
BAYESIAN KALMAN FILTER

A short study note

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1 Some propositions

1.1 $Var(x + y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(x + y)_{ij} &= E[(x_i + y_i - E[x_i] - E[y_i])(x_j + y_j - E[x_j] - E[y_j])] \\
 &= E[(x_i - E[x_i])(x_j - E[x_j])] + E[(y_i - E[y_i])(y_j - E[y_j])] \\
 &\quad + E[(x_i - E[x_i])(y_j - E[y_j])] + E[(x_j - E[x_j])(y_i - E[y_i])] \\
 &= Var(x)_{ij} + Var(y)_{ij} + Cov(x, y)_{ij} + Cov(y, x)_{ij} \\
 &\Rightarrow Var(x + y) = Var(x) + Var(y) + Cov(x, y) + Cov(x, y)^T
 \end{aligned}$$

1.2 $Cov(Ax, y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Cov(Ax, y)_{ij} &= Cov((Ax)_i, y_j) \\
 &= Cov\left(\sum_k A_{ik}x_k, y_j\right) \\
 &= \sum_k A_{ik}Cov(x_k, y_j) \\
 &\Rightarrow Cov(Ax, y) = ACov(x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

1.3 $Cov(y, Ax)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Cov(y, Ax)_{ij} &= Cov(y_i, (Ax)_j) \\
 &= Cov\left(y_i, \sum_k A_{jk}x_k\right) \\
 &= \sum_k A_{jk}Cov(y_i, x_k) \\
 &\Rightarrow Cov(y, Ax) = Cov(y, x)A^T
 \end{aligned}$$

1.4 $Var(Ax)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(Ax)_{ij} &= Cov\left(\sum_{k_1} A_{ik_1}x_{k_1}, \sum_{k_2} A_{jk_2}x_{k_2}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} A_{ik_1}A_{jk_2}Cov(x_{k_1}, x_{k_2}) \\
 &= \sum_{k_1} A_{ik_1} \sum_{k_2} Cov(x_{k_1}, x_{k_2})A_{jk_2} \\
 &= \sum_{k_1} A_{ik_1}(Var(x)A^T)_{k_1j} \\
 &= (AVar(x)A^T)_{ij} \\
 &\Rightarrow Var(Ax) = AVar(x)A^T
 \end{aligned}$$

2 Linear Dynamic Systems

$$x_k = F_k x_{k-1} + v_k$$

$$z_k = H_k x_k + w_k$$

- F_k : the state-transition matrix
- H_k : the observation matrix
- x_k : true state
- z_k : measurement
- v_k : process noise, $v_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_k)$
- w_k : the covariance of the observation noise, $w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_k)$

3 Kalman Filter: Predict

$$P(x_{k-1}|z_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}),$$

$$P(x_k|x_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(F_k x_{k-1}, Q_k),$$

$$P(z_k|x_k) = \mathcal{N}(H_k x_k, R_k)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k-1}|z_{k-1} \\ x_k|z_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} m_{k-1} \\ F_k m_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} P_{k-1} & P_{k-1} F_k^T \\ F_k P_{k-1} & Q_k + F_k P_{k-1} F_k^T \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$P(x_k|z_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(F_k m_{k-1}, Q_k + F_k P_{k-1} F_k^T) = \mathcal{N}(x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1})$$

