# The Kalman Filter (part 2)

#### **Reading Assignment**

• Chapter 4 of PR

– Focus on histogram and particle filters

#### Homework 1

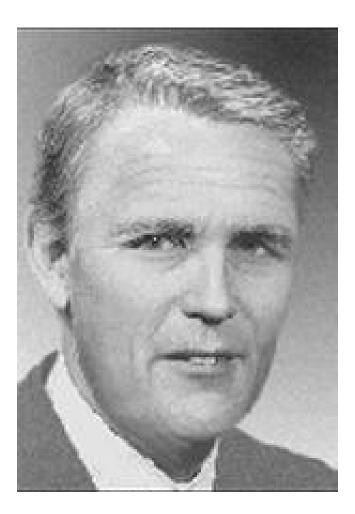
• See canvas – will preview at end of class

#### Something fun



#### Administrative Stuff

#### **Rudolf Emil Kalman**



[http://www.cs.unc.edu/~welch/kalman/kalmanBiblio.html]

# Definition

• A Kalman filter is simply an optimal recursive data processing algorithm

 Under some assumptions the Kalman filter is optimal with respect to virtually any criterion that makes sense.

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"The Kalman filter incorporates all information that can be provided to it. It processes all available measurements, regardless of their precision, to estimate the current value of the variables of interest."

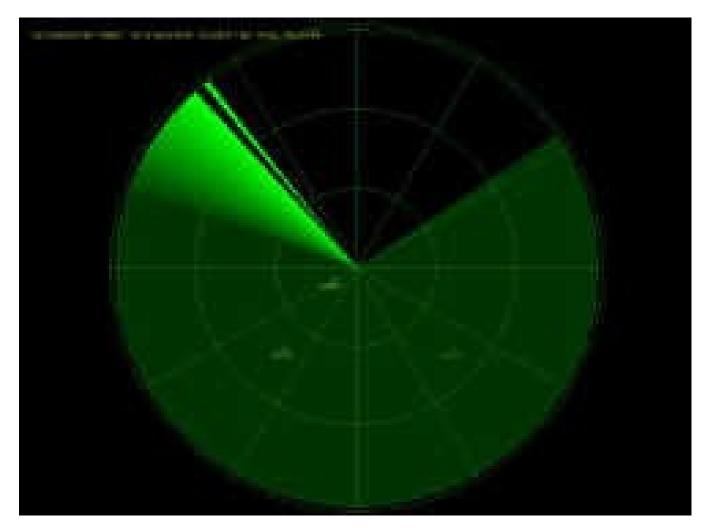
# Why do we need a filter?

 No mathematical model of a real system is perfect

• Real world disturbances

Imperfect Sensors

#### **Application: Radar Tracking**



#### **Application: Lunar Landing**



https://github.com/chrisIgarry/Apollo-11



National Aeronautics and Space Administration

#### Shuttle Docking with Russian Mir Space Station



#### **Application: Missile Tracking**



#### **Application: Sailing**



#### **Application: Robot Navigation**



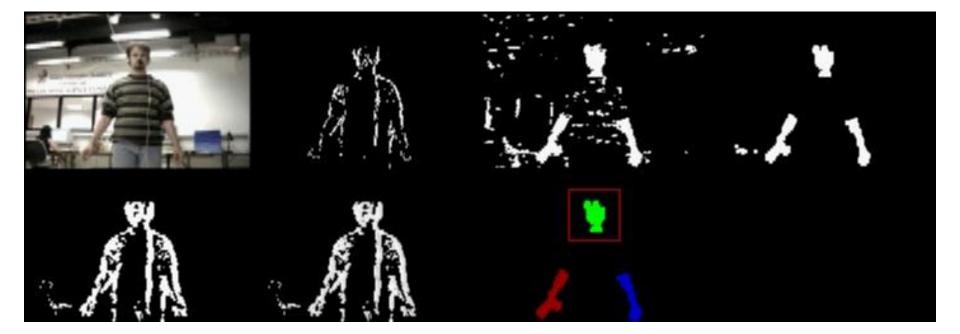
#### **Application: Other Tracking**



#### **Application: Head Tracking**



#### Face & Hand Tracking



# A Simple Recursive Example

• Problem Statement:

Given the measurement sequence:  $z_1, z_2, ..., z_n$  find the mean

# First Approach

- 1. Make the first measurement  $z_1$ Store  $z_1$  and estimate the mean as  $\mu_1=z_1$
- 2. Make the second measurement  $z_2$ Store  $z_1$  along with  $z_2$  and estimate the mean as  $\mu_2 = (z_1+z_2)/2$

# First Approach (cont'd)

3. Make the third measurement  $z_3$ Store  $z_3$  along with  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  and estimate the mean as

$$\mu_3 = (z_1 + z_2 + z_3)/3$$

[Brown and Hwang (1992)]

# First Approach (cont'd)

n. Make the n-th measurement  $z_n$ Store  $z_n$  along with  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$ ,...,  $z_{n-1}$  and estimate the mean as

$$\mu_n = (z_1 + z_2 + ... + z_n)/n$$

#### Second Approach

1. Make the first measurement  $z_1$ Compute the mean estimate as

$$\mu_1 = Z_1$$

#### Store $\mu_1$ and discard $z_1$

# Second Approach (cont'd)

2. Make the second measurement  $z_2$ 

Compute the estimate of the mean as a weighted sum of the previous estimate  $\mu_1$  and the current measurement  $z_{2:}$ 

 $\mu_2 = 1/2 \ \mu_1 + 1/2 \ z_2$ 

Store  $\mu_2$  and discard  $z_2$  and  $\mu_1$ 

# Second Approach (cont'd)

3. Make the third measurement  $z_3$ 

Compute the estimate of the mean as a weighted sum of the previous estimate  $\mu_2$  and the current measurement  $z_{3:}$ 

$$\mu_3 = 2/3 \ \mu_2 + 1/3 \ z_3$$

Store  $\mu_3$  and discard  $z_3$  and  $\mu_2$ 

# Second Approach (cont'd)

n. Make the n-th measurement z<sub>n</sub>

Compute the estimate of the mean as a weighted sum of the previous estimate  $\mu_{n-1}$  and the current measurement  $z_{n}$ :

$$\mu_n = (n-1)/n \mu_{n-1} + 1/n z_n$$

Store  $\mu_n$  and discard  $z_n$  and  $\mu_{n-1}$ 

#### Comparison

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$$\hat{x}_{n} = \frac{z_{1} + z_{2} + \dots + z_{n}}{n}$$

$$\hat{x}_{n} = \frac{n - 1}{n}\hat{x}_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n}\hat{x}_{n-1}$$

**Batch Method** 

**Recursive Method** 

 $\frac{1}{n}z_n$ 

# Analysis

• The second procedure gives the same result as the first procedure.

• It uses the result for the previous step to help obtain an estimate at the current step.

