

Applied Optimal Control (530.603) - Fall 2014

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Homework 5

1. a) If we define $\mathbf{x}(t) \equiv [\theta(t), \beta(t)]^\top$ then we can write the dynamics as:

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$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\equiv \mathbf{F}} \mathbf{x}(t) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\equiv \mathbf{G}} \omega(t) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\equiv \mathbf{L}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \eta_v \\ \eta_u \end{bmatrix}}_{\equiv \boldsymbol{\eta}(t)},$$

then, using the notation $\mathbf{x}_k \equiv \mathbf{x}(t_k)$ we have:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = e^{(t_k - t_{k-1})\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} e^{(t_k - \tau)\mathbf{F}} [\mathbf{G}\omega(\tau) + \mathbf{L}\boldsymbol{\eta}(\tau)] d\tau$$

Taking expectations (with respect to $\boldsymbol{\eta}(t)$) and assuming the Gaussians are mean-zero we have:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k \equiv E[\mathbf{x}_k] = e^{(t_k - t_{k-1})\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} e^{(t_k - \tau)\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{G}\omega(\tau) d\tau.$$

If we define Φ as the first order approximation of $e^{(t_k - t_{k-1})\mathbf{F}} = e^{\Delta t \mathbf{F}}$ we have:

$$\Phi \equiv \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\Delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 1$$

we can obtain that for Δt small enough:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \Phi \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & (\tau - t_k) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\Phi(t_k, \tau)} \mathbf{G}\omega(\tau) d\tau.$$

Because we are assuming $\omega(\tau)$ is constant in the sampling intervals we can define:

$$\Gamma \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \Delta t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega_k \equiv \omega(t_k), \quad 1$$

and obtain:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \Phi \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \Gamma \omega_{k-1}. \quad (1)$$

Next we will determine how the variance evolves. First, we begin recalling the definition:

$$\mathbf{P}_0 \equiv E[(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 - \mathbf{x}_0)(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 - \mathbf{x}_0)^\top].$$

We know that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_k &\equiv E[(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k)(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k)^\top] \\ &= \Phi \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \Phi^\top + \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (\tau - t_k) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_v^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_u^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (\tau - t_k) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top d\tau \\ &= \Phi \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \Phi^\top + \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (\tau - t_k) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_v^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_u^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (\tau - t_k) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top d\tau \\ &= \Phi \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \Phi^\top + \underbrace{\int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_v^2 + (\tau - t_k)^2 \sigma_u^2 & (\tau - t_k) \sigma_u^2 \\ (\tau - t_k) \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 \end{bmatrix} d\tau}_{\mathbf{Q}_{k-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

For small Δt we can use:

$$\mathbf{Q}_{k-1} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_v^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_u^2 \end{bmatrix} \Delta t \quad \text{Check soln for higher order terms}$$

and in general the variance evolves according to:

$$\mathbf{P}_k = \Phi \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \Phi^\top + \mathbf{Q}_{k-1}. \quad (2)$$

- 4/4 **b)** The output can be seen in figure (1). A printout of the code is included at the end of the homework.

