Notes

Filtering in C++

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1 Why this document?

This document is provided to explain and clarify the code uploaded with it. The repository includes examples of implementing filters, usually Kalman fitlers, in C++. The filters will be mainly implemented on

1. a linear system, and
2. a non-Euclidean nonlinear system (usually defined on a Lie group).

2 The Kalman filter

2.1 The system

Consider the linear ordinary differential equation (ODE) describing a mass-spring-damper system

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = u(t), \tag{1}$$

where m is the mass, b is the damping, k is the spring constant, and $u(t)$ is the forcing function. The system (1) can be written in state space form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{b}{m} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u \tag{2}$$

$$= \boldsymbol{A}\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{B}u_t, \tag{3}$$

where

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x & \dot{x} \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}}, \tag{4}$$

and the time arguments (t) are dropped for brevity.

The disrete-time kinematic model is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{B}u_{k-1}, \tag{5}$$

where the discrete-time system matrices $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ are computed using some discretization scheme. For the linear example above, the $\mathbf{A}$ matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \exp\left(\boldsymbol{A}T_k\right), \tag{6}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \int_0^{T_k} \exp(\boldsymbol{A}\alpha)\mathrm{d}\alpha\boldsymbol{B}, \tag{7}$$

where T_k is the sampling period [1].

The matrix $\mathbf{B}$ can be approximated using forward Euler to get

$$\mathbf{B} \approx T_k\boldsymbol{B}. \tag{8}$$

2.2 Process model

The discrete-time process model[1] is used in the *prediction* step of the Kalman filter. It is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{w}_{k-1}, \tag{9}$$

where $\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ is the state, $\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$ is the control input, and $\mathbf{w}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_w}$ where $\mathbf{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k)$ is the process noise and $\mathbf{Q}_k$ is the process noise covariance.

[1] Also referred to as the kinematic model, motion model, progression model, *e. t. c.*.

2.3 Measurement functions

The correction step requires a measurement model which is given by

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{M}\mathbf{n}_k, \tag{10}$$

where $\mathbf{y}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y}$ and $\mathbf{n}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_n}$ where $\mathbf{n}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$ is the measurement noise and $\mathbf{R}_k$ is the measurement noise covariance.

For the example presented, the measurement is a position measurememnt, so the measurement function is given by

$$y_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k + n_k \tag{11}$$

$$= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_k + n_k. \tag{12}$$

3 The extended Kalman filter

Without getting into the derivation of the equations, the (extended) Kalman filter equations are given by [2, eq. (4.32)]

$$\check{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{f}\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}\right), \tag{13a}$$

$$\check{\mathbf{P}}_k = \mathbf{A}_{k-1}\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k-1}\mathbf{A}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{Q}_k\mathbf{L}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}}, \tag{13b}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \check{\mathbf{P}}_k\mathbf{H}_k\left(\mathbf{H}_k\check{\mathbf{P}}_k\mathbf{H}_k^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{M}_k^{\mathsf{T}}\right)^{-1}, \tag{13c}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\left(\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{g}_k\left(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}\right)\right), \tag{13d}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)\check{\mathbf{P}}_k\left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{M}_k^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{K}_k^{\mathsf{T}}, \tag{13e}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_{k-1} = \left.\frac{\partial\mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1}\right)}{\partial\mathbf{x}_{k-1}}\right|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_{k-1}=\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1},\,, \\ \mathbf{w}_{k-1}=\mathbf{0}}}, \tag{14}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{k-1} = \left.\frac{\partial\mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1}\right)}{\partial\mathbf{w}_{k-1}}\right|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_{k-1}=\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1},\,, \\ \mathbf{w}_{k-1}=\mathbf{0}}}, \tag{15}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{k-1} = \left.\frac{\partial\mathbf{g}\left(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{n}_k\right)}{\partial\mathbf{x}_k}\right|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_k=\check{\mathbf{x}}_k,\,, \\ \mathbf{n}_k=\mathbf{0}}}, \tag{16}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{k-1} = \left.\frac{\partial\mathbf{g}\left(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{n}_k\right)}{\partial\mathbf{n}_k}\right|_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_k=\check{\mathbf{x}}_k,\,. \\ \mathbf{n}_k=\mathbf{0}}}. \tag{17}$$

The covariance equations (13b) and (13e) are computed using first-order covariance propagation on (13a) and (13d), respectively. Let's clarify this point as it will be important when discussing the invariant extended Kalman filter.

