

Controller with Bayes Filter (`ctrlBF.m`)

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To control a dynamical system well we need to be able to estimate the current state of a system. Let us denote the latent system-state at time t as x_t . We'll also assume a simple observation model whereby our system's sensors periodically output a noisy version of the current system-state: $y_t = x_t + \epsilon$, where ϵ is a Gaussian white noise vector. A straightforward method of estimating x_t is thus to use the current sensor observation y_t , which can be inputted directly into our controller, depicted Fig. 1:

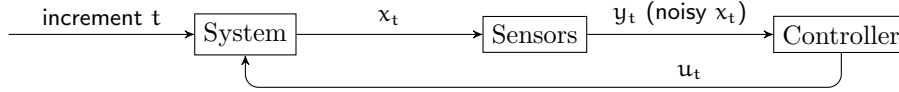


Figure 1: System using raw sensor signal for controller input.

The above solution may be adequate for low noise levels ϵ , but fail catastrophically otherwise. If large ϵ noise levels are directly injected into a controller configured with high gain parameters, the system will react wildly and may destabilise. To account for noisy sensors, we can *filter* the observation signal y_t before input into the controller, shown Fig. 2:

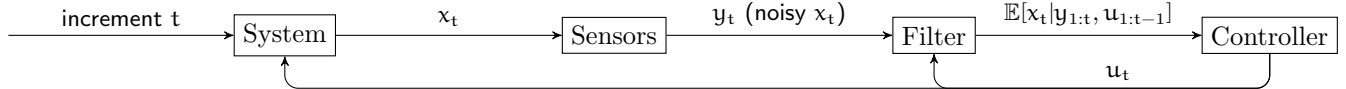


Figure 2: System with filtered controller input.

A Bayes filter (BF) maintains a belief-posterior on x , denoted B_{t+1} , conditioned on all information available thus far: the entire history of the system observations $y_{1:t}$ and applied control signals $u_{1:t-1}$. Conditioning on more information than the current observation y_t yields a more informed (thus accurate) estimate of x_t . Being a function of all observations, B_{t+1} is less susceptible to the noise injected into the most recent observation y_t , and consequently the controller's input is much smoother. To maintain B_{t+1} the BF makes two recursive updates per timestep:

1. Update step: Compute B_{tt} using prior belief $B_t = p(x_t)$ and observation likelihood $\mathcal{L}(x_t|y_t) = p(y_t|x_t)$,
2. Predict step: Compute B_{t+1} by mapping updated belief B_{tt} through transition model $p(x_{t+1}|x_t, u_t)$.

A directed graphical model of a Bayes filter is shown Fig. 3:

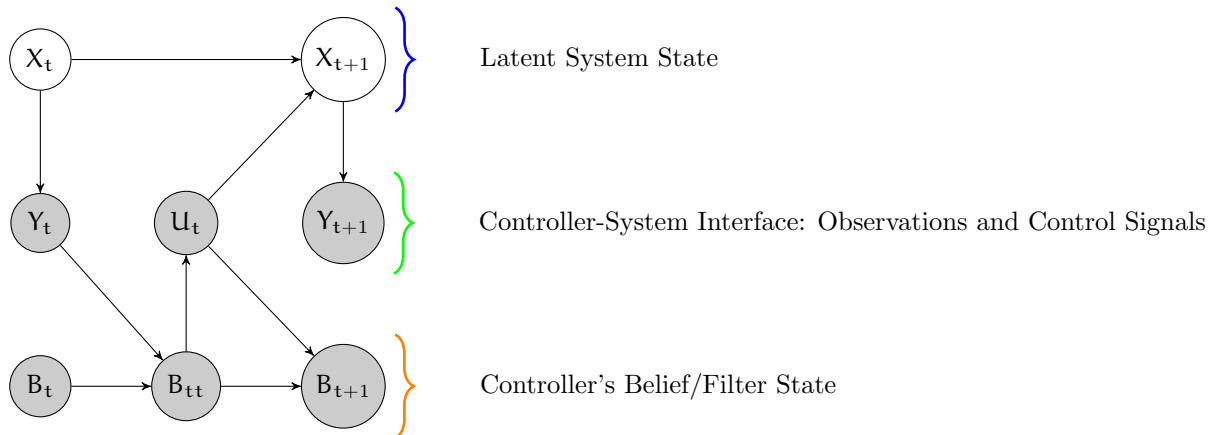


Figure 3: Directed graphical model of a system using a Bayes filter. A dynamical system begins in state X_t , which sensors observe noisily as Y_t . The observation Y_t is fused with the filter's prior on plausible system-states B_t , resulting in a posterior B_{tt} . The controller uses B_{tt} to decide control signal U_t . Finally, the control signal U_t is applied to the system, resulting in new state X_{t+1} , and also used by the BF to predict the system-state in the next time step B_{t+1} .

1 ctrlBF.m Inputs and Outputs

Terminology and Notation:

1. The subscripts:

- t pertains to the current BF predicted state;
- tt pertains to the current BF updated state w.r.t. noisy observation y_t ;

- $t+1$ pertains to the next BF prediction state w.r.t. dynamics model \mathcal{T} .

2. The circle superscript $^\circ$ denotes the *trigonometric* sin/cos angles of its operand.
3. Random variables and matrices are capitalised.

1.1 ctrlBF.m Inputs

A state-struct s_t is inputted with fields:

- m_{y_t} observation mean,
- S_{y_t} observation variance,
- m_{z_t} prior filter mean-of-mean,
- S_{z_t} prior filter variance-of-mean,
- zc $C_{x_t z_t}$: covariance of state and prior filter mean,
- V_t prior filter variance.

