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# **EECS16A**

# **Acoustic Positioning System**

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# Semester Outline



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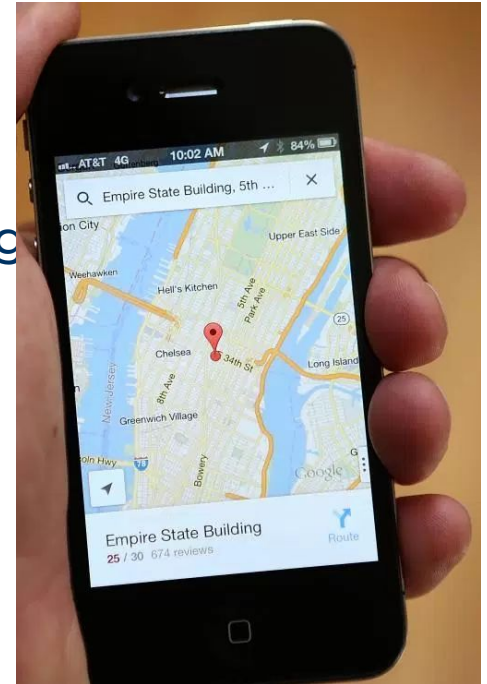
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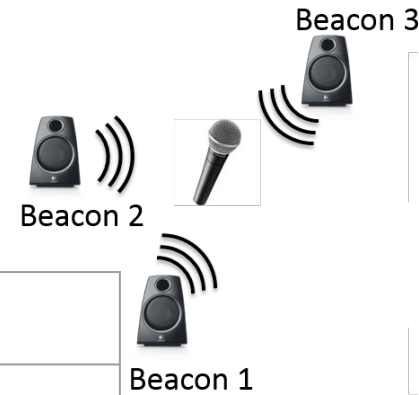
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# Today's Lab: Acoustic Positioning System

- Global Positioning System (GPS)
  - Uses radio waves instead of sound waves
- Understand mathematical tools used for shifting and detecting signals
  - Think about cross correlation!



# Set-up

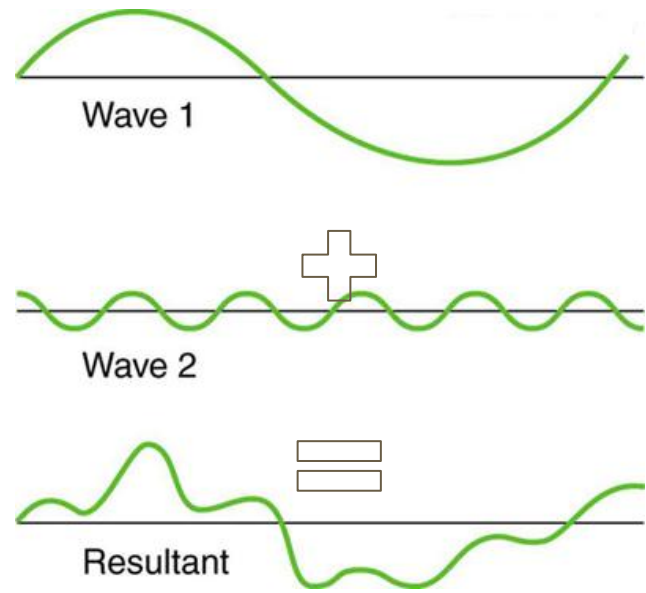


<b>General</b>	<b>Lab Specific</b>
Receiver	Microphone
Satellites repeatedly transmitting specific beacon signals	Speakers repeatedly playing specific tones (beacon signals)

- Known: Location of each satellite and what beacon signal each satellite is playing
- Unknown: Location of receiver ← what we want to figure out!

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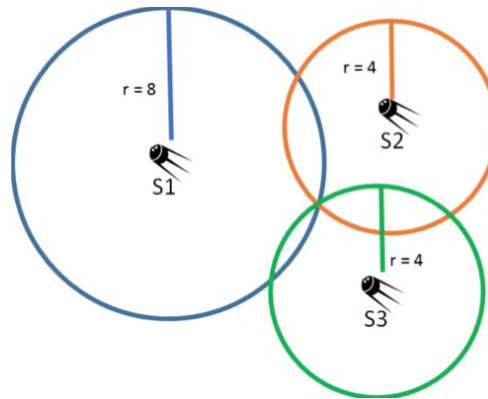
- Satellite:
  - Known, periodic waveforms
  - Know satellite location
- Receiver:
  - Will record the waveform
    - Sum of all shifted beacons
  - Waveform will be shifted from known satellite waveform based on how far it is from satellite (sound takes time to travel)



# Let's go backwards

Assume we know the **distance** between the receiver and every satellite

- Use **lateration** and the satellites' locations to locate the receiver!
- How many satellites do we need in a 2D world?