Remark 3.1. A Gaussian random variable

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \tag{18}$$

can be written as

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \delta\underline{\mathbf{x}}, \tag{19}$$
$$\delta\underline{\mathbf{x}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}). \tag{20}$$

Using Remark 3.1, define the (random) variables

$$\delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k \coloneqq \check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k, \tag{21}$$
$$\delta\hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k \coloneqq \hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k, \tag{22}$$

where

$$\delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \check{\mathbf{P}}_k\right), \tag{23}$$
$$\delta\hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k\right). \tag{24}$$

Using Taylor's expansion of (13a), the error dynamics of the (extended) Kalman filter equations are then given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k &= \check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k && (25)\\
&= \mathbf{f}\left(\hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}\right) - \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}\right) && (26)\\
&\approx \mathbf{f}\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}\right) - \mathbf{f}\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}\right)\\
&\qquad - \mathbf{A}_{k-1} \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} - \hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_{k-1}\right)}_{-\delta\hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_{k-1}} - \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\left(\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1} - \mathbf{0}\right) && (27)\\
&= \mathbf{A}_{k-1}\delta\hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_{k-1} - \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}. && (28)
\end{aligned}$$

The covariance on $\delta\check{\mathbf{x}}_k$ is then given by

$$\operatorname{Cov}\left[\delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k\right] = \mathbf{A}_k\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k-1}\mathbf{A}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{Q}_{k-1}\mathbf{L}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \tag{29}$$

which is equivalent to (13b).

Applying the same concept on the correction equation gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k &= \check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\left(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_k - \mathbf{g}\left(\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k, \mathbf{0}\right)\right) - \mathbf{x}_k && (30)\\
&= \check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\left(\mathbf{g}\left(\mathbf{x}_k, \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k\right) - \mathbf{g}\left(\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k, \mathbf{0}\right)\right) - \mathbf{x}_k && (31)\\
&= \mathbf{x}_k + \delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\left(\mathbf{g}\left(\mathbf{x}_k, \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k\right) - \mathbf{g}\left(\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k, \mathbf{0}\right)\right) && (32)\\
&\approx \delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\left(\mathbf{g}\left(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}\right) + \mathbf{H}_k\left(\mathbf{x}_k - \check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k\right)\right.\\
&\qquad \left. + \mathbf{L}_k\left(\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k - \mathbf{0}\right) - \mathbf{g}\left(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}\right)\right) && (33)\\
&= \delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\left(\mathbf{H}_k\left(\mathbf{x}_k - \check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k\right) + \mathbf{L}_k\left(\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k - \mathbf{0}\right)\right) && (34)\\
&= \delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\left(-\mathbf{H}_k\delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{L}_k\left(\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k - \mathbf{0}\right)\right) && (35)\\
&= \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)\delta\check{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{M}_k\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k. && (36)
\end{aligned}$$

The covariance is then given by

$$\mathrm{Cov}\left[\delta\hat{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}_k\right] = \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)\check{\mathbf{P}}_k\left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{M}_k^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{K}_k^{\mathsf{T}} \quad (37)$$

which is equivalent to (13e).

4 The invariant extended Kalman filter

The invariant filter[3] is applicable to states that live in Lie groups. However, since the filter deals with random variables, it's important to know how to represent random variables living in Lie groups. That is, $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \in G$, where G is some group.

Let the $SE(n)$ process model be given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\underline{\mathbf{X}}_k &= \mathbf{F}\left(\underline{\mathbf{X}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}\right) && (38)\\
&= \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{k-1}\,\mathrm{Exp}\left(T_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1}\right)\mathrm{Exp}(\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}) && (39)\\
&= \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{k-1}\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}\,\mathrm{Exp}(\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}), && (40)
\end{aligned}$$

$T_{k-1} \coloneqq t_k - t_{k-1}$ is the sampling period.

the left-invariant measurement model is given by

$$\underline{\mathbf{y}}_k = \underline{\mathbf{X}}_k\mathbf{b} + \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k, \quad (41)$$

and the right-invariant measurement model is given by

$$\underline{\mathbf{y}}_k = \underline{\mathbf{X}}_k^{-1}\mathbf{b} + \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k, \quad (42)$$

where $\mathbf{b}$ is some known constant column matrix.

4.1 Random variables on Lie groups

In the Euclidean case, Remark 3.1 can be used to describe a random variable. However, how can we do that in a non-Euclidean case? Let's restrict ourselves with Lie groups.

