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clear
clc
rng(1)
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Real Speed Estimation: Kalman Filter

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Define Time Parameters

dt: time step, set to 0.1 seconds

T: time vector, from 0 to 8 seconds with a step of 0.1 seconds

```
dt = 0.1;
T = 0:dt:8;
```

Define Simulation Movement

The car will accelerate for 2 seconds, decelerate for 4 seconds, then accelerate for 2 seconds, coming to a stop.

$$a(t) \begin{cases} 0 \leq t \leq 2 : & 5t \\ 2 < t \leq 6 : & -5t + 20 \\ 6 < t \leq 8 : & 5t - 40 \end{cases}$$

$$v(t) = \int a(t)dt$$

$$p(t) = \int v(t)dt$$

The vectors acceleration, velocity, and position, represent the respective state of the car from time 0 to 8 seconds, with the timestep of 0.1 second.

```
syms a(t) v(t)
assume(0<=t & t<=8)

a(t) = piecewise( ...
    (0<=t) & (t<=2), 5*t, ...
    (2<t) & (t<=6), -5*t+20, ...
    (6<t) & (t<=8), 5*t-40);

v(t) = int(a(t),t,0,t);
p(t) = int(v(t),t,0,t);

acceleration = double(a(T));
velocity = double(v(T));
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position = double(p(T));
```

Plot Simulated Movement

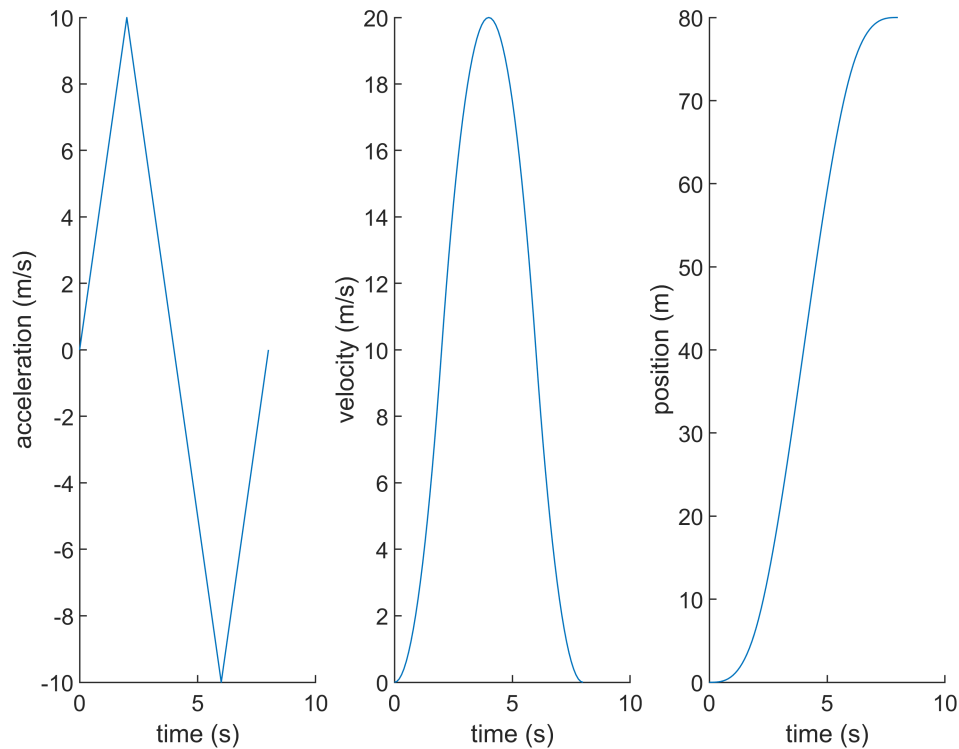
```
figure()
sgtitle("Simulated Movement of the Car")

subplot(1,3,1)
hold on
plot(T, acceleration)
hold off
xlabel("time (s)")
ylabel("acceleration (m/s)")

subplot(1,3,2)
hold on
plot(T, velocity)
hold off
xlabel("time (s)")
ylabel("velocity (m/s)")

subplot(1,3,3)
hold on
plot(T, position)
hold off
xlabel("time (s)")
ylabel("position (m)")
```

Simulated Movement of the Car



Add Artificial Noise

In order to simulate sensor readings, noise is added onto the three states. The noise is normally distributed, and scaled by `acc_sigma`, `vel_sigma`, and `pos_sigma`. The sigma values were chosen based on very rough estimates of the error of the three sensors: IMU accelerometer, wheel speed sensor, and GPS respectively.

