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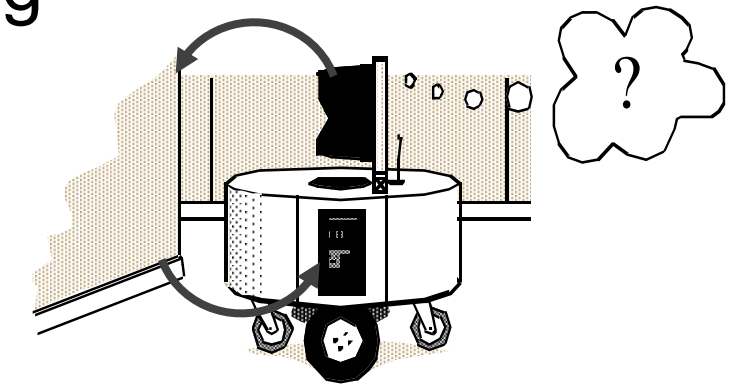
DEFINITION OF SLAM

What is SLAM?

- **Localization**: inferring location given a map
- **Mapping**: inferring a map given locations
- **SLAM**: learning a map and locating the robot simultaneously
- SLAM has long been regarded as a chicken-and-egg problem:
  - a map is needed for localization and
  - a pose estimate is needed for mapping



Material derived from Wolfram Burgard:
http://ais.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/teaching/ss20/robotics/slides/13-slam.pdf

SLAM Front-end & Back-end

- Front-end
  - calculate relative poses between several frames/ to map
    - scan matching
    - image registration
    - …
  - estimate absolute poses
  - construct the local map
- Back-end
  - optimize the absolute poses and mapping
  - only if a loop was closed

https://ww2.mathworks.cn/help/nav/ug/implement-simultaneous-localization-and-mapping-with-lidar-scans.html

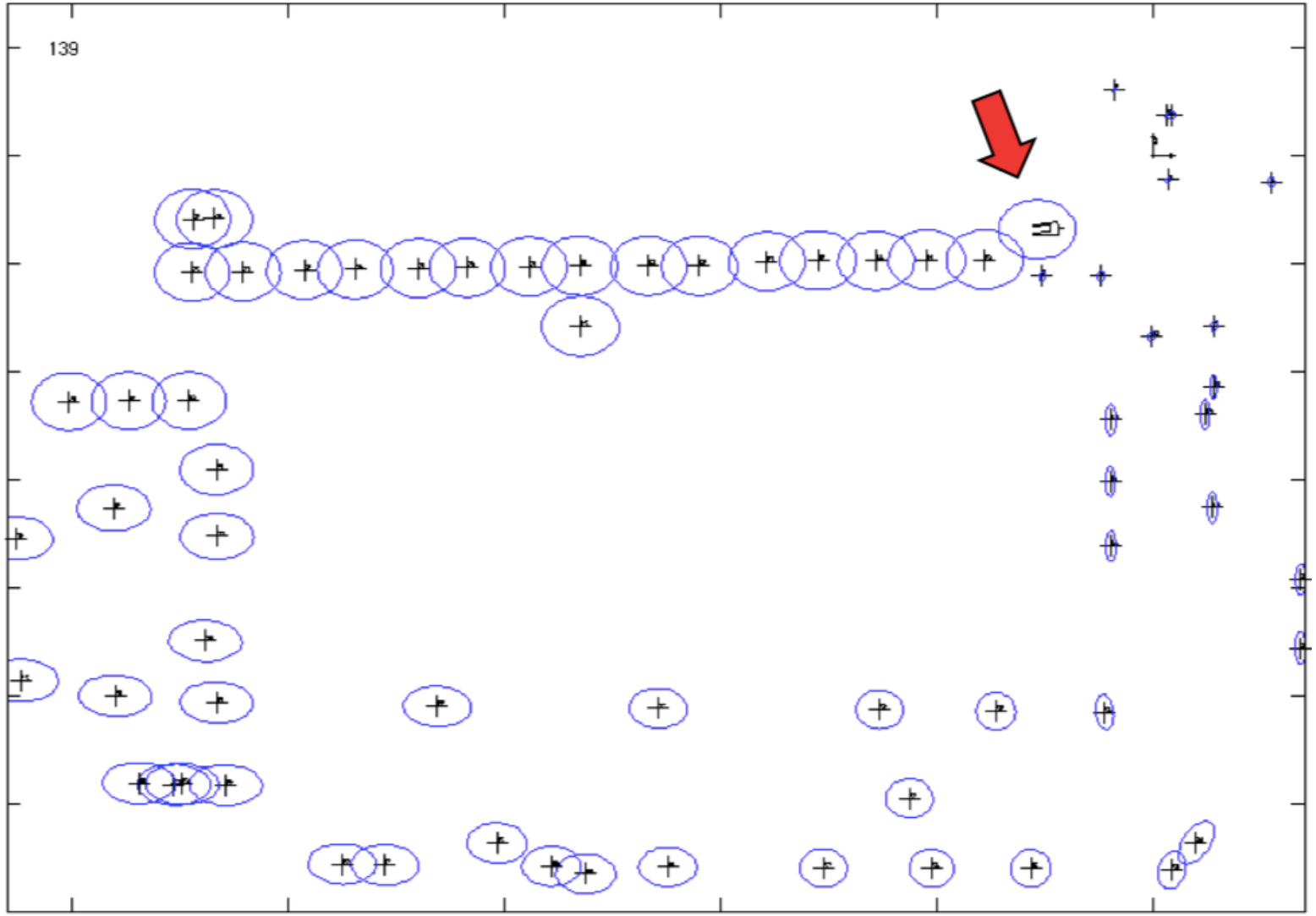
BACK END

Overview of Back-end

- Loop Detection
  - Find candidates of scan pairs/ scan with old map
  - E.g. based on global pose estimated (chain rule) OR image similarity (bag of words)
- Loop Closure
  - E.g. use scan matching to find the transform AND its uncertainty
- Optimization
  - Pose Graph optimization (e.g. minimize error of poses, based on uncertainty)
  - Bundle Adjustment
- Map Rendering
  - E.g. generate grid map based on optimized graph

Loop Closure

- Before loop closure



Loop Closure

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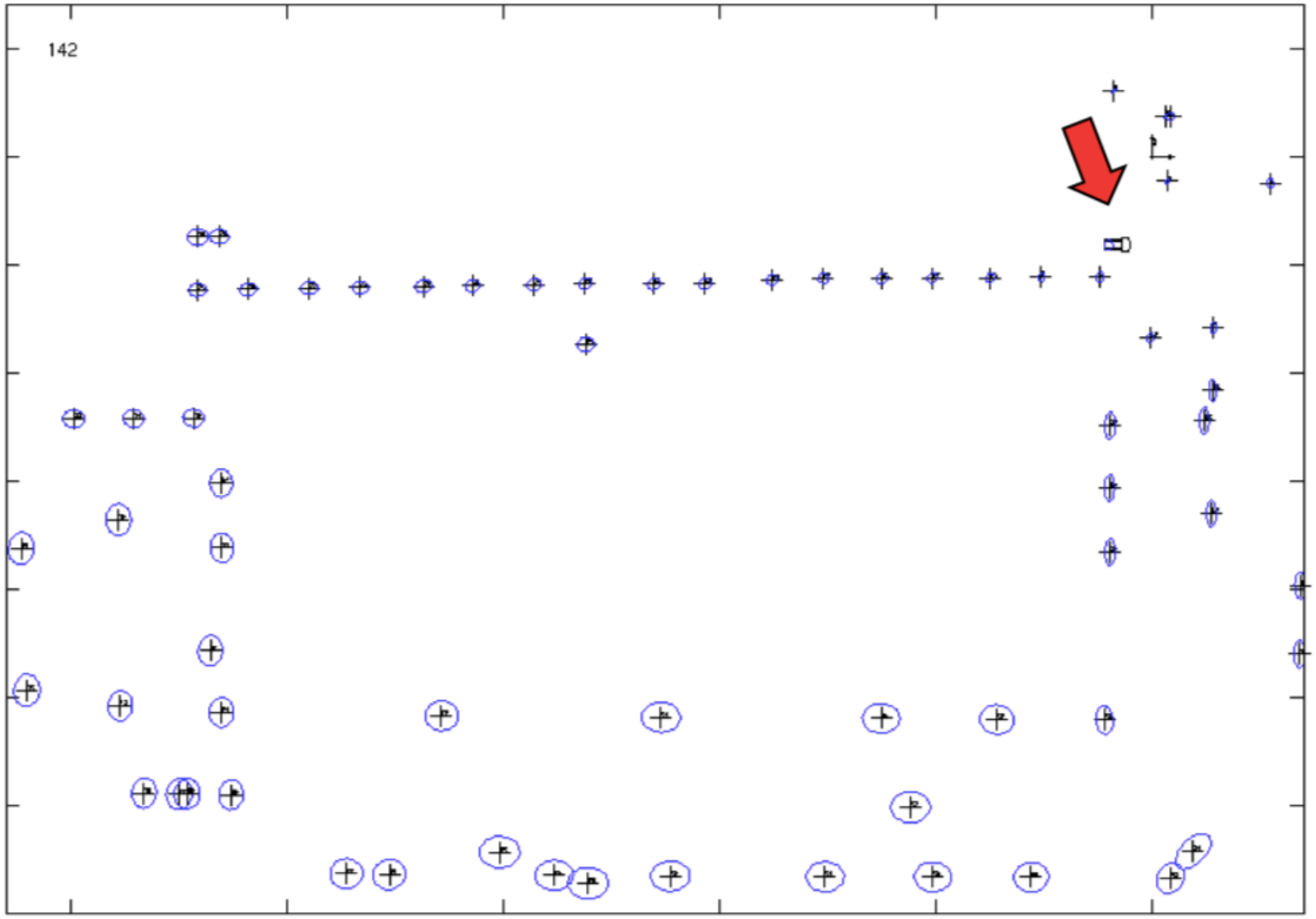