1.2 ctrlBF.m Local Variables

Block variables M , S and V are progressively expanded to (blue indicates computed with `fillIn` function, orange indicates only required when state representation is > 1 Markov grey indicates what was thought to be required when state representation is > 1 Markov)), :

m_{x_t}
m_{z_t}
$m_{z_{tt}}$
$m_{z_{tt}^\circ}$
m_{u_t}
$m_{z_{t+1}}$

Block mean M

S_{x_t}	$C_{x_t z_t}$				
$C_{z_t x_t}$	S_{z_t}			$C_{z_t u_t}$	$C_{z_t z_{t+1}}$
		$S_{z_{tt}}$	$C_{z_{tt} z_{tt}^\circ}$	$C_{z_{tt} u_t}$	$C_{z_{tt} z_{t+1}}$
		$C_{z_{tt}^\circ z_{tt}}$	$S_{z_{tt}^\circ}$		
	$C_{u_t z_t}$	$C_{u_t z_{tt}}$		S_{u_t}	$C_{u_t z_{t+1}}$
	$C_{z_{t+1} z_t}$	$C_{z_{t+1} z_{tt}}$		$C_{z_{t+1} u_t}$	$S_{z_{t+1}}$

Block variance S

V_t
V_{tt}
V_{tt}°
V_{t+1}

Diagonal blocks of block variance V

1.3 ctrlBF.m Outputs

- M_{ctrl} control signal mean,
- S_{ctrl} control signal variance,
- C_{ctrl} $S_{x_t}^{-1} C[X_t, U_t]$, inverse state variance times input-state output-control covariance (derived App. ??),
- s_{t+1} state-struct with predicted filter fields:
 - m_{y_t} observation mean (unchanged),
 - S_{y_t} observation variance (unchanged),
 - $m_{z_{t+1}}$ predicted filter mean-of-mean (derived Table 2),
 - $S_{z_{t+1}}$ predicted filter variance-of-mean (derived Table 2),
 - zc $C_{x_{t+1}, z_{t+1}}$: covariance of state and predicted filter mean (derived App. J),
 - V_{t+1} predicted filter variance (derived Table 1, 2).

2 Rollouts with ctrlBF.m

We define a simulation of a system’s possible evolution up to horizon H as a ‘rollout’. As a system transitions from state \mathbf{x}_t to \mathbf{x}_{t+1} , the controller’s Gaussian belief-distribution B_t will evolve w.r.t. simulated observations \mathbf{y}_t and control signals \mathbf{u}_t at each point in time t . We use lower case \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{u} to signify point masses, not distributions. A real-world test of system progresses as a rollout also (the only difference being observations are read from hardware, not simulated). A rollout proceeds as follows in Table 1:

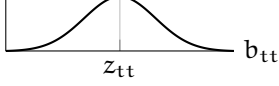
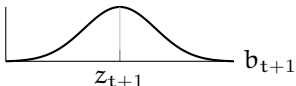
SYSTEM STATE		CONTROLLER’S BELIEF
$\downarrow \mathbf{x}_t$		$\downarrow B_t$
Observation: sample \mathbf{y}_t from $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t, S_\epsilon)$	$\mathbf{y}_t \rightarrow$	Updated Controller State: $B_{tt} \sim \mathcal{N}(z_{tt}, V_{tt})$  $V_{tt} = (V_t^{-1} + S_\epsilon^{-1})^{-1}$ $z_{tt} = V_{tt}(V_t^{-1}z_t + S_\epsilon^{-1}y_t) = w_z z_t + w_y y_t$
$\downarrow \mathbf{x}_t$		$\downarrow B_{tt}$
New Latent State: $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \text{simulate}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{u}_t)$	$\mathbf{u}_t \leftarrow$	Controller signal: $\mathbf{u}_t = \text{policy}(z_{tt}, z_{tt}^\circ)$ where
$\downarrow \mathbf{x}_{t+1}$		$\downarrow B_{tt}, \mathbf{u}_t$
$\downarrow \mathbf{x}_{t+1}$		Predicted Controller State: $B_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(z_{t+1}, V_{t+1})$  m-code: $\{z_{t+1}, C, V_{t+1}\} =$ $\text{gph}\left(\mathcal{T}, \begin{bmatrix} z_{tt} \\ \mathbf{u}_t \end{bmatrix}, V_{tt}\right)$
$\downarrow \mathbf{x}_{t+1}$		$\downarrow B_{t+1}$

Table 1: Rollout Flowchart.

3 Propagate with ctrlBF.m

Training our controller requires computing the value function: the expected loss over possible futures. Unfortunately a rollout will only simulate how one possible future may be reached. Instead, we consider a continuum of possible futures as a distribution on the latent states X_t . The initial latent state X_0 may be a point mass, but after one timestep X_1 will be a distribution owing to inherent system stochasticity (or ‘process noise’). As our belief defines a belief-distribution over each plausible latent state, our belief $B_t \sim \mathcal{N}(z_t, V_t)$ is thus redefined as a distribution over distributions. We define a different belief distributions using a distribution on belief mean parameter: $Z_t = \mathcal{N}(m_{z_t}, S_{z_t})$. We make the simplifying approximation that V_t is constant across each latent state X_t . Thus, our Gaussian belief distribution with an uncertain mean parameter is therefore a hierarchical Gaussian distribution function: $B_t = \mathcal{N}(Z_t, V_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{N}(m_{z_t}, S_{z_t}), V_t)$. We define the evolution of this richer belief function over time as a ‘propagation’, seen Table 2:

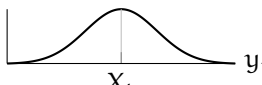
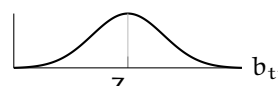
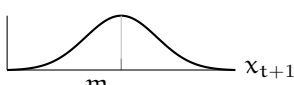


