

Course 06: UKF

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Robot Mapping

Unscented Kalman Filter

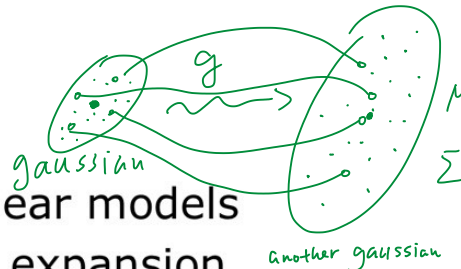
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KF, EKF and UKF

- Kalman filter requires linear models
- EKF linearizes via Taylor expansion



Is there a better way to linearize?

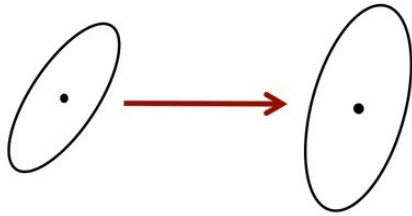
Unscented Transform



Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF)

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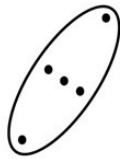
Taylor Approximation (EKF)



Linearization of the non-linear
function through Taylor expansion

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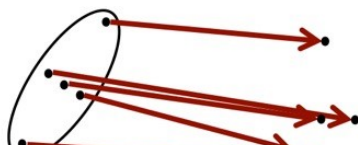
Unscented Transform



Compute a set of (so-called)
sigma points

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Unscented Transform

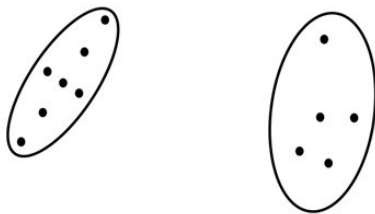




Transform each sigma point
through the non-linear function

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Unscented Transform



Compute Gaussian from the
transformed and weighted
sigma points

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Unscented Transform Overview

- Compute a set of sigma points
- Each sigma points has a weight
- Transform the point through the non-linear function
- Compute a Gaussian from weighted points

[Advantage]



- Avoids to linearize **around the mean** as Taylor expansion (and EKF) does

Sigma Points

- How to choose the sigma points?
- How to set the weights?

Sigma Points Properties

- How to choose the sigma points?
- How to set the weights?
- Select $\mathcal{X}^{[i]}, w^{[i]}$ so that:

$$\sum_i w^{[i]} = 1$$

$$\mu = \sum_i w^{[i]} \mathcal{X}^{[i]}$$

$$\Sigma = \sum_i w^{[i]} (\mathcal{X}^{[i]} - \mu)(\mathcal{X}^{[i]} - \mu)^T$$

*An trivial practice :
choose Identity,
we should get EXACTLY
SAME DISTRIBUTION!*

- There is no unique solution for $\mathcal{X}^{[i]}, w^{[i]}$

Sigma Points

- Choosing the sigma points

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$$\mathcal{X}^{[0]} = \mu$$

First sigma point is the mean

⚠ number of sigma point to choose depends on the dim of the problem.

2) Every time choose 2 extra sigma points if one more dim is added to the problem.¹⁰
base is [1 dim \Rightarrow 3 sigma points].

Sigma Points

▪ Choosing the sigma points

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{X}^{[0]} &= \mu \\ \mathcal{X}^{[i]} &= \mu + \left(\sqrt{(n+\lambda) \Sigma} \right)_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ \mathcal{X}^{[i]} &= \mu - \left(\sqrt{(n+\lambda) \Sigma} \right)_{i-n} \quad \text{for } i = n+1, \dots, 2n\end{aligned}$$

matrix square root

dimensionality

scaling parameter

column vector

⚠ tells us how far do we want move away from the mean. @ certain direction.
* Larger \rightarrow further.

