



# EE565:Mobile Robotics

## Lecture 4

**Welcome**

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# Today's Objectives

- Recursive State Estimation: Bayes Filter
- Linear Kalman Filter
- Extended Kalman Filter

# Bayes Formula

$$P(x, y) = P(x | y)P(y) = P(y | x)P(x)$$

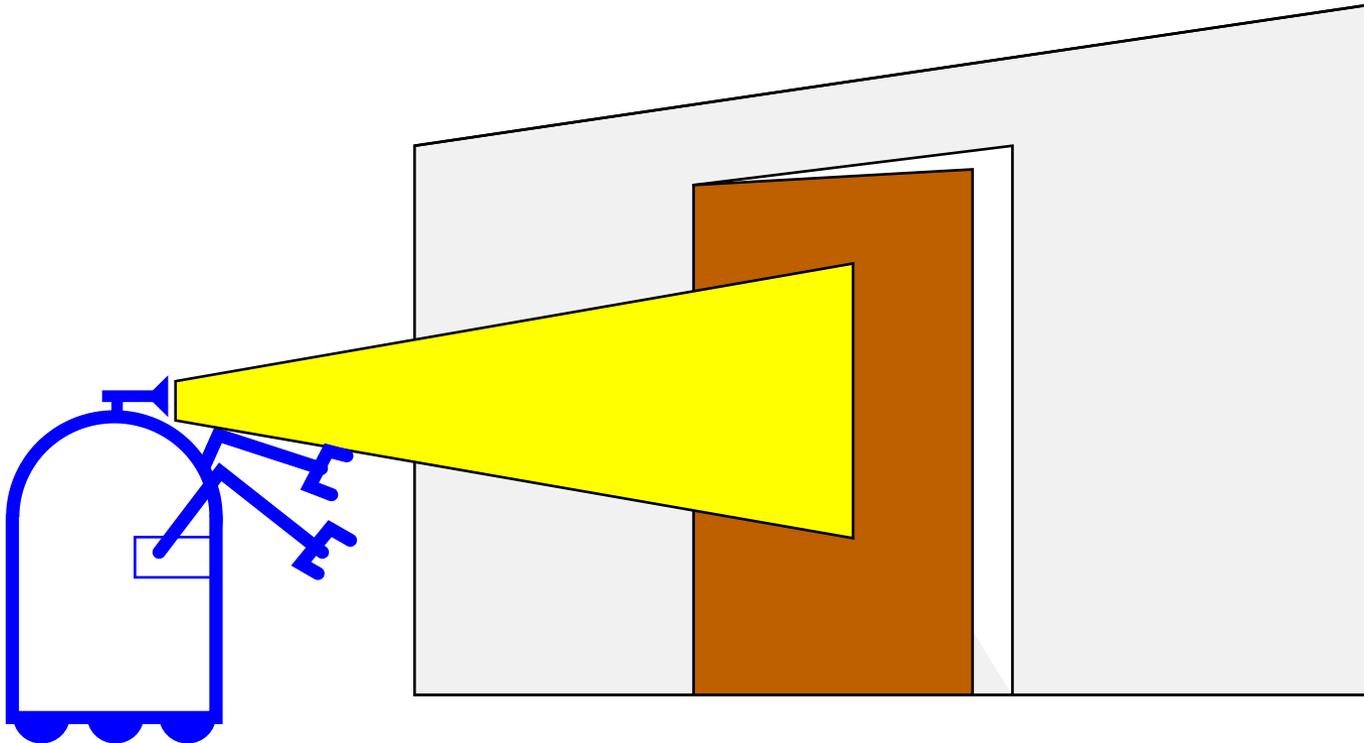
$$P(x | y) = \frac{P(y | x) P(x)}{P(y)} = \frac{\text{likelihood} \cdot \text{prior}}{\text{evidence}}$$

$$P(x | y) = \frac{P(y | x) P(x)}{P(y)} = \eta P(y | x) P(x)$$

$$\eta = P(y)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sum_x P(y | x) P(x)}$$

# Simple Example of State Estimation

- Suppose a robot obtains measurement  $z$
- What is  $P(open/z)$ ?



# Example

- $P(z|open) = 0.6$        $P(z|\neg open) = 0.3$
- $P(open) = P(\neg open) = 0.5$

$$P(open | z) = \frac{P(z | open)P(open)}{P(z | open)p(open) + P(z | \neg open)p(\neg open)}$$

$$P(open | z) = \frac{0.6 \cdot 0.5}{0.6 \cdot 0.5 + 0.3 \cdot 0.5} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.67$$

- $z$  raises the probability that the door is open.

# Bayes Filter

- Prediction

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

- Correction

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

# Kalman Filter

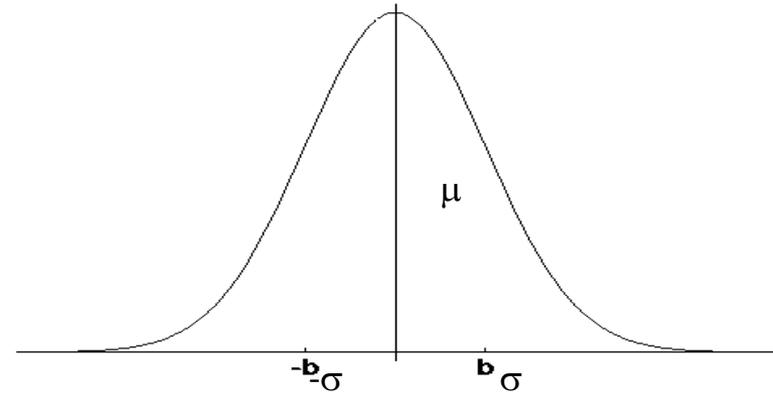
- Bayes filter with **Gaussians**
- Developed in the late 1950's
- Most relevant Bayes filter variant in practice
- Applications range from economics, weather forecasting, satellite navigation to robotics and many more.
- The Kalman filter “algorithm” is a couple of **matrix multiplications!**

