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Machine Learning for Signal Processing

Module 13:

Kalman Filtering

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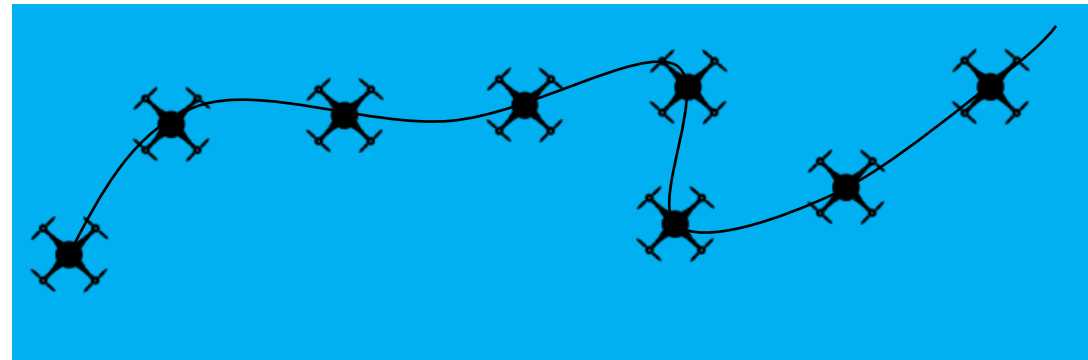
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Online Transportation Network