A random variable (on a Lie group) can be given by

$$\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \bar{\mathbf{X}}\delta\underline{\mathbf{X}} \tag{43}$$

$$= \bar{\mathbf{X}} \exp\left(\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}^{\wedge}\right) \tag{44}$$

$$= \bar{\mathbf{X}} \overset{\mathrm{R}}{\oplus} \underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}, \tag{45}$$

where $\overset{\mathrm{R}}{\oplus}$ is the 'right perturbation' operator[2] from [4] and

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}\right). \tag{46}$$

[2] There are multiple versions of the $\oplus$ operator such as left, left-invariant, right, and right-invariant.

This is the Lie-group version of Remark 3.1. Note that $\bar{\mathbf{X}} \in G$ and $\exp\left(\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}^{\wedge}\right) \in G$, thus $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \in G$ since G is a Lie group which is closed under multiplication.

4.2 Left-invariant perturbation

The left-invariant "addition" $\overset{\mathrm{LI}}{\oplus} : G \times \mathbb{R}^n \to G$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{X} \overset{\mathrm{LI}}{\oplus} \boldsymbol{\xi} \coloneqq \mathbf{X} \exp\left(-\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\wedge}\right) \tag{47}$$

$$= \mathbf{X} \operatorname{Exp}\left(-\boldsymbol{\xi}\right), \tag{48}$$

and the left-invariant "subtraction" $\overset{\mathrm{LI}}{\ominus} : G \times G \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{X}_2 \ominus \mathbf{X}_1 \coloneqq \log\left(\mathbf{X}_2^{-1}\mathbf{X}_1\right)^{\vee} \tag{49}$$

$$= \operatorname{Log}\left(\mathbf{X}_2^{-1}\mathbf{X}_1\right). \tag{50}$$

4.3 The invariant extended Kalman filter

Without deep derivation, let's take the extended Kalman filter equations (13) and expand them to states that live on smooth manifolds. Let's simply replace the Euclidean $+$ and $-$ operators with $\oplus$ and $\ominus$, respectively[3].

[3] There are different 'flavors' as discussed above.

The prediction equations will then be

$$\check{\mathbf{X}}_k = \mathbf{F}\left(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}\right), \tag{51}$$

$$\check{\mathbf{P}}_k = \mathbf{A}_{k-1}\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k-1}\mathbf{A}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{Q}_{k-1}\mathbf{L}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}}. \tag{52}$$

But what are $\check{\mathbf{P}}_k$, $\mathbf{A}_{k-1}$, and $\mathbf{L}_{k-1}$ exactly? Remember, we had to define an error (left invariant, right invariant, etc.).

Similar to the estimator prediction error (21) and correction error (22) of the extended Kalman filter, define the estimator prediction and correction left-invariant errors as [4] [5]

$$\delta\underline{\check{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k \coloneqq \mathbf{X}_k \overset{\mathrm{LI}}{\ominus} \underline{\check{\mathbf{X}}}_k, \tag{53}$$

$$\delta\underline{\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k \coloneqq \mathbf{X}_k \overset{\mathrm{LI}}{\ominus} \underline{\hat{\mathbf{X}}}_k, \tag{54}$$

[4] Note that $\mathbf{X}_k$ is not a random variable in the error definition.

[5] The definition $\delta\underline{\check{\boldsymbol{\xi}}} \coloneqq \underline{\check{\mathbf{X}}} \overset{\mathrm{LI}}{\ominus} \mathbf{X}$ can also be used. However, the KF equations would look slightly different but the results would still hold.

respectively.

Plugging (38) and (51) into (53) results in

$$\delta\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k = \mathbf{X}_k \overset{\text{LI}}{\ominus} \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k \tag{55}$$

$$= \mathbf{F}\left(\hat{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}\right) \overset{\text{LI}}{\ominus} \mathbf{F}\left(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}\right) \tag{56}$$

$$= \operatorname{Log}\left(\left(\mathbf{X}_{k-1}\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}\operatorname{Exp}(\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1})\right)^{-1}\hat{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_{k-1}\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}\right) \tag{57}$$

$$= \operatorname{Log}\left(\operatorname{Exp}(-\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1})\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}^{-1}\mathbf{X}_{k-1}^{-1}\hat{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_{k-1}\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}\right) \tag{58}$$

Note the usage of $\operatorname{Exp}(\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_{k-1}) = \mathbf{X}_{k-1}^{-1}\hat{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_{k-1}$.

