



*Robots*  
^ for the **real** world

# Mapping

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# Learning objectives

- Mapping using an extended Kalman filter.

# Lecture 8 Recap

## Prediction step:

$$\bar{\mu}_t = f(\mu_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_t)$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = \mathbf{J}_{x_t} \Sigma_{t-1} \mathbf{J}_{x_t}^T + \mathbf{J}_{u_t} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{J}_{u_t}^T$$

## Update step:

For each landmark  $\mathbf{z}_t^i$  do:

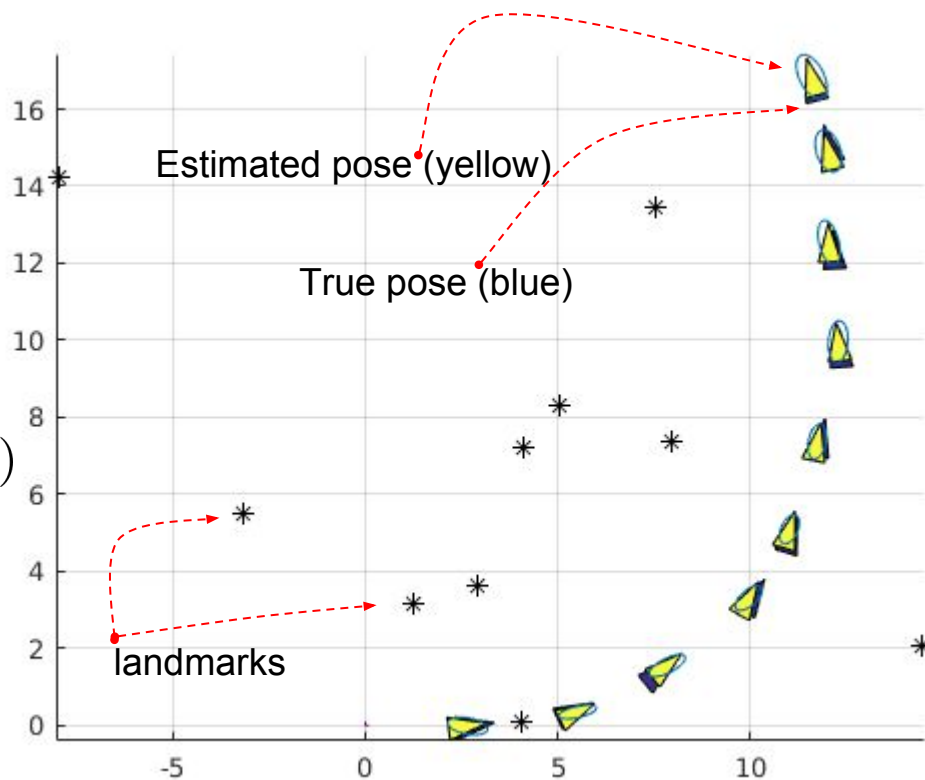
$$\bar{\mu}_t = \bar{\mu}_t + \mathbf{K}_t^i (\mathbf{z}_t^i - h(\bar{\mu}_t, i))$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_t^i \mathbf{G}_t^i) \bar{\Sigma}_t$$

end

$$\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t$$

$$\Sigma_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t$$



# Assumptions

- The robot knows its pose with absolute certainty!
- The robot is equipped with noisy range and bearing sensor.
- We have a way to associate the measurements with the already mapped landmarks when they appear in the view again.
- The state and the noise are Gaussian distributed.

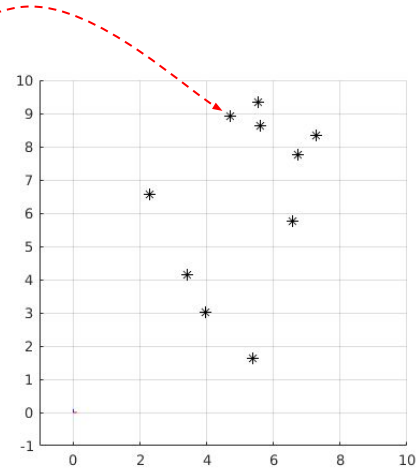
## The task

- Estimate the position of the landmarks in the map.

# The state vector is the map!

- The state vector is much larger than what we saw in the localization case.

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{l_1} \\ y_{l_1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{l_n} \\ y_{l_n} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$$



# The covariance matrix

Is this matrix symmetric?

$$\Sigma_t = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma l_{11} & \Sigma l_{12} & \cdots & \Sigma l_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \Sigma l_{n1} & \Sigma l_{n2} & \cdots & \Sigma l_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The covariance matrix is much bigger and can be written in blocks. Each block tell us the correlation between two landmarks.

$$\Sigma l_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{x_i x_j} & \sigma_{x_i y_j} \\ \sigma_{y_i x_j} & \sigma_{y_i y_j} \end{bmatrix}$$

What if  $i == j$ ?

