Introduction to Aerial Robotics Lecture 8

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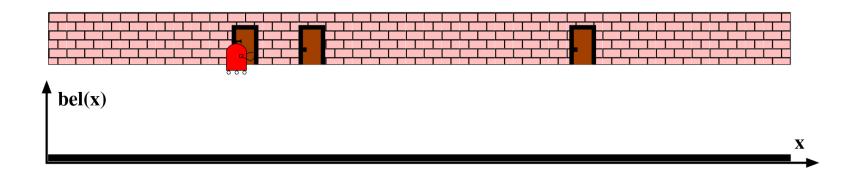


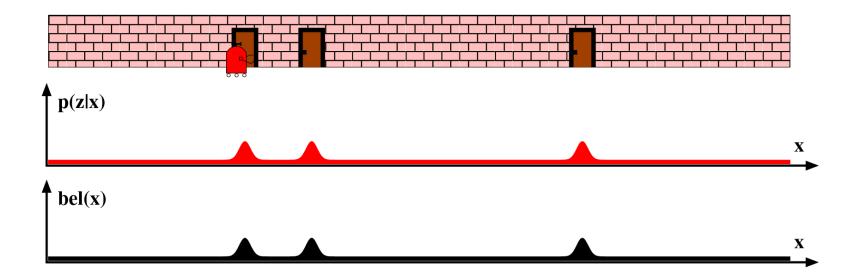
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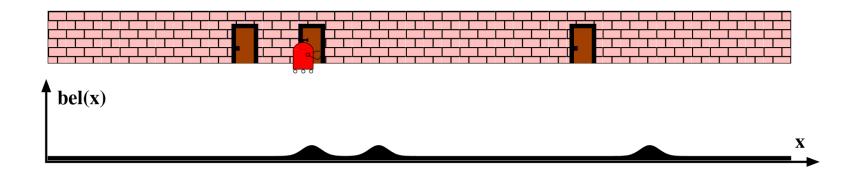
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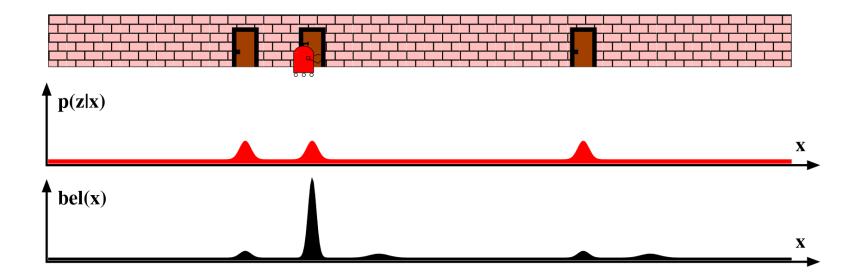
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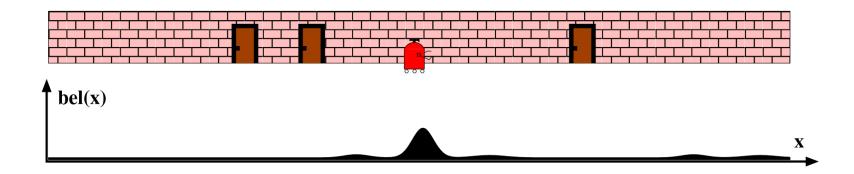
Bayesian Filtering



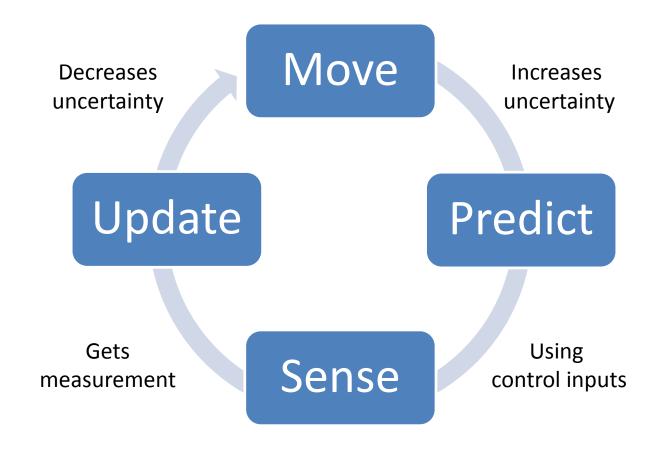








Problem Overview



Questions

- What are sources of uncertainty?
- How do we mathematically represent uncertainty in the system?
- How do we use collected evidence to update our belief?
- What can we observe?
- What can we not observe?

