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**ESTIMATION AND FAULT DETECTION**

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Time allowed: 3:00 hours

**There are FIVE questions on this paper.**

**Answer FOUR questions.**

*All questions carry equal marks*

**Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.**

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**Information for candidates:**

*Some formulae relevant to the questions.*

The normal density  $N(m, \sigma^2)$ :

$$N(m, \sigma^2)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

System equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= Fx_{t-1} + u^s + w_t \\ y_t &= Hx_t + u^o + v_t.\end{aligned}$$

Here,  $w_t$  and  $v_t$  are white noise sequences with covariances  $Q^s$  and  $Q^o$  respectively.

The Kalman filter equations are

$$\begin{aligned}P_{t|t-1} &= FP_{t-1}F^T + Q^s \\ P_t &= P_{t|t-1} - P_{t|t-1}H^T(HP_{t|t-1}H^T + Q^o)^{-1}HP_{t|t-1}, \\ K_t &= P_{t|t-1}H^T(HP_{t|t-1}H^T + Q^o)^{-1}, \\ \hat{x}_t &= \hat{x}_{t|t-1} + K_t(y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}), \\ \text{in which } \hat{x}_{t|t-1} &= F\hat{x}_{t-1} + u^s \text{ and } \hat{y}_{t|t-1} = H\hat{x}_{t|t-1} + u^o\end{aligned}$$

1. a) The position  $y(t)$  of a floating object on a line at time  $t$ , moving under the action of fluid drag and a random wind force, is modelled as

$$\ddot{y}(t) = -\dot{y}(t) + w(t) ,$$

in which  $\{w(t)|t \geq 0\}$  is unit intensity white noise, i.e. a stationary Gaussian process with covariance function  $R_y(\tau) = \delta(\tau)$ .

Derive the system matrix  $A$  and the input vector  $\mathbf{b}$  of the stochastic state space equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}w(t) ,$$

for the state  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (y(t), \dot{y}(t))^T$ . [ 2 ]

For initial conditions  $y(0) = \dot{y}(0) = 0$ , calculate  $\text{cov}\{\mathbf{x}(t)\}$  for arbitrary  $t$ . [ 8 ]

Show that, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\text{var}\{x_2(t)\} \rightarrow c \text{ and } \text{var}\{x_1(t)\} \rightarrow \infty .$$

for some (finite) constant  $c$ . [ 2 ]

*Hint: to evaluate the exponential matrix  $e^{At}$ , solve  $d/dt \dot{y}(t) = -\dot{y}(t)$  for  $\dot{y}(t)$  and then  $d/dt y(t) = \dot{y}(t)$  for  $y(t)$ , for arbitrary initial values of  $\dot{y}(0)$  and  $y(0)$ .*

- b) Consider the Autoregressive Moving Average (ARMA) process

$$y_t + ay_{t-1} = e_t + e_{t-1} ,$$

in which  $a$  is a unknown number,  $-1 < a < +1$ , and  $\{e_t\}$  is a white noise sequence such that  $E[e_t^2] = 1$ . Denote by  $R_y(k)$  the covariance function. It is observed that

$$R_y(1) / R_y(0) = 0.25 .$$

What is the value of  $a$ ? [ 8 ]

2. The position of an object on the line is described by the scalar random variable  $x$ . Two sensors provide measurements  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  of the position, which are modelled by the equations

$$y_1 = x + e_1 \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = x + e_2,$$

where  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are noise variables. It is assumed that  $x$ ,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are independent random variables such that

$$x \sim N(0, \sigma^2), e_1 \sim N(0, \sigma_1^2) \quad \text{and} \quad e_2 \sim N(0, \sigma_2^2).$$

- a) Determine formulae (expressed in terms of  $\sigma^2$ ,  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ ) for the coefficients  $a_1(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2)$  and  $a_2(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2)$  in the least squares estimate of  $x$  given the two measurements:

$$\hat{x} = a_1(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2) y_1 + a_2(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2) y_2.$$