# How do we get those distances?

Assume we know the **time-delay** (in secs) of every beacon

- Use the **speed of sound** through air to get exactly how far our receiver is from every satellite
  - $d = v_s \cdot t$
  - $v_s \approx 343 \text{ m/s}$

# How do we get those time-delays?

Assume we know how many **samples** it takes for each beacon signal to arrive at the receiver

- Use the **sampling frequency** of receiver to get the **time-delay**
  - Sampling frequency [samples/sec] - rate at which microphone records samples

$$\frac{\text{samples}}{f_s} = \frac{\text{samples}}{\frac{\text{samples}}{\text{second}}} = \text{seconds}$$



## Poll Time!

Let the sampling frequency be 1000 Hz and the speed of sound be 343 m/s. If I detect a signal with a delay of 100 samples, what is the distance between the speaker and the mic?

- 3430 m
- 34.3 m
- 343 m
- 3.43 m

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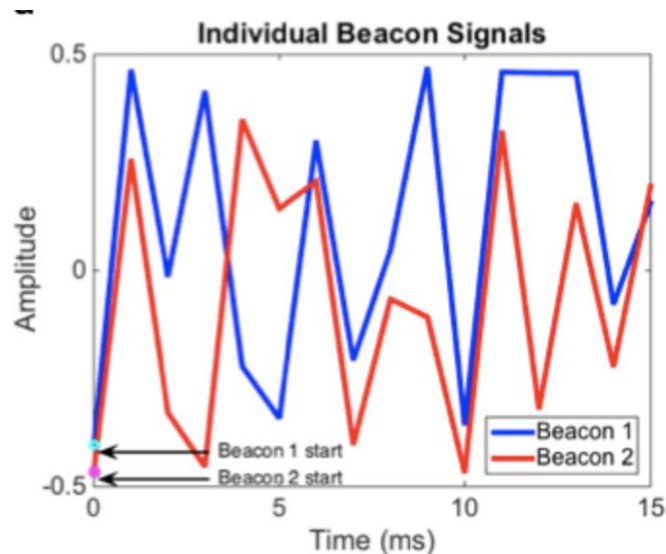
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- **34.3 m →**
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$$\text{time delay} = \frac{\text{samples}}{\text{sampling frequency}} = \frac{100 \text{ samples}}{1000 \text{ Hz}} = 0.1 \text{ s}$$

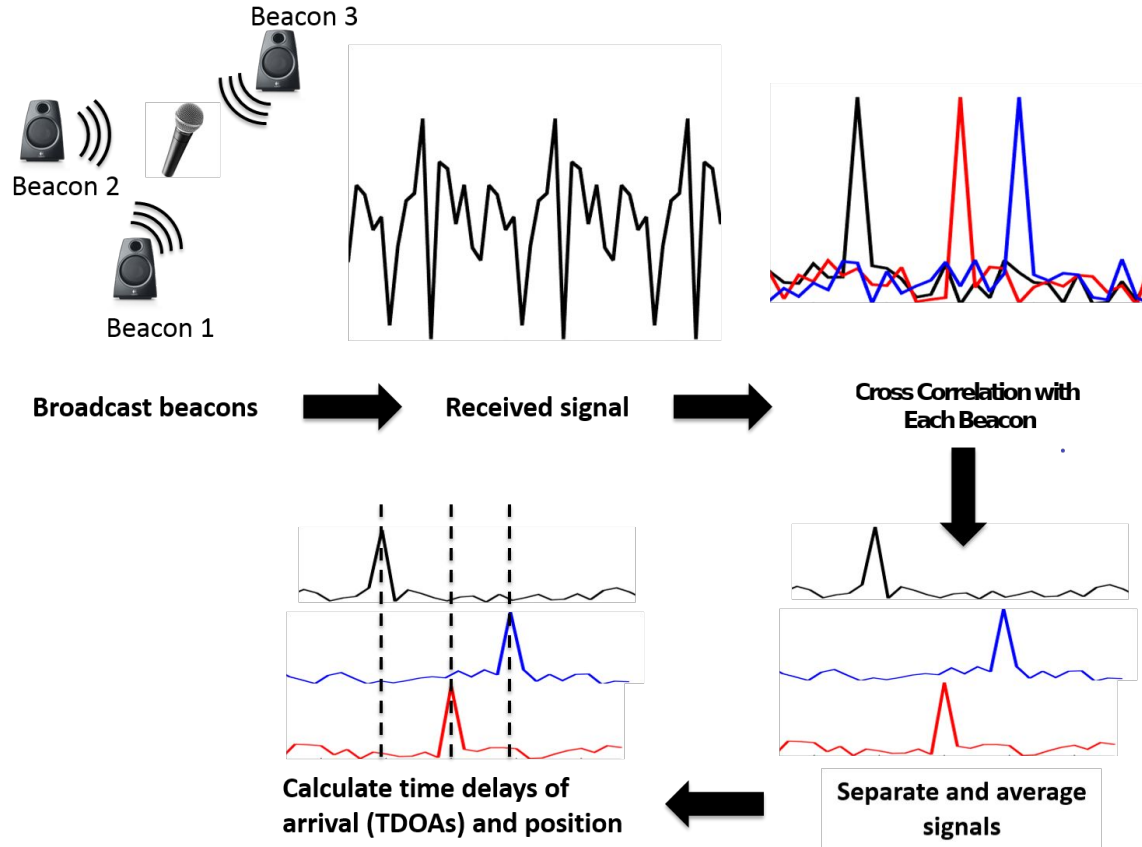
$$d = v \cdot t = 343 \text{ m/s} \cdot 0.1 \text{ s} = \boxed{34.3 \text{ m}}$$

