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Machine Learning for Signal Processing

Module 13:

Kalman Filtering

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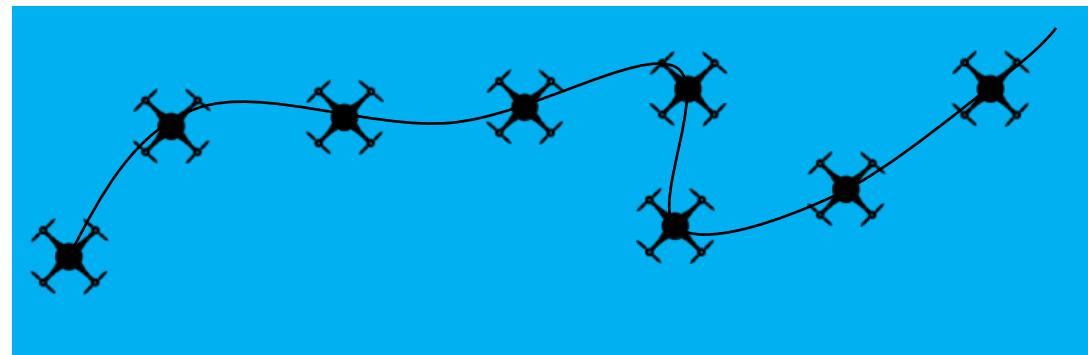
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Online Transportation Network

- Track your drivers
 - You are a CTO of a start-up company
 - Good luck
 - Your company is specialized in online transportation network services
 - Good luck with your competition
 - You distributed an app to your drivers (as well as to your customers)
 - Using that, you want to track their location
 - What you want to do:
 - Track down the drivers using their GPS information
 - Match your customer and the closest driver
 - But,
 - The GPS information is noisy

