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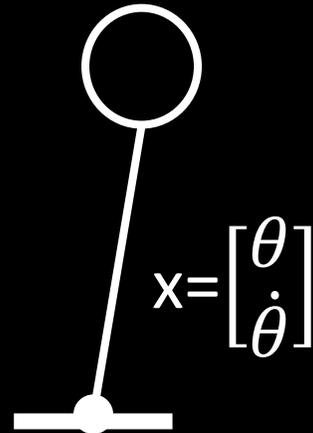
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# Fast Robots

## Observability

# Linear Systems

- Linear systems review
- Eigenvectors and eigenvalues
- Stability
- Discrete time systems
- Linearizing non-linear systems
- Controllability
- LQR
- Observability



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# Linear Systems Control – “review of review”

- Linear system:  $\dot{x} = Ax$
- Solution:  $x(t) = e^{At}x(0)$
- Eigenvectors:  $T = [\xi_1 \quad \xi_2 \quad \dots \quad \xi_n]$
- Eigenvalues:  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\gg [T, D] = \text{eig}(A)$
- Linear transform:  $AT = TD$
- Solution:  $e^{At} = Te^{Dt}T^{-1}$
- Mapping from  $x$  to  $z$  to  $x$ :  $x(t) = Te^{Dt}T^{-1}x(0)$
- Stability in continuous time:  $\lambda = a + ib$ , stable iff  $a < 0$
- Discrete time:  $x(k + 1) = \tilde{A}x(k)$ ,  $\tilde{A} = e^{A\Delta t}$
- Stability in discrete time:  $\tilde{\lambda}^n = R^n e^{in\theta}$ , stable iff  $R < 1$
- Linearizing non-linear systems
  - Fixed points
  - Jacobian
- Controllability
  - $\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$
  - $\gg \text{rank}(\text{ctrb}(A, B))$
- Reachability
- Controllability Gramian
- Pole placement
  - $\gg \text{K=place}(A, B, p)$
- Optimal control (LQR)
  - $\gg \text{K=lqr}(A, B, Q, R)$

# Linear Quadratic Control

- $\gg K = \text{place}(A, B, \text{eigs})$
- Where are the best eigs??
- Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR)
  - $\gg K = \text{lqr}(A, B, Q, R)$
  - Riccati equation

- $\int_0^{\infty} (x^T Q x + u^T R u) dt$

- $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 10 & \\ 0 & & & 100 \end{bmatrix}, R = 0.01$

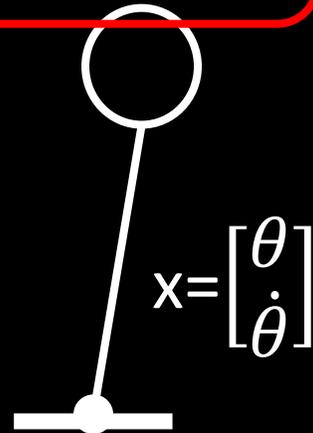
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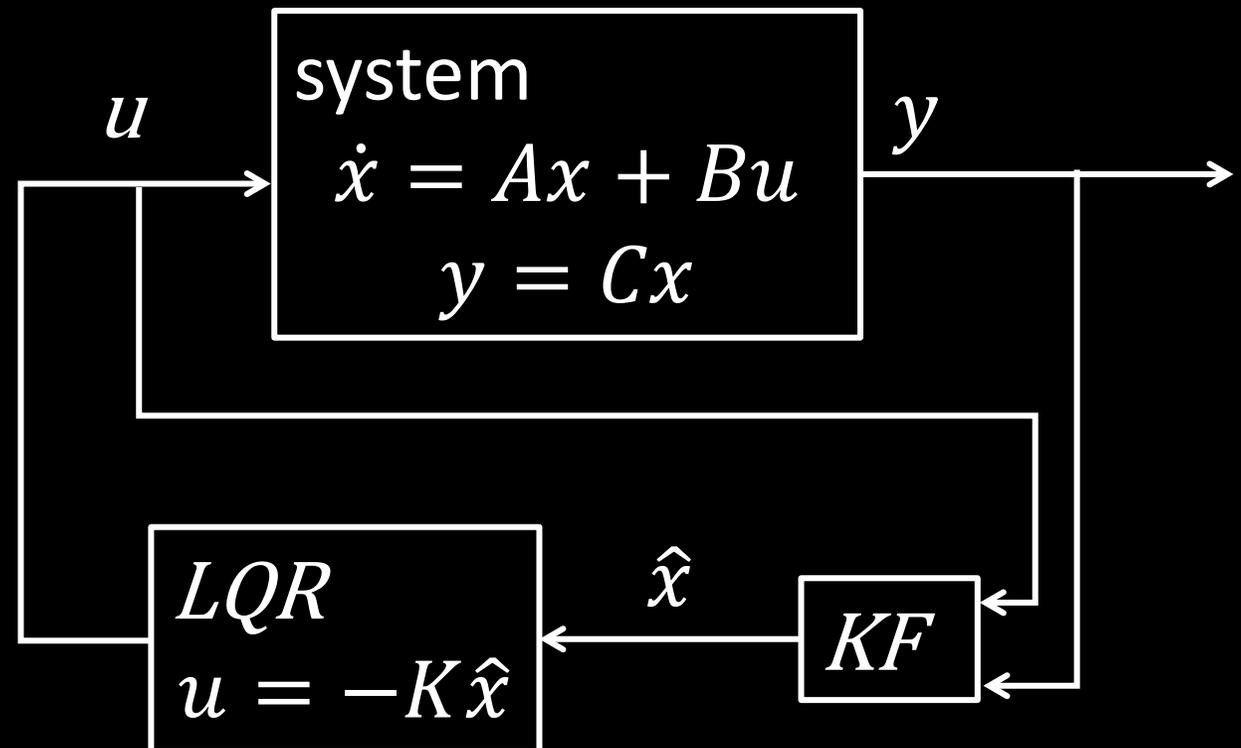
# Observability

- Controllability
  - Can we steer the system anywhere given some control input  $u$ ?
- Observability
  - Can we estimate any state  $x$ , from a time series of measurements  $y(t)$ ?

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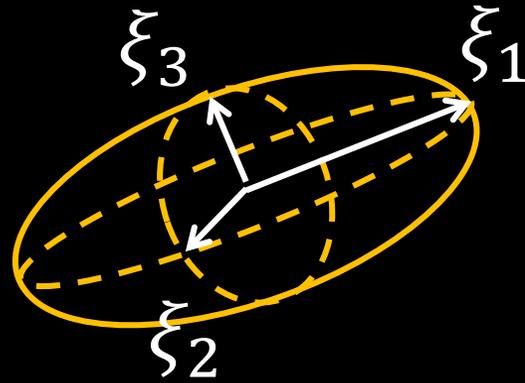
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# Observability

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \dots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



1. Observable iff  $\text{rank}(\sigma) = n$

- $\gg \text{rank}(\text{obsv}(A, C))$

2. Iff a system is observable, we can estimate  $x$  from  $y$

- Observability Gramian

- $\gg [U, \Sigma, V] = \text{svd}(\sigma)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= Ax + Bu + d & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ y &= Cx + n & u \in \mathbb{R}^q \\ & & y \in \mathbb{R}^p \end{aligned}$$

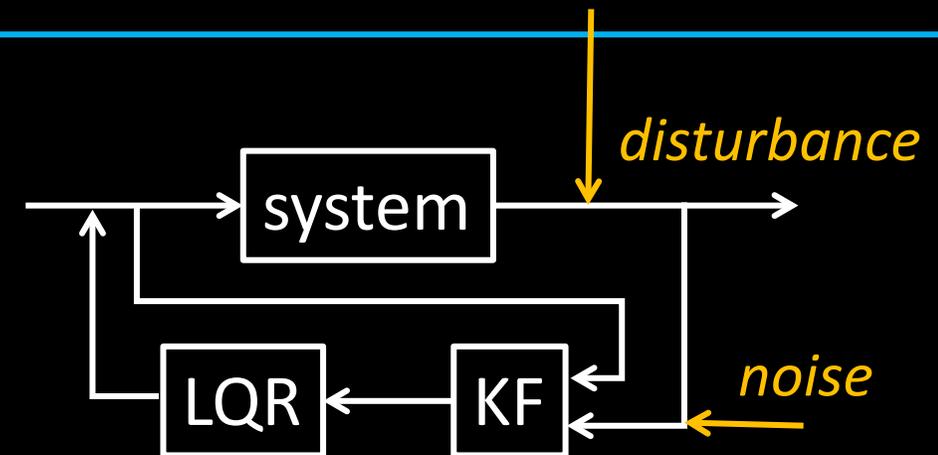
- Controllability

- $\mathbb{C} =$

$$[B \quad AB \quad A^2B \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B]$$