# Gaussians

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

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

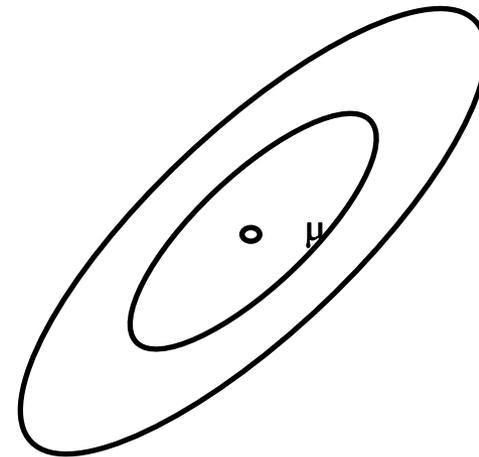
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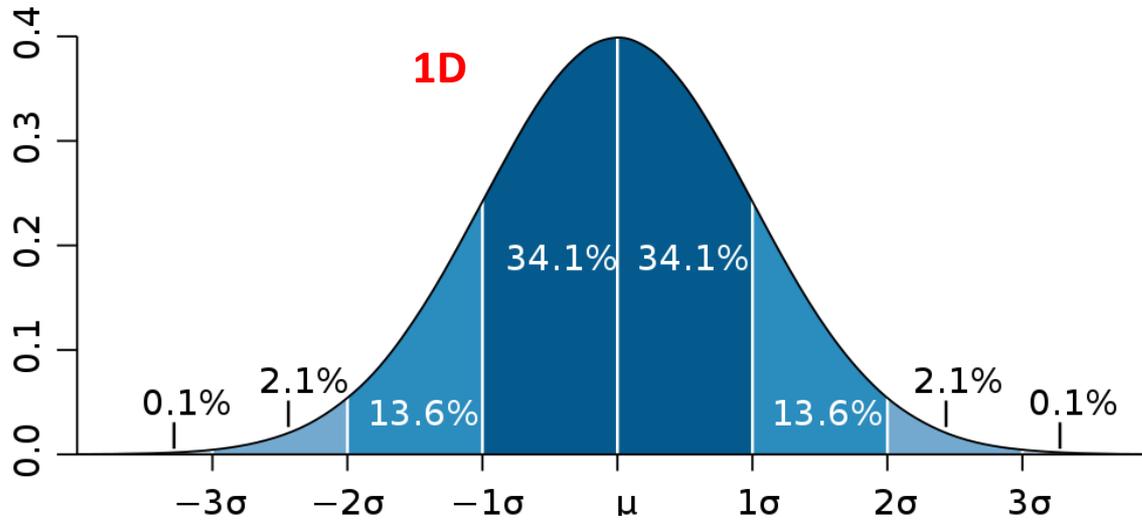
$$p(\mathbf{x}) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}):$$

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

Multivariate



# Gaussians



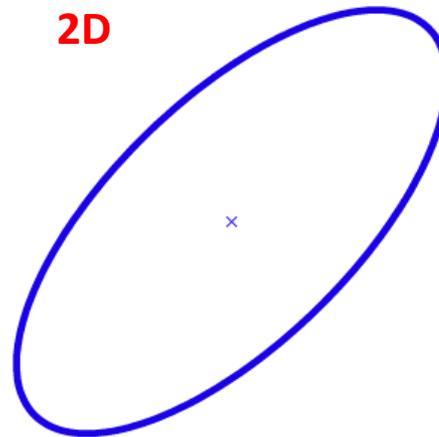
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.020 & 0.013 \\ 0.013 & 0.020 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0.007$$

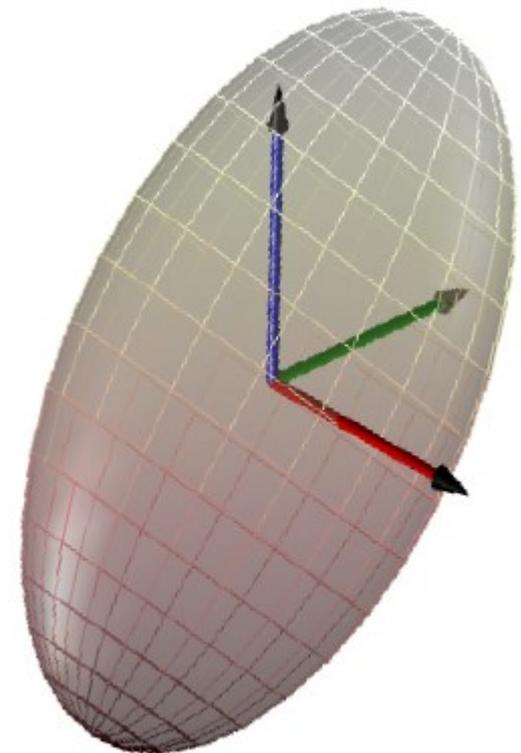
$$\lambda_2 = 0.033$$

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

**2D**



**3D**



# Properties of Gaussians

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

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

# Multivariate Gaussians

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

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- We stay **Gaussian** as long as we start with Gaussians and perform only **linear transformations**.

# Discrete Kalman Filter

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

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

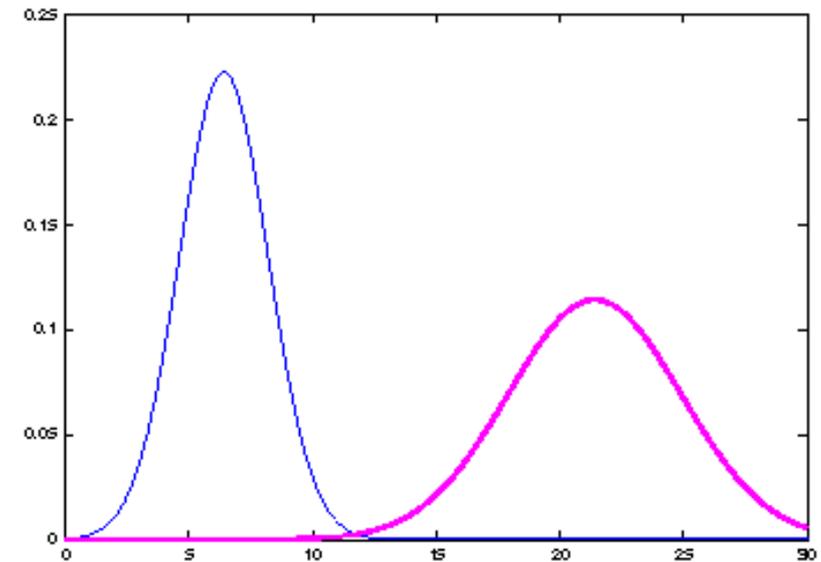
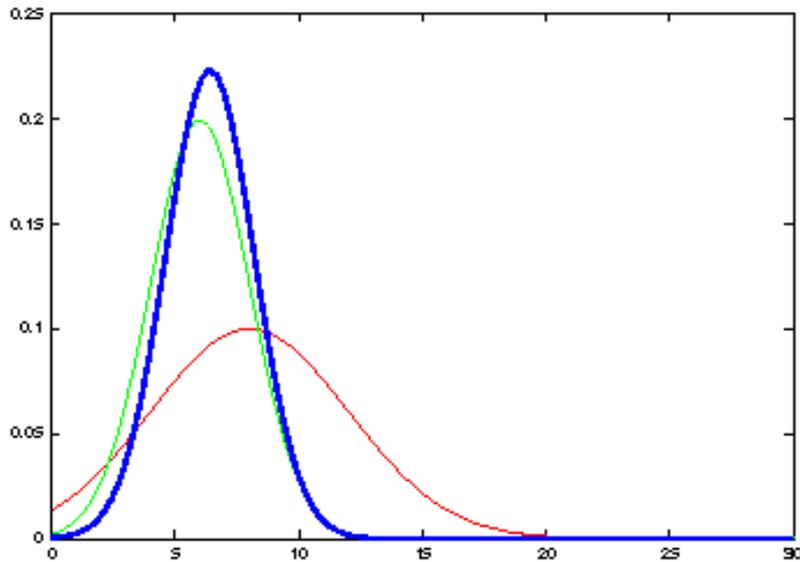
with a measurement