$$= \operatorname{Log}\left(\operatorname{Exp}(-\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1})\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}^{-1}\operatorname{Exp}(\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_{k-1})\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}\right) \tag{59}$$

$$= \operatorname{Log}\left(\operatorname{Exp}(-\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1})\operatorname{Exp}\left(\operatorname{Adj}_{\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}^{-1}}\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_{k-1}\right)\right) \tag{60}$$

Note $\mathbf{X}\operatorname{Exp}(\boldsymbol{\zeta})\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \operatorname{Exp}(\operatorname{Adj}_{\mathbf{X}}\boldsymbol{\zeta})$.

$$\approx \underbrace{\operatorname{Adj}_{\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}^{-1}}}_{\mathbf{A}_{k-1}}\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_{k-1} - \underline{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}, \tag{61}$$

where the last equation is an approximation from the BCH formula [2] and $\mathbf{L}_{k-1} = -\mathbf{1}$.

The covariance on the prediction error is then given by

$$\check{\mathbf{P}}_k \coloneqq \operatorname{Cov}\left[\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k\right] \tag{62}$$

$$\approx \mathbf{A}_{k-1}\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k-1}\mathbf{A}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{Q}_{k-1}\mathbf{L}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}}. \tag{63}$$

The correction equations can be generalized from (13d) by using '$\overset{\text{LI}}{\oplus}$' in place of '+'. Specifically,

$$\hat{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k = \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k \overset{\text{LI}}{\oplus} \left(\mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{g}(\check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k, \mathbf{0}))\right). \tag{64}$$

What's the covariance on $\hat{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k$? [6] To answer the question, lets' stick with the left-invariant measurement function (41) and plug in the appropriate variables into (54).

[6] Actually, covariance is on $\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k$.

$$\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k = \mathbf{X}_k \overset{\text{LI}}{\ominus} \hat{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k \tag{65}$$

$$= \mathbf{X}_k \overset{\text{LI}}{\ominus} \left(\check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k \overset{\text{LI}}{\oplus} (\mathbf{K}_k\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k)\right) \tag{66}$$

$$= \operatorname{Log}\left(\mathbf{X}_k^{-1}\check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k\operatorname{Exp}(-\mathbf{K}_k\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k)\right) \tag{67}$$

$$= \operatorname{Log}(\operatorname{Exp}(\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k)\operatorname{Exp}(-\mathbf{K}_k\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k)) \tag{68}$$

$$\approx \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k. \tag{69}$$

What's the innovation $\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k$? That's where invariant filtering comes in. Define the left-invariant innovation[7] by

[7] The left-invariant innovation is used since we assumed we have a left-invariant measurement function.

$$\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k \coloneqq \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}\left(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_k - \mathbf{g}(\check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k, \mathbf{0})\right) \tag{70}$$
$$= \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}\left(\mathbf{X}_k\mathbf{b} + \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k - \check{\mathbf{X}}_k\mathbf{b}\right) \tag{71}$$
$$= \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}\mathbf{X}_k\mathbf{b} + \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k - \mathbf{b} \tag{72}$$
$$= \mathrm{Exp}(-\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}\check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k \tag{73}$$
$$\approx \left(\mathbf{1} - \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k^{\wedge}\right)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} + \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k \tag{74}$$
$$= -\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k^{\wedge}\mathbf{b} + \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k \tag{75}$$
$$= \underbrace{-\mathbf{b}^{\odot}}_{\mathbf{H}_k}\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k + \underbrace{\check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1}}_{\mathbf{M}_k}\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k, \tag{76}$$

Note that the Jacobian w.r.t. the state $\mathbf{H}_k$ is state-independent. That is, it does not depend on the state $\mathbf{X}_k$.

where

$$\boldsymbol{\zeta}^{\wedge}\mathbf{b} \coloneqq \mathbf{b}^{\odot}\boldsymbol{\zeta} \tag{77}$$
$$\tag{78}$$

is defined

$$\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{b}_{1:3}\\ b_4\end{bmatrix}^{\odot} = \begin{bmatrix}-\mathbf{b}_{1:3}^{\times} & b_4\mathbf{1}\\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0}\end{bmatrix} \tag{79}$$

for $SE(3)$ and

$$\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{b}_{1:2}\\ b_3\end{bmatrix}^{\odot} = \begin{bmatrix}(1)^{\times}\mathbf{b}_{1:2} & b_3\mathbf{1}\\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0}\end{bmatrix} \tag{80}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}0 & -1\\ 1 & 0\end{bmatrix}\mathbf{b}_{1:2} & b_3\mathbf{1}\\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0}\end{bmatrix} \tag{81}$$
$$\tag{82}$$

for $SE(2)$.

