

Probabilistic Reasoning Over Time 3: Kalman Filters

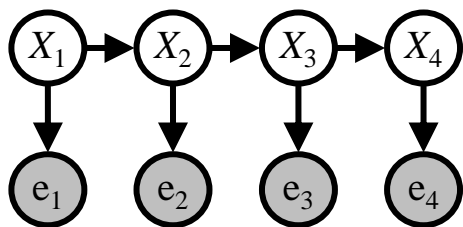
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Filtering for Continuous Random Variables

Filtering: $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$



Discrete

$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1})$$

$$= \alpha \underbrace{P(e_{t+1} | X_{t+1}) P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})}_{\text{Update}} \text{ Prediction.}$$

- If the random variables are **continuous**, rather than discrete as in HMM, the number of states become **infinite**.
- One algorithm to solve filtering problem is Kalman Filters.
- Applications: any system characterized by continuous state variables and noisy measurements: autonomous car location, nuclear reactors states...

Bayesian Network with Continuous Variables

- Continuous variables have an infinite number of possible values, so it is impossible to specify conditional probabilities explicitly for each value.
 - Discretization- dividing up the possible values into a fixed set of intervals.
 - Probability density function, e.g. Gaussian distribution

$N(\mu, \sigma^2)(x)$

PDF:

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

μ is mean

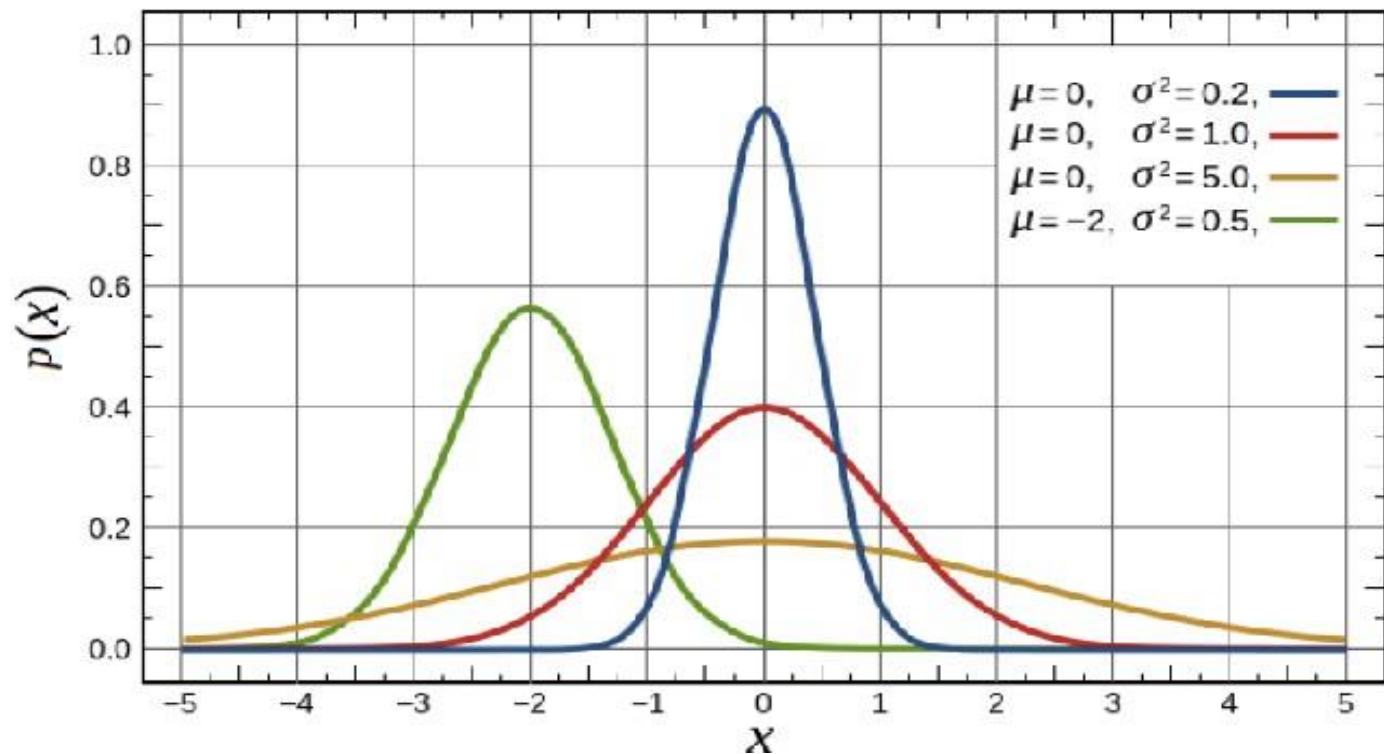
σ is standard deviation

σ^2 is variance

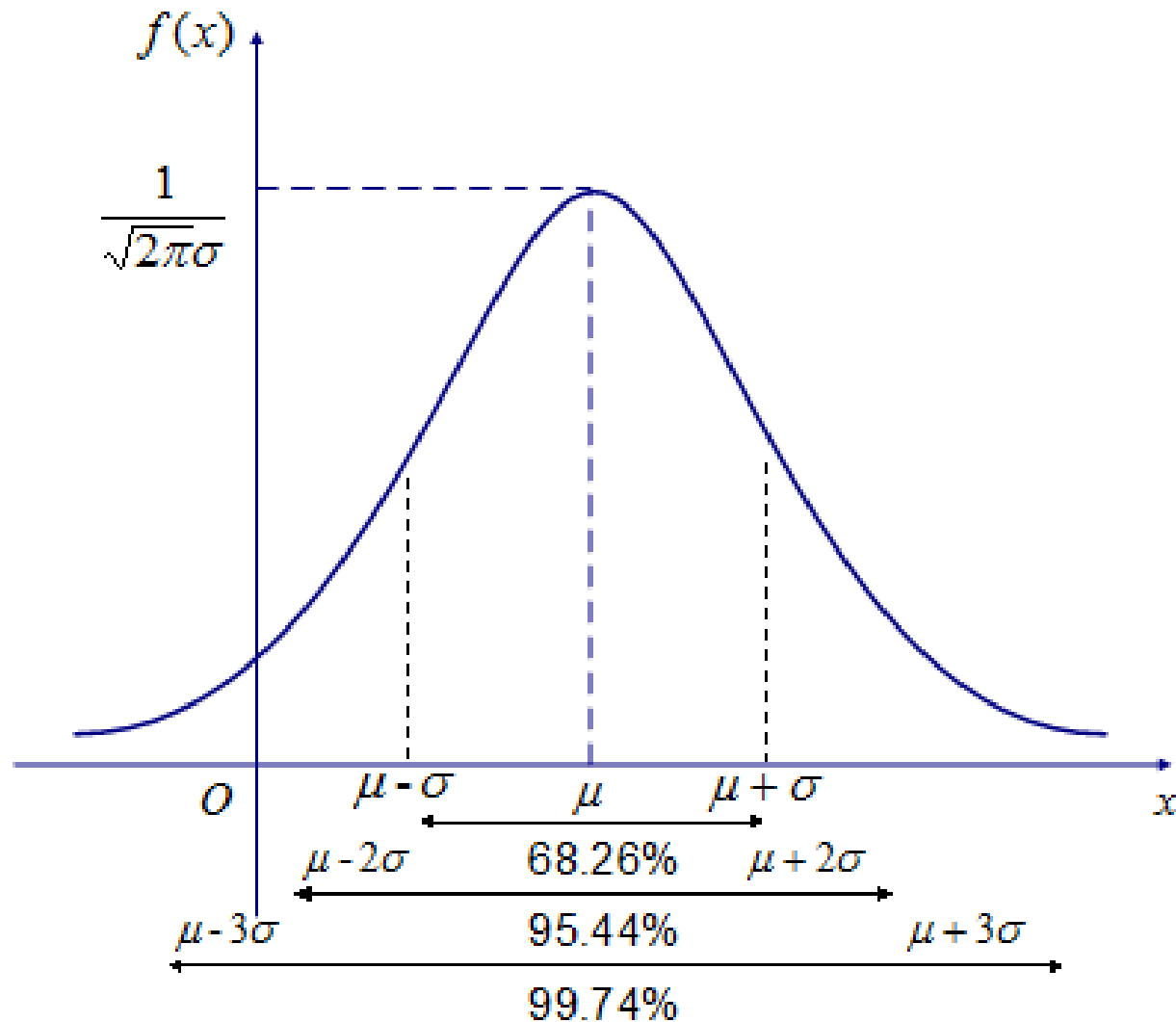
Gaussian Distribution

The μ specifies the “location” of the Gaussian, while the σ controls the spread.

