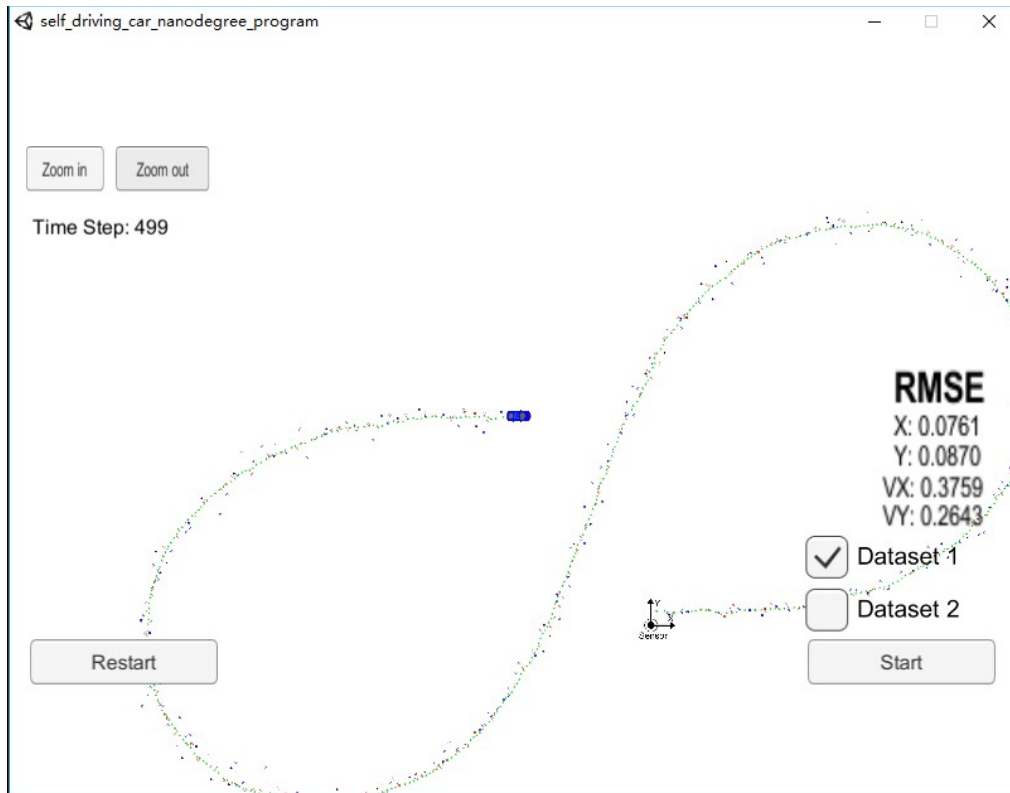


Unscented Kalman Filter Project

Self-Driving Car Engineer Nanodegree Program



Overview

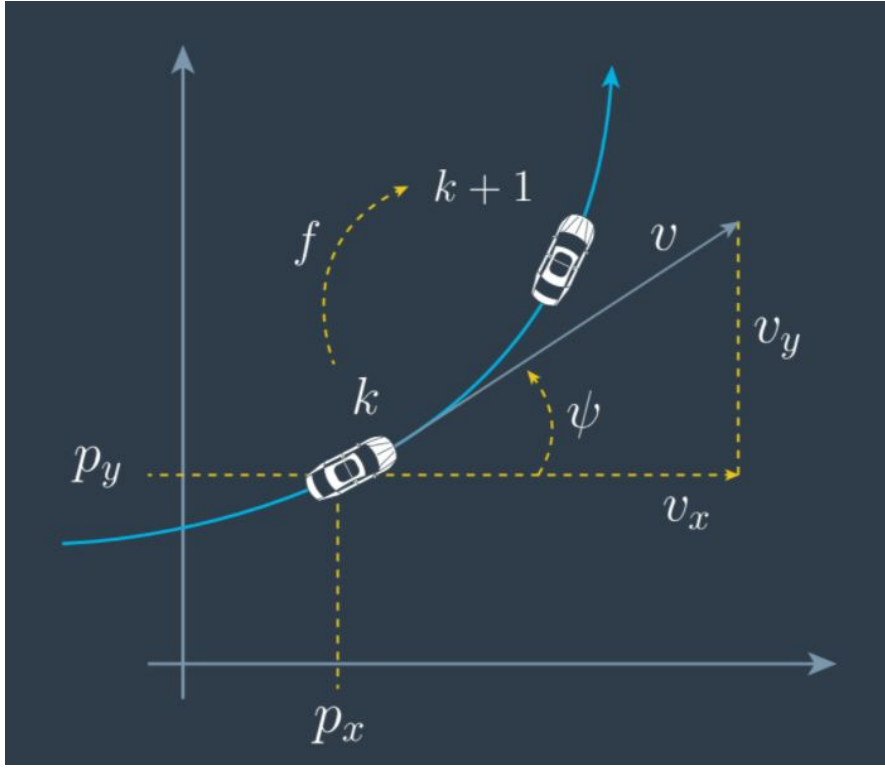
In this project utilize an Unscented Kalman Filter to estimate the state of a moving object of interest with noisy lidar and radar measurements. Passing the project requires obtaining RMSE values $[px, py, vx, vy]$ that are less than or equal to the values $[0.09, 0.10, 0.40, 0.30]$.

This project involves the Term 2 Simulator which can be downloaded [here](#)

Write Up

Motion Model

In this project, we will work with the CTRV (Constant Turn Rate and Velocity magnitude model) model.



CTRV Model State Vector : $x_k = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ v \\ \psi \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$

CTRV Model Equation :

$$\dot{p}_x = v_x = \cos(\psi) \cdot v$$

$$\dot{p}_y = v_y = \sin(\psi) \cdot v$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}_x(t) \\ \dot{p}_y(t) \\ \dot{v}(t) \\ \dot{\psi}(t) \\ \ddot{\psi}(t) \end{bmatrix} dt = x_k + \begin{bmatrix} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \cos(\psi(t)) \cdot v(t) dt \\ \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \sin(\psi(t)) \cdot v(t) dt \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_k + \begin{bmatrix} v_k \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \cos(\psi_k + \dot{\psi}_k(t - t_k)) dt \\ v_k \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \sin(\psi_k + \dot{\psi}_k(t - t_k)) dt \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: We assume that velocity (v) and turn rate ($\dot{\psi}$) are constant.