(You may quote the formulae for the solution to the standard linear, Gaussian least squares estimation problem.) [ 12 ]

- b) For fixed  $\sigma^2$  and  $\sigma_1^2$  calculate the limits of the coefficients

$$a_i(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \infty) = \lim_{\sigma_2^2 \rightarrow \infty} a_i(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2) \quad i = 1, 2,$$

as  $\sigma_2^2 \rightarrow \infty$ . Comment on the nature of the limiting estimate

$$\hat{x}' = a_1(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \infty) y_1 + a_2(\sigma^2, \sigma_1^2, \infty) y_2.$$

[ 4 ]

- c) Now suppose that each sensor is a 'smart' sensor that processes the measurement it takes, and transmits to the base station, not its raw measurement, but its estimate of  $x$  and the scaled error covariance. Thus the base station receives  $\hat{x}_i$  and  $\gamma_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where

$$\hat{x}_i = E[x|y_i] \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_i = \text{cov}\{x|y_i\} / \sigma^2.$$

The base station fuses the local estimates  $\hat{x}_1$  and  $\hat{x}_2$  according to the formula

$$\hat{\hat{x}} = b_1(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \hat{x}_1 + b_2(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \hat{x}_2.$$

Determine the coefficients  $b_1(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ ,  $b_2(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  (as functions of the scaled variances  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ ) such that the 'fused' estimate  $\hat{\hat{x}}$  coincides with the least squares estimate  $\hat{x}$ . [ 4 ]

3. Consider the signal and measurement processes described by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= Fx_{t-1} + D_1 e_t \\ y_t &= Hx_t + D_2 e_t\end{aligned}$$

for  $t = 1, 2, \dots$ , in which  $F, H, D_1$  and  $D_2$  are given  $n \times n, m \times n, n \times r$  and  $m \times r$  matrices respectively.  $\{e_t\}$  is a sequence of  $r$ -vector random variables. Assume that  $x_0, e_1, e_2, \dots$  are independent and

$$x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, P_0) \quad \text{and} \quad e_t \sim N(0, I_{r \times r}) \quad \text{for each } t.$$

(This model permits the system and measurement noise to be correlated.) Write

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_t &= E[x_t | y_{1:t}], \quad P_t = \text{cov}\{x_t | y_{1:t}\}, \\ x_{t|t-1} &= E[x_t | y_{1:t-1}], \quad y_{t|t-1} = E[y_t | y_{1:t-1}], \quad P_{t|t-1} = \text{cov}\{x_t | y_{1:t-1}\}.\end{aligned}$$

- a) Quoting the solution to the general linear least squares estimation problem, show that  $\{\hat{x}_t, P_t\}$  can be recursively computed from the formulae:

$$\begin{aligned}P_{t|t-1} &= FP_{t-1}F^T + D_1D_1^T \\ K_t &= [FP_{t-1}F^T H^T + D_1(HD_1 + D_2)^T] [HFP_{t-1}F^T H^T + (HD_1 + D_2)(HD_1 + D_2)^T]^{-1} \\ P_t &= P_{t|t-1} - K_t [HFP_{t-1}F^T + (HD_1 + D_2)D_1^T], \\ \hat{x}_t &= F\hat{x}_{t-1} + K_t(y_t - HF\hat{x}_{t-1}).\end{aligned}$$

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- b) At time  $t$  the position of an object  $x_t$  and that of a moving sensor platform  $z_t$  (along the line) at time  $t$  are governed by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= ax_{t-1} + e_t^1 \\ z_t &= e_t^1\end{aligned}$$

in which  $a$  is a constant and  $\{e_t^1\}$  is a white noise sequence. Noisy measurements  $y_t$  are taken of  $x_t$  relative to the sensor platform position  $z_t$ :

$$y_t = x_t - z_t + e_t^2,$$

where  $\{e_t^2\}$  is a white noise sequence, independent of  $\{e_t^1\}$ . Write  $\mathbf{e}_t = [e_t^1, e_t^2]^T$ . We assume that

$$\mathbf{e}_t \sim N(\mathbf{0}, I_{2 \times 2}).$$

Find 2-vectors  $\mathbf{d}_1$  and  $\mathbf{d}_2$  such that  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{y_t\}$  are governed by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= ax_{t-1} + \mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{e}_t \\ y_t &= x_t + \mathbf{d}_2^T \mathbf{e}_t.\end{aligned}$$

