

Kalman Filter

A background study and an
interactive, real time simulation



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Kalman Filter: Model and Assumptions

- Thiele-Swerling developed optimal estimation of orbits of satellites and trajectories of missiles, anticipating the development of the Kalman filter.
- Recursive algorithm (*estimator*) for dynamic systems (*Markov* and *Stationary* process) *minimum mean-square error* estimator

Filtering Task: $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$

Prediction Task: $P(X_{t+k} | e_{1:t})$ per un $k > 0$

- Model matching the real system?
- Gaussian Noises Q , R , independent and known
- *Markov Assumption*:
Previous state knowledge (ONLY the previous state!)
Transition model: $P(X_t | X_{0:t-1}) = P(X_t | X_{t-1})$
Sensor model: $P(E_t | X_{0:t-1}, E_{0:t-1}) = P(E_t | X_t)$
- Practical implementation of the Kalman Filter is often difficult due to the difficulty of getting a good estimate of the noise covariance matrices \mathbf{Q}_k and \mathbf{R}_k

Introduction to the Kalman Filter

$$x_k = Ax_{k-1} + Bu_{k-1} + w_{k-1},$$

$$z_k = Hx_k + v_k.$$

$$p(w) \sim N(0, Q),$$

$$p(v) \sim N(0, R).$$

Q: Process Noise, usually treated as a *tuning* parameter to adjust the gain of the Kalman filter to smooth either more or less the data

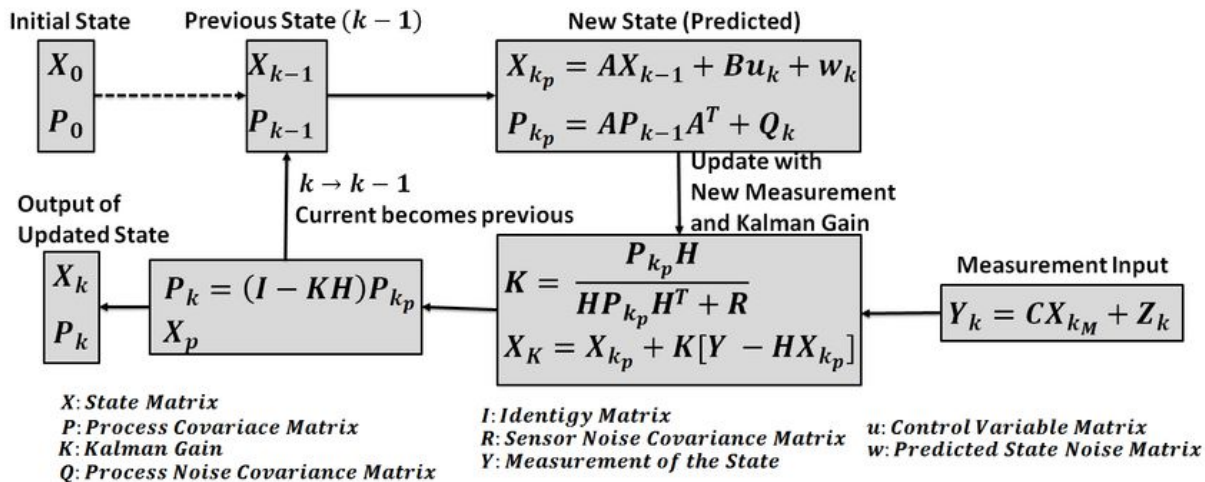
A (n x n): State Transition

B (n x l): Input Control

c: control vector, which would contain estimated changes from direct action commands

