

SES/RAS 598: Space Robotics and AI

Lecture 2: State Estimation Techniques

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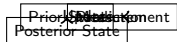
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Lecture Outline

- 1 Kalman Filter Fundamentals
- 2 Particle Filters
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- 4 Assignment 1: 2D State Estimation
- 5 Next Steps

Kalman Filter Overview



Kalman Filter Steps

Prediction Step



$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

$$P_{k+1} = AP_kA^T + Q$$

Update Step



$$K_{k+1} = P_{k+1}H^T(HP_{k+1}H^T + R)^{-1}$$

$$= (I - K_{k+1}H)P_{k+1}$$

Implementation Example: Kalman Filter

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 class KalmanFilter:
4     def __init__(self, A, B, C, Q, R):
5         self.A = A # State transition matrix
6         self.B = B # Input matrix
7         self.C = C # Measurement matrix
8         self.Q = Q # Process noise covariance
9         self.R = R # Measurement noise covariance
10
11     def predict(self, x, P, u=None):
12         """Predict next state and covariance."""
13         if u is not None:
14             x_pred = self.A @ x + self.B @ u
15         else:
16             x_pred = self.A @ x
17         P_pred = self.A @ P @ self.A.T + self.Q
18         return x_pred, P_pred
19
20     def update(self, x_pred, P_pred, y):
21         """Update state estimate using measurement."""
22         K = P_pred @ self.C.T @ np.linalg.inv(
23             self.C @ P_pred @ self.C.T + self.R)
24         x = x_pred + K @ (y - self.C @ x_pred)
25         P = (np.eye(len(x)) - K @ self.C) @ P_pred
26         return x, P
```

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- No linearity assumption
- Handles multi-modal distributions
- Robust to outliers

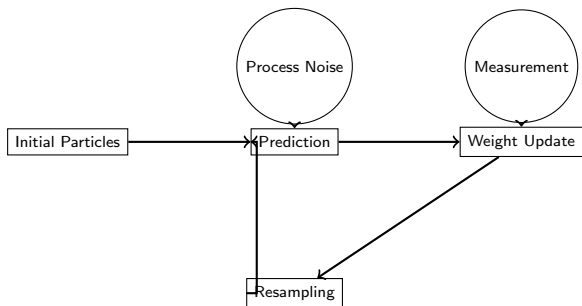
Particle Filter Algorithm

```
1: for each time step  $k$  do
2:   for each particle  $i$  do
3:     Sample new state:  $x_k^i \sim p(x_k|x_{k-1}^i, u_k)$ 
4:     Update weight:  $w_k^i = w_{k-1}^i p(z_k|x_k^i)$ 
5:   end for
6:   Normalize weights:  $w_k^i = w_k^i / \sum_j w_k^j$ 
7:   if  $N_{eff} < N_{threshold}$  then
8:     Resample particles
9:   end if
10: end for
```

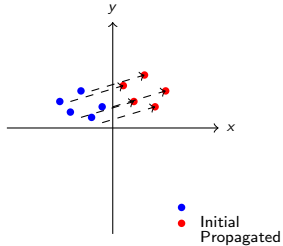
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1 import numpy as np
2 from scipy.stats import multivariate_normal
3
4 class ParticleFilter:
5     def __init__(self, n_particles, motion_model, measurement_model):
6         self.n_particles = n_particles
7         self.motion_model = motion_model
8         self.measurement_model = measurement_model
9         self.particles = None
10        self.weights = None
11
12    def initialize(self, initial_state, initial_cov):
13        """Initialize particles from Gaussian distribution."""
14        self.particles = multivariate_normal.rvs(
15            mean=initial_state,
16            cov=initial_cov,
17            size=self.n_particles
18        )
19        self.weights = np.ones(self.n_particles) / self.n_particles
20
21    def predict(self, u=None):
22        """Propagate particles through motion model."""
23        for i in range(self.n_particles):
24            self.particles[i] = self.motion_model(
25                self.particles[i], u)
26
27    def update(self, measurement):
28        """Update particle weights using measurement."""
29        for i in range(self.n_particles):
30            likelihood = self.measurement_model(
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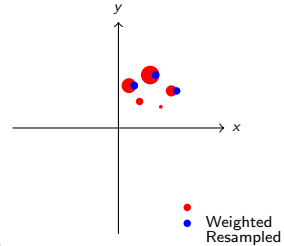
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Particle Propagation:



Resampling:

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- **Evaluation:**

- Code quality and documentation
- Filter performance metrics
- Analysis and discussion

ROS2 Environment Setup

```
1 # Create ROS2 workspace
2 mkdir -p ~/ros2_ws/src
3 cd ~/ros2_ws/src
4
5 # Create package
6 ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_python \
7     state_estimation_assignment
8
9 # Build workspace
10 cd ~/ros2_ws
11 colcon build
12
13 # Source workspace
14 source install/setup.bash
```


Basic ROS2 Node Structure

```
1 import rclpy
2 from rclpy.node import Node
3 from geometry_msgs.msg import PoseStamped
4 from nav_msgs.msg import Odometry
5
6 class StateEstimator(Node):
7     def __init__(self):
8         super().__init__('state_estimator')
9         self.subscription = self.create_subscription(
10             Odometry,
11             'odom',
12             self.odom_callback,
13             10)
14         self.publisher = self.create_publisher(
15             PoseStamped,
16             'estimated_pose',
17             10)
18
19     def odom_callback(self, msg):
20         # Implement state estimation here
21         pass
```

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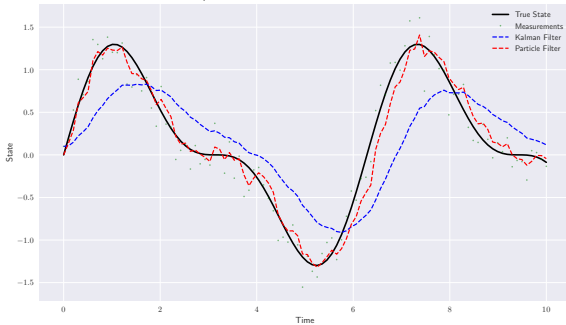
- Test ROS2 installation
- Practice with RViz
- Explore sensor fusion tutorial

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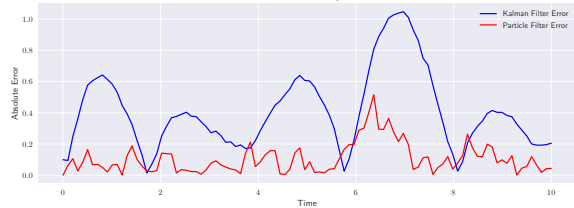
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Filter Performance Comparison

Comparison of Kalman Filter and Particle Filter Performance



Estimation Error Comparison



- Kalman Filter: Optimal for linear systems with Gaussian noise
- Particle Filter: Better handles non-linear dynamics and non-Gaussian noise
- Trade-off between computational cost and estimation accuracy