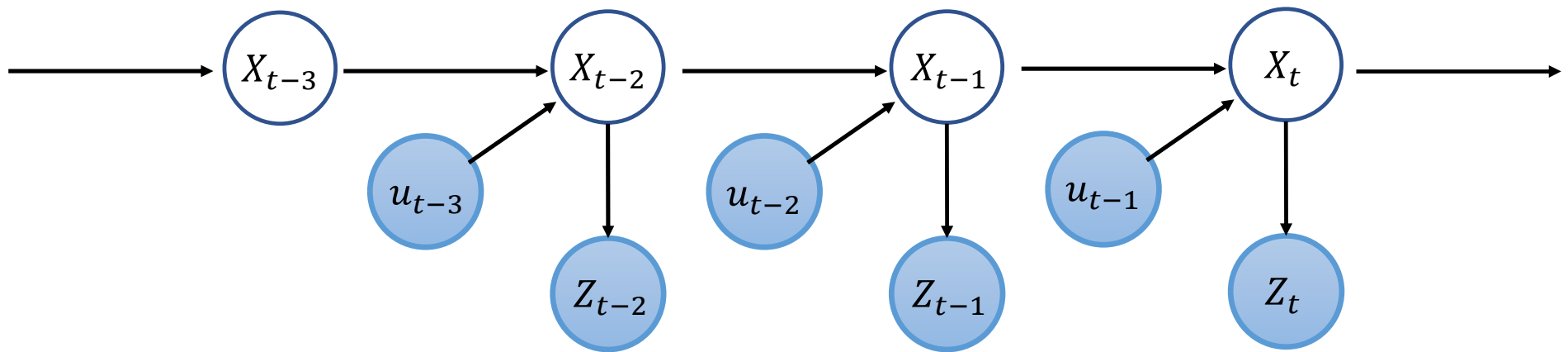


# EECE 5550: Mobile Robotics



## Lecture 10: All About That Bayes Filter

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# Plan of the day

## Last time: Probabilistic robotics and the Bayes Filter

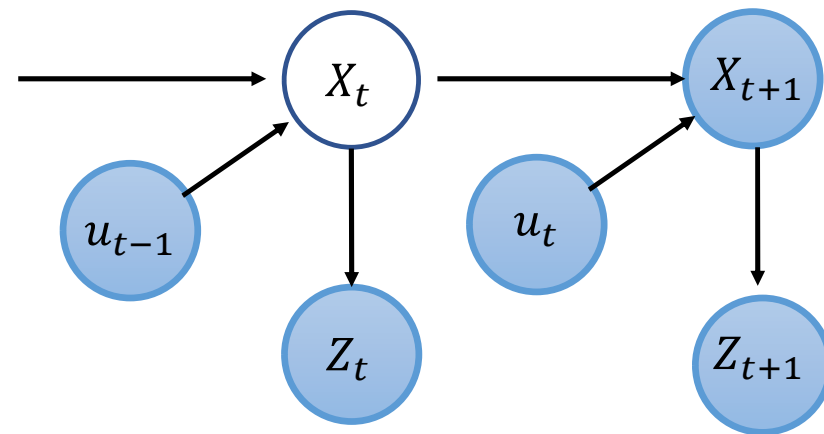
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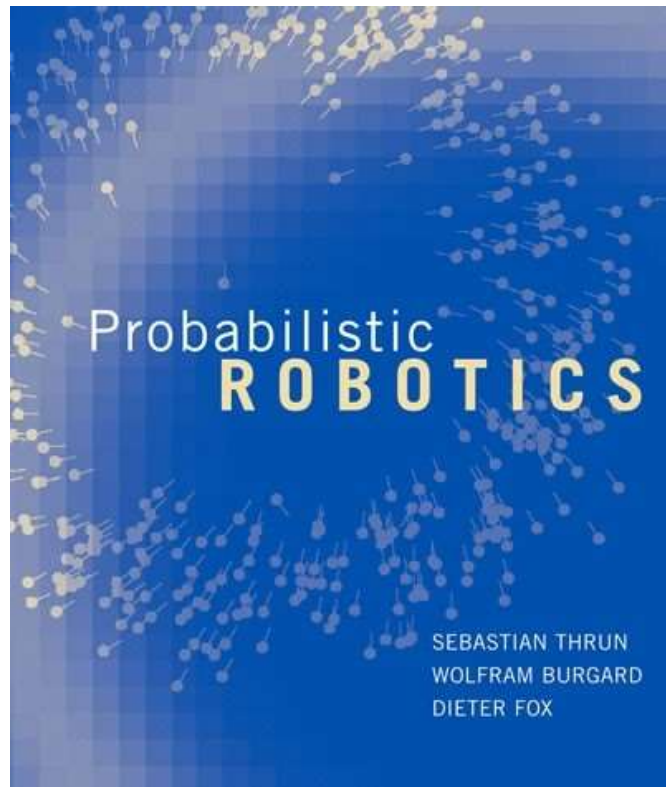
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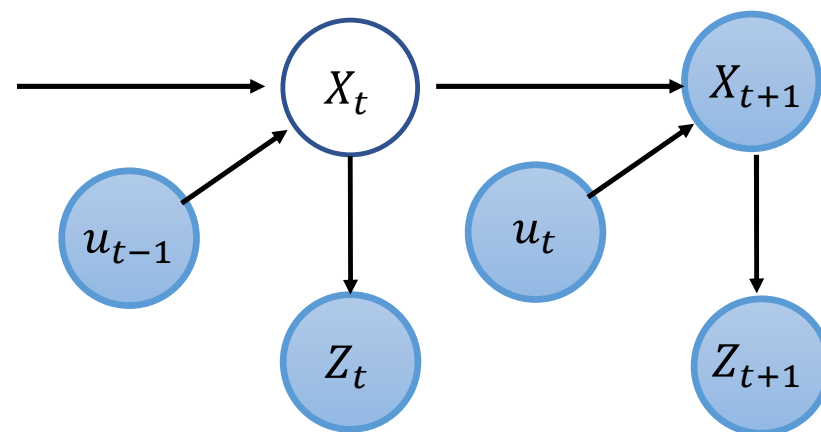
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**Find:** Predicted belief  $N(\mu_{t+1}, \Sigma_{t+1})$  for next state  $x_{t+1}$

