
Cognitive Robotics

02. Bayes Filters & Kalman Filters

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Previous Lecture

- ✓ Basic laws of probabilities

- Bayes rule

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_x P(x) &= 1 \\ P(x) &= \sum_y P(x, y) \\ P(x, y) &= P(x / y) P(y) \end{aligned}$$

- Conditional independence

$$P(x, y | z) = P(x | z)P(y | z)$$



- Recursive Bayesian update to incorporate observations

- **Markov assumption:** Measurements z_i independent when state x is known

$$P(x | z_1, \dots, z_n) = \eta_{1\dots n} \prod_{i=1\dots n} P(z_i | x) P(x)$$

Example again: Incorporating a Measurement

- $P(z|open) = 0.6 \quad P(z|\neg open) = 0.3$
- $P(open) = P(\neg open) = 0.5$

$$P(open | z) = \frac{P(z | open)P(open)}{P(z | open)p(open)+P(z | \neg open)p(\neg open)}$$
$$P(open | z) = \frac{0.6 \cdot 0.5}{0.6 \cdot 0.5 + 0.3 \cdot 0.5} = \frac{0.3}{0.3 + 0.15} = 0.67$$

- z increases the probability that the door is open.

Example again: Incorporating a Measurement



- $P(z_2/\text{open}) = 0.5$ $P(z_2/\neg\text{open}) = 0.6$
- $P(\text{open}/z_1) = 2/3$

$$P(\text{open} | z_2, z_1) = \frac{P(z_2 | \text{open}) P(\text{open} | z_1)}{P(z_2 | \text{open}) P(\text{open} | z_1) + P(z_2 | \neg\text{open}) P(\neg\text{open} | z_1)}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{5}{8} = 0.625$$

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- z_2 lowers the probability that the door is open.

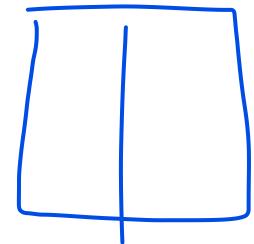
Actions



- Often the world is **dynamic** since
 - **actions carried out by the robot,**
 - **actions carried out by other agents,**
 - or just the **time** passing by change the world.
- How can we **incorporate** such **actions?**

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Typical Actions

- The robot **turns its wheels** to move
- The robot **uses its manipulator** to grasp an object
- Plants grow over **time**...
- Actions are **never carried out with absolute certainty.**
- In contrast to **measurements**, **actions generally increase the uncertainty.**



errors in sensors is usually less than the actuators.

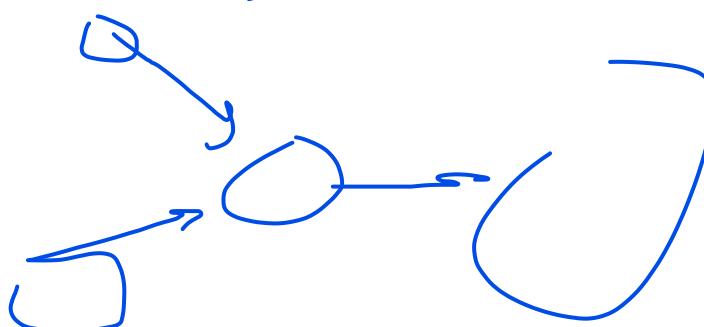


Modeling Actions

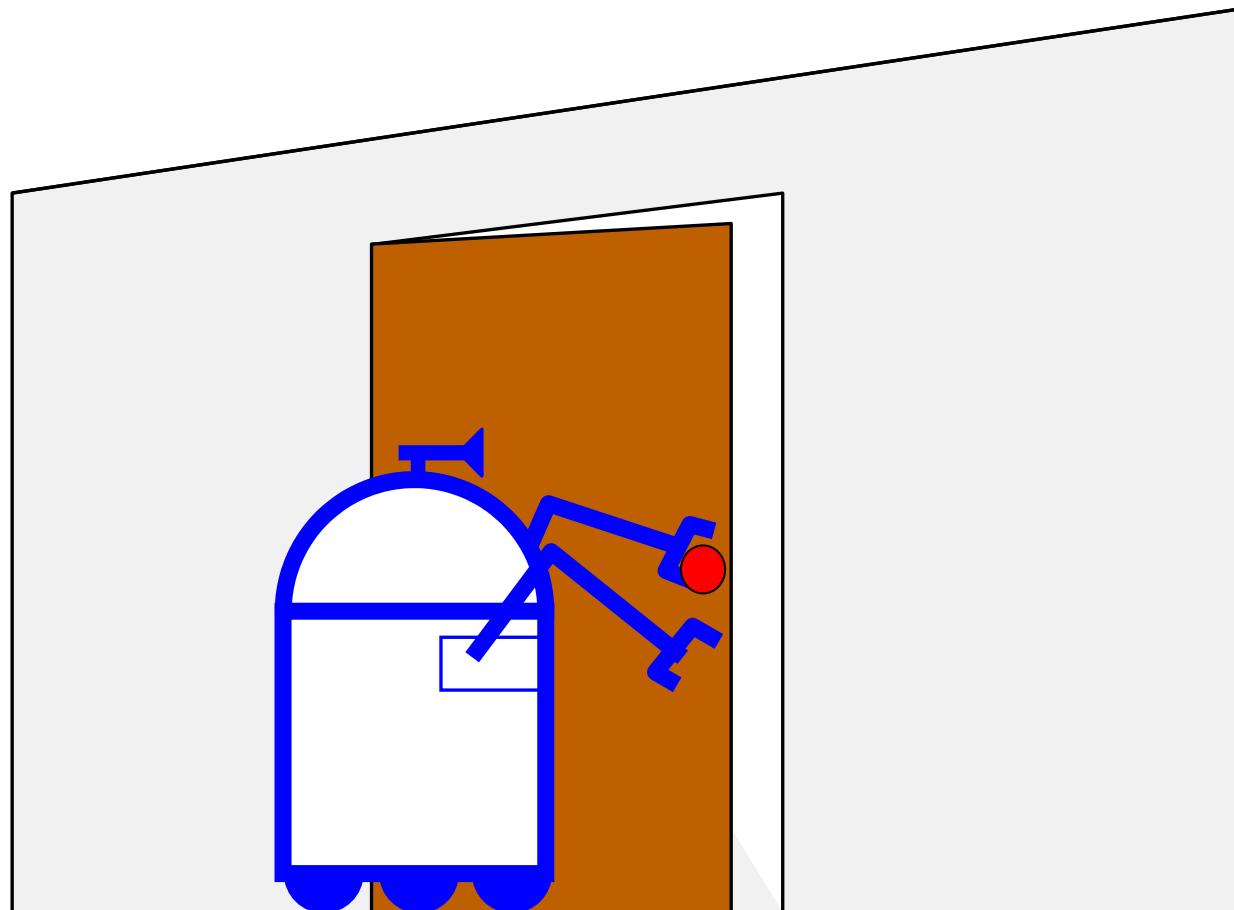
- To incorporate the outcome of an action u into the current “belief”, we use the conditional probability density function

$$P(x | (u, x'))$$

- This term specifies the probability distribution that **executing u changes the state from x' to x .**