If $\dot{\psi}_k \neq 0$, then

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{v_k}{\dot{\psi}_k} (\sin(\psi_k + \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t) - \sin(\psi_k)) \\ \frac{v_k}{\dot{\psi}_k} (-\cos(\psi_k + \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t) + \cos(\psi_k)) \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $\dot{\psi}_k = 0$, then

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \begin{bmatrix} v_k \cos(\psi_k) \Delta t \\ v_k \sin(\psi_k) \Delta t \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Process Noise Vector : $\nu_k = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{a,k} \\ \nu_{\dot{\psi},k} \end{bmatrix}$

Process Model:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{v_k}{\dot{\psi}_k} (\sin(\psi_k + \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t) - \sin(\psi_k)) \\ \frac{v_k}{\dot{\psi}_k} (-\cos(\psi_k + \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t) + \cos(\psi_k)) \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi}_k \Delta t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} (\Delta t)^2 \cos(\psi_k) \cdot \nu_{a,k} \\ \frac{1}{2} (\Delta t)^2 \sin(\psi_k) \cdot \nu_{a,k} \\ \Delta t \cdot \nu_{a,k} \\ \frac{1}{2} (\Delta t)^2 \cdot \nu_{\ddot{\psi},k} \\ \Delta t \cdot \nu_{\ddot{\psi},k} \end{bmatrix}$$

