

## (9) Probability Theory

1. Uncertainty is Inherent in the World.

### 1. Four Factors

1. Environment is stochastic, unpredictable

2. Robot actions are stochastic

3. Sensors are limited and noisy

4. Models are inaccurate, incomplete.

### 2. Upsides and Downsides

Can accommodate inaccurate models / imperfect sensors

### 2. Axiom

1.  $0 \leq \Pr(A) \leq 1$

2.  $\Pr(A \vee B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \wedge B)$

### 3. Joint and Conditional Probability

$$P(X=x \text{ and } Y=y) = P(x, y)$$

If  $X, Y$  are independent then  $P(x, y) = P(x) \cdot P(y)$

$$P(X|Y) = P(X, Y) / P(Y) \Rightarrow P(X|Y) \cdot P(Y) = P(X, Y)$$

### 4. Law of total Probability

Discrete  $P(X) = \sum_y P(X|y) P(y)$

Continuous  $P(X) = \int P(X|y) \cdot P(y) dy$

## 5. Bayes Theorem

① State Space  $S = \{F_1, \dots, F_n\}$ , 已知  $P(F_j|E)$

$$P(F_j|E) = \frac{P(F_j \wedge E)}{P(E)}$$

$$= \frac{P(E|F_j)P(F_j)}{P(E)}$$

$$P(F_j|E) = \frac{P(E|F_j)P(F_j)}{\sum_i P(E|F_i)P(F_i)}$$

②  $P(x,y) = P(x|y)P(y) = P(y|x) \cdot P(x)$

$$\Rightarrow P(x|y) = \frac{P(y|x) \cdot P(x)}{P(y)} = \frac{\text{Likelihood} \cdot \text{Prior}}{\text{Evidence.}}$$

$$= \eta P(y|x) \cdot P(x)$$

$$\eta = P(y) = (\sum_x P(y|x) \cdot P(x))^{-1}$$

③ Multi-measurement in Bayes Theorem

$$P(x|y,z) = \frac{P(x,y,z)}{P(y,z)} = \frac{P(y|x,z) \cdot P(x,z)}{P(y,z)}$$

$$= \frac{P(y|x,z) \cdot P(x|z) \cdot P(z)}{P(y|z) \cdot P(z)}$$

$$= \frac{P(y|x,z) \cdot P(x|z)}{P(y|z)}$$

④ Markov Assumption : At time  $t$ , state only depends on state at time  $t-1$  and action  $u$  at time  $t$ .

At time  $t$ , measurement  $z$ , only connects with state at time  $t$

$$P(X_t | X_{1:t-1}, Z_{1:t-1}, U_{1:t}) = P(X_t | X_{t-1}, U_t)$$

$$P(Z_t | X_{0:t}, Z_{1:t}, U_{1:t}) = P(Z_t | X_t)$$

## (1) Action Model

$P(X|U, X')$  : Current State  $X'$  Using state transfer model  
 Action  $U$  to describe the influence  
 Future State  $X$  of action to the state.

Continuous :  $P(X|U) = \int P(X|U, X') dX'$

Discrete :  $P(X|U) = \sum P(X|U, X') P(X')$

Generally, robot do discrete actions

Example :  $P(\text{Open}|U)$  : Compute the probability of door is open after do action  $U$ .

$$P(\text{Open}|U) = \sum P(\text{Open}|U, X') P(X')$$

$$= P(\text{Open}|U, \text{open}) \cdot P(\text{open}) + P(\text{Open}|U, \text{closed}) \cdot P(\text{closed})$$

## (2) Sensor Model

$$P(X|Y, Z) = \frac{P(Y|X, Z) \cdot P(X, Z)}{P(Y|Z)}$$

1. Assume  $Z_n = Y$ ,  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1}) = Z$

$$P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = \frac{P(Z_n|X_1, Z_1, \dots, Z_n) P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1})}{P(Z_n|Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1})}$$

2. Since Markov Assumption : Given  $X, Z_n$  independent with  $Z_1 \dots Z_{n-1}$

$$P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = \frac{P(Z_n|X) P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1})}{P(Z_n|Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1})}$$

