



# Chapter 5

# Optimal Estimation

## Part 3

### 5.3 State Space Kalman Filters

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# Rudolph. E. Kalman

- Born in Budapest, Hungary, on May 19, 1930.
- “Magnetic personality”
- Did EE at MIT
- Professor at Stanford U



# Impact

- One of the greatest and broadly applied discoveries in the history of statistical estimation theory.
- Navigation and Guidance Applications
  - Robotics
  - Aircraft
  - Automobiles
  - Spacecraft orbit determination

# Impact

- Control and Estimation Applications
  - Continuous manufacturing processes (Power, Chemical)
  - Target tracking
  - Computer vision
  - Economic Forecasting
  - Stock Market Prediction !!!

# Impact

- Subsystems Within Robotics
  - Perception,
  - Localization
  - Control
- Subproblems of Robotics
  - State estimation
  - Data association
  - Calibration, system identification
- Trade studies
  - Built-in simulation

# Characterization

- Usually, the situation is more generic with measurements that are:
  - incomplete: related to some but not all of the variables of interest
  - indirect: related indirectly to the quantities of interest
  - intermittent: available at irregularly-spaced instants of time
- Also, the state vector of interest may be
  - changing with respect to time.
- The Kalman Filter can handle all of this.



# Characterization

- An algorithm. Not hardware.
- Recursively estimates state of a dynamic system from noisy data.
  - System dynamics perturbed by white noise.
  - Measurements perturbed by white noise.
- For optimal (or even correct) results, errors must be:
  - Unbiased (have zero mean for all time)
  - Gaussian (have a Gaussian distribution for all time)
  - White (contain all frequencies)

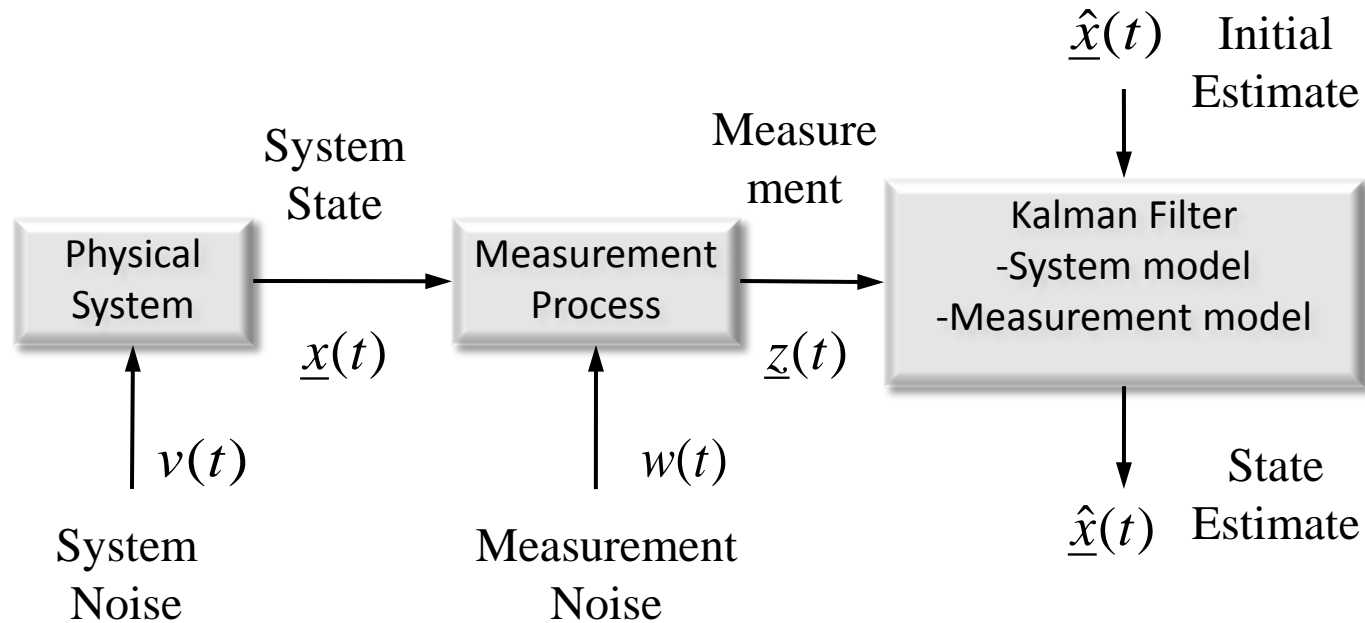
## 5.3.1 Introduction

- Recall the form of **state space model** of a system:

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = F\underline{x} + G\underline{w}$$

$$\underline{z} = H\underline{x} + \underline{v}$$

# 5.3.1 Overall Operation



## 5.3.1 Additional Capabilities of SS KF

- An SS KF can:
  - Predict state **between** and **beyond** the measurements.
  - Use **rate measurements** that are derivatives of required state variables.
  - Explicitly account for **modeling assumptions** and disturbances in a more precise way than just “noise”.
  - **Identify** a system (calibrate parameters) in real-time.
  - Correlations that it tracks make it possible to **remove effects of historical errors** once they become known.

## 5.3.1.1 Need for State Prediction

- Let subscripts denote times thus:

$$x_1 = x(t_1) \qquad z_2 = z(t_2)$$

- **Not all of the difference** between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  is now due to **error**. Some of it is **motion**.
- Must compute  $x_2$  from  $x_1$  and **then** compare  $z_2$  to that.
- That also involves predicting the error in the prediction → recall how error **compounds** in dead reckoning.

# 5.3.1.3 Discrete Time System Model

- Continuous Time:

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = F\underline{x} + G\underline{w}$$

State or Process Model

$$\underline{z} = H\underline{x} + \underline{v}$$

Measurement or Observation Model

- Discrete Time:

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \Phi_k \hat{\underline{x}}_k + G_k \underline{w}_k$$

State or Process Model

$$\underline{z}_k = H_k \underline{x}_k + \underline{v}_k$$

Measurement or Observation Model

Continuous form  
rarely used in practice

# Nomenclature

Object	Size	Name	Comment
$\hat{\underline{x}}_k$	$n \times 1$	state vector estimate at time $t_k$	
$\Phi_k$	$n \times n$	transition matrix	relates $\underline{x}_k$ to $\underline{x}_{k+1}$ in the absence of a forcing function
$G_k$	$n \times n$	process noise distribution matrix	transforms the $\underline{w}_k$ vector into the coordinates of $\underline{x}_k$
$\underline{w}_k$	$n \times 1$	disturbance sequence or process noise sequence	white, known covariance structure
$\underline{z}_k$	$m \times 1$	measurement at time $t_k$	
$H_k$	$m \times n$	measurement matrix or observation matrix	relates $\underline{x}_k$ to $\underline{z}_k$ in the absence of measurement noise
$\underline{v}_k$	$m \times 1$	measurement noise sequence	white, known covariance structure

**n = # states**

**m = # measurements**

## 5.3.1.3 Noises

- Assume:
  - Process and measurement noises are white (uncorrelated with themselves in time).
  - Uncorrelated with each other.

$$E(\underline{w}_k \underline{w}_i^T) = \delta_{ik} Q_k$$

$$E(\underline{v}_k \underline{v}_i^T) = \delta_{ik} R_k$$

$$E(\underline{w}_k \underline{v}_i^T) = 0, \forall (i, k)$$



## 5.3.1.4 Transition Matrix

- Converts continuous time ODEs to discrete time ones:
- The time continuous, matrix ODE:

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = F(t)\underline{x}$$

- Can always be converted to:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \Phi_k \underline{x}_k$$

- But it may not be easy.