UKF Roadmap

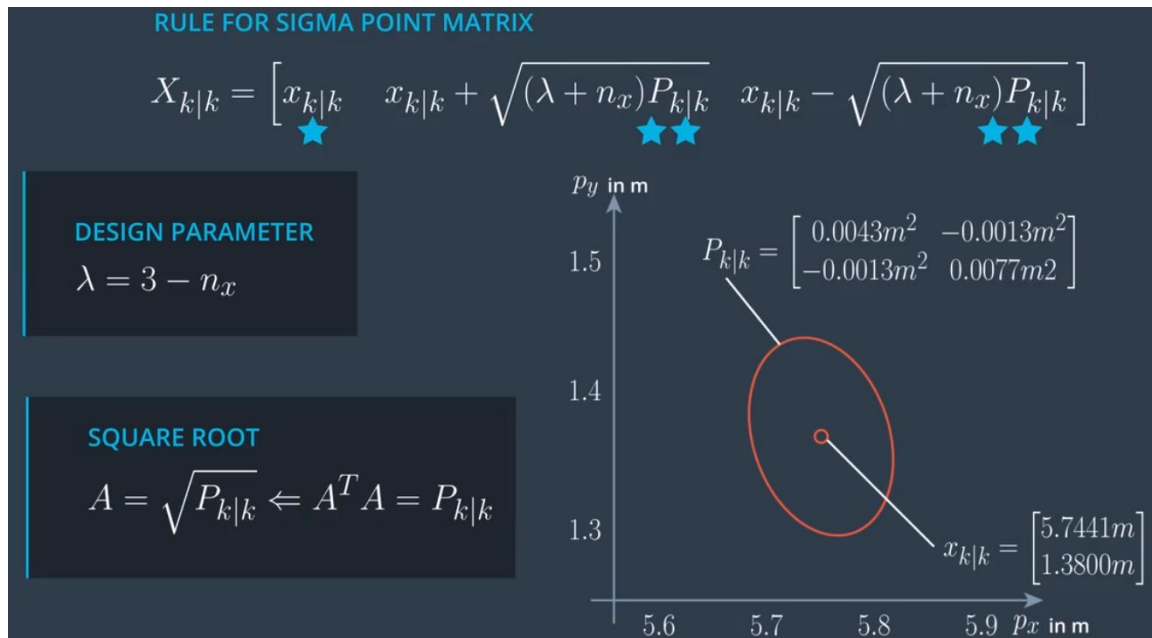
Prediction Step:

- Generate Sigma Points
- Predict Sigma Points
- Predict Mean and Covariance

Update Step:

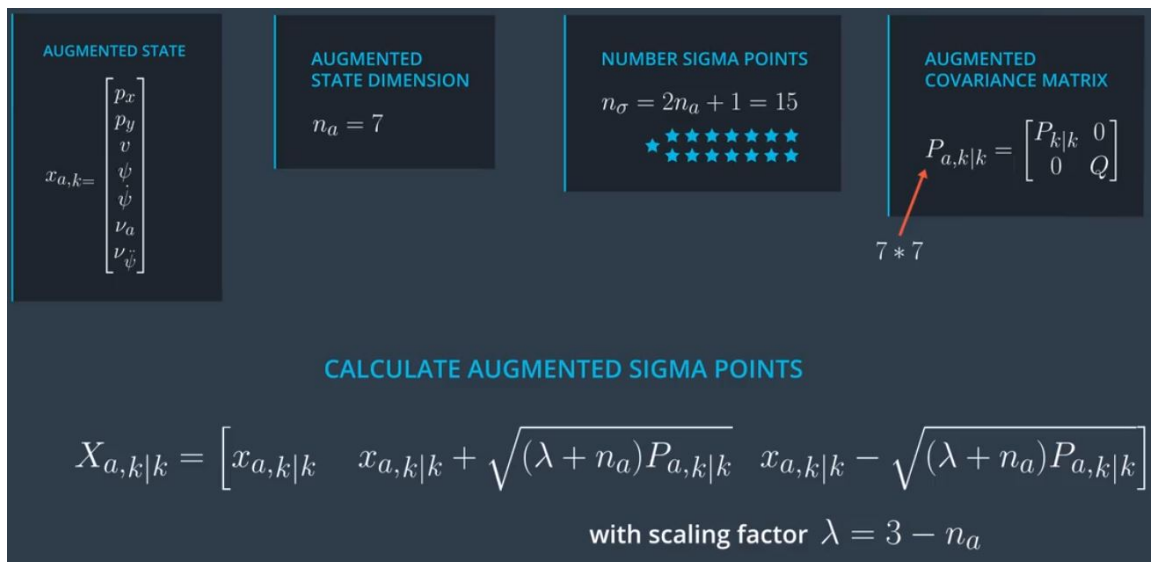
- Predict Measurement
- Update State

Generate Sigma Points



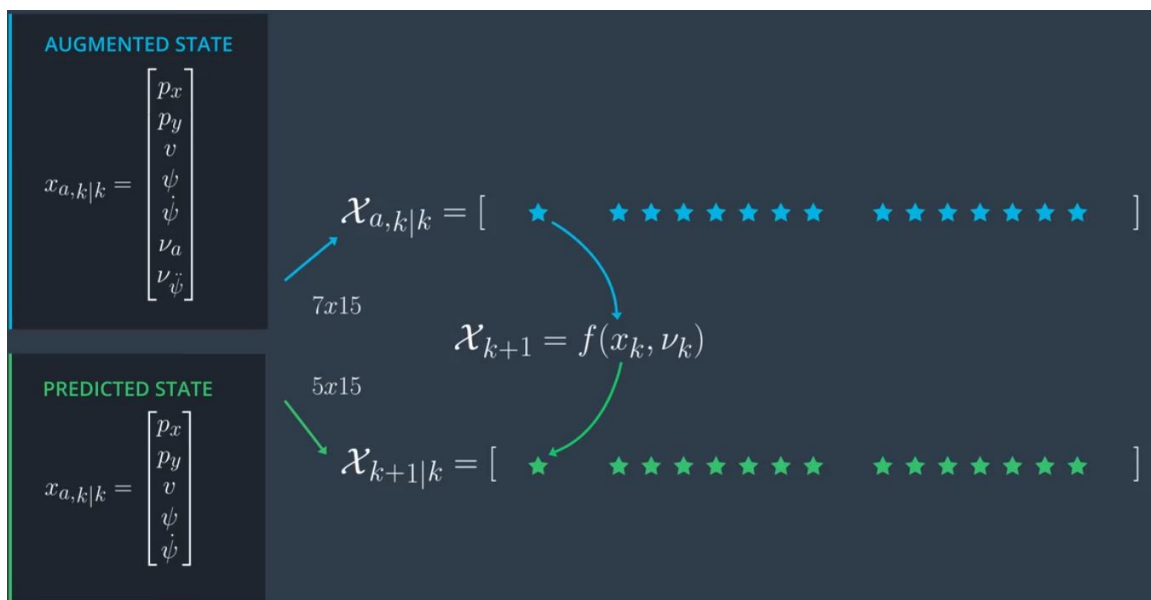
- Posterior State : $x_{k|k}$
- Posterior Covariance Matrix : $P_{k|k}$
- State Vector : $x = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{bmatrix}$
- State Dimension : $n_x = 2$
- Number Sigma Points : $n_\sigma = 2n_x + 1 = 7$

UKF Augmentation :

