

TTK4115 Linear System Theory  
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## Homework assignment 6

**Hand-out time:** Monday, October 28, 2013, at 12:00

**Hand-in deadline:** Friday, November 8, 2013, at 12:00

The problems should be solved by hand, but feel free to use MATLAB to verify your results.

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### Problem 1: Kalman filter

Consider a plant where the relation between the input  $i(t)$  and the output  $o(t)$  is given by the transfer function

$$g(s) = \frac{o(s)}{i(s)} = \frac{10}{s+5}.$$

The input  $i(t)$  consists of the control input  $u(t)$  and an input disturbance  $d(t)$  and is given by

$$i(t) = 2u(t) + d(t).$$

The disturbance  $d(t)$  is the output of the following Wiener process:

$$d(t) = 5 \int_0^t w(\tau) d\tau,$$

where  $w(t)$  is Gaussian white noise. The output  $o(t)$  of the plant is measured. The corresponding output measurement is given by

$$y(t) = o(t) + v(t),$$

where  $v(t)$  is Gaussian white noise.

- a) Draw a block diagram of the system.
- b) Show that the system can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t) + \mathbf{G}w(t), \\ y(t) &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + Hv(t),\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with state } \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} o(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

We use Euler discretization to discretize the obtained system. The corresponding discretized system is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= \mathbf{A}_d\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}_d u_k + \mathbf{G}_d w_k, \\ y_k &= \mathbf{C}_d\mathbf{x}_k + H_d v_k,\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

with matrices

$$\mathbf{A}_d = \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{B}_d = \Delta t \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{G}_d = \Delta t \mathbf{G}, \quad \mathbf{C}_d = \mathbf{C} \quad \text{and} \quad H_d = H,$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix and  $\Delta t = \frac{1}{5}$  denotes the sampling time. Note that the time index  $k$  of the discretized system corresponds to the time  $t = k\Delta t$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}(t)$  for  $t = k\Delta t$ .

- c) Calculate the matrices  $\mathbf{A}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{G}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_d$  and  $H_d$ .
- d) Check if the obtained discrete-time system (1) is observable.

We will design a Kalman filter for the discrete-time system (1). We assume the Gaussian white noise processes  $w_k$  and  $v_k$  have a zero mean and are uncorrelated. Moreover, we assume that the variances of  $w_k$  and  $v_k$  are given by  $Q = 3$  and  $R = 1$ , respectively. Summarizing, we assume that the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned} E[w_k] &= 0, \quad \text{for all } k, \\ E[v_k] &= 0, \quad \text{for all } k, \\ E[w_k w_l] &= \begin{cases} Q = 3, & \text{if } k = l, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ E[v_k v_l] &= \begin{cases} R = 1, & \text{if } k = l, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ E[w_k v_l] &= 0, \quad \text{for all } k \text{ and } l. \end{aligned}$$

Let the (a priori) state estimate be denoted by  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-$ . We define the estimation error to be

$$\mathbf{e}_k^- = \mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-.$$

The associated error covariance matrix is

$$\mathbf{P}_k^- = E[\mathbf{e}_k^- \mathbf{e}_k^{-T}] = E[(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-)(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-)^T].$$

We use the measurement  $y_k$  to update the state estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-$  according to the following update law:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^- + \mathbf{K}_k(y_k - \mathbf{C}_d \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-), \quad (2)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  is the updated state estimate and  $\mathbf{K}_k$  is the Kalman gain (yet to be determined). Now, we define the updated estimation error  $\mathbf{e}_k$  and the associated updated error covariance matrix  $\mathbf{P}_k$  as

$$\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$$

and

$$\mathbf{P}_k = E[\mathbf{e}_k \mathbf{e}_k^T] = E[(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k)(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k)^T]. \quad (3)$$

- e) Use the definition of  $\mathbf{P}_k$  in (3) and the update law (2) to write  $\mathbf{P}_k$  as a function of  $\mathbf{P}_k^-$ ,  $\mathbf{K}_k$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_d$ ,  $H_d$  and  $R$ .

f) Use the equation

$$\frac{d(\text{trace } \mathbf{P}_k)}{d\mathbf{K}_k} = -2\mathbf{C}_d\mathbf{P}_k^- + 2(\mathbf{C}_d\mathbf{P}_k^-\mathbf{C}_d^T + RH_d^2)\mathbf{K}_k^T = \mathbf{0}^T$$

to find an expression for the Kalman gain  $\mathbf{K}_k$  as a function of  $\mathbf{P}_k^-$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_d$ ,  $H_d$  and  $R$ .

