5-Localization-0

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1 5. Robot localization

In the upcoming chapters we will cover three fundamental aspects of mobile robots: robot localization, map building, and simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM).

Citing Cox [1]:

Using sensory information to locate the robot in its environment is the most fundamental problem to providing a mobile robot with autonomous capabilities

Concretely, the goal of **robot localization** is, given a map of the environment and a sequence of sensor measurements, to retrieve the robot's pose in such environment.

Localization problems can be grouped into different types (see Fig.1 below): - **Position tracking**: the robot knows approximately where it is (for example, using odometry readings, which have to come at a certain frequency). - **Global localization**: the robot has no clue where it is (*e.g.* GPS). It is needed when the robot is turned on. - **Kidnapped robot problem**: the robot thinks that it knows where it is, but is wrong!

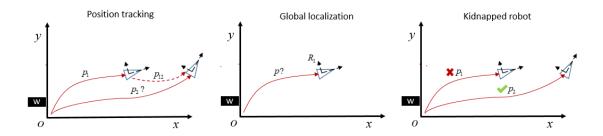


Fig. 1. Different types of localization problems.

1.1 References

[1] Cox, Ingemar J. "Blanche-an experiment in guidance and navigation of an autonomous robot vehicle." IEEE Transactions on robotics and automation 7, no. 2 (1991): 193-204.

5-Localization-1-LeastSquares

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1 5.1 Least Squares Global Localization

Least Squares Positioning is a well-known algorithm for estimating the robot localization x given a set of known landmarks in a map. Least Squares is akin to find the best pose \hat{x} by solving a system of equations of the form:

$$z_{m\times 1} = H_{m\times n} \cdot x_{n\times 1}$$

where: - n is the length of the pose (n = 3 in our case, position plus orientation), - m represents the number of observations, and - H is the matrix that codifies the observation model relating the measurement z with the robot pose x. For example, if we are using a pointer to measure the distance to a wall, the element associated with each z in H takes the value 1.

This simple concept, nevertheless, has to be modified in order to be used in real scenarios:

1.1 5.1.1 Pseudo-inverse

Generally, to solve an equation system, we only need as many equations as variables. In the robot localization problem, each observation z sets an equation, while the variables are the components of the state/pose, x.

In such a case, where n = m, a direct attempt to this problem exists:

$$x = H^{-1}z$$

So a unique solution exists if H is invertible, that is, H is a square matrix with $det(H) \neq 0$.

However, in real scenarios typically there are available more observations than variables. An approach to address this could be to drop some of the additional equations, but given that observations z are inaccurate (they have been affected by some noise), we may use the additional information to try to mitigate such noise. However, by doing that H is no a squared matrix anymore, hence not being invertible.

Two tools can help us at this point. The first one is the utilization of **Least Squares** to find the closest possible \hat{x} , i.e. the one where the the error (e = Hx - z) is minimal:

$$\hat{x} = \arg\min_{x} e^{T} e = [(Hx - z)^{T} (Hx - z)] = \arg\min_{x} ||h(x) - z||^{2}$$

which has a close form solution using the **pseudo-inverse** of a matrix:

$$\hat{x} = \underbrace{(H^T H)^{-1} H^T}_{pseudo-inverse (H^+)} z$$

The **pseudo-inverse**, in contrast to the normal inverse operation, can be used in non-square matrices!

```
[1]: #%matplotlib notebook
     #%matplotlib inline
     # IMPORTS
     import math
     import numpy as np
     from numpy import linalg
     import matplotlib
     matplotlib.use('TkAgg')
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import scipy
     from scipy import stats
     import sys
     sys.path.append("..")
     from utils.PlotEllipse import PlotEllipse
     from utils.DrawRobot import DrawRobot
     from utils.tcomp import tcomp
     from utils.tinv import tinv, jac_tinv1 as jac_tinv
     from utils. Jacobians import J1, J2
```

1.1.1 ASSIGNMENT 1: Playing with a robot in a corridor

The following code illustrates a simple scenario where a robot is in a corridor looking at a door, which is placed at the origin of the reference system (see Fig.1). The robot is equipped with a laser scanner able to measure distances, and takes a number of observations z. The robot is placed 3 meters away from the door, but this information is unknown for it. **Your goal is** to estimate the position of the robot in this 1D world using such measurements.

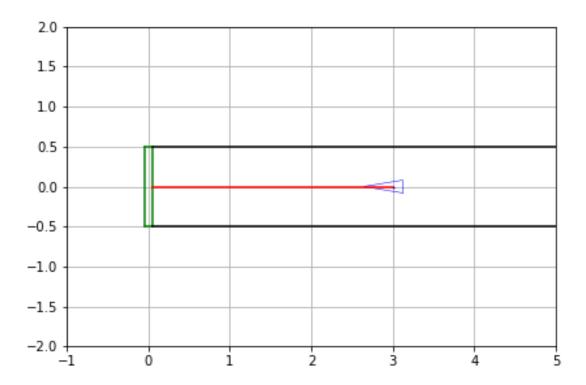


Fig. 1: Simple 1D scenario with a robot equipped with a laser scanner measuring distance to a door.

The following code cell shows the dimensions of all the actors involved in LS-positioning. Complete it for computing the robot pose x from the available information. Recall $np \cdot linalg \cdot inv()$.

```
[2]: # Set the robot pose to unknown
x = np.vstack(np.array([None]))

# Sensor measurements to the door
z = np.vstack(np.array([3.7,2.9,3.6,2.5,3.5]))

# Observation model
H = np.ones(np.array([5,1]))

print ("Dimensions:")
print ("Pose x: " + str(x.shape))
print ("Observations z: " + str(z.shape))
print ("Obs. model H: " + str(H.shape))
print ("H.T@H: " + str((H.T@H).shape))
print ("inv(H.T@H): " + str((np.linalg.inv(H.T@H)).shape))
print ("H.T@z : " + str((H.T@z).shape))

# Do Least Squares Positioning
x = np.linalg.inv(H.T@H)@H.T@z
```

```
print('\nLS-Positioning')
print('x = ' + str(x[0]))
```

Dimensions:

Pose x: (1, 1)
Observations z: (5, 1)
Obs. model H: (5, 1)
H.T@H: (1, 1)
inv(H.T@H): (1, 1)
H.T@z: (1, 1)

LS-Positioning x = [3.24]

Expected output

x = [3.24]

1.2 5.1.2 Weighted measurements

In cases where multiple sensors affected by different noise profiles are used, or in those where the robot is using a sensor with a varying error (e.g. typically radial laser scans are more accurate while measuring distances to close objects), it is interesting to weight the contribution of such measurements while retrieving the robot pose. For example, we are going to consider a sensor whose accuracy drops the further the observed landmark is. Given a *covariance* matrix Q describing the error in the measurements, the equations above are rewritten as:

$$\hat{x} = \arg\min_{x} e^{T} Q^{-1} e = [(Hx - z)^{T} Q^{-1} (Hx - z)]$$

$$\hat{x} \leftarrow (H^{T} Q^{-1} H)^{-1} H^{T} Q^{-1} z \qquad (1. \text{ Best estimation})$$

$$\Sigma_{\hat{x}} \leftarrow (H^{T} Q^{-1} H)^{-1} \qquad (2. \text{ Uncertainty of the estimation})$$

Example with three measurements having different uncertainty (σ_1^2 , σ_2^2 , σ_3^2):

$$e^{T}Q^{-1}e = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \ e_2 \ e_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sigma_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/\sigma_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{e_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{e_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{e_3^2}{\sigma_3^2} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{e_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

In this way, the bigger the σ_i^2 , the smaller its contribution to the pose's computation.