Introduction to Probability

Random Variables

 Definition: Variable whose value is subject to change due to randomness or chance

Properties:

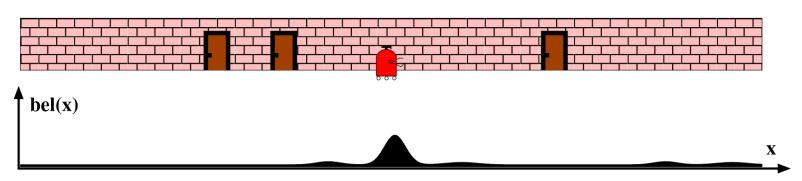
- Can be continuous (e.g., position in 3D) or discrete (e.g., roll of a die)
- Observed values of random variables are called realizations

Example:

- Pose of a robot, p(X = x), or value of a rolled die, p(D = d)

Probability Density Function

- **Definition:** Function describing the likelihood that a random variable X will take on a particular value x
- Properties:
 - Total probability is 1, $\int p(X=x)dx=1$, $\sum_{x} p(X=x)=1$
 - Non-negative, $p(X = x) \ge 0$

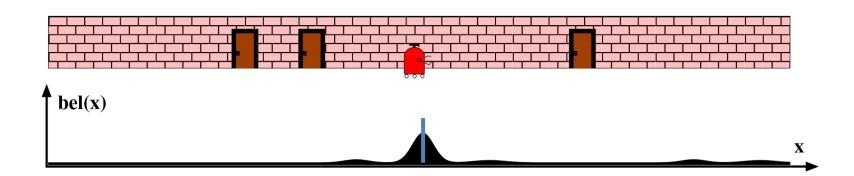


Expected Value

• **Definition:** Probability-weighted average value

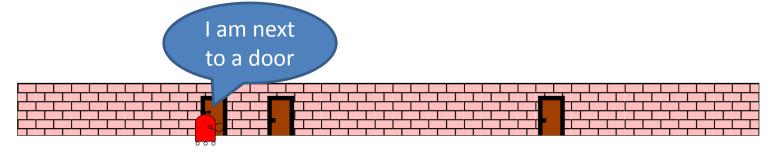
$$-E[X] = \int p(X = x) x dx$$

• Intuition: "Center of mass" of the probability distribution



Joint Probability Distribution

- **Definition:** The probability density function of a set of two or more random variables
- Also called a multivariate distribution
- Example:
 - -p(X=x,Z=z)=a robot having a pose x and receiving a measurement z



Covariance

 Definition: A measure of how two random variables change together

$$-\sigma(X,Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])$$

• The *variance* is a special case where the two random variables are identical

$$-\sigma^2(X) = \sigma(X, X)$$

• **Intuition:** The "moment of inertia" of the probability distribution

Covariance Matrix

- For a multivariate distribution over $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, ..., X_n]^T$ we define the **covariance matrix** to be
- $\Sigma = E[(X E[X])(X E[X])^T]$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2(X_1) & \sigma(X_1, X_2) & \cdots & \sigma(X_1, X_n) \\ \sigma(X_2, X_1) & \sigma^2(X_2) & \cdots & \sigma(X_2, X_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma(X_n, X_1) & \sigma(X_n, X_2) & \cdots & \sigma^2(X_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

