

# EE 570: Location and Navigation

## On-Line Bayesian Tracking

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## Objective

Sequentially estimate on-line the states of a system as it changes over time using observations that are corrupted with noise.

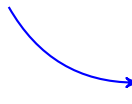
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The state process is Markov chain, i.e.,

$p(\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k | \vec{\mathbf{x}}_1, \dots, \vec{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}) = p(\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k | \vec{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1})$  and the distribution of  $\vec{\mathbf{z}}_k$  conditional on the state  $\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k$  is independent of previous state and measurement values, i.e.,  $p(\vec{\mathbf{z}}_k | \vec{\mathbf{x}}_{1:k}, \vec{\mathbf{z}}_{1:k-1}) = p(\vec{\mathbf{z}}_k | \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k)$

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### Optimal MMSE Estimate

$$\mathbb{E}\{\|\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k - \hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_k\|^2\} = \int \|\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k - \hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_k\|^2 p(\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k|\vec{\mathbf{z}}_{1:k}) d\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k \quad (3)$$

in other words find the conditional mean

$$\hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_k = \mathbb{E}\{\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k|\vec{\mathbf{z}}_{1:k}\} = \int \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k p(\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k|\vec{\mathbf{z}}_{1:k}) d\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k \quad (4)$$

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Assumed available from previous iteration

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evidence =  $\int p(\vec{\mathbf{z}}_k | \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k) p(\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k | \vec{\mathbf{z}}_{1:k-1}) d\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k$   
 and depends on the likelihood function  $p(\vec{\mathbf{z}}_k | \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k)$

## Limitations

- 1 Need to keep track of all previous states.
- 2 Generally can't be determined analytically.

## Assumptions

- $\vec{\mathbf{w}}_k$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_k$  are drawn from a Gaussian distribution, uncorrelated have zero mean and statistically independent.

$$\mathbb{E}\{\vec{\mathbf{w}}_k \vec{\mathbf{w}}_i^T\} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{Q}_k & i = k \\ 0 & i \neq k \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

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( $m \times n$ ) matrix provides noiseless connection between measurement and state vectors

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a priori error covariance ( $\mathbb{E}\{(\hat{\vec{x}}_{k-1|k-1} - \vec{x}_{k-1})(\hat{\vec{x}}_{k-1|k-1} - \vec{x}_{k-1})^T\}$ ).

Diagonal terms are the variances in the state estimates

off-diagonal show correlation between the errors in the different states

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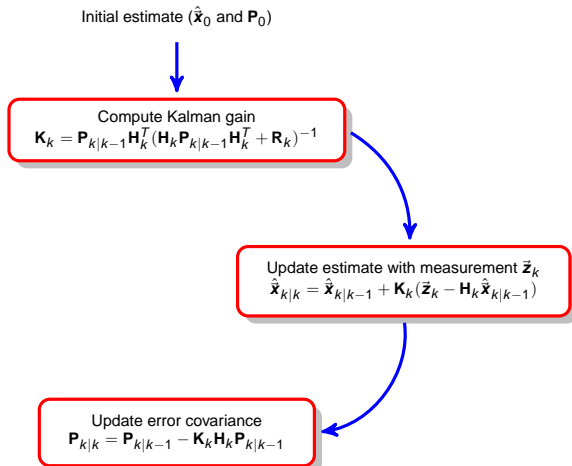
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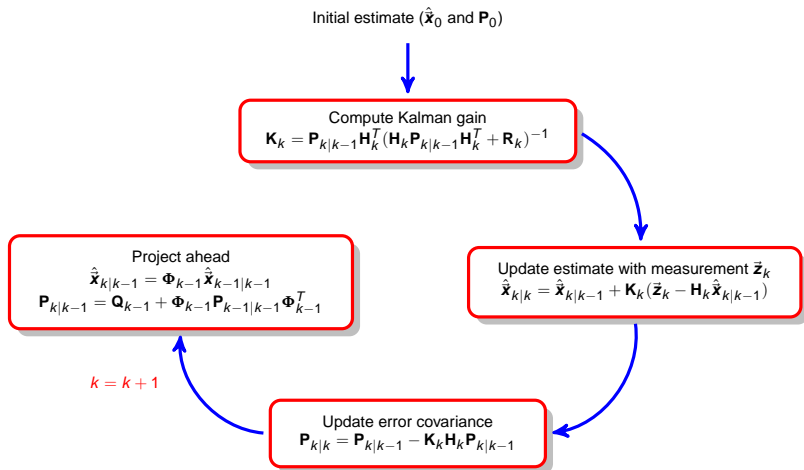
Update estimate with measurement  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}_k$