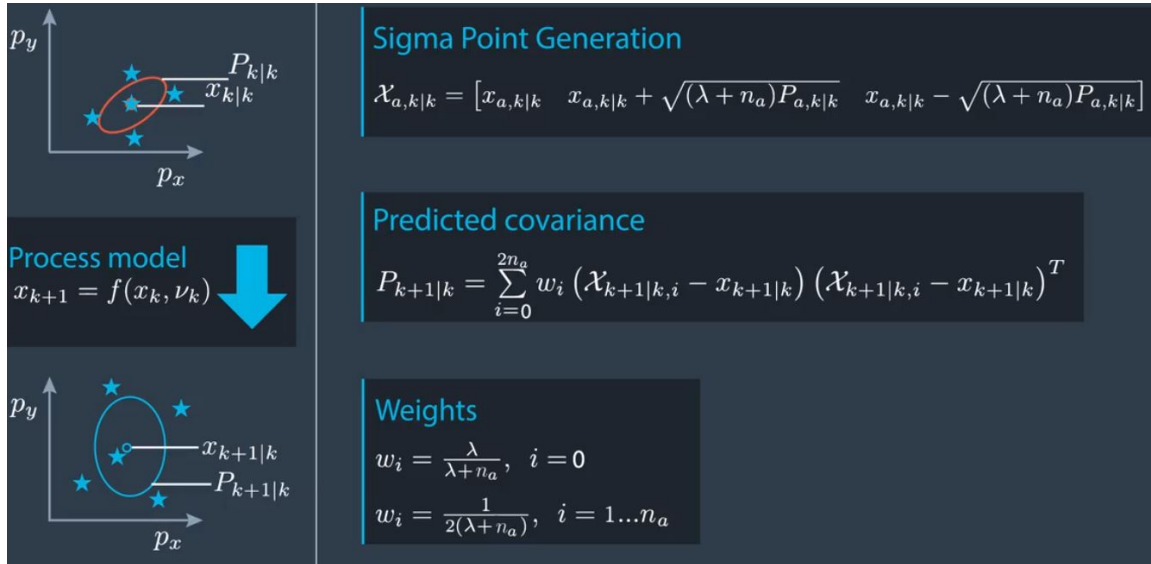


- Posterior Distribution : $x_{k|k}, P_{k|k}$
- Process Noise : $\nu_k = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{a,k} \\ \ddot{\nu}_{\psi,k} \end{bmatrix}$
- Process Model : $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, \nu_k)$
- Process Noise Covariance Matrix : $Q = E\{\nu_k \cdot \nu_k^T\} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\ddot{\psi}}^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Predict Sigma Points



Predict Mean and Covariance



Weights:

$$w_i = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + n_a}, \quad i = 0$$

$$w_i = \frac{1}{2(\lambda + n_a)}, \quad i = 1 \dots n_a$$

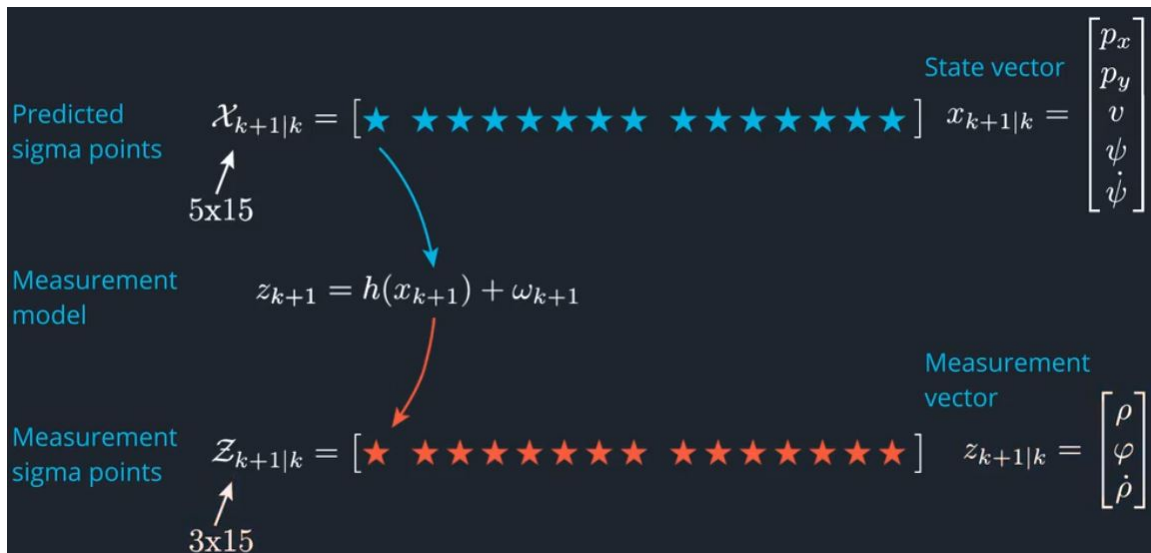
Predicted Mean :

$$x_{k+1|k} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_\sigma} w_i X_{k+1|k,i}$$

