

**Lecture 4:**  
**Random finite sets**  
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# **Section 1:**

## **Introduction to week 4**

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## PREVIOUS WEEK

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- **State is a matrix**

$$X_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k^1 & x_k^2 & \dots & x_k^n \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Number of objects,  $n$ , is **known and constant**.
- Objects are present at all times.

- **Measurement is a matrix**

$$Z_k = \Pi(O_k, C_k).$$

- Here  $O_k$  and  $C_k$  are independent matrices representing object and clutter detections.

# OBSERVATIONS AND REFLECTIONS (FROM VIDEO)

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## Properties

- Objects appear and disappear.
- We care about states of **present objects**.
- Objects are not ordered.

# STATE REPRESENTATION

## State representation

- We use a set

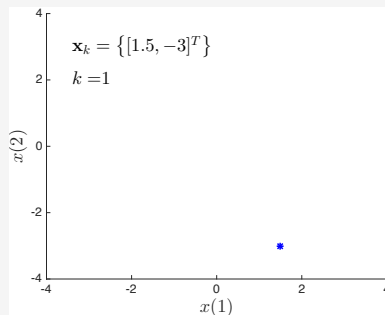
$$\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$$

to represent the state.

- Why sets?
  - sets are invariant to order,
  - easy to add/remove elements,
  - the set of state vectors is our quantity of interest,
  - one-to-one relation between physical reality and the set.

## A possible state sequence

- A state sequence in 2D.
- Two objects present from time 3 to 23.



# BAYESIAN FILTERING RECURSION FOR MOT

- Both  $\mathbf{x}_k$  and  $\mathbf{z}_k$  are random finite sets (RFSs).

## Bayesian filtering recursions

$$\text{Prediction:} \quad p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) \delta \mathbf{x}_{k-1}$$

$$\text{Update:} \quad p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})}{\int p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}'_k) p(\mathbf{x}'_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) \delta \mathbf{x}'_k}.$$

- Pros:**
  - unified framework to model all aspects of MOT:  
appearing/disappearing objects, object motions and measurements;
  - powerful tools for derivations;
  - metrics for performance evaluation;
  - yields Bayes optimal solutions (in theory).

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- New things to learn about:
  - What is an RFS? Integrals? Distributions? Models? Approximations? MOT algorithms? Metrics? ...



## **Section 2:**

# **Intro to RFSs**

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# Random finite sets

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# RANDOM FINITE SETS (RFSs)

## Random finite sets: definition

A random variable whose possible outcomes are sets with a finite number of unique elements.

- In an RFS,  $\mathbf{x} = \{x^1, \dots, x^n\}$ , both the number of elements and the elements themselves may be random.
- The elements of an RFS belong to some space,  $D$ , often  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$  or  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$ .
- The RFS itself takes values  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}(D)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}(D)$  is the set of all finite subsets of  $D$ .

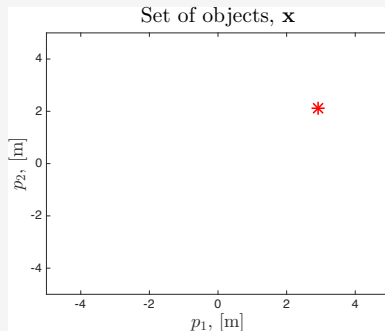
# RANDOM SETS OF OBJECT STATES

- Let  $\mathbf{x}_k$  be an RFS: the set of object states at time  $k$ .
- Elements of  $\mathbf{x}_k$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ .

## Possible realisations

|                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| $\mathbf{x} = \emptyset$    | no objects present                 |
| $\mathbf{x} = \{x^1\}$      | one object, state $x^1$            |
| $\mathbf{x} = \{x^1, x^2\}$ | two objects, states $x^1 \neq x^2$ |
| $\vdots$                    |                                    |

## Example, samples of $\mathbf{x}_k$



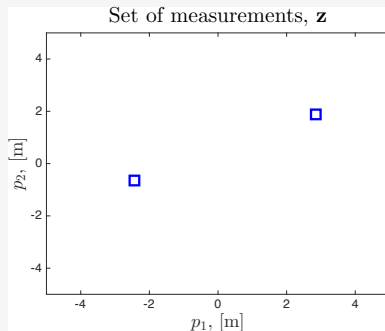
# RANDOM SETS OF MEASUREMENTS

- Let  $\mathbf{z}_k$  be an RFS: the set of measurements at time  $k$ .
- Elements of  $\mathbf{z}_k$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}^{n_z}$ .

## Possible realisations

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $\mathbf{z} = \emptyset$    | no measurements                  |
| $\mathbf{z} = \{z^1\}$      | one measurement, $z^1$           |
| $\mathbf{z} = \{z^1, z^2\}$ | two measurements, $z^1 \neq z^2$ |
| $\vdots$                    |                                  |

## Example, samples of $\mathbf{z}_k$



# A RECAP ON SET PROPERTIES

- Sets are **equal** if they contain the same elements.
- Sets are **invariant to order**, e.g.,  $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{2, 1, 3\}$ .
- RFSs do not contain repeated elements, i.e., an RFS is never, e.g.,  $\{a, b, b, c\}$ .
- A set that does not contain any elements is **empty**, denoted  $\emptyset$  or (sometimes)  $\{\}$ .
- The **union** of two sets **a** and **b** is denoted  $\mathbf{a} \cup \mathbf{b} \triangleq \{x : x \in \mathbf{a} \text{ or } x \in \mathbf{b}\}$ , e.g.,  $\mathbf{a} = \{1, 2\}, \mathbf{b} = \{2, 3\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cup \mathbf{b} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .
- The **intersection** of two sets **a** and **b** is denoted  $\mathbf{a} \cap \mathbf{b} \triangleq \{x : x \in \mathbf{a} \text{ and } x \in \mathbf{b}\}$ , e.g.,  $\mathbf{a} = \{1, 2\}, \mathbf{b} = \{2, 3\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cap \mathbf{b} = \{2\}$ .
- Two sets are **disjoint** if their intersection is empty, e.g.,  $\mathbf{a} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \{4, 5, 6\}$  are disjoint since  $\mathbf{a} \cap \mathbf{b} = \emptyset$ .
- The **cardinality** of a set **a** is denoted  $|\mathbf{a}|$ . For a finite set, this is the number of unique elements in **a**, e.g.,  $\mathbf{a} = \{4, 5, 6\} \Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}| = 3$ .

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# MULTIOBJECT PDFs

## Multiobject pdfs

We use the multiobject probability density function (pdf) of an RFS,  $\mathbf{x}$ , to describe its distribution.

- A multiobject pdf,  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, \dots, x^n\})$ , is a non-negative function on sets that integrates to one.
- It captures both the distribution over cardinality and the distribution over the elements of the set (given the cardinality).

- Since sets are invariant to order so are multiobject pdfs, e.g.,

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, x^2\}) = p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^2, x^1\}).$$

- Whenever we write  $\{x^1, \dots, x^n\}$ , we assume that  $|x^1, \dots, x^n| = n$ .



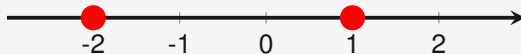
# MULTIOBJECT PDFs: EXAMPLES

## Example 1

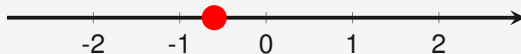
- If  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \{x\}$  then

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(v; 0, 1) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \{v\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}| \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

- For instance,  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{1, -2\}) = 0$



and  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{-0.6\}) = \mathcal{N}(-0.6; 0, 1) \approx 0.33$ .



# MULTIOBJECT PDFs: EXAMPLES

## Example 2

- If  $x^1 \sim \text{unif}(0, 1)$  and  $x^2 \sim \text{unif}(1, 2)$  are independent and  $\mathbf{x} = \{x^1, x^2\}$ , then

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} p_1(v^1)p_2(v^2) + p_1(v^2)p_2(v^1) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \{v^1, v^2\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}| \neq 2, \end{cases}$$

where

$$p_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad p_2(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 < x < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- For instance,  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{1.5, 0.5\}) = p_1(1.5)p_2(0.5) + p_1(0.5)p_2(1.5) = 0 + 1 = 1$ .



# INTERPRETATION OF MULTIOBJECT PDFs, $D = \mathbb{R}$

- For real valued random variables

$$\Pr[x \in (v, v + \Delta v)] = \int_v^{v+\Delta v} p_x(s) ds \approx p_x(v) \Delta v, \quad (\Delta v \text{ "small"}).$$

## Interpretation

- If  $\Delta v^1, \dots, \Delta v^n$  are "small"

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{v^1, \dots, v^n\}) \times \Delta v^1 \times \dots \times \Delta v^n$$

is (approximately) the probability that  $\mathbf{x}$  contains precisely one element in each of the (disjoint) intervals  $(v^1, v^1 + \Delta v^1), \dots, (v^n, v^n + \Delta v^n)$ .

# INTERPRETATION OF MULTIOBJECT PDFs, $D = \mathbb{R}$

## Example 2, revisited

- Suppose  $v^1 = 1.5$ ,  $v^2 = 0.5$  and  $\Delta v^1 = \Delta v^2 = 0.2$ . Then,

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{v^1, v^2\}) \Delta v^1 \Delta v^2 = 1 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.2^2.$$

- Reasonable? Is this the probability that  $\mathbf{x}$  contains precisely one element in  $(0.5, 0.7)$  and a second element in  $(1.5, 1.7)$ ?
- Yes! That probability is

$$\Pr [x^1 \in (0.5, 0.7), x^2 \in (1.5, 1.7)] = \Pr [x^1 \in (0.5, 0.7)] \Pr [x^2 \in (1.5, 1.7)] = 0.2^2.$$



# MULTIOBJECT PDFS VS ORDERED DENSITIES

## Multiobject pdfs vs ordered densities

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x} = \{x^1, \dots, x^n\}$  is an RFS. If  $X = \Pi([x^1, \dots, x^n])$ , then

$$p_X([x^1, \dots, x^n]) = \frac{1}{n!} p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, \dots, x^n\}).$$

- Note:** we can order  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  in  $n!$  different ways.  
This gives  $n!$  different matrices that correspond to the same set!
- Example:** if  $n = 2$ ,  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, x^2\}) = p_X([x^1, x^2]) + p_X([x^2, x^1]) = 2p_X([x^1, x^2])$ .

## Example 2, revisited

- If  $x^1 \sim \text{unif}(0, 1)$  and  $x^2 \sim \text{unif}(1, 2)$  are independent and  $X = \Pi(x^1, x^2)$ , then

$$p_X(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} p_1(v^1) p_2(v^2) + \frac{1}{2} p_1(v^2) p_2(v^1) & \text{if } X = [v^1, v^2] \\ 0 & \text{if } |X| \neq 2, \end{cases}$$

where  $p_1(x)$  and  $p_2(x)$  are the pdfs of  $x^1$  and  $x^2$ , respectively.

