

# Assignment 1

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# 1 Maximum Likelihood Estimation of Model Parameters

## 1.1 Which measurement in sc.2 is exponentially distributed?

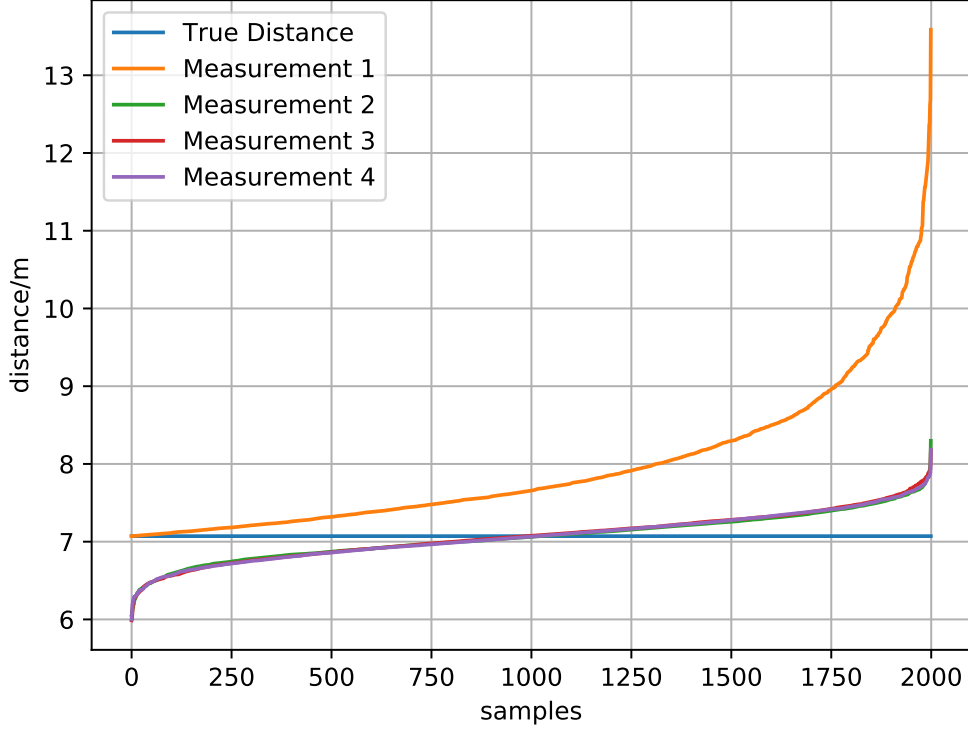


Figure 1: Scenario 2 with mixed measurement models for the anchors

- In figure 1 we can see that measurement 1 in scenario 2 is exponentially distributed. It is the only distribution which is not negative over all samples and its slope is rising exponentially for rising x-values.

## 1.2 Derivation for the maximum likelihood solution

- Analytical derivation for the Gaussian distribution:

$$p(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

The data is independent identically distributed (iid), therefore the likelihood function is the product of all individual likelihoods

$$P(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) = \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

To convert the product to a sum we apply the natural logarithm.

$$L(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) = \ln \left[ \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right]$$

$$L(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) - \frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]$$

Since we want to find the parameter  $\sigma^2$ , which maximizes the probability of the distance, we derive  $L(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p})$  and set it to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ \ln(1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \quad \Big| \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} L(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{\sigma^4} \right] \quad \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \\ 0 &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{\sigma^4} \right] \\ \frac{N}{\sigma^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{\sigma^4} \\ \sigma^2 &= \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{N} \end{aligned}$$

- Analytical derivation for the Exponential distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) &= \begin{cases} \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]} & , \tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \geq d(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases} \\ L(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \ln(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})] \quad \Big| \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i} L(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) | \mathbf{p}) &= \frac{N}{\lambda_i} - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})] \quad \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \\ \frac{N}{\lambda_i} &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})] \\ \lambda_i &= \frac{N}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]} \quad , \tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \geq d(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Estimation of the Position

