## Localization in Mobile Robotics - Part II

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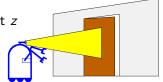
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## Simple example of state estimation

- Suppose a robot obtains measurement z
- What is p(open|z)?
- p(open|z) is diagnostic
- p(z|open) is causal



- Often causal knowledge is easier to obtain (counting frequencies)
- Bayes rule allows us to use causal:

$$p(open|z) = rac{p(z|open)p(open)}{p(z)}$$

#### Example - open doors

• 
$$p(z|open) = 0.6 \ p(z|\neg open) = 0.3$$

• 
$$p(open) = p(\neg) = 0.5$$

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

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• z raises probability that the door is open.

#### Example - second measurement

• 
$$p(z_2|open) = 0.5 \ p(z_2|\neg open) = 0.6$$

•  $p(open|z_1) = \frac{2}{3}$ 

$$p(open|z_2z_1) = \frac{p(z_2|open)p(open|z_1)}{p(z_2|open)p(open|z_1) + p(z_1|\neg open)p(\neg open|z_1)}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{5}{8} = 0.625$$

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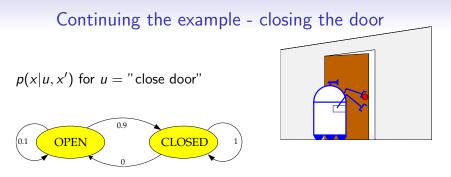
• *z*<sub>2</sub> lowers the probability that the door is open.

## Actions

- Often the world is dynamic since
  - actions carried out by the robot,
  - actions carried out by other agents,
  - or just the time passing by change the world (plants grow).
- Actions are never carried out with absolute certainty.
- In contrast to measurements, actions generally decrease the uncertainty.
- To incorporate the outcome of an action *u* into the current "belief", we use the conditional pdf

p(x|u,x')

• This term specifies the pdf that executing *u* changes the state from *x'* to *x*.



$$p(x|u) = \sum_{x'} p(x|u, x')p(x')$$

If the door is open, the action "close door" succeeds in 90% of all cases.

## Continuing the example - closing the door

$$p(closed|u) = \sum_{x'} p(closed|u, x')p(x')$$

$$= p(closed|u, open)p(open)$$

$$+ p(closed|u, closed)p(closed)$$

$$= \frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{3}{8} = \frac{15}{16}$$

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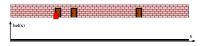
$$= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{8} + \frac{0}{1} \cdot \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{16}$$

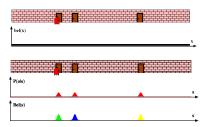
$$= 1 - p(closed|u)$$

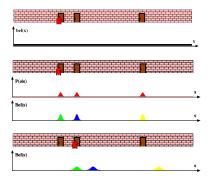
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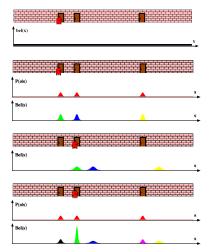
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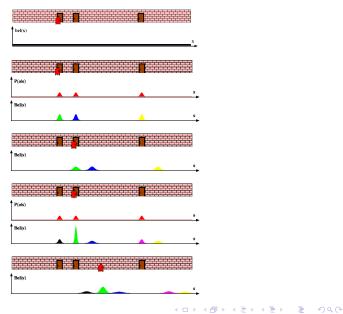
#### **Motivation**











## Bayes filter: the framework

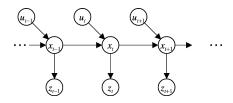
• Given:

• Stream of observations z and actions u:

$$d_t = \{u_1, z_1, \ldots, u_t, z_t\}$$

- Sensor model p(z|x)
- Action model p(x|u, x')
- Prior probability of the system state p(x)
- Wanted:
  - Estimate of the state X of a dynamic system
  - The posterior of the state is also called belief:  $Bel(x_t) = p(x_t|u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, z_t)$

#### Markov assumption



$$p(z_t|x_{0:t}, z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = p(z_t|x_t)$$
  
$$p(x_t|x_{1:t-1}, z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = p(x_t|x_{t-1}, u_t)$$