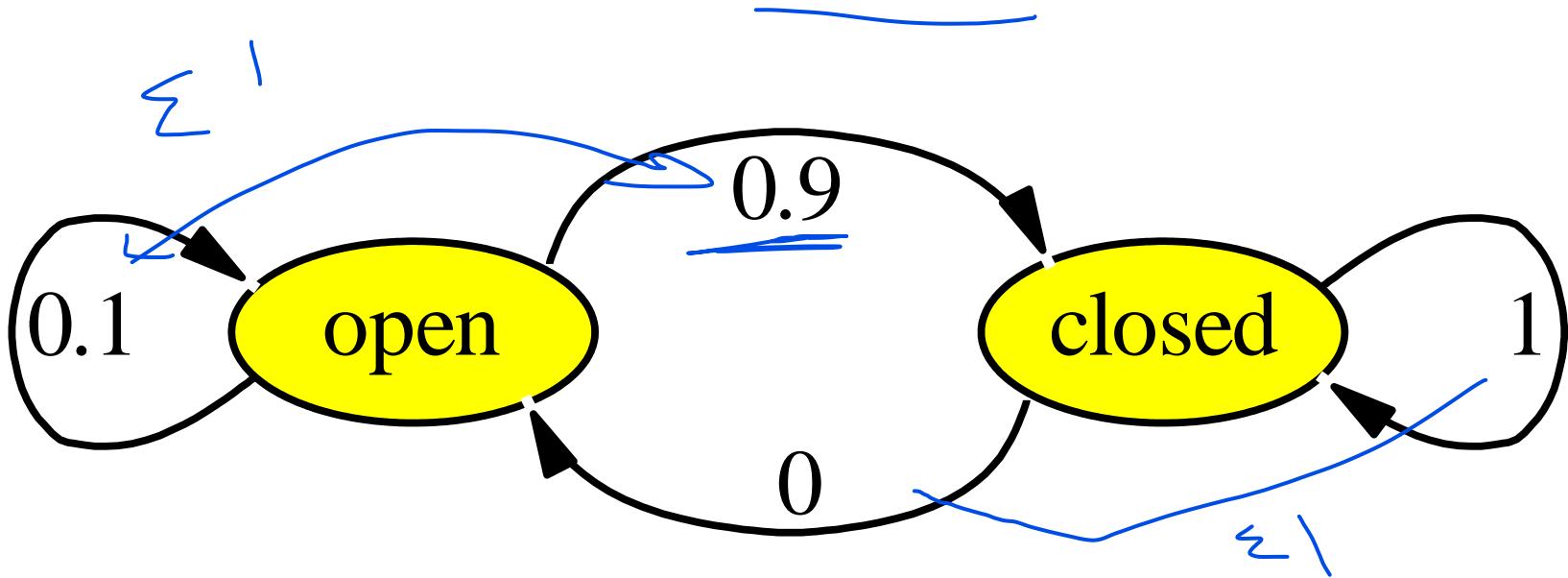


Example: Closing the door



State Transitions

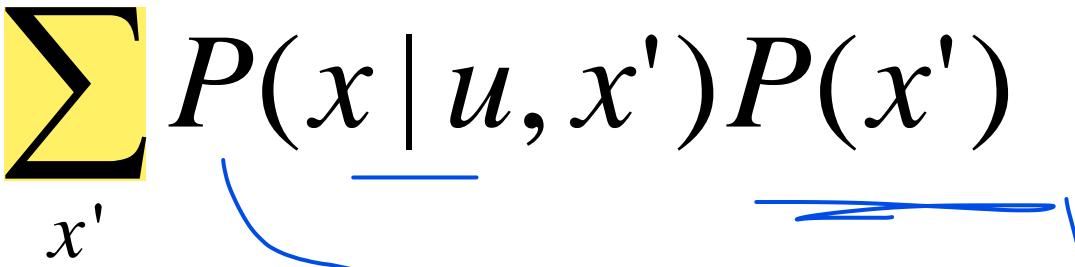
$P(x | u, x')$ for $u = \text{"close door"}$:



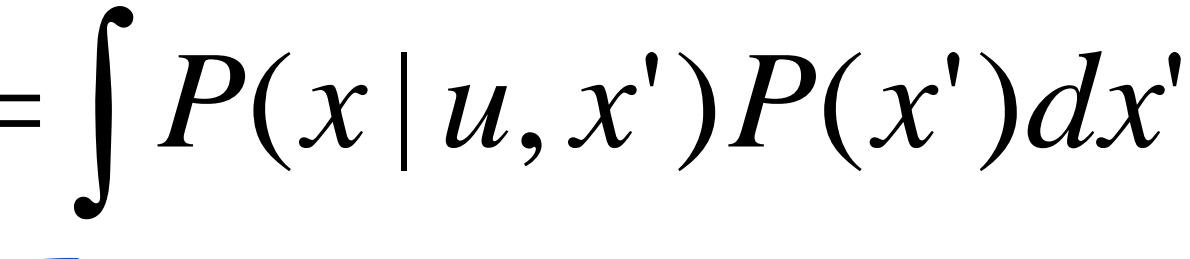
If the door is open, the action "close door" succeeds in 90% of all cases.

Integrating the Outcome of Actions

Discrete case:

$$P(\underline{x} | u) = \sum_{x'} P(\underline{x} | u, x') P(x')$$


Continuous case:

$$\underline{P(x | u)} = \int P(x | u, x') P(x') dx'$$


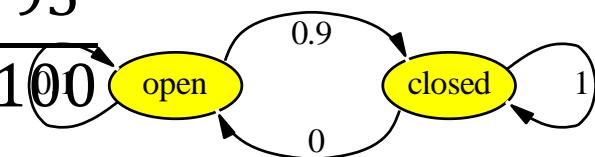
Example: The Resulting Belief (assuming no prior belief)

$$P(\text{closed}|u) = \sum_{x'} P(\text{closed}|u, x') P(x')$$

$$= P(\text{closed}|u, \text{open}) P(\text{open})$$

$$+ P(\text{closed}|u, \text{closed}) P(\text{closed})$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{9}{10} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{1} * \frac{1}{2} = \frac{95}{100}$$



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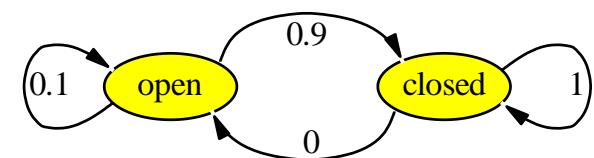
$$+ P(\text{open}|u, \text{closed}) P(\text{closed})$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{10} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{0}{1} * \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{closed}|u)$$

Example: The Resulting Belief (based on the belief after incorporating measurement)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{P(\text{closed}|u, z_1, z_2)} &= \sum_{x'} P(\text{closed}|u, x') P(x'|z_1, z_2) \\ &= P(\text{closed}|u, \text{open}) P(\text{open}|z_1, z_2) \\ &\quad + P(\text{closed}|u, \text{closed}) P(\text{closed}|z_1, z_2) \\ &\Rightarrow = \frac{9}{10} * \frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{1} * \frac{3}{8} = \frac{15}{16} \end{aligned}$$



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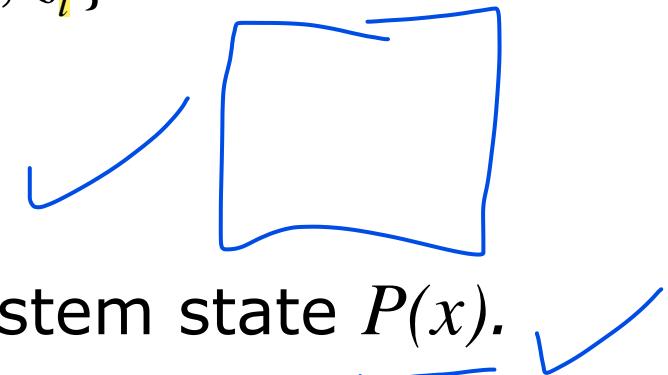
Bayes Filters: Framework

- **Given:**

- Stream of observations z and action data u :

$$d_t = \{u_1, z_1 \dots, u_t, z_t\}$$

- **Sensor model** $P(z | x)$.
 - **Action model** $P(x | u, x')$.
 - **Prior** probability of the system state $P(x)$.