### 2.1 Least-Squares Estimation of the Position

- Analytical conversion of the ML estimation equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ML}(n) &= \underset{\mathbf{p}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_{i=0}^{N_A-1} p(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \mid \mathbf{p}) \\
\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ML}(n) &= \underset{\mathbf{p}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \ln \left[ \prod_{i=0}^{N_A-1} p(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \mid \mathbf{p}) \right] \\
\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ML}(n) &= \underset{\mathbf{p}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{i=0}^{N_A-1} \ln \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_i^2}} \right) - \frac{[\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2}{2\sigma_i^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Because in scenario 1 we only use Gaussian models for all anchors that were calibrated with the same distance to the reference position, we can assume that  $\sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2 \forall i$ . That means the  $\ln$ -term can be neglected since it only shifts the value of the maximum by a constant but does not affect its position. Similarly  $\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}$  can be omitted, as it is also just a scaling factor. Furthermore  $\underset{\mathbf{p}}{\operatorname{argmax}} (-\dots)$  is equivalent to  $\underset{\mathbf{p}}{\operatorname{argmin}} (\dots)$ . Thus:

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ML}(n) = \underset{\mathbf{p}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=0}^{N_A-1} [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - d(a_i, \mathbf{p})]^2 = \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{LS}(n)$$

## 2.2 Gauss-Newton Algorithm for Position Estimation

- Analytical solution for the Jacobian matrix.

$$[J(p)]_{i,1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) - \sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2}]$$

$$[J(p)]_{i,1} = -\frac{[(-)2(x_i - x)]}{2 \cdot \sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2}}$$

$$[J(p)]_{i,1} = \frac{(x_i - x)}{\sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2}}$$

$$[J(p)]_{i,2} = \frac{(y_i - y)}{\sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2}}$$

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2		Scenario 3
		with exponential anchor	without exponential anchor	
Error mean $\mu_e$	0.278	0.640	0.399	1.265
Error variance $\sigma_e^2$	0.022	0.275	0.054	0.939

Table 1: .

## 2.3 Numerical Maximum Likelihood Estimation of the Position

### 2.3.1 Single Measurement

- The numerical maximum likelihood estimate is computed by finding the maximum of the joint likelihood of all anchors evaluated within a 2D-grid enclosed by the anchors. Because of the i.i.d.-assumption the joint likelihood can be calculated as the product of all individual exponential likelihoods:

$$p(\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_n(\mathbf{p}) \mid \mathbf{p}) = \begin{cases} \prod_{i=0}^{N_A-1} p(\tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \mid \mathbf{p}), & \text{if } \tilde{d}_n(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \geq d(a_i, \mathbf{p}) \forall i \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

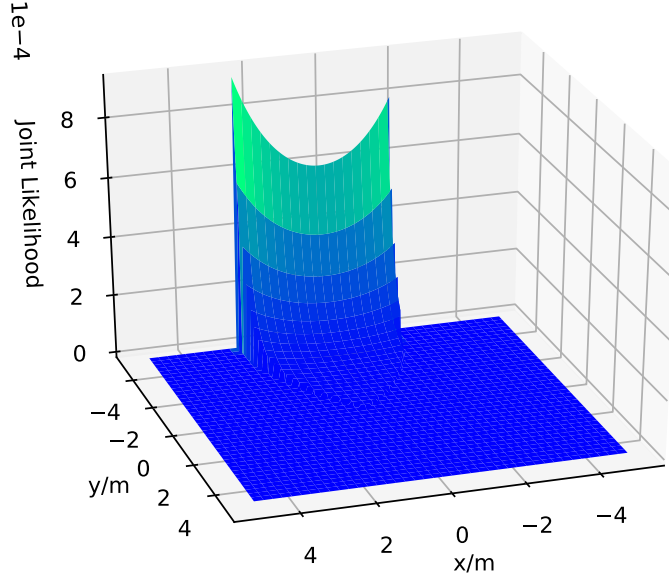
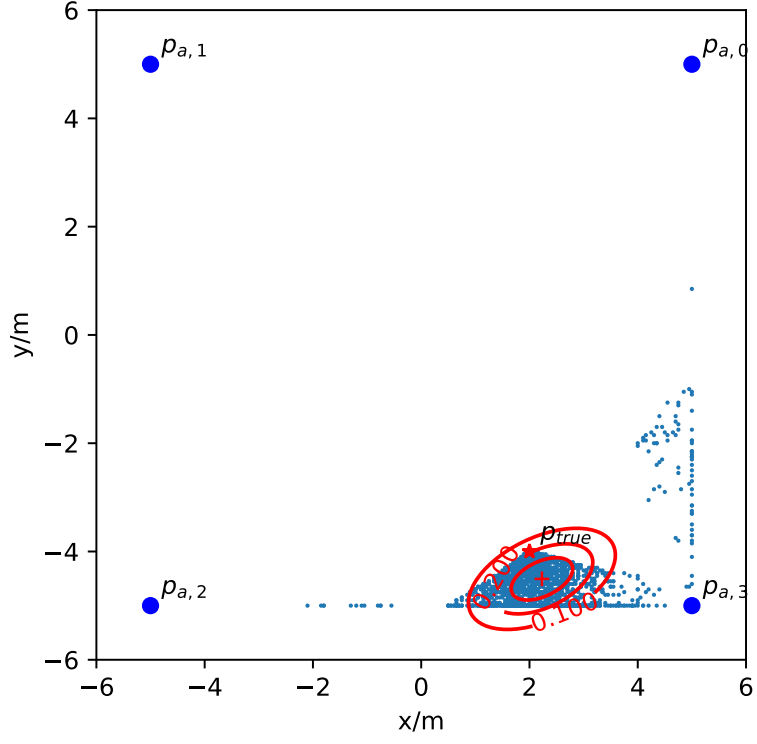


