# Determination of Momentum and Angles of Bubble-Chamber Tracks in a Nonuniform Magnetic Field ${ }^{1}$ 

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#### Abstract

A method of calculating momentum components for bubble-chamber tracks in a nonuniform magnetic field has been developed. This method has been incorporated into a Fortran subroutine (Tred 2) which is now a part of a working version of the spatial reconstruction program Tred. Examples of results are given. Typical computer time is about 0.2 sec per track on IBM 7094.


## Introduction

Magnetic field nonuniformity greatly complicates the geometrical reconstruction of bubble-chamber tracks which for a uniform field are simply helices. There are many approaches to this problem [1]-[4]. In this paper, we present a method to treat rather general nonuniform magnetic fields.

The principle is to find a momentum and angles in such a way that "theoretical" coordinates of the track solved from the equation of motion with these very same momentum and the angles give minimum deviation from spatial reconstructed coordinates of measured points. In this paper, we describe this method applying for the geometrical program, Tred. Only a routine (Tred 2) in Tred was modified for this problem. ${ }^{2}$

This routine needs the following steps:
(1) We find space coordinates from measurements and get rough values of momentum and angles at some starting point, say $x_{0}, y_{0}, x_{0}$. These quantities may be obtained from another routine in the reconstruction program.

[^0](2) We feed these quantities into this routine. Then, the routine calculates a chi-squared value ( $\chi^{2}$ ) which is defined below and obtains corrections to the initial values of momentum, angles and coordinates of the starting point by making $\chi^{2}$ minimum by the variation method. Iterations are made if higher accuracy is necessary.

Letting $M$ be a number of points measured for a track, $\chi^{2}$ is expressed by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\chi^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{M}\left\{\frac{\left|X_{i}-x\left(s_{i}\right)\right|^{2}}{\sigma_{x}^{2}}+\frac{\left|Y_{i}-y\left(s_{i}\right)\right|^{2}}{\sigma_{y}^{2}}+\frac{\left|Z_{i}-z\left(s_{i}\right)\right|^{2}}{\sigma_{z}^{2}}\right\} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\sigma_{x}, \sigma_{v}$, and $\sigma_{z}$ are the assigned errors. $X_{i}, Y_{i}$, and $Z_{i}$ are the coordinates of the $i$ th measurement point. $x\left(s_{i}\right), y\left(s_{i}\right)$ and $z\left(s_{i}\right)$ are the "theoretical" coordinates at a given track length $s_{i}$ which are obtained from a solution of the equation of motion with initial values of coordinates, momentum, and direction. In this calculation, we assume that the coordinates $X_{i}, Y_{i}$, and $Z_{i}$ are independent measured quantities with the errors $\sigma_{x}, \sigma_{y}$, and $\sigma_{z}{ }^{3}{ }^{3}$

In the program, the initial values of coordinates, $x_{0}, y_{0}$, and $z_{v}$, are taken as the first measurement point. We define two vectors $\mathbf{R}_{i}$ and $\mathbf{r}\left(s_{i}\right)$ as

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{i} & =\left(X_{i}, Y_{i}, Z_{i}\right), \\
\mathbf{r}\left(s_{i}\right) & =\left(x\left(s_{i}\right), y\left(s_{i}\right), z\left(s_{i}\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

$x_{0}, y_{0}$ and $z_{0}$ are given in vector notation:

$$
\mathbf{R}_{1}=\left(x_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}\right)=\mathbf{r}\left(s_{1}\right) .
$$

The track length $s_{i}$ is approximated as the sum of track segments from the first point to the $i$ th point taking the segments to be straight lines joining adjacent points,

$$
\begin{equation*}
s_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{i}\left|\mathbf{R}_{j}-\mathbf{R}_{j-1}\right| \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where we set $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{1}}=\mathbf{R}_{0}$.
Because of this approximation of $s_{i}$, the deviation $\left|\Delta \mathbf{r}_{i}\right|$, which is the shortest