Predicted Covariance:

$$P_{k+1|k} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_\sigma} w_i (X_{k+1|k,i} - x_{k+1|k})(X_{k+1|k,i} - x_{k+1|k})^T$$

Measurement Prediction



Measurement Noise : ω_{k+1}

Measurement Model : $z_{k+1|k} = h(x_{k+1}) + \omega_{k+1}$

$$\rho = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$

$$\varphi = \arctan\left(\frac{p_y}{p_x}\right)$$

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{p_x \cos(\psi) v + p_y \sin(\psi) v}{\sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}}$$

Predict Measurement Mean And Covariance :



Predicted measurement mean

$$z_{k+1|k} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_\sigma} w_i \mathcal{Z}_{k+1|k,i}$$

Measurement model

$$z_{k+1} = h(x_{k+1}) + \omega_{k+1}$$

Predicted measurement covariance

$$S_{k+1|k} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n_\sigma} w_i (\mathcal{Z}_{k+1|k,i} - z_{k+1|k}) (\mathcal{Z}_{k+1|k,i} - z_{k+1|k})^T + R$$

Measurement noise covariance

$$R = E\{\omega_k \cdot \omega_k^T\}$$

UKF Update

Kalman Gain

$$K_{k+1|k} = T_{k+1|k} S_{k+1|k}^{-1}$$

State update

$$x_{k+1|k+1} = x_{k+1|k} + K_{k+1|k} (z_{k+1} - z_{k+1|k})$$

Covariance matrix update

$$P_{k+1|k+1} = P_{k+1|k} - K_{k+1|k} S_{k+1|k} K_{k+1|k}^T$$

New here: Cross-correlation between sigma points in state space and measurement space

$$T_{k+1|k} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n_\sigma} w_i (\mathcal{X}_{k+1|k,i} - x_{k+1|k}) (\mathcal{Z}_{k+1|k,i} - z_{k+1|k})^T$$

Run Project

Once the install for uWebSocketIO is complete, the main program can be built and ran by doing the following from the project top directory.

1. mkdir build
2. cd build

3. `cmake ..`
4. `make`
5. `./UnscentedKF`

Here is the main protocol that `main.cpp` uses for `uWebSocketIO` in communicating with the simulator.

INPUT: values provided by the simulator to the c++ program

`["sensor_measurement"]` => the measurment that the simulator observed (either lidar or radar)

OUTPUT: values provided by the c++ program to the simulator

`["estimate_x"]` <= kalman filter estimated position x

`["estimate_y"]` <= kalman filter estimated position y

`["rmse_x"]`

`["rmse_y"]`

`["rmse_vx"]`

`["rmse_vy"]`

Other Important Dependencies

- `cmake` >= 3.5
- All OSes: [click here for installation instructions](#)
- `make` >= 4.1 (Linux, Mac), 3.81 (Windows)
- Linux: `make` is installed by default on most Linux distros
- Mac: [install Xcode command line tools to get make](#)
- Windows: [Click here for installation instructions](#)
- `gcc/g++` >= 5.4
- Linux: `gcc / g++` is installed by default on most Linux distros
- Mac: same deal as `make` - [install Xcode command line tools](#)
- Windows: recommend using [MinGW](#)

Basic Build Instructions

1. Clone this repo.
2. Make a build directory: `mkdir build && cd build`
3. Compile: `cmake .. && make`
4. Run it: `./UnscentedKF` Previous versions use i/o from text files. The current state uses i/o from the simulator.