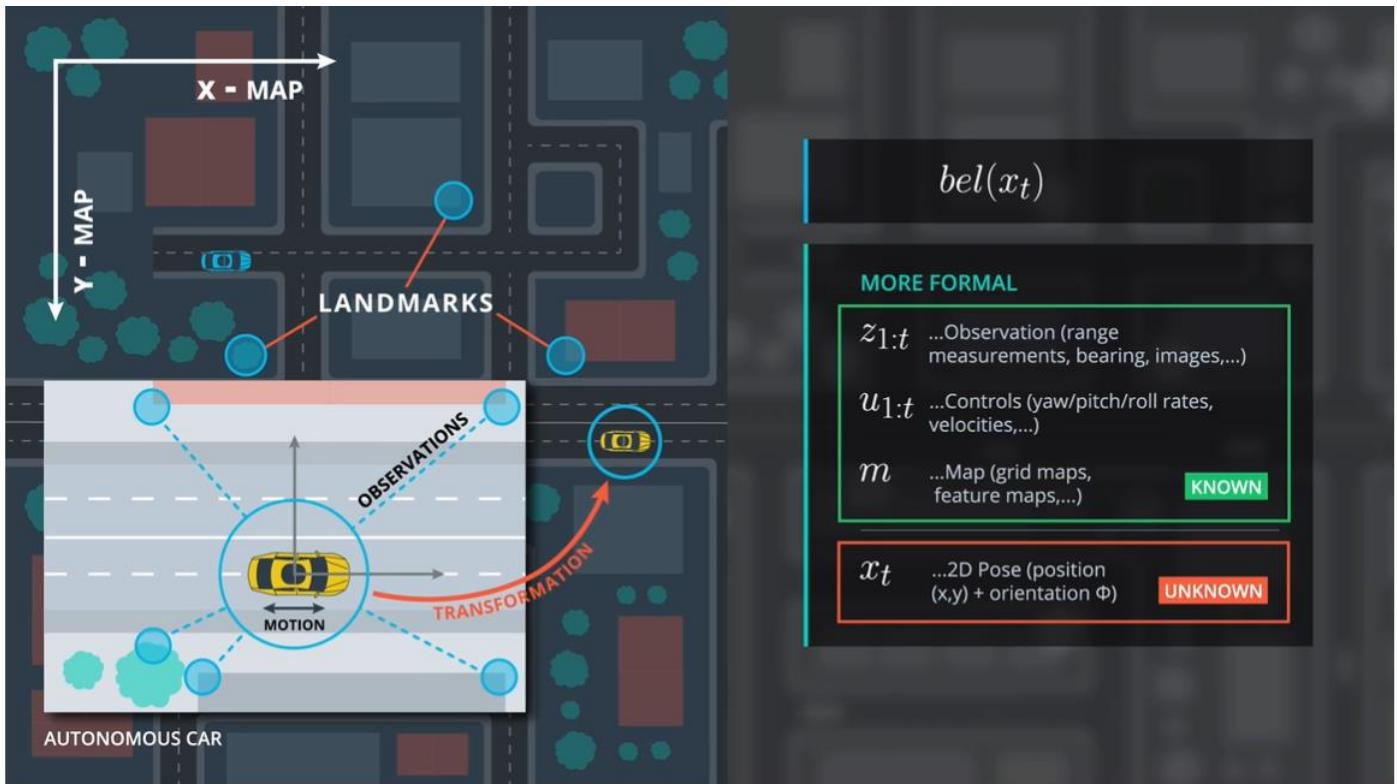


SLAM, or Simultaneous Localization and Mapping, that does not need a good map prior to beginning

Markov Localization or Bayes Filter for Localization is a generalized filter for localization and all other localization approaches are realizations of this approach, as we'll discuss later on. By learning how to derive and implement (coding exercises) this filter we develop intuition and methods that will help us solve any vehicle localization task, including implementation of a particle filter. We don't know exactly where our vehicle is at any given time, but can approximate its location. As such, we generally think of our vehicle location as a probability distribution, each time we move, our distribution becomes more diffuse (wider). We pass our variables (map data, observation data, and control data) into the filter to concentrate (narrow) this distribution, at each time step. Each state prior to applying the filter represents our prior and the narrowed distribution represents our Bayes' posterior.



## Formal Definition of Variables

$z_{1:t}$  represents the observation vector from time 0 to t (range measurements, bearing, images, etc.).

$u_{1:t}$  represents the control vector from time 0 to t (yaw/pitch/roll rates and velocities).

$m$  represents the map (grid maps, feature maps, landmarks)

$x_t$  represents the pose (position (x,y) + orientation  $\theta$ )

$bel(x_t) \rightarrow \text{belief}$

Given the map, the control elements of the car, and the observations, what is the definition of the posterior distribution for the state  $x$  at time  $t$ ?

(A)

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_t, m, u_t)$$

(B)

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

(C)

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t, m_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

(D)

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

#### QUIZ QUESTION

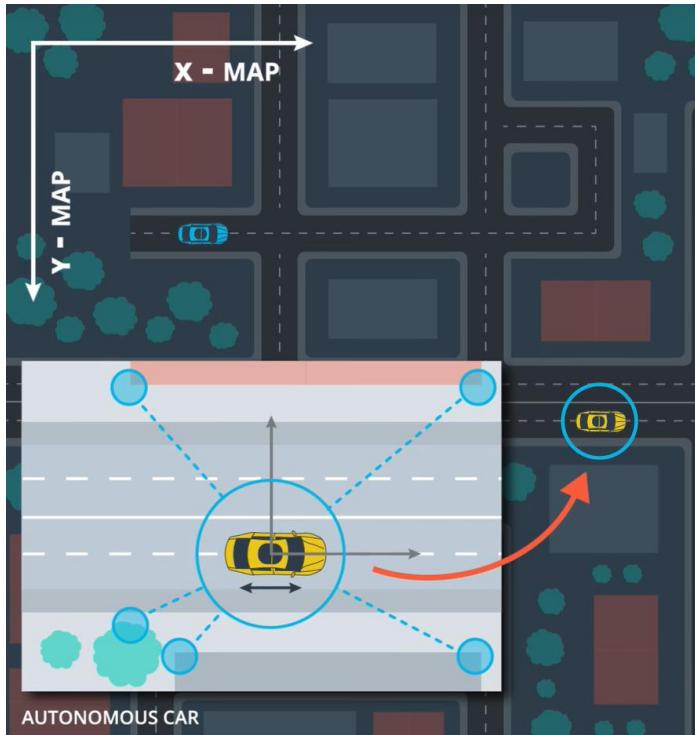
Given the map, the control elements of the car, and the observations, what is the definition of the posterior distribution for the state  $x$  at time  $t$ ?

(A)

(B)

(C)

(D)



$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

$$p(x_t, m | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

Simultaneous localization  
and mapping (SLAM)

#### MORE FORMAL

$z_{1:t}$  ...Observation (range measurements, bearing, images,...)

$u_{1:t}$  ...Controls (yaw/pitch/roll rates, velocities)

$m$  ...Map (grid maps, feature maps)

$x_t$  ...Pose (position ( $x,y$ ) + orientation  $\Phi$ )

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

#### MORE FORMAL

$z_{1:t}$  ...Observation (range measurements, bearing, images,...)

$u_{1:t}$  ...Controls (yaw/pitch/roll rates, velocities)

$m$  ...Map is Feature Map

$x_t$  ...Pose (position (x,y) + orientation  $\Phi$ )

#### 1D MAP

$$m = [9, 15, 25, 31, 59, 77]$$



(not to scale)

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

#### MORE FORMAL

$z_{1:t}$  ...Observation are ranges to landmark

$u_{1:t}$  ...Controls (yaw/pitch/roll rates, velocities)

$m$  ...Map is Feature Map

$x_t$  ...Pose (position (x,y) + orientation  $\Phi$ )

#### LIST

$$z_{1:t} = \{z_t, \dots, z_1\}$$

#### VECTOR

$$z_t = [z_t^1, \dots, z_t^k]$$



$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

#### MORE FORMAL

$z_{1:t}$  ...Observation are ranges to landmark

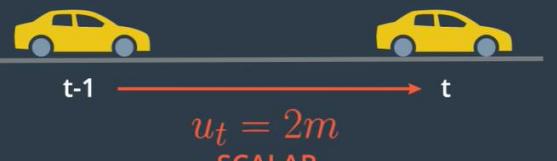
$u_{1:t}$  ...Controls are direct moves

$m$  ...Map is Feature Map

$x_t$  ...Pose (position (x,y) + orientation  $\Phi$ )

#### CONTROL VECTOR

$$u_{1:t} = [u_t, \dots, u_1]$$



Control vector includes the direct move between consecutive time stamps

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

$$bel(x_t) = [bel(x_t = 0), \dots, bel(x_t = 99)]$$

#### MORE FORMAL

$z_{1:t}$  ...Observation are ranges to landmark

$u_{1:t}$  ...Controls are direct moves

$m$  ...Map is Feature Map

$x_t$  ...Pose is position in X



Recall that Bayes' Rule enables us to determine the conditional probability of a state given evidence  $P(a|b)$  by relating it to the conditional probability of the evidence given the state  $P(b|a)$  in the form of:

$$P(a) * P(b|a) = P(b) * P(a|b)$$

which can be rearranged to:

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a) P(a)}{P(b)}$$

In other words the probability of state a, given evidence b, is the probability of evidence b, given state a, multiplied by the probability of state a, normalized by the total probability of b over all states.

#### Bayes' Rule Applied

Let's say we have two bags of marbles, bag 1 and bag 2, filled with two types of marbles, red and blue. Bag 1 contains 10 blue marbles and 30 red marbles, whereas bag 2 contains 20 of each color marble.

If a friend were to choose a bag at random and then a marble at random, from that bag, how can we determine the probability that that marble came from a specific bag? You guessed it - Bayes' Rule!

In this scenario, our friend produces a red marble, in that case, what is the probability that the marble came from bag 1? Rewriting this in terms of Bayes' Rule, our solution becomes:

$$P(Bag1|Red) = \frac{P(Red|Bag1) P(Bag1)}{P(Red)}$$

#### QUESTION 2 OF 4

What is the probability of choosing a red marble from bag 1? This is our likelihood term  $P(Red|Bag1)$ .

#### QUESTION 1 OF 4

What is the prior probability of choosing bag 1? This is the term  $P(Bag1)$ .

0.50

0.30

0.75

0.25

0.50

0.75

**QUESTION 3 OF 4**

What is the total probability of choosing a red marble? This is our normalization term (denominator)  $P(\text{Red})$ .

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| <input type="radio"/> 0.75             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.60 |

**QUESTION 4 OF 4**

Now, putting everything together, using the formula for Bayes' Rule, what is our posterior probability of the red marble originating from bag 1? This is our posterior term  $P(\text{Bag1} | \text{Red})$ ?

the lesson continues, but the generalized form Bayes' Filter for Localization is shown below. You may recognize this as being similar to a Kalman filter. In fact, many localization filters, including the Kalman filter are special cases of Bayes' Filter.

Remember the general form for Bayes' Rule:

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a) P(a)}{P(b)}$$

With respect to localization, these terms are:

1.  $P(\text{location}|\text{observation})$ : This is  $P(a|b)$ , the **normalized** probability of a position given an observation (posterior).
2.  $P(\text{observation}|\text{location})$ : This is  $P(b|a)$ , the probability of an observation given a position (likelihood)
3.  $P(\text{location})$ : This is  $P(a)$ , the prior probability of a position
4.  $P(\text{observation})$ : This is  $P(b)$ , the total probability of an observation

### Initialize Belief State

To help develop an intuition for this filter and prepare for later coding exercises, let's walk through the process of initializing our prior belief state. That is, what values should our initial belief state take for each possible position? Let's say we have a 1D map extending from 0 to 25 meters. We have landmarks at  $x = 5.0, 10.0$ , and  $20.0$  meters, with position standard deviation of 1.0 meter. If we know that our car's initial position is at one of these three landmarks, how should we define our initial belief state?

