

Localization: Part 7

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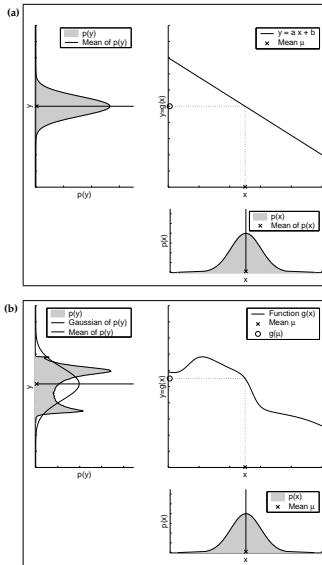


Figure 3.3 (a) Linear and (b) nonlinear transformation of a Gaussian random variable. The lower right plots show the density of the original random variable, X . This random variable is passed through the function displayed in the upper right graphs (the transformation of the mean is indicated by the dotted line). The density of the resulting random variable Y is plotted in the upper left graphs.

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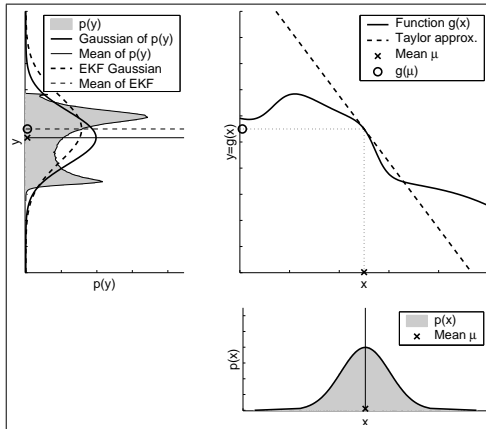


Figure 3.4 Illustration of linearization applied by the EKF. Instead of passing the Gaussian through the nonlinear function g , it is passed through a linear approximation of g . The linear function is tangent to g at the mean of the original Gaussian. The resulting Gaussian is shown as the dashed line in the upper left graph. The linearization incurs an approximation error, as indicated by the mismatch between the linearized Gaussian (dashed) and the Gaussian computed from the highly accurate Monte-Carlo estimate (solid).

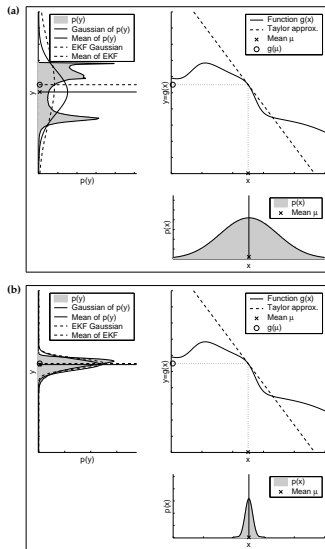


Figure 3.5 Dependency of approximation quality on uncertainty. Both Gaussians (lower right) have the same mean and are passed through the same nonlinear function (upper right). The higher uncertainty of the left Gaussian produces a more distorted density of the resulting random variable (gray area in upper left graph). The solid lines in the upper left graphs show the Gaussians extracted from these densities. The dashed lines represent the Gaussians generated by the linearization applied by the EKF.

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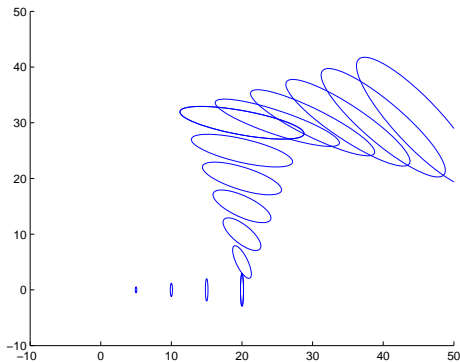
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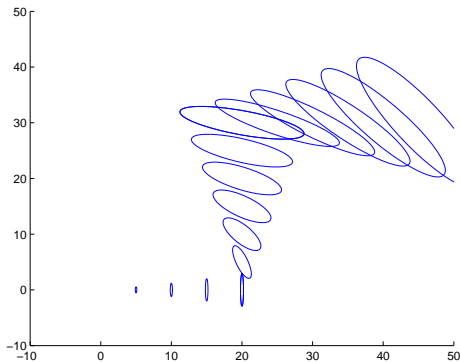
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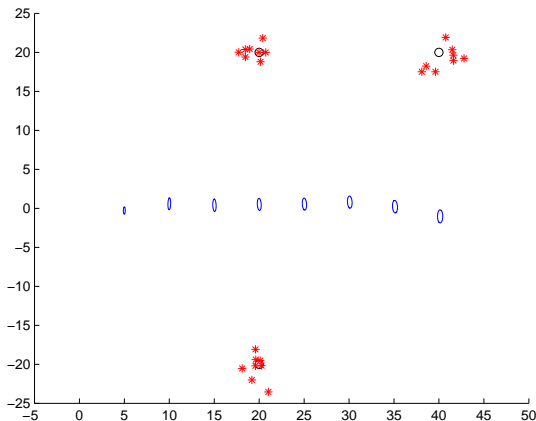
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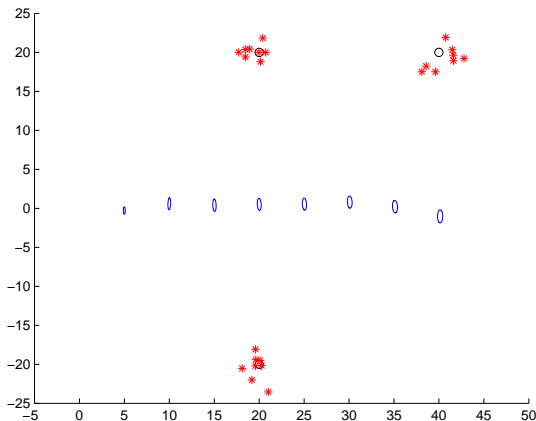
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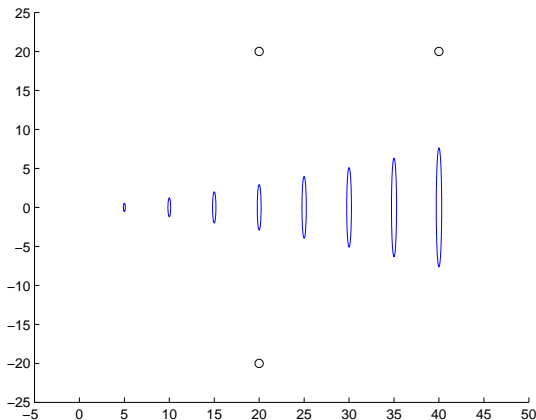
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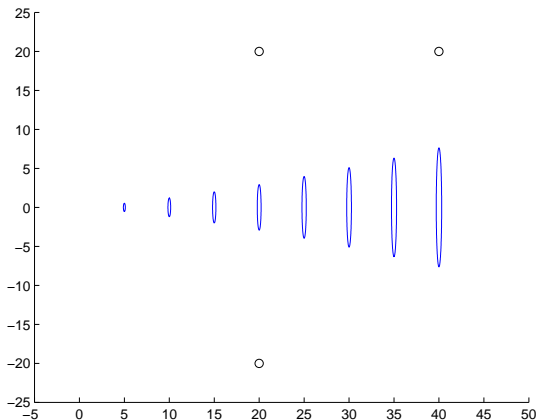
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