`noisy_acceleration`, `noisy_velocity`, and `noisy_position`, represent the theoretical measurements of an IMU accelerometer, wheel speed sensor, and GPS respectively.

```
acc_sigma = 1;
noisy_acceleration = acceleration + acc_sigma*randn(size(acceleration));

vel_sigma = 2;
noisy_velocity = velocity + vel_sigma*randn(size(velocity));

pos_sigma = 5;
noisy_position = position + pos_sigma*randn(size(position));
```

Plot Simulated Sensor Measurements

```
figure()
sgtitle("Simulated Noisy Sensor Readings")

subplot(1,3,1)
plot(T, noisy_acceleration)
```

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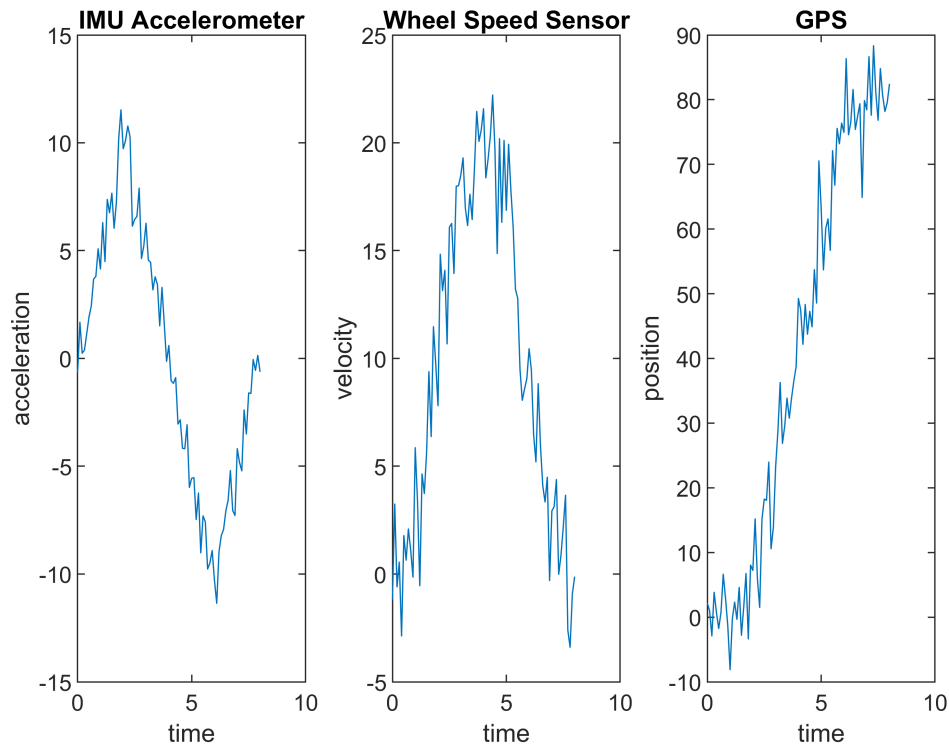
xlabel("time")
ylabel("acceleration")
title("IMU Accelerometer")

subplot(1,3,2)
plot(T, noisy_velocity)
xlabel("time")
ylabel("velocity")
title("Wheel Speed Sensor")

subplot(1,3,3)
plot(T, noisy_position)
xlabel("time")
ylabel("position")
title("GPS")

```

Simulated Noisy Sensor Readings



Running Kalman Filter

In order to run the Kalman Filter, two more variables need to be defined, R , representing the measurement noise covariance, and Q , representing the process noise covariance.

R is a 3x3 matrix representing the measurement noise covariance. Here R is defined as the square of the acceleration, velocity and position noise sigmas. These sigmas were used to scale the noise of each measurement respectively.

Q is a 3x3 matrix representing the initial process noise covariance. These values are all manually tuned. Here Q is defined as the identity matrix. Currently, we (Ian & Richard) are unsure how exactly Q impacts the Kalman filter, though we believe it is a metric of how much to "trust" each measurement.