Since we know that we are parked next to a landmark, we can set our probability of being next to a landmark as 1.0. Accounting for a position precision of  $\pm 1.0$  meters, this places our car at an initial position in the range **[4, 6]** ( $5 \pm 1$ ), **[9, 11]** ( $10 \pm 1$ ), or **[19, 21]** ( $20 \pm 1$ ). All other positions, not within 1.0 meter of a landmark, are initialized to 0. We normalize these values to a total probability of 1.0 by dividing by the total number of positions that are potentially occupied. In this case, that is 9 positions, 3 for each landmark (the landmark position and one position on either side). This gives us a value of  $1.11E-01$  for positions  $\pm 1$  from our landmarks ( $1.0/9$ ). So, our initial belief state is:

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{0, 0, 0, 1.11E-01, 1.11E-01, 1.11E-01, 0, 0, 1.11E-01, 1.11E-01, 1.11E-01, 0, 0, 0,
0, 0, 0, 0, 1.11E-01, 1.11E-01, 1.11E-01, 0, 0, 0, 0}
```

```

32 // TODO: Complete the initialize_priors function
33 vector<float> initialize_priors(int map_size, vector<float> landmark_positions,
34                                     float position_stdev) {
35
36     // initialize priors assuming vehicle at landmark +/- 1.0 meters position stdev
37     float prior = 1 / (landmark_positions.size() * (1 + 2 * position_stdev));
38     // set all priors to 0.0
39     vector<float> priors(map_size, 0.0);
40
41     // TODO: YOUR CODE HERE
42     for(int i = 0; i < priors.size(); i++) {
43         for(auto j : landmark_positions)
44             if(i >= j - position_stdev && i <= j + position_stdev)
45                 priors[i] = prior;
46
47     return priors;
48 }
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## Quiz

About how much data is in  $z_{1:t}$ ?

### QUIZ QUESTION

Remember:

- The car has driven for 6 hours
- LIDAR refreshes 10 times per seconds (10 Hertz)
- LIDAR sends 100,000 data points per observation
- Each of the 100,000 observations contains 5 pieces of data
- Each piece of data requires 4 bytes

4 kB

430 kB

4 MB

430 MB

4 GB

430 GB

TWO PROBLEMS, IF WE WANT TO ESTIMATE DIRECTLY!

1. A LOT of data! (100s of GBs per update)
2. Amount of data increases over time

DOES NOT WORK FOR A REAL TIME LOCALIZER AT 10HZ!!

#### REQUIREMENTS

1. A little data (bytes per update)
2. Amount of data remains constant

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

#### BAYES RULE

$$p(x_t | z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = ??$$

#### REMEMBER

$$p(a|b) = \frac{p(b|a) \times p(a)}{p(b)}$$

LIKELIHOOD      PRIOR  
POSTERIOR      NORMALIZING CONSTANT

#### DEFINITION OF LOCALIZATION POSTERIOR: MAIN GOAL!

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m) \xrightarrow{\text{GOAL}} bel(x_t) = ?$$

ALL DATA FROM  
 $1 \rightarrow t$

$$bel(x_t)$$

$$bel(x_{t-1})$$

NEW OBSERVATION

$$bel(x_t)$$

#### WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS GOAL BY USING...

- Bayes Rule
- Law of Total Probability
- The "Markov Assumption"

### DEFINITION OF LOCALIZATION POSTERIOR:

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$



**BAYES RULE**

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

**REMEMBER**

$$z_{1:t} = \{z_t, \dots, z_1\} \quad | \quad z_t = [z_t^1, \dots, z_t^k]$$

### Quiz

Please apply Bayes Rule to determine the right side of Bayes rule, where the posterior,  $P(a|b)$ , is  $p(x_t | z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$

(B)

$$\frac{p(z_t | x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}{p(z_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}$$

### DEFINITION OF LOCALIZATION POSTERIOR:

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}, m)$$



**BAYES RULE**

$$p(x_t | z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \frac{p(z_t | x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) \times p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}{p(z_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}$$

**REMEMBER**

$$p(a|b) = \frac{p(b|a) \times p(a)}{p(b)}$$

LIKELIHOOD      PRIOR  
POSTERIOR      NORMALIZING CONSTANT

### BAYES RULE

Eliminate this everywhere

$$p(x_t|z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \frac{p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) \times p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}$$

### REMEMBER

$$p(a|b) = \frac{p(b|a) \times p(a)}{p(b)}$$

↑                            ↓  
POSTERIOR                    NORMALIZING CONSTANT

### BAYES RULE

$$p(x_t|z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \eta \times \frac{p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) \times p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}{1}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)} = \frac{1}{\sum_i p(z_t|x_t^{(i)}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) p(x_t^{(i)}|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}$$

### DEFINITION OF MOTION MODEL

$$p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

### LAW OF TOTAL PROBABILITY

$$p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \int p(x_t|x_{t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) p(x_{t-1}|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) dx_{t-1}$$

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### REMEMBER

$$P(B) = \int P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

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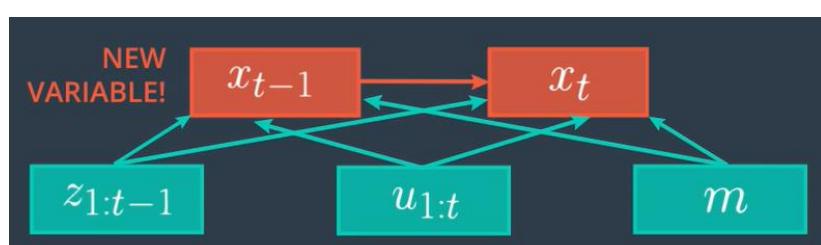
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### REMEMBER

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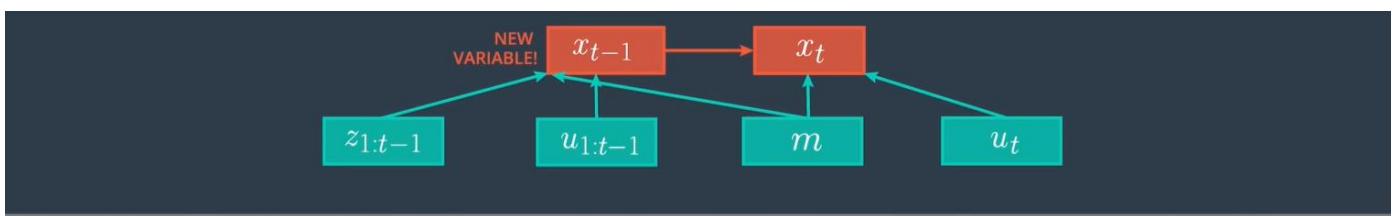
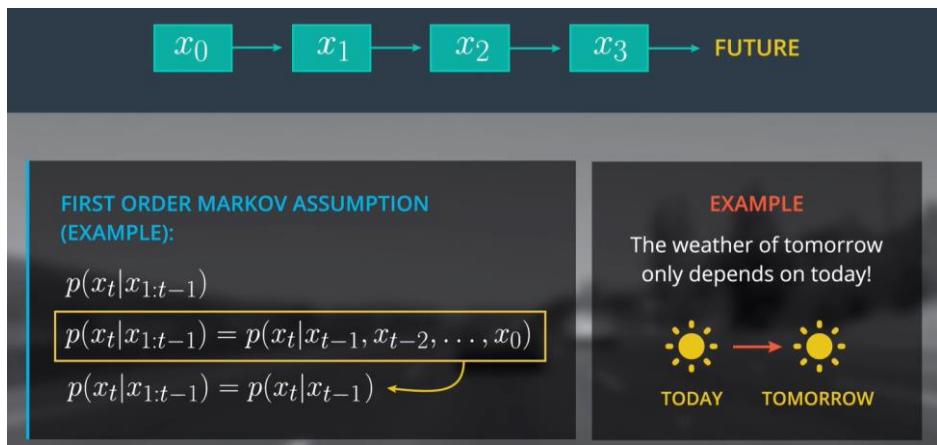
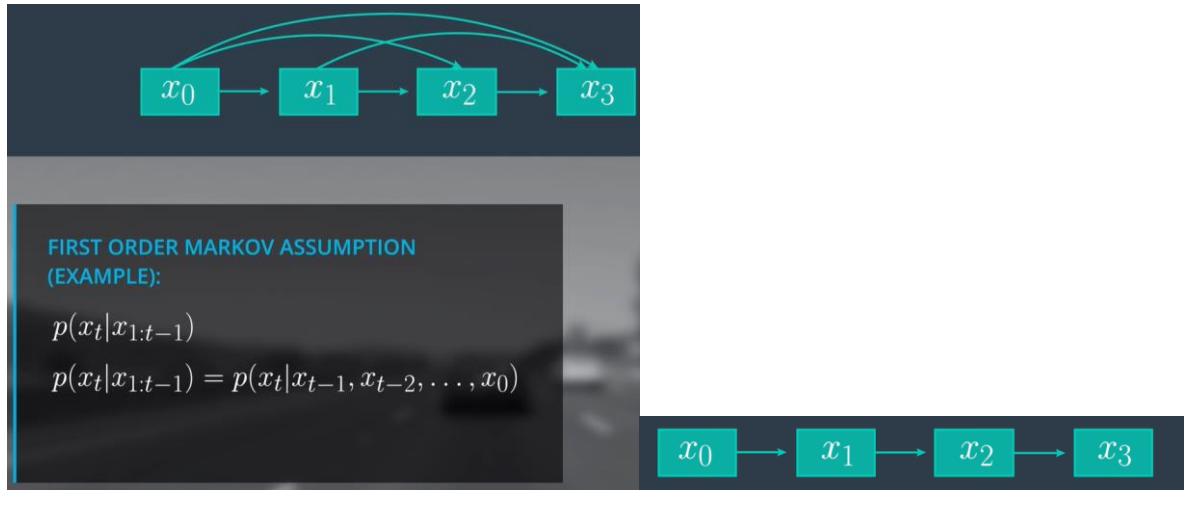
### Law of Total Probability

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$



(a) Since we (hypothetically) know in which state the system is at time step  $t-1$ , the past observations  $z_{1:t-1}$  and controls  $u_{1:t-1}$  would not provide us additional information to estimate the posterior for  $x_t$ , because they were already used to estimate  $x_{t-1}$ . This means, we can simplify  $p(x_t|x_{t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$  to  $p(x_t|x_{t-1}, u_t, m)$ .

(b) Since  $u_t$  is "in the future" with reference to  $x_{t-1}$ ,  $u_t$  does not tell us much about  $x_{t-1}$ . This means the term  $p(x_{t-1}|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$  can be simplified to  $p(x_{t-1}|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}, m)$ .