3. Bayes Filter

$$P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = \frac{P(Z_n|X) P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1})}{P(Z_n|Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1})}$$

Same Form

$$\begin{aligned} &= \eta_n P(Z_n|X) \cdot P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-1}) \\ &\vdots \\ &= \eta_1 \dots \eta_n \prod_{i=1}^n P(Z_i|X) \cdot P(X) \end{aligned}$$

(3) Conclusion : (1) Add measurement  $(x, y)$  raise the probability of robot's state

(2) Do movement raise the blur of state

For Measurement

$$P(X|Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = \eta_1 \cdots \eta_n \prod_{i=1}^n P(Z_i|X) \cdot P(X)$$

For Movement

$$P(X|u) = \sum P(X|u, X') \cdot P(X')$$

*It contains all possible conditions*

$$Bel(X_t) = P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, z_t)$$

$$= \eta P(z_t | x_t, u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t) \cdot P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t) \text{ Bayes}$$

$$= \eta P(z_t | x_t) \cdot P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t) \text{ Markov}$$

Total Prob

$$= \eta P(z_t | x_t) \cdot \int P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1} | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t) dx_{t-1}$$

$$= \eta P(z_t | x_t) \cdot \int P(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1} | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t) dx_{t-1} \text{ Markov}$$

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$$= \eta P(z_t | x_t) \cdot \int P(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) \cdot Bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1}$$

Inside

Algorithm Bayes filter(  $Bel(x), d$  ):

$\eta = 0$

If  $d$  is a perceptual data item  $z$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = P(z|x) Bel(x)$$

$$\eta = \eta + Bel'(x)$$

Update

For all  $x$  do

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

Else if  $d$  is an action data item  $u$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = \int P(x|u, x') Bel(x') dx'$$

Return  $Bel'(x)$

Prediction

1. Motion, Measure data from  
to  $\rightarrow t_t$   $dt = \{u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, z_t\}$

2. Measurement Model

$$P(z|x)$$

3. Motion Model  $P(x|u, x')$

4. System state prior  $P(x)$

Output: Belief 置信度

$$Bel(x_t) = P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, z_t)$$

# 10. Sensor And Motion Model

## 1. Sensors for Mobile Robots

Contact Sensors: Bumpers

- Internal Sensors

- Accelerometers (spring-mounted masses)

- Gyroscopes (spinning mass, laser light)

- Compasses, inclinometers (earth magnetic field, gravity)

- Proximity Sensors

- Sonar (time of flight)

- Radar (phase and frequency)

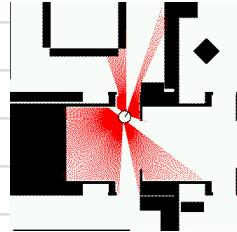
- Laser range finders (triangulation, tof, phase)

- Infrared (intensity)