# The same set of equations

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Given that the state vector only contain the positions of the landmarks, what is  $f$  and what are the Jacobians?

# The prediction step

- The landmarks are static and do not change between time steps.

$$\bar{\mu}_t = \mu_{t-1}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = \Sigma_{t-1}$$



# The same set of equations

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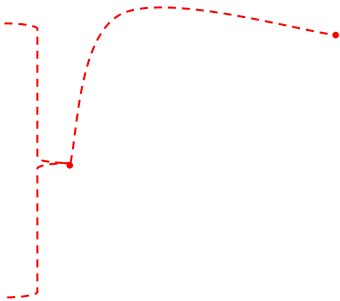
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In the context of mapping, what is the function  $h$ ?



# The same set of equations

## Prediction step:

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The map

$$h(\bar{\mu}_t, \mathbf{x}_t^r)$$

The true pose of the robot (known)

# The same set of equations

## Prediction step:

$$\bar{\mu}_t = \mu_{t-1}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = \Sigma_{t-1}$$

We also assume known correspondences

## Update step:

For each observed landmark do:

$$\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + \mathbf{K}_t^i (\mathbf{z}_t^i - h(\bar{\mu}_t, i, \mathbf{x}_t^r))$$

$$\Sigma_t = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_t^i \mathbf{G}_t^i) \bar{\Sigma}_t$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t^i = \begin{bmatrix} r^i \\ \beta^i \end{bmatrix}$$

# The same measurement model we used for localisation

$$h(\bar{\mu}_t, i, \mathbf{x}_t^r) = \begin{bmatrix} r^i \\ \beta^i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{(x_r - x_{l_i})^2 + (y_r - y_{l_i})^2} \\ \text{atan2}(y_{l_i} - y_r, x_{l_i} - x_r) - \theta_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Range and bearing with respect to robot's own frame of reference at time step  $t$ .

Coordinates of landmark  $i$

The true pose of the robot

# The same set of equations

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## Update step:

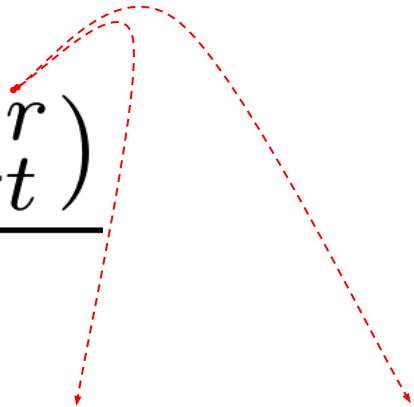
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Given that we mapped  $n$  landmarks at time step  $t$ , what are the dimensions of these matrices?

The Jacobian matrix of the measurement function

$$\mathbf{G}_t^i = \frac{\partial h(\mu_t, i, \mathbf{x}_t^r)}{\partial \mu_t}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & \frac{x_{l_i} - x_r}{r} & \frac{y_{l_i} - y_r}{r} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & -\frac{y_{l_i} - y_r}{r^2} & \frac{x_{l_i} - x_r}{r^2} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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What if we observe a landmark for the first time (i.e it is not in our state vector yet).

# Landmark initialization

$$\bar{\mu}_t^* = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mu}_t \\ l_{new} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mu}_t \\ x l_{new} \\ y l_{new} \end{bmatrix}$$

Simply expand the state vector with the coordinates of the new landmark in the map!

Given that the robot observes range and bearing to a landmark in its own frame of reference, how can we find the coordinates of the new landmark in the map frame?



# The landmark initialisation function

$$l_{new} = q(\mathbf{z}_t^{new}, \mathbf{x}_t^r)$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