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Fig. 1. Particle trajectory and measured points showing the first-order correction to $\Delta \mathbf{r}_{i}$.
distance from the $i$ th point to the "theoretical" particle trajectory should be corrected to the first order of $s$. In vector notation (see Fig. 1),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta \mathbf{r}_{i}=\mathbf{R}_{i}-\mathbf{r}\left(s_{i}\right)-\left[\left(\mathbf{R}_{i}-\mathbf{r}\left(s_{i}\right)\right) \cdot\left(\frac{d \mathbf{r}(s)}{d s}\right)_{s=s_{i}}\right] \cdot\left(\frac{d \mathbf{r}(s)}{d s}\right)_{s=s_{i}} . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

This quantity replaces $\left(\mathbf{R}_{i}-\mathbf{r}\left(s_{i}\right)\right)$ in Eq. (1).
We can expand $\mathbf{r}(s)$ to the first order in terms of the five track parameters $\left(p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}\right)^{4}$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{r}\left(s_{i}\right)= & \mathbf{r}(s) \mid p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0} \\
& +\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial p_{0}} \cdot \delta p_{0}+\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \lambda_{0}} \cdot \delta \lambda_{0}+\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \varphi_{0}} \cdot \delta \varphi_{0} \\
& +\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial y_{0}} \cdot \delta y_{0}+\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial z_{0}} \cdot \delta z_{0} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

where $y_{0}$ and $z_{0}$ are the coordinates of the first point and $p_{0}, \lambda_{0}$, and $\varphi_{0}$ are the momentum, the dip angle and the azimuth angle of the track at this point, respectively.

[^2]Introducing the notation:

$$
t_{1}=p_{0}, \quad t_{2}=\lambda_{0}, \quad t_{3}=\varphi_{0}, \quad t_{4}=y_{0}, \quad t_{5}=z_{0}
$$

the conditions that $\chi^{2}$ is minimum are given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\partial \chi^{2} / \partial\left(\delta t_{i}\right)=0 \quad(i=1,2, \ldots, 5) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus, we will have the following five simultanious equations from (3), (4), and (5):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{i=1}^{5} D_{i j} \delta t_{j}=D_{i} \quad(i=1,2, \ldots, 5) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
D_{i j} & =\sum_{k=1}^{M} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}_{k}}{\partial t_{i}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}_{k}}{\partial t_{j}} \\
D_{i} & =\sum_{k=1}^{M} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}_{k}}{\partial t_{i}} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{V}_{k}
\end{aligned}
$$

Here,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(V_{k}\right)_{x}=\frac{X_{k}-\Delta x_{k}}{\sigma_{x}}, \quad\left(V_{k}\right)_{y}=\frac{Y_{k}-\Delta y_{k}}{\sigma_{y}}, \quad\left(V_{k}\right)_{z}=\frac{Z_{k}-\Delta z_{k}}{\sigma_{z}}, \\
& \left(\Delta V_{k}\right)_{x}=\frac{\Delta x_{k}}{\sigma_{x}}, \\
& \left(\Delta V_{k}\right)_{y}=\frac{\Delta y_{k}}{\sigma_{y}}, \\
& \left(\Delta V_{k}\right)_{z}=\frac{\Delta z_{k}}{\sigma_{z}},
\end{aligned}
$$

where ( $\Delta x_{k}, \Delta y_{k}, \Delta z_{k}$ ) $=\Delta \mathbf{r}_{k}$ in Eq. (3).
Solving these equations, the corrections to the initial values of $y_{0}, z_{0}, p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}$, will be obtained, namely,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta t_{i}=\Delta_{i} / \Delta \quad(i=1,2, \ldots, 5) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Delta$ is the determinant of the array $D_{i j}$ and $\Delta_{i}$ is the determinant of the array $D_{i j}$ where the $j$ th column is replaced by $D_{i}$ :

$$
\Delta_{j}=\left|\begin{array}{llllll}
D_{11} & D_{12} & \cdots & D_{1} & \cdots & D_{15}  \tag{8}\\
D_{21} & D_{22} & & D_{2} & & D_{25} \\
D_{31} & D_{32} & & D_{3} & & D_{35} \\
D_{41} & D_{42} & & D_{4} & & D_{45} \\
D_{51} & D_{52} & & D_{5} & & D_{55}
\end{array}\right| .
$$