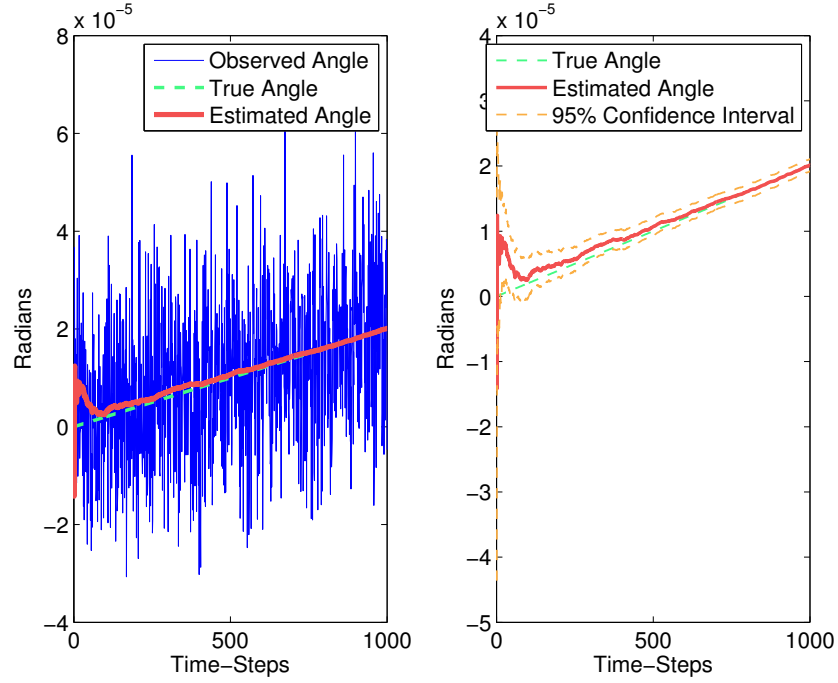


Figure 1: Output for problem 1b.

2. If we linearize $h(x)$ around $\hat{x}_{k|k-1}$ we have:

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$$h(x) \approx h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1}) + \mathbf{H}_k(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})$$

where \mathbf{H}_k is the Jacobian of $h(x)$ evaluated at $\hat{x}_{k|k-1}$. Substituting this approximation into the function we wish to minimize yields:

$$\begin{aligned} J(x) = & \frac{1}{2}(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})^\top \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{-1}(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1}) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}[z_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1})]^\top \mathbf{R}_k^{-1}[z_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1})] \\ & + \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{H}_k(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})]^\top \mathbf{R}_k^{-1}[\mathbf{H}_k(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})] \\ & - [z_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1})]^\top \mathbf{R}_k^{-1}[\mathbf{H}_k(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})]. \end{aligned}$$

If we take the gradient with respect to x in the previous equation and set it equal to zero we have:

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{-1}(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1}) + \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k^{-1}[\mathbf{H}_k(x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})] - \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k^{-1}[z_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1})] = 0. \quad (3)$$

Solving for x in (3):

$$x = \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K_k[z_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1})],$$

$$K_k \equiv [P_{k|k-1}^{-1} + H_k^\top R_k^{-1} H_k]^{-1} H_k^\top R_k^{-1}.$$

Rewriting using the matrix inversion lemma we have:

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$$x = \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K_k[z_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1})],$$

$$K_k = \underbrace{[P_{k|k-1} - P_{k|k-1} H_k^\top (H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^\top + R_k)^{-1} H_k P_{k|k-1}]}_{\equiv P_k} H_k^\top R_k^{-1}$$

which is the update we have in the notes for lecture 10. Furthermore, we know (by the equivalence derived in the notes) that this is the same as:

$$x = \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K_k[z_k - h(\hat{x}_{k|k-1})],$$

$$K_k = P_{k|k-1} H_k^\top (H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^\top + R_k)^{-1}$$

as desired.

4/4 3. a) The code is modified from that provided online and is included at the end of the homework. Figure (2) is the figure output for this problem; we can see that the errors are close to zero.

4/4 b) The code is modified from that provided online and is included at the end of the homework. Figure (3) is the figure output for this problem; we can see that the errors are not going to zero. Therefore, bearing alone does not seem to be sufficient.

4/4 4. First, I must mention that it is impossible to find a unique weighted least squares estimate using only 2 measurements as we are estimating more parameters (six) than we have equations (two). For this reason, I propose to modify the code to have $6 * 4 = 24$ total observations (i.e., rows in H) and generated them so that each 6×6 matrix was nonsingular (e.g., rows 1–6 of H form a nonsingular matrix). The idea would then be to process this data set in four iterations of six data points each and in one whole batch mode and compare the two. Details below.

Let our noisy observations be denoted by z_1, \dots, z_{24} . In addition, define $Z_1 \equiv \{z_1, \dots, z_6\}$, $Z_2 \equiv \{z_7, \dots, z_{12}\}$ and so on until Z_4 . We then have (I will use the notation $f(\cdot)$ denote the distribution of the quantity in parenthesis):

$$f(x|\hat{x}_1) = \frac{f(\hat{x}_1|x)f(x)}{\int (\text{numerator}) dx} \quad (4)$$

