

# The Four Columns of Sensor Data Fusion

- **Statistical Estimation Theory: Object States**
- **Combinatorial Optimization: Data Association**
- **Optimal Decision Making: Track Initiation**
- **Resources Management**

Many multifunctional and / or multiple sensor systems make use of these distinctions. More innovative approaches develop a unified methodology.

# *Kalman* filter: general properties

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1}^\top\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{H}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_{k|k-1}^\top + \mathbf{R}_{k|k-1} \\ \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_{k|k-1}^\top \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

- *all elements* of the density: estimate an quality measure
- *variable* update, *time*-dependent evolution, measurement error
- *variable type*: measurement matrix (e.g. incomplete measurements)
- low computational effort (e.g. analytic inversions)

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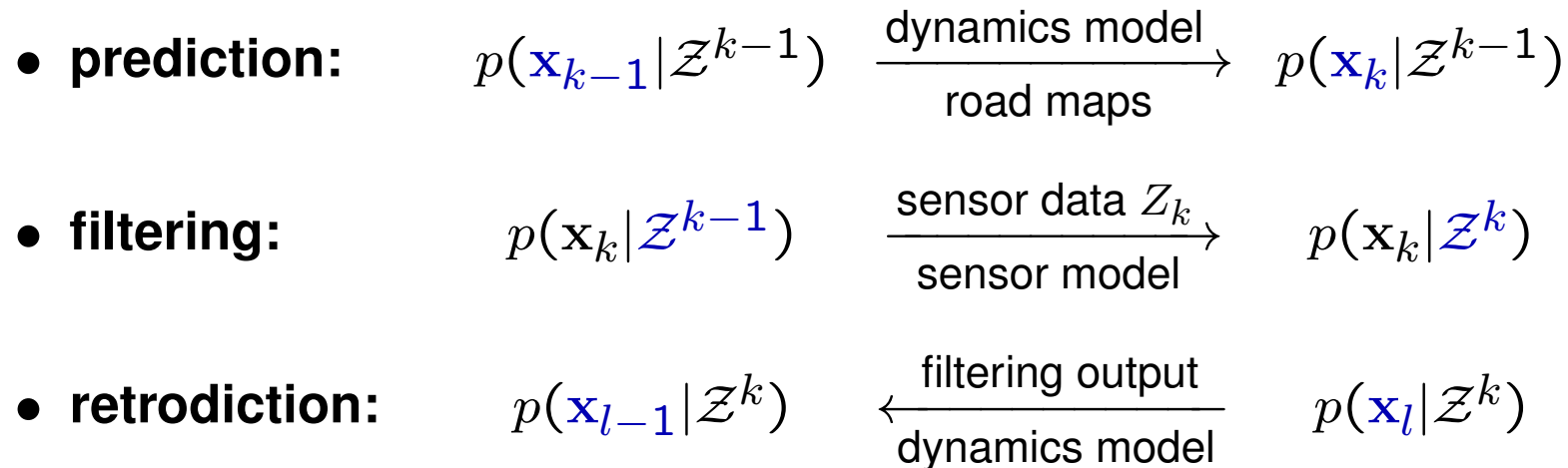
## Exercise 8.1 (voluntary)

Generalize to the case  $n_k > 2$ !

# Multiple Hypothesis Tracking: Basic Idea

*Iterative updating of conditional probability densities!*

kinematic target state  $\mathbf{x}_k$  at time  $t_k$ , accumulated sensor data  $\mathcal{Z}^k$   
a priori knowledge: target dynamics models, sensor model, road maps



- ***finite mixture:*** inherent ambiguity (data, model, road *network*)
- ***optimal estimators:*** e.g. minimum mean squared error (MMSE)
- ***initiation of pdf iteration:*** multiple hypothesis track extraction

- $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1})$  is a *prediction* of the target state at time  $t_k$  based on all measurements in the *past*.