The expression of $\mathbf{r}(s)$ and derivatives of $\mathbf{r}(s)$ in Eq. (4) will be given in the next section.

## 1. The Particle Tracjectory in an Arbitrary Magnetic Field

In order to carry out the procedure outlined in the preceeding section, we use power-series expansions for the variables. The functional form of $\mathbf{r}(s)$ can be obtained from the relativistic equation of motion of a particle of mass $m$ in the nonuniform magnetic field $\mathbf{B}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d \mathbf{p}}{d t}=\frac{e}{c} \cdot[\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}]-f(s) \cdot \mathbf{v}, \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f(s) \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is the momentum loss per second due to ionization. The radiation loss due to deceleration of a charged particle is neglected in Eq. (9) (the loss is of order 0.001 MeV per second for a $2 \mathrm{BeV} / c \pi$-meson in a magnetic field of 20 kG .)

Using the relations

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{p}(s) & =p(s) \cdot(\mathbf{v} / v)=p(s) \cdot \mathbf{n}(s), \\
\mathbf{n}(s) & =(\mathbf{v} / v)=d \mathbf{r}(s) / d s \\
d \mathbf{p} / d t & =v[p(s) \cdot d \mathbf{n} / d s+\mathbf{n}(s) \cdot d p(s) / d s]
\end{aligned}
$$

we obtain two equations from Eq. (9),

$$
\begin{align*}
d p(s) / d s & =-f(s),  \tag{10}\\
p(s) \cdot d \mathbf{n}(s) / d s & =(e / c) \cdot[\mathbf{n}(s) \times \mathbf{B}(s)] . \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

Using the well known range-momentum relation, we can express $p(s)$ as a power series in $s$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
p(s)=p_{0}+p_{1} s+p_{2} s^{2}+\cdots, \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the coefficients $p_{0}, p_{1}, p_{2}$ are determined for each track by the rangemomentum relation. It is noted that $p_{1}$ and $p_{2}$ are dependent on particle mass. Similarly, we can express $\mathbf{B}(s)$ as a power series in $s$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{B}(s)=\mathbf{B}_{0}+\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{1}} \cdot s+\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{2}} \cdot s^{2}+\cdots \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbf{B}_{0}, \mathbf{B}_{1}, \mathbf{B}_{2} \ldots$ can be determined by fitting $\mathbf{B}(s)$ to measured values of the magnetic field for each track.
The solution of Eq. (11) is now given as a power series in $s$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathbf{n}(s)=d \mathbf{r}(s) / d s \\
& \mathbf{r}(s)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{a}_{n} \cdot s^{n} \tag{14}
\end{align*}
$$

where the coefficients $\mathbf{a}_{n}$ are given in terms of the $\mathbf{B}_{n}$ and $p_{n}$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathbf{a}_{0}=\left(x_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}\right) \\
& \mathbf{a}_{1}=\left(\cos \lambda_{0} \cos \varphi_{0}, \cos \lambda_{0} \sin \varphi_{0}, \sin \lambda_{0}\right) \\
& \begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{a}_{2}=\frac{1}{2 p_{0}} \frac{e}{c} \cdot\left[\mathbf{a}_{1} \times \mathbf{B}_{0}\right] \\
& \mathbf{a}_{3}=\frac{1}{6 p_{0}} \cdot\left[-2 \mathbf{a}_{2} p_{1}+\frac{e}{c}\left(\mathbf{a}_{1} \times \mathbf{B}_{1}+2 \mathbf{a}_{2} \times \mathbf{B}_{0}\right)\right] \\
& \ldots \\
& \mathbf{a}_{n}=\frac{1}{n(n-1) p_{0}}\left\{-\sum_{i=1}^{n-2}(n-i)(n-1-i) \mathbf{a}_{n-i} p_{i}\right. \\
&\left.+\frac{e}{c} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1}(n-i)\left(\mathbf{a}_{n-i} \times \mathbf{B}_{i-1}\right)\right\}
\end{aligned}
\end{align*}
$$