- $\gg \text{ctrb}(A, B)$

- Reachability

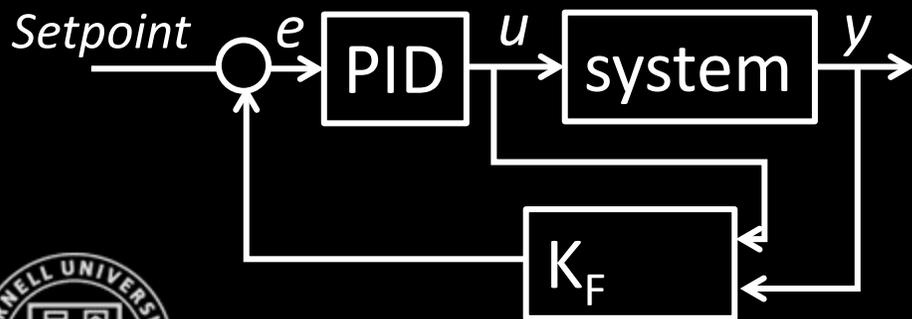


# Kalman Filter

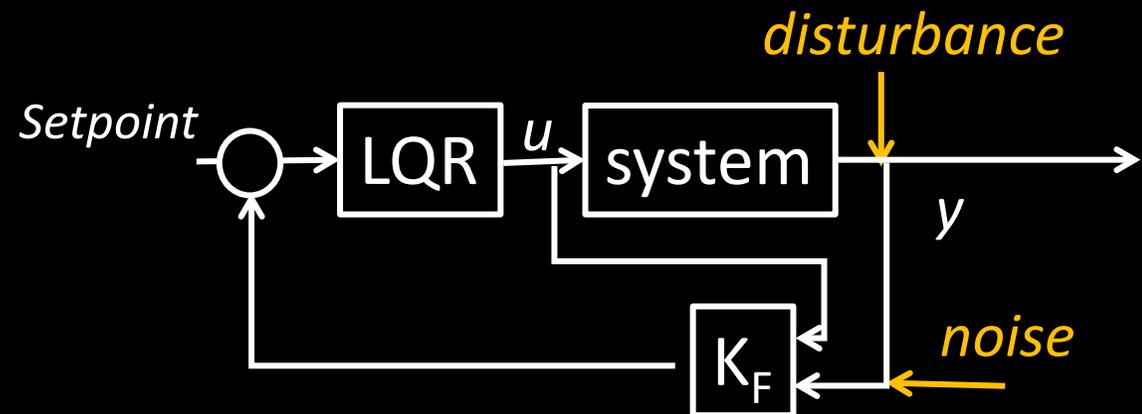
## Why sensor fusion?

- Not full state feedback
- Bad sensors
- Imperfect model
- Slow feedback

## KF with PID



## What you typically apply KF on

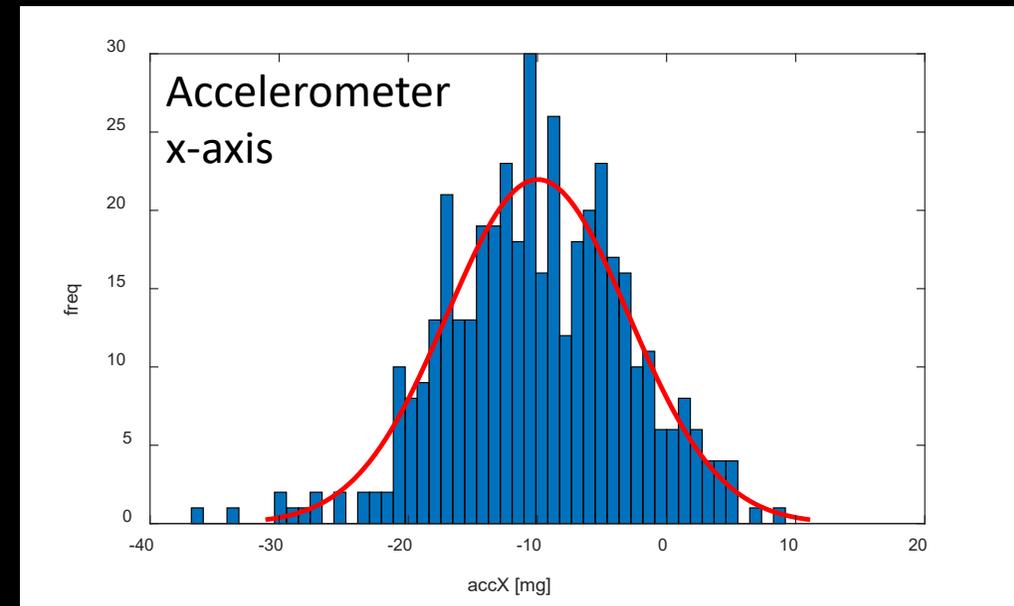
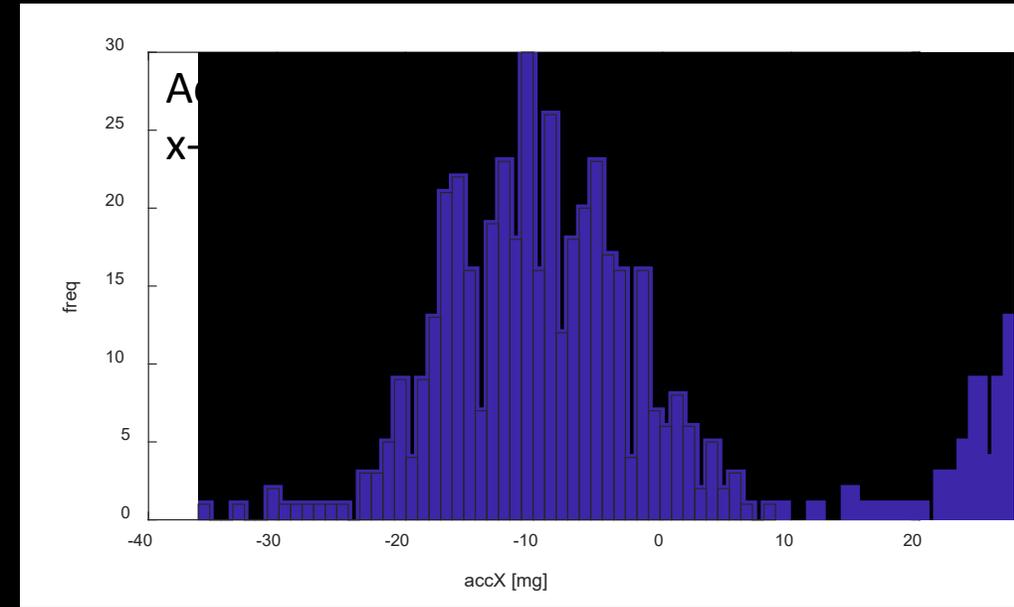


