

1. State Equation

$$\beta_t = \beta_{t-1} + w_t, \text{ where } w_t \sim N(0, Q)$$

* Here y_t (DJIA price) depends on x_t (SPY price) based on time variance

2. Measurement Equation

$$y_t = \beta_t x_t + \epsilon_t, \text{ where } \epsilon_t \sim N(0, R)$$

Predicted state

$$\beta_{t|t-1} = \beta_{t-1|t-1}$$

Predicted Covariance

$$P_{t|t-1} = P_{t-1|t-1} + Q$$

Kalman Gain

$$k_t = \frac{P_{t|t-1} x_t}{x_t^2 P_{t|t-1} + R}$$

Updated Covariance

$$P_{t|t} = (1 - k_t x_t) P_{t|t-1}$$

Substitute the $P_{t|t}$ to the Kalman Gain Equation

$$\beta_t = \beta_{t-1} + \frac{(P_{t-1} + Q) x_t}{x_t^2 (P_{t-1} + Q) + R} (y_t - \beta_{t-1} x_t)$$

$y_t - \beta_{t-1} x_t$ is innovation term its the residual error between observed y_t and the predicted value using prior beta

Observation Eq.

$$y_t = \beta_t x_t + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim N(0, R)$$

y_t : this is the observed dependent variable at time t . (Return of SPY)

x_t : this is the independent variable at time t . (Return of DJIA)

β_t : time-varying hedge ratio, how many units of x_t we need to hedge one unit of y_t

ϵ_t : Measurement noise or error, Normal variance, with zero mean and variance R

State Eq.

$$\beta_t = \beta_{t-1} + n_t, \quad n_t \sim N(0, Q)$$

The hedge ratio is random walk (follows no specific pattern). The current $\beta_t = \beta_{t-1} + \text{random noise}$

Prediction State: $\hat{\beta}_{t|t-1} = \hat{\beta}_{t-1|t-1}$ since state Eq. is random walk our best prediction of the current state is prev. filtered Estimate ($\hat{\beta}_{t-1|t-1}$)

Predicted Error Covariance: $P_{t|t-1} = P_{t-1|t-1} + Q$

$P_{t-1|t-1}$ = error covariance of prev. state Estimate

Q : we add to account for uncertainty introduced by random walk

Innovation (Measurement Residual):

Residual: $v_t = y_t - x_t \hat{\beta}_{t|t-1}$ is the difference b/w actual y_t and predicted $x_t \hat{\beta}_{t|t-1}$

Covariance: $S_t = x_t^T P_{t|t-1} x_t + R$ represents total uncertainty in our v_t

$x_t^T P_{t|t-1} x_t$: comes from propagating uncertainty of our state Prediction into Measurement

R : is variance of measurement noise

Kalman Gain: $K_t = \frac{P_{t|t-1} x_t}{S_t} = \frac{P_{t|t-1} x_t}{x_t^T P_{t|t-1} x_t + R}$ tells us how much weight to give to the innovation when updating our estimate.

If $P_{t|t-1}$ (Prediction uncertainty) is large relative to R (measurement noise), Gain in K_t will be high \rightarrow meaning we trust new measurement more

If R is large, we rely on prev. state