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$

# Components of a Kalman Filter

- $A_t$  Matrix ( $n \times n$ ) that describes how the state evolves from  $t$  to  $t-1$  without controls or noise.
- $B_t$  Matrix ( $n \times l$ ) that describes how the control  $u_t$  changes the state from  $t$  to  $t-1$ .
- $C_t$  Matrix ( $k \times n$ ) that describes how to map the state  $x_t$  to an observation  $z_t$ .
- $\varepsilon_t$  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.
- $\delta_t$

# Kalman Filter Updates in 1D



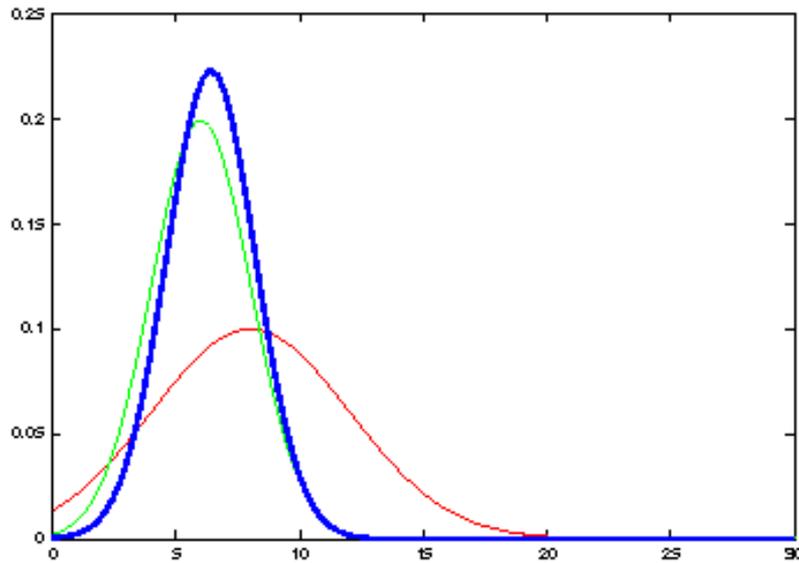
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**State prediction step**

# Kalman Filter Updates in 1D



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**Kalman correction step**

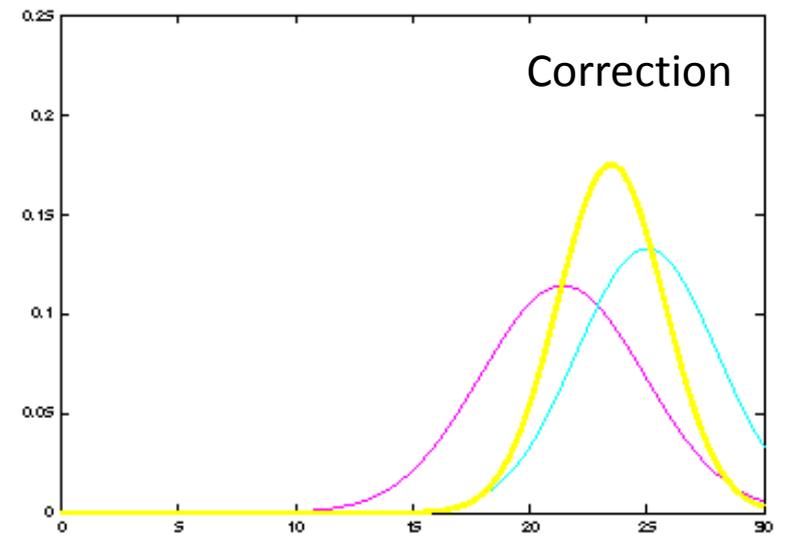
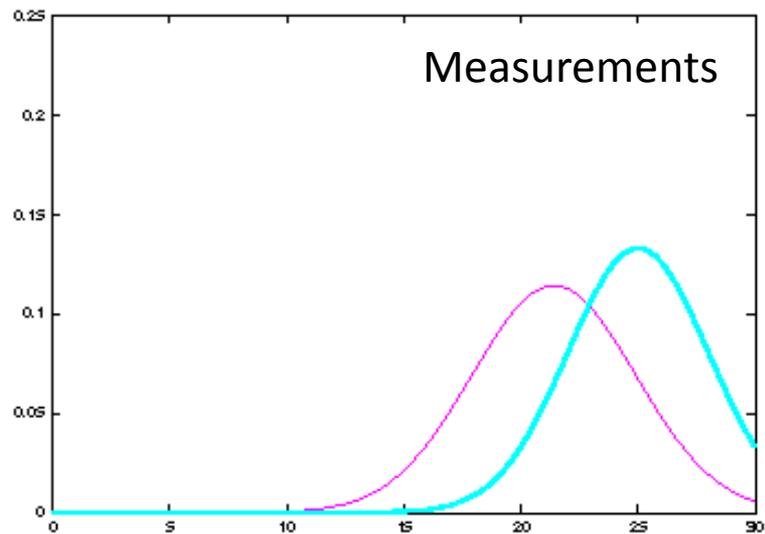
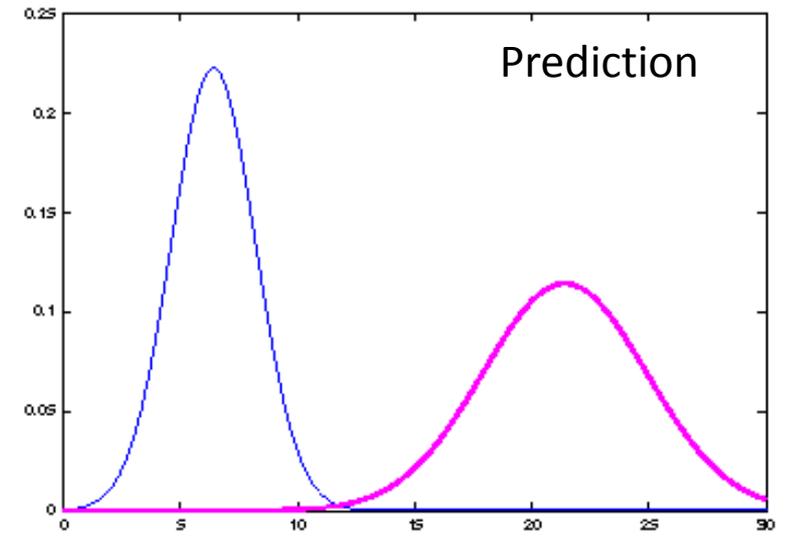
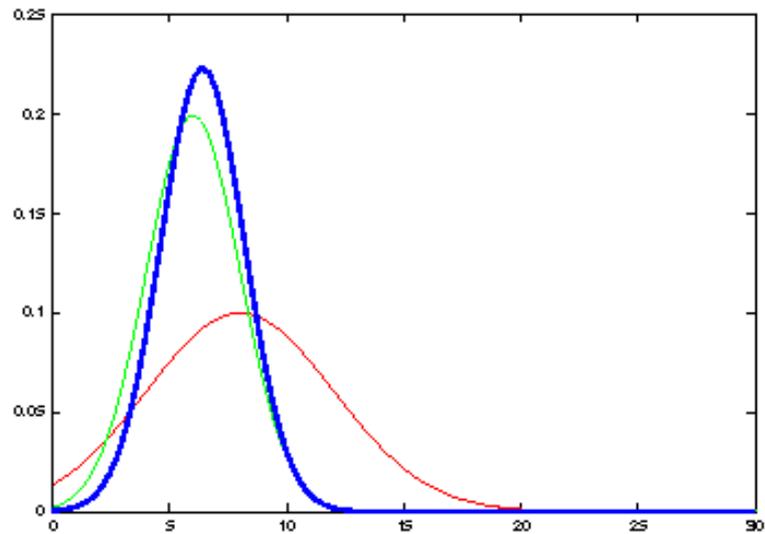
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# Kalman Filter Updates