Example:



Gaussian Distribution



Bivariate Gaussian Distribution

- Univariate Gaussian Distribution:

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

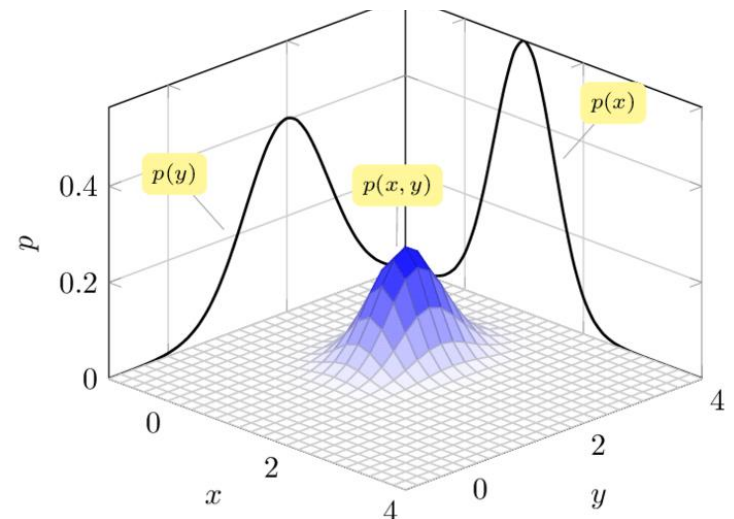
- Bivariate Gaussian Distribution:

- PDF:
$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) + \left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2 \right]}$$

ρ is the correlation of X and Y.

$$\rho = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} \quad -1 < \rho < 1$$

$$f(x, y) = f_x(x)f_y(y), \quad \text{if } \rho = 0$$



Conditional Distribution of Bivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y|X=x}(y | X = x) &= \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} \quad -\infty < y < \infty \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1-\rho^2)}\sigma_Y} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)\sigma_Y^2} \left(y - \mu_Y - \frac{\rho\sigma_Y(X-\mu_X)}{\sigma_X} \right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(Y | X = x) \sim N \left(\mu_Y + \frac{\rho\sigma_Y(x - \mu_X)}{\sigma_X}, (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2 \right)$$

Marginal Distribution of Bivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) + \left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2 \right]} dy \\ &= \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_X} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right)^2} \quad -\infty < x < \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$X \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2) \quad \text{and} \quad Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$$

Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- Multivariate Gaussian Distribution:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})}$$

\mathbf{x} is a vector, $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ is the mean vector and Σ is the **covariance matrix**

$$\Sigma_{i,j} = \text{cov}(X_i, X_j) = E[(X_i - E[X_i])(X_j - E[X_j])^\top]$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