Loop Closure

- Recognizing an already mapped area, typically after a long exploration path (the robot “closes a loop”)
- Structurally identical to data association, but
  - high levels of ambiguity
  - possibly useless validation gates
  - environment symmetries
- Uncertainties collapse after a loop closure (whether the closure was correct or not)

Loop Closure

- By revisiting already mapped areas, uncertainties in robot and landmark estimates can be reduced
- This can be exploited when exploring an environment for the sake of better (e.g. more accurate) maps
- Exploration: the problem of where to acquire new information

Robust Loop Closing over Time for Pose Graph SLAM

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OVERVIEW: THREE SLAM PARADIGMS

The Three SLAM Paradigms

- Most of the SLAM algorithms are based on the following three different approaches:
  - Extended Kalman Filter SLAM: (called EKF SLAM)
  - Particle Filter SLAM: (called FAST SLAM)
  - Graph-Based SLAM

EKF SLAM: overview

- **Extended state vector** y_t : robot pose x_t + position of all the features m_i in the map:

$$y_t = [x_t, m_0, \ldots, m_{n-1}]^T$$

- Example: 2D line-landmarks, size of y_t = $3+2n$: three variables to represent the robot pose + $2n$ variables for the n line-landmarks having vector components

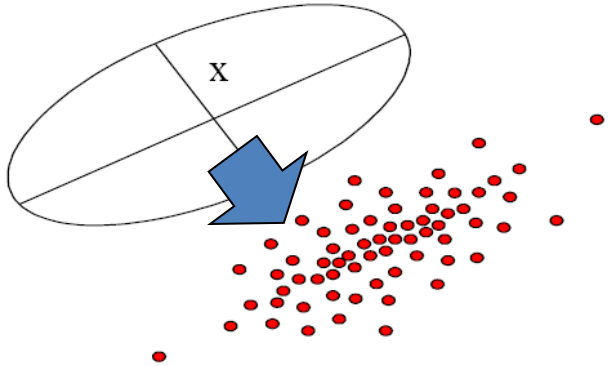
$$(\alpha_i, r_i)$$

$$y_t = [x_t, y_t, \theta_t, \alpha_0, r_0, \ldots, \alpha_{n-1}, r_{n-1}]^T$$

- As the robot moves and takes measurements, the state vector and covariance matrix are updated using the standard equations of the extended Kalman filter
- Drawback: EKF SLAM is computationally very expensive.

Particle Filter SLAM: FastSLAM

- **FastSLAM approach**
  - Using particle filters.
  - Particle filters: mathematical models that represent probability distribution as a set of discrete particles that occupy the state space.



probability distribution (ellipse) as particle set (red dots)

- Particle filter update
  - Generate new particle distribution using motion model and controls

a) For each particle:

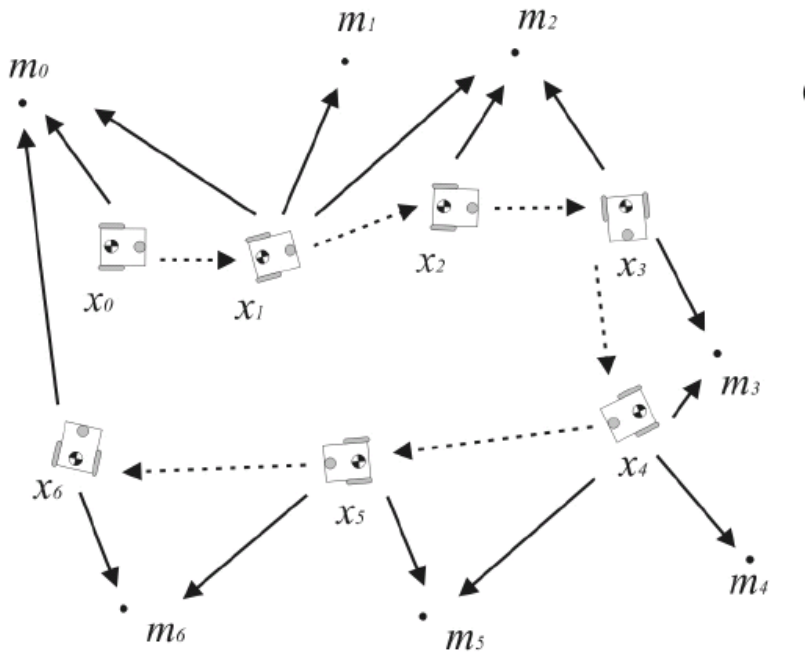
1. Compare particle's prediction of measurements with actual measurements
2. Particles whose predictions match the measurements are given a high weight

b) Filter resample:

- Resample particles based on weight
- Filter resample
  - Assign each particle a weight depending on how well its estimate of the state agrees with the measurements and randomly draw particles from previous distribution based on weights creating a new distribution.

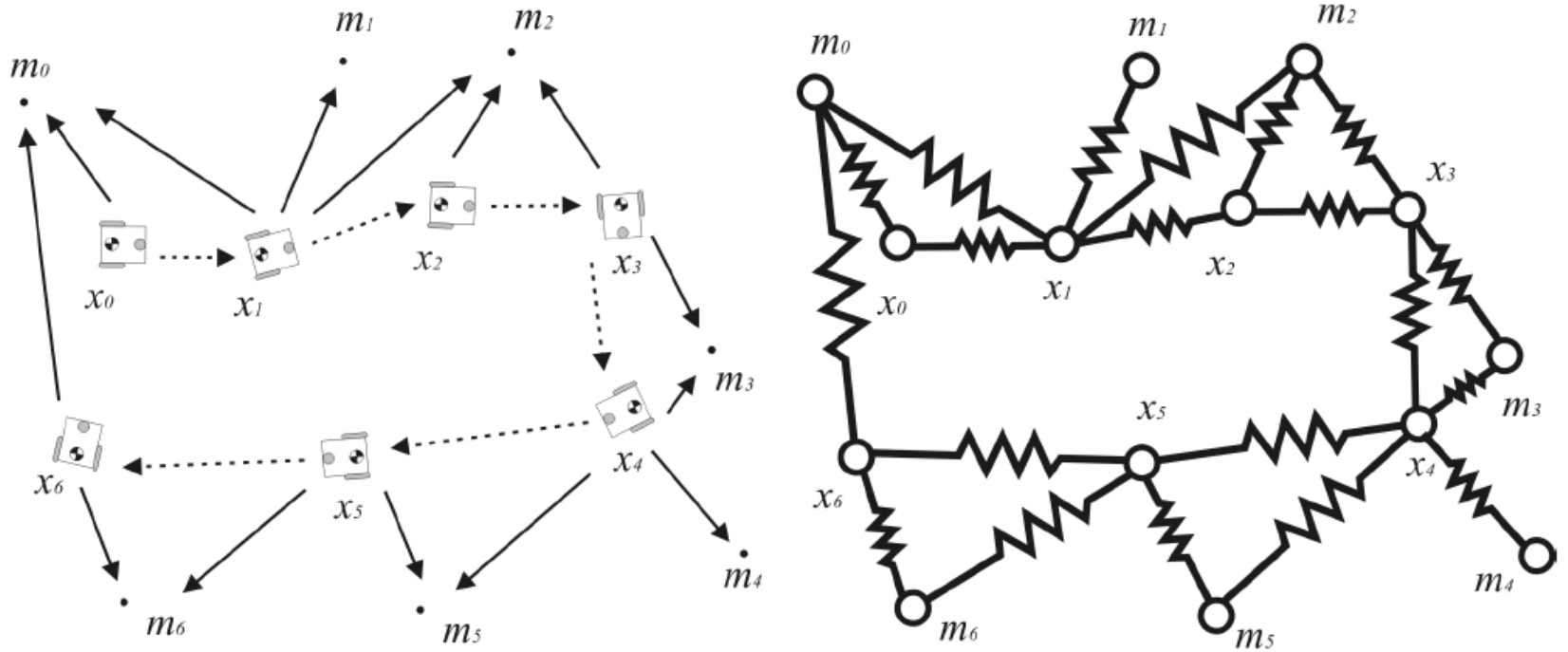
Graph-Based SLAM (1/3)

- SLAM problem can be interpreted as a sparse graph of nodes and constraints between nodes.
- The nodes of the graph are the robot locations and the features in the map.
- Constraints: relative position between consecutive robot poses , (given by the odometry input ***u***) and the relative position between the robot locations and the features observed from those locations.