# How do we get sample delays?

- Receiver's recorded signal is the sum of all the beacon signals
- Need to separate the recorded signal into the individual beacon signals to see how many samples each signal is delayed by



# Overview



# Recall: Inner (Dot) product

- Computes how similar two vectors are

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle &\equiv \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} \equiv \vec{x}^T \vec{y} \\ &= [x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \cdots \quad x_n] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \cdots + x_n y_n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i\end{aligned}$$

## Recall: Inner (Dot) product

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \cos \theta$$

An alternate form of the dot product

- **Given this expression, with  $\|\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{y}\|$ , when is this expression maximized?**
  - $\theta = 0$
  - vectors point in the SAME DIRECTION, so they are the SAME SIGNAL

The bigger the dot product magnitude, the more “similar” the two vectors are

## Tool: Cross-correlation

$$\text{corr}_r(B_A)[k] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} r[i]B_A[i - k] \Leftrightarrow \text{In Python: } \text{cross\_correlation}(r, B_A)[k]$$

- Mathematical tool for finding similarities between signals
- **Idea:** Computes dot product between  $r$  and signal  $B_A$  shifted by  $k$  samples
- From the previous slide, the peak of the cross-correlation vector tells us which shift amount makes  $B_A$  “most similar” to  $r$

## Poll Time!

Given  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ , when is the magnitude of the inner product expression maximized?

- $\theta = 0$
- $\theta = 90$
- $\theta = 180$
- $\theta = -90$



# Poll Time!

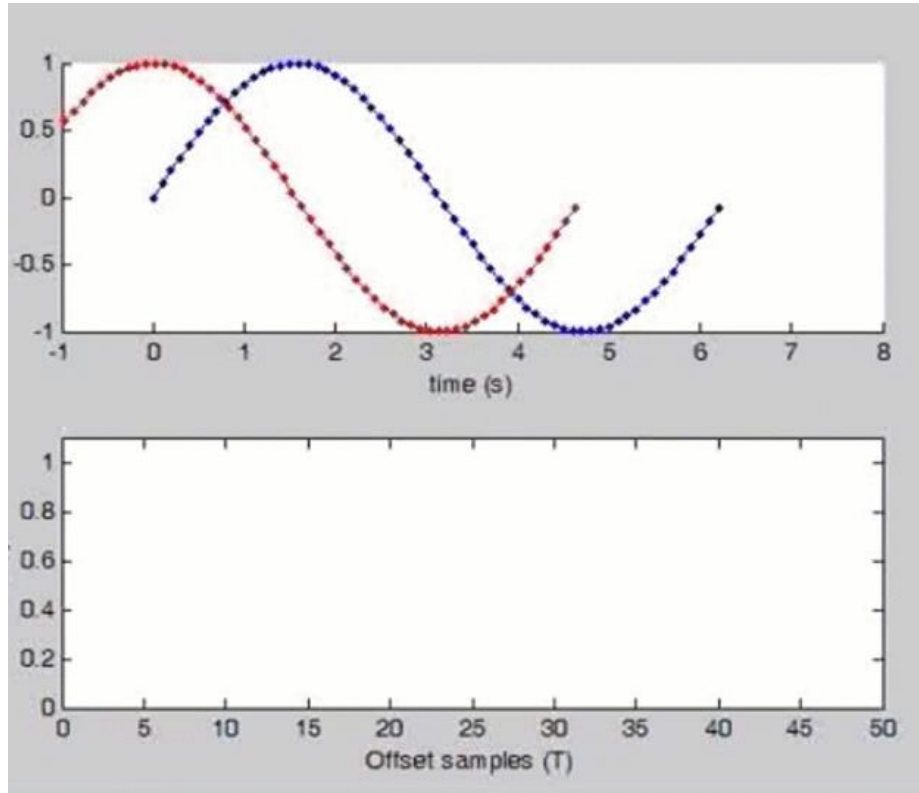
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# Tool: Cross-correlation

- At ~ how many offset samples are the signals most similar?