Plugging the above results into (69) gives the approximation

$$\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k = \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k \tag{83}$$
$$\approx \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k\left(\mathbf{H}_k\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k + \mathbf{M}_k\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k\right) \tag{84}$$
$$= \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)\check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{M}_k\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k, \tag{85}$$

which looks very similar to the Kalman filter correction equation with a difference of sign on $\underline{\mathbf{n}}_k$. The covariance on the correction error is then given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k \coloneqq \mathrm{Cov}\left[\hat{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k\right] \tag{86}$$
$$\approx \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)\check{\mathbf{P}}_k\left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\right)^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{M}_k^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{K}_k^{\mathsf{T}}, \tag{87}$$

which exactly matches the EKF correction covariance (13e).

5 Example: Left-invariant extended Kalman filter

In this section, an example of the left-invariant extended Kalman filter (L-InEKF) is presented. The example is applied on a robot in 3D space. That is, the states $\mathbf{X}$ live in the 3D special Euclidean Lie group $SE(3)$. A C++implementation of this example is provided in the repository.

The state is given by

$$\mathbf{X}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{ab_k} & \mathbf{r}_a^{b_k a} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{88}$$

$$= \operatorname{Exp}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k), \tag{89}$$

where $\mathbf{C}_{ab} \in SO(3)$ is the attitude[8] and $\mathbf{r}_a^{b_k a}$ is the displacement of point b_k (robot body) relative to some arbitrary point a resolved in the (world) frame $\mathcal{F}_a$.[9] Furthermore, the Lie algebra coordinates are given by

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi}^\phi \\ \boldsymbol{\xi}^\mathrm{r} \end{bmatrix}, \tag{90}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\xi}^\phi$ are coordinates associated with attitude, and $\boldsymbol{\xi}^\mathrm{r}$ are the generalized position[10]. Note that some authors use different ordering for $\boldsymbol{\xi}$. For example, in [2], the ordering of $\boldsymbol{\xi}^\phi$ and $\boldsymbol{\xi}^\mathrm{r}$ is flipped. This has an effect on the Adjoint representation and the Jacobians, so care must be taken.

[8] Specifically, it's the DCM of frame $\mathcal{F}_a$ relative to frame $\mathcal{F}_b$.

[9] I realize that it might be confusing to use the same letter to denote a point and a frame.

[10] Note that $\boldsymbol{\xi}^\mathrm{r} \neq \mathbf{r}_a^{b_k a}$ in general.

5.1 Process model

The process model is given by (40) and the Jacobians are given by (61). Specifically, the Jacobian of the process model w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ is given by

$$\mathbf{A}_{k-1} = \operatorname{Adj}_{\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{k-1}^{-1}}, \tag{91}$$

where

$$\operatorname{Adj}_{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{ab} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{r}_a^{ba\times}\mathbf{C}_{ab} & \mathbf{C}_{ab} \end{bmatrix}, \tag{92}$$

$$\operatorname{Adj}_{\mathbf{X}^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{ab}^\mathsf{T} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{C}_{ab}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{r}_a^{ba\times} & \mathbf{C}_{ab}^\mathsf{T} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{93}$$

Note that the Adjoint representation depends on the ordering of $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ defined in (90).

5.2 Measurement model: GPS

Let the measurement model be a position sensor given by

$$\underline{\mathbf{y}}_k = \mathbf{r}_a^{b_k a} + \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k \tag{94}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{ab_k} & \mathbf{r}_a^{b_k a} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{X}_k} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}} + \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k. \tag{95}$$

To make things easier, let

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{y}}_k \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{\underline{\mathbf{y}}}_k} = \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{b} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{\underline{\mathbf{n}}}_k}. \tag{96}$$

The innovation (76) (using $\tilde{\underline{\mathbf{y}}}_k$) is then given by

$$\tilde{\underline{\mathbf{z}}}_k \approx -\mathbf{b}^{\odot} \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k + \check{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}_k^{-1} \tilde{\underline{\mathbf{n}}}_k \tag{97}$$

$$= -\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k + \begin{bmatrix} \check{\underline{\mathbf{C}}}_{ab_k}^{\mathsf{T}} & -\check{\underline{\mathbf{C}}}_{ab_k}^{\mathsf{T}} \check{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}_a^{b_k a} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{98}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k + \check{\underline{\mathbf{C}}}_{ab_k}^{\mathsf{T}} \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{99}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{z}}_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{100}$$