Using the results of part (1), or otherwise, construct recursive equations for  $\hat{x}_t = E[x_t | y_{1:t}]$  and  $P_t = \text{var}[x_t | y_{1:t}]$ . [ 6 ]

4. Consider the two step scalar signal and measurement processes governed by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= f(x_0) \\ y_1 &= x_1 + e_1\end{aligned}\tag{4.1}$$

in which  $f(\cdot)$  is a given (possibly nonlinear) function. It is assumed that the initial state  $x_0$  and additive measurement noise term  $e_1$  are independent random variables such that

$$x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, p_0) \quad \text{and} \quad e_1 \sim N(0, r)$$

for some constants  $\hat{x}_0, p_0 > 0$  and  $r > 0$ .

- a) Describe the extended Kalman filter (EKF) for estimating  $x_1$  and the error variance, given  $y_1$ , and explain the principles behind its construction. [ 8 ]
- b) The statistical linear filter (SLF) is an alternative suboptimal filter to the EKF, obtained by applying the Kalman filter when the state equation (4.1) is approximated by the linear equation:

$$x_1 = u_0 + F(x_0 - \hat{x}_0)\tag{4.2}$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned}u_0 &= E[f(x_0)] \\ F &= (E[f(x_0)x_0] - E[f(x_0)]\hat{x}_0) p_0^{-1} \\ (p_0 &= E[(x_0 - \hat{x}_0)^2])\end{aligned}$$

Show that the right side of (4.2) is the linear least squares estimate of  $x_1$  given  $x_0$ . [ 6 ]

- c) Write out the equations for the EKF and the SLF filters when

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{x}_0 = 0.$$

what filter would you expect to give the better estimate and why? [ 6 ]

*Hint: You may use the fact that if  $x$  is a random variable such that  $x \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  then the fourth moment of  $x$  is  $E[x^4] = 3\sigma^4$ .*



5. a) Consider the system and measurement processes

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= Fx_{t-1} + w_t \\ y_t &= Hx_t + v_t.\end{aligned}$$

in which  $w_t$  and  $v_t$  are white noise sequences with covariances  $Q^s$  and  $Q^o$  respectively.

Derive from the standard Kalman filter equations the following alternative update formulae for the error covariance  $P_t$ :

$$\begin{aligned}P_{t|t-1} &= FP_{t-1}F^T + Q^s \\ K_t &= P_{t|t-1}H^T(HP_{t|t-1}H^T + Q^o)^{-1}, \\ P_t &= (I - K_tH)P_{t|t-1}(I - K_tH)^T + K_tQ^oK_t^T.\end{aligned}$$

In what way are these formulae more useful than the standard update formulae?

[8]

- b) A tracking system provides estimates  $\hat{x}_A$  and  $\hat{x}_B$  of the measured positions of two targets on the line, labelled A and B, and also the error variances  $p_A = 1$  and  $p_B = 1$ .

Measurements  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are received. Consider the two assignments

- $(H_0)$ :  $x_1$  ( $x_2$ ) is the measured position of target A (target B),  
 $(H_1)$ :  $x_1$  ( $x_2$ ) is the measured position of target B (target A).