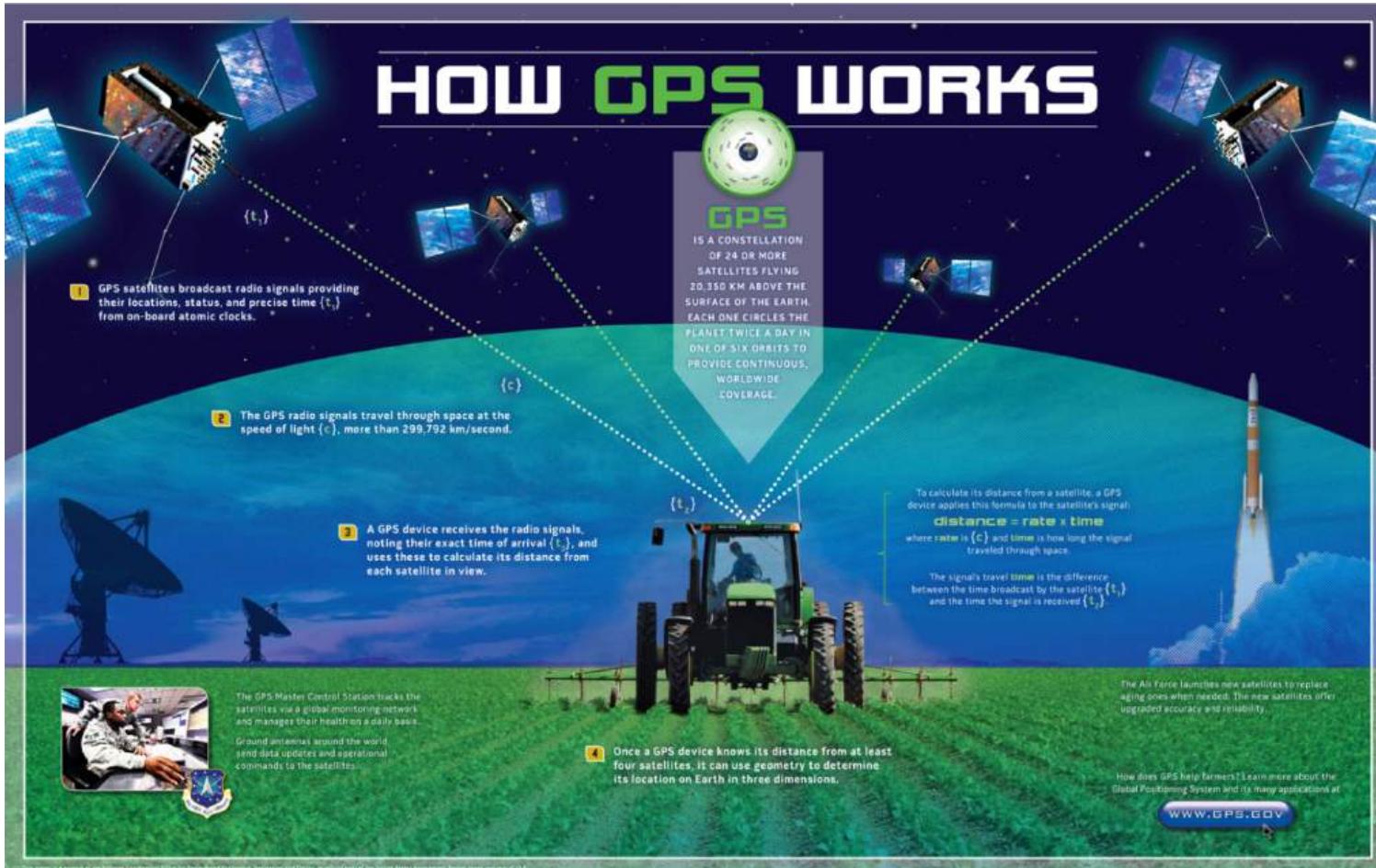


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Online Transportation Network

- Global Positioning System (GPS)



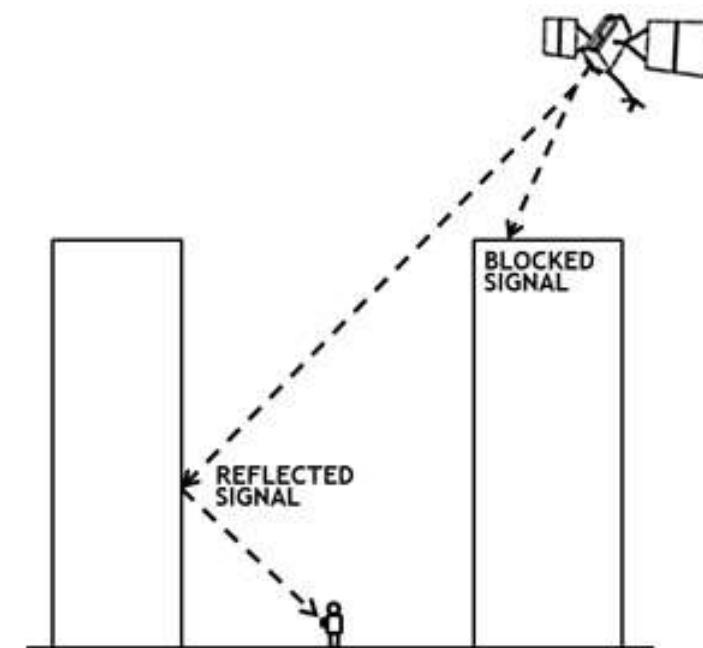
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<http://www.gps.gov/multimedia/poster/poster-web.pdf>

Online Transportation Network

- Denoising a GPS signal
- “How accurate is GPS?
 - For example, GPS-enabled smartphones are typically accurate to within a 4.9 m (16 ft.) radius under open sky
 - However, their accuracy worsens near buildings, bridges, and trees”
- You need to **filter** out this measurement **noise**
 - How?
 - Using some *a priori* knowledge about the location
 - What kind of a priori knowledge?
 - Previously reported location
- So, smoothing using the previous time frame?
 - Sounds like what?
 - HMM?



Online Transportation Network

- Denoising a GPS signal using HMM?
 - Why does it not work?
 - HMM assumes discrete hidden states
 - Are your hidden states discrete?
 - You observe a continuous real-world signal
 - There's no guarantee that your hidden states are discrete
 - In our case
 - I feel that there are four hidden states:
 - Ground-truth longitude
 - Ground-truth latitude
 - Ground-truth speed along longitude
 - Ground-truth speed along latitude
 - Our goal
 - Infer the states at every given time stamp from the noisy observations