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}) = \int d\mathbf{x}_{k-1} p(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}) \quad \text{marginal pdf}$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{x}_{k-1} \underbrace{p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1})}_{\text{object dynamics!}} \underbrace{p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1})}_{\text{idea: iteration!}} \quad \text{notion of a conditional pdf}$$

often:  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}) = p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$  (MARKOV)

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- $p(Z_k, m_k | \mathbf{x}_k) \propto \ell(\mathbf{x}_k; Z_k, m_k)$  describes, what the *current* sensor output  $Z_k, m_k$  can say about the current target state  $\mathbf{x}_k$  and is called *likelihood function*.

$$\ell(Z_k, m_k; \mathbf{x}_k) = (1 - P_D) \rho_F + P_D \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \mathcal{N}(z_k^j; \mathbf{H}_k^j \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{R}_k^j) \quad (1 \text{ target, } m_k \text{ measurements})$$

iteration formula: 
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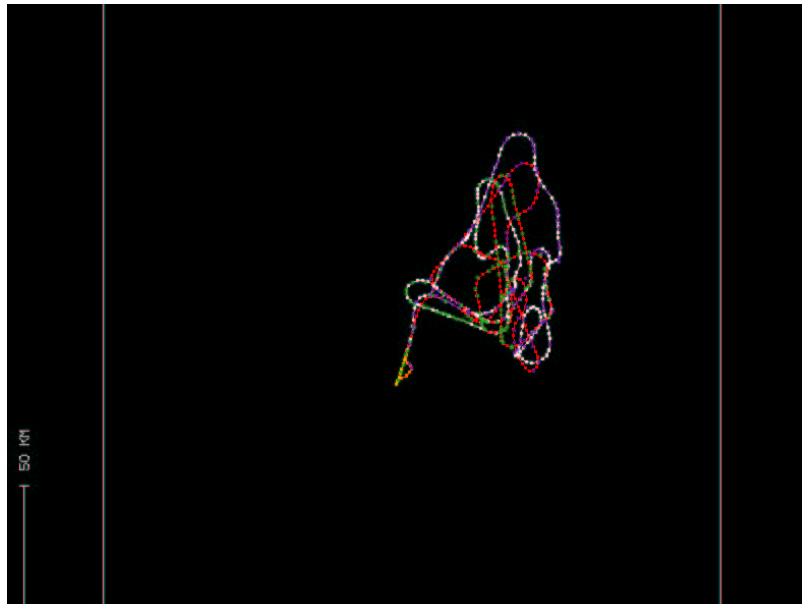
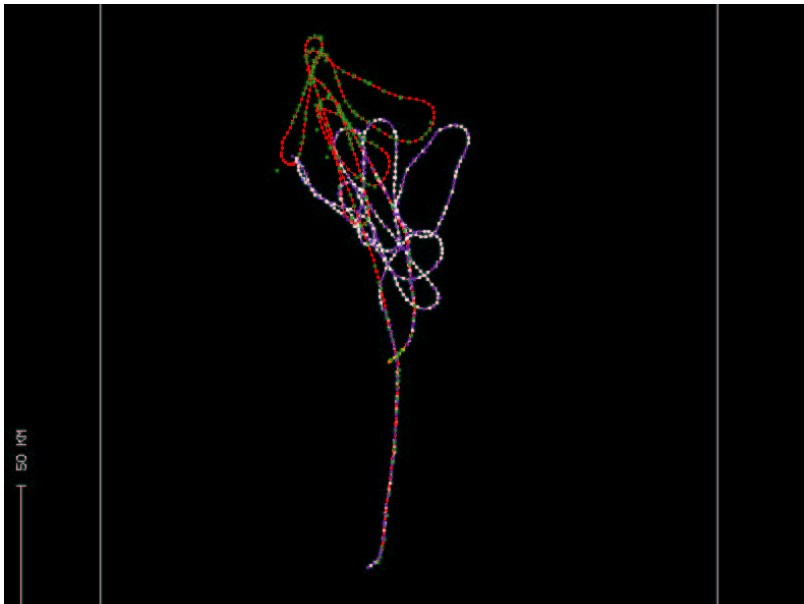
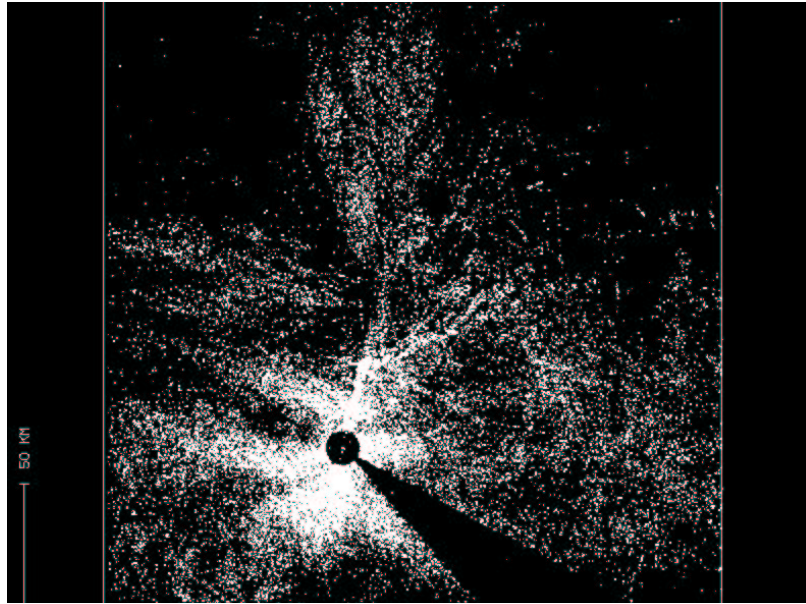