It is noted that

$$
|\mathbf{n}(s)|^{2}=1
$$

The derivatives of $\mathbf{r}(s)$ with respect to $p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}$ are given using the notation $\boldsymbol{t}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}(s)}{\partial t_{i}}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{n}}{\partial t_{i}} \cdot s^{n} . \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

Examples of derivatives, $\partial \mathbf{a}_{n} / \partial p_{0}, \partial \mathbf{a}_{n} / \partial \lambda_{0} \ldots$ are shown below:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{0}}{\partial p_{0}}=0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{1}}{\partial p_{0}}=0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{2}}{\partial p_{0}}=-\frac{\mathbf{a}_{2}}{p_{0}}, \\
& \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{0}}{\partial \lambda_{0}}=0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{1}}{\partial \lambda_{0}}=\left(-\sin \lambda_{0} \cos \varphi_{0},-\sin \lambda_{0} \sin \varphi_{0}, \cos \lambda_{0}\right) \\
& \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{0}}{\partial \varphi_{0}}=0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{1}}{\partial \varphi_{0}}=\left(-\cos \lambda_{0} \sin \varphi_{0}, \cos \lambda_{0} \cos \varphi_{0}, 0\right) \\
& \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{0}}{\partial y_{0}}=(0,1,0), \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{n}}{\partial y_{0}}=\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{n}}{\partial z_{0}}=0(n \geqslant 1), \\
& \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{0}}{\partial z_{0}}=(0,0,1),
\end{aligned}
$$

## 2. Error Estimation and Discussion

For practical calculation we approximate $\mathbf{r}(s)$ by a finite number of terms. This approximated $\mathbf{r}(s)$ causes a deviation from the true $\mathbf{r}(s)$ which gives errors to the fitted momentum and angles.

In order to show relations between the fitted momentum error and the number of terms, $N$, used for the approximated $\mathbf{r}(s)$, we will give an expression of $\mathbf{r}(s)$ in a very simple case, namely, a constant magnetic field ( $B x=B y=0, B z=B$ ). The starting point $\left(x_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}\right)$ and the initial direction are taken as $x_{0}=z_{0}=0$, $y_{0}=\rho$ and

$$
\left(\frac{d y}{d s}\right)_{s=0}=\left(\frac{d z}{d s}\right)_{s=0}=0, \quad\left(\frac{d x}{d s}\right)_{s=0}=1
$$

Thus, $\mathbf{B}(s)=(0,0, B), \mathbf{a}_{0}=(0, \rho, 0), \mathbf{a}_{1}=(1,0,0)$, where $\rho$ is the radius of curvature ( $p=(e / c) B \rho$ ) and the momentum loss due to ionization is neglected. (see Fig. 2).


Fig. 2. Particle trajectory in a constant magnetic field without the momentum loss due to ionization.