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$$x_{t+1} = \underbrace{A_t x_t + B_t u_t}_{\text{Affine transformation of } x_t} + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim N(0, R_t)$$

Affine transformation of  $x_t$

$$\Rightarrow A_t x_t + B_t u_t \sim N(A_t \mu_t + B_t u_t, A_t \Sigma_t A_t^T)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{t+1} \sim N(A_t \mu_t + B_t u_t, A_t \Sigma_t A_t^T) + N(0, R_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{t+1} \sim N(\underbrace{A_t \mu_t + B_t u_t}_{\hat{\mu}_{t+1}}, \underbrace{A_t \Sigma_t A_t^T + R_t}_{\hat{\Sigma}_{t+1}})$$

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**Measurement model:**

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**Bayes' Rule:**

$$p(x_t|z_t) \propto p(z_t|x_t)p(x_t)$$

**NB:** If we **condition** on  $x_t$ , then the only random variable in the measurement model is  $\delta_t$ .

Therefore:

$$p(x_t|z_t) \propto p(\delta_t)p(x_t)$$

Substituting for  $\delta_t$ :

$$p(x_t|z_t) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(z_t - C_t x_t)^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t x_t)\right) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_t - \hat{\mu}_t)^T \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(x_t - \hat{\mu}_t)\right)$$

# Kalman Filter: Measurement update step (cont'd)

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Combine exponentials and collect like terms:

$$p(x_t|z_t) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left[\underbrace{x_t^T (C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1}) x_t - 2(C_t^T Q_t^{-1} z_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \hat{\mu}_t)^T x_t + (z_t^T Q_t^{-1} z_t + \hat{\mu}_t^T \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \hat{\mu}_t)}_{\triangleq L(x_t)}\right]\right)$$

**NB:**  $L(x)$  is **quadratic**

$$\triangleq L(x_t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Posterior  $p(x_t|z_t)$  is **Gaussian**!

## Pattern matching:

- Quadratic term provides **posterior covariance**:

$$\Sigma_t = (C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1})^{-1}$$

- Posterior mean**  $\mu_t$  is minimizer of  $L(x)$

## Kalman Filter: Measurement update step (cont'd)

$$L(x) = x^T (C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1}) x - 2(C_t^T Q_t^{-1} z_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \hat{\mu}_t)^T x + (z_t^T Q_t^{-1} z_t + \hat{\mu}_t^T \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \hat{\mu}_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}(x) = 2(C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1})x - 2(C_t^T Q_t^{-1} z_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \hat{\mu}_t)$$

Set  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0$  to obtain an expression for posterior mean  $\mu_t$ . After rearranging:

$$C_t^T Q_t^{-1} \underbrace{(z - C_t \mu_t)}_{\text{Measurement residual for posterior mean}} = \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \underbrace{(\mu_t - \hat{\mu}_t)}_{\text{Difference of posterior and prior means}}$$

Measurement residual for **posterior** mean

Difference of posterior and prior means

Let's rewrite the left-hand side above in terms of **prior** mean:

$$\begin{aligned} C_t^T Q_t^{-1} (z - C_t \hat{\mu}_t + C_t \hat{\mu}_t - C_t \mu_t) &= \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1} (\mu_t - \hat{\mu}_t) \\ \Leftrightarrow C_t^T Q_t^{-1} \underbrace{(z - C_t \hat{\mu}_t)}_{\text{Measurement residual at prior mean}} &= \underbrace{(C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \hat{\Sigma}_t^{-1})}_{\Sigma_t^{-1}} \underbrace{(\mu_t - \hat{\mu}_t)}_{\text{Difference of posterior and prior means}} \end{aligned}$$