## 5.3.1.4 Matrix Exponential

- When  $F(t)$  is actually time-independent ( $F$ ):

$$\Phi_k = e^{F\Delta t} = I + F\Delta t + \frac{(F\Delta t)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

- Don't panic! Its just adds and multiplies, ah..., forever.
- For time varying  $F(t)$ , even when  $\Delta t$  is sufficiently small relative to system time constants, can use:

$$\Phi_k \approx e^{F\Delta t} \approx I + F\Delta t$$

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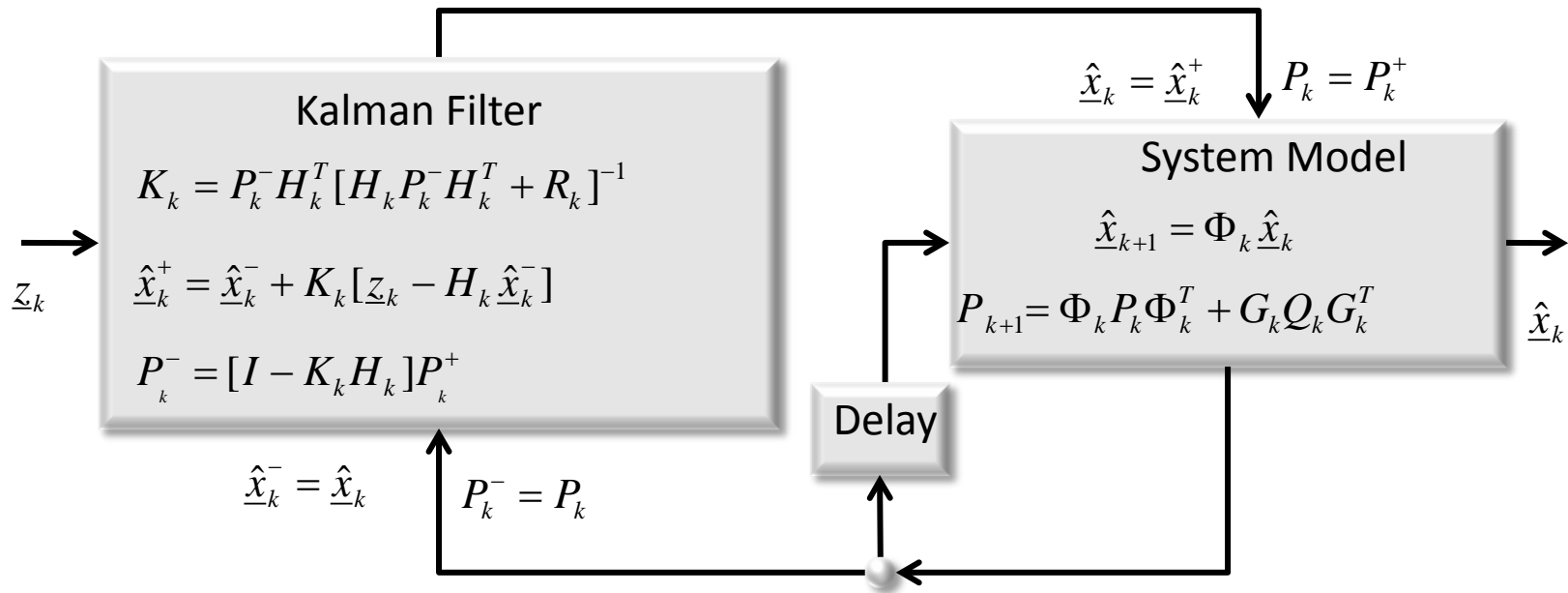
# 5.3.2.1 The Filter Equations – 2 Sets

The Kalman filter equations for the linear system model are as follows:

<i>System</i>	$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \Phi_k \hat{\underline{x}}_k$	<i>predict state</i>
<i>Model</i>	$P_{k+1} = \Phi_k P_k \Phi_k^T + G_k Q_k G_k^T$	<i>predict covariance</i>
	$K_k = P_k^- H_k^T [H_k P_k^- H_k^T + R_k]^{-1}$	<i>compute Kalman gain</i>
<i>Kalman</i>	$\hat{\underline{x}}_k^+ = \hat{\underline{x}}_k^- + K_k [z_k - H_k \hat{\underline{x}}_k^-]$	<i>update state estimate</i>
<i>Filter</i>	$P_k^+ = [I - K_k H_k] P_k^-$	<i>update its covariance</i>

+ means “after incorporation  
of measurement  
into estimate”

## 5.3.2.2 Time and Updates



- System model runs continuously (i.e. at high rates).
- Kalman filter runs when measurements are available.

# 5.3.2.3 Interpreting Uncertainty Matrices

- $Q_k$ :
  - you provide this
  - instantaneous uncertainty which corrupts the system model
  - random physical disturbances and process model errors
- $R_k$ :
  - you provide this too
  - instantaneous uncertainty which corrupts the measurement model
  - random errors in sensor outputs
- $P_k$ :
  - Filter mostly manages. You provide only  $P_0$
  - total integrated uncertainty in state estimate

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# Linearizing Nonlinear Problems

- Full nonlinear model:

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\underline{x}, t) + \mathbf{g}(t)\underline{w}(t)$$

$$\underline{z} = \mathbf{h}(\underline{x}, t) + \underline{v}(t)$$

- Linearize about a reference trajectory  $\underline{x}^*(t)$

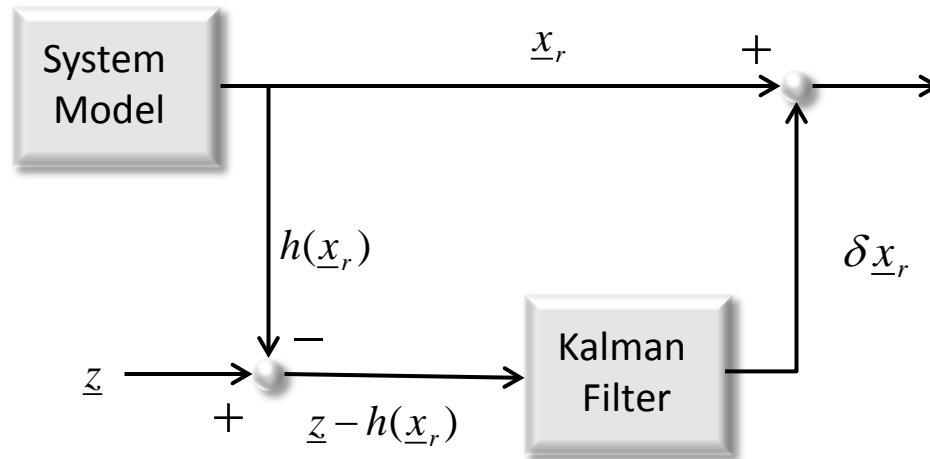
$$\Delta\dot{\underline{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \underline{x}}(\underline{x}^*, t)\Delta\underline{x} + \mathbf{g}(t)\underline{w}(t)$$

$$\underline{z} - \mathbf{h}(\underline{x}^*, t) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \underline{x}}(\underline{x}^*, t)\Delta\underline{x} + \underline{v}(t)$$



# Linear (Feedforward) Kalman Filter

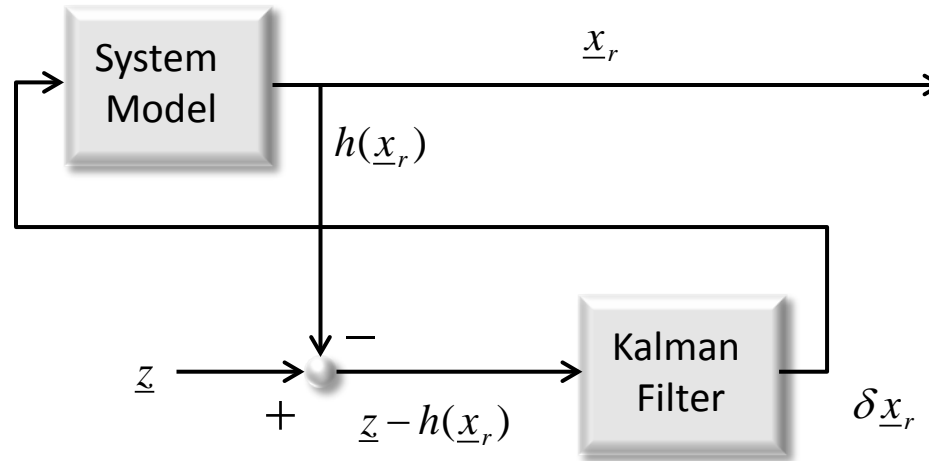
- **Does not** update the reference trajectory:



- State vector is the errors.
- **Advantage**: more responsive to dynamics (computed in reference trajectory).
- **Disadvantage**: diverges more quickly.