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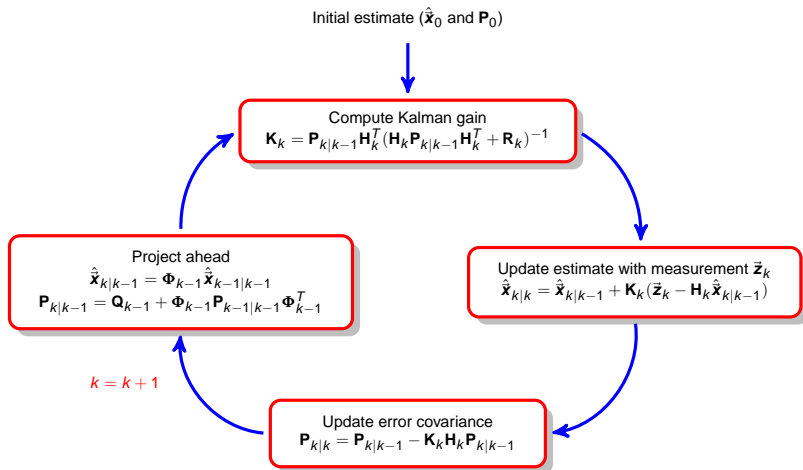
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## Observability

The system is observable if the observability matrix

$$\mathcal{O}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}(k-n+1) \\ \mathbf{H}(k-n-2)\Phi(k-n+1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{H}(k)\Phi(k-1)\dots\Phi(k-n+1) \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

where  $n$  is the number of states, has a rank of  $n$ . The rank of  $\mathcal{O}$  is a binary indicator and does **not** provide a measure of how close the system is to being unobservable, hence, is prone to numerical ill-conditioning.

## A Better Observability Measure

In addition to the computation of the rank of  $\mathcal{O}(k)$ , compute the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of  $\mathcal{O}(k)$  as

$$\mathcal{O} = U\Sigma V^* \quad (25)$$

and observe the diagonal values of the matrix  $\Sigma$ . Using this approach it is possible to monitor the variations in the system observability due to changes in system dynamics.

## Remarks

- Kalman filter is optimal under the aforementioned assumptions,
- and it is also an unbiased and minimum variance estimate.
- If the Gaussian assumptions is not true, Kalman filter is biased and not minimum variance.
- Observability is dynamics dependent.
- The error covariance update may be implemented using the *Joseph form* which provides a more stable solution due to the guaranteed symmetry.

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k)^T + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{K}_k^T \quad (26)$$

## System Model

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}(t)\mathbf{w}(t) \quad (27)$$

To obtain the state vector estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)$

$$\mathbb{E}\{\dot{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}(t)\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t)\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t) \quad (28)$$

Solving the above equation over the interval  $t - \tau_s, t$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t) = e^{\left(\int_{t-\tau_s}^t \mathbf{F}(t') dt'\right)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t - \tau_s) \quad (29)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_{k-1}$  is the average of  $\mathbf{F}$  at times  $t$  and  $t - \tau_s$ .



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where  $\mathbf{F}_{k-1}$  is the average of  $\mathbf{F}$  at times  $t$  and  $t - \tau_s$ , and first order approximation is used.