We can then calculate $\mathbf{a}_{n}$ for all $n$. We find

$$
\mathbf{r}(s)=\left(\begin{array}{l}
x(s) \\
y(s) \\
z(s)
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
\rho\left[\frac{s}{\rho}-\frac{1}{3!}\left(\frac{s}{\rho}\right)^{3}+\frac{1}{5!}\left(\frac{s}{\rho}\right)^{5}-\cdots\right] \\
\rho\left[1-\frac{1}{2!}\left(\frac{s}{\rho}\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{4!}\left(\frac{s}{\rho}\right)^{4}-\cdots\right] \\
0
\end{array}\right)
$$

The factorial coefficients in Eq. (17), make $\mathbf{r}(s)$ a very strongly convergent function of $s$. Therefore, if we approximate $\mathbf{r}(s)$ by taking only the first $N$ terms, the deviation from the true $\mathbf{r}(s)$ will be approximated by the $(N+1)$ th term in Eq. (17), namely,

$$
\Delta r \approx \rho(s / \rho)^{(N+1)} /(N+1)!.
$$

Using the relation that sagitta $=s^{2} / 8 \rho$, the fractional error in fitted momentum at a distance $s$ along the track is of order of magnitude

$$
\begin{equation*}
(\Delta p / p)_{N}=8(s / \rho)^{N-1} /(N+1)!. \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

In the case of a nonuniform field, we may approximate the deviations of $p(s)$ and $\mathbf{B}(s)$ from the true $p(s)$ and $\mathbf{B}(s)$ by the $\left(N^{\prime}+1\right)$ th and $\left(N^{\prime \prime}+1\right)$ th term in Eq. (12) and (13), respectively. Letting $\Delta P_{N^{\prime}}$ and $\Delta B_{N^{\prime \prime}}$ be these errors in fitted momentum due to the finite power-series expansions, the fractional errors of $p(s)$ and $B(s)$ are given by

$$
\begin{align*}
& (\Delta p / p)_{N^{\prime}}=8\left(\Delta p_{N^{\prime}} / p\right) /\left(N^{\prime}+3\right)\left(N^{\prime}+2\right),  \tag{19}\\
& (\Delta p / p)_{N^{\prime \prime}}=8\left(\Delta B_{N^{\prime \prime}} / B\right) /\left(N^{\prime \prime}+3\right)\left(N^{\prime \prime}+2\right) \tag{20}
\end{align*}
$$

where $N^{\prime}$ and $N^{\prime \prime}$ are the numbers of terms used for the approximated $p(s)$ and $\mathbf{B}(s)$. Similar consideration can be applied to the errors of angles due to the approximations of $p(s), \mathbf{B}(s)$ and $\mathbf{r}(s)$.

The choice of the numbers $N, N^{\prime}$, and $N^{\prime \prime}$ depends upon the accuracy required in an experiment. These numbers should be chosen in such a way that the errors of fitted momentum and angles due to the approximations of $p(s), \mathbf{B}(s)$, and $\mathbf{r}(s)$ are less than other errors-for instance, less than measurement error. For an $8 \mathrm{BeV} / c \pi-p$ experiment which was performed in the B.N.L. $80-\mathrm{in}$. bubble chamber, the $p(s), \mathbf{B}(s)$, and $\mathbf{r}(s)$ were chosen as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& p(s)=p_{0}+p_{1}+p_{1} s+p_{2} s^{2} \\
& \mathbf{B}(s)=\mathbf{B}_{0}+\mathbf{B}_{1} s+\mathbf{B}_{2} s^{2}+\mathbf{B}_{3} s^{3}  \tag{21}\\
& \mathbf{r}(s)=\mathbf{a}_{0}+\mathbf{a}_{1} s+\cdots+\mathbf{a}_{7} s^{7}
\end{align*}
$$

Due to these approximations the error $\Delta p / p$ is of order $0.1 \%$, and the errors of angles are of order $0.002^{\circ}$, for a pion momentum $100 \mathrm{MeV} / \mathrm{c}$ and greater, if the track length is less than the radius curvature. Fitted quantities ( $p, \lambda, \varphi$ ) for a generated track are listed in the Appendix. The results using a real track are also given.