# Extended Kalman Filter

- **Does** update the reference trajectory:



- State vector is the state.
- **Disadvantage:** less responsive to dynamics.
- **Advantage:** diverges less quickly.

# Extended Kalman Filter

- Kalman Filter:

$$F_k = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{x}}(\hat{\underline{x}}_k^-) \quad G_k = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \underline{w}}(\hat{\underline{x}}_k^-) \quad H_k = \frac{\partial h}{\partial \underline{x}}(\hat{\underline{x}}_k^-)$$

- Jacobians:

- Compute Kalman gain:

- Update state estimate:

- Update its covariance:

$$K_k = P_k^- H_k^T [H_k P_k^- H_k^T + R_k]^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_k^+ = \hat{\underline{x}}_k^- + K_k [z_k - h(\hat{\underline{x}}_k^-)]$$

$$P_k^+ = [I - K_k H_k] P_k^-$$

- System Model:

- Project state:

- Project covariance:

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \phi_k(\hat{\underline{x}}_k)$$

$$P_{k+1} = \Phi_k P_k \Phi_k^T + G_k Q_k G_k^T$$

These are the ones you will use for almost any filter.

# State Transition – Nonlinear Problems

- When the system model is nonlinear:

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = f(\underline{x}(t), t)$$

- The previous expression:

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \phi_k(\hat{\underline{x}}_k)$$

- Is just code for “**solve the ODE**”. The “transition matrix” can be generated from time linearization:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \underline{x}_k + f(\underline{x}_k, t_k)\Delta t$$

# Uncertainty Propagation – Nonlinear Problems

- The state covariance propagation is:

$$P_{k+1} = \Phi_k P_k \Phi_k^T + G_k Q_k G_k^T$$

- This approximation can be used:

$$\Phi_k = I + F \Delta t$$

# System Identification

- A poorly known constant can be computed automatically if there are enough measurements to observe it.
- Its “state equation” is:

$$\dot{x}_i = 0$$

- Just add it to the state vector and make sure to update H to encode how measurement error depends linearly on its error.

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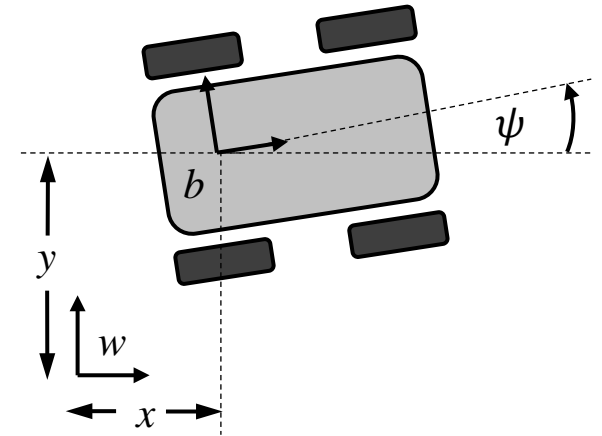
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# 5.3.4 2D Mobile Robot Filter

- State Vector:

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & \psi & v & \omega \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Care about this      Need this to propagate state



- Measurements

$$\underline{z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_e & z_g \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Transmission Encoder

Gyro



## 5.3.4.1 System and Measurement Model (System Model)

- Generally of the form:

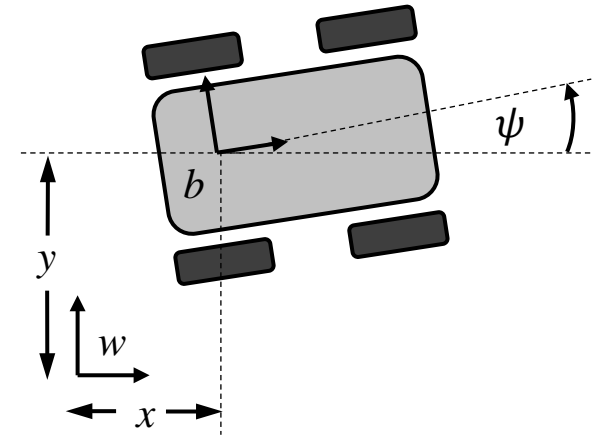
$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = f(\underline{x}, t)$$

- Here, it is:

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = f(\underline{x}, t) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [x \ y \ \psi \ v \ \omega]^T$$

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = [vc\psi \ vs\psi \ \omega \ 0 \ 0]^T$$

Nonlinear!



- Assumes constant velocity between measurements, but no worries because:
  - Measurements can change velocity.
  - Measurements may arrive at 100 Hz.

# 5.3.4.1 System and Measurement Model (System Jacobian)

- Recall:

$$\underline{\dot{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} vc\psi & vs\psi & \omega & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

- “Clearly”:

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} \partial \dot{x} / \partial x & \partial \dot{x} / \partial y & \partial \dot{x} / \partial \theta & \partial \dot{x} / \partial v & \partial \dot{x} / \partial \omega \\ \partial \dot{y} / \partial x & \partial \dot{y} / \partial y & \partial \dot{y} / \partial \theta & \partial \dot{y} / \partial v & \partial \dot{y} / \partial \omega \\ \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial x & \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial y & \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial \theta & \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial v & \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial \omega \\ \partial \dot{v} / \partial x & \partial \dot{v} / \partial y & \partial \dot{v} / \partial \theta & \partial \dot{v} / \partial v & \partial \dot{v} / \partial \omega \\ \partial \dot{\omega} / \partial x & \partial \dot{\omega} / \partial y & \partial \dot{\omega} / \partial \theta & \partial \dot{\omega} / \partial v & \partial \dot{\omega} / \partial \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -vs\psi & c\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & vc\psi & s\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\psi$

$F$

## 5.3.4.2 Discretize and Linearize

- Linearize:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} \approx \underline{x}_k + f(x, t)\Delta t$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \\ \Psi_{k+1} \\ v_{k+1} \\ \omega_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \\ \Psi_k \\ v_k \\ \omega_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_k c \Psi_k \\ v_k s \Psi_k \\ \omega_k \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Delta t_k$$

- This is a linearized (called “Euler”) approximation.

- Express in matrix form:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} \approx \hat{\Phi} \underline{x}_k$$

$$\hat{\Phi} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & c\psi\Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & s\psi\Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**THIS IS NOT  $\Phi$ !**

- Maybe its easier to code this.

## 5.3.4.2 Discretize and Linearize (State Uncertainty Propagation)

- Recall, its of the form:  $P_{k+1}^- = \Phi_k P_k \Phi_k^T + G_k Q_k G_k^T$
- We approximate the transition matrix with:

- Where:

$$\Phi_k \approx I + F\Delta t$$

$$\Phi_k \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -vs\psi\Delta t & c\psi\Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & vc\psi\Delta t & s\psi\Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note difference from F  
matrix 2 slides ago!