1.2.1 ASSIGNMENT 2: Adding growing uncertainty

We have new information! The manufacturer of the laser scanner mounted on the robot wrote an email telling us that the device is considerably more inaccurate for further distances. Concretely, such uncertainty is characterized by $\sigma^2 = e^z$ (the laser is not so accurate, being polite).

With this new information, implement the computation of the weighted LS-positioning so you can compare the previously estimated position with the new one.

```
[3]: # Sensor measurements to the door
z = np.vstack(np.array([3.7,2.9,3.6,2.5,3.5]))

# Uncertainty of the measurements
Q = np.eye(5)*np.exp(z)

# Observation model
H = np.ones(np.array([5,1]))

# Do Least Squares Positioning
x = np.linalg.inv(H.T@H)@H.T@z

# Do Weighted Least Squares Positioning
x_w = np.linalg.inv(H.T@np.linalg.inv(Q)@H)@H.T@np.linalg.inv(Q)@z

print('\nLS-Positioning')
print('x = ' + str(x[0]))

print('\nWeighted-LS-Positioning')
print('x = ' + str(np.round(x_w[0],2)))
```

```
LS-Positioning
x = [3.24]

Weighted-LS-Positioning
x = [3.01]

Expected output

LS-Positioning
x = [3.24]

Weighted-LS-Positioning
x = [3.01]
```

1.3 5.1.3 Non-linear Least Squares

Until now we have assumed that \hat{x} can be solved as a simple system of equations, i.e. H is a matrix. Nevertheless, typically observation models are non-linear, that is: z = h(x), so the problem now becomes:

$$\hat{x} = \arg\min_{x} ||z - h(x)||^2$$

No close-form solutions exists for this new problem, but we can approximate it iteratively:

(Recall) Taylor expansion:
$$h(x) = h(x_0 + \delta) = h(x_0) + J_{h_0}\delta||z - h(x)||^2 \cong ||\underbrace{z - h(x_0)}_{error\ vector\ e} - J_{h_o}\delta||^2 = ||e - J_{h_0}\delta||^2 \leftarrow \delta \text{ is } 1$$

So we can define the equivalent optimization problem:

$$\delta = \arg\min_{\delta} ||e + J_e \delta||^2 \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta}_{nx1} = -\underbrace{(J_e^T J_e)^{-1}}_{nxn} \underbrace{J_e^T}_{nxm} \underbrace{e}_{mx1}$$
 (\$\delta\$ that makes the previous squared norm minimum)

The weighted form of the δ computation results:

$$\delta = (J_e^T Q^{-1} J_e)^{-1} J_e^T Q^{-1} e$$

Where:

- *Q* is the measurement covariance (*weighted measurement*)
- J_e is the negative of the Jacobian of the observation model at \hat{x} , also known as $\nabla h_{\hat{x}}$
- *e* is the error of *z* against $h(\hat{x})$ (computed using the map information).

As commented, there is no closed-form solution for the problem, but we can iteratively approximate it using the **Gauss-Newton algorithm**:

$$\hat{x} \leftarrow (\dots)$$
 (1. Initial guess) $\delta \leftarrow (J_e^T Q^{-1} J_e)^{-1} J_e^T Q^{-1} e$ (2. Evaluate delta/increment) $\hat{x} \leftarrow \hat{x} - \delta$ (3. Update estimation) if $\delta > tolerance \rightarrow goto$ (1.) $else \rightarrow return \hat{x}$ (4. Exit condition)

1.3.1 LS positioning in practice

Suppose that a mobile robot equipped with a range sensor aims to localize itself in a map consisting of a number of landmarks by means of Least Squares and Gauss-Newton optimization.

For that, you are provided with the class Robot that implements the behavior of a robot that thinks that is placed at pose (that's its initial guess, obtained by composing odometry commands), but that has a real position true pose. In addition, the variable cov models the uncertainty of its movement, and var_d represents the variance (noise) of the range measurements. Take a look at it below.

```
[4]: class Robot(object):
    """ Simulate a robot base and positioning.

Attrs:
    pose: Position given by odometry (in this case true_pose affected by → noise)

true_pose: True position, selected by the mouse in this demo
```

```
cov: Covariance for the odometry sensor. Used to add noise to pose
           var_d: Covariance (noise) of each range measurement
  def __init__(self,
                pose: np.ndarray,
                cov: np.ndarray,
                desv_d: int = 0):
       # Pose related
      self.true_pose = pose
      self.pose = pose + np.sqrt(cov)@scipy.randn(3, 1)
       # self.pose = pose + np.sqrt(cov)@np.random.rand(3,1)
       # Para que no salten los warnings
       self.cov = cov
       # Sensor related
      self.var_d = desv_d**2
  def plot(self, fig, ax, **kwargs):
      DrawRobot(fig, ax, self.pose, color='red', label="Pose estimation_
→(Odometry)", **kwargs)
      DrawRobot(fig, ax, self.true_pose, color="blue", label="Real pose", __
→**kwargs)
```

1.3.2 ASSIGNMENT 3a: Computing distances from the robot to the landmarks

Implement the following function to simulate how our robot observes the world. In this case, the landmarks in the map act as beacons: the robot can sense how far away they are without any information about angles. The robot uses a range sensor with the following observation model:

$$z_i = [d_i] = h(m_i, x) = \left[\sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2} \right] + w_i$$

where m_i stands for the i^{th} landmark, and w_i is a noise added by the sensor.