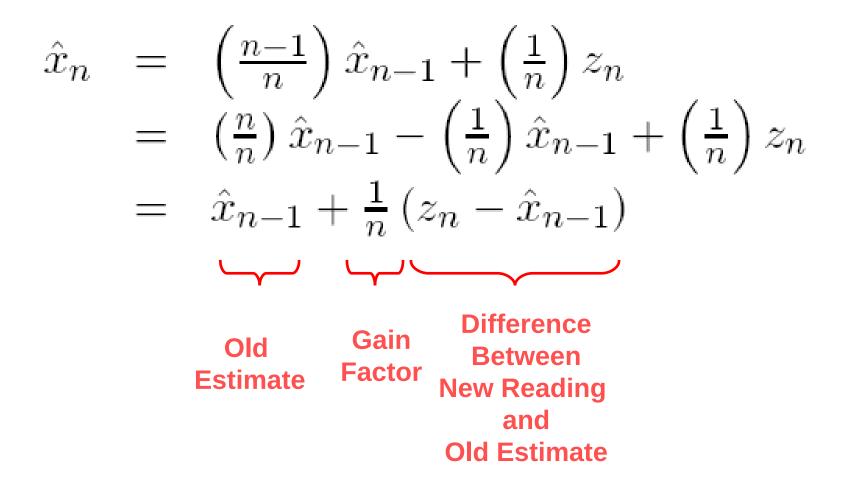
• The difference is that it does not need to keep the sequence in memory.

Second Approach (rewrite the general formula)  $\mu_n = (n-1)/n \mu_{n-1} + 1/n z_n$ 

 $\mu_n = (n/n) \mu_{n-1} - (1/n) \mu_{n-1} + 1/n z_n$ 

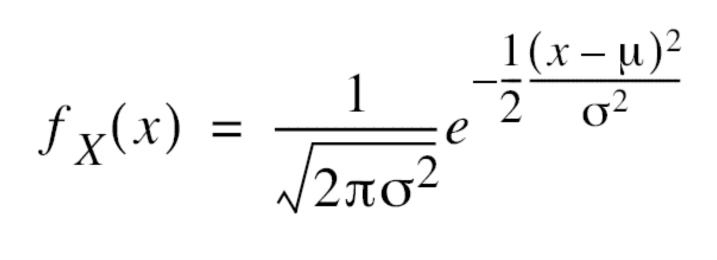
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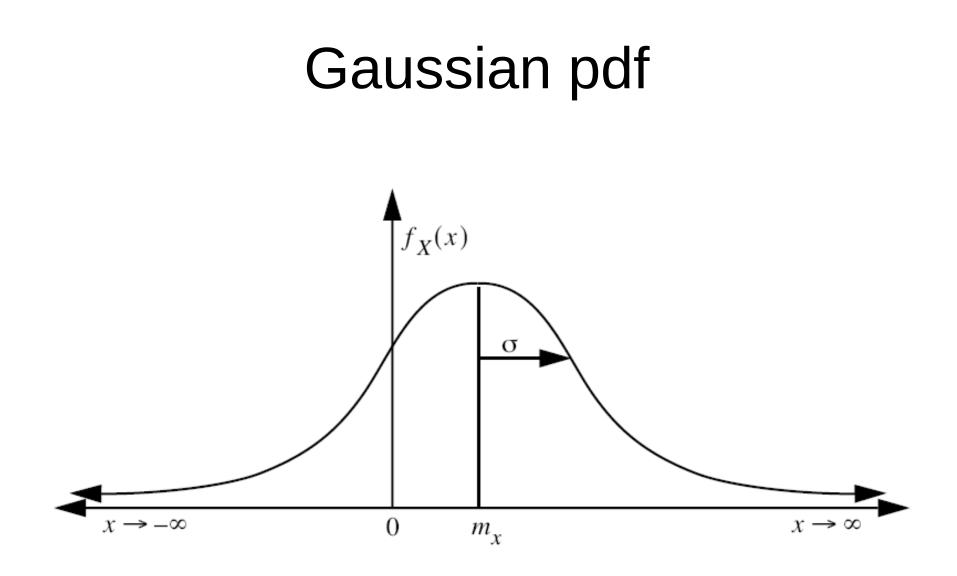
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#### **Gaussian Properties**

#### The Gaussian Function





#### Properties

• If 
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
 and  $Y = aX + b$ 

#### • Then $Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$



$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi a^2 \sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(y - (a\mu + b))^2}{a^2 \sigma^2}}$$

#### **Properties**

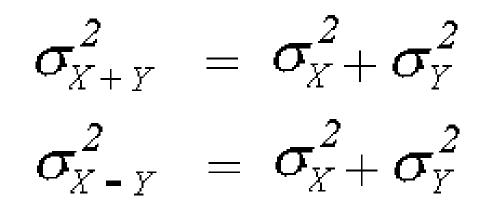
Finally, if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent (see Section 2.5 below),  $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ , and  $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ , then

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2),$$
 (2.14)

and the density function becomes

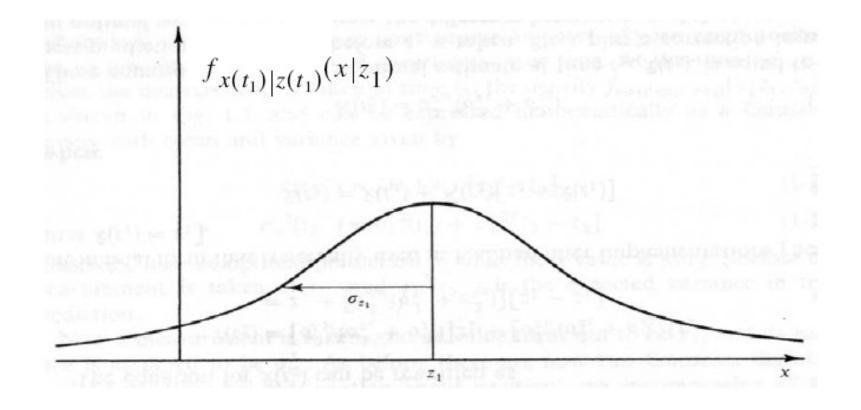
$$f_X(x_1 + x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x - (\mu_1 + \mu_2))^2}{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}}.$$
 (2.15)