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Matrix Square Root

- Defined as S with $\Sigma = SS^T$ \rightarrow Definition of matrix square root
- Computed via diagonalization

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma &= V D V^{-1} \\ &= V \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & d_{nn} \end{pmatrix} V^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

eigenvalues of the matrix



$$= V \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{d_{11}} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \sqrt{d_{nn}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{d_{11}} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \sqrt{d_{nn}} \end{pmatrix} V^{-1}$$



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Matrix Square Root

- Thus, we can define $S = V D^{1/2} V^{-1}$

$$S = V \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{d_{11}} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \sqrt{d_{nn}} \end{pmatrix}}_{D^{1/2}} V^{-1}$$

- so that

$$SS = (V D^{1/2} V^{-1})(V D^{1/2} V^{-1}) = V D V^{-1} = \Sigma$$

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Cholesky Matrix Square Root

- Alternative definition of the matrix square root

$$L \text{ with } \Sigma = LL^T$$

- Result of the Cholesky decomposition
- Numerically stable solution
- Often used in UKF implementations *more practically easier to*
- L and Σ have the same Eigenvectors

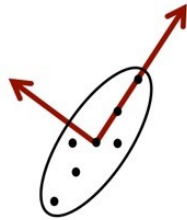
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Sigma Points and Eigenvectors

- Sigma point **can** but **do not have to** lie on the main axes of Σ

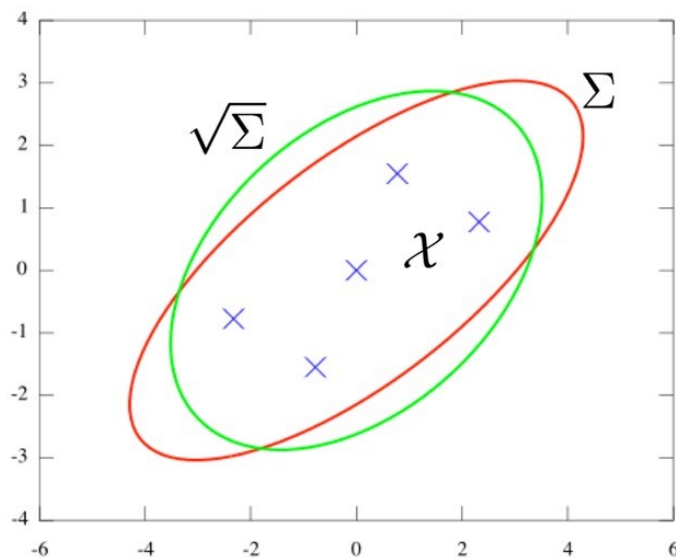
$$\mathcal{X}^{[i]} = \mu + \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda) \Sigma} \right)_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\mathcal{X}^{[i]} = \mu - \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda) \Sigma} \right)_{i-n} \quad \text{for } i = n + 1, \dots, 2n$$



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Sigma Points Example



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Sigma Point Weights

- Weight sigma points

**for computing
the mean**

parameters



$$\begin{aligned}
 w_m^{[0]} &= \frac{1}{n + \lambda} \\
 w_c^{[0]} &= w_m^{[0]} + (1 - \alpha^2 + \beta) \\
 w_m^{[i]} &= w_c^{[i]} = \frac{1}{2(n + \lambda)} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 2n
 \end{aligned}$$

for computing the covariance

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Recover the Gaussian

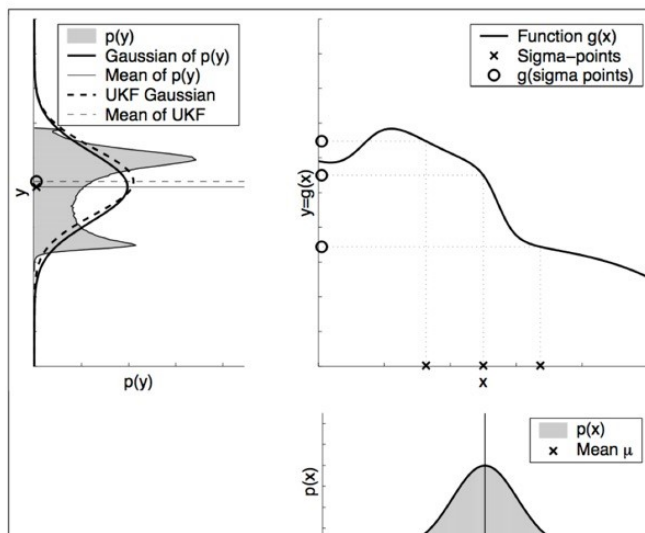
- Compute Gaussian from weighted and transformed points