SYSTEM STATES		CONTROLLER’S BELIEFS
$\downarrow X_t \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{x_t}, S_{x_t})$		$\downarrow B_t$
<p>Observation: $Y_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{N}(m_{x_t}, S_{x_t}), S_e)$</p>  <p>$Y_t \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{y_t}, S_{y_t})$ $m_{y_t} = \mathbb{E}[Y_t] = m_{x_t}$ $S_{y_t} = \mathbb{V}[Y_t] = S_{x_t} + S_e$</p>	$Y_t \rightarrow$	<p>Updated Controller State: $B_{tt} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{N}(m_{z_{tt}}, S_{z_{tt}}), V_{tt})$</p>  <p>$V_{tt} = (V_t^{-1} + S_e^{-1})^{-1}$ $Z_{tt} \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{z_{tt}}, S_{z_{tt}})$ $Z_{tt} = V_{tt}(V_t^{-1}Z_t + S_e^{-1}Y_t) = w_z Z_t + w_y Y_t$ $m_{z_{tt}} = w_z m_{z_t} + w_y m_{y_t}$ $S_{z_{tt}} = [w_z, w_y] \begin{bmatrix} S_{z_t} & C_{z_t x_t} \\ C_{x_t z_t} & S_{y_t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_z \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}$ $[C_{z_{tt} z_t}, C_{z_{tt} x_t}] = [w_z, w_y] \begin{bmatrix} S_{z_t} & C_{z_t x_t} \\ C_{x_t z_t} & S_{x_t} \end{bmatrix}$</p>
$\downarrow X_t$		$\downarrow B_{tt}$
<p>New Latent State: $X_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{x_{t+1}}, S_{x_{t+1}})$</p>  <p>m-code: $\{m_{x_{t+1}}, S_{x_{t+1}}, C\} =$ $\text{gph}\left(\mathcal{T}, \begin{bmatrix} m_{x_t} \\ m_{u_t} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} S_{x_t} & C_{x_t u_t} \\ C_{u_t x_t} & S_{u_t} \end{bmatrix}\right)$</p>	$U_t \leftarrow$	<p>Controller signal: $U_t \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{u_t}, S_{u_t})$</p>  <p>Policy $\pi: \begin{bmatrix} m_{z_{tt}} \\ m_{z_{tt}^\circ} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} S_{z_{tt}} & C_{z_{tt} z_{tt}^\circ} \\ C_{z_{tt}^\circ z_{tt}} & S_{z_{tt}^\circ} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow m_{u_t} \times S_{u_t}$</p>
$\downarrow X_{t+1}$		$\downarrow B_{tt}, U_t$
$\downarrow X_{t+1}$		<p>Predicted Controller State: $B_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{N}(m_{z_{t+1}}, S_{z_{t+1}}), V_{t+1})$</p>  <p>$Z_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{z_{t+1}}, S_{z_{t+1}})$ m-code: $\{m_{z_{t+1}}, S_{z_{t+1}}, C, V_{t+1}\} =$ $\text{gph}\left(\mathcal{T}, \begin{bmatrix} m_{z_{tt}} \\ m_{u_t} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} S_{z_{tt}} & C_{z_{tt}, u_t} \\ C_{u_t, z_{tt}} & S_{u_t} \end{bmatrix}, V_{tt}\right)$</p>
$\downarrow X_{t+1}$		$\downarrow B_{t+1}$

Table 2: Propagate Flowchart.

3.1 Comments:

1. Although future values of Y are currently unknown, we already know our strength-of-belief in Y will be S_e .
2. Note the controller outputs real numbers, not distributions. However, a distribution over future control signals exists since we are currently uncertain about what the value of Z will be. We also (for now) assume the controller is a function of the belief-mean Z only, and not also a function of strength-of-belief V .

3. We can express the joint probability of all uncertain and hierarchically-uncertain terms involved:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_t \\ \mathbf{B}_t \\ \mathbf{X}_t \\ \mathbf{Y}_t \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{x_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{x_t} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t}^\top & \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t}^\top \\ \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} + \mathbf{V}_t & \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t}^\top & \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t}^\top \\ \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t} & \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{x_t} & \mathbf{S}_{x_t} \\ \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t} & \mathbf{C}_{x_t z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{x_t} & \mathbf{S}_{x_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

4. `ctrlBF.m` instead uses rearranged expressions for \mathbf{V}_{tt} and $\mathbf{m}_{z_{tt}}$:

- (a) $\mathbf{V}_{tt} = \mathbf{S}_\epsilon (\mathbf{V}_t + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1} \mathbf{V}_t = \mathbf{V}_t (\mathbf{V}_t + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1} \mathbf{S}_\epsilon$,
- (b) $\mathbf{m}_{z_{tt}} = \mathbf{S}_\epsilon (\mathbf{V}_t + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{z_t} + \mathbf{V}_t (\mathbf{V}_t + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{y_t}$.

3.2 Pseudocode

Let \mathbf{s} represent the system state, \mathbf{s}° the augmented system state, \mathbf{b} the filter state, \mathbf{b}° the augmented filter state, \mathbf{u} the control signal (either point masses, distributions, or hierarchical distributions). A particular parameterisation of the controller is evaluated with:

total cost up to horizon, $\frac{d \text{ total cost up to horizon}}{dp} \leftarrow \text{value}(\mathbf{s}, \text{@ctrlBF parameterised by } \mathbf{p}, \text{@dynmodel}, \text{@cost})$

FOR time = now to horizon:

1. $\mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}}{\partial \{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{p}\}} \leftarrow \text{propagate}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{b})$
 - (a) initialise $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}}{\partial \{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{p}\}}$
 - (b) $\mathbf{u}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}}{\partial \{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{p}\}} \leftarrow \text{ctrlBF}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}}{\partial \{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{p}\}})$
 - i. $\mathbf{b}_{\text{updated}} \leftarrow \text{update}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \text{ noisily observed})$
 - ii. $\mathbf{b}_{\text{updated}}^\circ \leftarrow \text{gTrig}(\mathbf{b}_{\text{updated}})$
 - iii. $\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \text{ctrlBF.policy}(\mathbf{b}_{\text{updated}})$
 - iv. $\mathbf{b}_{\text{predicted}} \leftarrow \text{ctrlBF.dynmodel}(\mathbf{b}_{\text{updated}}, \mathbf{b}_{\text{updated}}^\circ, \mathbf{u})$
 - v. contribute to $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}}{\partial \{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{p}\}}$
 - (c) $\mathbf{s}^\circ \leftarrow \text{gTrig}(\mathbf{s})$
 - (d) $\mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}} \leftarrow \text{dynmodel}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}^\circ, \mathbf{u})$
 - (e) contribute to $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}}{\partial \{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{p}\}}$
2. update $\frac{d \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}}{dp}$
3. cost, $\frac{\partial \text{cost}}{\partial \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}} \leftarrow \text{cost}(\mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}})$
4. update total cost so far and $\frac{d \text{ total cost so far}}{dp}$
5. $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathbf{s}_{\text{predicted}}$

ENDFOR

The controller is then trained using policy search: minimising total cost by descending the $\frac{d \text{ total cost up to horizon}}{dp}$ gradient.