As can be seen from Eq. (17), the $\mathbf{r}(s)$ is convergent even if $s / \rho$ is larger than one. However, it is desirable to use a track length not larger than the radius of curvature, since the error $\Delta p / p$ is proportional to $(s / \rho)^{N-1}$. If we take the point $\left(x_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}\right)$ at the midpoint of the track, we can extend the track length from $-s$ to $+s$, so
that the track length can be extended to twice $\rho$ keeping $s / \rho \leqslant 1$. In any event, if the track curves as much as 1 radian, the momentum error, in existing bubble chambers, is likely to be dominated by Coulomb scattering-so a track length greater than $\rho$ is not particularly helpful.

The computer time to calculate the momentum and angles depends on how many terms are used for $p(s), \mathbf{B}(s)$ and $\mathbf{r}(s)$, and how many points are measured for the track. The time also depends on the number of iterations and the number of particle masses used for the calculation. Using Eq. (21) for $p(s), \mathbf{B}(s)$ and $\mathbf{r}(s)$, the IBM 7094 computer time for one iterations and one particle mass is about 0.2 sec per 8 -point track.

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## Appendix

We will show two examples of how this program makes corrections to the starting values $p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}$, and $z_{0} .^{5}$
As the first example, we use a generated track of a $100 \mathrm{MeV} / c \pi$ meson, where we assume that 8 points are measured along the track in equal spacing and that the track length is 14.0 cm . The coordinates of the 8 points are listed in the first part of Table I with values of a magnetic field at each point which is assumed to be the magnetic field of the B.N.L. $80-\mathrm{in}$. bubble chamber [5]. No measurement and multiple scattering errors are taken into account for this generated track. We then feed these coordinates and crude starting values of momentum and angles into this fitting program, where the starting values are taken as

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
p_{0}=112.54 \mathrm{MeV} / c, & \lambda_{0}=79.18^{\circ} \\
\varphi_{0}=30.29^{\circ}, & z_{0}=35.00 \mathrm{~cm}
\end{array}
$$

Results of the calculation at each iteration are listed in the second part of Table I. It is noted that the fitted momentum converges rapidly to the true

[^3]TABLE I
Coordinates and Magnetic Field at Eight Points along a Generated Track ( $100 \mathrm{MeV} / \mathrm{c} \pi^{-}$)

| $P(\mathrm{MeV} / c)$ | $X(\mathrm{~cm})$ | $Y(\mathrm{~cm})$ | $Z(\mathrm{~cm})$ | $B_{x}(\mathrm{kG})$ | $B_{v}(\mathrm{kG})$ | $B_{z}(\mathrm{kG})$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 100.00 | -30.000 | 0. | 35.000 | -0.379 | -0.121 | 20.365 |
| 98.02 | -29.808 | 0.287 | 36.970 | -0.376 | -0.125 | 20.445 |
| 95.96 | -29.580 | 0.543 | 38.940 | -0.372 | -0.131 | 20.527 |
| 93.81 | -29.320 | 0.763 | 40.911 | -0.369 | -0.139 | 20.611 |
| 91.57 | -29.032 | 0.943 | 42.882 | -0.366 | -0.148 | 20.696 |
| 89.20 | -28.720 | 1.077 | 44.853 | -0.362 | -0.160 | 20.782 |
| 86.71 | -28.391 | 1.161 | 46.824 | -0.360 | -0.175 | 20.870 |
| 84.05 | -28.052 | 1.192 | 48.794 | -0.357 | -0.194 | 20.959 |


|  | Results |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\boldsymbol{P}_{0}(\mathrm{MeV} / \boldsymbol{c})$ | $\lambda_{0}$ (degrees) | $\varphi_{0}$ (degrees) | $\boldsymbol{z}_{\mathbf{0}}(\mathrm{cm})$ |
| True Values | 100.0 | 80.00 | 30.00 | 35.000 |
| Starting Values | 112.54 | 79.18 | 30.29 | 35.000 |
| 1st iteration | 97.53 | 80.06 | 30.19 | 34.996 |
| 2nd iteration | 100.41 | 80.01 | 29.96 | 34.996 |
| 3rd iteration | 99.98 | 80.00 | 30.01 | 34.996 |
| 4th iteration | 100.05 | 80.00 | 30.00 | 34.996 |