Consider two scenarios in the function implementation: - The measurement is carried out with an ideal sensor, so no noise nor uncertainty exists (cov_d = 0). - The measurement comes from a real sensor affected by a given noise (cov_d != 0). We are going to consider that the range sensor is more accurate measuring distances to close landmarks than to far away ones. To implement this, consider that the noise grows with the root of the distance to the landmark, so the resultant uncertainty can be retrieved by:

$$\sigma_{\rm dist} = \sigma \sqrt{z}$$

that is, np.sqrt(z)*np.sqrt(cov_d). Recall that the sensor noise is modeled as a gaussian distribution, so you have to define such distribution and take samples from it using the stats.norm() and rvs() functions.

```
[5]: def distance(pose: np.ndarray, m: np.ndarray, cov_d: int = 0) -> np.ndarray:
         """ Get observations for every landmark in the map.
         In this case our observations are range only.
         If cov_d > 0 then add gaussian noise with var_d covariance
         Args:
             pose: pose (true or noisy) of the robot taking observation
             m: Map containing all landmarks
             cov_d: Covariance of the sensor
         Returns
             z: numpy array containing distances to all obs. It has shape (nLandmars, __
      \hookrightarrow 1).
         robotCoords = pose[:2,].T[0]
         aux = (m - np.array([robotCoords,]*m.shape[1]).T)**2
         h = aux.sum(axis=0)**(1/2)
         z = h # compute distances to all landmarks
         if cov_d > 0:
             sigmaDist = np.sqrt(z)*np.sqrt(cov_d)
             z += stats.norm.rvs(loc=0, scale=sigmaDist)
             # add noise if needed
         return z
```

Try your brand new function with the following code:

```
[6]: # Define the robot pose, a map composed of 3 landmarks, and the sensor variance_

→ (we are using an ideal sensor)

pose = np.vstack([2, 2, 0.35])

m = np.array([[-5,-15],[20,56],[54,-18]]).T

cov_d = 0

# Compute distances from the sensor to the landmarks

z = distance(pose,m,cov_d)

# Now consider a noisy sensor

cov_d = 0.5

np.random.seed(seed=0)

z_with_noise = distance(pose,m,cov_d)

# Show the results

print('Measurements without noise:' + str(z))

print('Measurements with noise: ' + str(z_with_noise))
```

```
Measurements without noise: [18.38477631 56.92099788 55.71355311] Measurements with noise: [23.73319805 59.05577186 60.87928514]
```

Expected output

```
Measurements without noise: [18.38477631 56.92099788 55.71355311] Measurements with noise: [23.73319805 59.05577186 60.87928514]
```

1.3.3 ASSIGNMENT 3b: Implementing the algorithm

Finally, we get to implement the Least Squares algorithm for localization. We ask you to complete the gaps in the following function, which: - Starts by initializing the Jacobian of the observation function (Jh) and takes as initial guess (xEst) the position at which the robot thinks it is as given by its odometry (R1.pose). - Then, it enters into a loop until convergence is reached, where: 1. The distances zEst to each landmark from the estimated position xEstare computed. Recall that the map (landmarks positions) are known (w_map). - The error is computed by substracting to the observations provided by the sensor z the distances zEst computed at the previous point. Then, the residual error is computed as $e_{residual} = \sqrt{e_x^2 + e_y^2}$. - The Jacobian of the observation model is evaluated at the estimated robot pose (xEst). This Jacobian has two columns and as many rows as observations to the landmarks:

$$jH = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{d_1}(x_1 - x) & \frac{-1}{d_1}(y_1 - y) \\ \frac{-1}{d_2}(x_2 - x) & \frac{-1}{d_2}(y_2 - y) \\ \dots & \dots \\ \frac{-1}{d_n}(x_n - x) & \frac{-1}{d_n}(y_n - y) \end{bmatrix}$$

being xEst = [x, y], $[x_i, y_i]$ the position of the i^{th} landmark in the map, and d the distance previously computed from the robot estimated pose xEst to the landmarks. The jacobian of the error jEis just -jH. - Computes the increment δ (incr) and substract it to the estimated pose (xEst). *Note:* recall that $\delta = (J_e^T Q^{-1} J_e)^{-1} J_e^T Q^{-1} e$

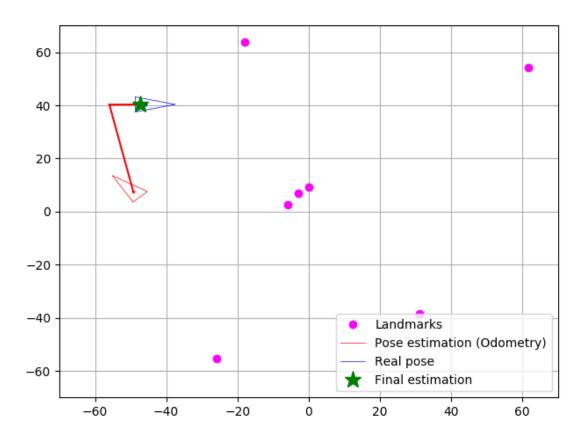
```
delay: Wait time used to visualize the different iterations (default _{oldsymbol{\sqcup}}
\hookrightarrow 0.5)
       Returns:
           xEst: Estimated pose
   nnn
   iteration = 0
   # Initialization of useful variables
   incr = np.ones((2, 1)) # Delta
   jH = np.zeros((w_map.shape[1], 2)) # Jacobian of the observation function of _{\sqcup}
\rightarrow all the landmarks
   xEst = R1.pose #Initial estimation is the odometry position (usually noisy)
   # Let's qo!
   while linalg.norm(incr) > tolerance and iteration < nIterations:</pre>
       #if plotting:
       plt.plot(xEst[0], xEst[1], '+r', markersize=1+math.floor((iteration*15)/
→nIterations))
       # Compute the predicted observation (from xEst) and their respective
\rightarrow Jacobians
       # 1) TODO: Compute distance to each landmark from xEst (estimated \Box
→observations w/o noise)
       zEst = distance(xEst, w_map)
       # 2) TODO: error = difference between real observations and predticed
⇔ones.
       e = z - zEst
       residual = np.sqrt(e.T@e) #residual error = sqrt(x^2+y^2)
       # 3) TODO: Compute Jacobians with respect (x,y) (slide 13)
       # The jH is evaluated at our current guest (xEst) \rightarrow z_p
       jH = (-(w_map-xEst[0:2, :])/zEst).T
       jE = -jH
       # The observation variances Q grow with the root of the distance
       Q = np.diag(R1.var_d*np.sqrt(z))
       # 4) TODO: Solve the equation --> compute incr
       incr = np.linalg.inv(jE.T@np.linalg.inv(Q)@jE)@jE.T@np.linalg.inv(Q)@e
```

The next cell code launches our algorithm, so **we can try it!**. This is done according to the following steps:

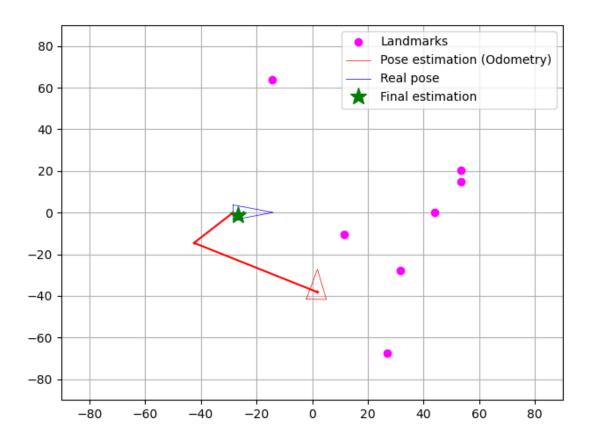
- 1. The map w_map is built. In this case, the map consists of a number of landmarks (nLandmarks).
- 2. The program asks the user to set the true position of the robot (xTrue) by clicking with the mouse in the map.
- 3. A new pose is generated from it, xOdom, which represents the pose that the robot thinks it is in. This simulates a motion command from an arbitrary pose that ends up with the robot in xTrue, but it thinks that it is in xOdom.
- 4. Then the robot takes a (noisy) range measurement to each landmark in the map.
- 5. Finally, the robot employs a Least Squares definition of the problem and Gauss-Newton to iteratively optimize such a guess (xOdom), obtaining a new (and hopefully better) estimation of its pose xEst.

Example

The figure below shows an example of execution of this code (once completed).



```
[12]: def main(nLandmarks=7, env_size=140):
          # MATPLOTLIB
          fig, ax = plt.subplots()
          plt.xlim([-90, 90])
          plt.ylim([-90, 90])
          plt.grid()
          plt.ion()
          plt.tight_layout()
          fig.canvas.draw()
          # VARIABLES
          num_landmarks = 7 # number of landmarks in the environment
          env_size = 140 # A square environment with x=[-env\_size/2, env\_size/2] and
       \rightarrow y = [-env_size/2, env_size/2]
          # MAP CREATION AND VISUALIZATION
          w_map = env_size*scipy.rand(2, num_landmarks) - env_size/2 # randomly place_
       \rightarrow the landmarks in the map
          ax.plot(w_map[0, :], w_map[1, :], 'o', color='magenta', label="Landmarks")
          # ROBOT POSE AND SENSOR INITIALIZATION
```



Iteration :0
 delta : [44.0057992 -23.49943717]

residual: 74.36026143865935

Iteration :1

delta: [-13.8067084 -14.31290261]

residual: 41.801658718863955

Iteration :2

delta: [-1.82674997 1.22172869]

residual: 15.799693618983511

Iteration:3

delta: [-0.06327266 -0.11998843]

residual: 15.48848431213921

Iteration:4

delta: [-0.00179557 0.00502551]

residual: 15.492276132655476

Iteration:5

delta: [-5.39681359e-05 -2.99526073e-04]

residual: 15.492877592728162

1.3.4 Thinking about it (1)

Having completed this notebook above, you will be able to **answer the following questions**:

What are the dimensions of the error residuals? Does them depend on the number of observations?

3x1. No, its depend on the number of elements in pose (in our case 3; [x,y,angle])

• Why is Weighted LS obtaining better results than LS?

Because now we are weighing the different distances to landmarks having in count the uncertainty of sensors, making the measurements of the robot to locate itself more precise.

• Which is the minimum number of landmarks needed for localizing the robot? Why?

In our case 3. Because we need as many landmarks as elements make up our pose, in orer to solve the system of equations. In case we did not have the minimun number of landmarks, there would be infinite solutions

• Play with different "qualities" of the range sensor. Could you find a value for its variance so the LS method fails?

Yes. It fails when the standard desviation of the sensors is 0. This happens because when we compute de increment, Q-matrix is a 0-matrix, and you can't compute the inverse of a null matrix.

Play also with different values for the odometry uncertainty. What does this affect?

This affects where the robot thinks it is. The higher the values, the greater the probability that the robot is further from the real pose. The lower the values, the closer it is to the real pose.

5-Localization-2-EKF

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5.2 EKF Localization

The Kalman filter is one of the best studied techniques for filtering and prediction of linear systems. Among its virtues, it provides a way to overcome the occasional un-observability problem of the Least Squares approach. Nevertheless, it makes a strong assumption that the two involved process equations (state transition and observation) are linear.

Unfortunately, you should already know that our system of measurements (i.e. the observation function) and movement (i.e. pose composition) are non-linear. Therefore, this notebook focuses from the get-go on the Extended Kalman Filter, which is adapted to work with non-linear systems.

The EKF algorithm consists of 2 phases: **prediction** and **correction**.

 $\texttt{def ExtendedKalmanFilter}(\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t) :$

Prediction.

$$\bar{\mu}_t = g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t) = \mu_{t-1} \oplus u_t$$
 (1. Pose prediction)
 $\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t$ (2. Uncertainty of prediction)
Correction.

$$K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T (H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$$
 (3. Kalman gain)
 $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t))$ (4. Pose estimation)
 $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$ (5. Uncertainty of estimation)
return μ_t, Σ_t

Notice that R_t is the covariance of the motion u_t in the coordinate system of the predicted pose (\bar{x}_t) , then (Note: J_2 is our popular Jacobian for the motion command, you could also use J_1):

$$R_t = J_2 \Sigma_{u_t} J_2^T$$
 with $J_2 = \frac{\partial g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t)}{\partial u_t}$

Where:

- (μ_t, Σ_t) represents our robots pose.
- (u_t, Σ_{u_t}) is the movement command received, and its respective uncertainty.
- (z_t, Q_t) are the observations taken, and their covariance.
- G_t and H_t are the Jacobians of the motion model and the observation model respectively:

$$G_t = \frac{\partial g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t)}{\partial x_{t-1}}, \qquad H_t = \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t)}{\partial x_t}$$

In this notebook we are going to play with the EKF localization algorithm using a map of land-marks and a sensor providing range and bearing measurements from the robot pose to such land-marks. Concretely, we are going to: 1. Implement a class modeling a range and bearing sensor able to take measurements to landmarks. 2. Complete a class that implements the robot behavior after completing movement commands. 3. Implement the Jacobian of the observation model. 4. With the previous building blocks, implement our own EKF filter and see it in action. 5. Finally, we are going to consider a more realistic sensor with a given Field of View and a maximum operational range.

```
[4]: # IMPORTS
import numpy as np
from numpy import random
from numpy import linalg
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('TkAgg')
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

import sys
sys.path.append("..")
from utils.AngleWrap import AngleWrapList
from utils.PlotEllipse import PlotEllipse
from utils.Drawings import DrawRobot, drawFOV, drawObservations
from utils.Jacobians import J1, J2
from utils.tcomp import tcomp
```

1.0.1 ASSIGNMENT 1: Getting an observation to a random landmark

We are going to implement the Sensor() class modelling a range and bearing sensor. Recall that the observation model of this type of sensos is:

$$z_i = \begin{bmatrix} d_i \\ \theta_i \end{bmatrix} = h(m_i, x) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2} \\ atan\left(\frac{y_i - y}{x_i - x}\right) - \theta \end{bmatrix} + w_i$$

where $m_i = [x_i, y_i]$ are the landmark coordinates in the world frame, $x = [x, y, \theta]$ is the robot pose, and the noise w_i follows a Gaussian distribution with zero mean and covariance matrix:

$$\Sigma_S = egin{bmatrix} \sigma_r^2 & 0 \ 0 & \sigma_{ heta}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For that, complete the following methods: - observe(): which, given a real robot pose (from_pose), returns the measurments to the landmarks in the map (world). If noisy=true, then a random gaussian noise with zero mean and covariance Σ_S (cov) is added to each measurement. Hint you can use random.randn() for that.

