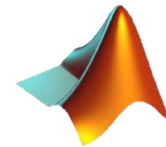


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- 3. Gaussian filters
4. The Kalman filter

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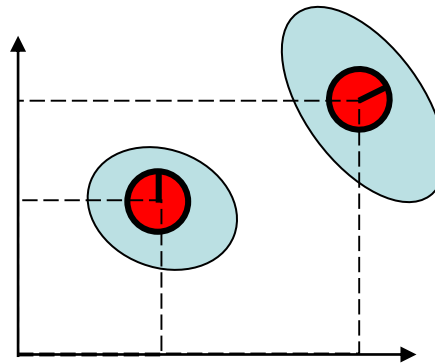


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### 3. Gaussian Filters

- **The hypothesis:** Uncertainty in robot pose can be represented through a Gaussian random vector (grv)



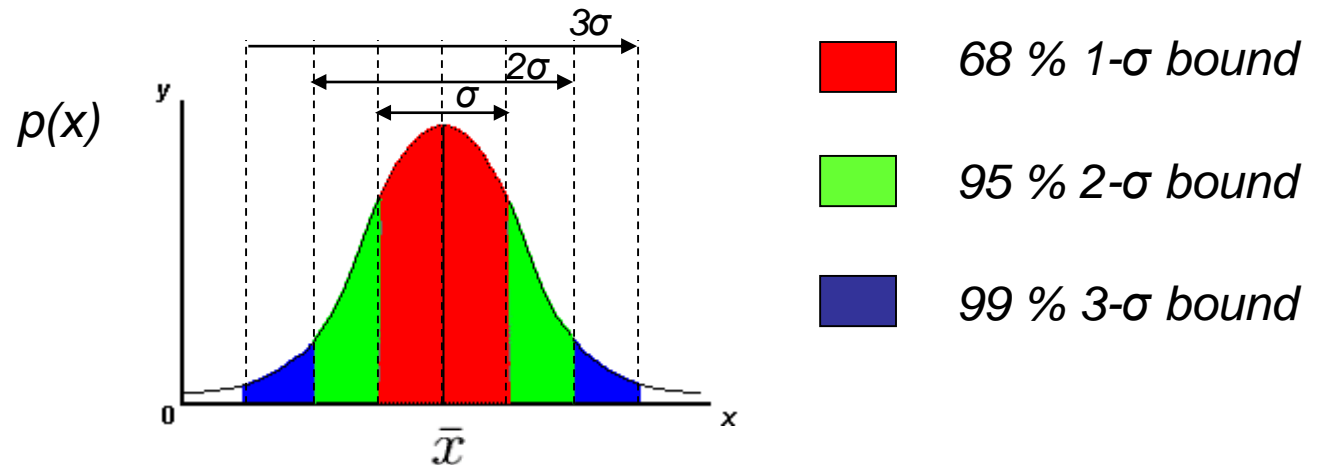
**Position corrupted with  
Random Gaussian noise**

- **Why the Gaussian hypothesis is so important?**
  - **Simplicity:** With only two parameters the pdf is completely defined.
  - **Computational efficiency:** Make some problems tractable.
  - **Central Limit Theorem (CLT):** The sum of a sequence of  $n$  independent random variables tends to a Gaussian pdf

## Gaussian Random Variables

The pdf of a (scalar) *Gaussian* or *normal random variable* is

$$p(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; \bar{x}, \sigma^2) \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



## Gaussian Random Vectors (GRV)

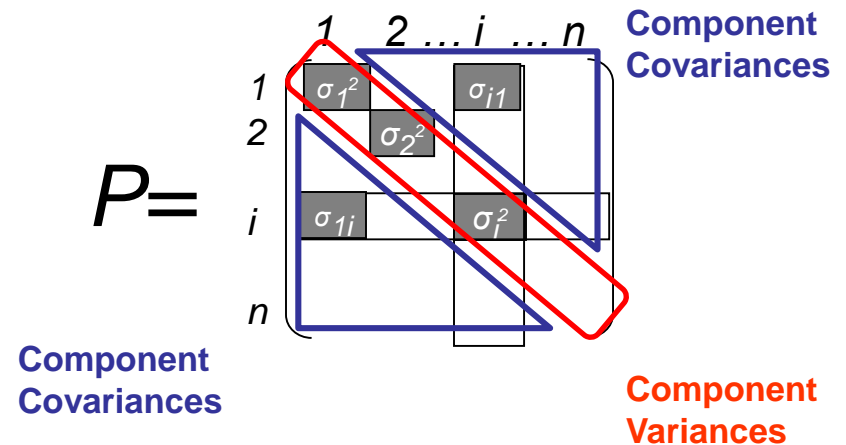
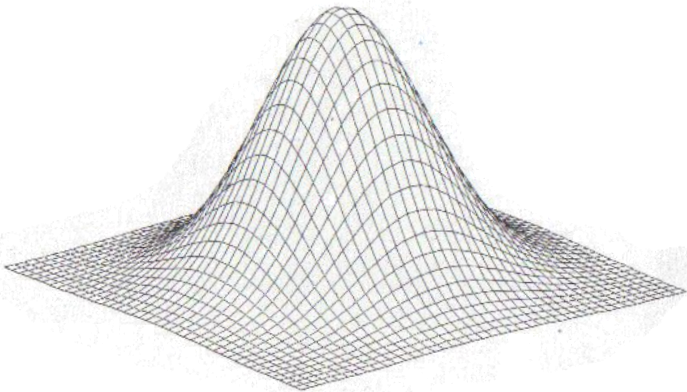
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where