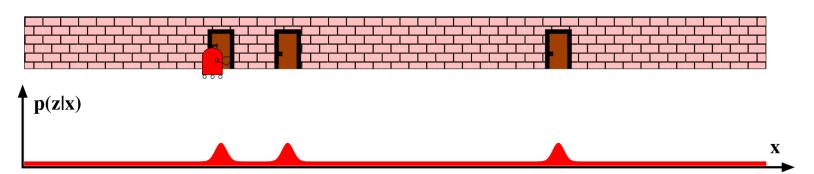
• The covariance matrix is symmetric and positive semi-definite

Independence

- Definition: Two random variables are independent if the outcome of one has no effect on the outcome of the other
- p(x,z) = p(x) p(z)
- Example:
 - If X, Z are the outcomes of two dice rolls
- Properties:
 - Independent random variables are *uncorrelated*, $\sigma(X,Z)=0$
 - Uncorrelated random variables are *not* necessarily independent

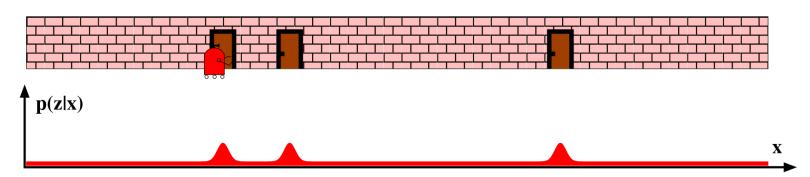
Conditional Probability

- **Definition:** Probability of an event *z* occurring conditioned on another event *x* occurring
- $p(z \mid x) = \frac{p(x,z)}{p(x)} \Leftrightarrow p(x,z) = p(z \mid x) p(x)$
- Example:
 - $-z = \{\text{there is a door next to the robot}\}$



Conditional Independence

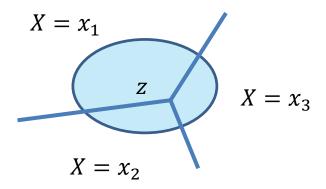
- **Definition:** Two random variables are *conditionally independent* if the outcome of one has *no effect* on the outcome of the other when conditioned on the outcome of a third random variable
- $p(z_1, z_2 | x) = p(z_1 | x) p(z_2 | x)$
- Example:
 - Let Z_1, Z_2 be two measurements taken from the same place
 - Z_1, Z_2 are conditionally independent given X



• Question: Are Z_1 , Z_2 are independent?

Marginal Distribution

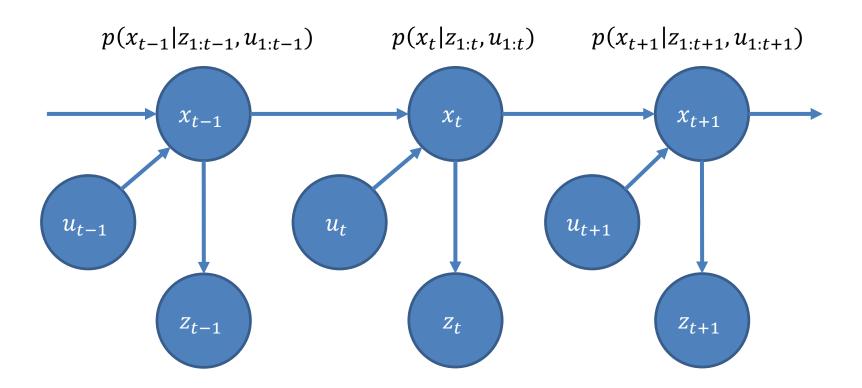
- Definition: The probability distribution of the subset of a collection of random variables
- $p(z) = \int p(x,z) dx$
- Also known as the Law of Total Probability



$$p(z) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} p(z \mid X = x_i) p(X = x_i)$$

Bayes' Filter

Bayesian Filter



Bayes' Theorem

•
$$p(x \mid z) = \frac{p(z \mid x) p(x)}{p(z)} = \frac{p(z \mid x) p(x)}{\int p(z \mid x') p(x') dx'}$$