momentum and the ratio of deviations, $\left(p_{\text {ritted }}-p_{\text {true }}\right)^{(i+1)} /\left(p_{\text {fitted }}-p_{\text {true }}\right)^{(i)}$, for successive iterations is about $1: 5$ up to the second iteration. The deviation of $z_{0}$ from the true value of $z_{0}$ after the second iteration is 0.004 cm and this comes from the fact that the track used in this example has a large dip angle.

The determination of the useful number of iterations used for this calculation depends on the crudeness of the starting values and the errors of the $x y z$-coordinates of data points due to measurement and multiple scattering. The second example which uses a real track illustrates this point.

Using an $8-\mathrm{BeV} / c \pi^{-} p$ picture taken at the B.N.L. 80 in . bubble chamber, we measured 7 points along a $\pi^{+}$track on our digitizing machine (Hermes). Coordinates of these points are converted into the spatial coordinates through the B.N.L. spatial reconstruction program, Tred [6] (see first part of Table II). Tred also calculates momentum and angles at the beginning point of the track by using only the $z$-component of magnetic field ( $B x=B y=0$ ). These calculated momentum and angle values are used as the starting values for the fitting program Tred 2. Results are listed in the second part of Table II with errors of momentum and angles due to measurement and multiple scattering [7].

TABLE II
Reconstructed Coordinates of Measured Points and Magnetic Field along an Actual $\pi^{+}$Track


As seen in Table II, second part, the corrections to momentum and angles at the second iteration are less than the errors, so that it is not necessary to make further iterations. It is also noted that neglect of the small componentsof magnetic field, $B_{x}$ and $B_{v}$, causes the same order of error of momentum as that of measurement and multiple scattering in this case.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{2}$ Work supported by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.
    ${ }^{2}$ Principally, this method can be applied for other geometrical programs such as Hgeom, Thresh, and Fog by adding or modifying a routine in the programs.

[^1]:    ${ }^{9}$ For the recent programs such as Hgeom and Tvgr, the $\chi^{2}$ should be expressed on film planes taking deviations of measured coordinates from the particle orbit $\mathbf{r}(s)$. Since our calculation was incorporated into the program, Tred, which gives space coordinates ( $X_{i}, Y_{i}, Z_{i}$ ), we have used the expression (1) as a $\chi^{2}$. The errors $\sigma_{x}, \sigma_{y}$ and $\sigma_{z}$ are assumed to be constant as

    $$
    \sigma_{x}=\sigma_{v}=\sigma_{z} / L
    $$

    The factor $L$ can be somewhat chamber-dependent and is taken to be $L=3$ as being suitable for the Brookhaven $80-\mathrm{in}$. bubble chamber.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ This choice of the parameters $\left(p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}\right)$ is suitable when the track is in forward direction ( $x$-axis). In the least-squares fit, five parameters are sufficient to vary independently. If we use six parameters ( $p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}, x_{0}, y_{0}, z_{0}$ ), the determinant ( $6 \times 6$ ) for this calculation is zero. The author would like to thank Dr. Arthur H. Rosenfeld and Dr. Frank T. Solmitz for pointing out this problem.

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ We have used corrections to only four track parameters $p_{0}, \lambda_{0}, \varphi_{0}$, and $z_{0}$ to reduce the programming complication in our program. The correction $\Delta z_{0}$ is correlated with $\Delta \lambda_{0}$, whereas $\Delta \lambda_{0}$ is correlated with $\Delta p_{0}$ and $\Delta \psi_{0}$. This approximation, therefore, gives better correction to $\lambda_{0}$ than to $p_{0}$ and $\varphi_{0}$.