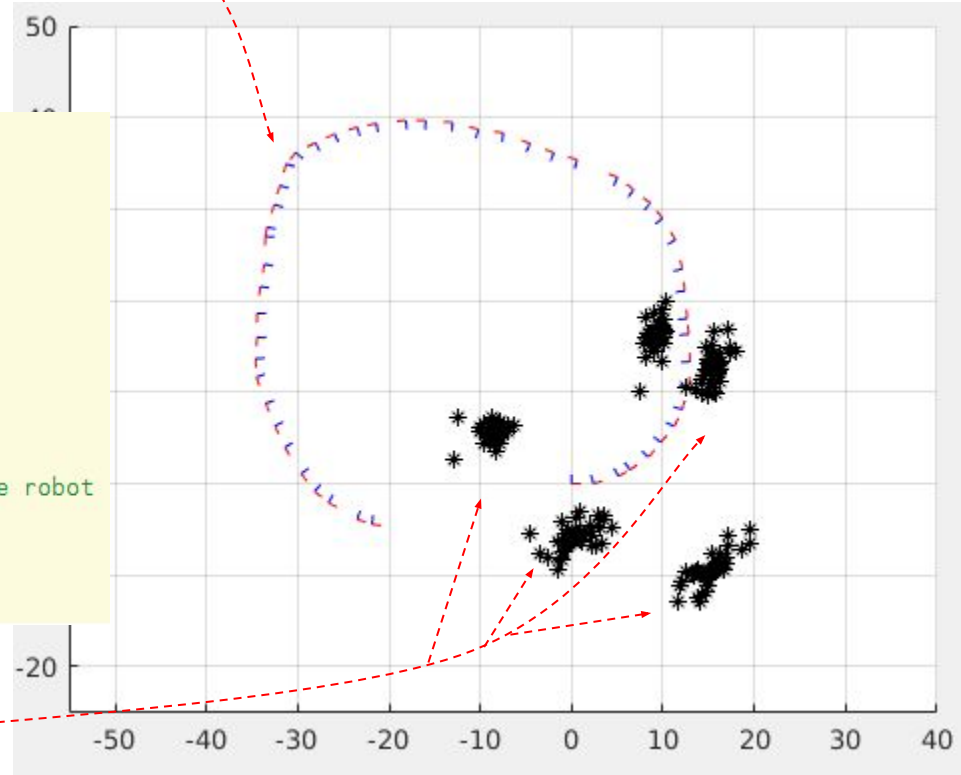
Range and bearing to a never seen before landmark.

$$l_{new} = \begin{bmatrix} x_r + r \times \cos(\theta_r + \beta) \\ y_r + r \times \sin(\theta_r + \beta) \end{bmatrix}$$