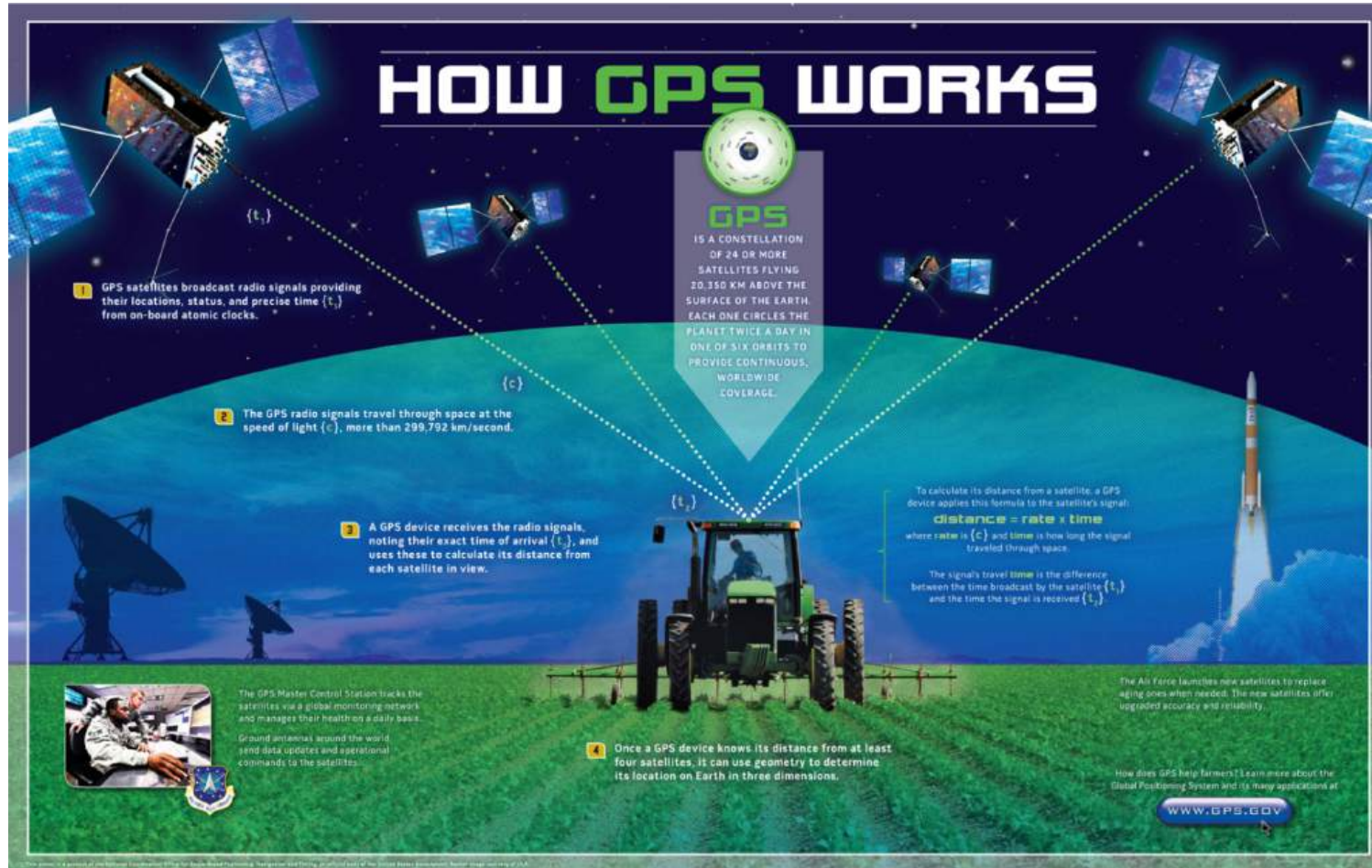
- Track your drivers

- 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



Online Transportation Network

- Global Positioning System (GPS)



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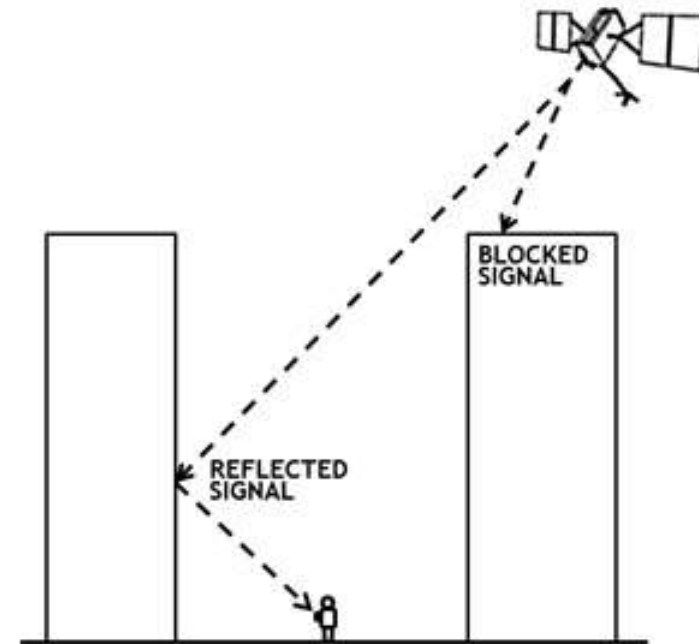
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- Denoising a GPS signal

- “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?



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- Denoising a GPS signal using HMM?

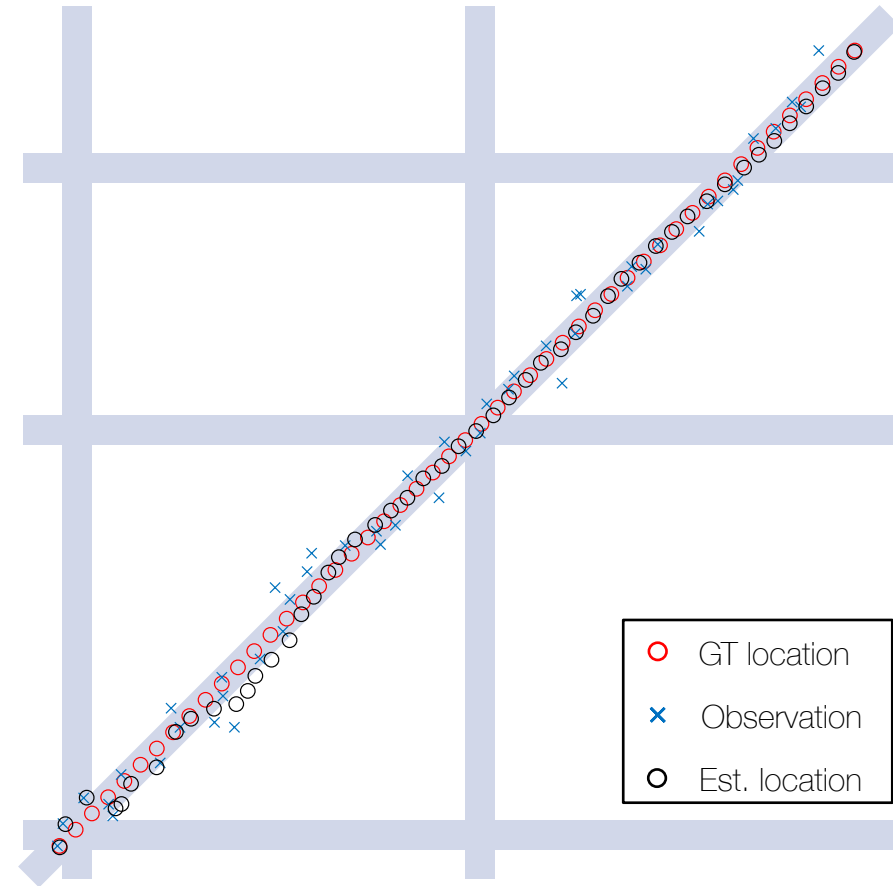
- Why does it not work?
 - HMM assumes discrete hidden states
 - Are your hidden states discrete?
- You observe a continuous real-world signal
 - There's no guarantee that your hidden states are discrete
- In our case
 - I feel that there are four hidden states:
 - Ground-truth longitude
 - Ground-truth 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