# Bayes Filter: Reminder

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- Correction

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

# Linear Gaussian Systems: Initialization

- Initial belief is normally distributed:

$$bel(x_0) = N(x_0; \mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

# Linear Gaussian Systems: Dynamics

- Dynamics are linear function of state and control plus additive noise:

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

$$p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) = N(x_t; A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t, R_t)$$

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

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$$\sim N(x_t; A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t, R_t) \quad \sim N(x_{t-1}; \mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1})$$



# Linear Gaussian Systems:

## Observations

- Observations are linear function of state plus additive noise:

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$

$$p(z_t | x_t) = N(z_t; C_t x_t, Q_t)$$

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$$\text{bel}(x_t) = \eta \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_t - C_t x_t)^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - C_t x_t) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)^T \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t) \right\}$$

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# Kalman Filter Algorithm

1. **Algorithm `Kalman_filter`**(  $\mu_{t-1}$ ,  $\Sigma_{t-1}$ ,  $u_t$ ,  $z_t$ ):

2. Prediction:

$$3. \quad \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$$

$$4. \quad \bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t$$

5. Correction:

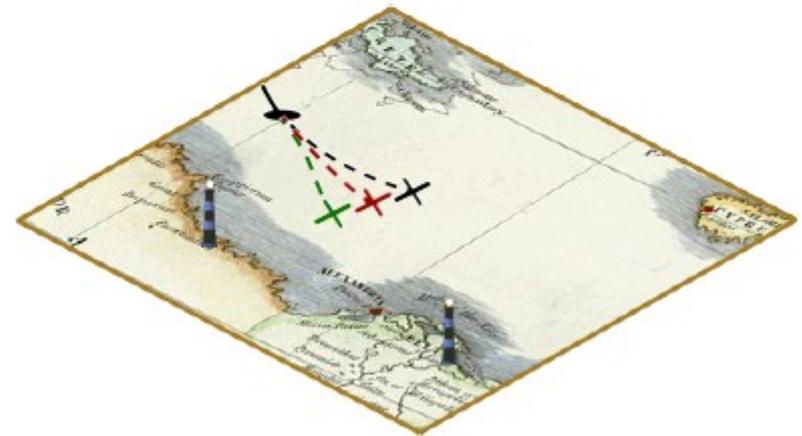
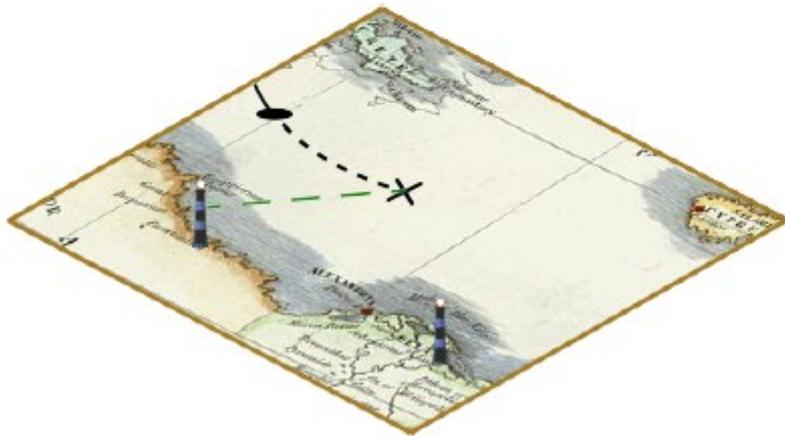
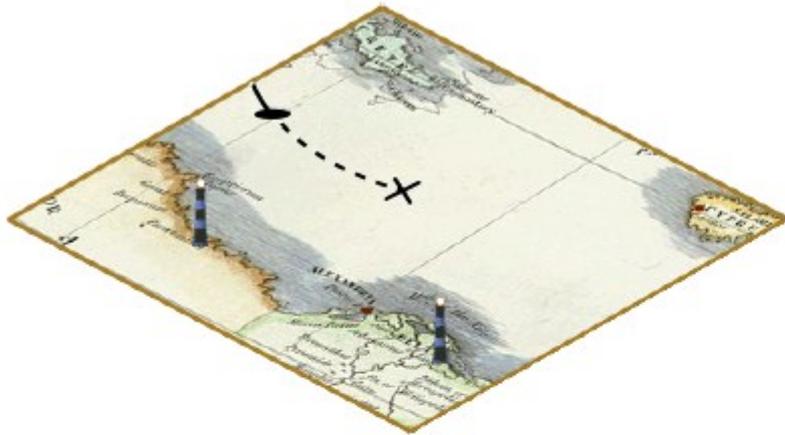
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$$7. \quad \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t)$$