### DEFINITION OF MOTION MODEL

$$p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

**LAW OF PROBABILITY**  $p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \int p(x_t|x_{t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) [p(x_{t-1}|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)] dx_{t-1}$

**Markov Assumption, the 1st:**  $= \int p(x_t|x_{t-1}, u_t, m) p(x_{t-1}|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}, m) dx_{t-1}$

**Markov Assumption, the 2nd:**  $= \int p(x_t|x_{t-1}, u_t, m) p(x_{t-1}|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}, m) dx_{t-1}$

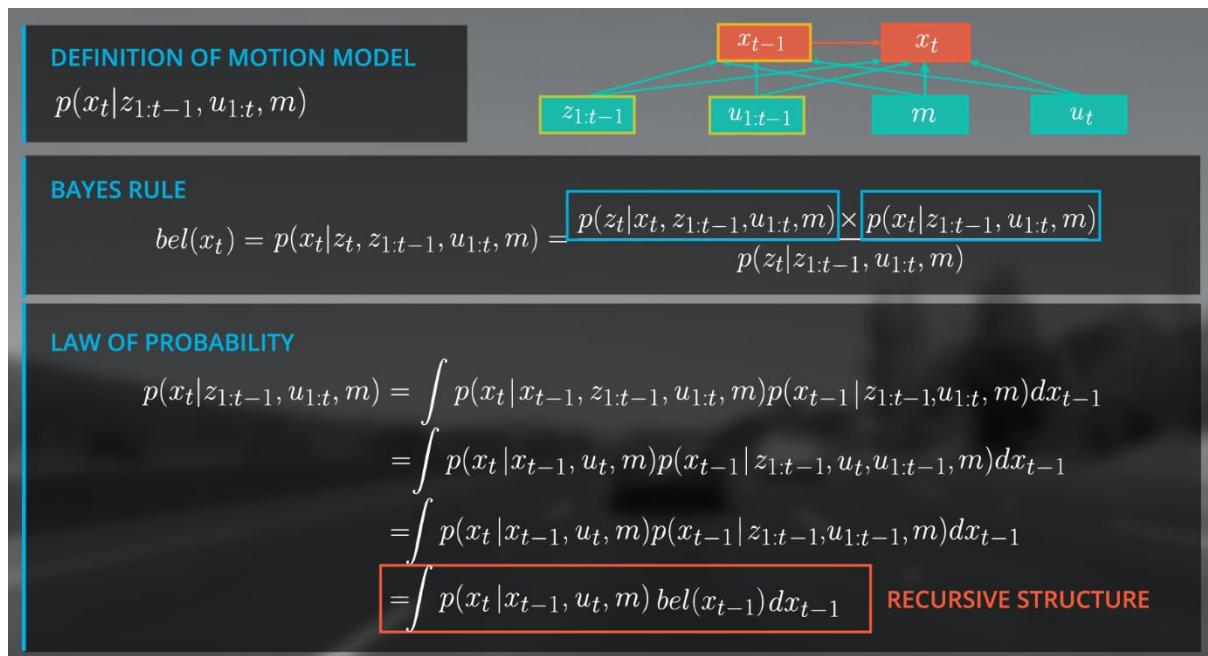
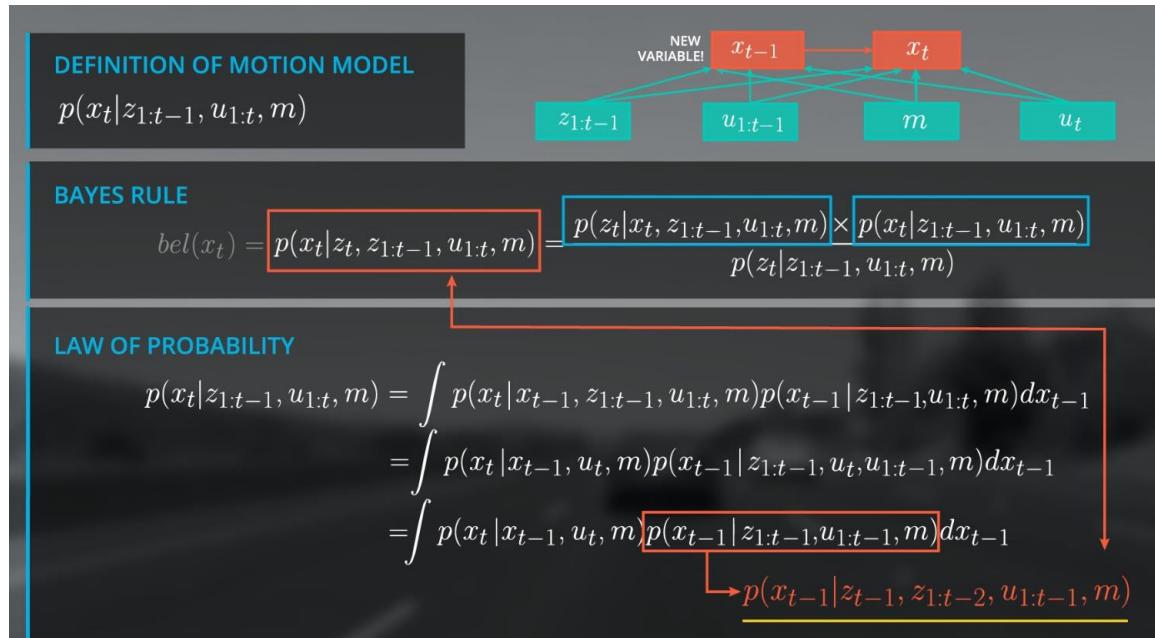
## Markov Assumption

A Markov process is one in which the conditional probability distribution of future states (ie the next state) is dependent only upon the current state and not on other preceding states. This can be expressed mathematically as:

$$P(x_t | x_{1:t-1}, \dots, x_{t-i}, \dots, x_0) = P(x_t | x_{t-1})$$

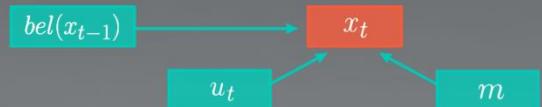
It is important to note that the current state may contain all information from preceding states. That is the case discussed in this lesson.

After applying the Markov Assumption, the term  $p(x_{t-1} | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}, m)$  describes exactly the belief at  $x_{t-1}$  ! This means we achieved a recursive structure!



## DEFINITION OF MOTION MODEL

$$p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$



## BAYES RULE

$$bel(x) = p(x_t | z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \frac{p(z_t | x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) \times p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}{p(z_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}$$

## LAW OF PROBABILITY

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) &= \int p(x_t | x_{t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) p(x_{t-1} | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) dx_{t-1} \\ &= \int p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t, m) p(x_{t-1} | z_{1:t-1}, u_t, u_{1:t-1}, m) dx_{t-1} \\ &= \int p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t, m) p(x_{t-1} | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1}, m) dx_{t-1} \\ &= \int p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t, m) bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1} \quad \text{RECURSIVE STRUCTURE} \\ &= \sum_i p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{(i)}, u_t, m) bel(x_{t-1}^{(i)}) \quad \text{DISCRETE CASE} \end{aligned}$$

## SUMMARY OF MOTION MODEL

$$p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

YOU

Used Law of Total Probability to introduce the state  $x_{t-1}$

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

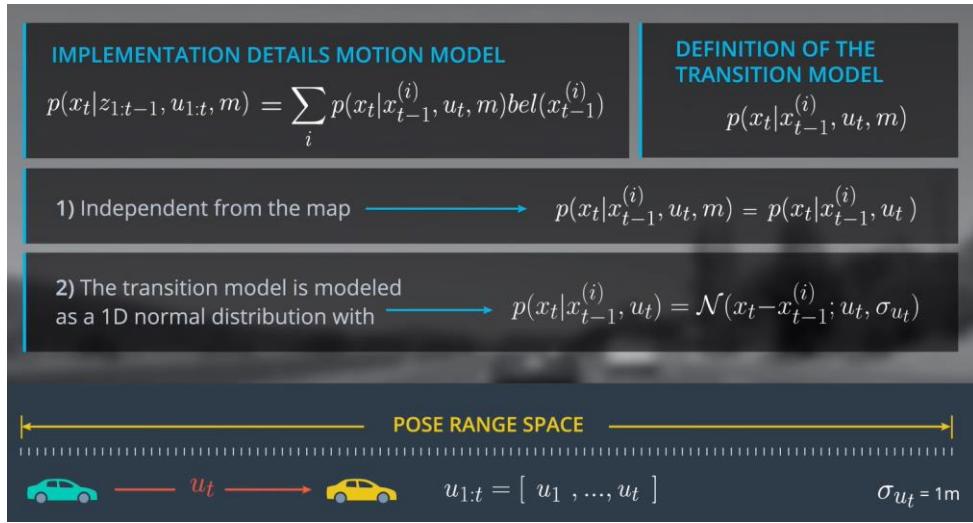
Learned about Markov Assumption/Complete state assumption



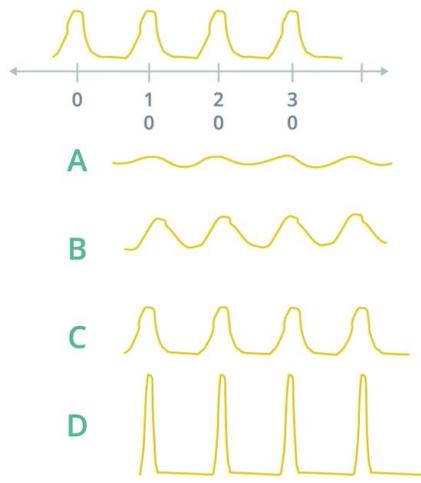
Learned to derive the recursive Filter structure!



Finally, we replace the integral by a sum over all  $x_i$  because we have a discrete localization scenario in this case, to get the same formula in Sebastian's lesson for localization. The process of predicting  $x_t$  with a previous beliefs ( $x_{t-1}$ ) and the transition model is technically a convolution. If you take a look to the formula again, it is essential that the belief at  $x_t = 0$  is initialized with a meaningful assumption. It depends on the localization scenario how you set the belief or in other words, how you initialize your filter. For example, you can use GPS to get a coarse estimate of your location.



### INITIAL BELIEF



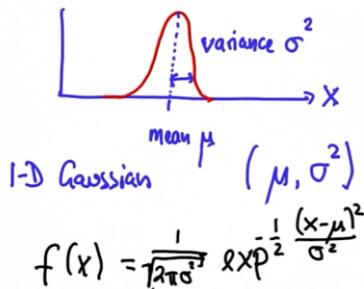
### WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE ROBOT...

- C** Moves forward 10m with **no noise**
- B** Moves forward 10m with **low noise**
- A** Moves forward 10m with **high noise?**

To implement these models in code, we need a function to which we can pass model parameters/values and return a probability. Fortunately, we can use a normalized probability density function (PDF). Let's revisit Sebastian's discussion of this topic.

#### QUESTION 1 OF 2

Given pseudo position  $x$  and a control parameter of 1 (move 1 unit each time step), which pre-pseudo position maximizes our probability?



- x-4
- x-2
- x-3
- x-1

Our value will always be maximized when our parameter and value are equal. In this case our control value is 1 (move 1 unit per time step), generally speaking we will see our maximum probability at  $x$  - control\_parameter.

**'i'th Motion Model Probability:**

$$p(x_t|x_{t-1}^{(i)}, u_t, m) * bel(x_{t-1}^{(i)})$$

**Discretized Motional Model Calculation**

Given a transition probability of 3.99E-1 and a belief state  $bel(x_{t-1})$  of 5.56E-2, what is the position probability returned by the motion model? Write the answer in scientific notation with an accuracy of two decimal places, for example 3.14E-15.

2.22E-2

**RESET**



- Discretized Motion Model:**

$$\sum_i p(x_t|x_{t-1}^{(i)}, u_t, m) bel(x_{t-1}^{(i)})$$

- Transition Model:**

$$p(x_t|x_{t-1}^{(i)}, u_t, m)$$

- 'i'th Motion Model Probability:**

$$p(x_t|x_{t-1}^{(i)}, u_t, m) * bel(x_{t-1}^{(i)})$$

pseudo_position (x)	pre- pseudo_position	delta position	P(transition)	bel(x_{t-1})	P(position)
7	1	6	1.49E-06	5.56E-02	8.27E-08
7	2	5	1.34E-04	5.56E-02	7.44E-06
7	3	4	4.43E-03	5.56E-02	2.46E-04
7	4	?	5.40E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
7	5	2	?	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
7	6	1	3.99E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
7	7	0	2.42E-01	?	1.66E-03
7	8	-1	5.40E-02	1.79E-03	?

Delta Position

What is difference in position for an x of 7 and a pre-pseudo position of 4?