Writing  $p_0(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1, x_2 | (H_0))$  and  $p_1(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1, x_2 | (H_1))$ , you may assume that

$$p_0(x_1, x_2) = N([x_A, x_B]^T, I_{2 \times 2}), \quad p_1(x_1, x_2) = N([x_B, x_A]^T, I_{2 \times 2}).$$

Assume also that  $x_A - x_B > 0$ . Show that the inverse of the log-likelihood ratio  $LLR(x_1, x_2) := \log_e \{p_1(x_1, x_2) / p_0(x_1, x_2)\}$  is

$$LLR^{-1}(x_1, x_2) = (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)(x_1 - x_2).$$

Treating  $(H_0)$  as the null hypothesis, show that the Neyman-Pearson Test for the track assignment  $(H_0)$ , at the  $\alpha$  significance level is

[4]

$$x_1 - x_2 > c$$

where  $c$  is a constant such that

$$1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{c - (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \alpha,$$

and the power of the test is

[6]

$$\text{erf}\left(\frac{c + (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \alpha.$$

Here  $\text{erf}(\cdot)$  is the cumulative distribution function of the unit normal density

[2]

$$\text{erf}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x N(0, 1)(y)dy.$$

Estimation and Fault Detection. 20101. (i) Let  $x_1 = y$  and  $x_2 = \dot{y}$ . Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_A + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_b w(t)$$

[2]

For  $w \equiv 0$ ,  $x_2(t) = e^{-t} x_2(0)$ . Then  $x_1(t) = x_1(0) + \int_0^t e^{-s} ds x_2(0)$   
 So  $e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - e^{-t} \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$   $= x_1(0) + (1 - e^{-t}) x_2(0)$

If  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x(t) = 0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} b w(s) ds$  and  
 $\text{cov}\{x(t)\} = \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - e^{-(t-s)} \\ 0 & e^{-(t-s)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - e^{-(t-s)} & 0 \\ 1 - e^{-(t-s)} & e^{-(t-s)} \end{bmatrix} ds$   
 $= \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 - e^{-s'} \\ e^{-s'} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - e^{-s'} & e^{-s'} \end{bmatrix} ds' = \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2e^{-s} + e^{-2s} & e^{-s} - e^{-2s} \\ e^{-s} - e^{-2s} & e^{-2s} \end{bmatrix} ds$

So  $R(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t - 2(1 - e^{-t}) + (1 - e^{-2t}) & (1 - e^{-t}) - (1 - e^{-2t}) \\ -e^{-2t} - e^{-t} & (1 - e^{-2t}) \end{bmatrix}$  [8]  
 $= \begin{bmatrix} t + 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} - 1 & -(e^{-t} - e^{-2t}) \\ -(e^{-t} - e^{-2t}) & 1 - e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$

We see, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
 $\text{var}\{x_1(t)\} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\text{var}\{x_2(t)\} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$   
 [2]

(ii)  $y_t + a y_{t-1} = e_t + e_{t-1}$

Multiply across by  $y_{t-1}$  and take  $E\{\cdot\} \Rightarrow R_y(1) + a R_y(0) = 0 + R_{ye}(0)$

Mult. by  $e_t$ , take  $E\{\cdot\} \Rightarrow R_{ye}(0) + 0 = 1 + 0$ .

So  $R_y(1) + a R_y(0) = 1$  — (A)

Also,  $E(y_t + a y_{t-1})^2 = E(e_t + e_{t-1})^2$

$\Rightarrow R_y(0) + 2a R_y(1) + a^2 R_y(0) = 1 + 0 + 1 = 2$

$\Rightarrow (1 + a^2) R_y(0) + 2a R_y(1) = 2$  — (B)

Combining (A) and (B) gives  $(1 + a^2) R_y(0) + 2a [1 - a R_y(0)] = 2$

$\Rightarrow (1 - a^2) R_y(0) = 2(1 - a) \Rightarrow R_y(0) = 2 / (1 + a)$

So  $R_y(1) = (1 + a - 2a) / (1 + a) = (1 - a) / (1 + a)$

So  $R_y(1) / R_y(0) = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{1 - a}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$  [8]