$$\bar{x} = E[x]$$

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$\sigma_i^2$ : Variance of component  $i$

$\sigma_{ij}$ : Covariance between component  $i$  &  $j$

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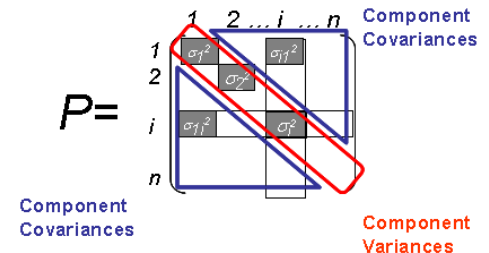
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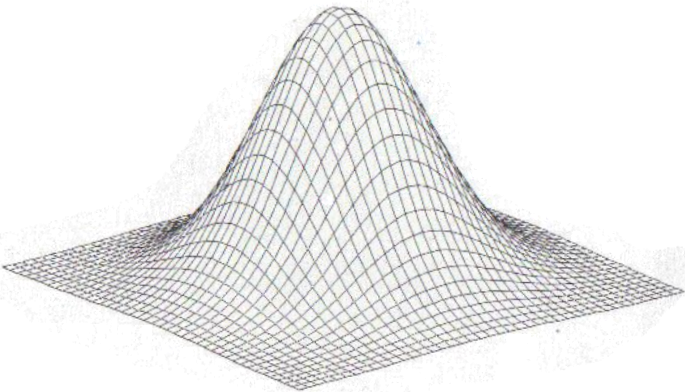
- $P=P^T$  (symetric matrix)  $\sigma_{ij}=\sigma_{ji}$
- $P$  diagonal  $\Rightarrow$  **uncorrelated**  $\Rightarrow$  **independent**
- $P > 0 \Rightarrow$  eigenvalues  $(P)>0$
- $P^{-1}>0$

Normally:

independence  ~~$\neq$~~  uncorrelation  
 $\Rightarrow$

But For GRV:

independence  $\Leftrightarrow$  uncorrelation



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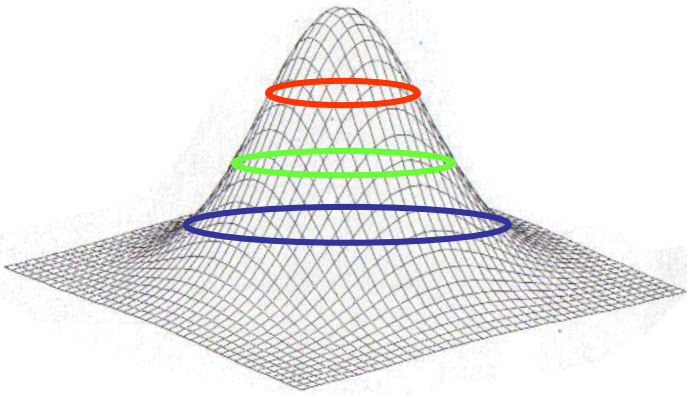
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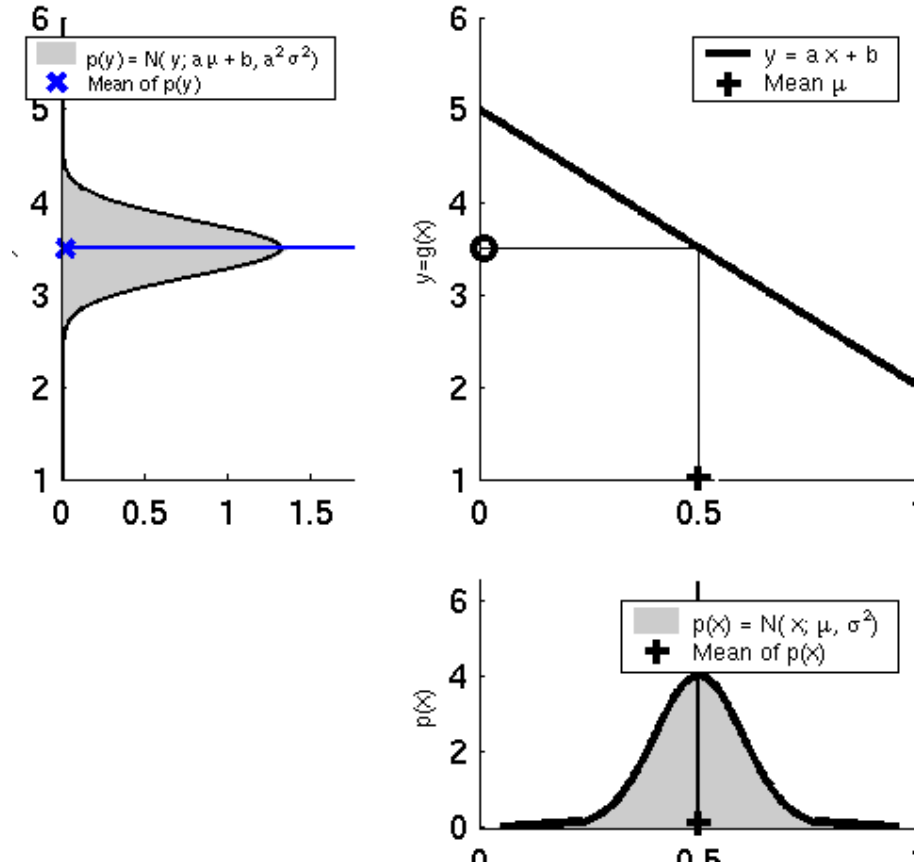
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- 40 % 1- $\sigma$  bound
- 95 % 2.45- $\sigma$  bound
- 99 % 3.03- $\sigma$  bound

## Properties: Linear transformations of GRV



- We stay in the “Gaussian world” as long as we start with Gaussians and perform only linear transformations.