**GAUSSIAN transition pdf:**  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1})$

with:  $\underbrace{\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}}_{\text{describes deterministic motion}}$  (**evolution matrix**),  $\underbrace{\mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}}_{\text{models of random maneuvers}}$  (**dynamics covariance matrix**)

**GAUSSIAN posterior:**  $p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1})$

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 &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \underbrace{\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}}_{=:\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}}, \underbrace{\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}^\top + \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}}_{=:\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}}) \\
 &\quad \times \underbrace{\int d\mathbf{x}_{k-1} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \dots, \dots)}_{=1 \text{ (normalization!)}} \quad (\text{exploit product formula!}) \\
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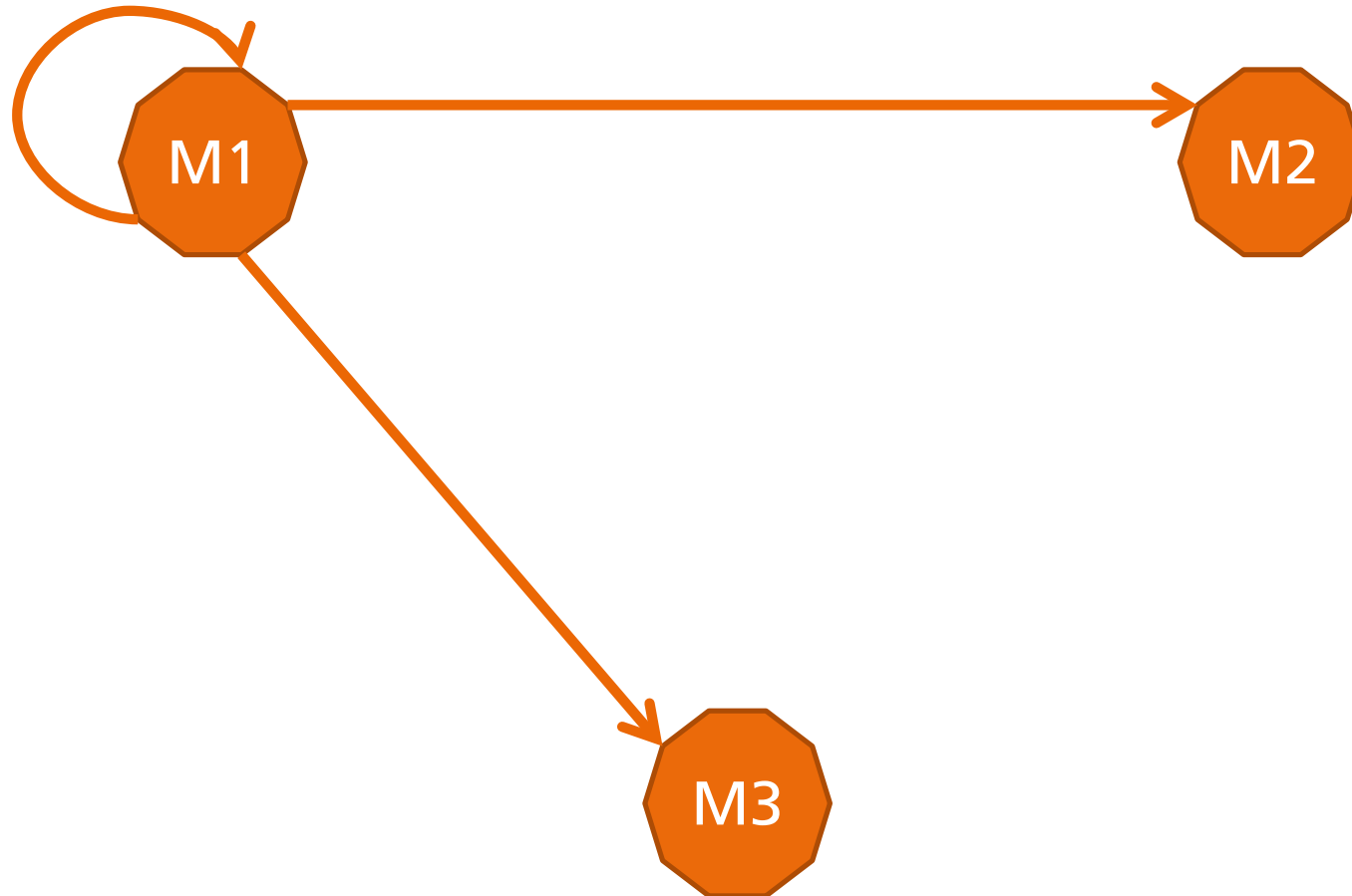