## 5.3.4.3 Initialization

- Be careful with  $P_0$ :
  - Too little  $P_0$  and measurements will be ignored.
  - Too much  $P_0$  and numerical problems.
- Here assume:

$$P_0 = \text{diag} \left[ \sigma_{xx} \quad \sigma_{yy} \quad \sigma_{\psi\psi} \quad \sigma_{vv} \quad \sigma_{\omega\omega} \right]$$

Means: the matrix whose diagonal is this vector

## 5.3.4.4 System Disturbances

- Error growth between measurements

$$G_k Q_k G_k^T$$

- Use it to capture:
  - Incorrectness of flat terrain assumption.
  - Incorrectness of no Wheel slip assumption.
  - Incorrectness of constant velocity assumption.
- Would like it to be larger for larger  $\Delta t$ .
- In the absence of real data, try something related to the Taylor remainder
  - First neglected term in dynamics linearization.

## 5.3.4.4 System Disturbances

- Try:  $Q_k = \text{diag}[k_{xx}, k_{yy}, k_{\psi\psi}, k_{vv}, k_{\omega\omega}] \Delta t$



constants

- But what is  $G_k$  ?
- Let  $k_{xx}$  and  $k_{yy}$  be interpreted in the **body** frame to allow **asymmetric** error magnitudes in direction of travel.
- Then  $G_k$  converts coordinates:

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi & -s\psi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ s\psi & c\psi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

OK. Breathe.  
We're 1/4 Done  
☹️

We have the dynamics ...

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \phi_k(\hat{\underline{x}}_k)$$

$$P_{k+1} = \Phi_k P_k \Phi_k^T + G_k Q_k G_k^T$$



# 5.3.4.5.1 Transmission Encoder Measurement Model

- “Velocity” encoder:

$$z_e = v \quad H_e = \frac{\partial z_e}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Always express measurements as a prediction based on:
  - The present state
  - No other measurements
- If you are sure you can't predict the measurements from the state, add more state variables til you can.

# 5.3.4.5.1 Transmission Encoder Measurement Model (Error Model)

- Express uncertainty as “distance” dependent random walk.
- In continuous time:

$$\dot{R}_e = \dot{\sigma}_{ee} = \alpha |v|$$

That is, when integrated wrt time, grows linearly wrt distance because  $Vdt = ds$

Why || ?

- Multiply by  $\Delta t_e$  to get:

$$R_e = \sigma_{ee} = \alpha |\Delta s|$$

- Produces a position variance that grows **linearly with distance** between measurements.

## 5.3.4.5.2 Gyro Measurement Model/Uncertainty

- Gyro measurement:

$$z_g = \omega \quad H_g = \frac{\partial z_g}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For R, go with time dependent random walk:

$$\dot{R}_g = \dot{\sigma}_{gg} / \Delta t_g$$

- To convert to discrete time (multiply by  $\Delta t_g$ ).
- Makes the variance of **angle rate** constant while variance of computed **angle** grow linearly with time.

1/2 DONE



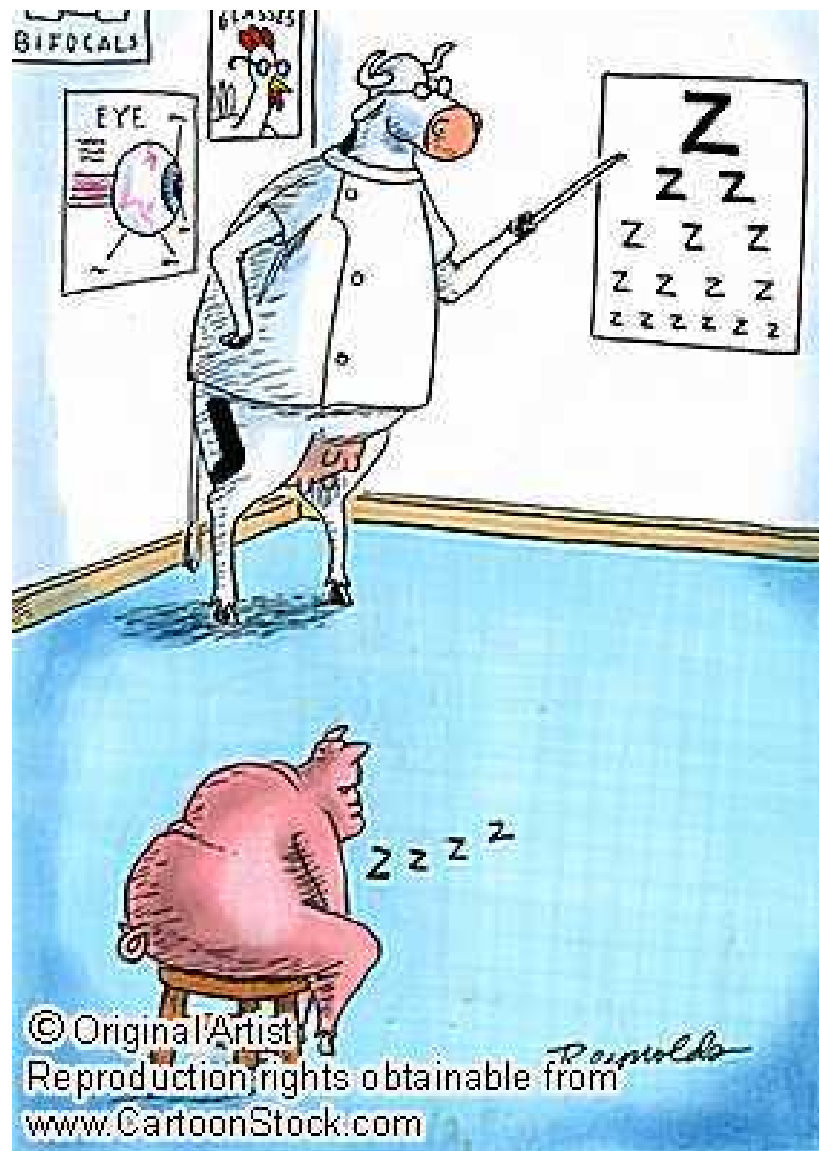
now have:

$$z = h(x)$$

& H

& R

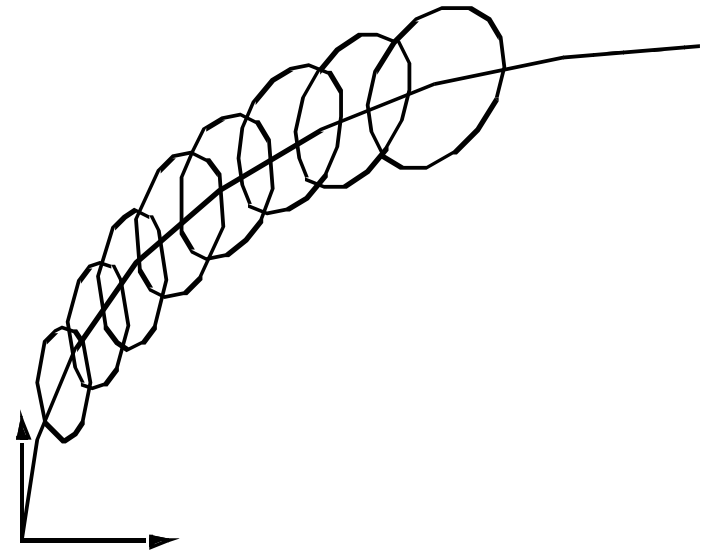
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# Dead Reckoning

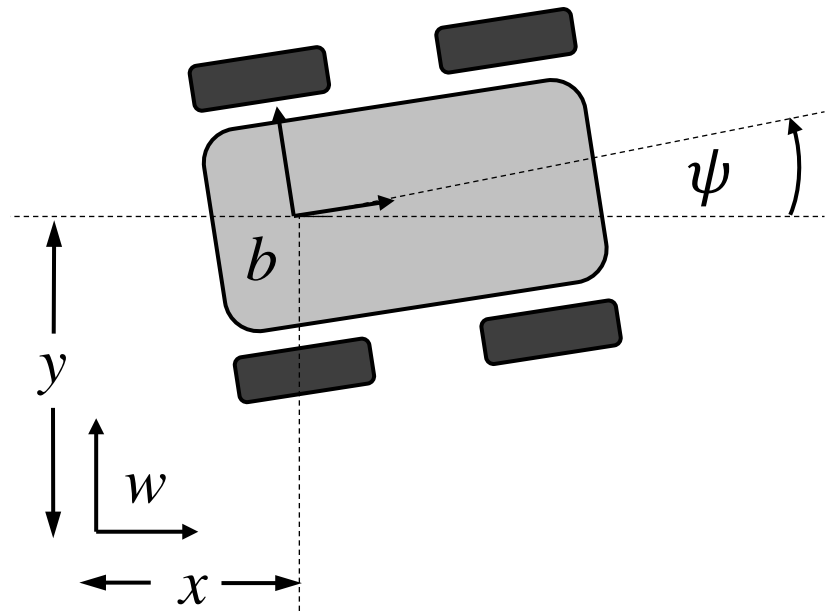
- So far, we have a lot of code that does this:
- Any process that only integrates noisy velocities must eventually (quickly?) get lost.
- Without pose “fixes”, even an optimal estimate is not much use.



