

4. Now consider a simple kinematic model of an idealized *bicycle*. Both tires are of diameter  $d$ , and are mounted to a frame of length  $l$ . The front tire can swivel around a vertical axis, and its steering angle will be denoted  $\alpha$ . The rear tire is always parallel to the bicycle frame and cannot swivel.

For the sake of this exercise, the pose of the bicycle shall be defined through three variables: the  $x$ - $y$  location of the center of the front tire, and the angular orientation  $\theta$  (yaw) of the bicycle frame relative to an external coordinate frame. The controls are the forward velocity  $v$  of the bicycle, and the steering angle  $\alpha$ , which we will assume to be constant during each prediction cycle.

Provide the mathematical prediction model for a time interval  $\Delta t$ , assuming that it is subject to Gaussian noise in the steering angle  $\alpha$  and the forward velocity  $v$ . The model will have to predict the posterior of the bicycle state after  $\Delta t$  time, starting from a known state. If you cannot find an exact model, approximate it, and explain your approximations.

5. Consider the kinematic bicycle model from Exercise 4. Implement a sampling function for posterior poses of the bicycles under the same noise assumptions.

For your simulation, you might assume  $l = 100\text{cm}$ ,  $d = 80\text{cm}$ ,  $\Delta t = 1\text{sec}$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq 80^\circ$ ,  $v \in [0; 100]\text{cm/sec}$ . Assume further that the variance of the steering angle is  $\sigma_\alpha^2 = 25^\circ{}^2$  and the variance of the velocity is  $\sigma_v^2 = 50\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}^2 \cdot v^2$ . Notice that the variance of the velocity depends on the commanded velocity.

For a bicycle starting at the origin, plot the resulting sample sets for the following values of the control parameters:

problem number	$\alpha$	$v$
1	$25^\circ$	$20\text{cm/sec}$
2	$-25^\circ$	$20\text{cm/sec}$
3	$25^\circ$	$90\text{cm/sec}$
4	$80^\circ$	$10\text{cm/sec}$
1	$85^\circ$	$90\text{cm/sec}$

All your plots should show coordinate axes with units.

6. Consider once again the kinematic bicycle model from Exercise 4. Given an initial state  $x, y, \theta$  and a final  $x'$  and  $y'$  (but no final  $\theta'$ ), provide a mathematical formula for determining the most likely values of  $\alpha, v$ , and  $\theta'$ . If