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# Predicting and Estimation from Time Series

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# An automotive example

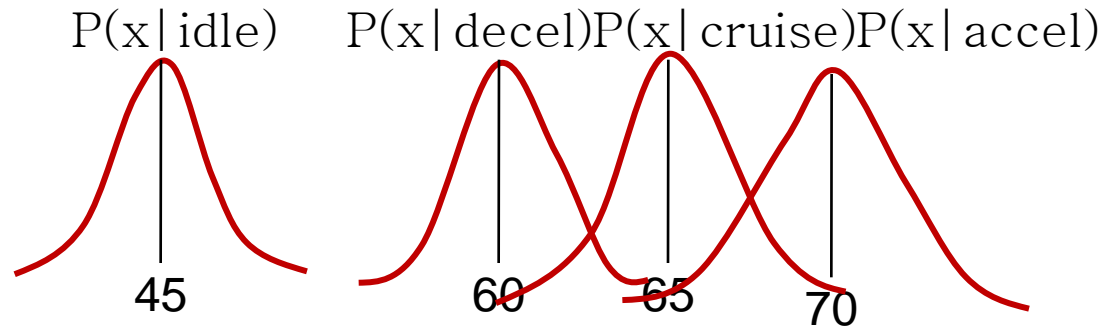


- Determine automatically, by only *listening* to a running automobile, if it is:
  - Idling; or
  - Travelling at constant velocity; or
  - Accelerating; or
  - Decelerating
- Assume (for illustration) that we only record energy level (SPL) in the sound
  - The SPL is measured once per second

# What we know

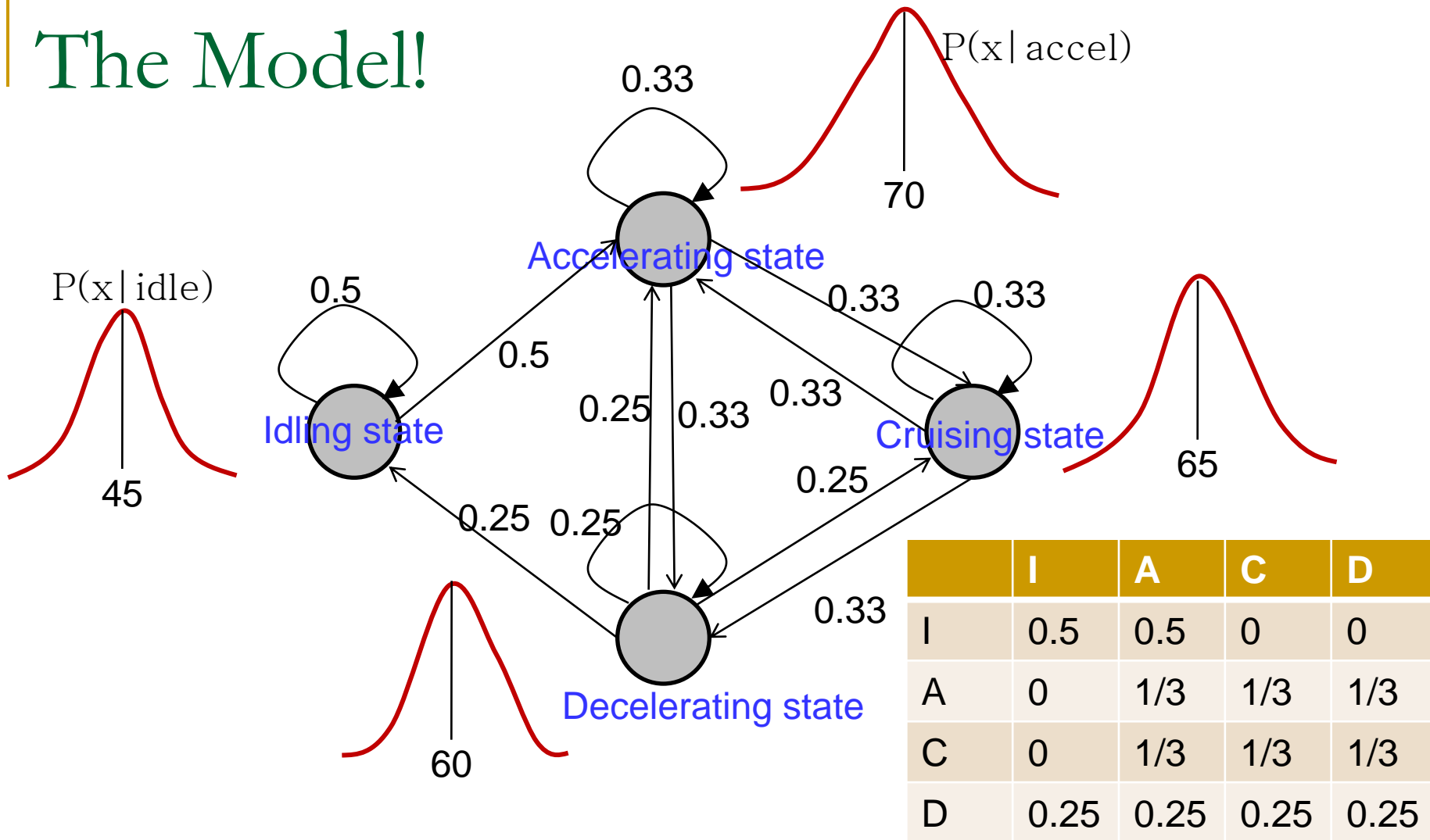
- An automobile that is at rest can accelerate, or continue to stay at rest
- An accelerating automobile can hit a steady-state velocity, continue to accelerate, or decelerate
- A decelerating automobile can continue to decelerate, come to rest, cruise, or accelerate
- A automobile at a steady-state velocity can stay in steady state, accelerate or decelerate

# What else we know



- The probability distribution of the SPL of the sound is different in the various conditions
  - As shown in figure
    - In reality, depends on the car
- The distributions for the different conditions overlap
  - Simply knowing the current sound level is not enough to know the state of the car

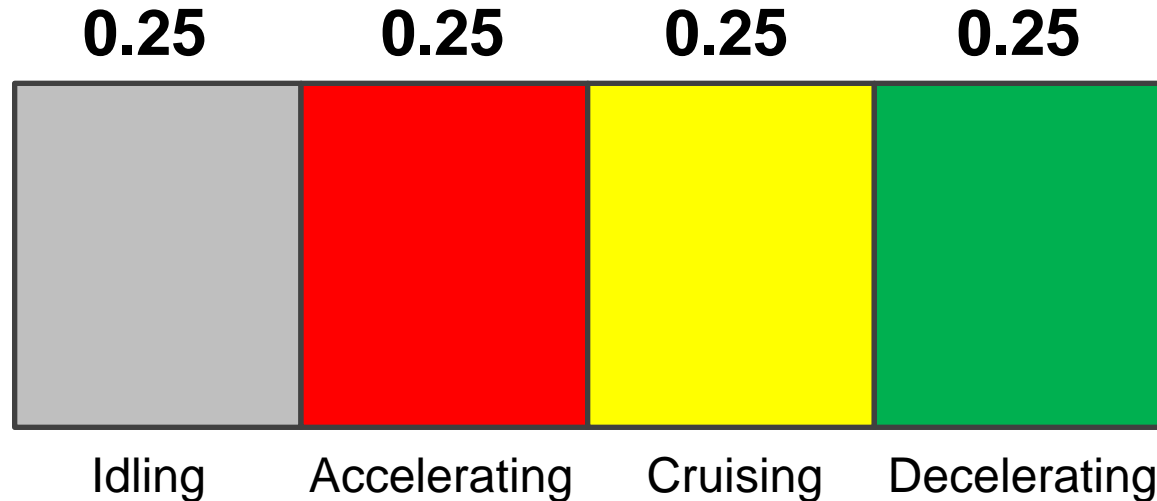
# The Model!