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#### Underlying assumptions

- Static world
- Independent noise
- · Perfect model, no approximation errors

### Bayes filter - derivation

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# Bayes filter

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

Algorithm Bayes\_filter(Bel(x), d)

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if d is a measurement z then
  \eta = 0
  for all x do
     Bel'(x) = p(z|x)Bel(x)
    \eta = \eta + Bel'(x)
  end for
  for all x do
     Bel'(x) = \eta^{-1}Bel'(x)
  end for
end if
                              return Bel'(x)
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if d is a action u then for all x do Bel'(x) = $\int p(x|u,x')Bel(x')dx'$ end for end if

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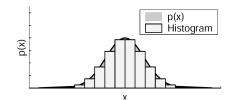
## Bayes filters are familiar

- Kalman filters
- Histogram filters
- Particle filters
- Hidden Markov models
- Dynamic Bayesian networks
- Partially Observable Markov Decision Processes (POMDPs)

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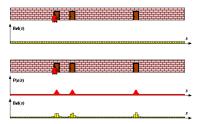
## Non-parametric filters

- Don't rely on a fixed functional form of the posterior.
- Approximation of probability density by a finite number of values.
- Adaptive (based on discretization), they handle nonlinearities.
- The number of samples biases the speed of the algorithm and the quality of the filter.
- Histogram x particle filter

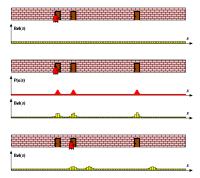




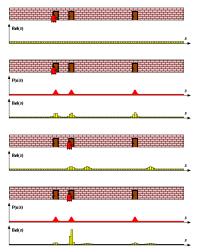
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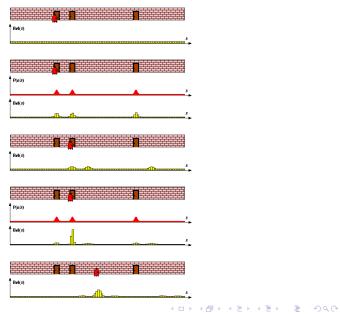




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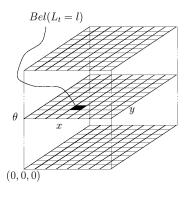
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## Histogram filter

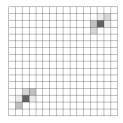
#### if d is a measurement z then $\eta = 0$ for all x do Bel'(x) = p(z|x)Bel(x) $\eta = \eta + Bel'(x)$ end for for all x do $Bel'(x) = \eta^{-1}Bel'(x)$ end for else if d is a action u then for all x do $Bel'(x) = \int p(x|u, x')Bel(x')dx'$ end for end if return Bel'(x)

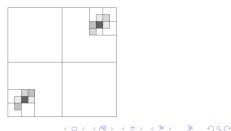


 $Bel(x_t = \langle x, y, \phi \rangle)$ 

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- To update the belief upon sensory input and to carry out the normalization one has to iterate over all cells of the grid => complexity O(n<sup>2</sup>)
- Selective update
  - Only a part of state space is updated ...
  - ... but the quality of the localization should be monitored
- Dynamic state space decomposition kd-trees (density trees): division grain depends on probability density (higher pdf => finer grain)

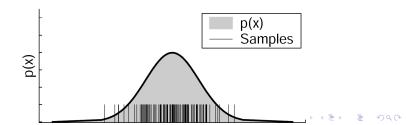




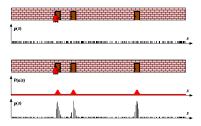
• Probability density represented by "appropriately" (randomly) placed particles:

$$Bel(x_t) \approx \left\{ x_{(i)}, w_{(i)} \right\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$$

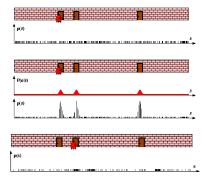
- Particles are weighted.
- Particles for time *t* are chosen according to the weights in time *t* − 1.
- Really simple to implement.
- Most universal Bayes filter: representation of non-Gaussian distributions and non-linear processes