# Probabilistic Robotics



## Sources of uncertainty

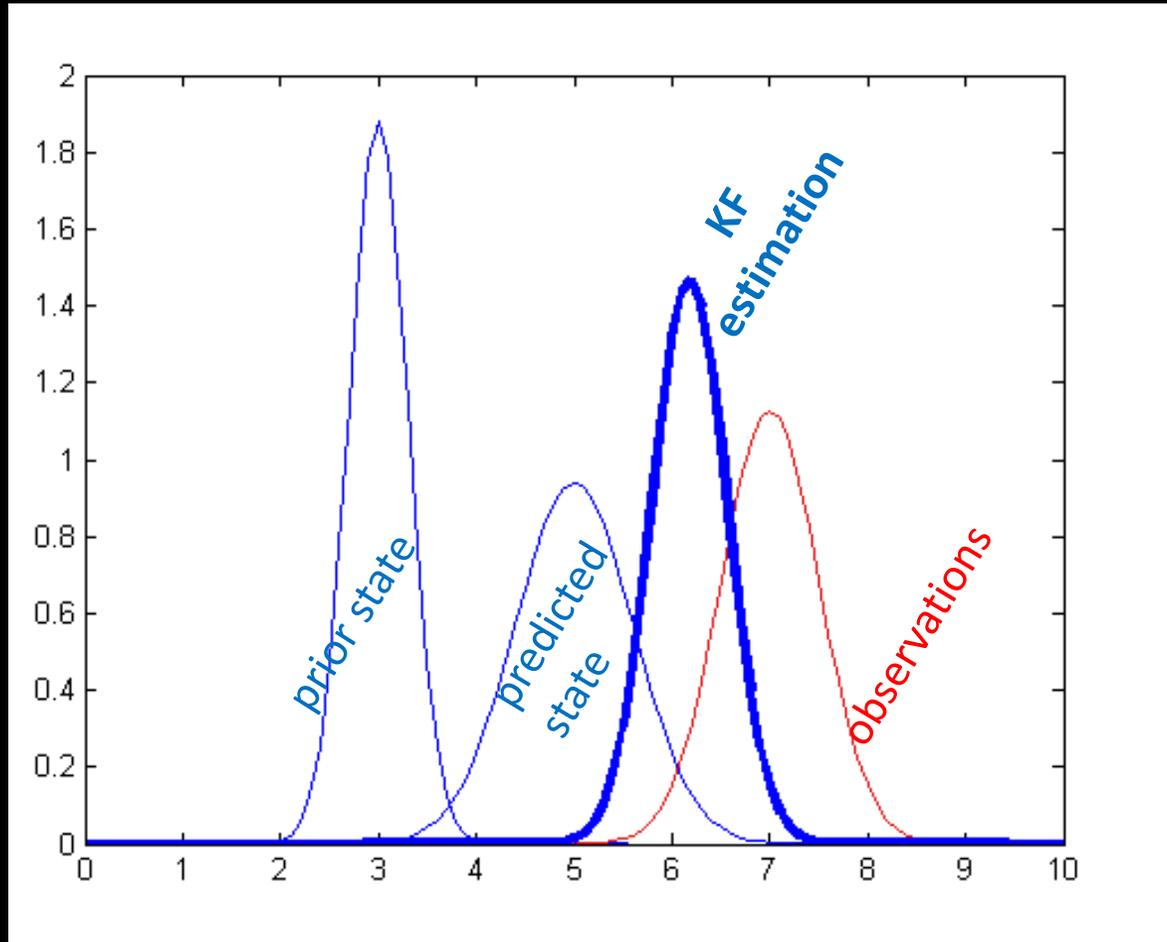
- Measurements are uncertain
  - Actions are uncertain
  - Models are uncertain
  - States are uncertain
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- Gaussian distributions
    - $[\mu \mp \sigma]$
    - Symmetric
    - Unimodal
    - Sum to “unity”



# Kalman Filter

Incorporate uncertainty to get better estimates based on both inputs and observations

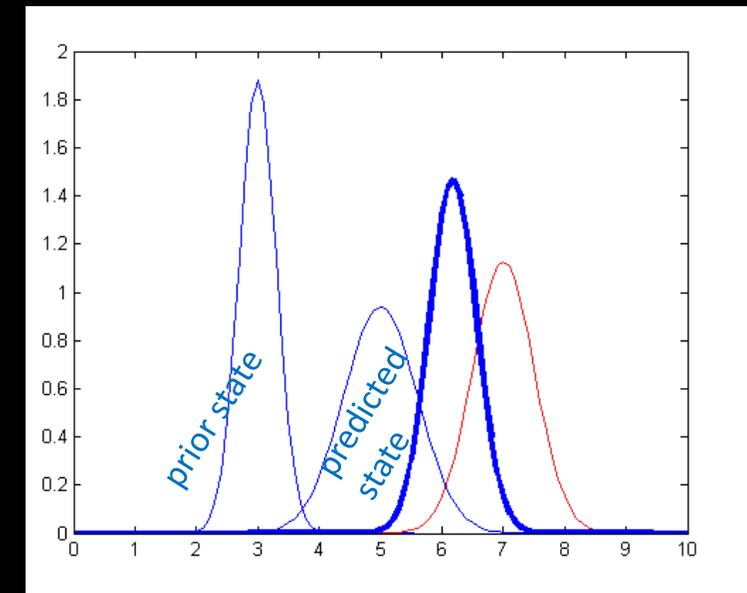
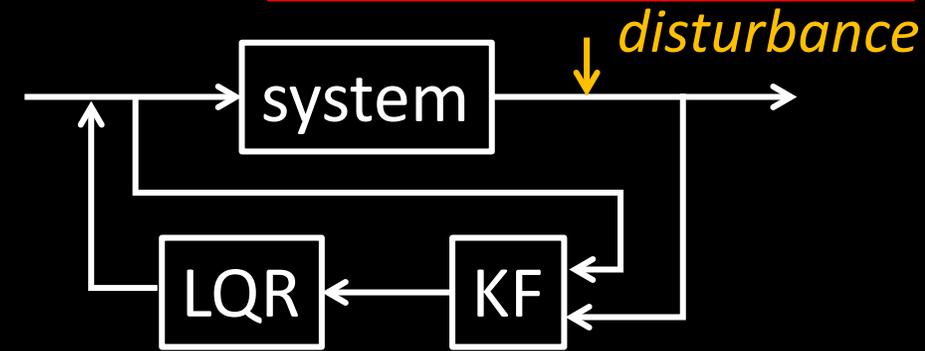
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  - Update step

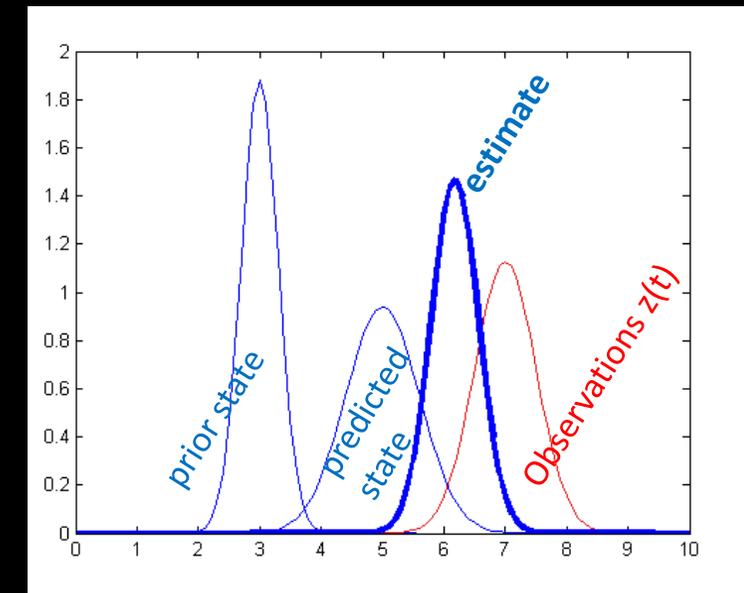
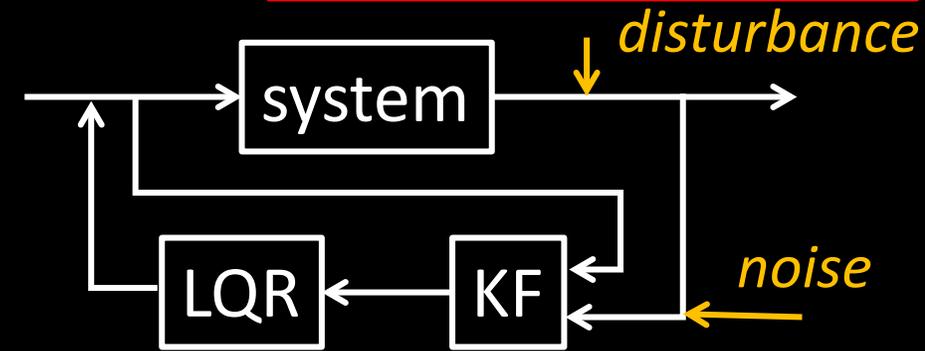
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Kalman filter gain:  $K_{KF}$   
Measurement noise:  $\Sigma_z$



# Kalman Filter

Function (  $\mu(t-1), \Sigma(t-1), u(t), z(t)$  )

