



2 – Introduction to Probability and Mapping

Advanced Methods for Mapping and Self-localization in Robotics (MPC-MAP)

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Robotics and AI

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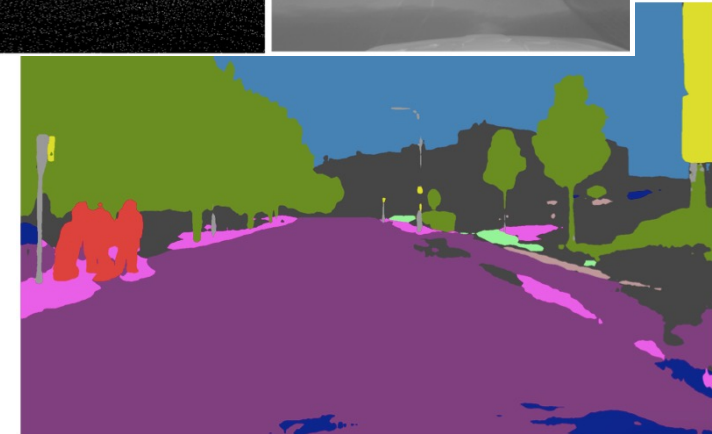
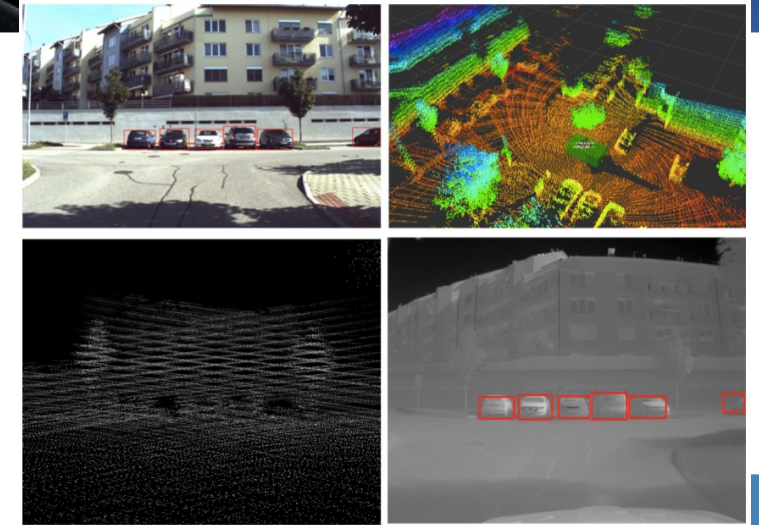
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Background:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Neural Networks
- Software Development





Normal Distribution



Normal Distribution – Basic Definitions

Mean

(cz: střední hodnota)

symbol: μ

Standard Deviation

(cz: Směrodatná odchylka)

symbol: σ

Variance

(cz: Rozptyl)

symbol: σ^2

$$\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2}{N}$$

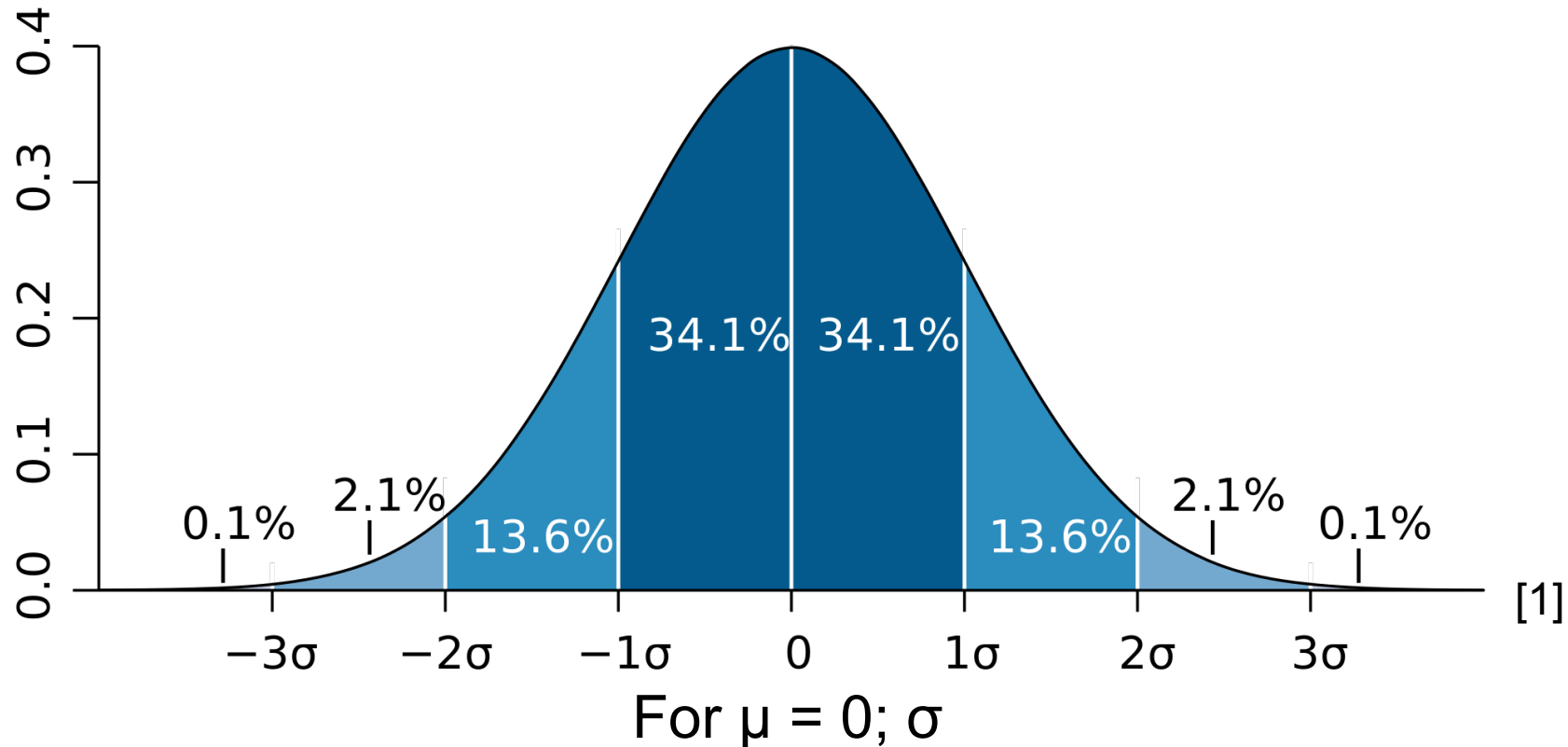


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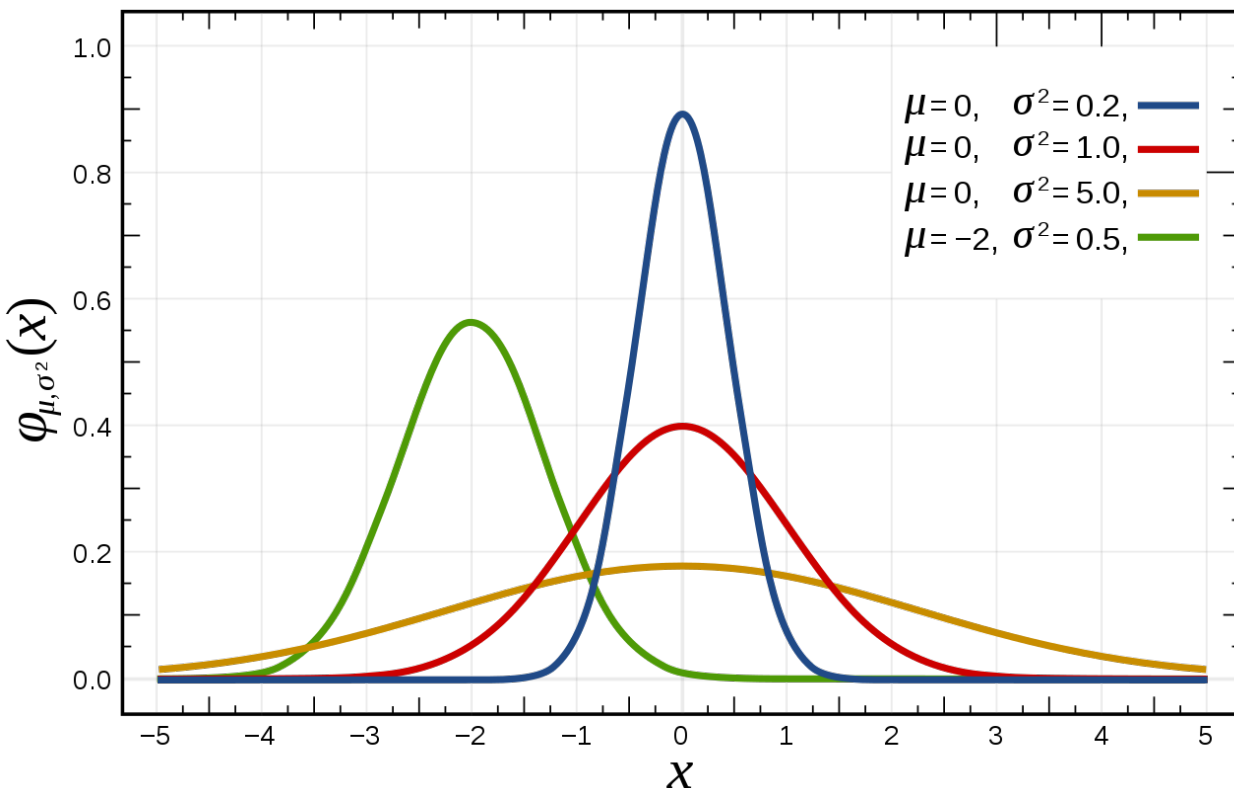




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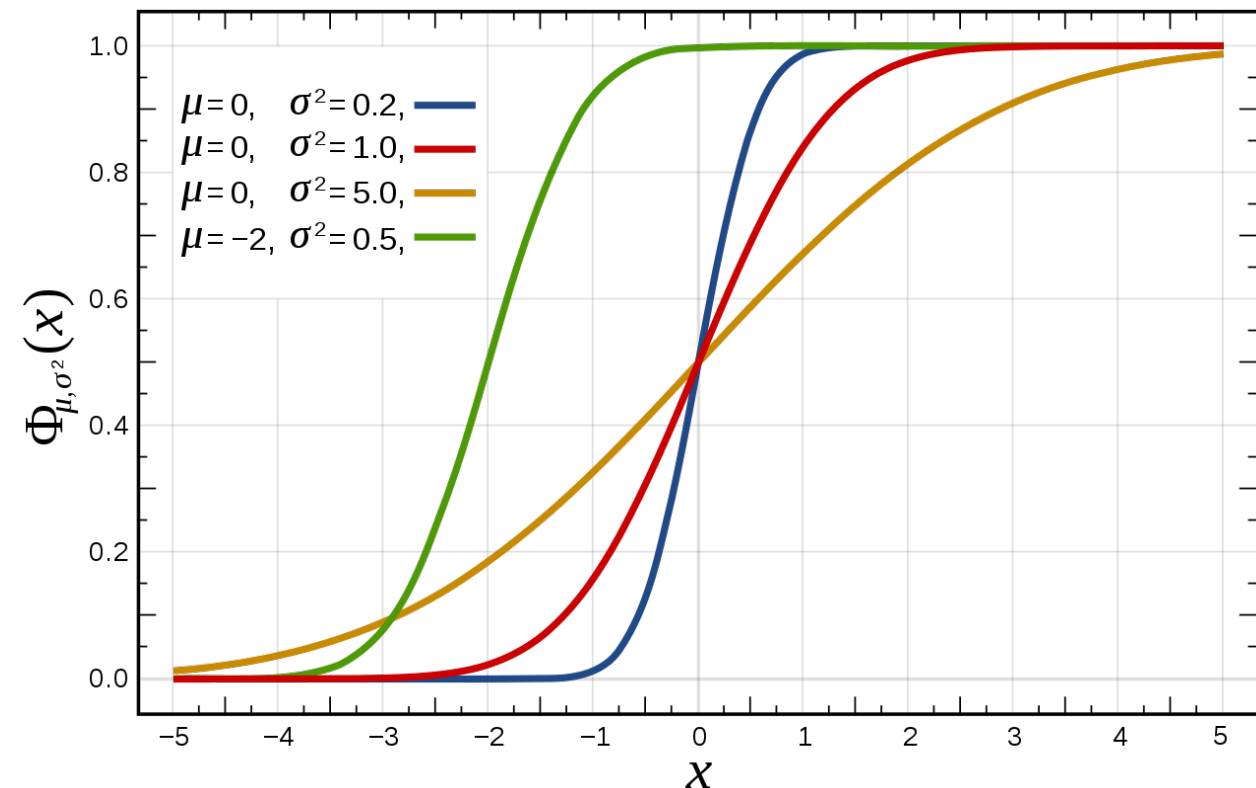
Probability Density Function (PDF)

$$f(x, \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma * \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2}$$



Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

$$\Phi(x, \mu, \sigma^2) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t, \mu, \sigma^2) dt$$





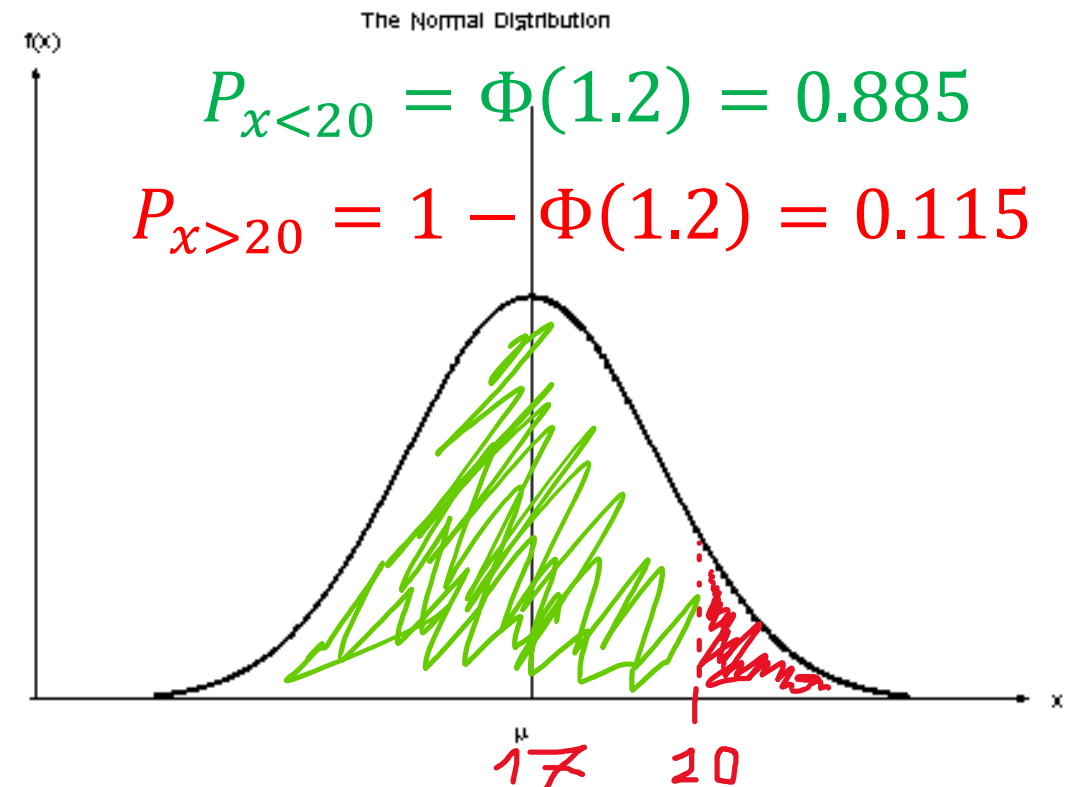
Normal Distribution – Combining Normal Distributions (Independent Variables)

Two fast foods (ff1 and ff2) share their extra burned oil resources. The ff1 consumes 10l of oil per day with std. dev. 2l. The ff2 uses 7l of oil per day with std. dev. 1.5l.