# The convolution formula

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# CONVOLUTION FORMULA FOR DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES (1)

## Flipping two coins

- Let us flip a fair coin twice and let  $x$  be total number of heads.
- Let  $x_1$  be the number of heads in first flip and  $x_2$  in the second:  $x = x_1 + x_2$ .
- We get,  $\Pr[x_i = j] = 1/2$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $j = 0, 1$ . Also,

$$\Pr[x = 0] = \Pr[x_1 = 0] \Pr[x_2 = 0] = 0.5^2 = 0.25,$$

$$\Pr[x = 2] = \Pr[x_1 = 1] \Pr[x_2 = 1] = 0.5^2 = 0.25,$$

$$\Pr[x = 1] = \Pr[x_1 = 0] \Pr[x_2 = 1] + \Pr[x_1 = 1] \Pr[x_2 = 0] = 0.5^2 + 0.5^2 = 0.5.$$

## CONVOLUTION FORMULA FOR DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES (2)

### Rolling a die twice

- Let  $x_1$  be the number of dots in first roll,  $x_2$  in the second and let  $x = x_1 + x_2$ .
- We get, e.g.,

$$\Pr[x = 4] = p_{x_1}(3)p_{x_2}(1) + p_{x_1}(2)p_{x_2}(2) + p_{x_1}(1)p_{x_2}(3) = \frac{3}{36}.$$

### Convolution formula for discrete random variable.

- Suppose  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are independent, integer valued, random variables.
- If  $x = x_1 + x_2$ ,

$$\Pr[x = v] = \sum_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} p_{x_1}(s)p_{x_2}(v - s).$$

- This is the **convolution**  $\Pr[x = v] = p_{x_1} * p_{x_2}(v)$ .



# UNION OF TWO INDEPENDENT RFSs (1)

## Two independent, scalar, RFSs

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}^1$  and  $\mathbf{x}^2$  are independent RFSs.
- If  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^1 \cup \mathbf{x}^2$ :

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{1.3\}) = p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\emptyset)p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{1.3\}) + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{1.3\})p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\emptyset).$$

## Why ignore $\mathbf{x}^1 = \mathbf{x}^2 = \{1.3\}$ ? (Brief intuitive argument)

- The above multiobject pdfs are related to probabilities, e.g.,:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[\mathbf{x} = \{\tilde{x}\}, \tilde{x} \in (1.2, 1.4)] &= \Pr[\mathbf{x}^1 = \emptyset, \mathbf{x}^2 = \{\tilde{x}\}, \tilde{x} \in (1.2, 1.4)] \\ &\quad + \Pr[\mathbf{x}^1 = \{\tilde{x}\}, \mathbf{x}^2 = \emptyset, \tilde{x} \in (1.2, 1.4)].\end{aligned}$$

- However, since

$$\Pr[\mathbf{x}^1 = \mathbf{x}^2 = \{\tilde{x}\}, \tilde{x} \in (1.2, 1.4)] = 0$$

the corresponding density is also zero.

## UNION OF TWO INDEPENDENT RFSs (2)

### Two independent, scalar, RFSs (continued)

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}^1$  and  $\mathbf{x}^2$  are independent RFSs.

- If  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^1 \cup \mathbf{x}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{1.3, 2.7\}) &= p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\emptyset) p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{1.3, 2.7\}) + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{1.3, 2.7\}) p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\emptyset) \\ &\quad + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{1.3\}) p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{2.7\}) + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{2.7\}) p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{1.3\}). \end{aligned}$$

### Convolution formula for union of two RFSs

- If  $\mathbf{x}^1$  and  $\mathbf{x}^2$  are independent RFSs, then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^1 \cup \mathbf{x}^2$  has the multiobject pdf

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \subseteq \mathbf{x}} p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\mathbf{x}^1) p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\mathbf{x} \setminus \mathbf{x}^1).$$

# SUMS OVER MUTUALLY DISJOINT SETS

- To generalize the formula to unions of  $n$  RFSs, let

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{x}^n = \mathbf{x}}$$

denote summation **over all mutually disjoint (and possibly empty) sets**  $\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^n$  whose union is  $\mathbf{x}$ . **Recall:**  $\mathbf{x}^1$  and  $\mathbf{x}^2$  are **disjoint** if  $\mathbf{x}^1 \cap \mathbf{x}^2 = \emptyset$ .

## Examples of summations

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \uplus \mathbf{x}^2 = \{1\}} f(\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2) = f(\{1\}, \emptyset) + f(\emptyset, \{1\})$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \uplus \mathbf{x}^2 \uplus \mathbf{x}^3 = \{4\}} f(\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2, \mathbf{x}^3) = f(\{4\}, \emptyset, \emptyset) + f(\emptyset, \{4\}, \emptyset) + f(\emptyset, \emptyset, \{4\})$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \uplus \mathbf{x}^2 = \{3, 5\}} f(\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2) = f(\{3, 5\}, \emptyset) + f(\emptyset, \{3, 5\}) + f(\{3\}, \{5\}) + f(\{5\}, \{3\})$$

- Note 1:** it holds that  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \uplus \mathbf{x}^2 = \mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \subseteq \mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x} \setminus \mathbf{x}^1)$ .

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- Note 2:** every term in  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{x}^n = \mathbf{x}}$  assigns elements in  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^n$ .

# CONVOLUTION FORMULA FOR INDEPENDENT RFSs

## Convolution theorem for independent RFSs

- If  $\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^n$  are independent RFSs, then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^1 \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{x}^n$  has the multiobject pdf

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{x}^n = \mathbf{x}} \prod_{i=1}^n p_{\mathbf{x}^i}(\mathbf{x}^i),$$

where the summation is taken over all mutually disjoint (and possibly empty) sets  $\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^n$  whose union is  $\mathbf{x}$ .

## Union of three RFSs

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2, \mathbf{x}^3$  are independent RFSs.
- The multiobject pdf of  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^1 \cup \mathbf{x}^2 \cup \mathbf{x}^3$  then satisfies

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{4\}) = p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{4\})p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\emptyset)p_{\mathbf{x}^3}(\emptyset) + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\emptyset)p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{4\})p_{\mathbf{x}^3}(\emptyset) + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\emptyset)p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\emptyset)p_{\mathbf{x}^3}(\{4\}).$$

# CONVOLUTION FORMULA FOR INDEPENDENT RFSs

## Example 2, revisited

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}^1$  and  $\mathbf{x}^2$  are independent singletons, (for  $i = 1, 2$ )

$$p_{\mathbf{x}^i}(\mathbf{x}^i) = \begin{cases} p_i(x^i) & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^i = \{x^i\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}^i| \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

- If  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^1 \cup \mathbf{x}^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, x^2\}) &= p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\emptyset)p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{x^1, x^2\}) + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{x^1, x^2\})p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\emptyset) \\ &\quad + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{x^1\})p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{x^2\}) + p_{\mathbf{x}^1}(\{x^2\})p_{\mathbf{x}^2}(\{x^1\}) \\ &= p_1(x^1)p_2(x^2) + p_1(x^2)p_2(x^1). \end{aligned}$$

- We also note that  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  if  $|\mathbf{x}| \neq 2$ .

# Set integrals

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# SET INTEGRALS

## Set integrals: definition

- For  $f : \mathcal{F}(D) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the set integral is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\int f(\mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{x} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \int f(\{x^1, \dots, x^i\}) dx^1 \dots dx^i \\ &= f(\emptyset) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \int f(\{x^1, \dots, x^i\}) dx^1 \dots dx^i.\end{aligned}$$

## Example 1, revisited

- Any multiobject pdf must integrate to 1. For  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(x; 0, 1) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \{x\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}| \neq 1, \end{cases}$

the set integral is  $\int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{x} = \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1\}) dx^1 = \int \mathcal{N}(x^1; 0, 1) dx^1 = 1$ .



## EXAMPLE 2 AND INTUITION FOR $1/i!$

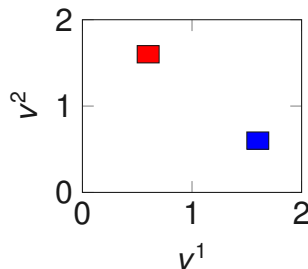
- In example 2, we had

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} p_1(v^1)p_2(v^2) + p_1(v^2)p_2(v^1) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \{v^1, v^2\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}| \neq 2. \end{cases}$$

### Set integral of $p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})$

$$\begin{aligned} \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{x} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{v^1, \dots, v^i\}) dv^1 \dots dv^i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{v^1, v^2\}) dv^1 dv^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (p_1(v^1)p_2(v^2) + p_1(v^2)p_2(v^1)) dv^1 dv^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{2} \int p_1(v^1) dv^1 \int p_2(v^2) dv^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Why  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?** integrating over blue and red areas  $\Rightarrow$  account for **same set twice**.

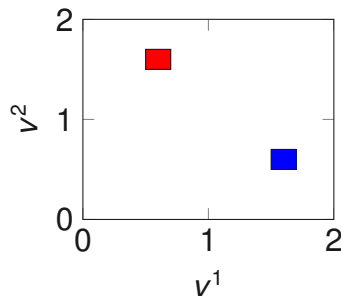


# ORDERED STATES AND INTUITION FOR $1/i!$

- For the above toy example,

$$\int_{v^1 > v^2} p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{v^1, v^2\}) dv^1 dv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{v^1, v^2\}) dv^1 dv^2.$$

- Integrating over  $\{(v^1, v^2) : v^1 > v^2\}$  means that we integrate over **every set precisely one time**.



- More generally, for scalar states, it holds that

$$\int_{x^1 > \dots > x^i} f(\{x^1, \dots, x^i\}) dx^1 \dots dx^i = \frac{1}{i!} \int f(\{x^1, \dots, x^i\}) dx^1 \dots dx^i.$$

- What about when the states are vectors?

Left hand side does not generalize easily. Instead **we use the expression with  $1/i!$** .

# SET INTEGRALS AND EXPECTED VALUES

## Expected values

- For  $f : \mathcal{F}(D) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the expected value is

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})] = \int f(\mathbf{x}) p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \int f(\{x^1, \dots, x^i\}) p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, \dots, x^i\}) dx^1 \dots dx^i.$$

- The expected value appears, e.g., in the Chapman-Kolmogorov equation

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) \delta \mathbf{x}_{k-1}.$$

- Note:** the expected value of  $\mathbf{x}$  is undefined.

**Why?** We cannot add (average) sets, e.g.,  $\{0.3, 0.7\} + \{1\} + \{2, 0\}$  is not defined.

# CARDINALITY DISTRIBUTIONS

## Cardinality distributions

- The cardinality distribution of an RFS,  $\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\mathbf{x}}(\cdot)$ , is

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(n) = \Pr [|\mathbf{x}| = n] .$$

- Let the Kronecker delta function be denoted  $\delta_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- It then holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr [|\mathbf{x}| = n] &= \mathbb{E} [\delta_{n-|\mathbf{x}|}] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \int \delta_{n-i} p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, \dots, x^i\}) dx^1 \dots dx^i \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, \dots, x^n\}) dx^1 \dots dx^n. \end{aligned}$$

- **Note:**  $\mathbb{E} [\delta_{n-|\mathbf{x}|}] = 0 \times \Pr[\delta_{n-|\mathbf{x}|} = 0] + 1 \times \Pr[\delta_{n-|\mathbf{x}|} = 1] = \Pr [|\mathbf{x}| = n]$ .

# CARDINALITY DISTRIBUTIONS, EXAMPLE 1

- As a sanity check, let us compute the cardinality distribution in a trivial example.

