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$$\stackrel{\text{Bayes}}{=} \eta \frac{p(z_t \mid x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t}) p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} \mid u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t})}{p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} \mid u_{1:t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t-1})}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Markov}}{=} \eta \frac{p(z_t \mid x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t}) p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} \mid u_{1:t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t-1})}{p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} \mid u_{1:t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t-1})}$$

$$= \eta p(z_t \mid x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t})$$

The reader may notice that this expression is the inverse of our normalization constant $\eta^{[k]}$ in (13.27). Further transformations give us the following form:

$$(13.52) \quad w_t^{[k]} = \eta \int p(z_t \mid x_t, x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t}) \\ p(x_t \mid x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t}) dx_t \\ \stackrel{\text{Markov}}{=} \eta \int p(z_t \mid x_t, x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t}) p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t) dx_t \\ = \eta \int \int p(z_t \mid m_{c_t}, x_t, x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t}) \\ p(m_{c_t} \mid x_t, x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t}) dm_{c_t} p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t) dx_t \\ \stackrel{\text{Markov}}{=} \eta \int \underbrace{p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t)}_{\sim \mathcal{N}(x_t; \mathbf{g}(\hat{x}_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t), R_t)} \int \underbrace{p(z_t \mid m_{c_t}, x_t, c_t)}_{\sim \mathcal{N}(z_t; \mathbf{h}(m_{c_t}, x_t), \mathbf{Q}_t)} \\ \underbrace{p(m_{c_t} \mid x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t-1}, z_{1:t-1}, c_{1:t-1})}_{\sim \mathcal{N}(m_{c_t}; \mu_{c_{t}, t-1}^{[k]}, \sum_{c_{t,t-1}}^{[k]}, u_{t})} dm_{c_t} dx_t \\ \end{array}$$

We find that this expression can once again be approximated by a Gaussian over measurements z_t by linearizing h. As it is easily shown, the mean of the resulting Gaussian is \hat{z}_t , and its covariance is

(13.53)
$$L_t^{[t]} = H_x^T Q_t H_x + H_m \Sigma_{c_t,t-1}^{[k]} H_m^T + R_t$$

Put differently, the (non-normalized) importance factor of the *k*-th particle is given by the following expression:

(13.54)
$$w_t^{[k]} = |2\pi L_t^{[t]}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_t - \hat{z}_t) L_t^{[t]-1}(z_t - \hat{z}_t)\right\}$$

As in FastSLAM 1.0, particles generated in Steps 1 and 2, along with their importance factor calculated in Step 3, are collected in a temporary particle set.

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