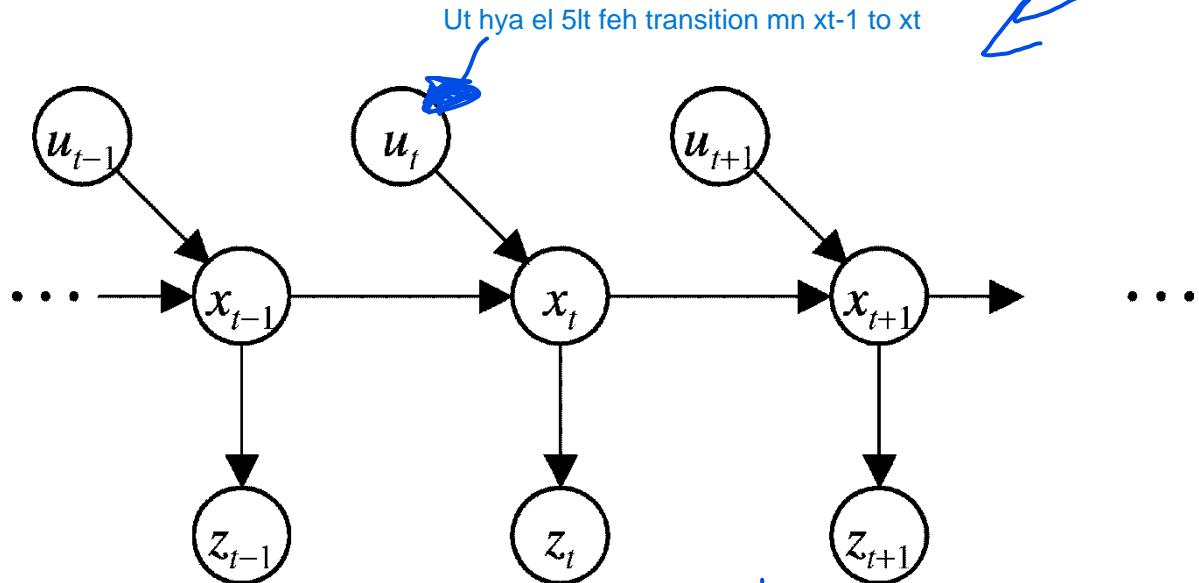


- **Wanted:**

- Estimate of the **state** x of a dynamical system.
 - The posterior of the state is also called **Belief**:

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

Markov Assumption



$$p(z_t \mid x_{0:t}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = p(z_t \mid x_t)$$

$$p(x_t \mid x_{0:t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) = p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)$$

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each state depends only on the previous state.

z = observation
 u = action
 x = state

Bayes Filters

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

$P(X|Y) = P(Y|X) P(X) / P(Y)$

Bayes

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

Markov

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

Total prob.

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

$$\cancel{P(x_{t-1} | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t) dx_{t-1}}$$

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Markov

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

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

Bayes Filter Interpretation

- Prediction

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

- Correction

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

Bayes Filter Algorithm

1. Algorithm **Bayes_filter**($Bel(x)$, d):
2. $\eta = 0$
3. If d is a **perceptual** data item z then
 4. For all x do
 5. $Bel'(x) = P(z | x)Bel(x)$
 6. $\eta = \eta + Bel'(x)$
 7. For all x do
 8. $Bel'(x) = \eta^{-1}Bel'(x)$
 9. Else if d is an **action** data item u then
 10. For all x do
 11. $Bel'(x) = \int P(x | u, x') Bel(x') dx'$
 12. Return $Bel'(x)$

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

Bayes Filters come in many forms

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

- Kalman Filters
- Particle Filters
- Hidden Markov Models
- Dynamic Bayesian Networks
- Partially Observable Markov Decision Processes (POMDPs)

Bayes filters are a versatile tool for estimating the state of dynamic systems.

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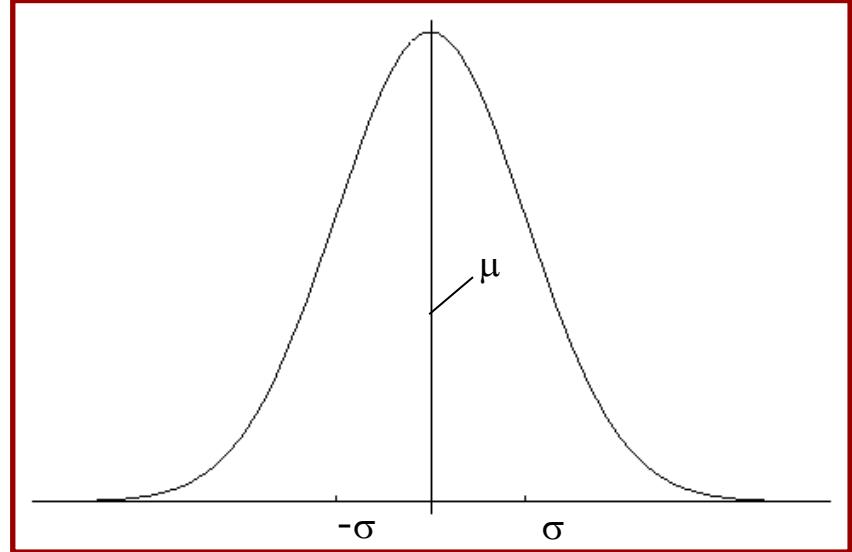
Kalman Filter

Gaussians

$p(x) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$:

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

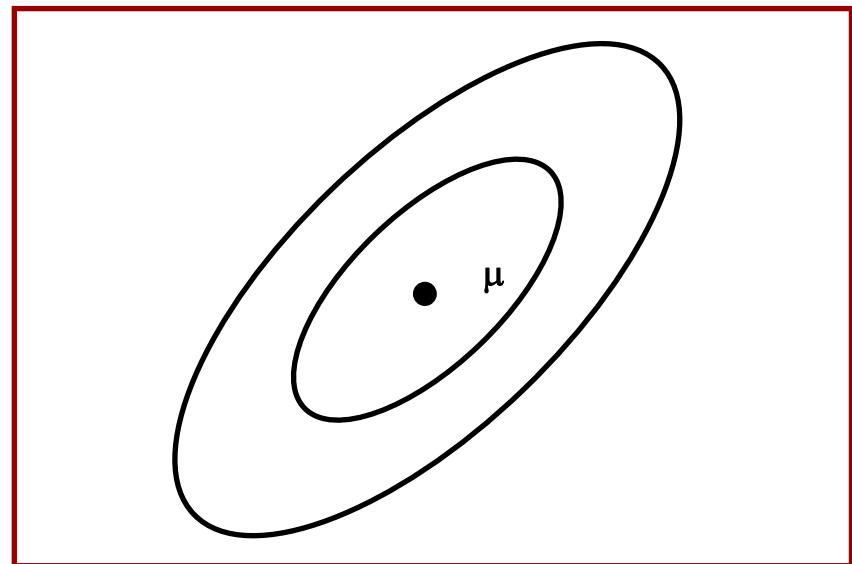
Univariate



$p(\mathbf{x}) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})}$$

Multivariate



Properties of Gaussians

Linear transformation:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ Y = aX + b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

Multiplication:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left(\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_2, \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}}\right)$$

Multivariate Gaussians

Linear transformation:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \\ Y = AX + B \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Y \sim N(A\mu + B, A\Sigma A^T)$$

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- We **stay** in the “**Gaussian world**” as long as we start with Gaussians and perform only **linear transformations**.