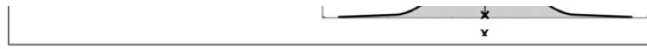
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu' &= \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_m^{[i]} g(\mathcal{X}^{[i]}) \\
 \Sigma' &= \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_c^{[i]} (g(\mathcal{X}^{[i]}) - \mu')(g(\mathcal{X}^{[i]}) - \mu')^T
 \end{aligned}$$

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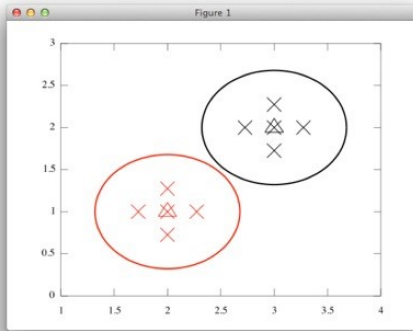
Example

We want the best possible gaussian distribution

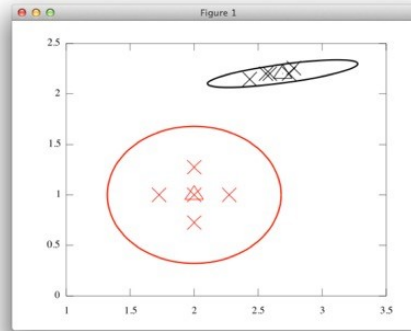




Examples



$$g((x, y)^T) = \begin{pmatrix} x + 1 \\ y + 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$$



$$g((x, y)^T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + x + \sin(2x) + \cos(y) \\ 2 + 0.2y \end{pmatrix}^T$$

Unscented Transform Summary

■ Sigma points

$$\mathcal{X}^{[0]} = \mu$$

$$\mathcal{X}^{[i]} = \mu + \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda) \Sigma} \right)_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\mathcal{X}^{[i]} = \mu - \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda) \Sigma} \right)_{i-n} \quad \text{for } i = n + 1, \dots, 2n$$

■ Weights

$$w_m^{[0]} = \frac{\lambda}{n + \lambda}$$

$$w_c^{[0]} = w_m^{[0]} + (1 - \alpha^2 + \beta)$$

$$w_m^{[i]} = w_c^{[i]} = \frac{1}{2(n + \lambda)} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 2n$$

UT Parameters

■ Free parameters as there is no unique

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▪ Scaled Unscented Transform suggests

$$\kappa \geq 0$$

Influence how far the sigma points are away from the mean

$$\alpha \in (0, 1]$$

$$\lambda = \alpha^2(n + \kappa) - n$$

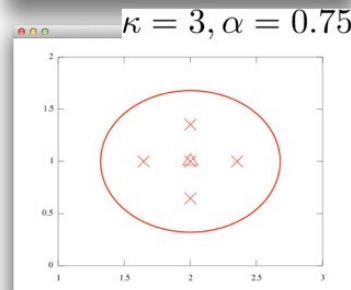
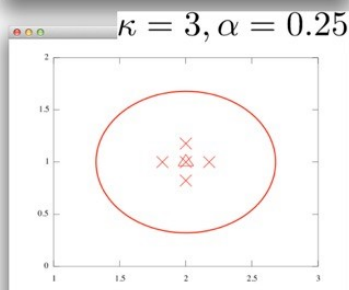
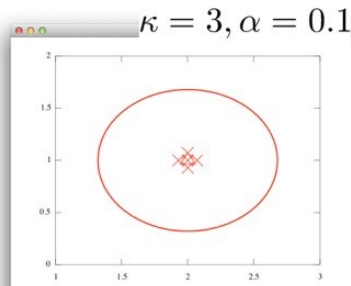
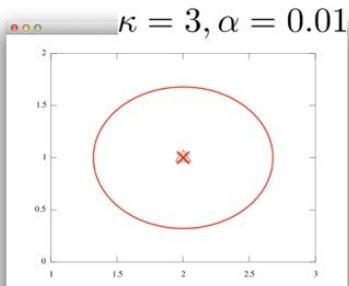
$$\beta = 2$$

Optimal choice for Gaussians

↳ other situations, depends on the special case.