A Derivation of $\mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{tt}]$:

Let $M_t \doteq \begin{bmatrix} X_t \\ Z_t \end{bmatrix}$, and $C_{xz} \doteq \mathbb{C}[X_t, Z_t]$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{tt}] &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}[X_t, Z_{tt}] \\ \mathbb{C}[Z_t, Z_{tt}] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}[X_t, w_y Y_t + w_z Z_t] \\ \mathbb{C}[Z_t, w_y Y_t + w_z Z_t] \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} S_{X_t} w_y^\top + C_{xz} w_z^\top \\ C_{zx} w_y^\top + S_{Z_t} w_z^\top \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} S_{X_t} + C_{xz} \\ C_{zx} + S_{Z_t} \end{bmatrix}}_{S_{M_t}} \underbrace{[w_y, w_z]^\top}_{w^\top} \\
 &= S_{M_t} w^\top
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

B Derivation of $\mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, U_t]$:

We begin with:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{C}[\{Z_{tt}, Z_{tt}^\circ\}, U_t] &= S_{\{Z_{tt}, Z_{tt}^\circ\}} \underbrace{C_{\text{poli}}[\{Z_{tt}, Z_{tt}^\circ\}, U_t]}_p \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, U_t] \\ \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}^\circ, U_t] \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} S_{Z_{tt}} & \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, Z_{tt}^\circ] \\ \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}^\circ, Z_{tt}] & S_{Z_{tt}^\circ} \end{bmatrix} p \\
 \therefore \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, U_t] &= [S_{Z_{tt}}, \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, Z_{tt}^\circ]] p \\
 &= S_{Z_{tt}} \underbrace{[I, C_{g\text{trig}}[Z_{tt}, Z_{tt}^\circ]]}_g p \\
 &= S_{Z_{tt}} g p
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

C Derivation of $\mathbb{C}[M_t, U_t]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{C}[M_t, U_t] &= \mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{tt}] S_{Z_{tt}}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, U_t] \quad (\text{TODO: prove}) \\
 &= S_{M_t} w^\top g p
 \end{aligned}$$

`ctrlNF.m` case:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{C}[\{Y_t, Y_t^\circ\}, U_t] &= S_{\{Y_t, Y_t^\circ\}} C_{\text{poli}}[\{Y_t, Y_t^\circ\}, U_t] \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}[Y_t, U_t] \\ \mathbb{C}[Y_t^\circ, U_t] \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} S_{Y_t} & \mathbb{C}[Y_t, Y_t^\circ] \\ \mathbb{C}[Y_t^\circ, Y_t] & S_{Y_t^\circ} \end{bmatrix} C_{\text{poli}}[\{Y_t, Y_t^\circ\}, U_t] \\
 \therefore \mathbb{C}[Y_t, U_t] &= [S_{Y_t}, \mathbb{C}[Y_t, Y_t^\circ]] C_{\text{poli}}[\{Y_t, Y_t^\circ\}, U_t] \\
 &= S_{Y_t} [I, C_{g\text{trig}}[Y_t, Y_t^\circ]] C_{\text{poli}}[\{Y_t, Y_t^\circ\}, U_t]
 \end{aligned}$$

And as a set of weights:

$$\mathbb{C}[X_t, U_t] = S_{X_t} [I, C_{g\text{trig}}[Y_t, Y_t^\circ]] C_{\text{poli}}[\{Y_t, Y_t^\circ\}, U_t]$$

D Derivation of $\mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, Z_{t+1}]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{C}[\{Z_{tt}, U_t\}, Z_{t+1}] &= S_{\{Z_{tt}, U_t\}} \underbrace{C_{\text{dyn}}[\{Z_{tt}, U_t\}, Z_{t+1}]}_{d_z} \\
\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, Z_{t+1}] \\ \mathbb{C}[U_t, Z_{t+1}] \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} S_{Z_{tt}} & \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, U_t] \\ \mathbb{C}[U_t, Z_{tt}] & S_{U_t} \end{bmatrix} d_z \\
\therefore \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, Z_{t+1}] &= [S_{Z_{tt}}, \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, U_t]] d_z \\
&= S_{Z_{tt}}[I, gp] d_z \quad \text{using Eq. 2}
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

E Derivation of $\mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{t+1}]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{t+1}] &= \mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{tt}] S_{Z_{tt}}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[Z_{tt}, Z_{t+1}] \quad (\text{TODO: prove}) \\
&= S_{M_t} w^\top [I, gp] d_z
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

F Derivation of `ctrlBF.m`'s Output C_{ctrlbf} :

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{\text{ctrlbf}} &\doteq S_{M_t}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[M_t, \{U_t; Z_{t+1}\}] \\
&= S_{M_t}^{-1} [\mathbb{C}[M_t, U_t], \mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{t+1}]] \\
&= [w^\top gp, w^\top [I, gp] d_z]
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

G Derivation of $\mathbb{C}[M_t, X_{t+1}]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{C}[M_t, X_{t+1}] &= \mathbb{C}[M_t, \{X_t; U_t\}] \mathbb{V}[\{X_t; U_t\}]^{-1} \mathbb{C}[\{X_t; U_t\}, X_{t+1}] \\
&= [\mathbb{C}[M_t, X_t], \mathbb{C}[M_t, U_t]] \underbrace{C_{\text{propdyn}}[\{X_t; U_t\}, X_{t+1}]}_{d_x} \\
&= S_{M_t} \begin{bmatrix} [I] \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, w^\top gp \end{bmatrix} d_x
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

