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Bayes Filter Implementations

Particle filters

Motivation

- So far, we discussed the
 - Kalman filter: Gaussian, linearization problems, multi-modal beliefs
- Particle filters are a way to efficiently represent non-Gaussian distributions
- Basic principle
 - Set of state hypotheses ("particles")
 - Survival-of-the-fittest

Sample-based Localization (sonar)



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Density Approximation

Particle sets can be used to approximate densities



- The more particles fall into an interval, the higher the probability of that interval
- How to draw samples form a function/distribution?

Rejection Sampling

- Let us assume that $f(x) \le 1$ for all x
- Sample x from a uniform distribution
- Sample c from [0,1]
- if f(x) > c keep the sample otherwise reject the sampe



Importance Sampling Principle

- We can even use a different distribution g to generate samples from f
- By introducing an importance weight w, we can account for the "differences between g and f"
- w = f/g
- *f* is often called target
- g is often called proposal



Resampling

- **Given**: Set *S* of weighted samples.
- Wanted : Random sample, where the probability of drawing *x_i* is given by *w_i*.

• Typically done *n* times with replacement to generate new sample set *S* '.

Resampling



- Roulette wheel
- Binary search, n log n



- Stochastic universal sampling
- Systematic resampling
- Linear time complexity
- Easy to implement, low variance



Particle Filters

Sensor Information: Importance Sampling





Robot Motion

$$Bel^{-}(x) \leftarrow \int p(x | u, x') Bel(x') dx'$$



Sensor Information: Importance Sampling







Particle Filter Algorithm

- 1. Algorithm **particle_filter**(S_{t-1} , $u_{t-1} z_t$):
- 2. $S_t = \emptyset, \quad \eta = 0$ **3.** For i = 1...nGenerate new samples Sample index j(i) from the discrete distribution given by w_{t-1} 4. 5. Sample x_t^i from $p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_{t-1})$ using $x_{t-1}^{j(i)}$ and u_{t-1} $6. \qquad w_t^i = p(z_t \mid x_t^i)$ *Compute importance weight* 7. $\eta = \eta + w_t^i$ Update normalization factor 8. $S_t = S_t \cup \{< x_t^i, w_t^i > \}$ Insert 9. For i = 1...n10. $w_t^i = w_t^i / \eta$ Normalize weights

Particle Filter Algorithm



Motion Model Reminder



Proximity Sensor Model Reminder



Laser sensor

Sonar sensor





































Using Ceiling Maps for Localization



[Dellaert et al. 99]

Vision-based Localization



Under a Light

Measurement z:

P(z|x):





Next to a Light

Measurement z:

P(z|x):





Elsewhere

Measurement z:







Global Localization Using Vision



Recovery from Failure



Localization for AIBO robots



Adaptive Sampling



KLD-Sampling Sonar



Adapt number of particles on the fly based on statistical approximation measure

KLD-Sampling Laser



Particle Filter Projection



Density Extraction



Sampling Variance



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Bayes Filter Implementations

Discrete filters

Piecewise Constant



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Discrete Bayes Filter Algorithm

- 1. Algorithm **Discrete_Bayes_filter**(*Bel(x),d*):
- *2.* η=0
- 3. If *d* is a perceptual data item *z* then
- 4. For all x do
- 5. $Bel'(x) = P(z \mid x)Bel(x)$

$$\theta. \qquad \eta = \eta + Bel'(x)$$

7. For all x do

8.
$$Bel'(x) = \eta^{-1}Bel'(x)$$

- 9. Else if *d* is an action data item *u* then
- 10. For all x do

11.
$$Bel'(x) = \sum_{x'} P(x | u, x') Bel(x')$$

12. Return Bel'(x)

Piecewise Constant Representation



Grid-based Localization











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Sonars and Occupancy Grid Map









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Tree-based Representation

Idea: Represent density using a variant of Octrees



Tree-based Representations

- Efficient in space and time
- Multi-resolution