$$8. \quad \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$$

9. **Return**  $\mu_t$ ,  $\Sigma_t$

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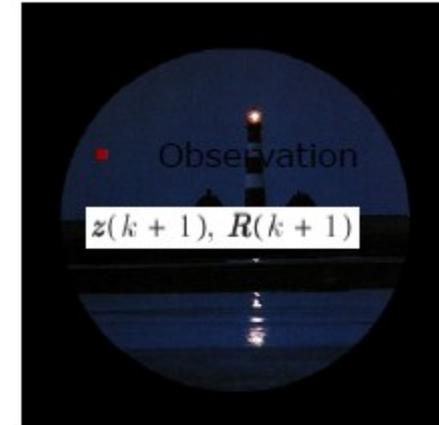


# Kalman Filter Algorithm

## Prediction

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(k+1|k) = f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(k|k), \mathbf{u}(k+1))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(k+1|k) = \nabla f_x \mathbf{P}(k|k) \nabla f_x^T + \nabla f_u \mathbf{U}(k+1) \nabla f_u^T$$



## Matching

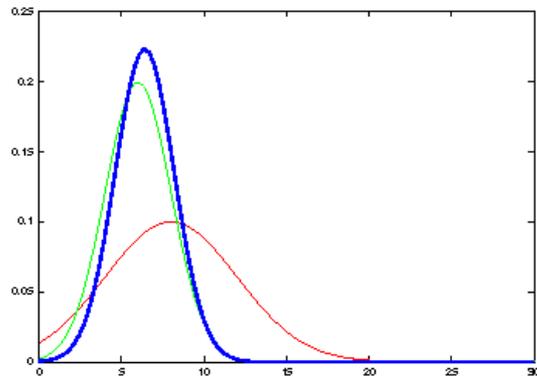
$$\mathbf{v}_{ij}(k+1) = \mathbf{z}_i(k+1) - h(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(k+1|k), \mathbf{m}_j)$$

## Correction

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(k+1|k+1) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}(k+1|k) + \mathbf{W}(k+1)\mathbf{v}(k+1)$$

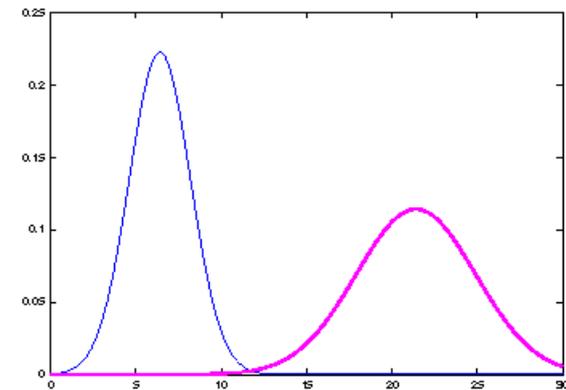
$$\mathbf{P}(k+1|k+1) = \mathbf{P}(k+1|k) - \mathbf{W}(k+1)\mathbf{S}(k+1)\mathbf{W}^T(k+1)$$

# The Prediction-Correction-Cycle

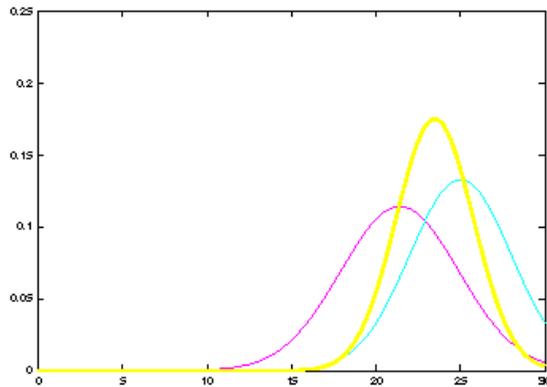


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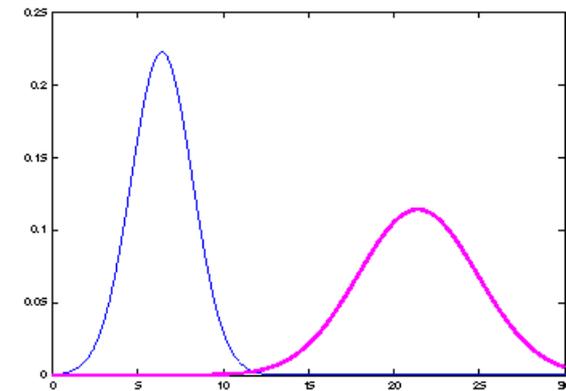


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Correction

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# Kalman Filter Summary

- **Highly efficient**: Polynomial in measurement dimensionality  $k$  and state dimensionality  $n$ :  
$$O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$$
- **Optimal for linear Gaussian systems!**
- Most robotics systems are **nonlinear!**

