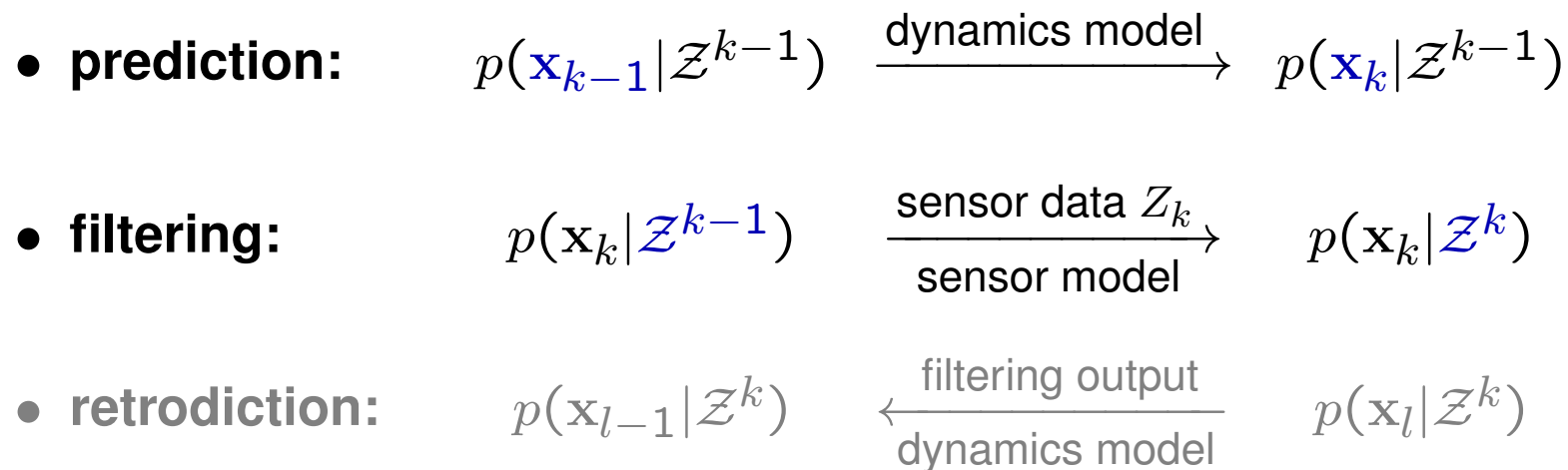


Multiple Sensor Target Tracking: Basic Idea

Iterative updating of conditional probability densities!

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Very First Look at an Important Data Fusion Algorithm

Kalman filter: $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$, $\mathcal{Z}^k = \{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}\}$

initiation: $p(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x}_{0|0}, \mathbf{P}_{0|0})$, initial ignorance: $\mathbf{P}_{0|0}$ 'large'

prediction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}]{\text{dynamics model}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1})$

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filtering: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\text{sensor model: } \mathbf{H}_k, \mathbf{R}_k]{\text{current measurement } \mathbf{z}_k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k})$

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A deeper look into the dynamics and sensor models necessary!

