

Generate True Trajectory

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Continuous-time to Discrete-time I

Equations of Motion (EOM)

These are the continuous-time equations that describe the motion of a projectile under gravity and quadratic drag:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = v \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -g \sin \theta - gkv^2$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{g \cos \theta}{v}$$

$$\frac{dk}{dt} = 0$$

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State Variables

To represent the system in state-space form, we define the following state variables:

$$x_1 = x$$

$$x_2 = z$$

$$x_3 = v$$

$$x_4 = \theta$$

$$x_5 = k$$

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State Equations

We rearrange the EOM into state-space form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx_1}{dt} &= x_3 \cos(x_4) \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} &= x_3 \sin(x_4) \\ \frac{dx_3}{dt} &= -g \sin(x_4) - g x_5 x_3^2 \\ \frac{dx_4}{dt} &= -\frac{g \cos(x_4)}{x_3} \\ \frac{dx_5}{dt} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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State Space Equation (Continuous-time)

The continuous-time state-space representation can be written as:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$
$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \cos(x_4) \\ x_3 \sin(x_4) \\ -g \sin(x_4) - g x_5 x_3^2 \\ -\frac{g \cos(x_4)}{x_3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the state vector \mathbf{x} is:

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4 \ x_5]^T$$

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State Space Equation (Discrete-time)

To generate a trajectory in discrete-time, we discretize the continuous time equations using a suitable numerical method. The discrete time state-space equation is represented as:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{f}_d(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = \text{Numerical_method}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}), \Delta t)$$

The Fourth Order-Runge Kutta Method (RK4)

We use the Fourth Order Runge-Kutta (RK4) method because it handles nonlinear systems effectively and offers a good balance

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between accuracy and computational cost. The steps are as follows:

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1})$$

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + 0.5 \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{k}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + 0.5 \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{k}_2)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_4 = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \Delta \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{k}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{1}{6}(\mathbf{k}_1 + 2 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2 + 2 \cdot \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{k} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t}$$

Finally, we can generate the trajectory from the state-space equation using the RK4 method.

State and Output Equations

State Equations (Prediction Step)

- This equation predicts the state at time step k based on the previous state \mathbf{x}_{k-1} , assuming no process noise (i.e., $\mathbf{w}_{k-1} = 0$).

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{f}_d(\mathbf{x}_{k-1})$$

Output Equations (Update Step)

- The output \mathbf{y}_k is measured at time step k , with measurement noise \mathbf{v}_k normally distributed as $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{R}_k)$.

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{v}_k, \quad \mathbf{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{R}_k)$$

MATLAB Code: Data_Quadratic_drag I

```
1  clc
2  clear
3  close all
4  % Parameters
5  % Gravity constant (m/s^2) and drag coefficient
6  g = 9.81;
7  m = 42;
8  rho = 1.225;
9  S = 0.699223^2*pi;
10 C_D = 0.24;
11 k = (rho*C_D*S)/(2*m*g);
12 disp('k:');
13 disp(k);
14 Q = diag([0 0 0 0 0]); % Initial process noise covariance
    matrix
15 R = diag(1e-3*ones(1,2)); % Measurement noise covariance
    matrix
16 x0 = [0; 0; 50; 50*pi/180; k]; % Initial state (x0, z0,
    v0, theta0, k)
17 P0 = eye(5); % Initial covariance matrix (adjusted to
    match the state vector dimension)
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MATLAB Code: Data_Quadratic_drag II

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18 t_end = 100;
19 delta_t = 1e-3; % Time step (adjusted to simulate
    continuous dynamics)
20 num_steps = t_end/delta_t; % Number of time steps
21 rng(1); % Random seed
22
23 % Define the state transition function
24 f = @(t, x) [
25     x(3) * cos(x(4)); % dx/dt = v * cos(
    theta)
26     x(3) * sin(x(4)); % dz/dt = v * sin(
    theta)
27     -g * sin(x(4)) - g * x(5) * x(3)^2; % dv/dt = -g *
    sin(theta) - k * v^2
28     -g * cos(x(4)) / x(3); % dtheta/dt = -g * cos(
    theta) / v
29     0 % dk/dt = 0 (assumed
    constant for simplicity)
30 ];
31
32 % Define the measurement function
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MATLAB Code: Data_Quadratic_drag III

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33 h = @(x) [  
34     x(1); % Measured x position  
35     x(2); % Measured z position  
36 ];  
37  
38 % Time vector  
39 t = 0:delta_t:100;  
40  
41 % Initialize state and observation arrays  
42 x_true = zeros(5, num_steps);  
43 z = zeros(2, num_steps);  
44 x_true(:, 1) = x0; % Set initial state  
45 z(:, 1) = x0(1:2,1); % Set initial state  
46  
47 % Generate true states and observations  
48 for i = 2:num_steps  
49     % RK4 integration step to compute next state  
50     x_true(:, i) = RK4(f, t(i-1), x_true(:, i-1), delta_t)  
51     ;  
52     % Add process noise
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MATLAB Code: Data_Quadratic_drag IV

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53 %  
54 % Generate observation with measurement noise  
55 z(:, i) = h(x_true(:, i)) + sqrtm(R) * randn(2, 1);  
56  
57 % Check if the projectile hit the ground  
58 if x_true(2, i) < 0  
59     x_true = x_true(:, 1:i); % Truncate the state  
60     array  
61     z = z(:, 1:i); % Truncate the  
62     observation array  
63     break;  
64 end  
65 end  
66 % Save data to file  
67 save('ukf_Estimate_Quadraticairdrag.mat', 'x_true', 'z');  
68  
69 % % Plot the trajectory  
70 % figure;  
71 % plot(x_true(1,:), x_true(2,:), '-', 'LineWidth', 2, '  
72     Color', 'b', 'DisplayName', 'True State');  
73 % hold on;
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MATLAB Code: Data_Quadratic_drag V

```
71 %  
72 % plot(z(1,:), z(2,:), '-', 'LineWidth', 2, 'Color', '  
    magenta', 'DisplayName', 'Observations');  
73 % xlabel('X Position');  
74 % ylabel('Y Position');  
75 % legend;  
76 % title('True State vs Estimated State and Observations');
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