# Nonlinear Dynamic Systems

- Most realistic robotic problems involve nonlinear functions

~~$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$$~~



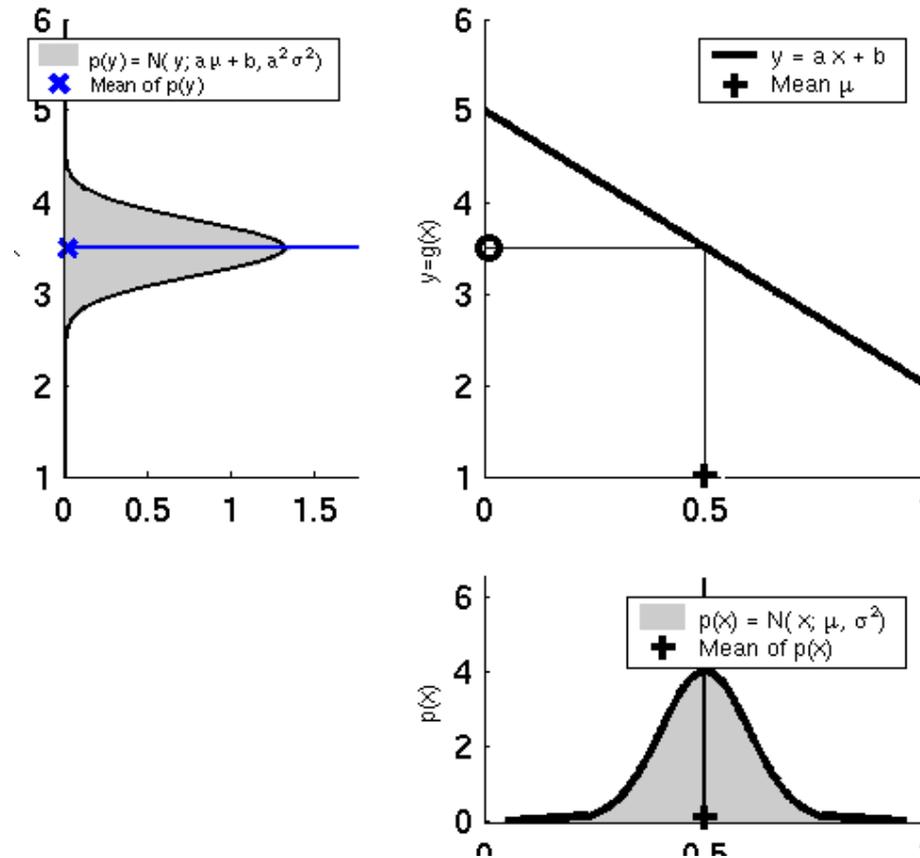
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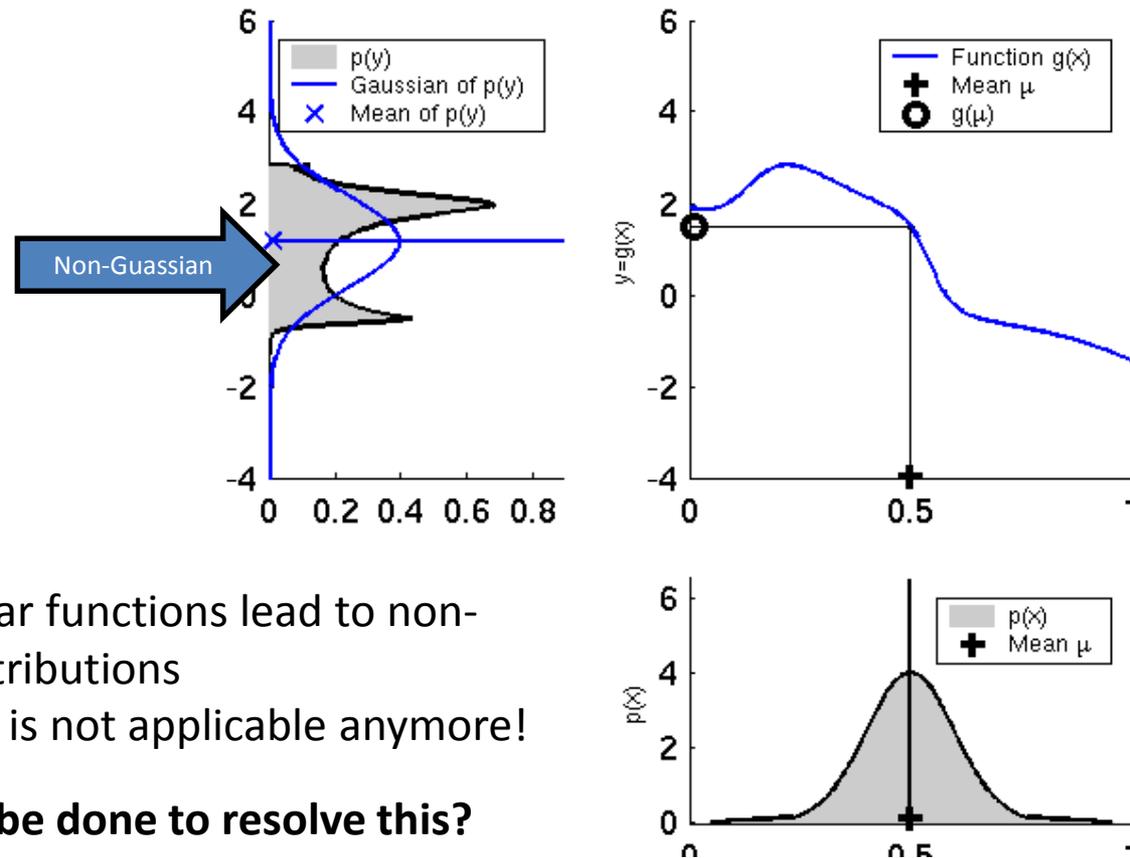


$$z_t = h(x_t)$$

# Linearity Assumption Revisited



# Non-linear Function



- The non-linear functions lead to non-Gaussian distributions
- Kalman filter is not applicable anymore!

**What can be done to resolve this?**

# EKF Linearization: First Order Taylor Series Expansion

- Prediction:

$$g(u_t, x_{t-1}) \approx g(u_t, \mu_{t-1}) + \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})$$

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**Jacobian matrices**

# Reminder: Jacobian Matrix

- It is a **non-square matrix** in  $n \times m$  general
- Given a vector-valued function