## 4. Kalman Filter

- **Recall Bayesian Filter.**



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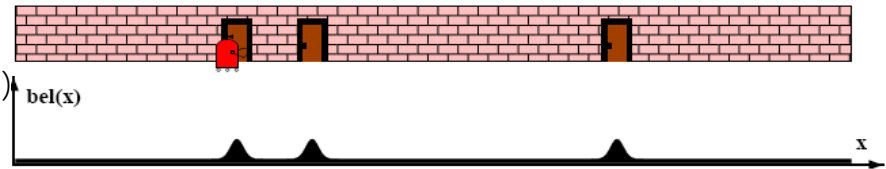
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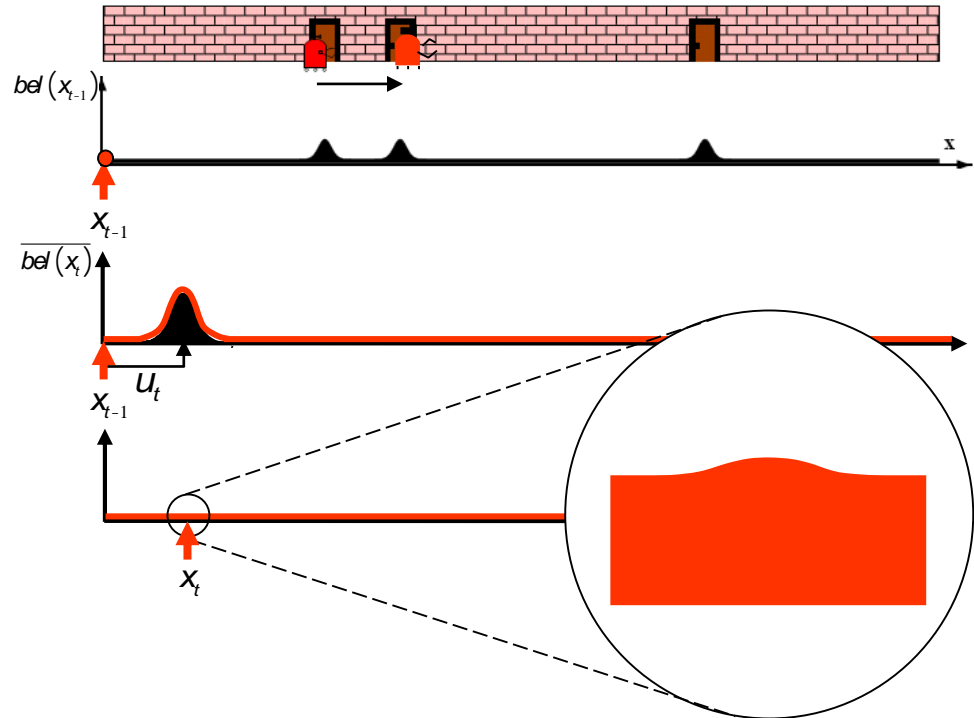
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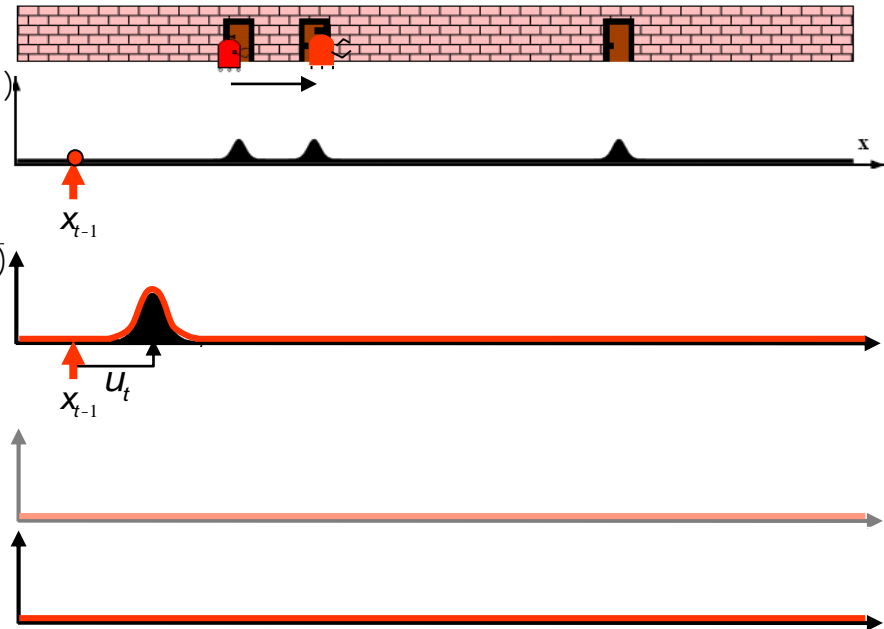
