AA274 (Winter 2017-18): Problem Set 3

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1 Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

(i) See submitted code. Let the state variables be $\mathbf{x}(t) = (x(t), y(t), \theta(t))$ and the control variables be $\mathbf{u}(t) = (V(t), \omega(t))$. The differential drive model is

$$\dot{x}(t) = V(t)\cos(\theta(t))$$
$$\dot{y}(t) = V(t)\sin(\theta(t))$$
$$\dot{\theta}(t) = \omega(t),$$

which we can discretize by assuming a zero-order hold on the control, i.e. $\mathbf{u}(t)$ is constant over a time interval of length dt. Then we can integrate to get

$$\theta_t - \theta_{t-dt} = \int_{t-dt}^t \dot{\theta}(s)ds = \int_{t-dt}^t \omega(s)ds = \omega_t \int_{t-dt}^t ds = \omega_t dt.$$

If $\omega(t) = 0$ over the interval, $\theta(t)$ remains constant, so our coordinates can be found easily by integrating

$$x_{t} - x_{t-dt} = \int_{t-dt}^{t} \dot{x}(s)ds = \int_{t-dt}^{t} V(s)\cos(\theta(s))ds = V_{t}\cos(\theta_{t-dt})dt$$
$$y_{t} - y_{t-dt} = \int_{t-dt}^{t} \dot{y}(s)ds = \int_{t-dt}^{t} V(s)\sin(\theta(s))ds = V_{t}\sin(\theta_{t-dt})dt.$$

With a slight abuse of notation, We may thus write

$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t} \\ y_{t} \\ \theta_{t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t-1} + V_{t} \cos(\theta_{t-1}) dt \\ y_{t-1} + V_{t} \sin(\theta_{t-1}) dt \\ \theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t} dt \end{pmatrix} = g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t})$$

and the Jacobians of g with respect to \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{u} are, respectively,

$$G_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -V_t \sin(\theta_{t-1})dt \\ 0 & 1 & V_t \cos(\theta_{t-1})dt \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad G_u = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_{t-1})dt & 0 \\ \sin(\theta_{t-1})dt & 0 \\ 0 & dt \end{pmatrix}.$$

If $\omega(t) \neq 0$, we exploit the fact that $\dot{\theta}(t) = \omega(t)$ to get

$$x_{t} - x_{t-dt} = \int_{t-dt}^{t} V(s) \cos(\theta(s)) \frac{\dot{\theta}(s)}{\omega(s)} ds = \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} \int_{t-dt}^{t} \cos(\theta(s)) \dot{\theta}(s) ds$$

$$= \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} (\sin(\theta_{t}) - \sin(\theta_{t-dt})) = \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} (\sin(\theta_{t-dt} + \omega_{t} dt) - \sin(\theta_{t-dt}))$$

$$y_{t} - y_{t-dt} = \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} \int_{t-dt}^{t} \sin(\theta(s)) \dot{\theta}(s) ds = \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} (-\cos(\theta_{t-dt} + \omega_{t} dt) + \cos(\theta_{t-dt}))$$

Our discrete model becomes

$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t} \\ y_{t} \\ \theta_{t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t-1} + \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} (\sin(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt) - \sin(\theta_{t-1})) \\ y_{t-1} - \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} (\cos(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt) - \cos(\theta_{t-1})) \\ \theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt \end{pmatrix} = g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t})$$

with Jacobians

$$G_{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}}(\cos(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt) - \cos(\theta_{t-1})) \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}}(\sin(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt) - \sin(\theta_{t-1})) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_{u} = \frac{1}{\omega_{t}} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta_{t}) - \sin(\theta_{t-1}) & -\frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}}(\sin(\theta_{t}) - \sin(\theta_{t-1})) + V_{t}\cos(\theta_{t})dt \\ -\cos(\theta_{t}) + \cos(\theta_{t-1}) & \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}}(\cos(\theta_{t}) - \cos(\theta_{t-1})) + V_{t}\sin(\theta_{t})dt \\ 0 & \omega_{t}dt \end{pmatrix}.$$

where $\theta_t := \theta_{t-1} + \omega_t dt$.

(ii) See submitted code. Let the belief state at t-1 be distributed as $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, P_{t-1})$. We model the dynamic certainty with white noise $\nu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, Q)$ applied to the control input. For a time step of dt, the EKF prediction step is

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t = g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_t)$$
$$\bar{P}_t = G_x P_{t-1} G_x^T + dt \cdot G_u Q G_u^T.$$

(iii) Let $\mathbf{m} = (\alpha, r)$ be the polar coordinate parameters of a line in the world frame. We are given the robot's state $\mathbf{x}_{rob} = (x_{rob}, y_{rob}, \theta_{rob})$, which is the offset/yaw of the robot's base frame with respect to the world frame, and $\mathbf{x}_{cam} = (x_{cam}, y_{cam}, \theta_{cam})$, the offset/yaw of the camera's frame with respect to the robot's base frame. To transform between frames, we must first translate by the (x_0, y_0) coordinates of the new origin, then rotate by the relative angle θ between the frames.

