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- so our observations are better modeled by a random variable X on some probability space  $(\Omega, P)$  than a point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$







Figure: An example of a noisy measurement

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$$v_n \sim N(0, R_k)$$
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The minimum variance estimate of  $X_t$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[x \mid Y_n] \tag{12}$$

the mean of  $p(x, t \mid Y_n)$ 

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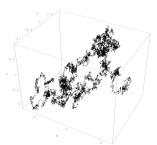


Figure: Three dimensional Brownian motion

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**Evolution for** 

Conditional Mean 
$$\mathbb{E}[x_t \mid Y_{t_k}] = \hat{x}_t^{t_k}$$
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Conditional Variance 
$$\mathbb{E}[(x_t - \hat{x}_t)(x_t - \hat{x}_t)^T \mid Y_{t_k}] = P_t^{t_k}$$
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given some prior  $x_0$  and  $P_0^0$ .

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$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{x}_t^{t_k} = F(t)\hat{x}_t^{t_k} \tag{17}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}P^{t_k} = F(t)P_t^{t_k} + P_t^{t_k}F^{T}(t) + G(t)Q(t)G^{T}(t)$$
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$$t_k \le t < t_{k+1} \tag{19}$$

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Update at observations

$$\hat{x}_{t_k}^{t_k} = \hat{x}_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} + K(t_k)(y_k - M(t_k)\hat{x}_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}})$$
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$$P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} = P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} - K(t_k)M(t_k)P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}}$$
(18)

where the **Kalman Gain** K(t) is given by

$$P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} M^{\mathsf{T}}(t_k) [M(t_k) P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} M^{\mathsf{T}}(t_k) + R_k]^{-1}$$
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### In Code

```
const arma::dvec new state = old state + K*(observation - M*old state);
matrix model->set initial conditions(t , new covariance);
return new_state;
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Figure: The Kalman Filter update in C++

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- The update is recursive so we only need to store our previous estimates at the time of the update

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## The Extended Kalman Filter

Figure: The Extended Kalman Filter update in C++

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We have

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$$\nu_t \sim N(0, Q) \tag{22}$$

## **Orbit Determination**

$$x_t = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} \tag{23}$$

$$f(x_t, t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ -\mu \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \\ -\mu \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \end{bmatrix}$$
(24)

If p gives the position of the sensor and

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \tag{25}$$

then

$$h(x_t, t) = \begin{bmatrix} \|\bar{x} - p\| \\ \frac{(x - p_1)\dot{x} + (y - p_2)\dot{y}}{\|\bar{x} - p\|} \\ \frac{x \cdot p}{\|x\|} \end{bmatrix}$$
(26)

$$Q_t = \begin{bmatrix} n1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n3 \end{bmatrix} \tag{27}$$

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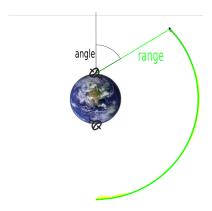


Figure: Measurements in Simulation