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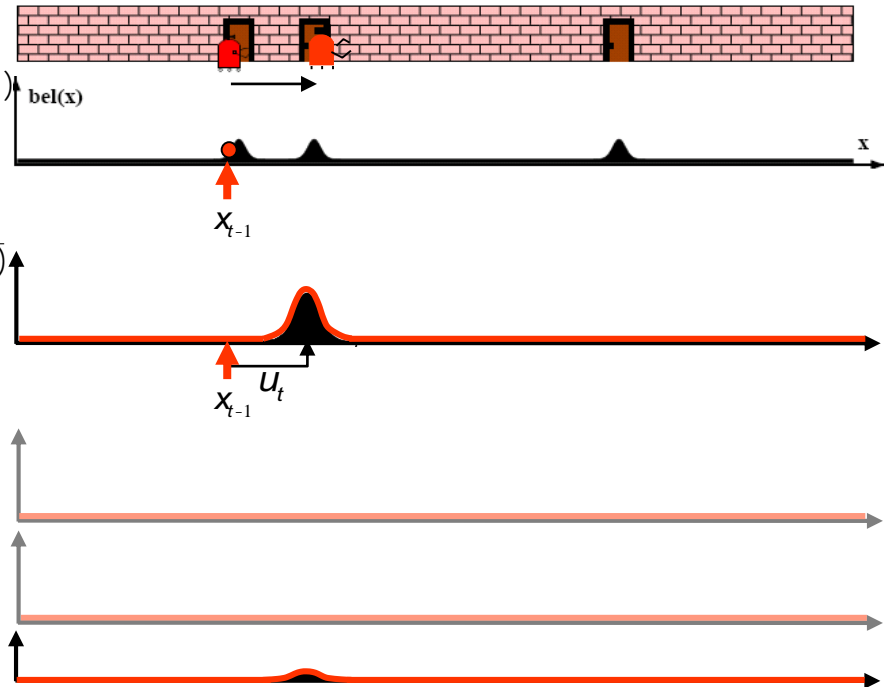
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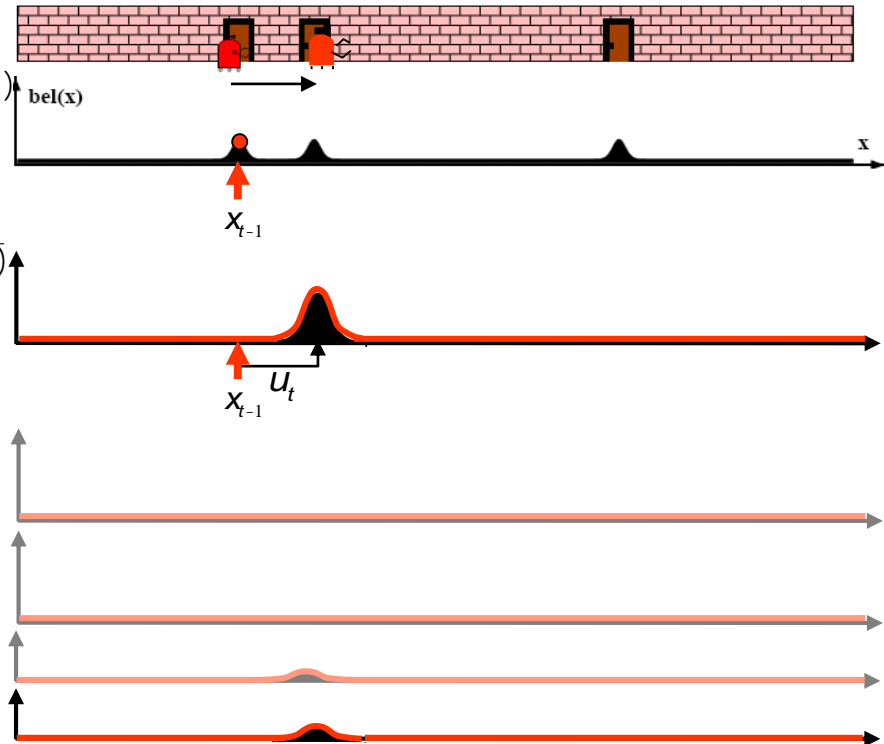
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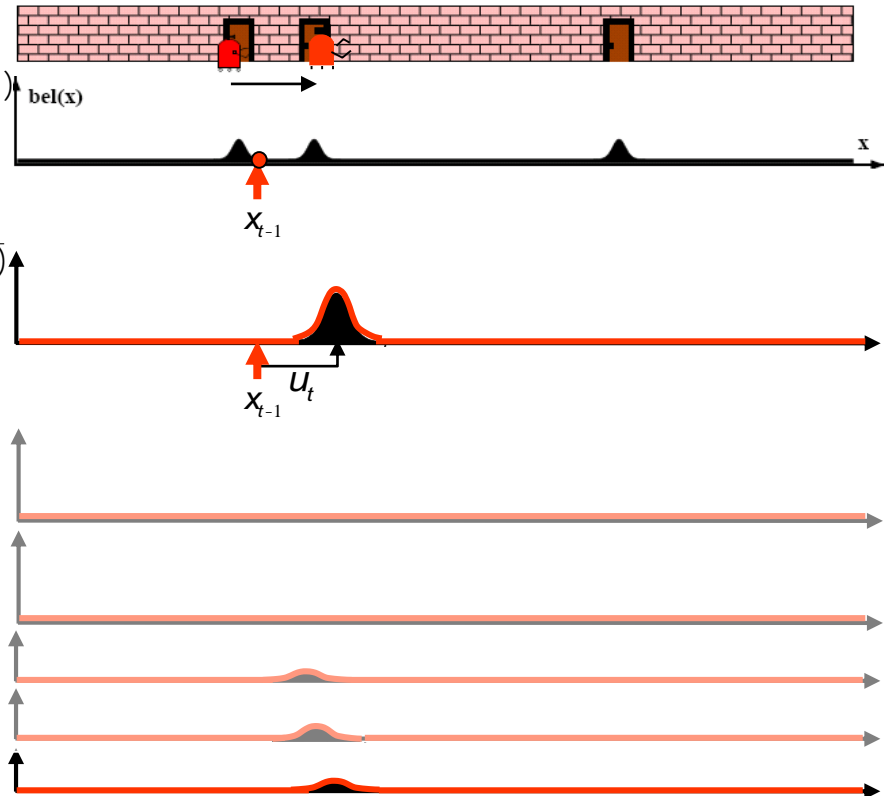
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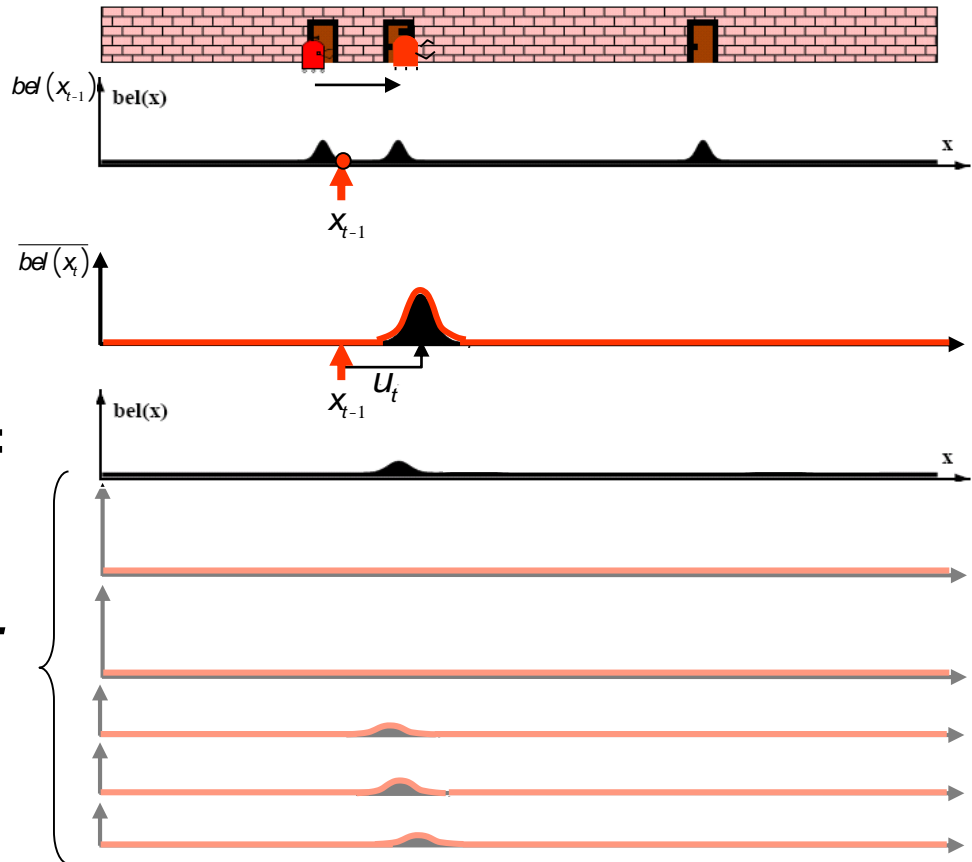