## Discrete Covariance Matrix $\mathbf{Q}_k$

The solution to (27) is

$$\vec{\mathbf{x}}_k = \Phi_{k-1} \vec{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \int_{t-\tau_s}^t \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{F}_{k-1}(t-\eta)} \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \vec{\mathbf{w}}(\eta) d\eta \quad (31)$$

where  $\mathbf{G}_{k-1}$  is the average of  $\mathbf{G}$  at times  $t$  and  $t - \tau_s$ . Now let's look at the error covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbb{E}\{(\hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_{k|k-1} - \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k)(\hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_{k|k-1} - \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k)^T\} \quad (32)$$

where

$$\hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_{k|k-1} - \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k = \Phi_{k-1}(\hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_{k-1|k-1} - \vec{\mathbf{x}}_k) - \int_{t-\tau_s}^t \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{F}_{k-1}(t-\eta)} \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \vec{\mathbf{w}}(\eta) d\eta \quad (33)$$

## Discrete Covariance Matrix $\mathbf{Q}_k$ (cont.)

Since the state estimate errors and the system noise  $\vec{\mathbf{w}}(t)$  are uncorrelated

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} &= \Phi_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \Phi_{k-1}^T + \\
 &\quad \mathbb{E} \left\{ \iint_{t-\tau_s}^t e^{\mathbf{F}_{k-1}(t-\eta)} \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \vec{\mathbf{w}}(\eta) \vec{\mathbf{w}}^T(\zeta) \mathbf{G}_{k-1}^T e^{\mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T(t-\zeta)} d\eta d\zeta \right\} \\
 &= \Phi_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \Phi_{k-1}^T + \\
 &\quad \iint_{t-\tau_s}^t e^{\mathbf{F}_{k-1}(t-\eta)} \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \mathbb{E} \{ \vec{\mathbf{w}}(\eta) \vec{\mathbf{w}}^T(\zeta) \} \mathbf{G}_{k-1}^T e^{\mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T(t-\zeta)} d\eta d\zeta \\
 &= \Phi_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \Phi_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{Q}_{k-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

## Discrete Covariance Matrix $\mathbf{Q}_k$ (cont.)

Assuming white noise, small time step,  $\mathbf{G}$  is constant over the integration period, and the trapezoidal integration

$$\mathbf{Q}_{k-1} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ \Phi_{k-1} \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \mathbf{Q}(t_{k-1}) \mathbf{G}_{k-1}^T \Phi_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \mathbf{Q}(t_{k-1}) \mathbf{G}_{k-1}^T \right] \tau_s \quad (35)$$

where

$$\mathbb{E}\{\vec{\mathbf{w}}(\eta) \vec{\mathbf{w}}^T(\zeta)\} = \mathbf{Q}(\eta) \delta(\eta - \zeta) \quad (36)$$

## Linearized System

$$\mathbf{F}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\vec{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial \vec{\mathbf{x}}} \right|_{\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_{k|k-1}}, \quad \mathbf{H}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}(\vec{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial \vec{\mathbf{x}}} \right|_{\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\vec{\mathbf{x}}}_{k|k-1}} \quad (37)$$

where

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\vec{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial \vec{\mathbf{x}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}(\vec{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial \vec{\mathbf{x}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad (38)$$

## First Order Markov Noise

### State Equation

$$\dot{n}(t) = -\frac{1}{T_c}n(t) + w(t) \quad (39)$$

### Autocorrelation Function

$$\mathbb{E}\{n(t)n(t+\tau)\} = \sigma^2 e^{-|\tau|/T_c} \quad (40)$$

where

$$\mathbb{E}\{w(t)w(t+\tau)\} = Q(t)\delta(t-\tau) \quad (41)$$

$$Q(t) = \frac{2\sigma^2}{T_c} \quad (42)$$

and  $T_c$  is the correlation time.