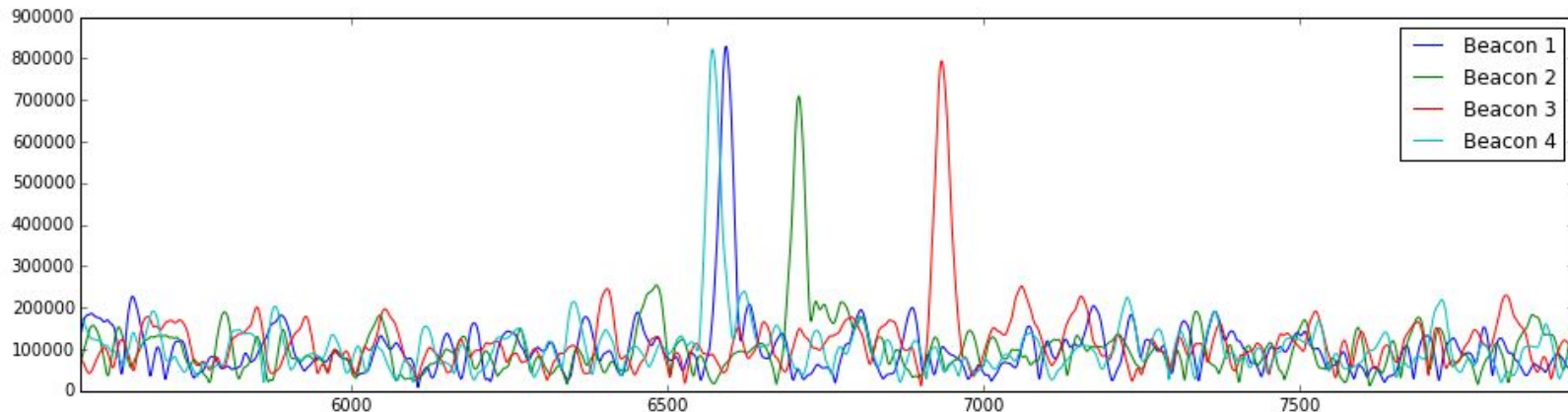
blue =  $r$   
red =  $B_A$



Note: zero pad signals  
to match length

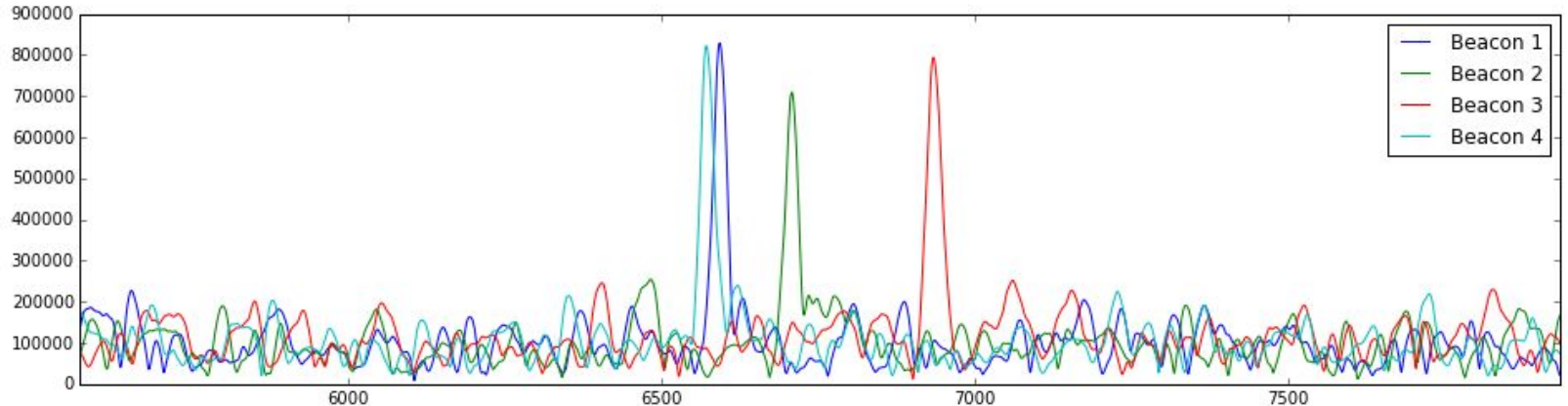
# How to use?