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Show Solution

Transition Probability

Use `normpdf` (bottom of page) to determine the transition probability for  $x = 7$  and a pre-pseudo\_position of 5, and a control parameter of 1, and a standard deviation of 1. The transition probability can be determined through `normpdf(delta_position, control_parameter, position_stdev)`. The answer must be in scientific notation with two decimal place accuracy, for example 3.14E-15.



2.41E-1

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Determine the belief state

In practice we only set our initial belief state, but making the following calculation is helpful in building intuition. What is the belief state  $bel(x_{t-1})$  for the penultimate row of our table above? Write the answer in scientific notation with an accuracy of two decimal places, for example 3.14E-15.



6.86E-3

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Position Probability

What is the discretized position probability for  $x = 7$  and a pre-pseudo\_position of 8, given the belief state in the table above? Write the answer in scientific notation with an accuracy of two decimal places, for example 3.14E-15.

9.67E-5

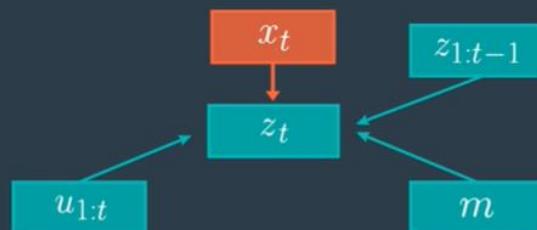
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We have completed our table of discretized calculation for each  $i$ th positon probability value. To determine the final probability returned by the motion model, we must sum the probabilities.

Aggregating Discretized P(position)

Given the table above, what is the final probability returned by our motion model. Enter the answer in scientific notation with an accuracy of two decimal places, for example 3.14E-15.



#### BAYES RULE

$$p(x_t|z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \frac{p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}$$

#### ADD NORMALIZER:

$$= \eta p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

#### OBSERVATION MODEL

$$p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

## Observation Model

$$p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

## Motion Model

$$p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$$

QUIZ QUESTION

What "trick" can we use there, which helps us to manipulate/simplify the observation model:

- Using well-known Bayes Rule again!
- Using the law of total Probability!
- Using the Markov Assumption (Completeness of the State Assumption)

**BAYES RULE**  $p(x_t|z_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = \frac{p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) \times p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)}$

**ADD NORMALIZER:**  $= \eta p(z_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) p(x_t|z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m)$

**OBSERVATION MODEL**  $p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = p(z_t|x_t, m)$  MARKOV ASSUMPTION!

**OBSERVATION MODEL**  $p(z_t|x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}, m) = p(z_t|x_t, m)$

**MULTIPLE OBSERVATION MODEL FOR EACH TIME STEP POSSIBLE!**  $p(z_t|x_t, m) = p(z_t^1, \dots, z_t^K|x_t, m)$

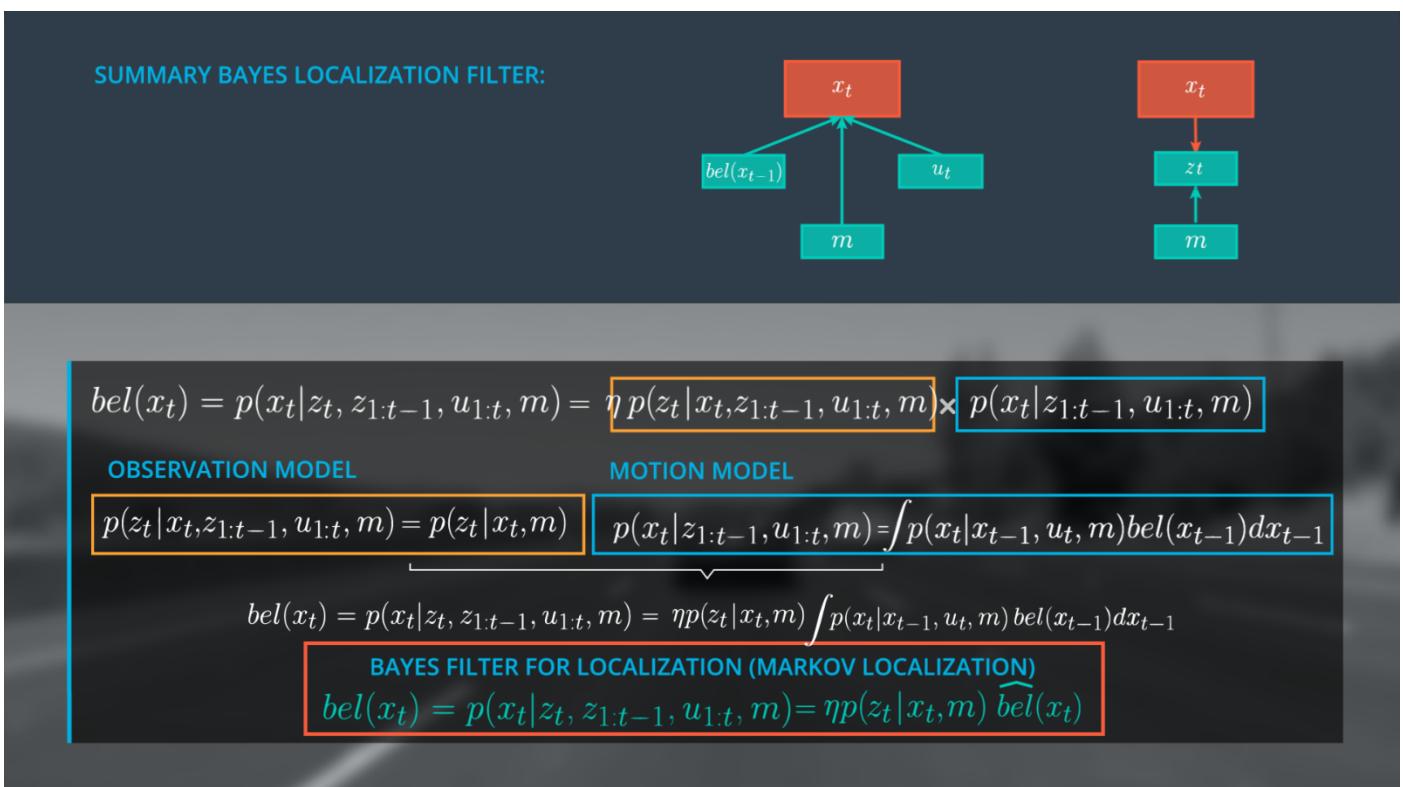
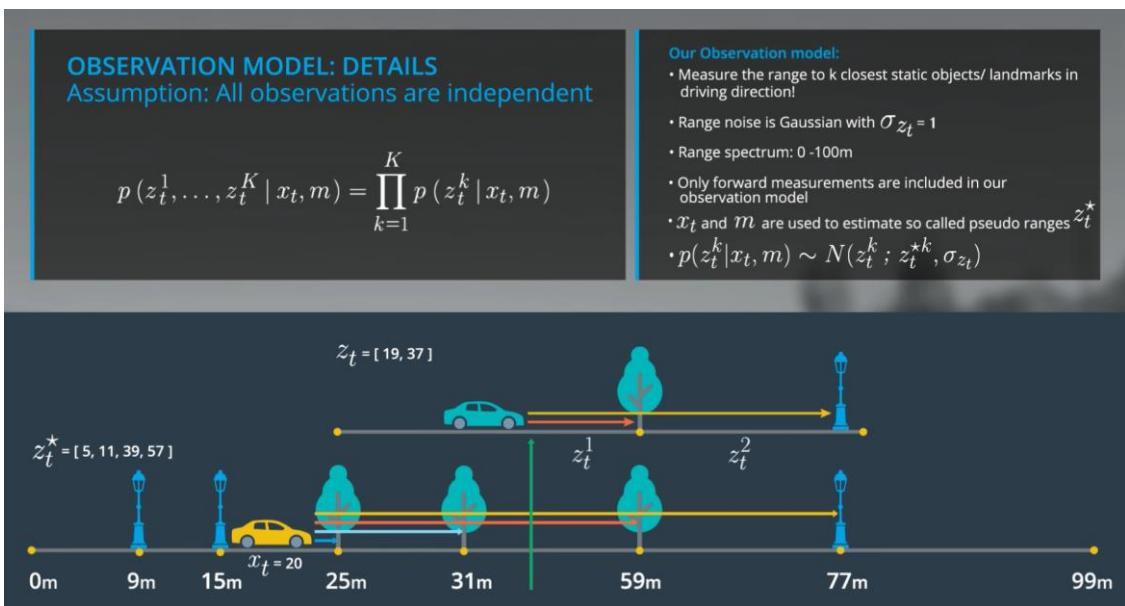
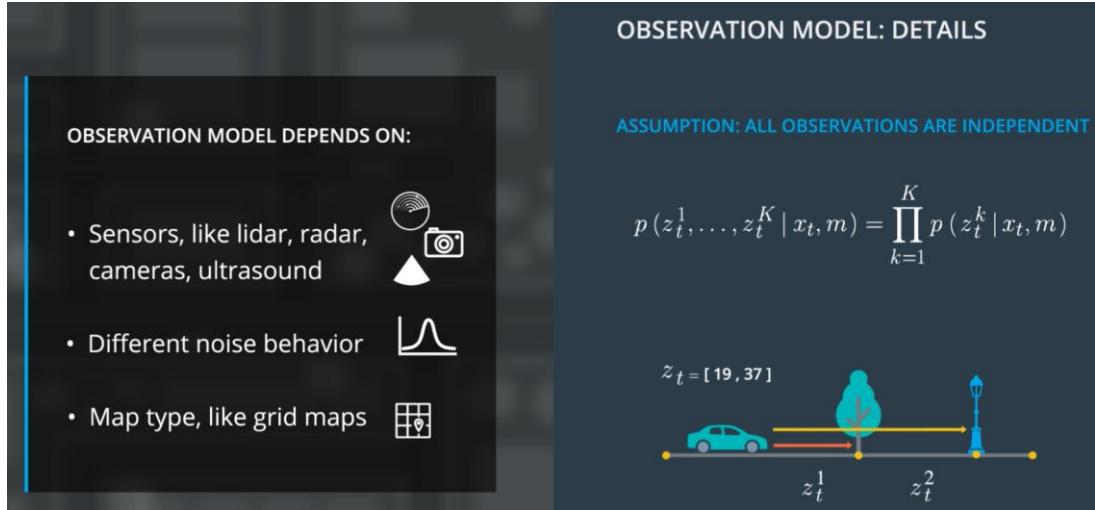
**ASSUMPTION: ALL OBSERVATION ARE INDEPENDENT**  $p(z_t^1, \dots, z_t^K|x_t, m) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(z_t^k|x_t, m)$

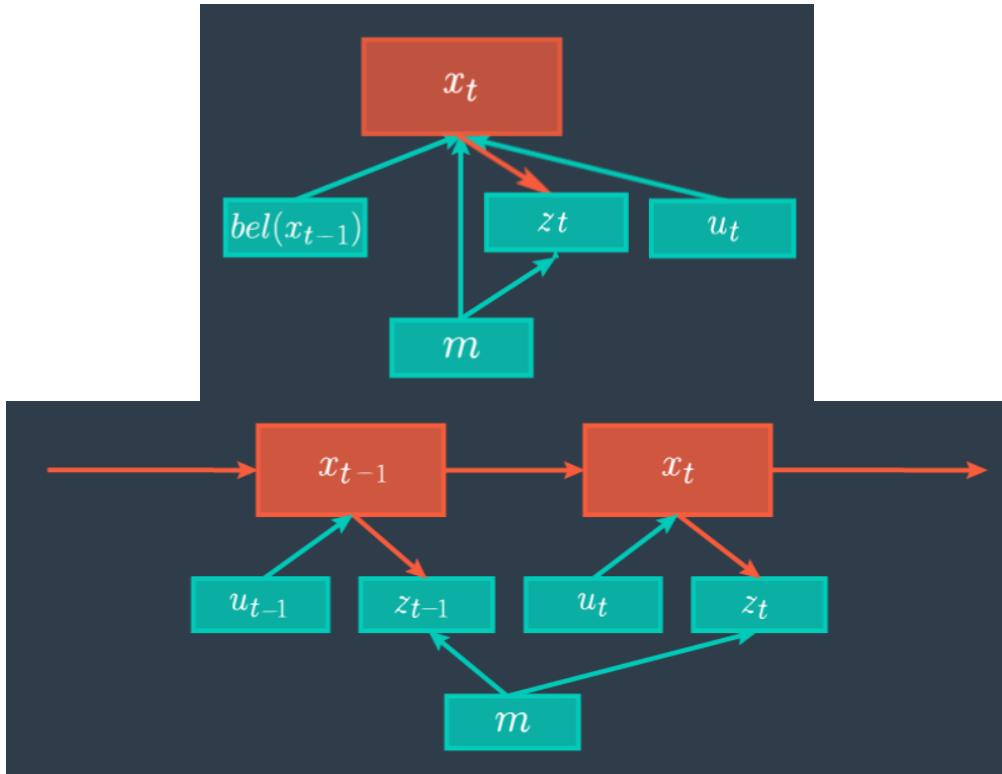
**REMEMBER**

$$z_{1:t} = \{z_1, \dots, z_t\}$$

$$z_t = [z_t^1, \dots, z_t^K]$$

How do we define the observation model for a single range measurement?