- Intuition: Describes how the belief about a random variable X should change to account for the collected evidence z
- Derivation:

$$- p(x, z) = p(z \mid x) p(x) = p(x \mid z) p(z)$$

Markov Property

- Definition: The future state of the system is conditionally independent of the past states given the current state
 - $-p(x_{t+1}|x_{0:t}) = p(x_{t+1}|x_t)$
 - $-p(z_t \mid x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = p(z_t \mid x_t)$
 - $-p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)$
- Question:
 - Which of the following satisfy the Markov assumption?
 - A first order system with x = [position]
 - A second order system with x = [position]
 - A second order system with x = [position, velocity]

Bayes' Filter Derivation

- Goal: Want to update the probability distribution of the robot pose using the realizations of the control input and measurement
- $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = \frac{p(z_t \mid x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})}{p(z_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})}$
- Note: The measurement is conditionally independent of the past measurements and control inputs given the current state of the robot
- $p(z_t \mid x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = p(z_t \mid x_t)$
- Note: The denominator can be found as a marginal distribution of the numerator
- $p(z_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = \int p(x_t, z_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) dx_t$

Process Model

- Also known as the transition model or motion model
- $p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})$
- Note: Can find the current pose via marginalization
- $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = \int p(x_t, x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) dx_{t-1}$
- $= \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) dx_{t-1}$
- **Note:** The future state is *conditionally independent* of the past measurements and control inputs given the current state and input
- $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t) \ p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}) \ dx_{t-1}$ • Prediction Process model Prior

Bayes' Filter

- Prior: $p(x_0)$
- Process model: $f(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t)$
- Measurement model: $g(z_t \mid x_t)$
- Prediction step:

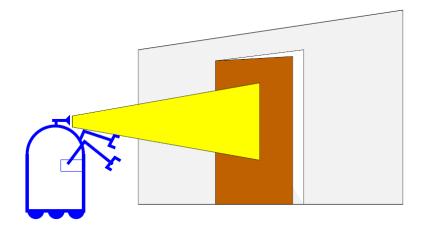
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$$p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = \int f(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t) \frac{p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})}{p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})} dx_{t-1}$$

• Update step:

•
$$p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = \frac{g(z_t \mid x_t) p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})}{\int g(z_t \mid x_t') p(x_t' \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) dx_t'}$$

Measurements

- Robots collect noisy information using sensors
 - Exteroceptive
 - Laser scanner
 - 3D depth sensor
 - Magnetometer
 - Camera
 - Proprioceptive
 - Motor encoder
 - Gyroscope
 - Accelerometer



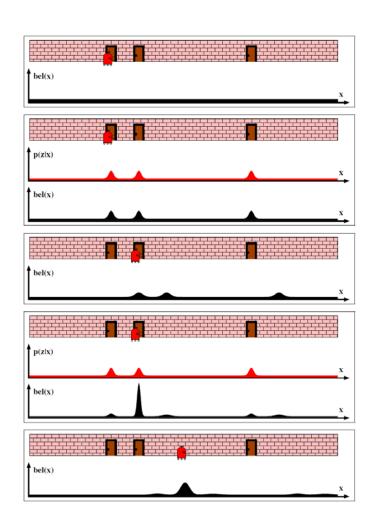
Applications

- Can use Bayesian filtering in many other domains
 - Map building
 - Simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM)
 - Feature tracking
 - Pose estimation
 - Target tracking

Kalman Filter

Motivation

- Real systems have uncertainty
 - Initial conditions
 - Un-modeled effects
 - Aerodynamics
 - Friction
 - Disturbances
 - Wind gust
 - Wheel slip
- Errors will compound over time if not corrected



Bayes' Filter

- **Prior**: $p(x_0)$ State Control input
- Process model: $f(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t)$
- Measurement model: $g(z_t | x_t)$
- **Prediction step:** Measurement
- $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = \int f(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t) \frac{p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})}{p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})} dx_{t-1}$
- Update step:
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Assumptions