- Visual Sensors: Cameras

- Satellite-based sensors: GPS

## 2. Proximity Sensors



1. The central task is to determine  $P(z|x)$ :

The probability of a measurement  $z$ , given that the position  $x$

## 3. Beam-based Sensor Model 光线传感器模型

1. Scan  $z$  consists of  $K$  measurements

$$z = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_K\}$$

2. Individual measurements are independent given the robot position

$$P(z|x, m) = \prod_{k=1}^K P(z_k|x, m)$$

#### 4. Typical Measurement Error of an Range Measurement

1. Beams reflected by obstacles
2. Beams reflected by persons/caused by crosstalk

3. Random measurement

4. Maximum range measurements

#### 5. Proximity Measurement

1. Measurement can be caused by

1. A known obstacle

2. Cross-talk

3. An unexpected obstacle (people, furniture)

4. Missing all obstacles (total reflection, glass)

2. Noise is due to uncertainty

1. In measuring distance to known obstacles.

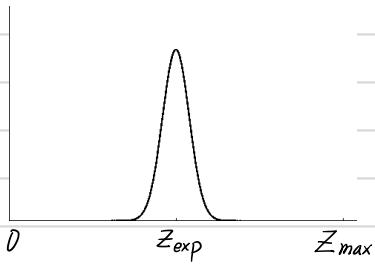
2. In position of known obstacles

3. In position of additional obstacles

4. Whether obstacle is missed.

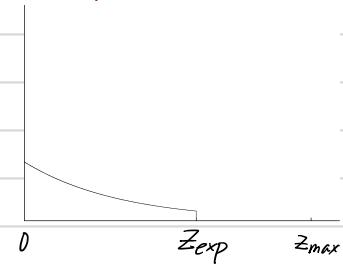
## b. Beam-based Proximity Model

Measurement noise



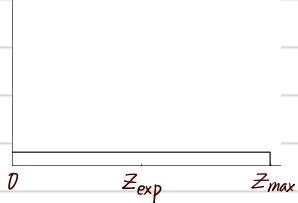
$$P_{\text{hit}}(z|x,m) = \eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(z-z_{\text{exp}})^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Unexpected obstacles



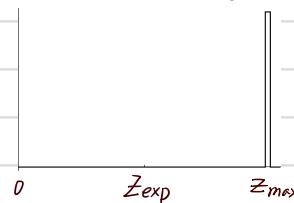
$$P_{\text{unexp}}(z|x,m) = \begin{cases} \eta \lambda e^{-\lambda z}, & z < z_{\text{exp}} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Random Measurement



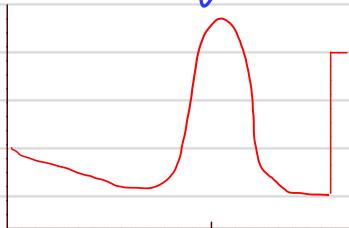
$$P_{\text{rand}}(z|x,m) = \eta \frac{1}{z_{\text{max}}} \quad (z_{\text{small}})$$

Max Range



$$P_{\text{max}}(z|x,m) = \eta \frac{1}{z_{\text{small}}}$$

## 7. Resulting Mixture Density



$$P(z|x,m) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{hit}} \\ \alpha_{\text{unexp}} \\ \alpha_{\text{max}} \\ \alpha_{\text{rand}} \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} P_{\text{hit}}(z|x,m) \\ P_{\text{unexp}}(z|x,m) \\ P_{\text{max}}(z|x,m) \\ P_{\text{rand}}(z|x,m) \end{pmatrix}$$

Question? How to determine the model parameters?

## 8. Approximation 邊近 或者称之为优化

1. Maximize log likelihood of the data 最大化数据的对数可能性

$$P(z|z_{\text{exp}})$$

2. Search space of  $n-1$  parameters

1. Hill climbing

2. Gradient descent 梯度下降

3. Genetic algorithm 遗传算法

非确定性搜索算法

3. Deterministically compute the  $n$ -th parameter to satisfy normalization constraint

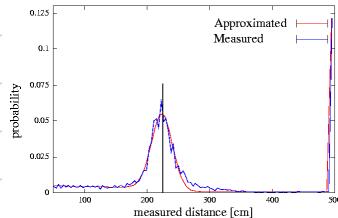
9. Discrete Model of Proximity Sensors 近似传感器的离散模型

1. Instead of densities, consider discrete steps along the

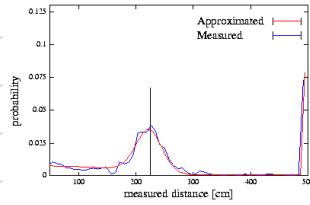
之前为连续的密度模型 (考虑到传感 Data Density)  
现在开始思考离散步骤

2. Consider dependencies between different cases

$$P(d_i|\lambda) = 1 - (1 - \sum_{j \neq i} P_u(d_j)) c_d P_m(d_j|\lambda)) \cdot (1 - (1 - \sum_{j \neq i} P(d_j)) c_r)$$



Laser



Sonar

## 10. Scan-based Model

### 1. Beam-based model is

1. Not smooth for small obstacles and at edge

2. Not efficient (When doing approximation)

Idea: Instead of following along the beam, just check the end point.