• random_observation(): that, given again the robot pose (from_pose), randomly selects a landmark from the map (world) and returns an observation from the range-bearing sensor using the observe() method previously implemented. The noisy argument is just passed to observe(). Hint: to randomly select a landmark, use randint().

```
[6]: class Sensor():
         def __init__(self, cov):
             nnn
             Args:
                  cov: covariance of the sensor.
             self.cov = cov
         def observe(self, from_pose, world, noisy=True, flatten=True):
             """Calculate observation relative to from_pose
             Args:
                 from_pose: Position(real) of the robot which takes the observation
                 world: List of world coordinates of some landmarks
                 noisy: Flag, if true then add noise (Exercise 2)
             Returns:
                     Numpy array of polar coordinates of landmarks from the
      \rightarrow perspective of our robot
                      They are organised in a vertical vector ls = [d_0, a_0, d_1, \dots]
      \leftrightarrow, a_n ] '
                     Dims (2*n_landmarks, 1)
             delta = world - from_pose[0:2]
             z = np.empty_like(delta)
             z[0, :] = np.sqrt(delta[0,]**2 + delta[1,]**2)
             z[1, :] = np.arctan2(delta[1,], delta[0,]) - from_pose[2]
             z[1, :] = AngleWrapList(z[1, :])
             if noisy:
                 z += np.sqrt(self.cov) @ np.random.randn(2,world.shape[1])
             if flatten:
                 return np.vstack(z.flatten('F'))
             else:
                 return z
         def random_observation(self, from_pose, world, noisy=True):
             """ Get an observation from a random landmark
```

```
Args: Same as observe().

Returns:

z: Numpy array of obs. in polar coordinates
landmark: Index of the randomly selected landmark in the world

Although it is only one index, you should return it as
a numpy array.

"""

n_landmarks = world.shape[1]
rand_idx = np.random.randint(0, n_landmarks)
world = world[:, [rand_idx]]

z = self.observe(from_pose, world, noisy)

return z, np.array([rand_idx])
```

You can use the code cell below to test your implementation.

```
[8]: # TRY IT!
     seed = 0
     np.random.seed(seed)
     # Sensor characterization
     SigmaR = 1 # Standard deviation of the range
     SigmaB = 0.7 # Standard deviation of the bearing
     Q = np.diag([SigmaR**2, SigmaB**2]) # Cov matrix
     sensor = Sensor(Q)
     # Map
     Size = 50.0
     NumLandmarks = 3
     Map = Size*2*random.rand(2,NumLandmarks)-Size
     # Robot true pose
     true_pose = np.vstack([-Size+Size/3, -Size+Size/3, np.pi/2])
     # Take a random measurement
     noisy = False
     z = sensor.random_observation(true_pose, Map, noisy)
     noisy = True
     noisy_z = sensor.random_observation(true_pose, Map, noisy)
     # Take observations to every landmark in the map
     zs = sensor.observe(true_pose, Map, noisy)
```

```
print('Measurement:\n' + str(z))
print('Noisy measurement:\n' + str(noisy_z))
print('Measurements to every landmark in the map:\n' + str(zs))
Measurement:
(array([[53.76652662],
       [-0.79056712]]), array([0]))
Noisy measurement:
(array([[64.73997127],
       [-0.81342958]]), array([2]))
Measurements to every landmark in the map:
[[ 5.51319938e+01]
[-1.10770618e+00]
 [ 6.04762304e+01]
 [-1.46219661e+00]
 [ 6.23690518e+01]
 [-5.72010701e-02]]
Expected output
Measurement:
(array([[53.76652662],
       [-0.79056712]]), array([0]))
Noisy measurement:
(array([[64.73997127],
       [-0.81342958]]), array([2]))
Measurements to every landmark in the map:
[[ 5.51319938e+01]
 [-1.10770618e+00]
 [ 6.04762304e+01]
 [-1.46219661e+00]
 [ 6.23690518e+01]
 [-5.72010701e-02]]
```

1.0.2 ASSIGNMENT 2: Simulating the robot motion

In the robot motion chapter we commanded a mobile robot to follow a squared trajectory. We provide here the Robot class that implements: - how the robot pose evolves after executing a motion command (step() method), and - the functionality needed to graphically show its ideal pose (pose), true pose (true_pose) and estimated pose (xEst) in the draw() function.

Your mission is to complete the step() method by adding random noise to each motion command (noisy_u) based on the following covariance matrix, and update the true robot pose (true_pose):

$$\Sigma_{u_t} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\Delta x}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\Delta y}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\Delta \theta}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint: Recall again the random.randn() function.

```
[10]: class Robot():
          def __init__(self, true_pose, cov_move):
              # Robot description (Starts as perfectly known)
              self.pose = true_pose
              self.true_pose = true_pose
              self.cov_move = cov_move
              # Estimated pose and covariance
              self.xEst = true_pose
              self.PEst = np.zeros((3, 3))
          def step(self, u):
              self.pose = tcomp(self.pose,u) # New pose without noise
              noise = np.sqrt(self.cov_move)@random.randn(3,1) # Generate noise
              noisy_u = u+noise # Apply noise to the control action
              self.true_pose = tcomp(self.true_pose,noisy_u) # New noisy pose (real_
       \rightarrowrobot pose)
          def draw(self, fig, ax):
              DrawRobot(fig, ax, self.pose, color='r')
              DrawRobot(fig, ax, self.true_pose, color='b')
              DrawRobot(fig, ax, self.xEst, color='g')
              PlotEllipse(fig, ax, self.xEst, self.PEst, 4, color='g')
```

It is time to test your step() function!

```
[12]: # Robot base characterization
SigmaX = 0.8 # Standard deviation in the x axis
SigmaY = 0.8 # Standard deviation in the y axis
SigmaTheta = 0.1 # Bearing standar deviation
R = np.diag([SigmaX**2, SigmaY**2, SigmaTheta**2]) # Cov matrix

# Create the Robot object
true_pose = np.vstack([2,3,np.pi/2])
robot = Robot(true_pose, R)

# Perform a motion command
u = np.vstack([1,2,0])
np.random.seed(0)
robot.step(u)

print('robot.true_pose.T:' + str(robot.true_pose.T) + '\'')
```

robot.true_pose.T:[[-0.32012577 5.41124188 1.66867013]]'

Expected output

1.0.3 ASSIGNMENT 3: Jacobians of the observation model

Given that the position of the landmarks in the map is known, we can use this information in a Kalman filter, in our case an EKF. For that we need to implement the **Jacobians of the observation model**, as required by the correction step of the filter.

