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## Part 7 – Tracking with Linear Dynamic Models 07.11.2018

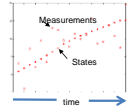
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### Course Outline

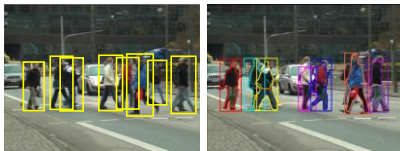
- Single-Object Tracking
- Bayesian Filtering
  - Kalman Filters, EKF
  - Particle Filters
- Multi-Object Tracking
- Visual Odometry
- Visual SLAM & 3D Reconstruction
- Deep Learning for Video Analysis



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### Recap: Tracking-by-Detection

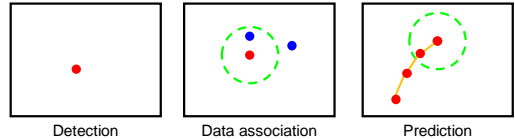


- Main ideas
  - Apply a generic object detector to find objects of a certain class
  - Based on the detections, extract object appearance models
  - Link detections into trajectories

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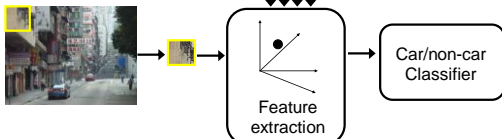
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### Recap: Sliding-Window Object Detection

- For sliding-window object detection, we need to:
  1. Obtain training data
  2. Define features
  3. Define a classifier

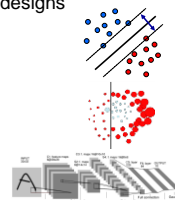


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### Recap: Object Detector Design

- In practice, the classifier often determines the design.
  - Types of features
  - Speedup strategies
- We looked at 3 state-of-the-art detector designs
  - Based on SVMs
  - Based on Boosting
  - Based on CNNs



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### Recap: Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Holistic object representation
  - Localized gradient orientations

Object/Non-object

Linear SVM

Collect HOGs over detection window

Contrast normalize over overlapping spatial cells

Weighted vote in spatial & orientation cells

Compute gradients

Gamma compression

Image Window

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### Recap: Deformable Part-based Model (DPM)

Score of filter: dot product of filter with HOG features underneath it

Score of object hypothesis is sum of filter scores minus deformation costs

- Multiscale model captures features at two resolutions

[Felzenszwalb, McAllister, Ramanan, CVPR'08]

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### Recap: DPM Hypothesis Score

$$\text{score}(p_0, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n F_i \cdot \phi(H, p_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \cdot (dx_i^2, dy_i^2)$$

“data term” (filters)

“spatial prior” (displacements, deformation parameters)

$$\text{score}(z) = \beta \cdot \Psi(H, z)$$

concatenation filters and deformation parameters

concatenation of HOG features and part displacement features

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### Recap: Integral Channel Features

- Generalization of Haar Wavelet idea from Viola-Jones
  - Instead of only considering intensities, also take into account other feature channels (gradient orientations, color, texture).
  - Still efficiently represented as integral images.

P. Dollar, Z. Tu, P. Perona, S. Belongie. *Integral Channel Features*, BMVC'09.

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### Recap: Integral Channel Features

- Generalize also block computation
  - 1<sup>st</sup> order features:
    - Sum of pixels in rectangular region.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-order features:
    - Haar-like difference of sum-over-blocks
  - Generalized Haar:
    - More complex combinations of weighted rectangles
  - Histograms
    - Computed by evaluating local sums on quantized images.

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### Recap: VeryFast Classifier Construction

$$\text{score} = w_1 \cdot h_1 + w_2 \cdot h_2 + \dots + w_N \cdot h_N$$

- Ensemble of short trees, learned by AdaBoost

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### Recap: Convolutional Neural Networks

- Neural network with specialized connectivity structure
  - Stack multiple stages of feature extractors
  - Higher stages compute more global, more invariant features
  - Classification layer at the end

Y. LeCun, L. Bottou, Y. Bengio, and P. Haffner, [Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition](#), Proceedings of the IEEE 86(11): 2278–2324, 1998.