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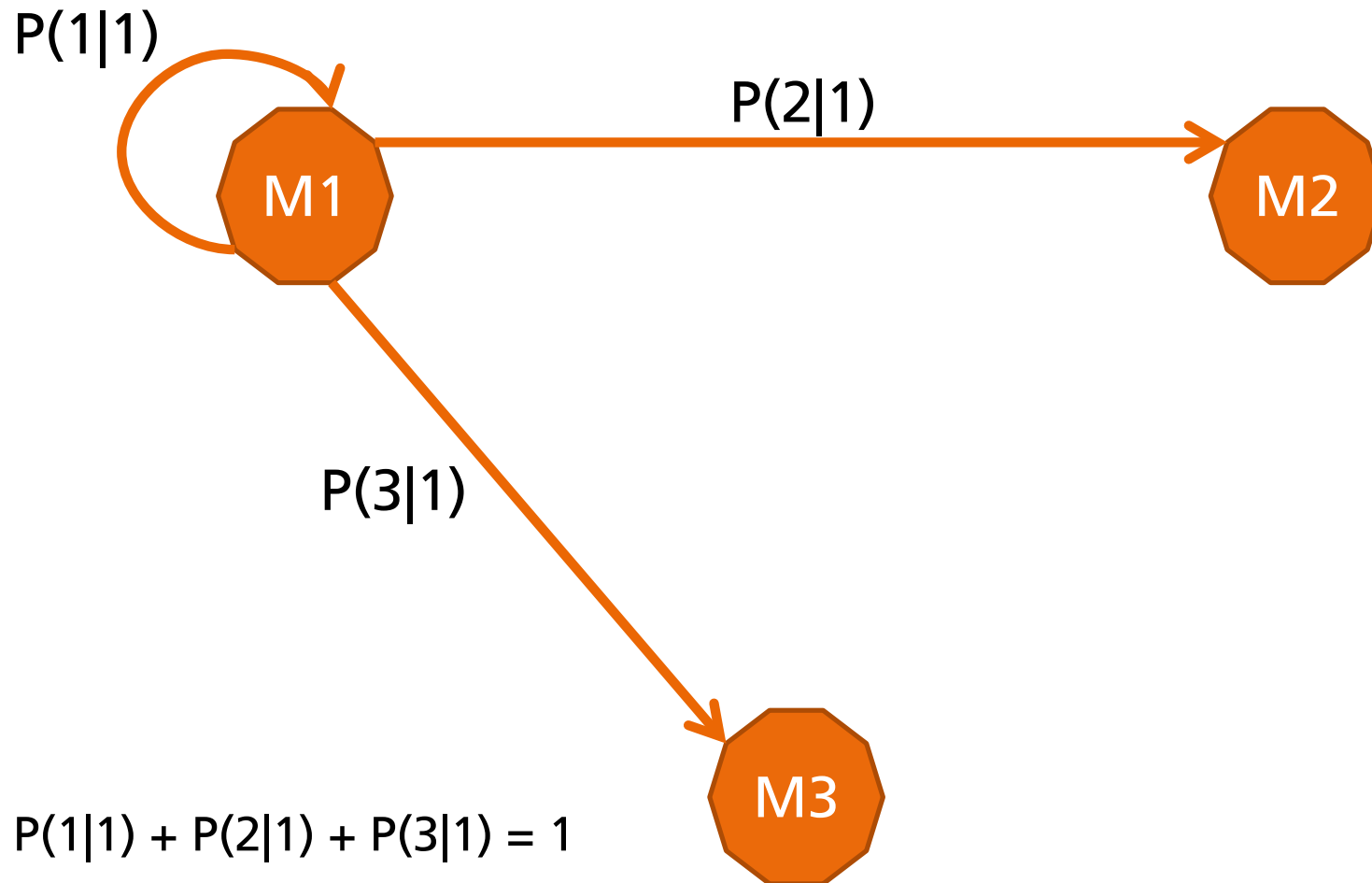
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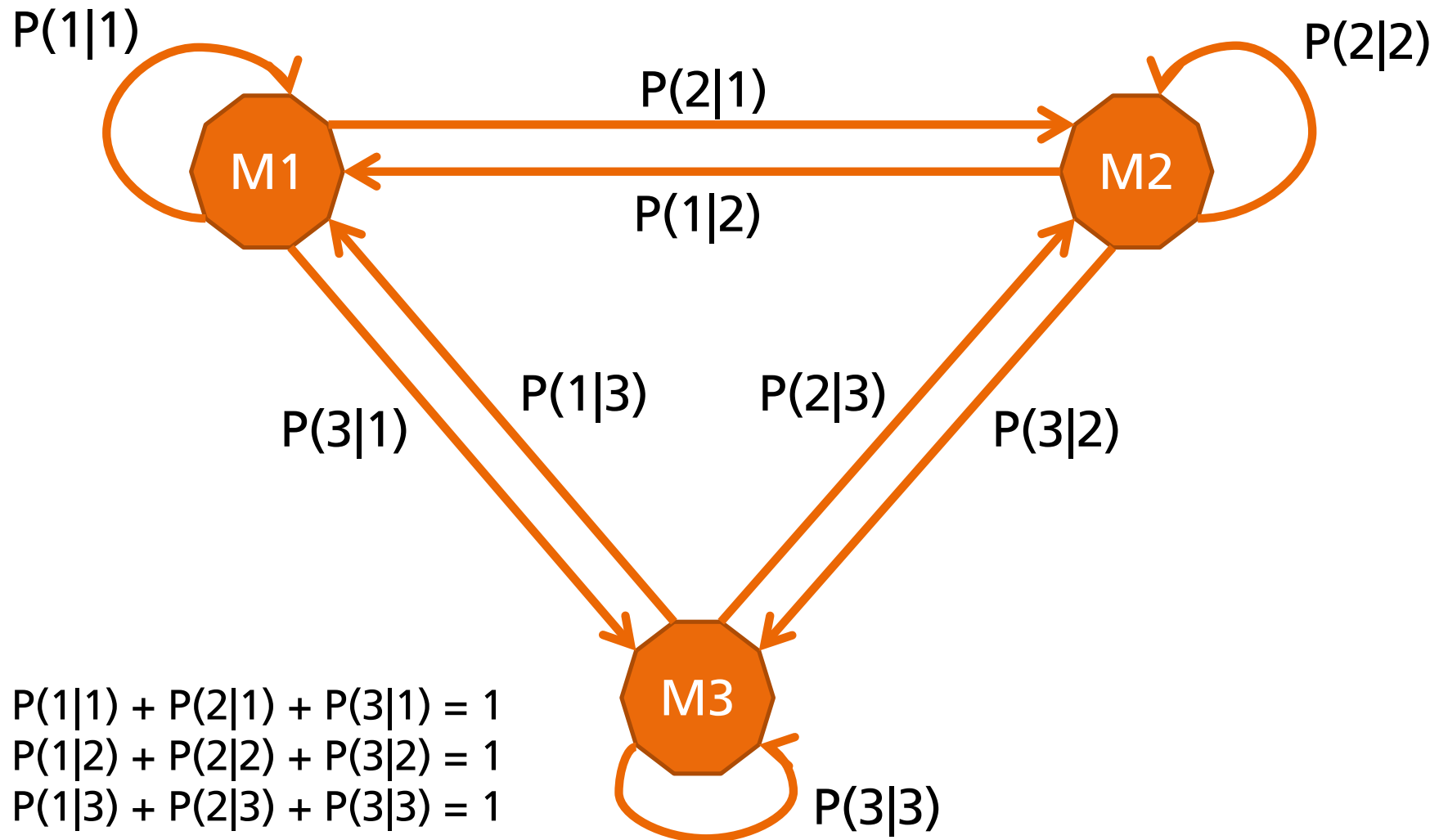
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**A quite general mathematical structure: a graph, characterized by nodes (here: evolution models) and directed edges defining an adjacency matrix**