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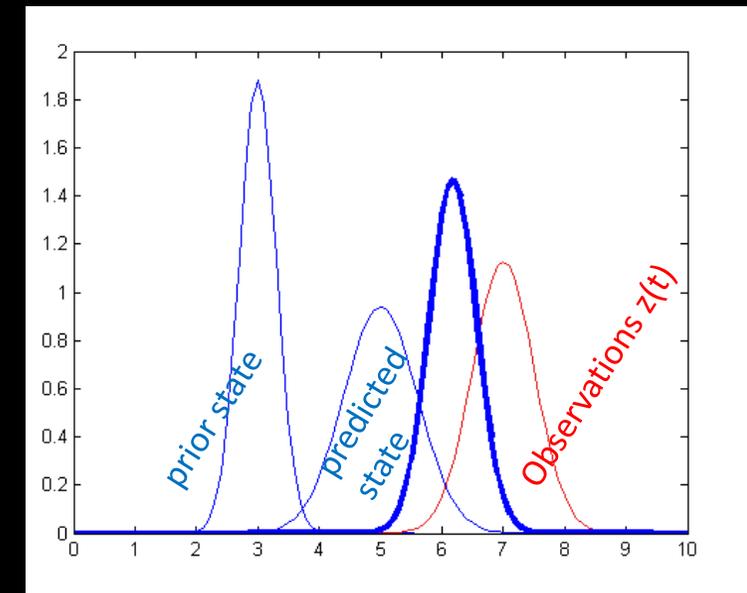
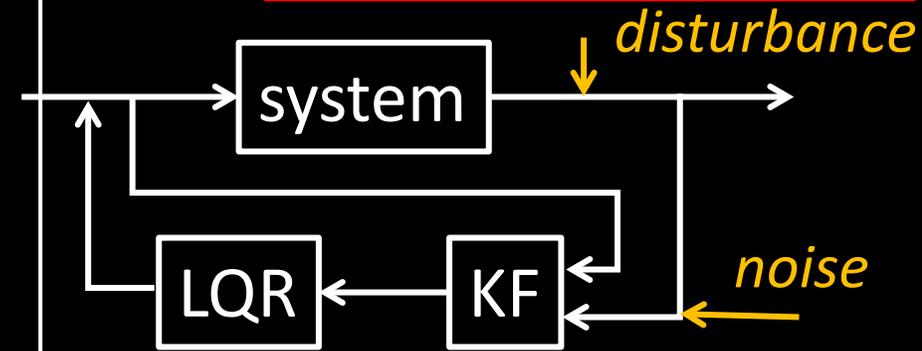
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6. Return  $\mu(t)$  and  $\Sigma(t)$

prediction

update

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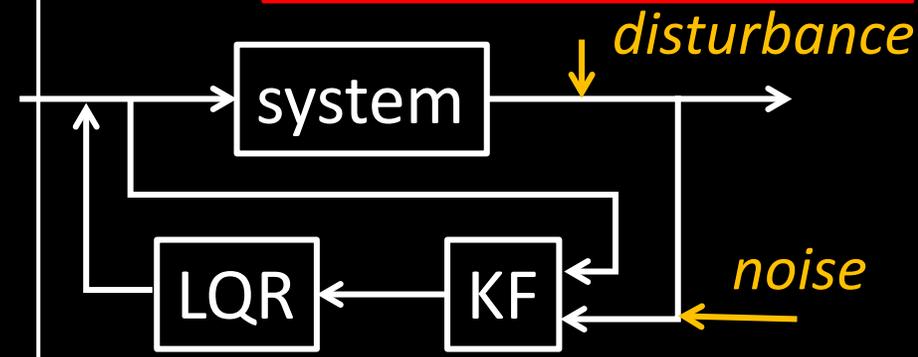


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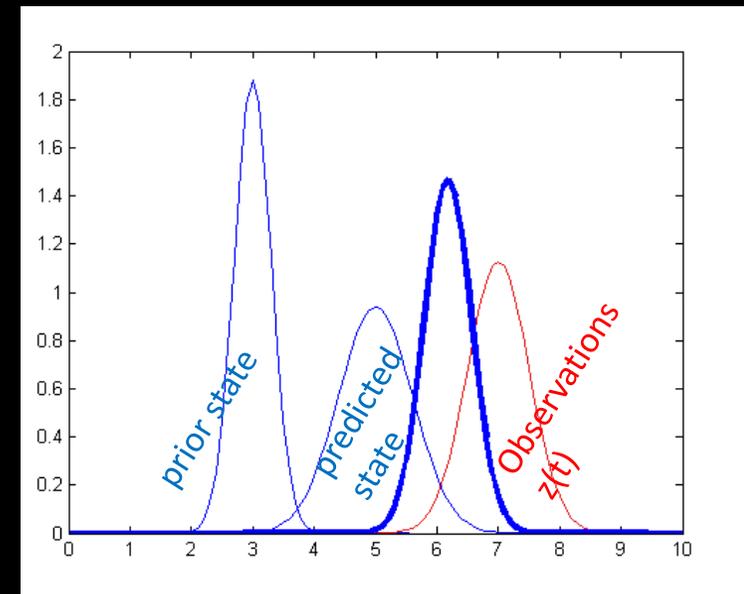
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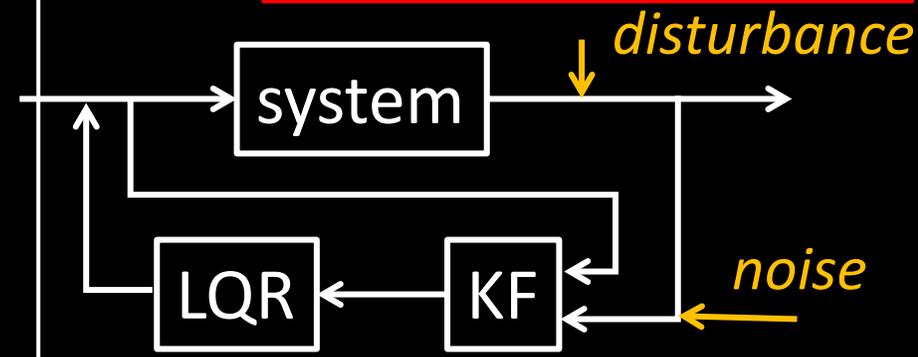


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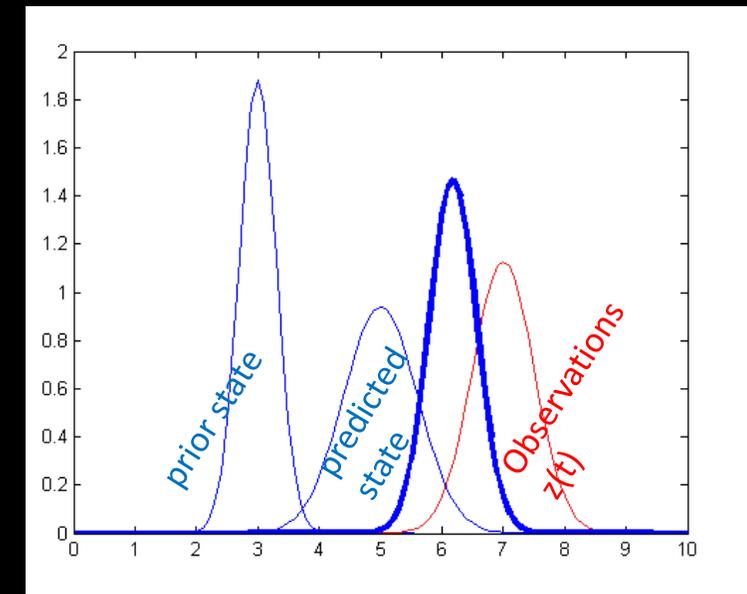
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# Kalman Filter vs Bayes Filter

- Bayes Filter
- Kalman Filter uses the same idea, but uses Gaussian variables for posterior and prior beliefs to speed up computation.