The prior state of the robot is represented by a Gaussian distribution

$$- p(x_0) \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

- The process model $f(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)$ is linear with additive Gaussian white noise
 - $x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + n_t$
 - $n_t \sim N(0, Q_t)$
 - $-x_t, n_t \in \mathbf{R}^n, u_t \in \mathbf{R}^m, A_t, Q_t \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, and $B_t \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$
- The measurement model $g(z_t \mid x_t)$ is linear with additive Gaussian white noise
 - $z_t = C_t x_t + v_t$
 - $-v_t \sim N(0, R_t)$
 - $-z_t, v_t \in \mathbf{R}^p, C_t \in \mathbf{R}^{p \times n}$, and $R_t \in \mathbf{R}^{p \times p}$

Gaussian Random Variables

Multivariate Normal (Gaussian) Distribution

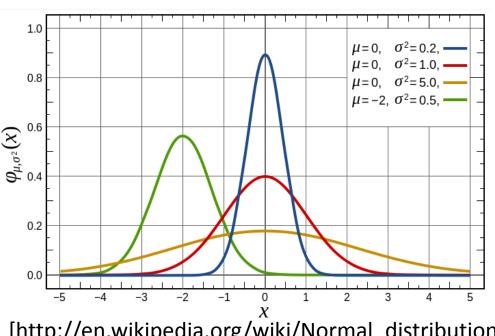
- Let X be a vector of n random variables
- A multivariate normal distribution takes the form

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$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}} e^{\frac{-(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)}{2}}$$

where $\mu \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $\Sigma \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$

Covariance Mean

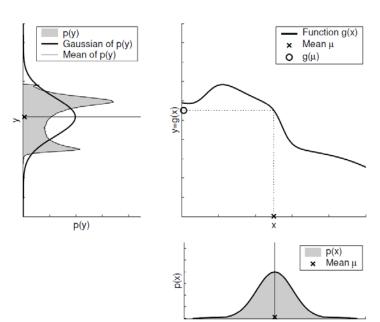
Fully parameterized by μ , Σ



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal distribution]

Affine Transformations

- Affine transformation of Gaussian distributions are Gaussian
- If $X \sim N(\mu_X, \Sigma_X)$ and Y = AX + b then $Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \Sigma_Y)$ where
- $\mu_Y = A \mu_X + b$ and $\Sigma_Y = A \Sigma_X A^T$
- Example:
- $x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + n_t$



Affine Transformations

Fact:

- Expectation is a linear operator of x
- $-E[X] = \int p(x) x \, dx$

$$\mu_{Y} = E[Y] \qquad \Sigma_{Y} = E[(Y - \mu_{Y})(Y - \mu_{Y})^{T}]$$

$$= E[AX + b] \qquad = E[(AX + b - A\mu_{X} - b)(AX + b - A\mu_{X} - b)^{T}]$$

$$= A E[X] + b \qquad = E[(A(X - \mu_{X}))(A(X - \mu_{X}))^{T}]$$

$$= A \mu_{X} + b \qquad = A E[(X - \mu_{X})(X - \mu_{X})^{T}] A^{T}$$

$$= A \Sigma_{X} A^{T}$$

Independence

- Let $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$ where X_1, X_2 are uncorrelated, i.e., the covariance is of the form $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ where $\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21} = 0$
- Then X_1, X_2 are independent and $f_X(X) = f_{X_1}(X_1) f_{X_2}(X_2)$
- Note: The converse is always true, i.e., if two random variables are independent then they are uncorrelated
- **Example:** We assume that the noise is independent of the state of the system

Sum of Independent Gaussians

- Let X,Y be independent multivariate Gaussian random variables with mean μ_X,μ_Y and covariance Σ_X,Σ_Y
- The sum Z=X+Y is also Gaussian with mean $\mu_Z=\mu_X+\mu_Y$ and covariance $\Sigma_Z=\Sigma_X+\Sigma_Y$

Example:

$$- x_t = x_{t-1} + n_t$$

$$- z_t = x_t + v_t$$

Jointly Normal Random Vectors

- Let X be a multivariate Gaussian random variable and let $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- Then X_1, X_2 are both (multivariate) Gaussian random variables and are jointly normally distributed
- Note: If X_1, X_2 are both (multivariate) Gaussian random variables then it does not necessarily imply that $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is also Gaussian