Figure 2:  $p(\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_0(\mathbf{p})|\mathbf{p})$  evaluated within a 2D-grid enclosed by the anchors.

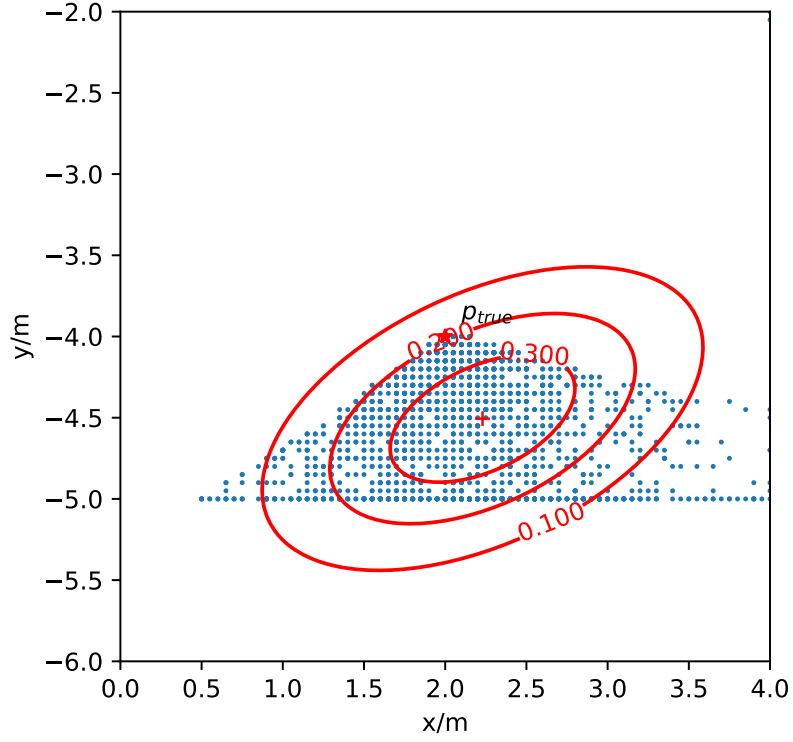
- Because of its nonlinearity the joint likelihood function of the first sample  $n = 0$  has two local maxima (s. figure 2). If we used a gradient ascent algorithm with a random starting position, it would stop once it reaches any of them, possibly leading to a false estimation of the position, if the found maximum is not global.
- The found maximum at  $\mathbf{p}_{0,NML} = [2.5, -5]$  is not at the true position. This is because the estimation is solely based on the noisy distance measurements  $\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_0$ : Within the grid the likelihood for each anchor  $p(\tilde{d}_0(a_i, \mathbf{p})|\mathbf{p})$  is maximised on a circular arc with radius  $\tilde{d}_0(a_i, \mathbf{p})$  and center  $a_i$ . The joint likelihood is nonzero within the area enclosed by both the grid borders and all arcs. Its maximum is at a point within this area as close as possible to all arcs - e.g. at the intersection of two arcs in close vicinity to the remaining ones - but because of the noisiness of the data and the restrictions of the grid, this is not necessarily the true position.