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**



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

Observed longitude

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

Longitude

Speed along longitude

Measurement noise

Observed latitude

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

Latitude

Speed along latitude

Measurement noise

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

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

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

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



Kalman Filter without Control

- Prediction

- The first time frame

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

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

- 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

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

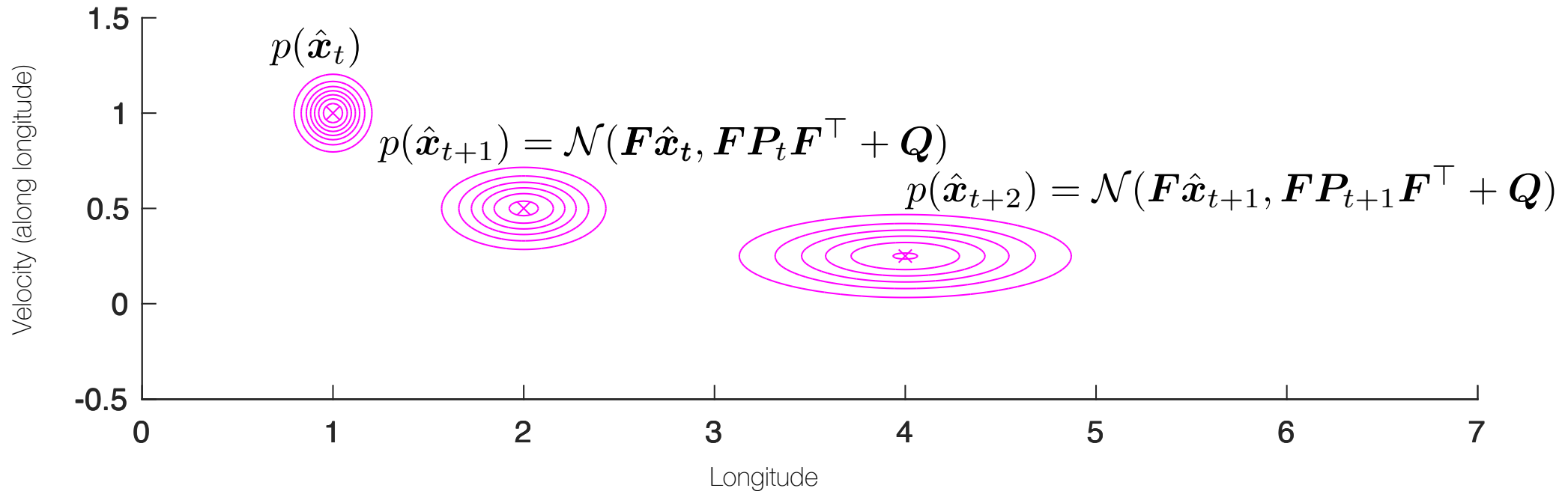
- Covariance matrix after a linear transform (zero mean)