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### Recap: Convolution Layers

Naming convention:

- All Neural Net activations arranged in 3 dimensions
  - Multiple neurons all looking at the same input region, stacked in depth
  - Form a single  $[1 \times 1 \times \text{depth}]$  depth column in output volume.

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### Recap: Activation Maps

one filter = one depth slice (or activation map)

5x5 filters

Activation maps

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### Recap: Pooling Layers

Single depth slice

1	1	2	4
5	6	7	8
3	2	1	0
1	2	3	4

max pool with 2x2 filters and stride 2

6	8
3	4

- Effect:
  - Make the representation smaller without losing too much information
  - Achieve robustness to translations

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### Recap: R-CNN for Object Detection

Classify regions with SVMs

Bbox reg SVMs

ConvNet

Warped image regions

Regions of Interest (RoI) from a proposal method (~2k)

Input image

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### Recap: Faster R-CNN

- One network, four losses
  - Remove dependence on external region proposal algorithm.
  - Instead, infer region proposals from same CNN.
  - Feature sharing
  - Joint training
  - Object detection in a single pass becomes possible.

Classification loss

Bounding-box regression loss

proposals

Region Proposal Network

feature map

RoI pooling

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### Most Recent Version: Mask R-CNN

Classification Scores: C  
Box coordinates (per class):  $4 * C$

256 x 14 x 14    256 x 14 x 14

Predict a mask for each of C classes  
 $C * 14 * 14$

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### Mask R-CNN Results

- Detection + Instance segmentation
- Detection + Pose estimation

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### YOLO / SSD

Input image  
 $3 * H * W$

Divide image into grid  
 $7 * 7$

- Idea: Directly go from image to detection scores
- Within each grid cell
  - Start from a set of **anchor boxes**
  - Regress from each of the B anchor boxes to a final box
  - Predict scores for each of C classes (including background)

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### You Can Try All of This At Home...

- Detector code is publicly available
  - HOG:
    - Dalal's original implementation: <http://www.navneetdalal.com/software/>
    - Our CUDA-optimized *groundHOG* code (>80 fps on GTX 580) <http://www.vision.rwth-aachen.de/software/groundhog>
  - DPM:
    - Felzenszwalb's original implementation: <http://www.cs.uchicago.edu/~pff/latent>
  - VeryFast
    - Benenson's original implementation: <https://bitbucket.org/rodrigob/doppia/>
  - YOLO
    - Joe Redmon's original implementation (YOLO v3): <https://pjreddie.com/darknet/yolo/>

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### Today: Tracking with Linear Dynamic Models

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## Topics of This Lecture

- **Tracking with Dynamics**
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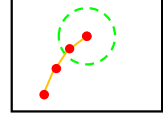
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## Tracking with Dynamics

- **Key idea**
  - Given a model of expected motion, predict where objects will occur in next frame, even before seeing the image.
- **Goals**
  - Restrict search for the object
  - Improved estimates since measurement noise is reduced by trajectory smoothness.
- **Assumption: continuous motion patterns**
  - Camera is not moving instantly to new viewpoint.
  - Objects do not disappear and reappear in different places.
  - Gradual change in pose between camera and scene.



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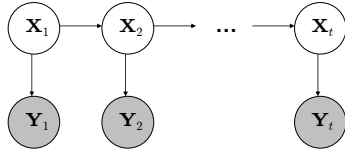


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## General Model for Tracking

- **Representation**
  - The moving object of interest is characterized by an underlying *state*  $X$ .
  - State  $X$  gives rise to *measurements* or *observations*  $Y$ .
  - At each time  $t$ , the state changes to  $X_t$  and we get a new observation  $Y_t$ .



