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Week 10 Advanced Topic 3:

Kalman Filters for Non-Gaussian Noises

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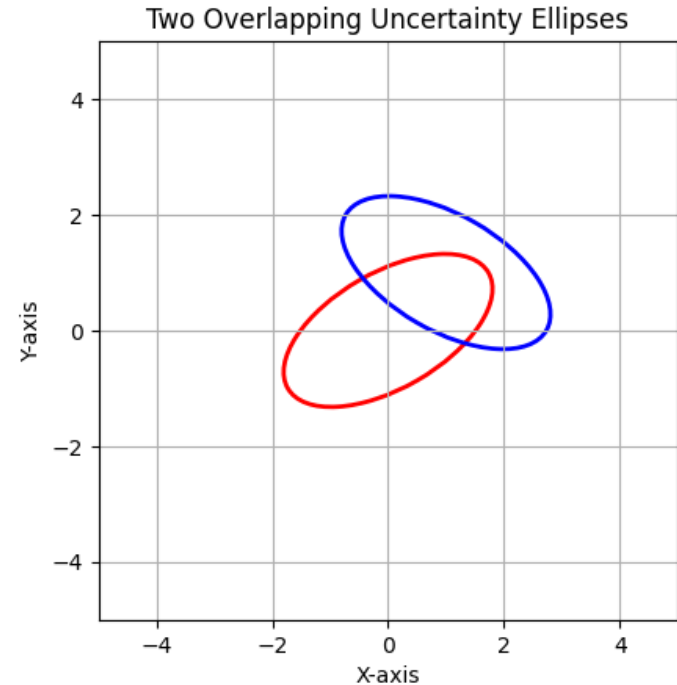
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Outline

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- Using “normal” filters
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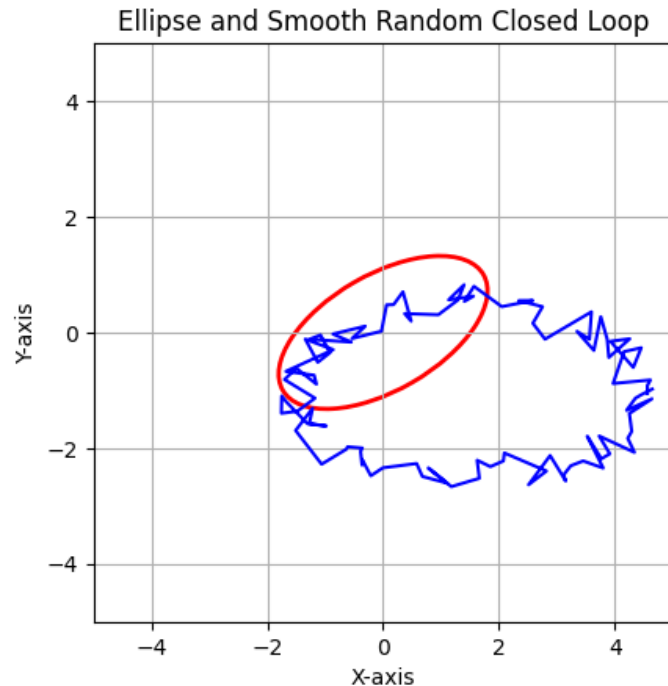
Non-gaussian noise

- Kalman filters propagate noise
- Assumes nice noise curves



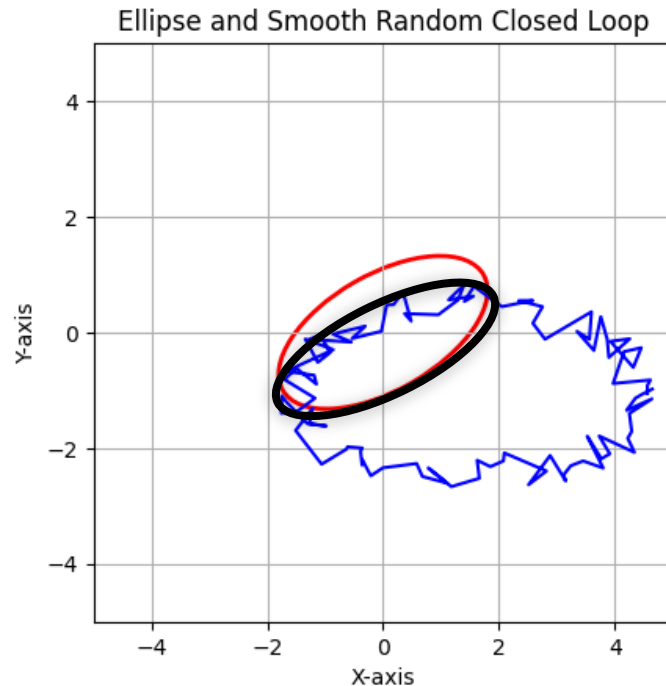
Non-gaussian noise

- Ugly noise is ugly
- Kalman filters requires:
 - Finite first and second moments



Using “normal” filters

- Normal filters often work
- Ensemble and unscented filters are also good



H_∞ filter

- Also called **minimax** filter
- **Minimize** the maximum estimation error
- when we **maximize** the noise
- Makes no assumption about the noise