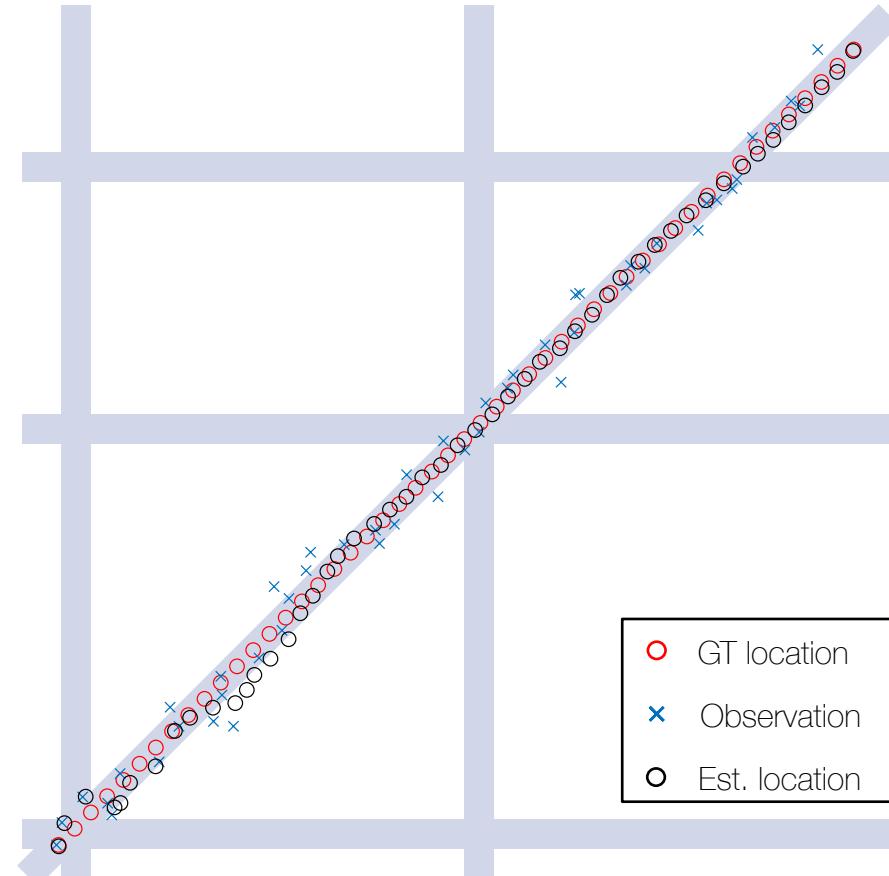
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Online Transportation Network

- The Kalman filter

- We're chasing a car
 - With a steady speed
- The only information available:
 - Noisy location info
 - Doesn't-make-sense-off-road locations
- Our goal is to denoise this and recover the smooth movement
- I'm going to use a technique called **Kalman Filtering**



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Kalman Filter

- Some history
 - “In 1959, when NASA first tasked its Centers to explore the problems of navigating to the Moon, Schmidt saw the potential for making major theoretical extensions to the **Kalman linear filter**. The result was a state-estimation algorithm (in simple terms a procedure for solving a problem) called the **Kalman-Schmidt filter**. By early 1961, Schmidt and John White had demonstrated that a **computer built with this filter, combined with optical measurements of the stars and data about the motion of the spacecraft, could provide the accuracy needed for a successful insertion into orbit around the Moon**. ... **The Kalman-Schmidt filter was embedded in the Apollo navigation computer and ultimately into all air navigation systems**, and laid the foundation for Ames' future leadership in flight and air traffic research.”



Kalman Filter without Control

- Steady speed
- We're not doing rocket science
 - So, longitude and latitude are enough to track our driver
- Kalman filtering blends the noisy observation and the a priori knowledge about the location
- First, the transformation from the hidden state to the observation is simple

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Observed longitude} \\ z_1(t) &= [\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \end{array}] \left[\begin{array}{c} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{array} \right] + v_1(t) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Longitude} \\ \text{Speed along longitude} \end{array} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{Measurement noise} \\ \text{Observed latitude} \\ z_2(t) &= [\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \end{array}] \left[\begin{array}{c} x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{array} \right] + v_2(t) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Latitude} \\ \text{Speed along latitude} \end{array} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{Measurement noise} \end{aligned}$$



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Kalman Filter without Control

- Steady speed (no control)
 - Since I'm a big fan of linear algebra..

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1(t) \\ v_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Or, $z_t = Hx_t + v_t$
- It might be reasonable to assume that the measurement noise is following a Gaussian distribution $\mathcal{N}(v_t; \mathbf{0}, R)$

$$\mu_v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_v^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_v^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This procedure corresponds to **emission probabilities** in HMM



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Kalman Filter without Control

- Steady speed (no control)

- Then, what about the transition rule?

