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## I. INTRODUCTION

As long range surface launched weapons systems continue to be introduced into the fleet, the operational commander is increasingly faced with the problem of being able to launch weapons at targets located beyond the horizon. Successful employment of such weapons is dependent not only on the ability to detect, classify and localize targets at considerable distances, but also on the ability to distinguish the true target from a potentially larger field of false targets. While long range ocean surveillance sensors may be of assistance in the identification and localization of targets, the information provided may not be refined sufficiently to permit effective targeting of long range weapons on that basis alone. The on-scene commander must in general rely on additional data on target location gathered locally and close to the time of weapons launch for accurate targeting. Thus, he must still be able to detect and track the desired target and be able to distinguish it from other targets within range of his sensors.

The procedures developed in this paper are designed to be of assistance in addressing the last of these problems. They are applicable when the information available is an error ellipse around a threat location estimated by an ocean surveillance sensor and bearings only data generated by a local surface-based sensor. The question of whether a target



detected by the local sensor is the same as that whose estimated position was provided by an external sensor can only be addressed if information is available on the locations and tracks of all possible targets within range of the local sensor. Since such data is generally not available, this paper does not attempt to answer that question, but rather develops a method by which bearing information from different sensors can be compared as to the likelihood of each bearing being associated with the threat identified previously. It is envisioned that these likelihoods can be then used to induce an ordering among bearing data gathered by different sensors or, conceivably, conflicting data gathered by one sensor. The ordering would be based on the likelihood that each bearing will contribute to refining the original estimate of the location of the target of interest. This information could be applied in a number of ways: as a guide to allocation of more capable sensor resources for purposes of obtaining targeting information; as a guide for allocation of weapons against more than one threat; as a means of pre-processing data before entering it into a target motion model, thereby reducing the chance of introducing unrelated data.

To determine the likelihood that a given line of bearing and the threat coincide, consideration was given to the uncertainties inherent in estimation of target position, in the measurement of bearings by a particular sensor and in estimation of sensor location. It is assumed that at some

time  $t_0$ , an ocean surveillance sensor detects a threat whose position is estimated to be within an elliptical region with  $p_1 \times 100\%$  certainty. The estimated position data are received and converted by the on-scene commander into a probability distribution described by a truncated bivariate normal density function.

It is further assumed that the standard error  $\sigma_\beta$  characteristic of the local sensor is known. The sensor bearing  $\beta$  with bearing error  $\sigma_\beta$  is then projected from the sensor position through the threat density function.

Since sensor position relative to the target may itself be subject to navigation error, the uncertainty is introduced as a truncated circular bivariate normal distribution centered at location  $(u_0, v_0)$  with standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

A TI-59 calculator program is developed which estimates the likelihood that the threat identified by an external sensor lies along bearing  $\beta$ , given the threat distribution, the bearing error, and sensor position distribution relative to the threat.

The theoretical basis for this calculation is presented in Chapter II. The algorithms used in designing the calculator program are described in Chapter III. A program listing and verbal flow are provided in Appendix A along with instructions for the user. Appendix B contains a verbal flow of a program designed for use when considerable time has elapsed since the initial estimate of the location of a moving target.

## II. THEORETICAL BASES

The general approach to determining the likelihood that a measured line of bearing  $\beta$  is the true bearing from the sensor to the threat identified and localized by an external sensor is discussed in this chapter. Calculations required when using threat position information both as initially generated by the external sensor at time zero,  $t_0$ , and as distorted to account for an intervening time late,  $t_L$ , are discussed. Uncertainties in bearing measurement and sensor position are included.

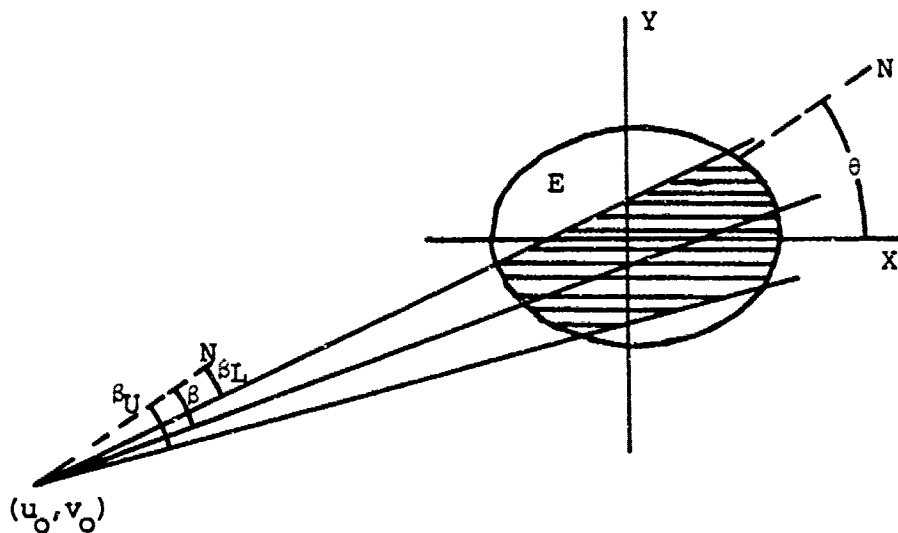
Initially, assume that sensor position is known with certainty. Let  $\beta_T$  be the true bearing of the threat from the sensor. Since threat location is uncertain,  $\beta_T$  is a random quantity with probability density function  $f_{\beta_{TRUE}}(\beta_T)$ . Let  $f_{\beta}(\beta; \beta_T) d\beta$  be the probability that the errors in bearing measurement are such as to give rise to a bearing on the threat in the interval  $d\beta$  about the observed value  $\beta$  when the true bearing is  $\beta_T$ . Then the likelihood of observing a bearing  $\beta$  is:

$$f'(\beta) = \int_{\text{all } \beta_T} f_{\beta}(\beta; \beta_T) f_{\beta_{TRUE}}(\beta_T) d\beta_T \quad (1)$$

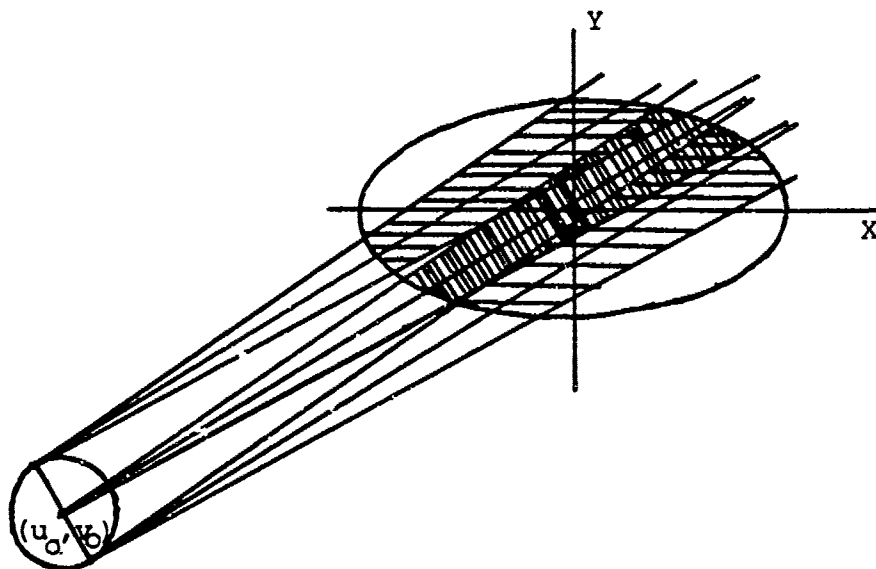
The density  $f_{\beta_{TRUE}}(\beta_T)$  is determined by the probability density function of threat location at time  $t$ ,  $f_{X,Y}(x,y;t)$ .

Given the probability density function of threat location at time  $t$  and assuming that bearing errors are normally distributed with mean zero, consideration is limited to the probability that the observed bearing is the true bearing of the threat, given the threat is contained in a planar region  $E$  and the true bearing  $\beta_T$  is in an interval about  $\beta$  with upper and lower bounds  $\beta_U$  and  $\beta_L$ . The region  $E$  is selected to be the minimum area planar region which contains the threat with a specified high probability  $p_1$ . The interval  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  is selected so that, for all the possible values of  $\beta_T$  contained in the interval,  $\beta$  is within an interval of specified high probability  $p_2$  around  $\beta_T$ . The fan  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  is symmetric about  $\beta$  so that it represents the minimum area region which meets the above criterion. The likelihood of observing  $\beta$  when the threat is in  $E$  and  $\beta_T$  is in  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  is determined by integrating expression (1) above, over a region defined in the manner of the shaded area of Figure 1(a).

If sensor position is not certain, assume that it is distributed in accordance with a circular bivariate normal distribution  $f_{U,V}(u,v)$ . Again, consideration is limited to determining the likelihood of observing a bearing  $\beta$  given that the threat is contained in a planar region,  $E$ ,  $\beta_T$  is in  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$ , and the sensor is contained in a planar region  $C$ . The region  $C$  is selected as the minimum area planar region which contains the sensor with a high probability  $p_3$ . The region of  $E$  over which  $f'(\beta)$  is evaluated expands as the shaded region of Figure 1(b).



(a) Sensor Position Certain



(b) Sensor Position Uncertain

FIGURE 1. REGION OF INTEGRATION

Since the measurement errors involved in estimating the threat position, the sensor position and the bearing angle arise from different measurement procedures, it is reasonable to assume that errors are independent. The probability densities required to perform the above calculations can be estimated as follows.