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

Kalman Filter without Control

- Gaussian after linear transformation

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



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

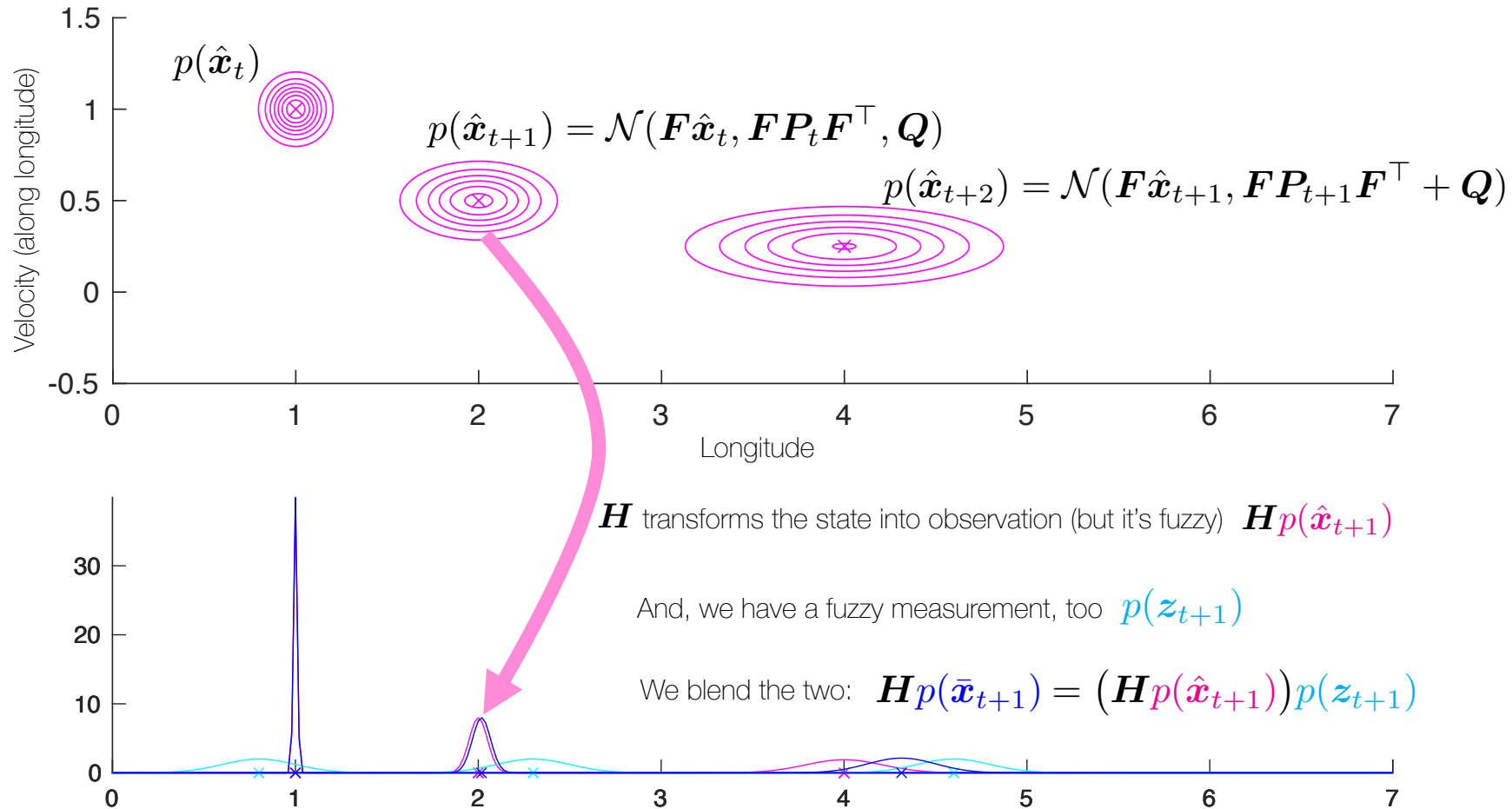
$$\begin{aligned} p(H\bar{x}_t) &\approx p(z_t) \cdot p(H\hat{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(z_t, R) \cdot \mathcal{N}(H\hat{x}_t, HQH^\top) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(?, ?) \end{aligned}$$