Conditional Distributions

- Let $X=\begin{bmatrix} X_1\\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$ be a multivariate Gaussian with mean $\mu=\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1\\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and covariance $\Sigma=\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12}\\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$
- Then the conditional density $f_{X_1|X_2}(x_1|X_2=x_2)$ is a multivariate normal distribution with
 - mean $\mu_{X_1|X_2} = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 \mu_2)$
 - covariance $\Sigma_{X_1|X_2} = \Sigma_{11} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$
- Note: $\Sigma_{X_1|X_2}$ is the Schur complement of Σ_{22}

The Kalman Filter

System Model

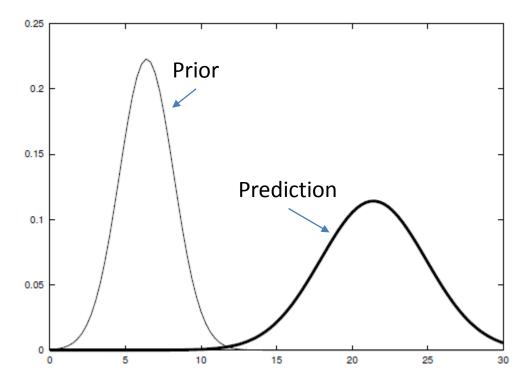
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Kalman Filter – Prediction

• Bayes: $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = \int f(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t) p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}) dx_{t-1}$



[Thrun, Burgard, and Fox. *Probabilistic Robotics*. 2005]

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- $\bullet \quad x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + n_t$
- $n_t \sim N(0, Q_t)$
- Prior: $p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}) \sim N(\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1})$
- Prediction:
 - $\bar{\mu}_t = A \mu_{t-1} + B u_t$
 - $\ \overline{\Sigma}_t = A \Sigma_{t-1} A^T + Q$

Kalman Filter – Update

- Bayes: $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = \frac{g(z_t \mid x_t) p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})}{\int g(z_t \mid x_t') p(x_t' \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) dx_t'}$
- The observation model is $z_t = C_t \bar{x}_t + v_t$, $v_t \sim N(0, R_t)$
- The best update without a measurement is to set $x_t = \bar{x}_t$
- $\bullet \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_t \\ v_t \end{bmatrix}$
- Question: Is this a jointly normal distribution?
- $\bullet \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mu}_t \\ C \bar{\mu}_t \end{bmatrix}$

Kalman Filter – Update

- The distribution of x_t conditioned on z_t is thus normal with
- $\mu_{x_t|z_t} = \bar{\mu}_t + \bar{\Sigma}_t C^T (C\bar{\Sigma}_t C^T + R)^{-1} (z_t C\bar{\mu}_t)$

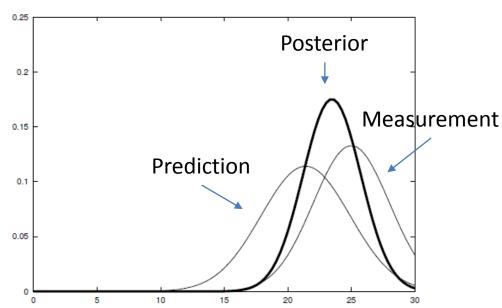
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$$\Sigma_{x_t|z_t} = \bar{\Sigma}_t - \bar{\Sigma}_t C^T (C\bar{\Sigma}_t C^T + R)^{-1} C\bar{\Sigma}_t$$

• Define the Kalman gain K_t

•
$$K_t = \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T (C \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T + R)^{-1}$$

$$\bullet \quad \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C\bar{\mu}_t)$$

$$\bullet \quad \Sigma_t = \overline{\Sigma}_t - K_t C \overline{\Sigma}_t$$



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Kalman Gain

- $K_t = \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T (C \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T + R)^{-1}$
- Intuition: How much to trust the sensor vs. the prediction
- Example:
 - Perfect sensor R=0

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$$K_t = \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T (C \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T + R)^{-1} = C^{-1}$$

•
$$\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C \bar{\mu}_t) = C^{-1}z_t$$