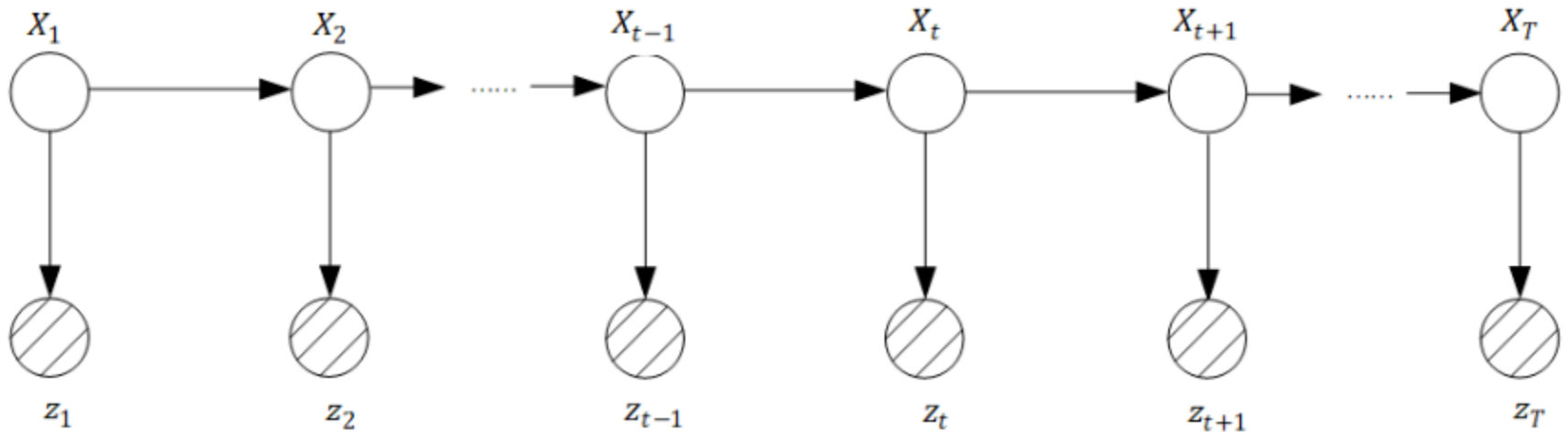
▪ In the bivariate case:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of covariance matrix: $|\Sigma| = \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)$

Inverse of covariance matrix: $\Sigma^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_2^2 & -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{pmatrix}$

Kalman Filters



X_t : continuous states, Z_t : observations.

- The linear assumption

$$X_{t+1} = AX_t + B + \epsilon$$

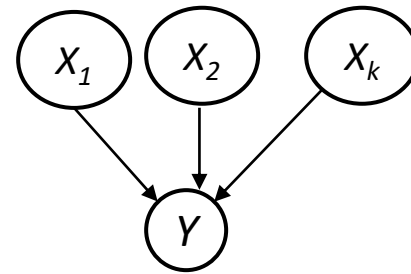
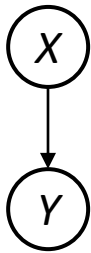
$$Z_{t+1} = HX_{t+1} + C + \delta$$

- The Gaussian noise Assumption

$$\epsilon \sim N(0, Q) \quad , \quad \delta \sim N(0, R)$$

Linear Gaussian Distribution

In BN, **Linear Gaussian distribution** is the Child random variable has a Gaussian distribution with **mean μ varies linearly** with the value of its parent, but **standard deviation σ is fixed**, i.e., Mean of Y is a linear combination of means of Gaussian parents.



$$P(Y | X) \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta X; \sigma^2)$$

$$P(Y | X_1, \dots, X_k) \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k; \sigma^2)$$

- All variables are Gaussian and all conditional probability distributions are linear Gaussian.

Kalman Filters

$$\begin{aligned} X_{t+1} &= AX_t + B + \epsilon \\ Z_{t+1} &= HX_{t+1} + C + \delta \end{aligned} \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, Q) \quad , \quad \delta \sim N(0, R)$$

- Transition model

$$P(X_{t+1}|X_t) \sim N (AX_t + B, Q)$$

Sensor/emission model

$$P(Z_{t+1}|X_{t+1}) \sim N (HX_{t+1} + C, R)$$

Kalman Filters – Two steps

- Prediction

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) d\mathbf{x}_t$$

Recall in LE16 $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$

- If the current distribution $P(\mathbf{X}_t \mid \mathbf{z}_{1:t})$ is Gaussian and the transition model $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)$ is linear–Gaussian, then prediction is Gaussian distribution.

Kalman Filters – Two steps

- Update

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{z}_{1:t+1}) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{z}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{z}_{1:t})$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) = \alpha \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{e}_{1:t})}_{\text{Update}}$$

- If the prediction is Gaussian and the sensor model is linear–Gaussian, then, after conditioning on the new evidence, the updated distribution is also Gaussian.

Kalman Filters

- Given the properties,
 - If we start with a Gaussian prior , filtering with a linear–Gaussian model produces a Gaussian state distribution for all time.
 - The mapping from one Gaussian to another is computing a new mean and covariance matrix from previous mean and covariance matrix.