Graph-Based SLAM (2/3)

- Constraints are not rigid but soft constraints!
- Relaxation: compute the solution to the full SLAM problem =>
  - Compute best estimate of the robot path and the environment map.
  - Graph-based SLAM represents robot locations and features as the nodes of an elastic net. The SLAM solution can then be found by computing the state of minimal energy of this net



Graph-Based SLAM (3/3)

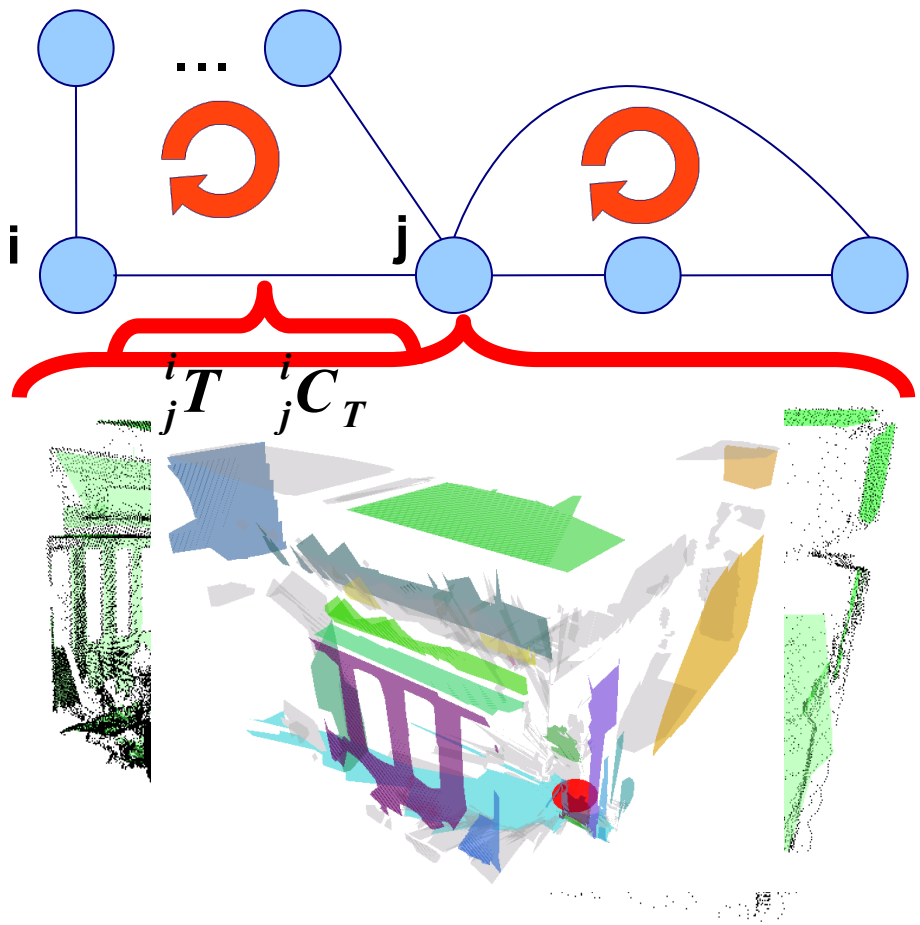
- Significant advantage of graph-based SLAM techniques over EKF SLAM:
  - EKF SLAM: computation and memory for to update and store the covariance matrix is quadratic with the number of features.
  - Graph-based SLAM: update time of the graph is constant and the required memory is linear in the number of features.
- However, the final graph optimization can become computationally costly if the robot path is long.

- Libraries for graph-based slam: g2o, ceres

SLAM EXAMPLES

Jacobs 3D Mapping – Plane Mapping

- Pose Graph
- 3D Range Sensing
- Plane Extraction
- Planar Scan Matching
- Relax Loop-Closing Errors



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Plane Extraction from 3D Point Clouds

- **Plane Fitting**
  - Assumes 3D sensor has radial Gaussian noise dependent on range
  - Uses Approximate Least Squares solution to find the best fit.
  - Estimates covariance matrix of the plane parameters

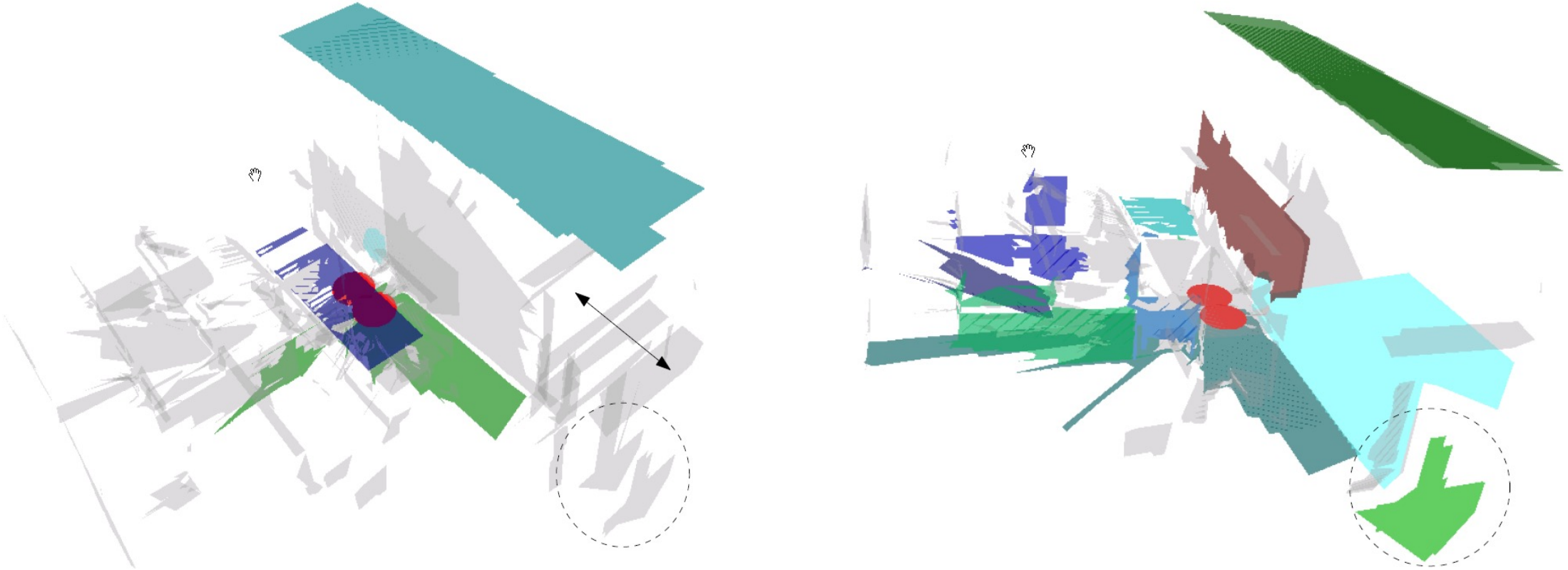
- **Range Image Segmentation**
  - Is based on region growing algorithm
  - Uses incremental formulas, therefore is fast
  - Has linear computational complexity

Given a range image, returns a polygonal model i.e. a set of planar features and boundaries.

Plane Registration (Scan Matching)

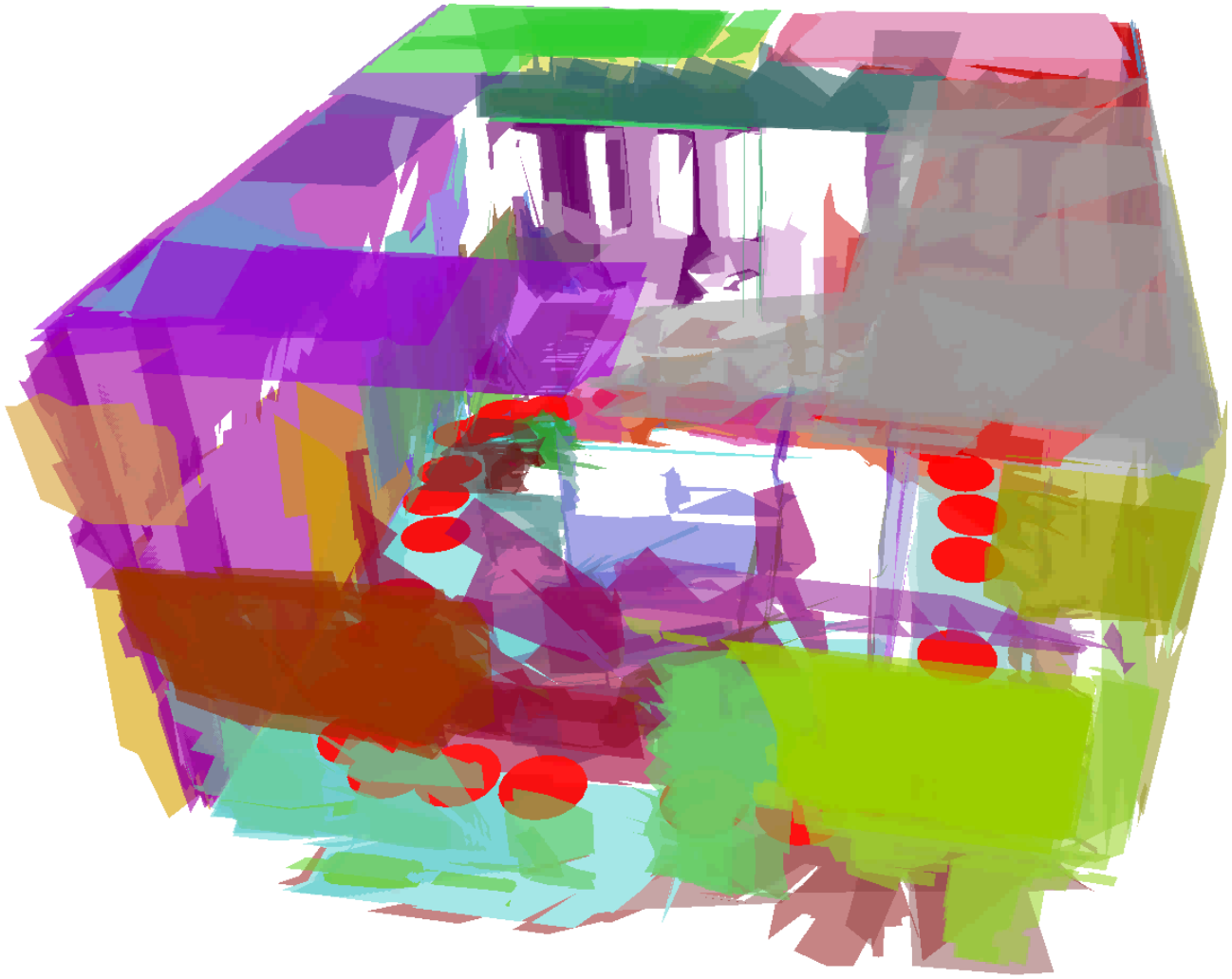
- Determining the correspondence set maximizing the global rigid body motion constraint.
- Finding the optimal decoupled rotations (Wahba's problem) and translations (closed form least squares) with related uncertainties.
- No motion estimates from any other source are needed.
- Very fast
- MUMC: Finding Minimally Uncertain Maximal Consensus
  - Of matched planes
- Idea: select two non-parallel plane matches => fixes rotation and only leaves one degree of translation!