- The state-space model

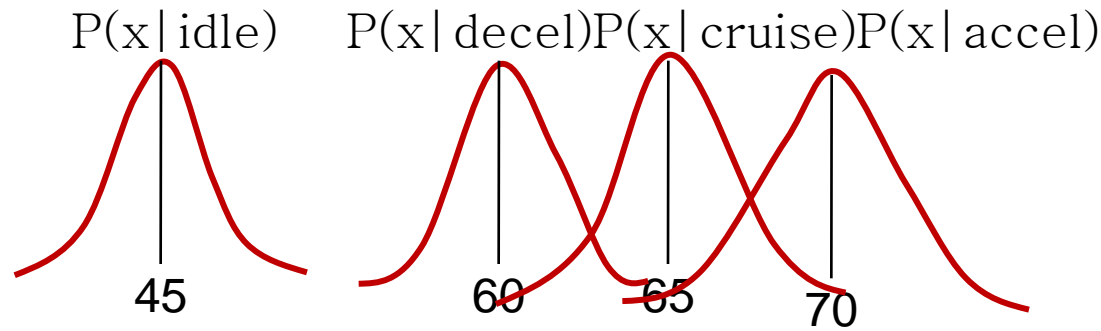
- Assuming all transitions from a state are equally probable

# Estimating the state at $T = 0^-$



- A  $T=0$ , before the first observation, we know nothing of the state
  - Assume all states are equally likely

# The first observation



- At  $T=0$  we observe the sound level  $x_0 = 67\text{dB SPL}$ 
  - The observation modifies our belief in the state of the system
- $P(x_0 | \text{idle}) = 0$
- $P(x_0 | \text{deceleration}) = 0.0001$
- $P(x_0 | \text{acceleration}) = 0.7$
- $P(x_0 | \text{cruising}) = 0.5$ 
  - Note, these don't have to sum to 1
  - In fact, since these are densities, any of them can be  $> 1$

# Estimating state after at observing $x_0$

- $P(\text{state} \mid x_0) = C P(\text{state})P(x_0 \mid \text{state})$

- $P(\text{idle} \mid x_0) = 0$

- $P(\text{deceleration} \mid x_0) = C 0.000025$

- $P(\text{cruising} \mid x_0) = C 0.125$

- $P(\text{acceleration} \mid x_0) = C 0.175$

- Normalizing

- $P(\text{idle} \mid x_0) = 0$

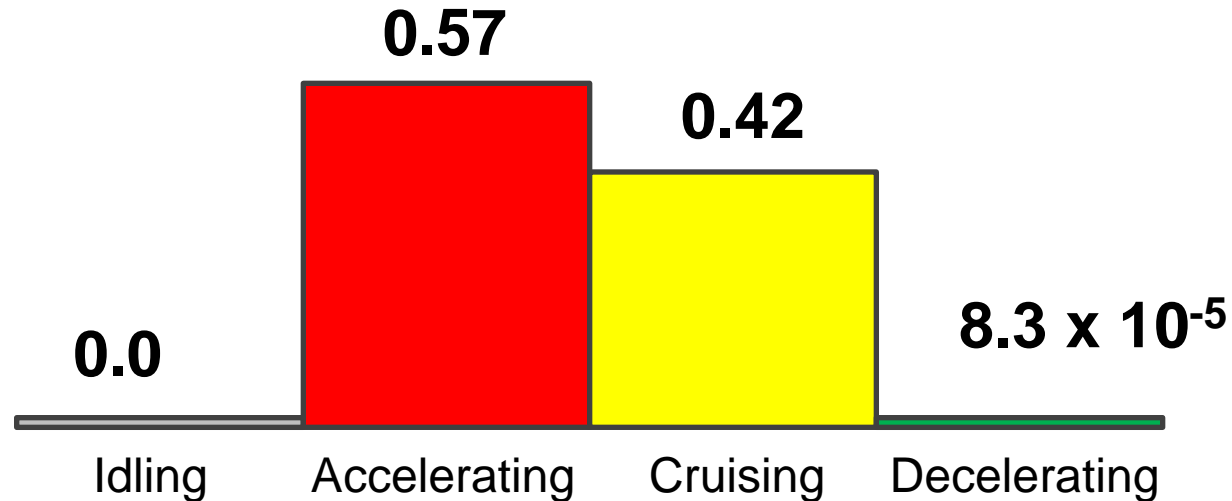
- $P(\text{deceleration} \mid x_0) = 0.000083$

- $P(\text{cruising} \mid x_0) = 0.42$

- $P(\text{acceleration} \mid x_0) = 0.57$

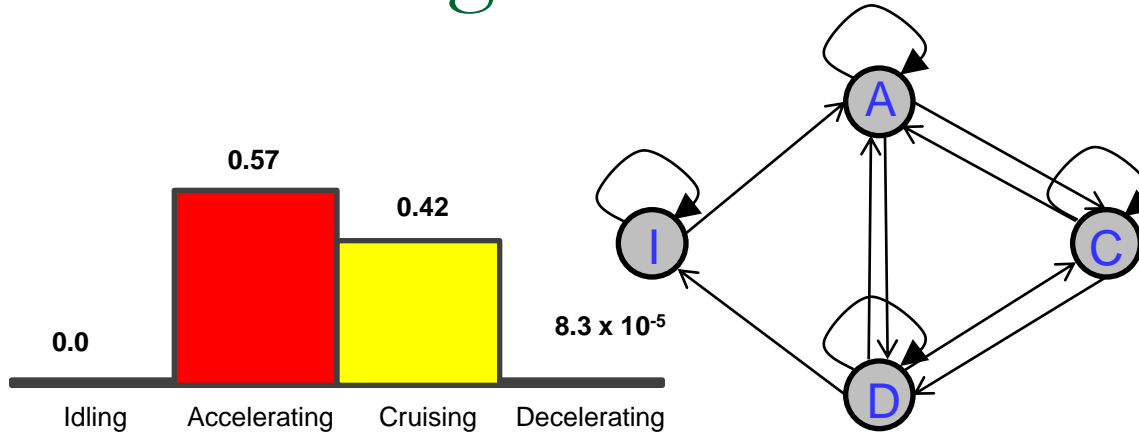


# Estimating the state at $T = 0+$



- At  $T=0$ , after the first observation, we must update our belief about the states
  - The first observation provided some evidence about the state of the system
  - It modifies our belief in the state of the system

# Predicting the state of the system at $T=1$



	I	A	C	D
I	0.5	0.5	0	0
A	0	1/3	1/3	1/3
C	0	1/3	1/3	1/3
D	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

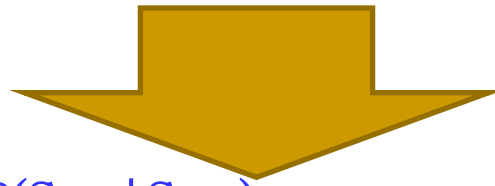
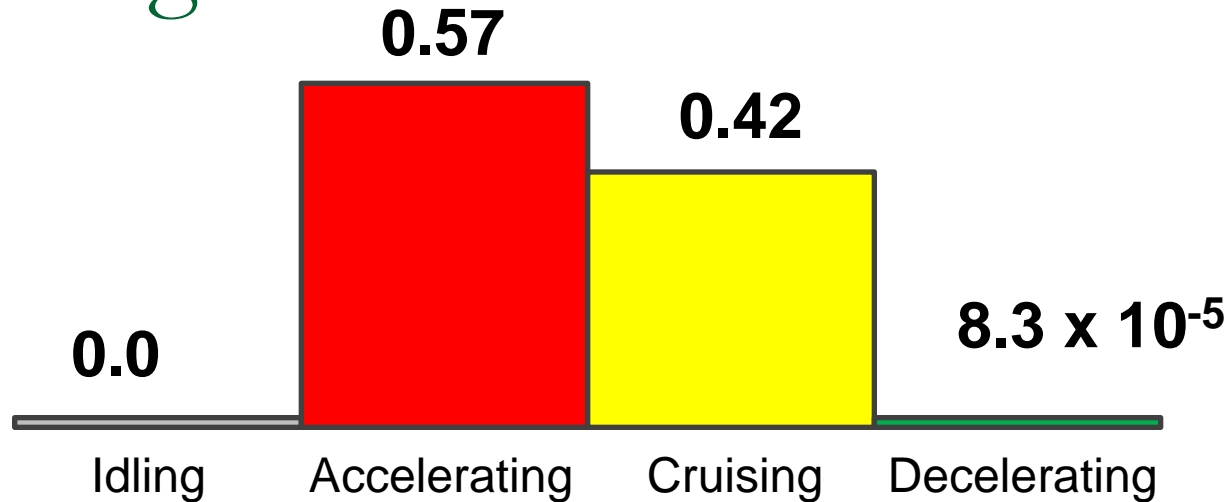
## ■ Predicting the probability of idling at $T=1$