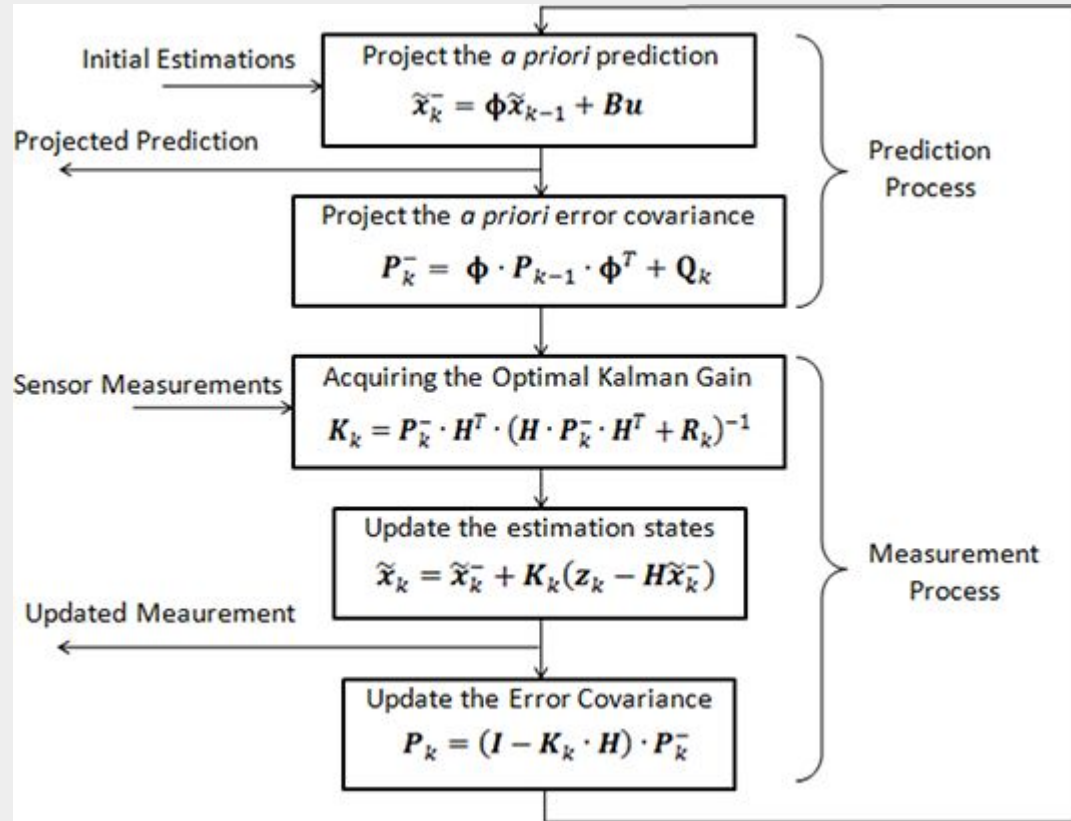
H (n x m): Measurement (stato/misurazione)

x in \mathbb{R}^n , z in \mathbb{R}^l , c in \mathbb{R}^m .