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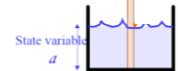
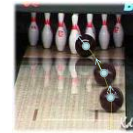
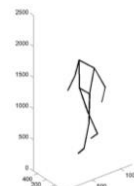
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## State vs. Observation



- **Hidden state** : parameters of interest
- **Measurement**: what we get to directly observe

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## Tracking as Inference

- **Inference problem**
  - The hidden state consists of the true parameters we care about, denoted  $X$ .
  - The measurement is our noisy observation that results from the underlying state, denoted  $Y$ .
  - At each time step, state changes (from  $X_{t-1}$  to  $X_t$ ) and we get a new observation  $Y_t$ .
- **Our goal: recover most likely state  $X_t$  given**
  - All observations seen so far.
  - Knowledge about dynamics of state transitions.

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## Steps of Tracking

- **Prediction:**
  - What is the next state of the object given past measurements?

$$P(X_t | Y_0 = y_0, \dots, Y_{t-1} = y_{t-1})$$

- **Correction:**
  - Compute an updated estimate of the state from prediction and measurements.

$$P(X_t | Y_0 = y_0, \dots, Y_{t-1} = y_{t-1}, Y_t = y_t)$$

- **Tracking**
  - Can be seen as the process of propagating the posterior distribution of state given measurements across time.

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### Simplifying Assumptions

- Only the immediate past matters  

$$P(X_t | X_0, \dots, X_{t-1}) = P(X_t | X_{t-1})$$

Dynamics model
- Measurements depend only on the current state  

$$P(Y_t | X_0, Y_0, \dots, X_{t-1}, Y_{t-1}, X_t) = P(Y_t | X_t)$$

Observation model

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### Tracking as Induction

- Base case:
  - Assume we have initial prior that *predicts* state in absence of any evidence:  $P(X_0)$
  - At the first frame, *correct* this given the value of  $Y_0=y_0$

$$P(X_0 | Y_0 = y_0) = \frac{P(y_0 | X_0)P(X_0)}{P(y_0)} \propto P(y_0 | X_0)P(X_0)$$

Posterior prob. of state given measurement
Likelihood of measurement
Prior of the state

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- Given corrected estimate for frame  $t$ :
  - Predict for frame  $t+1$
  - Correct for frame  $t+1$

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### Induction Step: Prediction

- Prediction involves representing  $P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})$  given  $P(X_{t-1} | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})$

$$P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1}) = \int P(X_t, X_{t-1} | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1}) dX_{t-1}$$

Law of total probability  

$$P(A) = \int P(A, B) dB$$

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Conditioning on  $X_{t-1}$   

$$P(A, B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

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Independence assumption

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Bayes' rule

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

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$$= \frac{P(y_t | X_t)P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})}{P(y_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})}$$

Independence assumption  
(observation  $y_t$  depends only on state  $X_t$ )

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### Summary: Prediction and Correction

- Prediction:

$$P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1}) = \int \underbrace{P(X_t | X_{t-1})}_{\text{Dynamics model}} \underbrace{P(X_{t-1} | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})}_{\text{Corrected estimate from previous step}} dX_{t-1}$$

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- Correction:

$$P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_t) = \frac{\underbrace{P(y_t | X_t)}_{\text{Observation model}} \underbrace{P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})}_{\text{Predicted estimate}}}{\int P(y_t | X_t)P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})dX_t}$$

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### Notation Reminder

$\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$

- Random variable with Gaussian probability distribution that has the mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .
- $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  are  $d$ -dimensional,  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is  $d \times d$ .

$d=2$

$d=1$

If  $x$  is 1D, we just have one  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  parameter: the variance  $\sigma^2$

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### Linear Dynamic Models

- Dynamics model
  - State undergoes linear transformation  $D_t$  plus Gaussian noise

$$\mathbf{x}_t \sim N\left(D_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{d_t}\right)$$

$n \times 1$        $n \times n$        $n \times 1$

- Observation model
  - Measurement is linearly transformed state plus Gaussian noise

$$\mathbf{y}_t \sim N\left(M_t \mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{m_t}\right)$$