To find the a priori state estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^-$  for the state  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}$  at time index  $k+1$ , we use the state equation  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}_d\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}_du_k + \mathbf{G}_dw_k$ . We set  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^- = E[\mathbf{x}_{k+1}] = E[\mathbf{A}_d\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}_du_k + \mathbf{G}_dw_k]$ .

g) Find an expression for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^-$  as a function of  $\mathbf{A}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{G}_d$ ,  $Q$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_k$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  and  $u_k$ . Note that the best available estimate for  $\mathbf{x}_k$  is  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ , i.e.  $E[\mathbf{x}_k] = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ , and that  $u_k$  is a known input.

h) Use the state equation  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}_d\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}_du_k + \mathbf{G}_dw_k$  and the expression for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^-$  found in g) to find an expression for  $\mathbf{P}_{k+1}^- = E[\mathbf{e}_{k+1}^-\mathbf{e}_{k+1}^{-T}] = E[(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^-)(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^-)^T]$  as a function of  $\mathbf{A}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{G}_d$ ,  $Q$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_k$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  and  $u_k$ .

Consider the initial conditions

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0^- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}_0^- = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and the measured outputs and control inputs

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= 2, & u_0 &= 1, \\ y_1 &= -1, & u_1 &= -1, \\ y_2 &= -8. \end{aligned}$$

i) Use the obtained Kalman filter algorithm to calculate the state estimates  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_2$ .

## Problem 2: Extended Kalman filter

Consider the following discrete-time system:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k, u_k) + \mathbf{w}_k, \\ y_k &= h(\mathbf{x}_k) + v_k, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where  $u_k$  is the input,  $y_k$  is the output, and where the state  $\mathbf{x}_k$  and the functions  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $h$  are given by

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,k} \\ x_{2,k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k, u_k) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}x_{1,k}^2 - x_{2,k} \\ -x_{2,k} + u_k \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad h(\mathbf{x}_k) = x_{1,k} + x_{2,k}^2.$$

The disturbances  $\mathbf{w}_k$  and  $v_k$  are multivariate Gaussian noises. The corresponding covariance matrices are respectively given by

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R = 3.$$

We will design an extended Kalman filter for the system in (4). The initial conditions for the extended Kalman filter are given by an (a priori) state estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0^-$  and an (a priori) error covariance matrix  $\mathbf{P}_0^-$ , which are given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0^- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}_0^- = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) Compute the Kalman gain  $\mathbf{K}_0$  from the equation

$$\mathbf{K}_0 = \mathbf{P}_0^- \mathbf{H}_0^T (\mathbf{H}_0 \mathbf{P}_0^- \mathbf{H}_0^T + R)^{-1},$$

where the matrix  $\mathbf{H}_0$  is given by

$$\mathbf{H}_0 = \left. \frac{dh}{d\mathbf{x}_k} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0^-}.$$

b) Let  $y_0 = 17$ . Compute the updated state estimate

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0^- + \mathbf{K}_0(y_0 - h(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0^-)).$$

c) Now, similar to the Kalman filter, compute the updated error covariance matrix  $\mathbf{P}_0$  from the equation

$$\mathbf{P}_0 = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_0 \mathbf{H}_0) \mathbf{P}_0^- (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_0 \mathbf{H}_0)^T + \mathbf{K}_0 R \mathbf{K}_0^T,$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix.

The projection ahead, from  $k = 0$  to  $k = 1$ , is based on the formulas

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^- = \mathbf{f}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0, u_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}_1^- = \mathbf{\Phi}_0 \mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{\Phi}_0^T + \mathbf{Q},$$

where the matrix  $\mathbf{\Phi}_0$  is given by

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_0 = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \right|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 \\ u_k = u_0}}.$$

d) Let  $u_0 = -5$ . Show that  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^-$  and  $\mathbf{P}_1^-$  are given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^- = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}_1^- = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In a more general form (not only for  $k = 0$ ), the extended Kalman filter algorithm can be summarized as follows.

- *Compute the Kalman gain:*

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{P}_k^- \mathbf{H}_k^T (\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_k^- \mathbf{H}_k^T + R)^{-1}, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{H}_k = \left. \frac{dh}{d\mathbf{x}_k} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-}.$$

- *Update the state estimate:*

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^- + \mathbf{K}_k(y_k - h(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-)).$$

- *Update the error covariance matrix:*

$$\mathbf{P}_k = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \mathbf{P}_k^- (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k)^T + \mathbf{K}_k R \mathbf{K}_k^T.$$

- *Project ahead to  $k + 1$ :*

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^- = \mathbf{f}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k, u_k) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}_{k+1}^- = \Phi_k \mathbf{P}_k \Phi_k^T + \mathbf{Q}, \quad \text{with} \quad \Phi_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \right|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k \\ u_k = u_k}}.$$

Consider the following outputs and input:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 3, & u_1 &= -1, \\ y_2 &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

- e) Show that  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_2$  are given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.6 \\ -1.5 \end{bmatrix}.$$