Record For Implementing KF on Single Movement

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1 Implementing One Dimensional Kalman Filter

After connecting to the robot through *ssh*, then execute the following command:

1 husarion@husarion: \$ roscore

start 2nd. command line window and execute following command:

1 \$\\$\ \text{roslaunch rosbot_ekf all.launch rosbot_pro:=true}

start 3rd. command line window and launch the *robot_localization* through executing:

- 1 ~/pathTo/catkin_ws\$ source ./devel/setup.bash
- 2 ~/pathTo/catkin_ws\$ roslaunch playground start_filter.launch

Now our purpose is implementing KF algorithm into existing move.py script.

To launch the $UWB\ tag$ through executing:

- 1 ~/pathTo/catkin_ws\$ source ./devel/setup.bash
- 2 ~/pathTo/catkin_ws\$ roslaunch localizer_dwm1001 dwm1001.launch

In Kalman filter theory, the most important part is **Status update equation**:

The Kalman expression or status update equation is:

 $Current \ state \ estimated \ value = Predicted \ value \ of \ current \ state +$ $Kalman \ Gain * (measured \ value - predicted \ value \ of \ the \ state)$

which is:

$$\hat{X}(t) = X_p(t) + K \times [X_m(t) - X_p(t)] \tag{1}$$

where
$$K = \frac{\sigma_p^2}{\sigma_p^2 + \sigma_m^2}$$

One sample implementation ¹ can be like:

```
1 | from collections import namedtuple
   gaussian = namedtuple('Gaussian', ['mean', 'var'])
   gaussian.__repr__ = lambda s: '(={:.3f}, 2={:.3f})'.format(
      s[0], s[1])
4
   def update(prior, measurement):
5
6
       x, P = prior
                      # mean and variance of prior
7
       z, R = measurement # mean and variance of measurement
8
                        # residual
9
10
       K = P / (P + R) # Kalman gain
11
12
       x = x + K*y
                        # posterior
       P = (1 - K) * P \# posterior variance
13
14
       return gaussian(x, P)
15
   def predict(posterior, movement):
16
17
       x, P = posterior # mean and variance of posterior
       dx, Q = movement # mean and variance of movement
18
19
       x = x + dx
       P = P + Q
20
       return gaussian(x, P)
```

Inside the *playground* package there's a **Python** script called *kalman_filter.py*.

Its code snippet is here:

```
1 def predict_step(mean1, var1, mean2, var2):
2    global new_mean, new_var
3    new_mean = mean1 + mean2
```

 $^{^1 \}rm https://github.com/rlabbe/Kalman-and-Bayesian-Filters-in-Python/blob/master/04-One-Dimensional-Kalman-Filters.ipynb$

```
new_var = var1 + var2
5
       return new_mean, new_var
6
7
   # correct step function
8
   def correct_step(mean1, var1, mean2, var2):
9
10
       This function takes in two means and two squared
           variance terms, and return updated gaussian
          parameters.
11
12
       # calculate the new gaussian parameters
       new_mean = (var1 * mean2 + var2 * mean1) / (var1 + var2)
13
       # also equals to var1 * var2 /(var1
14
15
       new_var = 1 / (1 / var1 + 1 / var2)
16
       return new_mean, new_var
```

Although no variable called kalman_gain was calculated explicitly, through mathematical derivation we can know, they're the same.

Now execute:

```
$ husarion@husarion:~/pathTo/catkin_ws$ rosrun playground
kalman_filter.py -s kf3105.csv
```

Two experiments were conducted:

- 1. let the robot move forward 1m, as shown in Figure 1 and 2
- 2. partial round movement with hard-coded velocity as shown in Figure 4 and perfect round movement with actual velocity from rostopic *velocity* as shown in Figure 5

R and Q are derived from extensive experiments:

```
1 process_var = 0.028 ** 2
2 sensor_var = 0.077 ** 2
```

Afterwards, position data based on calculation and KF are collected in files called kf3105.csv, kf0306.csv and $\mathbf{sensorData.csv}^2$.