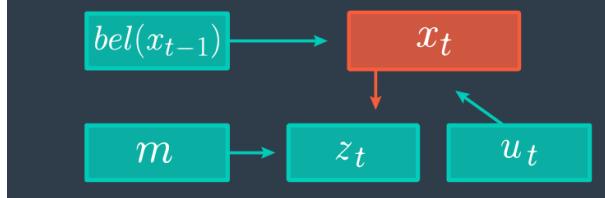
## BAYES FILTER THEORY SUMMARY

Bayes (Localization) Filter is a general framework for recursive state estimation!

recursive means:

→ using previous state to estimate new state

→ using only current observations and controls!  
(and not the whole history of data)



MOTION MODEL

prediction step

OBSERVATION MODEL

update step

BAYES FILTER

PREDICTION

UPDATE

1D Markov Localization, Kalman Filters  
and Particle Filters are Realizations  
of the Bayes Filter!

$$\dot{\theta} = 0$$

$$\dot{\theta} \neq 0$$

$$x_f = x_0 + v(dt)(\cos(\theta_0))$$

Final x position      Initial x position      Velocity      Time elapsed      X-component of velocity

$$y_f = y_0 + v(dt)(\sin(\theta_0))$$

Final y position      Initial y position      Velocity      Time elapsed      Y-component of velocity

$$\theta_f = \theta_0$$

Final yaw      Initial yaw

$$x_f = x_0 + \frac{v}{\dot{\theta}}[\sin(\theta_0 + \dot{\theta}(dt)) - \sin(\theta_0)]$$

Final x position      Initial x position      Yaw rate      Time elapsed      Initial yaw

$$y_f = y_0 + \frac{v}{\dot{\theta}}[\cos(\theta_0) - \cos(\theta_0 + \dot{\theta}(dt))]$$

Final y position      Initial y position      Yaw rate      Time elapsed      Initial yaw

$$\theta_f = \theta_0 + \dot{\theta}(dt)$$

Final yaw      Yaw rate      Time elapsed

## Localization

Things are in vehicle coordinates OR map coordinates. The entire objective of localization is to find the transformation between vehicle coordinates and map coordinates. In other words, we're trying to find the position of the car in the map!

The position of the car is described in map coordinates.

The sensor measurements are usually described in vehicle coordinates. Vehicle coordinates have the x-axis in the direction of the car's heading, the y-axis pointing orthogonal to the left of the car, and the z-axis pointing upwards.

Map landmarks are in map coordinates.

## Sensor Fusion

Everything is in vehicle coordinates where the x axis points in the direction of the car's heading and the y axis points to the left of the car.

The car is always assumed to be at the origin of the vehicle coordinate system.

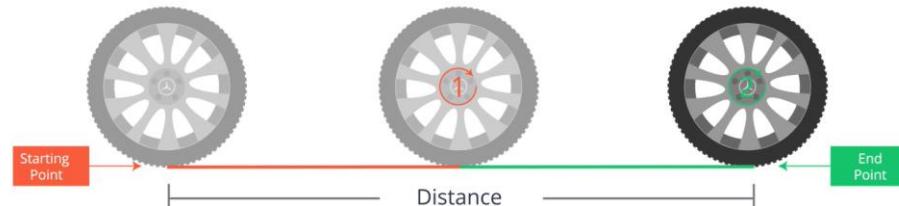
Sensor measurements are in vehicle coordinates.

### QUIZ QUESTION

Will you need to calculate all three rotations to localize the car effectively?

- Yes, definitely. All three rotations are almost always significant enough to make a significant impact on the position of the car.
- It really depends on the road (i.e. the curvature and steepness)
- No, a flat world assumption is good enough.

In really hilly places like San Francisco or Pittsburgh, the pitch of the car is pretty important. For most other roads though, the extra effort put into the extra calculations are usually not worth the minuscule improvement in accuracy.



$$x_f = x_0 + \#turns(\cos(\theta))(c_{wheel})$$

Final x position      Initial x position      Odometry      x - component      Circumference of the wheel

$$y_f = y_0 + \#turns(\sin(\theta))(c_{wheel})$$

Final y position      Initial y position      Odometry      y - component      Circumference of the wheel

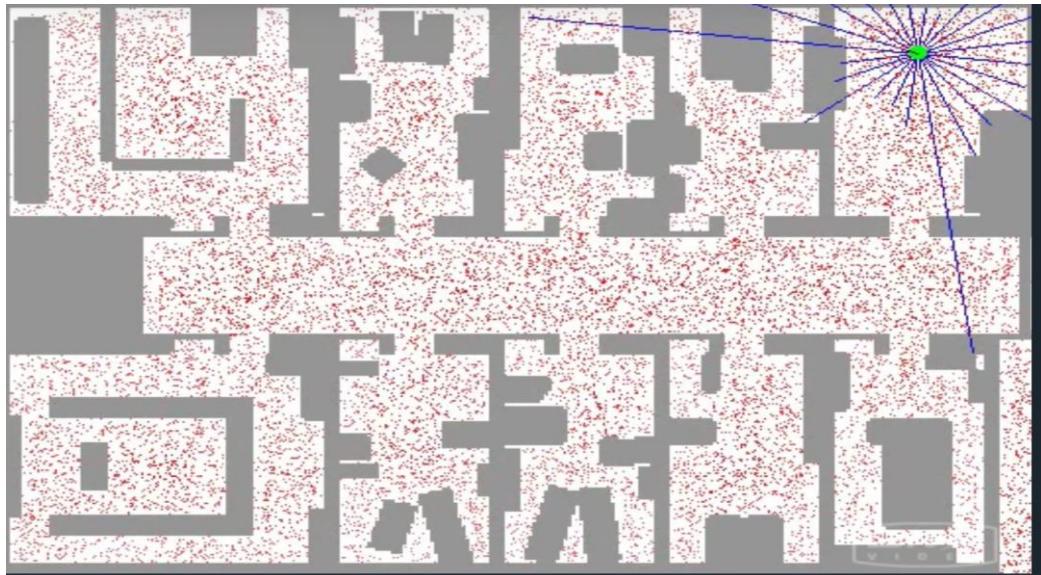
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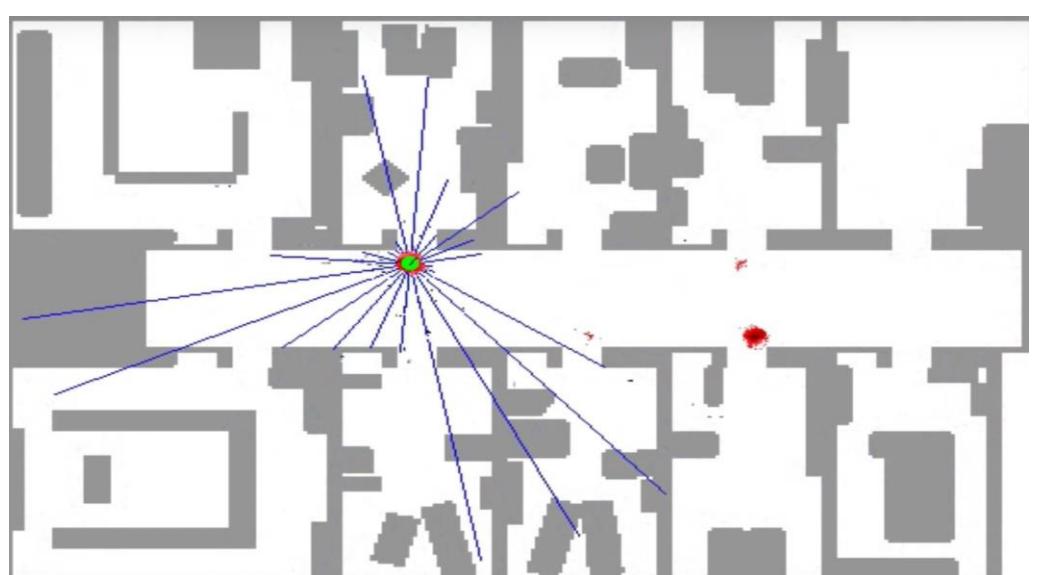
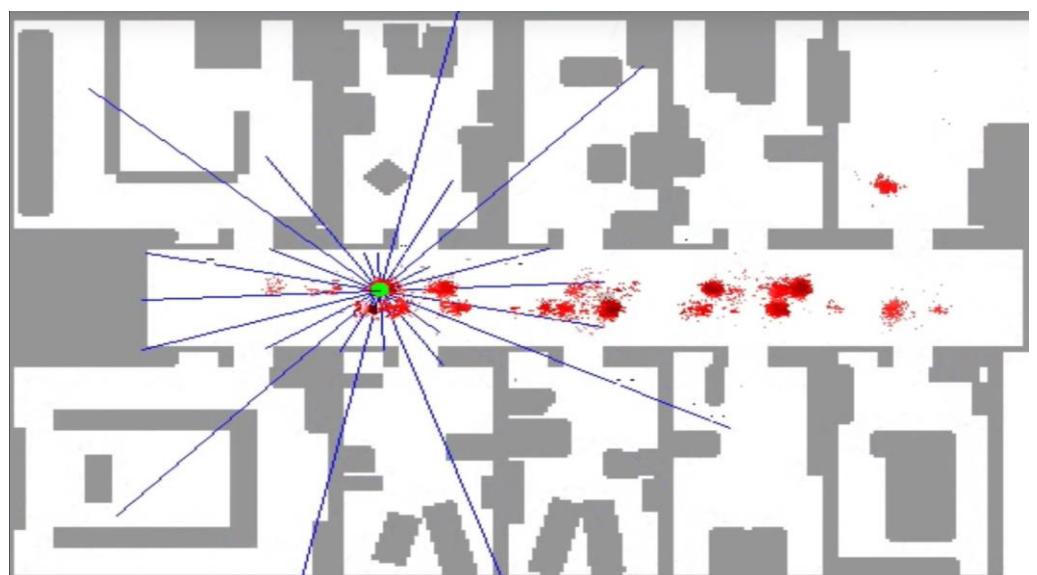
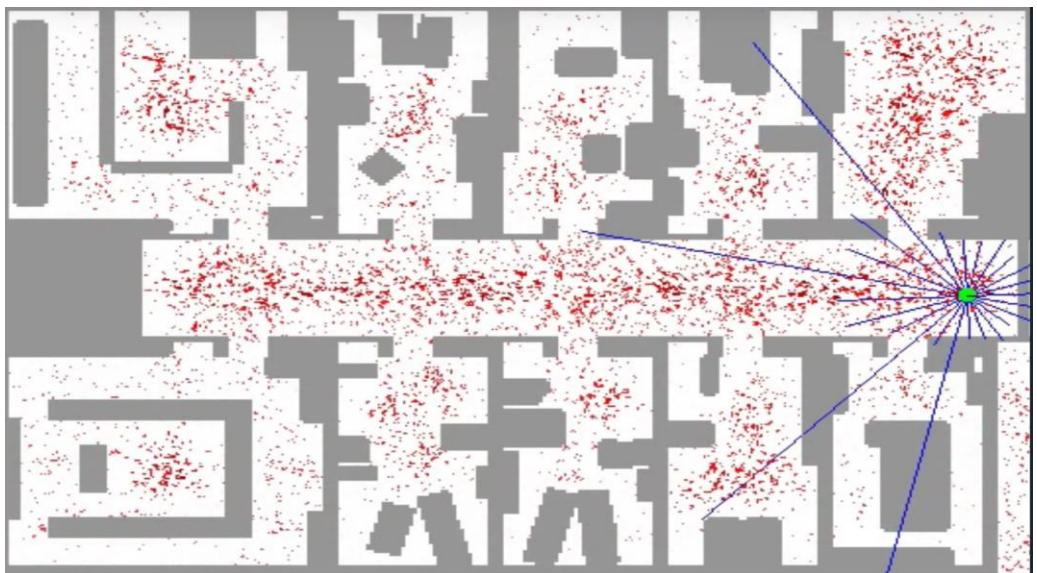
When do you think using odometry from a wheel encoder will create large errors in your position estimates?