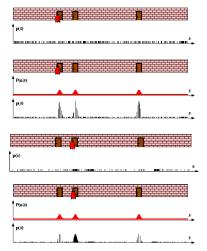


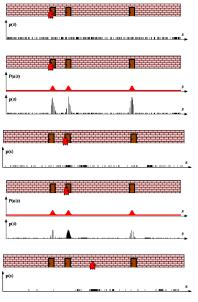


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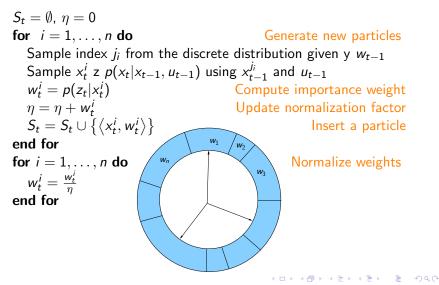




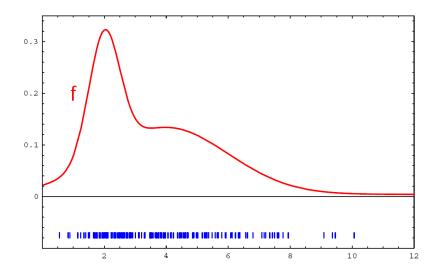
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### Particle filter - the algorithm

#### Particle\_filter( $S_{t-1}, u_{t-1}, z_t$ )

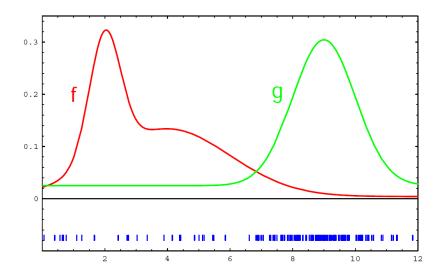


#### Importance sampling



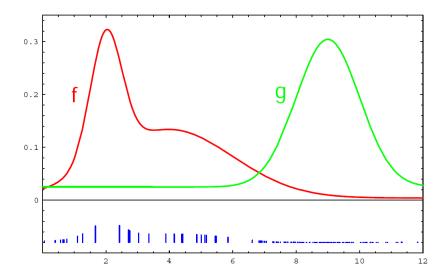
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## Kalman filter

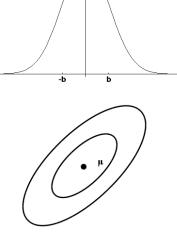
• Unimodal representation of probability density by a Gaussian

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

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

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

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi|\mathbf{\Sigma}|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(x-\mu)}$$



#### Linear transformation

• Linear transformation preserves normal distribution.

$$\begin{array}{l} X \sim & \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ Y = & aX + b \end{array} \right\} => Y \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu + b, a^2 \sigma^2) \\ X_1 \sim & \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\ X_2 \sim & \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \end{array} \right\} => p(X_1)p(X_2) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}\mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}\mu_2, \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}}\right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} X \sim & \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \\ Y = & AX + B \end{array} \right\} => Y \sim \mathcal{N}(A\mu + B, A\Sigma A^{T}) \\ X_{1} \sim & \mathcal{N}(\mu_{1}, \Sigma_{1}) \\ X_{2} \sim & \mathcal{N}(\mu_{2}, \Sigma_{2}) \end{array} \right\} => p(X_{1})p(X_{2}) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\Sigma_{2}}{\Sigma_{1} + \Sigma_{2}}\mu_{1} + \frac{\Sigma_{1}}{\Sigma_{1} + \Sigma_{2}}\mu_{2}, \frac{1}{\Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1}_{2}}\right)$$

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#### Fundamental assumptions

- Markov assumption + the three following:
  - Probability of state transition (prediction/motion model) p(x|u, x') is linear with added Gaussian noise:

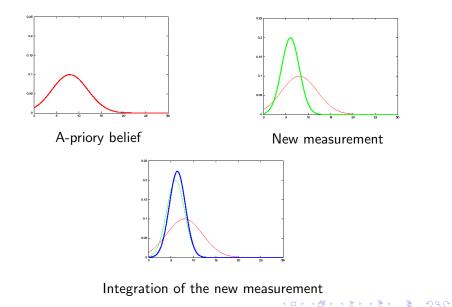
$$x_t = Ax_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$$

• Sensor model (correction) is linear with added Gaussian noise

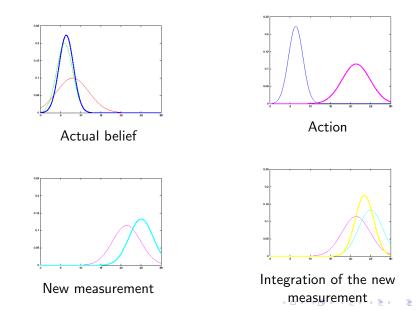
$$z_t = C x_t + \delta_t$$

• A-priory information about the state (belief) must have normal distribution.