Relaxation of Errors (Translation)



- **Only translation errors are relaxed**
  - Good rotation estimates from the plane matching
  - Non-linear optimization can be exchanged with linear if rotation is assumed to be known precisely.
  - This leads to a fast relaxation method

Experiment Lab Run: 29 3D point-clouds; size of each: 541 x 361 = 195,301



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ORB-SLAM2: an Open-Source SLAM System for Monocular, Stereo and RGB-D Cameras

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LOAM: Lidar Odometry and Mapping in Real-time

(Open Source Code and Open Datasets)

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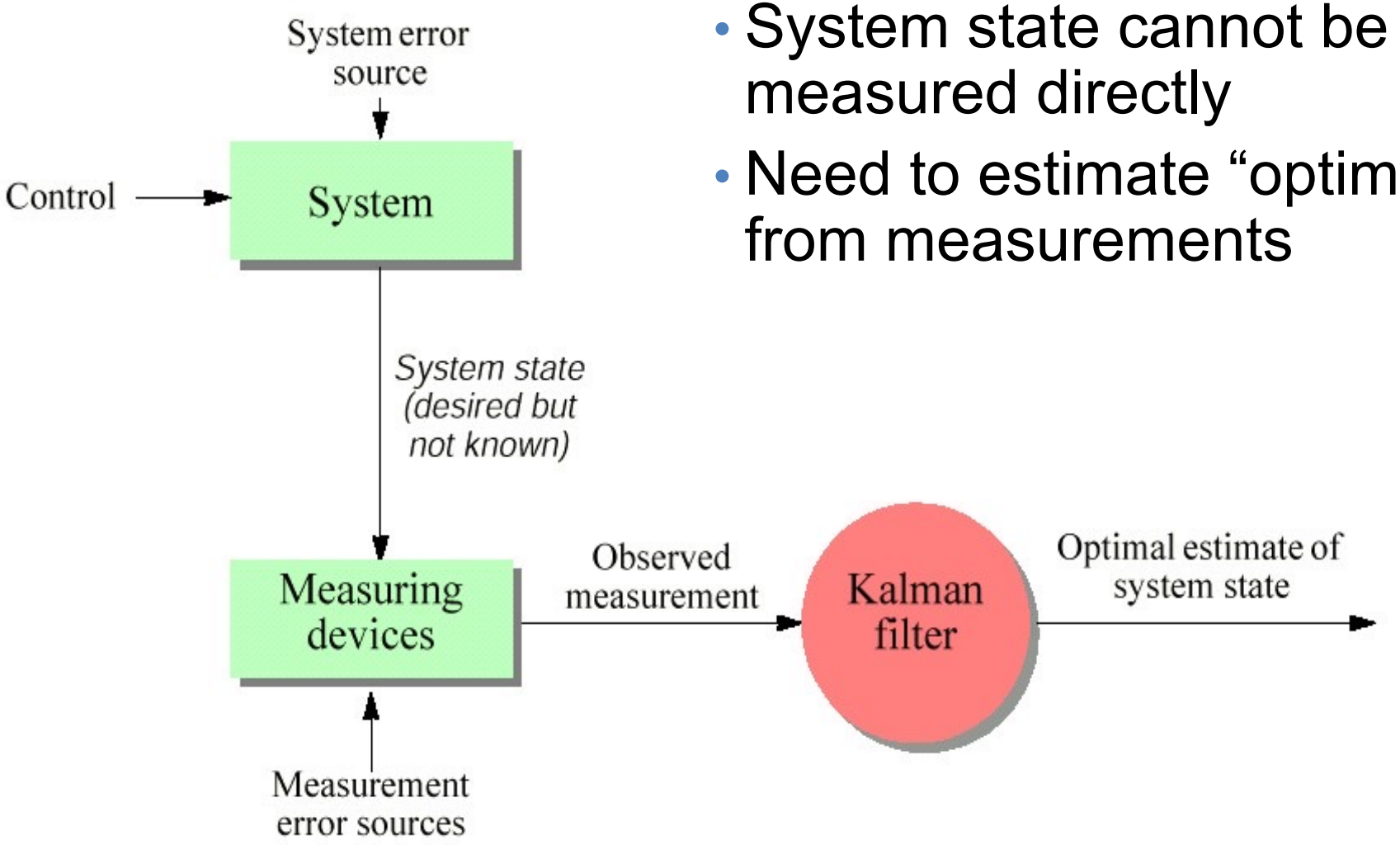
KALMAN FILTER OVERVIEW

Following Material:

- Michael Williams, Australian National University
- Cornelia Fermüller, University of Maryland

The Problem

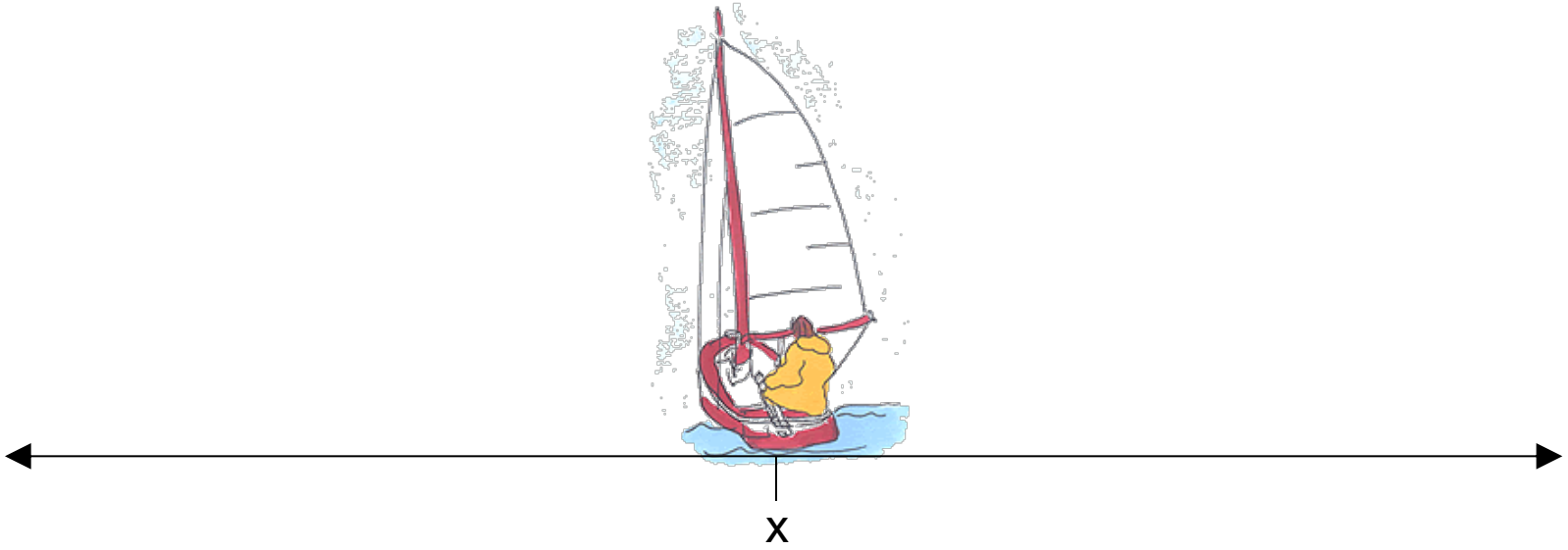


- System state cannot be measured directly
- Need to estimate “optimally” from measurements

What is a Kalman Filter?