A 1-dimensional Example

- Given continuous state variable X_t ,
a noisy observation variable Z_t

Transition model:

$$P(X_{t+1}|X_t) \sim N(AX_t + B, Q)$$

$$P(X_{t+1}|X_t) \sim N(X_t, Q) \quad \text{When } A = I \text{ and } B = 0, Q \text{ reduce to } X\text{'s variance.}$$

$$f(x_{t+1} | x_t) = \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x_{t+1} - x_t)^2}{\sigma_x^2} \right)}$$

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

A 1-dimensional Example

- Given continuous state variable X_t ,
a noisy observation variable Z_t

Sensor model:

$$P(Z_{t+1}|X_{t+1}) \sim N(HX_{t+1} + C, R)$$

$$P(Z_{t+1}|X_{t+1}) \sim N(X_{t+1}, R)$$

When $H=I$ and $C=0$, R reduce to Z 's variance.

$$f(z_t | x_t) = \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(z_t - x_t)^2}{\sigma_z^2} \right)}$$

A 1-dimensional Example

Transition model: $f(x_{t+1} | x_t) = \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x_{t+1} - x_t)^2}{\sigma_x^2} \right)}$

Sensor model: $f(z_t | x_t) = \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(z_t - x_t)^2}{\sigma_z^2} \right)}$

Prior: $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_0) \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0), \quad f(x_0) = \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x_0 - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma_0^2} \right)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x_1) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x_1 | x_0) P(x_0) dx_0 \quad \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x_1 - x_0)^2}{\sigma_x^2} \right)} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x_0 - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma_0^2} \right)} dx_0 \\
 &= \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(c - \frac{b^2}{4a} \right)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(a \left(x_0 - \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 \right)} dx_0 \\
 &= \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(c - \frac{b^2}{4a} \right)} = \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_x^2} \right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = (\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_x^2)/(\sigma_0^2 \sigma_x^2), \quad b = -2(\sigma_0^2 x_1 + \sigma_x^2 \mu_0)/(\sigma_0^2 \sigma_x^2) \quad c = (\sigma_0^2 x_1^2 + \sigma_x^2 \mu_0^2)/(\sigma_0^2 \sigma_x^2)$$