#### Summation and Subtraction

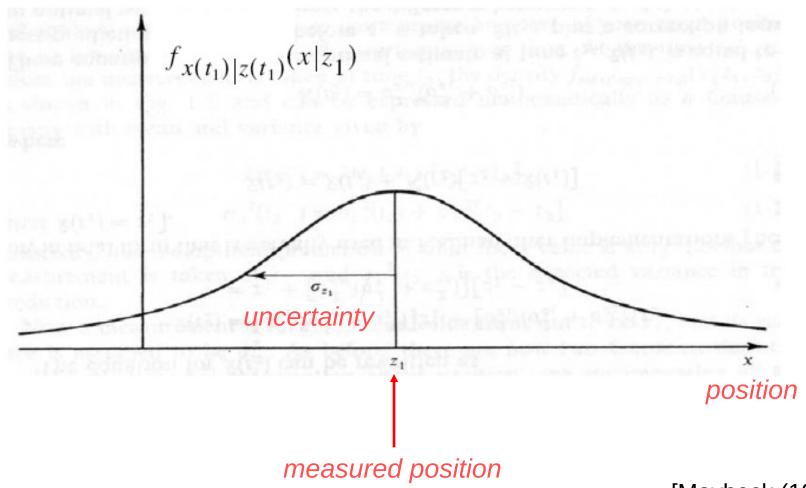


#### A simple example using diagrams

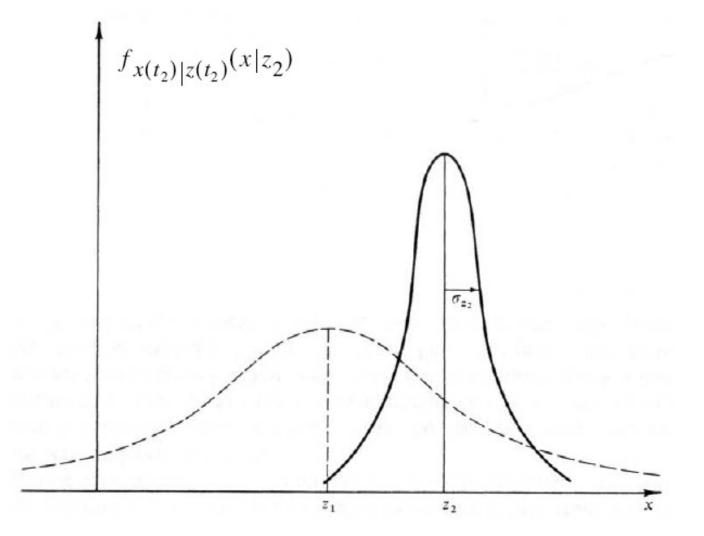
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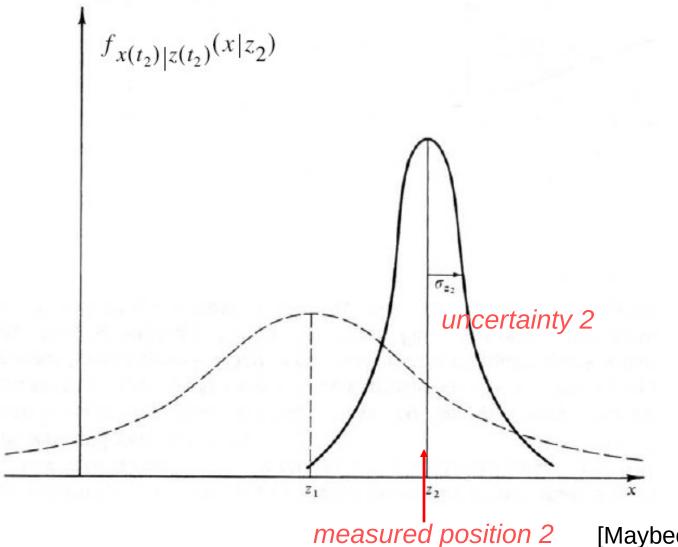
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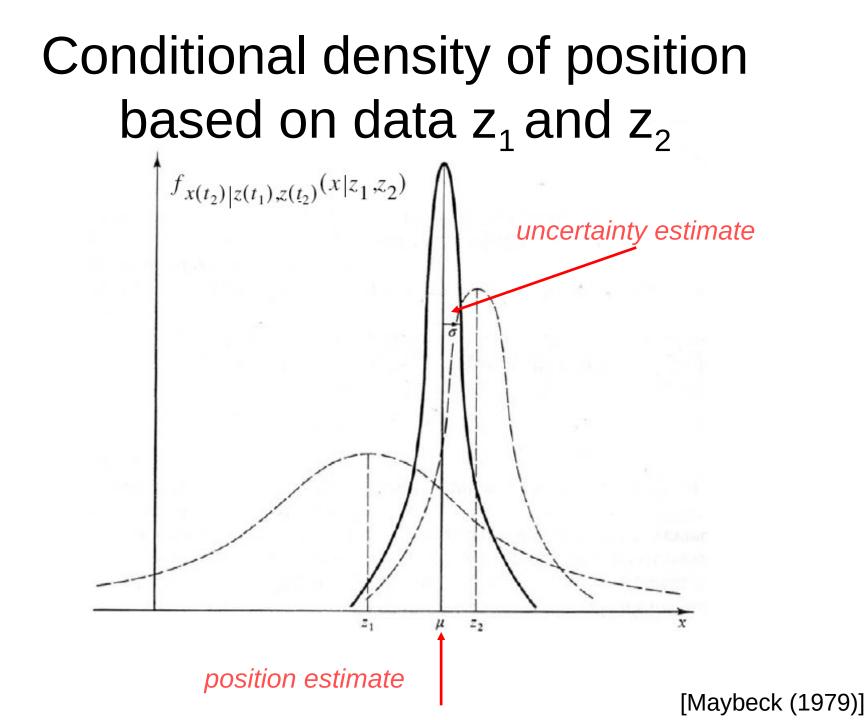


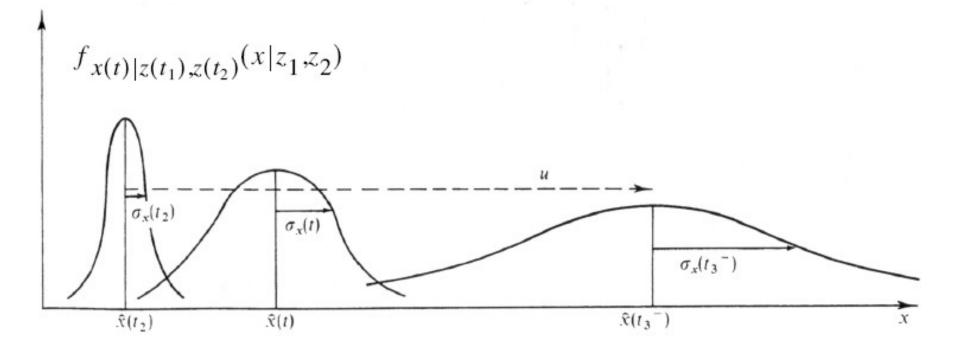
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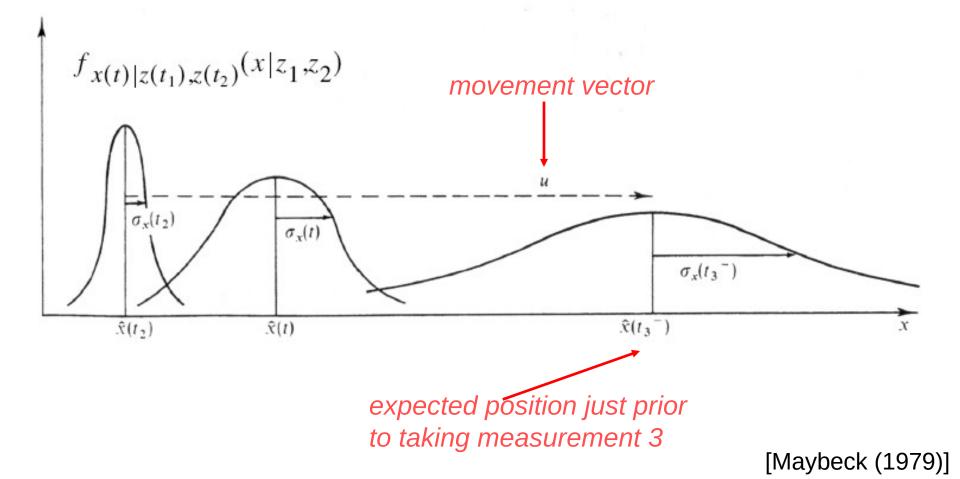