Bayes Filter( $\overline{\text{bel}}(x_{t-1})$ ,  $u_t$ ,  $z_t$ )

1. for all  $x(t)$  do

2.  $\overline{\text{bel}}(x(t)) = \sum_{x(t-1)} p(x(t) | u(t), x(t-1)) \overline{\text{bel}}(x(t-1))$  **Prediction step**

3.  $\text{bel}(x(t)) = \alpha p(z(t) | x(t)) \overline{\text{bel}}(x(t))$  **Update step**

4. end for

5. return  $\text{bel}(x_t)$

Prior belief  
input  
observations

## Lab 6-8: PID control – Sensor Fusion - Stunt

- Task A: Position control
- Task B: Orientation control

### Procedure

- Lab 6: Get basic PID to work , consider sampling time, start slow
- Lab 7: Sensor Fusion (model+ToF to get quick estimates of distance from the wall)
  - <https://cei-lab.github.io/FastRobots-2023/Lab7.html>
  - Do a step response with your robot and build your state space equations
  - Estimate covariance matrices for process and sensor noise
  - Try the Kalman Filter in Jupyter on your own data from lab 6
  - Implement the Kalman Filter on your robot
  - Great example: <https://anyafp.github.io/ece4960/labs/lab7/>
- Lab 8: Use KF and PID control to execute fast stunts

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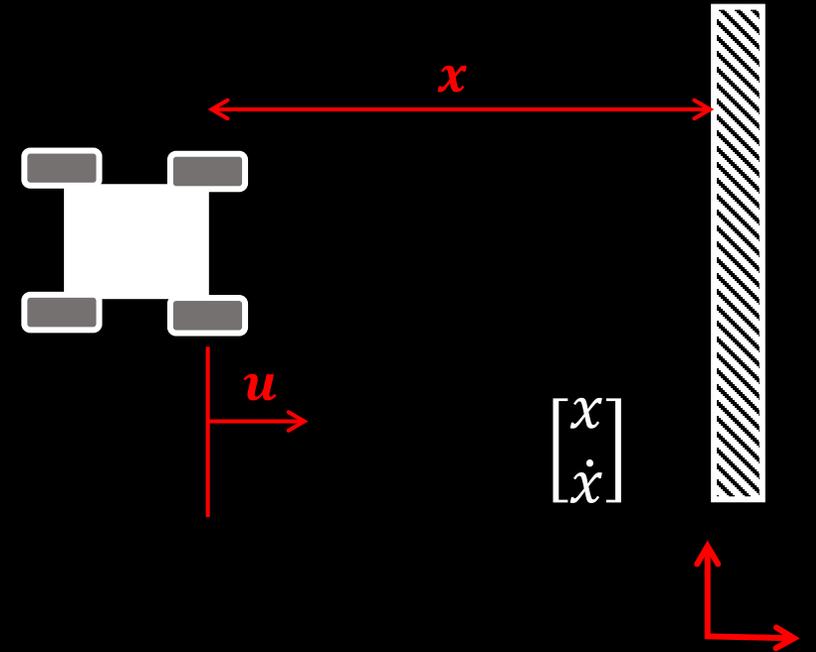
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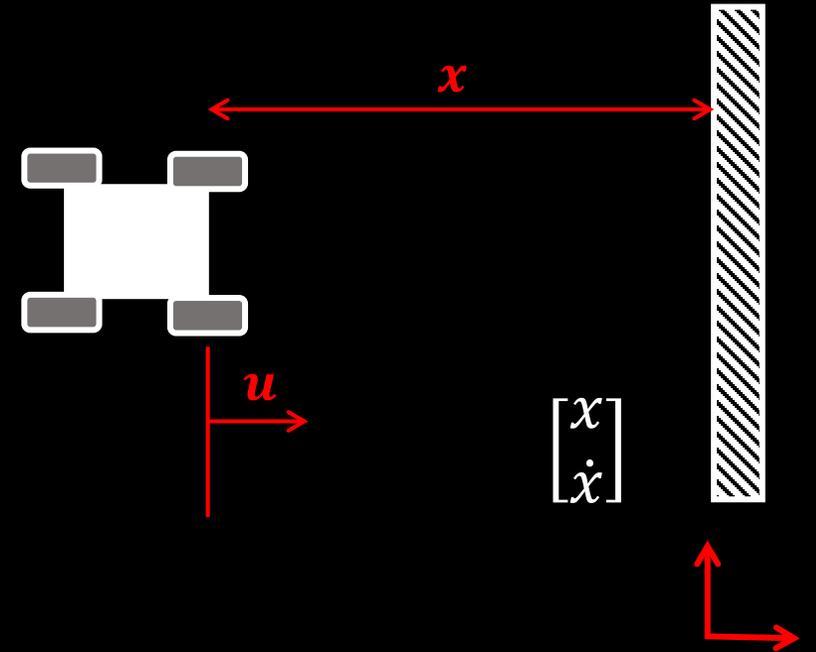
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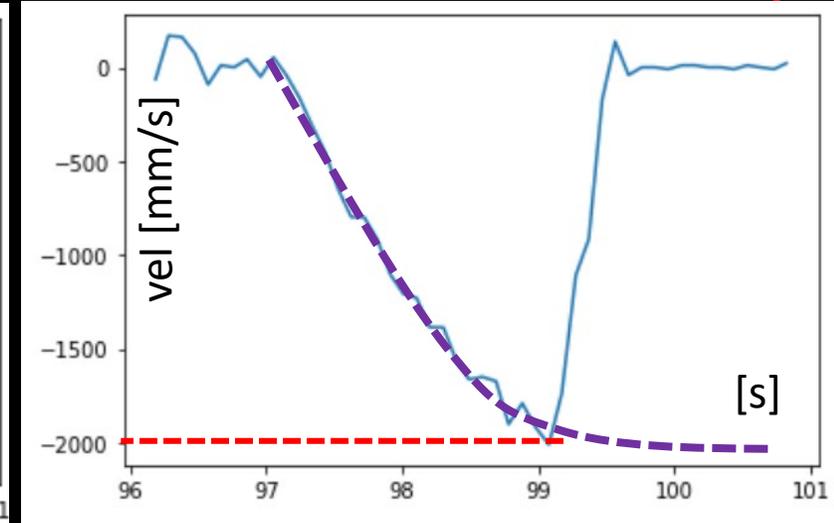
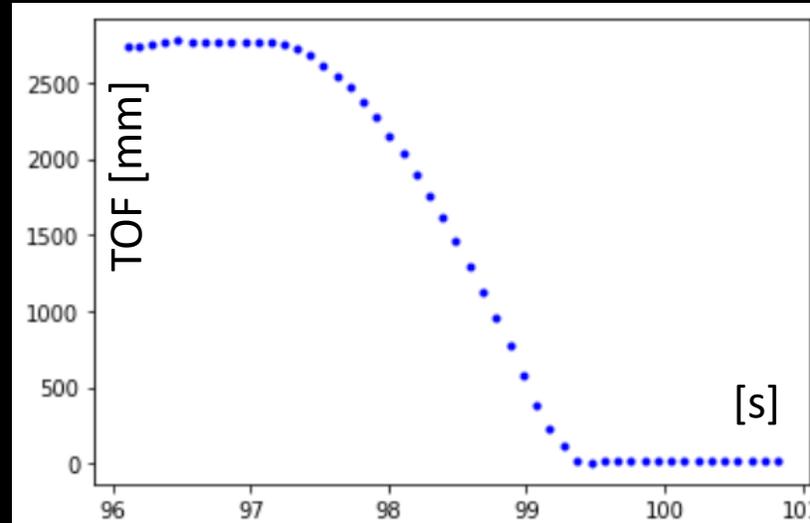
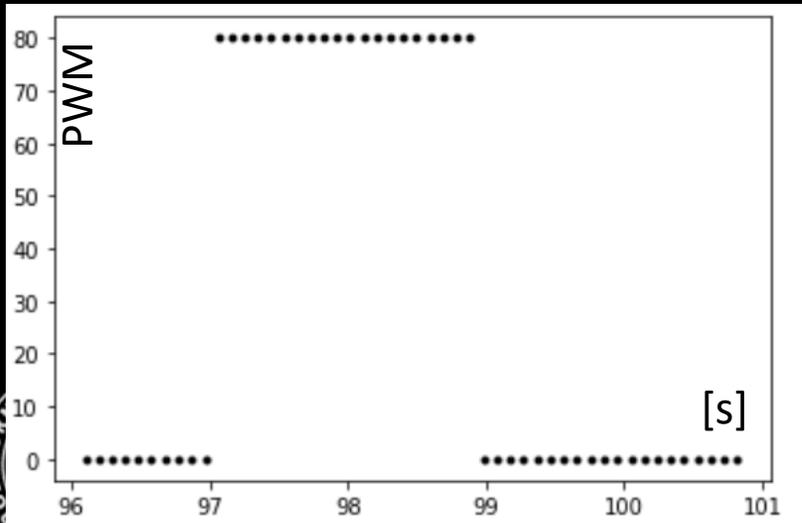
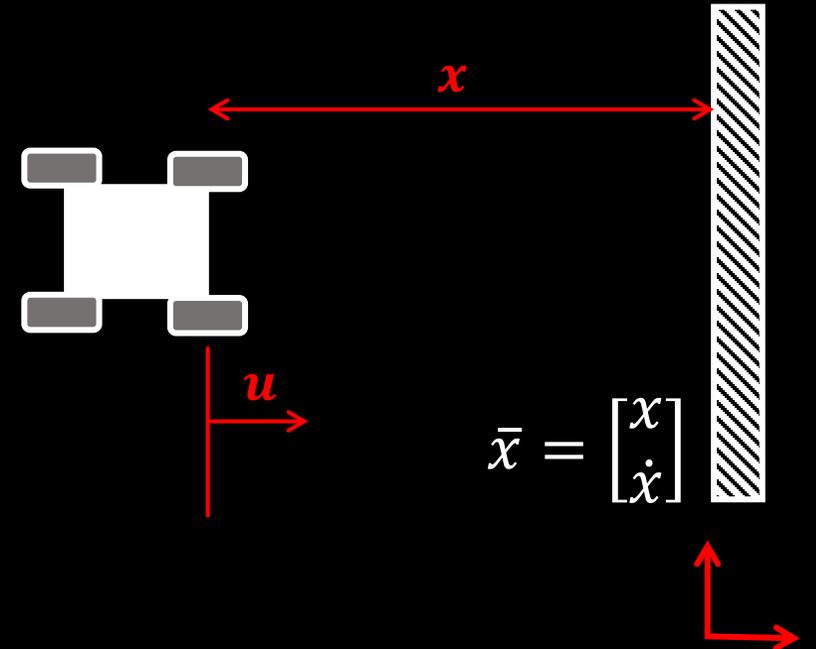
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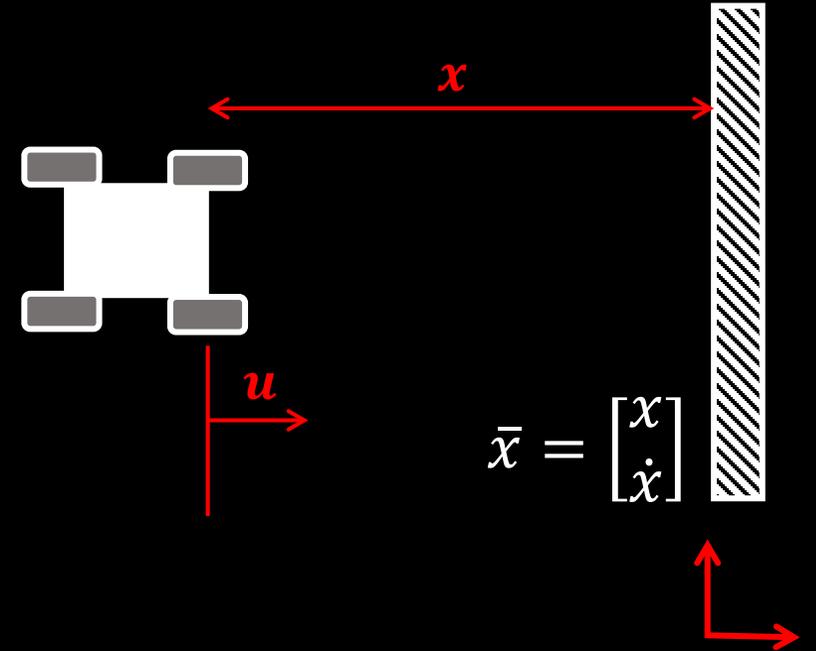
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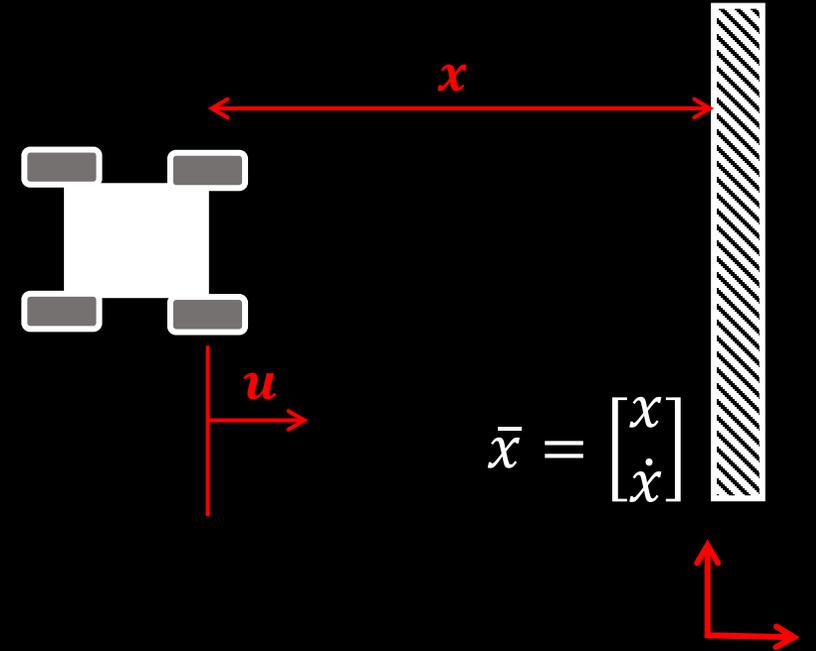
- Use the rise time to determine  $m$