#### Kalman filter



## Kalman filter



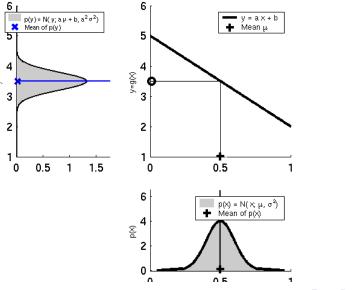
#### Kalman filter - the algorithm

Algorithm Kalman\_filter( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ )

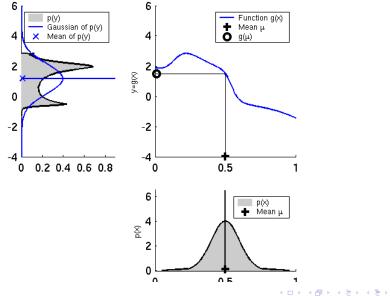
Prediction (action integration)  $\bar{\mu_t} = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$  $\bar{\Sigma_t} = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t$ 

Correction (measurement integration)  $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$   $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t)$   $\Sigma_t = (E - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$ return  $\mu_{t, \Sigma_t}$ 

## Kalman filter - linear transformation

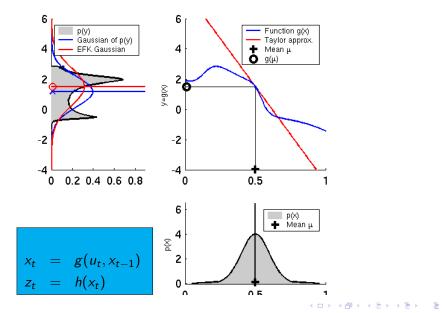


#### Non-linear transformation



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## Extended Kalman filter



## Extended Kalman filter

- Taylor expansion v  $\mu$  used for linearisation, i.e. matrix of functions derivations Jacobians
- Prediction:

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

Correction:

$$egin{array}{rcl} h(x_t) &pprox & h(ar{\mu_t}) + rac{\partial h(ar{\mu_t})}{\partial x_t}(x_t - ar{\mu_t}) \ h(x_t) &pprox & h(ar{\mu_t}) + H_t(x_t - ar{\mu_t}) \end{array}$$

#### Extended Kalman filter - the algorithm

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

Prediction (action integration)  $\bar{\mu_t} = g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})$  $\bar{\Sigma_t} = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t$ 

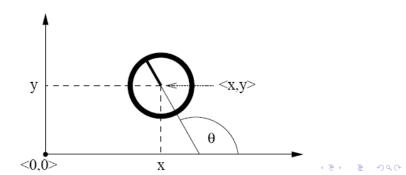
Correction (measurement integration)  $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T (H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$  $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t))^{-1}$ 

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

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## Motion model

- Motion model p(x|x', u) is needed for implementation of Bayes filter.
- Motion model defines probability, that the robot will be in the state x after realization of the action u in the state x'. The robot operates in the plane, i.e.  $x = \langle x, y, \phi \rangle$
- Different models (depending on control type, whether kinematics is considered, etc.)



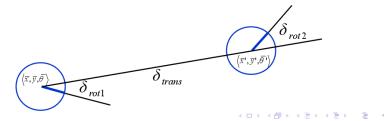
## Odometry-based motion model

• Used when systems are equipped with wheel encoders.