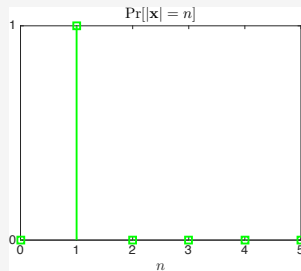
## Example 1

- The cardinality distribution of

$$\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(x; 0, 1) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \{x\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}| \neq 1, \end{cases}$$

is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[|\mathbf{x}| = n] &= \frac{1}{n!} \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x^1, \dots, x^n\}) dx^1 \dots dx^n \\ &= \begin{cases} \int \mathcal{N}(x^1; 0, 1) dx^1 = 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



# **Belief mass functions and probability generating functionals**

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# BELIEF MASS FUNCTIONS AND p.g.fl.s

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- **Belief mass functions** and probability generating functionals (**p.g.fl.s**): alternative descriptors of a RFS  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- They are **very useful** for deriving expressions for models and filtering recursions:
  - mathematically rigorous,
  - “turn-the-crank” type of derivations,
  - transparent derivations.
- Important argument for using RFSs/point processes!
- On the other hand:
  - initially complicated to understand,
  - less intuitive compared to multiobject pdfs,
  - **beyond the scope of this course.**

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# **Common RFSs**

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# Poisson point processes

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# POISSON POINT PROCESSES

## Poisson point process pdf

- The multiobject pdf of a Poisson point process (PPP)  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left(-\int \lambda(x') dx'\right) \prod_{x \in \mathbf{x}} \lambda(x)$$

where  $\lambda(x)$  is its intensity function.

- Using the Poisson rate  $\bar{\lambda} = \int \lambda(x) dx$  we can write the pdf as

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) = \exp(-\bar{\lambda}) \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda(x_i).$$

- PPPs are commonly used to **model**:

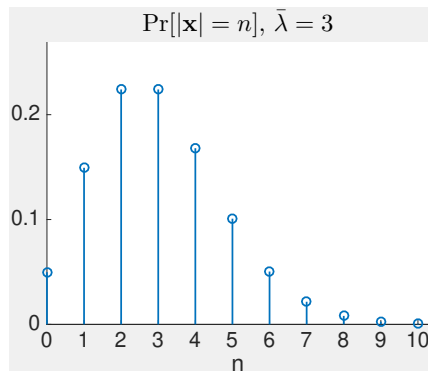
- clutter detections,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$ ,
- appearing objects,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ ,
- measurements from extended objects,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$ .

# PPP, CARDINALITY DISTRIBUTION

- Let us rederive the cardinality pmf for a PPP:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[|\mathbf{x}| = n] &= \frac{1}{n!} \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) dx_1 \cdots dx_n \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \int \exp(-\bar{\lambda}) \lambda(x_1) \cdots \lambda(x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \exp(-\bar{\lambda}) \prod_{i=1}^n \int \lambda(x_i) dx_i \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \exp(-\bar{\lambda}) \bar{\lambda}^n \\ &= \text{Po}(n; \bar{\lambda})\end{aligned}$$

**Example:**



- This confirms that the **cardinality is Poisson distributed**.

# PPP: GENERATING SAMPLES

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## Algorithm Sampling a PPP

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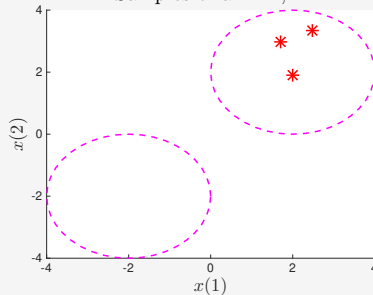
- 1: Initialize  $\mathbf{x} = \emptyset$
  - 2: Generate  $n \sim \text{Po}(\bar{\lambda})$
  - 3: **for**  $i = 1$  to  $n$  **do**
  - 4:   Generate  $x_i \sim \frac{\lambda(\cdot)}{\bar{\lambda}}$
  - 5:   Set  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cup \{x_i\}$
  - 6: **end for**
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## Example: PPP samples

- Suppose

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = 4\mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{x}; \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{I}\right) + \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{x}; \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{I}\right).$$

Samples of a PPP,  $\mathbf{x}$



# Bernoulli RFSs

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# BERNOULLI RFSs

## Bernoulli RFSs

- A Bernoulli RFS (or a Bernoulli process)  $\mathbf{x}$  has the multiobject pdf

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 - r & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \emptyset \\ r p_x(x) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \{x\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}| > 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $0 \leq r \leq 1$  and  $p_x(x)$  is a pdf.

- It is easy to show that

$$\Pr[|\mathbf{x}| = n] = \begin{cases} 1 - r & \text{if } n = 0 \\ r & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

- Bernoulli RFSs are used to **model**, e.g.,
  - measurements from a single object,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$ ,
  - a potential object,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ .

# BERNOULLI RFSs: GENERATING SAMPLES

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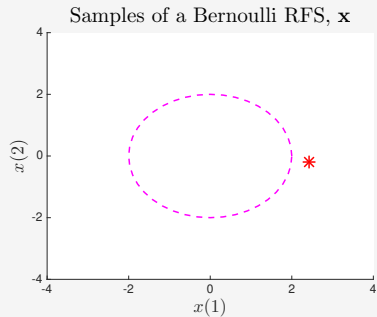
## Algorithm Sampling Bernoulli RFSs

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- 1: Initialize  $\mathbf{x} = \emptyset$
  - 2: **if** rand <  $r$  **then**
  - 3:    $x \sim p_x(\cdot)$
  - 4:    $\mathbf{x} = \{\mathbf{x}\}$
  - 5: **end if**
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## Example: Bernoulli samples

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is a Bernoulli RFS with  $r = 0.7$  and  $p_x(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ .



# Multi-Bernoulli RFSs

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# MULTI-BERNOULLI RFSs

## Multi-Bernoulli RFSs

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$  are independent Bernoulli RFSs with multiobject pdfs  $p_{\mathbf{x}_1}(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, p_{\mathbf{x}_N}(\mathbf{x}_N)$ , respectively.
- Then  $\mathbf{x} = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i$  is a multi-Bernoulli (MB) RFS (or a multi-Bernoulli process) with multiobject pdf

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\biguplus_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}} \prod_{j=1}^N p_{\mathbf{x}_j}(\mathbf{x}_j).$$

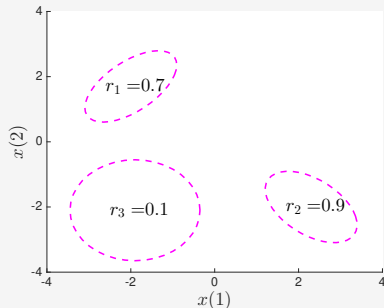
- MB RFSs are used to **model** potential objects, e.g.,
  - according to the posterior,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ ,
  - appearing objects,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ .

# A MULTI-BERNOULLI PROCESS EXAMPLE

- Suppose  $p_{\mathbf{x}_i}(\mathbf{x}_i)$  is parametrised by  $r_i$  and  $p_i(\cdot)$ .

## Example: a MB modelling potential objects

- Suppose  $N = 3$ ,  $r_1 = 0.7$ ,  $r_2 = 0.9$  and  $r_3 = 0.1$ .
- Also, let  $p_1(x)$ ,  $p_2(x)$  and  $p_3(x)$  be Gaussian, see figure.
- The MB RFS  $\mathbf{x}$  represents that there are three potential objects.



# MULTI-BERNOULLI RFSs: GENERATING SAMPLES

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## Algorithm 3 Sampling a MB RFS

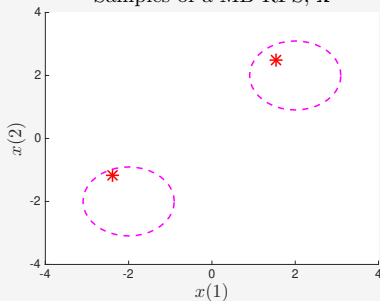
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- 1: Initialize  $\mathbf{x} = \emptyset$
  - 2: **for**  $i = 1$  to  $N$  **do**
  - 3:   **if**  $\text{rand} < r_i$  **then**
  - 4:      $x_i \sim p_i(\cdot)$
  - 5:      $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cup \{x_i\}$
  - 6:   **end if**
  - 7: **end for**
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## Example: MB samples

- Suppose  $N = 2$ ,  $r_1 = r_2 = 0.8$ ,  
 $p_1(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [2 \ 2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I})$  and  
 $p_2(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [-2 \ -2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I})$ .

Samples of a MB RFS,  $\mathbf{x}$



# MB VS POISSON

## MB $\approx$ PPP?

- A Bernoulli RFS with  $r < 0.1$  is approximately a PPP.
- $\Rightarrow$  a MB with  $r_1, \dots, r_N < 0.1$  is approximately a PPP.
- Any PPP can be approximated by a MB, but it may require a large  $N$ .
- Often **computationally efficient to use a PPP**.

## Why use MB instead of PPP?

- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a PPP, both the mean and variance of  $|\mathbf{x}|$  is  $\bar{\lambda}$ .
- Problematic if we are certain that there are, say, 10 objects present.
- The MB distribution is better at expressing the posterior in such situations.
- MB RFSs are not restricted to i.i.d. states  
 $\Rightarrow$  "there is one object in each lane"!

# Multi-Bernoulli mixture RFSs

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# MULTI-BERNOULLI MIXTURE RFSs

## Multi-Bernoulli mixture RFSs

- Suppose  $p_{\mathbf{x}_i}^h(\mathbf{x}_i)$  are Bernoulli multiobject pdfs for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and  $h = 1, \dots, \mathcal{H}$ .
- Then  $\mathbf{x}$  is a multi-Bernoulli mixture (MBM) RFS (or a MBM process) if it has the multiobject pdf

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}} w_h p_{\mathbf{x}}^h(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $p_{\mathbf{x}}^h(\mathbf{x})$  is multi-Bernoulli pdf

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\uplus_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}} \prod_{j=1}^N p_{\mathbf{x}_j}^h(\mathbf{x}_j),$$

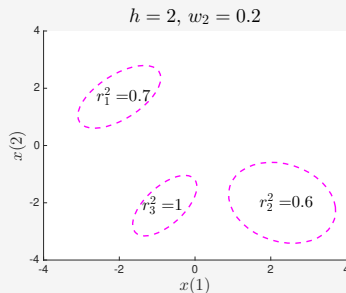
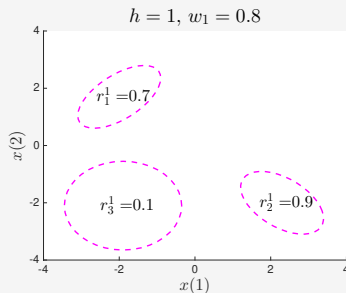
and  $w_1, \dots, w_{\mathcal{H}}$  are non-negative weights such that  $\sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}} w_h = 1$ .

# POSTERIOR UNCERTAINTIES AND MBMs

- MBM RFSs are used to **model**, e.g.,
  - posterior distribution of set of detected objects,  $D = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ , where  $h = 1, \dots, \mathcal{H}$  representation association hypotheses.

## Example: an MBM modelling potential objects

- The MBM visualised below could model a posterior distribution with two hypotheses.



# MBM RFSs: GENERATING SAMPLES (1)

- Suppose  $w = [w_1, \dots, w_H]^T$ .

## Categorical distribution

- A random variable  $h$  is *categorical*,  $h \sim \text{Cat}(w)$ , if
$$\Pr[h = j] = w_j.$$

- Example:** for  $w = [1/6, \dots, 1/6]^T$ ,  $h \sim \text{Cat}(w)$  is rolling a fair dice.
- Sometimes easier to generate multinomial variables.