What is the probability that they run out of oil if they have 20l on stock for today?

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= 10 & \mu_c &= \mu_1 + \mu_2 = 17 \\ \sigma_1 &= 2 & \sigma_c &= \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} = 2.5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2 &= 7 \\ \sigma_2 &= 1.5\end{aligned}\quad z = \frac{x - \mu_c}{\sigma_c} = 1.2$$





Normal Distribution – Combining Normal Distributions (Independent Variables)

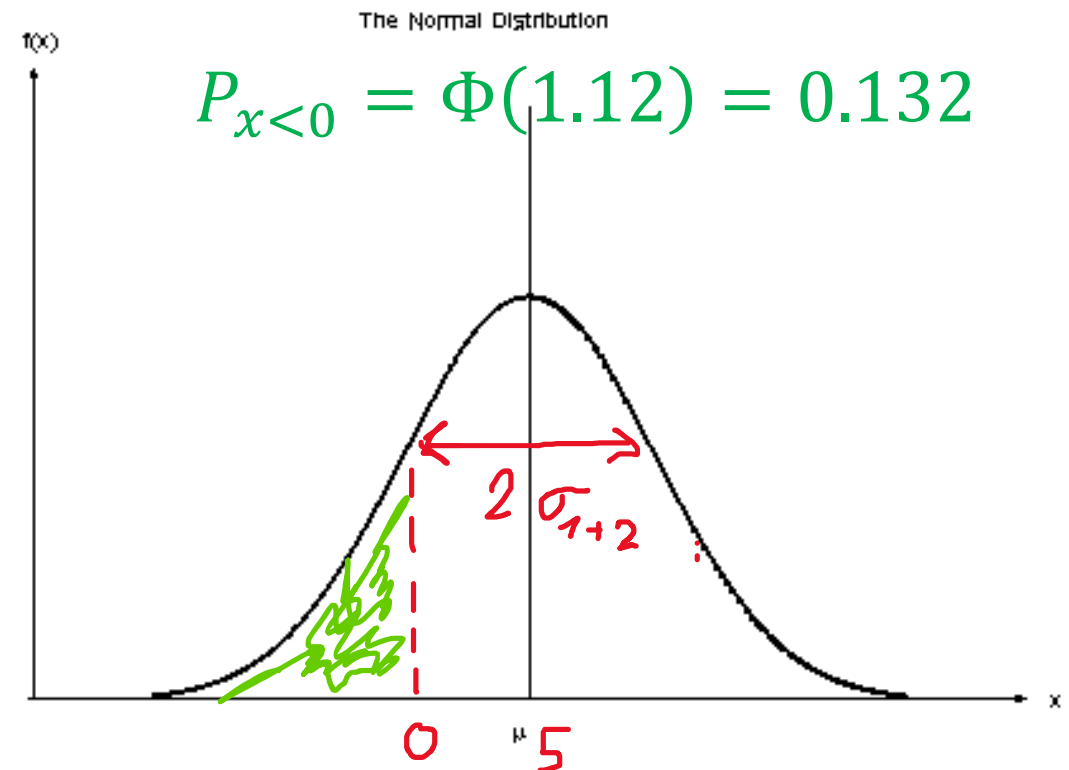
The shipping from the USA usually takes 7 days with 2 days std. dev.

The shipping from China usually takes 12 days with 4 days std. dev.

What is the probability that the package from China will be delivered before the one from the USA if both were sent at the same time?

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= 7 & \mu_c &= \mu_2 - \mu_1 = 5 \\ \sigma_1 &= 2 & \sigma_c &= \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} = 4.47\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2 &= 12 \\ \sigma_2 &= 4\end{aligned}\quad z = \frac{x - \mu_c}{\sigma_c} = -1.12$$





Normal Distribution – Combining Normal Distributions (Fusing Observations)

The sensors are measuring the distance to the obstacle. For both, the noise of the output data has the normal distribution character.

The first sensor measured the distance of 5m with a variance of 0.5m

The second sensor measured the distance of 5.5m with a variance of 0.7m.

Make the best estimation of the real distance to the obstacle.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= 5 \\ \sigma_1^2 &= 0.5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2 &= 5.5 \\ \sigma_2^2 &= 0.7\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_c = \frac{\mu_1 \sigma_2^2 + \mu_2 \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} = 5.208$$

$$\sigma_c = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2 * \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} = 0.540$$



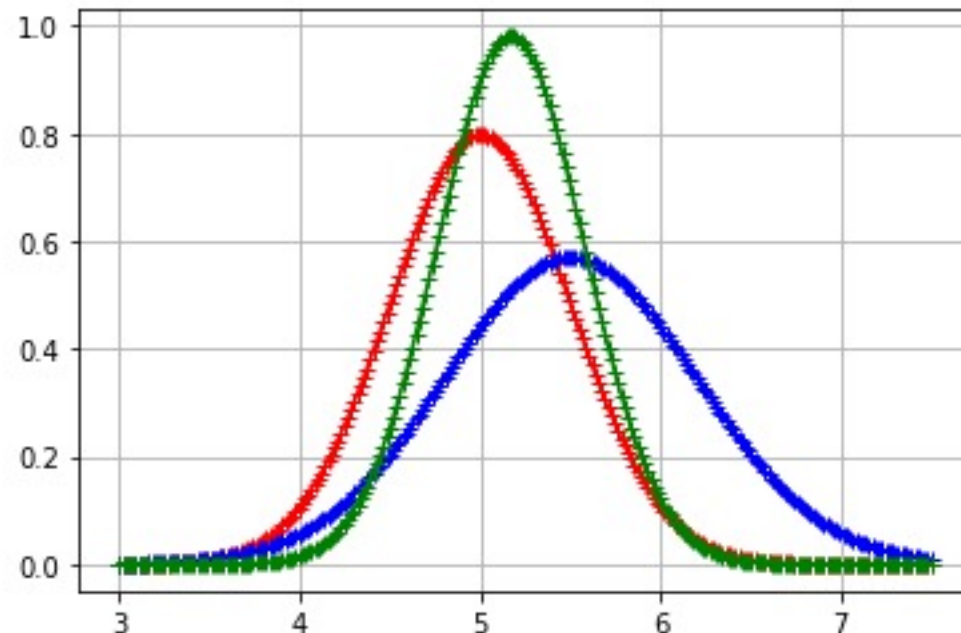
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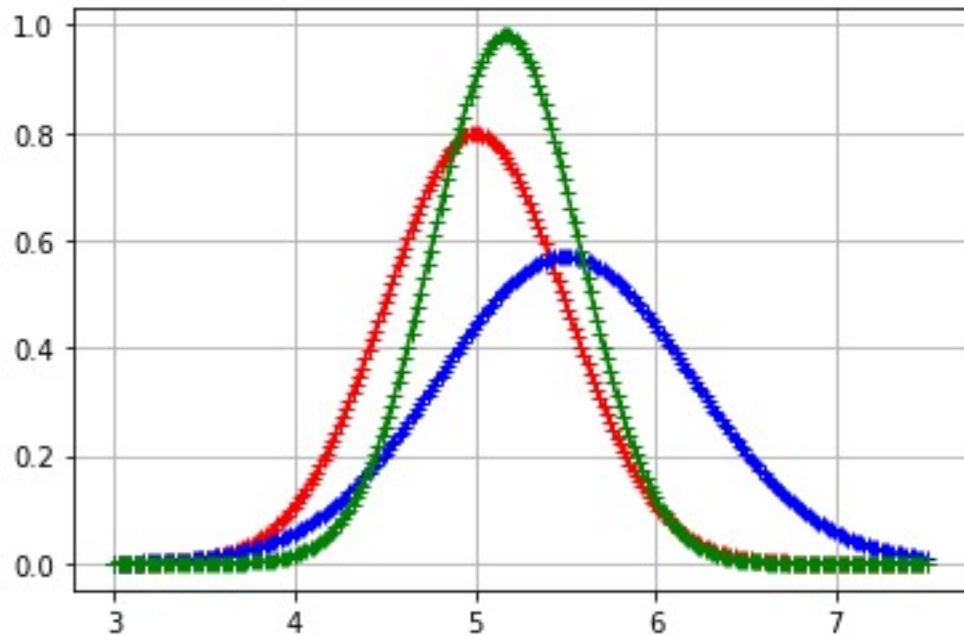
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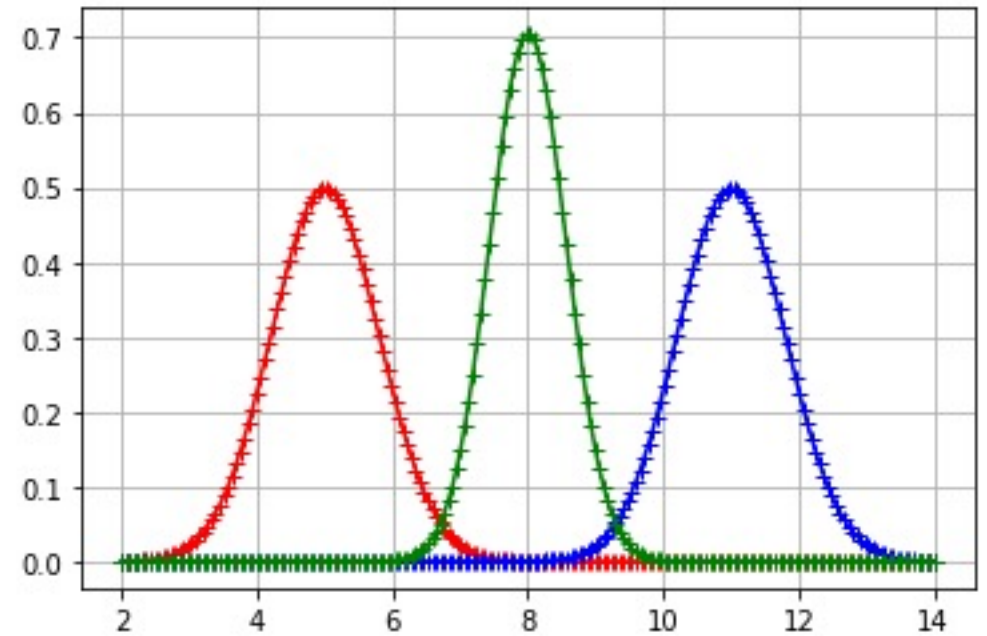
Very nice example: <https://datascopeanalytics.com/blog/sensor-fusion-tutorial/>



Normal Distribution – Combining Normal Distributions (Fusing Observations)



$$\begin{array}{lll} \mu_1 = 5.0 & \mu_2 = 5.5 & \mu_c = 5.17 \\ \sigma_1 = 0.5 & \sigma_2 = 0.7 & \sigma_c = 0.41 \end{array}$$



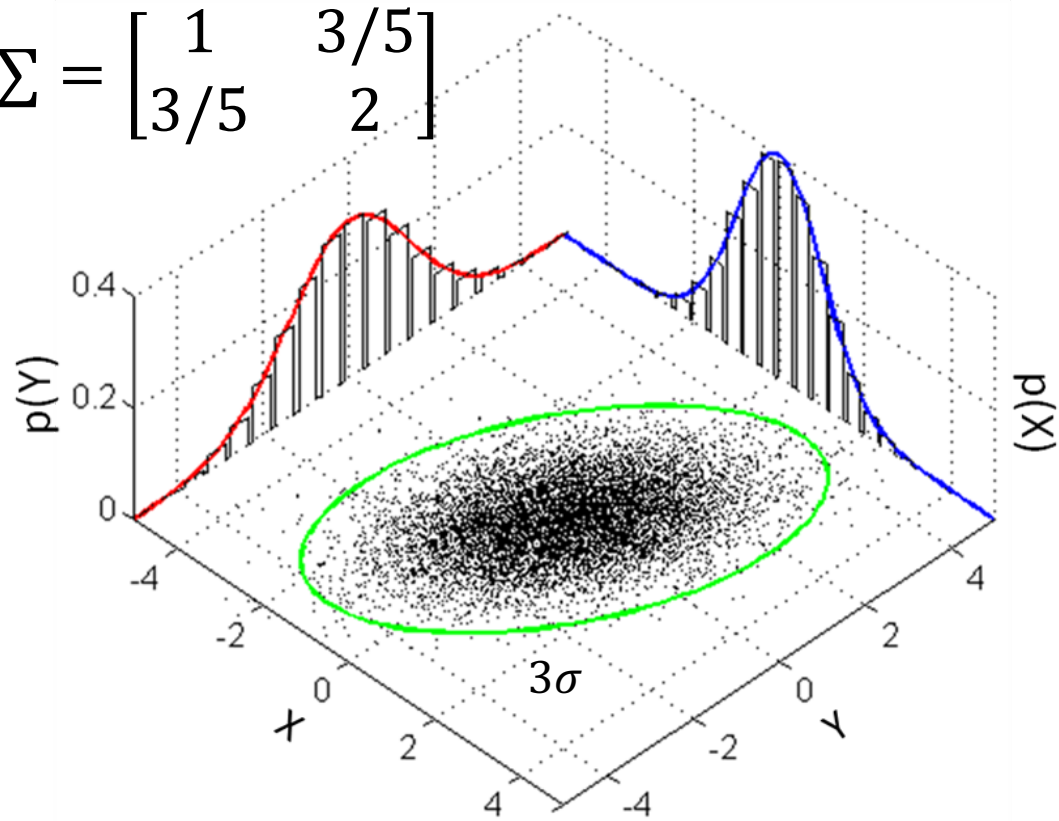
$$\begin{array}{lll} \mu_1 = 5 & \mu_2 = 11 & \mu_c = 8.0 \\ \sigma_1 = 0.8 & \sigma_2 = 0.8 & \sigma_c = 0.56 \end{array}$$



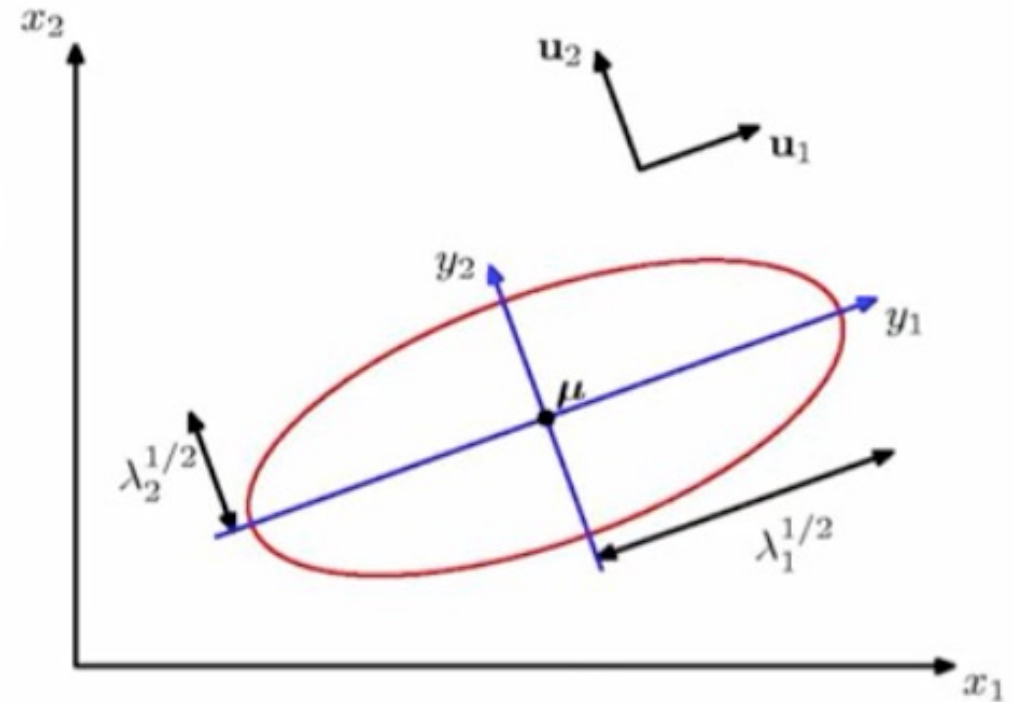
2D Normal Distribution

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3/5 \\ 3/5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\Sigma = U\Lambda U^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u_1 & u_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_1 \\ u_2 & u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