True pose of the robot

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%%  
load_data()  
% this simulator runs for 50 steps  
nsteps = 50;  
for k = 1:nsteps  
    % the true pose of the robot is known  
    xr = get_pose(k);  
    plot_robot(xr)  
    % set of ranges and bearings to the landmarks  
    z = sense(k);  
    for i=1:length(z)  
        zi = z(i,:);  
        % plot the (x,y) of each landmark based on the pose of the robot  
        l = initL(zi,xr);  
        scatter(l(1),l(2),'k*');  
    end  
end
```

Running the initialisation function  
after each time step. No filtering



# What about the covariance matrix?

What is this matrix?

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t^* = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\Sigma}_t & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{L}_z \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{L}_z^T \end{bmatrix}$$

The covariance matrix expands as well!

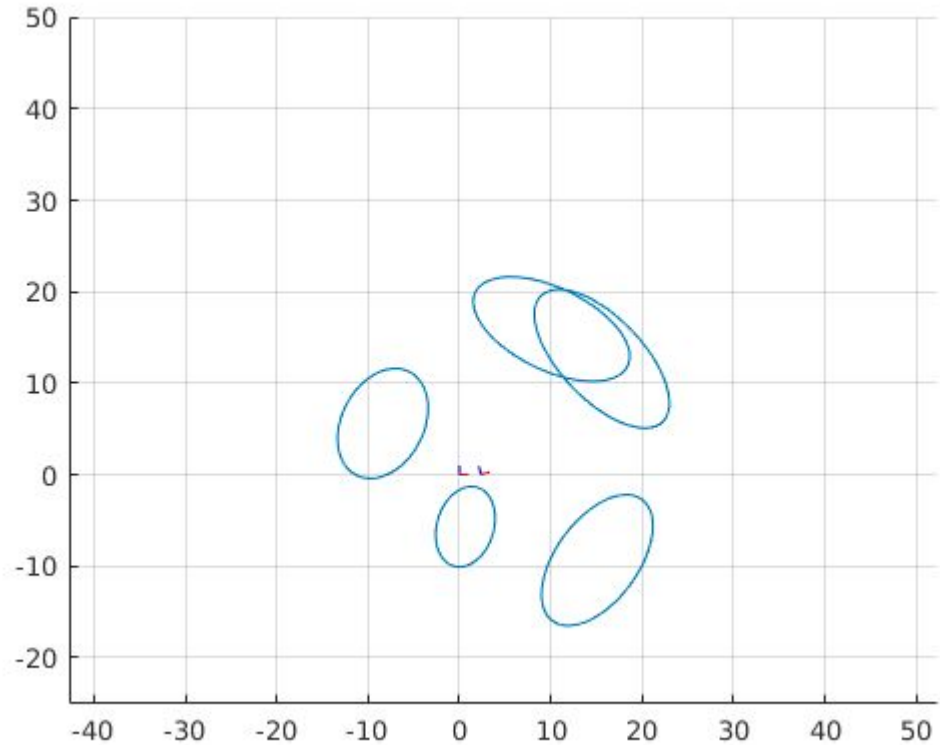
Zero matrices!

The covariance of the sensor noise.

# The Jacobian of the landmark initialisation function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L}_z &= \frac{\partial q(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mu}_t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_r + \beta) & -r \times \sin(\theta_r + \beta) \\ \sin(\theta_r + \beta) & r \times \cos(\theta_r + \beta) \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

At time step  $t=1$  in the case where we have observed all the landmarks for the first time



# Putting it all together

1. Make a new Measurement (range and bearing to a landmark).
2. if we have not seen the landmark before:
  - Do landmark initialization based on the robot current pose.

else

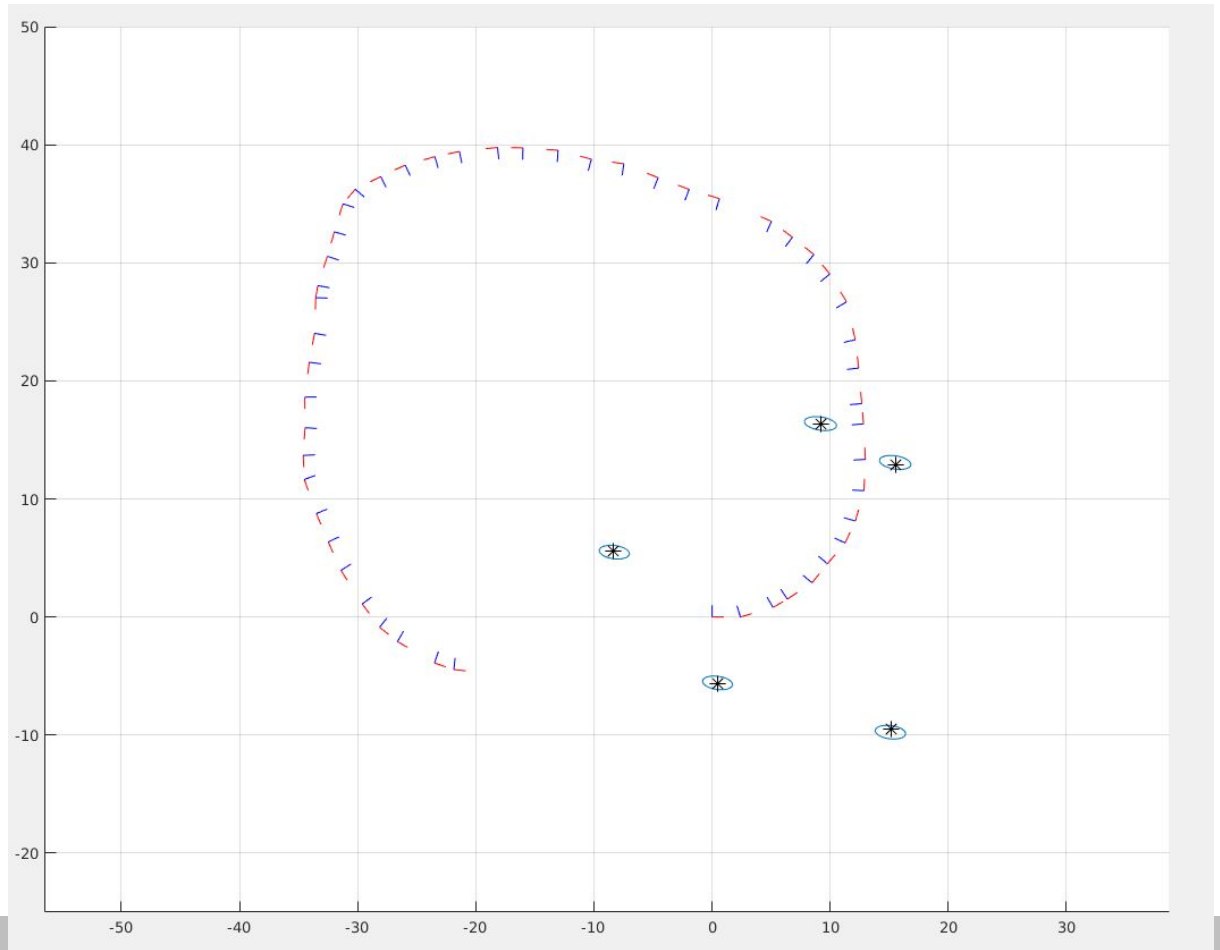
- Predict the landmark position based on the robot current pose.
3. Update the state vector and the covariance.
  4. Move.
  5. Go to 1.

At time step  $t=50$ .

The ellipses are our 3-sigma bounds confidence of the position of the landmarks.

The stars are the true (unknown) position of the landmarks.

We did well!



**Next lecture**

**S**imultaneous  
**L**ocalization  
**A**nd  
**M**apping