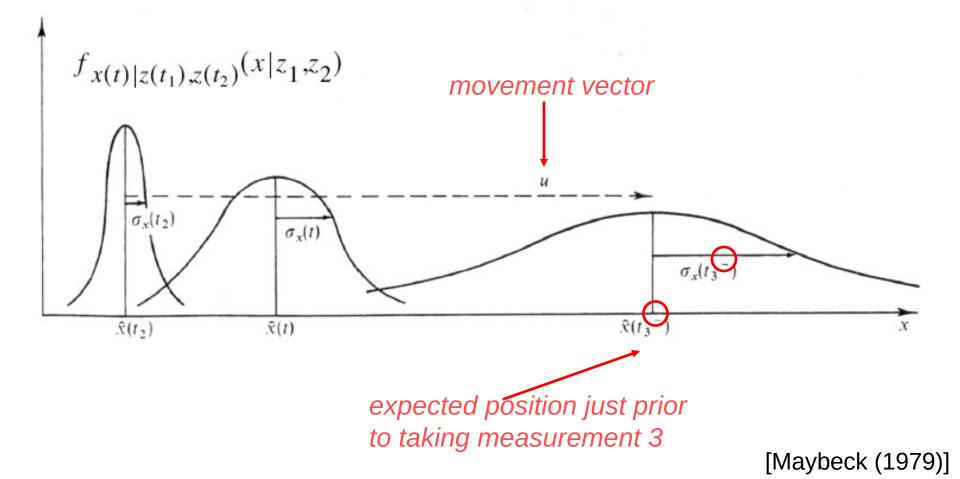
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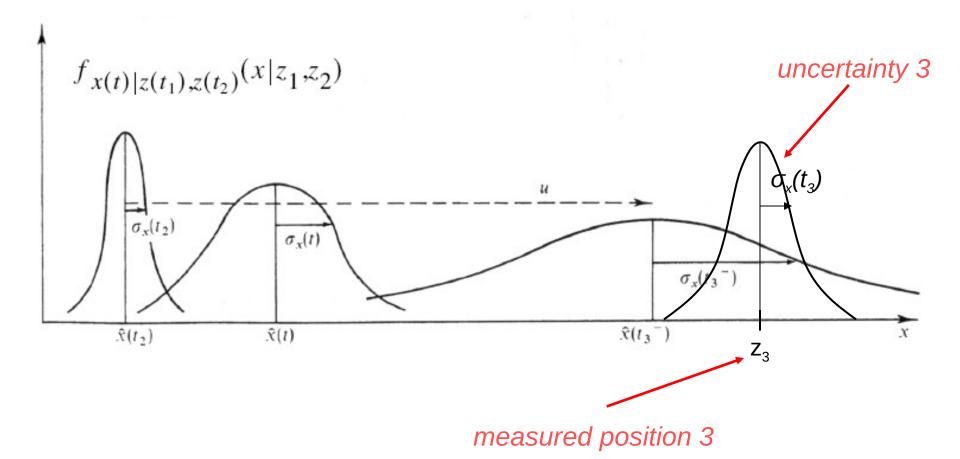