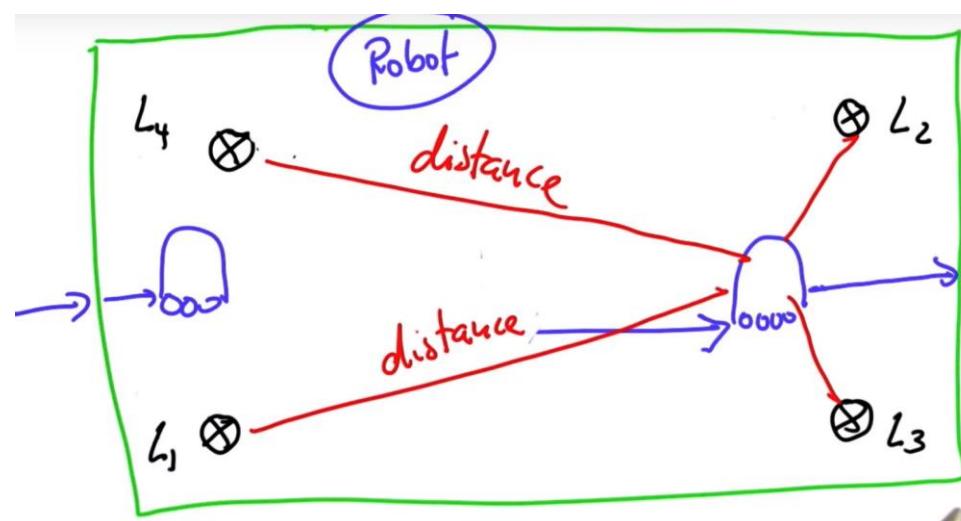
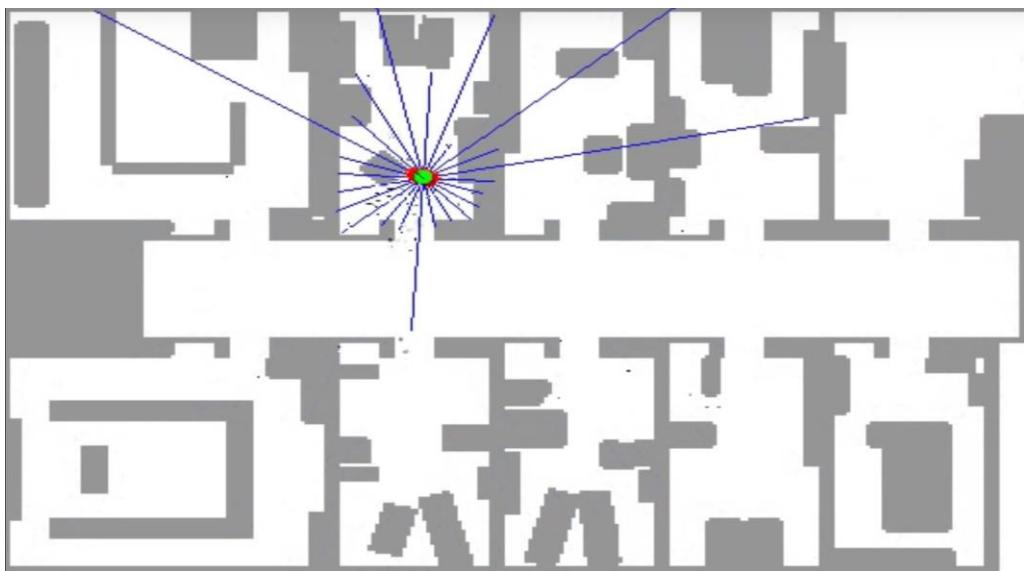
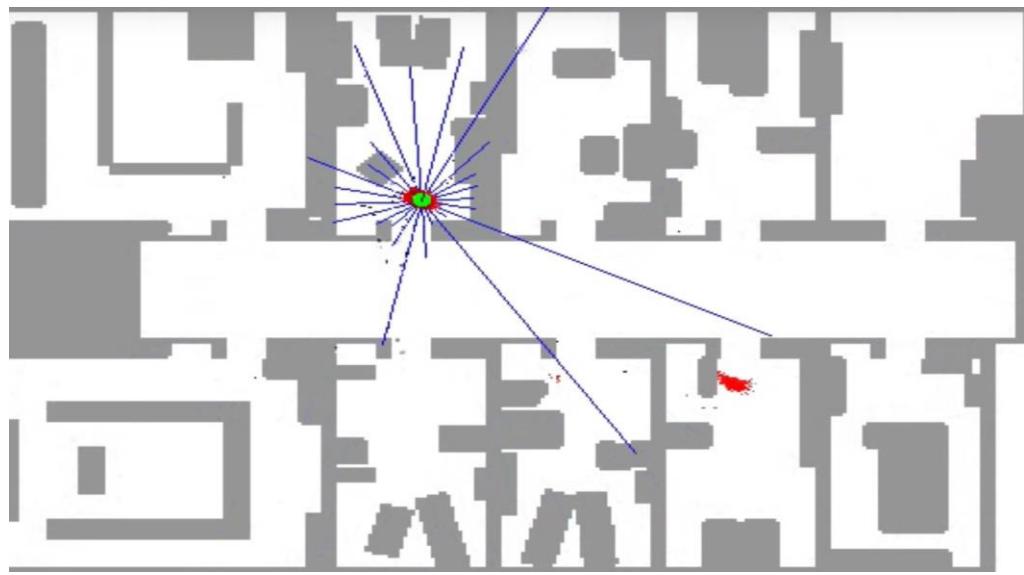
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- On a slick, wet road
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- On a dry, paved road
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- On a road with lots of bumps
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- On a road with lots of turns

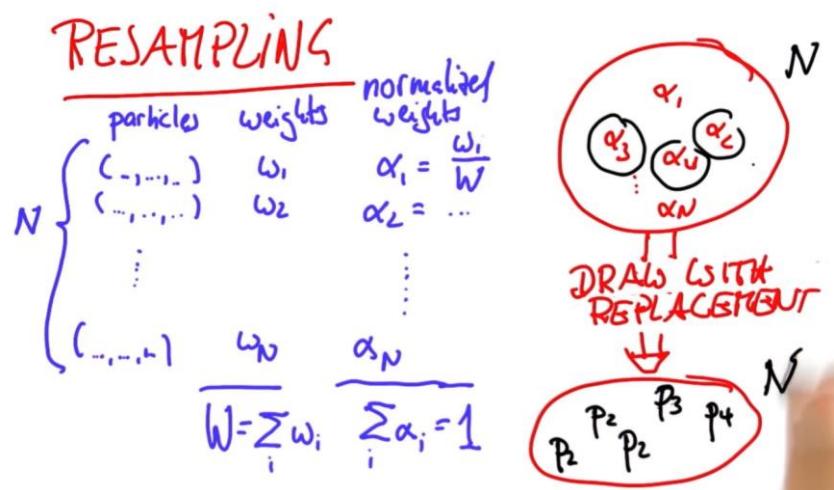
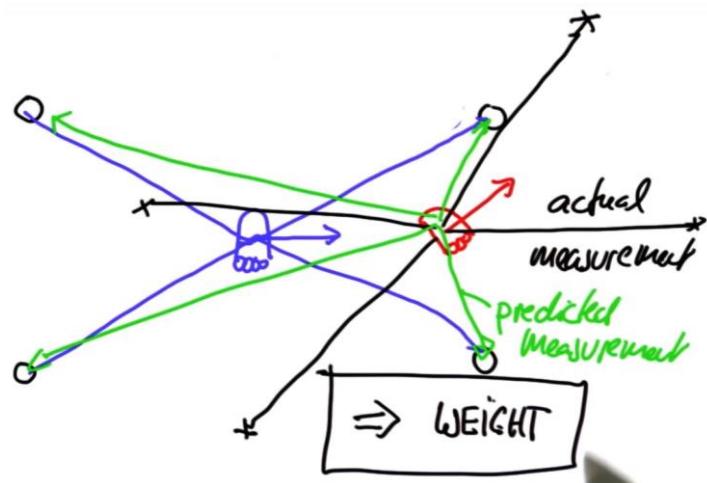
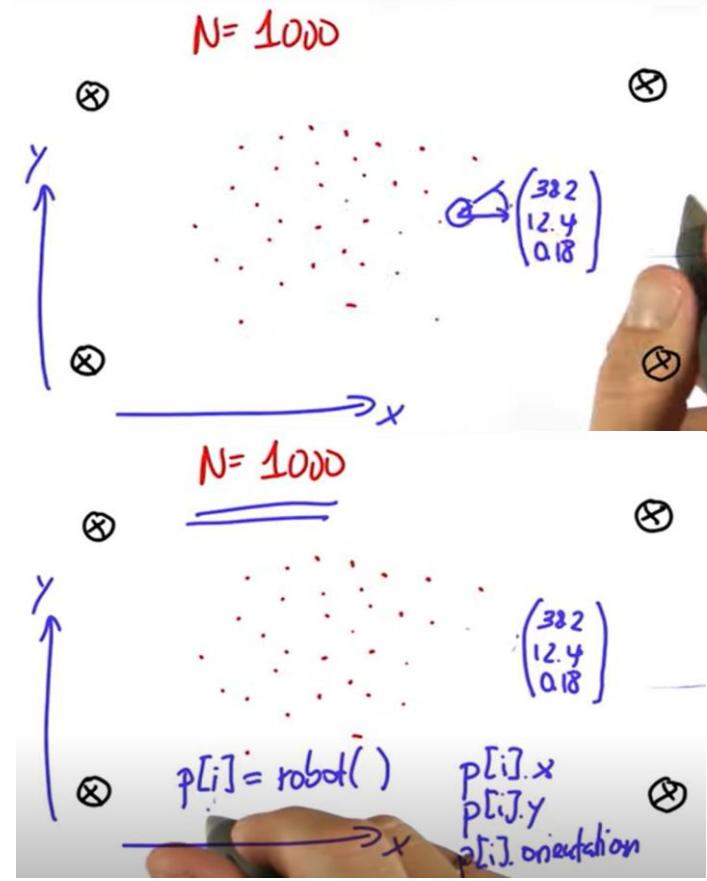
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→ EASY TO PROGRAM ←









