

16-311-Q INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS FALL'17

LECTURE 25: BAYESIAN FILTERS MONTE CARLO LOCALIZATION (PF)

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# PROBABILISTIC INFERENCE



Localization is an instance of the more general problem of state estimation in a noisy (feedbackbased) controlled system

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• **Probabilistic inference** is the problem of estimating the <u>hidden variables</u> (states or parameters) of a system in an optimal and consistent fashion (using probability theory), given noisy or incomplete observations.



Given z, what can we infer about x?

For a robot typically the system evolves over time  $\rightarrow$ <u>Sequential probabilistic inference</u>: Estimate  $x_k$  given  $z_{1:k}$ and information about system's dynamics and about how observations are obtained



# PROBABILISTIC INFERENCE

- Initial state  $x_0$ , or prior probability distribution of the system state:  $p(x_0)$
- Stream of observations z and action data u:  $\{u_1, z_1, u_2, z_2, \ldots, u_t, z_t\}$
- State transition dynamics = state transition probability distribution: p(xt |x0:t−1, u1:t) → Action Model: How the state change over time in relation to the given control actions and disturbances
- Measurement probability:  $p(z_t | x_{0:t})$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  Sensor Model: How probable is measurement  $z_t$  given the assumed current state
- > Posterior distribution accounting for action and observation:  $p(x_t | u_{1:t}, z_{1:t})$
- Goal: Update the posterior distribution over time taking into account controls and measurements such that the extracted estimate converges against the real state

The posterior distribution is the *belief*,  $bel(x_t)$  for robot's state: a probability distribution over all possible robot's states

# MARKOV ASSUMPTION



 $\rightarrow$  Assumed state  $x_i$ , how probable is measurement  $z_i$ ?

# BAYESIAN FILTER



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# NON-PARAMETRIC VS. GAUSSIAN FILTERS



#### BAYES FORMULA

$$P(x, y) = P(x | y)P(y) = P(y | x)P(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$P(x | y) = \frac{P(y | x) P(x)}{P(y)} = \frac{\text{likelihood} \cdot \text{prior}}{\text{evidence}}$$

$$Algorithm$$

$$P(x | y) = \frac{P(y | x) P(x)}{P(y)} = \eta P(y | x)P(x)$$

$$\forall x : \text{aux}_{x|y} = P(y | x) P(x)$$

$$\eta = P(y)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sum_{x} P(y | x)P(x)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{\sum_{x} aux_{x|y}}$$

 $\forall x : P(x \mid y) = \eta \operatorname{aux}_{x \mid y}$ 

# TOTAL PROBABILITY AND CONDITIONING

• Total probability:

$$P(x) = \int P(x, z) dz$$
$$P(x) = \int P(x \mid z) P(z) dz$$
$$P(x \mid y) = \int P(x \mid y, z) P(z) dz$$

• Conditional independence

$$P(x, y \mid z) = P(x \mid z)P(y \mid z)$$

#### equivalent to

$$P(x|z) = P(x|z,y)$$

and

$$P(y|z) = P(y|z,x)$$

#### BAYES FILTERS

#### • Given:

• Stream of observations z and action data u:

$$d_t = \{u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, z_t\}$$

- Sensor model P(z|x).
- Action model P(x|u,x').
- Prior probability of the system state P(x).

#### • Wanted:

- Estimate of the state X of a dynamical system.
- The posterior of the state is also called **Belief**:

$$Bel(x_t) = P(x_t | u_1, z_1 ..., u_t, z_t)$$

Markov assumption:

$$p(z_t | x_{0:t}, z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = p(z_t | x_t)$$
  

$$p(x_t | x_{1:t-1}, z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t)$$



Follow up on the slides from Cyrill Stachniss (check course website):

- Bayes filters
- Particle filter