Implement the function getObsJac()that given: - the predicted pose in the first step of the Kalman filter, - a number of observed landmarks, and - the map,

returns such Jacobian. Recall that, for each observation to a landmark:

$$\nabla H = \frac{\partial h}{\partial \{x, y, \theta\}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{x_i - x}{d} & -\frac{y_i - y}{d} & 0\\ \frac{y_i - y}{d^2} & -\frac{x_i - x}{d^2} & -1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

Recall that $[x_i, y_i]$ is the position of the i^{th} landmark in the map, [x, y] is the robot predicted pose, and d the distance such to the landmark. This way, the resultant Jacobian dimensions are $(\#observed_landmarks \times 2,3)$, that is, the Jacobians are stacked vertically to form the matrix H.

```
[14]: def getObsJac(xPred, lm, Map):
          """ Obtain the Jacobian for all observations.
               Args:
                   xPred: Position of our robot at which Jac is evaluated.
                   lm: Numpy array of observations to a number of landmarks (indexes in
       \hookrightarrow map)
                   Map: Map containing the actual positions of the observations.
               Returns:
                   jH: Jacobian matrix (2*n_landmaks, 3)
          n_{land} = len(lm)
          jH = np.empty((2*n_land,3))
          delta = Map - xPred[0:2]
          for i in range(n_land):
               # Auxiliary variables
              dx = delta[0,lm[i]]
              dy = delta[1,lm[i]]
              d = np.sqrt( dx**2 + dy**2) # + error # Preguntar proximo dia
              d2 = d**2
              ii = 2*i
               # Build the Jacobian
              jH[ii:ii+2,:] = [
```

```
[-(dx/d) , -(dy/d) , 0],
[ (dy/d2), -(dx/d2), -1]
]
return jH
```

Time to check your function!

```
[16]: # TRY IT!
      observed_landmarks = np.array([0,2])
      xPred = np.vstack([-Size+Size/3, -Size+Size/3, np.pi/2]) # Robot predicted pose
      jH = getObsJac(xPred, observed_landmarks, Map) # Retrieve the evaluated_
       →observation jacobian
      print ('Jacobian dimensions: ' + str(jH.shape) )
      print ('jH:' + str(jH))
     Jacobian dimensions: (4, 3)
     jH:[[-0.71075232 -0.70344235 0.
                                              ]
      [ 0.01308328 -0.01321923 -1.
      [-0.67304061 -0.73960552 0.
                                           1
      [ 0.01141455 -0.01038723 -1.
                                           11
     Expected output:
     Jacobian dimensions: (4, 3)
     jH:[[-0.71075232 -0.70344235 0.
                                              ]
                                           1
      [ 0.01308328 -0.01321923 -1.
      [-0.67304061 -0.73960552 0.
                                           1
      [ 0.01141455 -0.01038723 -1.
                                           ]]
```

1.0.4 ASSIGNMENT 4: Completing the EKF

Congratulations! You now have all the building blocks needed to implement an EKF filter (both prediction and correction steps) for localizating the robot and show the estimated pose and its uncertainty.

For doing that, complete the EKFLocalization() function below, which returns: - the estimated pose (xEst), and - its associated uncertainty (PEst),

given: - the previous estimations (self.xEst and self.PEst stored in robot), - the features of the sensor (sensor), - the movement command provided to the robot (u), - the observations done (z), - the indices of the observed landmarks (landmark), and - the map of the environment (Map).

```
[19]: def EKFLocalization(robot, sensor, u, z, landmark, Map):
    """ Implement the EKF algorithm for localization

Args:
    robot: Robot base (contains the state: xEst and PEst)
```

```
sensor: Sensor of our robot.
           u: Movement command
           z: Observations received
           landmark: Indices of landmarks observed in z
           Map: Array with landmark coordinates in the map
       Returns:
           xEst: New estimated pose
           PEst: Covariance of the estimated pose
   n n n
  # Prediction
  xPred = tcomp(robot.xEst, u)
  G = J1(robot.xEst, u)
  j2 = J2(robot.xEst, u)
  PPred = G@robot.PEst@G.T + j2@robot.cov_move@j2.T
  # Correction (You need to compute the gain k and the innovation z-z_p)
  if landmark.shape[0] > 0:
       H = getObsJac(xPred, landmark, Map) # Observation Jacobian
       K = PPred@H.T@np.linalg.inv(H@PPred@H.T + sensor.cov)
       xEst = xPred + K@(z -sensor.observe(xPred, Map[:,landmark], False) ) #__
\rightarrowNew estimated pose
       PEst = (np.identity(3)-K@H)@PPred # New estimated Jacobian
  else:
       xEst = xPred
       PEst = PPred
  return xEst, PEst
```

You can **validate your code** with the code cell below.

```
[20]: # TRY IT!

np.random.seed(2)

# Create the map
Map=Size*2*random.rand(2,20)-Size

# Create the Robot object
true_pose = np.vstack([2,3,0])
R = np.diag([0.1**2, 0.1**2, 0.01**2]) # Cov matrix
robot = Robot(true_pose, R)

# Perform a motion command
u = np.vstack([10,0,0])
robot.step(u)
```

```
# Get an observation to a landmark
noisy = True
noisy_z, landmark_index = sensor.random_observation(true_pose, Map, noisy)
# Estimate the new robot pose using EKF!
robot.xEst, robot.PEst = EKFLocalization(robot, sensor, u, noisy_z,_
 →landmark_index, Map)
# Show resutls!
print('robot.pose.T:' + str(robot.pose.T) + '\'')
print('robot.true_pose.T:' + str(robot.true_pose.T) + '\'')
print('robot.xEst.T:' + str(robot.xEst.T) + '\'')
print('robot.PEst:' + str(robot.PEst.T))
robot.pose.T:[[12. 3. 0.]]'
robot.true_pose.T:[[ 1.20000010e+01 3.05423526e+00 -3.13508197e-03]]'
robot.xEst.T:[[ 1.19586407e+01 2.96047951e+00 -1.48514185e-04]]'
robot.PEst:[[ 9.94877200e-03 -4.94253023e-05 -3.18283546e-08]
 [-4.94253023e-05 9.95211532e-03 3.29230513e-08]
 [-3.18283546e-08 3.29230513e-08 9.99795962e-05]]
Expected output:
robot.pose.T:[[12. 3. 0.]]'
robot.true_pose.T:[[ 1.20000010e+01 3.05423526e+00 -3.13508197e-03]]'
robot.xEst.T:[[ 1.19586407e+01 2.96047951e+00 -1.48514185e-04]]'
robot.PEst:[[ 9.94877200e-03 -4.94253023e-05 -3.18283546e-08]
 [-4.94253023e-05 9.95211532e-03 3.29230513e-08]
 [-3.18283546e-08 3.29230513e-08 9.99795962e-05]]
```