H Derivation of `propagate.m`'s Output C_{prop} :

Let $M_{t+1} \doteq \begin{bmatrix} X_{t+1} \\ Z_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$. Goal is to compute:

$$C_{\text{prop}} \doteq S_{M_t}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[M_t, M_{t+1}]$$

H.1 `propagate.m` with `ctrlBF`

By combining Eq 4 and Eq 6 we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{\text{prop}}^{\text{BF}} &= S_{M_t}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[M_t, \{X_{t+1}; Z_{t+1}\}] \\
&= S_{M_t}^{-1} [\mathbb{C}[M_t, X_{t+1}], \mathbb{C}[M_t, Z_{t+1}]] \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} [I] \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, w^\top gp \end{bmatrix} d_x, w^\top [I, gp] d_z \\
&= [\text{eye}(F, D), C_{\text{ctrlbf}}(1:U)] d_x, C_{\text{ctrlbf}}(U+1:\text{end})]
\end{aligned}$$

H.2 `propagate.m` with `ctrlNF`

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{\text{prop}}^{\text{NF}} &= S_{X_t}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[X_t, X_{t+1}] \\
&= [I, gp] d_x \\
&= [I, C_{\text{ctrlnf}}] d_x
\end{aligned}$$

H.3 propagate.m with ctrlBF, and exact $\mathbb{C}[M_t, M_{t+1}]$

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{\text{propExact}}^{\text{BF}} &= S_{M_t}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[M_t, M_{t+1}] \\
&= S_{M_t}^{-1} \mathbb{C}[M_t, \{X_t; Z_{tt}; U_t\}] \underbrace{\mathbb{V}[X_t; Z_{tt}; U_t]^{-1} \mathbb{C}[\{X_t; Z_{tt}; U_t\}, M_{t+1}]}_{C_{\text{gphJoint}}} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, w^\top, w^\top \text{gp} \bigg] C_{\text{gphJoint}}
\end{aligned}$$

I Derivation of $\mathbb{C}[X_{t+1}, Z_{t+1}]$:

Using the top half of Eq. 4 to express $\mathbb{C}[X_t, Z_{t+1}]$, and part of Eq. 3 to express $\mathbb{C}[U_t, Z_{t+1}]$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{C}[X_{t+1}, Z_{t+1}] &= \underbrace{\mathbb{C}[X_{t+1}, \{X_t; U_t\}] \mathbb{V}[\{X_t; U_t\}]^{-1} \mathbb{C}[\{X_t; U_t\}, Z_{t+1}]}_{d_x^\top} \\
&= d_x^\top \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}[X_t, Z_{t+1}] \\ \mathbb{C}[U_t, Z_{t+1}] \end{bmatrix} \\
&= d_x^\top \begin{bmatrix} [S_{X_t}, \mathbb{C}[X_t, Z_t]] w^\top [I, \text{gp}] d_z \\ [\mathbb{C}[U_t, Z_{tt}], S_{U_t}] d_z \end{bmatrix} \\
&= d_x^\top \begin{bmatrix} [S_{X_t}, C_{XZ}] w^\top [I, \text{gp}] \\ [p^\top g^\top S_{Z_{tt}}, S_{U_t}] \end{bmatrix} d_z
\end{aligned}$$

J Derivation of Exact $\mathbb{C}[X_{t+1}; Z_{t+1}]$:

Goal is (with help from propagate.m's computation of X_{t+1}) to compute:

$$s_{t+1}.zc \triangleq \mathbb{C}[X_{t+1}, Z_{t+1}].$$

We simplify our graphical model (Fig. 3) such that X_{t+1} and Z_{t+1} are the output of two GPs with a common input, seen Fig.5:

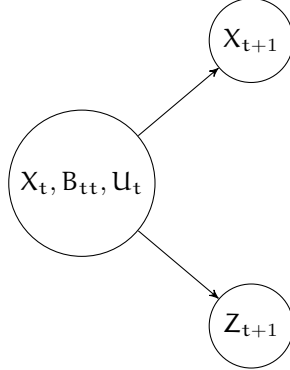


Figure 5: Simplified directed graphical model of Fig. 3.

The only tricky bit is X_{t+1} and Z_{t+1} use different (yet overlapping) subsets of the now common input $\{X_t, B_{tt}, U_t\}$. The common input's joint expression is given below, where X_{t+1} 's subset Σ_x is blue, Z_{t+1} 's subset Σ_z and V_z is red, and where they overlap Σ_{xz} is purple.

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} X_t \\ B_{tt} \\ U_t \end{bmatrix}}_y \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\mathcal{N} \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} m_{x_t} \\ m_{z_{tt}} \\ m_{u_t} \end{bmatrix}}_m, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} S_{x_t} & C_{x_t, z_{tt}} & C_{x_t, u_t} \\ C_{z_{tt}, x_t} & S_{z_{tt}} & C_{z_{tt}, u_t} \\ C_{u_t, x_t} & C_{u_t, z_{tt}} & S_{u_t} \end{bmatrix}}_{\Sigma} \right), \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_{tt} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_V \right). \quad (7)$$

To re-express Λ_x to match the size of Σ (Eq. 7) whilst encoding the fact that X_{t+1} is conditionally independent of B_{tt} given X_t and U_t , we set the new diagonal elements corresponding to Z_{tt} as ∞ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_x &= \text{diag}(\lambda_x, \lambda_u) \rightarrow \hat{\Lambda}_x = \text{diag}(\lambda_x, \infty, \lambda_u), \\
\Lambda_z &= \text{diag}(\lambda_z, \lambda_u) \rightarrow \hat{\Lambda}_z = \text{diag}(\infty, \lambda_z, \lambda_u).
\end{aligned}$$