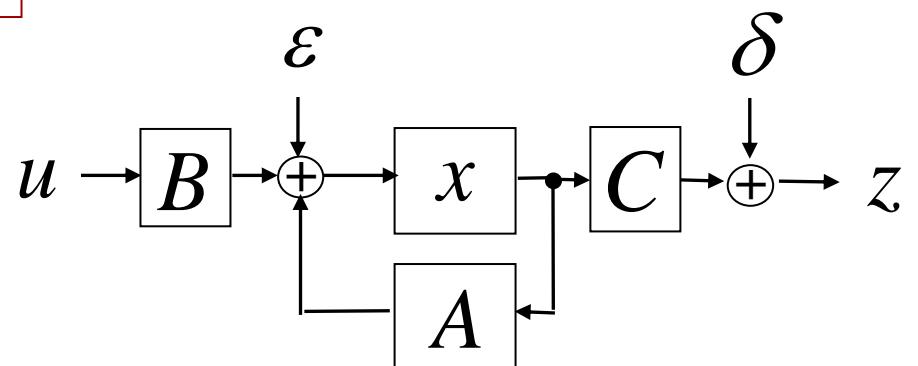
Discrete Kalman Filter

Estimates the state x of a discrete-time controlled process that is governed by the **linear stochastic difference equation**

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

with a measurement

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$



Components of a Kalman Filter

A_t

Matrix ($n \times n$) that describes how the state evolves from $t-1$ to t without controls or noise.

B_t

Matrix ($n \times l$) that describes how the control u_t changes the state from $t-1$ to t .

C_t

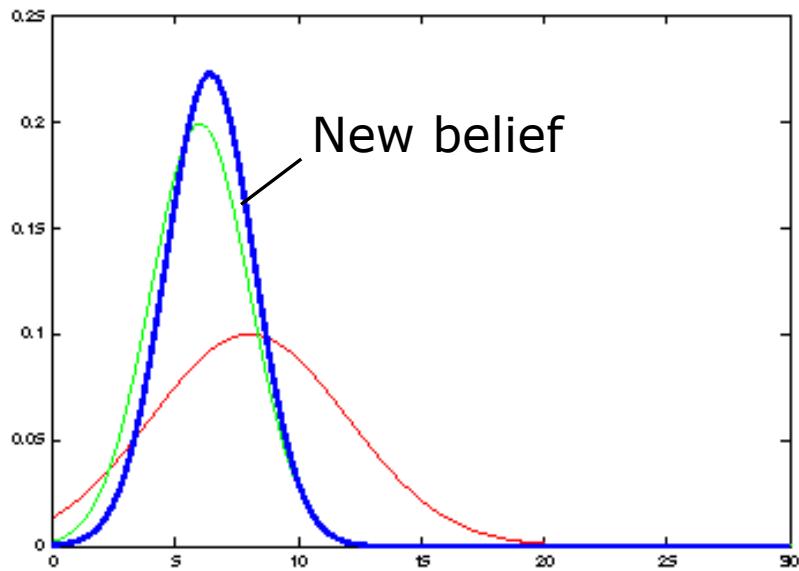
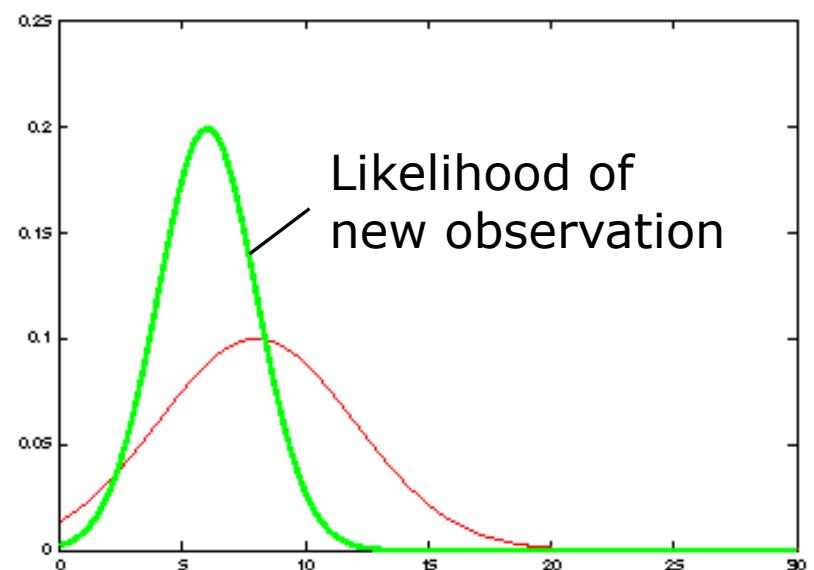
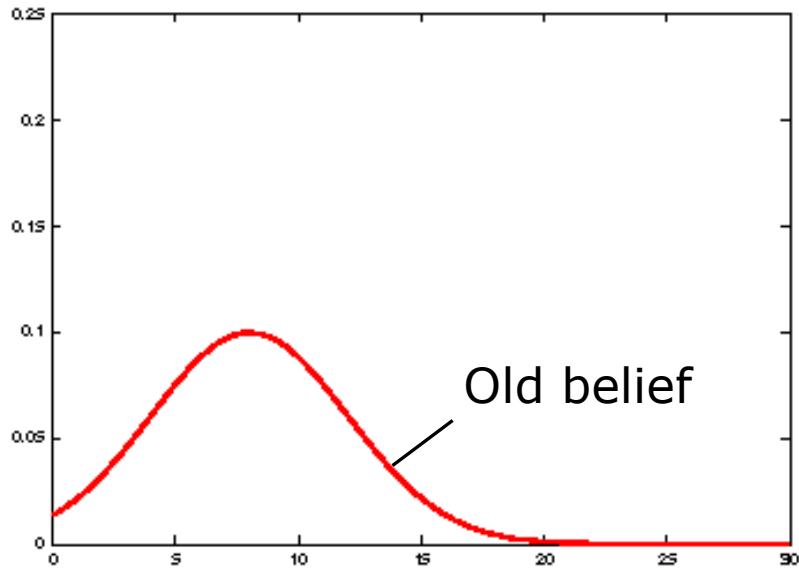
Matrix ($k \times n$) that describes how to map the state x_t to an observation z_t .

ε_t

Random variables representing the process and measurement noise that are assumed to be independent and normally distributed with covariance R_t and Q_t , respectively.

δ_t

Kalman Filter: Correction Update



Kalman Filter: Correction Updates

Direct measurement of state:

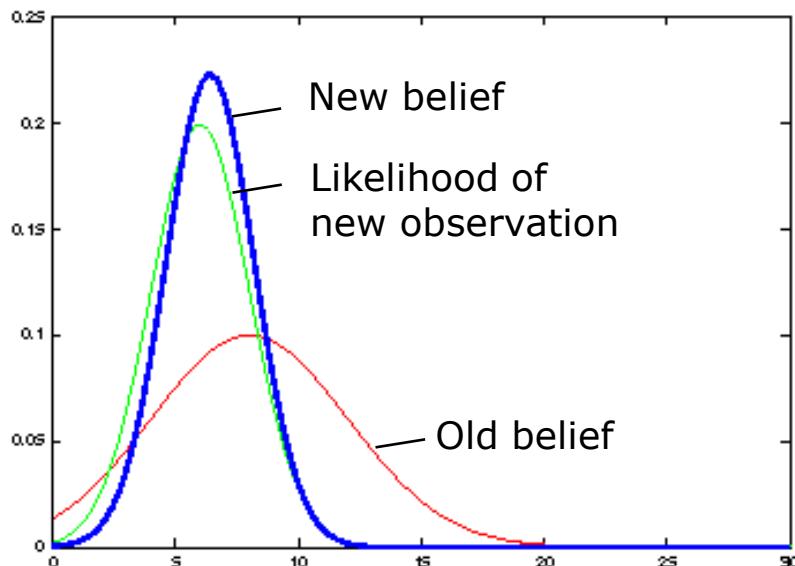
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Indirect measurement of state through C :