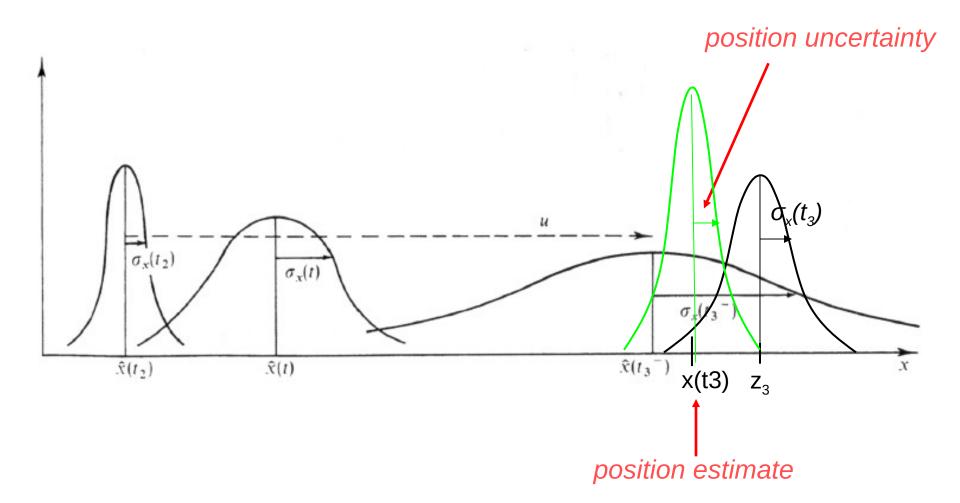


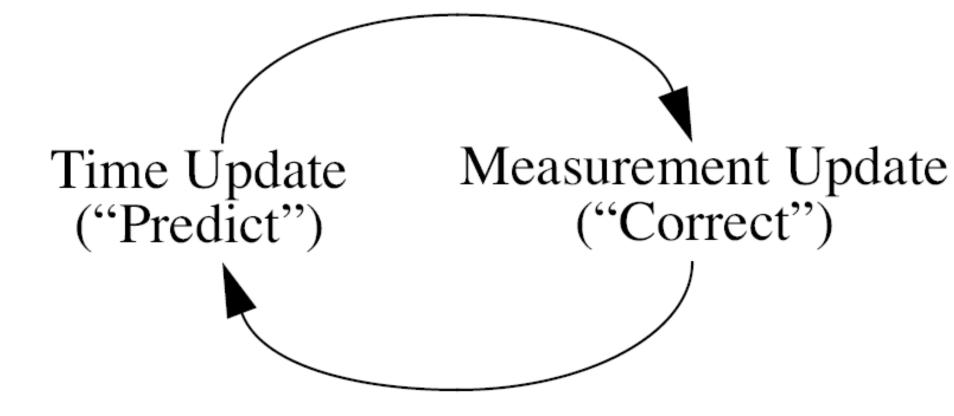






### Updating the conditional density after the third measurement

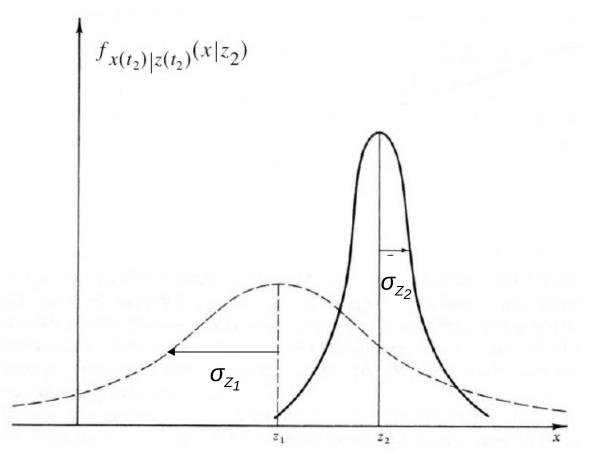




#### Questions?

Now let's do the same thing ....but this time we'll use math

### How should we combine the two measurements?



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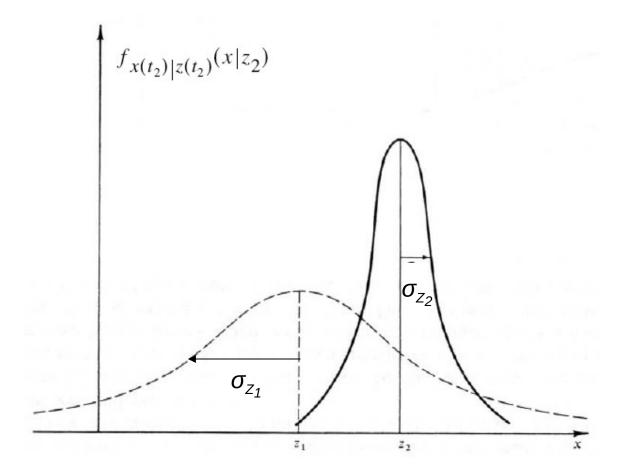
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*Why is this not z*<sub>1</sub>?

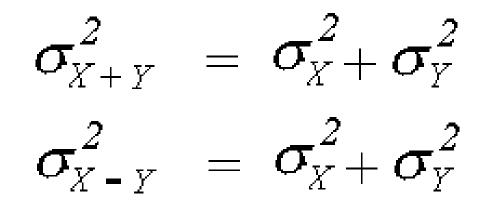
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$$\sigma^2$$
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#### Remember the Gaussian Properties?



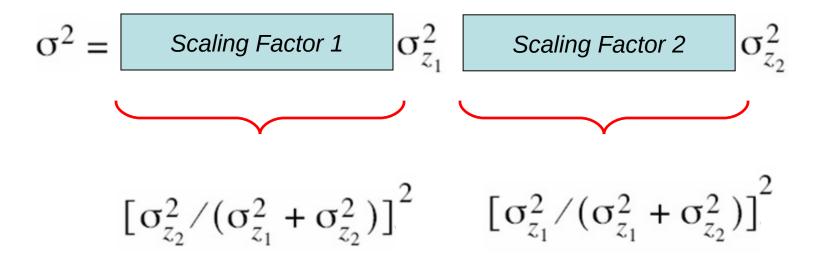
### Remember the Gaussian Properties?

#### • If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and Y = aX + b

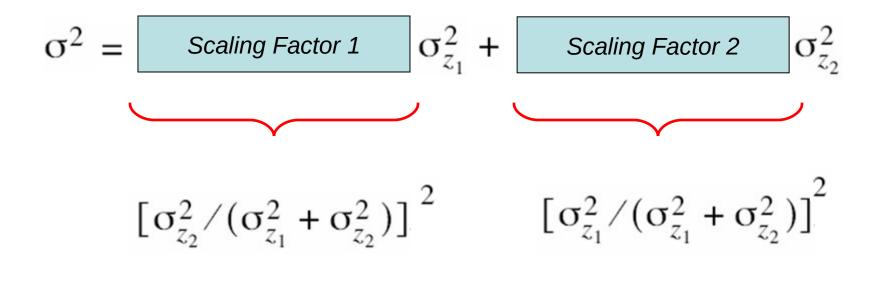
### • Then $Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$

This is a<sup>2</sup> not a

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$$\sigma^{2} = \left[\sigma_{z_{2}}^{2} / (\sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} + \sigma_{z_{2}}^{2})\right]^{2} \sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} + \left[\sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} / (\sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} + \sigma_{z_{2}}^{2})\right]^{2} \sigma_{z_{2}}^{2}$$

#### Therefore the new variance is

$$1/\sigma^2 = (1/\sigma_{z_1}^2) + (1/\sigma_{z_2}^2)$$

Try to derive this on your own.

#### Another Way to Express The New Position

$$\hat{x}(t_2) = \left[\sigma_{z_2}^2 / (\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)\right] z_1 + \left[\sigma_{z_1}^2 / (\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)\right] z_2$$
$$= \left[z_1 - z_1 + \left[\sigma_{z_2}^2 / (\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)\right] z_1 + \left[\sigma_{z_1}^2 / (\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)\right] z_2\right]$$

$$= z_1 + [\sigma_{z_1}^2 / (\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)][z_2 - z_1]$$

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$$\hat{x}(t_2) = \hat{x}(t_1) + K(t_2)[z_2 - \hat{x}(t_1)]$$

$$K(t_2) = \sigma_{z_1}^2 / (\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)$$

### The equation for the variance can also be rewritten as

$$\sigma_x^2(t_2) \, = \, \sigma_x^2(t_1) - K(t_2) \sigma_x^2(t_1)$$

#### Adding Movement

#### dx/dt = u + w

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$$\hat{x}(t_3^{-}) = \hat{x}(t_2) + u[t_3 - t_2]$$

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### $\sigma_x^2(t_3) = \sigma_x^2(t_3^-) - K(t_3)\sigma_x^2(t_3^-)$

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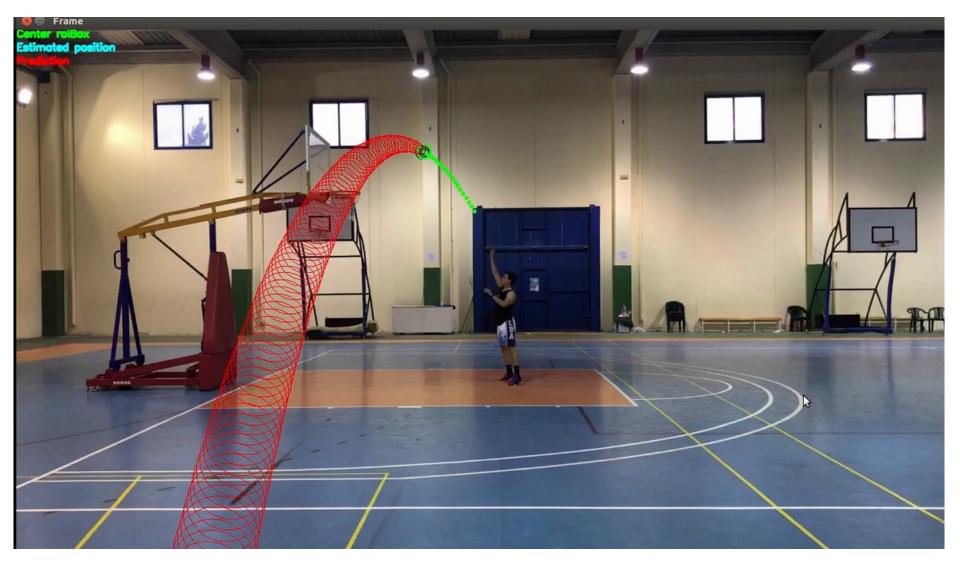
#### Properties of K