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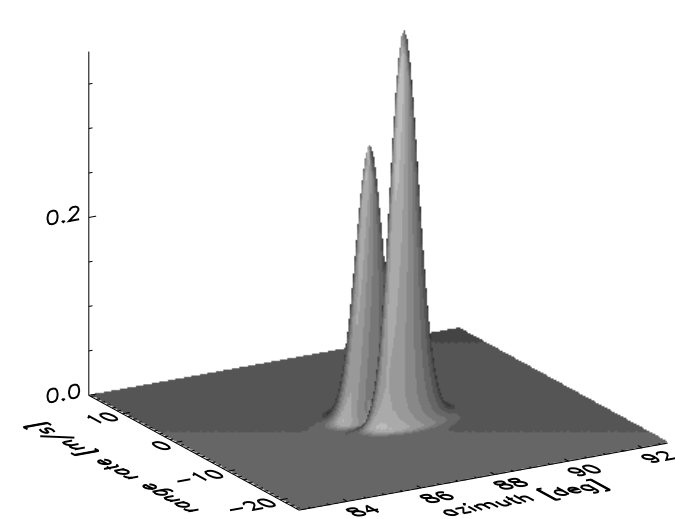
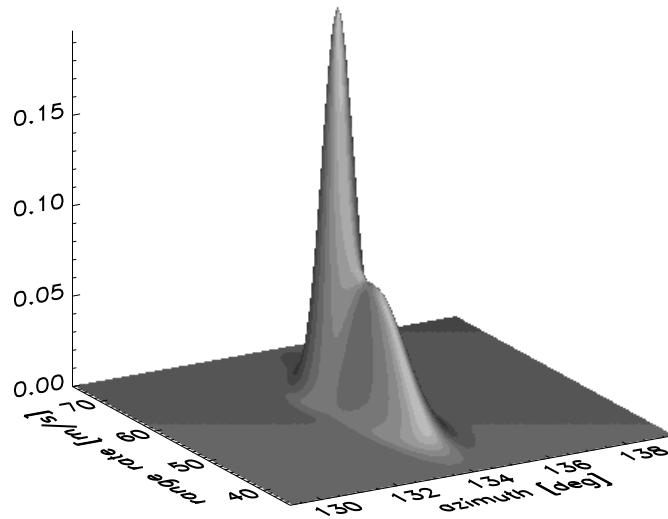
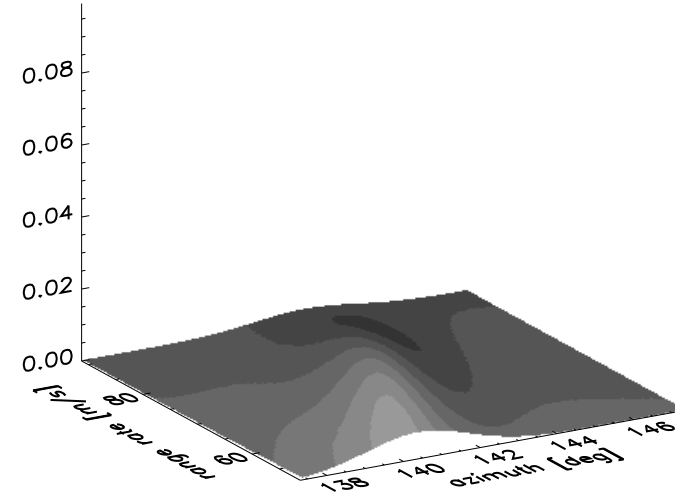
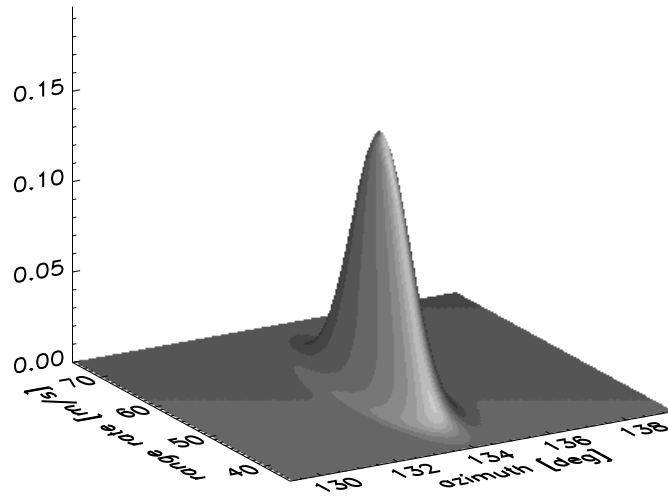
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Interpret unknown object states as *random variables*, x [1D] or \mathbf{x} , \mathbf{X} [vector / matrix variate]), characterized by corresponding *probability density functions* (pdf).



The concrete shape of the pdf $p(\mathbf{x})$ contains the full knowledge on \mathbf{x} !

Information on a random variable (RV) can be extracted by integration from the corresponding pdf !

at present: one dimensional case:

How probable is it that $x \in (a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ holds?