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$$bel(x_t) = \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) \\ \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$$



- **Effect of measurement z**

Kalman Filter: Prediction Updates

Effect of action u

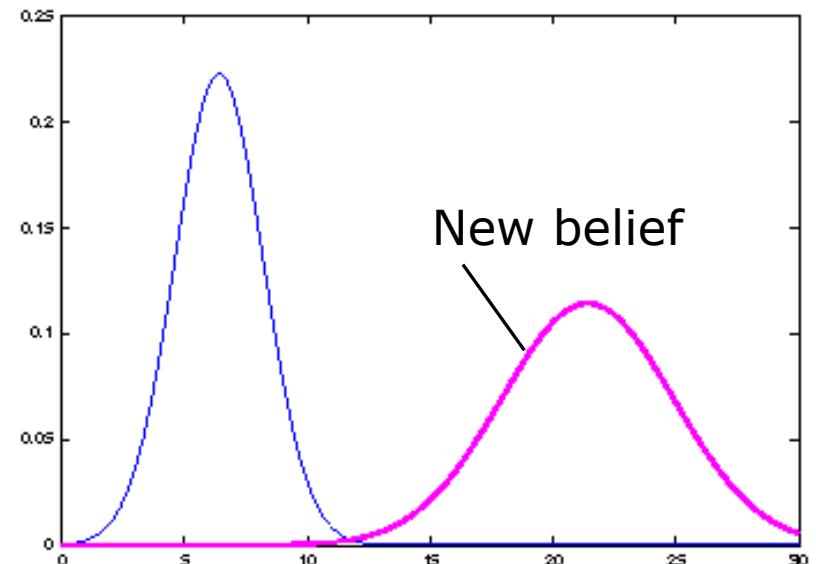
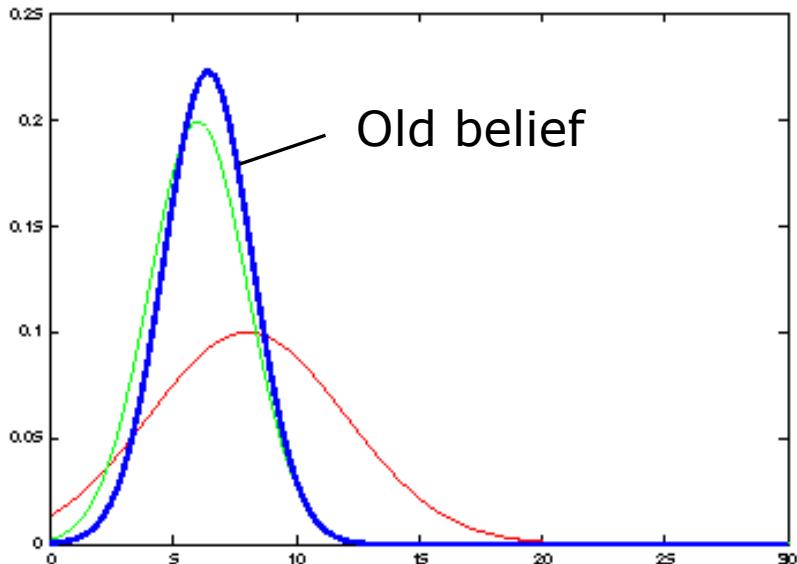
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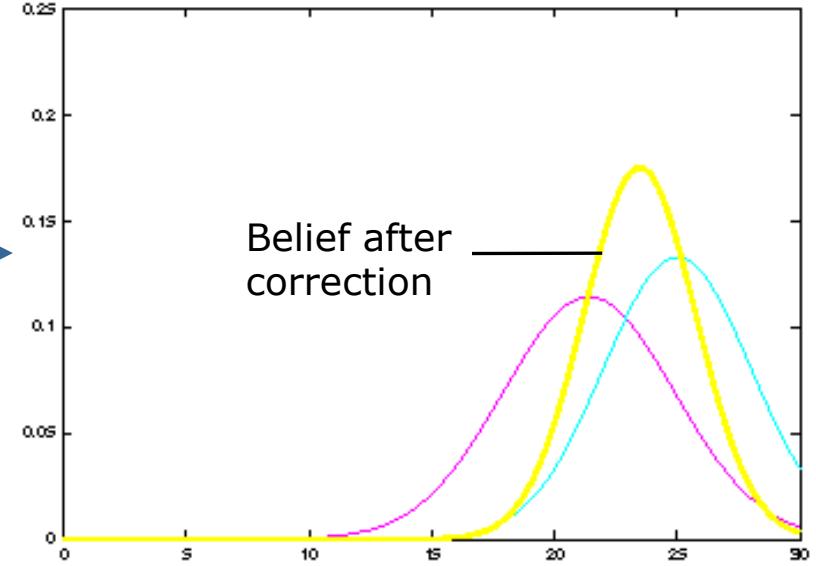
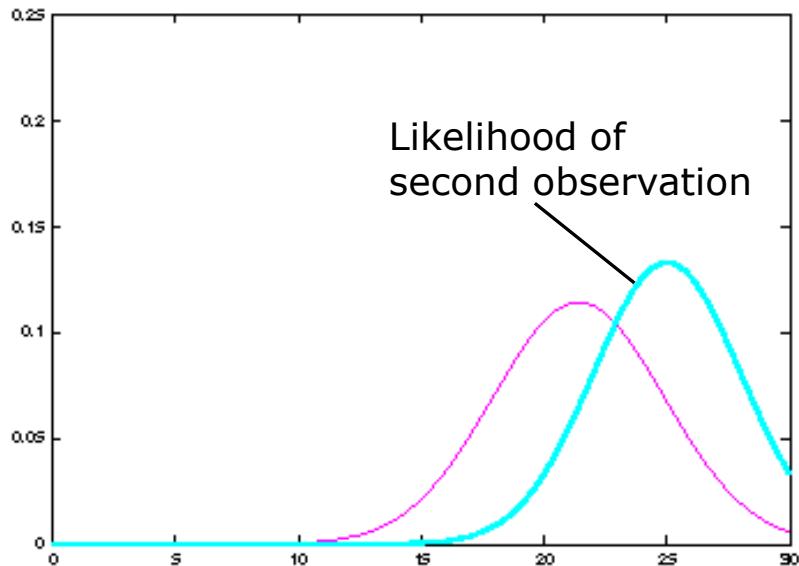
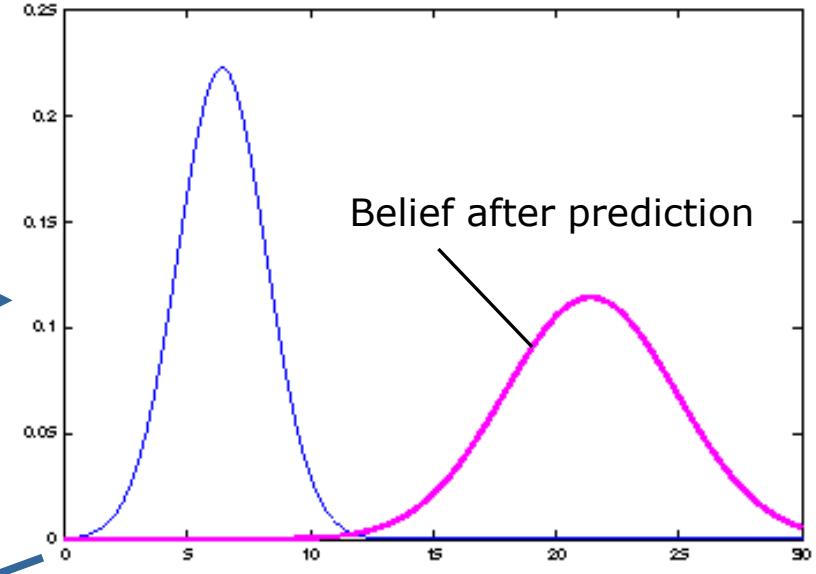
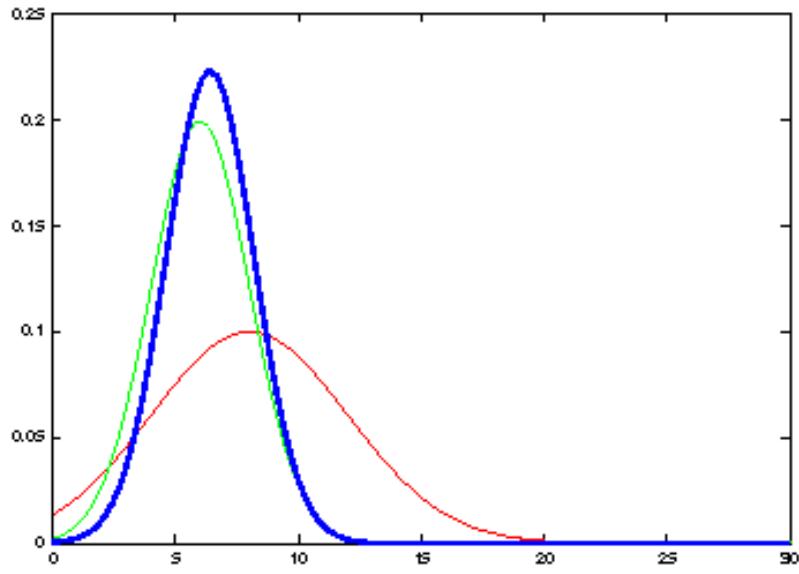
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multi-D