3.1 Derivation

$$\begin{aligned} E[x_k|z_{k-1}] &= \int x_k P(x_k|z_{k-1}) dx_k \\ &= \iint x_k P(x_k, x_{k-1}|z_{k-1}) dx_k dx_{k-1} \\ &= \iint x_k P(x_k|x_{k-1}) P(x_{k-1}|z_{k-1}) dx_k dx_{k-1} \\ &= \int P(x_{k-1}|z_{k-1}) \int x_k P(x_k|x_{k-1}) dx_k dx_{k-1} \\ &= \int F_k x_{k-1} \mathcal{N}(m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) dx_{k-1} \\ &= F_k m_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Cov(x_{k-1}, x_k | z_k)_{ij} &= Cov(x_{k-1}^{(i)}, x_k^{(j)} | z_k) \\
&= E[x_{k-1}^{(i)} x_k^{(j)} | z_k] - (m_{k-1})_i (F_k m_{k-1})_j \\
&= \iint x_{k-1}^{(i)} x_k^{(j)} P(x_{k-1}^{(i)}, x_k^{(j)} | z_k) dx_{k-1}^{(i)} dx_k^{(j)} - (m_{k-1})_i (F_k m_{k-1})_j \\
&= \iint x_{k-1}^{(i)} x_k^{(j)} \mathcal{N}(x_{k-1}; m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) \mathcal{N}(x_k; F_k x_{k-1}, Q_k) dx_{k-1}^{(i)} dx_k^{(j)} - (m_{k-1})_i (F_k m_{k-1})_j \\
&= \int x_{k-1}^{(i)} \mathcal{N}(x_{k-1}; m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) \int x_k^{(j)} \mathcal{N}(x_k; F_k x_{k-1}, Q_k) dx_k^{(j)} dx_{k-1}^{(i)} - (m_{k-1})_i (F_k m_{k-1})_j \\
&= \int x_{k-1}^{(i)} \mathcal{N}(x_{k-1}; m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) (F_k x_{k-1})_j dx_{k-1} - (m_{k-1})_i (F_k m_{k-1})_j \\
&= \sum_{\alpha} (F_k)_{j\alpha} \int x_{k-1}^{(\alpha)} x_{k-1}^{(i)} \mathcal{N}(x_{k-1}; m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) dx_{k-1} - (m_{k-1})_i (F_k m_{k-1})_j \\
&= \sum_{\alpha} (F_k)_{j\alpha} [(P_{k-1})_{\alpha i} + (m_{k-1})_{\alpha} (m_{k-1})_i] - (m_{k-1})_i (F_k m_{k-1})_j \\
&= (F_k P_{k-1})_{ij}^T \\
\Rightarrow Cov(x_{k-1}, x_k | z_{k-1}) &= (F_k P_{k-1})^T = P_{k-1}^T F_k^T = P_{k-1} F_k^T
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(x_k | z_{k-1}) &= E[x_k x_k^T | z_{k-1}] - F_k m_{k-1} m_{k-1}^T F_k^T \\
&= \int x_k x_k^T P(x_k | z_{k-1}) dx_k - F_k m_{k-1} m_{k-1}^T F_k^T \\
&= \iint x_k x_k^T \mathcal{N}(x_{k-1}; m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) \mathcal{N}(x_k; F_k x_{k-1}, Q_k) dx_{k-1} dx_k - F_k m_{k-1} m_{k-1}^T F_k^T \\
&= \int \mathcal{N}(x_{k-1}; m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) \int x_k x_k^T \mathcal{N}(x_k; F_k x_{k-1}, Q_k) dx_k dx_{k-1} - F_k m_{k-1} m_{k-1}^T F_k^T \\
&= \int (Q_k + F_k x_{k-1} x_{k-1}^T F_k^T) \mathcal{N}(x_{k-1}; m_{k-1}, P_{k-1}) dx_{k-1} - F_k m_{k-1} m_{k-1}^T F_k^T \\
&= Q_k + F_k P_{k-1} F_k^T + F_k m_{k-1} m_{k-1}^T F_k^T - F_k m_{k-1} m_{k-1}^T F_k^T \\
&= Q_k + F_k P_{k-1} F_k^T
\end{aligned}$$

4 Kalman Filter: Update

$$P(x_k, z_k | z_{k-1}) = P(z_k | x_k) P(x_k | z_{k-1}), \text{ where } P(z_k | x_k) = \mathcal{N}(H_k x_k, R_k), \quad P(x_k | z_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(x_k | z_{k-1}, P_{k|k-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} x_k | z_{k-1} \\ z_k | z_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} &\sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_{k|k-1} \\ H_k x_{k|k-1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} P_{k|k-1} & P_{k|k-1} H_k^T \\ H_k P_{k|k-1} & R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^T \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
P(x_k | z_k) &= \mathcal{N}(E[x_k | z_k], Var(x_k | z_k)) = \mathcal{N}(x_{k|k}, P_{k|k})
\end{aligned}$$