2 (i)  $y = [y_1, y_2]^T = x [1, 1]^T + [e_1, e_2]^T$ . Since variables have zero mean

$$\hat{x} = E[xy^T] E[yy^T]^{-1} y \quad \text{where}$$

$$E[xy^T] = \sigma^2 [1 \ 1] \quad \text{and} \quad E[yy^T] = \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1+P_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+P_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $P_1 = \sigma_1^2/\sigma^2$ ,  $P_2 = \sigma_2^2/\sigma^2$

$$\text{So } \hat{x} = \frac{1}{P_1 + P_2 + P_1 P_2} [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1+P_2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1+P_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a_1 y_1 + a_2 y_2$$

where  $a_1 = \frac{P_2}{P_1 + P_2 + P_1 P_2}$  and  $a_2 = \frac{P_1}{P_1 + P_2 + P_1 P_2}$  ( $P_1 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma^2}$ ,  $P_2 = \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma^2}$ ) [12]

(ii)  $b_1 = \lim_{\sigma_2^2 \rightarrow \infty} a_1(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2) = \lim_{\sigma_2^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_2^2/\sigma^2}{\sigma_1^2/\sigma^2 + \sigma_2^2/\sigma^2 (1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma^2})} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_1^2}$

$b_2 = \lim_{\sigma_2^2 \rightarrow \infty} a_2(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2) = \lim_{\sigma_2^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_1^2/\sigma^2}{\sigma_1^2/\sigma^2 + \sigma_2^2/\sigma^2 + \frac{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2}{\sigma^4}} = 0$

The limiting filter is

$$\hat{x}' = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_1^2} y_1 + 0$$

This is the least squares estimate of  $x$  given  $y_1$  alone. This is appropriate since when  $\sigma_2^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , the second measurement provides no information about  $x$  and should be ignored. [4]

(iii) We know that  $\hat{x}_i = (1+P_i)^{-1} y_i$  and  $\delta_i = \frac{P_i}{1+P_i}$

It follows

$$y_i = (1+P_i) \hat{x}_i \quad \text{and} \quad P_i = \frac{\delta_i}{1-\delta_i}$$

where

So  $\hat{x} = c_1 \hat{x}_1 + c_2 \hat{x}_2$  coincides with the least squares estimate if

$$c_1 = \frac{P_2 (1+P_2)}{P_1 + P_2 + P_1 P_2} \quad \left| \quad P_i = \frac{\delta_i/\sigma^2}{1-\delta_i/\sigma^2} \right. \quad = \frac{\delta_2}{\delta_1 + \delta_2 - \delta_1 \delta_2}$$

and a similar formula may be derived for  $c_2$

So we require

$$c_1 = \frac{\delta_2}{\delta_1 + \delta_2 - \delta_1 \delta_2} \quad \text{and} \quad c_2 = \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_1 + \delta_2 - \delta_1 \delta_2} \quad [4]$$

3 (i) Fix  $t$ . Then writing  $\hat{x}_{t|t-1} = E[x_t | y_{1:t-1}]$ ,  $P_{t|t-1} = \text{cov}[x_t | y_{1:t-1}]$  and  $y_{t|t-1} = E[y_t | y_{1:t-1}]$  we have

$$\hat{x}_{t|t-1} = F \hat{x}_{t-1}, \quad y_{t|t-1} = H \hat{x}_{t|t-1}, \quad P_{t|t-1} = F P_{t-1} F^T + D_1 D_1^T$$