# Landmarks

- Suppose:
  - A map of where the landmarks are in the **world**.
  - A sensor which measures landmark positions **relative to itself**.

**Note: The book presents a “forced formulation” which is better but not consistent with the homework assignment, so these slides cover an unforced formulation – where velocities remain in the state vector.**



## 5.3.4.6.1 Forced Formulation

- Can treat velocity measurements as inputs  $\underline{u}$  rather than measurements  $\underline{z}$ .
- Errors in the velocities are then modeled in  $Q$  rather than  $R$ .
- The state vector is smaller:  $\underline{x} = [x \ y \ \psi]$

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} \approx \underline{x}_k + f(x, u, t)\Delta t$$

- System Model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \\ \psi_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \\ \psi_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_k c \psi_k \\ v_k s \psi_k \\ \omega_k \end{bmatrix} \Delta t_k$$



# 5.3.4.6.1 Forced Formulation

- System model in matrix form:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} \approx \hat{\Phi} \underline{x}_k + G u_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{\Phi} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad G \approx \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_k \Delta t_k \\ s\psi_k \Delta t_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- System Jacobian:

$$F = \frac{\partial \dot{\underline{x}}}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial \dot{x} / \partial x & \partial \dot{x} / \partial y & \partial \dot{x} / \partial \theta \\ \partial \dot{y} / \partial x & \partial \dot{y} / \partial y & \partial \dot{y} / \partial \theta \\ \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial x & \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial y & \partial \dot{\theta} / \partial \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -vs\psi \\ 0 & 0 & vc\psi \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\Phi_k$  matrix:

$$\Phi_k \approx I + F \Delta t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -vs\psi \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 & vc\psi \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- State Uncertainty Propagation:

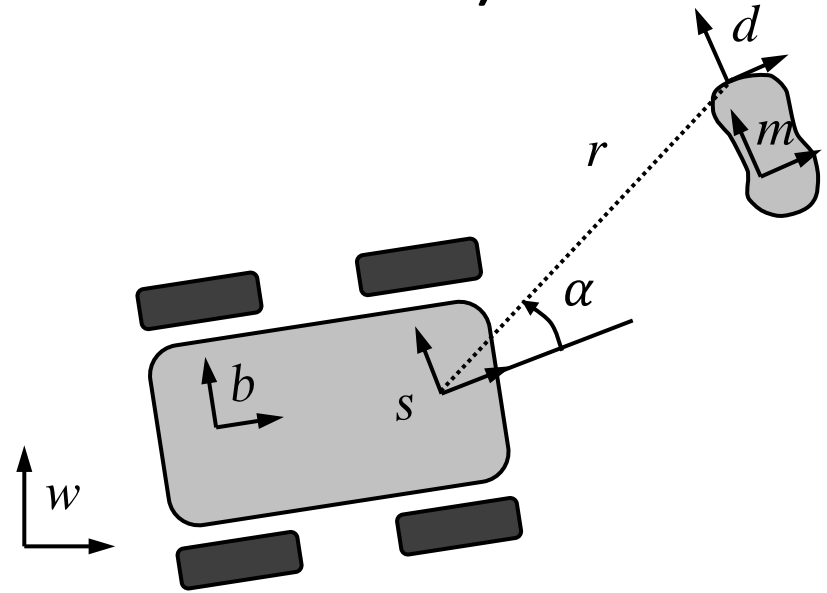
$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1}^- = \Phi_k \mathbf{P}_k \Phi_k^T + \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{Q}_k \mathbf{G}_k^T$$

# 5.3.4.6 Incorporating a Map

(Landmark Measurement Model)

- This is of the form  $z = h(x)$  where:

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_b^w & y_b^w & \psi \end{bmatrix}$$



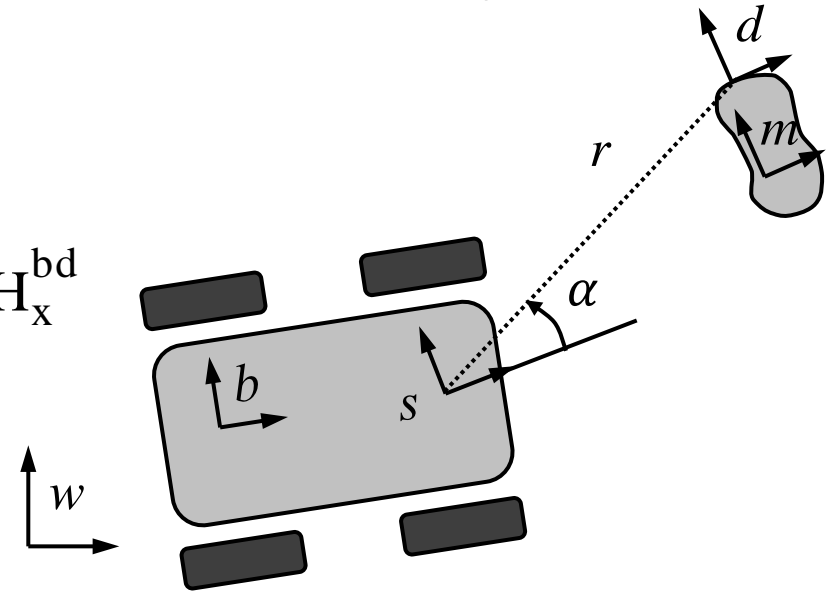
$$\underline{\rho}_d^s = \underline{\rho}_b^s * \underline{\rho}_w^b * \underline{\rho}_m^w * \underline{\rho}_d^m$$

**x**

# 5.3.4.6 Incorporating a Map (Landmark Measurement Model)

- Jacobian w.r.t robot pose:

$$H_x^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_b^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_w^w} \end{pmatrix} = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_x^{bd}$$



- Jacobian w.r.t landmark pose:

$$H_{wm}^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_m^w} \end{pmatrix} = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_{wd}^{bd} H_{wm}^{wd}$$

$$\underline{\rho}_d^s = \underline{\rho}_b^s * \underline{\rho}_w^b * \underline{\rho}_m^w * \underline{\rho}_d^m$$

**X<sub>m</sub>**

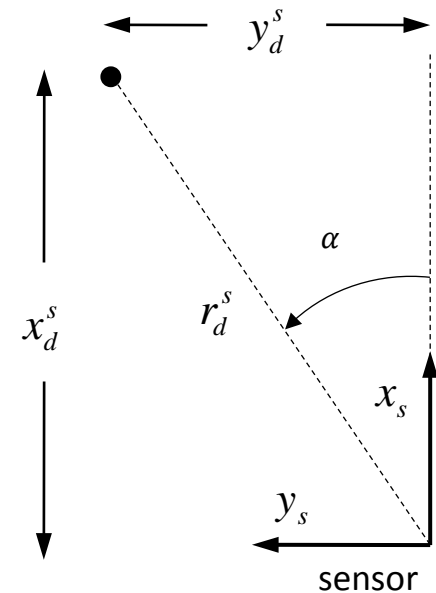
## 5.3.4.6.2 Observer and Jacobian

- A real sensor does not measure in Cartesian coordinates. Polar is more likely:

$$\cos\alpha = x_d^s / r_d^s$$
$$\sin\alpha = y_d^s / r_d^s$$

Forward  
Kinematics

$$\underline{z}_{sen} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ r_d^s \end{bmatrix} = f(\underline{r}_d^s) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{atan}(y_d^s / x_d^s) \\ \sqrt{(x_d^s)^2 + (y_d^s)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$



