

# The Kalman-Bucy Filter

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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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The minimum variance estimate of  $X_t$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[x \mid Y_n] \quad (12)$$

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

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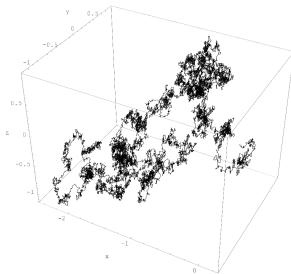


Figure: Three dimensional Brownian motion

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The Kalman-Bucy filter consists of:

Evolution for

$$\text{Conditional Mean } \mathbb{E}[x_t \mid Y_{t_k}] = \hat{x}_t^{t_k} \quad (17)$$

$$\text{Conditional Variance } \mathbb{E}[(x_t - \hat{x}_t)(x_t - \hat{x}_t)^T \mid Y_{t_k}] = P_t^{t_k} \quad (18)$$

given some prior  $x_0$  and  $P_0^0$ .

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Prediction between observations

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

$$\frac{d}{dt}P_t^{t_k} = F(t)P_t^{t_k} + P_t^{t_k}F^T(t) + G(t)Q(t)G^T(t) \quad (18)$$

$$t_k \leq t < t_{k+1} \quad (19)$$



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Update at observations

$$\hat{x}_{t_k}^{t_k} = \hat{x}_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} + K(t_k)(y_k - M(t_k)\hat{x}_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}}) \quad (17)$$

$$P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} = P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} - K(t_k)M(t_k)P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} \quad (18)$$

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

$$P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} M^T(t_k) [M(t_k) P_{t_k}^{t_{k-1}} M^T(t_k) + R_k]^{-1} \quad (19)$$

## In Code

```
23 arma::dvec KalmanFilter::update(double t, arma::vec observation){
24     using namespace arma;
25
26     const dmat M = measurement->measurement_matrix(t),
27         R = measurement->covariance(t);
28
29     //predict
30     const dvec old_state = model->extrapolate( t );
31     const dmat P = matrix_model->extrapolate(t);
32
33     // the Kalman gain
34     const dmat K =
35         P * trans(M) * inv(M * P * trans(M) + R);
36
37     // adjust
38     const dmat KM = K * M;
39     const dmat I_KM = arma::eye(KM.n_rows,KM.n_cols) - KM;
40
41     //correct with residual multiplied by Kalman Gain
42     const dvec new_state = old_state + K*(observation - M*old_state);
43
44     //adjust covariance with the change in uncertainty caused by observation
45     const dmat new_covariance = I_KM*P*trans(I_KM) + K*R*trans(K);
46
47     //now integrate from new initial estimates
48     model->set_initial_conditions(t , new_state );
49     matrix_model->set_initial_conditions(t , new_covariance);
50
51     return new_state;
52 }
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- The update is recursive so we only need to store our previous estimates at the time of the update

# The Extended Kalman Filter

```
67 arma::dvec ExtendedKalmanFilter::update(double t, arma::vec observation) {  
68     arma::dvec nominal_state = model->extrapolate(t );  
69  
70     arma::dvec measurement_error = observation - measurement->measure(t , nominal_state);  
71  
72     arma::dvec error = perturbationProcessFilter.update(t, measurement_error);  
73  
74     arma::dvec state_estimate = nominal_state + error;  
75  
76     model->set_initial_conditions(t , state_estimate);  
77  
78     perturbationProcessFilter.get_model()->set_initial_conditions  
79         (t,arma::dvec(nominal_state.size(),arma::fill::zeros));  
80  
81  
82     return state_estimate;  
83 }
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$$x_t = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

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

If  $p$  gives the position of the sensor and

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

then

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

$$Q_t = \begin{bmatrix} n1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

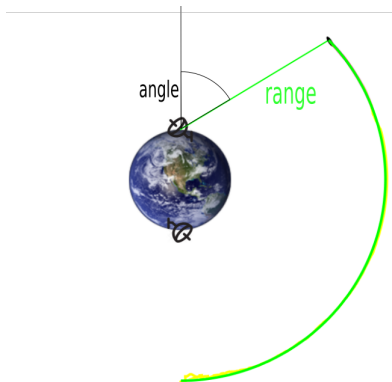


Figure: Measurements in Simulation