

# Quaternion Attitude Estimation Kalman Filter

## Assignment 3

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### 1 Assignment Description

The assignment requires the implementation of a Kalman Filter to combine data from two different types of sensors - Accelerometer and Gyroscope, in order to obtain more accurate estimate of the attitude of a vehicle.

### 2 Setup

The data for this exercise is generated by taking gyroscope and accelerometer measurements during a rolling oscillation, followed by a combined roll and pitch oscillation, and finally by a pitch oscillation, all with frequency of 0.2 Hz, amplitude of 30°, and 60 seconds duration.

### 3 Procedure

1) Transformation matrix  $A$  is generated based on the gyro readings.

- Generate transformation matrix  $A$ :

$$A = \left( I + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -roll & -pitch & -yaw \\ roll & 0 & yaw & -pitch \\ pitch & -yaw & 0 & roll \\ yaw & pitch & -roll & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

2) State estimate and process covariance estimate is calculated based on the  $A$  matrix, previous state, previous process covariance, and process noise.

- The state of the system is defined in quaternion format:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} q1 \\ q2 \\ q3 \\ q4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The process noise matrix is given to be:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 10^{-4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10^{-4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10^{-4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10^{-4} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Calculate state estimate:

$$\hat{X}_t = AX_{t-1}$$

- Calculate process covariance estimate:

$$\hat{P}_t = AP_{t-1}A^T + Q$$

- 3) Kalman gain is calculated based on the process covariance estimate and the measurement noise:

- The measurement noise matrix is given to be:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Calculate kalman gain:

$$K = \hat{P}_t(\hat{P}_t + R)^{-1}$$

- 4) Correction is applied by making a measurement with the accelerometer. The measured acceleration is converted from Euler angles to Quaternions.

- Convert Euler angles to Quaternions:

$$\dot{X} = \begin{pmatrix} q1 \\ q2 \\ q3 \\ q4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\omega}{2} + \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\omega}{2} - \cos \frac{\phi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\phi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\omega}{2} + \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\phi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\omega}{2} - \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\omega}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\omega$  correspond to accelerometer readings in X, Y, and Z axis.

- Correct state and process covariance estimates:

$$X_t = \hat{X}_t + K(\dot{X}_t - \hat{X}_t)$$

$$P_t = \hat{P}_t - K\hat{P}_t$$

- Update previous state:

$$X_{t-1} = X_t$$

$$P_{t-1} = P_t$$

## 4 Implementation in Python

### 0. Include necessary libraries

```
[52]: import numpy as np
import scipy.constants
from math import sqrt
import pandas as pd
from numpy.linalg import inv as inverse
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

### 1. Import measurement data

```
[48]: data_frame = pd.read_excel("../data/KF_data_2.xlsx", engine="openpyxl")

# Collect Data
accelerometer_data = np.array([data_frame["Accel X"], data_frame["Accel Y"],
    ↳ data_frame["Accel Z"]], ndmin=2).transpose()
gyro_data = np.array([(data_frame["Gyro Phi"]), (data_frame["Gyro Theta"]),
    ↳ (data_frame["Gyro Omega"])], ndmin=2).transpose()