- Recursive data processing algorithm
- Generates optimal estimate of desired quantities given the set of measurements
- Optimal?
  - For linear system and white Gaussian errors, Kalman filter is “best” estimate based on all previous measurements
  - For non-linear system optimality is ‘qualified’
- Recursive?
  - Doesn’t need to store all previous measurements and reprocess all data each time step

Conceptual Overview



- Lost on the 1-dimensional line
- Position – x(t)
- Assume Gaussian distributed measurements

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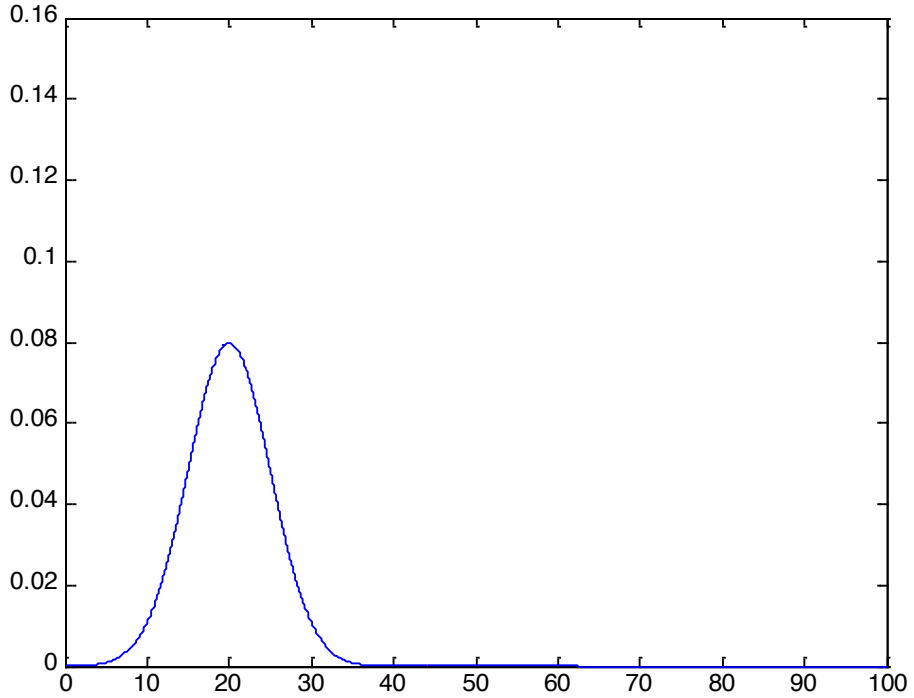

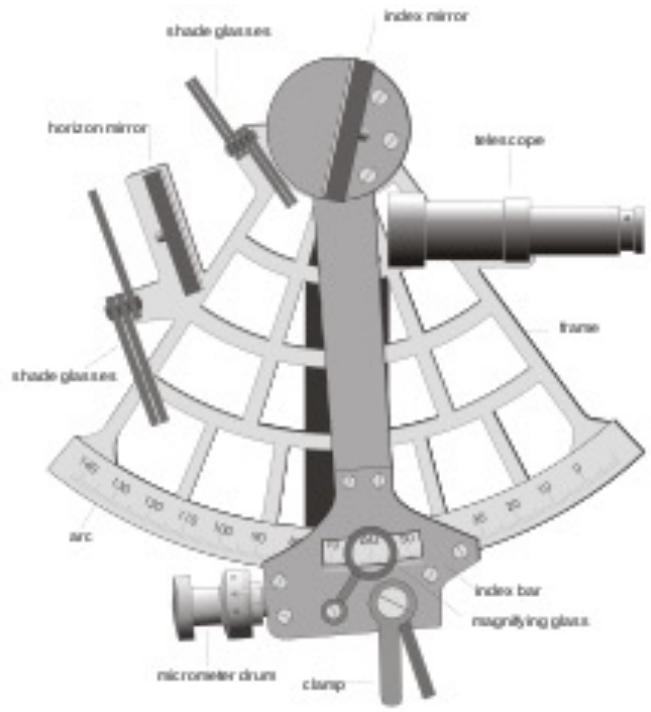

Sextant

- Sextant Measurement at t_1: Mean = z_1 and Variance = σ_{z1}
- Optimal estimate of position is: $\hat{x}(t_1) = z_1$
- Variance of error in estimate: $\sigma^2_x(t_1) = \sigma^2_{z1}$
- Boat in same position at time t_2 - Predicted position is z_1

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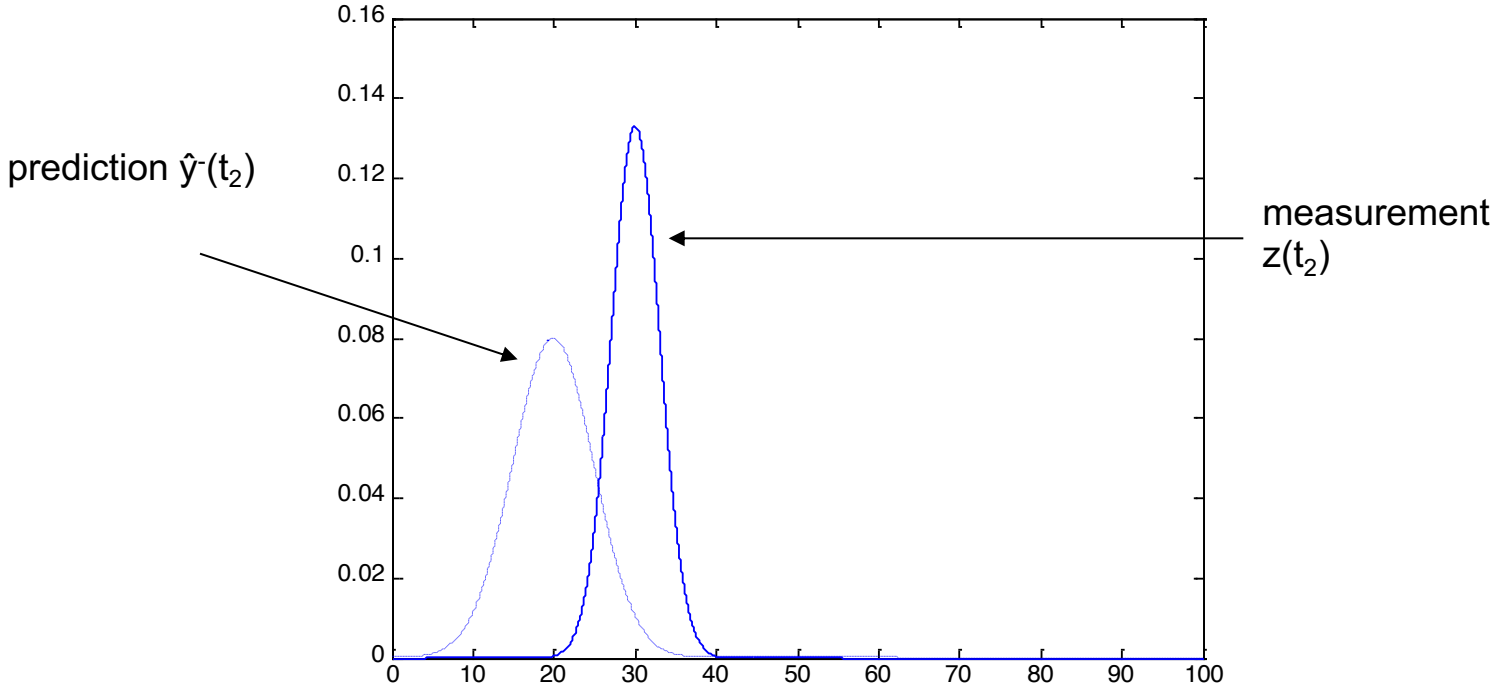

- So we have the prediction $\hat{x}^-(t_2)$
- GPS Measurement at t_2: Mean = z_2 and Variance = σ_{z2}
- Need to correct the prediction due to measurement to get $\hat{x}(t_2)$
- Closer to more trusted measurement – linear interpolation?

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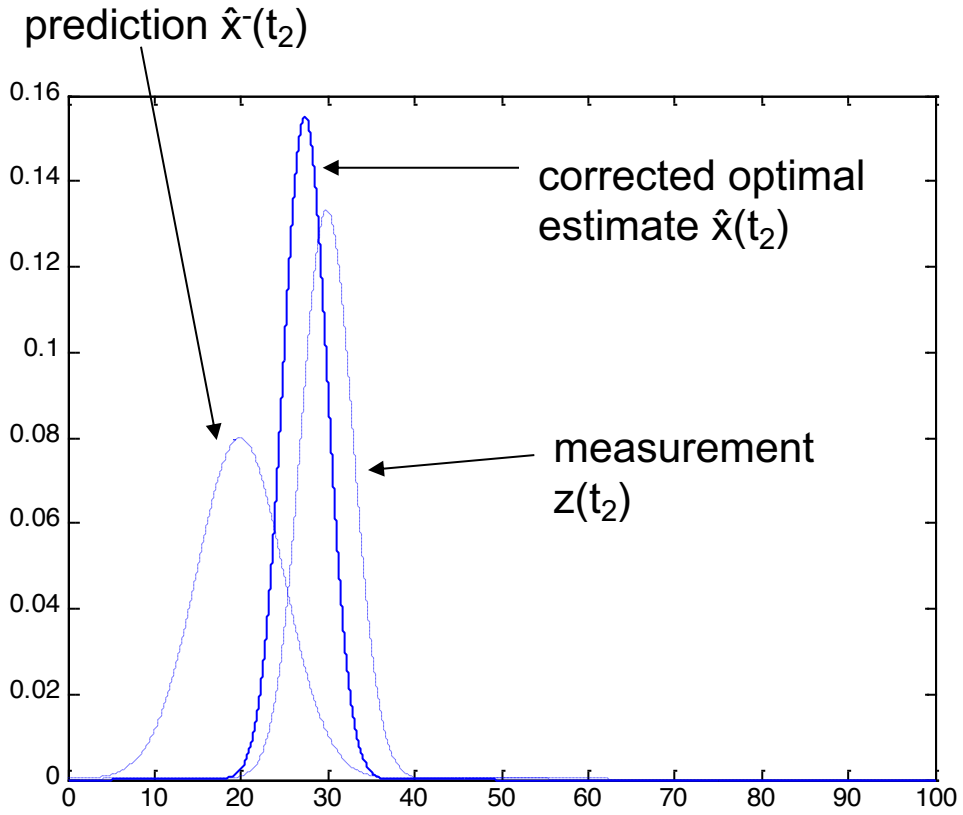

- Corrected mean is the new optimal estimate of position
- New variance is smaller than either of the previous two variances

Conceptual Overview

- Lessons so far:

Make prediction based on previous data: $\hat{x}^-, \sigma^-$

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Take measurement: z_k, σ_z

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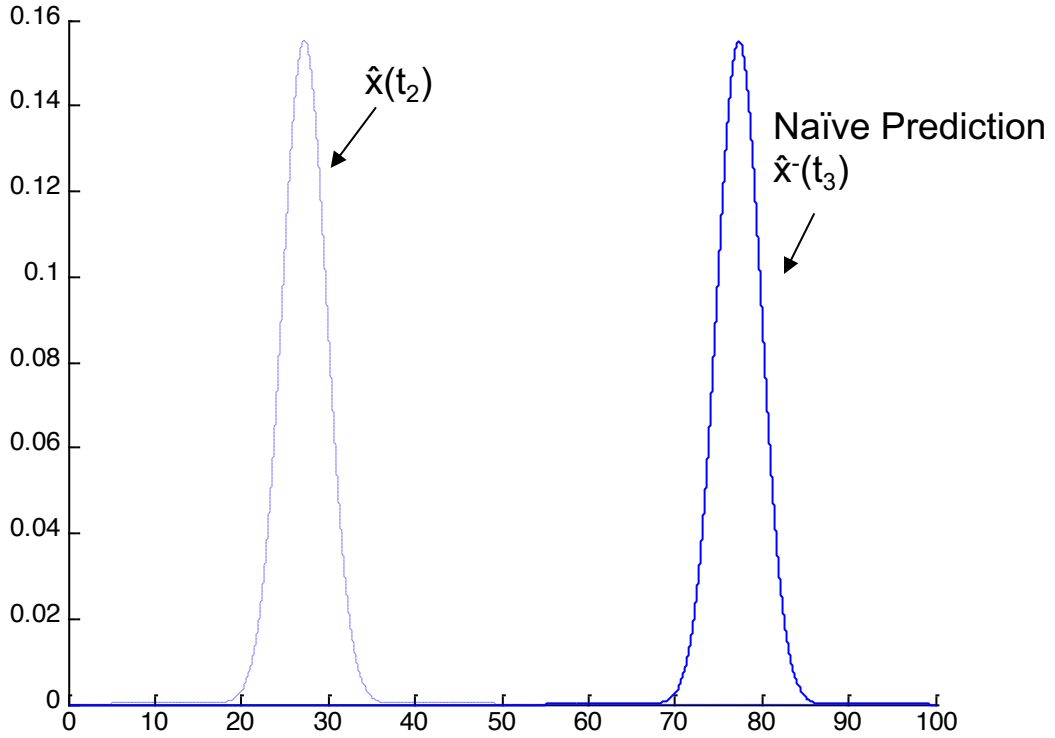
Optimal estimate ($\hat{x}$) = Prediction + (Kalman Gain) * (Measurement - Prediction)

Variance of estimate = Variance of prediction * (1 – Kalman Gain)

Conceptual Overview



- At time t_3, boat moves with velocity dx/dt=u
- Naïve approach: Shift probability to the right to predict
- This would work if we knew the velocity exactly (perfect model)

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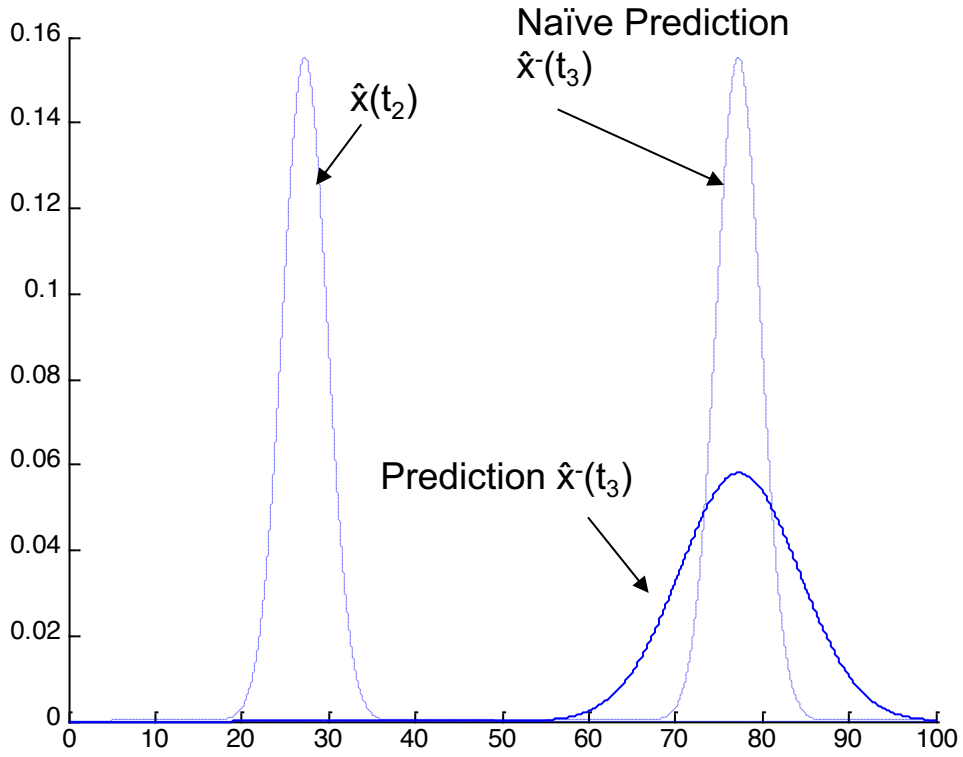
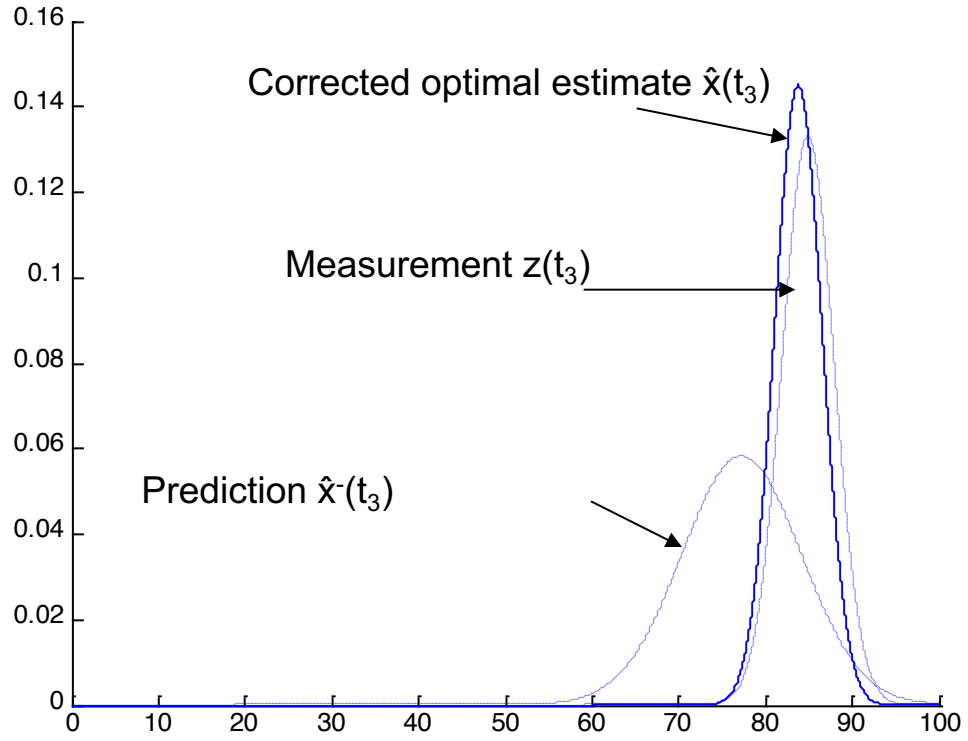


- Better to assume imperfect model by adding Gaussian noise
- dx/dt = u + w
- Distribution for prediction moves and spreads out

Conceptual Overview



- Now we take a measurement at t_3
- Need to once again correct the prediction
- Same as before

Conceptual Overview

- Lessons learnt from conceptual overview:
  - Initial conditions ($\hat{x}_{k-1}$ and σ_{k-1})
  - Prediction ($\hat{x}^-_k$, σ^-_k)
    - Use initial conditions and model (eg. constant velocity) to make prediction
  - Measurement (z_k)
    - Take measurement
  - Correction ($\hat{x}_k$, σ_k)
    - Use measurement to correct prediction by ‘blending’ prediction and residual – always a case of merging only two Gaussians
    - Optimal estimate with smaller variance

Theoretical Basis

- Process to be estimated:

$\hat{x}_k = Ay_{k-1} + Bu_k + w_{k-1}$ Process Noise (w) with covariance Q

$z_k = Hy_k + v_k$ Measurement Noise (v) with covariance R

- Kalman Filter

Predicted: $\hat{y}^-_k$ is estimate based on measurements at previous time-steps

$$\hat{x}^-_k = Ay_{k-1} + Bu_k$$

$$P^-_k = AP_{k-1}A^T + Q$$

Corrected: $\hat{y}_k$ has additional information – the measurement at time k

$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}^-_k + K(z_k - H\,\hat{x}^-_k)$$

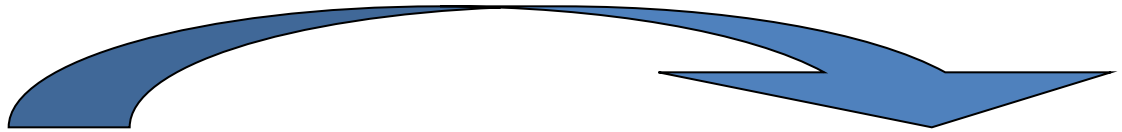
$$K = P^-_k H^T (HP^-_k H^T + R)^{-1}$$

$$P_k = (I - KH)P^-_k$$

Blending Factor

- If we are sure about measurements:
  - Measurement error covariance (R) decreases to zero
  - K decreases and weights residual more heavily than prediction
- If we are sure about prediction
  - Prediction error covariance P^-_k decreases to zero
  - K increases and weights prediction more heavily than residual