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

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Kalman Filter without Control

- Fusion of prediction and measurement



Kalman Filter without Control

- Fusion of prediction and measurement

- Eventually, it's a product of two Gaussians

$$H\bar{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(H\hat{x}_t, HP_tH^\top)\mathcal{N}(z_t, R)$$

- 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

$$K = \Sigma_1(\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2)^{-1} \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 + K(\mu_2 - \mu_1) \quad \bar{\Sigma} = \Sigma_1 - K\Sigma_1$$

- Therefore, in our case

$$K = HP_tH^\top(HP_tH^\top + R)^{-1}$$

$$H\bar{x}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(H\hat{x}_t + K(z_t - H\hat{x}_t), HP_tH^\top - KHP_tH^\top)$$

- Or, if we take off H from all terms

$$K' = P_tH^\top(HP_tH^\top + R)^{-1}$$

$$\bar{x}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{x}_t + K'(z_t - H\hat{x}_t), P_t - K'HP_t)$$

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
- Update the running covariance matrix of the prediction, too

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

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

- Pick up your measurement \mathbf{z}_t
- Update your **Kalman gain**

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

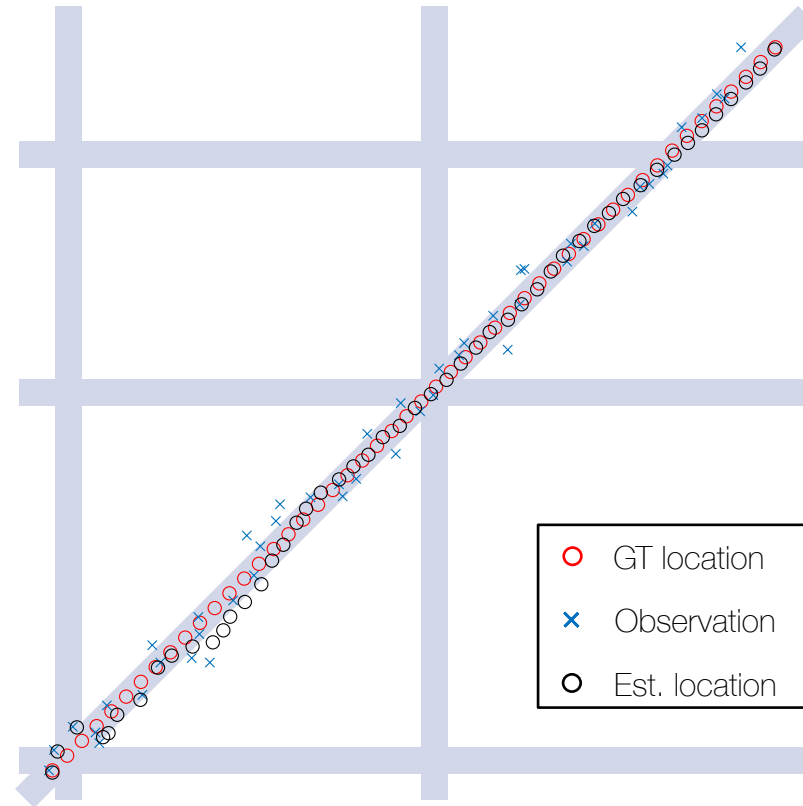
- Get the consolidated hidden states

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

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

Kalman Filter without Control

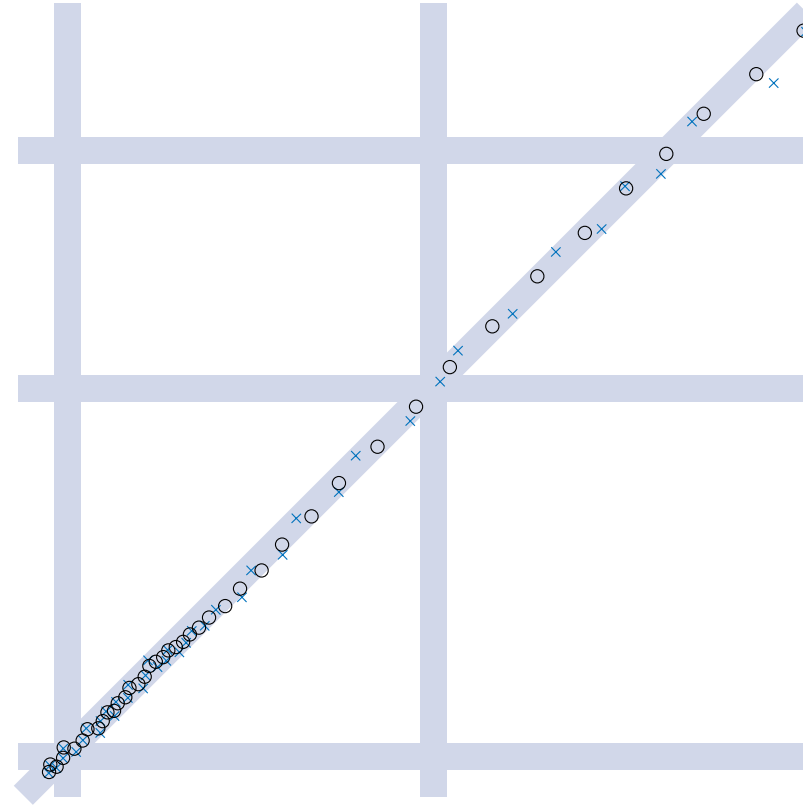
- It works



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



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

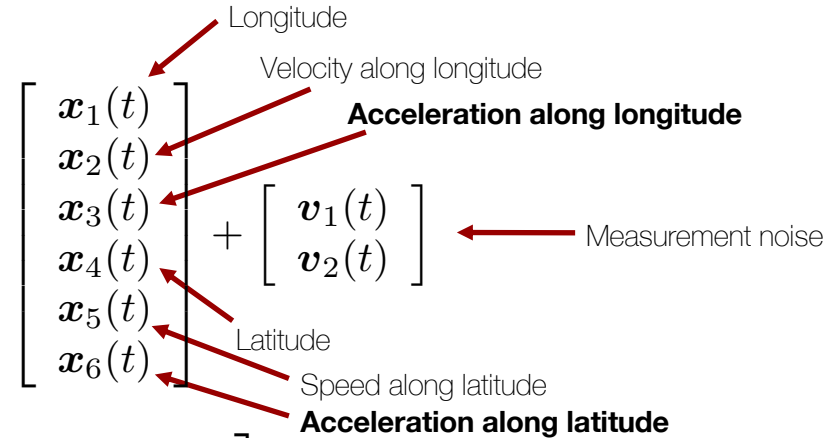
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \\ x_4(t+1) \\ x_5(t+1) \\ x_6(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 &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

$$z_t = Hx_t + v_t$$

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

○ In other words

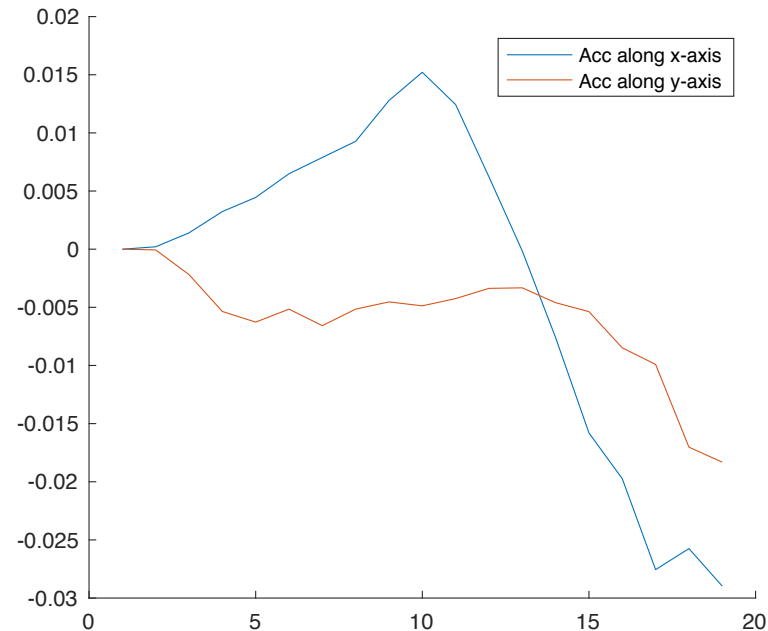
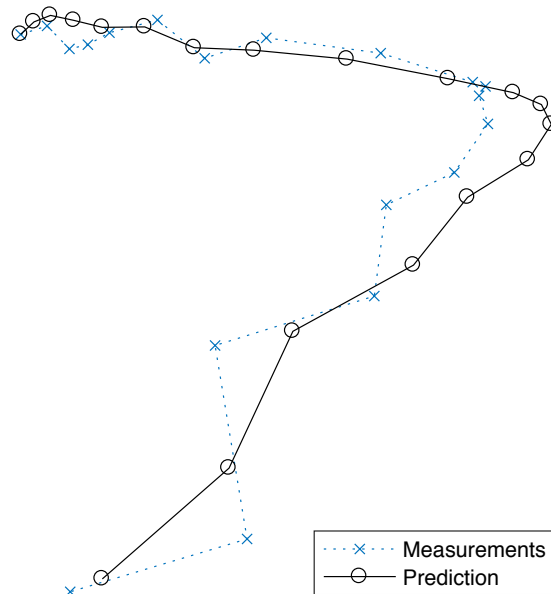
- The only difference is the newly defined transformation and transition matrices



