

CSE-571 Robotics

Kalman Filters

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Bayes Filter Reminder

- Prediction

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \int p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1}$$

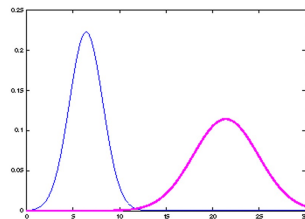
- Correction

$$bel(x_t) = \eta p(z_t | x_t) \overline{bel}(x_t)$$

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Properties of Gaussians

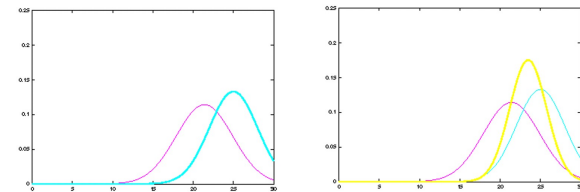
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ Y = aX + b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$



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Properties of Gaussians

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left(\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_2, \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}}\right)$$



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Multivariate Gaussians

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \\ Y = AX + B \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Y \sim N(A\mu + B, A\Sigma A^T)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left(\frac{\Sigma_2}{\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2} \mu_1 + \frac{\Sigma_1}{\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2} \mu_2, \frac{1}{\Sigma_1^{-1} + \Sigma_2^{-1}}\right)$$

- Marginalization and conditioning in Gaussians results in Gaussians
- We stay in the “Gaussian world” as long as we start with Gaussians and perform only linear transformations.

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Discrete Kalman Filter

Estimates the state x of a discrete-time controlled process that is governed by the linear stochastic difference equation

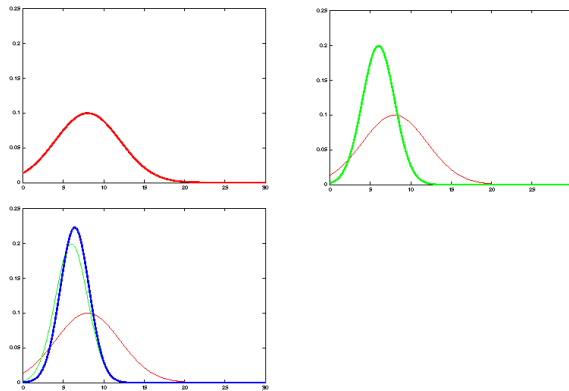
$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$$

with a measurement

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$

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Kalman Filter Updates in 1D

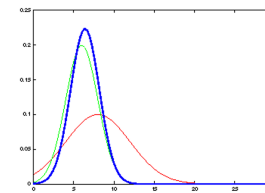


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Kalman Filter Updates in 1D

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bel}(x_t) &= \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - \bar{\mu}_t) \\ \sigma_t^2 = (1 - K_t)\bar{\sigma}_t^2 \end{cases} \quad \text{with } K_t = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_t^2}{\bar{\sigma}_t^2 + \sigma_{obs,t}^2} \\ \text{bel}(x_t) &= \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) \\ \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \end{cases} \quad \text{with } K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



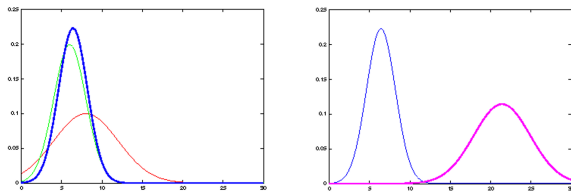
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Kalman Filter Updates in 1D

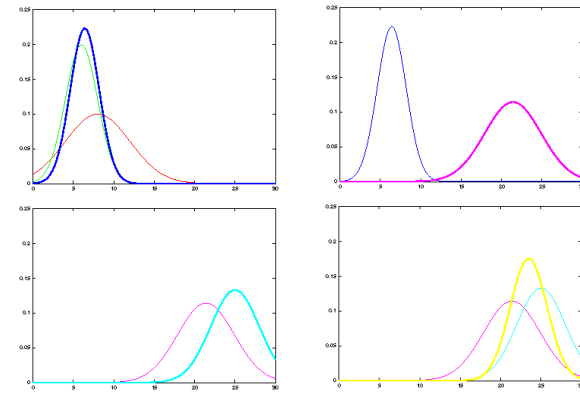
$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \begin{cases} \bar{\mu}_t = a_t \mu_{t-1} + b_t u_t \\ \bar{\sigma}_t^2 = a_t^2 \sigma_{t-1}^2 + \sigma_{act,t}^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \begin{cases} \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t \\ \bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t \end{cases}$$



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Kalman Filter Updates



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Kalman Filter Algorithm

1. Algorithm **Kalman_filter**($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):
2. Prediction:
3. $\bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$
4. $\bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t$
5. Correction:
6. $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$
7. $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t)$
8. $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$
9. Return μ_t, Σ_t