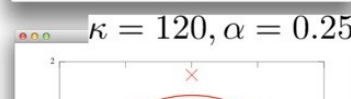
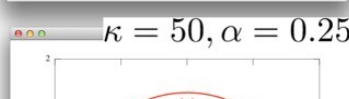
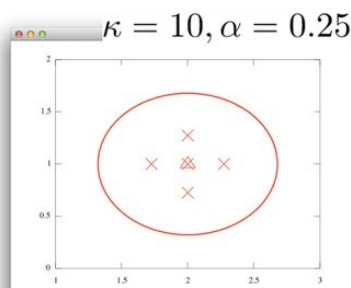
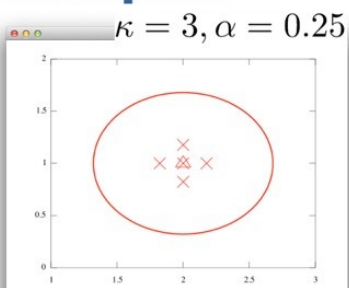
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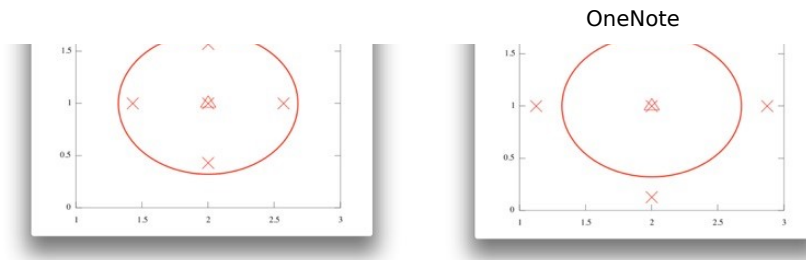
Examples



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Examples





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EKF Algorithm

- 1: **Extended_Kalman_filter**($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):
- 2: $\bar{\mu}_t = g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})$
- 3: $\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t$
- 4: $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T (H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$
- 5: $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t))$
- 6: $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$
- 7: *return* μ_t, Σ_t

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EKF to UKF – Prediction

- 1: ~~Extended~~ **Unscented** Kalman filter($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):
- 2: $\bar{\mu}_t =$ replace this by sigma point
- 3: $\bar{\Sigma}_t =$ propagation of the motion
- 4: $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T (H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$
- 5: $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t))$
- 6: $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$
- 7: *return* μ_t, Σ_t

(1) get sigma points : χ_L
 (2) apply nonlinear func:

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UKF Algorithm – Prediction

- 1: **Unscented_Kalman_filter**($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):
- 2: $\mathcal{X}_{t-1} = (\mu_{t-1} \quad \mu_{t-1} + \sqrt{(n+\lambda)\Sigma_{t-1}} \quad \mu_{t-1} - \sqrt{(n+\lambda)\Sigma_{t-1}})$
- 3: $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^* = g(u_t, \mathcal{X}_{t-1})$
- 4: $\bar{\mu}_t = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_m^{[i]} \bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{*[i]}$
- 5: $\bar{\Sigma}_t = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_c^{[i]} (\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{*[i]} - \bar{\mu}_t)(\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{*[i]} - \bar{\mu}_t)^T + R_t$

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EKF to UKF – Correction

- 1: ~~Unscented~~ ~~Extended~~ **Kalman_filter**($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):
- 2: $\bar{\mu}_t =$ replace this by sigma point
- 3: $\bar{\Sigma}_t =$ propagation of the motion

use sigma point propagation for the expected observation and Kalman gain

- 5: $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - \hat{z}_t)$
- 6: $\Sigma_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t S_t K_t^T$
- 7: return μ_t, Σ_t

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UKF Algorithm – Correction (1)

- 6: $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t = (\bar{\mu}_t \quad \bar{\mu}_t + \sqrt{(n+\lambda)\bar{\Sigma}_t} \quad \bar{\mu}_t - \sqrt{(n+\lambda)\bar{\Sigma}_t})$
- 7: $\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t = h(\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t)$
- 8: $\hat{z}_t = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_m^{[i]} \bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9: \quad S_t &= \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_c^{[i]} (\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]} - \hat{z}_t)(\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]} - \hat{z}_t)^T + Q_t \\
 10: \quad \bar{\Sigma}_t^{x,z} &= \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_c^{[i]} (\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{[i]} - \bar{\mu}_t)(\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]} - \hat{z}_t)^T \\
 11: \quad K_t &= \bar{\Sigma}_t^{x,z} S_t^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