•
$$\Sigma_t = \overline{\Sigma}_t - K_t C \overline{\Sigma}_t = 0$$

- Horrible sensor $R \to \infty$

•
$$K_t = \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T (C \overline{\Sigma}_t C^T + R)^{-1} \rightarrow 0$$

•
$$\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C \bar{\mu}_t) \rightarrow \bar{\mu}_t$$

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Kalman Filter

• Prior:

$$- p(x_0) \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

Transition model:

$$- x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + n_t - n_t \sim N(0, Q_t)$$

Measurement model:

$$- z_t = C_t x_t + v_t$$
$$- v_t \sim N(0, R_t)$$

• Prior:

$$-\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}$$

• Prediction:

$$- \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \; \mu_{t-1} + B_t \; u_t - \bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \; \Sigma_{t-1} \; A_t^T + Q_t$$

Update:

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

$$- \Sigma_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t \,C_t \,\bar{\Sigma}_t$$

$$- K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t \,C_t^T \,(C_t \,\bar{\Sigma}_t \,C_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$$

Example Problem

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + u_t + n_t$$

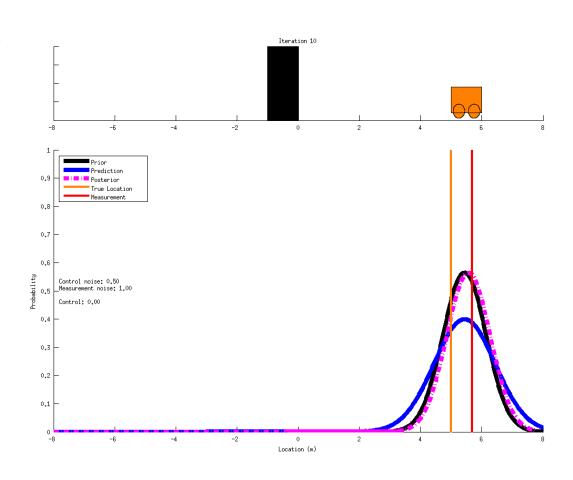
$$Q_t = 0.5$$

$$A_t = B_t = 1$$

$$z_t = x_t + v_t$$

$$R_t = 1.0$$

$$C_t = 1$$





Kalman Filter Facts

- If the distribution is not Gaussian, the Kalman filter is the minimum variance linear estimator
 - The noise must be uncorrelated with the initial state x_0
- The variance never increases due to receiving a measurement
- The variance update is independent of the measurement realization
- Prediction and update can happen in arbitrary order as long as they are sorted in temporally

Continuous Time Systems



Discrete vs. Continuous Time

Discrete Time

- Events occur at discrete points in time
- Time intervals often evenly spaced

Example:

- Kinematic cart
- $x_t = x_{t-1} + u_t + n_t$

Continuous Time

 Events may occur infinitesimally close to each other in time

- Example:
 - Ballistic motion

$$-\ddot{x} = -g + u + n$$



Continuous Time Systems

- There is a continuous time version of the Kalman Filter
 - Continuous dynamics
 - Continuous observations
- Often called the Kalman-Bucy Filter
- Much less commonly used
- Not covered in this course

Continuous Dynamics

- $\bullet \quad \dot{x} = f(x, u, n) = A x + B u + U n$
- Question: How do we turn this into a discrete time system?
 - State-transition matrix
 - Numerical integration
- One-step Euler integration

$$- x_{t} = x_{t-1} + f(x_{t-1}, u_{t}, n_{t}) \delta t$$

$$- x_{t} = (I + \delta t A) x_{t-1} + (\delta t B) u_{t} + (\delta t U) n_{t}$$

$$- x_{t} = F x_{t-1} + G u_{t} + V n_{t}$$

• Prediction:

$$- \bar{\mu}_{t} = F \mu_{t-1} + G u_{t} - \bar{\Sigma}_{t} = F \Sigma_{t-1} F^{T} + V Q V^{T}$$

Example Problem

- Second order system $\mathbf{x} = [s, \dot{s}]^T$
- Input is a force $\ddot{s} = u$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x}, u, n) = A \mathbf{x} + B u + U n$$