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \begin{cases} \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t \\ \bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t \end{cases}$$



Kalman Filter: Combined Updates



Linear Gaussian Systems: Initialization

- Initial belief is normally distributed:

$$bel(x_0) = N(x_0; \mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

Linear Gaussian Systems: Dynamics

- Dynamics are linear function of state and control plus additive noise:

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

$$p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) = N(x_t; A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t, R_t)$$

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



$$\sim N(x_t; A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t, R_t) \quad \sim N(x_{t-1}; \mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1})$$

Linear Gaussian Systems: Dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1}) \right\} dx_{t-1} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Gaussian Systems: Observations

- Observations are linear function of state plus additive noise:

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$

$$p(z_t | x_t) = N(z_t; C_t x_t, Q_t)$$

$$bel(x_t) = \eta p(z_t | x_t)$$



$$\overline{bel}(x_t)$$



$$\sim N(z_t; C_t x_t, Q_t)$$

$$\sim N(x_t; \bar{\mu}_t, \bar{\Sigma}_t)$$

Linear Gaussian Systems: Observations

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

$$\Downarrow \qquad \qquad \Downarrow$$

$$\sim N(z_t; C_t x_t, Q_t) \quad \sim N(x_t; \bar{\mu}_t, \bar{\Sigma}_t)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$bel(x_t) = \eta \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_t - C_t x_t)^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - C_t x_t)\right\} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)^T \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)\right\}$$

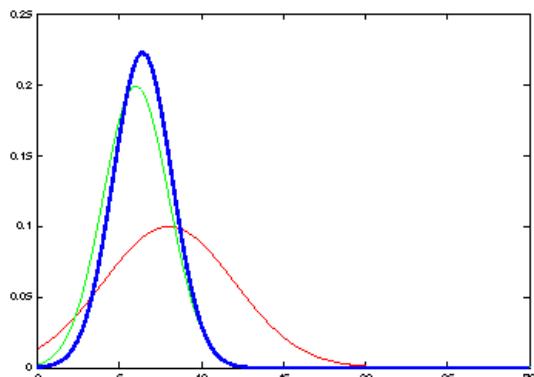
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Kalman Filter Algorithm

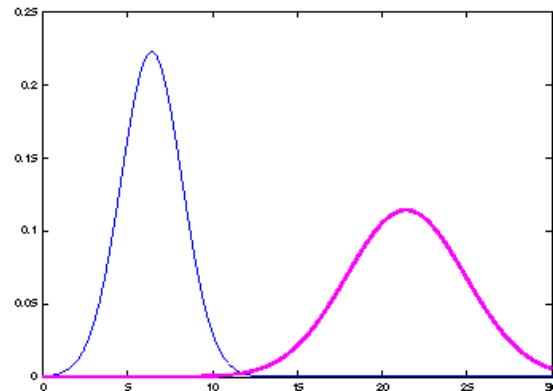
1. Algorithm **Kalman_filter**(μ_{t-1} , Σ_{t-1} , u_t , z_t):
2. Prediction:
3. $\bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$ // apply motion model
4. $\bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t$
5. Correction:
6. $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$ // compute Kalman gain
7. $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t)$ // compare expected with observed measurement
8. $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$
9. Return μ_t , Σ_t

The Prediction-Correction-Cycle

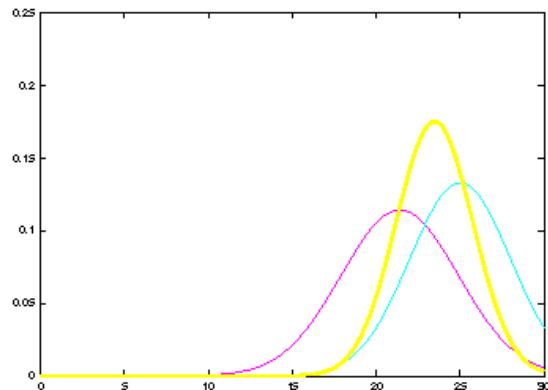
Prediction



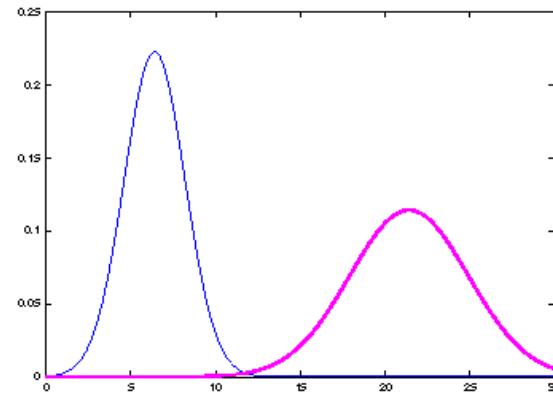
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The Prediction-Correction-Cycle



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Correction

The Prediction-Correction-Cycle



$$bel(x_t) = \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - \bar{\mu}_t), & K_t = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_t^2}{\bar{\sigma}_t^2 + \bar{\sigma}_{obs,t}^2} \\ \sigma_t^2 = (1 - K_t)\bar{\sigma}_t^2 & \end{cases}$$

1D

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \begin{cases} \bar{\mu}_t = a_t \mu_{t-1} + b_t u_t \\ \bar{\sigma}_t^2 = a_t^2 \sigma_t^2 + \sigma_{act,t}^2 \end{cases}$$

$$bel(x_t) = \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t), & K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1} \\ \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t & \end{cases}$$

multi-D

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \begin{cases} \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t \\ \bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t \end{cases}$$



Kalman Filter Example: Falling Mass

- Mass accelerated by gravity

$$\ddot{y}(t) = -g$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y}(t) = \dot{y}(t_0) - g(t - t_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = y(t_0) + \dot{y}(t_0)(t - t_0) - \frac{g}{2}(t - t_0)^2$$