*formula works like different than EKF.
(But it's still the same thing).*

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UKF Algorithm – Correction (1)

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 7: \quad \bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t &= h(\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t) \\
 8: \quad \hat{z}_t &= \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_m^{[i]} \bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$K_t = \underbrace{\bar{\Sigma}_t^{x,z}}_{\substack{\bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T \\ \text{(from EKF)}}} \underbrace{(H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}}_{S_t^{-1}}$$

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UKF Algorithm – Correction (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 6: \quad \bar{\mathcal{X}}_t &= (\bar{\mu}_t \quad \bar{\mu}_t + \sqrt{(n+\lambda)\bar{\Sigma}_t} \quad \bar{\mu}_t - \sqrt{(n+\lambda)\bar{\Sigma}_t}) \\
 7: \quad \bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t &= h(\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t) \\
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 12: \quad \mu_t &= \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - \hat{z}_t) \\
 13: \quad \Sigma_t &= \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t S_t K_t^T \\
 14: \quad &\text{return } \mu_t, \Sigma_t
 \end{aligned}$$

UKF Algorithm – Correction (2)

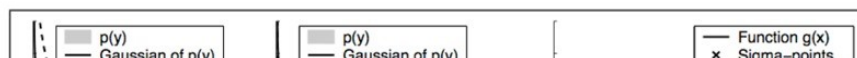
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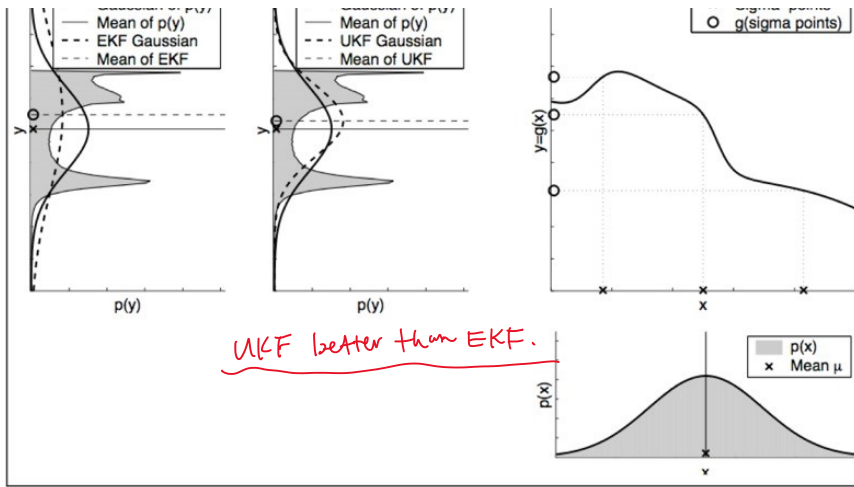
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 $= \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t (\Sigma^{x,z} S_t^{-1} S_t)^T$
 $= \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t (K_t S_t)^T$
 $= \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t S_t^T K_t^T$
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 (see next slide)

From EKF to UKF – Computing the Covariance

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma_t &= (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \\
 &= \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t \underline{H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t} \\
 &= \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t (\bar{\Sigma}^{x,z})^T \\
 &= \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t (\bar{\Sigma}^{x,z} S_t^{-1} S_t)^T \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