Answer:
$$P\{x \in (a, b)\} = \int_a^b dx p(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(x) \geq 0$$

in particular:
$$P\{x \in \mathbb{R}\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx p(x) = 1 \quad (\text{normalization})$$

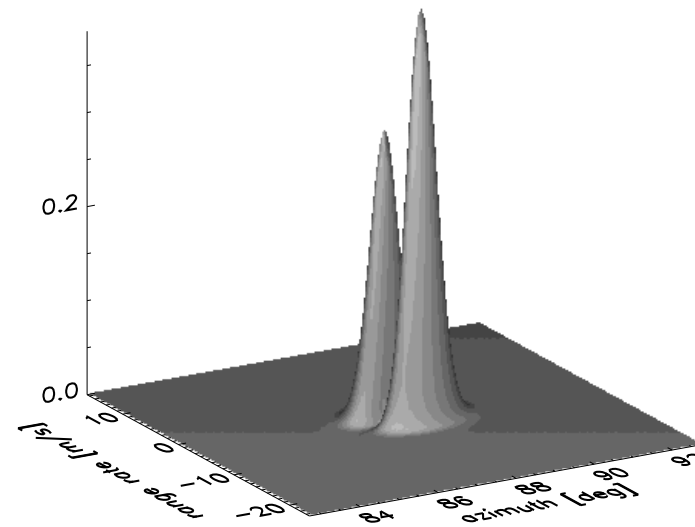
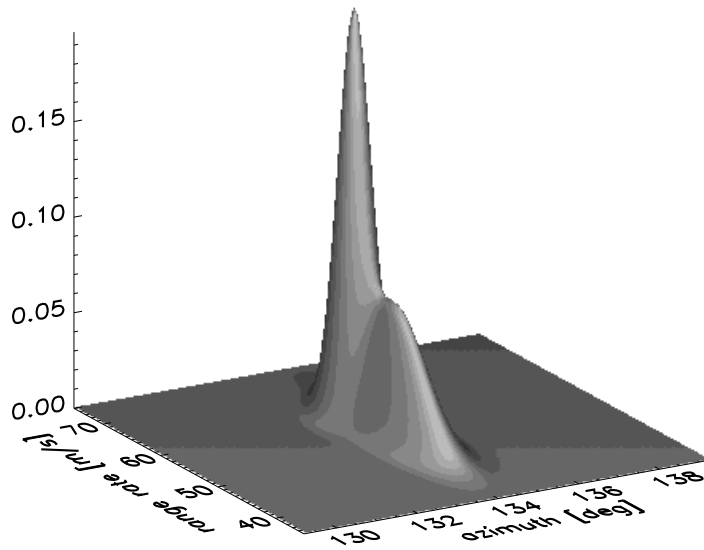
intuitive interpretation: *“the object is somewhere in \mathbb{R} ”*

loosely: $p(x) dx$ is probability for x having a value between x and $x + dx$

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more generally: Consider functions $g : x \mapsto g(x)$ of the RV x !

$$\mathbb{E}[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \, g(x) \, p(x), \quad \text{“expectation value of the observable } g\text{”}$$

Example: Consider the observable $\frac{1}{2}mx^2$ (kinetic energy, x = speed)

An important observable: the “error” of an estimate

- **Quality:** How useful is an expectation value $\bar{x} = \mathbb{E}[x]$?

Consider special observables as distance measure:

$$g(x) = |x - \bar{x}| \quad \text{oder} \quad g(x) = (x - \bar{x})^2$$

quadratic measures: computationally more comfortable!

‘expected error’ of the expectation value \bar{x} :

$$\mathbb{V}[x] = \mathbb{E}[(x - \bar{x})^2], \quad \sigma_x = \sqrt{\mathbb{V}[x]}$$

variance, standard deviation

Exercise 3.1

Show that $\mathbb{V}[x] = \mathbb{E}[x^2] - \mathbb{E}[x]^2$ holds.

Expectation value of the observable x^2 also called “2nd moment” of the pdf of x .