**(here: transition matrix  $P$ , stochastic matrix: columns sum up to one)**

**initial information on which model is currently being in effect:  $p_k = (p_k^1, p_k^2, p_k^3)^\top$**

**Markov propagation:** 
$$p_k = P p_{k-1} = \begin{pmatrix} p(1|1) & p(1|2) & p(1|3) \\ p(1|2) & p(1|2) & p(1|2) \\ p(1|3) & p(1|3) & p(1|3) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_{k-1}^1 \\ p_{k-1}^2 \\ p_{k-1}^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Perron-Frobenius: the spectral radius of stochastic matrices is 1, 1 is also an eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvector is positive.**

**Exercise Consider the example:** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.3 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

**and calculate the invariant state (eigenvector for eigenvalue 1). Show numerically or mathematically that each initial state converges to the invariant state.**



# Excursus: Stochastic Characterization of Object Interrelations:

## Estimation and Tracking of Adjacency Matrices

- Multiple object tracking: estimate from uncertain data  $Z$  at each time the kinematic state vector of all relevant objects:  $p(x|Z)$ .
- Sometimes of interest: interrelations between tracked objects. Example: reachability between two objects (communications, mutual help).
- Interrelations completely described by the adjacency matrix  $X$  of a graph (nodes: tracked objects, matrix elements: properties of the interrelation).
- Uncertainty of sensor data (kinematics, attributes)  $z$ ,  $Z$ : adjacency matrix is a random matrix (matrix variate probability densities).
- State to be estimated: kinematics  $x$  of all objects, adjacency matrix  $X$ . Based on the sensor data, the knowledge on  $x$ ,  $X$  is contained in:  $p(x, X|z, Z)$ .

- suitable families of matrix variate densities and likelihood functions: Bayes!

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Approximate GAUSSIAN mixture representation of  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1})$  with  $r$  mixture components!

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Consider as a simple example  $\ell(\mathbf{x}_k; Z_k, m_k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{R}_k)$ !

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**generalize: model histories of *variable* length!**



# IMM Modeling: Suboptimal Realization

- **Conventional KALMAN filtering**

Only *one* component: worst-case assumption

- **standard IMM filter (as discussed!)**

Approximate after prediction, *before* update by  $r$  components! Effort:  $\sim r$  KALMAN filter

- **GPB: Generalized Pseudo-BAYESian**

Approximate *after* measurement processing by  $r$  components! Effort:  $\sim r^2$  KALMAN filter

- **IMM-MHT filter (nearly optimal)**

Accept longer dynamics histories  $\rightarrow$  *variable* number of components!

**Extendable to ambiguity with respect to sensor models!**

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**calculation: as before!**

# Design of IMM Modelling

- ***number  $r$  of models:*** relevant only for standard IMM
- ***decisive:*** sufficiently many Gaussian picture components
- ***irrelevant:*** by  $r$  or length of dynamics histories  $n_H$
- ***recommendation:*** worst/best case, histories ( $r = 2, n_H = 3$ )
- ***benefit:*** interpretable, close-to-reality dynamics parameters

## Demonstration