- Here you go

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \\ x_4(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_1(t) \\ w_2(t) \\ w_3(t) \\ w_4(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- In English

- The longitude at time $t+1$ is [the longitude at time t] plus [the velocity at time t times the time difference]
 - The latitude at time $t+1$ is [the latitude at time t] plus [the velocity at time t times the time difference]
 - And the velocity doesn't change over time
 - Plus **process noise**

$$w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, Q), \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- How noisy the prediction would be
 - e.g. The driver tries to keep the speed, but there are up and down

- In linear algebra $x_{t+1} = Fx_t + w_t$



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Kalman Filter without Control

- Prediction

- The first time frame

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} z_1(1) \\ 0.002 \frac{\text{mile}}{\text{sec}} \\ z_2(2) \\ 0.002 \frac{\text{mile}}{\text{sec}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1(t+1) \\ \mathbf{x}_2(t+1) \\ \mathbf{x}_3(t+1) \\ \mathbf{x}_4(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \mathbf{F} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1(t) \\ \mathbf{x}_2(t) \\ \mathbf{x}_3(t) \\ \mathbf{x}_4(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1(t) \\ \mathbf{w}_2(t) \\ \mathbf{w}_3(t) \\ \mathbf{w}_4(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- The second time frame

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \mathbf{F}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 + \mathbf{w}_1 \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{F}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1, \mathbf{P}_1) \quad \mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{Q}$$

- The third time frame

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_3 = \mathbf{F}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 + \mathbf{w}_2 \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_3 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{F}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_2, \mathbf{P}_2) \quad \mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{F}^\top + \mathbf{Q}$$

- The $(n+1)$ -th time frame

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} = \mathbf{F}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{w}_t \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{F}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t, \mathbf{P}_t) \quad \mathbf{P}_t = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{P}_{t-1}\mathbf{F}^\top + \mathbf{Q}$$

- Covariance matrix after a linear transform (zero mean)

$$E [\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x})^\top] = E [\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top\mathbf{F}^\top] = \mathbf{F}E [\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top]\mathbf{F}^\top = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{F}^\top$$



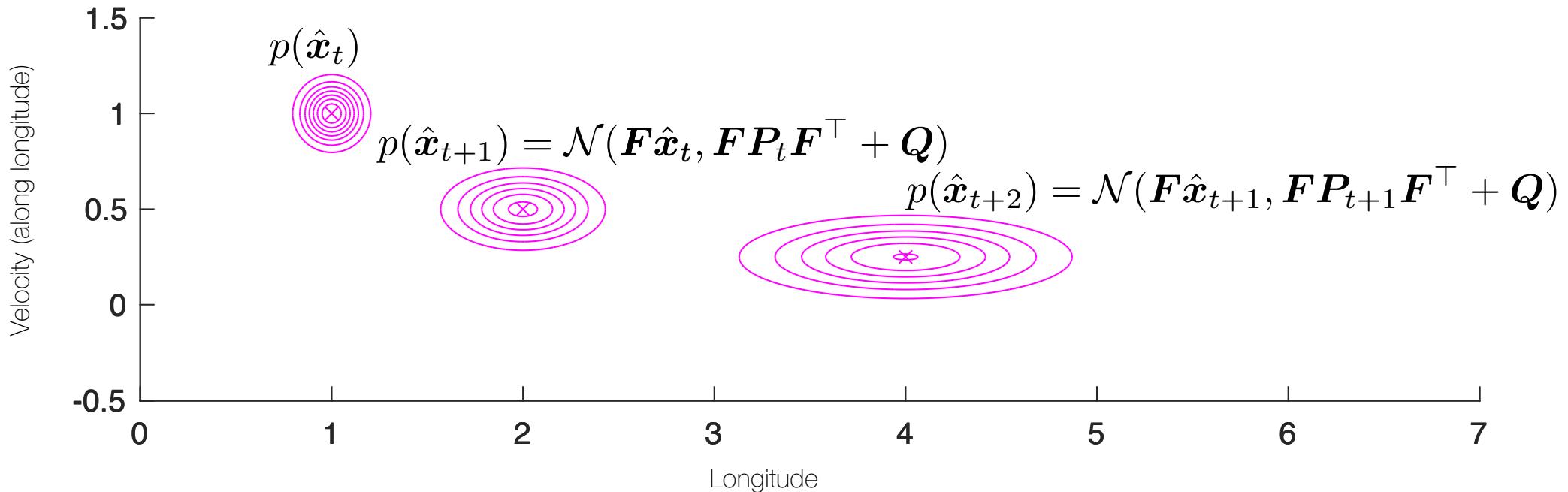
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Kalman Filter without Control