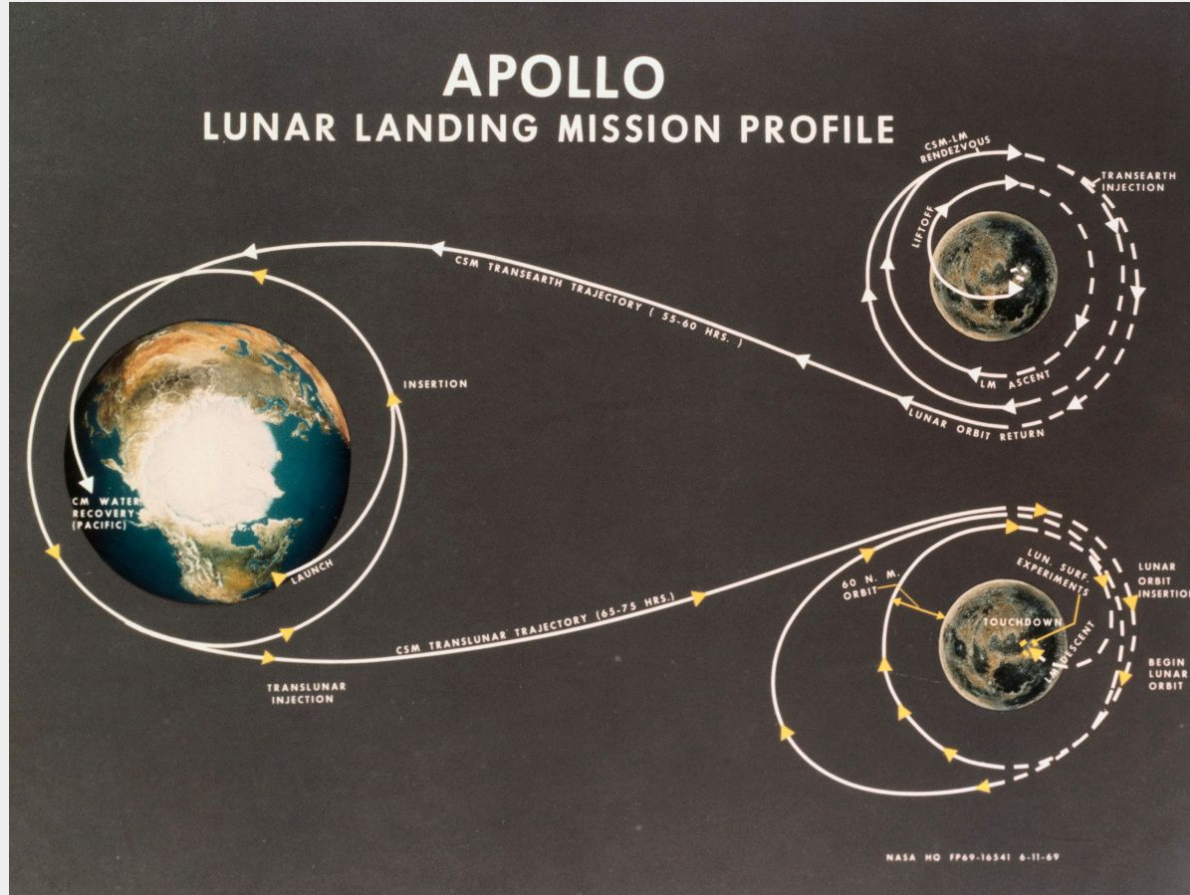


Introduction to the Kalman Filter

The Kalman gain is the **relative weight** given to the measurements and current state estimate, and can be "tuned" to achieve particular performance. With a high gain, the filter places more weight on the most recent measurements, and thus follows them more responsively. With a low gain, the filter follows the model predictions more closely. At the extremes, a high gain close to one will result in a more jumpy estimated trajectory, while low gain close to zero will smooth out noise but decrease the responsiveness.



Historical Relevance



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| 00316 | REF | 417 | LAST 1470 | 16,3702 | 50 002 0 | INDEX Q | INCREMENT DOWNLIST REGISTER. | | |
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| 0038 | | | | 16,3712 | 0 0006 1 | EXTEND | | | |



VirtualAGC Simulation Manager

AGC Simulation Type

- ☐ Guidance Computer (AGC) software
 - ☐ Apollo 1 Command Module
 - ☐ AS-202 ("Apollo 3") CM
 - ☐ Apollo 4 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 5 Lunar Module
 - ☐ Apollo 6 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 7 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 8 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 9 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 9 Lunar Module
 - ☐ Apollo 10 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 10 Lunar Module
 - ☐ Apollo 11 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 11 Lunar Module rev 0
 - ☒ Apollo 11 Lunar Module rev 1
 - ☐ Apollo 11 Lunar Module rev 2
 - ☐ Apollo 12 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 12 Lunar Module
 - ☐ Apollo 13 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 13 Lunar Module
 - ☐ Apollo 14 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 14 Lunar Module
 - ☐ Apollo 15-17 Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo 15-17 Lunar Module
 - ☐ Apollo Skylab Command Module
 - ☐ Apollo Soyuz Command Module
 - ☐ Validation Suite
 - ☐ RETREAD 44 (LM)
 - ☐ AURORA 12 (LM)
 - ☐ BOREALIS (LM)
 - ☐ SUNBURST 37 (LM)
 - ☐ ZERLINA 56 (LM)
 - ☐ SUPERJOB
 - ☐ Custom:

Interfaces

- ☒ Guidance Computer
 - ☒ DSKY (AGC display and keypad)
 - ☐ Attitude Controller Assembly
 - ☐ Telemetry Downlink Monitor
 - ☐ LM Abort Computer (AEA)
 - ☐ DEDA (AEA display and keypad)
 - ☐ AGC CPU Bus/Input/Output Monitor
 - ☐ Inertial Monitor Unit / FDAI (8-ball)
 - ☐ Discrete Outputs
 - ☐ Discrete Inputs (crew)
 - ☐ Discrete Inputs (LM system)
 - ☐ Propulsion/Thrust/Fuel Monitor

Options

AGC Startup

- ☒ Restart program, wiping memory
- ☐ Restart program, preserving memory
- ☐ Resume from ending point of prior run
- ☐ Custom:

Interface styles

DSKY: ☐ Full ☒ Half ☐ "Lite" ☐ Nav

Downlink: ☒ Normal ☐ "Retro"

DEDA: ☐ Full ☒ Half

Use AGC/AEA debugger?

AGC code: ☒ Normal ☐ Debugger

AEA code: ☒ Normal ☐ Debugger

LM Abort Computer (AEA) software

- ☐ Apollo 9 (Flight Programs 3, 4)
- ☐ Apollo 10 (Flight Program 5)
- ☒ Apollo 11 (Flight Program 6)
- ☐ Apollo 12-14? (Flight Program 7)
- ☐ Apollo 15-17 (Flight Program 8)
- ☐ Custom:

Browse Source Code



Historical Relevance

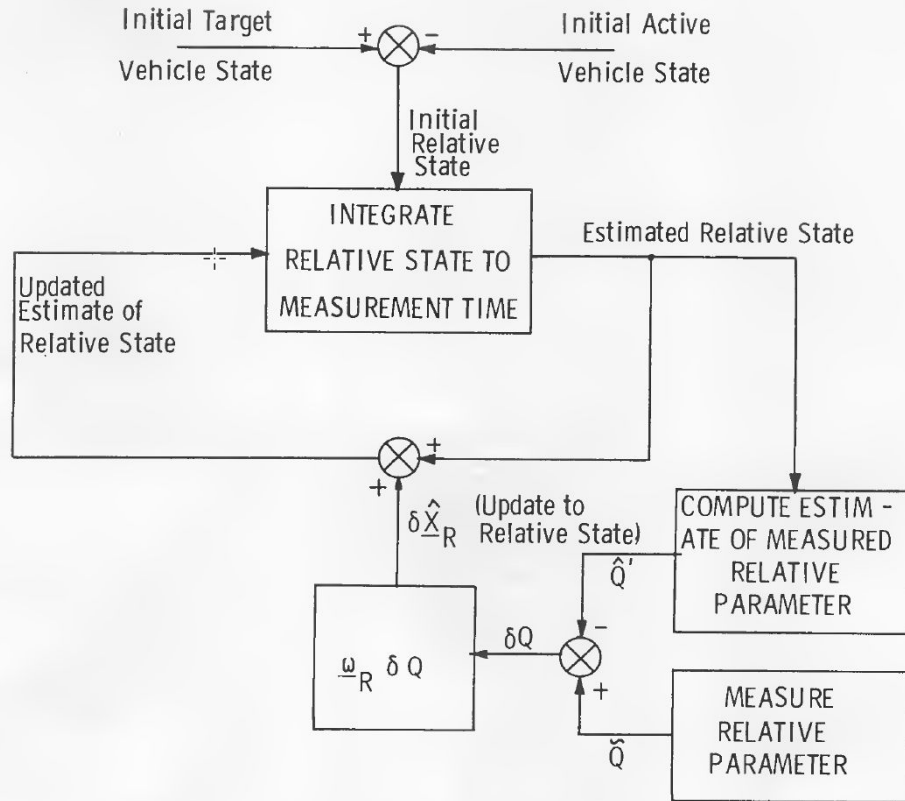


Fig. II-1 Rendezvous Navigation System Using Recursive Kalman Filter

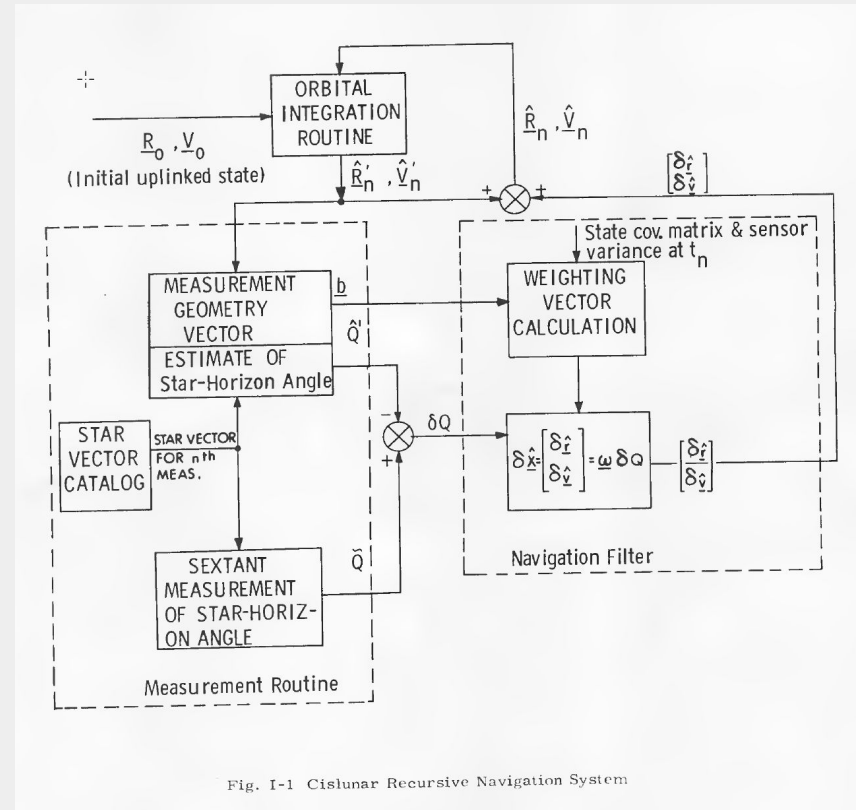


Fig. I-1 Cislunar Recursive Navigation System

Applications

1. Navigation (Apollo 11!)
2. Seismology
3. Autopilot
4. Vehicle control (Sensorless control of AC motor variable-frequency drives)
5. many more!

- Attitude and heading reference systems
- Autopilot
- Battery state of charge (SoC) estimation^{[57][58]}
- Brain-computer interface
- Chaotic signals

- Tracking and vertex fitting of charged particles in particle detectors^[59]
- Tracking of objects in computer vision
- Dynamic positioning
- Economics, in particular macroeconomics, time series analysis, and econometrics^[60]
- Inertial guidance system

- Nuclear medicine – single photon emission computed tomography image restoration^[61]
- Orbit Determination
- Power system state estimation
- Radar tracker
- Satellite navigation systems