Inverse  
Kinematics

# 5.3.4.6.3 Sensor Referenced Observation

$$H_x^z = \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^s} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_b^w} \right) = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_x^{bd} \quad H_{wm}^z = \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^s} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_d^w} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \rho_d^w}{\partial \rho_m^w} \right) = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_{wd}^{bd} H_{wm}^{wd}$$

Occurs in 2 places

- Nothing here but tons of math.....
- Recall:

$$z_{sen} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ r_d^s \end{bmatrix} = f(r_d^s) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{atan}(y_d^s/x_d^s) \\ \sqrt{(x_d^s)^2 + (y_d^s)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

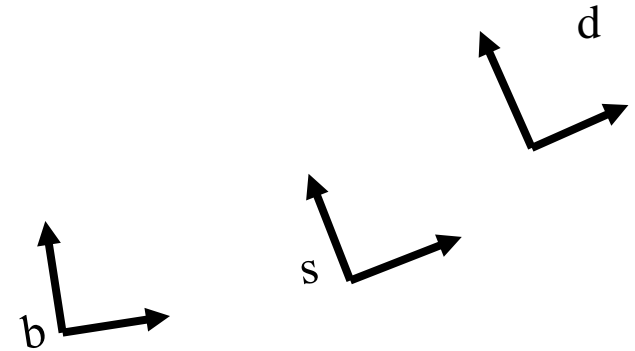
$$H_{sd}^z = \frac{\partial z}{\partial r_d^s} = \begin{bmatrix} H_s^\alpha \\ H_s^r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(r_d^s)^2} \begin{bmatrix} -y_d^s & x_d^s \end{bmatrix} \\ \frac{1}{r_d^s} \begin{bmatrix} x_d^s & y_d^s \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{r_d^s} \begin{bmatrix} -s\alpha & c\alpha \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & s\alpha \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

# 5.3.4.6.4 Body To Sensor

$$H_x^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^s} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_b^w} \end{pmatrix} = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_x^{bd} \quad H_{wm}^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^s} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_d^w} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^w}{\partial \rho_m^w} \end{pmatrix} = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_{wd}^{bd} H_{wm}^{wd}$$

Occurs in 2 places

- We need:  $\frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b}$
- Inverse is:  $\frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_d^s}$
- Compound-Right Pose Jacobian!



$$\frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_d^s} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_s^b & -s\psi_s^b & 0 \\ s\psi_s^b & c\psi_s^b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

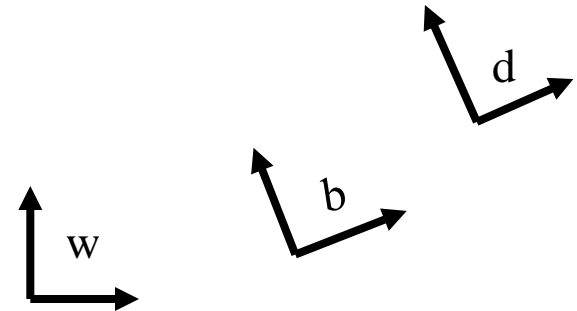
$$H_{bd}^{sd} = \left( \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_d^s} \right)^{-1} = \frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_s^b & s\psi_s^b & 0 \\ -s\psi_s^b & c\psi_s^b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 5.3.4.6.5 World to Body: First Jacobian

$$\mathbf{H}_x^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}_{sd}^z \mathbf{H}_{bd}^{sd} \mathbf{H}_x^{bd} \quad \mathbf{H}_{wm}^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_m^w} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}_{sd}^z \mathbf{H}_{bd}^{sd} \mathbf{H}_{wd}^{bd} \mathbf{H}_{wm}^{wd}$$

- We need:  $\frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}$
- Inverse is:  $\frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}$

- Compound-Right Pose Jacobian



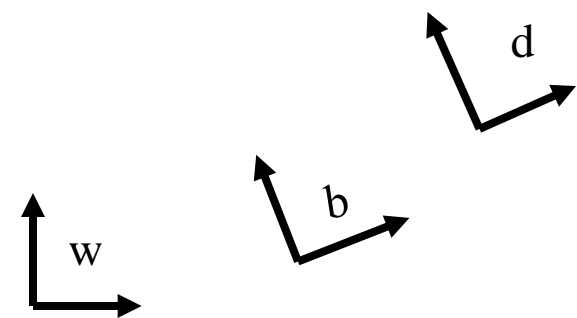
$$\frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_b^w & -s\psi_b^w & 0 \\ s\psi_b^w & c\psi_b^w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{wd}^{bd} = \left( \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \right)^{-1} = \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_b^w & s\psi_b^w & 0 \\ -s\psi_b^w & c\psi_b^w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 5.3.4.6.5 World to Body: Second Jacobian

$$H_x^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^s} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^b} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_d^w} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^w}{\partial \rho_b^w} \end{pmatrix} = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_x^{bd} \quad H_{wm}^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^s} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^b} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_d^w} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho_m^w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \rho_d^s}{\partial \rho_d^b} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_d^w} \\ \frac{\partial \rho_d^w}{\partial \rho_m^w} \end{pmatrix} = H_{sd}^z H_{bd}^{sd} H_{wd}^{bd} H_{wm}^{wd}$$

- We need:  $\frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_b^w}$
- Right-Left Pose Jacobian



Minus Sign

$$H_x^{bd} = \frac{\partial \rho_d^b}{\partial \rho_b^w} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_b^w & s\psi_b^w & -y_d^b \\ -s\psi_b^w & c\psi_b^w & x_d^b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



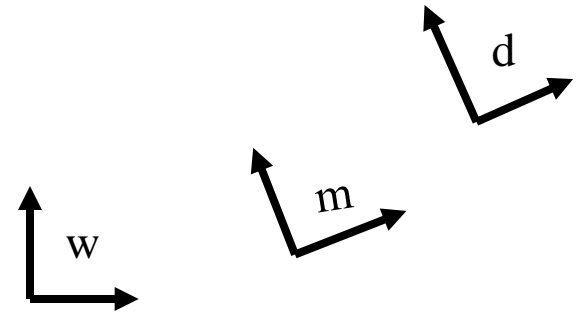
This means there is info here on x and y and  $\theta$ .



## 5.3.4.6.6 Model to World

$$\mathbf{H}_x^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}_{sd}^z \mathbf{H}_{bd}^{sd} \mathbf{H}_x^{bd} \quad \mathbf{H}_{wm}^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_m^w} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}_{sd}^z \mathbf{H}_{bd}^{sd} \mathbf{H}_{wd}^{bd} \mathbf{H}_{wm}^{wd}$$

- We need:  $\frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_m^w}$
- Compound-Left Pose Jacobian



$$\mathbf{H}_{wm}^{wd} = \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_m^w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -(y_d^w - y_m^w) \\ 0 & 1 & (x_d^w - x_m^w) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Total Measurement Model: Point

## Features

- Compute it like this:

State Variables

Landmark Positions From Map

Predicted Sensor Reading

$$\mathbf{r}_d^s = \mathbf{T}_b^s * \mathbf{T}_w^b(\underline{\rho}_b^w) * \mathbf{T}_m^w(\mathbf{r}_m^w) * \mathbf{r}_d^m$$

$$\mathbf{z}_{sen} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \mathbf{r}_d^s \end{bmatrix} = f(\mathbf{r}_d^s) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{atan}(y_d^s/x_d^s) \\ \sqrt{(x_d^s)^2 + (y_d^s)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Jacobians

Find Robot

$$\mathbf{H}_x^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_b^w} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}_{sd}^z \mathbf{H}_{bd}^{sd} \mathbf{H}_x^{bd}$$

Find Landmark

$$\mathbf{H}_{wm}^z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^s}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^b}{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\rho}_d^w}{\partial \underline{\rho}_m^w} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}_{sd}^z \mathbf{H}_{bd}^{sd} \mathbf{H}_{wd}^{bd} \mathbf{H}_{wm}^{wd}$$

3/4 DONE!



now have some really good z's

Still

Not

Done !