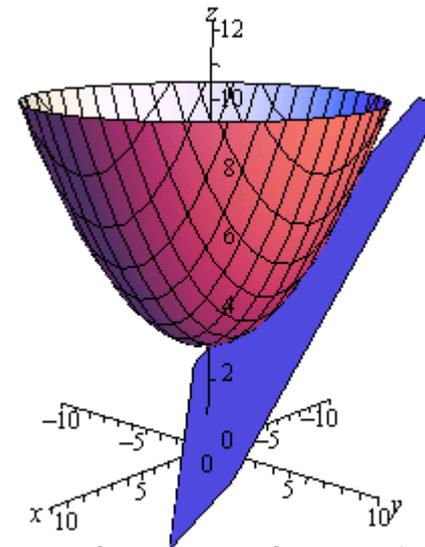
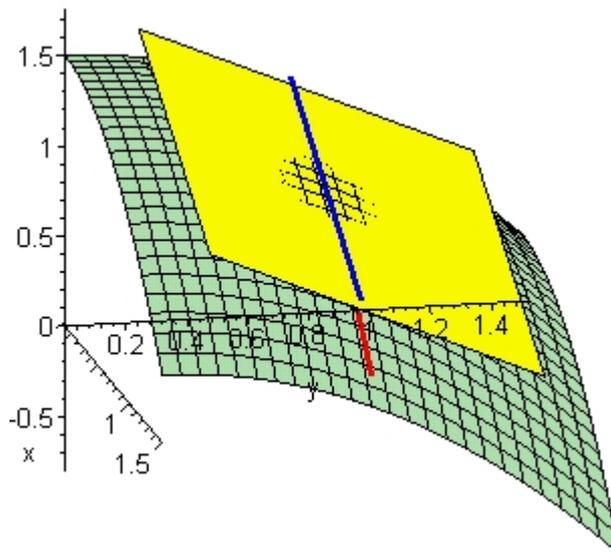
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ f_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

- The **Jacobian matrix** is defined as

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Reminder: Jacobian Matrix

- It is the orientation of the tangent plane to the vector-valued function at a given point



- Generalizes the gradient of a scalar valued function

# EKF Linearization: First Order Taylor Series Expansion

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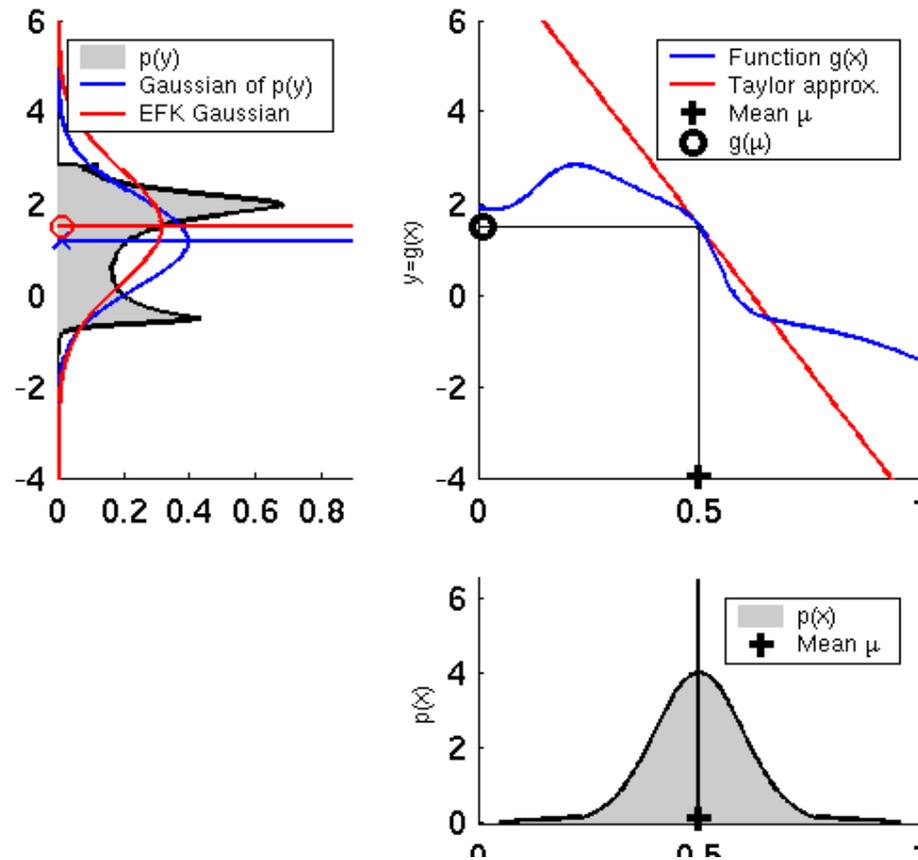
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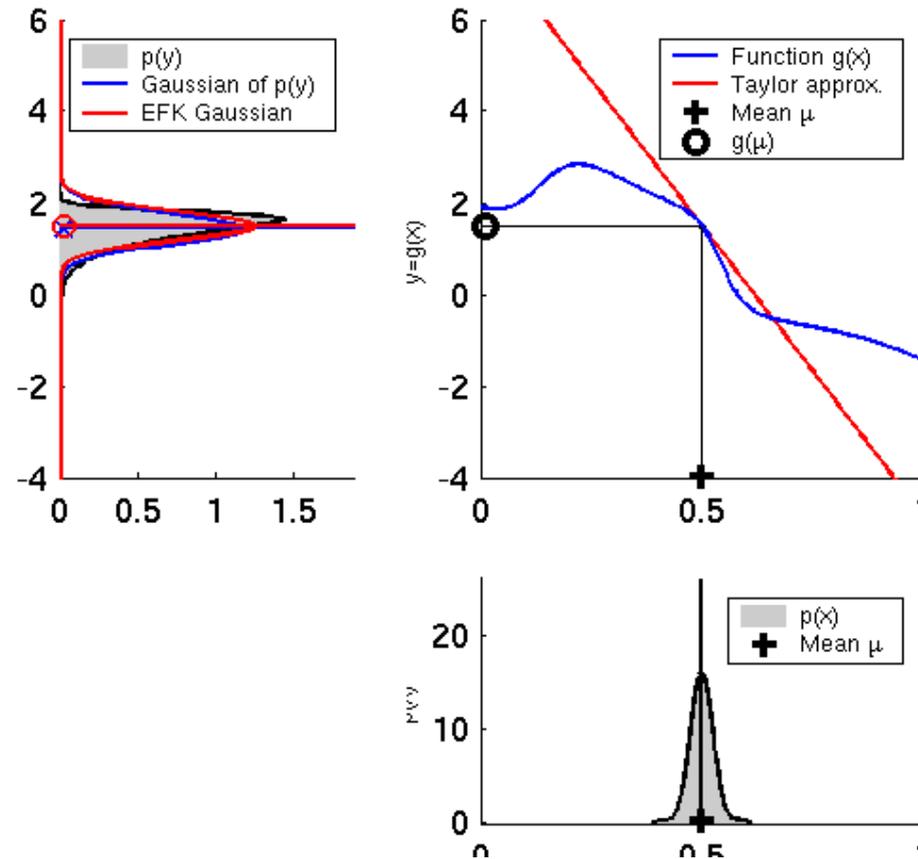
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**Linear functions**