Now to compute the covariance of GP_x 's output and GP_z 's output given the common uncertain input (\mathbf{m}, Σ) of both GPs, we use the following identity from `gph.pdf` (noting that the inverse of a matrix \mathbf{A} whose element $A_{ij} = \infty$, is s.t. $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{kl} = 0$ if $k = j$ or $l = i$, otherwise populated by values of submatrix $(\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{I} \setminus \{i\}, \mathbf{J} \setminus \{j\}})^{-1}$):

$$\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}] = \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{f}_x^*, \mathbf{f}_z^* | \mathbf{m}, \Sigma] = \mathbf{s}_x^2 \mathbf{s}_z^2 [\boldsymbol{\beta}_x^\top (\mathbf{Q}^{xz} - \mathbf{q}^x \mathbf{q}^{z\top}) \boldsymbol{\beta}_z] + \mathbf{C}_x^\top \Sigma \boldsymbol{\theta}_z + \boldsymbol{\theta}_x^\top \Sigma \mathbf{C}_z + \boldsymbol{\theta}_x^\top \Sigma \boldsymbol{\theta}_z,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_i^x &= \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{m}, \hat{\Lambda}_x, \Sigma + \mathbf{V}), \\ &= |\hat{\Lambda}_x^{-1}(\Sigma + \mathbf{V}) + \mathbf{I}|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m})[\hat{\Lambda}_x + \Sigma + \mathbf{V}]^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m})\right), \\ &= |\Lambda_x^{-1}(\Sigma_x + \mathbf{V}_x) + \mathbf{I}|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)[\Lambda_x + \Sigma_x + \mathbf{V}_x]^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)\right), \\ &= \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{m}_x, \Lambda_x, \Sigma_x + \mathbf{V}_x), \\ \mathbf{q}_i^z &= \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{m}, \hat{\Lambda}_z, \Sigma + \mathbf{V}), \\ &= \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{m}_z, \Lambda_z, \Sigma_z + \mathbf{V}_z), \\ Q_{ij}^{xz} &= Q(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j, \hat{\Lambda}_x, \hat{\Lambda}_z, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{m}, \Sigma), \\ &= c_2 \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{m}, \Lambda_x, \mathbf{V}_x) \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{m}, \Lambda_z, \mathbf{V}_z) \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}^\top [(\hat{\Lambda}_x + \mathbf{V})^{-1} + (\hat{\Lambda}_z + \mathbf{V})^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1}]^{-1} \mathbf{r}\right), \\ \mathbf{r} &= (\hat{\Lambda}_x + \mathbf{V})^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m}) + (\hat{\Lambda}_z + \mathbf{V})^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_j - \mathbf{m}), \\ c_2 &= |((\hat{\Lambda}_x + \mathbf{V})^{-1} + (\hat{\Lambda}_z + \mathbf{V})^{-1})\Sigma + \mathbf{I}|^{-1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

We see the extended dimensionality has had no effect on the values on \mathbf{q}^x and \mathbf{q}^z (size $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}$). The value of Q^{xz} (size $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{E}$), however, is dependent on each element of the Σ matrix, thus we must compute the full Σ .

Old Actions

Let $(\cdot)^p$ signify the predicted state variables, and $(\cdot)^r$ signify the rest of the state (e.g. subset of the previous state if the state representation is > 1 order Markov, $(\mathbf{X}_t)_{\mathbf{E}+\mathbf{U}+\mathbf{D}}$, and the previous action \mathbf{U}_t) E.g. $\mathbf{X}_{t+1} = [\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r; \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p] = [(\mathbf{X}_t)_{\mathbf{E}+\mathbf{U}+\mathbf{D}}; \mathbf{U}_t; \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p]$. The joint of \mathbf{X}_{t+1} and \mathbf{Z}_{t+1} is given in Fig. 6:

$$\mathbb{V} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \\ \mathbf{Z}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{V} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r \\ \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p \\ \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r \\ \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r, \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p] \\ \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p, \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p] \\ \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r, \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r, \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p] & \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p] \\ \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p, \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p, \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p] & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^r] & \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p] \end{bmatrix}.$$

Figure 6: We compute $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^p, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}^p]$ using `gph.m`. The full $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}]$ is composed of the blue and red members.

Linear Approximations

$\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}]$:

Computing $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}]$ is an expensive bottleneck for `ctrlBF.m`. We can instead approximate $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}]$, by assuming that both \mathbf{X}_{t+1} , and \mathbf{Z}_{t+1} , are linear functions of $[\mathbf{X}_t; \mathbf{B}_{tt}; \mathbf{U}_t]$. Both predictions use a dynamics model each, which outputs covariance information with implicit premultiplied-input-variance-inverses, $\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z}$, seen in Fig. 7. We can treat $\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z}$ as fixed weights, i.e. $\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \approx \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top [\mathbf{X}_t; \mathbf{B}_{tt}; \mathbf{U}_t]$, and $\mathbf{Z}_{t+1} \approx \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z}^\top [\mathbf{X}_t; \mathbf{B}_{tt}; \mathbf{U}_t]$. Thus $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}] \approx \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \mathbb{V}[[\mathbf{X}_t; \mathbf{B}_{tt}; \mathbf{U}_t]] \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z}$.

$\mathbb{V}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}]^{-1} \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}]$:

Alternatively, we might be interested in approximating the covariance with the following implicit inverse $\mathbb{V}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}]^{-1} \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}]$.

We can use the above linear approximations. Let us decompose PSD $\Sigma = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{L}^\top \mathbf{L}$. And define $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \mathbf{L}^\top$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}]^{-1} \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Z}_{t+1}] &\approx \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top [\mathbf{X}_t; \mathbf{B}_{tt}; \mathbf{U}_t]]^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \mathbb{V}[[\mathbf{X}_t; \mathbf{B}_{tt}; \mathbf{U}_t]] \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z} \\ &= (\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \Sigma \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x})^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \Sigma \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z} \\ &= (\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \mathbf{L}^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x})^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \mathbf{L}^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z} \\ &= (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z} \\ &= \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z} \\ &= \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \mathbf{L}^\top (\mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top \mathbf{L}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z} \\ &= \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top (\mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}x}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{\text{dyn}z} \end{aligned}$$

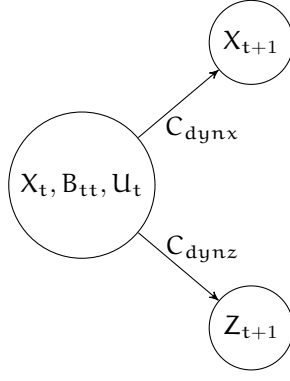


Figure 7: Simplified directed graphical model of Fig. 3 with linear weights.