```
R = [acc_sigma^2 0 0;
      0 vel_sigma^2 0;
      0 0 pos_sigma^2];
Q = eye(3);
```

Now that we have those matrices defined, we can run our Kalman Filter on the noisy sensor readings.

```
sensor_reading = [noisy_acceleration; noisy_velocity; noisy_position]';
kalman_state = run_kalman(sensor_reading, T, dt, R, Q);

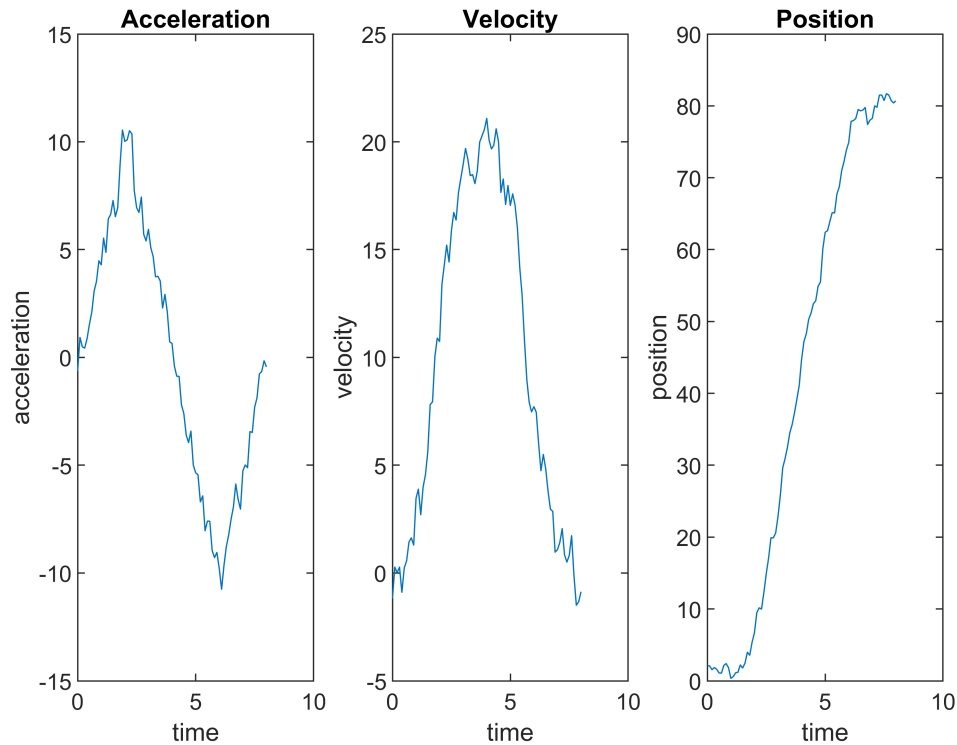
figure()
sgtitle("Kalman Filter Results")

subplot(1,3,1)
plot(T, kalman_state(:,1))
xlabel("time")
ylabel("acceleration")
title("Acceleration")

subplot(1,3,2)
plot(T, kalman_state(:,2))
xlabel("time")
ylabel("velocity")
title("Velocity")

subplot(1,3,3)
plot(T, kalman_state(:,3))
xlabel("time")
ylabel("position")
title("Position")
```

Kalman Filter Results



Parameter Sweep of Q

Now, we'll tune Q to try and optimize the Kalman Filter. While we could tweak the individual values, we'll keep Q as the identity matrix, scaled by a the value `q_coeff`. We'll sweep through values 0 through 10 with a 0.1 increment. How well each iteration of the Kalman filter does with a new Q will be defined as the sum of the mean squared error of each measurement (acceleration, velocity, position).

```
q_coeffs = 0:0.1:10;
mse = zeros(length(q_coeffs), 1);

for j=1:length(q_coeffs)