Calculate expectation and variance of the **uniform density** of a RV $x \in \mathbb{R}$ in the intervall $[a, b]$.

Exercise 3.2

$$p(x) = \mathcal{U}\left(\underbrace{x}_{\text{ZV}}; \underbrace{a, b}_{\text{Parameter}}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & x \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases}$$

Pdf correctly normalized? $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \mathcal{U}(x; a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b dx = 1$

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$$\mathbb{V}[x] = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b dx x^2 - \mathbb{E}[x]^2 = \frac{1}{12}(b-a)^2$$

Important example: x *normally distributed* over \mathbb{R} (Gauss)

- *wanted*: probabilities concentrated around μ
- quadratic distance: $\|x - \mu\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^2 / \sigma^2$ (mathematically convenient!)
- Parameter σ is a measure of the “width” of the pdf: $\|\sigma\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$
- for ‘large’ distances, i.e. $\|x - \mu\|^2 \gg \frac{1}{2}$, the pdf shall decay quickly.
- simplest approach: $\tilde{p}(x) = e^{-\|x - \mu\|^2}$ ($> 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, normalization?)
- Normalized for $p(x) = \tilde{p}(x) / \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \tilde{p}(x)$!

Formula collection delivers: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \tilde{p}(x) = \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma$

An admissible pdf with the required properties is obviously given by:

$$\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Exercise 3.3

Show for the Gauss density $p(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \sigma)$:

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \mu, \quad \mathbb{V}[x] = \sigma^2$$

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Use substitution and partial integration!

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Consider an object that moves in two dimensions on the trajectory:

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$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\omega t) \\ \sin(2\omega t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad A = \frac{v^2}{q}, \quad \omega = \frac{q}{2v}$$

and speed and acceleration parameters: $v = 300 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$, $q = 9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$!

1. Plot the trajectory. Why is it periodical? What is its period $T = T(v, q)$?
2. Show for the velocity and acceleration vector:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = v \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega t)/2 \\ \cos(2\omega t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = -q \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\omega t)/4 \\ \sin(2\omega t) \end{pmatrix}!$$

3. Calculate for each instance of time t the tangential and normal vectors in $\mathbf{r}(t)$:

$$\mathbf{t}(t) = \frac{1}{|\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)|} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n}(t) = \frac{1}{|\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)|} \begin{pmatrix} -\dot{y}(t) \\ \dot{x}(t) \end{pmatrix}!$$

4. Plot $|\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)|$, $|\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t)|$, $\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t)\mathbf{t}(t)$ and $\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t)\mathbf{n}(t)$ over a period T !
5. Discuss the temporal behaviour based on the trajectory $\mathbf{r}(t)$!
6. What are the maximum speeds and accelerations, v_{\max} , q_{\max} ?

Create your own sensor simulator!

Exercise 3.4

Simulate normally distributed (radar) measurements!

Measurement interval: $\Delta T = 5$ s, sensor position: \mathbf{r}_s

State at time $t_k = k\Delta T$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$: $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top, \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$

1. Simulate measurements of the Cartesian position components of the target state \mathbf{x}_k :

$$\mathbf{z}_k^c = \begin{pmatrix} z_k^x \\ z_k^y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{u}_k = (\mathbf{I} \ \mathbf{I} \ \mathbf{I}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_k \\ \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k \\ \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k \end{pmatrix} + \sigma_c \begin{pmatrix} \text{normrnd}(0,1) \\ \text{normrnd}(0,1) \end{pmatrix}$$

with a random number generator $\text{normrnd}(0, 1)$ producing normally distributed zero-mean and unit-variance random numbers, $\sigma_c = 50$ m denoting the standard deviation of the sensor measurement errors.