At time  $t_0$  an ocean surveillance sensor estimates the position of the threat to be located within an elliptical area characterized by the parameter set  $E = \{X, Y, \theta, A, B\}$  with confidence  $p_1 \times 100\%$ . The elements of the parameter set  $E$  are respectively:  $X$  the latitude of the estimated threat position,  $Y$  the longitude of estimated threat position,  $\theta$  the orientation of the major axis from true North,  $A$  the length of the semi-major axis, and  $B$  the length of the semi-minor axis. Since the measurement errors in determining threat position are generally assumed to be normally distributed, the ellipse characterized by  $E$  represents the minimal area  $p_1 \times 100\%$  confidence region about the mean  $(X, Y)$ . Treating this ellipse as the  $p_1$  probability region of a bivariate normal distribution, a density function for the threat position at time  $t_0$  can be estimated. For convenience, locate the origin of a rectangular coordinate system at the center of the ellipse,  $(X, Y)$ , with positive  $x$ -axis located along the major-axis of the ellipse at a bearing  $\theta$  from true North. Assume a flat earth in the region of interest. Let  $t_0 = 0$ . The mean of the threat position density  $f_{X, Y}(x, y; 0)$  is then the point  $(0, 0)$ . The variances in the  $X$  and  $Y$  directions can

be derived from the fact that the region with minimal area which contains the threat with probability  $p_1$  is a  $k$ -sigma ellipse where  $k$  is determined from the relationship:

$$P[\text{threat located in } k\text{-sigma ellipse}] = 1 - e^{-k^2/2}$$

Thus,

$$\sigma_X^2 = (A/k)^2$$

and

$$\sigma_Y^2 = (B/k)^2$$

where

$$k = \sqrt{-2 \ln(1 - p_1)} .$$

$X$  and  $Y$  are assumed to be independent.

If the course and speed of the threat are known with certainty to be  $\psi$  and  $s$  respectively, the probability density of the threat position at time late  $t_L$  can be shown to be again a bivariate normal with mean  $(st_L \cos(\theta - \psi), st_L \sin(\theta - \psi))$  and variances  $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2$ . The  $p_1$  probability region of the density at time  $t_L$  would then be an ellipse congruent to that characterized by the set  $E$  above but centered at the point  $(st_L \cos(\theta - \psi), st_L \sin(\theta - \psi))$  (Figure 2) [Ref. 1].

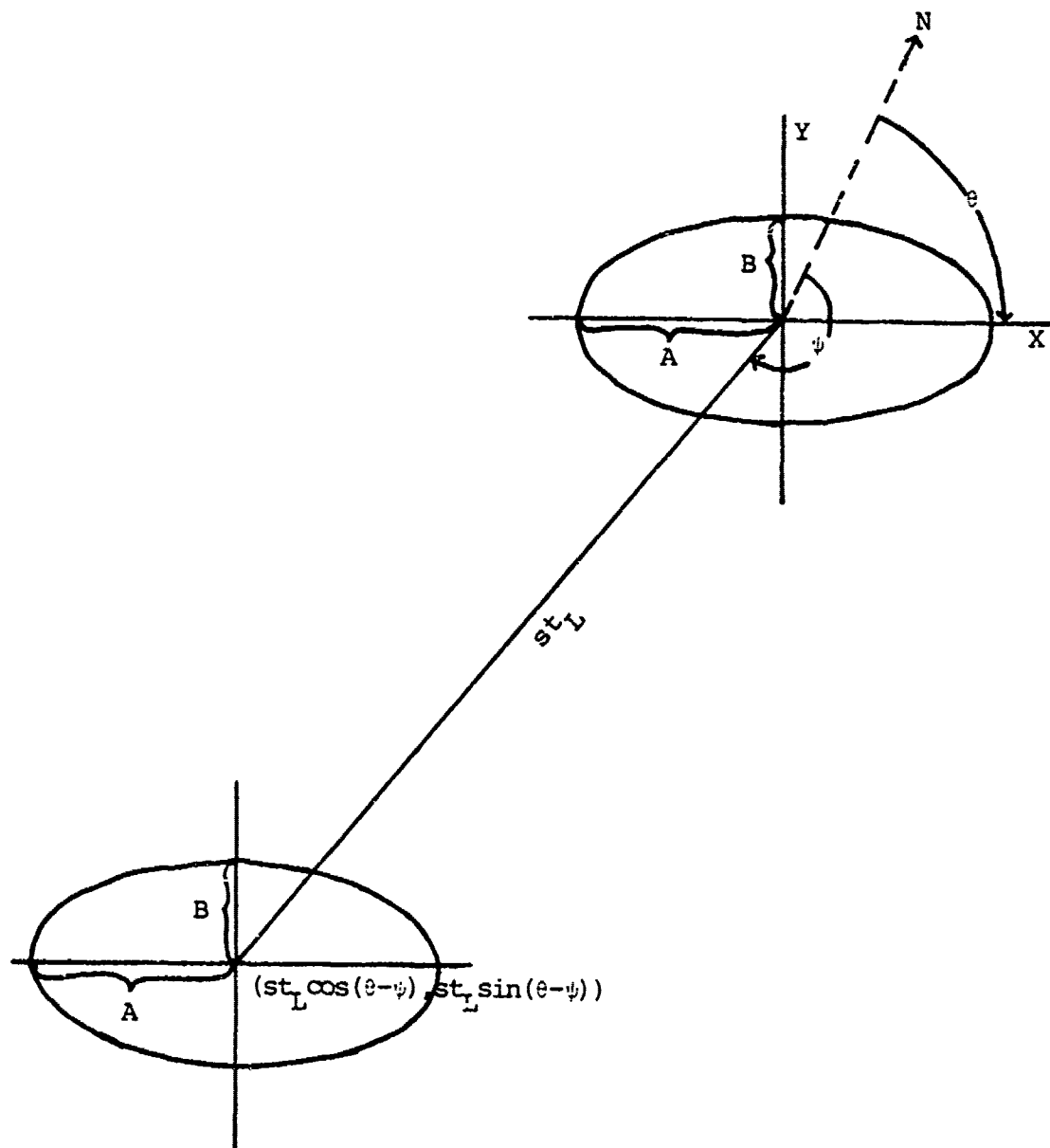


FIGURE 2. TIME LATE ELLIPSE, KNOWN COURSE AND SPEED



In some cases, the motion of a submarine on patrol in a large area can be characterized, when  $t_L$  is large, by an expansion of the probability area with time at a rate  $D$ . The result in such a case is that  $f_{X,Y}(x,y;t_L)$  is still bivariate normal with mean  $(0,0)$  but with variances  $\sigma_X^2 + Dt_L$  and  $\sigma_Y^2 + Dt_L$ .

When the motion of the threat cannot be described in the above manner, and the course and speed are not known, but assumed to be distributed according to the densities  $f_\psi(\psi)$  and  $f_S(s)$ , determining the probability density  $f_{X,Y}(x,y;t_L)$  is a considerably more complex problem. Let  $(x_0(s,\psi), y_0(s,\psi))$  be the coordinates of the point at which the threat would have to be located at time zero in order to reach the point  $(x_L, y_L)$  at time  $t_L$  if the threat speed were  $s$  and course  $\psi$ . Thus,  $x_0(s,\psi) = x_L - st_L \cos(\theta - \psi)$  and  $y_0(s,\psi) = y_L - st_L \sin(\theta - \psi)$  (Figure 3). Then,

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y;t_L) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{360} f_{X,Y}[x_0(s,\psi), y_0(s,\psi); t_0] \cdot f_\psi(\psi) f_S(s) d\psi ds \quad [\text{Ref. 1}] .$$

This density is no longer normal. In the special case when  $A = B$ , i.e.,  $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2$ ,  $\psi$  has a uniform distribution over the interval  $(0^\circ, 360^\circ)$  and  $S$  is known with certainty, as shown in Reference 2, the density changes with time as in Figure 4.

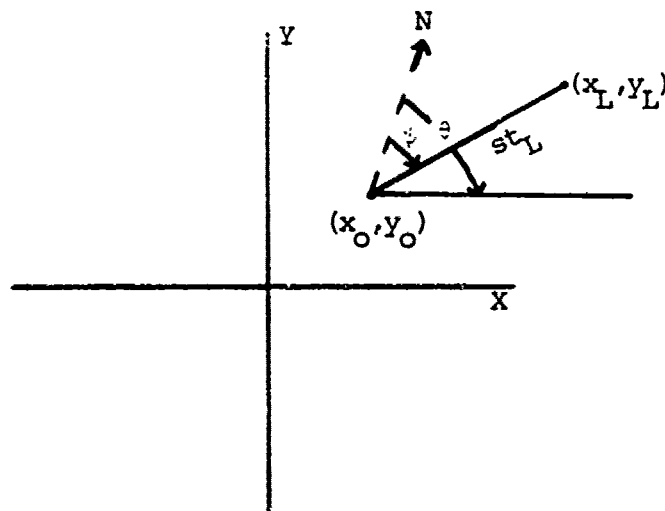


FIGURE 3. TIME LATE POSITION, COURSE AND SPEED UNCERTAIN

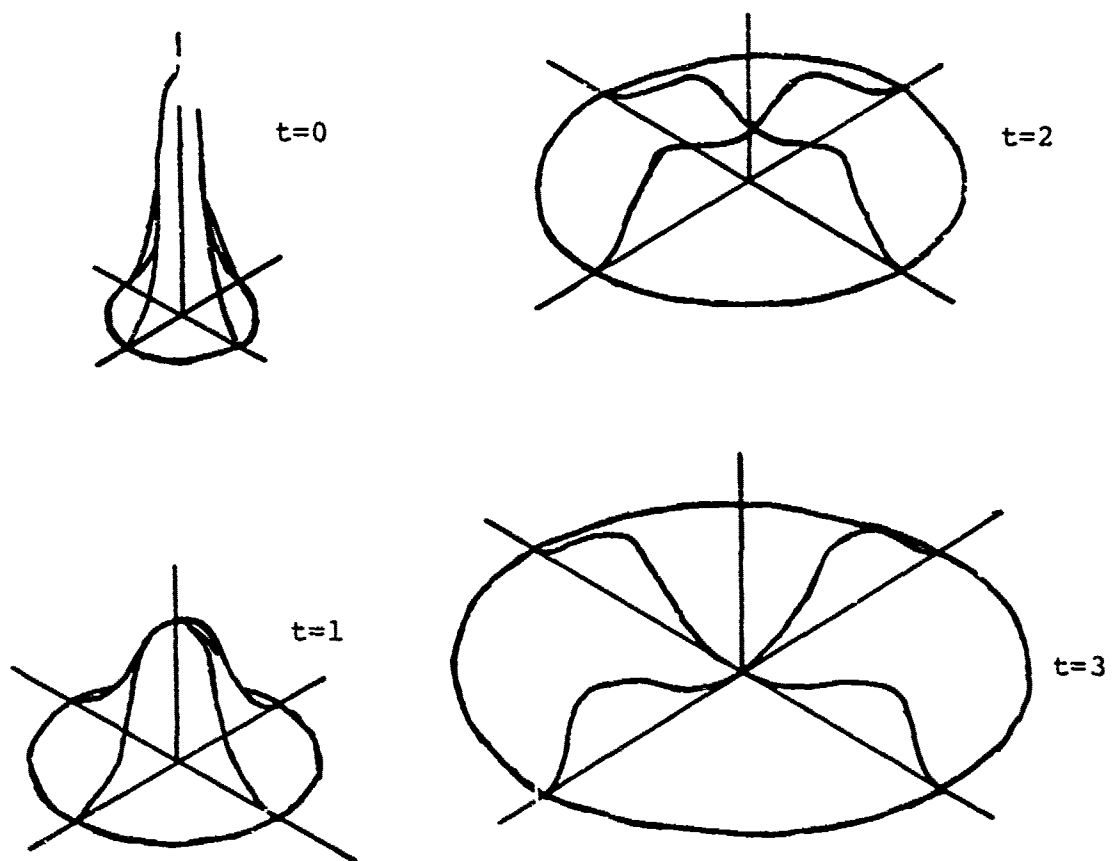


FIGURE 4. TIME LATE THREAT DENSITY, SPEED KNOWN  
COURSE UNIFORM ( $0^\circ, 360^\circ$ )