1.1 Playing with EKF

The following code helps you to see the EKF filter in action!. Press any key on the emerging window to send a motion command to the robot and check how the landmark it observes changes, as well as its ideal, true and estimated poses.

Notice that you can change the value of seed within the main() function to try different executions.

Example

The figure below shown an example of the execution of the EKF localization algorithm with the code implemented until this point.

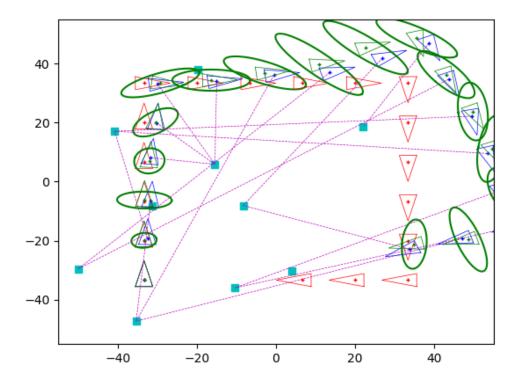
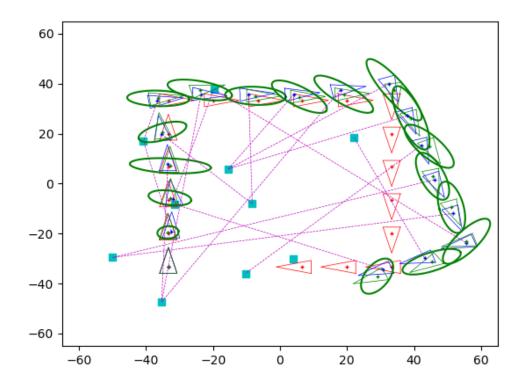


Fig. 1: Execution of the EKF algorithmn for localization, it shows the true (in blue) and expected (in red) poses, along the results from localization: pose and ellipse (in green), the existing landmarks (in cyan), and each observation made (dotted lines).

```
[22]: def main(robot,
               sensor,
               mode='one_landmark',
               nSteps=20, # Number of motions
               turning=5, # Number of motions before turning (square path)
               Size=50.0,
               NumLandmarks=10):
          seed = 1
          np.random.seed(seed)
          #Create map
          Map=Size*2*random.rand(2,NumLandmarks)-Size
          # MATPLOTLIB
          plt.ion()
          fig, ax = plt.subplots()
          plt.plot(Map[0,:],Map[1,:],'sc')
          plt.axis([-Size-15, Size+15, -Size-15, Size+15])
```

```
robot.draw(fig, ax)
  fig.canvas.draw()
   # MAIN LOOP
  u = np.vstack([(2*Size-2*Size/3)/turning,0,0]) # control action
  plt.waitforbuttonpress(-1)
  for k in range(0, nSteps-3): # Main loop
       u[2] = 0
       if k % turning == turning-1: # Turn?
           u[2] = -np.pi/2
       robot.step(u)
       # Get sensor observation/s
       if mode == 'one_landmark':
           # DONE (Exercise 4)
           z, landmark = sensor.random_observation(robot.true_pose, Map)
           ax.plot(
               [robot.true_pose[0,0], Map[0,landmark]],
               [robot.true_pose[1,0], Map[1,landmark]],
               color='m', linestyle="--", linewidth=.5)
       elif mode == 'landmarks_in_fov':
           # DONE (Exercise 5)
           z, landmark = sensor.observe_in_fov(robot.true_pose, Map)
           drawObservations(fig, ax, robot.true_pose, Map[:, landmark])
       robot.xEst, robot.PEst = EKFLocalization(robot, sensor, u, z, landmark, u
→Map)
       # Drawings
       # Plot the FOV of the robot
       if mode == 'landmarks_in_fov':
           h = sensor.draw(fig, ax, robot.true_pose)
       #end
       robot.draw(fig, ax)
       fig.canvas.draw()
       plt.waitforbuttonpress(-1)
       if mode == 'landmarks_in_fov':
           h.pop(0).remove()
       fig.canvas.draw()
```

```
[25]: # RUN
      mode = 'one_landmark'
      #mode = 'landmarks_in_fov'
      Size=50.0
      # Robot base characterization
      SigmaX = 0.8 # Standard deviation in the x axis
      SigmaY = 0.8 # Standard deviation in the y axis
      SigmaTheta = 0.1 # Bearing standar deviation
      R = np.diag([SigmaX**2, SigmaY**2, SigmaTheta**2]) # Cov matrix
      true_pose = np.vstack([-Size+Size/3, -Size+Size/3, np.pi/2])
      robot = Robot(true_pose, R)
      # Sensor characterization
      SigmaR = 1 # Standard deviation of the range
      SigmaB = 0.7 # Standard deviation of the bearing
      Q = np.diag([SigmaR**2, SigmaB**2]) # Cov matrix
      sensor = Sensor(Q)
      main(robot, sensor, mode=mode, Size=Size)
```



1.1.1 ASSIGNMENT 5: Implementing the FoV of a sensor.

Sensors exhibit certain physical limitations regarding their field of view (FoV) and maximum operating distance (max. Range). Besides, these devices often do not deliver measurmenets from just one landmark each time, but from all those landmarks in the FoV.

The FOVSensor() class below extends the Sensor() one to implement this behaviour. Complete the observe_in_fov() method to consider that the sensor can only provide information from the landmkars in a limited range r_l and a limited orientation $\pm \alpha$ with respect to the robot pose. For that:

1. Get the observations to every landmark in the map. Use the observe() function previously implemented for that, but with the argument flatten=False. With that option the function returns the measurements as:

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \cdots & d_m \\ \theta_1 & \cdots & \theta_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2. Check which observations lay in the sensor FoV and maximum operating distance. Hint: for that, you can use the np.asarray() function with the conditions to be fulfilled by the valid measurements inside, and then filter the results with np.nonzero().
- 3. Flatten the resultant matrix z to be again a vector, so it has the shape (2 × #Observed_landmarks,1). Hint: take a look at np.ndarray.flatten() and choose the proper argument.