- Gaussian after linear transformation

- An evolution example (toy data, different from our GPS data) $\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & .5 \end{bmatrix}$



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Kalman Filter without Control

- Fusion of prediction and measurement

- So far we saw predictions
 - Whose distributions can be fuzzier as time goes by
- But, we can make use of measurements, too
- If both the measurement and the prediction are correct
 - $z_t = H\hat{x}_t$
- If z_t and $H\hat{x}_t$ are different from each other
 - We don't know which one is more correct
 - We need to think what the actual state would be
- In Kalman filtering we blend the measurement and prediction
 - For that we need to denote the consolidated prediction separately \bar{x}_t

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \textcolor{violet}{H} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1(t) \\ v_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \\ x_4(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_1(t) \\ w_2(t) \\ w_3(t) \\ w_4(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(H\bar{x}_t) &\approx p(z_t) \cdot p(H\hat{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(z_t, R) \cdot \mathcal{N}(H\hat{x}_t, HQH^\top) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(?, ?) \end{aligned}$$

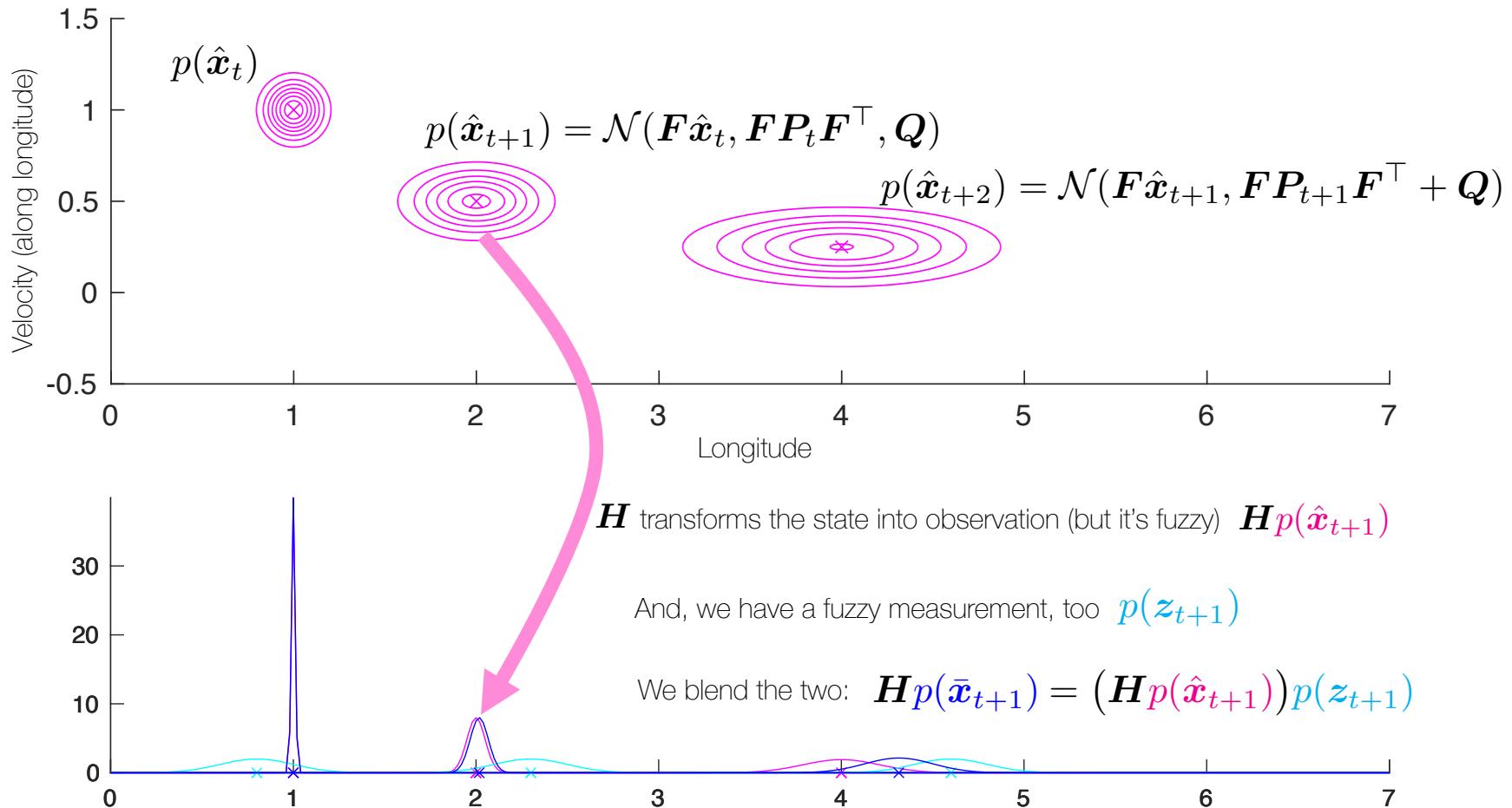


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Kalman Filter without Control