- Suppose  $p_{\mathbf{x}_i}^h(\mathbf{x}_i)$  is parametrised by  $r_i^h$  and  $p_i^h(\cdot)$ .

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## Algorithm Sampling a MBM RFS

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- 1: Initialize  $\mathbf{x} = \emptyset$
  - 2: Generate  $h \sim \text{Cat}(w)$
  - 3: **for**  $i = 1$  to  $N$  **do**
  - 4:   **if**  $\text{rand} < r_i^h$  **then**
  - 5:      $\mathbf{x}_i \sim p_i^h(\cdot)$
  - 6:      $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cup \{\mathbf{x}_i\}$
  - 7:   **end if**
  - 8: **end for**
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## MBM RFSs: GENERATING SAMPLES (2)

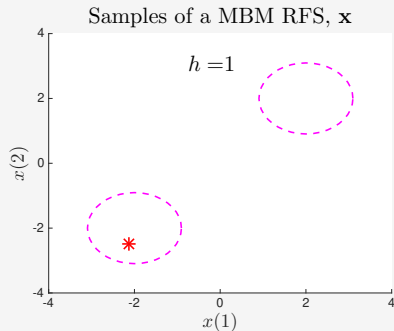
### Example: MBM samples

- Suppose  $\mathcal{H} = 2$ ,  $w_1 = 0.75$ ,  $w_2 = 1 - w_1 = 0.25$  and that  $r_i^h = 0.8$  for  $i, h \in \{1, 2\}$ .

- Also assume that

$$h = 1 : \begin{cases} p_1^1(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [2 \ 2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I}) \\ p_2^1(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [-2 \ -2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I}) \end{cases}$$

$$h = 2 : \begin{cases} p_1^2(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [2 \ -2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I}) \\ p_2^2(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [-2 \ 2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I}) \end{cases}.$$



# **Section 4:**

## **Standard models in MOT**

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# **Bayesian filtering recursions and models**

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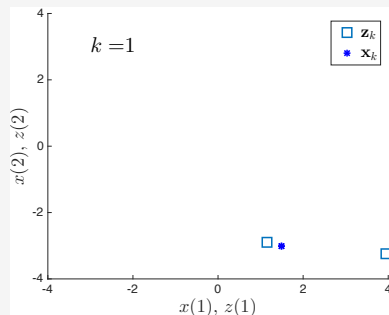
# MULTIOBJECT TRACKING

## Objective

- Recursively compute  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k})$ .
- The posterior can be used, e.g., to estimate  $\mathbf{x}_k$ .

## A visualization

- Both states and measurements are in 2D (uncommon).



# BAYESIAN FILTERING RECURSION FOR MOT

## Bayesian filtering recursions

- The Chapman-Kolmogorov equation for prediction and Bayes' rule for update:

prediction: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) \delta \mathbf{x}_{k-1}$$

update: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})}{\int p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}'_k) p(\mathbf{x}'_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) \delta \mathbf{x}'_k}.$$

- We need models for

motion: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$$

measurements: 
$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k).$$

# Measurement models – object detections

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# STANDARD MEASUREMENT MODEL

- Measurement model is as before.

- We assume

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{o}_k \cup \mathbf{c}_k,$$

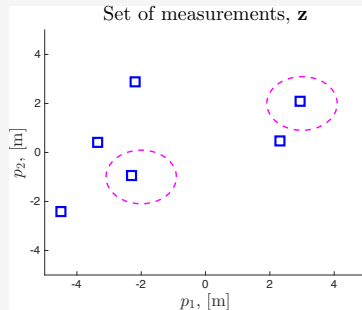
where  $\mathbf{o}_k$  are object detections and  $\mathbf{c}_k$  clutter detections.

- In this video, we present the **standard model** for

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = p(\mathbf{o}_k | \mathbf{x}_k).$$

## Example, samples of $\mathbf{z}_k$

- Two objects,  $P^D = 0.95$ , Gaussian  $g_k(\cdot | x^1)$  and  $g_k(\cdot | x^2)$  (see dashed ellipsoids), and  $\bar{\lambda} = 2$ .



# OBJECT MEASUREMENTS: STANDARD ASSUMPTIONS

## Single object measurement model

- An object with state  $x$  is detected with probability  $P^D(x)$ .
- If detected, it generates a measurement from the single object measurement density  $g_k(o|x)$ .

### In the presence of other objects:

- Conditioned on the object states, each object measurement is independent of all other objects and measurements (including clutter detections).
- Each measurement is the result of at most one object.



# SINGLE OBJECT MEASUREMENT MODEL

## Case 1: $\mathbf{x}_k = \emptyset$

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}|\emptyset) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{o} = \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Note:**  $\mathbf{o}_k|\mathbf{x}_k = \emptyset$  is a Bern. RFS with  $r = 0$ .

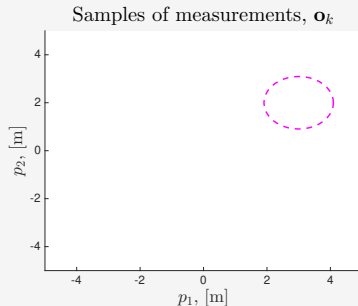
## Case 2: $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x\}$

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}|\{x\}) = \begin{cases} 1 - P^D(x) & \text{if } \mathbf{o} = \emptyset \\ P^D(x)g_k(o|x) & \text{if } \mathbf{o} = \{o\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{o}| > 1. \end{cases}$$

- **Note:**  $\mathbf{o}_k|\mathbf{x}_k = \{x\}$  is a Bernoulli RFS with  $r = P^D(x)$  and pdf  $g_k(\cdot|x)$ .

## Example, samples of $\mathbf{o}_k$

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x\}$ ,  $P^D(x) = 0.85$  and  $g_k(o|x) = \mathcal{N}(o; [3, 2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I})$ .



# MULTI-OBJECT MEASUREMENT MODEL (1)

## Basic result

- The set of object measurements from a single object is a Bernoulli RFS.
- The set of object **measurements from multiple objects** is therefore a **multi-Bernoulli RFS**.
- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$  and let  $\mathbf{o}_k(x_k^i)$  be an RFS representing the set of object measurements from  $x_k^i$ .
- Given  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$  we have

$$\mathbf{o}_k = \mathbf{o}_k(x_k^1) \cup \mathbf{o}_k(x_k^2) \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{o}_k(x_k^{n_k}).$$

## MULTI-OBJECT MEASUREMENT MODEL (2)

- Given  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$ ,  $\mathbf{o}_k(x_k^1), \dots, \mathbf{o}_k(x_k^{n_k})$  are independent Bernoulli RFSs,

$$\mathbf{o}_k(x_k^i) | x_k^i \sim \mathbf{g}_k(\cdot | \{x_k^i\}).$$

- To understand the general expression, we introduce the shorthand notation  $\mathbf{o}^i = \mathbf{o}_k(x_k^i)$ :

$$\mathbf{o}_k = \mathbf{o}^1 \cup \mathbf{o}^2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{o}^{n_k}.$$

**General multi-object measurement model,  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n_k}\}$**

- The convolution formula yields

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}_k | \{x^1, \dots, x^{n_k}\}) = \sum_{\mathbf{o}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{o}^{n_k} = \mathbf{o}_k} \prod_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}^i | \{x^i\}).$$

In short,  $\mathbf{o}_k | \mathbf{x}_k$  is a **multi-Bernoulli RFS**.

# OBJECT MEASUREMENT SAMPLES

## Samples of $\mathbf{o}_k$ when $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x^1, x^2\}$

- Suppose  $P^D = 0.85$  and that

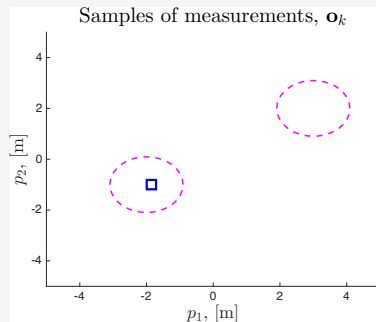
$$g_k(o|x) = \mathcal{N}(o; x, 0.3\mathbf{I}).$$

- When  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x^1, x^2\}$ , where

$$x^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

we get

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}_k|\mathbf{x}_k) = \sum_{\mathbf{o}^1 \oplus \mathbf{o}^2 = \mathbf{o}_k} \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}^1|\{x^1\}) \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}^2|\{x^2\}).$$



# Measurement models – complete model

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# MEASUREMENT DISTRIBUTION (1)

- Given  $\mathbf{x}_k$ , we have

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{c}_k \cup \mathbf{o}_k,$$

where  $\mathbf{o}_k$  and  $\mathbf{c}_k$  are independent:

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = \sum_{\mathbf{c} \oplus \mathbf{o} = \mathbf{z}_k} p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{c}) \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o} | \mathbf{x}_k).$$

## Clutter model

- We assume **clutter is a Poisson RFS**

$$p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{c}) = \exp \left( - \int \lambda_c(c') \, dc' \right) \prod_{c \in \mathbf{c}} \lambda_c(c),$$

where  $\lambda_c(c)$  is its intensity function.

- We say that  $\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k$  is a **Poisson multi-Bernoulli RFS**, since it is the union of a Poisson RFS  $\mathbf{c}_k$  and a multi-Bernoulli RFS  $\mathbf{o}_k | \mathbf{x}_k$ .

## MEASUREMENT DISTRIBUTION (2)

- Given  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$ , we have  $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{c}_k \cup \mathbf{o}_k(x_k^1) \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{o}_k(x_k^{n_k})$ .

### Measurement multioject pdf

- For  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$ , the measurement model is

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = \sum_{\mathbf{c} \uplus \mathbf{o}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{o}^{n_k} = \mathbf{z}_k} p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{c}) \prod_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}^i | \{x_k^i\})$$

where

$$p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{c}) = \exp(-\bar{\lambda}_c) \prod_{c \in \mathbf{c}} \lambda_c(c)$$

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o} | \{x\}) = \begin{cases} P^D(x) g_k(o|x) & \text{if } \mathbf{o} = \{o\} \\ 1 - P^D(x) & \text{if } \mathbf{o} = \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{o}| > 1. \end{cases}$$

# ASSOCIATION HYPOTHESES (1)

- In the formula

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}) = \sum_{\mathbf{c} \uplus \mathbf{o}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{o}^{n_k} = \mathbf{z}_k} p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{c}) \prod_{i=1}^{n_k} g_k(\mathbf{o}^i | \{x_k^i\}),$$

we sum over all possible **association hypotheses**.

- In earlier lectures we used  $\theta_k = [\theta_k^1, \theta_k^2, \dots, \theta_k^{n_k}]$ , where

$$\theta_k^i = \begin{cases} j & \text{if object } i \text{ is associated to measurement } j \\ 0 & \text{if object } i \text{ is undetected,} \end{cases}$$

and we summed over all hypotheses  $\theta_k$ .