Notice that it could happen that any landmark exists in the field of view of the sensor, so the robot couldn't gather sensory information in that iteration. This, which is a problem using Least Squares Positioning, is not an issue with EKF. *Hint: you can change the value of seed within the main() function to try different executions.*

```
[26]: class FOVSensor(Sensor):
          def __init__(self, cov, fov, max_range):
               super().__init__(cov)
               self.fov = fov
               self.max_range = max_range
          def observe_in_fov(self, from_pose, world, noisy=True):
               """ Get all observations in the fov
               Args:
                   from_pose: Position(real) of the robot which takes the observation
                   world: List of world coordinates of some landmarks
                   noisy: Flag, if true then add noise (Exercise 2)
               Returns:
                   Numpy array of polar coordinates of landmarks from the perspective
       \hookrightarrow of our robot
                   They are organised in a vertical vector ls = [d_0, a_0, d_1, \ldots, d_n]
       \hookrightarrow a_n]'
                   Dims (2*n_landmarks, 1)
```

```
# 1. Get observations to every landmark in the map WITHOUT NOISE
       z = self.observe(from_pose, world, False, False)
       # 2. Check which ones lay on the sensor FOV
       angle limit = self.fov/2 # auxiliar variable
       t = np.asarray(z[0] < self.max_range)</pre>
       t[np.asarray (z[1] > angle_limit)] = False
       feats_idx = t # indices of the valid observations
       if noisy:
           # 1. Get observations to every landmark in the map WITH NOISE
           z = self.observe(from_pose, world, True, False)
       z = z[:, feats\_idx] # extracts the valid observations from z # PROBLEMAL
\hookrightarrow AQUI
       # 3. Flatten the resultant vector of measurements so_{\sqcup}
\rightarrow z = [d_1, theta_1, d_2, theta_2, \dots, d_n, theta_n]
       if z.size>0:
           z = np.vstack(z.flatten('F'))
       return z, feats_idx
   def draw(self, fig, ax, from_pose):
       """ Draws the Field of View of the sensor from the robot pose """
       return drawFOV(fig, ax, from_pose, self.fov, self.max_range)
```

You can now try your new and more realistic sensor.

```
[27]: # TRY IT!
    np.random.seed(0)

# Create the sensor object
    cov = np.diag([0.1**2, 0.1**2]) # Cov matrix
    fov = np.pi/2
    max_range = 2
    sensor = FOVSensor(cov, fov, max_range)

# Create a map with three landmarks
    Map = np.array([[2., 2.5, 3.5, 0.5],[2., 3., 1.5, 3.5]])

# Take an observation of landmarks in FoV
    robot_pose = np.vstack([1.,2.,0.])
    z, feats_idx = sensor.observe_in_fov(robot_pose, Map)

print('z:' +str(z))
```

```
# Plot results
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
plt.axis([0, 5, 0, 5])
plt.title('Measuremets to landmarks in sensor FOV')
plt.plot(Map[0,:],Map[1,:],'sc')
sensor.draw(fig, ax, robot_pose)
drawObservations(fig, ax, robot_pose, Map[:, feats_idx])
DrawRobot(fig,ax,robot_pose)
```

```
[0.1867558]
[1.84279136]
[0.49027482]]

Expected output:
z:[[1.17640523]
[0.1867558]
[1.84279136]
[0.49027482]]
```

z:[[1.17640523]

1.2 Playing with EKF and the new sensor

And finally, play with your own FULL implementation of the EKF filter with a more realistic sensor:)

Example

The figure below shows an example of the execution of EKF using information from all the land-marks within the FOV:

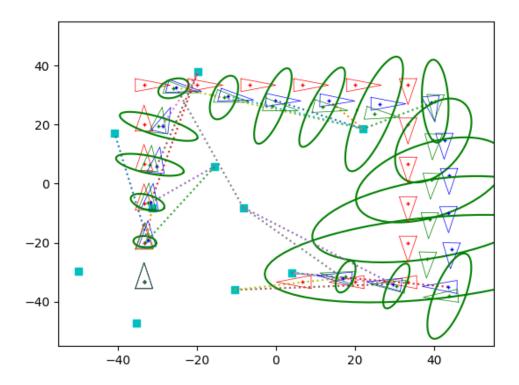


Fig. 2: Execution of the EKF algorithmn for localization. Same as in Fig. 1, except now our robot can observe every lanmark in its f.o.v.

```
[13]: # RUN
      #mode = 'one_landmark'
      mode = 'landmarks_in_fov'
      Size=50.0
      # Robot base characterization
      SigmaX = 0.8 # Standard deviation in the x axis
      SigmaY = 0.8 # Standard deviation in the y axis
      SigmaTheta = 0.1 # Bearing standar deviation
      R = np.diag([SigmaX**2, SigmaY**2, SigmaTheta**2]) # Cov matrix
      true_pose = np.vstack([-Size+Size/3, -Size+Size/3, np.pi/2])
      robot = Robot(true_pose, R)
      # Sensor characterization
      SigmaR = 1 # Standard deviation of the range
      SigmaB = 0.7 # Standard deviation of the bearing
      Q = np.diag([SigmaR**2, SigmaB**2]) # Cov matrix
      fov = np.pi/2 # field of view = 2*alpha
      max_range = Size # maximum sensor measurement range
```

```
sensor = FOVSensor(Q, fov, max_range)
main(robot, sensor, mode=mode, Size=Size)
```

1.2.1 Thinking about it (1)

Having completed the EKF implementation, you are ready to answer the following questions:

- What are the dimensions of the Jacobians of the observation model (matrix H)? Why? 2*numLandmarks x 3. Becaruse each landmark has 2 variables, X and Y, and poses have 3 variables, X, Y and Angle
- Discuss the evolution of the ideal, true and estimated poses when executing the EKF filter (with the initial sensor).
 - The ideal pose is always where the robot is supposed to be when it moves. The true pose is the pose where the robot is after the movement, applying some noise to the movement. The estimated pose is the pose that calculates the robot measuring the distance to landmark and calculating his pose using EKF filter.
- Discuss the evolution of the ideal, true and estimated poses when executing the EKF filter (with the sensor implementing a FOV). Pay special attention to their associated uncertainties.
 - It would be the same only that when correcting the predicted position, it may not reduce the uncertainty depending on whether the robot is capable to observe landmarks or not. The more landmarks observed, more reduced will be the uncertainty.
- What happens in the EKF filter when the robot performs a motion command, but it is unable to measure distances to any landmark, i.e. they are out of the sensor FOV?
 - As I said in the las answer, the model in the correction step will not able to reduce the uncertainty.