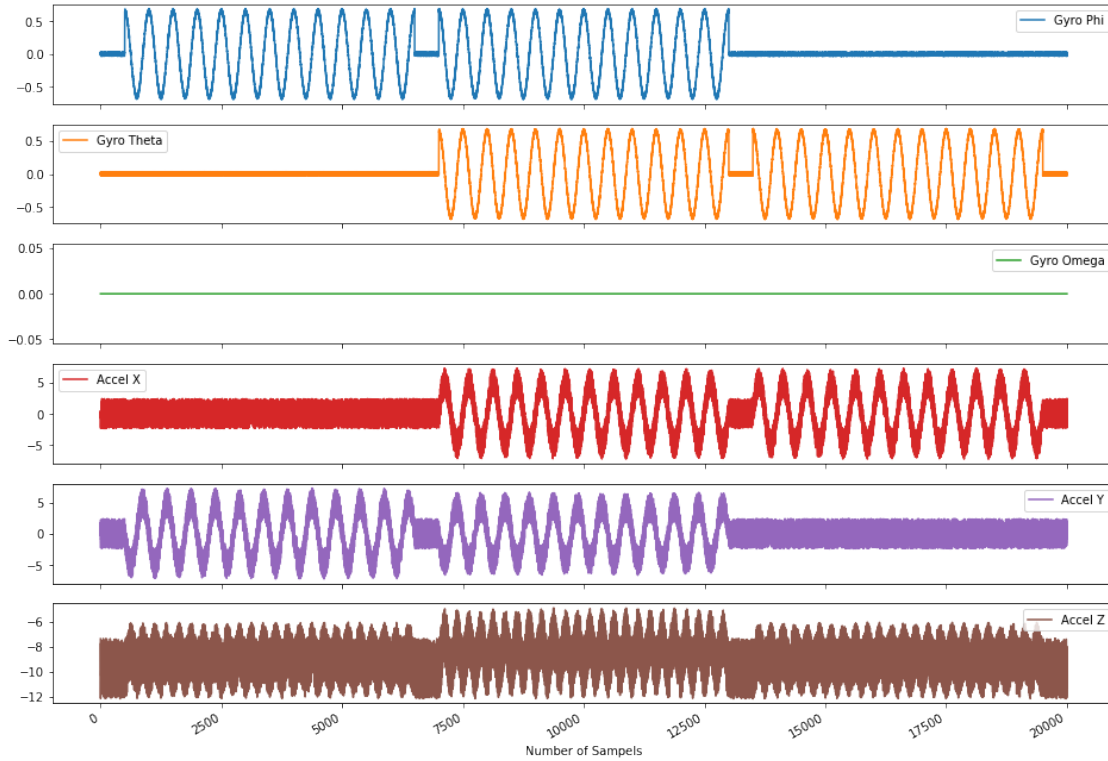
# Display last 10 values in the dataset
data_frame.tail(10)
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	Gyro Phi	Gyro Theta	Gyro Omega	Accel X	Accel Y	Accel Z
19991	0.016000	0.032000	0	-1.324	1.957	-12.100
19992	0.018000	0.011000	0	2.133	-1.875	-10.986
19993	0.016000	-0.017000	0	0.075	2.366	-11.880
19994	0.007857	-0.019000	0	-0.213	-0.403	-8.510
19995	-0.002727	-0.016000	0	-2.252	-0.405	-7.975
19996	0.035000	-0.014000	0	-2.021	-0.112	-8.110
19997	0.032000	-0.031000	0	1.042	-0.610	-11.263
19998	0.014000	0.026000	0	-2.151	-0.317	-10.481
19999	-0.031000	-0.012000	0	-0.774	0.589	-8.794
20000	-0.009074	0.006722	0	2.424	-0.677	-9.847

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[70]: axes = data_frame.plot.line(subplots=True, figsize=[16,12])

plt.xlabel("Number of Sampels")
plt.show()
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*Gyroscope data is measured in rad/s, while Accelerometer data is measured in g's*

```
[38]: def accelerometer_to_attitude(accelerometer_x, accelerometer_y, accelerometer_z):
    pitch = np.arcsin(accelerometer_x / g)
    roll = np.arcsin(accelerometer_y / (g * np.cos(pitch)))
    yaw = 0

    return roll, pitch, yaw
```

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[39]: def euler_angles_to_quaternions(roll, pitch, yaw):
    q_1 = np.cos(roll / 2) * np.cos(pitch / 2) * np.cos(yaw / 2) + np.sin(roll / 2) *
    ↪ np.sin(pitch / 2) * np.sin(yaw / 2)
    q_2 = np.sin(roll / 2) * np.cos(pitch / 2) * np.cos(yaw / 2) + np.cos(roll / 2) *
    ↪ np.sin(pitch / 2) * np.sin(yaw / 2)
    q_3 = np.cos(roll / 2) * np.sin(pitch / 2) * np.cos(yaw / 2) + np.sin(roll / 2) *
    ↪ np.cos(pitch / 2) * np.sin(yaw / 2)
    q_4 = np.cos(roll / 2) * np.cos(pitch / 2) * np.sin(yaw / 2) + np.sin(roll / 2) *
    ↪ np.sin(pitch / 2) * np.cos(yaw / 2)

    return q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4
```

```
[40]: def quaternions_to_euler_angles(q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4):
    phi = np.degrees(np.arctan2(2 * (q_1 * q_2 + q_3 * q_4), 1 - 2 * (q_2 ** 2 +
    ↪ q_3 ** 2)))
    theta = np.degrees(np.arcsin(2 * (q_1 * q_3 - q_4 * q_2)))
    omega = np.degrees(np.arctan2(2 * (q_1 * q_4 + q_2 * q_3), 1 - 2 * (q_3 ** 2
    ↪ + q_4 ** 2)))