#### Ideal case

- Robot moves from  $\langle ar{x},ar{y},ar{\phi}
  angle$  to  $\langle ar{x'},ar{y'},ar{\phi'}
  angle$
- Odometry information  $u = \langle \delta_{rot_1}, \delta_{rot_2}, \delta_{trans} \rangle$

$$\delta_{trans} = \sqrt{(\bar{x}' - \bar{x})^2 + (\bar{y}' - \bar{y})^2}$$
  
$$\delta_{rot_1} = atan2(\bar{y}' - \bar{y}, \bar{x}' - \bar{x}) - \bar{\phi}$$
  
$$\delta_{rot_2} = \bar{\phi}' - \bar{\phi} - \delta_{rot_1}$$



## Adding noise

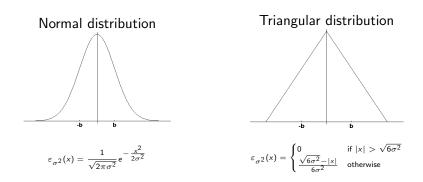
• The measured motion is given by the true motion corrupted with noise.

$$\begin{split} \hat{\delta}_{rot_{1}} &= \delta_{rot_{1}} + \varepsilon_{\alpha_{1}|\delta_{rot_{1}}|+\alpha_{2}|\delta_{trans}|} \\ \hat{\delta}_{trans} &= \delta_{trans} + \varepsilon_{\alpha_{3}|\delta_{trans}|+\alpha_{4}(|\delta_{rot_{1}}|+|\delta_{rot_{2}}|)} \\ \hat{\delta}_{rot_{2}} &= \delta_{rot_{2}} + \varepsilon_{\alpha_{1}|\delta_{rot_{2}}|+\alpha_{2}|\delta_{trans}|} \end{split}$$

- Noise is determined by four parameters.
- Most difficult thing is to get the noise parameters experimentally.

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## Typical distributions for probabilistic motion models



#### Odometry-based model for sampling $u = \langle \delta_{rot_1}, \delta_{rot_2}, \delta_{trans} \rangle, x = \langle x, y, \phi \rangle => x' = \langle x', y', \phi' \rangle$

#### Random control

$$\hat{\delta}_{rot_1} = \delta_{rot_1} + sample(\alpha_1|\delta_{rot_1}| + \alpha_2|\delta_{trans}|) \hat{\delta}_{trans} = \delta_{trans} + sample(\alpha_3|\delta_{trans}| + \alpha_4(|\delta_{rot_1}| + |\delta_{rot_2}|)) \hat{\delta}_{rot_2} = \delta_{rot_2} + sample(\alpha_1|\delta_{rot_2}| + \alpha_2|\delta_{trans}|)$$

#### Position determination

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x + \hat{\delta}_{trans} + \cos(\phi + \hat{\delta}_{rot_1}) \\ y' &= x + \hat{\delta}_{trans} + \sin(\phi + \hat{\delta}_{rot_1}) \\ \phi' &= \phi + \hat{\delta}_{rot_1} + \hat{\delta}_{rot_1} \\ & \text{return } \langle x', y', \phi' \rangle \end{aligned}$$

sample (normal distribution):  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{12} rand(-b, b)$ 

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# Calculating p(x|u, x')

Odometry values (*u*)

$$\begin{split} \delta_{trans} &= \sqrt{(\bar{x}' - \bar{x})^2 + (\bar{y}' - \bar{y})^2} \\ \delta_{rot_1} &= atan2(\bar{y}' - \bar{y}, \bar{x}' - \bar{x}) - \bar{\phi} \\ \delta_{rot_2} &= \bar{\phi}' - \bar{\phi} - \delta_{rot_1} \end{split}$$

Ideal case

$$\hat{\delta}_{trans} = \sqrt{(x'-x)^2 + (y'-y)^2} \hat{\delta}_{rot_1} = atan2(y'-y,x'-x) - \phi \hat{\delta}_{rot_2} = \phi' - \phi - \delta_{rot_1}$$

Probability calculation

$$p_{1} = prob(\delta_{rot_{1}} - \hat{\delta}_{rot_{1}}, \alpha_{1}|\delta_{rot_{1}}| + \alpha_{2}\delta_{trans})$$