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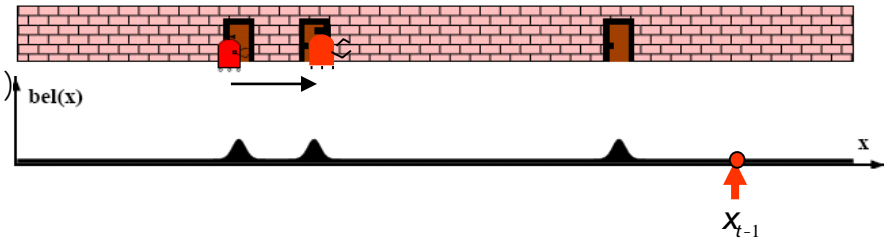
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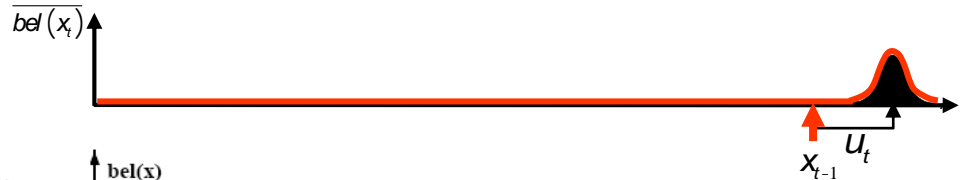
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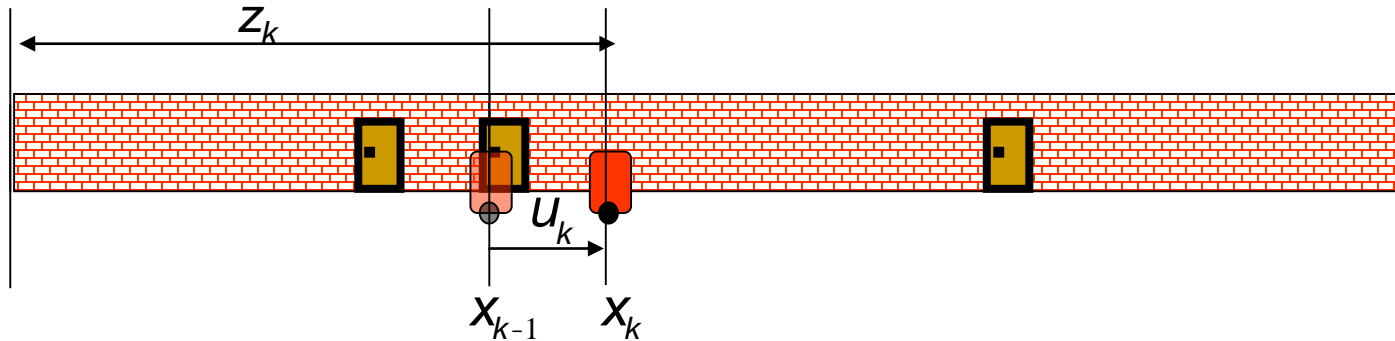
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# Example I: The Monobot