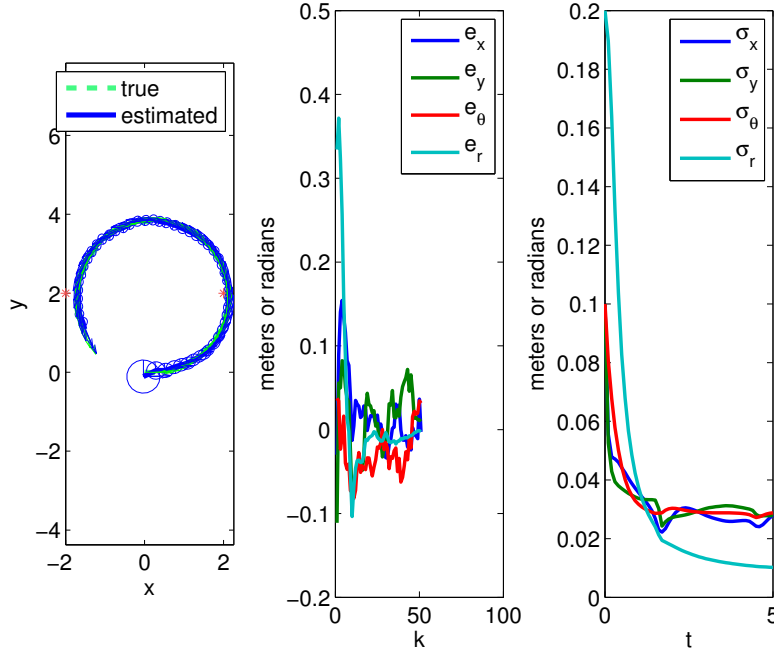


Figure 2: Ooutput for problem 3a. The errors go to zero.

where \hat{x}_1 is the estimate resulting from using r to do weighted least squares on Z_1 :

$$\hat{x}_1 = (H_{1:6}^\top r^{-1} H_{1:6})^{-1} H_{1:6}^\top r^{-1} [z_1, \dots, z_6]^\top \quad (5)$$

where $H_{1:6}$ denotes the matrix with the first six rows of H . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_1 &\sim N(B_1 H x, B_1 r B_1^\top), \\ B_1 &\equiv (H_{1:6}^\top r^{-1} H_{1:6})^{-1} H_{1:6}^\top r^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

By the way H is generated we know $H_{1:6}$ is nonsingular so that \hat{x}_1 does not have a degenerate normal distribution. Now, (4) becomes $f(x|\hat{x}_1) =$

$$\left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\hat{x}_1 - B_1 H x)^\top (B_1 r B_1^\top)^{-1} (\hat{x}_1 - B_1 H x)} \right) \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x - m_0)^\top P_0^{-1} (x - m_0)} \right) / \int \text{numerator } dx. \quad (6)$$

The outline of the implementation is as follows:

- Compute \hat{x}_1 as in (5) using the first 6 measurements Z_1 .

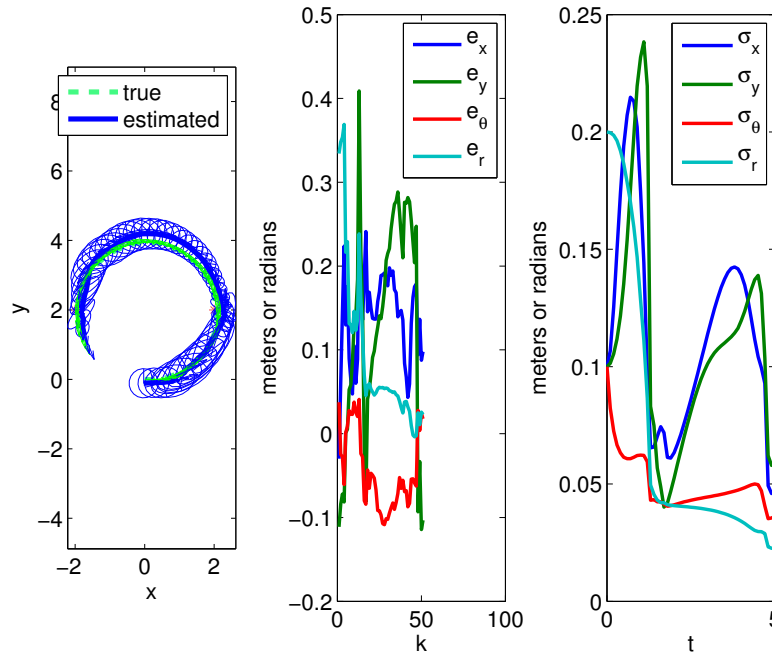


Figure 3: Ooutput for problem 3b. The estimates are less stable and not all errors are going to zero.