- Cross correlating should tell us where each beacon signal arrived in our recorded signal
- Let's cross-correlate each of the known beacon signals with what we recorded and plot the result



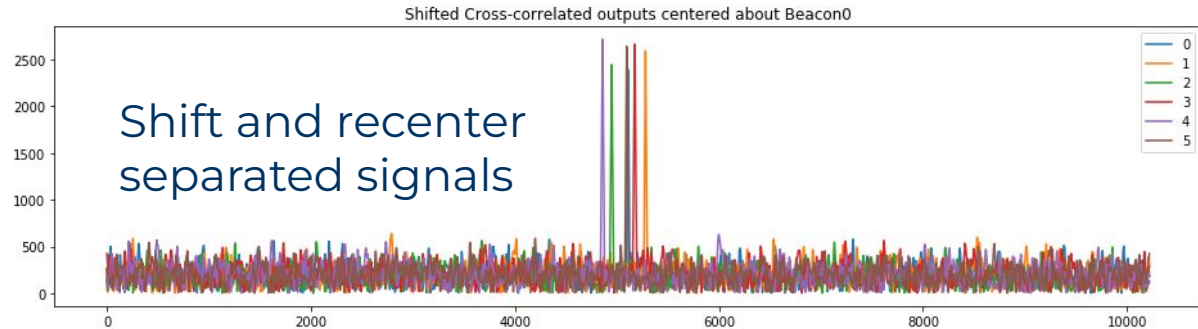
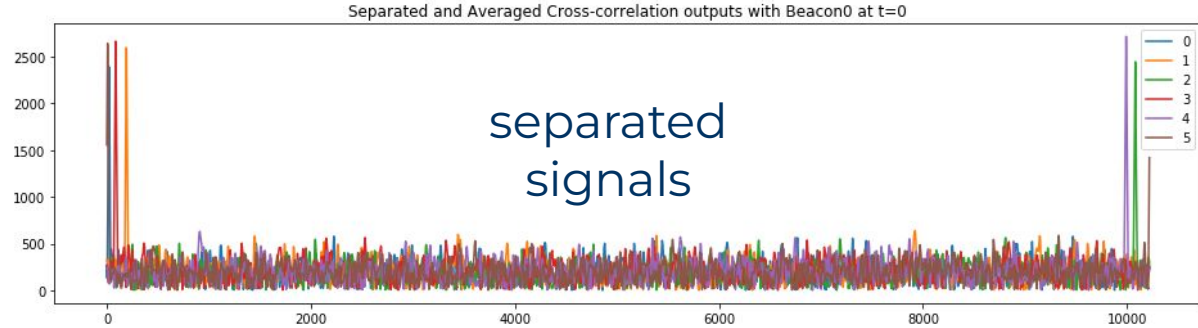
# Absolute or relative sample delays?

- We can see peaks where each beacon signal arrived!
- But notice it only gives us **relative** sample delays
  - Still can't tell how many absolute samples each beacon is delayed, we don't know when it was supposed to arrive
- Arbitrarily pick a beacon to be the reference point



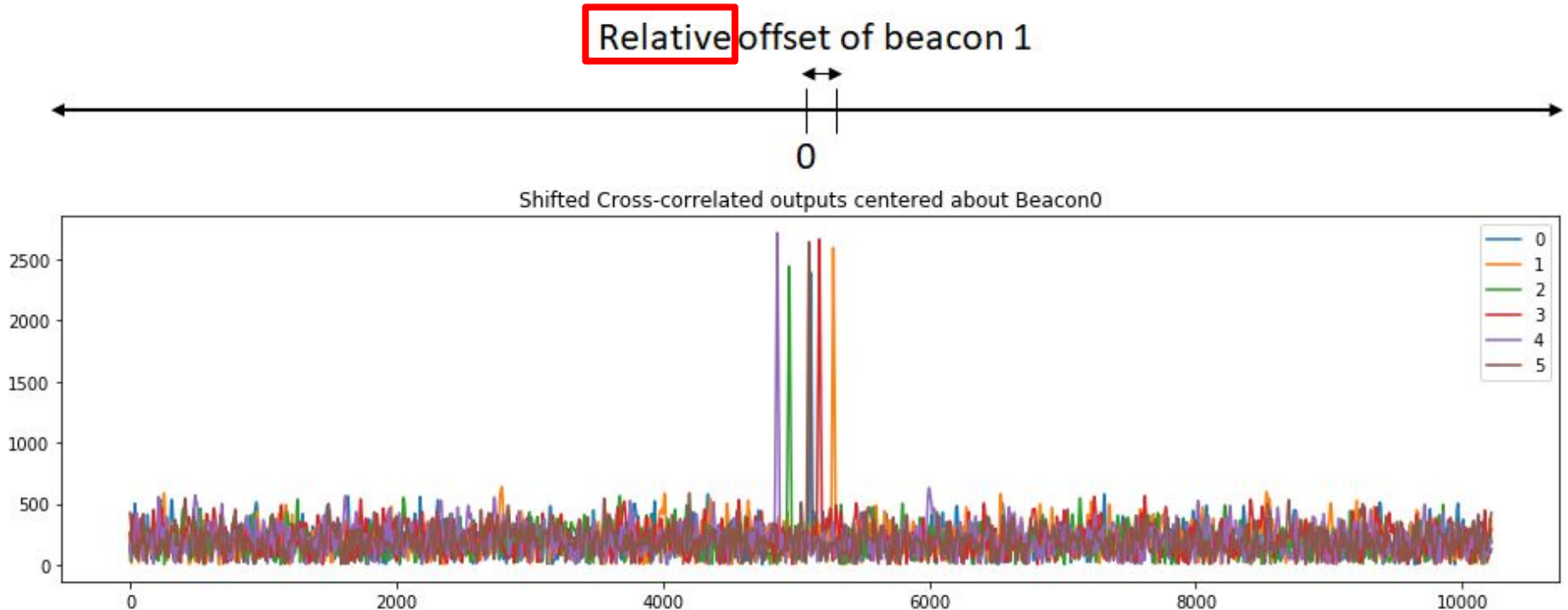
# Absolute or relative sample delays?