## Discrete First Order Markov Noise

### State Equation

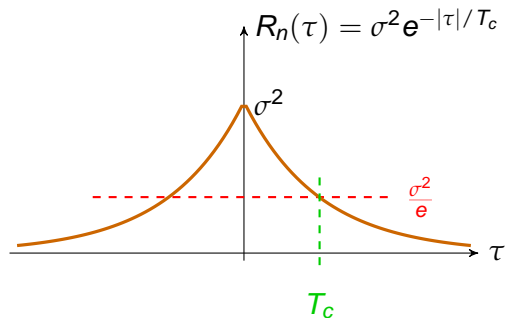
$$n_k = e^{-\frac{1}{T_c} \tau_s} n_{k-1} + w_{k-1} \quad (43)$$

### System Covariance Matrix

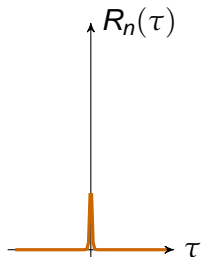
$$Q = \sigma^2 [1 - e^{-\frac{2}{T_c} \tau_s}] \quad (44)$$



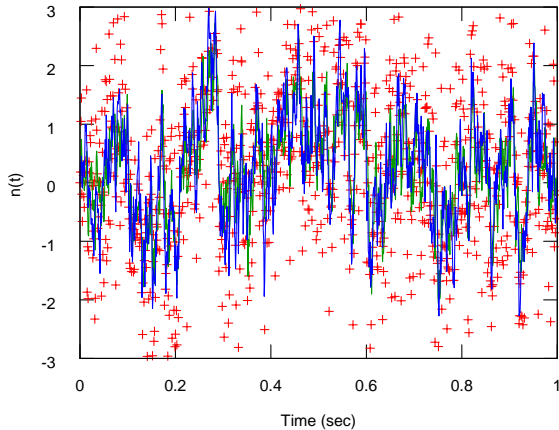
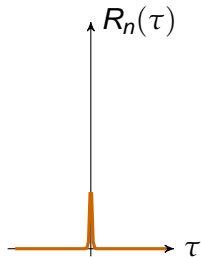
## Autocorrelation of 1st order Markov



## Small Correlation Time $T_c = 0.01$

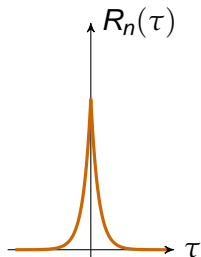


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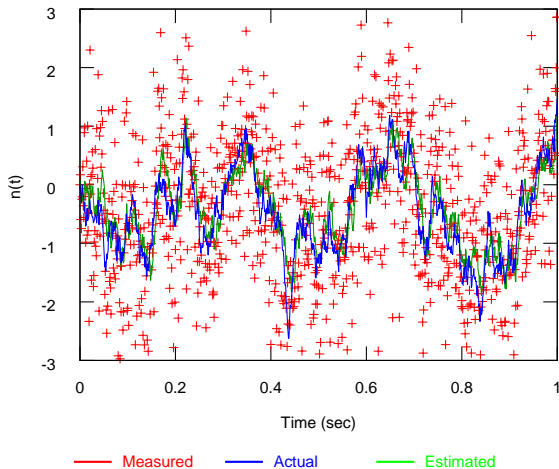
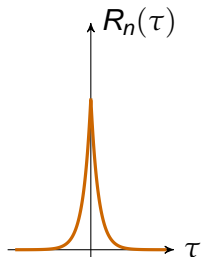


— Measured    — Actual    — Estimated

## Larger Correlation Time $T_c = 0.1$



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## Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF)

Propagates carefully chosen sample points (using unscented transformation) through the true non-linear system, and therefore captures the posterior mean and covariance accurately to the second order.

## Particle Filter

A Monte Carlo based method. It allows for a complete representation of the state distribution function. Unlike EKF and UKF, particle filters do not require the Gaussian assumptions.

## Bayesian Filtering: From Kalman Filters to Particle Filters, and Beyond, by Zhe Chen