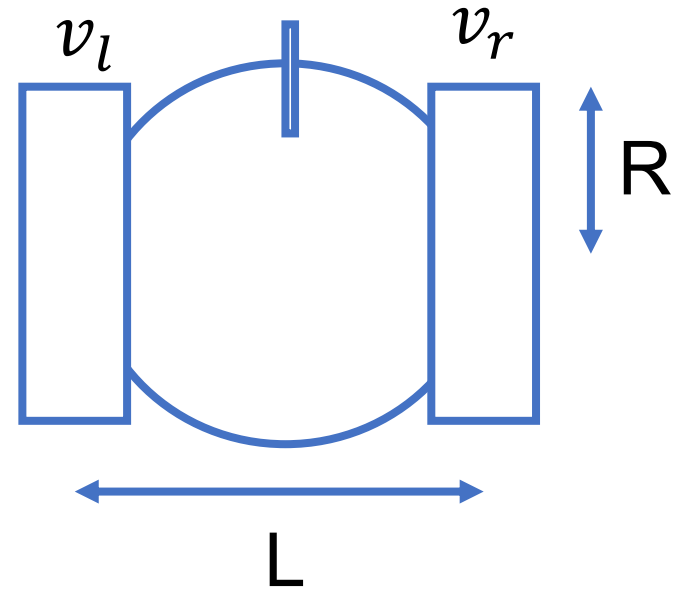
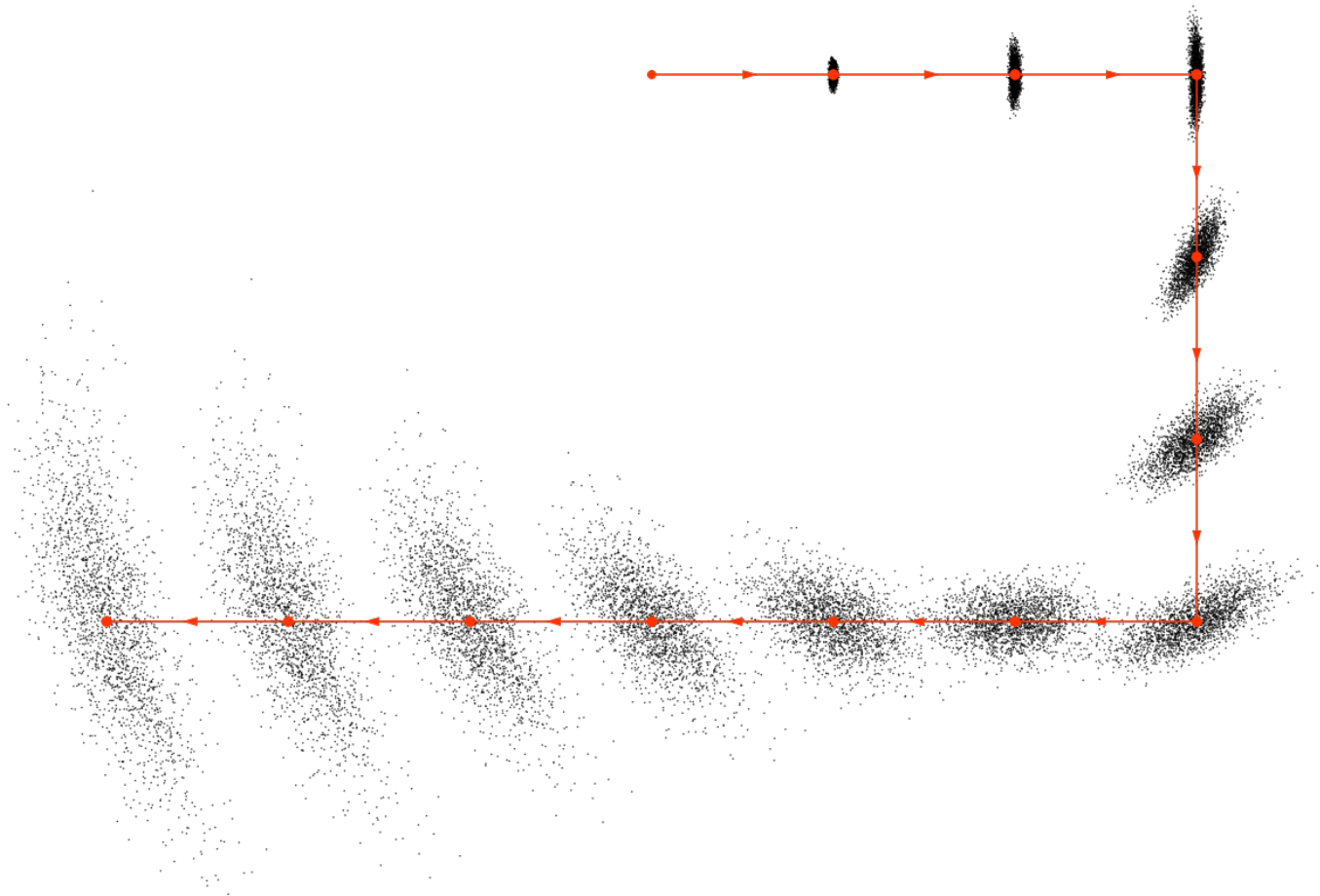
[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multivariate_normal_distribution

[2] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eho8xH3E6mE>



2D Normal Distribution – Example of Usage

Growing uncertainty of the position of the moving robot



$$\begin{bmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{R}{2} (v_l + v_r) \\ \frac{R}{L} (v_r - v_l) \end{bmatrix}$$



Bayes Theorem



Thomas Bayes

Thomas Bayes (c. 1701 – 7 April 1761) was an English statistician, philosopher and Presbyterian minister who is known for formulating a specific case of the theorem that bears his name: Bayes' theorem.





Bayes Theorem

$$P(H|E) = \frac{P(E|H)P(H)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(E|H)P(H)}{P(E|H)P(H) + P(E|\neg H)P(\neg H)}$$

H ... Hypothesis

E ... Evidence

$P(H)$... Probability of hypothesis is true, when there is no evidence

$P(E|H)$... Probability of seeing evidence if the hypothesis is true

$P(E)$... Probability of seeing evidence

$P(H|E)$... Probability of hypothesis when seeing evidence



Bayes Theorem

$$P(\text{☀️} | \text{🌱}) = \frac{P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️})P(\text{☀️})}{P(\text{🌱})} = \frac{P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️})P(\text{☀️})}{P(\text{☀️})P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️}) + P(\text{☁️})P(\text{🌱} | \text{☁️})}$$

H ... Hypothesis: ☀️

E ... Evidence: 🌱

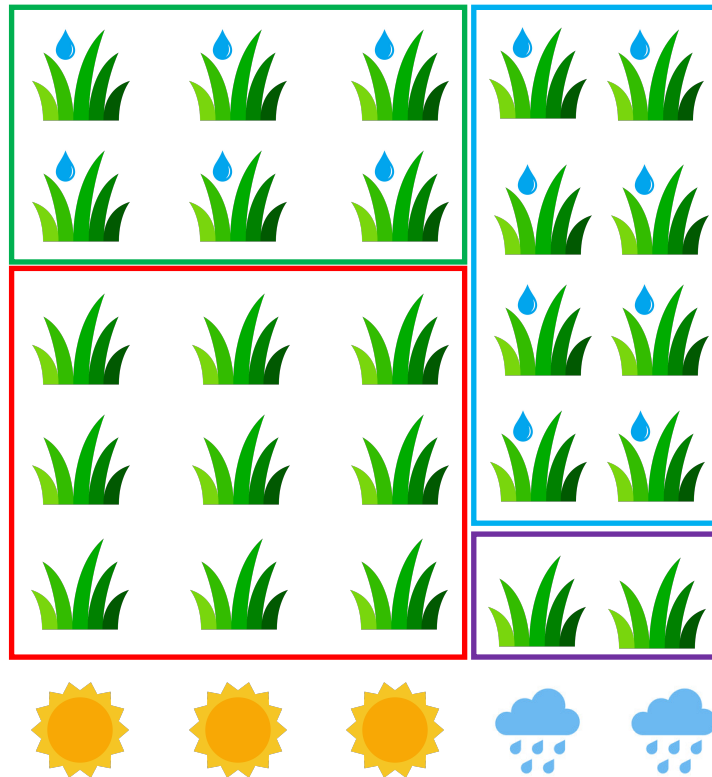
$\neg H$... Hypothesis: ☁️

$\neg E$... Evidence: 🌱💧



Bayes Theorem

$$P(\text{☀} | \text{🌿}) = \frac{P(\text{🌿} | \text{☀})P(\text{☀})}{P(\text{🌿})} = \frac{P(\text{🌿} | \text{☀})P(\text{☀})}{P(\text{☀})P(\text{🌿} | \text{☀}) + P(\text{☁})P(\text{🌿} | \text{☁})}$$



$$P(\text{☀} | \text{🌿}) = ?$$



Bayes Theorem

$$P(\text{☀️} | \text{🌱}) = \frac{P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️})P(\text{☀️})}{P(\text{🌱})} = \frac{P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️})P(\text{☀️})}{P(\text{☀️})P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️}) + P(\text{☁️})P(\text{🌱} | \text{☁️})}$$

$\frac{6}{25} = 0.24$	$\frac{25}{25} = 1.0$
$\frac{9}{25} = 0.36$	

$$P(\text{☀️}) = 0.6 \quad P(\text{☁️}) = 0.4$$

$$P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️}) = \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{} + \boxed{}} = 0.6$$

$$P(\text{🌱} | \text{☁️}) = \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{} + \boxed{}} = 0.2$$

$$* \frac{2}{25} = 0.08$$

$$P(\text{☀️} | \text{🌱}) = \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{} + \boxed{}} = 0.818$$



Bayes Theorem

$$P(\text{☀️} | \text{🌱}) = \frac{P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️})P(\text{☀️})}{P(\text{🌱})} = \frac{P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️})P(\text{☀️})}{P(\text{☀️})P(\text{🌱} | \text{☀️}) + P(\text{☁️})P(\text{🌱} | \text{☁️})}$$

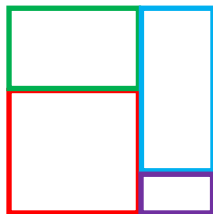
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$$P(\text{☁️}) = 0.4$$

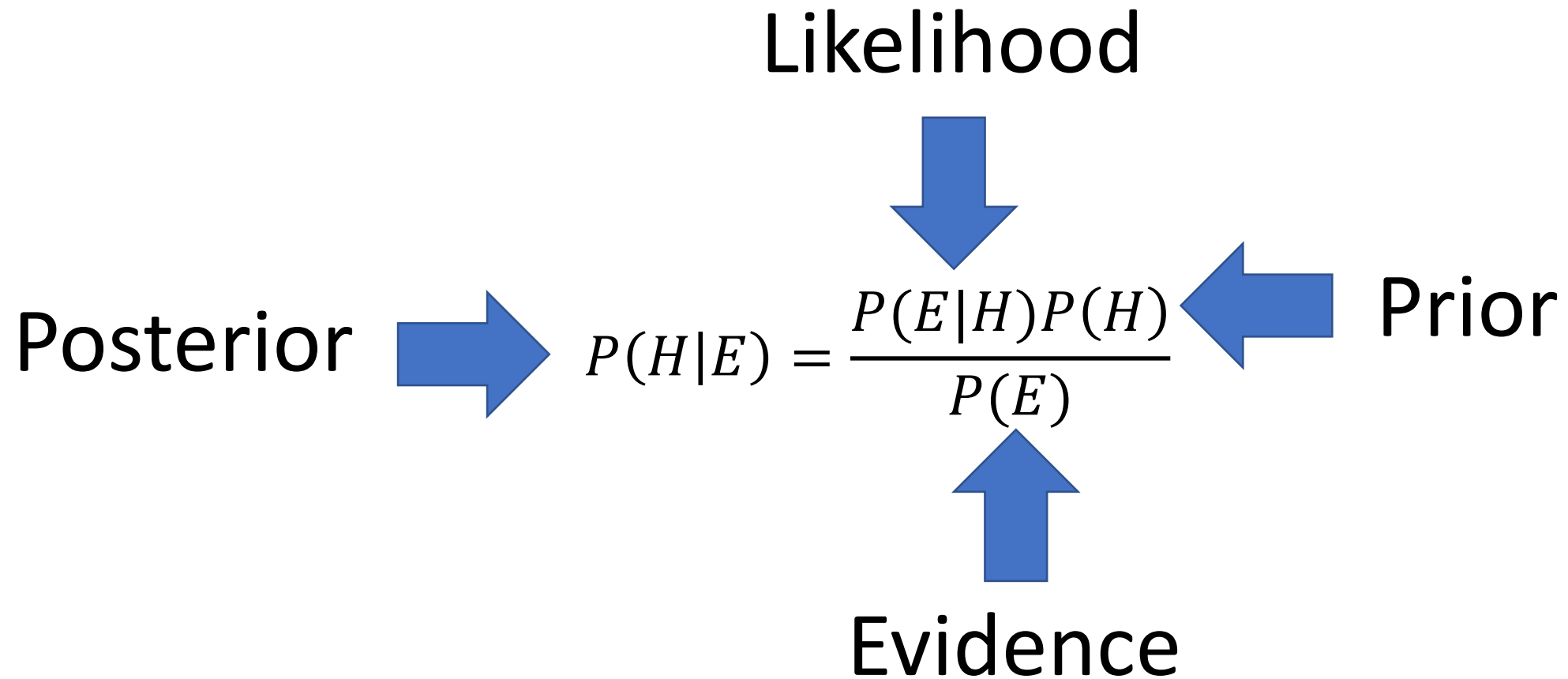
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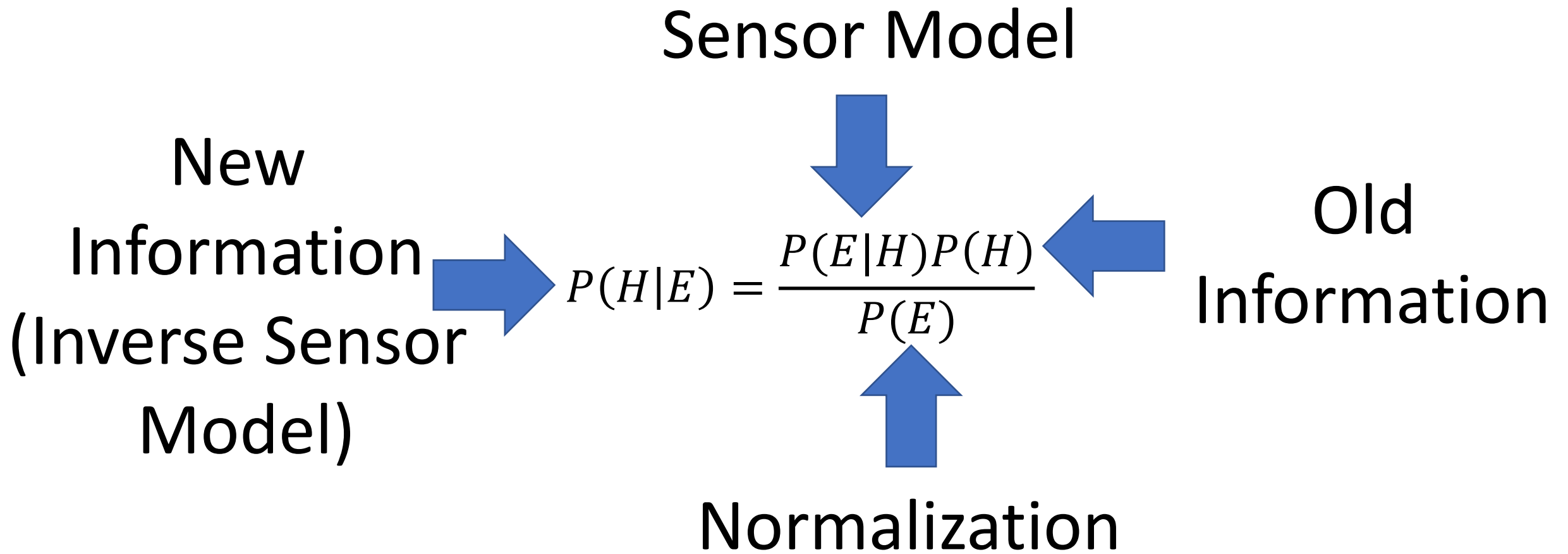
$$P(\text{🌱} | \text{☁️}) = 0.2$$

$$P(\text{☀️} | \text{🌱}) = \frac{0.6 * 0.6}{P(\text{🌱})} = \frac{0.6 * 0.6}{0.6 * 0.6 + 0.4 * 0.2} = 0.818$$



$$P(\text{☀️} | \text{🌱}) = \frac{\text{☐}}{\text{☐} + \text{☐}} = 0.818$$







Bayes Filter

Bayes Filter is **generic mathematical framework** to estimate inner states of the system (world).