- Compute $f(x|\hat{x}_1)$ as in (6).
- Let $f(x|\hat{x}_1)$ be the new prior for x for the next iteration.
- Compute \hat{x}_2 as in (5) using the second 6 measurements Z_2 .
- Compute $f(x|\hat{x}_2)$ **using** $f(x|\hat{x}_1)$ as the new prior for x . Note that $f(x|\hat{x}_2)$ will depend both on \hat{x}_1 and \hat{x}_2 .
- Repeat until we obtain $f(x|\hat{x}_4)$ and use its MLE as the estimate for the true state.

While the discussion above is formulated in a Bayesian framework, it requires integrating the denominator of (6). I did not implement this.

On the other hand, if what is means is for us to use m_0 as an initial estimate and to then use re-weighted least squares in a mini batch update mode I thin k it would be unfair to compare this with the batch mode because that uses the true covariance matrix. If we were to implement a re-weighted least squares in batch mode it would

require significantly more computation than the online mode and would, again, seem like an “unfair” comparison?

Matlab Code For Problem 1b

```
1 % Defining quantities:
2 dt=10^(-6); %fraction of a sec.
3 sn=1.5*(10^(-5));
4 su=3*(10^(-9));
5 sv=3*(10^(-6));
6 angrate=0.02; % rad/sec.
7 theta0=0;
8 beta0=1.7*(10^(-7));
9 P0=diag([10^(-4),10^(-12)]);
10 ci=0.95; % Confidence interval area.
11 T=10^(3); % Total time-steps.
12
13 F=zeros(2,2);
14 F(1,2)=-1;
15 Phi=eye(2)+dt*F;
16 G=[1,0]';
17 Gamma=dt*G;
18
19 Q=[sv^2 0; 0 su^2]*dt;
20 H=eye(2);
21 R=zeros(2,2);
22 R(1,1)=sn^2;
23
24 % True angle:
25 thetak=dt*angrate*ones(1,T+1);
26 thetak(1)=theta0;
27 thetak=cumsum(thetak,2);
28
29 % Observed angle:
30 zk=thetak+(sn*randn(1,T+1));
31
32 % Real beta values:
33 betak=randn(1,T+1)*su*dt;
34 betak(1)=beta0;
35 betak=cumsum(betak,2);
36
37 % Control values:
38 u=angrate*ones(1,T+1)+betak+sv*randn(1,T+1);
39
40 % Real x:
41 xreal=[thetak;betak];
42
43 % Observed x:
44 xobs=[zk;betak];
45
46 % Just for pre-allocation:
47 xhat=xobs;
48 xpred=xhat;
49 cp=zeros(1,T+1);
50 cm=cp;
51
52 Phat=P0;
53 cp(1)=1.96*sqrt(Phat(1,1));
54 cm(1)=-1.96*sqrt(Phat(1,1));
55
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56 for i=1:T
57     %Prediction step;
58     xpred(:,i+1)=(Phi*xhat(:,i))+(Gamma*u(i));
59     Ppred=(Phi*Phat*(Phi'))+Q;
60     %Estimation step:
61     K=(Ppred*H')/((H*Ppred*H')+R);
62     Phat=(eye(2)-(K*H))*Ppred;
63     xhat(:,i+1)=xpred(:,i+1)+(K*(zk(:,i+1)-(H*xpred(:,i+1))));
64     % Confidence interval storage:
65     cp(i+1)=1.96*sqrt(Phat(1,1));
66     cm(i+1)=-1.96*sqrt(Phat(1,1));
67 end
68
69 % Plotting:
70
71 red=[242/255 80/255 80/255];
72 green=[67/255 250/255 131/255];
73 yellow=[250/255 174/255 67/255];
74
75 subplot(1,2,1)
76 plot(0:T,xobs(1,:), 'b', 'LineWidth',.5)
77 hold on
78 plot(0:T,xreal(1,:), '—', 'Color',green, 'LineWidth',2)
79 plot(0:T,xhat(1,:), 'Color',red, 'LineWidth',3)
80 ylabel('Radians'); xlabel('Time-Steps');
81 legend('Observed Angle', 'True Angle', 'Estimated Angle');
82
83 subplot(1,2,2)
84 plot(0:T,xreal(1,:), '—', 'Color',green, 'LineWidth',1.1)
85 hold on
86 plot(0:T,xhat(1,:), 'Color',red, 'LineWidth',2)
87 plot(1:T,xhat(1,2:end)+cp(1,2:end), '—', 'Color',yellow, 'LineWidth',1)
88 plot(1:T,xhat(1,2:end)+cm(1,2:end), '—', 'Color',yellow, 'LineWidth',1)
89 ylabel('Radians'); xlabel('Time-Steps');
90 legend('True Angle', 'Estimated Angle', '95% Confidence Interval');
91
92 fig=gcf;
93 set(findall(fig, '-property', 'FontSize'), 'FontSize',13)
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Matlab Code For Problem 3a