Measurement residual at **prior** mean

$\Sigma_t^{-1}$

Difference of posterior and prior means

Rearranging the above:

$$\mu_t = \hat{\mu}_t + \underbrace{\Sigma_t C_t^T Q_t^{-1}}_{\text{"Kalman gain"}} \underbrace{(z - C_t \hat{\mu}_t)}_{\text{"innovation"}}$$



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1. Compute posterior covariance:

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$$K_t = \Sigma_t C_t^T Q_t^{-1}$$

3. Compute posterior mean:

$$\mu_t = \hat{\mu}_t + K_t(z - C_t \hat{\mu}_t)$$

# An alternative formulation

With a bit of algebra (cf. Sec. 3.2 of *Probabilistic Robotics*), one can an *alternative but equivalent* form of the Kalman filter measurement update

## Version 1 (previous slide)

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3. Compute posterior mean:

$$\mu_t = \hat{\mu}_t + K_t(z - C_t \hat{\mu}_t)$$

Three inverses

## Version 2 ("standard" form)

1. Compute Kalman gain:

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2. Compute posterior mean:

$$\mu_t = \hat{\mu}_t + K_t(z - C_t \hat{\mu}_t)$$

3. Compute posterior covariance:

$$\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \hat{\Sigma}_t$$

One inverse

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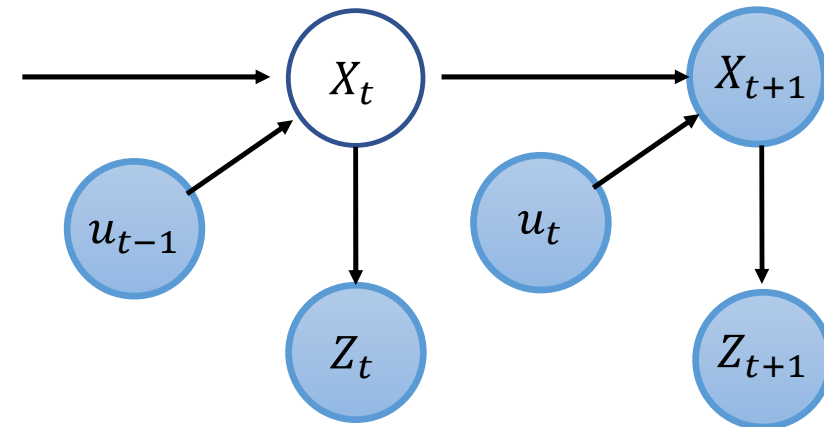
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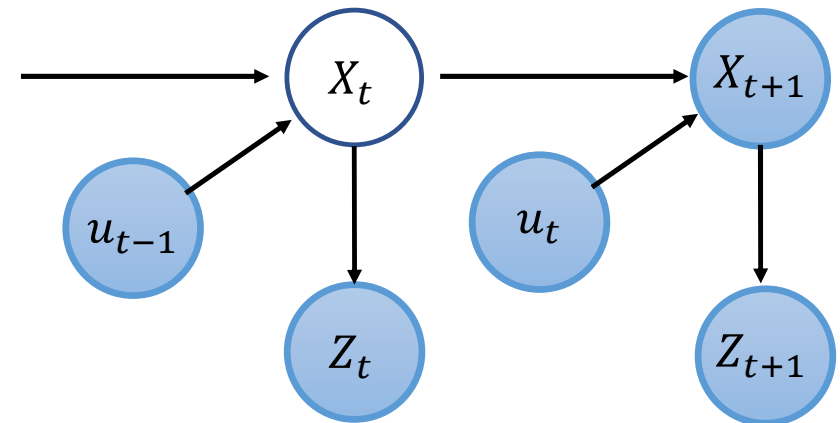
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**Main idea:** *Locally approximate*  $g_t$  and  $h_t$  as linear functions via *linearization*

# Extended Kalman Filter: Propagation step

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**Find:** Predicted belief  $N(\mu_{t+1}, \Sigma_{t+1})$  for next state  $x_{t+1}$