- $P(\text{idling} | \text{idling}) = 0.5$ ;
- $P(\text{idling} | \text{deceleration}) = 0.25$
- $P(\text{idling at } T=1 | x_0) =$   
 $P(I_{T=0} | x_0) P(I | I) + P(D_{T=0} | x_0) P(I | D) = 2.1 \times 10^{-5}$

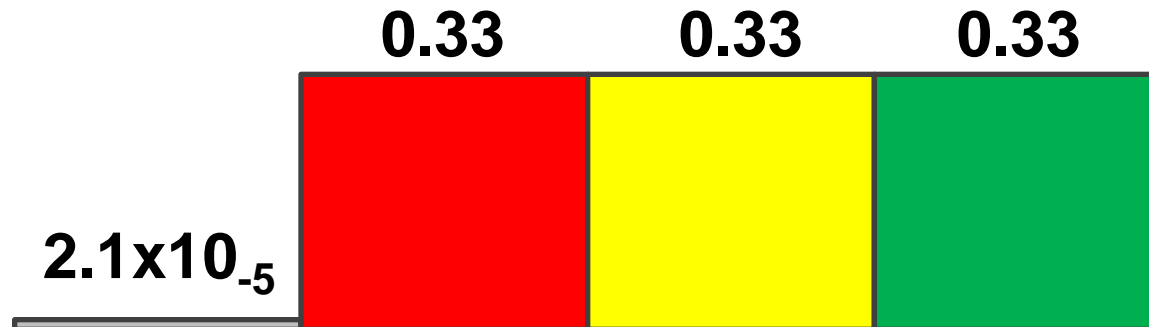
## ■ In general, for any state $S$

- $P(S_{T=1} | x_0) = S_{S_{T=0}} P(S_{T=0} | x_0) P(S_{T=1} | S_{T=0})$

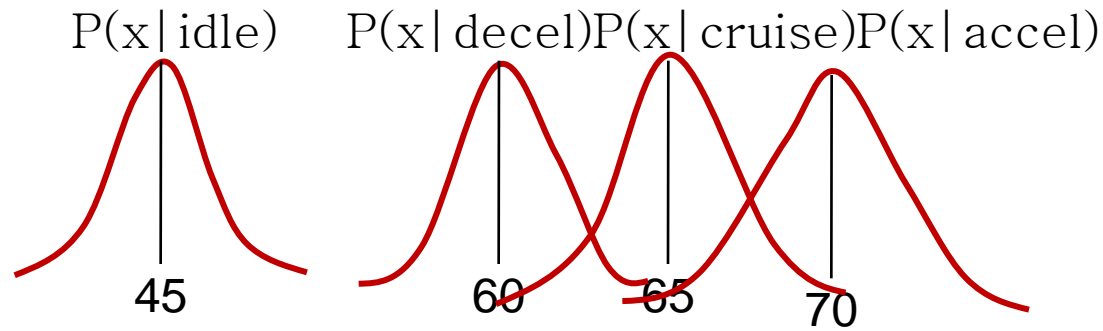
# Predicting the state at $T = 1$



$$P(S_{T=1} | x_0) = \sum_{S_{T=0}} P(S_{T=0} | x_0) P(S_{T=1} | S_{T=0})$$



# Updating after the observation at $T=1$

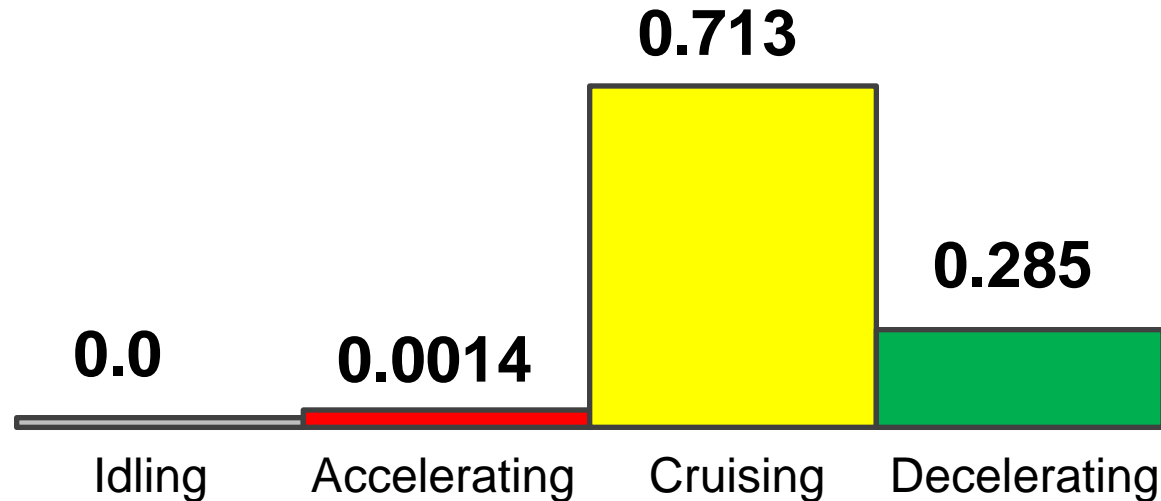


- At  $T=1$  we observe  $x_1 = 63\text{dB SPL}$
- $P(x_1 | \text{idle}) = 0$
- $P(x_1 | \text{deceleration}) = 0.2$
- $P(x_1 | \text{acceleration}) = 0.001$
- $P(x_1 | \text{cruising}) = 0.5$

# Update after observing $x_1$

- $P(\text{state} \mid x_{0:1}) = C P(\text{state} \mid x_0)P(x_1 \mid \text{state})$ 
  - $P(\text{idle} \mid x_{0:1}) = 0$
  - $P(\text{deceleration} \mid x_{0:1}) = C 0.066$
  - $P(\text{cruising} \mid x_{0:1}) = C 0.165$
  - $P(\text{acceleration} \mid x_{0:1}) = C 0.00033$
- **Normalizing**
  - $P(\text{idle} \mid x_{0:1}) = 0$
  - $P(\text{deceleration} \mid x_{0:1}) = 0.285$
  - $P(\text{cruising} \mid x_{0:1}) = 0.713$
  - $P(\text{acceleration} \mid x_{0:1}) = 0.0014$

# Estimating the state at $T = 1+$



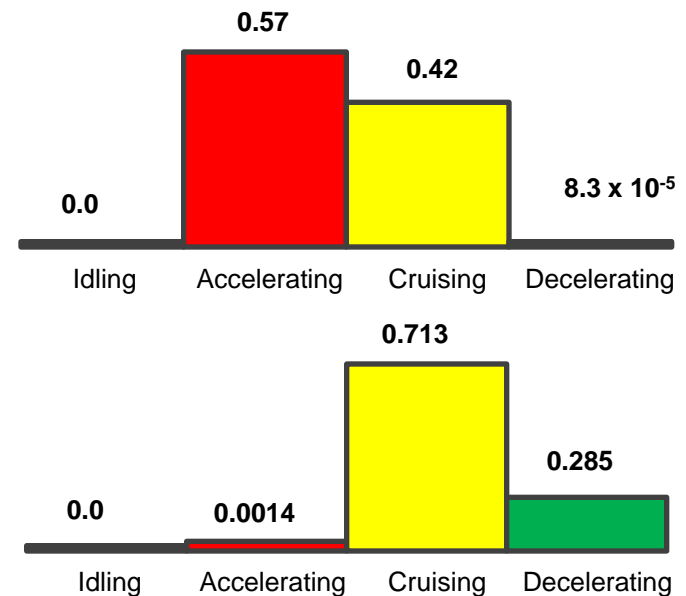
- The updated probability at  $T=1$  incorporates information from both  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ 
  - It is NOT a local decision based on  $x_1$  alone
  - Because of the Markov nature of the process, the state at  $T=0$  affects the state at  $T=1$ 
    - $x_0$  provides evidence for the state at  $T=1$