2. Simulate range and azimuth measurements of the target position \mathbf{r}_k :

$$\mathbf{z}_k^p = \begin{pmatrix} z_k^r \\ z_k^\varphi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(x_k - x_s)^2 + (y_k - y_s)^2} \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y_k - y_s}{x_k - x_s}\right) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_r \text{normrnd}(0,1) \\ \sigma_\varphi \text{normrnd}(0,1) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_{k,s} = (x_{k,s}, y_{k,s})^\top$$

with $\sigma_r = 20$ m, $\sigma_\varphi = 0.2^\circ$ denoting the standard deviations in range and azimuth.

3. Plot the Cartesian and polar measurements $z_k^r (\cos z_k^\varphi, \sin z_k^\varphi)^\top + \mathbf{r}_s$ over the true target trajectory! Play with sensor positions and measurement error standard deviations!

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Trick: Symmetric, positively definite matrices can be diagonalized by an orthogonal coordinate transform.

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A Useful Product Formula for GAUSSIANS

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Sketch of the proof:

- Interpret $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{P})$ as a joint pdf $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x})$.
- Show that $p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x})$ is a GAUSSIAN: $p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{S} & \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^\top & \mathbf{P} \end{pmatrix}\right)$.
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$$= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{T}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}], \mathbf{T}\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}]\mathbf{T}^\top + \mathbf{D}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{O}; \quad \text{product formula!}$$

Also true if $\dim(\mathbf{x}) \neq \dim(\mathbf{y})$!

A popular model for object evolutions

Piecewise Constant White Acceleration Model

Consider state vectors: $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$ (position, velocity)

For known \mathbf{x}_{k-1} and without external influences we have with $\Delta T_k = t_k - t_{k-1}$:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \Delta T_k \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_{k-1} \\ \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} =: \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \quad \text{see blackboard!}$$

Assume during the interval ΔT_k a constant acceleration \mathbf{a}_k causing the state evolution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_k^2 \mathbf{I} \\ \Delta T_k \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_k =: \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{a}_k, \quad \text{linear transform!}$$

Let \mathbf{a}_k be a Gaussian RV with pdf: $p(\mathbf{a}_k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{a}_k; \mathbf{o}, \Sigma_k^2 \mathbf{I})$, we therefore have:

$$p(\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{a}_k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{a}_k; \mathbf{o}, \Sigma_k^2 \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{G}_k^\top).$$

Therefore: $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1})$ with

$$\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \Delta T_k \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1} = \Sigma_k^2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \Delta T_k^4 \mathbf{I} & \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_k^3 \mathbf{I} \\ \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_k^3 \mathbf{I} & \Delta T_k^2 \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

Kalman filter: $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$, $\mathcal{Z}^k = \{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}\}$

initiation: $p(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x}_{0|0}, \mathbf{P}_{0|0})$, initial ignorance: $\mathbf{P}_{0|0}$ 'large'

prediction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}]{\text{dynamics model}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1})$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}^\top + \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}$$

filtering: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\text{sensor model: } \mathbf{H}_k, \mathbf{R}_k]{\text{current measurement } \mathbf{z}_k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1}, & \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1}^\top, & \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{R}_k \\ \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1}^{-1} & & \text{'KALMAN gain matrix'} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.6

In your sensor simulator, chose a sensor at position \mathbf{r}_s , for example $\mathbf{r}_s = (0, 0)^\top$, that produces measurements \mathbf{z}_k of the Cartesian target positions $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k$ from your ground truth generator. Use the measurement covariance matrix $\mathbf{R} = \sigma_c^2 \text{diag}[1, 1]$, $\sigma_c = 50$ m, for all measurements, but allow individual measurement error covariances for each measurement. Program your first Kalman filter using a constant acceleration. Visualize your results nicely! Compare the ground truth, the measurement, and the estimates!