Theoretical Basis



Prediction (Time Update)

(1) Project the state ahead

$$\hat{x}^-_k = Ay_{k-1} + Bu_k$$

(2) Project the error covariance ahead

$$P^-_k = AP_{k-1}A^T + Q$$

Correction (Measurement Update)

(1) Compute the Kalman Gain

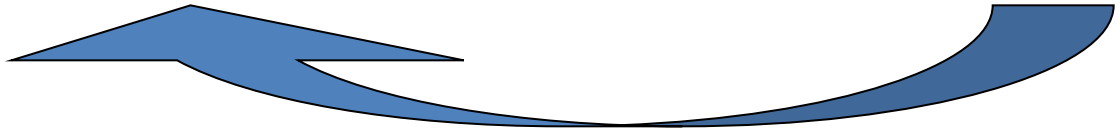
$$K = P^-_k H^T (HP^-_k H^T + R)^{-1}$$

(2) Update estimate with measurement z_k

$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}^-_k + K(z_k - H\,\hat{x}^-_k)$$

(3) Update Error Covariance

$$P_k = (I - KH)P^-_k$$



RECURSIVE STATE ESTIMATION

Following Material:

- Cyrill Stachniss, University of Bonn

State Estimation

- Estimate the state x of a system given observations z and controls u
- **Goal:**

$$p(x \mid z, u)$$

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$$p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

(reminder)

Tiny Reminder (Probability Theory)

(reminder)

Bayes' Rule

$$p(x, y) = p(x \mid y)\, p(y)$$
$$p(x, y) = p(y \mid x)\, p(x)$$

$$p(x \mid y) = \frac{p(y \mid x)\, p(x)}{p(y)} = \frac{\text{likelihood prior}}{\text{evidence}}$$

Bayes' Rule with Background Knowledge z

$$p(x \mid y) = \frac{p(y \mid x)\, p(x)}{p(y)}$$

$$p(x \mid y, z) = \frac{p(y \mid x, z)\, p(x \mid z)}{p(y \mid z)}$$

(reminder)

Law of Total Probability and Marginalization

Law of Total Probability

$$p(x) = \sum_y p(x \mid y)\, p(y) \qquad p(x) = \int p(x \mid y)\, p(y)\, dy$$

Marginalization

$$p(x) = \sum_y p(x, y) \qquad p(x) = \int p(x, y)\, dy$$

Markov Property/Assumption

- "The future is independent from the past given the current state."
- Markov property = the conditional probability distribution of future states depends only upon the present state, not on the sequence of events that preceded it.
- Such a process has no memory

State Estimation

- Estimate the state x of a system given observations z and controls u
- **Goal:**

$$p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

Recursive Bayes Filter 1

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

definition of the belief

Recursive Bayes Filter 2

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$
$$= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})\, p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})$$

Bayes' rule

Recursive Bayes Filter 3

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Markov assumption

Recursive Bayes Filter 4

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Law of total probability

Recursive Bayes Filter 5

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Markov assumption

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independence assumption

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&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t) \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)\, p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})\, dx_{t-1} \\
&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t) \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)\, \underline{bel(x_{t-1})}\, dx_{t-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

recursive term

Complete Derivation of the Recursive Bayes Filter

$$
\begin{aligned}
bel(x_t) &= p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) \\
&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})\; p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) \\
&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t)\; p(x_t \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) \\
&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t) \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) \\
&\qquad\qquad p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})\; dx_{t-1} \\
&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t) \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)\; p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})\; dx_{t-1} \\
&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t) \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)\; p(x_{t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})\; dx_{t-1} \\
&= \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t) \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)\; bel(x_{t-1})\; dx_{t-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

Prediction and Correction Step

- Bayes filter can be written as a two step process

$$bel(x_t) = \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t) \int p(x_t \mid u_t, x_{t-1})\; bel(x_{t-1})\, dx_{t-1}$$

- **Prediction step**

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \int p(x_t \mid u_t, x_{t-1})\; bel(x_{t-1})\, dx_{t-1}$$

- **Correction step**

$$bel(x_t) = \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t)\; \overline{bel}(x_t)$$

Motion and Observation Model

- Prediction step

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \int p(x_t \mid u_t, x_{t-1})\ bel(x_{t-1})\, dx_{t-1}$$

motion model

- Correction step

$$bel(x_t) = \eta\, p(z_t \mid x_t)\ \overline{bel}(x_t)$$

observation model
(also: measurement or sensor model)

Different Realizations

- The Bayes filter is a **framework** for recursive state estimation
- There are **different realizations**
- **Different properties**
  - Linear vs. non-linear models for motion and observation models
  - Gaussian distributions only?
  - Parametric vs. non-parametric filters
  - …

Popular Filters

- **Kalman filter & EKF**
  - Gaussians
  - Linear or linearized models
- **Particle filter**
  - Non-parametric
  - Arbitrary models (sampling required)

KALMAN FILTER DETAILS

Following Material:

- Michael Williams, Australian National University
- Cornelia Fermüller, University of Maryland

Recursive Bayes Filter

$$Bel(x_t) = \eta\ P(z_t \mid x_t) \int P(x_t \mid u_t, x_{t-1})\ Bel(x_{t-1})\ dx_{t-1}$$

1. Algorithm **Bayes_filter**(*Bel(x),d*):
2. η=0
3. If *d* is a perceptual data item *z* then
4. For all *x* do
5. $Bel'(x) = P(z \mid x) Bel(x)$
6. $\eta = \eta + Bel'(x)$
7. For all *x* do
8. $Bel'(x) = \eta^{-1} Bel'(x)$
9. Else if *d* is an action data item *u* then
10. For all *x* do
11. $Bel'(x) = \int P(x \mid u, x')\ Bel(x')\ dx'$
12. Return *Bel'(x)*

Kalman Filter

- Bayes filter with **Gaussians**
- Developed in the late 1950's
- Most relevant Bayes filter variant in practice
- Applications range from economics, wheather forecasting, satellite navigation to robotics and many more.

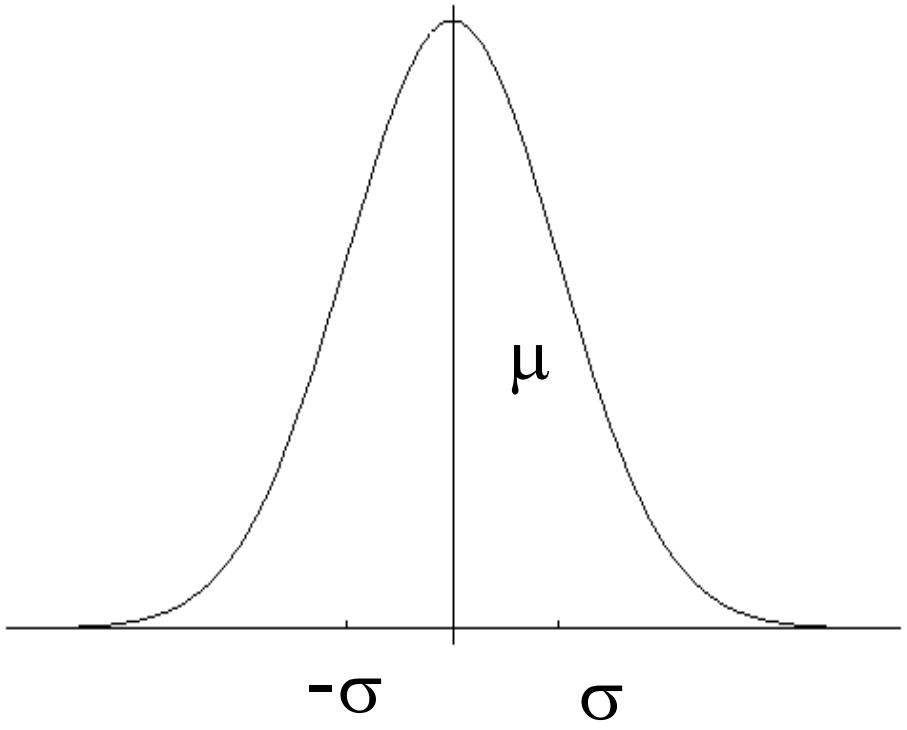
- The Kalman filter "algorithm" is a couple of **matrix multiplications**!