    return phi, theta, omega
```

```
[41]: def calculate_transormation_martix_A(gyro_phi, gyro_theta, gyro_omega):
    A = np.array(
        np.identity(4)
        + (delta_t / 2)
        * np.array(
            [
                [0, -gyro_phi, -gyro_theta, -gyro_omega],
                [gyro_phi, 0, gyro_omega, -gyro_theta],
                [gyro_theta, -gyro_omega, 0, gyro_phi],
                [gyro_omega, gyro_theta, -gyro_phi, 0],
            ]
        )
    )
    return A
```

## 2. Define initial conditions:

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[53]: # Constants
g = scipy.constants.g # Standard acceleration of gravity
delta_t = 0.01 # Time step [s], 100Hz

# 4x4 transformation matrices are needed because we are working with quaternions
H = np.identity(4)
C = np.identity(4)

# Initialize covariance matrices
Q_process_noise_matrix = np.array([[10 ** -4, 0, 0, 0], [0, 10 ** -4, 0, 0], [0,
    ↪ 0, 10 ** -4, 0], [0, 0, 0, 10 ** -4]])
R_measurement_noise_matrix = np.array([[10, 0, 0, 0], [0, 10, 0, 0], [0, 0, 10,
    ↪ 0], [0, 0, 0, 10]])

q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 = euler_angles_to_quaternions(0, 0, 0)
prev_state = np.array([q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4], ndmin=2).transpose()
prev_process_covariance = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1, 0],
    ↪ [0, 0, 0, 1]])

time = np.linspace(0, 200.1, num=20001)
kalman_corrected_phi = []
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kalman_corrected_theta = []
kalman_corrected_omega = []

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#### 4. Begin the recursive algorithm:

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[54]: for accelerometer_measurement, gyro_measurement in zip(accelerometer_data,
    ↳ gyro_data):

    # Create a new matrix 'A' with angular velocities from gyro data
    A = calculate_transformation_matrix_A(gyro_measurement[0],
    ↳ gyro_measurement[1], gyro_measurement[2])

    # Calculate the state estimate and process covariance estimate
    state_estimate = A @ prev_state
    process_covariance_estimate = A @ prev_process_covariance @ A.transpose() +
    ↳ Q_process_noise_matrix
    # process_covariance_estimate = np.diag(np.diag(process_covariance_estimate))

    # Compute the Kalman gain
    kalman_gain = (
        process_covariance_estimate
        @ H
        @ inverse(H @ process_covariance_estimate @ H.transpose() +
    ↳ R_measurement_noise_matrix)
    )

    # Convert measured acceleration to Euler angles
    accelerometer_roll, accelerometer_pitch, accelerometer_yaw =
    ↳ accelerometer_to_attitude(
        accelerometer_measurement[0], accelerometer_measurement[1],
    ↳ accelerometer_measurement[2]
    )

    # Convert then to Quaternions
    q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 = euler_angles_to_quaternions(accelerometer_roll,
    ↳ accelerometer_pitch, accelerometer_yaw)
    Y_measurement_matrix = np.array([q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4], ndmin=2).transpose()

    # Compute the measurement
    state_measurement = C @ Y_measurement_matrix + 0 # Assume noise in
    ↳ calculating the measurement is 0

    # Correct the state estimate and process covariance estimate
    new_state = state_estimate + kalman_gain @ (state_measurement - H @
    ↳ state_estimate)

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    new_process_covariance = process_covariance_estimate - kalman_gain @ H @
→process_covariance_estimate

    # Update previous state
    prev_state = new_state
    prev_process_covariance = new_process_covariance

    # Append data to list and repeat
    new_phi, new_theta, new_omega = quaternions_to_euler_angles(
        new_state.take(0), new_state.take(1), new_state.take(2), new_state.
→take(3)
    )

    # Collect data for comparison
    measured_phi, measured_theta, measured_omega =
→quaternions_to_euler_angles(q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4)

    kalman_corrected_phi.append(new_phi)
    kalman_corrected_theta.append(new_theta)
    kalman_corrected_omega.append(new_omega)

```

## 5. Plot the corrected data via the Kalman Filter:

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[73]: dictionary = {
        "Time": time[:],
        "Phi": kalman_corrected_phi,
        "Theta": kalman_corrected_theta,
        "Omega": kalman_corrected_omega,
    }
    kalman_data = pd.DataFrame(data=dictionary)
    kalman_data.plot(x="Time", y="Phi", grid=True, color="r", figsize=[12,6])
    plt.ylabel("Degrees")
    kalman_data.plot(x="Time", y="Theta", grid=True, color="g", figsize=[12,6])
    plt.ylabel("Degrees")
    kalman_data.plot(x="Time", y="Omega", grid=True, color="b", figsize=[12,6])
    plt.ylabel("Degrees")
    plt.show()

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