- $\dot{v} = \frac{u}{m} - \frac{d}{m}v$

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- $\ln(1 - v) = -\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}$

- $m = \frac{-dt_{0.9}}{\ln(1-0.9)}$



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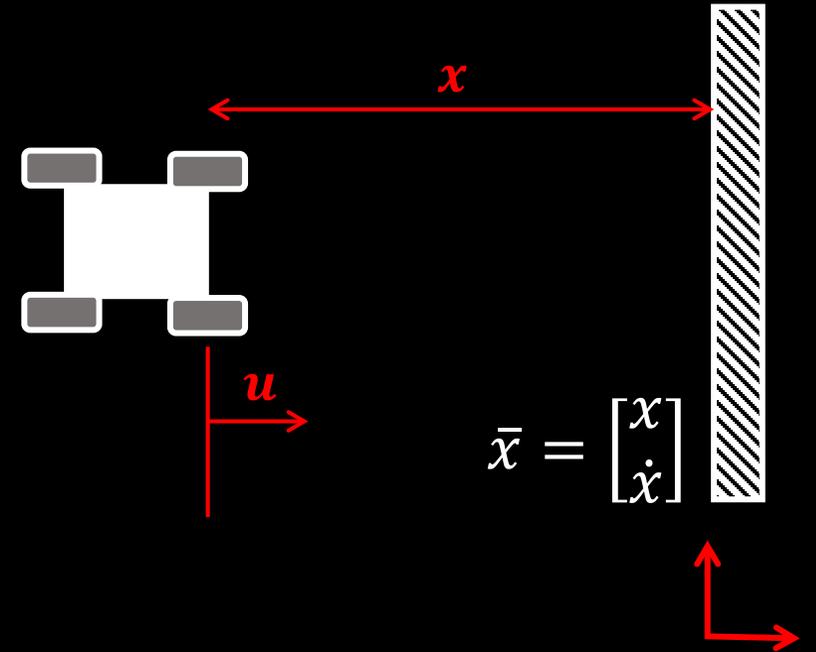
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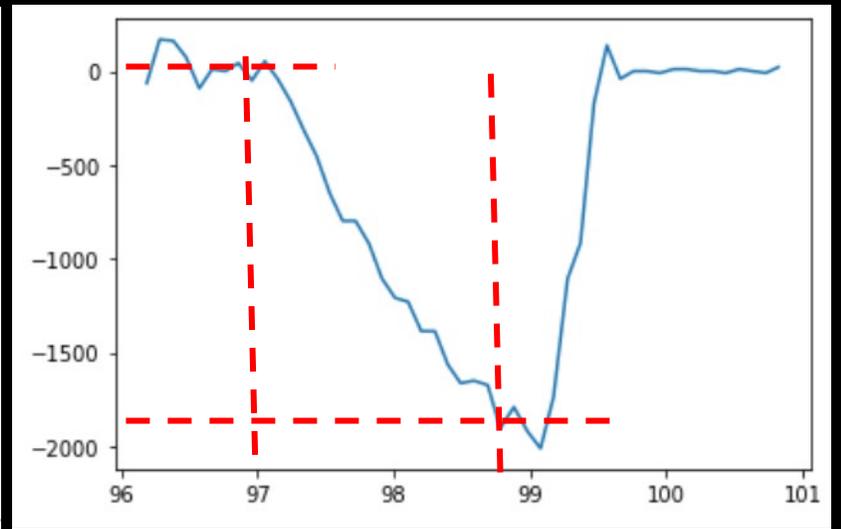
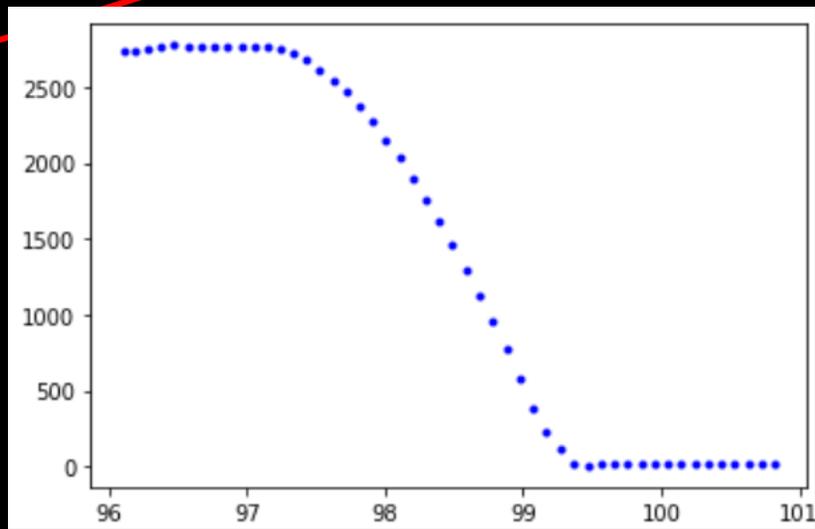
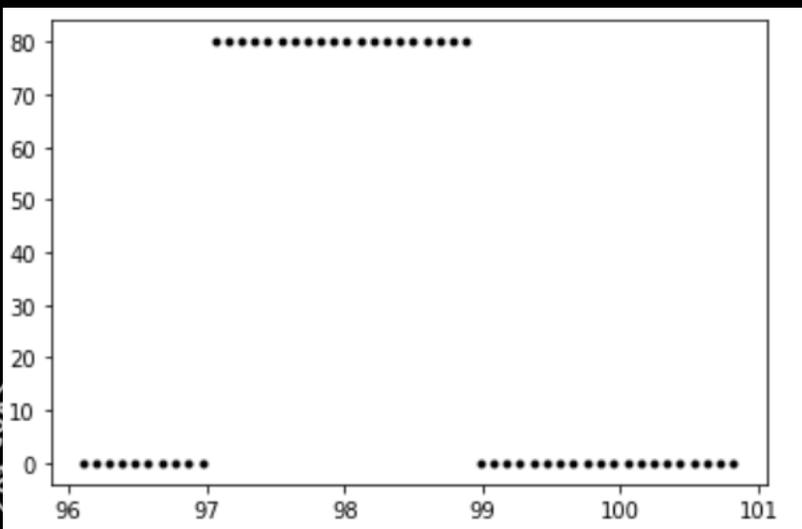
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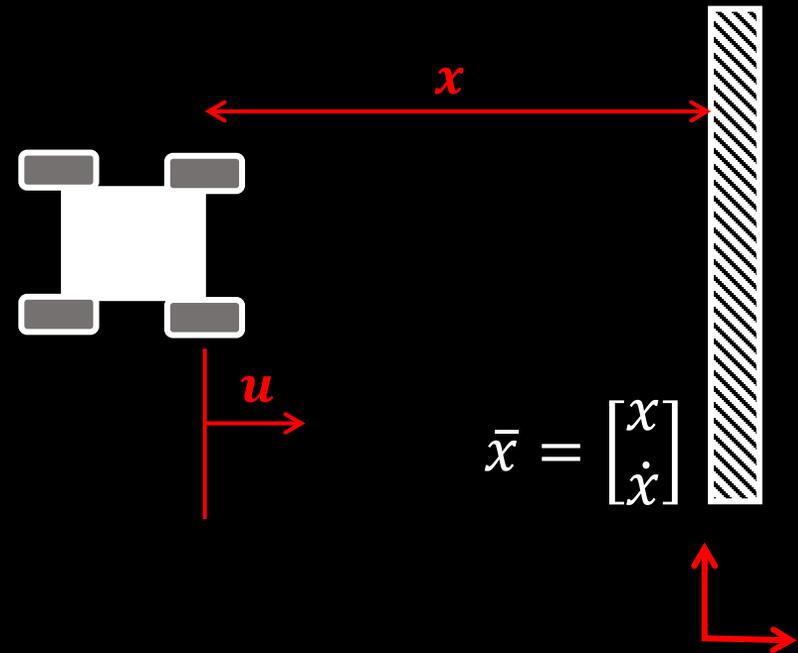
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## What is d and m?

- Use the 90% rise time to find m

- $\dot{v} = \frac{u}{m} - \frac{d}{m}v$

- $v = 1 - e^{-\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}} \leftrightarrow 1 - v = e^{-\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}}$

- $\ln(1 - v) = -\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}$

- $m = \frac{-dt_{0.9}}{\ln(1-0.9)} = \frac{-0.0005 \cdot 1.9}{\ln(0.1)} = 4.1258 \cdot 10^{-4}$

State space equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{\dot{x}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{d}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$C = [-1 \quad 0]$$

# Lab 7: Kalman Filter

$$F = ma = m\ddot{x}$$

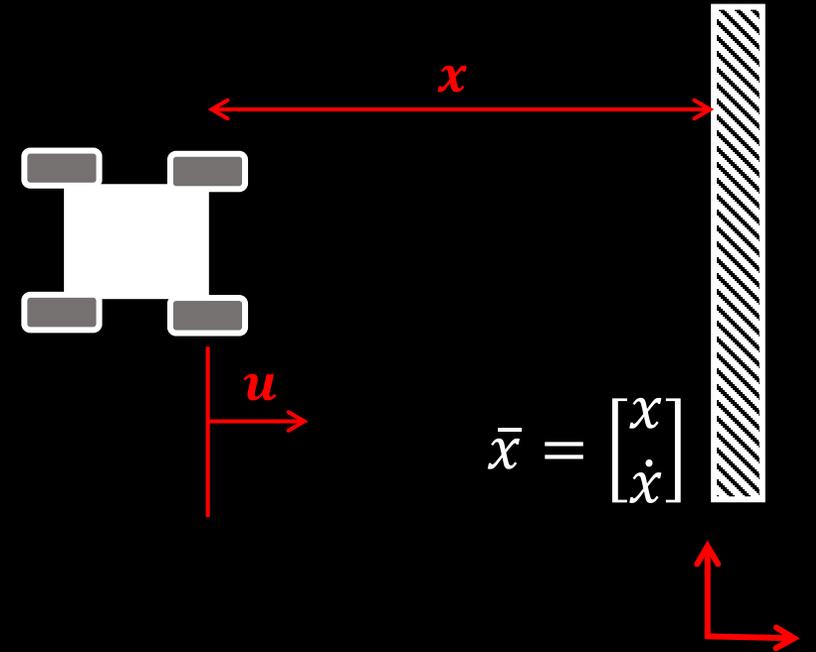
$$F = u - d\dot{x}$$

$$u - d\dot{x} = m\ddot{x}$$

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{u}{m} - \frac{d}{m}\dot{x}$$