The distribution of the bearing error measured by the local sensor can be estimated if the standard error of the sensor,  $\sigma_\beta$ , is known. The bearing error is then assumed to be normally distributed with mean zero and variance  $\sigma_\beta^2$ .

Assume that the estimated sensor location  $(u_0, v_0)$  is accurate to within R nautical miles with  $p_3 \times 100\%$  confidence. The density  $f_{U,V}(u,v)$  of sensor location can be assumed to be a circular bivariate normal with mean  $(u_0, v_0)$  and variance  $\sigma^2 = R^2/k^2$ . The value of k is determined from the relationship:

$$P[(u,v) \text{ contained in } k\text{-sigma region}] = 1 - e^{-k^2/2},$$

where the probability on the left is  $p_3$  in this case.

Since the evaluation of  $f'(\beta)$  considering sensor position density and bearing error density does not generalize to a closed form, algorithms are developed in the remainder of this paper for estimation of the probability (likelihood) that the threat identified by an external sensor lies on a line of bearing measured by a local sensor given that the threat is in region E, the sensor is in region C and the true line of bearing lies within  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$ .

### III. ALGORITHMS

As indicated in the previous chapter, the variety of geometrical situations which can arise depending on the location of the sensor relative to the estimated threat location precluded development of a generalized analytical procedure. Rather, algorithms are developed in this paper for numerically evaluating  $f'(z)$ . The procedures applicable to a bivariate normal threat location density have been implemented on a TI-59 calculator. Appendix A contains a listing of that program. The calculations required when the time late threat location density is no longer normal exceeded the available program capacity of the TI-59 and therefore have not been implemented. A detailed verbal flow is provided at Appendix B for future implementation on a larger machine. The algorithms used in both situations are described in this chapter.

#### A. BIVARIATE NORMAL THREAT LOCATION DENSITY

This case includes situations (1) where the time elapsed since generation of the initial error ellipse by the ocean surveillance sensor is negligible, (2) where the motion of the threat can be assumed to be random in the manner described above, and (3) where course and speed of the threat are assumed to be known with certainty. With appropriate modifications to the input data, all three of these situations can be addressed using the program contained in Appendix A.

In situation (1) the data entered are the parameters of the ellipse as generated by the ocean surveillance sensor. In (2), the location and orientation from North of the ellipse is the same as originally generated, but the size of the ellipse expands at some constant rate of area per unit time which must be estimated by the user. This rate  $D$ , times the elapsed time,  $t_L$ , yields the factor which must be added to the semi-major and semi-minor axes of the original ellipse. That is, if the original error ellipse is a  $p_1 \times 100\%$  confidence ellipse, the semi-major and semi-minor axes of the diffused ellipse will be input as  $A'$  and  $B'$  respectively:

$$A' = \sqrt{A^2 + (-2 \ln(1-p_1))Dt_L}$$

$$B' = \sqrt{B^2 + (-2 \ln(1-p_1))Dt_L}$$

In situation (3) the dimensions and orientation of the time late ellipse are the same as those of the original error ellipse, but the center of the ellipse is displaced from its original position by the known velocity times elapsed time. The updated position of the error ellipse is treated as the origin of the rectangular coordinate system for this situation and all linear measurements are made relative to this system. All angular measurements are made from true North.

Estimation of the likelihood that the threat lies on a bearing from the local sensor given that the threat is located

in a  $p_1 \times 100\%$  confidence ellipse and the true bearing lies within the bounds  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  with confidence  $p_2 \times 100\%$  proceeds as follows:

1. Estimate parameters of the bivariate normal density  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$  of threat location:  $\mu_X = \mu_Y = 0, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2$ .

2. Determine  $\beta_L$  and  $\beta_U$  such that an interval of length  $2k_\beta \sigma_\beta$  centered on either  $\beta_L$  or  $\beta_U$  would contain  $\beta$ , the measured bearing, with probability  $p_2$ :  $\beta_L = \beta - k_\beta \sigma_\beta$ ,  $\beta_U = \beta + k_\beta \sigma_\beta$ .

3. Determine sensor location coordinates relative to the origin of the threat ellipse.

4. Subdivide the angular interval  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  into  $2n$  sub-intervals. Each subinterval  $k$  intersects the ellipse in a strip with average width  $W_k$  which corresponds to  $\Delta \beta_t$ .

5. At the midpoint of each subinterval  $k$  determine the equation of the line through the sensor position at the true bearing  $\beta_k$  from North.

6. Let the equation of the line of bearing  $\beta_k$  be  $X = \frac{Y-c}{m}$ . Then the plane perpendicular to the  $xy$ -plane which contains this line intersects the bivariate normal threat density in a curve whose equation is

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(y-c)^2}{m^2\sigma_X^2} + \frac{y^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right)} \quad (2)$$

found by making the substitution  $X = \frac{Y-c}{m}$  in the density function  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ . It will prove convenient to expand the right side of (2) as follows [Ref. 3]:

$$g(y) = \frac{m}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{c^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \quad (3)$$

$$\cdot \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_X \sigma_Y m} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}{m^2 \sigma_X^2 \sigma_Y^2} \right) \left( y - \frac{c \sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2} \right)^2} \right]$$

For computational purposes, assume that the width  $W_k$  of the region of the ellipse cut out by the angular subinterval around  $\beta_k$  will be nearly constant through the ellipse. Let the points of intersection of the line of bearing  $\beta_k$  with the threat ellipse be  $(X_{k1}, Y_{k1})$  and  $(X_{k2}, Y_{k2})$ . Then approximate the volume of the normal density over this region by the absolute value of the product of the area under the curve  $g$  between  $Y_{k1}$  and  $Y_{k2}$  and  $W_k$  (Figure 5). Observe that the term in brackets in equation (3) above is the density function of a univariate normal random variable with mean

$$\frac{c \sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}$$

and variance

$$\frac{m^2 \sigma_X^2 \sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}.$$

The term preceding the brackets in (3) is the slope of the line of bearing,  $m$ , times the density of a univariate normal random variable with mean zero and variance  $\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2$



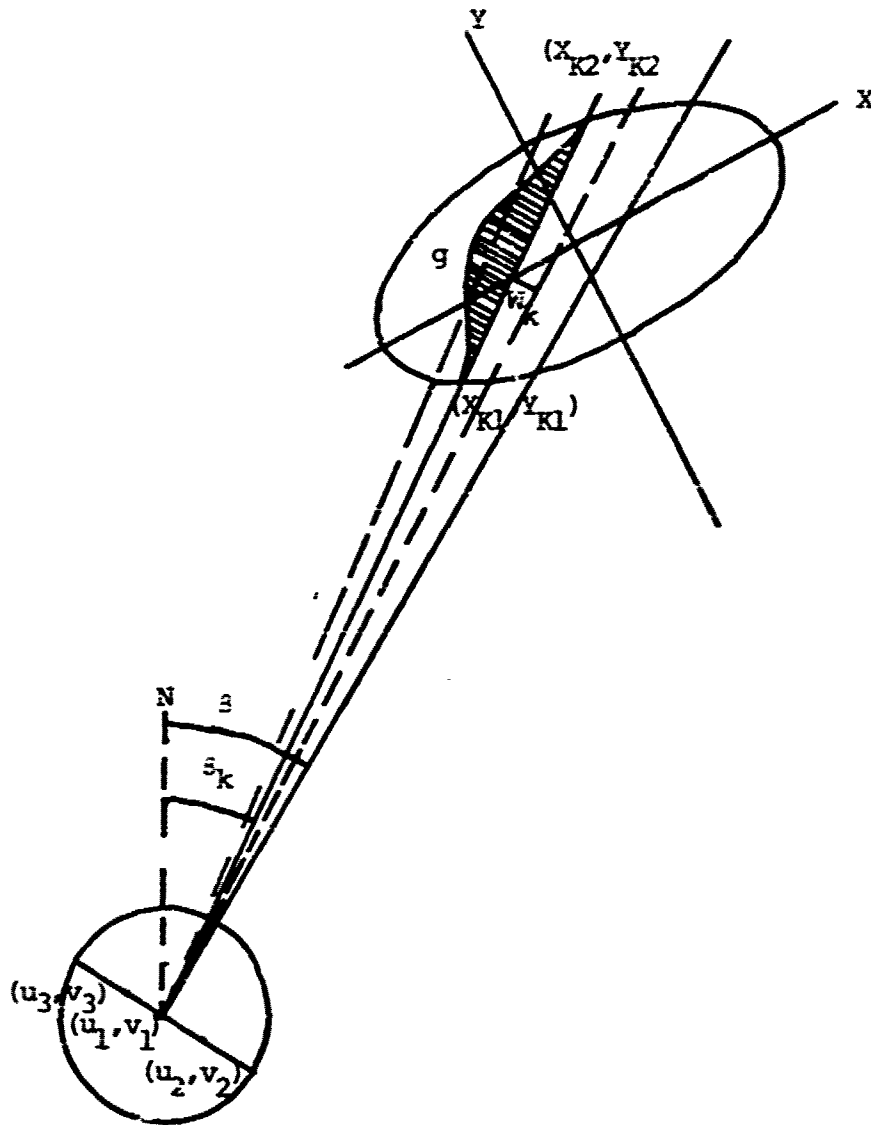


FIGURE 5

evaluated at  $c$ . Thus, evaluating the expression

$$|w_k \int_{y_{k1}}^{y_{k2}} g(y) dy|$$

is equivalent to the computation

$$|w_k m \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \left( \frac{c}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \right) (\phi(Z_2) - \phi(Z_1)) \right)| ,$$

where

$$Z_i = \left( y_{ki} - \frac{c \sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}{m \sigma_X \sigma_Y} \right)$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\phi$  is the  $P[Z \leq z]$  when  $Z$  is a standard normal random variable, and  $\phi$  is the density function of a standard normal random variable.