- For  $\mathbf{z}_k = \{z_k^1, \dots, z_k^{m_k}\}$ , summing over  $\mathbf{c} \uplus \mathbf{o}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{o}^{n_k} = \mathbf{z}_k$  or  $\theta_k$  is analogous:

$$\mathbf{o}^i = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \theta_k^i = 0 \\ \{z_k^{\theta_k^i}\} & \text{if } \theta_k^i > 0, \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{z}_k \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbf{o}^i.$$



## ASSOCIATION HYPOTHESES (2)

### Example: Poisson Bernoulli measurement RFSs

- If  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x^1\}$  and  $\mathbf{z}_k = \{z^1\}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) &= \sum_{\mathbf{c} \uplus \mathbf{o}^1 = \mathbf{z}_k} p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{c}) \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{o}^1 | \{x^1\}) \\ &= p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\{z^1\}) \mathbf{g}_k(\emptyset | \{x^1\}) + p_{\mathbf{c}}(\emptyset) \mathbf{g}_k(\{z^1\} | \{x^1\}) \\ &= \exp(-\bar{\lambda}_c) \lambda_c(z^1) (1 - P^D(x^1)) + \exp(-\bar{\lambda}_c) P^D(x^1) g_k(z^1 | x^1). \end{aligned}$$

- Using  $\theta_k = [\theta_k^1]$ , we get

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = \sum_{\theta_k^1=0}^1 \exp(-\bar{\lambda}_c) \lambda_c(z^1) \prod_{i:\theta_k^i=0} (1 - P^D(x^i)) \prod_{i:\theta_k^i>0} \frac{P^D(x^i) g_k(z^{\theta_k^i} | x^i)}{\lambda_c(z^{\theta_k^i})}.$$

# A GENERAL MEASUREMENT MODEL (1)

## A general measurement model (in terms of RFSs)

- For  $\mathbf{z}_k = \{z_k^1, \dots, z_k^{m_k}\}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = \sum_{\theta_k} \exp(-\bar{\lambda}_c) \prod_{j=1}^{m_k} \lambda_c(z_k^j) \prod_{i:\theta^i=0} (1 - P^D(x_k^i)) \prod_{i:\theta^i>0} \frac{P^D(x_k^i) g_k(z_k^{\theta_k^i} | x_k^i)}{\lambda_c(z_k^{\theta_k^i})}.$$

## Measurement models: multiobject pdf vs matrix distribution

- If  $\mathbf{z}_k = \{z_k^1, \dots, z_k^{m_k}\}$ ,  $Z_k = [z_k^1, \dots, z_k^{m_k}]$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$  and  $X_k = [x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}]$ :

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = m_k! p(Z_k | X_k).$$

## A GENERAL MEASUREMENT MODEL (2)

### A general measurement model – alternative form

- For  $\mathbf{z}_k = \{z_k^1, \dots, z_k^{m_k}\}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k^1, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k) \mathbf{g}_k(\emptyset | \mathbf{x}_k) \sum_{\theta_k} \prod_{i: \theta_k^i > 0} \frac{P^D(x_k^i) g_k(z_k^{\theta_k^i} | x_k^i)}{\lambda_c(z_k^{\theta_k^i}) (1 - P^D(x_k^i))},$$

where

$$p_{\mathbf{c}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k) = \exp(-\bar{\lambda}_c) \prod_{s=1}^{m_k} \lambda_c(z_k^s)$$

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\emptyset | \mathbf{x}_k) = \prod_{j=1}^{n_k} (1 - P^D(x_k^j)).$$

# CONCLUSIONS

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- The measurement model has not changed.
- We found that  $\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k$  is a Poisson multi-Bernoulli (PMB) RFS.
- Simple to derive the measurement model using the convolution formula (no need to condition on  $m_k$ ).
- Also: same derivation can be used for extended objects.
- It holds that  $p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = m_k! p(Z_k | X_k)$ : derivations give the same result.

# **Motion models – surviving objects**

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# STANDARD MOTION MODEL

- Objects appear/disappear with time.
- Given  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1}$ , we assume

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{s}_k \cup \mathbf{b}_k,$$

where  $\mathbf{s}_k$  and  $\mathbf{b}_k$  are independent,

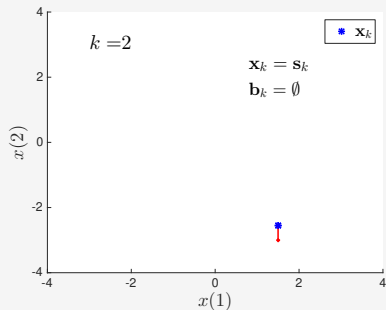
- $\mathbf{s}_k$ : objects present also at time  $k - 1$ ,
- $\mathbf{b}_k$ : objects that have appeared since time  $k - 1$ .

- In this video, we present the **standard model** for

$$\pi_k(\mathbf{s}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}).$$

- **Note:** some similarities to measurement model ( $\mathbf{s}_k \leftrightarrow \mathbf{o}_k$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_k \leftrightarrow \mathbf{c}_k$ ).

## Example: a sequence of $\mathbf{x}_k$



# MOTION MODEL: STANDARD ASSUMPTIONS (SURVIVING OBJECTS)

## Single object motion model (for already present objects)

- An object with state  $x$  survives/persists with probability  $P^S(x)$ .
- If it survives, it moves according to a single object motion model  $\pi_k(s|x)$ .

## In the presence of other objects:

- Conditioned on its state, each object moves independently of all other objects.

# SINGLE OBJECT MOTION MODEL

## Case 1: $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \emptyset$

$$\pi_k(\mathbf{s}|\emptyset) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{s} = \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Note:**  $\mathbf{s}_k|\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \emptyset$  is a Ber. RFS with  $r = 0$ .

## Case 2: $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x\}$

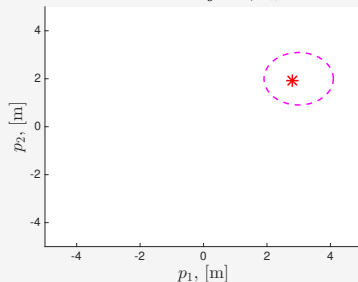
$$\pi_k(\mathbf{s}|\{x\}) = \begin{cases} 1 - P^S(x) & \text{if } \mathbf{s} = \emptyset \\ P^S(x)\pi_k(s|x) & \text{if } \mathbf{s} = \{s\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{s}| > 1. \end{cases}$$

- **Note:**  $\mathbf{s}_k|\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x\}$  is a Bernoulli RFS with  $r = P^S(x)$  and pdf  $\pi_k(\cdot|x)$ .

## Example, samples of $\mathbf{s}_k$

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x\}$ ,  $P^S(x) = 0.85$  and  $\pi_k(s|x) = \mathcal{N}(s; [3, 2]^T, 0.3\mathbf{I})$ .

Set of objects,  $\mathbf{s}_k$





# MULTI-OBJECT SURVIVING MODEL (1)

## Basic result

- The set of surviving objects from a single object is a Bernoulli RFS.
- The set of surviving objects **from multiple objects** is therefore a **multi-Bernoulli RFS**.
- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x_{k-1}^1, \dots, x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}}\}$  and let  $\mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^i)$  be an RFS representing the set of surviving objects from  $x_{k-1}^i$ .
- Given  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x_{k-1}^1, \dots, x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}}\}$  we have
$$\mathbf{s}_k = \mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^1) \cup \mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^2) \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}}).$$

## MULTI-OBJECT SURVIVING MODEL (2)

- Given  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x_{k-1}^1, \dots, x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}}\}$ ,  $\mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^1), \dots, \mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}})$  are independent Bernoulli RFSs,

$$\mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^i) | x_{k-1}^i \sim \pi_k(\cdot | \{x_{k-1}^i\}).$$

- To understand the general expression, we introduce the shorthand notation  $\mathbf{s}^i = \mathbf{s}_{k-1}(x_{k-1}^i)$ :

$$\mathbf{s}_k = \mathbf{s}^1 \cup \mathbf{s}^2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{s}^{n_{k-1}}.$$

### General multi-object surviving model, $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n_{k-1}}\}$

- The convolution formula yields:

$$\pi_k(\mathbf{s}_k | \{x^1, \dots, x^{n_{k-1}}\}) = \sum_{\mathbf{s}^1 \uplus \dots \uplus \mathbf{s}^{n_{k-1}} = \mathbf{s}_k} \prod_{i=1}^{n_{k-1}} \pi_k(\mathbf{s}^i | \{x^i\}).$$

In short,  $\mathbf{s}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}$  is a **multi-Bernoulli RFS**.

# SAMPLES OF SURVIVING OBJECTS

## Samples of $\mathbf{s}_k$ when $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x^1, x^2\}$

- Suppose  $P^S = 0.9$  and that

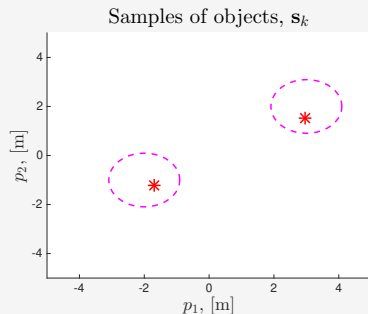
$$\pi_k(\mathbf{s}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}, 0.3\mathbf{I}).$$

- When  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x^1, x^2\}$ , where

$$x^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

we get

$$\pi_k(\mathbf{s}_k|\mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = \sum_{\mathbf{s}^1 \uplus \mathbf{s}^2 = \mathbf{s}_k} \pi_k(\mathbf{s}^1|\{x^1\}) \pi_k(\mathbf{s}^2|\{x^2\}).$$



# **Complete motion model**

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# MOTION MODEL (1)

- Given  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{s}_k \cup \mathbf{b}_k,$$

where  $\mathbf{s}_k$  and  $\mathbf{b}_k$  are independent:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = \sum_{\mathbf{b} \oplus \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{x}_k} p_{\mathbf{b}_k}(\mathbf{b}) \pi_k(\mathbf{s} | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}).$$

## Birth model

- We assume the **birth process is a Poisson RFS**

$$p_{\mathbf{b}_k}(\mathbf{b}) = \exp\left(-\int \lambda_b(b') \, db'\right) \prod_{b \in \mathbf{b}} \lambda_b(b),$$

where  $\lambda_b(b)$  is its intensity function.

- We say that  $\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}$  is a **Poisson multi-Bernoulli RFS**, since it is the union of a Poisson RFS  $\mathbf{b}_k$  and a multi-Bernoulli RFS  $\mathbf{s}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}$ .

## MOTION MODEL (2)

- Given  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x_{k-1}^1, \dots, x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}}\}$ , we have  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{b}_k \cup \mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^1) \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{s}_k(x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}})$ .

### Motion model

- The motion model is

$$\pi_k(\mathbf{x}_k | \{x_{k-1}^1, \dots, x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}}\}) = \sum_{\mathbf{b} \oplus \mathbf{s}^1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{s}^{n_{k-1}} = \mathbf{x}_k} \rho_{\mathbf{b}_k}(\mathbf{b}) \prod_{i=1}^{n_{k-1}} \pi_k(\mathbf{s}^i | \{x_{k-1}^i\})$$

where

$$\rho_{\mathbf{b}_k}(\mathbf{b}) = \exp(-\bar{\lambda}_b) \prod_{b \in \mathbf{b}} \lambda_b(b)$$
$$\pi_k(\mathbf{s} | \{x\}) = \begin{cases} P^{\mathbf{s}}(x) \pi_k(s|x) & \text{if } \mathbf{s} = \{s\} \\ 1 - P^{\mathbf{s}}(x) & \text{if } \mathbf{s} = \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{s}| > 1. \end{cases}$$

# CONCLUDING REMARKS

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- Objects can appear and disappear with time.
- We assume that
  - $\mathbf{s}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \{x\}$  is a Bernoulli RFS,
  - $\mathbf{b}_k$  is a Poisson point process,
  - given  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{s}_k \cup \mathbf{b}_k$  is a Poisson multi-Bernoulli RFS.
- We can use the convolution formula to express  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$ .