- State consists of height and vertical speed

$$\mathbf{x}(k) \equiv [y(k) \quad \dot{y}(k)]$$

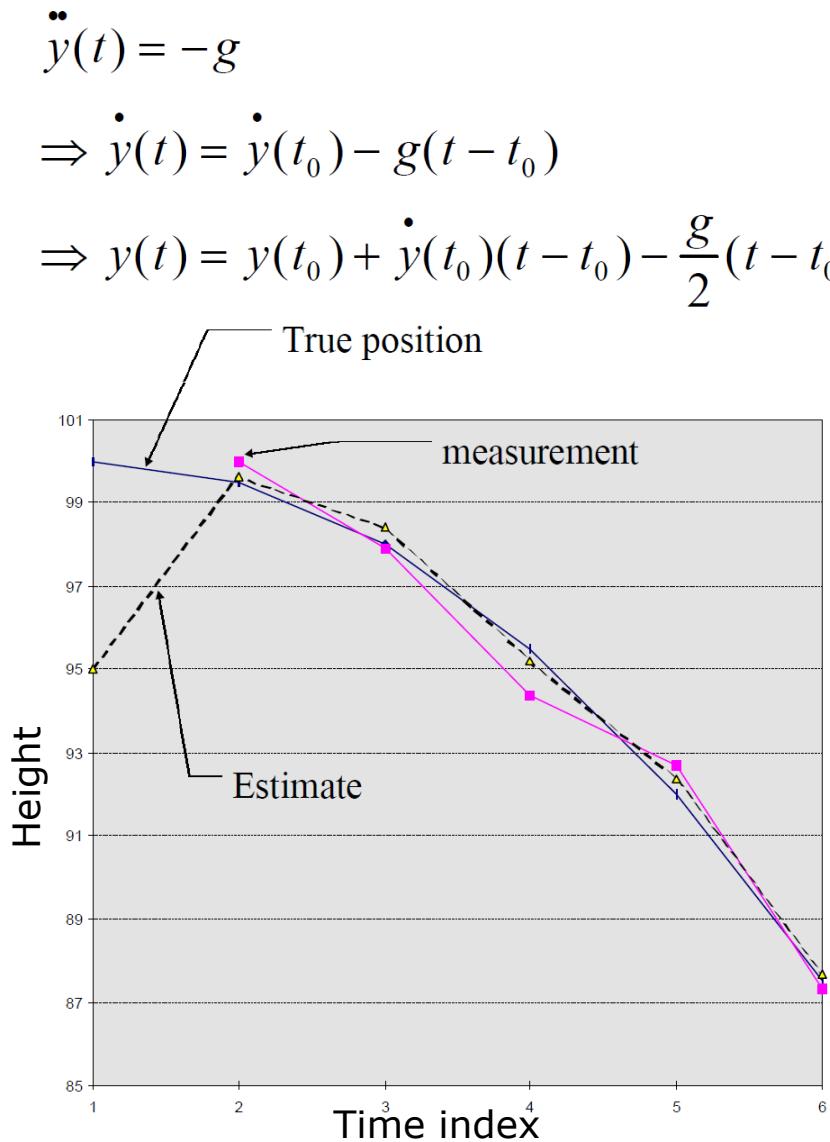
- Time increment of 1s

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} (-g)$$

- Measurement of height
- Initial state

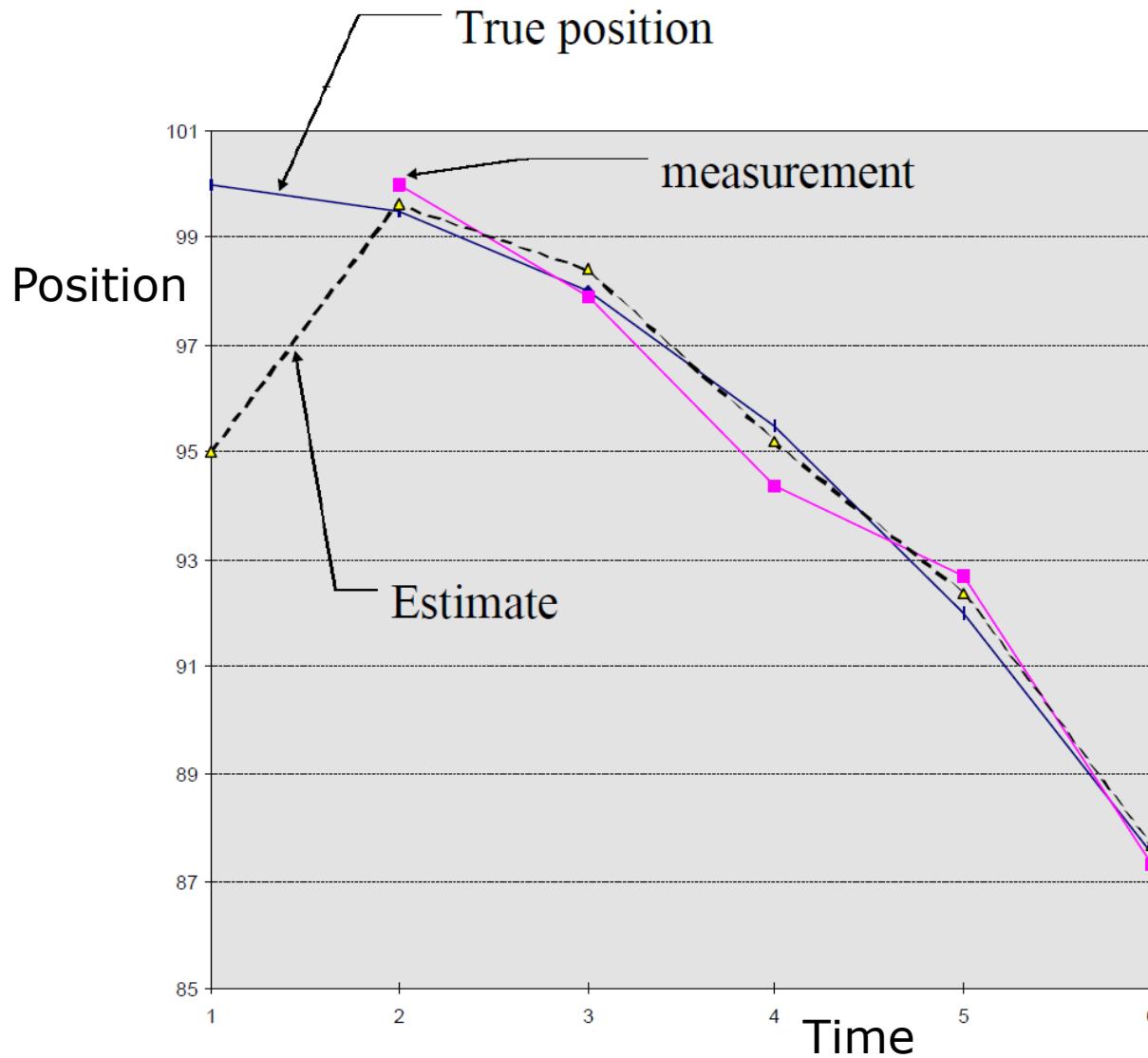
$$\mathbf{x}(0) = [95, 1]$$

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Kalman Filter Example: Falling Mass