- Let's shift our axis so beacon 0 has a delay of 0
- We could pick any beacon to be the center
  - 0 is arbitrary



# Absolute or relative sample delays?

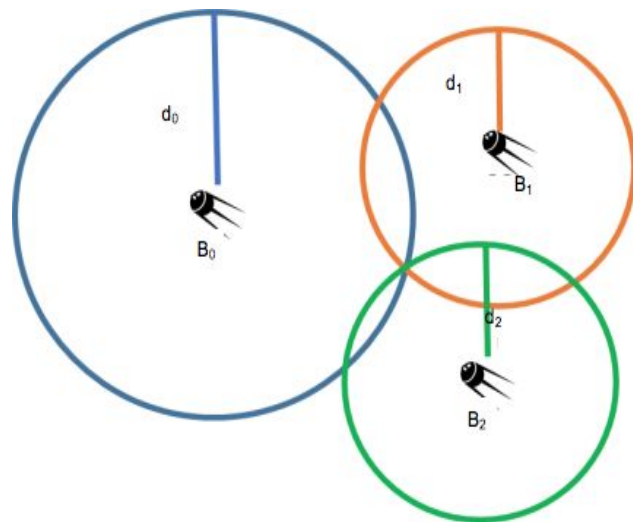
Now beacon 0 is at our new “origin” and all computations are relative to the new “0” – but how do we find T0?



# 3 Beacon Example

- To answer the T0 question, we must formally set up our system. Let beacon centers be:  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$
- Time of arrivals:  $\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2$
- Distance of beacon  $m$  ( $m = 0, 1, 2$ ) is  $d_m = v\tau_m = R_m$  (circle radii)