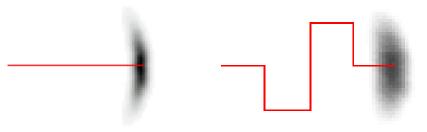
$$p_{2} = prob(\delta_{trans} - \hat{\delta}_{trans}, \alpha_{3}\delta_{trans} + \alpha_{4}(|\delta_{rot_{1}}| + |\delta_{rot_{2}}|))$$

$$p_{3} = prob(\delta_{rot_{2}} - \hat{\delta}_{rot_{2}}, \alpha_{1}|\delta_{rot_{2}}| + \alpha_{2}\delta_{trans})$$
return  $p_{1}p_{2}p_{3} \leftarrow independence assumption$ 

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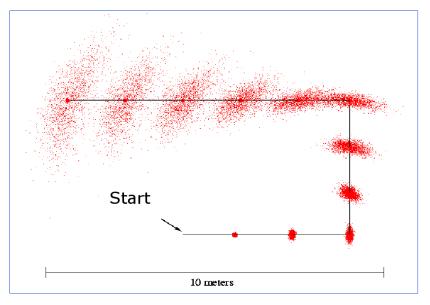
# Application

- Resulting probability density depends on trajectory traversed, not only on the final robot position!
- For complex cases, repeat the above algorithm accordingly.
- A typical example of the distribution (2D projection)



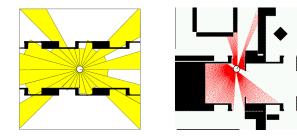
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## Trajectory composition



#### Sensor model

- The aim is to determine p(z|m, x).
- We will use proximity sensor (laser, sonar).
- Scan is composed from k measurements (beams):  $z = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k\}$
- Individual measurements are independent given the robot position (strong assumption): P(z|x, m) = ∏<sub>k=1</sub> k|x, m



#### Beam-based model - components

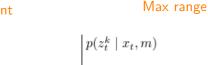
# Measurement noise Unexpected obstacles $p(z_t^k \mid x_t, m)$ $p(z_t^k \mid x_t, m)$ $z_{t}^{k*}$ $z_{t}^{k*}$ $z_{\rm max}$ $z_{\rm max}$ $p_{hit}(z|x,m) = \begin{cases} \eta N(z, z^*, \sigma_{hit}^2) & \text{if } 0 \le z \le z_{max} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ $p_{short}(z|x,m) = \begin{cases} \eta \lambda_{short} e^{-\lambda_{short} z} & \text{if } 0 \le z \le z^* \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

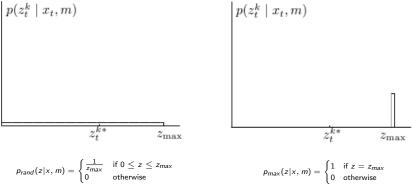
Normal distribution

Poison distribution

#### Beam-based model - components

#### Random measurement

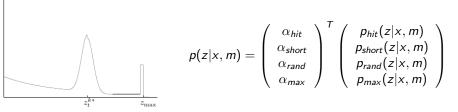




Uniform distribution

Discrete distribution :-(

## Resulting mixture density



- Model parameters are learned based on real data (E-M, GA)
- Expected distances *z<sub>exp</sub>* are determined by raytracing (time consuming).
- Only selected beams are considered (e.g. eight); it increases independence also.
- Expected distances can be pre-processed (for each  $\langle x, y, z\phi \rangle$ )
- Multiplication of sensor model by  $\lambda < 1$  reduces sensor impact.
- Model is noncontinuous => approximate determination of probability density can miss the right state.

## Motivation



#### **EKF-based** localization

• Velocity motion model

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{pmatrix}}_{x_t} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x^* + rsin(\phi + \omega\Delta t) \\ y^* + rcos(\phi + \omega\Delta t) \\ \theta + \omega\Delta t \end{pmatrix}}_{g(u_t, x_{t-1})} + N(0, M_t)$$

Map (list of landmarks (x<sub>i</sub>, y<sub>i</sub>, φ<sub>i</sub>))

$$\underbrace{\binom{r_i}{\phi_i}}_{z_t^i} = \underbrace{\binom{\sqrt{(m_{j,x} - x)^2 + (m_{j,y} - y)^2}}{atan2(m_{j,y} - y, m_{j,x} - x) - \theta}}_{h(x_t, j, m)} + N(0, Q_t)$$