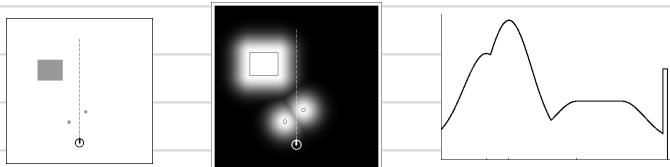
### 2. Probability is a mixture of

1. A Gaussian distribution with mean at distance to closest obstacle 以与最近障碍物的距离作为平均值的高斯分布

2. A uniform distribution for random measurements. 随机测量的平均分布

3. A small uniform distribution for max range measurements. 最大距离测量的平均分布

3. Again, independence between different components is assigned 以上三者都是相互独立的



# 12. Probabilistic Motion Models

## 1. Robot Motion

Robot motion is inherently uncertain, so, how to model this uncertainty

1. To implement the Bayes Filter, we need the transition model  $P(x|x', u)$ , which specifies a posterior probability, that action  $u$  carries the robot from  $x' \rightarrow x$ .

2. Now, I will specify, how  $P(x|x', u)$  can be modeled based on the motion equations.

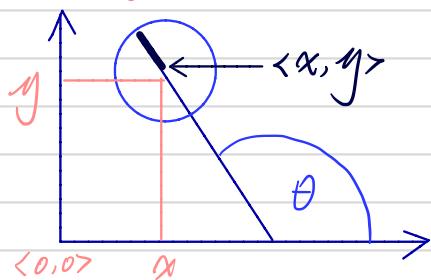
## 3. Coordinate Systems

1. In general the configuration of a robot can be described by 6 parameters ————— 3-dimensional cartesian coordinate + 3 Euler angles (Pitch, Roll, Yaw)

2. Simply, I'll do it on a planar surface.

The state space of such system is 3-dimensional

$$(x, y, \theta)$$



## 4. Typical Motion Models

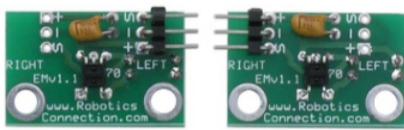
1. Odometry-based: Used when systems are equipped with wheel encoders
2. Velocity-based: Used when no wheel encoders are given. *(dead reckoning)*
3. They calculate the new pose based on the velocities and time elapsed.

In ROS: `Odometry.pose.pose.`) Point (float x; y; z)

{ Quaternion (float x, y, z, w)

### Example Wheel Encoders

These modules require +5V and GND to power them, and provide a 0 to 5V output. They provide +5V output when they "see" white, and a 0V output when they "see" black.



These disks are manufactured out of high quality laminated color plastic to offer a very crisp black to white transition. This enables a wheel encoder sensor to easily see the transitions.

Source: <http://www.active-robots.com/>

### 4. Dead Reckoning

Compute the current pose,  
based on current velocity  
and time

## 5. Reasons for Motion Errors

1. Different wheel diameters
2. Bump
3. Carpet

## b. Odometry Model

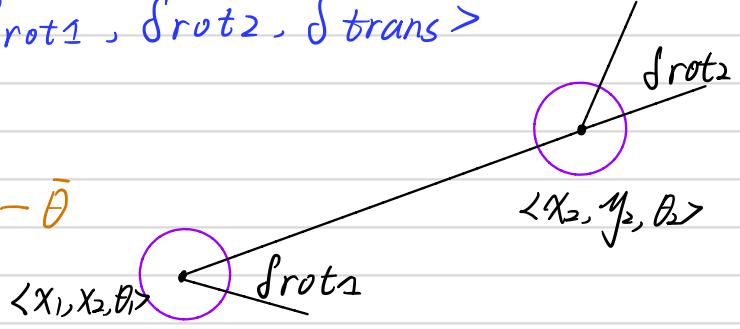
1. Robot moves from  $\langle x_1, y_1, \theta_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle x_2, y_2, \theta_2 \rangle$