H_∞ filter

$$\min_{\hat{x}} \max_{w,v} J$$

w, v – noise

J – measure of how good our estimator is

$$J = \frac{\text{ave} \|x_k - \hat{x}_k\|_Q}{\text{ave} \|w_k\|_W + \text{ave} \|v_k\|_V}$$

$\min_{\hat{x}} \max_{w,v} J$ – difficult to solve

Instead we solve:

$$J < \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

γ – constant chosen by us

H_∞ filter equations

The state estimate that forces $J < \frac{1}{\gamma}$ is given as:

$$\begin{aligned}L_k &= (I - \gamma Q P_k + C^T V^{-1} C P_k)^{-1} \\K_k &= A P_k L_k C^T V^{-1} \\\hat{x}_{k+1} &= A \hat{x}_k + B u_k + K_k (y_k - C \hat{x}_k) \\P_{k+1} &= A P_k L_k A^T + W\end{aligned}$$

K_k - Gain matrix, will converge after a few steps and can be used as a constant matrix for Steady-state H_∞

γ – must be chosen such that the eigenvalues of P_k has a magnitude less than 1. A too large γ will result in no solution for H_∞

γ, Q, P_0, V & W are the tuning parameters

H_∞ filter Key points

- Minimax filter
- Assumes Murphy's Law – the noise we have is the worst possible noise
- No statistical assumption about the noise

A Modified Kalman Filter for Non-gaussian Measurement Noise

- Kalman Filter with Robust Sequential Estimator (RSE)
- Using RSE to handle non-Gaussian data as outliers

Mirza J. Muhammed, 2011 "A Modified Kalman Filter for Non-gaussian Measurement Noise"

How it works..

measurements with noise

modeling **non-gaussian**
part as outliers

how modeling
works..

one sample

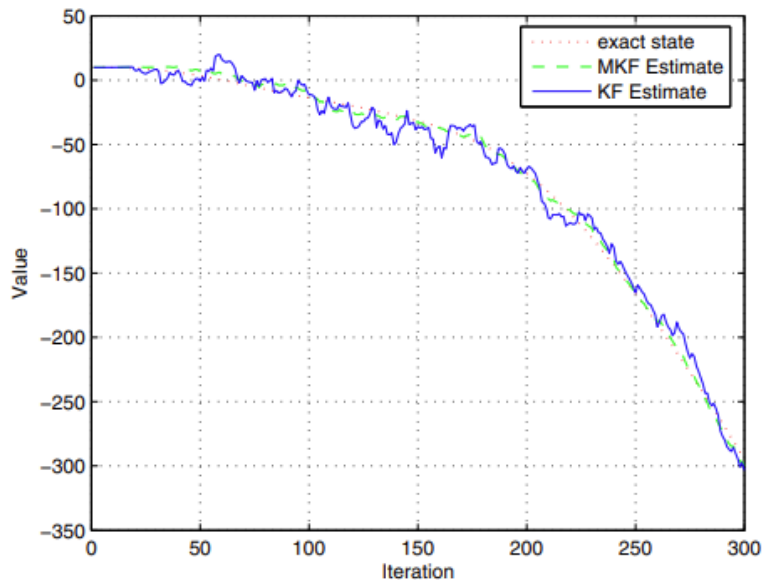
maximum likelihood
estimates for t-distribution
error model

update the sample via
Iteratively Reweighted
Least Squares (IRLS)

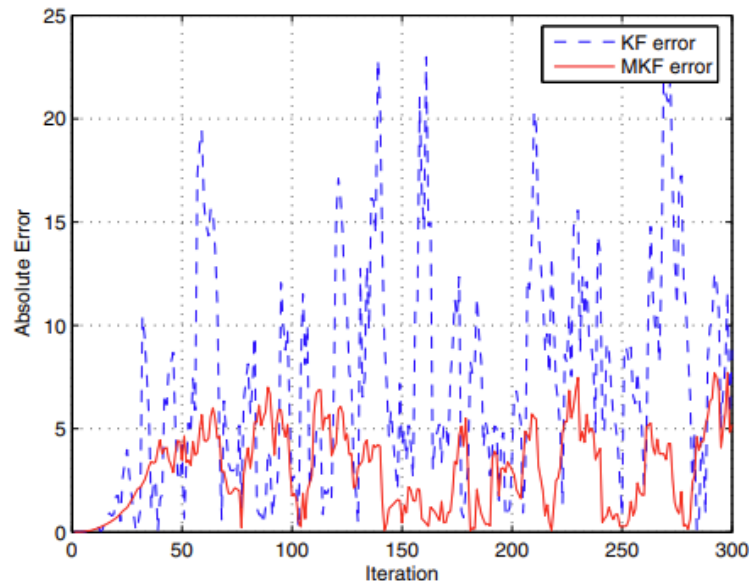
Outlier classification with
weights done by RSE

updates the state only with
valid data

Results



standart vs. modified Kalman
Filter estimates



standart vs. modified Kalman
Filter mean square errors

Sources

- Mirza J. Muhammed, 2011 "A Modified Kalman Filter for Non-gaussian Measurement Noise"
- Dan Simon, 2001, "From Here to Infinity"