K Joint Representation

Here we compute the joint expression of all uncertain terms involved in ctrlBF. We can think of the belief distribution B over state X , as a hierarchical representation: $B \sim \mathcal{N}(Z, V)$, where the mean parameter, $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(m_z, S_z)$, is itself uncertain. Equivalently, we might consider B to be the sum of two (initially) independent random variables: $B = Z + Q$, where $Q \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V)$.

Firstly, given:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(z_t) &\sim \mathcal{N}(m_{z_t}, S_{z_t}) \\
 p(b_t|z_t) &\sim \mathcal{N}(z_t, V_t) \\
 p(b_t) &\sim \mathcal{N}(m_{z_t}, S_{b_t}) \\
 S_{b_t} &= S_{z_t} + V_t \\
 p(y_t|b_t) &\sim \mathcal{N}(b_t, S_\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(b_t|y_t, z_t) &\propto p(y_t|b_t, z_t)p(b_t|z_t) \\
 &= p(y_t|b_t)p(b_t|z_t) \\
 &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(w_z z_t + w_y y_t, (S_\epsilon^{-1} + V_t^{-1})^{-1}\right) \\
 w_z &= S_\epsilon(S_\epsilon + V_t)^{-1} \\
 w_y &= V_t(S_\epsilon + V_t)^{-1} \\
 p(b_t|y_t) &\propto p(y_t|b_t)p(b_t) \\
 &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(S_{b|y}(S_\epsilon^{-1} y_t + S_{b_t}^{-1} m_{z_t}), S_{b|y}\right) \\
 S_{b|y} &= (S_\epsilon^{-1} + S_{b_t}^{-1})^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the following joint belief expressions:

$$\begin{aligned}
p\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_t \\ \mathbf{z}_t \end{bmatrix}\right) &\sim \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{b_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
\rightarrow p(\mathbf{b}_{tt}, \mathbf{z}_{tt}) \triangleq p(\{\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{z}_t\}|\mathbf{y}_t) &\propto p(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{z}_t)p(\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{z}_t) \\
&= p(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{b}_t)p(\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{z}_t) \\
&\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\Sigma \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \infty \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \Sigma \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{b_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma\right) \\
\Sigma^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_\epsilon^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{b_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_\epsilon^{-1} + (\mathbf{S}_{b_t} - \mathbf{S}_{z_t})^{-1} & -\mathbf{S}_{b_t}^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t}(\mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{S}_{z_t}\mathbf{S}_{b_t}^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t})^{-1} \\ -(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} - \mathbf{S}_{z_t})^{-1} & (\mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{S}_{z_t}\mathbf{S}_{b_t}^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t})^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \\
\Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{b_t}(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1}\mathbf{S}_\epsilon & \mathbf{S}_\epsilon(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{S}_{z_t}(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1}\mathbf{S}_\epsilon & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{S}_{z_t}(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{b|y} & \mathbf{C}_{bz|y} \\ \mathbf{C}_{bz|y}^\top & \mathbf{S}_{z|y} \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{C}_{bz|y} &= \mathbf{S}_\epsilon(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t} = \mathbf{S}_{b|y}\mathbf{S}_{b_t}^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\
\mathbf{S}_{z|y} &= \mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{S}_{z_t}(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t} = (\mathbf{V}_t + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{z_t} = (\mathbf{S}_{z_t}^{-1} + (\mathbf{V}_t + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1})^{-1} \\
\therefore p(\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{z}_t|\mathbf{y}_t) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{b|y} & \mathbf{C}_{bz|y} \\ \mathbf{C}_{bz|y}^\top & \mathbf{S}_{z|y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_\epsilon^{-1}\mathbf{y}_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_\epsilon(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1} & 0 \\ -\mathbf{S}_{z_t}(\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon)^{-1} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma\right) \\
&\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{b_{tt}} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_{tt}} \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma\right) \\
\mathbf{m}_{b_{tt}} &= \mathbf{S}_{b|y}(\mathbf{S}_\epsilon^{-1}\mathbf{y}_t + \mathbf{S}_{b_t}^{-1}\mathbf{m}_{z_t}) \\
\mathbf{m}_{z_{tt}} &= \mathbf{m}_{z_t} + \mathbf{C}_{bz|y}^\top \mathbf{S}_\epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{m}_{z_t}) \\
p(\mathbf{b}_t|\mathbf{z}_t, \mathbf{y}_t) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{m}_{b_{tt}} + \mathbf{C}_{bz|y}\mathbf{S}_{z|y}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{m}_{z_{tt}}), \mathbf{S}_{b|y} - \mathbf{C}_{bz|y}\mathbf{S}_{z|y}^{-1}\mathbf{C}_{bz|y}^\top\right) \\
&\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\underbrace{w_z\mathbf{z}_t + w_y\mathbf{y}_t}_{\mathbf{Z}_{tt}}, \underbrace{(\mathbf{S}_\epsilon^{-1} + \mathbf{V}_t^{-1})^{-1}}_{\mathbf{V}_{tt}}\right)
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

The policy input is currently the mean-belief \mathbf{Z}_{tt} , a function of \mathbf{Z}_t and \mathbf{Y}_t . If \mathbf{Z}_t or \mathbf{Y}_t are random, then \mathbf{Z}_{tt} is random too,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Z}_{tt} &= w_z\mathbf{Z}_t + w_y\mathbf{Y}_t \\
\mathbb{E}_{zy}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}] &= w_z\mathbf{m}_{z_t} + w_y\mathbf{m}_{x_t} \\
\mathbb{V}_{zy}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}] &= [w_z, w_y] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{C}_{zx} \\ \mathbf{C}_{zx}^\top & \mathbf{S}_{x_t} + \mathbf{S}_\epsilon \end{bmatrix} [w_z, w_y]^\top
\end{aligned}$$