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Kalman Filter Summary

- **Highly efficient**: Polynomial in measurement dimensionality k and state dimensionality n :
 $O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$
- **Optimal for linear Gaussian systems!**
- Most robotics systems are **nonlinear!**

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Going non-linear

EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

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Nonlinear Dynamic Systems

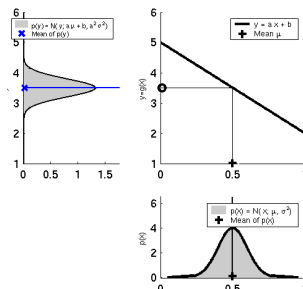
- Most realistic robotic problems involve nonlinear functions

$$x_t = g(u_t, x_{t-1})$$

$$z_t = h(x_t)$$

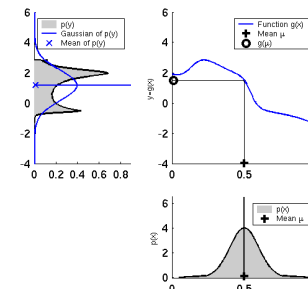
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Linearity Assumption Revisited



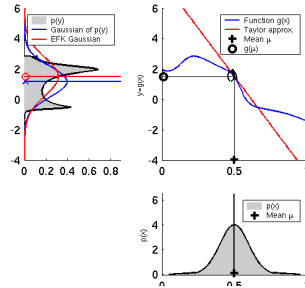
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Non-linear Function



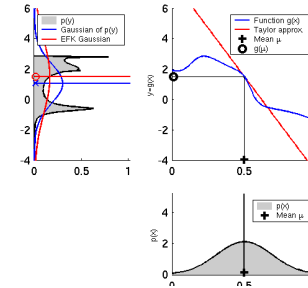
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EKF Linearization (1)



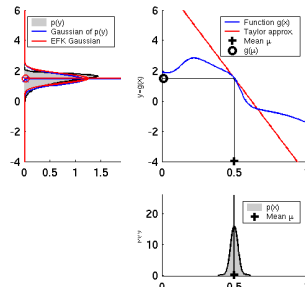
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EKF Linearization (2)



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EKF Linearization (3)



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EKF Linearization: First Order Taylor Series Expansion

- Prediction:

$$g(u_t, x_{t-1}) \approx g(u_t, \mu_{t-1}) + \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})$$

$$g(u_t, x_{t-1}) \approx g(u_t, \mu_{t-1}) + G_t (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})$$

- Correction:

$$h(x_t) \approx h(\bar{\mu}_t) + \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t)}{\partial x_t} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)$$

$$h(x_t) \approx h(\bar{\mu}_t) + H_t (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)$$

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EKF Algorithm

1. **Extended_Kalman_filter**($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):

2. Prediction:

$$\bar{\mu}_t = g(u_t, \mu_{t-1}) \quad \leftarrow \quad \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t \quad \leftarrow \quad \bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t$$

3. Correction:

$$K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T (H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t)^{-1} \quad \leftarrow \quad K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$$

$$\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t)) \quad \leftarrow \quad \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t)$$

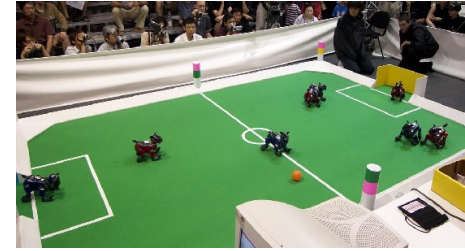
$$\Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \quad \leftarrow \quad \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$$

4. Return μ_t, Σ_t

$$H_t = \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t)}{\partial x_t} \quad G_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}}$$

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Landmark-based Localization



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1. **EKF_localization** ($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):

Prediction:

$$3. \quad G_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Jacobian of } g \text{ w.r.t location}$$

$$5. \quad V_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial u_t} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \omega_t} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \omega_t} \\ \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \omega_t} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Jacobian of } g \text{ w.r.t control}$$

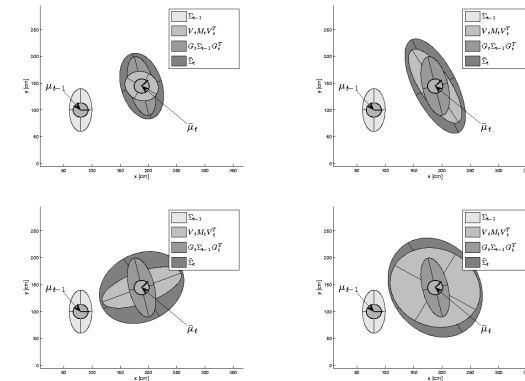
$$6. \quad M_t = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_x v_t^2 + \alpha_\omega \omega_t^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_x v_t^2 + \alpha_\omega \omega_t^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Motion noise}$$

$$7. \quad \bar{\mu}_t = g(u_t, \mu_{t-1}) \quad \text{Predicted mean}$$

$$8. \quad \bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + V_t M_t V_t^T \quad \text{Predicted covariance}$$