## Example I: Monobot with odometry and position fixes



1.  $t_{k-1}$  : The Monobot is at position  $x_{k-1}$
2.  $t_k$ : The Monobot Makes a displacement  $u_k$
3.  $t_k$ : The Monobot Senses the distance wrt to beginning of the corridor

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + u_k + w_k$$



$$x_k = A_k x_{k-1} + B_k u_k + w_k$$

$$z_k = x_k + v_k$$



$$z_k = H_k x_k + v_k$$

$$A_k = 1$$

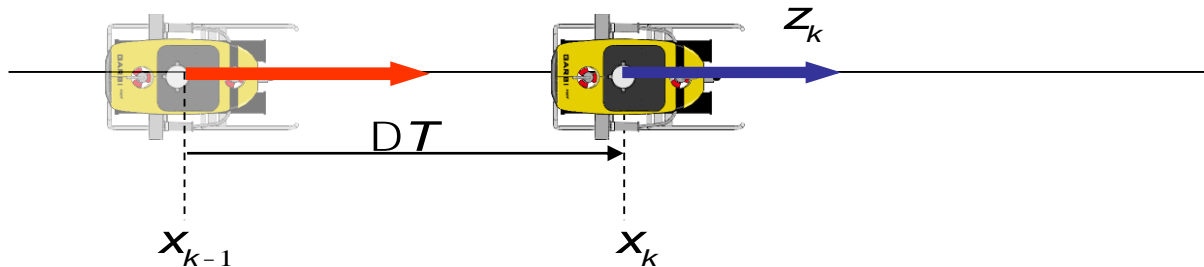
$$B_k = 1$$

$$H_k = 1$$

$$w_k = N(0, S_w)$$

$$v_k = N(0, S_v)$$

## Example II: 1DOF AUV Ct Velocity Model & Velocity updates



1.  $t_{k-1}$  : The AUV is at position  $x_{k-1}$
2.  $t_{k-1}$ : The AUV Moves at ct. velocity  $\dot{x}_{k-1}$
3.  $t_k$ : The AUV reaches position  $x_k$
4.  $t_k$ : The AUV measures its velocity  $z_k$

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + \dot{x}_{k-1} DT + \frac{DT^2}{2} w_k$$

$$\dot{x}_k = \dot{x}_{k-1} + w_k DT$$

$$w_k = N(0, S_w)$$

$$z_k = \dot{x}_k + v_k$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \dot{x}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_k = \dot{x}_{k, \text{measured}}$$

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$$\overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \dot{x}_k \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{x}_k} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & DT \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{A}_k} \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_{k-1} \\ \dot{x}_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{x}_{k-1}} + \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{DT^2}{2} \\ DT \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{w}_k} w_k$$

$$z_k = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{H}_k} \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \dot{x}_k \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{x}_k} + \overbrace{v_k}^{v_k}$$

- General case:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{w}_k$$

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{v}_k$$

**$\mathbf{A}_k$**  Matrix (nxn) that describes how the state evolves from  $t-1$  to  $t$  without controls or noise.

**$\mathbf{B}_k$**  Matrix (nxl) that describes how the control  $u_t$  changes the state from  $t-1$  to  $t$ .

**$\mathbf{H}_k$**  Matrix (kxn) that describes how to map the state  $x_t$  to an observation  $z_t$ .

**$\mathbf{x}_k$**  State Vector (nx1).

**$\mathbf{u}_k$**  Input Vector (nx1).

**$\mathbf{w}_k$**  Random variables representing the process and measurement noise that are assumed to be independent and normally distributed with covariance  $\mathcal{Q}_k$  and  $R_k$  respectively.