Approximate mean using *exact* state propagation model:

$$\mu_{t+1} = g_t(x_t, u_t)$$

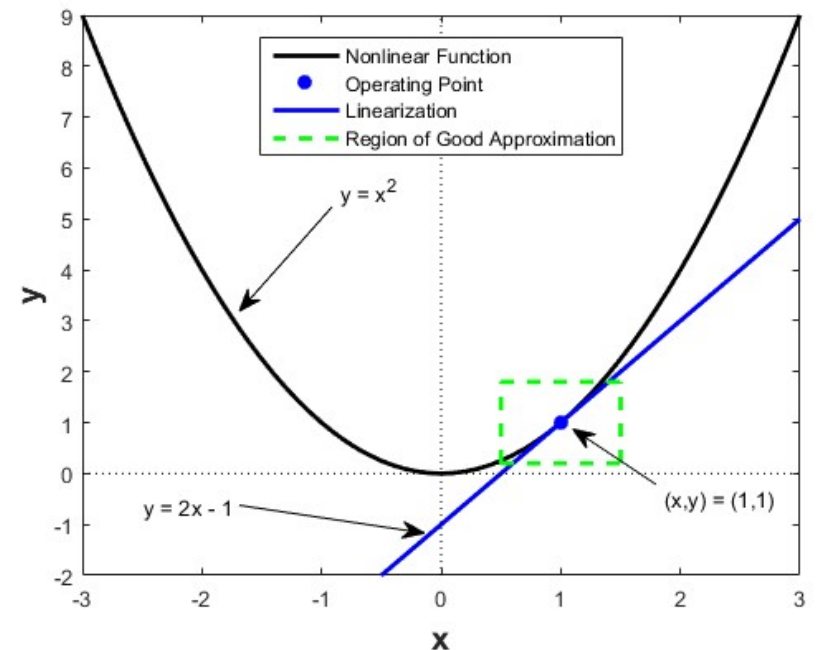
Approximate covariance using *local linearization* of  $g_t$  about the *current mean*  $\mu_t$ :

$$\Sigma_{t+1} = G_t \Sigma_t G_t^T + R_t$$

where

$$G_t \triangleq \frac{\partial g_t}{\partial x}(x, u),$$

$$g_t(x, u_t) = g_t(\mu_t, u_t) + G_t(x - \mu_t) + O(x - \mu_t)^2$$



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**Linearize** measurement model about current mean estimate  $\mu_t$ :

$$h_t(x) \approx h_t(\mu_t) + H_t(x - \mu_t) + O(x - \mu_t)^2$$

where

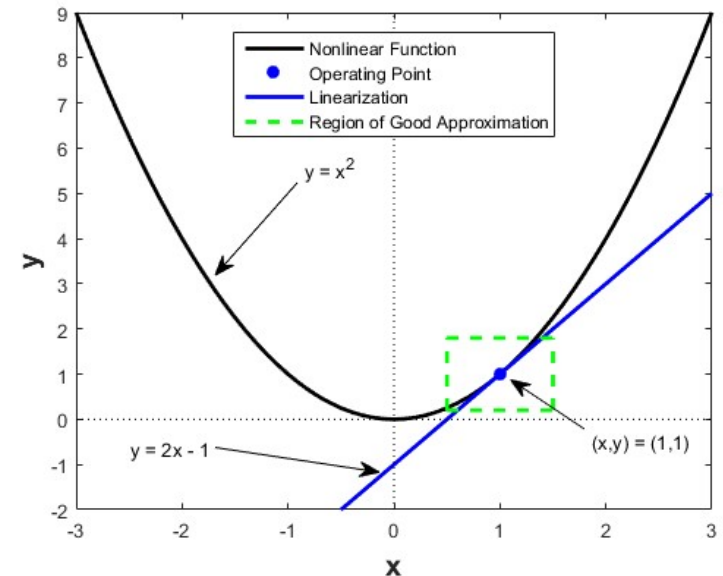
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# The Extended Kalman Filter: Fun Facts

Probably *the* single most important state estimation algorithm of all time

- Kalman supposedly had difficulty publishing: the KF was thought “too good to be true”
- Applications in robotics, computer vision, aviation, astronautics, signal processing, economics, ...
- **In particular:** Foundation of the primary guidance, navigation, and control systems (PGNCS) in Apollo Project spacecraft



R.E. Kalman receives the National Medal of Science

## A New Approach to Linear Filtering and Prediction Problems<sup>1</sup>

The classical filtering and prediction problem is re-examined using the Bode-Shannon representation of random processes and the “state transition” method of analysis of dynamic systems. New results are:

- (1) The formulation and methods of solution of the problem apply without modification to stationary and nonstationary statistics and to growing-memory and infinite-memory filters.
- (2) A nonlinear difference (or differential) equation is derived for the covariance matrix of the optimal estimation error. From the solution of this equation the coefficients of the difference (or differential) equation of the optimal linear filter are obtained without further calculations.
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The discussion is largely self-contained and proceeds from first principles; basic concepts of the theory of random processes are reviewed in the Appendix.