$m \times 1$        $m \times n$        $n \times 1$

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### Example: Randomly Drifting Points

- Consider a stationary object, with state as position.
  - Position is constant, only motion due to random noise term.

$$x_t = p_t \quad p_t = p_{t-1} + \varepsilon$$

⇒ State evolution is described by identity matrix  $D=I$

$$x_t = D x_{t-1} + \text{noise} = I p_{t-1} + \text{noise}$$

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### Example: Constant Velocity (1D Points)

Figure from Forsyth & Ponce

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### Example: Constant Velocity (1D Points)

- State vector: position  $p$  and velocity  $v$

$$x_t = \begin{bmatrix} p_t \\ v_t \end{bmatrix} \quad p_t =$$

(greek letters denote noise terms)

$$x_t = D_t x_{t-1} + \text{noise} =$$

- Measurement is position only

$$y_t = M x_t + \text{noise} =$$

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### Example: Constant Acceleration (1D Points)

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### Recap: General Motion Models

- Assuming we have differential equations for the motion
  - E.g. for (undamped) periodic motion of a linear spring
 
$$\frac{d^2 p}{dt^2} = -p$$
- Substitute variables to transform this into linear system
 
$$p_1 = p \quad p_2 = \frac{dp}{dt} \quad p_3 = \frac{d^2 p}{dt^2}$$
- Then we have
 
$$x_t = \begin{bmatrix} p_{1,t} \\ p_{2,t} \\ p_{3,t} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} p_{1,t} = p_{1,t-1} + (\Delta t)p_{2,t-1} + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta t)^2 p_{3,t-1} + \varepsilon \\ p_{2,t} = p_{2,t-1} + (\Delta t)p_{3,t-1} + \xi \\ p_{3,t} = -p_{1,t-1} + \zeta \end{matrix} \quad D_t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & \frac{1}{2}(\Delta t)^2 \\ 0 & 1 & \Delta t \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Topics of This Lecture

- Tracking with Dynamics
  - Detection vs. Tracking
  - Tracking as probabilistic inference
  - Prediction and Correction
- Linear Dynamic Models
  - Zero velocity model
  - Constant velocity model
  - Constant acceleration model
- The Kalman Filter
  - Kalman filter for 1D state
  - General Kalman filter
  - Limitations

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### The Kalman Filter

- Kalman filter
  - Method for tracking linear dynamical models in Gaussian noise
- The predicted/corrected state distributions are Gaussian
  - You only need to maintain the mean and covariance.
  - The calculations are easy (all the integrals can be done in closed form).

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### The Kalman Filter

Know corrected state from previous time step, and all measurements up to the current one  
 → Predict distribution over next state.

Receive measurement

Know prediction of state, and next measurement  
 → Update distribution over current state.

Time update ("Predict")

Measurement update ("Correct")

$$P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1})$$

$$P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_t)$$

Mean and std. dev. of predicted state:  
 $\mu_t^-, \sigma_t^-$

Time advances:  $t++$

Mean and std. dev. of corrected state:  
 $\mu_t^+, \sigma_t^+$

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### Kalman Filter for 1D State

- Want to represent and update

$$P(x_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1}) = N(\mu_t^-, (\sigma_t^-)^2)$$

$$P(x_t | y_0, \dots, y_t) = N(\mu_t^+, (\sigma_t^+)^2)$$

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### Propagation of Gaussian densities

deterministic drift

Shifting the mean

stochastic diffusion

Increasing the variance

Bayesian update

reactive effect of measurement

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### 1D Kalman Filter: Prediction

- Have linear dynamic model defining predicted state evolution, with noise  
 $X_t \sim N(dx_{t-1}, \sigma_d^2)$
- Want to estimate predicted distribution for next state  
 $P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_{t-1}) = N(\mu_t^-, (\sigma_t^-)^2)$
- Update the mean:  
 $\mu_t^- = d\mu_{t-1}^+$
- Update the variance:  
 $(\sigma_t^-)^2 = \sigma_d^2 + (d\sigma_{t-1}^+)^2$

for derivations, see F&P Chapter 17.3

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### 1D Kalman Filter: Correction