2. Odometry information  $M = \langle \delta_{\text{rot}1}, \delta_{\text{rot}2}, \delta_{\text{trans}} \rangle$

$$\delta_{\text{trans}} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$\delta_{\text{rot}1} = \text{atan} 2(y_2 - y_1, x_2 - x_1) - \bar{\theta}$$

$$\delta_{\text{rot}2} = \theta_2 - \theta_1 - \delta_{\text{rot}1}$$



## c. Noise Model for Odometry

The measured motion is given by the true motion

corrupted with noise.

$$\hat{\delta}_{\text{rot}1} = \delta_{\text{rot}1} + \varepsilon_{21} | \delta_{\text{rot}1} | + \alpha_2 | \delta_{\text{trans}} |$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{\text{trans}} = \delta_{\text{trans}} + \varepsilon_{23} | \delta_{\text{trans}} | + \alpha_4 | \delta_{\text{rot}1} + \delta_{\text{rot}2} |$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{\text{rot}2} = \delta_{\text{rot}2} + \varepsilon_{21} | \delta_{\text{rot}2} | + \alpha_2 | \delta_{\text{trans}} |$$

## d. Typical Distribution

1. Normal Distribution

2. Triangular Distribution

## 9. Calculating The Probability (Zero-Centered)

### 1. Normal Distribution (a,b)

$$\text{return } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{a^2}{2b^2}\right\}$$

### 2. Triangular distribution (a,b)

$$\text{return } \max\left\{0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}\pi} - \frac{|a|}{b^2}\right\}$$

## 10. Calculating the Posterior, Given $x$ , $x'$ , and $u$

在 Odometry 模型中, 利用之前 状态, 当前状态, 动作, 以及选择一个合理的梯度模型, 对未来状态的值, 进行估计.

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1.     Algorithm motion_model_odometry(x,x',u)
2.      $\delta_{trans} = \sqrt{(\bar{x}' - \bar{x})^2 + (\bar{y}' - \bar{y})^2}$ 
3.      $\delta_{rot1} = \text{atan2}(\bar{y}' - \bar{y}, \bar{x}' - \bar{x}) - \bar{\theta}$       ↗ odometry values (u)
4.      $\delta_{rot2} = \bar{\theta}' - \bar{\theta} - \delta_{rot1}$ 
5.      $\hat{\delta}_{trans} = \sqrt{(x' - x)^2 + (y' - y)^2}$ 
6.      $\hat{\delta}_{rot1} = \text{atan2}(y' - y, x' - x) - \bar{\theta}$       ↗ values of interest (x,x')
7.      $\hat{\delta}_{rot2} = \theta' - \theta - \hat{\delta}_{rot1}$ 
8.
9.      $p_1 = \text{prob}(\delta_{rot1} - \hat{\delta}_{rot1}, \alpha_1 |\hat{\delta}_{rot1}| + \alpha_2 \hat{\delta}_{trans})$ 
10.     $p_2 = \text{prob}(\delta_{trans} - \hat{\delta}_{trans}, \alpha_3 \hat{\delta}_{trans} + \alpha_4 (|\hat{\delta}_{rot1}| + |\hat{\delta}_{rot2}|))$ 
11.     $\text{return } p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3^{12}$ 
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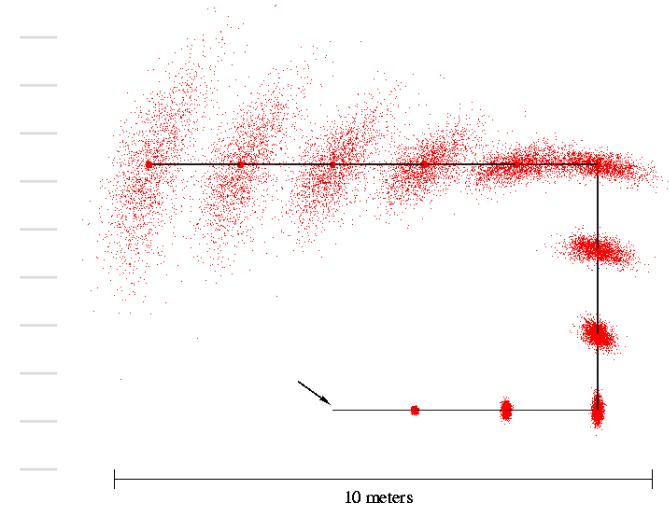
重复利用这个 Sensor Model, 进行短距离移动

