		
	Confidence ( $\beta_0 = 36\%$ )	Sensitivity ( $\beta = 20\%$ )	Sensitivity ( $\beta = 5\%$ )	Confidence ( $\beta_0 = 36\%$ )	Sensitivity ( $\beta = 20\%$ )	Sensitivity ( $\beta = 5\%$ )
3	24.0	28.4	35.6	<u>16.8</u>	<u>19.9</u>	24.9
4	<u>20.0</u>	23.7	29.7	<u>14.0</u>	<u>16.5</u>	20.8
5	<u>17.6</u>	20.8	26.1	<u>12.3</u>	<u>14.5</u>	<u>18.2</u>

Source: Author (2024).

Table 7 – Optimal solutions for the GNSS monitoring network with a threshold of 20 mm for MDD values (local analysis with  $\alpha_0 = 5\%$  and  $h = rank(C_{\hat{a}}) = 3$ )

Confidence ( $\beta_0 = 36\%$ )	Sensitivity ( $\beta = 20\%$ )	Sensitivity ( $\beta = 5\%$ )
5 connections per point and 3 sessions with 1 hour each (3 hours in total)	3 connections per point and 2 sessions with 2 hours each (4 hours in total)	5 connections per point and 3 sessions with 2 hours each (6 hours in total)

Source: Author (2024).

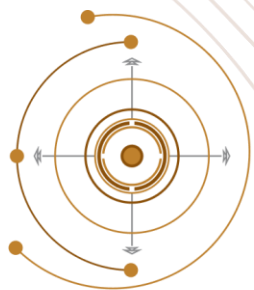
# Conclusions

The main conclusions of this work are as follows:

- Larger network dimensions result in smaller max MDD values for a given  $h = \text{rank}(C_{\hat{a}})$ .
- The differences in max MDD values between networks of different dimensions increase with  $h$  in both confidence and sensitivity analyses.
- Increasing redundancy is more efficient for 1D networks, which typically have higher max MDD values than 3D networks.
- the practical importance of considering both absolute MDD values and false negative probability in the pre-analysis of geodetic monitoring networks.

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