Prediction:

Motion Model



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

Correction:

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



Observation Model



Sensors



Sensors: Range-bearing sensor

Typically:

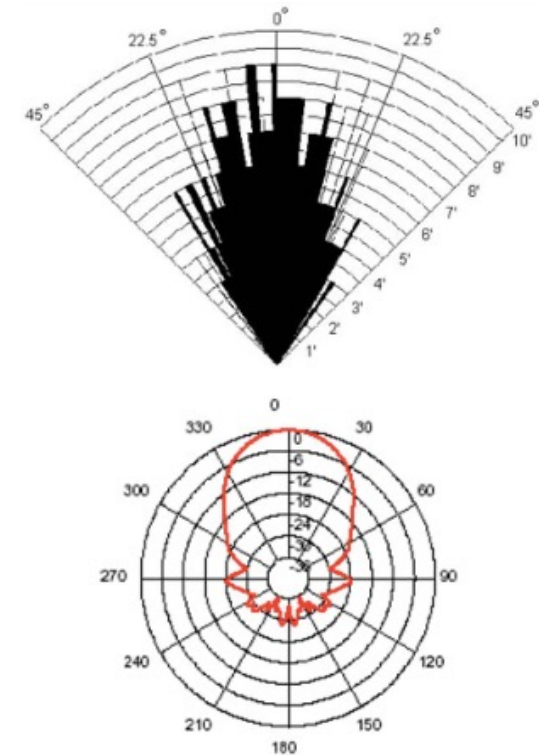
- Lasers, LiDARs
- Ultrasound sensors
- IR range sensor
- ...

Provides information about the distance and the azimuth of the object w.r.t. robot's coordinates system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} r \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{(x_{obj} - x_{robot})^2 + (y_{obj} - y_{robot})^2} \\ \text{atan2}(y_{obj} - y_{robot}, x_{obj} - x_{robot}) \end{bmatrix} + Q$$



2D LiDAR scan



Ultrasound sensor characteristics



Camera Sensor

Sensing usually “2D” data represented as an image

Types of camera sensors:

Common RGB/grayscale camera

Multispectral Camera

RGBD camera (kinect)

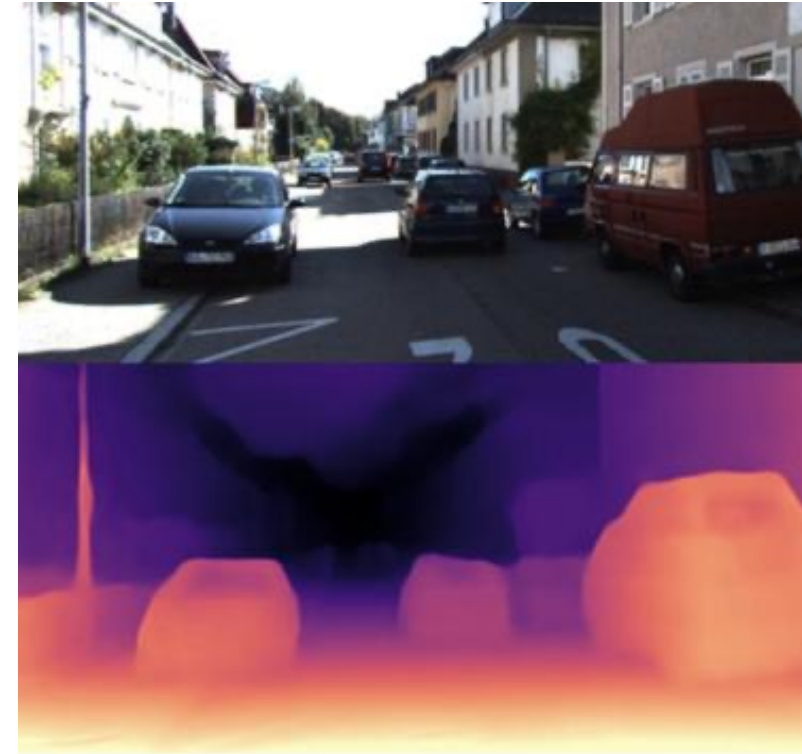
IR camera



IR Image



RGB Image



RGB-D Image: RGB+Depth



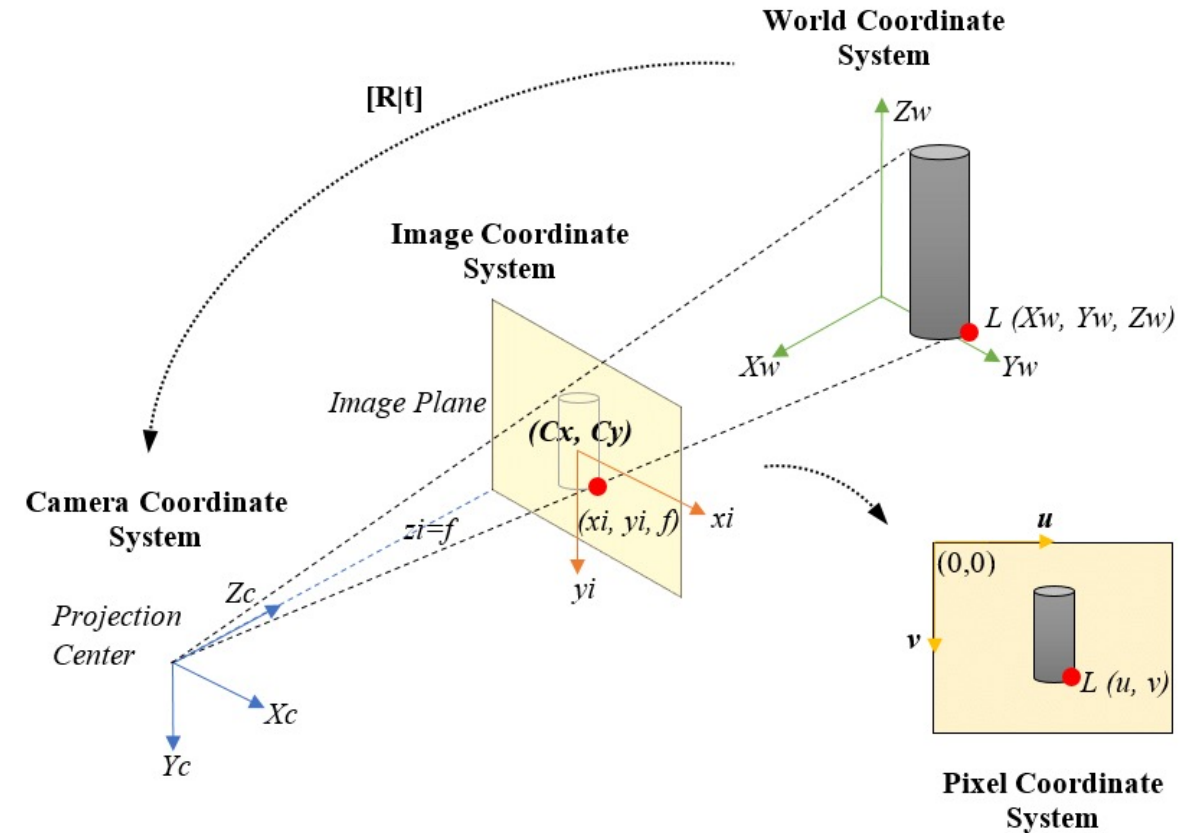
Mapping World (3D) to Camera (2D) - projection

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} u/w \\ v/w \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{C}_{int} * \mathbf{H}_{world_to_cam} * \mathbf{x}_{world} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} f_x & \gamma & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Mapping Camera (2D) to World (3D)

- During projection we lost depth information
- Each pixel can be represented as ray in 3D

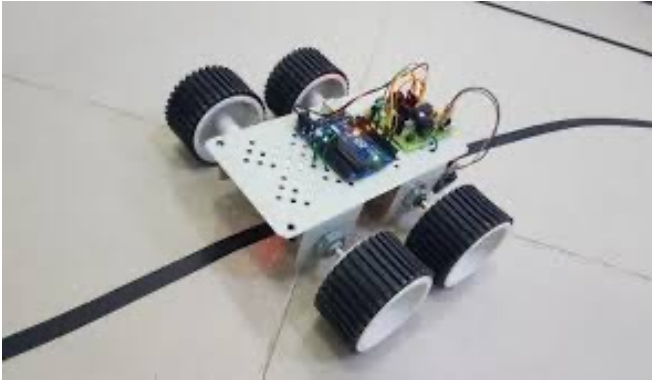
- Expand $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ for with scale factor: $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} * s = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$





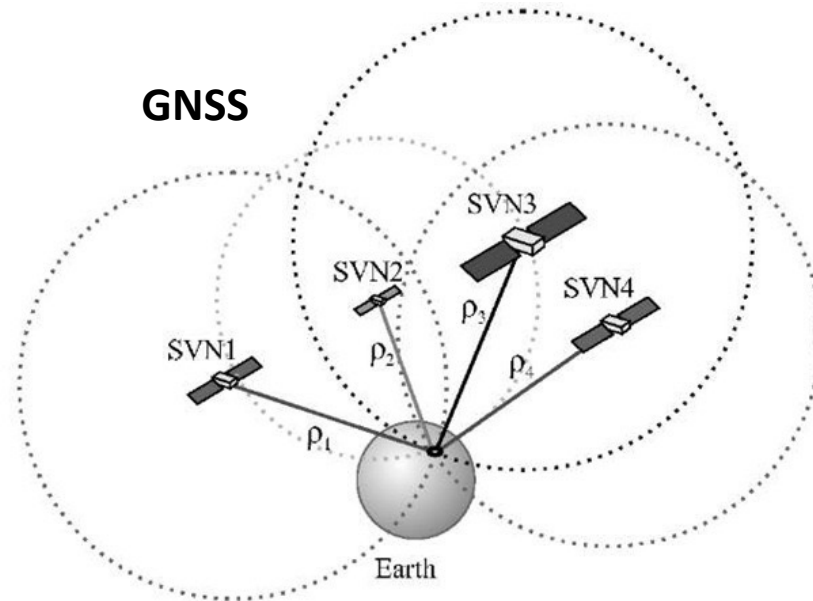
Sensors: External Pose Measurement (GNSS, motion capture, ...)

Line Follower



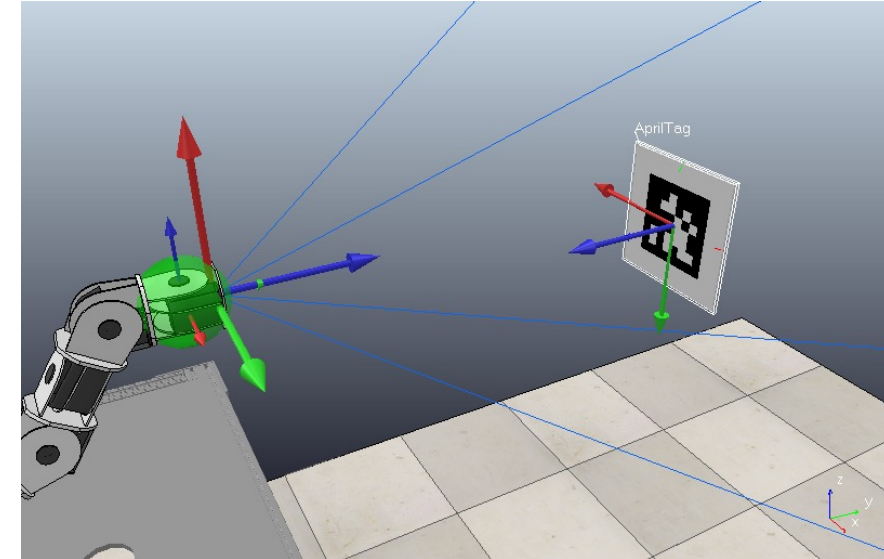
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GNSS



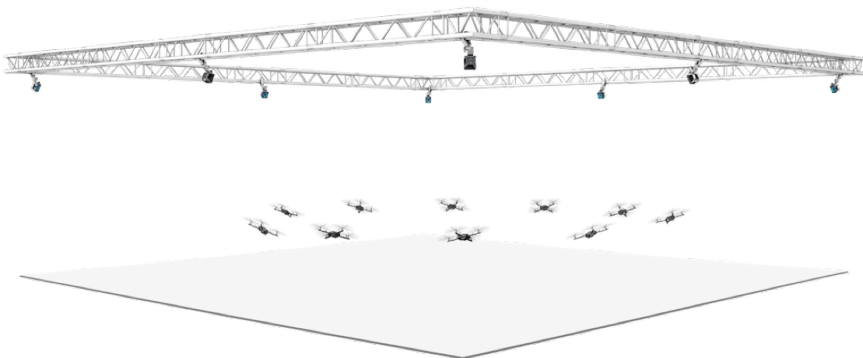
<http://what-when-how.com/>

AR/QR/April Tags

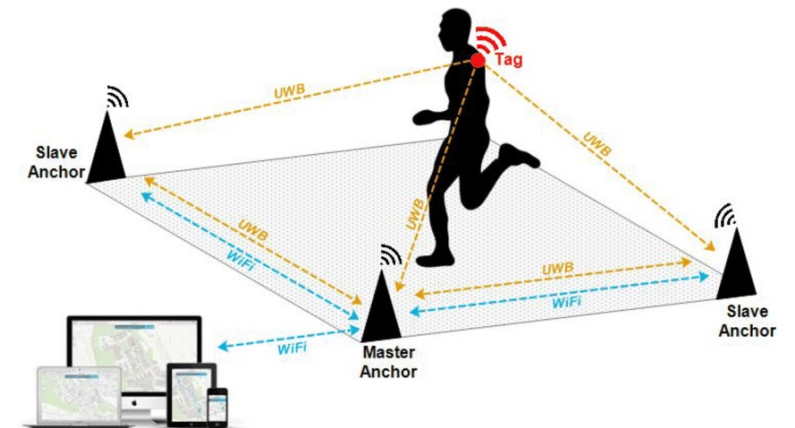


https://haowensh.com/assets/img/2020/kdc/frame_confirmation.png

Motion Capture



https://deva90sapmc8w.cloudfront.net/roboticsPrime17w_8-450h.png



Beacon localization (UWB, BT, ...)