- Fusion of prediction and measurement



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Kalman Filter without Control

- Fusion of prediction and measurement

- Eventually, it's a product of two Gaussians

$$\mathbf{H}\bar{\mathbf{x}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t\mathbf{H}^\top)\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_t, \mathbf{R})$$

- Product of two Gaussians?

- A simple 1-d case $\mathcal{N}(\bar{\mu}, \bar{\sigma}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1)\mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2)$

$$\bar{\mu} = \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2(\mu_2 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \quad \bar{\sigma}^2 = \sigma_1^2 - \frac{\sigma_1^4}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

- For multidimensional Gaussians in general

$$\mathbf{K} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)^{-1} \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 - \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1$$

- Therefore, in our case

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t\mathbf{H}^\top(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t\mathbf{H}^\top + \mathbf{R})^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{H}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t), \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t\mathbf{H}^\top - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t\mathbf{H}^\top)$$

- Or, if we take off \mathbf{H} from all terms

$$\mathbf{K}' = \mathbf{P}_t\mathbf{H}^\top(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t\mathbf{H}^\top + \mathbf{R})^{-1}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{K}'(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t), \mathbf{P}_t - \mathbf{K}'\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t)$$



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Kalman Filter without Control

- The algorithm

- At time frame t
- Do the prediction for the hidden states using
 - The consolidated hidden state at time $t-1$
 - And the transition matrix

$$\hat{x}_t = F\bar{x}_{t-1}$$

- Update the running covariance matrix of the prediction, too

$$\hat{P}_t = F\bar{P}_{t-1}F^\top + Q$$

- Pick up your measurement z_t
- Update your **Kalman gain**

$$K' = \hat{P}_t H^\top (H\hat{P}_t H^\top + R)^{-1}$$

- Get the consolidated hidden states

$$\bar{x}_t = \hat{x}_t + K'(z_t - H\hat{x}_t)$$

$$\bar{P}_t = \hat{P}_t - K' H \hat{P}_t$$

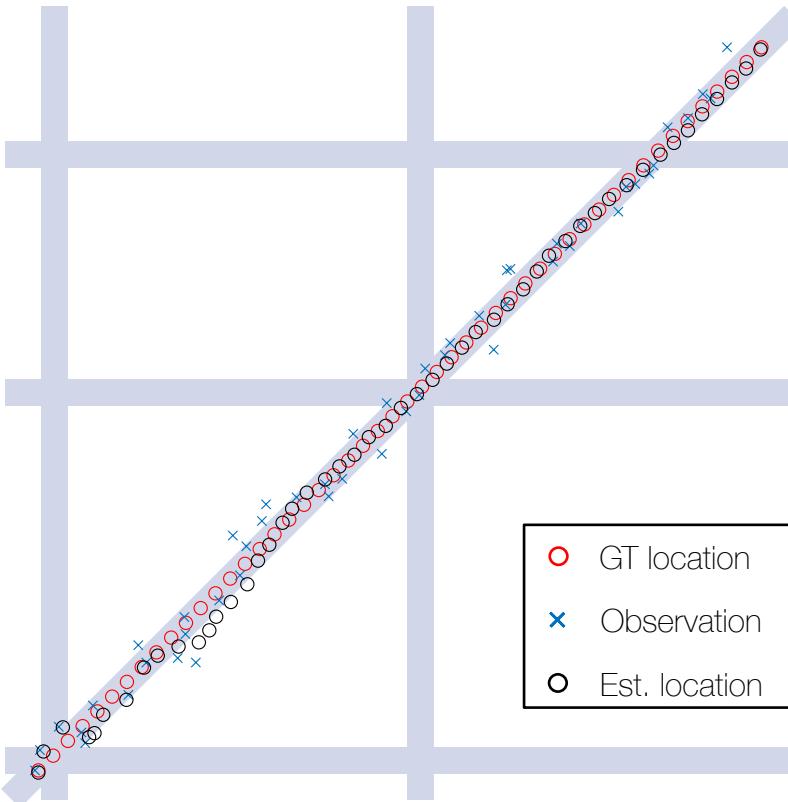


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Kalman Filter without Control