```
1 function f = uni_ekf_test
2 rng(10212)
3 S.bearing_only = 0;
4
5 % Two beacons at (-2,2) and (2,2):
6 % system is observable (two or more)
7 S.pbs = [-2, 2;
8          2, 2]; % beacon positions
9 nb = size(S.pbs,2); % number of beacons
10
11 if S.bearing_only
12     S.h = @b.h; % bearing sensing
13     S.r = nb; % measurement dimension
14     S.R = .4*diag(repmat([.1], nb, 1)); % measurement noise model
15 else
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16 S.h = @br_h; % bearing-range sensing
17 S.r = 2*nb; % measurement dimension
18 S.R = .4*diag(repmat([.1; .01], nb, 1)); % measurement noise model
19 end
20
21 S.n = 4; % state dimension
22 S.f = @uni_f; % mobile-robot dynamics
23
24 % timing
25 dt = .1;
26 N = 50;
27 T = dt*N;
28 S.dt = dt;
29
30 % noise models
31 S.Q = (dt^2)*diag([.01 .01 .01 .0001]);
32
33 % initial mean and covariance
34 xt = [0; 0; 0; 1]; % true state
35 P = diag([.01 .01 .01 .04]); % covariance
36 x = xt + sqrt(P)*randn(S.n, 1); % initial estimate with added noise
37 xts = zeros(S.n, N+1); % true states
38 xs = zeros(S.n, N+1); % estimated states
39 Ps = zeros(S.n, S.n, N+1); % estimated covariances
40 ts = zeros(N+1,1); % times
41 zs = zeros(S.r, N); % measurements
42 xts(:, 1) = xt;
43 xs(:, 1) = x;
44 Ps(:, :, 1) = P;
45 ts(1) = 0;
46 ds = zeros(S.n, N+1); % errors
47 ds(:,1) = x - xt;
48
49 for k=1:N,
50 u = dt*[2; 1];
51 xts(:,k+1) = S.f(xts(:,k), u, S) + sqrt(S.Q)*randn(S.n,1); % next true state
52 [x,P] = ekf_predict(x, P, u, S); % predict next state
53 ts(k+1) = k*dt;
54 z = S.h(xts(:,k+1), S) + sqrt(S.R)*randn(S.r,1); % generate noisy measurement
55 [x,P] = ekf_correct(x, P, z, S); % correct
56 xs(:,k+1) = x;
57 Ps(:, :, k+1) = P;
58 zs(:,k) = z;
59 ds(:,k+1) = x - xts(:,k+1); % actual estimate error
60 ds(:,k+1) = fix_state(ds(:,k+1));
61 end
62
63 % Plotting:
64 subplot(1, 3, 1)
65 plot(xts(1,:), xts(2,:), '—', 'Color',green, 'LineWidth',3)
66 hold on
67 plot(xs(1,:), xs(2,:), '-b', 'LineWidth',3)
68 legend('true', 'estimated')
69 xlabel('x')
70 ylabel('y')
71 axis equal
72 axis xy
73 plot(S.pbs(1,:), S.pbs(2,:), '*', 'Color',red); % Beacon

