



Interpretation of densities involved in the Kalman filter recursion

For the linear and Gaussian motion and measurement models below,

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}_{k-1}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{q}_{k-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{H}_k\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{r}_k \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{q}_{k-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_{k-1})$ and $\mathbf{r}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$.

The Kalman filter yields recursive, closed-form expressions to perform prediction and update steps.

Prediction:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{A}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{A}_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{A}_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{Q}_{k-1} \quad (4)$$

Update:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{v}_k \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k} = \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{K}_k^T \quad (6)$$

where the Kalman gain, \mathbf{K}_k , the innovation, \mathbf{v}_k , and the innovation covariance, \mathbf{S}_k , are:

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{S}_k^{-1} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{R}_k \quad (9)$$

Which of the following correspond/s to the filtering density:

green: $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:K}), \quad K > k \rightarrow \text{smoothing}$

yellow: $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:K}), \quad K = k$

pink: $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:K}), \quad K < k \rightarrow \text{prediction}$

orange: $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_K), \quad K = k$

Which of the following densities are computed in the Kalman filter recursion:

green:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1})$$

yellow:

$$p(\mathbf{v}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1})$$

pink:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$$

orange:

$$p(\mathbf{y}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1})$$

The innovation \mathbf{v}_k is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_k &= \mathbf{y}_k - \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{y}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1}\} \\ &= \mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1},\end{aligned}$$

then which of the following is true?

green: $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{v}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1}\} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k$

yellow: $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{v}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1}\} = 0$

pink: $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{v}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1}\} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}$

orange: $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{v}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1}\} = \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k-1}\}$