If the substitution  $Y = mX + c$  were made in the density  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ , an analogous situation would arise with the limits of the integration being  $X_{k1}$  and  $X_{k2}$ .

7. If the value of the density under the bivariate normal curve over the region of the ellipse defined by the subinterval  $\Delta s_k$  is weighted by the probability of observing a bearing error  $(s_k - s)$  the result is the probability of observing the bearing of the threat as  $s$  when the true threat location is in the segment of the ellipse defined by  $\Delta s_k$ . This probability is approximated as follows:

$$|W_k \int_{Y_{k1}}^{Y_{k2}} f_{X,Y}(\frac{Y-C}{m}, Y) dy| f_{\beta}(\beta; \beta_k).$$

Since the bearing error is assumed normally distributed with mean zero and variance  $\sigma_{\beta}^2$ , the value of  $f_{\beta}(\beta; \beta_k)$  can be determined by the expression

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\beta}} \phi\left(\frac{\beta_k - \beta}{\sigma_{\beta}}\right),$$

where  $\phi$  is as above the density function of a standard normal random variable.

8.

$$f'(\beta) = \int_{\text{all } \beta_t} f_{\beta}(\beta; \beta_t) f_{\beta_{\text{TRUE}}}(\beta_t) d\beta_t$$

is approximated by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2n} |W_k \int_{Y_{k1}}^{Y_{k2}} f_{X,Y}(\frac{Y-C}{m}, Y) dy| f_{\beta}(\beta; \beta_k)$$

The value of the sum is determined by repeating steps A.6 and A.7 above at the midpoints of each of the  $2n$  sub-intervals defined in step A.4 and summing the results of each of these calculations. Obviously, the finer the subdivision of  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$ , the more accurate will be the estimate of the likelihood, but also the longer the calculation will take.

## B. SENSOR POSITION UNCERTAINTY

The result of the above calculation will be the likelihood  $f'(\beta)$  that the threat lies along the bearing measured by the sensor given that the threat is located within the threat ellipse and the true bearing is within the interval  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  and the sensor is at the position used to perform the calculation. We next will introduce additional calculations that are required to account for the fact that the sensor position is not known with certainty.

1. If the position of the sensor is estimated as being within  $R$  nautical miles of  $(u_0, v_0)$ , its assumed coordinates in the  $xy$ -system, with  $p_3 \times 100\%$  confidence, estimate the parameters of the sensor location density  $f_{U,V}(u,v)$  with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ : mean =  $(u_0, v_0)$ , variance,  $\sigma^2 = R^2 / (-2 \ln(1 - p_3))$  in threat centered coordinates.

2. The bearing measured by the sensor is  $\beta$  regardless of the sensor location. Assume that the area of intersection of the angular wedge  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  and the threat ellipse does not change significantly as the sensor position is moved along the line of bearing  $\beta$ . Then the effect of the bivariate normal distribution of sensor location can be approximated by considering only the univariate normal density along a line through  $(u_0, v_0)$  perpendicular to  $\beta$ . Repeat the calculations in steps A.3 through A.8 above with the sensor located at each of the three points  $(u_0, v_0)$ ,  $(u_0 + .97\sigma \cos(\theta - \beta - 90), v_0 + .97\sigma \sin(\theta - \beta - 90))$ , and  $(u_0 - .97\sigma \cos(\theta - \beta - 90), v_0 - .97\sigma \sin(\theta - \beta - 90))$ . If the line through  $(u_0, v_0)$  perpendicular to  $\beta$  is subdivided

symmetrically about  $(u_0, v_0)$  such that 1/3 of the univariate normal density lies above each subinterval, the three points chosen above represent the "center of gravity" of each third of the density (Figure 6).

3. If R is chosen to include a significant proportion of the sensor density, i.e., on the order of  $2\sigma$  or greater, the probability of the sensor being located in each of the three regions is approximately 1/3. Thus, if  $p_3$  is on the order of .86, multiply each result in step B.2 by 1/3.

4. Summing the results of steps B.2 and B.3 yields an estimate of the likelihood that the threat lies at bearing  $\beta$  given the threat is in the  $p_1 \times 100\%$  confidence ellipse,  $\beta_T$  is in  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  and the sensor is in a  $p_3 \times 100\%$  confidence region. That is, the likelihood is estimated by

$$f'(\beta) = \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{1}{3} f_j'(\beta) ,$$

where j is the index of sensor position in figures 5 and 6.

Instructions for application of the TI-59 program to calculate the above are included in Appendix A.

#### C. THREAT DISTRIBUTION NOT BIVARIATE NORMAL AFTER TIME LATE ELAPSED

The basic approach to evaluating  $f'(\beta)$  when the time late distribution of the threat is no longer bivariate normal is the same as that just discussed. The principal difference

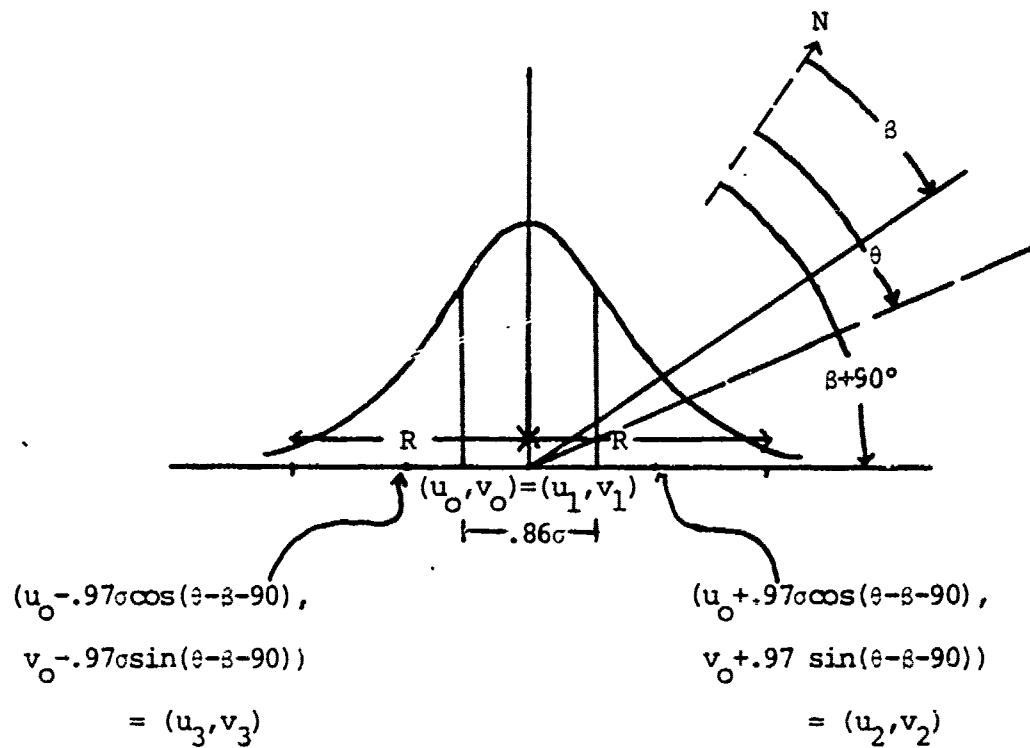


FIGURE 6. ESTIMATE OF SENSOR POSITION DENSITY

arises from the fact that the time late density is significantly more complex in this case.

The threat distribution becomes distorted from the normal after some time late when the course and speed of the threat are constant but not known with certainty. Application of the method described herein requires that the user assume a discrete distribution of the speed of the threat with upper and lower bounds  $S_M$  and  $S_L$ , respectively. In addition, the threat course is assumed to be uniformly between  $0^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .

The density of threat location after some time late  $t_L$  when the threat speed is  $s_i$  then becomes [Ref. 1]:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y;t_L,s_i) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y} \int_0^{360} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(x-s_it_L\cos(\theta-\psi))^2}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{(y-s_it_L\sin(\theta-\psi))^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right)\right] \frac{d\psi}{360}$$

where  $\theta$  is the bearing of the major axis from North. Note that the new threat density is still centered at the same position as the time zero ellipse but its shape changes as in Figure 4 of Chapter II. If the threat speed is  $s_i$ , and the course is uniformly distributed over  $(0^\circ, 360^\circ)$ , the outer limit of the new planar region containing the threat after time  $t_L$  has elapsed, given that it was originally located in the  $p_1 \times 100\%$  confidence ellipse with semi-axes A and B, can be represented by an ellipse with semi-major axis  $A+s_it_L$  and semi-minor axis  $B+s_it_L$  (Figure 7). Thus the

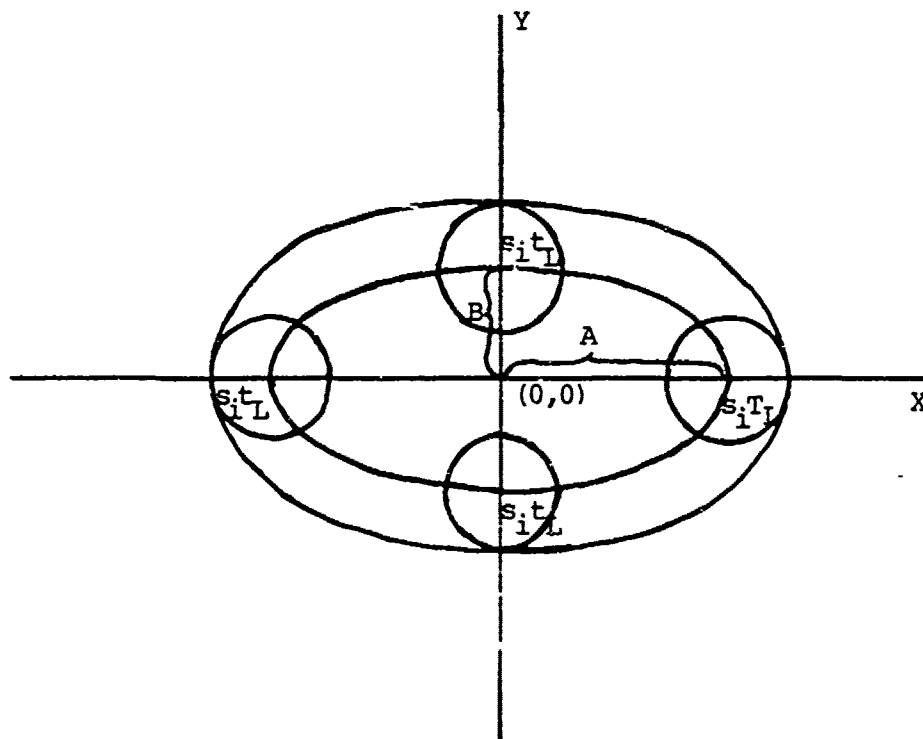


FIGURE 7. TIME LATE PLANAR REGION



region over which the density will be evaluated is still the intersection of an ellipse with an angular wedge, recalling however that the density is no longer normal. Further, the new elliptical region does not represent a  $p_1 \times 100\%$  confidence region of the time late density.

Calculation of the likelihood that the threat lies along bearing  $\beta$  given that the threat lies in the  $p_1 \times 100\%$  ellipse at time zero, that the true bearing lies in  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$ , that the sensor lies in the  $p_3 \times 100\%$  circle and that the speed is  $s_i$  proceeds as follows:

1. Estimate the parameters of the original normal distribution: mean =  $(0,0)$ ,  $\sigma_X^2 = A^2/(-2 \ln(1-p_1))$ ,  $\sigma_Y^2 = B^2/(-2 \ln(1-p_1))$ .

2. Determine the upper and lower bounds on the true bearing wedge,  $\beta + k_\beta \sigma_\beta$  and  $\beta - k_\beta \sigma_\beta$ .

3. Determine the time late planar region as the ellipse with semi-major axis equal to  $A + s_i t_L$  and semi-minor axis equal to  $B + s_i t_L$ .

4. Determine the position of the sensor relative to the ellipse center.

5. Subdivide the bearing fan  $(\beta - k_\beta \sigma_\beta, \beta + k_\beta \sigma_\beta)$  into  $2n$  subintervals.

6. At the midpoint of each subinterval, determine the equation of the line through the ship position at that bearing  $\beta_k$ .

7. Let the equation of the line of bearing  $\beta_k$  be  $X = \frac{Y-c}{m}$ . Then, the plane perpendicular to the xy-plane which

contains this line intersects the time late threat density in a curve whose equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_L(y) = & \left( \frac{m}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{c^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi} m \sigma_X \sigma_Y} \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}{m^2 \sigma_X \sigma_Y} \right) \left( y - \frac{c \sigma_Y}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2} \right)^2 \right] \right) \\
 & \cdot \int_0^{360} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(s_i t_L)^2 \cos^2(\theta - \psi) - 2s_i t_L y \cos(\theta - \psi)}{m^2 \sigma_X^2} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{(s_i t_L)^2 \sin^2(\theta - \psi) - 2s_i t_L y \sin(\theta - \psi)}{\sigma_Y^2} \right] \frac{d\psi}{360} \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

found by making the substitution  $x = \frac{y-c}{m}$  in the density function  $f_{X,Y}(x,y;t_L)$  and expanding.

For computational purposes, assume that the width  $W_k$  of the region of the time late threat ellipse cut out by the angular subinterval around  $\beta_k$  will be nearly constant through the ellipse. Let the points of intersection of the line of bearing  $\beta_k$  with the time late threat ellipse be  $(X_{k1}, Y_{k1})$ ,  $(X_{k2}, Y_{k2})$ . Then approximate the time late density at speed  $s_i$  over this region by the absolute value of the product of  $W_k$  and the area under the curve  $g_L$  between  $Y_{k1}$  and  $Y_{k2}$ . The

area under curve  $g_L$  can be approximated as follows. Subdivide the interval  $(Y_{k1}, Y_{k2})$  into  $n_1$  segments of length  $h$ . Evaluate  $g_L$  at the midpoint of each segment,  $y_J$ . Note that the first term in parenthesis in (4) is a constant equal to  $m$  times the value of the density of a normal random variable with mean zero and variance  $\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2$  evaluated at  $c$ . The second term in parenthesis is the density function of a normal random variable with mean

$$\frac{c \sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}$$

and variance

$$\frac{m^2 \sigma_X^2 \sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}$$

evaluated at  $y$ . The variable  $y$  also appears in the integral term in equation (4). Numerically evaluate this term of (4) with  $y = y_J$ . Let  $g_I(y_J)$  be the result of this computation. Then, evaluating the area under the curve  $g_L$  between  $Y_{k1}$  and  $Y_{k2}$  is equivalent to the calculation:

$$\sum_{J=1}^{n_1} \frac{m}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \phi\left(\frac{c}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}\right) \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}{m \sigma_X \sigma_Y} \phi(z_J) g_I(y_J)$$

where  $\phi(\cdot)$  is the density function of a standard normal random variable, and

$$z_J = \left( y_J - \frac{c\sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2\sigma_X^2} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2\sigma_X^2}}{m\sigma_X\sigma_Y} \right)$$

An analogous situation arises if the substitution  $Y = mX + c$  is made for  $y$  in the time late density  $f_{X,Y}(x,y;t_L)$ .

8. The value of the density over the subinterval containing  $\beta_k$  is then weighted by the instantaneous probability that the bearing error is  $\beta_k - \beta$ :

$$\left| W_k \int_{y_{k1}}^{y_{k2}} f_{X,Y}(x_L, y_L; t_L) dy_L \right| f_\beta(\beta; \beta_k)$$

9. Steps C.7 and C.8 are then repeated for each subinterval of  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  and the results of each calculation are summed.

10. The uncertainty in sensor location is accounted for by repeating steps C.4 through C.9 with the assumption the sensor is located at each of the three points in Figure 5, multiplying by the probability the sensor lies in that interval and summing each result.

11. The result of calculations in steps C.1 through C.10 is the likelihood that the threat lies on bearing  $\beta$  given the threat was originally located in the  $p_1 \times 100\%$  confidence ellipse,  $\beta_T \in (\beta_L, \beta_U)$ , the sensor is located in the  $p_3 \times 100\%$  circle and the threat speed is  $s_i$ . The condition that the speed is  $s_i$  is removed by repeating the

calculations C.1 through C.10 for each of the speeds  $s_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, M$  multiplying the result by the probability that the speed equals  $s_i$  and summing all  $M$  results. The final result is the likelihood that the threat lies on  $\beta$  given it was originally located in the  $p_1 \times 100\%$  ellipse,  $\beta_T \in (\beta_L, \beta_U)$ , and the sensor is in the  $p_3 \times 100\%$  circle estimated as

$$\sum_{i=1}^M P[S = s_i] \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{1}{3} f_j'(\beta) .$$

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

Possible applications of and extensions to the algorithms developed in Chapter III are discussed in this chapter.

As indicated in Chapter I, the objective of this paper has been to develop a means of assessing the likelihood a threat whose position has previously been estimated lies at a given measured bearing from a local sensor. The procedures were developed with a view towards permitting the user to make comparisons among lines of bearing measured by different sensors or among conflicting bearing information generated by one sensor. The approach chosen has been to estimate the likelihood that a threat lies on bearing  $\hat{s}$  given that the threat is located in an ellipse of specified confidence  $p_1 \times 100\%$ , that  $\hat{s}$  is measured with  $p_2 \times 100\%$  accuracy, and that the sensor position is measured with  $p_3 \times 100\%$  accuracy. The algorithm to calculate the likelihood in the cases where the probability distribution of the target can be assumed to be bivariate normal at the time of the bearing measurement has been implemented on the TI-59 calculator. The cases in which this program applies are the following: (1) when the time elapsed since generation of the threat error ellipse is small enough to justify using the original estimate of the ellipse; (2) when threat course and speed are known, in which case the ellipse center is translated from the original position according to the course, speed and elapsed time information;

(3) when the threat can be assumed to be moving about in a random manner over a significant region in such a way that the ellipse center remains unchanged, but the x and y variances have increased. When none of these cases hold, but the course is assumed uniformly distributed over  $(0^\circ, 360^\circ)$  and speed has a discrete distribution over a finite interval, the threat density at the time late  $t_L$  is not a bivariate normal density. The algorithm applicable in this case has not been implemented, but is described in some detail in Chapter III and Appendix B.

Once the appropriate computation has been completed for each of the bearings considered, the results can be used to weight the value of several bearings in refining the threat location estimate provided by the external sensor. Note that, although unlikely,  $f'(s)$  may correctly be greater than one. Comparisons using these likelihoods should be made only when the upper and lower bounds on the true bearing fan for each bearing are chosen at the same probability level  $p_2$  and the uncertainty areas for all sensors include the same probability level  $p_3$ . Further, these likelihood levels should be selected so as not to exclude a significant portion of the appropriate density. If  $p_2$  or  $p_3$  are not the same in all cases to be compared,  $f'(s)$  must be divided by the applicable value of  $p_2$  or  $p_3$  for each measured bearing  $s$  to be considered.