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/336832935>



Map Types



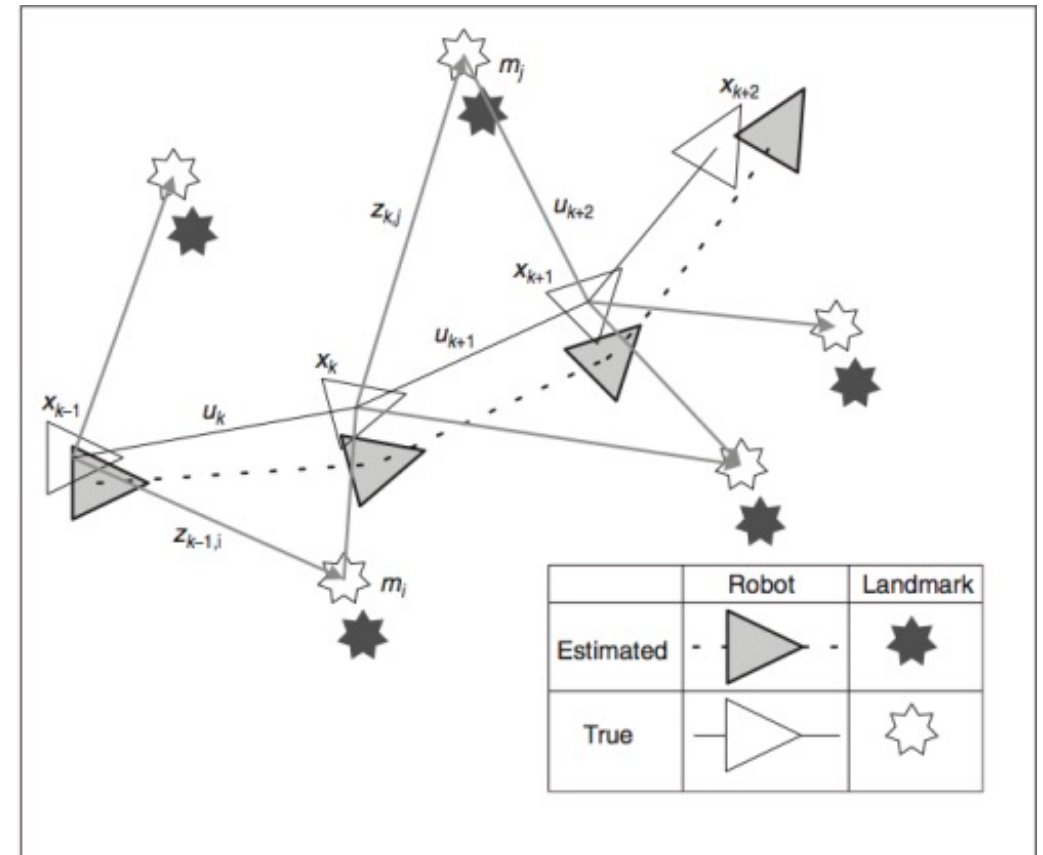
Map Types – Topological Map (Graph)

Map is represented as a set of "Landmarks"
(graph nodes)

Robot measures distance to the landmarks
(distances are graph edges)

Robot estimates position by building a graph
with minimal error w.r.t. measurements.

If the robot is also capable of expanding the map
by adding new landmarks, we talk about SLAM
(Simultaneous Localization and Mapping)





Map Types – Occupancy Grid

The world is represented as a 2D/3D cell grid.

Every cell contains a number that holds information about the probability, the cell is occupied by an obstacle.

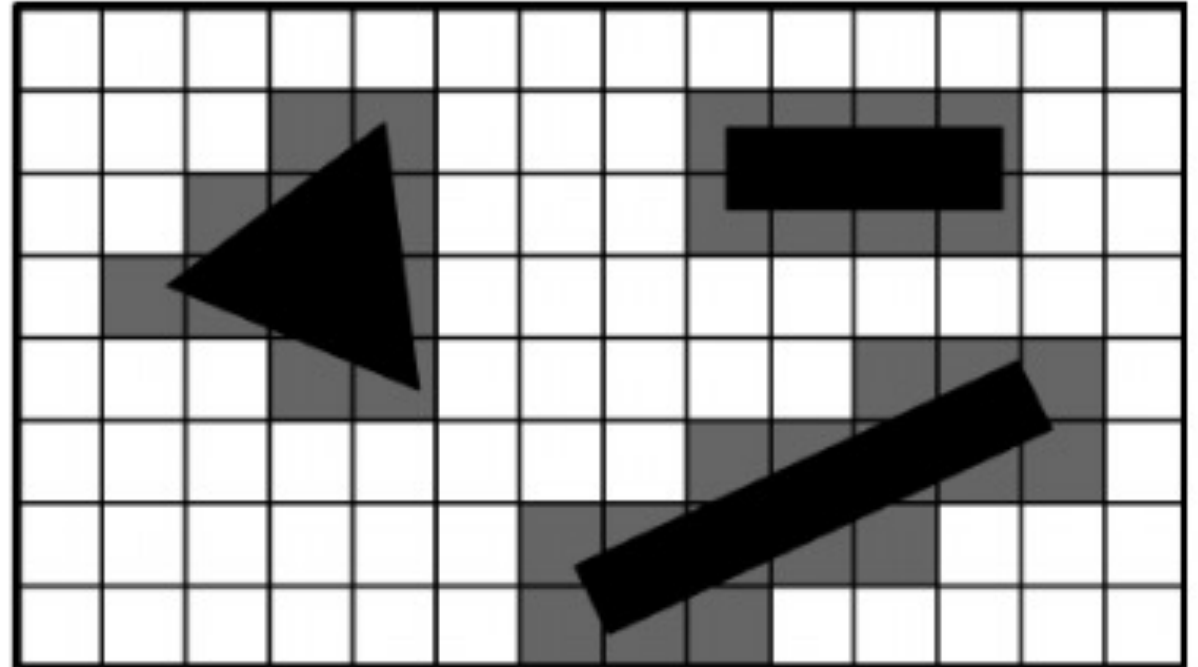
$p(M^O)$... probability, cell is Occupied

$p(M^E)$... probability, cell is Empty

$p(M^O) = 0 \sim p(M^E) = 1$... cell is Empty

$p(M^O) = 0.5 \sim p(M^E) = 0.5$... no information about cell

$p(M^O) = 1 \sim p(M^E) = 0$... cell is Occupied



$$0 \leq p(M^O) \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq p(M^E) \leq 1$$

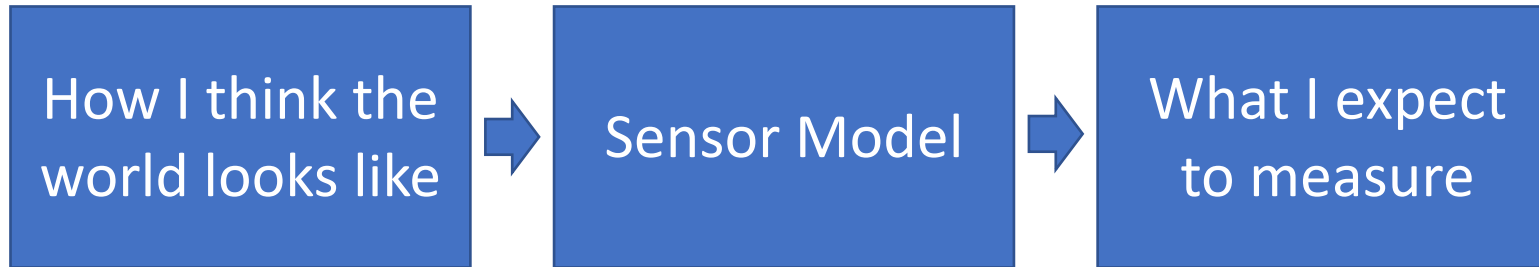
$$p(M^O) + p(M^E) = 1$$



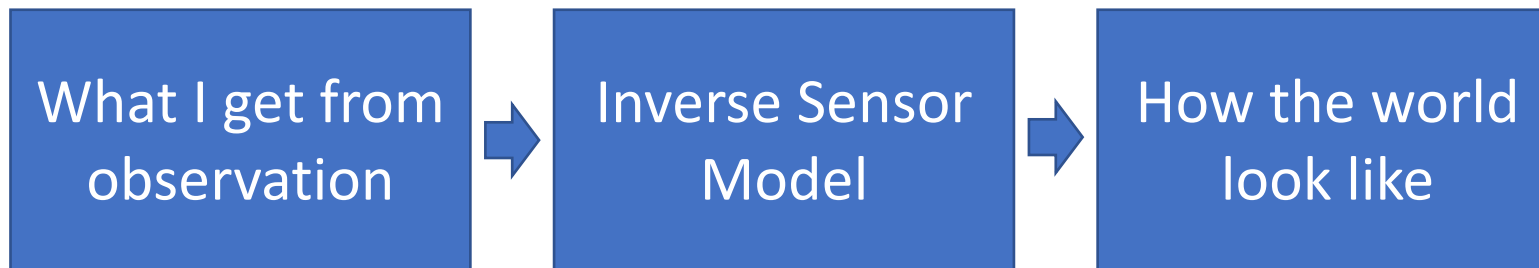
Sensor Modeling



Sensor Model



Inverse Sensor Model





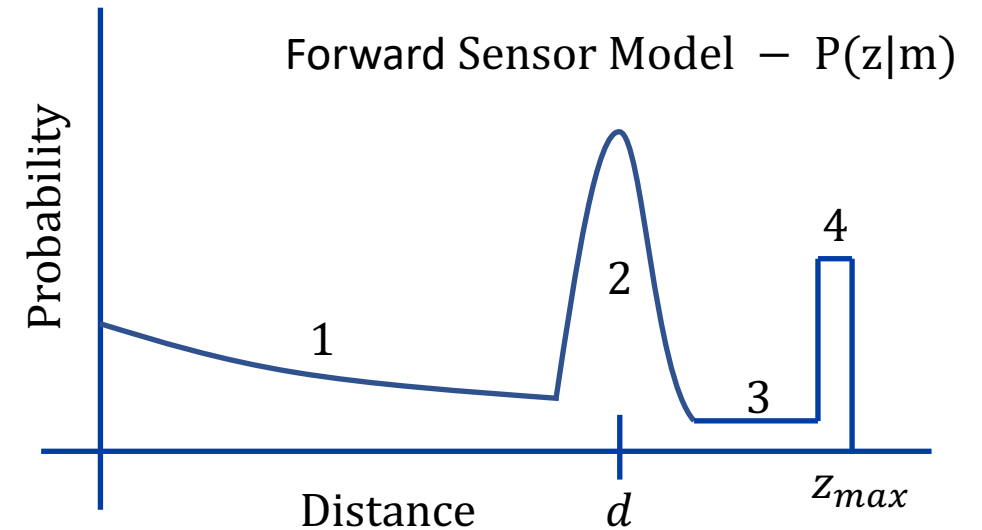
Sensor Modeling

Common Laser Sensor Model:

Probability of getting measurement of an object at distance d .

z_{max} is sensor's max range.

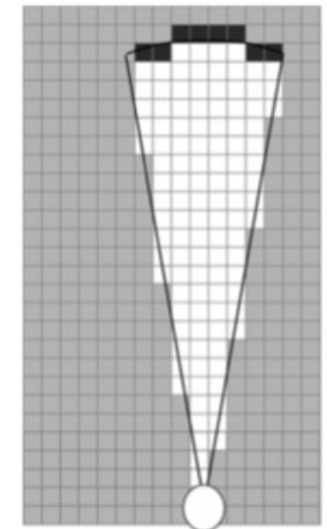
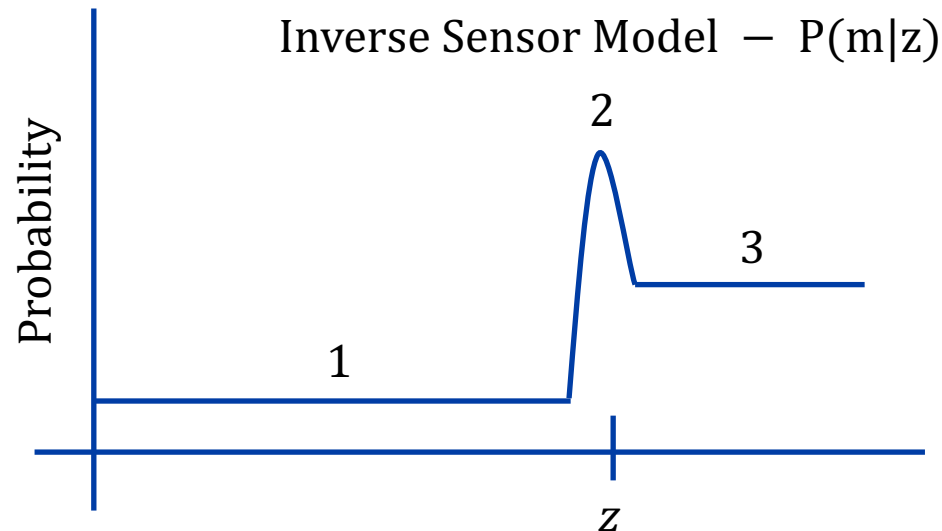
- 1 ... Approximation of dynamic obstacles (exp decay)
- 2 ... Distribution around obstacle (normal dist.)
- 3 ... Unknown area (uniform dist.)
- 4 ... Max sensor's range



Common Laser Inverse Sensor Model:

Probability of object's presence at the distance of z_t .

- 1 ... Free space (low prob.)
- 2 ... Occupied space (high prob.)
- 3 ... Unknown area ($p=0.5$)