# Kalman Filtering, simply explained



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1:  Algorithm Extended_Kalman_filter( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ ):  
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6:       $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$   
7:      return  $\mu_t, \Sigma_t$ 
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# Kalman filter practicalities

The EKF is a *compact, parametric approximation* of the Bayes Filter for nonlinear systems with Gaussian beliefs

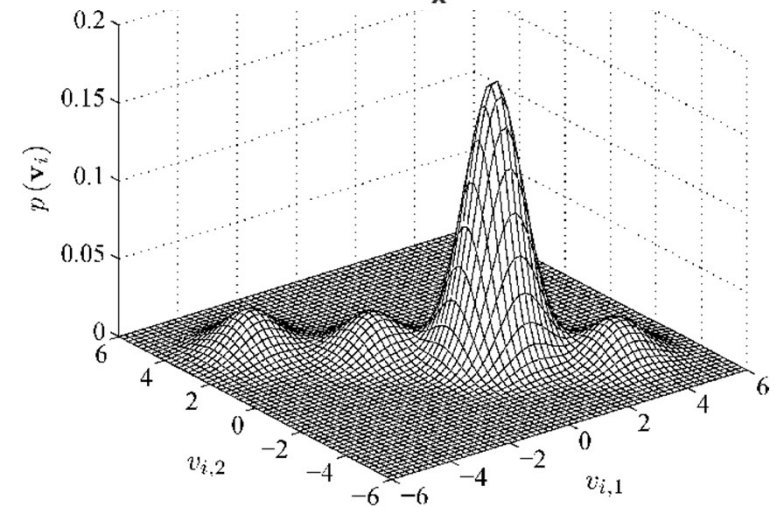
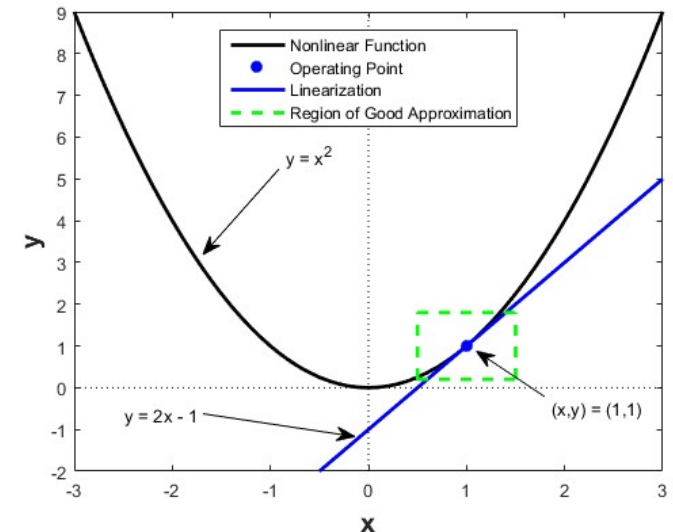
- Super handy :-D!
- Requires only a bit of calculus and linear algebra to implement

**BUT:** Crucially depends upon **two key assumptions**:

- **Local linearization** provides a good approximation of the nonlinear state and measurement models  $g_t$  and  $h_t$
- A **Gaussian distribution** is a good model of the true uncertainty

⇒ Kalman filtering works best for systems with:

- **Unimodal (true)** distributions (priors + posteriors)
- **Concentrated** distributions (relative to scale of nonlinearities)



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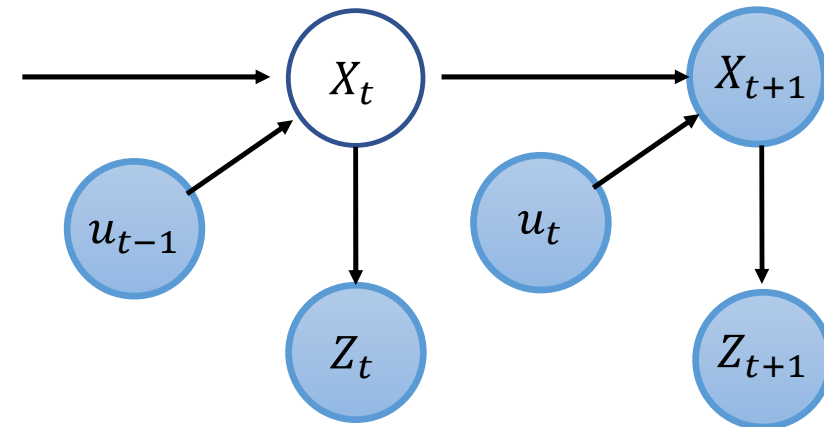
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# The Particle Filter (PF)