**Circle equations:**  $(x - x_m)^2 + (y - y_m)^2 = d_m^2$

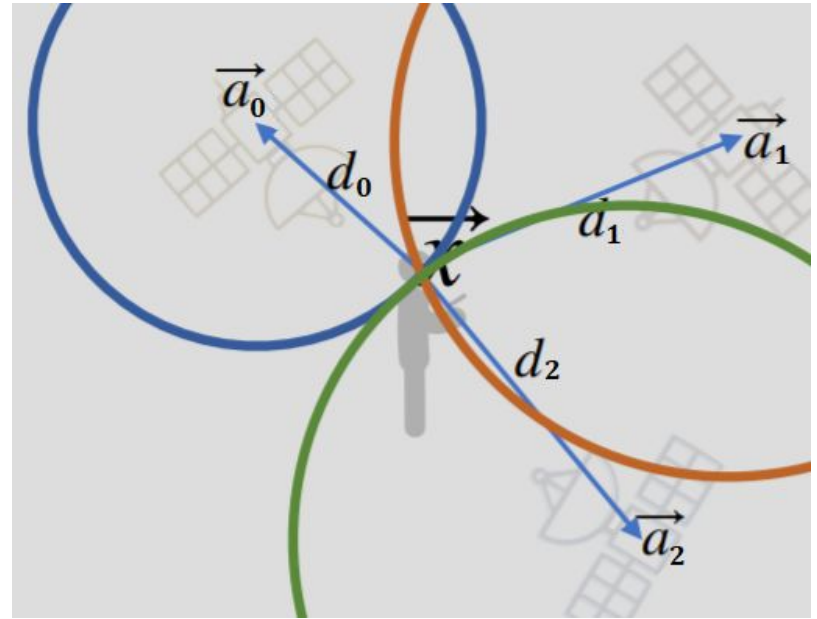


# Trilateration

$$\|\vec{r} - \vec{a}_0\|^2 = d_0^2$$

$$\|\vec{r} - \vec{a}_1\|^2 = d_1^2$$

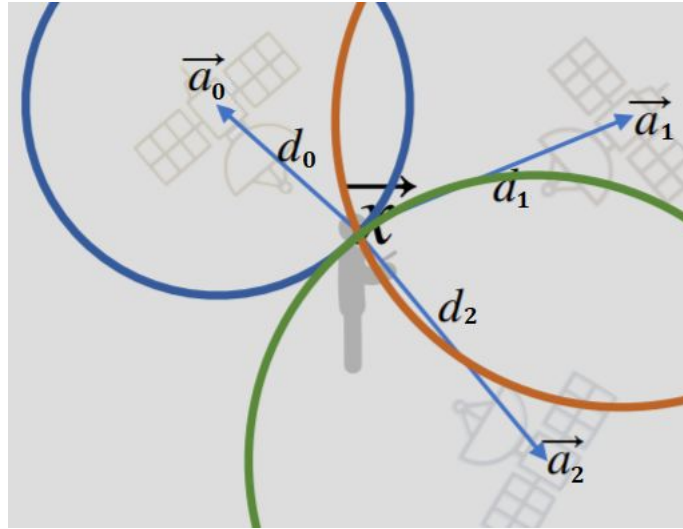
$$\|\vec{r} - \vec{a}_2\|^2 = d_2^2$$



$$d_i = v_s \tau_i$$



# Trilateration



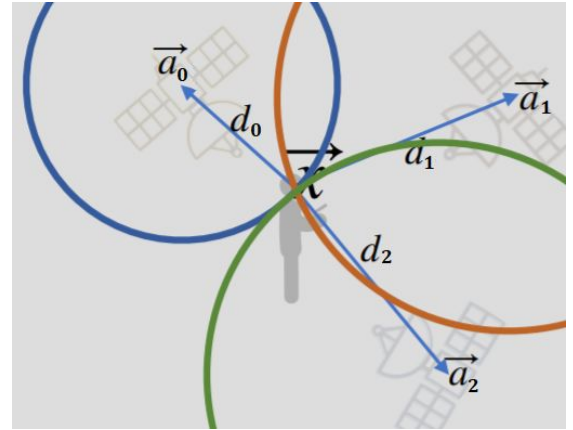
$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{r}\|^2 - 2\vec{a}_0^T \vec{r} + \|\vec{a}_0\|^2 &= v_s^2 \tau_0^2 \\ \|\vec{r}\|^2 - 2\vec{a}_1^T \vec{r} + \|\vec{a}_1\|^2 &= v_s^2 \tau_1^2 \\ \|\vec{r}\|^2 - 2\vec{a}_2^T \vec{r} + \|\vec{a}_2\|^2 &= v_s^2 \tau_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Subtracting the zeroth equation yields:

$$-2\vec{a}_1^T \vec{r} + 2\vec{a}_0^T \vec{r} + \|\vec{a}_1\|^2 - \|\vec{a}_0\|^2 = v_s^2 (\tau_1^2 - \tau_0^2)$$

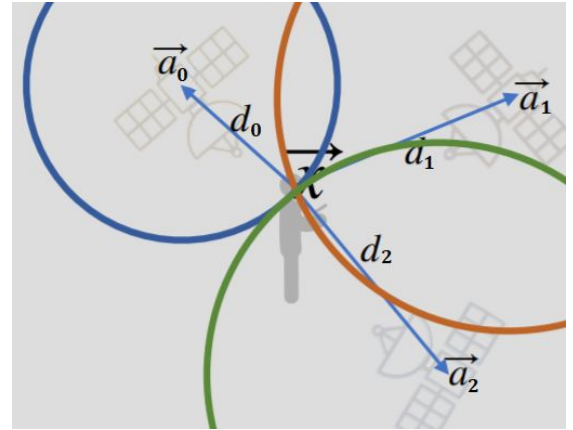
$$\implies 2(\vec{a}_0 - \vec{a}_1)^T \vec{r} = \|\vec{a}_0\|^2 - \|\vec{a}_1\|^2 + v_s^2 (\tau_1^2 - \tau_0^2)$$

and,

$$2(\vec{a}_0 - \vec{a}_2)^T \vec{r} = \|\vec{a}_0\|^2 - \|\vec{a}_2\|^2 + v_s^2 (\tau_2^2 - \tau_0^2)$$

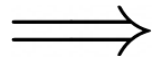
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We want to write this in terms of TDOAs and unknowns!

$$(\tau_i^2 - \tau_0^2) = (\tau_i - \tau_0)(\tau_i + \tau_0) = (\tau_i - \tau_0)(\tau_i - \tau_0 + 2\tau_0) = \Delta\tau_i(\Delta\tau_i + 2\tau_0)$$