# Estimating a Unique state

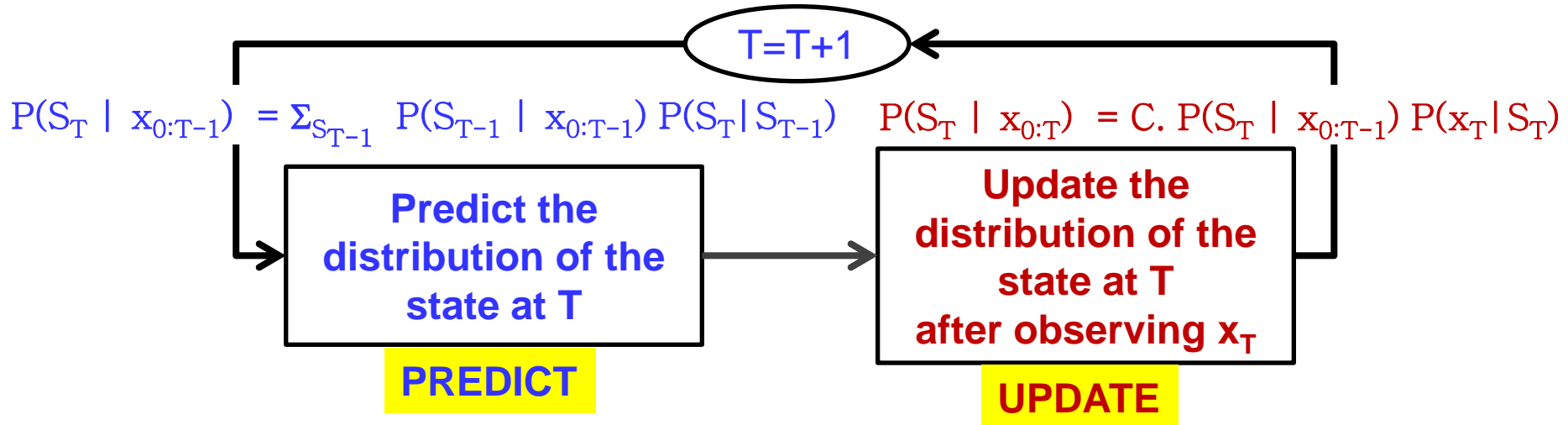
- What we have estimated is a *distribution* over the states
- If we had to guess *a* state, we would pick the most likely state from the distributions

■ State(T=0) = Accelerating

■ State(T=1) = Cruising



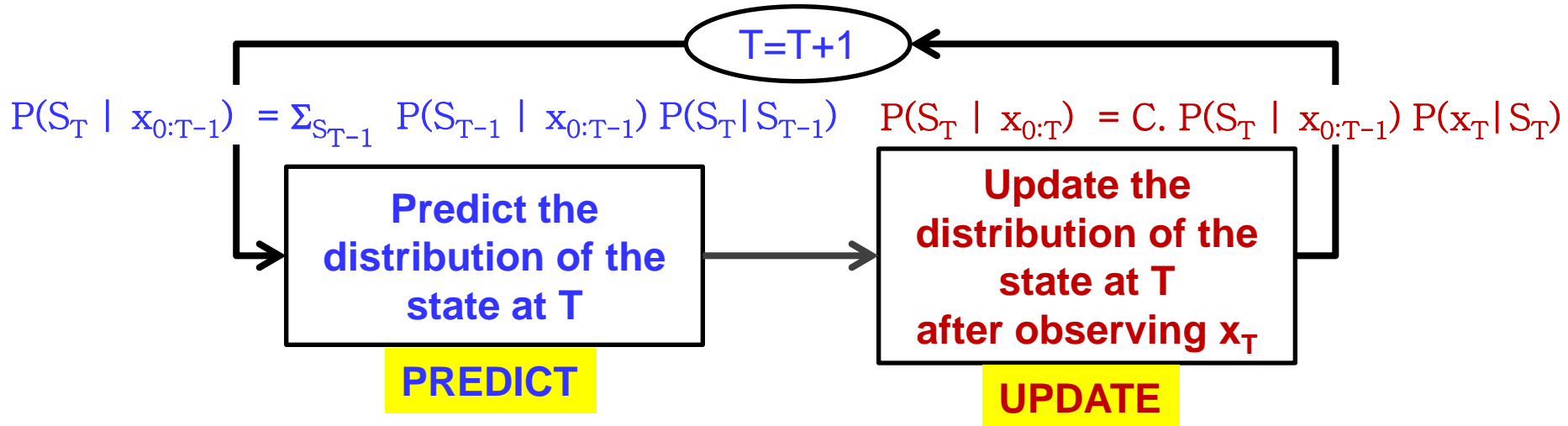
# Overall procedure



- At  $T=0$  the predicted state distribution is the initial state probability
- At each time  $T$ , the current estimate of the distribution over states considers *all* observations  $x_0 \dots x_T$ 
  - A natural outcome of the Markov nature of the model
- The prediction+update is identical to the forward computation for HMMs to within a normalizing constant



# Comparison to Forward Algorithm



## Forward Algorithm:

$$P(x_{0:T}, S_T) = P(x_T | S_T) \sum_{S_{T-1}} P(x_{0:T-1}, S_{T-1}) P(S_T | S_{T-1})$$

← **PREDICT** →

← **UPDATE** →

## Normalized:

$$P(S_T | x_{0:T}) = \frac{P(x_{0:T}, S_T)}{[\sum_{S'_T} P(x_{0:T}, S'_T)]} = C$$

# Decomposing the forward algorithm

- $P(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}, S_T) = P(\mathbf{x}_T | S_T) \sum_{S_{T-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_{0:T-1}, S_{T-1}) P(S_T | S_{T-1})$

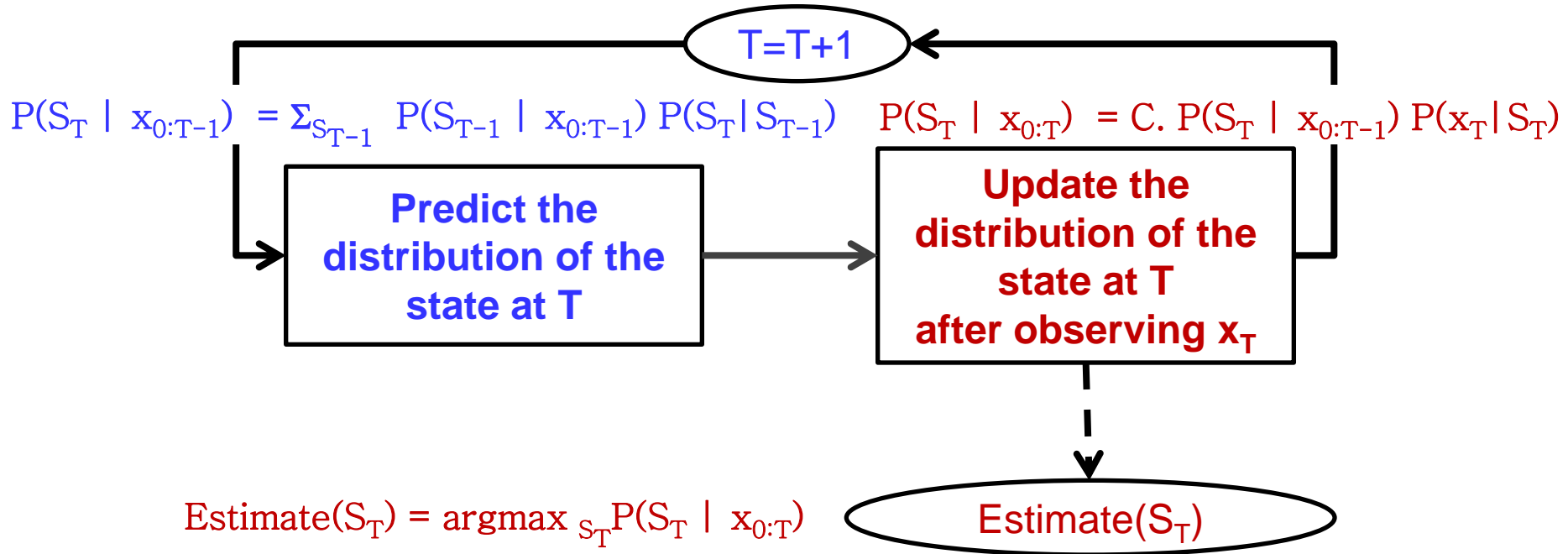
- **Predict:**

- $P(\mathbf{x}_{0:T-1}, S_T) = \sum_{S_{T-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_{0:T-1}, S_{T-1}) P(S_T | S_{T-1})$