ISM 2D



Sensor Modeling – Use Case

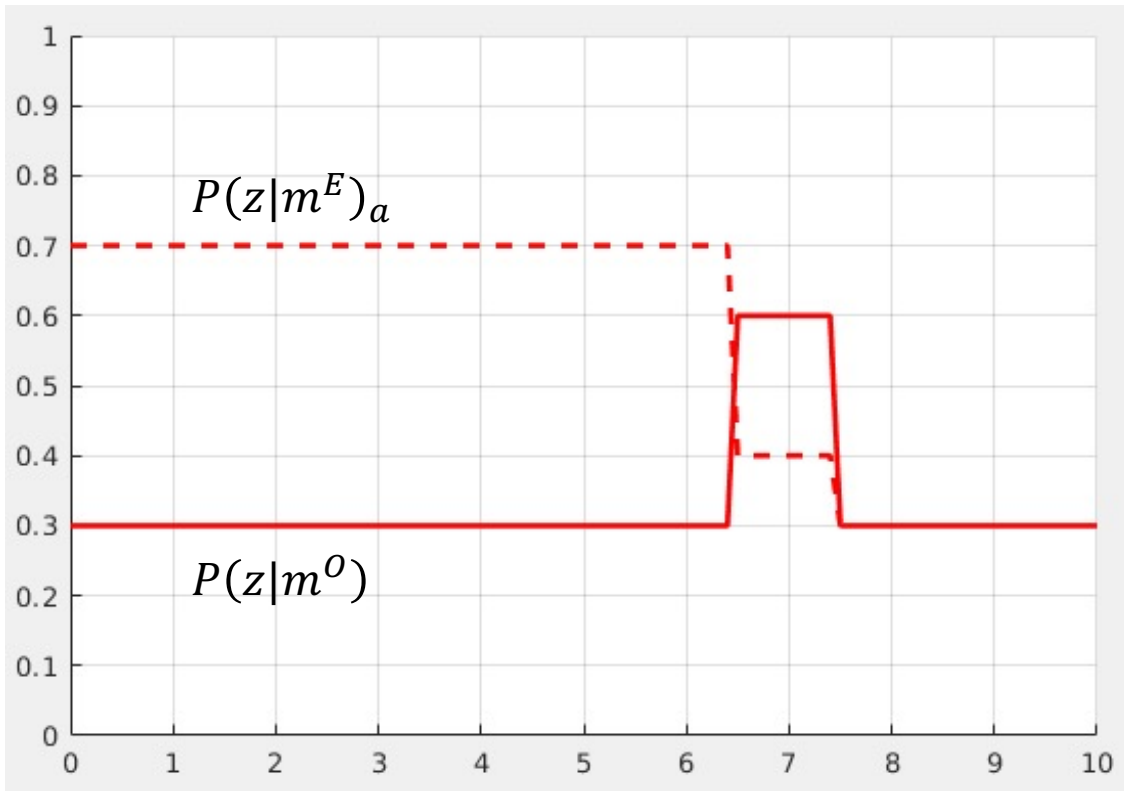
Measurement $z = 7m$



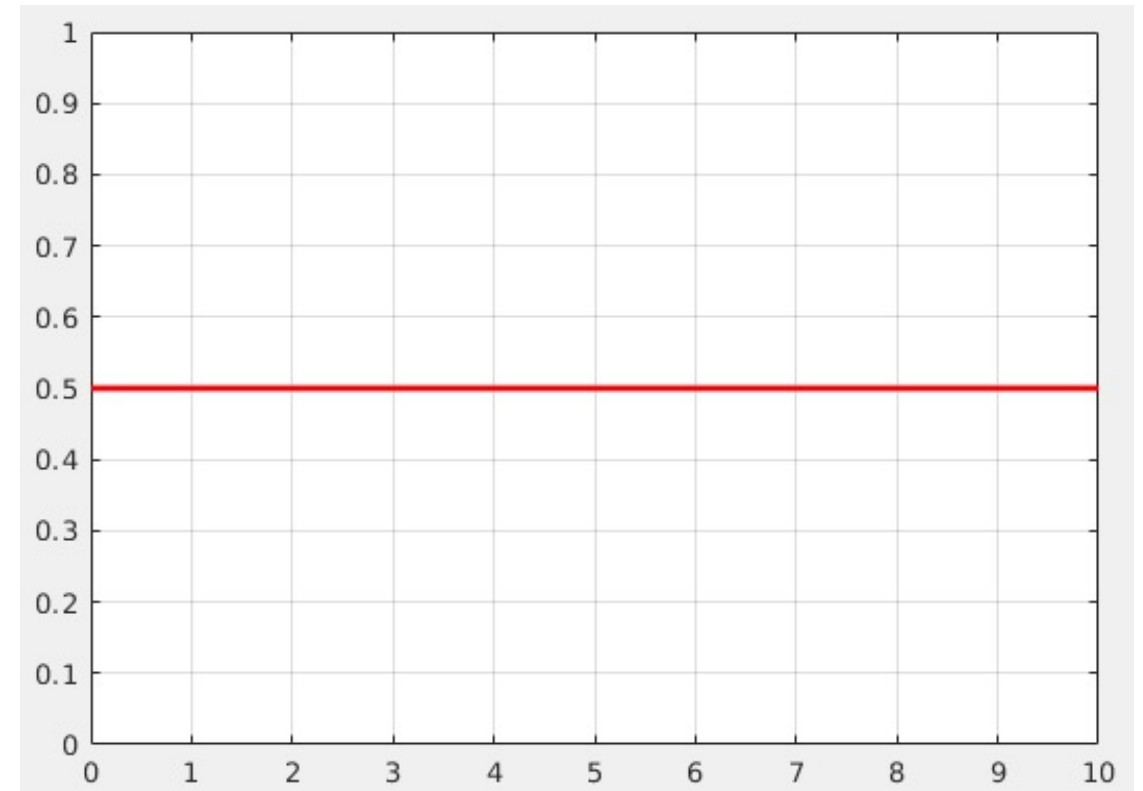
$P(z|m^O)_a$: probability to measure that cell a is occupied

$P(z|m^E)_a$: probability to measure that cell a is empty

$$P(z|m^O)_a \neq 1 - P(z|m^E)_a$$



Forward Sensor Models – $P(z|m^O)$

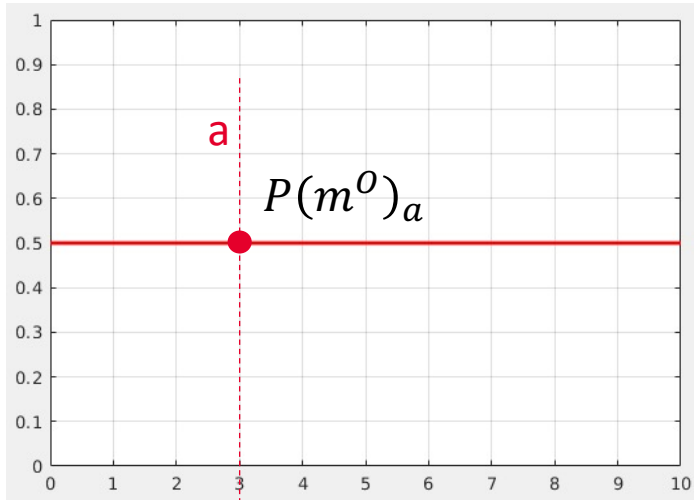


Initial map – $P(m^O)$

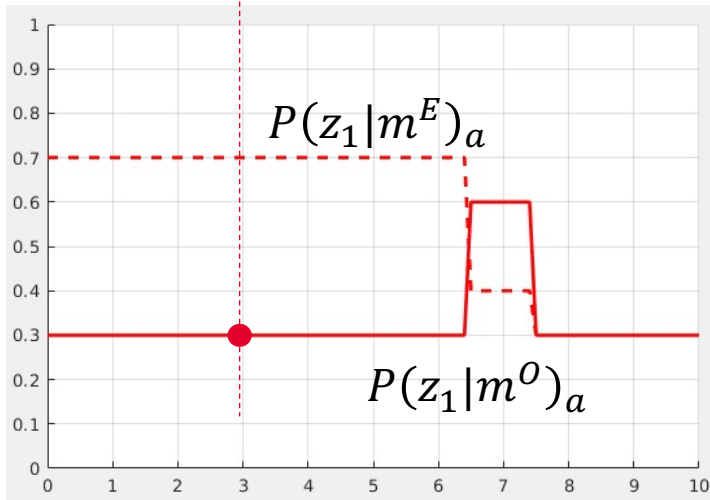


Sensor Modeling – Use Case

Measurement $z = 7m$



Map



Forward Sensor Model

0) Init

$$P(m^O)_a = 0.5 \quad \rightarrow \quad P(m^E)_a = 1 - P(m^O)_a = 0.5$$

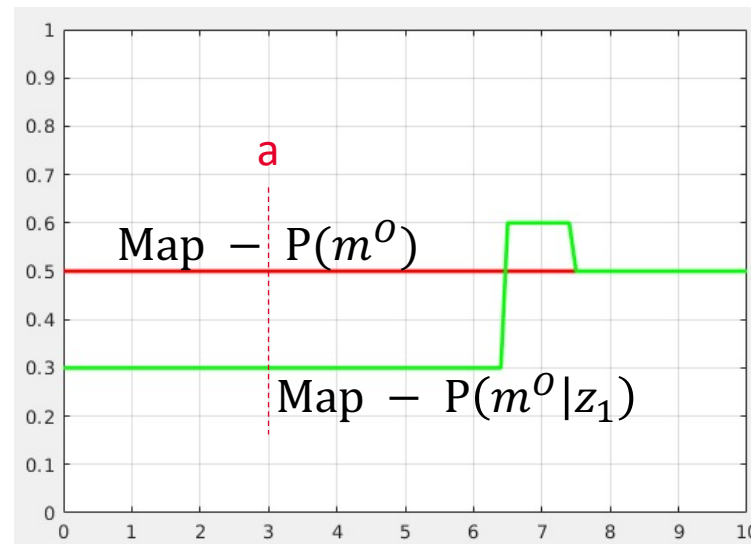
1) First measurement

$$P(m^O)_a = 0.5 \quad \rightarrow \quad P(m^E)_a = 1 - P(m^O)_a = 0.5$$

$$P(z_1|m^O)_a = 0.3 \quad P(z_1|m^E)_a = 0.7$$

$$P(z)_a = P(z_1|m^O)_a * P(m^O)_a + P(z_1|m^E)_a * P(m^E)_a = \\ = 0.3 * 0.5 + 0.7 * 0.5 = 0.5;$$

$$P(m^O|z_1)_a = \frac{P(z_1|m^O)_a * P(m^O)_a}{P(z)_a} = \frac{0.3 * 0.5}{0.5} = 0.3$$

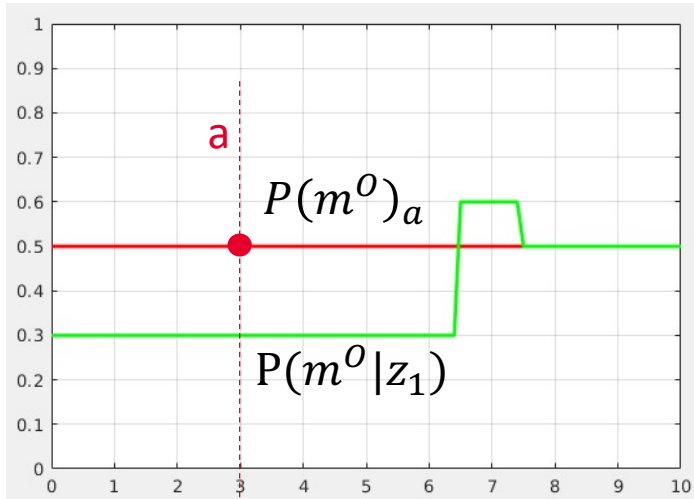




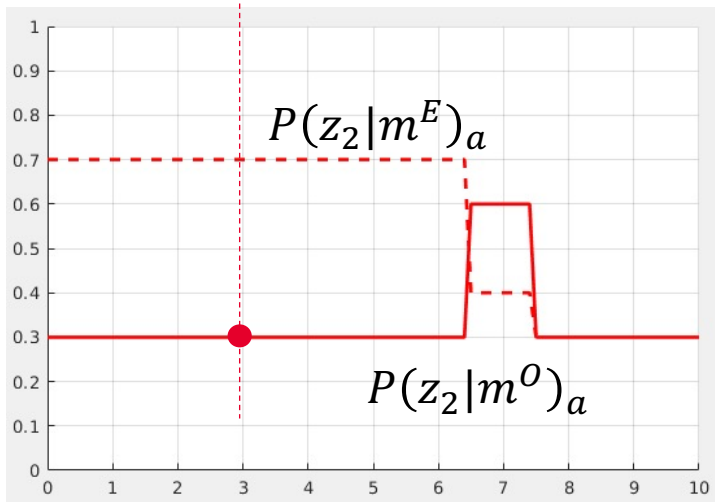
Sensor Modeling – Use Case

Measurement $z = 7m$

2) Second measurement



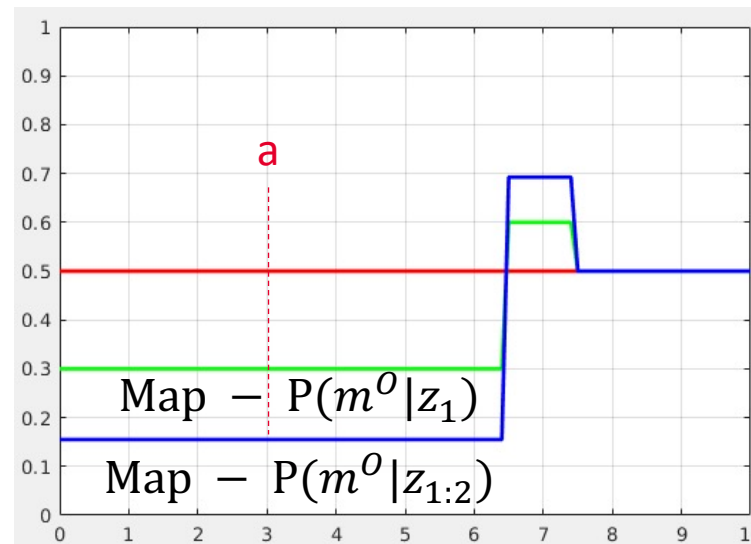
Map



Forward Sensor Model

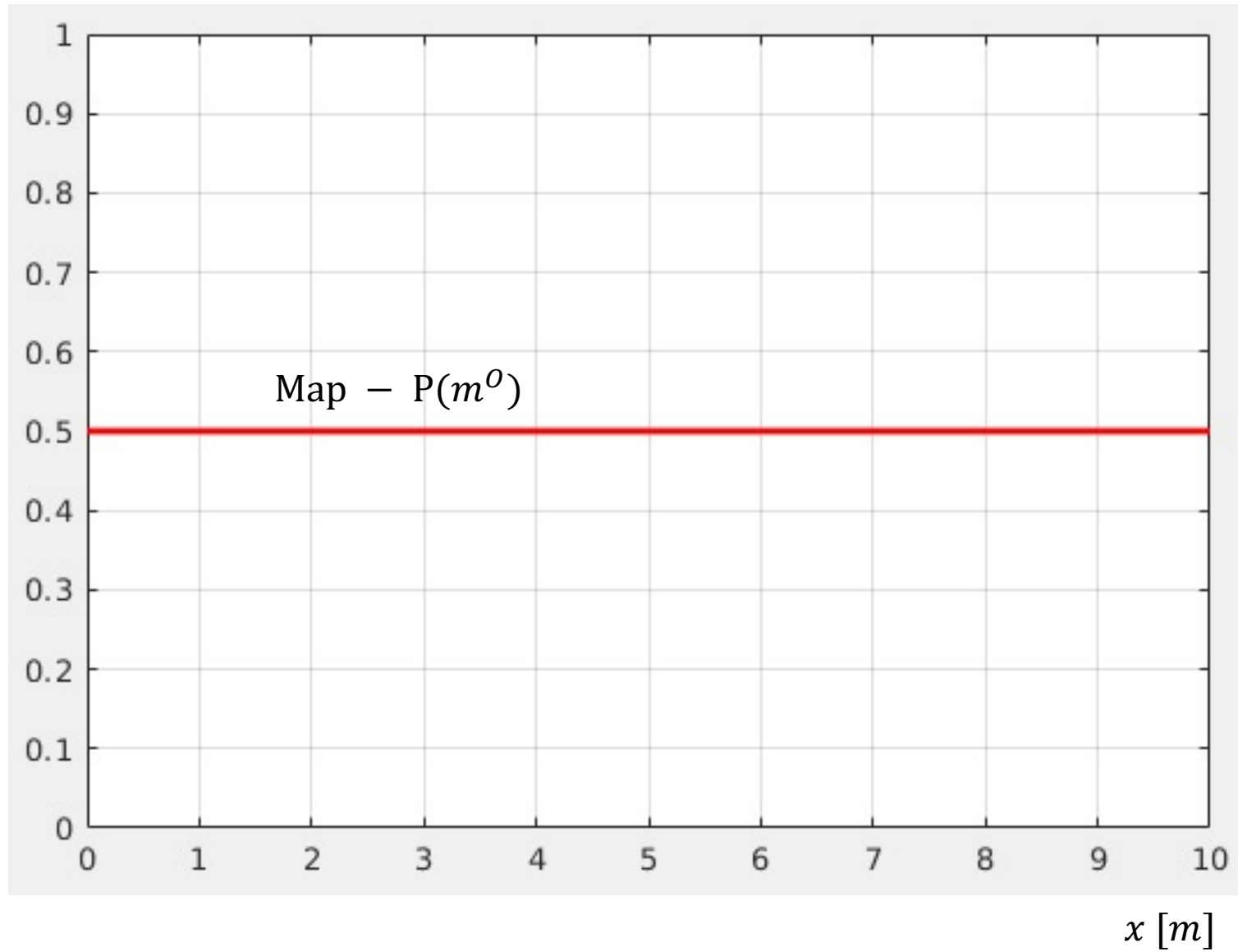
$$\begin{aligned} P(m^O)_a &\sim p(m^O|z_1) = 0.3 \rightarrow P(m^E)_a \sim p(m^E|z_1) = 1 - p(m^O|z_1) = 0.3 \\ P(z_2|m^O)_a &= 0.3 \quad P(z_2|m^E)_a = 0.7 \\ P(z)_a &= P(z_2|m^O)_a * P(m^O)_a + P(z_2|m^E)_a * P(m^E)_a = \\ &= 0.3 * 0.3 * 0.7 * 0.7 = 0.58; \end{aligned}$$

$$P(m^O|z_{1:2})_a = \frac{P(z_2|m^O)_a * P(m^O)_a}{P(z)_a} = \frac{0.3 * 0.3}{0.58} = 0.155$$