Having established the relative value of available bearing information, the user can allocate weapons or further search effort accordingly. However, the probabilities calculated

are strictly ordinal data and do not define a redistribution of target location probability based on additional information. Further, the threat ellipse does not contain the target with certainty. The power to predict the probability of success of a search or weapons allocation plan based on the priorities established by these procedures is limited by these constraints. In this area in particular further research would be useful.

In situations such as that for which the procedures in this paper have been developed, where a track has not been developed on the target, introduction of unrelated bearing data to a target motion model could impact significantly on the reliability of future position predictions. If there is high confidence in the reliability of the estimate of the threat ellipse provided by the ocean surveillance sensor, the prioritization established herein could be used to process bearing data prior to input to a target motion model. Using a pre-established threshold, only those bearings which coincide with the threat with an acceptable level of likelihood could be used to refine or update a track on the threat.

Desirable enhancements to the algorithms include providing for the instances in which the interval of uncertainty of the target course is known to be less than  $(0^\circ, 360^\circ)$ . Further, if the circular region of radius  $R$  contains the sensor with significantly less than 86% confidence or the assumption of a



bivariate normal distribution of sensor location is unsatisfactory, it is left to the user to modify the calculations accordingly.

The utility of these algorithms would also be improved by implementation on a larger and faster system than the TI-59 calculator.

APPENDIX A. TI-59 PROGRAM VERBAL FLOW AND USER'S INSTRUCTIONS

Part I Step Number	Verbal Flow
000 - 029	Enter the confidence level $p_1$ for the threat ellipse. Calculate the value of $k$ for the given $p_1$ : $k = \sqrt{-2 \ln(1-p_1)}$
020 - 029	Enter the length of the semi-major axis, $A$ . Calculate $\sigma_X = A/k$ .
030 - 052	Enter the length of the semi-major axis, $B$ . Calculate $\sigma_Y = B/k$ . Calculate $B/A$ , $\sigma_X \sigma_Y$ , $\sigma_X^2$ and $\sigma_Y^2$ .
053 - 058	Enter orientation of semi-major axis, $\theta$ .
059-063	Enter bearing from sensor to center of threat ellipse, $\alpha$ . Calculate $\theta - \alpha$ .
064 - 073	Enter distance $r$ from sensor position to center of threat ellipse. Determine rectangular coordinates of sensor position $(U,V)$ from polar coordinates $(-r, \theta - \alpha)$ .
074 - 089	Store the constants $360$ , $\sqrt{2\pi}$ . Initialize register 35 to 0.

090 - 096

Enter number of standard deviations desired for bearing fan,  $k_\beta$ .

097 - 104

Enter standard deviation of bearing error,  $\sigma_\beta$ . Calculate  $k_\beta \sigma_\beta$ .

105 - 143

Enter the angular stepsize desired,  $\Delta\beta$ , for incrementally stepping through  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$ . Calculate  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta\beta$ . Calculate the largest number  $n$  of increments of size  $\Delta\beta$  contained in  $k_\beta \sigma_\beta - \frac{1}{2}\Delta\beta$  degrees. Initialize counter 00 to  $n+1$ . Save  $n+1$  in register 20. Determine

$$\delta\Delta\beta = k_\beta \sigma_\beta - \frac{1}{2}\Delta\beta - n\Delta\beta,$$

the residual increment. Calculate  $\frac{1}{2}\delta\Delta\beta$ .

144 - 146

Initialize counter 01 to 2. Calculations will be made at the midpoint of each interval from  $\beta + \frac{1}{2}\Delta\beta$  to  $\beta + k_\beta \sigma_\beta$ , then at the midpoint of each interval from  $\beta - \frac{1}{2}\Delta\beta$  to  $\beta - k_\beta \sigma_\beta$ , and finally at  $\beta$ . Counter 01 indicates whether calculations are complete on both sides of  $\beta$ .

147 - 151

Enter bearing measured by sensor,  $\beta$ .

152 - 154

Enter standard deviation of sensor position  $\sigma$ .

- 155 Enter index of the sensor position to be used for this run.
- 156 - 157 Coordinates of the sensor position are selected in accordance with run number entered above in Subroutine sin.
- 158 - 238 Determine whether a bearing  $\beta'$  parallel to either axis is included in the fan  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$ . If  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  includes a bearing parallel to the y-axis, use program 1 for Part II. The appropriate program number is displayed in calculator display register. If  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  does not contain a bearing parallel to either axis, use program 1.
- 239 - 259 Subroutine P/R.
- 260 - 340 Subroutine sin.

Part II, Programs 1 and 2

Step Number

Verbal Flow

000 - 003

Initiate  $\beta'$ .

004 - 007

If the last angular increment on this side of  $\beta$  has been considered, go to step 513. Otherwise continue.

008 - 012

Decrement counter for angular increment. If counter = 0, go to 021. Otherwise continue.

013 - 020

Remove flag to indicate this is not the last angular increment. Recall  $\Delta\beta$ , the input angular stepsize. Go to 029.

021 - 028

Set flag to indicate this is the last angular increment on this side. Add one-half the input angular stepsize  $\Delta\beta$  and one-half the residual stepsize  $\delta\Delta\beta$ :

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta\beta + \frac{1}{2}\delta\Delta\beta.$$

029 - 030

Increment  $\beta'$  by the appropriate stepsize.

031 - 045

Convert  $\beta'$  to an angle between  $0^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .

046 - 051

Calculate  $\theta - \beta'$ . Print  $\theta - \beta'$ .

052 - 064            If  $|\theta - \beta'| = 90^\circ$  or  $= 270^\circ$ , go to 236.

065 - 074            If  $|\theta - \beta'| = 0^\circ$  or  $= 180^\circ$ , go to 075.  
Otherwise go to 133.

075 - 086            If the absolute value of the y  
coordinate of sensor position is  
greater than the length of the  
semi-minor axis,  $b$ , go to 004. In  
this case  $\beta'$  does not intersect the  
error ellipse. Otherwise continue.

087 - 088            Set flag 2 to indicate that the  
bearing  $\beta'$  is parallel to the  
x-axis.

089 - 111            Calculate the coordinates of the  
points of intersection of  $\beta'$  with  
the threat ellipse. The y-coordi-  
nates are equal to  $V$ , the  
y-coordinate of sensor position.  
x-coordinates are determined in  
Subroutine  $y^x$ . The points of  
intersection are symmetric about  
the y-axis. Thus,  $X_{k1} = -X_{k2}$ .  
Store the smaller x value in  
register 27, the larger in register  
28.

112 - 132            Save locations of  $X_{k1}$ ,  $X_{k2}$ ,  $Y_{k1}$ ,  
 $\sigma_x$ , and  $\sigma_y$ . Go to 291.

133 - 138            Remove flags 2 and 3 to indicate  
that  $\beta'$  is not parallel to either  
the x- or y- axes.

139 - 145

Calculate the slope of  $\beta'$ :

$$m = \tan(\theta - \beta').$$

146 - 154

Calculate the y-intercept of  $\beta'$ :

$$c = v - mU.$$

155 - 176

If  $c^2 > A^2 m^2 + B^2$ , go to 004. In this case,  $\beta'$  does not intersect the error ellipse. Otherwise continue.

177 - 235

Calculate  $X_{k1}$  and  $X_{k2}$ , the x-coordinates of the points of intersection of  $\beta'$  with the ellipse:

$$X_{k1} = \frac{-mc + \frac{B}{A} \sqrt{A^2 m^2 + B^2 - c^2}}{\frac{A^2 m^2 + B^2}{A^2}}$$

$$X_{k2} = \frac{-mc - \frac{B}{A} \sqrt{A^2 m^2 + B^2 - c^2}}{\frac{A^2 m^2 + B^2}{A^2}}$$

Calculate the y-coordinates of the points of intersection of  $\beta'$  with the ellipse,  $Y_{k1}$ ,  $Y_{k2}$ :

$$Y_{k1} = mX_{k1} + c$$

$$Y_{k2} = mX_{k2} + c.$$

Go to 299.

236 - 247

If  $|U|$ , the absolute value of the x-coordinate of sensor position, is greater than the length of the semi-major axis,  $A$ , go to 004.  $\beta'$

does not intersect the error ellipse in this case. Otherwise continue.

248 - 249

Set flag 3 to indicate that  $s'$  is parallel to the y-axis.

250 - 272

Calculate the coordinates of the points of intersection of  $s'$  with the error ellipse. The x-coordinates are equal to U, the x-coordinate of sensor position. The y-coordinates are determined in Subroutine  $y^x$ . The points of intersection are symmetric about the x-axis. Thus,  $Y_{k1} = -Y_{k2}$ . Store the smaller y value in register 29, the larger in 30.

273 - 298

Save the locations of  $Y_{k2}$ ,  $Y_{k1}$ ,  $X_{k1}$ ,  $\sigma_y$ ,  $\sigma_x$ .

299 - 328

Determine the width of the strip around  $s'$ , W:

If flag 0 set,

$$W = (d_1 + d_2) \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\delta\Delta B\right),$$

Otherwise

$$W = (d_1 + d_2) \tan \frac{1}{2}\Delta B).$$

$d_1$  and  $d_2$  are the distances from (U,V), the sensor position, to the intersection points  $(X_{k1}, Y_{k1})$  and  $(X_{k2}, Y_{k2})$ , respectively. Distances are calculated in Subroutine log.



Multiply W by  $\Delta 3$  if flag 0 not set. Otherwise, multiply by  $\delta \Delta 3$ . Save result in register 37.

329 - 334

If  $\beta'$  is parallel to either the x- or the y-axis, go to 468. Otherwise continue.

When using program 1:

335 - 380

Express the y-coordinates of the intersection points as standard normal random variables,  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ :

$$Z_i = \frac{Y_{ki} - \frac{c\sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2\sigma_X^2}}{\frac{m\sigma_X\sigma_Y}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2\sigma_X^2}}},$$

$i = 1, 2.$

381 - 391

Sort the values  $Z_i$  in descending order. Let  $Z_2'$  be the larger value.  $Z_1'$  is the smaller.

392 - 401

Calculate  $\Phi(Z_2') - \Phi(Z_1')$ , the probability that a standard normal random variate lies between  $Z_1'$  and  $Z_2'$ .