- **Update:**

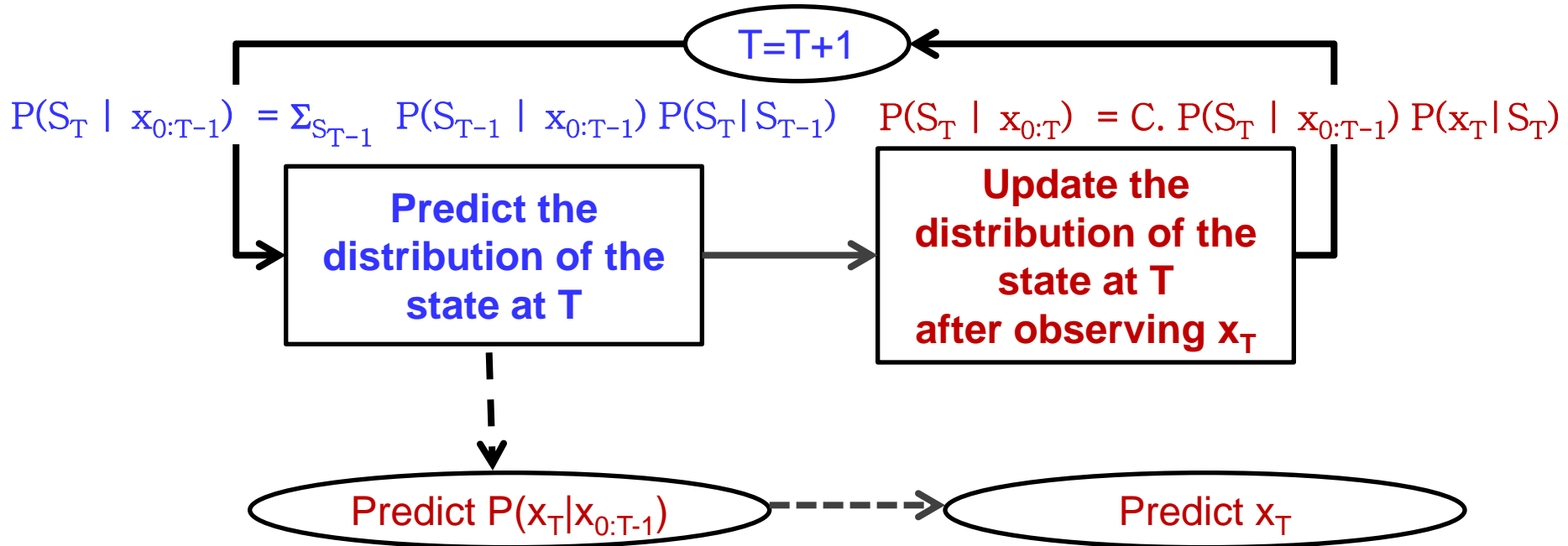
- $P(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}, S_T) = P(\mathbf{x}_T | S_T) P(\mathbf{x}_{0:T-1}, S_T)$

# Estimating the *state*



- The state is estimated from the updated distribution
  - The updated distribution is propagated into time, not the state

# Predicting the *next observation*



- The probability distribution for the observations at the next time is a mixture:
  - $P(x_T | x_{0:T-1}) = \sum_{S_T} P(x_T | S_T) P(S_T | x_{0:T-1})$
- The actual observation can be predicted from  $P(x_T | x_{0:T-1})$

# Predicting the next observation

- MAP estimate:

- $\operatorname{argmax}_{x_T} P(x_T | x_{0:T-1})$

- MMSE estimate:

- $\operatorname{Expectation}(x_T | x_{0:T-1})$

# Difference from Viterbi decoding

- Estimating only the *current* state at any time
  - Not the state sequence
  - Although we are considering all past observations
- The most likely state at  $T$  and  $T+1$  may be such that there is no valid transition between  $S_T$  and  $S_{T+1}$

# A *known* state model

- HMM assumes a very coarsely quantized state space
  - Idling / accelerating / cruising / decelerating
- Actual state can be finer
  - Idling, accelerating at various rates, decelerating at various rates, cruising at various speeds
- Solution: Many more states (one for each acceleration /deceleration rate, cruising speed)?
- Solution: A *continuous* valued state

# The real-valued state model

- A state equation describing the dynamics of the system

$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, \varepsilon_t)$$

- $s_t$  is the state of the system at time  $t$
- $\varepsilon_t$  is a driving function, which is assumed to be random
- The state of the system at any time depends only on the state at the previous time instant and the driving term at the current time
- An observation equation relating state to observation

$$o_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$$

- $o_t$  is the observation at time  $t$
- $\gamma_t$  is the noise affecting the observation (also random)
- The observation at any time depends only on the current state of the system and the noise



# Continuous state system



$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, \varepsilon_t)$$

$$o_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$$

- The state is a continuous valued parameter that is not directly seen
  - The state is the position of navlab or the star
- The observations are dependent on the state and are the only way of knowing about the state
  - Sensor readings (for navlab) or recorded image (for the telescope)

# Statistical Prediction and Estimation

- Given an *a priori* probability distribution for the state
  - $P_0(s)$ : Our belief in the state of the system before we observe any data
    - Probability of state of navlab
    - Probability of state of stars
- Given a sequence of observations  $o_0..o_t$
- Estimate state at time  $t$

# Prediction and update at $t = 0$

## ■ Prediction

- Initial probability distribution for state
- $P(s_0) = P_0(s_0)$

## ■ Update:

- Then we observe  $o_0$
- We must update our belief in the state

$$P(s_0 | o_0) = \frac{P(s_0)P(o_0 | s)}{P(o_0)} = \frac{P_0(s_0)P(o_0 | s_0)}{P(o_0)}$$

## ■ $P(s_0 | o_0) = C.P_0(s_0)P(o_0 | s_0)$

# The observation probability: $P(o | s)$

- $o_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$ 
  - This is a (possibly many-to-one) stochastic function of state  $s_t$  and noise  $\gamma_t$
  - Noise  $\gamma_t$  is random. Assume it is the same dimensionality as  $o_t$
- Let  $P_\gamma(\gamma_t)$  be the probability distribution of  $\gamma_t$
- Let  $\{\gamma: g(s_t, \gamma) = o_t\}$  be the set of  $\gamma$  that result in  $o_t$

$$P(o_t | s_t) = \sum_{\gamma: g(s_t, \gamma) = o_t} \frac{P_\gamma(\gamma)}{|J_{g(s_t, \gamma)}(o_t)|}$$

# The observation probability

- $P(o|s) = ?$       $o_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$

$$P(o_t | s_t) = \sum_{\gamma: g(s_t, \gamma) = o_t} \frac{P_\gamma(\gamma)}{|J_{g(s_t, \gamma)}(o_t)|}$$

- The J is a jacobian

$$|J_{g(s_t, \gamma)}(o_t)| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial o_t(1)}{\partial \gamma(1)} & \dots & \frac{\partial o_t(1)}{\partial \gamma(n)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial o_t(n)}{\partial \gamma(1)} & \dots & \frac{\partial o_t(n)}{\partial \gamma(n)} \end{vmatrix}$$

- For scalar functions of scalar variables, it is simply a derivative:  $|J_{g(s_t, \gamma)}(o_t)| = \left| \frac{\partial o_t}{\partial \gamma} \right|$

# Predicting the next state

- Given  $P(s_0|o_0)$ , what is the probability of the state at  $t=1$

$$P(s_1 | o_0) = \int_{\{s_0\}} P(s_1, s_0 | o_0) ds_0 = \int_{\{s_0\}} P(s_1 | s_0) P(s_0 | o_0) ds_0$$

- State progression function:

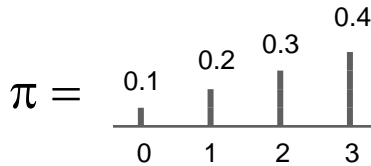
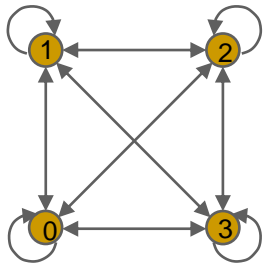
$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, \varepsilon_t)$$

- $\varepsilon_t$  is a driving term with probability distribution  $P_\varepsilon(\varepsilon_t)$
- $P(s_t|s_{t-1})$  can be computed similarly to  $P(o|s)$ 
  - $P(s_1|s_0)$  is an instance of this