• If the measurement noise is large K is small

$$\begin{split} K(t_3) &= \sigma_x^2(t_3^-) / [\sigma_x^2(t_3^-) + \sigma_{z_3}^2] \\ \sigma_{z_3}^2 &\to \infty \ , \ K(t_3) \to 0 \end{split}$$

# The Kalman Filter (part 2)

# **Example Applications**



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxwVwCuBEDA

https://github.com/pabsaura/Prediction-of-Trajectory-with-kalman-filter-and-open-cv

## Demo OpenCV Ball tracker using Kalman Filter

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG-h5ONsj9s https://www.myzhar.com/blog/tutorials/tutorial-opencv-ball-tracker-using-kalman-filter/

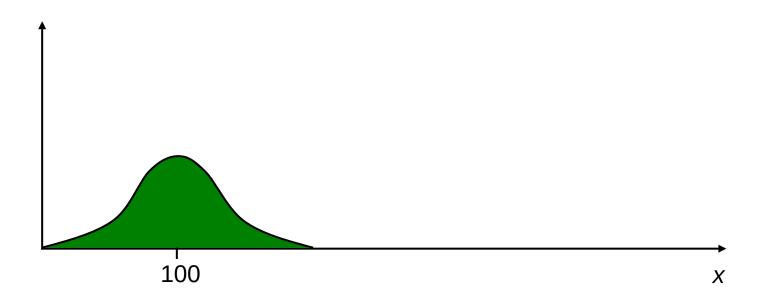
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# Another Example

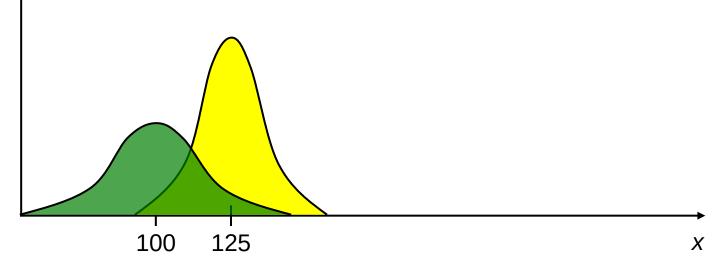
#### A Simple Example

- Consider a ship sailing east with a perfect compass trying to estimate its position.
- You estimate the position x from the stars as  $z_1=100$  with a precision of  $\sigma_x=4$  miles

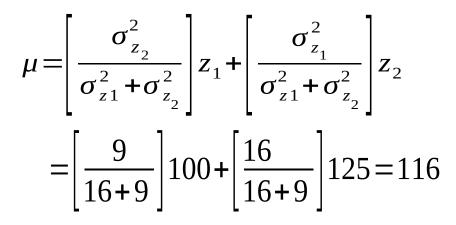


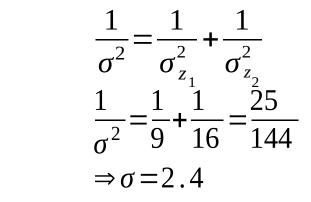
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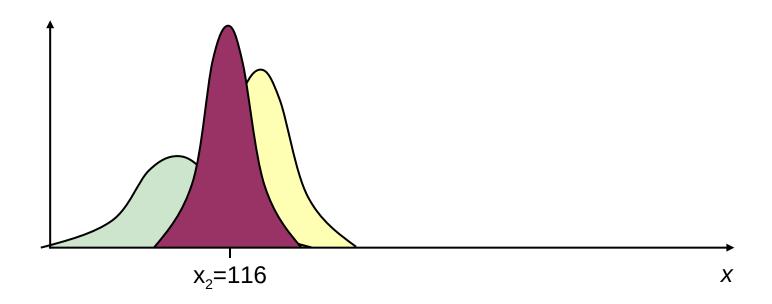
- Along comes a more experienced navigator, and she takes her own sighting  $z_2$
- She estimates the position  $x = z_2 = 125$  with a precision of  $\sigma_x = 3$  miles
- How do you merge her estimate with your own?



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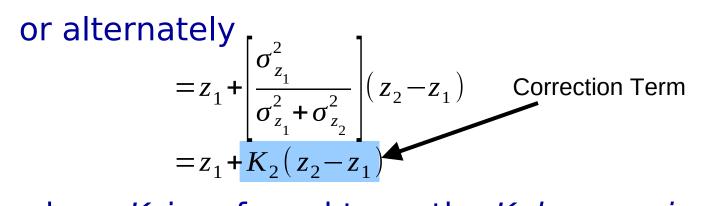




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• With the distributions being Gaussian, the best estimate for the state is the mean of the distribution, so...

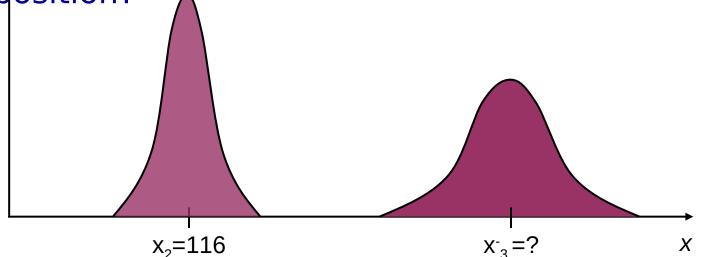
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where  $K_t$  is referred to as the Kalman gain, and must be computed at each time step

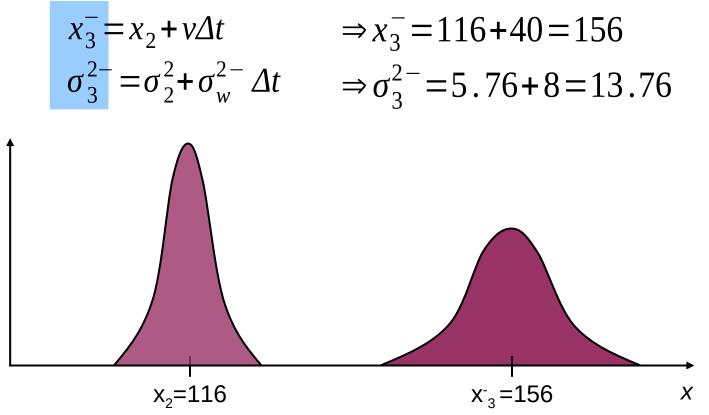
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- OK, now you fall asleep on your watch. You wake up after 2 hours, and you now have to re-estimate your position
- Let the velocity of the boat be nominally 20 miles/hour, but with a variance of  $\sigma^2_w = 4$  miles<sup>2</sup>/hour
- What is the best estimate of your current position?



