

Notation

– GENERAL NOTATION –

a	This font is used for real scalars
\mathbf{a}	This font is used for real column vectors
\mathbf{A}	This font is used for real matrices
\mathbf{X}	This font is used for sets
\mathbf{I}	The identity matrix
$\mathbf{0}$	The zero matrix
\mathbf{A}^\top	The transpose of matrix \mathbf{A}
$\mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$	The vector space of real $M \times N$ matrices
$p(\mathbf{a})$	The probability density of \mathbf{a}
$p(\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b})$	The probability density of \mathbf{a} given \mathbf{b}
$\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$	Gaussian probability density with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$
$\mathcal{GP}(\boldsymbol{\mu}(t), \boldsymbol{\mathcal{K}}(t, t'))$	Gaussian process with mean function, $\boldsymbol{\mu}(t)$, and covariance function, $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{K}}(t, t')$
$\hat{(\cdot)}$	A posterior (estimated) quantity
(\cdot)	A prior quantity
$(\cdot)_k$	The value of a quantity at timestep k
$(\cdot)_{k_1:k_2}$	The set of values of a quantity from timestep k_1 to timestep k_2 , inclusive
$\ \cdot\ _1$	L1 norm $\ \mathbf{x}\ _1 = \sum x_i $
$\ \cdot\ _2$	L2 norm $\ \mathbf{x}\ _2 = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2}$

– 3D GEOMETRY NOTATION –

\mathcal{F}^a	A reference frame in three dimensions
\mathbf{v}^a	The coordinates of a vector in frame \mathcal{F}^a
\mathbf{R}_a^b	A 3×3 rotation matrix (member of $\text{SO}(3)$) that takes points expressed in \mathcal{F}^a and re-expresses them in (purely rotated) \mathcal{F}^b : $\mathbf{v}^b = \mathbf{R}_a^b \mathbf{v}^a$
\mathbf{t}_a^b	The three-dimensional position of the origin of frame \mathcal{F}^a expressed in \mathcal{F}^b
$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^a = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}^a \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	A 4×1 homogeneous point expressed in \mathcal{F}^a
$\mathbf{T}_a^b = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_a^b & \mathbf{t}_a^b \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	A 4×4 transformation matrix (member of $\text{SE}(3)$) that takes homogeneous points expressed in \mathcal{F}^a and re-expresses them in (rotated and translated) \mathcal{F}^b : $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^b = \mathbf{T}_a^b \tilde{\mathbf{v}}^a$
$\text{SO}(3)$	The special orthogonal group, a matrix Lie group used to represent rotations
$\text{so}(3)$	The Lie algebra associated with $\text{SO}(3)$
$\text{SE}(3)$	The special Euclidean group, a matrix Lie group used to represent poses
$\text{se}(3)$	The Lie algebra associated with $\text{SE}(3)$
$(\cdot)^\wedge$	An operator mapping a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 (resp. \mathbb{R}^6) to an element of the Lie algebra for rotations (resp. poses); implements the cross product for three-dimensional quantities, <i>i.e.</i> , for two vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathbf{u}^\wedge \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$
$(\cdot)^\vee$	An operator mapping an element of the Lie algebra for rotations (resp. poses) to a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 (resp. \mathbb{R}^6)