4.1 Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}
E[z_k | z_{k-1}] &= \int z_k P(z_k | z_{k-1}) dz_k \\
&= \iint z_k P(x_k, z_k | z_{k-1}) dx_k dz_k \\
&= \iint z_k \mathcal{N}(x_k; x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1}) \mathcal{N}(z_k; H_k x_k, R_k) dx_k dz_k \\
&= \int \mathcal{N}(x_k; x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1}) \int z_k \mathcal{N}(z_k; H_k x_k, R_k) dz_k dx_k \\
&= \int H_k x_k \mathcal{N}(x_k; x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1}) dx_k \\
&= H_k x_{k|k-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Cov(x_k, z_k | z_{k-1}) &= E[x_k z_k^T | z_{k-1}] - x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= \int \mathcal{N}(x_k; x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1}) \int x_k z_k^T \mathcal{N}(z_k; H_k x_k, R_k) dz_k dx_k - x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= \int x_k x_k^T H_k^T \mathcal{N}(x_k; x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1}) dx_k - x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= P_{k|k-1} H_k^T + x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T - x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= P_{k|k-1} H_k^T
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(z_k | z_{k-1}) &= E[z_k z_k^T | z_{k-1}] - H_k x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= \int \mathcal{N}(x_k; x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1}) \int z_k z_k^T \mathcal{N}(z_k; H_k x_k, R_k) dz_k dx_k - H_k x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= \int (R_k + H_k x_k x_k^T H_k^T) \mathcal{N}(x_k; x_{k|k-1}, P_{k|k-1}) dx_k - H_k x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^T + H_k x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T - H_k x_{k|k-1} x_{k|k-1}^T H_k^T \\
&= R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^T
\end{aligned}$$

$$P(x_k | z_k) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } a &= Ax_k + Bz_k \perp z_k \Rightarrow AP_{k|k-1}H_k^T + BR_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T = 0 \Rightarrow a = x_k - \\
P_{k|k-1}H_k^T(R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T)^{-1}z_k &= x_k + Mz_k \quad M = -P_{k|k-1}H_k^T(R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T)^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[x_k | z_k] &= E[a - Mz_k | z_k] \\
&= E[a] - Mz_k \\
&= E[x_k] + M(E[z_k] - z_k) \\
&= x_{k|k-1} + P_{k|k-1}H_k^T(R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T)^{-1}(z_k - H_k x_{k|k-1})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(x_k | z_k) &= Var(a - Mz_k | z_k) \\
&= Var(a) \\
&= Var(x_k) + MVar(z_k)M^T \\
&= P_{k|k-1} - P_{k|k-1}H_k^T(R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T)^{-1}(R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T)(R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T)^{-1}H_k P_{k|k-1} \\
&= P_{k|k-1} - P_{k|k-1}H_k^T(R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}H_k^T)^{-1}H_k P_{k|k-1}
\end{aligned}$$

5 Summary

5.1 Algorithm

Predict:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k|k-1} &= F_k x_{k-1|k-1} \\ P_{k|k-1} &= F_k P_{k-1|k-1} F_k^T + Q_k\end{aligned}$$

Update:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k|k} &= x_{k|k-1} + P_{k|k-1} H_k^T (R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^T)^{-1} (z_k - H_k x_{k|k-1}) \\ P_{k|k} &= P_{k|k-1} - P_{k|k-1} H_k^T (R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1} H_k^T)^{-1} H_k P_{k|k-1}\end{aligned}$$

5.2 Introducing Kalman Gain and Some Variables

We introduce the following variables:

- $z_{k|k-1} = H_k x_{k|k-1}$: This is the expected measurement.
- $S_k = R_k + H_k P_{k|k-1}$: This represents the expected measurement covariance.
- $v_k = z_k - z_{k|k-1}$: This is the measurement residual.
- $K_k = P_{k|k-1} H_k^T S_k^{-1}$: This is the Kalman Gain.

5.3 Rewrite the algorithm with the introduced variables

Predict:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k|k-1} &= F_k x_{k-1|k-1} \\ P_{k|k-1} &= F_k P_{k-1|k-1} F_k^T + Q_k\end{aligned}$$

Update:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k|k} &= x_{k|k-1} + K_k v_k \\ P_{k|k} &= P_{k|k-1} - K_k S_k^{-1} K_k^T\end{aligned}$$

6 Reference

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