## A Simple Example (cont'd)

 The next effect is that the gaussian is translated by a distance and the variance of the distribution is increased to account for the uncertainty in dynamics



### A Simple Example (cont'd)

- OK, this is not a very accurate estimate. So, since you've had your nap you decide to take another measurement and you get  $z_3=165$  miles
- Using the same update procedure as the first update, we obtain

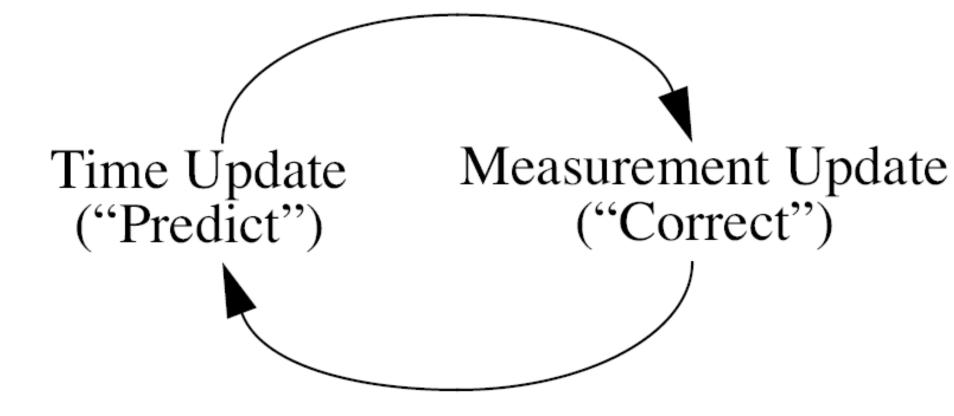
$$x_3 = x_3^- + K_3(z_3 - x_3^-)$$

$$\sigma_3^2 = \sigma_3^{2-} - K_3 \sigma_3^{2-}$$
  
= 13.76 -  $\left[\frac{13.76}{13.76+16}\right]$  13.76 = 7.40

and so on...

#### The Predictor-Corrector Approach

- In this example, prediction came from using knowledge of the vehicle dynamics to estimate its change in position
- An analogy with a robot would be integrating information from the robot kinematics (*i.e.* you give it a desired [x, y, α] velocities for a time Δt) to estimate changed in position
- The correction is accomplished through making exteroceptive observations and then fusing this with your current estimate
- This is akin to updating position estimates using landmark information, etc.
- In practice, the prediction rate is typically much higher than the correction

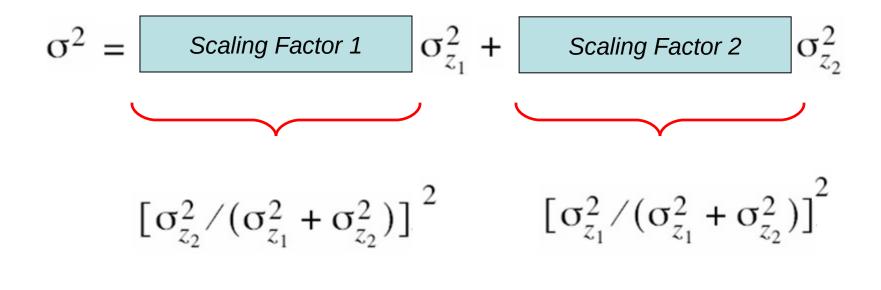


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### Calculating the new variance



$$\sigma^{2} = \left[\sigma_{z_{2}}^{2} / (\sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} + \sigma_{z_{2}}^{2})\right]^{2} \sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} + \left[\sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} / (\sigma_{z_{1}}^{2} + \sigma_{z_{2}}^{2})\right]^{2} \sigma_{z_{2}}^{2}$$

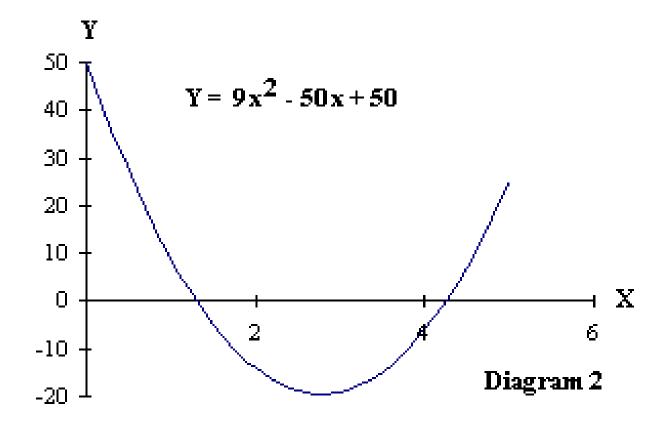
What makes these scaling factors special? Are there other ways to combine the two measurements?

• They minimize the error between the prediction and the true value of X.

• They are optimal in the least-squares sense.

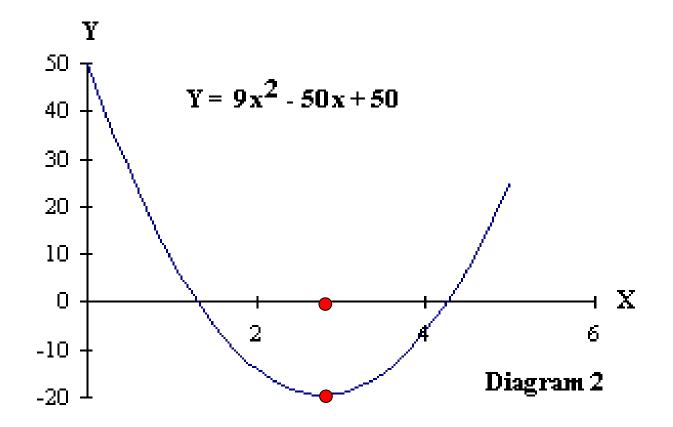
# Minimize the error

# What is the minimum value?



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# Finding the Minimum Value

- $Y = 9x^2 50x + 50$
- dY/dX = 18 x 50
- 0 = 18x 50
- X = 50/18 = 2.68....
- Min Y =

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- $Y = 9x^2 50x + 50$
- dY/dx = 18x 50 = 0
- The minimum is obtained when x=50/18=2.77777(7)
- The minimum value is  $Y(x_{min}) = 9*(50/18)^2 50*(50/18) + 50 = -19.44444(4)$

## Start with two measurements

#### $z_1 = x + v_1$ and $z_2 = x + v_2$

•  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  represent zero mean noise