From [2], the $(\cdot)^{\odot}$ operator for $SE(3)$ is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_{1:3} \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}^{\odot} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{b}_{1:3}^{\times} & b_4 \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{101}$$

Ignoring the last row of the equation above gives the (modified) innovation

$$\underline{\mathbf{z}}_k = \underbrace{-\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{H}_k} \check{\underline{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}_k + \underbrace{\check{\underline{\mathbf{C}}}_{ab_k}^{\mathsf{T}}}_{\mathbf{M}_k} \underline{\mathbf{n}}_k. \tag{102}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{H}_k = -\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}, \tag{103}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_k = \check{\underline{\mathbf{C}}}_{ab_k}^{\mathsf{T}}. \tag{104}$$

Note that the Jacobian of the innovation w.r.t. to $\check{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_k$ is state-independent.

5.3 Results

The results of using the $SE(2)$ C++filter are presented in Figure 1-2.

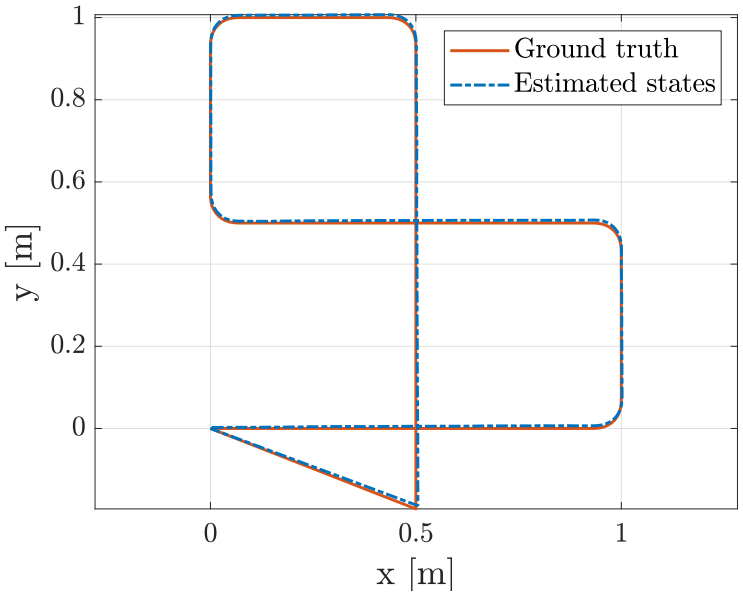

Figure 1: Ground truth and estimated trajectories from the $SE(2)$ example.

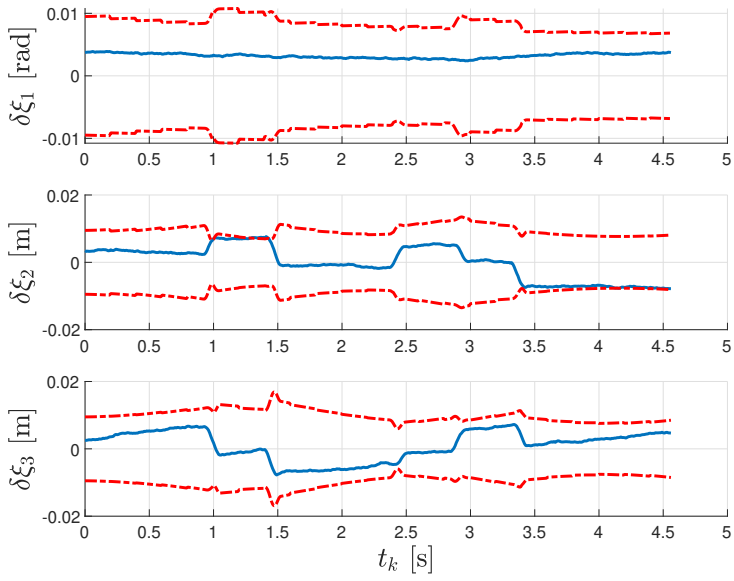

Figure 2: Error plots from the $SE(2)$ example.
Note that $\boldsymbol{\xi}_k = \mathrm{Log}(\mathbf{X}_k)$, where $\mathbf{X} \in SE(2)$ is the $SE(2)$ pose at time t_k.

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