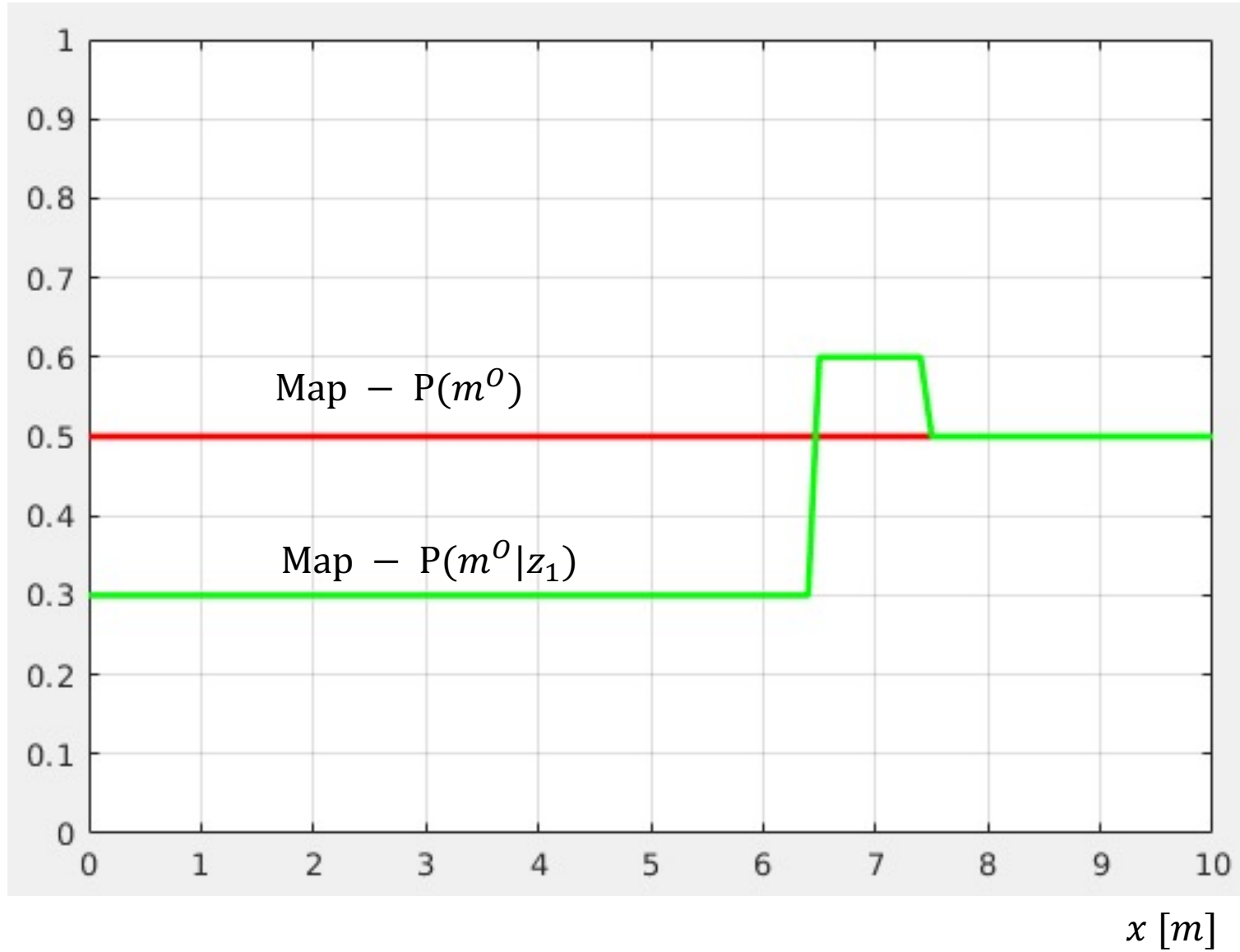


Sensor Modeling – init



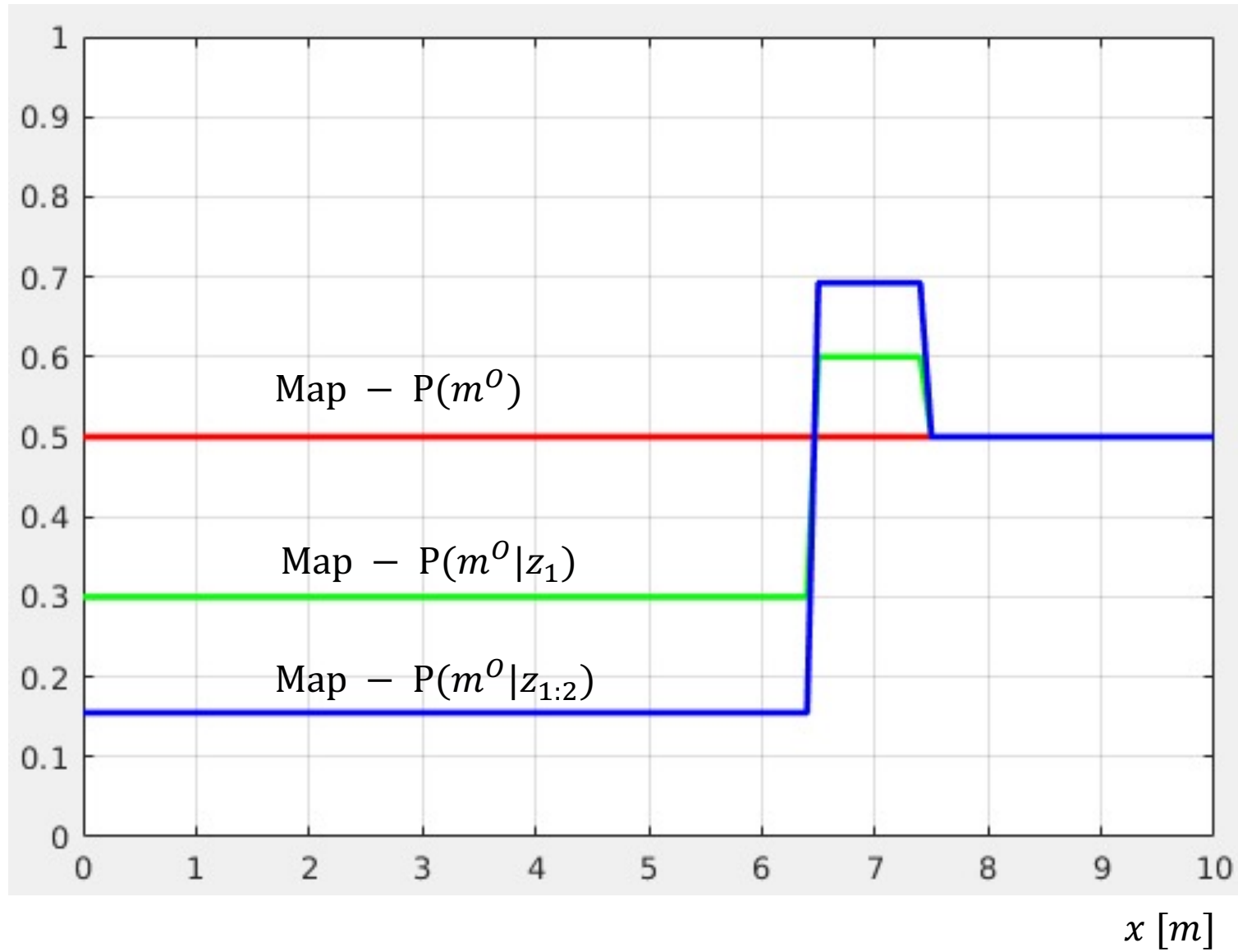


Sensor Modeling – z_1



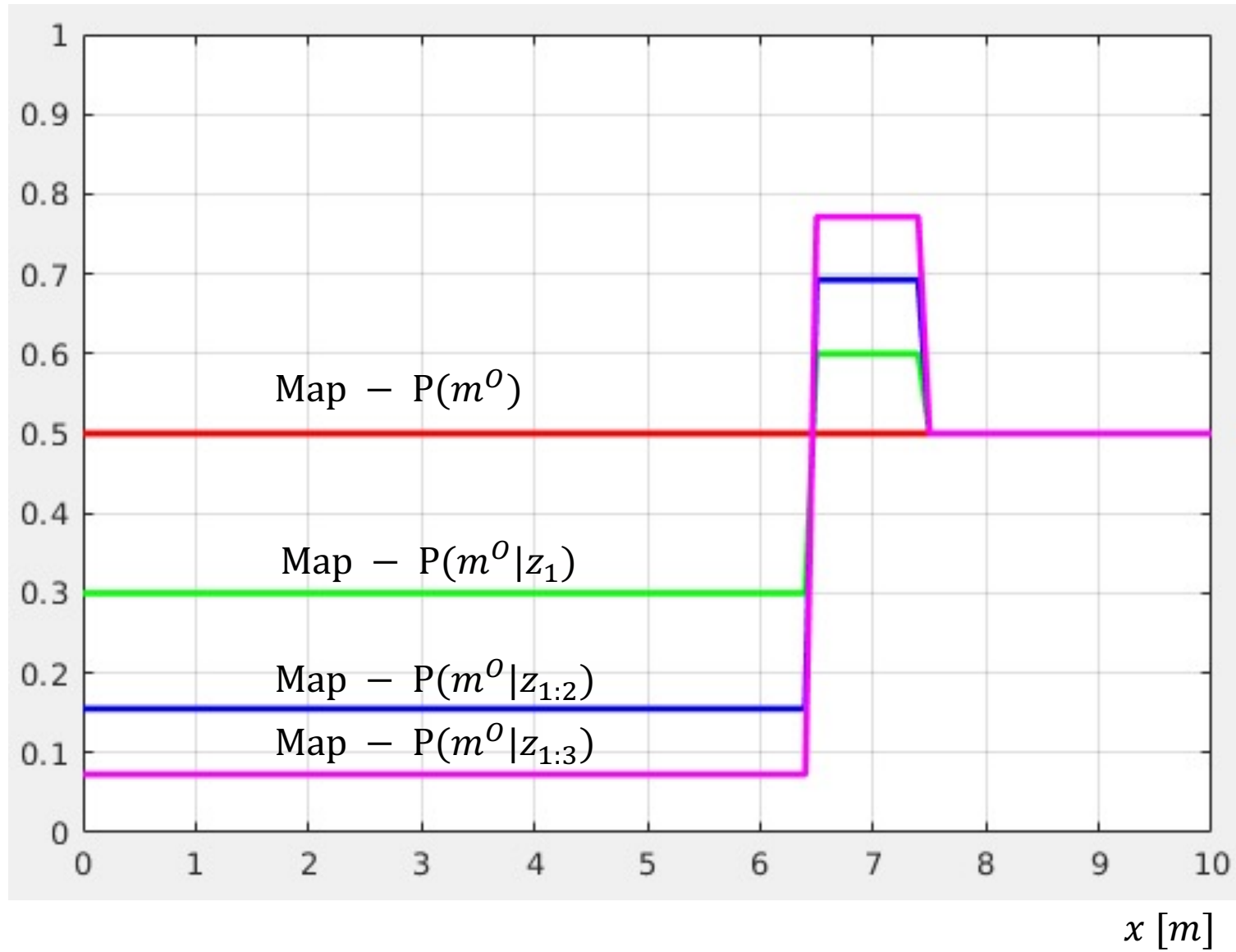


Sensor Modeling – z_2



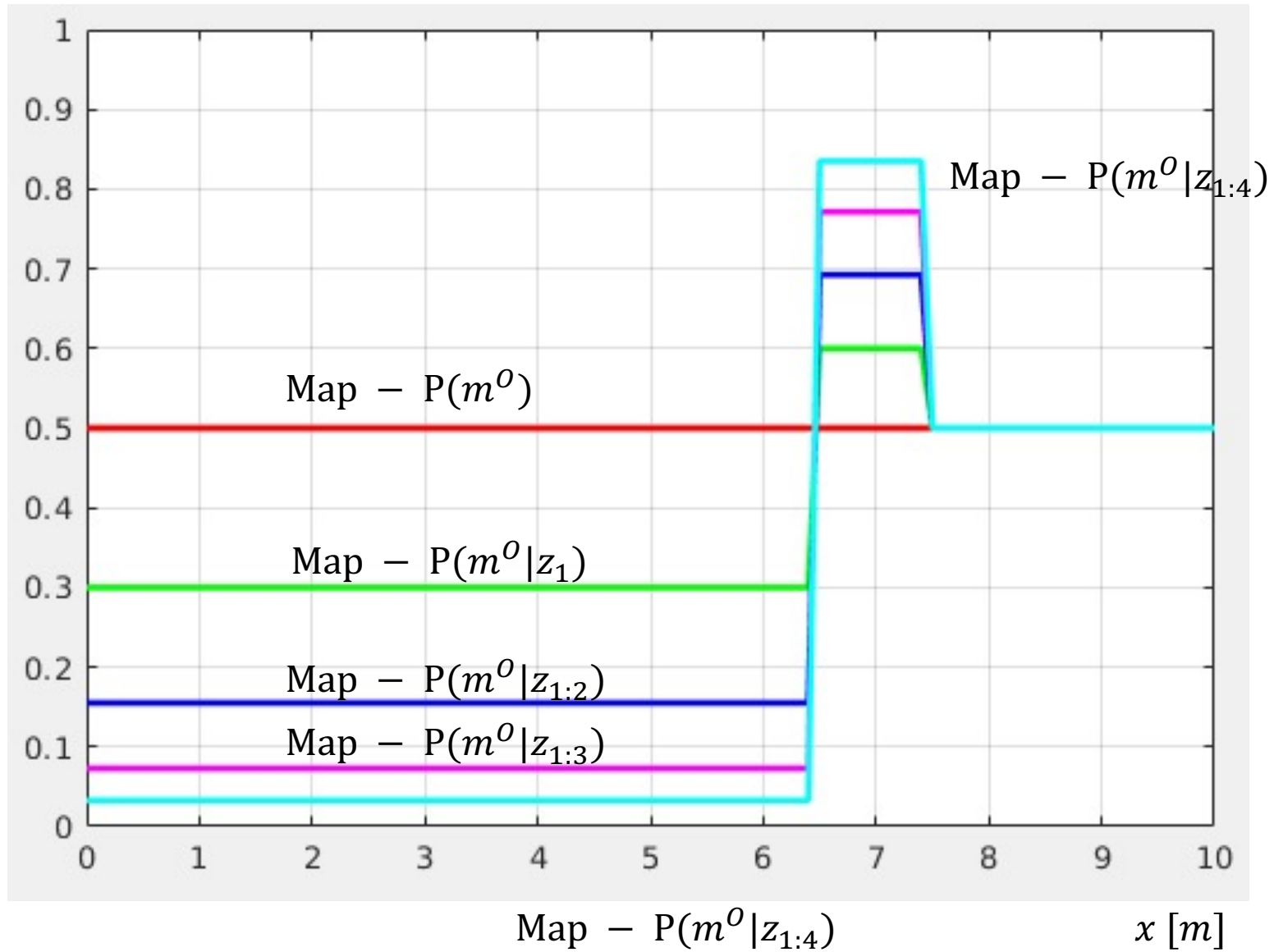


Sensor Modeling – z_3



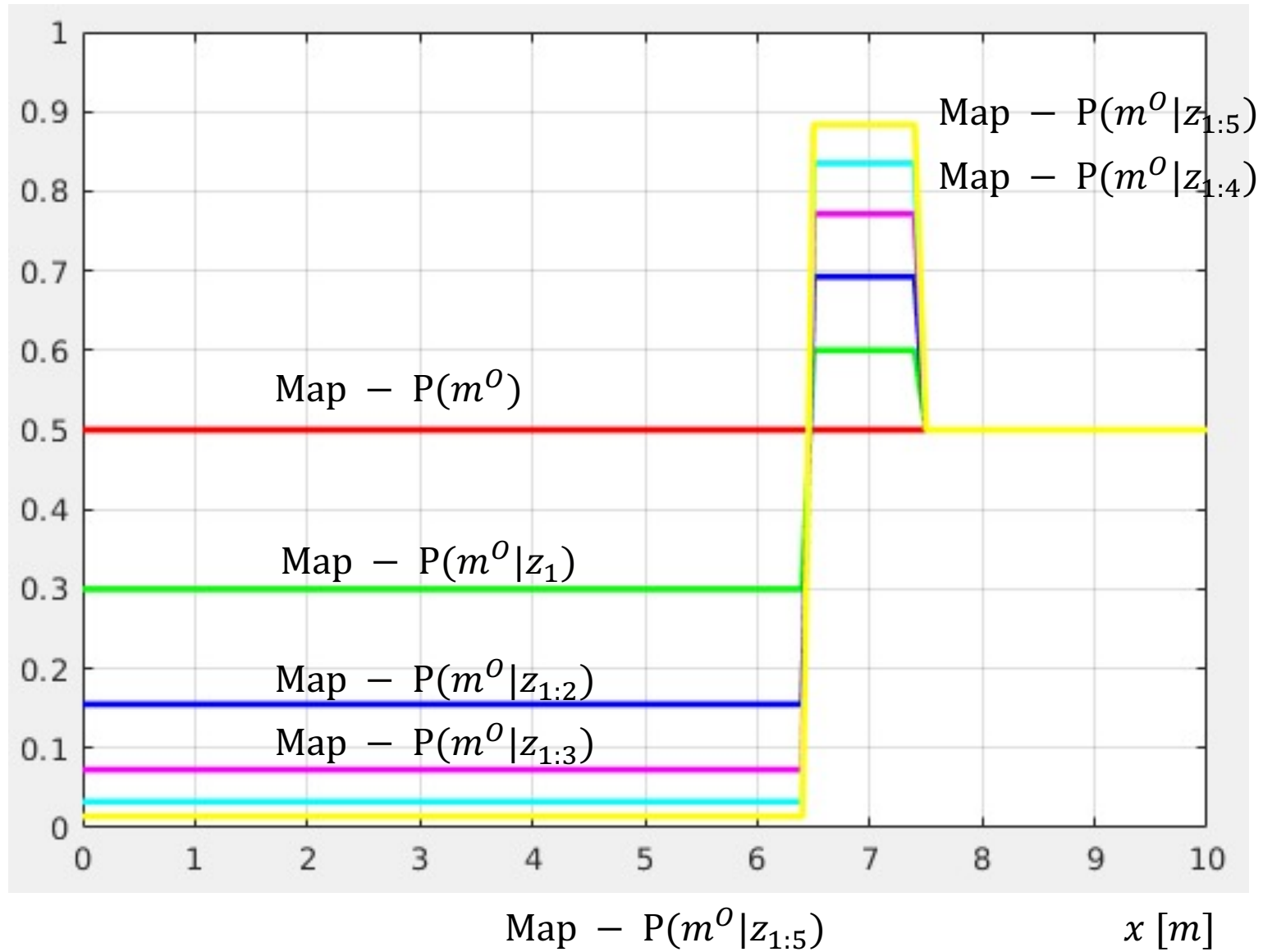


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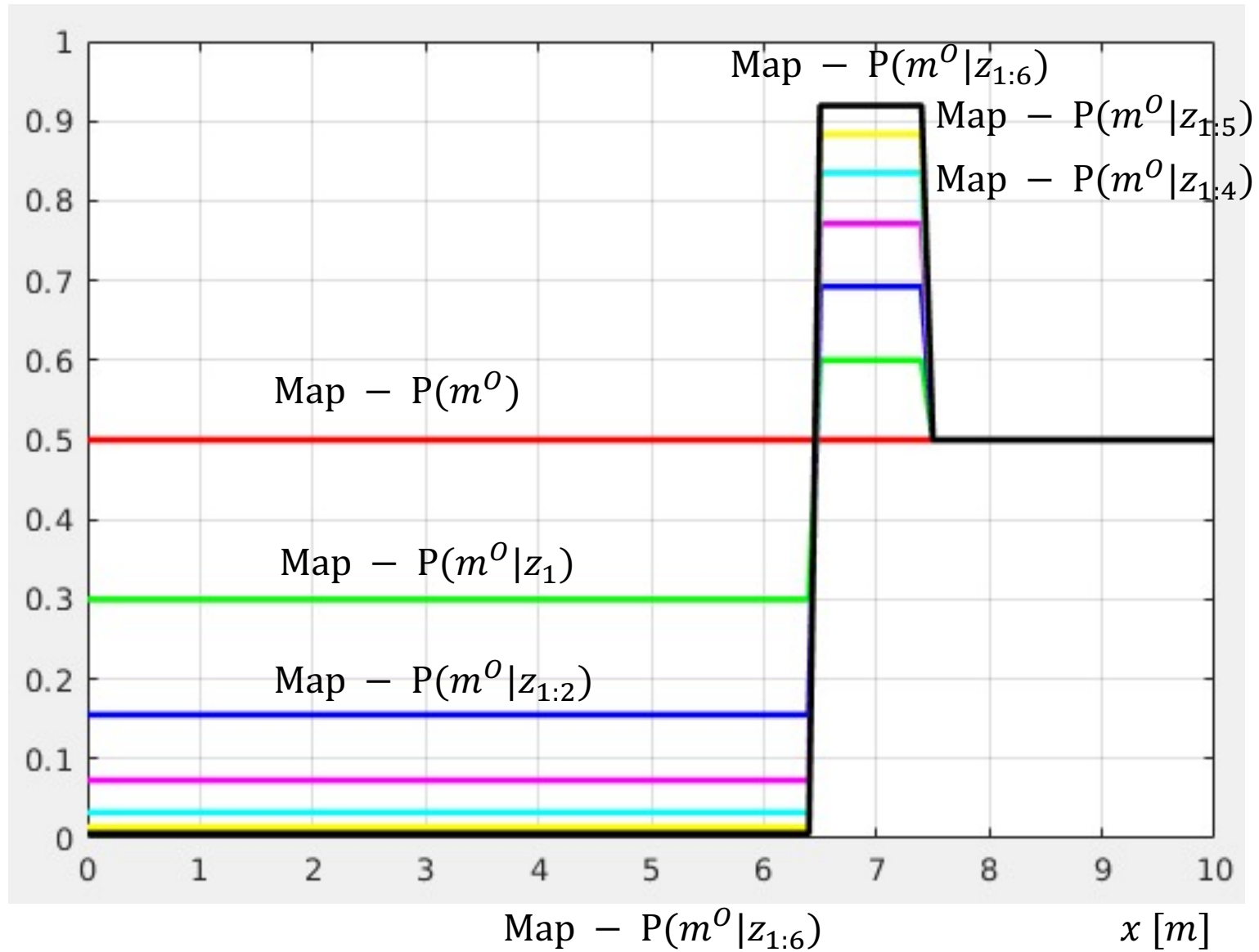


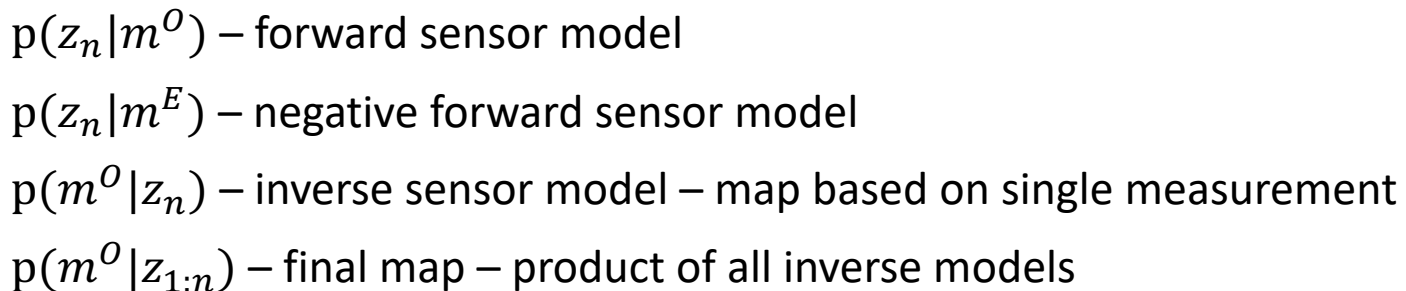
Sensor Modeling – z_5





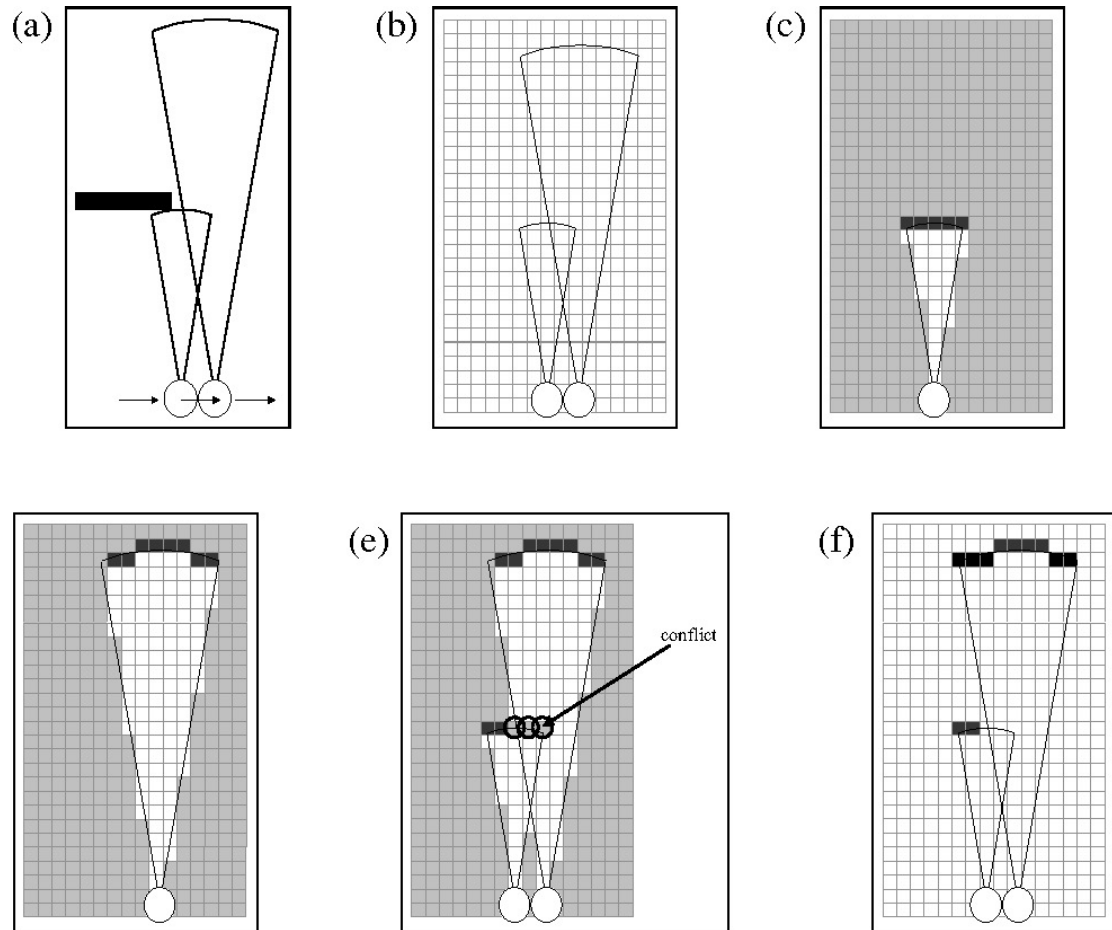
Sensor Modeling – z_6



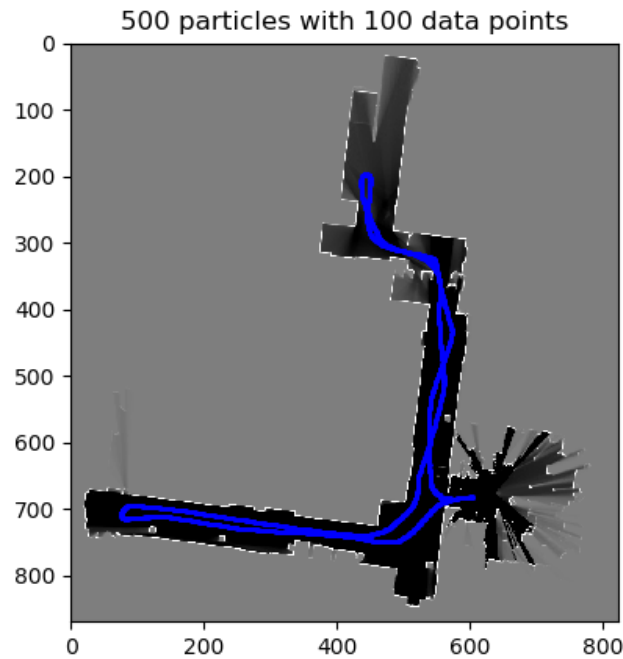




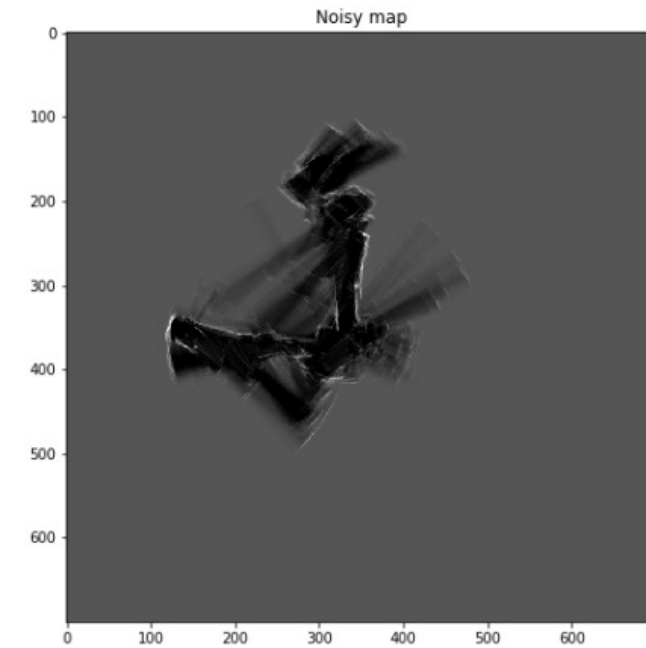
Sensor Modeling in ND Space



Inverse Sensor Model



Ground Truth



Noisy Map

<https://github.com/khazit/CrazySLAM>



Summary



Normal Distribution

Combining independent variables
Combining multiple observations

Bayes rule

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

Bayes Filter

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

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

Sensor Model

Map -> expected sensor output

Inverse Sensor Model

Sensor output -> map

Maps

Occupancy grid
Topological / Graph



Assignment



Assignment No. 1

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Using MATLAB script, simulate the simple 1D map building process using the simulated measurement and self-proposed Inverse Sensor Model (ISM).


Create a single A4 report that will describe your approach to the exercise (3-6 sentences for each task and picture, if makes sense).

Submission


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MATLAB script must be executable without errors and has to generate all graphical outputs that are in the report.

Deadline: 20th Feb 2022, 23:59.