# Formula for the estimation error

• The new estimate is

$$\hat{x} = s_1 z_1 + s_2 z_2$$

• The error is

$$e = \hat{x} - x$$

 $E[e] = E[\hat{x} - x]$  $= E[s_1z_1 + s_2z_2 - x]$ 

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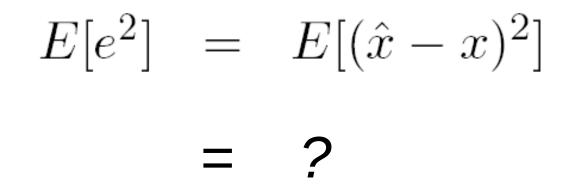
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• If the estimate is unbiased this should hold

#### Therefore, $s_1 + s_2 - 1 = 0$

#### which can be rewritten as $s_2 = 1 - s_1$

# Find the Mean Square Error



$$\begin{split} E[e^2] &= E[(\hat{x} - x)^2] \\ &= E[\hat{x}^2 - 2\hat{x}x + x^2] \\ &= E[(s_1z_1 + s_2z_2)^2 - 2(s_1z_1 + s_2z_2)x + x^2] \\ &= E[(s_1(x + v_1) + s_2(x + v_2))^2 - 2(s_1(x + v_1) + s_2(x + v_2))x + x^2] \\ &= E[s_1^2(x + v_1)^2 + 2s_1s_2(x + v_1)(x + v_2) + s_2^2(x + v_2)^2 - 2s_1(x + v_1)x - 2s_2(x + v_2): \\ &= E[\underline{s_1^2x^2} + \underline{2s_1^2v_1x} + s_1^2v_1^2 + \underline{2s_1s_2x^2} + \underline{2s_1s_2v_1x} + \underline{2s_1s_2v_2x} + 2s_1s_2v_1v_2 + \\ &\quad + \underline{s_2^2x^2} + \underline{2s_2^2v_2x} + s_2^2v_2^2 - \underline{2s_1x^2} - \underline{2s_1v_1x} - \underline{2s_2x^2} - \underline{2s_2v_2x} + \underline{x^2}] \\ &= E[(s_1^2 + 2s_1s_2 + s_2^2 - 2s_1 - 2s_2 + 1)x^2 + \\ &\quad + 2(s_1^2v_1 + s_1s_2v_1 + s_1s_2v_2 + s_2^2v_2 - s_1v_1 - s_2v_2)x + \end{split}$$

$$+s_1^2v_1^2 + 2s_1s_2v_1v_2 + s_2^2v_2^2]$$

$$= \{(s_1 + s_2)^2 - 2(s_1 + s_2) + 1\} E[x^2] + \\ + 2\{s_1^2 E[v_1] + s_1 s_2 E[v_1] + s_1 s_2 E[v_2] + s_2^2 E[v_2] - s_1 E[v_1] - s_2 E[v_2]\} E[x] + \\ + s_1^2 E[v_1^2] + 2s_1 s_2 E[v_1] E[v_2] + s_2^2 E[v_2^2]$$

$$= (1-2+1)E[x^2] + 2(0+0+0+0-0-0)E[x] + s_1^2 E[v_1^2] + 0 + s_2^2 E[v_2^2]$$

$$= s_1^2 E[v_1^2] + s_2^2 E[v_2^2]$$

$$= s_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + s_2^2 \sigma_2^2$$

 $= s_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + (1-s_1)^2 \sigma_2^2$ 

# Mean Square Error

$$E[e^2] = s_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + (1 - s_1)^2 \sigma_2^2$$

## Minimize the mean square error

$$E[e^2] = s_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + (1 - s_1)^2 \sigma_2^2$$

 $\frac{\mathrm{dE}[\mathrm{e}^2]}{\mathrm{ds}_1} = 2s_1\sigma_1^2 - 2(1-s_1)\sigma_2^2$  $= 2s_1\sigma_1^2 + 2s_1\sigma_2^2 - 2\sigma_2^2$  $= 2s_1(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) - 2\sigma_2^2 = 0$ 

# Finding S<sub>1</sub>

 $2s_1(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) - 2\sigma_2^2 = 0$ 

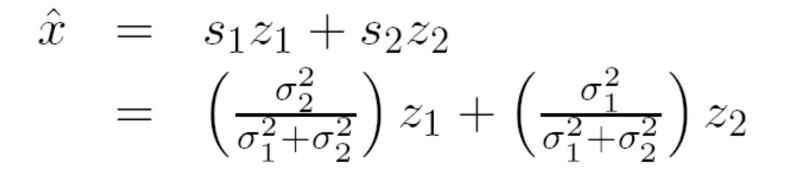
 $2s_1(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) = 2\sigma_2^2$ 

Therefore

$$s_1 = \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

# Finding S<sub>2</sub> $s_2 = 1 - s_1$ $= 1 - \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$ $= \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$ $= \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$

# Finally we get what we wanted



# Finding the new variance

 $\sigma^2 = s_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + s_2^1 \sigma_2^2$ 

$$= \left(\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}\right)^2 \sigma_1^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}\right)^2 \sigma_2^2$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_2^4 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_1^4 \sigma_2^2}{\left(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2\right)^2}$$

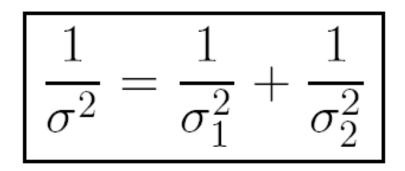
$$= \frac{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 \left(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2\right)}{\left(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2}{\left(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2\right)}$$

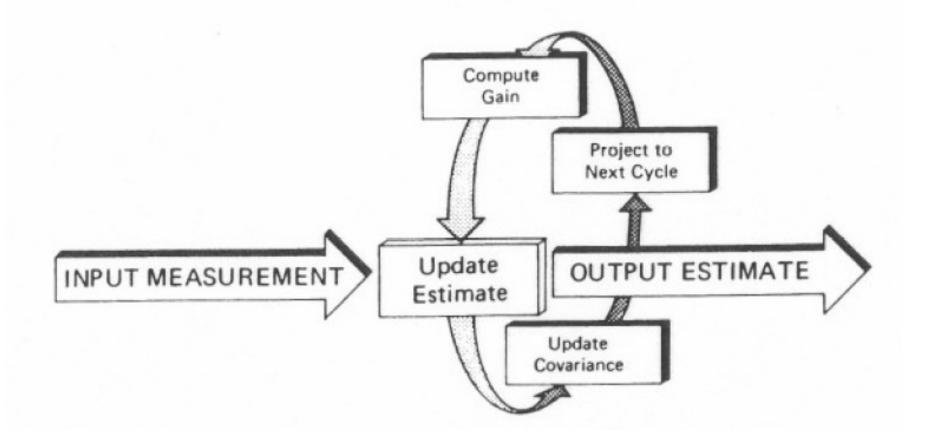
$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_2^2 \sigma_1^2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}$$

# Formula for the new variance



# Kalman Filter Diagram



[Brown and Hwang (1992)]

## **Overview of Homework 1**

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