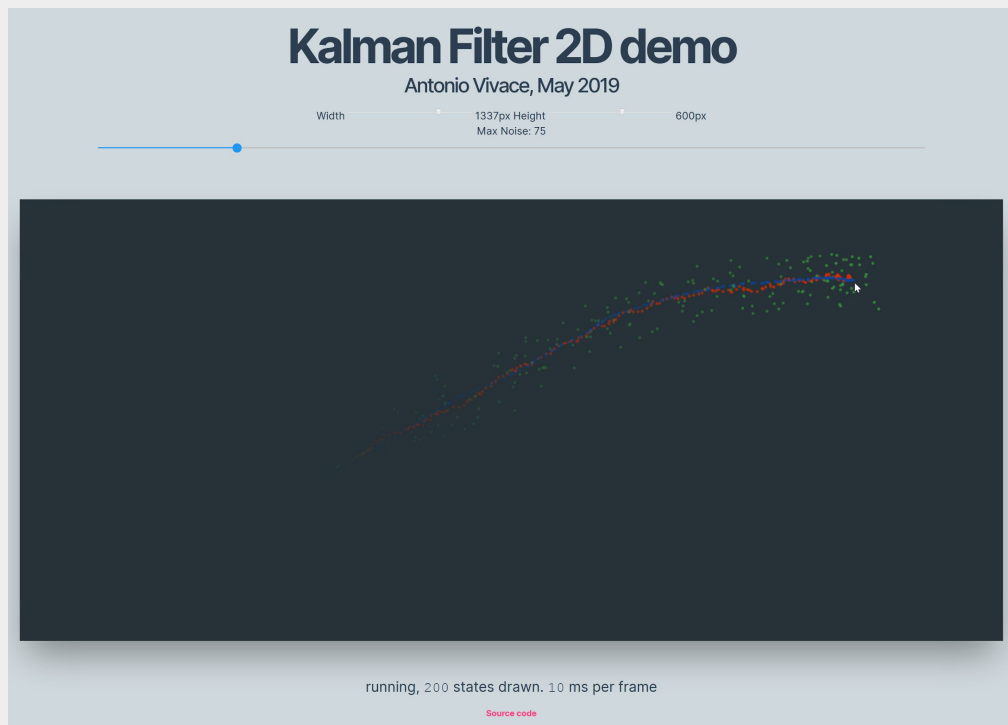
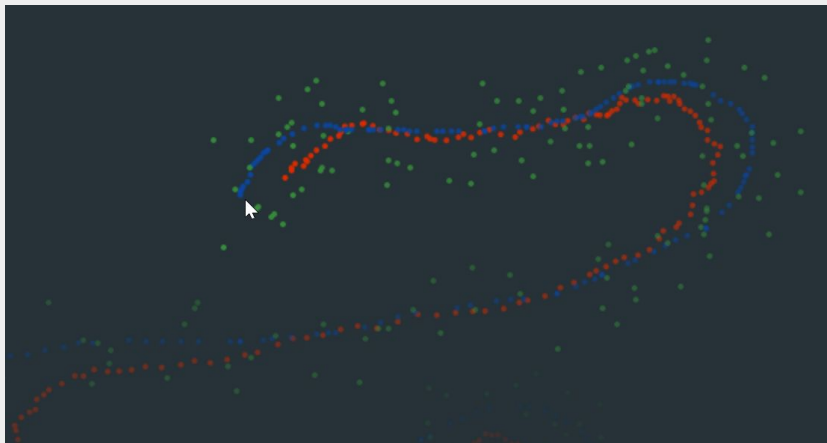
- Seismology^[62]
- Sensorless control of AC motor variable-frequency drives
- Simultaneous localization and mapping
- Speech enhancement
- Visual odometry

- Weather forecasting
- Navigation system
- 3D modeling
- Structural health monitoring
- Human sensorimotor processing^[63]

Demo (1)

Software stack:

- Javascript
- VueJS
- **SylvesterJS**
- MuseUI
- **CanvasRenderingContext2D** web API



Why:

- Cross platform
- Reactive: realtime editable parameters
- Presets
- Paths
- Customisable canvas and stable performance
- Working on touchscreen devices
- Fully client side

Demo (2)