A 1-dimensional Example

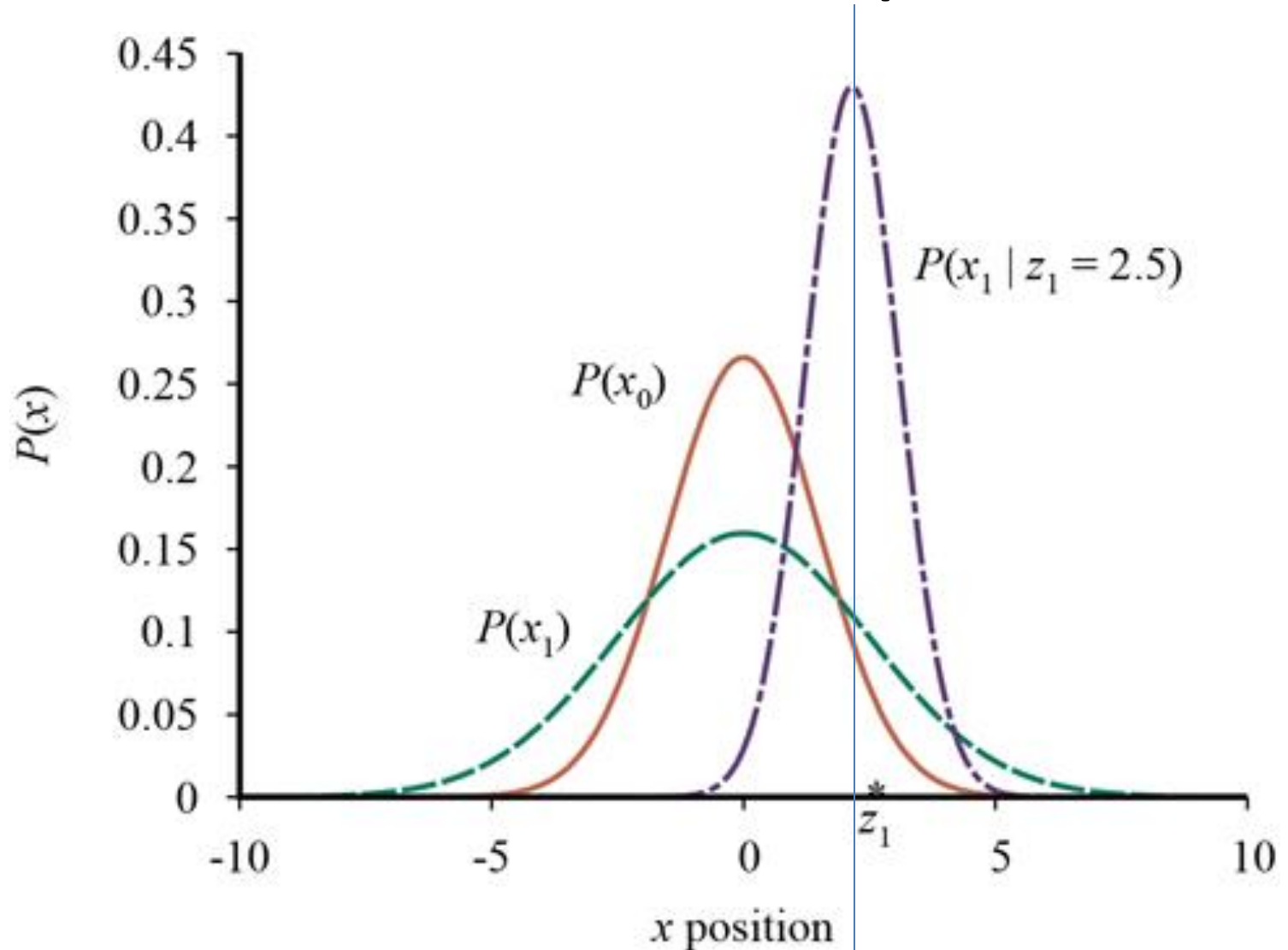
$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1|z_1) &= \alpha f(z_1|x_1)f(x_1) \\ &= \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(z_1-x_1)^2}{\sigma_z^2}\right)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(x_1-\mu_0)^2}{\sigma_0^2+\sigma_x^2}\right)} \\ &\quad e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\left(x_1-\frac{(\sigma_0^2+\sigma_x^2)z_1+\sigma_z^2\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2+\sigma_x^2+\sigma_z^2}\right)^2}{(\sigma_0^2+\sigma_x^2)\sigma_z^2/(\sigma_0^2+\sigma_x^2+\sigma_z^2)}\right)} \\ &= \alpha e \end{aligned}$$

We see that the new mean and standard deviation can be calculated from the old mean and standard deviation:

$$\mu_{t+1} = \frac{(\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2)z_{t+1} + \sigma_z^2\mu_t}{\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_z^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{t+1}^2 = \frac{(\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2)\sigma_z^2}{\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_z^2}$$

The exponent is a **quadratic** form which is the key property to help filtering preserves the Gaussian nature of the state distribution.

A 1-dimensional Example



General case

$$f(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = N(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}; \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_t, \Sigma_x)$$

$$f(\mathbf{z}_t|\mathbf{x}_t) = N(\mathbf{z}_t; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_t, \Sigma_z)$$

\mathbf{F} and Σ_x are matrices describing the linear transition model and transition noise covariance, and \mathbf{H} and Σ_z are the corresponding matrices for the sensor model.