# And moving on

- $P(s_1|o_0)$  is the predicted state distribution for  $t=1$
- Then we observe  $o_1$ 
  - We must update the probability distribution for  $s_1$
  - $P(s_1|o_{0:1}) = CP(s_1|o_0)P(o_1|s_1)$
- We can continue on

# Discrete vs. Continuous state systems



Prediction at time 0:

$$P(s_0) = \pi(s_0)$$

Update after  $O_0$ :

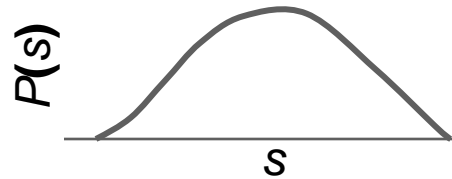
$$P(s_0 | O_0) = C \pi(s_0) P(O_0 | s_0)$$

Prediction at time 1:

$$P(s_1 | O_0) = \sum_{s_0} P(s_0 | O_0) P(s_1 | s_0)$$

Update after  $O_1$ :

$$P(s_1 | O_0, O_1) = C P(s_1 | O_0) P(O_1 | s_1)$$



$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, \varepsilon_t)$$

$$O_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$$

$$P(s_0) = P(s)$$

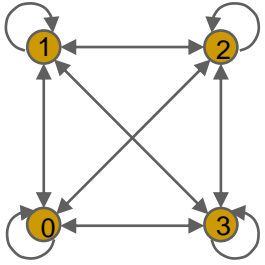
$$P(s_0 | O_0) = C P(s_0) P(O_0 | s_0)$$

$$P(s_1 | O_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(s_0 | O_0) P(s_1 | s_0) ds_0$$

$$P(s_1 | O_0, O_1) = C P(s_1 | O_0) P(O_1 | s_1)$$



# Discrete vs. Continuous State Systems



Prediction at time  $t$ :

$$P(s_t | O_{0:t-1}) = \sum_{s_{t-1}} P(s_{t-1} | O_{0:t-1}) P(s_t | s_{t-1})$$

Update after  $O_t$ :

$$P(s_t | O_{0:t}) = CP(s_t | O_{0:t-1}) P(O_t | s_t)$$

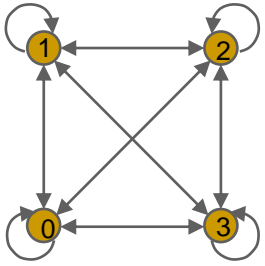
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$$P(s_t | O_{0:t}) = CP(s_t | O_{0:t-1}) P(O_t | s_t)$$

# Discrete vs. Continuous State Systems



## Parameters

Initial state prob.  $\pi$

Transition prob  $\{T_{ij}\} = P(s_t = j | s_{t-1} = i)$

Observation prob  $P(O | s)$

$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, \varepsilon_t)$$

$$o_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$$

$$P(s)$$

$$P(s_t | s_{t-1})$$

$$P(o | s)$$

# Special case: Linear Gaussian model

$$s_t = A_t s_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$P(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Theta_\varepsilon|}} \exp\left(-0.5(\varepsilon - \mu_\varepsilon)^T \Theta_\varepsilon^{-1} (\varepsilon - \mu_\varepsilon)\right)$$

$$o_t = B_t s_t + \gamma_t$$

$$P(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Theta_\gamma|}} \exp\left(-0.5(\gamma - \mu_\gamma)^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} (\gamma - \mu_\gamma)\right)$$

- A *linear* state dynamics equation
  - Probability of state driving term  $\varepsilon$  is Gaussian
  - Sometimes viewed as a driving term  $\mu_\varepsilon$  and additive zero-mean noise
- A *linear* observation equation
  - Probability of observation noise  $\gamma$  is Gaussian
- $A_t$ ,  $B_t$  and Gaussian parameters assumed known
  - May vary with time

# The initial state probability

$$P_0(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |R|}} \exp\left(-0.5(s - \bar{s})R^{-1}(s - \bar{s})^T\right)$$

$$P_0(s) = \text{Gaussian}(s; \bar{s}, R)$$

- We also assume the *initial* state distribution to be Gaussian
  - Often assumed zero mean

# The observation probability

$$o_t = B_t s_t + \gamma_t$$

$$P(\gamma) = \text{Gaussian}(\gamma; \mu_\gamma, \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$P(o_t | s_t) = \text{Gaussian}(o_t; \mu_\gamma + B_t s_t, \Theta_\gamma)$$

- The probability of the observation, given the state, is simply the probability of the noise, with the mean shifted
  - Since the only uncertainty is from the noise
- The new mean is the mean of the distribution of the noise + the value of the observation in the absence of noise

# The updated state probability at $T=0$

- $P(s_0 | o_0) = C P(s_0) P(o_0 | s_0)$

$$P(s_0) = \text{Gaussian}(s_0; \bar{s}, R)$$

$$P(o_0 | s_0) = \text{Gaussian}(o_0; \mu_\gamma + B_0 s_0, \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$P(s_0 | o_0) = C \text{Gaussian}(s_0; \bar{s}, R) \text{Gaussian}(o_0; \mu_\gamma + B_0 s_0, \Theta_\gamma)$$

# Note 1: product of two Gaussians

- The product of two Gaussians is a Gaussian

$$\text{Gaussian}(s; \bar{s}, R) \text{Gaussian}(o; \mu + Bs, \Theta)$$

$$C_1 \exp\left(-0.5(s - \bar{s})^T R^{-1} (s - \bar{s})\right) C_2 \exp\left(-0.5(o - \mu - Bs)^T \Theta^{-1} (o - \mu - Bs)\right)$$

$$C \cdot \text{Gaussian}\left(s; \left(R^{-1} + B^T \Theta^{-1} B\right)^{-1} \left(R^{-1} \bar{s} + B^T \Theta^{-1} (o - \mu)\right), \left(R^{-1} + B^T \Theta^{-1} B\right)^{-1}\right)$$

Not a good estimate --

# The updated state probability at $T=0$

- $P(s_0 | o_0) = C P(s_0) P(o_0 | s_0)$

$$P(s_0) = \text{Gaussian}(s_0; \bar{s}, R)$$

$$P(o_0 | s_0) = \text{Gaussian}(o_0; \mu_\gamma + B_0 s_0, \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$P(s_0 | o_0) =$$

$$\text{Gaussian}\left(s_0; \left(R^{-1} + B_0^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} B_0\right)^{-1} \left(R^{-1} \bar{s} + B_0^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} (o_0 - \mu_\gamma)\right), \left(R^{-1} + B_0^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} B_0\right)^{-1}\right)$$

$$P(s_0 | o_0) = \text{Gaussian}(s_0; \hat{s}_0, \hat{R}_0)$$



# The state transition probability

$$s_t = A_t s_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$P(\varepsilon) = \text{Gaussian}(\varepsilon; \mu_\varepsilon, \Theta_\varepsilon)$$

$$P(s_t | s_{t-1}) = \text{Gaussian}(s_t; \mu_\varepsilon + A_t s_{t-1}, \Theta_\varepsilon)$$

- The probability of the state at time  $t$ , given the state at time  $t-1$  is simply the probability of the driving term, with the mean shifted

# Note 2: integral of product of two Gaussians

- The integral of the product of two Gaussians is a Gaussian

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Gaussian}(x; \mu_x, \Theta_x) \text{Gaussian}(y; Ax + b, \Theta_y) dx =$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_1 \exp\left(-0.5(x - \mu_x)^T \Theta_x^{-1} (x - \mu_x)\right) C_2 \exp\left(-0.5(y - Ax - b)^T \Theta_y^{-1} (y - Ax - b)\right) dx$$

$$= \text{Gaussian}(y; A\mu_x + b, \Theta_y + A\Theta_x A^T)$$

# The predicted state probability at t=1

$$P(s_1 | o_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(s_0 | o_0) P(s_1 | s_0) ds_0$$

$$P(s_1 | s_0) = \text{Gaussian}(s_1; \mu_\varepsilon + A_1 s_0, \Theta_\varepsilon)$$

$$P(s_0 | o_0) = \text{Gaussian}(s_0; \hat{s}_0, \hat{R}_0)$$

$$P(s_1 | o_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Gaussian}(s_0; \hat{s}_0, \hat{R}_0) \text{Gaussian}(s_1; \mu_\varepsilon + A_1 s_0, \Theta_\varepsilon) ds_0$$

$$P(s_1 | o_0) = \text{Gaussian}(s_1; A_1 \hat{s}_0 + \mu_\varepsilon, \Theta_\varepsilon + A_1 \hat{R}_0 A_1^T)$$