402 - 424

Multiply the results of steps  
392-401 by:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \phi\left(\frac{c}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}\right) \times |m| \times W,$$

where  $\phi$  is the standard normal  
density function.

The result of the calculations in steps 335-424 is

$$\left| W \int_{Y_{k1}}^{Y_{k2}} f_{X,Y}\left(\frac{Y-c}{m}, Y\right) dy \right| .$$

When using program 2:

335 - 372

Express the x-coordinates of the  
intersection points as standard  
normal random variables  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ :

$$Z_i = \frac{X_{k2} + \frac{mc\sigma_X^2}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2\sigma_X^2}}}{\frac{\sigma_X\sigma_Y}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + m^2\sigma_Y^2}}},$$

$i = 1, 2.$

373 - 383

Sort the values of  $Z_i$  in descending  
order. Let  $Z_2'$  = larger value.  
 $Z_1'$  = smaller.

384 - 393

Calculate  $\phi(Z_2') - \phi(Z_1')$ , the probability that a standard normal random variate lies between  $Z_1'$  and  $Z_2'$ .

394 - 413

Multiply the results of steps 384-393 by:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \phi\left(\frac{c}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}\right) \times W,$$

where  $\phi$  is the standard normal density function.

The result of the calculations in steps 335-413 is

$$\left| W \int_{Y_{k1}}^{Y_{k2}} f_{X,Y}(x, mx+c) dx \right| .$$

Regardless of which program is in use:

425 - 465

Multiply results of previous calculation by

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_\beta} \phi\left(\frac{\beta'' - \beta}{\sigma_\beta}\right)$$

where  $\beta'' = \begin{matrix} \beta' & , \beta' < 180^\circ \\ \beta' - 360^\circ & , \beta' \geq 180^\circ \end{matrix}$

and  $\phi$  is the standard normal density.

The result of this calculation is

$$f_\beta(\beta; \beta') \left| W \int f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy \right| .$$

466 - 467

Go to 508

468 - 507

Calculate the area under the curve formed by the intersection of  $s'$  with  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ . When  $s'$  parallels the  $x$ -axis this calculation becomes:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_Y} \phi\left(\frac{V}{\sigma_Y}\right) [\Phi(Z_2) - \Phi(Z_1)] ,$$

where  $Z_2 = X_{k2}/\sigma_X$  and  $Z_1 = X_{k1}/\sigma_X$ ,  $V$  is the  $y$ -coordinate of the sensor position.

When  $s'$  is parallel to the  $y$ -axis, the calculation is:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_X} \phi\left(\frac{U}{\sigma_X}\right) [\Phi(Z_2) - \Phi(Z_1)] ,$$

where  $Z_2 = Y_{k2}/\sigma_Y$  and  $Z_1 = Y_{k1}/\sigma_Y$ ,  $U$  is the  $x$ -coordinate of the sensor position.

Go to 422 to complete calculation of  $f_s(s; s') \cdot W \{f_{X,Y}(x,y)\}$ .  
(Go to 410 in Program 2).

508-512

Accumulate the probability at each angular interval. Display result.

513 - 515

If flag 1 is set go to 558.  
Otherwise continue.

516 - 520

If flag 0 is not set, that is if the angular increment just considered was not the last on this side of  $s$ , go to 004 and continue calculation on same side of  $s$ .  
Otherwise continue.

521 - 524

Decrement the counter 01. If counter is now 0 go to 543. In this case, the probabilities have been calculated on both sides of  $s$ . The calculation at  $s$  remains to be done. Otherwise continue.

525 - 542

Remove flag 0. Multiply  $s$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}s$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}^2s$  by -1. Reinitialize counter 00 to  $n+1$ . Go to 000 to begin calculation on second side of  $s$ .

543 - 567

Set flag 01 indicating that calculations on both sides of  $s$  have been completed. The next iteration will do the calculation at  $s' = s$ . Remove flag 00. Initialize  $s'$  to 0. Recall  $s$ . Go to 029.

558 - 566

Remove flag 01. Display the accumulated likelihood. STOP

The result of this calculation is approximately  $f_j'(s)$  with sensor at  $(U_j, V_j)$  where  $j$  = run number entered in Part I.

567 - 587

Subroutine  $y^x$  calculates the points of intersection when  $s'$  is parallel to either the x or y axis:

$$Y_{k1} = Y_{k2} = V$$

$$X_{k1} = -A \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{U}{S}\right)^2}$$

$$X_{k2} = A \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{U}{S}\right)^2}$$

Parallel to y-axis:

$$X_{k1} = X_{k2} = U$$

$$Y_{k1} = -B \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{U}{A}\right)^2}$$

$$Y_{k2} = B \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{U}{A}\right)^2}$$

589 - 610

Subroutine log calculates the distance from sensor position to point of intersection of  $s'$  with the ellipse:

$$d_i = \sqrt{(U - X_{ki})^2 + (V - Y_{ki})^2}$$

Part III  
Step Number

Verbal Flow

000 - 012	Enter result of run 1. Multiply by 1/3.
013 - 021	Enter result of run 2. Multiply by 1/3.
022 - 029	Enter result of run 3. Multiply by 1/3.
030 - 032	Display likelihood.
033 - 041	If $p_2$ is the same for all bearings to be compared, enter 1. Go to 042. Otherwise, enter $p_2$ for this bearing. Divide likelihood by $p_2$ . Display result.
042 - 050	If $p_3$ is the same for all bearings to be compared, enter 1 and STOP. Otherwise, enter $p_3$ for this bearing. Divide likelihood by $p_3$ . Display result. STOP.

## USER'S INSTRUCTIONS

The program to determine the likelihood that the threat lies along bearing  $\beta$  given the threat is in the confidence ellipse,  $\beta_T \in (\beta_L, \beta_U)$  and the sensor is within the  $p_3 \times 100\%$  confidence circle is in three parts. All parts require the use of a printer and the use of the Applied Statistics Library Module. Prior to running, the calculator must be repartitioned:

1. Enter 4
2. Press 2nd OP 17

### Part I

1. Read sides 1 and 2 of Part I
2. Read side 4 of Part II either program 1 or program 2. Since program 2 is used more often, unless it is known that the bearing fan  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$  contains a bearing parallel to the major axis, recommend using program 2 of Part II.
3. Press R.
4. Enter  $p_1$ , the confidence level of the threat ellipse.  
Press A
5. Enter A, length of the semi-major axis. If data provided is length of the entire major axis, divide by 2 before entering.  
Press B.
6. Enter B, length of the semi-minor axis. If data provided is length of entire minor axis, divide by 2 before entering. Press C.



7. Enter  $\theta$ , the bearing of major axis from North.  
 $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ .  $\theta$  is entered in degrees. Press D.
8. Enter  $\alpha$ , the bearing of the threat ellipse center from the estimated sensor position.  $0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 360^\circ$ , in degrees. Press E.
9. Enter  $r$ , the range from the estimated sensor position to the center of the threat ellipse. Press 2nd A'.
10. Enter  $k_\beta$ , the number of standard deviations desired in one direction from  $\beta$ . The program will construct a fan of equal size on the other side of  $\beta$ . Press 2nd B'.
11. Enter  $\sigma_\beta$ , the standard deviation of bearing error. Press 2nd C'.
12. Enter  $\Delta\beta$ , the desired angular stepsize. Press 2nd D'.
13. Enter  $\beta$ , the measured bearing. Press 2nd E'.
14. Enter  $\sigma$ , the standard deviation of sensor position. Press R/S.
15. Enter the number of this run, 1, 2 or 3. When run number = 1, sensor is located at its estimated position  $(u_0, v_0)$ . When run number = 2, the location will be  $(u_0 + .97\sigma \cos(\theta - \beta - 90), v_0 + .97\sigma \sin(\theta - \beta - 90))$ . When run number = 3, the location will be  $(u_0 - .97\sigma \cos(\theta - \beta - 90), v_0 - .97\sigma \sin(\theta - \beta - 90))$ . Press R/S. If program number displayed matches that of the Part II side 4 read in, continue to 16. Otherwise, press 2nd CMS, RST. Read in side 4 of the Part II program which corresponds to the number displayed. Repeat 3 through 15.

16. Press 4 2nd WRITE. Rerecord side 4 of the Part II program read in. This enables data entered in Part I to be transferred to Part II.

#### Part II

1. Read sides 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part II Program 1 or 2 as selected by the Part I program.

2. Press RST

3. Press R/S. Values of  $\beta_t$  and  $W \{ f_{\beta}(\beta; \beta_t) f_{\beta_{TRUE}}(\beta_t) \}$  will print alternately. Final result also prints out at end of calculation.

4. Record final result: Likelihood threat lies along bearing  $\beta$  given threat is in  $p_1 \times 100\%$  ellipse, true bearing is in  $p_2 \times 100\%$  fan and sensor is at location used in this run. Parts I and II must be completed 3 times (Run numbers 1, 2 and 3) before proceeding to Part III if uncertainty in sensor position is being considered.