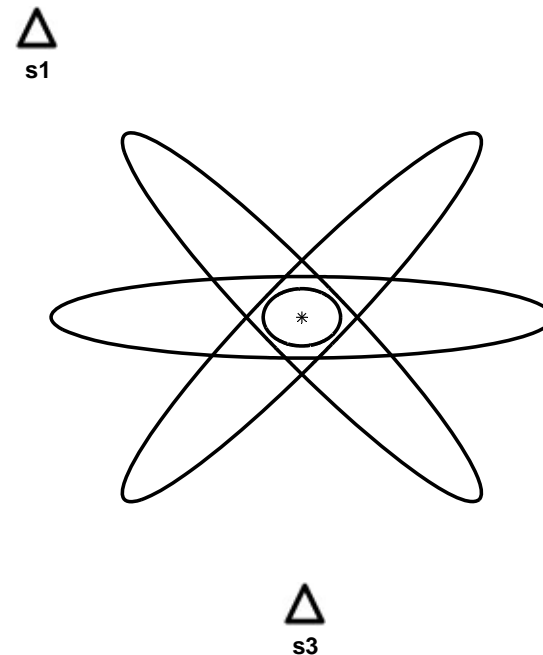
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a closer look: The error of each measurement z_i is described by a related measurement error *covariance matrix* \mathbf{R}_i ('error ellipsoids'). In 2 dimensions:



\mathbf{R}_i can strongly depend on the underlying sensor-to-target geometry!

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- **What is the likelihood function in Cartesian coordinates?**

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constant and linear term of a Taylor series only, blackboard!

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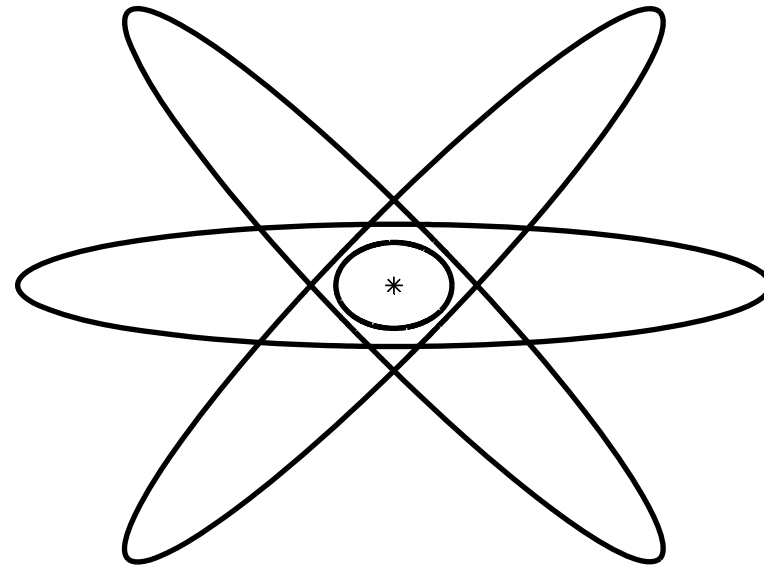
- **Cartesian error covariance (time dependent):**

$$\mathbf{T} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}^\top = \mathbf{D}_\varphi \mathbf{S}_r \mathbf{R} \mathbf{S}_r \mathbf{D}_\varphi^\top = \mathbf{D}_\varphi \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (r \sigma_\varphi)^2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_\varphi^\top$$

- **sensor fusion: sensor-to-target-geometry enters into $\mathbf{T} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}^\top$**

△
s1

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s2



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s3

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A Useful Product Formula for GAUSSIANS

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{P}) = \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S})}_{\text{independent of } \mathbf{x}} \times \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\nu}, \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{W}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{W}^\top) \\ \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{H}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{Q}) \end{cases}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^\top + \mathbf{R}, \quad \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^\top\mathbf{S}^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{H}.$$

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Exercise 3.7

Generalize to the case $S_k > 2$ (induction argument)!

One possible fusion strategy: Create a single *effective measurement* by preprocessing of the individual measurements!

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{R}_k \sum_{s=1}^{S_k} (\mathbf{R}_k^s)^{-1} \mathbf{z}_k^s \quad \text{weighted arithmetic mean of measurements}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_k = \left(\sum_{s=1}^{S_k} (\mathbf{R}_k^s)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{harmonic mean of measurement covariances}$$

A typical structure for fusion equations!

With measurement specific measurement error covariances, your Kalman filter already is a multiple sensor fusion algorithms. Try and play!