- Remains Gaussian

# The updated state probability at $T=1$

- $P(s_1 | o_{0:1}) = C P(s_1 | o_0) P(o_1 | s_1)$

$$P(s_1 | o_0) = \text{Gaussian}(s_1; A_1 \hat{s}_0 + \mu_\varepsilon, \Theta_\varepsilon + A_1 \hat{R}_0 A_1^T)$$

$$P(o_1 | s_1) = \text{Gaussian}(o_1; \mu_\gamma + B_1 s_1, \Theta_\gamma)$$

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$$P(s_1 | o_{0:1}) = \text{Gaussian}(s_1; \hat{s}_1, \hat{R}_1)$$

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## ■ Prediction at T

$$P(s_t | o_{0:t-1}) = \text{Gaussian}(s_t; A_t \hat{s}_{t-1} + \mu_\varepsilon, \Theta_\varepsilon + A_t \hat{R}_{t-1} A_t^T)$$

$$P(s_t | o_{0:t}) = \text{Gaussian}(s_t; \bar{s}_t, R_t)$$

## ■ Update at T

$$P(s_t | o_{0:t}) =$$

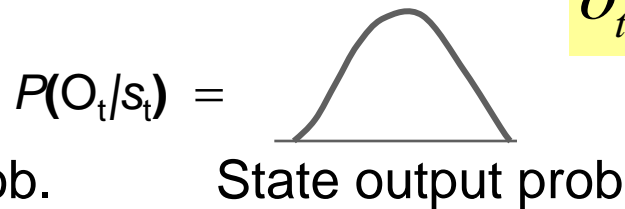
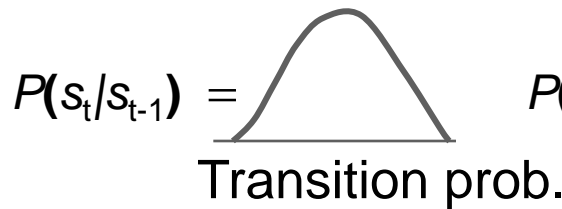
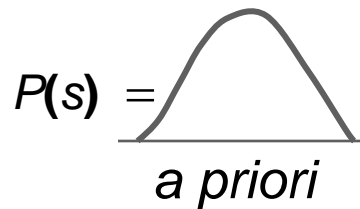
$$\text{Gaussian}(s_t; (R_t^{-1} + B_t^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} B_t)^{-1} (R_t^{-1} \bar{s}_t + B_t^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} (o_t - \mu_\gamma)), (R_t^{-1} + B_t^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} B_t)^{-1})$$

$$P(s_t | o_{0:t}) = \text{Gaussian}(s_t; \hat{s}_t, \hat{R}_t)$$

# Linear Gaussian Model

$$s_t = A_t s_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$o_t = B_t s_t + \gamma_t$$



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$$P(s_0) = P(s)$$



←

$$P(s_0 | O_0) = C P(s_0) P(O_0 | s_0)$$



←

$$P(s_1 | O_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(s_0 | O_0) P(s_1 | s_0) ds_0$$



←

$$P(s_1 | O_{0:1}) = C P(s_1 | O_0) P(O_1 | s_1)$$



←

$$P(s_2 | O_{0:1}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(s_1 | O_{0:1}) P(s_2 | s_1) ds_1$$



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$$P(s_2 | O_{0:2}) = C P(s_2 | O_{0:1}) P(O_2 | s_2)$$

All distributions remain Gaussian

# The Kalman filter

- The actual state estimate is the *mean* of the updated distribution
- Predicted state at time  $t$

$$\bar{s}_t = \text{mean}[P(s_t | o_{0:t-1})] = A_t \hat{s}_{t-1} + \mu_\varepsilon$$

- Updated estimate of state at time  $t$

$$\hat{s}_t = \text{mean}[P(s_t | o_{0:t})] = \left( R_t^{-1} + B_t^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} B_t \right)^{-1} \left( R_t^{-1} \bar{s}_t + B_t^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} (o_t - \mu_\gamma) \right)$$

# Stable Estimation

$$\hat{s}_t = \text{mean}[P(s_t | o_{0:t})] = \left(R_t^{-1} + B_t^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} B_t\right)^{-1} \left(R_t^{-1} \bar{s}_t + B_t^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} (o_t - \mu_\gamma)\right)$$

- The above equation fails if there is no observation noise
  - $\Theta_\gamma = 0$
  - Paradoxical?
  - Happens because we do not use the relationship between  $o$  and  $s$  effectively
- Alternate derivation required
  - Conventional Kalman filter formulation



# A matrix inverse identity

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & C \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} + A^{-1}B(C - B^T A^{-1}B)^{-1}B^T A^{-1} & -A^{-1}B(C - B^T A^{-1}B)^{-1} \\ -(C - B^T A^{-1}B)^{-1}B^T A^{-1} & (C - B^T A^{-1}B)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ Work it out..

# For any jointly Gaussian RV

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu_Z = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_Z = \begin{bmatrix} C_{XX} & C_{XY} \\ C_{XY}^T & C_{YY} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_Z^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{XX}^{-1} + C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY} (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} & -C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY} (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} \\ -(C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} & (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Using the Matrix Inversion Identity

# For any jointly Gaussian RV

$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_Z = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C}_Z = \begin{bmatrix} C_{XX} & C_{XY} \\ C_{XY}^T & C_{YY} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_Z^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{XX}^{-1} + C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY} (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} & -C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY} (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} \\ -(C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} & (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{Z} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_Z)^T \mathbf{C}_Z^{-1} (\mathbf{Z} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_Z) = \text{Quadratic}(X) +$$

$$(Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1} (X - \mu_X))^T (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} (Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1} (X - \mu_X))$$

- Using the Matrix Inversion Identity

# For any jointly Gaussian RV

$$P(X, Y) = \text{Const} \exp\left(-0.5(Z - \mu_Z)^T C_Z^{-1}(Z - \mu_Z)\right) =$$

$$= \text{const} \exp(-0.5 \text{Quadratic}(X) +$$

$$-0.5(Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1}(X - \mu_X))^T (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} (Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1}(X - \mu_X)))$$

$$P(Y | X) =$$

$$K \exp\left(-0.5(Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1}(X - \mu_X))^T (C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY})^{-1} (Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1}(X - \mu_X))\right)$$

$$= \text{Gaussian}\left(Y; \left(Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1}(X - \mu_X)\right), \left(C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY}\right)\right)$$

- The conditional of Y is a Gaussian

# Estimating $P(s | o)$

Dropping subscript  $t$  and  $o_{0:t-1}$  for brevity

$$P(s | o_{0:t-1}) = \text{Gaussian}(s; \bar{s}, R)$$

Assuming  $\gamma$  is 0 mean

$$o = Bs + \gamma$$

$$P(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Theta_\gamma|}} \exp(-0.5 \varepsilon^T \Theta_\gamma^{-1} \varepsilon)$$

- Consider the joint distribution of  $o$  and  $s$

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} o \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

- $O$  is a linear function of  $s$ 
  - Hence  $O$  is also Gaussian

$$P(O) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_o, \Theta_o)$$

# The probability distribution of $O$

$$o = Bs + \gamma$$

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} o \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(s) = \text{Gaussian}(s; \bar{s}, R)$$

$$P(\gamma) = \text{Gaussian}(\gamma; 0, \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$P(O) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_O, \Theta_O)$$

$$\mu_O = E[O] = E\left[\begin{bmatrix} o \\ s \end{bmatrix}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} E[o] \\ E[s] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B\bar{s} \\ \bar{s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu_O = \begin{bmatrix} B\bar{s} \\ \bar{s} \end{bmatrix}$$

