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MECHTRON 4AX3  
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## 1 Linear Least Square

To estimate the DC  $b$  of a signal with a known slope  $a$  we use a linear least square with  $M$  points to estimate  $b$  in model  $y(n) = ax + b$ . Set up your LLS and give your estimate for  $b$ .

## 2 Bayesian position estimation

having either a  $R$  or  $G$  marker as given in  $F$ .

Initially we know we are in the first row, so  $x_0$  is given below. We observe an  $R$ , the probability distribution of that is given in  $S_R$ . What is your estimate position  $x_1$  ?

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} G & R \\ R & G \end{bmatrix}, x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ .5 & .5 \end{bmatrix}, p(R|x) = \begin{bmatrix} .1 & .4 \\ .4 & .1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 3 Kalman Filter

During lectures we try to estimate the class size. Each lecture some students might not show up, or we might have guests listening, causing a variance of  $\sigma_l^2 = 10$ . Additionally students can drop or add with a variance of  $\sigma_c^2 = 5$ . Initially, we know for sure that 100 students registered. In the first lecture we observe 91 students.

Here are the Kalman filter equations:

- **Predict**

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x}^+(n+1) &= A\tilde{x}(n) + Bu(n) \\ P^+(n+1) &= AP(n)A^T + Q\end{aligned}$$

- **Update** after measurement  $y(n)$

$$\begin{aligned}K &= P^+(n)C^T(CP^+(n)C^T + R)^{-1} \\ \tilde{x}(n) &= \tilde{x}^+(n) + K(y(n) - C\tilde{x}^+(n)) \\ P(n) &= (I - KC)P^+(n)\end{aligned}$$

Give the value of all qualities  $A, B, C, Q, R, x(0), P(0)$  as you set up and compute the class estimate  $\tilde{x}(1)$  and  $P(1)$ .

## 4 Bellman Equation

Given a Markov system with states  $s_i \in S$  and actions  $a_i \in A$  and the probability  $\mathcal{P}_{ss'}^a$  and the function  $\mathcal{R}_{ss'}^a$ .

- Give a value function  $V(s)$ , how can we compute the corresponding policy  $\pi(s, a)$  ?
- For a policy  $\pi_1$  we know that for some specific state  $s$  we have  $V^{\pi_1}(s) = v_1$ , and for some other policy  $\pi_2$  we know that for the same state  $s$   $V^{\pi_2}(s) = v_2$ . What do we know of the value of  $V^{\pi^*}(s)$  of the optimal policy  $\pi^*$  ?
- Given the Q-function  $Q(s, a)$ , how can we obtain the value function  $V(s)$  ?
- We are in state  $s$  and  $V(s) = V(s')$  for all states  $s'$  with  $\mathcal{P}_{ss'}^a > 0$ . What is the value of the optimal policy  $\pi^*(s, a)$  in  $s$  ?
- Given a greedy policy  $\pi(s)$  (its a function  $S \rightarrow A$  not a probability) How can we compute the Q-function  $Q^\pi(s, a)$ , meaning how can one evaluate the policy  $\pi$ .

Give formulas and short precise statements, not essays !