Gaussians

$$p(x) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2):$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

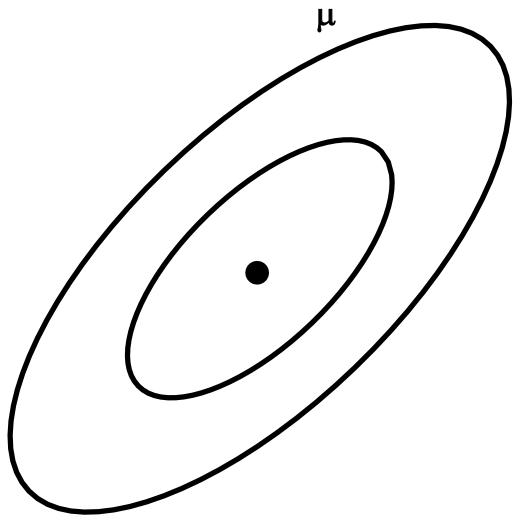
Univariate



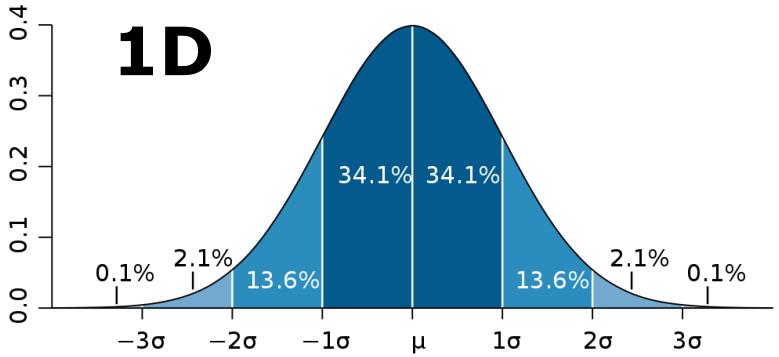
$$p(\mathbf{x}) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}):$$

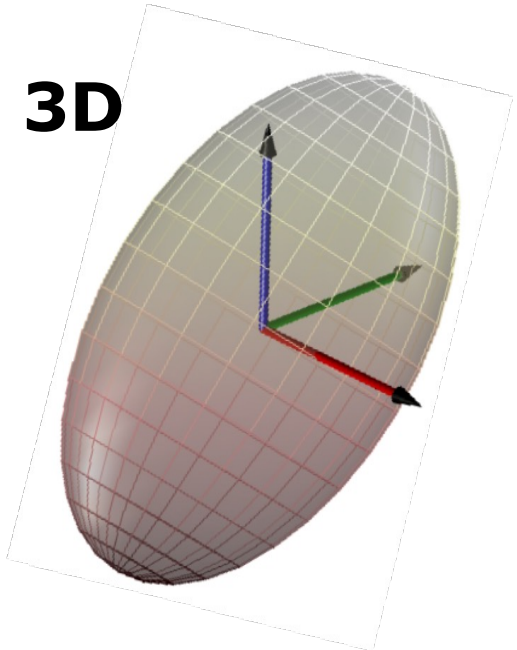
$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})}$$

Multivariate



Gaussians





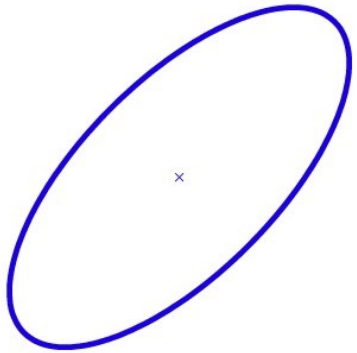
2D

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.020 & 0.013 \\ 0.013 & 0.020 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_1 = 0.007$

$\lambda_2 = 0.033$

$\rho = \sigma_{XY} / \sigma_X \sigma_Y = 0.673$



Properties of Gaussians

- Univariate

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ Y = aX + b \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow \quad Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^{\ 2}) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^{\ 2}) \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left(\frac{\sigma_2^{\ 2}}{\sigma_1^{\ 2} + \sigma_2^{\ 2}} \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^{\ 2}}{\sigma_1^{\ 2} + \sigma_2^{\ 2}} \mu_2, \quad \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{\ -2} + \sigma_2^{\ -2}} \right)$$

- Multivariate

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \\ Y = AX + B \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow \quad Y \sim N(A\mu + B, A\Sigma A^T)$$

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2) \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left(\frac{\Sigma_2}{\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2} \mu_1 + \frac{\Sigma_1}{\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2} \mu_2, \quad \frac{1}{\Sigma_1^{-1} + \Sigma_2^{-1}} \right)$$

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

Introduction to Kalman Filter (1)

- Two measurements no dynamics

$$\hat{q}_1 = q_1 \text{ with variance } \sigma_1^2$$
$$\hat{q}_2 = q_2 \text{ with variance } \sigma_2^2$$

- Weighted least-square

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i (\hat{q} - q_i)^2$$

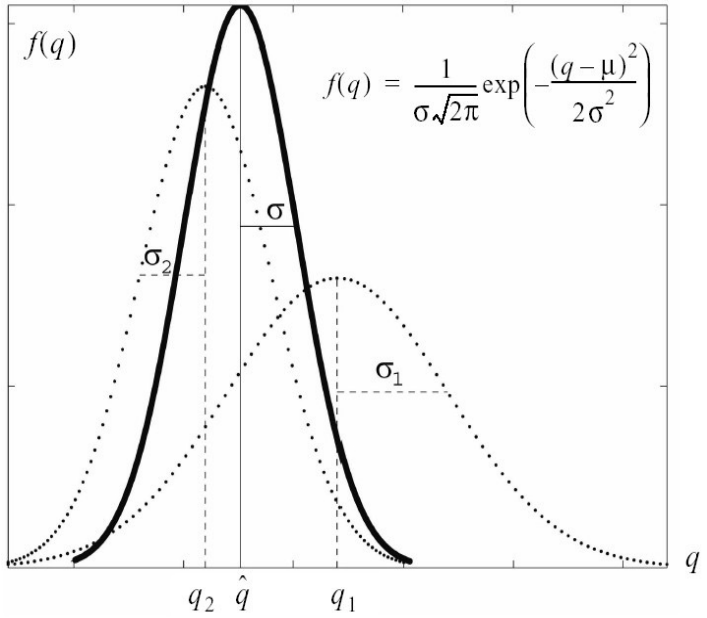
- Finding minimum error

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \hat{q}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{q}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i (\hat{q} - q_i)^2 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i (\hat{q} - q_i) = 0$$

- After some calculation and rearrangements

$$\hat{q} = q_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} (q_2 - q_1)$$

- Another way to look at it – weighted mean



Discrete Kalman Filter

- Estimates the state x of a discrete-time controlled process that is governed by the linear stochastic difference equation

$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$$ ← Process dynamics

- with a measurement

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$ ← Observation model

A_t Matrix (nxn) that describes how the state evolves from t-1 to t without controls or noise.

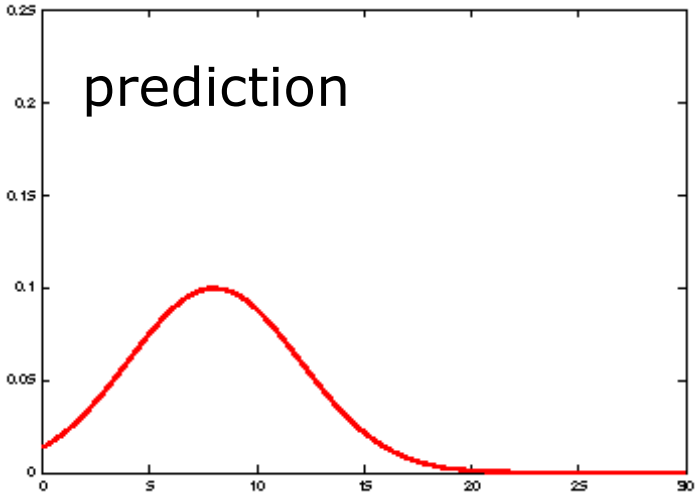
B_t Matrix (nxl) that describes how the control u_t changes the state from t-1 to t.

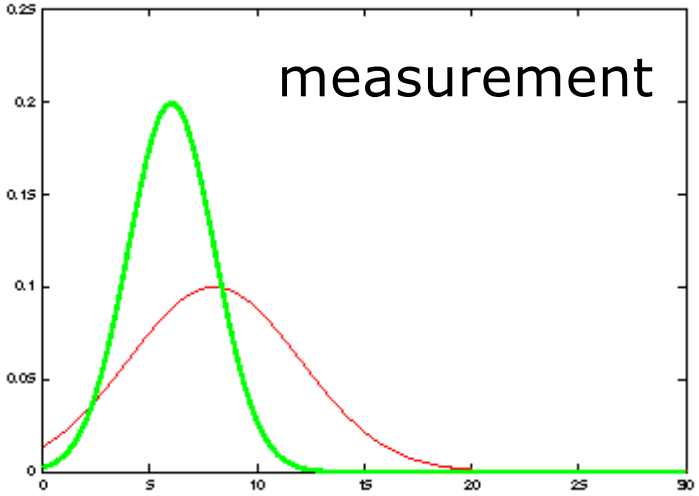
C_t Matrix (kxn) that describes how to map the state x_t to an observation z_t.

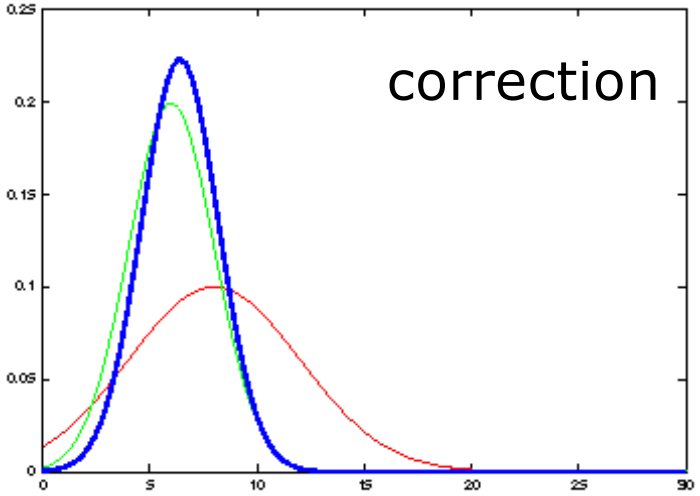
ε_t Random variables representing the process and measurement noise that are assumed to be independent and normally distributed with covariance R_t and Q_t respectively.

δ_t

Kalman Filter Updates in 1D







It's a weighted mean!