# EKF Linearization



# EKF Linearization (Cont.)



# EKF Algorithm

1. **Extended\_Kalman\_filter** ( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ ):

2. Prediction:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 3. & \bar{\mu}_t = g(u_t, \mu_{t-1}) \quad \longleftarrow \quad \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t \\
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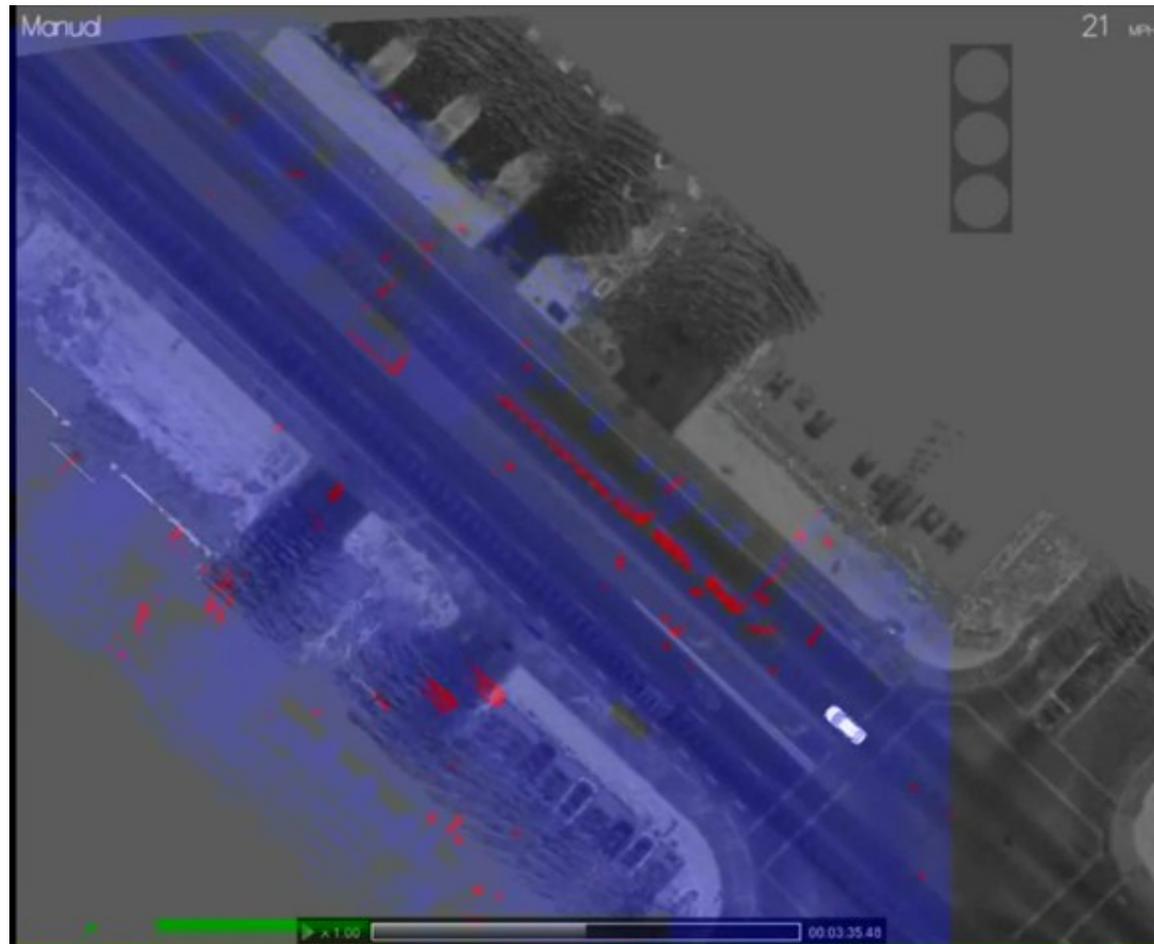
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 6. & K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T (H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t)^{-1} \quad \longleftarrow \quad K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1} \\
 7. & \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t)) \quad \longleftarrow \quad \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) \\
 8. & \Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \quad \longleftarrow \quad \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t
 \end{array}$$

9. **Return**  $\mu_t, \Sigma_t$

$$H_t = \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t)}{\partial x_t} \quad G_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}}$$

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# Landmark-based Localization



EKF localization with landmarks (point features)

# 1. EKF\_localization ( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t, m$ ):

**Prediction:**

$$3. \quad G_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Jacobian of } g \text{ w.r.t location}$$

$$5. \quad V_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial u_t} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \omega_t} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \omega_t} \\ \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \omega_t} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Jacobian of } g \text{ w.r.t control}$$

$$6. \quad M_t = \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha_1 |v_t| + \alpha_2 |\omega_t|)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (\alpha_3 |v_t| + \alpha_4 |\omega_t|)^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Motion noise}$$

$$7. \quad \bar{\mu}_t = g(u_t, \mu_{t-1}) \quad \text{Predicted mean}$$

$$8. \quad \bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + V_t M_t V_t^T \quad \text{Predicted covariance}$$

# 1. EKF\_localization ( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t, m$ ):

**Correction:**

$$3. \quad \hat{z}_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(m_x - \bar{\mu}_{t,x})^2 + (m_y - \bar{\mu}_{t,y})^2} \\ \text{atan2}(m_y - \bar{\mu}_{t,y}, m_x - \bar{\mu}_{t,x}) - \bar{\mu}_{t,\theta} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Predicted measurement mean}$$

$$5. \quad H_t = \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t, m)}{\partial x_t} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial r_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,x}} & \frac{\partial r_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,y}} & \frac{\partial r_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,x}} & \frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,y}} & \frac{\partial \varphi_t}{\partial \bar{\mu}_{t,\theta}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Jacobian of } h \text{ w.r.t location}$$

$$6. \quad Q_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_r^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$7. \quad S_t = H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t \quad \text{Pred. measurement covariance}$$

$$8. \quad K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T S_t^{-1} \quad \text{Kalman gain}$$

$$9. \quad \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - \hat{z}_t) \quad \text{Updated mean}$$

$$10. \quad \Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \quad \text{Updated covariance}$$

# Summary

- Recursive State Estimation: Bayes Filter
- Linear Kalman Filter
- Extended Kalman Filter
  - Works well in practice for moderate nonlinearities

# Questions