- It works



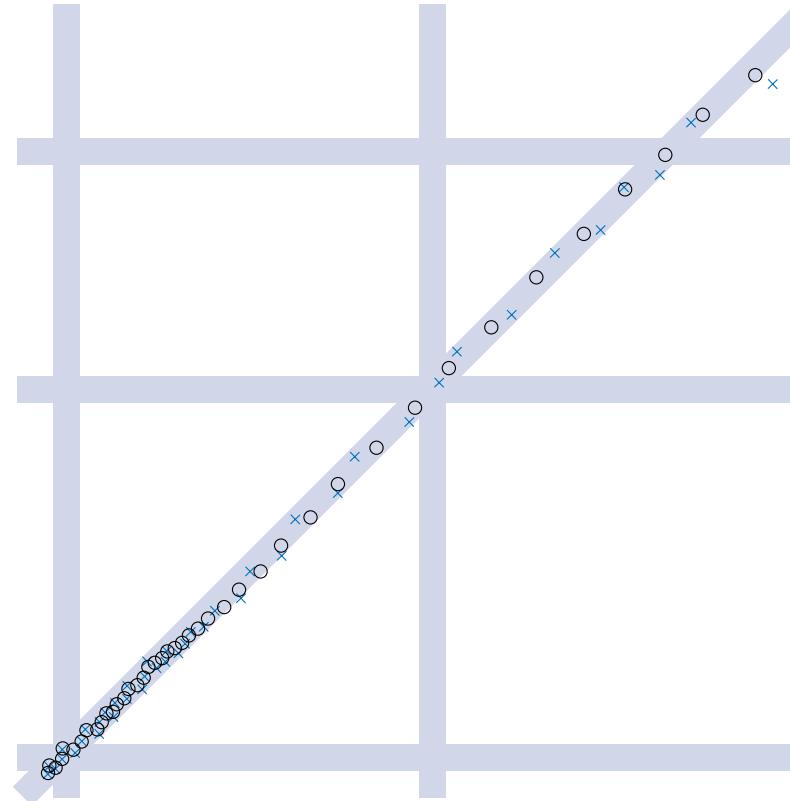
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Kalman Filter with Control

- What if the car accelerates?

- We still want to track the car
 - But the physical model we've used is not good enough anymore



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Kalman Filter with Control

- Control input to handle acceleration

- New transformation rules (emission)

Observed longitude

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Observed latitude

- New prediction rules

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \\ x_4(t+1) \\ x_5(t+1) \\ x_6(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \\ x_5(t) \\ x_6(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_1(t) \\ w_2(t) \\ w_3(t) \\ w_4(t) \\ w_5(t) \\ w_6(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_t = Hx_t + v_t$$

$$x_{t+1} = Fx_t + w_t$$

- In other words

- The only difference is the newly defined transformation and transition matrices

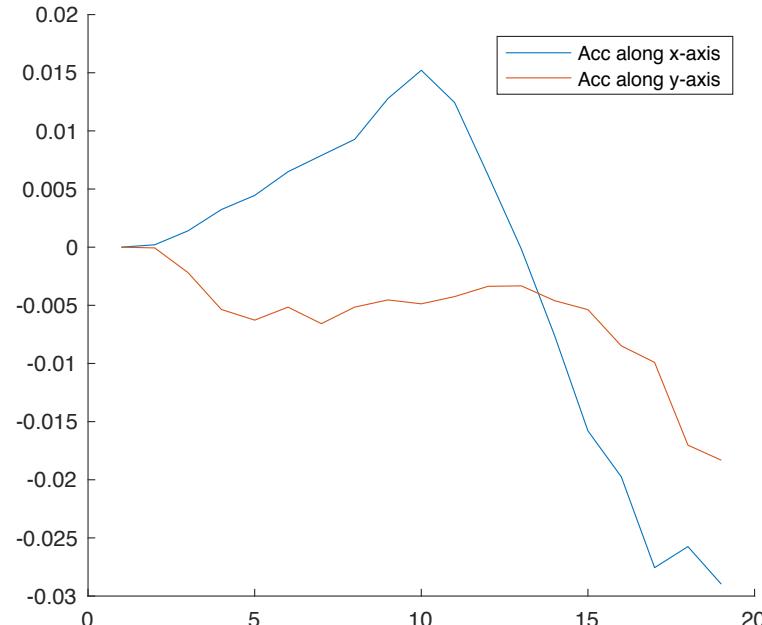
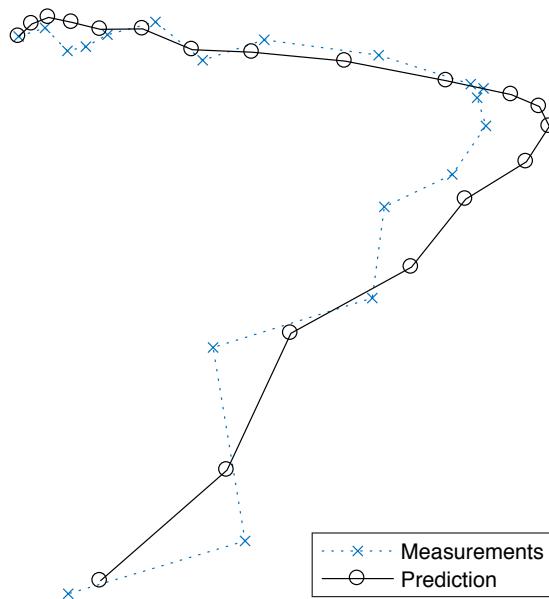