²sensorData.csv includes 'time', 'la_x', 'la_y', 'uwb_x', 'uwb_y', 'vel_linear_x', 'vel_angular_z', 'mpu_ang_vel_z', 'mpu_linear_acc_x', 'mpu_linear_acc_y', 'odom_linear_x', 'odom_angular_z', 'odom_filtered_linear_x', 'odom_filtered_angular_z', 'odom_yaw', 'odom_filtered_yaw'

2 Observation

A bigger sensor measurement variance can make the localisation trajectory from Figure 2 smoother, which is closer to the real movement process, as shown in Figure 3.

Implemented KF tracks the position of tag so closely after convergence that the measurement error from UWB tag affect the KF result which is not expected.

Our calculation process is:

- 1. Initial position was calculated based on UWB
- 2. Afterwards, every small step was calculated based on an *internal EKF* with only IMU and Odometry as input and an external KF with fused output from the EKF and $UWB\ tag$

The computation of KF affects the efficiency of robot movement logic more or less, so the better solution is:

- 1. moving the robot
- 2. gathering all necessary data in a csv file
- 3. conducting sensor fusion algorithm

3 Idea for next step

- 1. Further separate the logic of filter and movement entirely, hide the implementation of movement from filter, no matter movement is through script or remote control.
- 2. Gather raw and filtered velocity, angular velocity and odometry data etc..
- 3. Extend one dimensional KF to multi-dimensional/variable KF, UKF and ${\rm EKF}$
- 4. Conduct a long distance movement in corridor and check the performance of sensor fusion algorithm
- 5. Consider designing a random walk model for the final demonstration

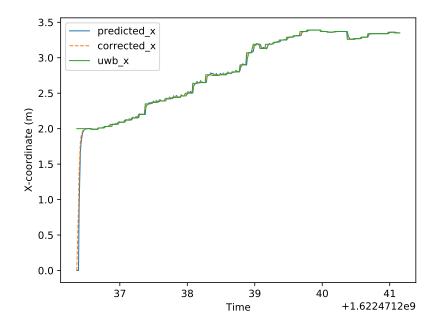


Figure 1: Plot from script kfMergePlot.py

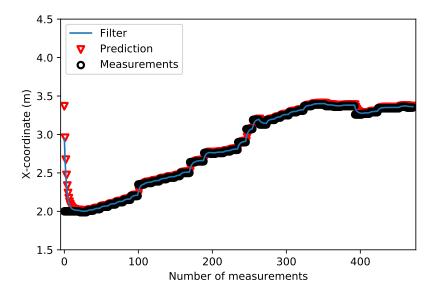


Figure 2: Single movement plot with sensor_var = 0.077 ** 2

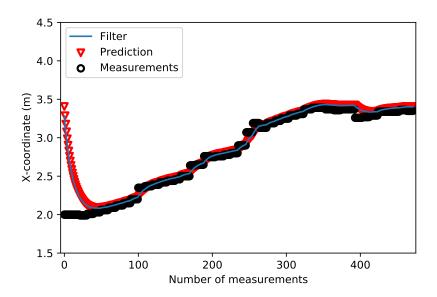


Figure 3: Single movement plot with sensor_var = 0.3 ** 2

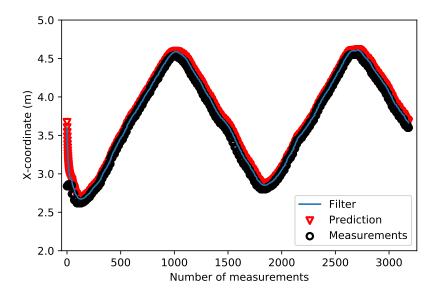


Figure 4: Plot when sensor_var = 0.3 ** 2 for partial round movement with hard-coded velocity

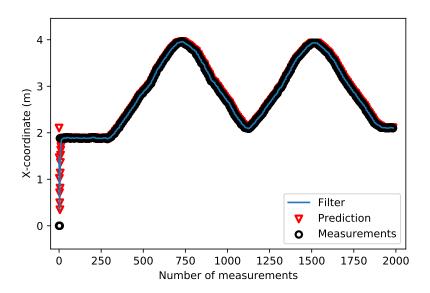


Figure 5: Plot when sensor_var = 0.077 ** 2 for perfect round movement with velocity acquired from rostopic /velocity