$m = [\text{measuredX}, \text{measuredY}, \text{xVelocity}, \text{yVelocity}]$ \leftarrow *measurement vector*
 $c = [0, 0, 0, 0]$ \leftarrow *control vector*

Prediction Step:

$$x = (A * x) + (B * c)$$

$$P = (A * P * A^T) + Q \quad \leftarrow A^T \text{ is the matrix transpose of } A$$

Correction Step:

$$S = (H * P * H^T) + R \quad \leftarrow H^T \text{ is the matrix transpose of } H$$

$$K = P * H^T * S^{-1} \quad \leftarrow S^{-1} \text{ is the matrix inverse of } S$$

$$y = m - (H * x)$$

$$x = x + (K * y)$$

$$P = (I - (K * H)) * P \quad \leftarrow I \text{ is the Identity matrix}$$

$$\text{predX} = x$$

$$\text{predX} = (A * \text{predX}) + (B * c)$$

$$x \leftarrow [xPos, yPos, xVel, yVel]$$

Demo (3)

Drawing

```
for (let i = this.states.length - 1; i > 0; --i) {  
  let state = this.states[i];  
  state.display();  
  state.update();  
  if (state.dead) {  
    this.states.splice(i, 1);  
  }  
}
```

Keeping the simulation framerate constant:

```
// See ya in 1000/desiredFramerate milliseconds  
this.lastCalledTime = performance.now();  
let ms = performance.now() - start;  
this.ms = ms  
setTimeout(this.frame, 1000 / this.framerate - ms);
```

Parameter Setting

```
// State Transition  
this.A = m([  
  [1, 0, 0.2, 0],  
  [0, 1, 0, 0.2],  
  [0, 0, 1, 0],  
  [0, 0, 0, 1]  
]);
```

```
this.H = m([  
  [1, 0, 0, 0],  
  [0, 1, 0, 0],  
  [0, 0, 1, 0],  
  [0, 0, 0, 1]  
]);
```

```
this.Q = m([  
  [0.001, 0, 0, 0],  
  [0, 0.001, 0, 0],  
  [0, 0, 0, 0],  
  [0, 0, 0, 0]  
]);
```

```
this.R = m([  
  [0.1, 0, 0, 0],  
  [0, 0.1, 0, 0],  
  [0, 0, 0.1, 0],  
  [0, 0, 0, 0.1]  
]);
```

Demo (4)

Kalman Filter implementation (simple, ignoring c and B)

```
// Adding artificial and gaussian noise
// m = [noisyX, noisyY, deltaX, deltaY]
let deltaX = noisyX - this.lastPoint.elements[0];
let deltaY = noisyY - this.lastPoint.elements[1];
let measurement = v([noisyX, noisyY, deltaX, deltaY]);

// PREDICTION step
//  $x = (A * x) + (B * c)$ 
var x = this.A.multiply(this.lastPoint)
//  $P = (A * P * A^T) + Q$ 
var P = ((this.A.multiply(this.last)).multiply(this.A.transpose())).add(this.Q);

// CORRECTION step
//  $S = (H * P * H^T) + R$ 
var S = ((this.H.multiply(P)).multiply(this.H.transpose())).add(this.R);
//  $K = P * H^T * S^{-1}$ 
var K = (P.multiply(this.H.transpose())).multiply(S.inverse());
//  $y = m - (H * x)$ 
var y = measurement.subtract(this.H.multiply(x));
//  $x = x + (K * y)$ 

// this is the final filtered point for this iteration
this.lastPoint = x.add(K.multiply(y));
//  $P = (I - (K * H)) * P$ 
this.last = ((window.Matrix.I(4)).subtract(K.multiply(this.H))).multiply(P);
```

Demo: experimentation and conclusions

1. Presets
2. Paths
3. Mouse input
4. Random Path
5. Changing R during the simulation
6. H and c
7. Q and R estimation

Autocovariance Least-Squares (ALS) Package