We assume the policy has linear function (or can be approximated as such):

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \theta^\top \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_{tt} \\ \mathbf{Z}_{tt}^\circ \end{bmatrix}$$

and have a policy call:

$$[\mathbf{m}_u, \mathbf{S}_u, \mathbf{C}_u] = \text{policy}(\mathbb{E}_{zy}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}], \mathbb{V}_{zy}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}]) \quad (\text{where } \mathbf{C}_u \text{ is } \mathbf{C}_{\text{poli}}) \tag{9}$$

The using results from Appendix ?? we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{C}\left[\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_{tt} \\ \mathbf{Z}_{tt}^\circ \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_t\right] &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{u}_t] \\ \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}^\circ, \mathbf{u}_t] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{Z_{tt}} & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{Z}_{tt}^\circ] \\ \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}^\circ, \mathbf{Z}_{tt}] & \mathbf{S}_{Z_{tt}^\circ} \end{bmatrix} \theta \\
&\therefore \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{u}_t] = [\mathbf{S}_{Z_{tt}}, \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{Z}_{tt}^\circ]]\theta \\
&= \mathbf{S}_{Z_{tt}} \underbrace{[\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{C}_{gtrig}[\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{Z}_{tt}^\circ]]}_{\mathbf{g}} \theta \\
\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}_t, \mathbf{u}_t) &= \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}_t, \mathbf{Z}_{tt})\mathbf{g}\theta = [\mathbf{C}_{xz}, \mathbf{S}_{x_t}]\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{g}\theta \\
\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{u}_t) &= \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{Z}_{tt})\mathbf{g}\theta = [\mathbf{C}_{xz}, \mathbf{S}_{y_t}]\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{g}\theta \\
\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{Z}_t, \mathbf{u}_t) &= \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{Z}_t, \mathbf{Z}_{tt})\mathbf{g}\theta = [\mathbf{S}_{z_t}, \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top]\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{g}\theta
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{U}_t) = \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{Z}_{tt})\boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathbf{S}_{z_{tt}}\boldsymbol{\theta}$, and $\mathbf{C}_u \triangleq \mathbf{S}_{z_{tt}}^{-1}\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{Z}_{tt}, \mathbf{U}_t)$, then we have: $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathbf{C}_u$.

In summary:

We start with prior joint:

$$\mathbf{p} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_t \\ \mathbf{y}_t \\ \mathbf{b}_t \\ \mathbf{z}_t \end{pmatrix} \sim \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{x_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{x_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_t} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{x_t} & \mathbf{S}_{x_t} & \mathbf{C}_{xz} & \mathbf{C}_{xz} \\ \mathbf{S}_{x_t} & \mathbf{S}_{x_t} + \mathbf{S}_e & \mathbf{C}_{xz} & \mathbf{C}_{xz} \\ \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top & \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} + \mathbf{V}_t & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top & \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (10)$$

We then condition on observation \mathbf{y}_t , and then decide action \mathbf{u}_t :

$$\mathbf{p} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_t \\ \mathbf{b}_t | \mathbf{y}_t \\ \mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{y}_t \\ \mathbf{u}_t | \mathbf{y}_t \end{pmatrix} \sim \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_e \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{x_t} + \mathbf{S}_{x_t} \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_t \\ \mathbf{m}_{b_{tt}} \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_{tt}} \\ \mathbf{m}_u \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{S}_{x_t}^{-1} + \mathbf{S}_e^{-1})^{-1} & \mathbf{S}_e \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{xz} & \mathbf{S}_e \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{xz} & [\mathbf{C}_{xz}, \mathbf{S}_{x_t}] \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{g} \mathbf{C}_u \\ \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_e & \mathbf{S}_{b|y} & \mathbf{C}_{bz|y} & [\mathbf{S}_{z_t}, \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top] \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{g} \mathbf{C}_u \\ \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_e & \mathbf{C}_{bz|y}^\top & \mathbf{S}_{z|y} & [\mathbf{S}_{z_t}, \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top] \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{g} \mathbf{C}_u \\ \mathbf{C}_u^\top \mathbf{g}^\top \mathbf{w} [\mathbf{C}_{xz}, \mathbf{S}_{x_t}]^\top & \mathbf{C}_u^\top \mathbf{g}^\top \mathbf{w} [\mathbf{S}_{z_t}, \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top]^\top & \mathbf{C}_u^\top \mathbf{g}^\top \mathbf{w} [\mathbf{S}_{z_t}, \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top]^\top & \mathbf{S}_u \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Problem: If we instead compute $\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{y}_t)$ by looking only at at Eq. 10 and then conditioning, then we get a different answer:

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{y}_t) \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{z_t} + \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{m}_{x_t}) \\ \mathbf{m}_{z_t} + \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{m}_{x_t}) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{b_t} - \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{xz} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{xz} \\ \mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{xz} & \mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{C}_{xz}^\top \mathbf{S}_{y_t}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{xz} \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (11)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_{y_t} &= \mathbf{S}_{x_t} + \mathbf{S}_e \\ \mathbf{S}_{b_t} &= \mathbf{S}_{z_t} + \mathbf{V}_t \\ \mathbf{S}_{b|y} &= (\mathbf{S}_e^{-1} + \mathbf{S}_{b_t}^{-1})^{-1} \\ \mathbf{C}_{bz|y} &= \mathbf{S}_{b|y} \mathbf{S}_{b_t}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{S}_{z|y} &= \mathbf{S}_{z_t} - \mathbf{S}_{z_t} (\mathbf{S}_{b_t} + \mathbf{S}_e)^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{z_t} \\ \mathbf{w} &= [\mathbf{w}_z, \mathbf{w}_y] = [\mathbf{S}_e (\mathbf{S}_e + \mathbf{V}_t)^{-1}, \mathbf{V}_t (\mathbf{S}_e + \mathbf{V}_t)^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

TODO - integrate over \mathbf{y}_t ..., before or after prediction step?