    R = [acc_sigma^2 0 0;
         0 vel_sigma^2 0;
         0 0 pos_sigma^2];
    Q = q_coeffs(j)*eye(3);

    state = [noisy_acceleration(1); noisy_velocity(1); noisy_position(1)];
    p_cov = Q;

    kalman_state = zeros(length(T), 3);
    kalman_state(1,:) = state';

    for i=2:length(T)
        measurement = [noisy_acceleration(i); noisy_velocity(i); noisy_position(i)];
```

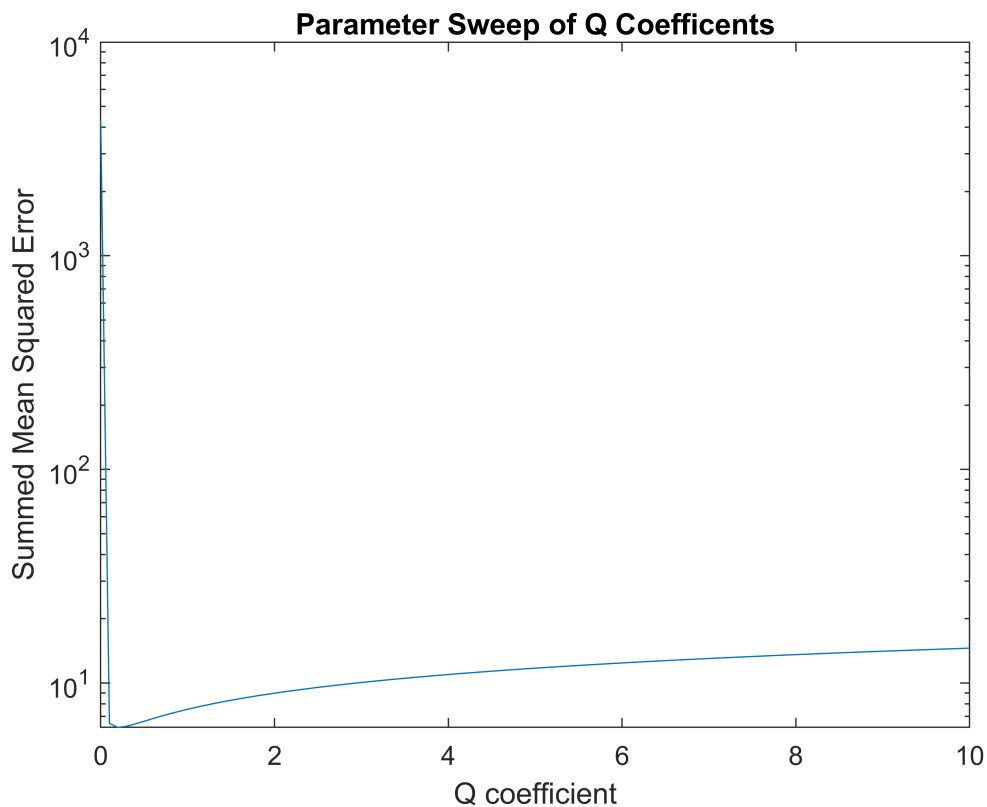
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    [state, p_cov] = kalman_update(state, p_cov, measurement, dt, R, Q);
    kalman_state(i,:) = state';
end

mse(j) = sum(mean((kalman_state - [acceleration' velocity' position']).^2));
end

figure()
semilogy(q_coeffs,mse)
title('Parameter Sweep of Q Coefficients')
xlabel('Q coefficient')
ylabel('Summed Mean Squared Error')

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We can see that the error rapidly decreases as Q coefficient increases from 0, reaches a minimum between 0 and 1, then steadily increases.

```

[M, idx] = min(mse);
best_q_coeff = q_coeffs(idx)

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best_q_coeff = 0.2000
```

Rerunning the Kalman Filter with Best Q

We'll now run the Kalman Filter again using the best Q coefficient. We can see from the increased smoothness graph on the right that the results are marginally better than the original run.

```
R = [acc_sigma^2 0 0;
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    0 vel_sigma^2 0;
    0 0 pos_sigma^2];
Q = best_q_coeff*eye(3);

sensor_reading = [noisy_acceleration; noisy_velocity; noisy_position]';
kalman_state = run_kalman(sensor_reading, T, dt, R, Q);

figure()
sgtitle("Kalman Filter Results with Best Q")

subplot(1,3,1)
plot(T, kalman_state(:,1))
xlabel("time")
ylabel("acceleration")
title("Acceleration")

subplot(1,3,2)
plot(T, kalman_state(:,2))
xlabel("time")
ylabel("velocity")
title("Velocity")

subplot(1,3,3)
plot(T, kalman_state(:,3))
xlabel("time")
ylabel("position")
title("Position")

```


Kalman Filter Results with Best Q