Define the (counterclockwise) rotation matrix and translation function

$$R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $T(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{p}_0) = \begin{pmatrix} x + x_0 \\ y + y_0 \end{pmatrix}$.

where $\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$ and $\mathbf{p}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$. Given a point in space, the relationship between its (x, y)-coordinates in the old frame and (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) -coordinates in the new frame is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = T(R(\theta)\tilde{\mathbf{p}}; \mathbf{p}_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}\cos(\theta) - \tilde{y}\sin(\theta) \\ \tilde{x}\sin(\theta) + \tilde{y}\cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \end{pmatrix} = R(-\theta)T(\mathbf{p}; -\mathbf{p}_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x\cos(\theta) + y\sin(\theta) \\ -x\sin(\theta) + y\cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_0\cos(\theta) + y_0\sin(\theta) \\ -x_0\sin(\theta) + y_0\cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}.$$

If our line has polar parameters (α, r) in the old frame, it can be expressed as

$$x\cos(\alpha) + y\sin(\alpha) = r$$

$$(\tilde{x}\cos(\theta) - \tilde{y}\sin(\theta) + x_0)\cos(\alpha) + (\tilde{x}\sin(\theta) + \tilde{y}\cos(\theta) + y_0)\sin(\alpha) = r$$

$$\tilde{x}(\cos(\theta)\cos(\alpha) + \sin(\theta)\sin(\alpha)) + \tilde{y}(\cos(\theta)\sin(\alpha) - \sin(\theta)\cos(\alpha)) = r - x_0\cos(\alpha) - y_0\sin(\alpha)$$

$$\tilde{x}\cos(\alpha - \theta) + \tilde{y}\sin(\alpha - \theta) = r - x_0\cos(\alpha) - y_0\sin(\alpha)$$

$$\tilde{x}\cos(\tilde{\alpha}) + \tilde{y}\sin(\tilde{\alpha}) = \tilde{r}$$

where the parameters in the new frame are

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \alpha - \theta, \quad \tilde{r} = r - x_0 \cos(\alpha) - y_0 \sin(\alpha)$$

Thus, to determine a map entry's coordinates in the camera frame, we first convert from the world frame to the robot's base frame,

$$\alpha_{rob} = \alpha - \theta_{rob}$$

$$r_{rob} = r - x_{rob}\cos(\alpha) - y_{rob}\sin(\alpha),$$

then convert from the robot's base frame to the camera frame,

$$\alpha_{cam} = \alpha_{rob} - \theta_{cam} = \alpha - \theta_{rob} - \theta_{cam}$$

$$r_{cam} = r_{rob} - x_{cam} \cos(\alpha_{rob}) - y_{cam} \sin(\alpha_{rob})$$

$$= r - x_{rob} \cos(\alpha) - y_{rob} \sin(\alpha) - x_{cam} \cos(\alpha - \theta_{rob}) - y_{cam} \sin(\alpha - \theta_{rob}).$$

The mean camera frame parameters are

$$\mathbf{h}_{t} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \theta - \theta_{cam} \\ r - x\cos(\alpha) - y\sin(\alpha) - x_{cam}\cos(\alpha - \theta) - y_{cam}\sin(\alpha - \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

and its Jacobian with respect to the belief state mean $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t = (x, y, \theta)$ is

$$H_t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -\cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & -x_{cam}\sin(\alpha - \theta) + y_{cam}\cos(\alpha - \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

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2 EKF Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM)

(i) In EKF SLAM, the belief state is augmented with

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (x(t), y(t), \theta(t), \alpha^1, r^1, \dots, \alpha^J, r^J)$$

where the map features are assumed to be static in the world frame, so that $\dot{\alpha}^j = 0$ and $\dot{r}^j = 0$ for all j = 1, ..., J. We can readily extend the discrete model from Problem 1. If $\omega(t) = 0$, the state transition function is

$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t} \\ y_{t} \\ \theta_{t} \\ \alpha_{t}^{1} \\ r_{t}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{t}^{J} \\ r_{t}^{J} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t-1} + V_{t} \cos(\theta_{t-1}) dt \\ y_{t-1} + V_{t} \sin(\theta_{t-1}) dt \\ \theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t} dt \\ \alpha_{t-1}^{1} \\ r_{t-1}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{t-1}^{J} \\ r_{t-1}^{J} \end{pmatrix} = g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t})$$

with Jacobians $G_x = \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_t)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ and $G_u = \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_t)}{\partial \mathbf{u}}$ given by

$$G_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -V_t \sin(\theta_{t-1})dt & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & V_t \cos(\theta_{t-1})dt & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad G_u = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_{t-1})dt & 0 \\ \sin(\theta_{t-1})dt & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similarly, when $\omega(t) \neq 0$, we have

$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t} \\ y_{t} \\ \theta_{t} \\ \alpha_{t}^{1} \\ r_{t}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{t}^{J} \\ r_{t}^{J} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{t-1} + \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} (\sin(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt) - \sin(\theta_{t-1})) \\ y_{t-1} - \frac{V_{t}}{\omega_{t}} (\cos(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt) - \cos(\theta_{t-1})) \\ \theta_{t-1} + \omega_{t}dt \\ \alpha_{t-1}^{1} \\ r_{t-1}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{t-1}^{J} \\ r_{t-1}^{J} \end{pmatrix} = g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t})$$

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$$G_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{V_t}{\omega_t}(\cos(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_t dt) - \cos(\theta_{t-1})) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{V_t}{\omega_t}(\sin(\theta_{t-1} + \omega_t dt) - \sin(\theta_{t-1})) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_u = \frac{1}{\omega_t} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta_t) - \sin(\theta_{t-1}) & -\frac{V_t}{\omega_t}(\sin(\theta_t) - \sin(\theta_{t-1})) + V_t \cos(\theta_t) dt \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\theta_t := \theta_{t-1} + \omega_t dt$.

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- (iii)

3 Turtlebot Localization

- (i) See submitted code.
- (ii) See submitted code.