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Task 1

Define parameters of your simulation

- Distance of the obstacle x
- Standard deviation of your sensor σ
- Discrete map parameters (cell size c and covered area d)

Note: Choose these values with the idea of visualizing your simulation. The visual outputs simulated for parameters of $x=100m$ and $\sigma=0.001m$ $c=0.001m$, $d=200m$ will be useless.

Task 2

In the script file, implement the following functions

The "measure" function will return a single measurement sample with a normal distribution of ($\mu=obstacle_distance$, $\sigma=sensor_std_dev$).

The "get_forward_sensor_model" function will return an gaussian-based obstacle probability distribution function for the entire map space with respect to the currently measured distance. Complementary implement also the "get_neg_forward_sensor_model".

Task 3


Create a simulation of the mapping process. Generate 5-10 measurement samples and for each of them generate $P(m^0|x)$ distribution using the sensor model and update the probability distribution of the obstacles in the map $P(m^0)$.

Document the simulation of the map building process with several images, especially the final state of the map model.


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MPC-MAP Assignment No. 1 - Report

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Task 1

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Task 2

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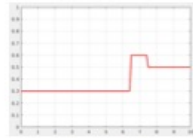


Figure 1 - Lorem Ipsum

Task 3

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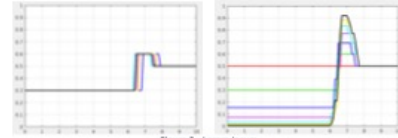


Figure 2 - Lorem Ipsum

Report (placeholder)



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