•
$$F = (I + \delta t A)$$

•
$$G = \delta t B$$

•
$$V = \delta t U$$

Prediction:

$$- \bar{\mu}_{t} = F \mu_{t-1} + G u_{t} - \bar{\Sigma}_{t} = F \Sigma_{t-1} F^{T} + V O V^{T}$$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x}, u, n) = A \mathbf{x} + B u + U n$$
 • $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{s} \\ \ddot{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u + n$

•
$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \delta t \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

•
$$G = \delta t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \delta t \end{bmatrix}$$

•
$$V = \delta t$$

Recap

Bayes' Filter

- **Prior**: $p(x_0)$ State Control input
- Process model: $f(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t)$
- Measurement model: $g(z_t | x_t)$
- **Prediction step:** Measurement
- $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = \int f(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t) \frac{p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})}{p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})} dx_{t-1}$
- Update step:
- $p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = \frac{g(z_t \mid x_t) p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})}{\int g(z_t \mid x_t') p(x_t' \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) dx_t'}$

Assumptions

The prior state of the robot is represented by a Gaussian distribution

$$- p(x_0) \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

• The process model $f(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)$ is linear with additive Gaussian white noise

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

$$-n_t \sim N(0, Q_t)$$

• The measurement model $g(z_t \mid x_t)$ is linear with additive Gaussian white noise

$$- z_t = C_t x_t + v_t$$

$$-v_t \sim N(0, R_t)$$

Kalman Filter

• Prior:

$$- p(x_0) \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

Transition model:

$$- x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + n_t - n_t \sim N(0, Q_t)$$

Measurement model:

$$- z_t = C_t x_t + v_t$$
$$- v_t \sim N(0, R_t)$$

• Prior:

$$-\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}$$

• Prediction:

$$- \bar{\mu}_{t} = A_{t} \; \mu_{t-1} + B_{t} \; u_{t} - \bar{\Sigma}_{t} = A_{t} \; \Sigma_{t-1} \; A_{t}^{T} + Q_{t}$$

Update:

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

$$- \Sigma_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t \,C_t \,\bar{\Sigma}_t$$

$$- K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t \,C_t^T \,(C_t \,\bar{\Sigma}_t \,C_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$$

Continuous Dynamics

- Can convert continuous time systems
- $\dot{x} = f(x, u, n) = A x + B u + U n$
- Into discrete time systems using one-step Euler integration
- $\bullet \quad x_t = F \ x_{t-1} + G \ u_t + V \ n_t$
- $F = (I + \delta t A), G = \delta t B, V = \delta t U$
- This will introduce some error, but the observations can help correct it
- Prediction:

$$- \bar{\mu}_t = F \mu_{t-1} + G u_t$$

$$- \ \overline{\Sigma}_t = F \ \Sigma_{t-1} F^T + V \ Q \ V^T$$

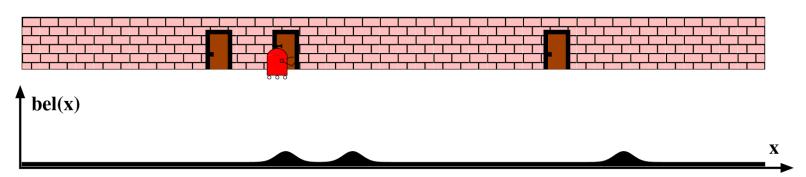
Kalman Filter Discussion

Advantages:

- Simple
- Purely matrix operations
 - Computationally efficient, even for high dimensional systems

Disadvantages:

- Assumes everything is linear and Gaussian
- Unimodal distribution
 - Cannot handle multiple hypotheses





Reading

 "Probabilistic Robotics", Sebastian Thrun, Wolfram Burgard, and Dieter Fox, Chapter 2, Chapter 3

Logistics

- (Delayed) Lab session this week
 - (Sorry ⊕) Previous lab session was canceled due to broken network switch
 - This week: Straight line & multi-waypoint trajectory tracking
- Project 2, Phase 1 will be released tomorrow
 - Vision-based position estimation
 - Due 13 Nov.