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# Prediction

Jacobian of g w.r.t location

$$G_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,x}} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,y}} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \mu_{t-1,\theta}} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Motion noise

$$M_t = \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha_1 | \mathbf{v}_t | + \alpha_2 | \omega_t |)^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & (\alpha_3 | \mathbf{v}_t | + \alpha_4 | \omega_t |)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

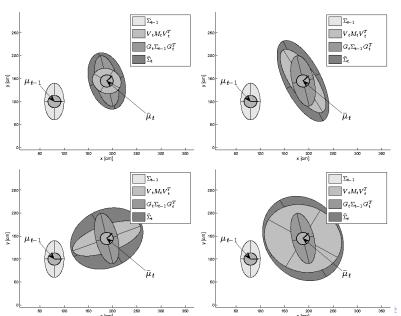
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Jacobian of g w.r.t control

$$V_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial u_t} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial \omega_t} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial \omega_t} \\ \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial v_t} & \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial \omega_t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Predicted mean

$$\overline{\mu_t} = g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})$$
Predicted covatiance
$$\overline{\Sigma_t} = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + V_t M_t V_t^T$$



#### Prediction

# Correction

#### Predicted measurement mean

$$\hat{z}_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(m_x - \overline{\mu}_{t,x})^2 + (m_y - \overline{\mu}_{t,y})^2} \\ atan2(m_y - \overline{\mu}_{t,y}, m_x - \overline{\mu}_{t,x}) - \overline{\mu}_{t,\theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

Jacobian of h w.r.t location

$$H_{t} = \frac{\partial h(\overline{\mu}_{t}, m)}{\partial x_{t}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial r_{t}}{\partial \overline{\mu}_{t,x}} & \frac{\partial r_{t}}{\partial \overline{\mu}_{t,y}} & \frac{\partial r_{t}}{\partial \overline{\mu}_{t,\theta}} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_{t}}{\partial \overline{\mu}_{t,x}} & \frac{\partial \phi_{t}}{\partial \overline{\mu}_{t,y}} & \frac{\partial \phi_{t}}{\partial \overline{\mu}_{t,\theta}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & sigma_\phi^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Predicted measurement covariance

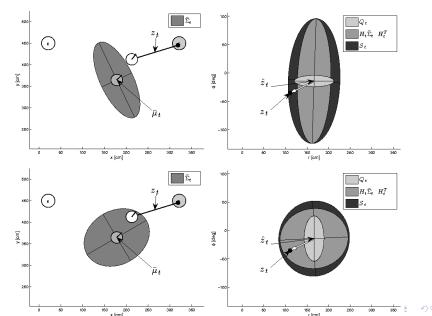
$$S_t = H_t \overline{\Sigma}_t H_t^T + Q_t$$

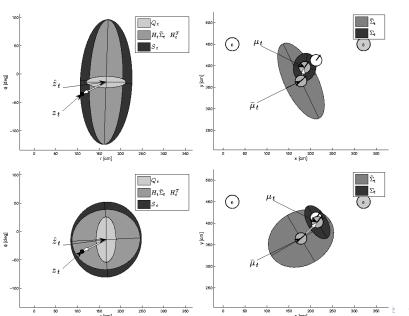
$$K_t = \overline{\Sigma}_t H_t^T S_t^{-1}$$

Updated mean and covariance

$$\mu_t = \overline{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - \hat{z}_t)$$
  
$$\Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \overline{\Sigma}_t$$

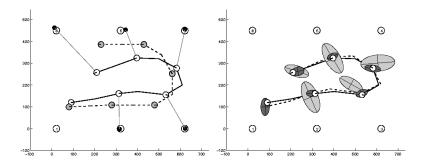
## Observation



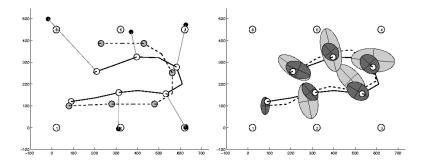


#### Correction

#### Estimation sequence 1



#### Estimation sequence 2



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I also recommend the book

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