## Quiz

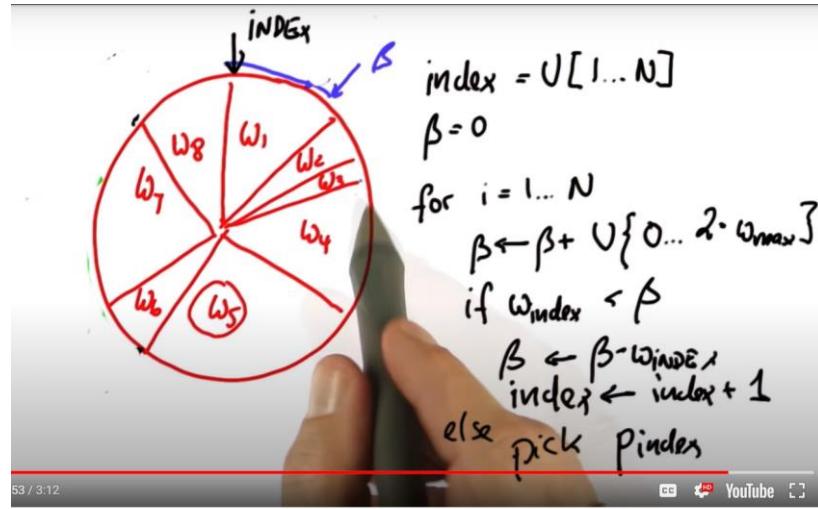
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## Quiz

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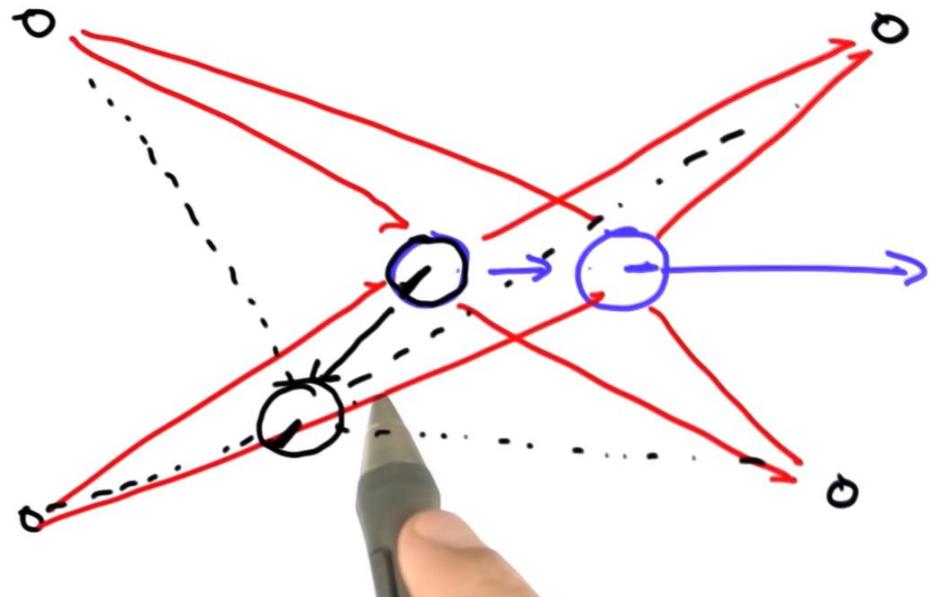


The pseudocode in the video should be like this (instead of an if-else block):

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while w[index] < beta:
    beta = beta - w[index]
    index = index + 1

select p[index]
    
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So orientation does matter in the second step of particle filtering

MEASUREMENT UPDATES

$$P(X|Z) \propto P(Z|X) P(X)$$

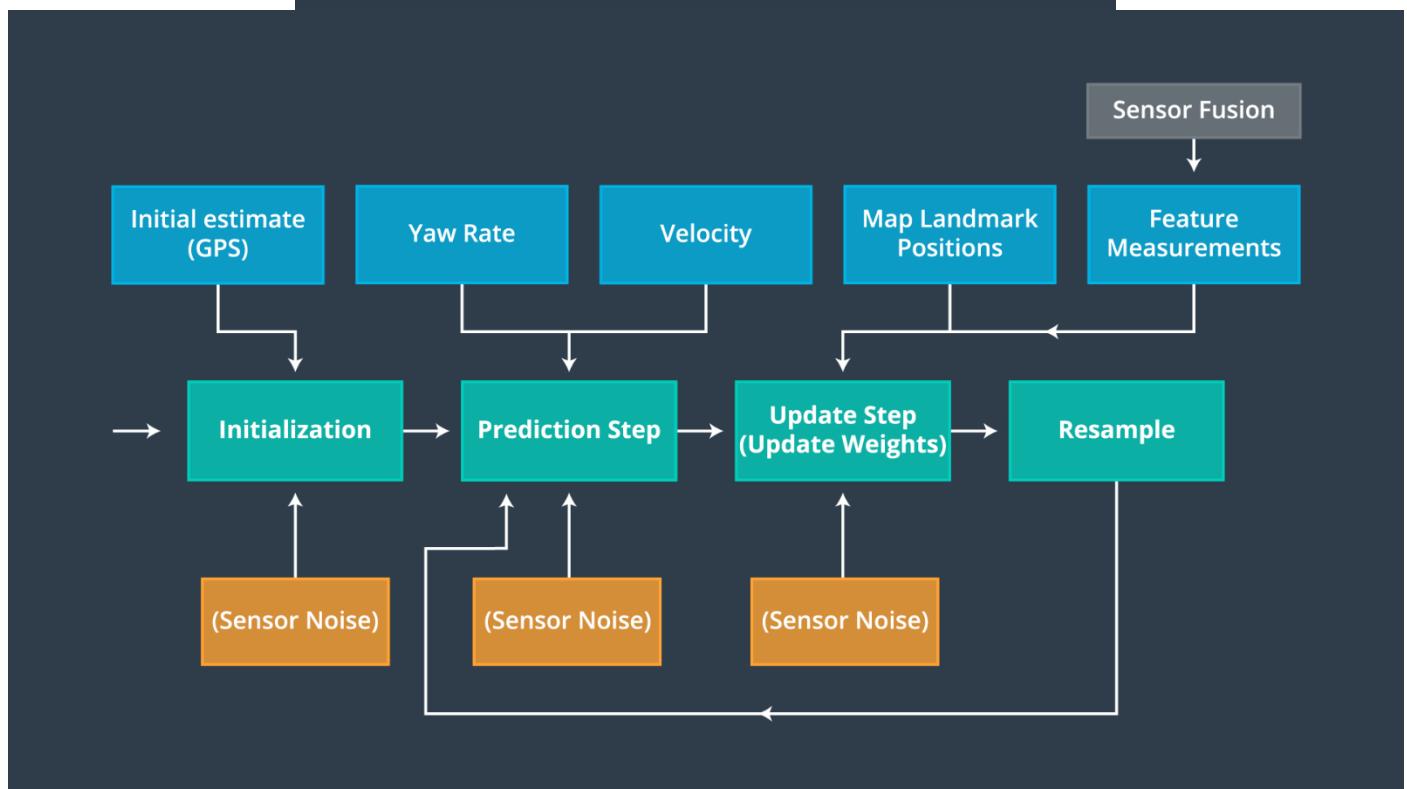
Motion UPDATE  $\xrightarrow{\text{resampling}} \xleftarrow{\text{Importance weights}} \xrightarrow{\text{particles}}$

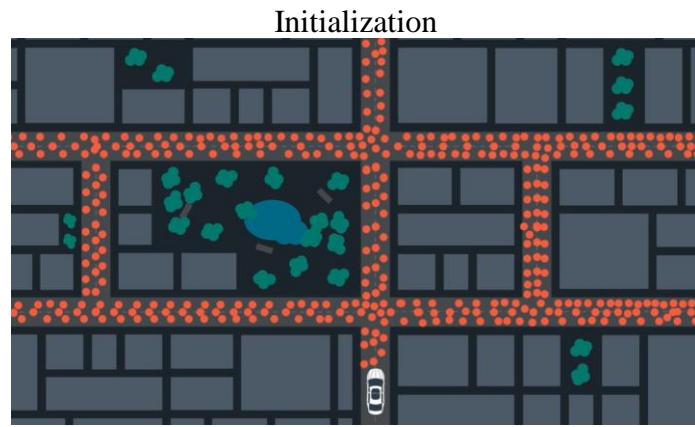
$$P(X') = \sum_{\text{Sampled}} P(X'|X) P(X)$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{Sampled}} \xrightarrow{\text{Sample}} \xrightarrow{\text{particles}}$

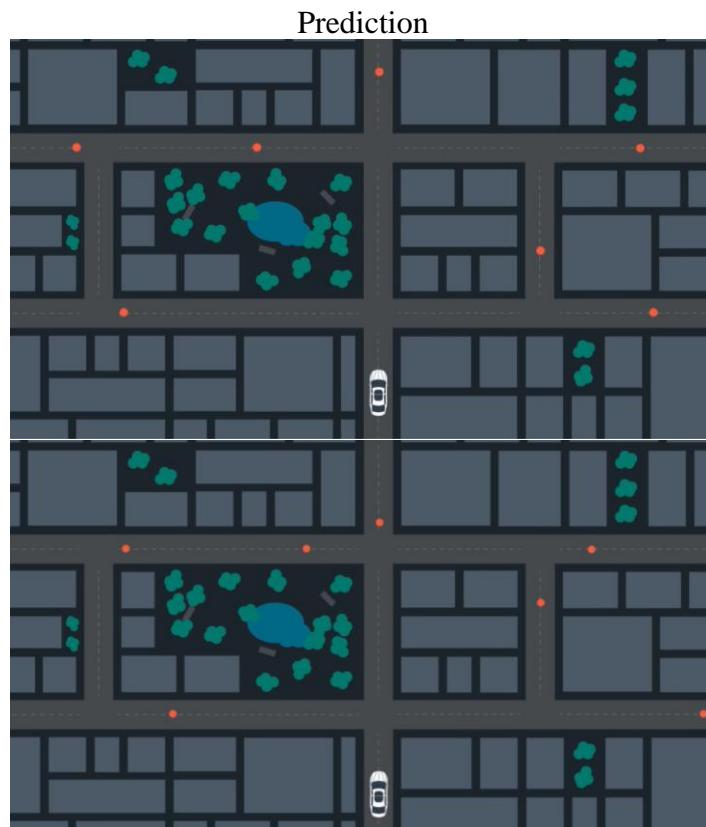
# Particle Filter ( $\mathcal{X}_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ )

1.  $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t = \mathcal{X}_t = \emptyset$
2. *for*  $m = 1$  to  $M$  *do*
3.     *sample*  $x_t^{[m]} \sim p(x_t|u_t, x_{t-1}^{[m]})$
4.      $w_t^{[m]} = p(z_t|x_t^{[m]})$
5.      $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t = \bar{\mathcal{X}}_t + \langle x_t^{[m]}, w_t^{[m]} \rangle$
6. *endfor*
7. *for*  $m = 1$  to  $M$  *do*
8.     *draw*  $i$  with probability  $\alpha w_t^{[i]}$
9.     *add*  $x_t^{[i]}$  to  $\mathcal{X}_t$
10. *endfor*
11. *return*  $\mathcal{X}_t$

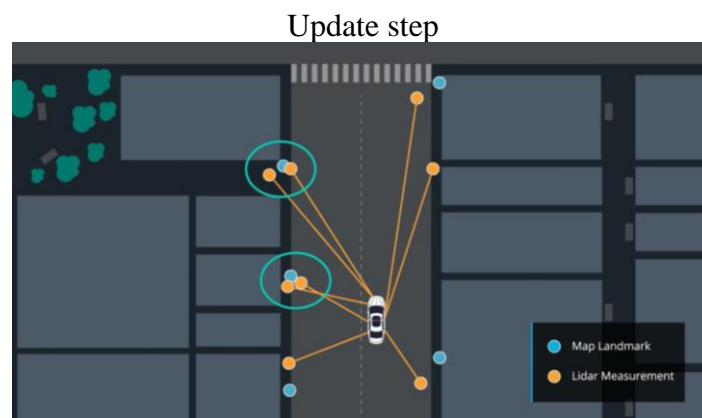


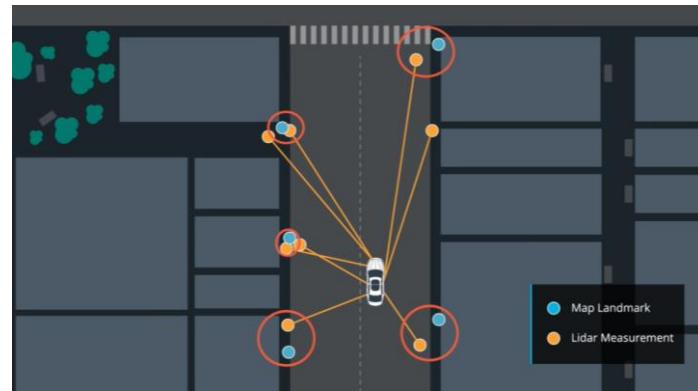


The most practical way to initialize our particles and generate real time output, is to make an initial estimate using GPS input. As with all sensor based operations, this step is impacted by noise.