## 11. Sample Odometry Motion Model

### Sample Odometry Motion Model

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1. Algorithm sample_motion_model( $u, x$ ):
2.    $u = \langle \delta_{rot1}, \delta_{rot2}, \delta_{trans} \rangle, x = \langle x, y, \theta \rangle$ 
3.    $\hat{\delta}_{rot1} = \delta_{rot1} + \text{sample}(\alpha_1 |\delta_{rot1}| + \alpha_2 \delta_{trans})$ 
4.    $\hat{\delta}_{trans} = \delta_{trans} + \text{sample}(\alpha_3 |\delta_{trans}| + \alpha_4 (|\delta_{rot1}| + |\delta_{rot2}|))$ 
5.    $\hat{\delta}_{rot2} = \delta_{rot2} + \text{sample}(\alpha_1 |\delta_{rot2}| + \alpha_2 \delta_{trans})$ 
6.    $x' = x + \hat{\delta}_{trans} \cos(\theta + \hat{\delta}_{rot1})$ 
7.    $y' = y + \hat{\delta}_{trans} \sin(\theta + \hat{\delta}_{rot1})$ 
8.    $\theta' = \theta + \hat{\delta}_{rot1} + \hat{\delta}_{rot2}$ 
    Return  $\langle x', y', \theta' \rangle$ 
    sample_normal_distribution
  
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这些红点就是机器人为  
可能出现的位置

## 12. Posterior Probability for Velocity Model

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1. Algorithm motion_model_velocity( $x_t, u_t, x_{t-1}$ ):
2.    $\mu = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - x') \cos \theta + (y - y') \sin \theta}{(y - y') \cos \theta - (x - x') \sin \theta}$ 
3.    $x^* = \frac{x + x'}{2} + \mu(y - y')$ 
4.    $y^* = \frac{y + y'}{2} + \mu(x' - x)$ 
5.    $r^* = \sqrt{(x - x^*)^2 + (y - y^*)^2}$ 
6.    $\Delta\theta = \text{atan2}(y' - y^*, x' - x^*) - \text{atan2}(y - y^*, x - x^*)$ 
7.    $\hat{v} = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} r^*$ 
8.    $\hat{\omega} = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t}$ 
9.    $\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\theta' - \theta}{\Delta t} - \hat{\omega}$ 
10.  return prob( $v - \hat{v}, \alpha_1 |v| + \alpha_2 |\omega|$ ) · prob( $\omega - \hat{\omega}, \alpha_3 |v| + \alpha_4 |\omega|$ )
     · prob( $\hat{\gamma}, \alpha_5 |v| + \alpha_6 |\omega|$ )
  
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### Sampling from Velocity Model

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1. Algorithm sample_motion_model_velocity( $u_t, x_{t-1}$ ):
2.    $\hat{v} = v + \text{sample}(\alpha_1 |v| + \alpha_2 |\omega|)$ 
3.    $\hat{\omega} = \omega + \text{sample}(\alpha_3 |v| + \alpha_4 |\omega|)$ 
4.    $\hat{\gamma} = \text{sample}(\alpha_5 |v| + \alpha_6 |\omega|)$ 
5.    $x' = x - \frac{\hat{v}}{\hat{\omega}} \sin \theta + \frac{\hat{v}}{\hat{\omega}} \sin(\theta + \hat{\omega} \Delta t)$ 
6.    $y' = y + \frac{\hat{v}}{\hat{\omega}} \cos \theta - \frac{\hat{v}}{\hat{\omega}} \cos(\theta + \hat{\omega} \Delta t)$ 
7.    $\theta' = \theta + \hat{\omega} \Delta t + \hat{\gamma} \Delta t$ 
8.   return  $x_t = (x', y', \theta')^T$ 
  
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Examples (velocity based)