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EKF Prediction Step



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1. EKF_localization $(\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t)$:

Correction:

$$3. \quad \hat{z}_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(m_x - \bar{\mu}_{t,x})^2 + (m_y - \bar{\mu}_{t,y})^2} \\ \text{atan2}(m_y - \bar{\mu}_{t,y}, m_x - \bar{\mu}_{t,x}) - \bar{\mu}_{t,\theta} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Predicted measurement mean}$$

$$5. \quad H_t = \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t, m)}{\partial x_t} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial r_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,x}} & \frac{\partial r_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,y}} & \frac{\partial r_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,x}} & \frac{\partial \phi_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,y}} & \frac{\partial \phi_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,\theta}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Jacobian of } h \text{ w.r.t location}$$

$$6. \quad Q_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$7. \quad S_t = H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t \quad \text{Pred. measurement covariance}$$

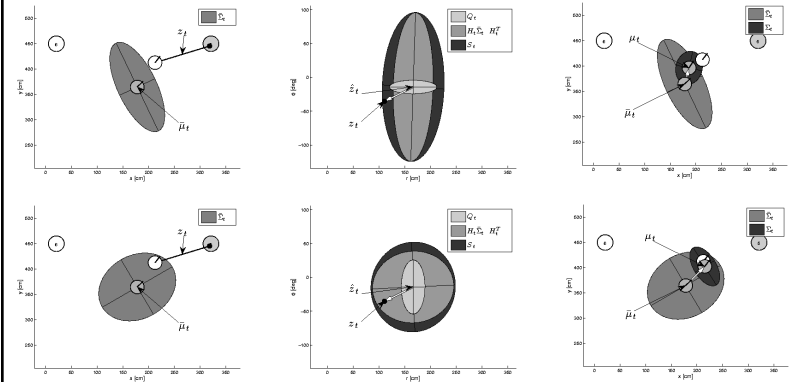
$$8. \quad K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T S_t^{-1} \quad \text{Kalman gain}$$

$$9. \quad \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - \hat{z}_t) \quad \text{Updated mean}$$

$$10. \quad \Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \quad \text{Updated covariance}$$

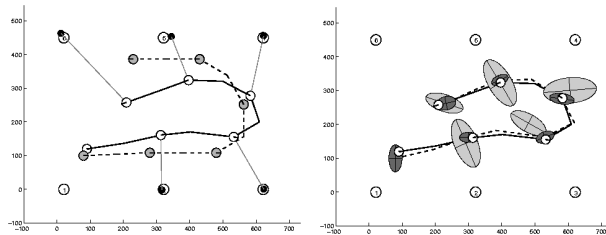
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EKF Observation Prediction / Correction Step



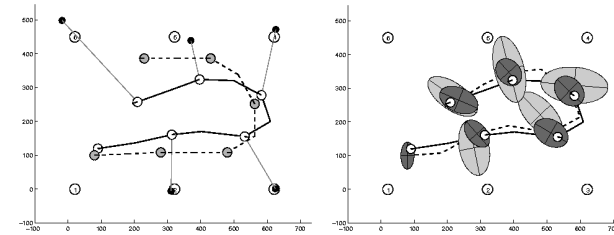
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Estimation Sequence (1)



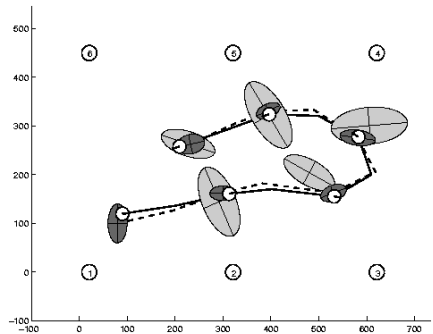
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Estimation Sequence (2)



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Comparison to GroundTruth



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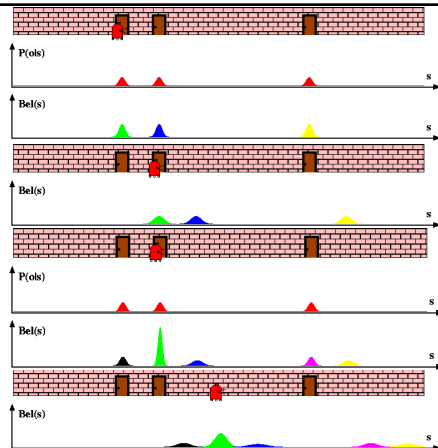
EKF Summary

- **Highly efficient:** Polynomial in measurement dimensionality k and state dimensionality n :

$$O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$$
- **Not optimal!**
- Can **diverge** if nonlinearities are large!
- Works surprisingly well even when all assumptions are violated!

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Multi-hypothesis Tracking



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