#### Part III

1. Read side 1 of Part I. I.

2. Enter result of run 1. Press A.

3. Enter result of run 2. Press B.

4. Enter result of run 3. Press C.

5. Enter  $p_2$ , confidence level of  $(\beta_L, \beta_U)$ , if necessary. Otherwise enter 1. Press D.

6. Enter  $p_3$  confidence level of sensor position, if necessary. Otherwise, enter 1. Press E.

APPENDIX B. TIME LATE VERBAL FLOW

VERBAL FLOW

1. Enter  $p_1$ . Determine the value of  $k$ :  $k = \sqrt{-2 \ln(1 - p_1)}$
2. Enter A. Determine  $\sigma_X^2 = (A/k)^2$
3. Enter B. Determine  $\sigma_Y^2 = (B/k)^2$
4. Enter  $\theta$ , orientation of major axis
5. Enter  $\alpha$ , bearing from sensor to ellipse center
6. Enter range  $r$  from sensor to ellipse center
7. Calculate  $(u_0, v_0)$  the coordinates of mean sensor position.  $u_0 = -r \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ ,  $v_0 = -r \sin(\theta - \alpha)$
8. Enter  $\sigma_\beta$ , the standard deviation of bearing error
9. Enter  $k_\beta$ , the number of standard deviations to be included in the bearing fan on each side of  $\beta$ .
10. Enter desired angular stepsize,  $\Delta\beta$
11. Calculate the number of iterations of size  $\Delta\beta$  required on each side of  $\beta$ :  $I = [(k_\beta \sigma_\beta - \frac{1}{2} \Delta\beta) / \Delta\beta]$  where  $[\cdot]$  means the greatest integer less than or equal to the value within.
12. In general  $(k_\beta \sigma_\beta - \frac{1}{2} \Delta\beta) / \Delta\beta$  is not an integer. Determine the size of the fractional increment:  
$$\delta\Delta\beta = ((k_\beta \sigma_\beta - \frac{1}{2} \Delta\beta) / \Delta\beta - I) \Delta\beta.$$
13. Enter  $\beta$ , the measured bearing. Let PROB2=0, PROB1=0
14. Enter the time late  $t_L$
15. For each of the discrete threat speeds to be considered, repeat steps 16 to 43. Then go to 44.
16. Enter the target speed  $s$ . Let PROB = 0

17. Expand the outer limit of the threat ellipse:

$$\text{Let } A' = A + st_L$$

$$B' = B + st_L$$

18. Let  $\beta' = \beta$

19. For each of the I increments of size  $\Delta\beta$  repeat steps 20 to 38.

20. Let  $\beta' = \beta' + \Delta\beta$

21. Calculate  $(\theta - \beta')$ . If  $|\theta - \beta'| = 0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$ , go to 27. If  $|\theta - \beta'| = 90^\circ$  or  $270^\circ$ , go to 30

22. Calculate  $m = \tan(\theta - \beta')$ , the slope of the line of bearing.

23. Calculate  $c = mU + V$ , where  $(U, V)$  is the sensor location for this iteration.  $c$  is the y-intercept of the line of bearing.

24. Calculate  $m^2 A'^2 + B'^2 - c^2$ . If this quantity is less than zero, the line of bearing  $\beta'$  does not intersect the threat ellipse. Go to step 20 and process next increment of size  $\Delta\beta$ , if any remain. If all I intervals of size  $\Delta\beta$  on this side of  $\beta$  have been considered go to step 40.

25. Calculate the points of intersection of the line of bearing with the expanded ellipse:

$$X_1 = \frac{(-mc + (B'/A')\sqrt{A'^2 m^2 + B'^2 - c^2})(A'^2)}{A'^2 m^2 + B'^2}$$

$$X_2 = \frac{(-mc - (B'/A')\sqrt{A'^2 m^2 + B'^2 - c^2})(A'^2)}{A'^2 m^2 + B'^2}$$

$$Y_1 = mX_1 + c, \quad Y_2 = mX_2 + c$$

26. Go to 32

27. If  $|V| > B'$ , the bearing  $\beta'$  parallel to the x-axis does not intersect the threat ellipse. Go to step 20 and process next increment of size  $\Delta\beta$  if any remain. If all  $I$  intervals of size  $\Delta\beta$  on this side of  $\beta$  have been considered, go to 40.

28. Calculate the points of intersection

$$Y_1 = Y_2 = V$$

$$X_1 = -B' \sqrt{1 - (V^2/B'^2)}$$

$$X_2 = B' \sqrt{1 - (V^2/B'^2)}$$

29. Go to 32

30. If  $|U| > A'$ , the bearing  $\beta'$  parallel to the y-axis does not intersect the threat ellipse. Go to step 20 and process the next increment of size  $\Delta\beta$  if any remain. If all  $I$  intervals of size  $\Delta\beta$  on this side of  $\beta$  have been considered, go to 40.

31. Calculate the points of intersection:

$$X_1 = X_2 = U$$

$$Y_1 = -A' \sqrt{1 - (U^2/A'^2)}$$

$$Y_2 = A' \sqrt{1 - (U^2/A'^2)}$$

32. Calculate the median width of the strip of the ellipse defined by the angular subinterval under consideration. If the subinterval is of size  $\Delta\beta$ :

$$W = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2} (2 \tan \frac{1}{2} \Delta\beta)$$

If the subinterval is of size  $\delta\Delta\beta$ :

$$W = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2} (2 \tan \frac{1}{2} \delta\Delta\beta)$$

In these expressions  $d_i$  is the distance from the sensor to the  $i$ th point of intersection,  $i = 1, 2$ :  $d_i = \sqrt{(U-X_i)^2 + (V-Y_i)^2}$

33. If  $|\theta - \beta'| = 0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$ , go to 36. If  $|\theta - \beta'| = 90^\circ$  or  $270^\circ$ , go to 35.

34. Evaluate the target density from  $Y_1'$  to  $Y_2'$  along the line  $y = mx + c$ :

$$\text{Let } Y_1' = \min(Y_1, Y_2)$$

$$Y_2' = \max(Y_1, Y_2)$$

$\phi(z)$  = density function of a standard normal random variable evaluated at  $z$

$$\Delta = \left( \frac{m}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \right) \phi \left( \frac{c}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}} \right)$$

Subdivide the interval  $(Y_1', Y_2')$  into  $n$  segments of length

$h$ . At the midpoint of each segment,  $y_j$ , compute:

$$hK \left( \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}{m \sigma_X \sigma_Y} \right) \phi \left( \frac{y_j - \frac{c \sigma_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}{\frac{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 + m^2 \sigma_X^2}}{m \sigma_X \sigma_Y}} \right)$$

$$\int_0^{360} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(st_L)^2 \cos^2(\theta - \psi) - 2st_L y_j \cos(\theta - \psi)}{m^2 \sigma_X^2} + \frac{(st_L)^2 \sin^2(\theta - \psi) - 2st_L y_j \sin(\theta - \psi)}{\sigma_Y^2} \right) \right] \frac{d\psi}{360}$$

when the integral must be numerically evaluated.

Sum the results over all n segments.

Go to 37.

35. Evaluate the target density from  $Y_1'$  to  $Y_2'$  along the line  $x = U$ :

$$\text{Let } Y_1' = \min(Y_1, Y_2)$$

$$Y_2' = \max(Y_1, Y_2)$$

$\phi(z)$  = density function of standard normal random variable

$$K = \frac{1}{\sigma_X} \phi\left(\frac{U}{\sigma_X}\right)$$

Subdivide the interval  $(Y_1', Y_2')$  into n segments of length

h. At the midpoint of each segment,  $y_j$ , compute:

$$hK \frac{1}{\sigma_X} \phi\left(\frac{y_j}{\sigma_Y}\right) \int_0^{360} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(st_L)^2 \cos^2(\theta - \psi) - 2st_L U \cos(\theta - \psi)}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{(st_L)^2 \sin^2(\theta - \psi) - 2st_L y_j \sin(\theta - \psi)}{\sigma_Y^2} \right) \right] \frac{d\psi}{360}$$

where the integral must be numerically evaluated.

Sum the results over all n segments. Go to 37.

36. Evaluate the target density from  $X_1'$  to  $X_2'$  along the line  $y = V$ :

$$\text{Let } X_1' = \min(X_1, X_2)$$

$$X_2' = \max(X_1, X_2)$$

$\phi(z)$  = density of standard normal random variable

$$K = \frac{1}{\sigma_Y} \phi\left(\frac{V}{\sigma_Y}\right)$$

Subdivide the interval  $(X_1', X_2')$  into n segments of length

h. At the midpoint of each segment,  $x_j$ , compute:

$$hK \frac{1}{\sigma_X} \phi\left(\frac{x_j}{\sigma_X}\right) \int_0^{360} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(st_L)^2 \cos^2(\theta-\psi) - 2st_L x_j \cos(\theta-\psi)}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{(st_L)^2 \sin^2(\theta-\psi) - 2st_L V \sin(\theta-\psi)}{\sigma_Y^2} \right)\right] \frac{d\psi}{360}$$

where the integral must be numerically evaluated. Sum results over all n segments.

37. Multiply the value of the target density just computed by W.

38. Multiply this result by

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_B} \phi\left(\frac{\beta' - \beta}{\sigma_B}\right)$$

where  $\phi$  is the standard normal density function.



39. Let  $PROB = PROB +$  (the results of the calculations in steps 20 through 38 for each of the  $I$  subintervals of size  $\Delta\beta$ ).

40. If the fractional interval of size  $\delta\Delta\beta$  on this side has been considered go to 41. Otherwise, let  $\beta' = \frac{1}{2}\delta\Delta\beta + \frac{1}{2}\Delta\beta$ . Repeat calculations 21 through 38 once. Let  $PROB = PROB +$  (the result calculated at this step).

41. If the computations on both sides of  $\beta$  have been computed, go to 42. Otherwise repeat the computations from 18 to 40 on the other side of  $\beta$  by letting  $\Delta\beta = -\Delta\beta$ ,  $\delta\Delta\beta = -\delta\Delta\beta$ .

42. Let  $\beta' = \beta$ . Repeat steps 21 through 38 once. Let  $PROB = PROB +$  (the results of this calculation).

43. Let  $j =$  the number of discrete threat speeds to be considered. Let  $PROB1 = PROB1 + P[S=s]PROB$ . Go to 15.

44. Repeat steps 15 through 43 once with the sensor located at each of three points:

(1)  $(U,V) = (u_0, v_0)$ , the mean of the sensor density;

(2)  $(U,V) = (u_0 + .97\sigma\cos(\theta-\beta-90),$   
 $v_0 + .97\sigma\sin(\theta-\beta-90));$

(3)  $(U,V) = (u_0 - .97\sigma\cos(\theta-\beta-90),$   
 $v_0 - .97\sigma\sin(\theta-\beta-90));$

where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the sensor density. The value of  $PROB1$  calculated at each iteration will be weighted by the approximate probability that the sensor is

located in the region of the sensor error circle represented by the applicable value (U,V). If  $p_3$  is of the order .86 or greater, multiply by 1/3.

45. The value of PROB2 calculated after completion of step 44 is the relative probability that the threat lies along bearing  $\hat{s}$  at time  $t_L$ , given the threat was in  $p_1 \times 100\%$  ellipse at time  $t_0$ ,  $s_t$  is in  $(s_L, s_U)$  and the sensor is in a  $p_3 \times 100\%$  confidence circle.





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