### 2.3.2 Multiple Measurements

- Both error mean  $\mu_e$  and variance  $\sigma_e^2$  of the NML estimation are much smaller than the corresponding parameters of the LS estimation (s. table 2). In figure 4 a lower maximum error of ca. 5.6m is visible with 90% of all estimates having an error  $< 1.5\text{m}$ , which is an improvement over the LS errors. The cloud of position estimates displayed in the scatter-plot (s. figure 3) just below  $\mathbf{p}_{\text{true}}$  is denser than the LS one but is truncated by the bottom grid border. There are also many outliers near the bottom and right grid borders which make the distribution seem even less Gaussian than the the LS results and cause the Gaussian-contour to be more tilted, indicating that the position estimate coordinates  $x$  and  $y$  are not statistically independent.
- Of course this comparison is not very fair, since we are only looking at maxima within the grid enclosed by the anchors. This prevents position estimates with larger error values - e.g. estimates below  $y = -5$  as in the LS-case - which explains the smaller error parameters. But



(a) Full view of scatter plot.



(b) Detailed view centered on  $p_{true}$ .

Figure 3: Scatter plot of NML-estimated positions with Gaussian-contour.

this also means that the numerical approach confined by the grid borders and its limited resolution is not truly a Maximum Likelihood Estimator, as we can not find the actual maximum of the joint likelihood for all samples.

- The prior knowledge used for the Bayes estimator greatly enhances the accuracy. Here the error mean  $\mu_e$  is almost half as big as the LS one, the error variance  $\sigma_e^2$  is cut down to almost one tenth of the LS result (s. table 2). Looking at figure 4 the Bayes estimator is a big improvement over the other approaches, the maximum error being only 1.2m. This is also visible in the scatter-plot (s. figure 5), which shows a very dense estimate-cluster with no outliers. However it is still not centred on  $\mathbf{p}_{\text{true}}$  but on about the same mean estimate as the NML estimation. The Gaussian-contour is not tilted and (because the cluster is slightly truncated by the bottom grid border) almost circular, indicating stochastically independent estimate coordinates with similar variance.

	Least-Squares	Numerical Maximum Likelihood	Bayes
Error mean $\mu_e$	1.265	0.915	0.680
Error variance $\sigma_e^2$	0.939	0.489	0.095

Table 2: Error-mean and -variance of Least-Squares-, Numerical Maximum Likelihood- and Bayes-Estimation.