# Data Association

- The Achilles Heel of the Kalman Filter.
- There are lots of landmarks out there. How do you know which ones you are looking at?
- One mistake and its all over:
  - A potentially massive change in the vehicle pose will occur.
  - This will cause more wrong associations and fewer or no right ones.
  - The filter will diverge, and the system will rapidly get lost.

# Innovation Covariance

- This is the expression:

$$S = HPH^T + R$$

- in the Kalman Gain calculation.
- Represents the **covariance of the innovation**  $z - h(x)$ .
  - I.E. how does the state error  $P$  [in  $h(x)$ ] and the measurement error  $R$  [in  $z$ ] combine to give the error in my prediction right now.



# Validation Gates

- Recall the Mahalanobis distance - multidimensional deviation from the mean:

$$d = \sqrt{\Delta z^T S^{-1} \Delta z}$$

- Compute this for every landmark giving n d's to look at.
- It turns out if the innovation is Gaussian, then the MHD is Chi square distributed. Confidence thresholds can be derived:

TABLE 2. Chi Square Validation Gates

Degrees of Freedom	95% confidence gate	99% confidence gate
1	5.02	7.87
2	7.38	10.60
3	9.35	12.38
4	11.14	14.86

Variance Gates

# Validation Gates

- This leads to some good ideas for data association:
  - Require that any candidate association have a MD < “about 3”.
  - Require that there be no other candidate association with an MD < 6 or an even bigger number.
  - Require that an association be stable for several cycles before it is actually used.

Done !



This has been a ...  
really really useful ...  
Kalman Filter

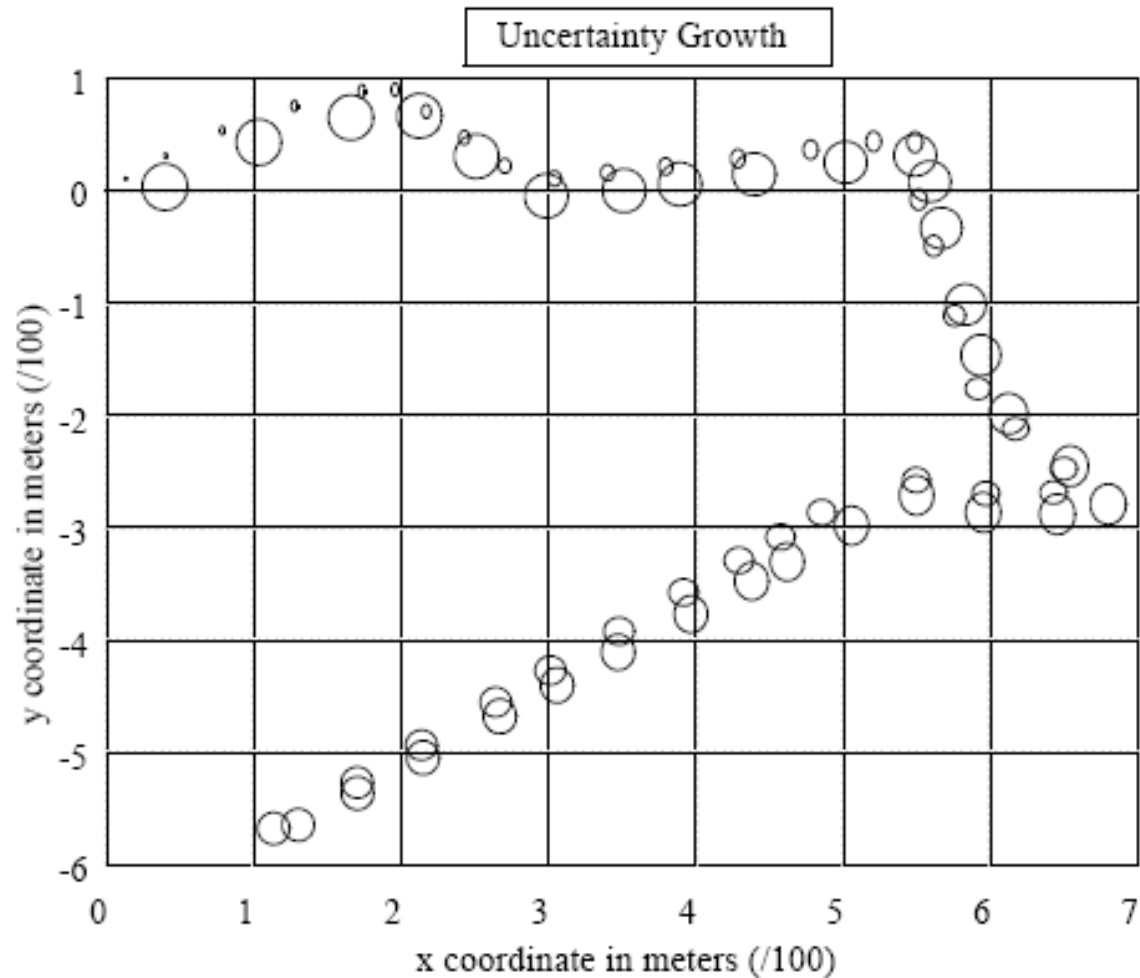
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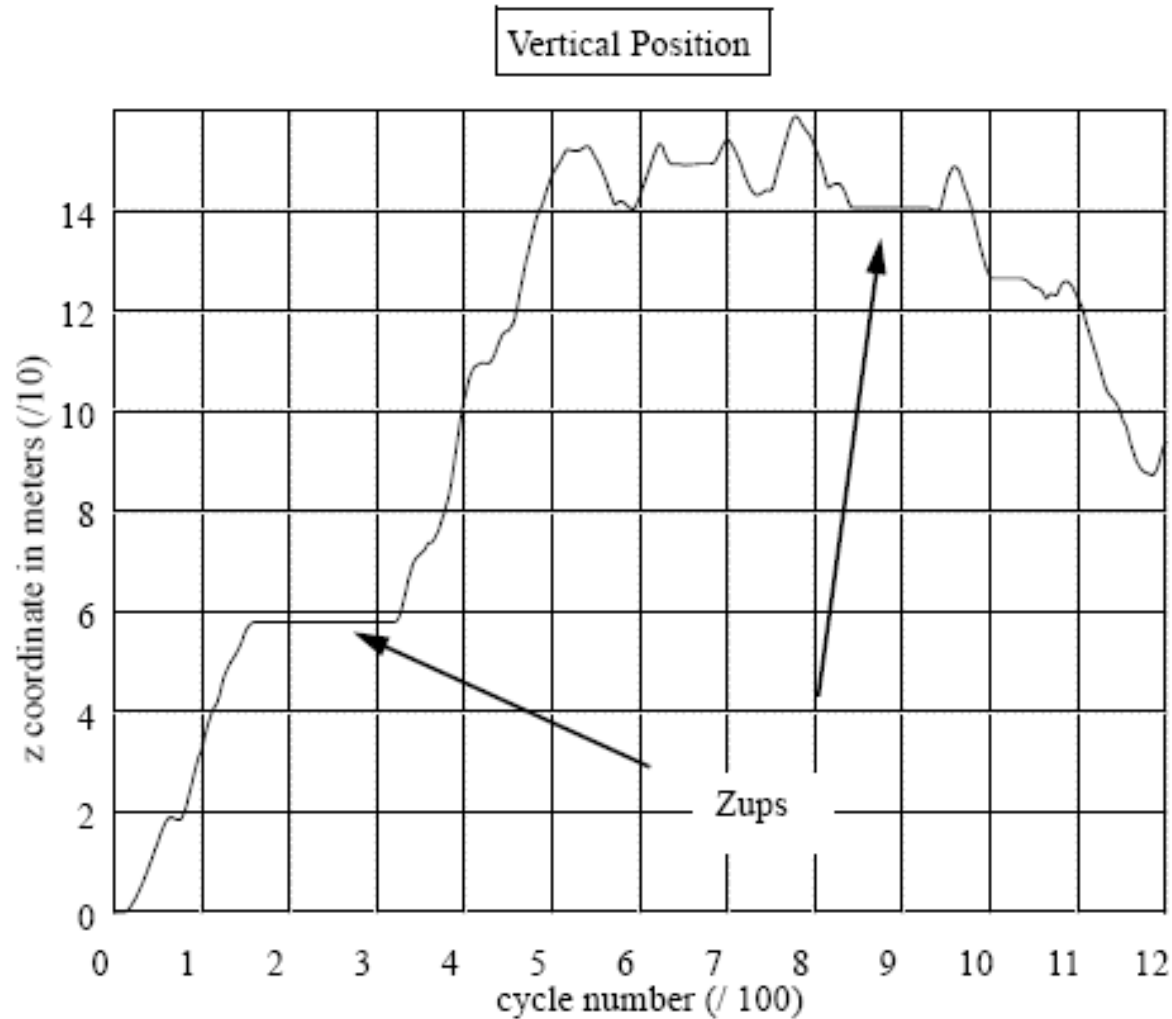
# Just Kidding!