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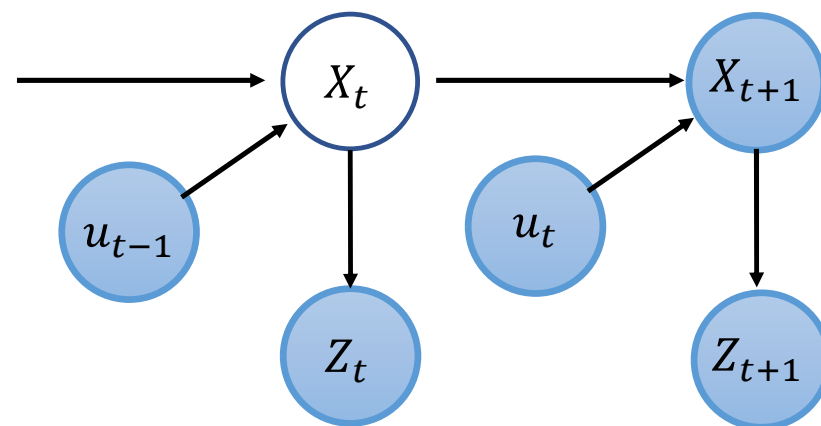
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- **Measurement model:**

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**NB:** Unlike the KF & EKF, the particle filter *does not* assume that the belief takes a specific form

**Key question:** How can we represent an **arbitrary belief**  $p(x)$  in practice??

# Sampling-based simulation and inference

**Main idea:** We can (*implicitly*) represent a probability distribution  $p(x)$  using a *set of samples*  $\{x\}_{i=1}^n$  drawn from it

In practice, we are often interested in some *statistic*:

$$T = E_{x \sim p}[f(x)]$$

of the distribution  $p(x)$  (e.g. mean, covariance, etc.)

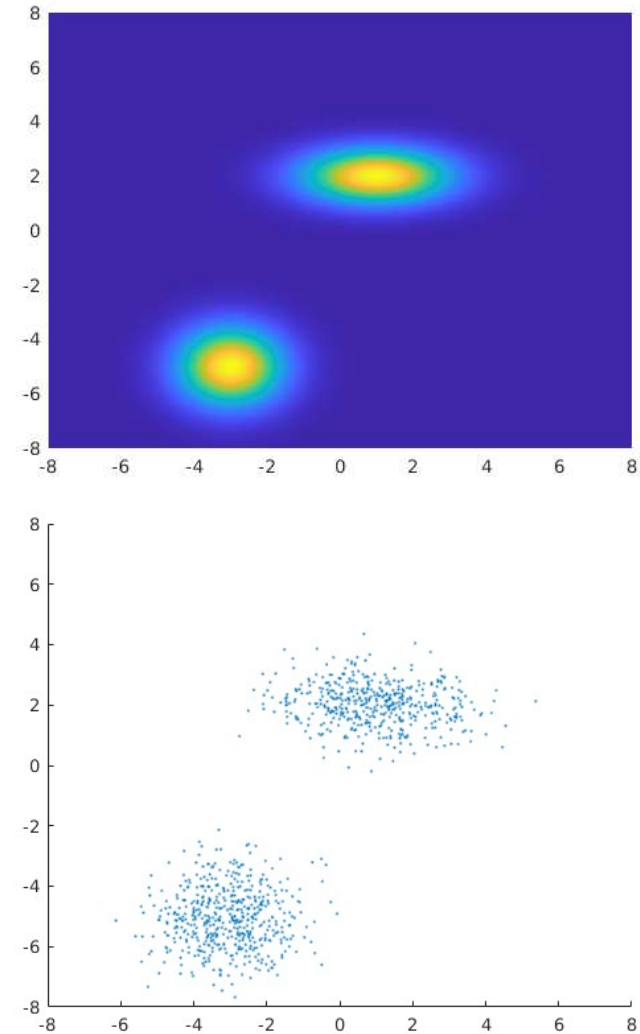
If we can *sample* from  $p(x)$ , then we can always approximate  $T$  using a *sample* or (*empirical*) *estimate*:

$$S_n \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

Note that:

$$T = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

by the Law of Large Numbers



# Importance sampling

**Problem:** What if we *don't know how* to sample from our target distribution  $p(x)$ ?

*Importance sampling* provides a means of simulating draws from  $p(x)$  using draws from a tractable *proposal distribution*  $q(x)$

**Algorithm:**

1. Draw  $n$  samples  $x_i \sim q$
2. Assign each sample  $x_i$  the *weight*  $w_i \triangleq p(x_i)/q(x_i)$
3. Calculate weighted sample statistic:

$$S_n \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1} w_i f(x_i)$$

# One-slide derivation of importance sampling

Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{x \sim q(x)}[w(x)f(x)] &= E_{x \sim q(x)} \left[ \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} f(x) \right] \\ &= \int \left( \frac{p(x)}{\cancel{q(x)}} f(x) \right) \cancel{q(x)} dx \\ &= \int p(x) f(x) dx \\ &= E_{x \sim p(x)}[f(x)] \end{aligned}$$



