Solution to reanalysis of a football kick using the Kalman Filter

Let's start with the solution:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_b + \mathbf{BH}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{HBH}^{\mathsf{T}})^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}[\mathbf{x}_b])$$

B and **R** are both diagonal matrices with time-invariant diagonal vectors $\mathbf{b} = \{b, b\}$ and $\mathbf{r} = \{r, r\}$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$$

H is the Jacobi matrix of H: $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & -a \end{bmatrix}$. In this special case $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}$

Thus, the matrix $\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}$ can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & -a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & -a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2b + r & 0 \\ 0 & a^2b + r \end{bmatrix}$$

the inverse of which is $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a^2b+r} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{a^2b+r} \end{bmatrix}$

The entire solution thus is $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x_b} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{ab}{a^2b + r} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-ab}{a^2b + r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i - ax \\ j - (500 - az) \end{bmatrix}$

For the implementation in Excel we can therefore treat the two dimensions separately:

$$x = \frac{ab}{a^2b + r}(i - ax)$$

$$z = \frac{-ab}{a^2b + r}(j - (500 - az))$$