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74 for k=1:1:N
75     plotcov2(xs(1:2,k), 1.96^2*Ps(1:2,1:2,k));
76 end
77 quiver(xts(1,:), xts(2,:), .5*cos(xts(3,:)), .5*sin(xts(3,:)), 'g');
78 quiver(xs(1,:), xs(2,:), .5*cos(xs(3,:)), .5*sin(xs(3,:)), 'b');
79
80 subplot(1,3,2)
81 plot(ds, 'LineWidth', 2)
82 mean(sqrt(sum(ds.*ds, 1)))
83 xlabel('k')
84 ylabel('meters or radians')
85 legend('e_x', 'e_y', 'e_theta', 'e_r')
86
87 subplot(1,3,3)
88 plot(ts, reshape(sqrt(Ps(1,1,:)), N+1, 1), ...
89      ts, reshape(sqrt(Ps(2,2,:)), N+1, 1), ...
90      ts, reshape(sqrt(Ps(3,3,:)), N+1, 1), ...
91      ts, reshape(sqrt(Ps(4,4,:)), N+1, 1), 'LineWidth', 2);
92 legend('\sigma_x', '\sigma_y', '\sigma_theta', '\sigma_r')
93 xlabel('t')
94 ylabel('meters or radians')
95
96 fig=gcf;
97 set(findall(fig, '-property', 'FontSize'), 'FontSize', 13)
98
99 function [x, varargout] = uni_f(x, u, S)
100 % dynamical model of the unicycle
101 c = cos(x(3));
102 s = sin(x(3));
103 x = [x(1) + c*u(1)*x(4);
104      x(2) + s*u(1)*x(4);
105      x(3) + u(2);
106      x(4)];
107 x = fix_state(x, S);
108 if nargout > 1
109     % F-matrix
110     varargout{1} = [1, 0, -s*u(1)*x(4), c*u(1);
111                    0, 1, c*u(1)*x(4), s*u(1);
112                    0, 0, 1, 0;
113                    0, 0, 0, 1];
114 end
115
116 function [y, varargout] = br_h(x, S)
117 p = x(1:2);
118 y = [];
119 H = [];
120 for i=1:size(S.pbs, 2)
121     pb = S.pbs(:, i); %i-th beacon
122     d = pb - p;
123     r = norm(d);
124     th = fangle(atan2(d(2), d(1)) - x(3));
125     y = [y; th; r];
126     if nargout > 1
127         % H-matrix
128         H = [H;
129              d(2)/r^2, -d(1)/r^2, -1, 0;
130              -d'/r, 0, 0];
131     end

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132 end
133 if nargout > 1
134     varargout{1} = H;
135 end
136
137 function [y, varargout] = b_h(x, S)
138 p = x(1:2);
139 y = [];
140 H = [];
141 for i=1:size(S.pbs, 2)
142     pb = S.pbs(:, i); %i-th beacon
143     d = pb - p;
144     r = norm(d);
145     th = fangle(atan2(d(2), d(1)) - x(3));
146     y = [y; th];
147     if nargout > 1
148         % H-matrix
149         H = [H;
150             d(2)/r^2, -d(1)/r^2, -1,0];
151     end
152 end
153 if nargout > 1
154     varargout{1} = H;
155 end
156
157 function [x,P] = ekf_predict(x, P, u, S)
158 [x, F] = S.f(x, u, S);
159 x = fix_state(x, S); % fix any [-pi,pi] issues
160 P = F*P*F' + S.Q;
161
162 function [x,P] = ekf_correct(x, P, z, S)
163 [y, H] = S.h(x, S);
164 P = P - P*H'*inv(H*P*H' + S.R)*H*P;
165 K = P*H'*inv(S.R);
166 e = z - y;
167 e = fix_meas(e, S); % fix any [-pi,pi] issues
168 x = x + K*e;
169
170 function x = fix_state(x, S)
171 x(3) = fangle(x(3));
172
173 function z = fix_meas(z, S)
174 for i=1:size(S.pbs,2)
175     if S.bearing_only
176         z(i) = fangle(z(i));
177     else
178         z(2*i-1) = fangle(z(2*i-1));
179     end
180 end
181
182 function a = fangle(a)
183 % make sure angle is between -pi and pi
184 a = mod(a,2*pi);
185 if a < -pi
186     a = a + 2*pi;
187 else
188     if a > pi
189         a = a - 2*pi;

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190     end
191 end
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Matlab Code For Problem 3b

```
1 function f = uni_ekf_test2
2     rng(10212)
3     S.bearing_only = 1;
4
5 % The rest of the code is the same as uni_ekf_test.m
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