Kalman Filter with Control

- Handwriting on touch screens

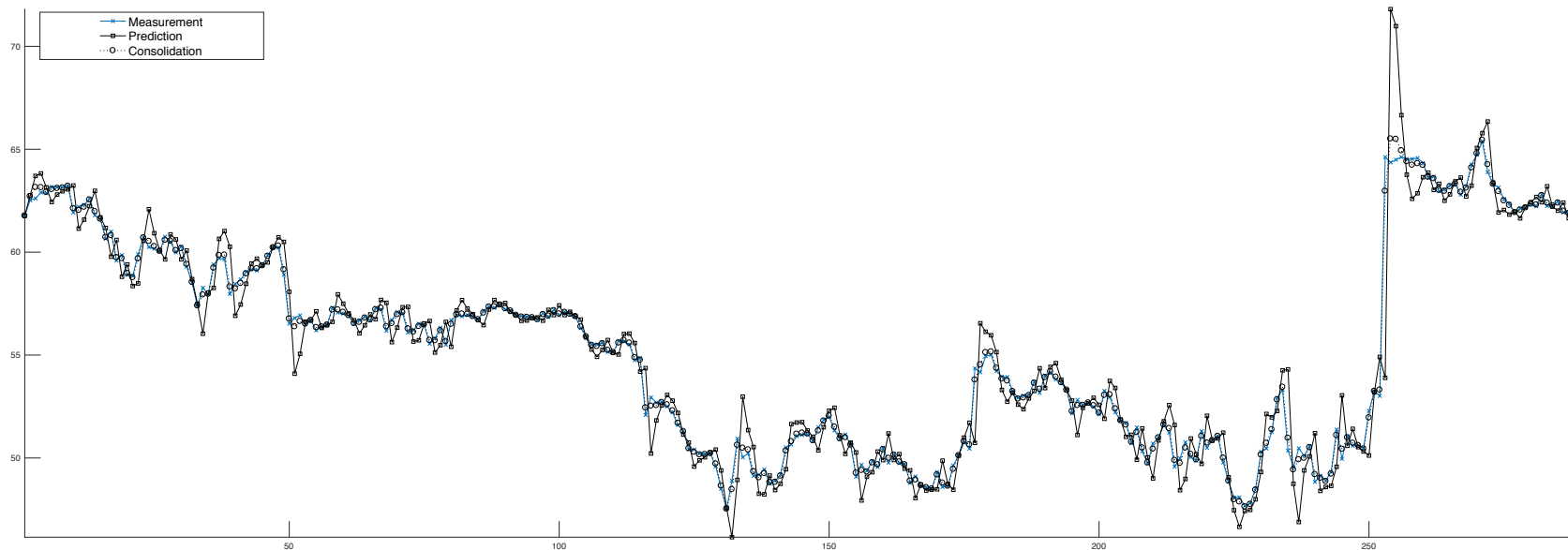
- You're developing a handwritten digit recognition system
 - Running on your device with a touch screen
 - And a screen protection filter is applied



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



Reading

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Thank You!