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# Trilateration

$$2a_{1,x}r_x + 2a_{1,y}r_y + 2v_s^2\Delta\tau_1\tau_0 = a_{1,x}^2 + a_{1,y}^2 - v_s^2\Delta\tau_1^2$$

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**What are our unknowns in this system?**

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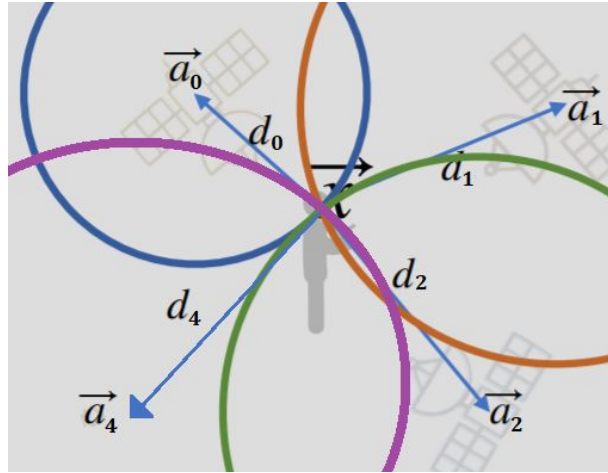
**What are our unknowns in this system?**

$$r_x, r_y, \tau_0$$

**Problem: 3 unknowns and 2 equations!**

**Solution: add another beacon to produce a third equation!**

# Trilateration



**3 equations and 3  
unknowns, so we  
have a solvable  
system!**

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$$2a_{3,x}r_x + 2a_{3,y}r_y + 2v_s^2 \Delta\tau_3\tau_0 = a_{3,x}^2 + a_{3,y}^2 - v_s^2 \Delta\tau_3^2$$

# Multilateration

We can produce overdetermined system with M beacons!

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,x} & a_{1,y} & v_s^2 \Delta \tau_1 \\ a_{2,x} & a_{2,y} & v_s^2 \Delta \tau_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{M-1,x} & a_{M-1,y} & v_s^2 \Delta \tau_{M-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ \tau_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,x}^2 + a_{1,y}^2 - v_s^2 \Delta \tau_1^2 \\ a_{2,x}^2 + a_{2,y}^2 - v_s^2 \Delta \tau_2^2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{M-1,x}^2 + a_{M-1,y}^2 - v_s^2 \Delta \tau_{M-1}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



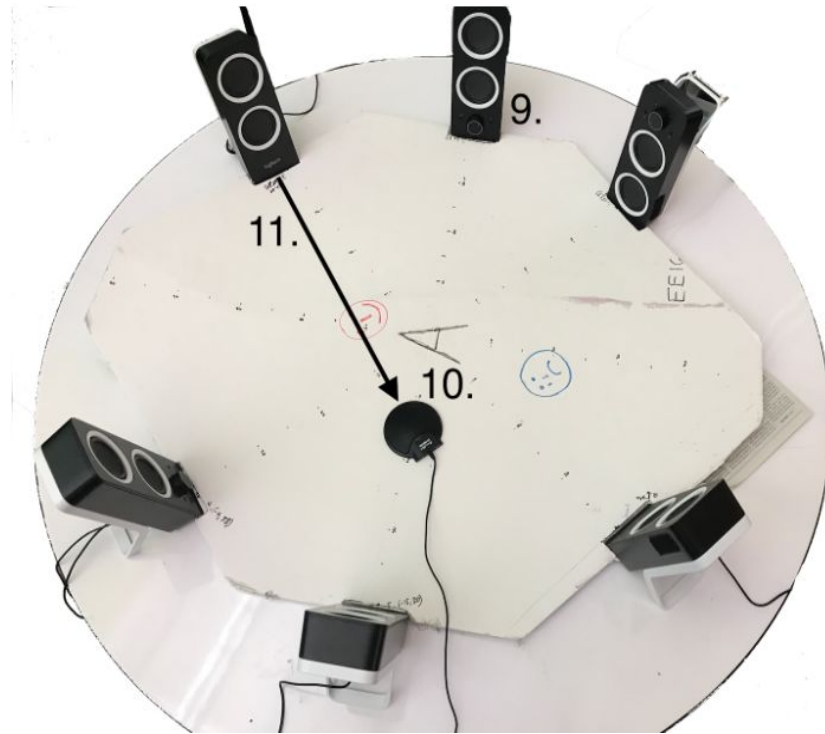
# “Solving” an Overdetermined System

- After simplifying, we have more equations than unknowns (x,y)
- Can do least-squares regardless of number of beacons
- Best estimate of location if measurements are inconsistent
- If there is no exact point of intersection because of error or noise

$$Ax = b$$

$$A^T Ax = A^T b$$

# Setup Looks Like:



# Notes

- Might have to hit reload on the notebook tab for pictures to render
- Read over the math carefully, we'll be asking you about it!