- Have linear model defining the mapping of state to measurements:  
 $Y_t \sim N(mx_t, \sigma_m^2)$
- Want to estimate corrected distribution given latest measurement:  
 $P(X_t | y_0, \dots, y_t) = N(\mu_t^+, (\sigma_t^+)^2)$
- Update the mean:  
 $\mu_t^+ = \frac{\mu_t^- \sigma_m^2 + m y_t (\sigma_t^-)^2}{\sigma_m^2 + m^2 (\sigma_t^-)^2}$
- Update the variance:  
 $(\sigma_t^+)^2 = \frac{\sigma_m^2 (\sigma_t^-)^2}{\sigma_m^2 + m^2 (\sigma_t^-)^2}$

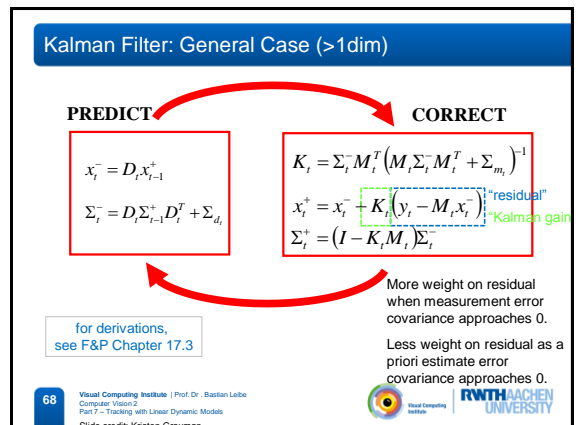
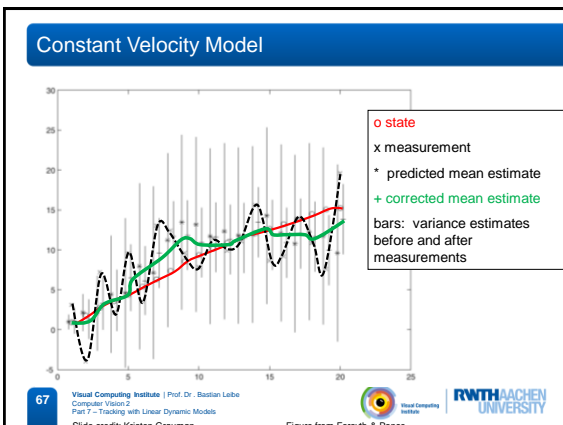
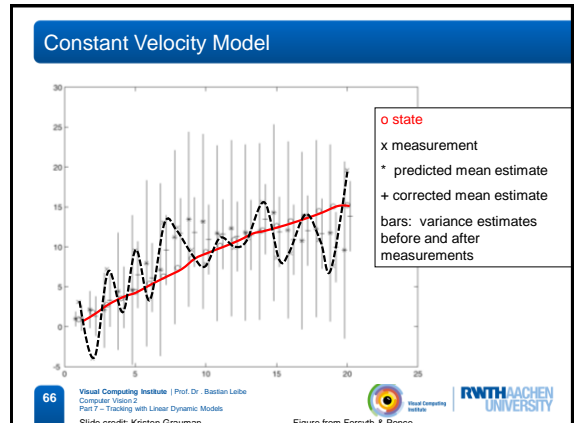
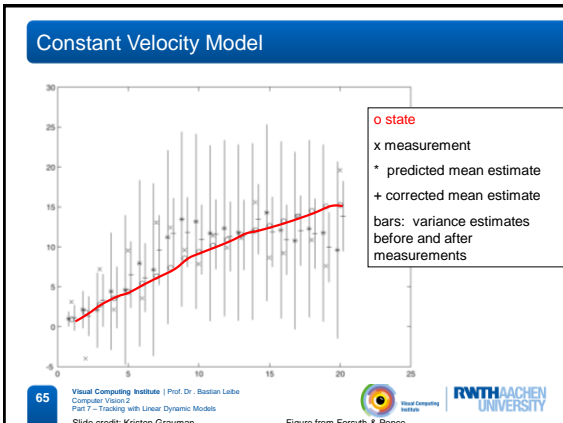
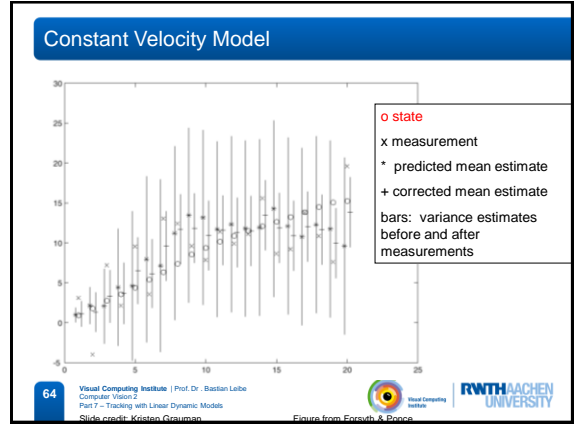
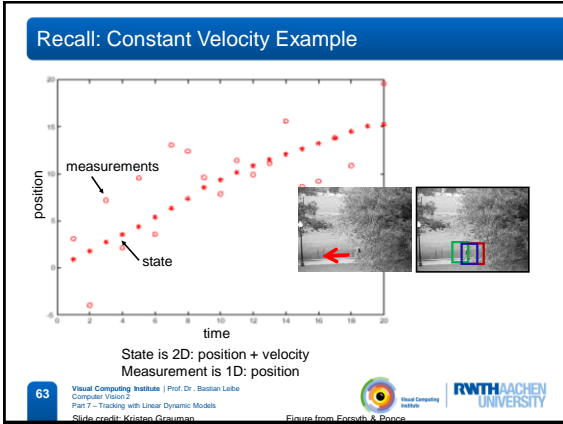
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 Derivations: F&P Chapter 17.3

