

Linear Dynamical Systems - Summary

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1 Kalman Filter

Definition 1.1 (Kalman Filter State Space)

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i+1} &= Fx_i + Gw_i \\ y_i &= Hx_i + v_i \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

where:

- x_{i+1} is the state vector at time $i + 1$,
- x_i is the state vector at time i ,
- y_i is the measurement vector at time i ,
- w_i is the process noise (zero mean, uncorrelated),
- v_i is the measurement noise (zero mean, uncorrelated).

Definition 1.2 (Kalman Filter Covariance Matrix)

Formally, the following covariance matrix describes the model:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\begin{pmatrix} w_i \\ v_i \\ x_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_j^* & v_j^* & x_0^* & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q & S \\ S^* & R \end{pmatrix} \delta_{ij} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Pi_0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.2)$$

where $\begin{pmatrix} Q & S \\ S^* & R \end{pmatrix}$ and Π_0 are positive semidefinite matrices and δ_{ij} equals 1 if $i = j$ and is zero otherwise. Note that w_i is uncorrelated as a process over time but its coordinates at a fixed time can be correlated via Q .

Markings:

- P_i - The error covariance matrix at time i

$$P_i \triangleq (x_i - \hat{x}_i)(x_i - \hat{x}_i)^T \quad (1.3)$$

- $R_{e,i}$ - The covariance of the innovation (or residual) at time i

$$R_{e,i} \triangleq HP_iH^* + R \quad (1.4)$$

- $K_{p,i}$ - The optimal Kalman gain at time i

$$K_{p,i} \triangleq (FP_iH^* + GS)R_{e,i}^{-1} \quad (1.5)$$

Kalman Filter Optimality

We suggest the following predictor:

$$\hat{x}_{i+1|i} = F\hat{x}_{i|i-1} + K_{p,i}(y_i - H\hat{x}_{i|i-1}) \quad (1.6)$$

Lemma 1.1

$$\tilde{x}_{i+1} = (F - K_{p,i}H)\tilde{x}_i + (G - K_{p,i}) \begin{pmatrix} w_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.7)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_{i+1} &= x_{i+1} - \hat{x}_{i+1|i} \\ &= (Fx_i + Gw_i) - (F\hat{x}_i + K_{p,i}(y_i - H\hat{x}_i)) \\ &= Fx_i + Gw_i - F\hat{x}_i - K_{p,i}(Hx_i + v_i - H\hat{x}_i) \\ &= Fx_i + Gw_i - F\hat{x}_i - K_{p,i}Hx_i - K_{p,i}v_i + K_{p,i}H\hat{x}_i \\ &= Fx_i - F\hat{x}_i - K_{p,i}Hx_i + K_{p,i}H\hat{x}_i + Gw_i - K_{p,i}v_i \\ &= (F - K_{p,i}H)(x_i - \hat{x}_i) + Gw_i - K_{p,i}v_i \\ &= (F - K_{p,i}H)\tilde{x}_i + Gw_i - K_{p,i}v_i. \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 1.2

For $j < i$, the recursion can be evolved as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_i &= (F - K_{p,i-1}H)\tilde{x}_{i-1} + (G - K_{p,i-1}) \begin{pmatrix} w_{i-1} \\ v_{i-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \dots \\ &= \phi_p(i, j)\tilde{x}_j + \xi_i(j), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_p(i, j) &= \prod_{k=j}^{i-1} (F - K_{p,k}H), \\ \xi_i(j) &= \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} \phi_p(i, k+1)(Gw_k - K_{p,k}v_k). \end{aligned}$$