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- **Optimal implementation of the Bayes filter for:**

- **Linear Stochastic Systems:**

- Possibly time varying

- **Noise (process & measurement) should be:**

- Gaussian zero mean
- White
- Possibly non stationary
- Mutually independent



**Mathematically  
Tractable**

- **Computes de MMSE estimator for LG systems**

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- >  $bel(x_{k-1})$  is Gaussian
- > A linear equation relates  $x_k = f(x_{k-1}, u_k)$

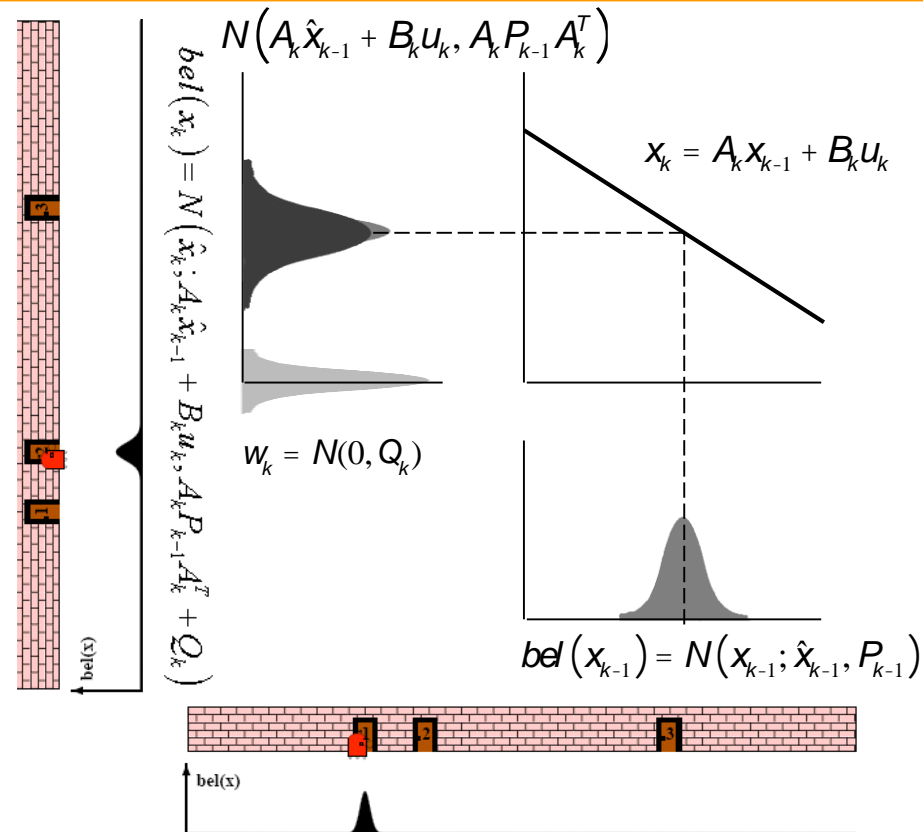
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- > Gaussianity is kept through linear transformations

- > The model is noisy

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> Given a Gaussian prior & measurement the a posterior belief is Gaussian too

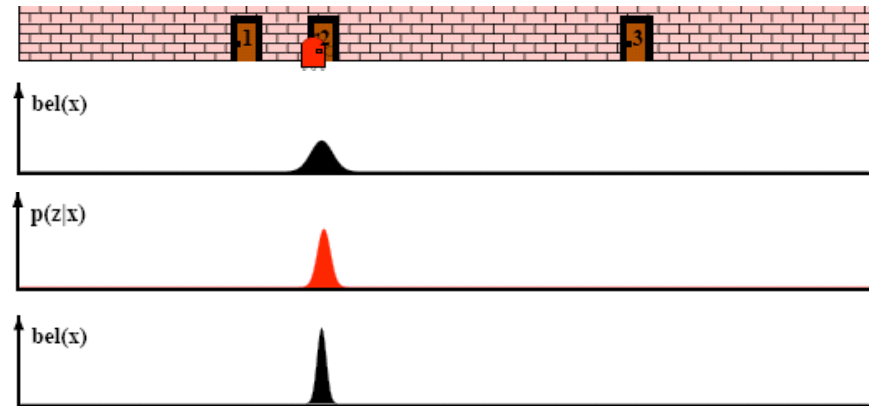
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■ See [Thrun05 ch. 3.3.4] for a formal probe.

■ The KF eq, can also be derived from the fundamental eq. of linear estimation (see Bar-shallom)