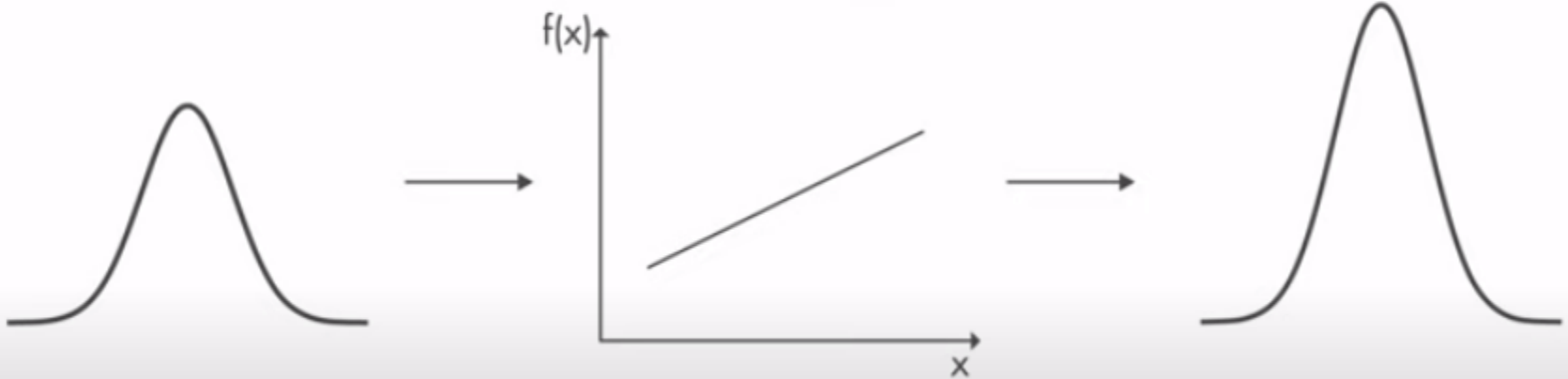
$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{t+1} &= \mathbf{F}\mu_t + \mathbf{K}_{t+1}(\mathbf{z}_{t+1} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{F}\mu_t) \\ \Sigma_{t+1} &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_{t+1}\mathbf{H})(\mathbf{F}\Sigma_t\mathbf{F}^\top + \Sigma_x)\end{aligned}$$

Kalman gain matrix

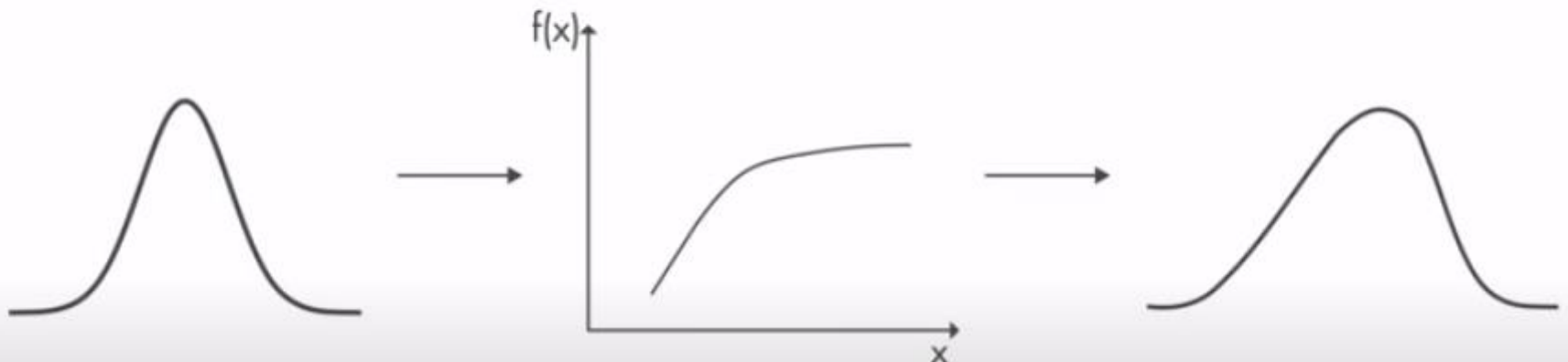
$$\mathbf{K}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{F}\Sigma_t\mathbf{F}^\top + \Sigma_x)\mathbf{H}^\top(\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{F}\Sigma_t\mathbf{F}^\top + \Sigma_x)\mathbf{H}^\top + \Sigma_z)^{-1}$$

Kalman Filters

Linear transformation



Nonlinear transformation



Kalman Filters

Problem: The assumptions made—a linear Gaussian transition and sensor models—are very strong.

- Extended Kalman filter (EKF):
modelling the system as locally linear in X_t in a region of $X_t = \mu_t$
- Switching Kalman filter:
multiple Kalman filters run in parallel, each using a different model of the system