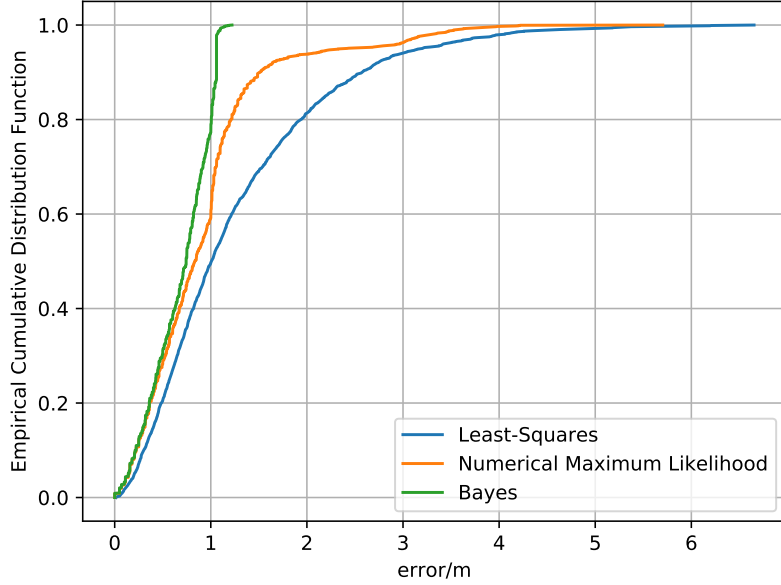
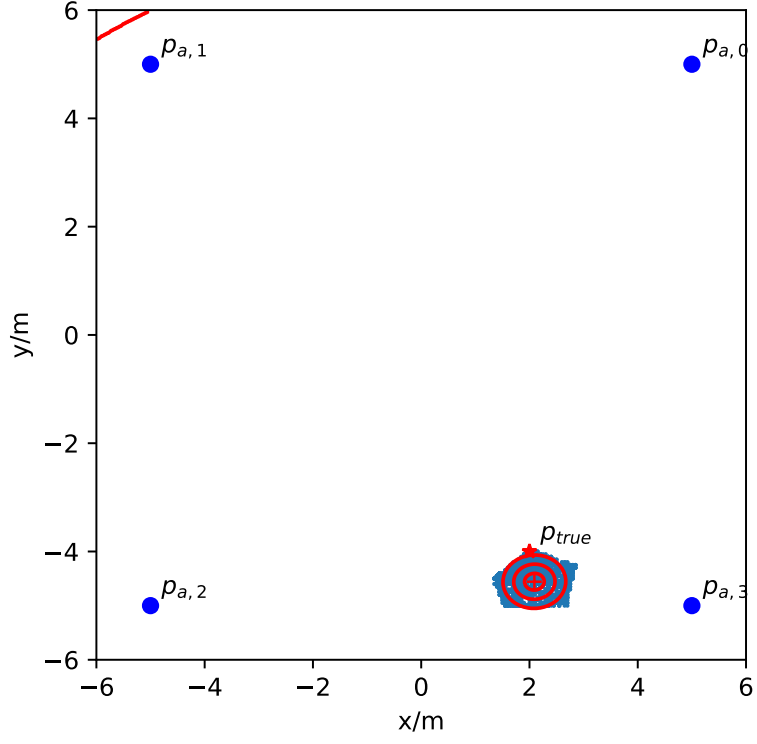
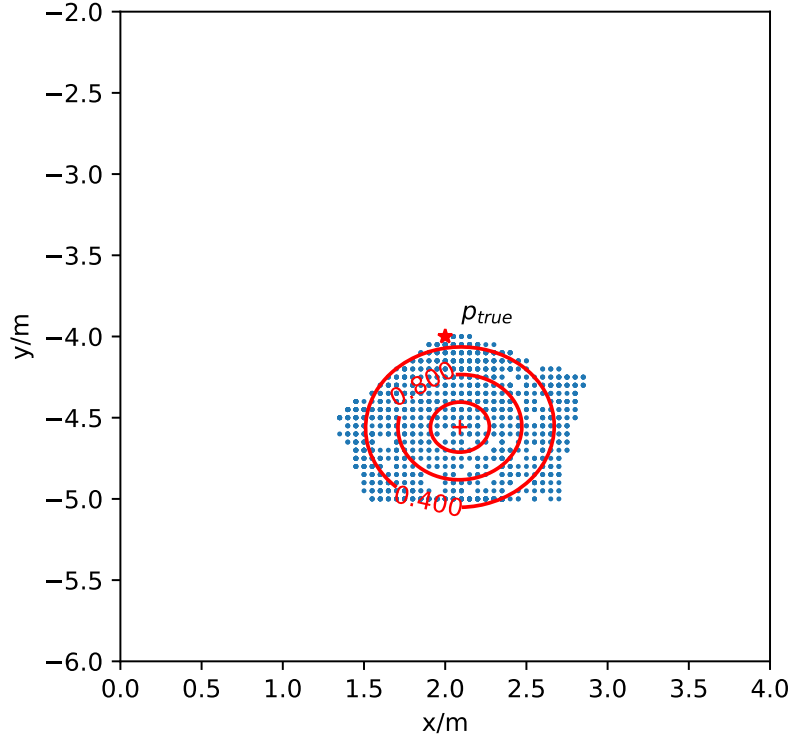


Figure 4: ECDF of Least-Squares-, Numerical Maximum Likelihood- and Bayes-Estimation.



(a) Full view of scatter plot.



(b) Detailed view centered on  $\mathbf{p}_{true}$ .

Figure 5: Scatter plot of Bayes-estimated positions with Gaussian-contour.