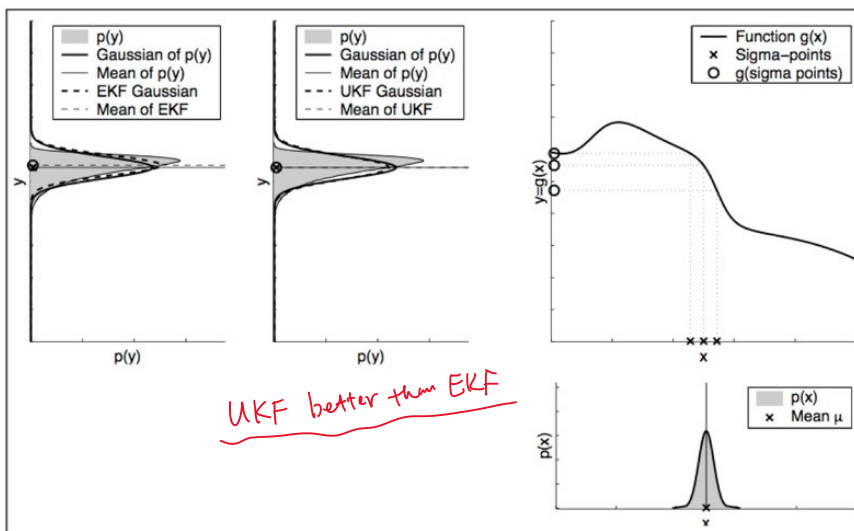
UKF vs. EKF





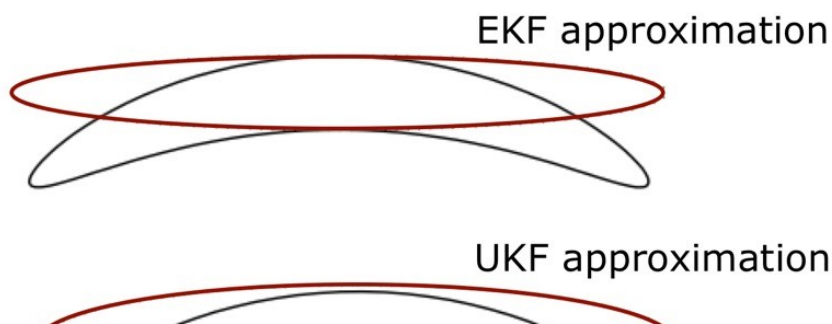
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UKF vs. EKF (Small Covariance)



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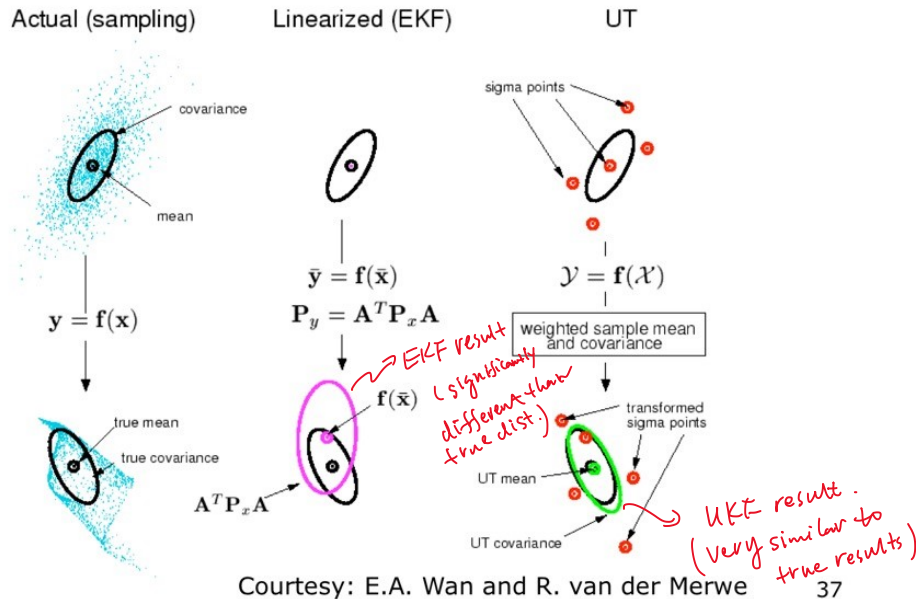
UKF vs. EKF – Banana Shape





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UKF vs. EKF



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UT/UKF Summary

- Unscented transforms as an alternative to linearization
- UT is a better approximation than Taylor expansion (especially @ highly nonlinear functions)
- UT uses sigma point propagation
- Free parameters in UT
- UKF uses the UT in the prediction and correction step

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UKF vs. EKF

- Same results as EKF for linear models
 - Better approximation than EKF for non-linear models
 - Differences often "somewhat small"
 - No Jacobians needed for the UKF
 - Same complexity class
 - Slightly slower than the EKF
 - Still restricted to Gaussian distributions
- just better distribution than EKF of Taylor Expansion (@1st order)*³⁹

Literature

Unscented Transform and UKF

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