# **Section 5:**

## **Probability hypothesis density filtering**

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# PHD filtering – introduction

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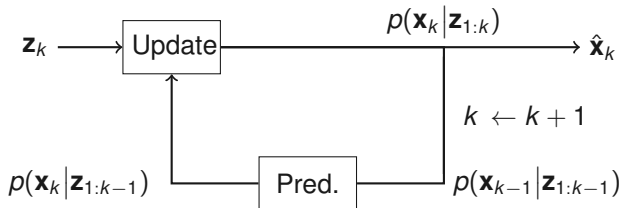
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# PHD FILTERING: BASIC IDEA

## Assumed density filtering

- To obtain a recursive algorithm both  $p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}|\mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k})$  should belong to the same family of distributions.



## PHD filtering

- Both  $p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}|\mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k})$  are approximated as Poisson multi-object pdfs.

# APPROXIMATING MULTI-OBJECT PDFS AS POISSON

- Suppose  $p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$  is a Poisson multi-object pdf.
- How can we approximate  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k})$  as Poisson multi-object pdfs?

## Poisson RFS approximations

- To approximate a RFS  $\mathbf{x} \sim p(\cdot)$  as a Poisson RFS, we set the Poisson intensity to

$$\lambda(x) = D(x),$$

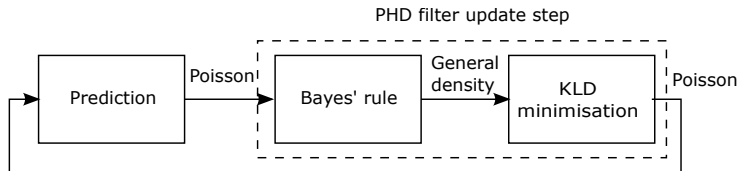
where  $D(x)$  is the **probability hypothesis density (PHD)** of  $\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{x})$ .

- The above is optimal in the Kullback-Leibler sense.

# OVERVIEW OF PHD FILTERING

## PHD filtering: basic principles

- Recursively compute the PHDs  $D_{k|k-1}(x)$  of  $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$  and  $D_{k|k}(x)$  of  $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k})$ .
- Approximate  $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k})$  as Poisson multi-object pdfs with intensity functions  $D_{k|k-1}(x)$  and  $D_{k|k}(x)$ , respectively.
- **Note:** It turns out that  $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$  is a Poisson multi-object pdf  
 $\Rightarrow$  no approximations needed.



## CONCLUDING REMARKS

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- The PHDs  $D_{k|k-1}(x)$  and  $D_{k|k}(x)$  are functions in **single object state**.
- The PHDs parametrise the multiobject pdfs, e.g.,

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k}) = \exp \left( - \int D_{k|k}(x') dx' \right) \prod_{x \in \mathbf{x}_k} D_{k|k}(x).$$

That is, we approximate  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k})$  as a Poisson point process (PPP) with intensity function  $D_{k|k}(x)$ .

- Elements in a PPP are independent and identically distributed (given its cardinality)  
 $\Rightarrow$  often a rough approximation of the posterior.
- The PHD filter is a simple and efficient algorithm that performs well in simple scenarios.

# The PHD and its properties

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## PHD definition

- The **probability hypothesis density** (PHD) function,  $D_{\mathbf{x}}(x)$ , of a RFS  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) &= \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{x' \in \mathbf{x}} \delta(x - x') \delta \mathbf{x} \\ &= \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x\} \cup \mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

- The PHD is a **first-order statistical moment** of the RFS.
- We sometimes refer to  $D_{\mathbf{x}}(x)$  as the **intensity function** of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

# INTEGRATING THE PHD

## Expected cardinality in region

- If  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ , then

$$\int_A D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) dx = \mathbb{E} [|\mathbf{x} \cap A|].$$

- That is,  $D(x)dx$  is the expected number of objects in  $dx$  and  $\int D(x) dx = \mathbb{E} [|\mathbf{x}|]$ .
- **Proof:** The integral of a PHD is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_A D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) dx &= \int_A \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{x' \in \mathbf{x}} \delta(x - x') \delta \mathbf{x} dx \\ &= \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{x' \in \mathbf{x}} \underbrace{\int_A \delta(x - x') dx}_{=1 \text{ if } x' \in A} \delta \mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbb{E} [|\mathbf{x} \cap A|]. \end{aligned}$$



# THE PHD OF A BERNOULLI RFS

## The PHD of a Bernoulli RFS

- Consider a Bernoulli RFS  $\mathbf{x}$

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - r & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \emptyset \\ r p_x(x) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \{x\} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{x}| \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

- The PHD of  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) &= \int p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x\} \cup \mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{x} \\ &= p_{\mathbf{x}}(\{x\} \cup \emptyset) + 0 \\ &= r p_x(x) \end{aligned}$$

- That is,  $D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = r p_x(x)$ .

# THE PHD OF A POISSON RFS

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is a Poisson RFS with intensity  $\lambda(x)$ .
- What is the PHD of  $\mathbf{x}$ ?

## PHD of Poisson RFS

- The PHD of a Poisson RFS with intensity  $\lambda(x)$  is

$$D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = \lambda(x).$$

- Useful **sanity check**! To “approximate”  $\mathbf{x}$  as a Poisson RFS with intensity  $D_{\mathbf{x}}(x)$ , the best choice is  $D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = \lambda(x)$ .

# PHDs AND UNION OF RFSs

## Union of RFSs

- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is the union of the independent RFSs  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$ , then

$$D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = D_{\mathbf{x}_1}(x) + \dots + D_{\mathbf{x}_N}(x).$$

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ , it follows that  $\mathbb{E}[|\mathbf{x} \cap A|] = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[|\mathbf{x}_i \cap A|]$ .

## PHD of multi-Bernoulli RFS

- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a multi-Bernoulli RFS whose  $N$  Bernoulli components are parametrised by  $(r_1, p_1(x)), \dots, (r_N, p_N(x))$ :

$$D_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N r_i p_i(x).$$

# PHD filter prediction

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# GAUSSIAN MIXTURE PHD FILTERING

## Gaussian mixture (GM) parametrisation

- We assume the PHDs are parametrised as

$$D_{k-1|k-1}(x) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k-1|k-1}} w_{k-1|k-1}^h \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{k-1|k-1}^h, P_{k-1|k-1}^h)$$

$$D_{k|k-1}(x) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}} w_{k|k-1}^h \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{k|k-1}^h, P_{k|k-1}^h).$$

- **Note 1:** the weights do not have to sum to 1, e.g.,

$$\mathbb{E} [|\mathbf{x}_k| | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}] = \int D_{k|k-1}(x) dx = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}} w_{k|k-1}^h.$$

- **Note 2:** the GM form may introduce additional approximations (apart from the PPP approximation).
- **Prediction step:** find parameters in  $D_{k|k-1}(x)$  given  $D_{k-1|k-1}(x)$ .

## Standard motion models with linear and Gaussian $\pi_k$

- We assume the standard motion model, with

$$\lambda_{b,k}(x) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_k^b} w_{b,k}^h \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{b,k}^h, P_{b,k}^h)$$
$$\pi_k(\mathbf{x}_k | \{x_{k-1}\}) = \begin{cases} P^S \mathcal{N}(x_k; F_k x_{k-1}, Q_{k-1}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x}_k = \{x_k\} \\ 1 - P^S & \text{if } \mathbf{x}_k = \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

- **Remarks:**

- The  $\lambda_{b,k}(x)$  captures where we expect objects to appear.
- Probability of survival is constant.
- Surviving objects move according to a linear and Gaussian model.

# PPP PREDICTION

## PPP prediction

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}$  is a PPP with PHD (intensity function)

$$D_{k-1|k-1}(x) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k-1|k-1}} w_{k-1|k-1}^h \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{k-1|k-1}^h, P_{k-1|k-1}^h).$$

- It follows that  $\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}$  is a PPP with PHD

$$D_{k|k-1}(x) = D_{k|k-1}^S(x) + \lambda_{b,k}(x),$$

where  $D_{k|k-1}^S(x)$  is a Gaussian mixture with parameters

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}^S &= \mathcal{H}_{k-1|k-1} & w_{k|k-1}^{s,h} &= P^S w_{k-1|k-1}^h \\ \mu_{k|k-1}^{s,h} &= F_{k-1} \mu_{k-1|k-1}^h & P_{k|k-1}^{s,h} &= F_{k-1} P_{k-1|k-1}^h F_{k-1}^T + Q_{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

- Note:**  $\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}$  is a PPP with GM-PHD  $\Rightarrow$  no new approximations needed!

# GM-PHD PREDICTION

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**Algorithm** GM-PHD prediction.

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1: Set  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1} = \mathcal{H}_k^b + \mathcal{H}_{k-1|k-1}$ .

2: **for**  $h = 1$  **to**  $\mathcal{H}_k^b$  **do**

3:   Set  $w_{k|k-1}^h = w_{b,k}^h$ ,  $\mu_{k|k-1}^h = \mu_{b,k}^h$  and  $P_{k|k-1}^h = P_{b,k}^h$ .

4: **end for**

5: **for**  $h = 1$  **to**  $\mathcal{H}_{k-1|k-1}$  **do**

6:   Set

$$w_{k|k-1}^{h+\mathcal{H}_k^b} = P^S w_{b,k}^h, \quad \mu_{k|k-1}^{h+\mathcal{H}_k^b} = F_{k-1} \mu_{k-1|k-1}^h,$$

$$P_{k|k-1}^{h+\mathcal{H}_k^b} = F_{k-1} P_{k-1|k-1}^h F_{k-1}^T + Q_{k-1}.$$

7: **end for**

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# GM-PHD PREDICTION: VISUALIZATION

## A GM-PHD prediction example

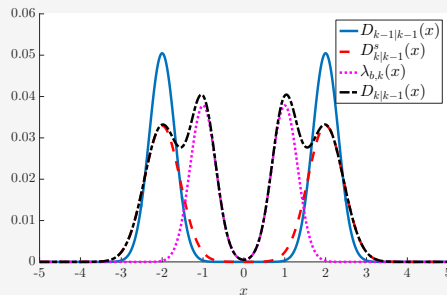
- Suppose  $\mathcal{H}_{k-1|k-1} = 2$ , and that

$$w_{k-1|k-1}^1 = w_{k-1|k-1}^2 = 0.04$$

$$P_{k-1|k-1}^1 = P_{k-1|k-1}^2 = 0.1$$

$$\mu_{k-1|k-1}^1 = -2, \quad \mu_{k-1|k-1}^2 = 2.$$

- Also, suppose  $P^S = 0.9$ ,  $F_{k-1} = 1$ ,  $Q_{k-1} = 0.3^2$  and let  $\lambda_{b,k}(x)$  be a GM with two components.
- The predicted PHD,  $D_{k|k-1}(x)$  is then a GM with 4 components.