## What is $d$ and $m$ ?

- At steady state (cst speed), we can find  $d$ 
  - $d = \frac{u}{\dot{x}} \approx 0.0005$  (Assume  $u=1$  for now)
- We can use the rise time to find  $m$ 
  - $m = \frac{-dt_{0.9}}{\ln(0.1)} \approx 4.1258 \cdot 10^{-4}$



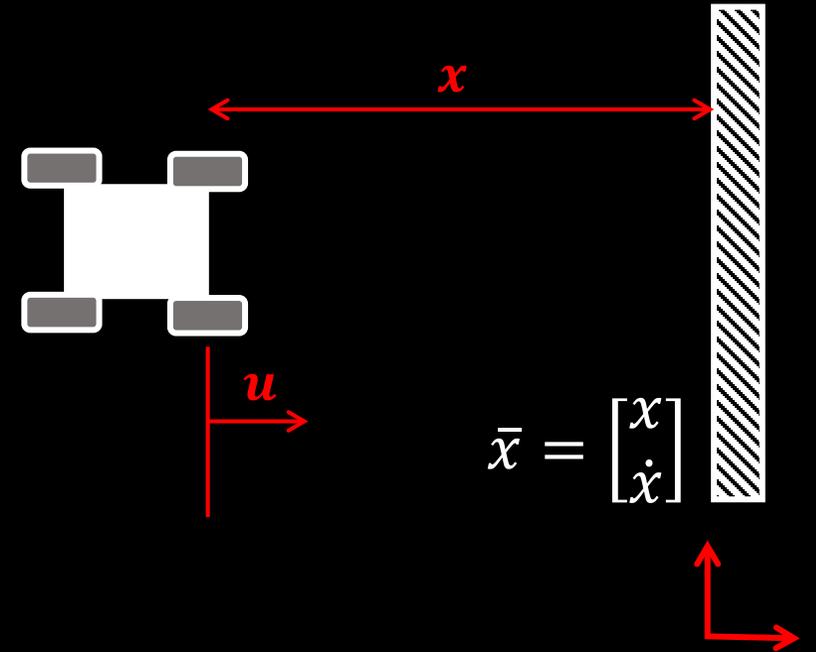
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# Lab 7: Kalman Filter

- We have  $A, B, C, \Sigma_u, \Sigma_z$
- Discretize the  $A$  and  $B$  matrices
  - $x(n+1) = x(n) + dx$
  - $dx/dt = Ax + Bu \Leftrightarrow dx = dt (Ax + Bu)$
  - $x(n+1) = x(n) + dt (Ax(n) + Bu)$
  - $x(n+1) = \underbrace{(I + dt * A)}_{A_d} x(n) + \underbrace{dt * B}_{B_d} u$
  - $dt$  is our sampling time (0.130s)
- Rescale from unity input to actual input



State space equation

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# Lab 7: Kalman Filter

*Implement the Kalman Filter*

*Next, determine measurement  
and process noise*

Kalman Filter (  $\mu(t-1)$ ,  $\Sigma(t-1)$ ,  $u(t)$ ,  $z(t)$  )

1.  $\mu_p(t) = A \mu(t-1) + B u(t)$
2.  $\Sigma_p(t) = A \Sigma(t-1) A^T + \Sigma_u$
3.  $K_{KF} = \Sigma_p(t) C^T ( C \Sigma_p(t) C^T + \Sigma_z )^{-1}$
4.  $\mu(t) = \mu_p(t) + K_{KF} ( z(t) - C \mu_p(t) )$
5.  $\Sigma(t) = ( I - K_{KF} C ) \Sigma_p(t)$
6. Return  $\mu(t)$  and  $\Sigma(t)$

```
def kf(mu,sigma,u,y):  
  
    mu_p = A.dot(mu) + B.dot(u)  
    sigma_p = A.dot(sigma.dot(A.transpose())) + Sigma_u  
  
    sigma_m = C.dot(sigma_p.dot(C.transpose())) + Sigma_z  
    kkf_gain = sigma_p.dot(C.transpose()).dot(np.linalg.inv(sigma_m))  
  
    y_m = y-C.dot(mu_p)  
    mu = mu_p + kkf_gain.dot(y_m)  
    sigma=(np.eye(2)-kkf_gain.dot(C)).dot(sigma_p)  
  
    return mu,sigma
```

# Lab 7: Kalman Filter

## Implement the Kalman Filter

- Measurement noise
  - $\Sigma_z = [\sigma_3^2]$
  - $\sigma_3^2 = (20mm)^2$
- Process noise (dependent on sampling rate)

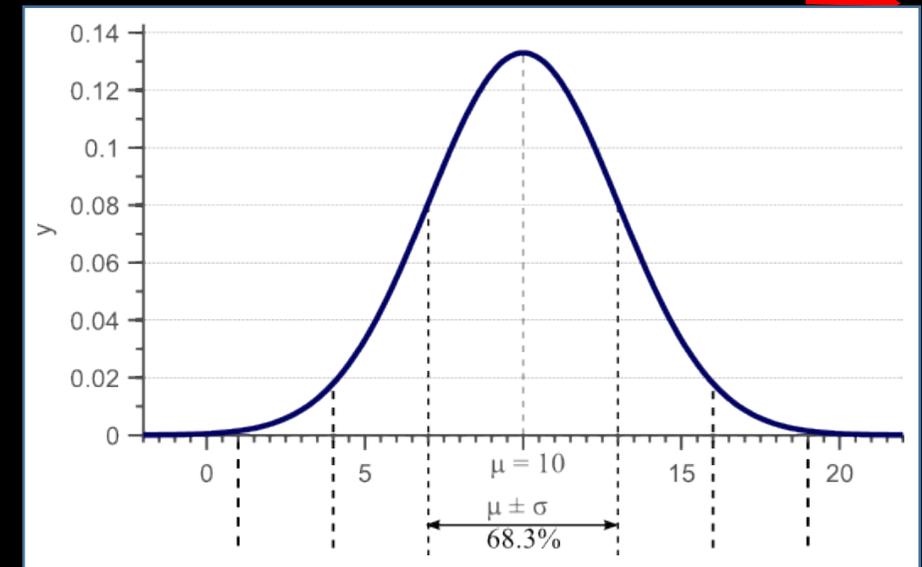
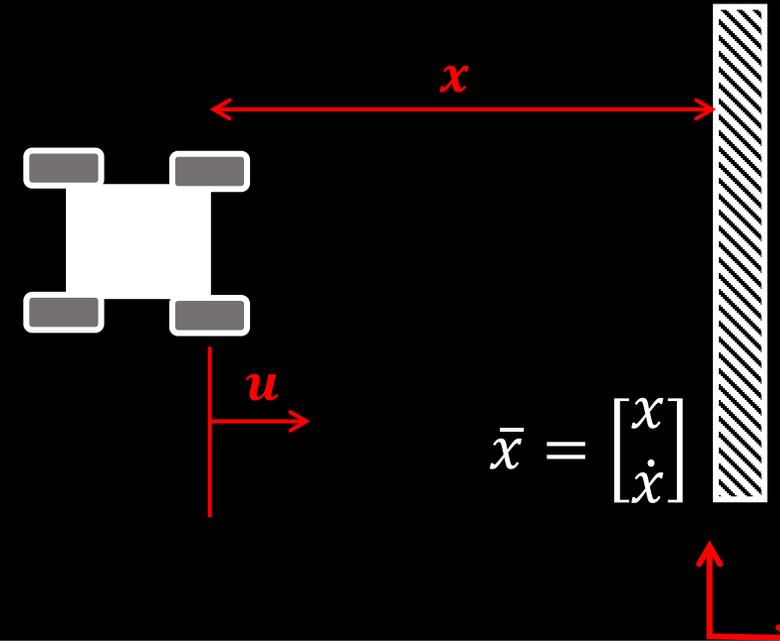
$$\Sigma_u = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Trust in modeled position:

- $\text{Pos}_{\text{stddev}}$  after 1s:  $\sqrt{10^2 \cdot \frac{1}{0.13}} = 27.7mm$

- Trust in modeled speed:

- $\text{Speed}_{\text{stddev}}$  after 1s:  $\sqrt{10^2 \cdot \frac{1}{0.13}} = 27.7mm/s$



# Lab 7: Kalman Filter

Implement the Kalman Filter

Finally, determine your initial  
state mean and covariance

$$\mu(t-1)$$

$$\Sigma(t-1)$$

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# Lab 7: Kalman Filter