Here we will use what we learned in the motion models lesson to predict where the vehicle will be at the next time step, by updating based on yaw rate and velocity, while accounting for Gaussian sensor noise.



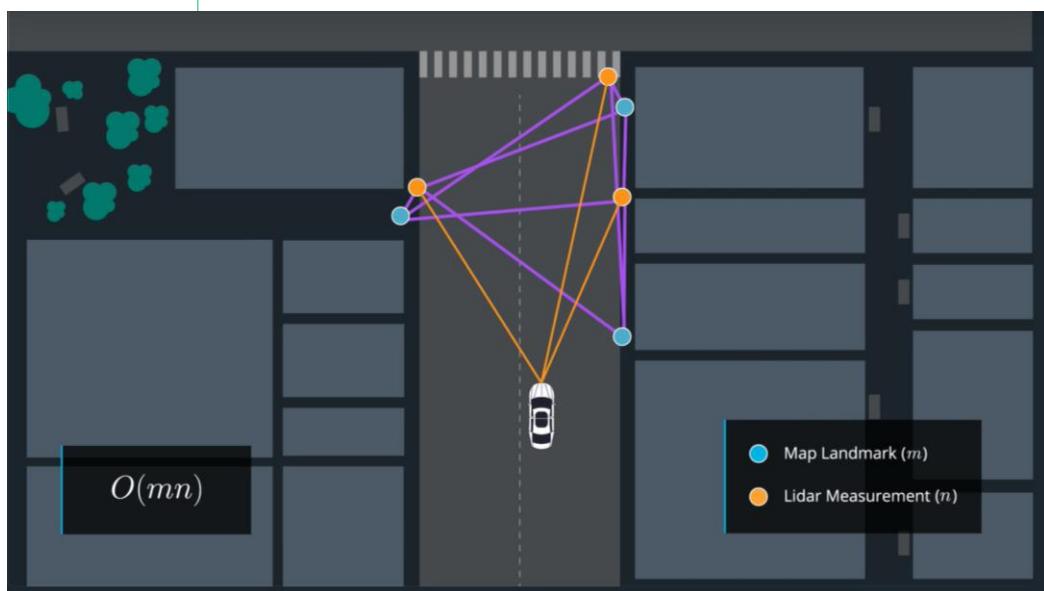


### Nearest Neighbor Effectiveness Quiz

#### QUIZ QUESTION

Which of the following characteristics of the input data would help nearest neighbor data association become more effective?

- Higher density of landmarks or measurements
- High signal-to-noise ratio for sensors
- A very accurate motion model



Nearest Neighbor Data Association	
PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to understand</li> <li>• Easy to implement</li> <li>• Works well in many situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not robust to high density of measurements or map landmarks</li> <li>• Not robust to sensor noise</li> <li>• Not robust to errors in position estimates</li> <li>• Inefficient to calculate</li> <li>• Does not take different sensor uncertainties into account</li> </ul>

Update weights

$$w = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu_i)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu_i))}{\sqrt{|2\pi\Sigma|}}$$

$x_i$  = Measurement  $i$   
 $\mu_i$  = Predicted measurement  $i$   
 $\Sigma$  = Covariance of measurements

is to use the multivariate Gaussian probability density

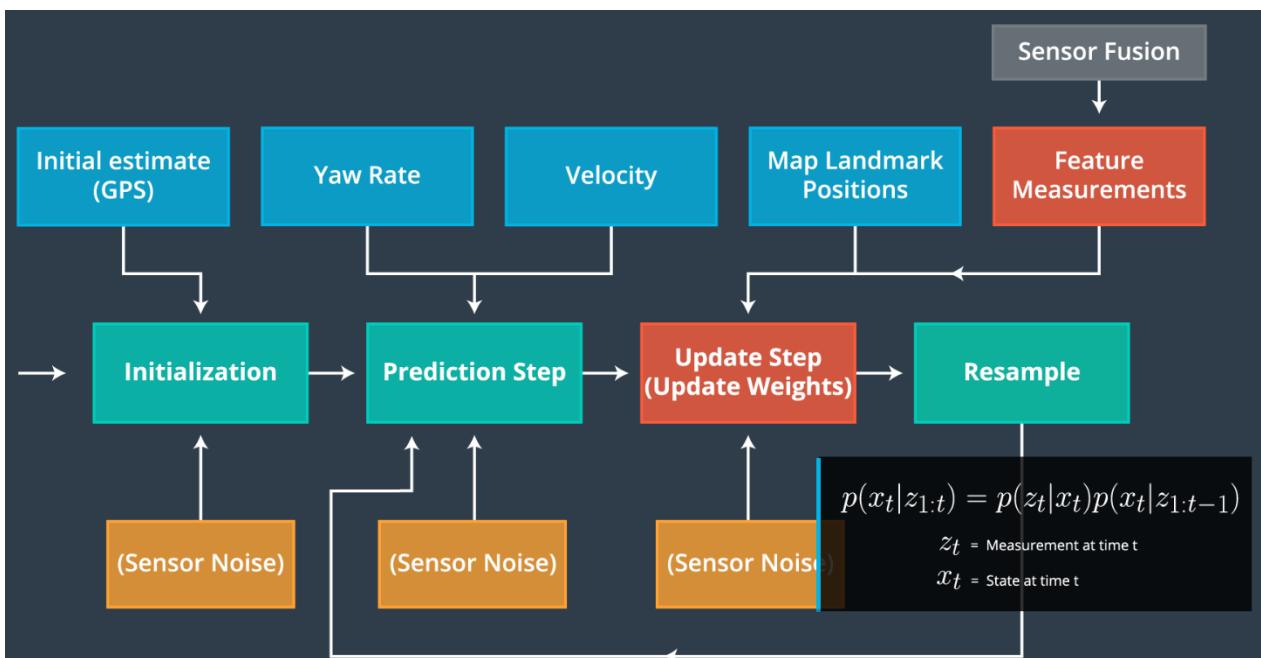
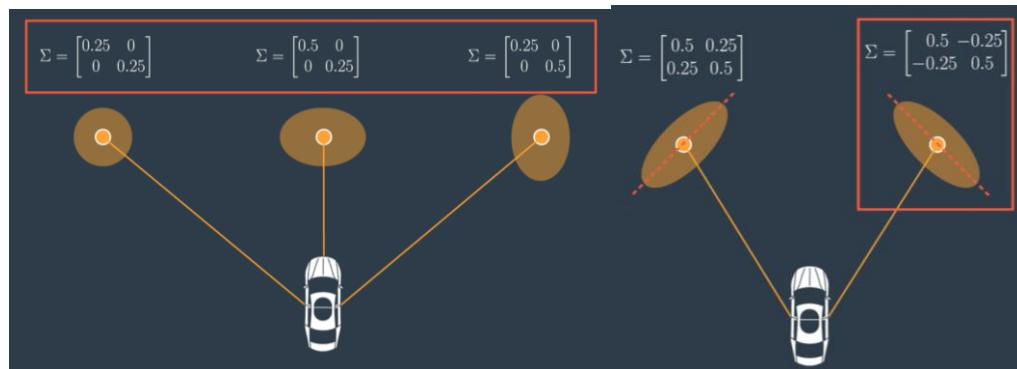
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{xx} = \sigma_x^2$$

Variance of  $x$  Std dev of  $x$

$$\sigma_{yy} = \sigma_y^2$$

Variance of  $y$  Std dev of  $y$



Now that we have incorporated velocity and yaw rate measurement inputs into our filter, we must update particle weights based on LIDAR and RADAR readings of landmarks.



Note that for a vector  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$ ,  $|\mathbf{v}|$  is used here to denote the vector length or magnitude =  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

For a difference between two vectors,  $\mathbf{v} = (x_v, y_v)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (x_w, y_w)$ , the magnitude  $|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}|$  is also the Euclidean distance between these two vectors =  $\sqrt{(x_v - x_w)^2 + (y_v - y_w)^2}$

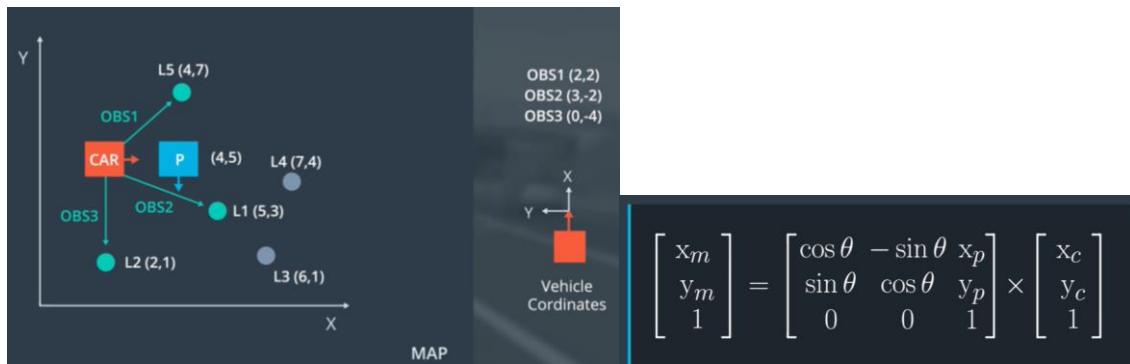
In this case  $\sqrt{|p_i - g|}$  is meant to note the root squared error of a particular particle, resulting in the general form described in the quiz:

$$\sqrt{(x_p - x_g)^2 + (y_p - y_g)^2}$$

where:

- Position RMSE =  $\sqrt{(x_p - x_g)^2 + (y_p - y_g)^2}$
- Theta RMSE =  $\sqrt{(\theta_p - \theta_g)^2}$

Homogeneous transformation = Rotation + Translation  
From car coordinate system to map coordinate system



Particle (blue dot) in Map Frame (grey)



Particle (blue dot) in Vehicle Frame (orange)



## Calculating the Particle's Final Weight

Now we that we have done the measurement transformations and associations, we have all the pieces we need to calculate the particle's final weight. The particles final weight will be calculated as the product of each measurement's Multivariate-Gaussian probability density.

The Multivariate-Gaussian probability density has two dimensions, x and y. The mean of the Multivariate-Gaussian is the measurement's associated landmark position and the Multivariate-Gaussian's standard deviation is described by our initial uncertainty in the x and y ranges. The Multivariate-Gaussian is evaluated at the point of the transformed measurement's position. The formula for the Multivariate-Gaussian can be seen below.

$$P(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} e^{-(\frac{(x-\mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-\mu_y)^2}{2\sigma_y^2})}$$