We must calculate expectations  $E[\cdot] = E[\cdot | y_{1:t-1}]$

$$E[(x_t - \hat{x}_{t|t-1})(y_t - y_{t|t-1})^T]$$

$$= E[(F(x_{t-1} - \hat{x}_{t-1}) + D_1 e_t)(H F(x_{t-1} - \hat{x}_{t-1}) + (H D_1 + D_2) e_t)]$$

$$= F P_{t-1} F^T H^T + D_1 (D_1^T H^T + D_2^T). \quad \text{Also}$$

$$E[(y_t - y_{t|t-1})(y_t - y_{t-1})]$$

$$= E[(H F(x_{t-1} - \hat{x}_{t-1}) + (H D_1 + D_2) e_t)(\dots)^T]$$

$$= H F P_{t-1} F^T H^T + (H D_1 + D_2)(D_1^T H^T + D_2^T)$$

The standard "least squares" formulae now give

$$K_t = [F P_{t-1} F^T H^T + D_1 (D_1^T H^T + D_2^T)] [H F P_{t-1} F^T H^T + (H D_1 + D_2)(D_1^T H^T + D_2^T)]^{-1}$$

$$P_t = P_{t|t-1} - K_t [F P_{t-1} F^T H^T + D_1 (D_1^T H^T + D_2^T)]^T$$

and

$$\hat{x}_t = \hat{x}_{t|t-1} + K_t [y_t - y_{t|t-1}]. \quad [14]$$

(ii) Eliminating  $z_t$  from the state measurement eqns gives

$$\begin{cases} x_t = a x_{t-1} + e_t^1 \\ y_t = x_t - d e_t^1 + e_t^2 \end{cases}$$

This is an example of the "correlated noise" model in which

$$D_1 = d_1^T = [1 \ 0] \quad \text{and} \quad D_2 = d_2^T = [-1, 1]$$

(also  $H=1$ ,  $F=a$ ). In this case

$$D_1 (D_1^T H^T + D_2^T) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (H D_1 + D_2)(H D_1 + D_2)^T = 1.$$

The estimator becomes

$$\hat{x}_t = a \hat{x}_{t-1} + a^2 P_{t-1} [a^2 P_{t-1} + 1]^{-1} (y_t - a \hat{x}_{t-1})$$

and

$$P_t = (a^2 P_{t-1} + 1) - (a^2 P_{t-1})^2 / (a^2 P_{t-1} + 1) \quad [6]$$

4(i) The EKF is obtained by applying the Kalman filter to the approximate signal/measurement equations

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = f(\hat{x}_0) + \nabla f(\hat{x}_0)(x_0 - \hat{x}_0) \\ y_1 = x_1 + e_1 \end{cases}$$

Note that the right side of the state equation is the first order Taylor expansion of  $f(\cdot)$  about the prior mean  $\hat{x}_0$ . This gives

$$\hat{x}_1 = f(\hat{x}_0) + K_1 [y_1 - f(\hat{x}_0)]$$

and  $P_1 = \nabla f P_0 \nabla f^T - \nabla f P_0 \nabla f^T [\nabla f P_0 \nabla f^T + r]^{-1} \nabla f P_0 \nabla f^T$  for the estimate  $\hat{x}_1$  and error covariance given  $y_1$ , in which

$$K_1 = \nabla f P_0 \nabla f^T [\nabla f P_0 \nabla f^T + r]^{-1} \quad [8]$$

(ii)  $x_1 = f(x_0)$  and  $x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, P_0)$ . So the linear least squares estimate of  $x_1$  given  $x_0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} E[x_1] + E[(x_1 - E[x_1])(x_0 - E[x_0])] & \times \\ & E[(x_0 - E[x_0])(x_0 - E[x_0])]^{-1} (x_0 - \hat{x}_0) \\ = E[f(x_0)] + (E[f(x_0)x_0] - E[f(x_0)]\hat{x}_0) P_0^{-1} (x_0 - \hat{x}_0) \\ = \underline{u_0 + F(x_0 - \hat{x}_0)}. \end{aligned} \quad [6]$$

(iii) When  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $x_0 \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $e_1 \sim N(0, 1)$

EKF

$$f(\hat{x}_0) = \hat{x}_0^3 = 0 \quad \nabla f(\hat{x}_0) = 3\hat{x}_0^2 = 0, \text{ so } K_1 = P_1 = 0$$