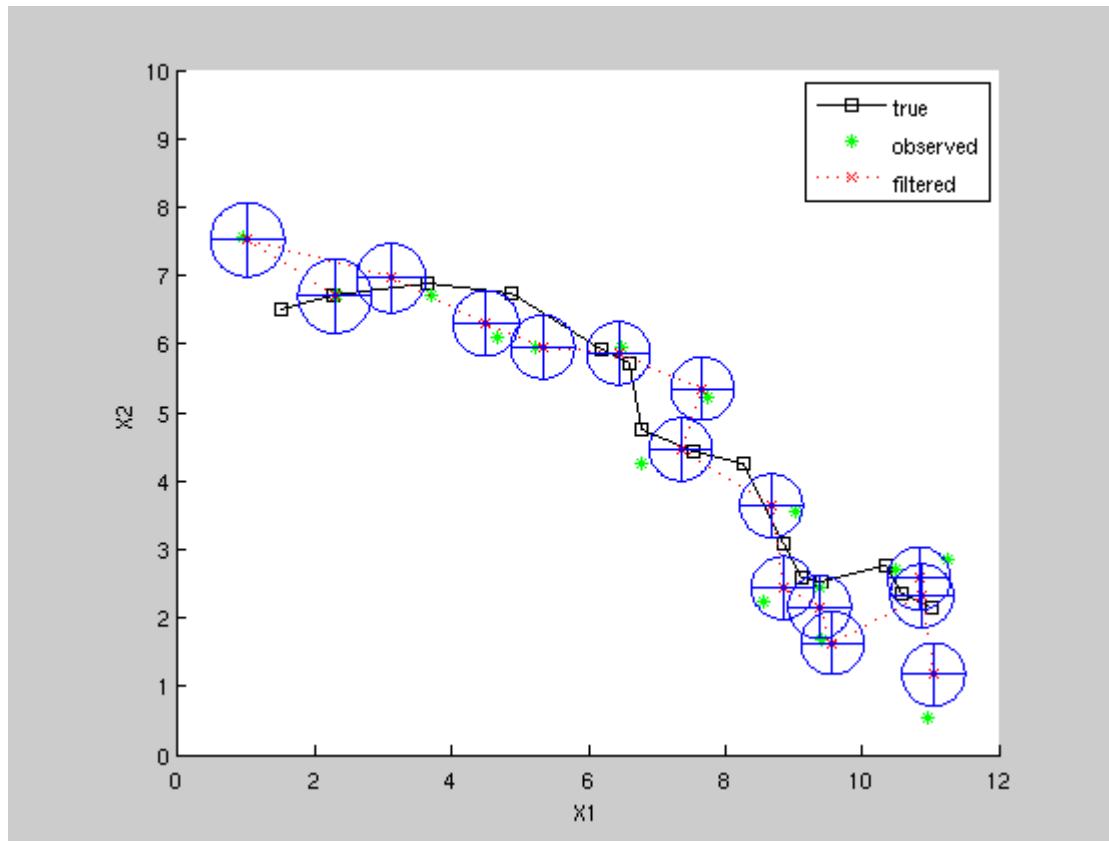
$Q=1, R=0$



$t=kT$	Estimates	
	Position	velocity
0	95.0	1.0
1	99.63	0.38
2	98.43	-1.16
3	95.21	-2.91
4	92.35	-3.70
5	87.68	-4.84

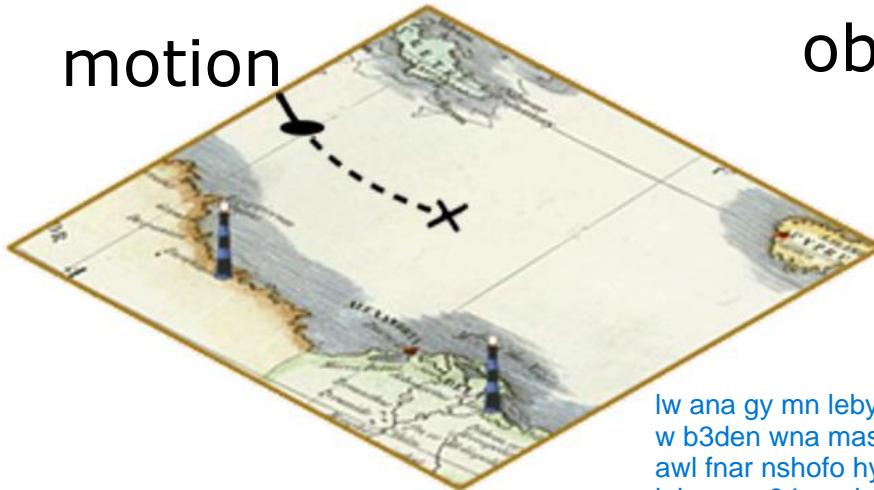
Example Kalman Filter

- Point moving on a plane with constant velocity + noise
- State: position, speed
- Observation: position only



Data Association Problem

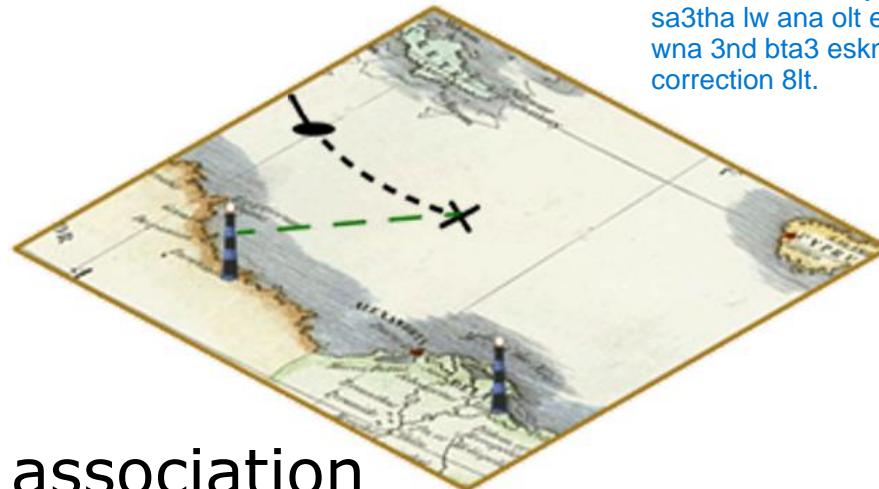
motion



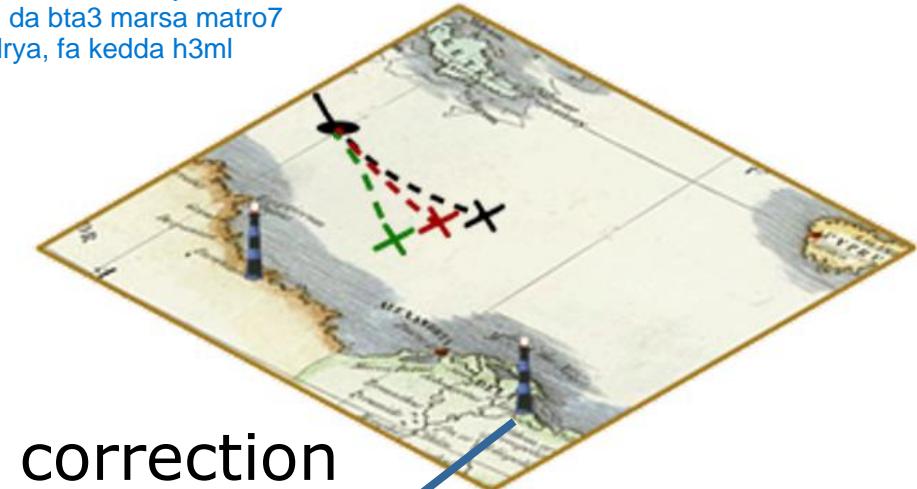
observation



Iw ana gy mn lebya, w mashy b safena,
w b3den wna mashy shoft fanar, el mfrod
awl fnar nshofo hykon bta3 marsa matro7
lakn ana 34an el denya mghyma kont 3det bta3 marsa matro7
w el fnar el odamy da bta3 eskndry bs ana msh 3aref,
sa3tha iw ana olt en da bta3 marsa matro7
wna 3nd bta3 eskndrya, fa kedda h3ml
correction 8lt.



association



correction

What happens when this lighthouse is assigned?

Kalman Filter Summary

- Highly efficient: Polynomial in measurement dimensionality k and state dimensionality n :
 $O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$
- Optimal for linear Gaussian systems!
- Most robotics systems are nonlinear!

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