- Here are some graphs of a 3D filter.

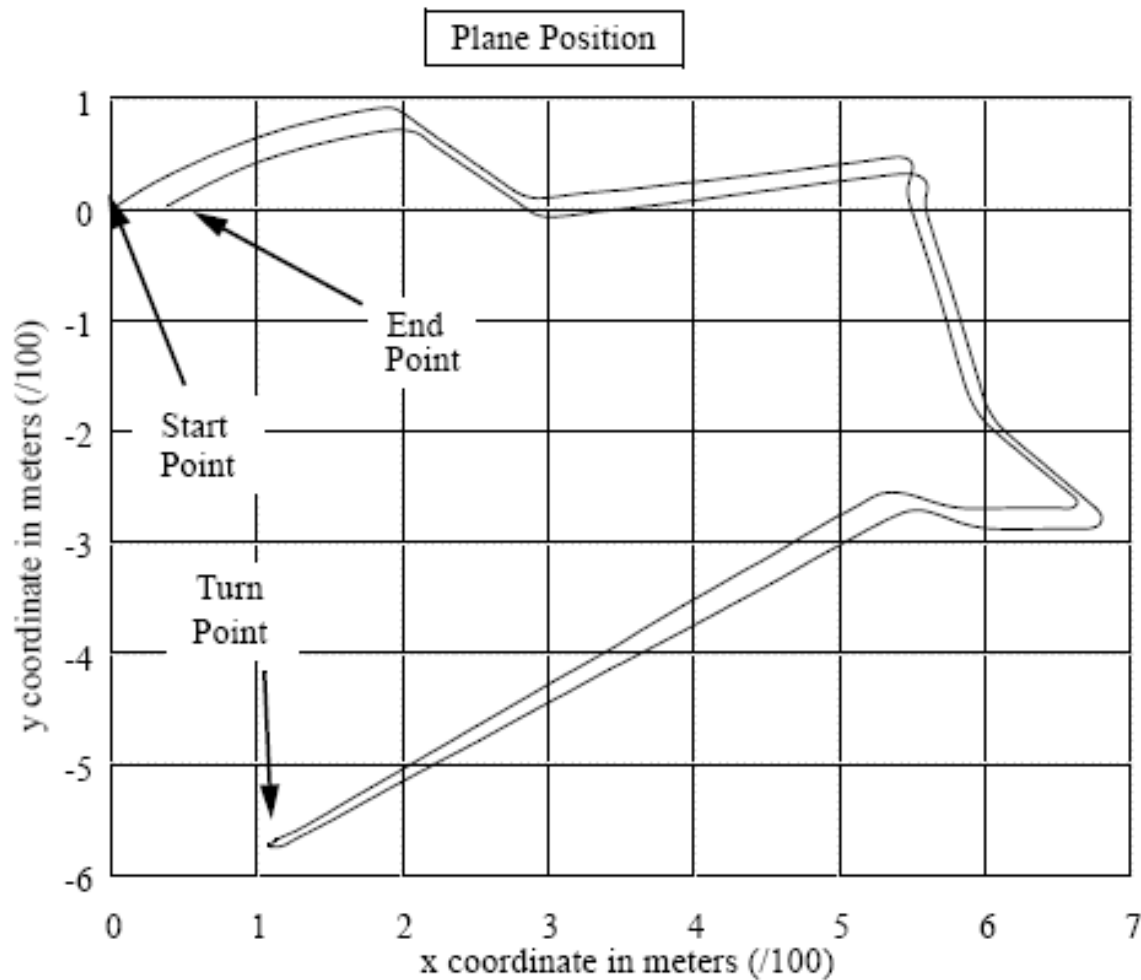
# 3D AHRS Filter Results



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# Sequential Measurement Processing

- All measurements do not have to come in at the same rate.
- Just process 'em when you have 'em after predicting state for their time of arrival.

```
State_Update() /* enter every
                cycle */
{
    systemModel(dt);

    if( Doppler measurement available)
        run Kalman() on Doppler;
    if( Encoder measurement avail

        run Kalman() on encoder;
    if( AHRS measurement available)
        run Kalman() on AHRS;
    if( Steering measurement
        available)
        run Kalman() on steering;
}
Kalman()
{
}
```

# Single Measurement Efficiency: Kalman Gain

- Recall:

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{P}_k^- \mathbf{H}_k^T [\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_k^- \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{R}_k]^{-1}$$

- Suppose only one direct measurement:  $\mathbf{R} = [r]$

1 at index s

- Measurement Jacobian is:  $\mathbf{H} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$

- Define:  $p = P_{ss}$

- Then, Kalman Gain is a scalar times s'th column of  $\mathbf{P}$ :

$$\mathbf{K} = \left( \frac{1}{p + r} \right) \mathbf{P}_{is}$$

Sth column of  $\mathbf{P}$

# Uncertainty Propagation

- The formula:  $P = [I - (KH)]P$
- takes  $n^2(1+m)+n^3$  flops
  - [1200] for  $n=10, m=1$
- Can be computed more efficiently as:
$$P = P - K(HP)$$
- which takes  $n^2(1+m) + mn^2$  flops
  - [300] for  $n=10, m=1$

# Uncertainty Propagation

- For a scalar measurement, recall:

1 at index  $s$

$$H = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

- KHP is just a constant times the outer product:

$$(KHP)_{ij} = \left( \frac{1}{p + r} \right) P_{is} P_{sj} \quad \forall i \forall j$$

# R matrix and cycle time

- It is slightly better to **have every element of R be proportional to dt**. This tends to make your filter behave appropriately if you change the time step.
- If not, you can get wierd behaviors like a filter which produces **worse answers if you run it faster** (because you are adding up more random numbers of the same variance).

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# Summary

- A SS KF is conceptually two sets of equations.
- Most cases require linearization. The “extended” form is the most useful.
- Handles the tricky issue of integration dead reckoning and position fixes automatically.
- Most measurements are scalar and we often assume decorrelation. Leads to processing efficiencies.