# The probability distribution of $O$

$$P(O) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_o, \Theta_o)$$

$$\mu_o = \begin{bmatrix} B\bar{s} \\ \bar{s} \end{bmatrix} \quad o = Bs + \gamma$$

$$P(\gamma) = \text{Gaussian}(\gamma; 0, \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$P(s) = \text{Gaussian}(s; \bar{s}, R)$$

$$\Theta_o = E[(O - \mu_o)(O - \mu_o)^T] = E\left[\begin{bmatrix} o - B\bar{s} \\ s - \bar{s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (o - B\bar{s})^T & s^T - \bar{s}^T \end{bmatrix}\right]$$

$$\Theta_o = E[(O - \mu_o)(O - \mu_o)^T] = E\left[\begin{bmatrix} B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma \\ s - \bar{s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (s - \bar{s})^T B^T + \gamma^T & (s - \bar{s})^T \end{bmatrix}\right]$$

$$\Theta_o = E\left[\begin{array}{cc} (B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)((s - \bar{s})^T B^T + \gamma^T) & (B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)(s - \bar{s})^T \\ (s - \bar{s})(B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)^T & (s - \bar{s})(s - \bar{s})^T \end{array}\right]$$

# The probability distribution of $O$

$$P(O) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_o, \Theta_o)$$

$$\mu_o = \begin{bmatrix} B\bar{s} \\ \bar{s} \end{bmatrix} \quad o = Bs + \gamma$$

$$P(\gamma) = \text{Gaussian}(\gamma; 0, \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$P(s) = \text{Gaussian}(s; \bar{s}, R)$$

$$\Theta_o = E \begin{bmatrix} (B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)((s - \bar{s})^T B^T + \gamma^T) & (B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)(s - \bar{s})^T \\ (s - \bar{s})(B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)^T & (s - \bar{s})(s - \bar{s})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Theta_o = \begin{bmatrix} E[(B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)((s - \bar{s})^T B^T + \gamma^T)] & E[(B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)(s - \bar{s})^T] \\ E[(s - \bar{s})(B(s - \bar{s}) + \gamma)^T] & E[(s - \bar{s})(s - \bar{s})^T] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Theta_o = \begin{bmatrix} BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma & BR \\ RB^T & R \end{bmatrix}$$



# The probability distribution of $O$

$$o = Bs + \gamma$$

$$P(\gamma) = \text{Gaussian}(\gamma; 0, \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$P(s) = \text{Gaussian}(s; \bar{s}, R)$$

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} o \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(O) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_O, \Theta_O)$$

$$\Theta_O = \begin{bmatrix} BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma & BR \\ RB^T & R \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu_O = \begin{bmatrix} B\bar{s} \\ \bar{s} \end{bmatrix}$$

# The probability distribution of $O$

$$P(O | o_{0:t-1}) = P(o, s | o_{0:t-1}) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_o, \Theta_o)$$

$$C \exp \left( -0.5 \begin{bmatrix} (o - B\bar{s}) & (s - \bar{s}) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma & BR \\ RB^T & R \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} o - B\bar{s} \\ s - \bar{s} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

- Writing it out in extended form

# Recall: For any jointly Gaussian RV

$$P(X, Y) = \text{Const} \exp\left(-0.5(Z - \mu_Z)^T C_Z^{-1}(Z - \mu_Z)\right) =$$

$$P(Y | X) =$$

$$= \text{Gaussian}\left(Y; \left(Y - \mu_Y - C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1} (X - \mu_X)\right), \left(C_{YY} - C_{XY}^T C_{XX}^{-1} C_{XY}\right)\right)$$

- Applying it to:

$$P(O | o_{0:t-1}) = P(o, s | o_{0:t-1}) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_o, \Theta_o)$$

$$C \exp\left(-0.5 \begin{bmatrix} (o - B\bar{s}) & (s - \bar{s}) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma & BR \\ RB^T & R \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} o - B\bar{s} \\ s - \bar{s} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

# Stable Estimation

$$P(O | o_{0:t-1}) = P(o, s | o_{0:t-1}) = \text{Gaussian}(O; \mu_Y, \Theta_O)$$

$$C \exp \left( -0.5 \begin{bmatrix} (o - B\bar{s}) & (s - \bar{s}) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma & BR \\ RB^T & R \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} o - B\bar{s} \\ s - \bar{s} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

- The conditional distribution of  $s$

$$P(s | o_{0:t}) = \text{Gaussian} \left( s; \underbrace{(I - RB^T (BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} B)}_{\text{red}} \bar{s} + \underbrace{RB^T (BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} o}_{\text{blue}}, \underbrace{(R - RB^T (BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} BR)}_{\text{blue}} \right)$$

- Note that we are not computing  $\Theta_\gamma^{-1}$  in this formulation

# The Kalman filter

- The actual state estimate is the *mean* of the updated distribution
- Predicted state at time  $t$

$$\bar{s}_t = s_t^{pred} = \text{mean}[P(s_t | o_{0:t-1})] = A_t \hat{s}_{t-1} + \mu_\varepsilon$$

- Updated estimate of state at time  $t$

$$P(s_t | o_{0:t}) = \text{Gaussian}(s; \underbrace{(I - RB^T (BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} B)}_{\text{Kalman gain}} \bar{s} + \underbrace{RB^T (BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} o_t}_{\text{Kalman gain}} \cdot o_t, \underbrace{(R - RB^T (BRB^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} BR)}_{\text{Kalman gain}})$$

$$\hat{s}_t = \text{mean}[P(s_t | o_{0:t})] = (I - R_t B_t^T (B_t R_t B_t^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} B_t) \bar{s}_t + R_t B_t^T (B_t R_t B_t^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} o_t$$

# The Kalman filter

## ■ Prediction

$$\bar{s}_t = s_t^{pred} = \text{mean}[P(s_t | o_{0:t-1})] = A_t \hat{s}_{t-1} + \mu_\varepsilon$$

$$R_t = \Theta_\varepsilon + A_t \hat{R}_{t-1} A_t^T$$

## ■ Update

$$\hat{s}_t = \left( I - R_t B_t^T (B_t R_t B_t^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} B_t \right) \bar{s}_t + R_t B_t^T (B_t R_t B_t^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} o_t$$

$$\hat{R}_t = R_t - R_t B_t^T (B_t R_t B_t^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1} B_t R_t$$

# The Kalman filter

## ■ Prediction

$$\bar{s}_t = A_t \hat{s}_{t-1} + \mu_\varepsilon$$

$$R_t = \Theta_\varepsilon + A_t \hat{R}_{t-1} A_t^T$$

## ■ Update

$$K_t = R_t B_t^T (B_t R_t B_t^T + \Theta_\gamma)^{-1}$$

$$\hat{s}_t = \bar{s}_t + K_t (o_t - B_t \bar{s}_t)$$

$$\hat{R}_t = (I - K_t B_t) R_t$$

# The Kalman Filter

- Very popular for tracking the state of processes
  - Control systems
  - Robotic tracking
    - Simultaneous localization and mapping
  - Radars
  - Even the stock market..
- What are the parameters of the process?



# Kalman filter contd.

$$s_t = A_t s_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$o_t = B_t s_t + \gamma_t$$

- Model parameters A and B must be known
  - Often the state equation includes an *additional* driving term:  $s_t = A_t s_{t-1} + G_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$
  - The parameters of the driving term must be known
- The initial state distribution must be known

# Defining the parameters

- State state must be carefully defined
  - E.g. for a robotic vehicle, the state is an extended vector that includes the current velocity and acceleration
    - $S = [X, dX, d^2X]$
- State equation: Must incorporate appropriate constraints
  - If state includes acceleration and velocity, velocity at next time = current velocity + acc. \* time step
  - $S_t = AS_{t-1} + e$ 
    - $A = [1 \ t \ 0.5t^2; \ 0 \ 1 \ t; \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$

# Parameters

- Observation equation:
  - Critical to have accurate observation equation
  - Must provide a valid relationship between state and observations
- Observations typically high-dimensional
  - May have higher or lower dimensionality than state

# Problems

$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, \varepsilon_t)$$

$$o_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$$

- $f()$  and/or  $g()$  may not be nice linear functions
  - Conventional Kalman update rules are no longer valid
- $\varepsilon$  and/or  $\gamma$  may not be Gaussian
  - Gaussian based update rules no longer valid

# Solutions

$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, \varepsilon_t)$$

$$o_t = g(s_t, \gamma_t)$$

- $f()$  and/or  $g()$  may not be nice linear functions
  - Conventional Kalman update rules are no longer valid
  - **Extended Kalman Filter**
- $\varepsilon$  and/or  $\gamma$  may not be Gaussian
  - Gaussian based update rules no longer valid
  - **Particle Filters**