### Prediction vs. Correction

$$\mu_t^+ = \frac{\mu_t^- \sigma_m^2 + m y_t (\sigma_t^-)^2}{\sigma_m^2 + m^2 (\sigma_t^-)^2} \quad (\sigma_t^+)^2 = \frac{\sigma_m^2 (\sigma_t^-)^2}{\sigma_m^2 + m^2 (\sigma_t^-)^2}$$

- What if there is no prediction uncertainty ( $\sigma_t^- = 0$ )?  
 $\mu_t^+ = \mu_t^- \quad (\sigma_t^+)^2 = 0$   
**The measurement is ignored!**
- What if there is no measurement uncertainty ( $\sigma_m = 0$ )?  
 $\mu_t^+ = \frac{y_t}{m} \quad (\sigma_t^+)^2 = 0$   
**The prediction is ignored!**

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## Summary: Kalman Filter

- **Pros:**
  - Gaussian densities everywhere
  - Simple updates, compact and efficient
  - Very established method, very well understood
- **Cons:**
  - Unimodal distribution, only single hypothesis
  - Restricted class of motions defined by linear model

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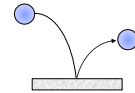
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## Why Is This A Restriction?

- Many interesting cases don't have linear dynamics
  - E.g. pedestrians walking
- E.g. a ball bouncing



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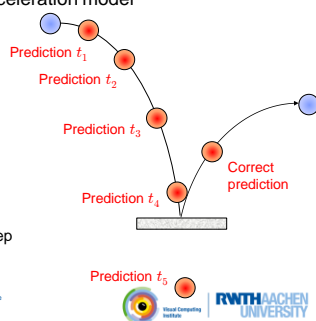
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## Ball Example: What Goes Wrong Here?

- Assuming constant acceleration model
- Prediction is too far from true position to compensate...
- Possible solution:
  - Keep multiple different motion models in parallel
  - I.e. would check for bouncing at each time step



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## References and Further Reading

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