# Particle Filter: Propagation step

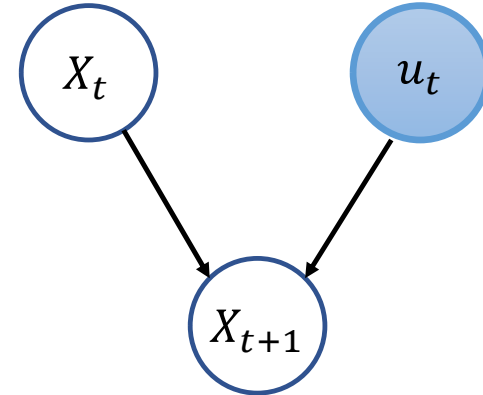
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**Find:** Sample set  $\{x_{t+1}^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  for *next* state  $x_{t+1}$

**Solution:** Use **ancestral sampling**!

For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , sample  $x_{t+1}^{[i]}$  according to:

$$x_{t+1}^{[i]} \sim p(x_{t+1}|x_t^{[i]}, u_t)$$



# Particle Filter: Measurement update step

**Given:** Sample set  $\{\hat{x}_t^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  for *prior* belief over  $x_t$ , measurement  $z_t$ , measurement model  $p(z_t|\hat{x}_t)$

**Find:** Sample set  $\{x_t^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  for *posterior* belief over  $x_t$  given  $z_t$

**Bayes' Rule:**

$$p(x_t|z_t) = \frac{p(z_t|x_t)p(x_t)}{p(z_t)}$$

**Importance sampling:** Calculate importance weights:

$$w_i = \frac{p(x_t|z_t)}{p(x_t)} = \frac{p(z_t|x_t)}{p(z_t)} \propto p(z_t|x_t)$$

For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

Draw a *posterior* sample  $x_t^{[i]}$  from the set of *prior* samples  $\{\hat{x}_t^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  by selecting  $\hat{x}_t^{[i]}$  with probability proportional to  $w_i = p(z_t|\hat{x}_t^{[i]})$

# Particle Filter: Complete algorithm

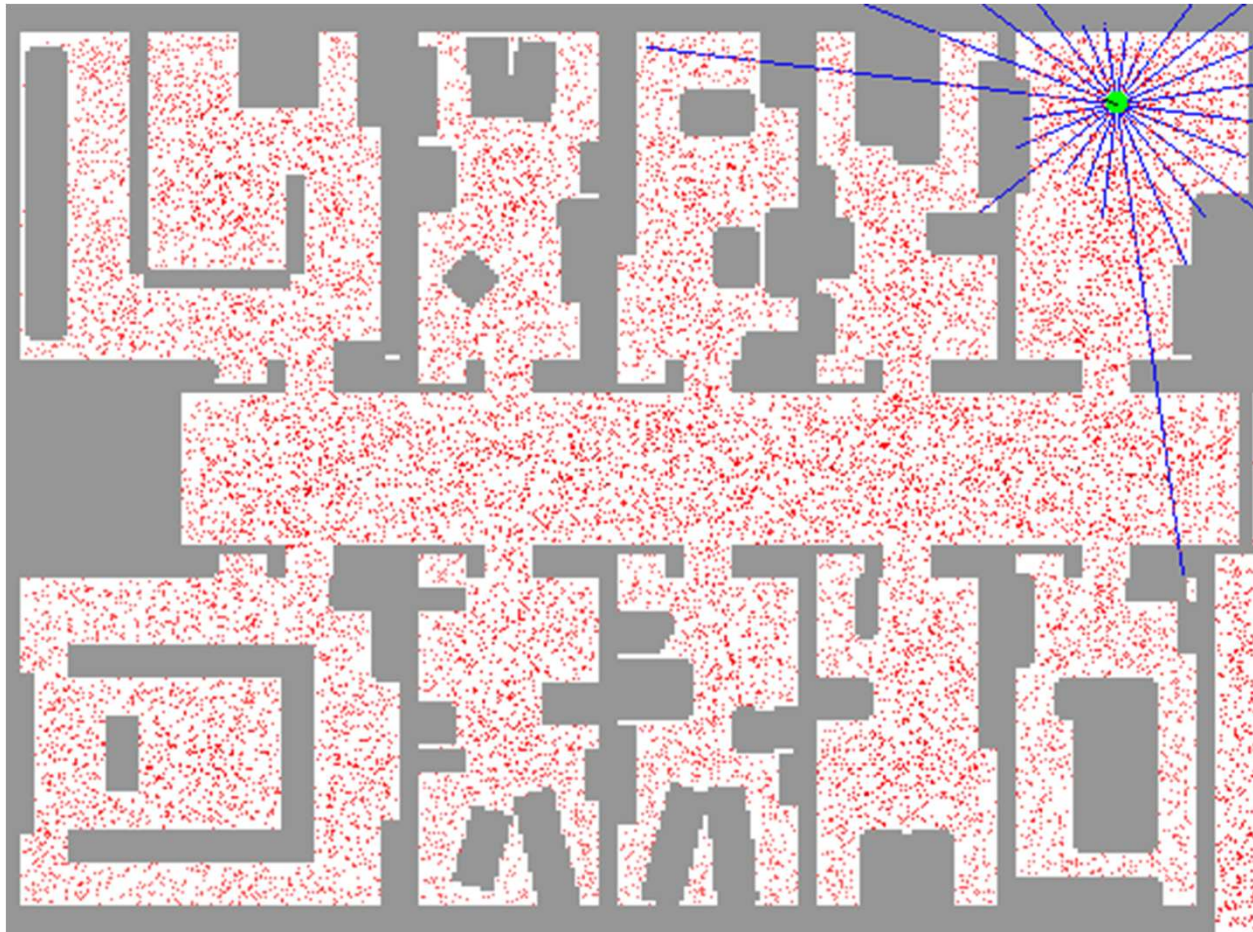
**Predict:** Given sample set  $\{x_t^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  for belief over *current* state  $x_t$ , control  $u_t$ , and process model  $p(x_{t+1}|x_t, u_t)$ , draw sample set  $\{x_{t+1}^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  for belief over *next* state  $x_{t+1}$  according to:

$$x_{t+1}^{[i]} \sim p(x_{t+1}|x_t^{[i]}, u_t)$$

**Update:** Given sample set  $\{\hat{x}_t^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  for *prior* belief over  $x_t$ , measurement  $z_t$ , and measurement model  $p(z_t|x_t)$ , draw sample set  $\{x_t^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  for *posterior* of  $x_t$  given  $z_t$  by:

1. **Calculate weights:** Compute particle importance weights:  $w_i \triangleq p(z_t | \hat{x}_t^{[i]})$
2. **Resample:** For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , sample  $x_t^{[i]}$  from  $\{\hat{x}_t^{[i]}\}_{i=1}^n$  by drawing  $\hat{x}_t^{[i]}$  with probability proportional to its weight  $w_i$

## Example: Particle filter localization



# Particle filter practicalities

The PF is a *nonparametric approximation* of the Bayes Filter for *general* (nonlinear + non-Gaussian) state estimation problems

Super simple to implement – requires only:

- A *sampler* for the motion model. Typically this is very simple (simulation)
- The *likelihood function* for your sensors – usually this comes straight from the sensor geometry

**BUT:** Particle filters can be finicky in practice!

- How many *samples* do we need? Typically *exponential* in the dimension of the state!  
⇒ Can require lots of storage, compute
- **Particle depletion:** If particle set is *insufficiently diverse*, it may not be able to track all relevant modes of the true posterior!

⇒ Particle filtering works best for *low-dimensional state* estimation problems

# Plan of the day

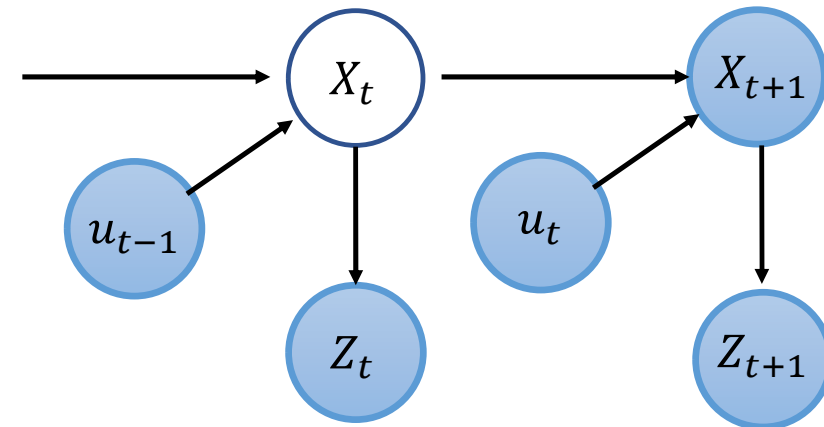
**Bayes Filter:** For  $t = 1, 2 \dots$  repeat the following operations:

- **Predict** belief for current state  $X_t$  given previous control  $u_{t-1}$ :

$$p(X_t|u_{0:t-1}, Z_{1:t-1}) = \int p(X_t|X_{t-1}, u_{t-1}) \cdot p(X_{t-1}|u_{0:t-2}, Z_{1:t-1}) dX_{t-1}$$

- **Update** belief after incorporating measurement  $Z_t$  at current state  $X_t$ :

$$p(X_t|u_{0:t-1}, Z_{1:t}) = \frac{p(Z_t|X_t)p(X_t|u_{0:t-1}, Z_{1:t-1})}{\int p(Z_t|X_t)p(X_t|u_{0:t-1}, Z_{1:t-1}) dX_t}$$



## Today: Three Implementations of the Bayes Filter

1. Linear-Gaussian case: The Kalman Filter (KF)
2. Nonlinear-Gaussian case: The extended Kalman Filter(EKF)
3. Nonlinear, non-Gaussian case: The Particle Filter (PF)