# **PHD filter update – part 1**

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## GM parametrisation

- We assume that  $\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}$  is a PPP with PHD (intensity function)

$$D_{k|k-1}(x) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}} w_{k|k-1}^h \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{k|k-1}^h, P_{k|k-1}^h).$$

## GM-PHD filter update (conceptual description)

- 1) Find  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k})$ .
- 2) Find the GM-PHD,  $D_{k|k}(x)$ , of  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k})$ , and its parameters

$$\left\{ w_{k|k}^h, \mu_{k|k}^h, P_{k|k}^h \right\}_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k}}.$$

- 3) Approximate  $\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k}$  as a PPP with PHD  $D_{k|k}(x)$ .

# MEASUREMENT MODEL

## Measurement model

- We assume the standard measurement model, with

$$\mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{z}_k | \{x_k\}) = \begin{cases} P^D \mathcal{N}(z_k; H_k x_k, R_k) & \text{if } \mathbf{z}_k = \{z_k\} \\ 1 - P^D & \text{if } \mathbf{z}_k = \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{if } |\mathbf{z}_k| > 1, \end{cases}$$

whereas we can handle general clutter intensities  $\lambda_{c,k}(z)$ .

- **Remarks:**

- Probability of detection is constant and  $g_k$  is linear and Gaussian.
- We observe  $\mathbf{z}_k = \{z_k^1, \dots, z_k^{m_k}\}$ .

# EXACT POSTERIOR, $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k})$

## Posterior multi-Bernoulli posterior

- Given above assumptions,  $\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k}$  is a Poisson multi-Bernoulli (PMB) RFS, where the PPP has intensity

$$\lambda_{k|k}(x) = (1 - P^D) D_{k|k-1}(x),$$

and the MB process has  $m_k$  components, for  $i = 1, \dots, m_k$ :

$$r_{k|k}^i = \frac{P^D \int \mathcal{N}(z_k^i; H_k x', R_k) D_{k|k-1}(x') dx'}{\lambda_c(z_k^i) + P^D \int \mathcal{N}(z_k^i; H_k \tilde{x}, R_k) D_{k|k-1}(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}}$$
$$p_{k|k}^i(x) \propto \mathcal{N}(z_k^i; H_k x, R_k) D_{k|k-1}(x).$$

- Remarks:**

- The posterior has the PHD

$$D_{k|k}(x) = \lambda_{k|k}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{m_k} r_{k|k}^i p_{k|k}^i(x).$$

- $D_{k|k-1}(x)$  is a GM with  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  components  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{k|k} = \mathcal{H}_{k|k-1} \times (m_k + 1)$ .

# **PHD filter update – part 2**

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## GM-PHD UPDATE: PPP

- The exact posterior contains a PPP with PHD

$$(1 - P^D)D_{k|k-1}(x) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}} (1 - P^D)w_{k|k-1}^h \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{k|k-1}^h, P_{k|k-1}^h).$$

- This PPP represents objects that are undetected at time  $k$ .
- We store these as the first  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  components in  $D_{k|k}(x)$ .

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**Algorithm** GM-PHD update (1).