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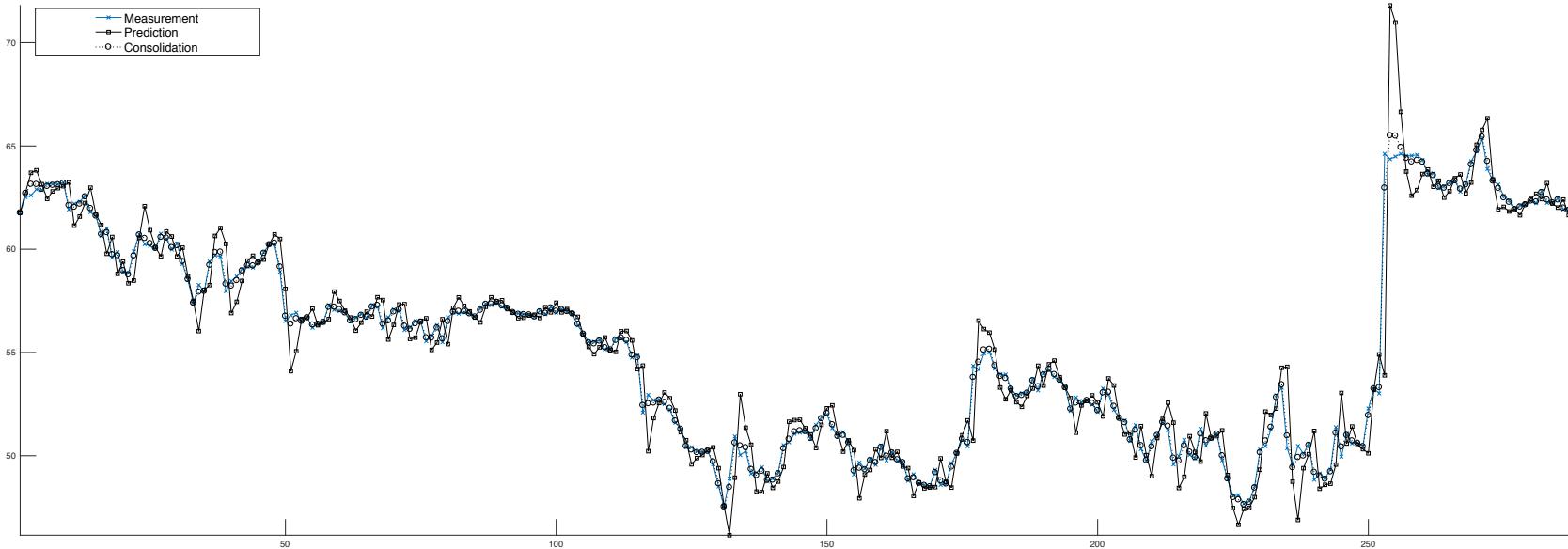
Kalman Filter with Control

- Handwriting on touch screens
 - You're developing a handwritten digit recognition system
 - Running on your device with a touch screen
 - And a screen protection filter is applied



Kalman Filter with Control

- Stock market prediction
 - Stock price of a company during 2016 and 2017
 - Accuracy of the prediction: 52.26% (not very impressive)
 - Maybe the stock price is not following the simple Gaussian assumption



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Thank You!



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