Estimate and error variance are  $\hat{x}_1 = 0$  and  $P_1 = 0$ .  
(does not depend on  $y_1$ )

SLF

$$u_0 = E[x_0^3] = 0, F = E[x_0^4] P_0^{-1} = 3 P_0^{-1} \text{ (using hint)}$$

Estimate and error variance are now

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_1 &= K_1 y_1 \\ P_1 &= 9/P_0 - \frac{(9/P_0)^2}{(9/P_0 + r)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } K_1 = \frac{9}{P_0} \left( \frac{9}{P_0} + r \right)^{-1}$$

The SLF is superior, because it gives an estimate that is positively correlated with  $y_1$  (which is clearly correct); the EKF does not depend on  $y_1$  at all. [6]



$$\begin{aligned}
 5(i) \quad & (I - K_t H) P_{t|t-1} (I - K_t H)^T + K_t Q_0 K_t^T \\
 &= P_{t|t-1} - P_{t|t-1} H^T [L \dots]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} - P_{t|t-1} H^T [L \dots]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} \\
 &\quad + P_{t|t-1} H^T [L \dots]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} + P_{t|t-1} H^T [L \dots]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} \\
 &\quad + P_{t|t-1} H^T [L \dots]^{-1} Q_0 [L \dots]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} \\
 &= P_{t|t-1} - 2 P_{t|t-1} H^T [L \dots]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} + P_{t|t-1} H^T [L \dots]^{-1} [H P_{t|t-1} H^T + Q_0] [L \dots]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} \\
 &= P_{t|t-1} - P_{t|t-1} H^T [H P_{t|t-1} H^T + Q_0]^{-1} H P_{t|t-1} \quad \text{as required}
 \end{aligned}$$

The alternative error covariance update equation can be more suitable in computations, in presence of 'rounding' errors, because it automatically guarantees the updated  $P_t$  will be non-negative if  $P_{t-1}$  is non-negative [8]

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ii) \quad LLR(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{\log_e \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - \hat{x}_A)^2 + 1 x_2 - \hat{x}_B^2 \right\} \right)}{\log_e \left( \dots (x_1 - \hat{x}_B)^2 + 1 x_2 - \hat{x}_A^2 \right)} \quad \left( = \frac{P_0(x_1, x_2)}{P_1(x_1, x_2)} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - \hat{x}_A)^2 + 1 x_2 - \hat{x}_B^2 - 1 x_1 - \hat{x}_B^2 - 1 x_2 - \hat{x}_A^2 \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (x_1^2 - 2 x_1 \hat{x}_A + \hat{x}_A^2 + x_2^2 - 2 x_2 \hat{x}_B + \hat{x}_B^2 - x_1^2 + 2 x_1 \hat{x}_B - \hat{x}_B^2 - x_2^2 + 2 x_2 \hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_A^2) \\
 &= -(\hat{x}_A (-x_1 + x_2) - \hat{x}_B (-x_1 + x_2)) = (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)(x_1 - x_2) \quad [4]
 \end{aligned}$$

N-P test for validity of  $(H_0)$  is therefore (since  $\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B > 0$ )

Accept  $H_0$  if

$$(x_1 - x_2) \geq c$$

where  $c$  is such that

$$P_0(x_1 - x_2 \geq c) = \alpha \quad (\text{probability of "false alarm"} = \alpha)$$

$$\text{But } E_0[x_1 - x_2] = (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B) \text{ and } \text{cov}_1[x_1 - x_2] = 1 + 1 = 2$$

It follows

$$P_0(x_1 - x_2 \geq c) = P_0 \left( \frac{x_1 - x_2 - (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)}{\sqrt{2}} \geq \frac{c - (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \text{erf} \left\{ \frac{c - (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} = \alpha \quad \sim N(0, 1) \quad [6]$$

The "power" of the test is

$$P_1(x_1 - x_2 \geq c) = \dots = \text{erf} \left\{ \frac{c + (\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B)}{\sqrt{2}} \right\}$$

[2]