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1: for  $h = 1$  to  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  do  
2:    $w_{k|k}^h = (1 - P^D) w_{k|k-1}^h$   
3:    $\mu_{k|k}^h = \mu_{k|k-1}^h$   
4:    $P_{k|k}^h = P_{k|k-1}^h$   
5: end for
```

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## GM-PHD UPDATE: MB (1)

- The posterior also contains  $m_k$  Bernoulli components.
- These represent the set of detected objects at time  $k$ .  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  One potential (detected) object for each measurement.

- We can write

$$r_{k|k}^i p_{k|k}^i(x) = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}} w_k^{h,i} \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k^{h,i}, P_k^{h,i}),$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k^{h,i}, P_k^{h,i}) \propto \mathcal{N}(z_k^i; H_k x, R_k) \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{k|k-1}^h, P_{k|k-1}^h).$$

- That is,  $(\mu_k^{h,i}, P_k^{h,i})$  are given by a Kalman filter update of  $\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{k|k-1}^h, P_{k|k-1}^h)$  using  $\mathcal{N}(z_k^i; H_k x, R_k)$ .



## GM-PHD UPDATE: MB (2)

- First compute parameters for the  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  Kalman filters.

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### Algorithm GM-PHD update (2).

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```
1: for  $h = 1$  to  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  do  
2:    $\hat{z}_{k|k-1}^h = H_k \mu_{k|k-1}^h$   
3:    $S_k^h = R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}^h H_k^T$   
4:    $K_k^h = P_{k|k-1}^h H_k^T (S_k^h)^{-1}$   
5:    $P_k^h = (I - K_k^h H_k) P_{k|k-1}^h$   
6: end for
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- We now compute and store the GM-variables.

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### Algorithm GM-PHD update (3).

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```
1: for  $i = 1$  to  $m_k$  do  
2:   for  $h = 1$  to  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  do  
3:      $\mu_{k|k}^{i\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}+h} = \mu_{k|k-1}^h + K_k^h (z_k^i - \hat{z}_{k|k-1}^h)$   
4:      $P_{k|k}^{i\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}+h} = P_k^h$   
5:      $\tilde{w}_{k|k}^{i\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}+h} = P^D w_{k|k-1}^h \mathcal{N}(z_k^i; \hat{z}_{k|k-1}^h, S_k^h)$   
6:   end for  
7:   for  $h = 1$  to  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  do  
8:      $w_{k|k}^{i\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}+h} = \frac{\tilde{w}_{k|k}^{i\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}+h}}{\lambda_c(z_k^i) + \sum_{h'=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}} \tilde{w}_{k|k}^{i\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}+h'}}$   
9:   end for  
10: end for
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# GM-PHD UPDATE: VISUALIZATION

## A GM-PHD update example

- Suppose

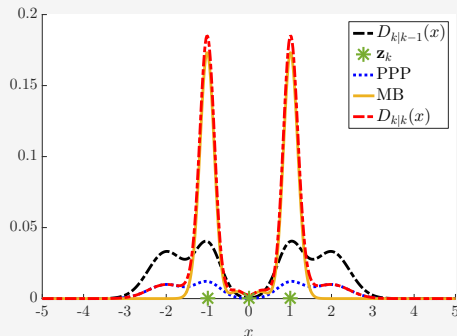
$$\mathbf{z}_k = \{-1, 0, 1\}.$$

and  $D_{k|k-1}(x)$  is a GM with four components.

- Also, suppose  $P^D = 0.7$ , and that  $H_k = 1$ ,  $R_k = 0.2^2$  and

$$\lambda_c(c) = \begin{cases} 0.3 & \text{if } |c| \geq 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Posterior PHD is dominated by two peaks due to measurements at  $\pm 1$ .



# CONCLUDING REMARKS

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- The GM-PHD update step is very simple.
- We perform  $m_k$  different updates for each of the  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  predicted Gaussian densities.
- GM grows as  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k} = (m_k + 1) \times \mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}$  regardless of

$$\hat{n}_{k|k-1} = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})} [|\mathbf{x}_k|] = \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}} w_{k|k-1}^h.$$

- The factor  $m_k + 1$  corresponds  $N_A(m_k, 1)$ , which is generally much smaller than  $N_A(m_k, \text{round}(\hat{n}_{k|k-1}))$ .

# **GM-PHD: mixture reduction and estimation**

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# MIXTURE REDUCTION FOR THE GM-PHD

- Without approximations, the number of terms in the GM grows as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_{k|k-1} &= \mathcal{H}_{k-1|k-1} + \mathcal{H}_k^b \\ \mathcal{H}_{k|k} &= (m_k + 1) \times \mathcal{H}_{k|k-1}.\end{aligned}$$

- Clearly,  $\mathcal{H}_{k|k}$  grows quickly with time!
- How can we reduce the number of terms?
  - As usual: using **pruning** and **merging**.
  - Note:** we do not normalize weights after pruning.

## A common reduction strategy

- 1) Remove components with weights  $< \gamma$ .
- 2) Merge similar components.
- 3) Cap the number of components at  $N_{\max}$ .

# ESTIMATING THE SET OF OBJECTS

## An estimator for GM-PHD

- Estimate the number of objects:

$$\hat{n}_{k|k} = \text{round} \left( \sum_{h=1}^{\mathcal{H}_{k|k}} w_{k|k}^h \right).$$

- Include  $\mu_{k|k}^h$  for the  $\hat{n}_{k|k}$  largest weights in the set  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ .

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**Algorithm** Forming a set of estimates.

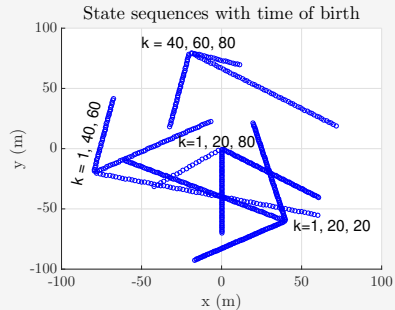
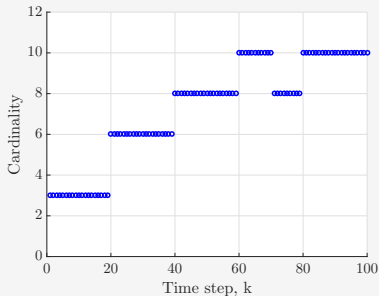
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- 1: Input:  $\hat{n}, w^h, \mu^h, h = 1, \dots, \mathcal{H}$ .
  - 2: Output:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$
  - 3:  $[out, ind] = \text{sort}([w^1, \dots, w^{\mathcal{H}}], 'descend')$ .
  - 4: Initialize  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \emptyset$
  - 5: **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $\hat{n}$  **do**
  - 6:   Set  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cup \{\mu^{ind(i)}\}$ .
  - 7: **end for**
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# A SIMULATION EXAMPLE (1)

## A GM-PHD simulation example

- State sequence is generated deterministically.



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## A GM-PHD simulation example

- State sequence is generated deterministically.

- The PHD filter assumes:

- CV motion:  $T = 1$ ,  $Q_k = 4$ .

- Observations:  $R_k = 4 \times I_{2 \times 2}$ ,

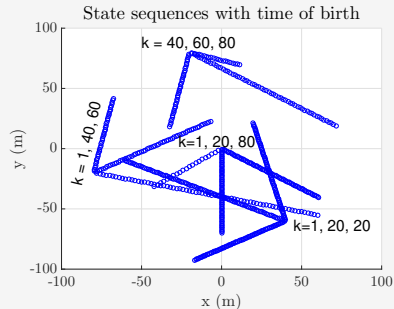
$$H_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $P^D = 0.98$ ,  $P^S = 0.99$ ,

$$\lambda_c(c) = 1.25 \times 10^{-4}.$$

- $\lambda_{b,k}$  is a GM with 4 components, means where objects appear.

- Measurements: generated from model.

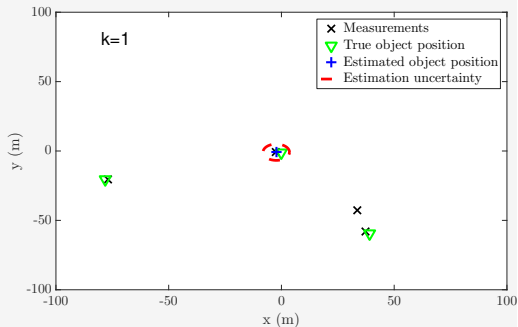
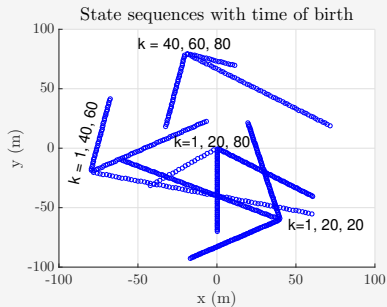




# A SIMULATION EXAMPLE (2)

## A GM-PHD simulation example

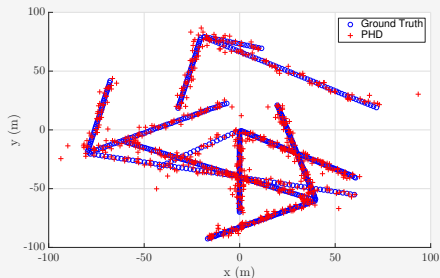
- Recall the true sequences.
- The PHD filter yields the estimates:



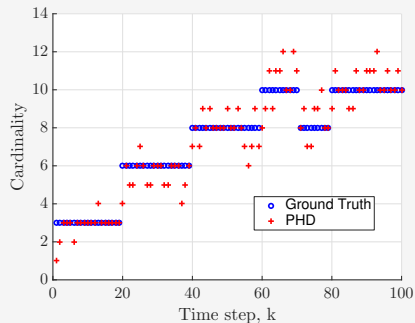
# A SIMULATION EXAMPLE (3)

## A GM-PHD simulation example

- The PHD filter outputs fairly reasonable estimates.



- Still, the filter yields many missed/false objects.



# **Section 6:**

## **Metrics in MOT**

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# Metrics for performance evaluation

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# METRICS ON SETS (1)

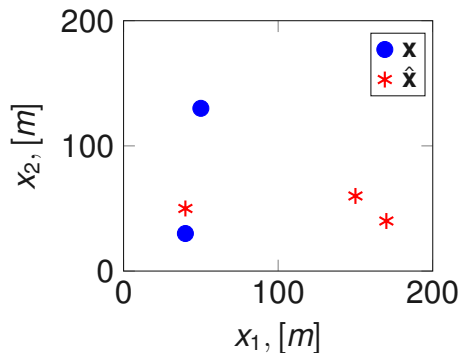
- Our MOT algorithms output estimates  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  of  $\mathbf{x}_k$ .
- How can we evaluate how accurate an estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  is?  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  Which algorithm is the best?

## Key question

- How close is  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  to  $\mathbf{x}_k$ ?
- **Note:** both  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  and  $\mathbf{x}_k$  are sets.

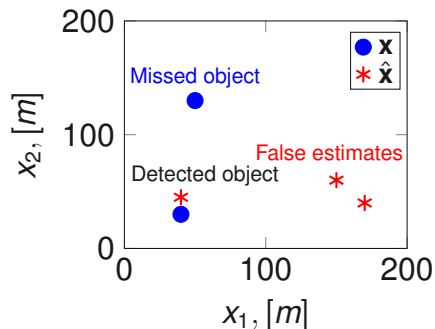
## Objective

- Find a metric  $d(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x})$ , suitable for MOT.



## METRICS ON SETS (2)

- **Objective:** find a metric that grows with
  - localisation error for “properly detected objects”,
  - # missed objects,
  - # false objects.
- We use the *generalised optimal sub-pattern assignment* (GOSPA) metric.



### Informal definition

$$\text{GOSPA} = \text{localisation error} + \frac{c}{2} (\# \text{missed objects} + \# \text{false objects})$$

# METRICS AND NORMS

## Metrics: definition

- A metric (on some space) is a distance function that satisfies

1.  $d(x, y) \geq 0$
2.  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$
3.  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
4.  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

- For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the  $L^p$ -norm,

$$\|x\|_p = (|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p + \cdots + |x_n|^p)^{1/p}$$

can be used to define metrics.

- In our examples below, we use the **Euclidean distance**

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|_2 = \sqrt{(x - y)^T(x - y)}.$$

# HOW TO COMPUTE GOSPA?

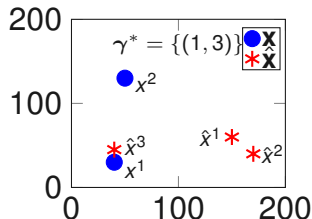
- Computing GOSPA ( $p = 1$ ):

- 1) Find optimal assignments between sets.

*Remark 1:* pairs are left unassigned if  $d(x, \hat{x}) > c$ .

*Remark 2:* we refer to unassigned elements as false/missed objects.

- 2) Assigned pairs cost  $d(x, \hat{x})$ .
- 3) Unassigned elements cost  $c/2$ .



- If  $c = 40$ ,  $\text{GOSPA} = 15 + 3 \times c/2 = 75$ .

## Formal definition, GOSPA, $\alpha = 2$

$$d_p^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \left[ \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \left( \sum_{(i,j) \in \gamma} d(x^i, \hat{x}^j)^p + \frac{c^p}{2} \left( \underbrace{|\mathbf{x}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{missed}} + \underbrace{|\hat{\mathbf{x}}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{false}} \right) \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the set of possible assignment sets.



# Examples of GOSPA

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# GOSPA, EXAMPLES (1)

- Recall the definition of GOSPA,  $p = 1$ :

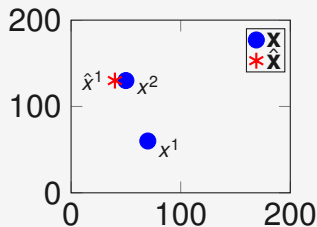
$$d_1^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \left( \sum_{(i,j) \in \gamma} d(x^i, \hat{x}^j) + \frac{c}{2} \left( \underbrace{|\mathbf{x}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{missed}} + \underbrace{|\hat{\mathbf{x}}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{false}} \right) \right)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the set of possible assignment sets.

## Example: GOSPA, one missed object

- Suppose  $p = 1$  and  $c = 40$ .
- Optimal assignment:  $\gamma^* = \{(2, 1)\}$ .
- GOSPA is

$$\begin{aligned} d_1^{(40,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) &= d(x^2, \hat{x}^1) + c/2 \\ &= 10 + 20 = 30. \end{aligned}$$



## GOSPA, EXAMPLES (2)

- Recall the definition of GOSPA,  $p = 1$ :

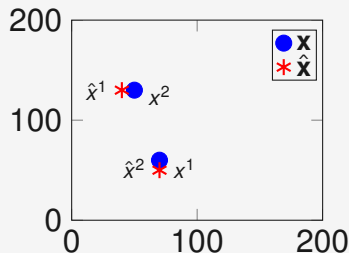
$$d_1^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \left( \sum_{(i,j) \in \gamma} d(x^i, \hat{x}^j) + \frac{c}{2} \left( \underbrace{|\mathbf{x}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{missed}} + \underbrace{|\hat{\mathbf{x}}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{false}} \right) \right)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the set of possible assignment sets.

### Example: GOSPA, two properly detected objects

- Suppose  $p = 1$  and  $c = 40$ .
- Optimal assign.:  $\gamma^* = \{(2, 1), (1, 2)\}$ .
- GOSPA is

$$\begin{aligned} d_1^{(40,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) &= d(x^2, \hat{x}^1) + d(x^1, \hat{x}^2) \\ &= 10 + 10 = 20. \end{aligned}$$



## GOSPA, EXAMPLES (3)

- Recall the definition of GOSPA,  $p = 1$ :

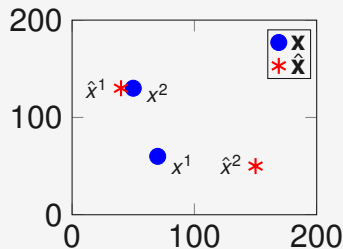
$$d_1^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \left( \sum_{(i,j) \in \gamma} d(x^i, \hat{x}^j) + \frac{c}{2} \left( \underbrace{|\mathbf{x}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{missed}} + \underbrace{|\hat{\mathbf{x}}| - |\gamma|}_{\# \text{false}} \right) \right)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the set of possible assignment sets.

### Example: GOSPA, missed and false object

- Suppose  $p = 1$  and  $c = 40$ .
- Optimal assignment:  $\gamma^* = \{(2, 1)\}$ .
- GOSPA is

$$\begin{aligned} d_1^{(40,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) &= d(x^2, \hat{x}^1) + 2 \times \frac{c}{2} \\ &= 10 + 40 = 50. \end{aligned}$$



## CONCLUSIONS FROM EXAMPLES

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- We used GOSPA to compare three estimates for the same set  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- The true set  $\mathbf{x}$  contained two objects.
- We obtained the smallest metric when both objects were properly detected.
- GOSPA took a larger value when one object was missed and an even larger value when we also had a false object.

# **GOSPA for RFSs**

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## GOSPA FOR RFSs (1)

- In tracking, the set of objects and estimates are (often) RFSs.
- To evaluate tracking algorithms we need metrics between RFSs!

### Key result: GOSPA metrics for RFSs

- For  $1 \leq p, p' < \infty$

$$\sqrt[p']{\mathbb{E} \left[ d_p^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}})^{p'} \right]},$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  are RFSs, is a metric.

- We are particularly interested in cases where  $p = p'$ .

## GOSPA FOR RFSs (2)

- We know that  $\sqrt[p']{\mathbb{E} \left[ d_p^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}})^{p'} \right]}$  is a metric for  $1 \leq p, p' < \infty$ .

### Mean GOSPA

- Setting  $p = p' = 1$  gives that **mean GOSPA**

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ d_1^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) \right]$$

is a metric.

### Root mean squared GOSPA (RMS-GOSPA)

- Setting  $p = p' = 2$  gives that **root mean squared GOSPA**

$$\sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left[ d_2^{(c,2)}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}})^2 \right]}$$

is a metric. **Note:** mean squared GOSPA is not a metric.



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- Proof:** Setting  $p = p' \Rightarrow$  the left hand side is a metric.
- The result then follows from

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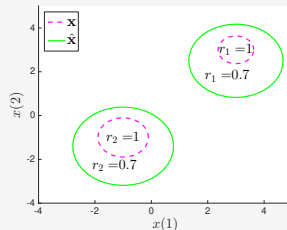
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- In particular, both **mean GOSPA** and **RMS-GOSPA decompose** as above.
- This enables us to **analyse error sources**!

# GOSPA FOR RFSs: SIMULATION EXAMPLE

## RMS-GOSPA for two MBs

- Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is a MB RFS with
$$r_1 = r_2 = 1$$
$$p_1(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [3, 3]^T, 0.1 I)$$
$$p_2(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [-1, -1]^T, 0.2 I)$$
- Also, suppose  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is a MB RFS with
$$\hat{r}_1 = \hat{r}_2 = 0.7$$
$$\hat{p}_1(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [2.5, 2.5]^T, 0.7 I)$$
$$\hat{p}_2(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [-1.5, -1.4]^T, 0.8 I)$$



- Using  $p = 2$  and  $c = 3$ , we get  
RMS-GOSPA  $\approx 2.4$ , false  $\approx 0.3$ ,  
localisation  $\approx 1.7$ , missed  $\approx 1.7$ .

- Note:**  $\text{RMS-GOSPA} = \sqrt{\text{localisation}^2 + \text{missed}^2 + \text{false}^2}$ .

## SUMMARY

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- GOSPA is a metric between sets of points. For  $p = 1$ ,

$$\text{GOSPA} = \text{localisation error} + \frac{c}{2} (\# \text{missed objects} + \# \text{false objects})$$

- GOSPA penalises false and missed object estimates.
- Efficiently computed using Hungarian/auction algorithms.
- Both mean GOSPA and RMS-GOSPA are metrics on RFSs.