

# TAM 598 Lecture 20:

## State Space Models -

### Kalman Filters

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Announcements:

- HW 5 covers lectures 17-20; due on Fri Apr 18

last time:

initial conditions

$$\underline{x}_0 = \underline{m}_0 + \underline{\varepsilon}_0$$

$$\underline{\varepsilon}_0 \sim N(\underline{0}, \underline{\Sigma}_0)$$

transitions

$$\underline{x}_{t+1} = \underline{A}\underline{x}_t + \underline{B}\underline{u}_t + \underline{\varepsilon}_t$$

$$\underline{\varepsilon}_t \sim N(\underline{0}, \underline{Q})$$

emissions

$$\underline{y}_t = \underline{C}\underline{x}_t + \underline{w}_t$$

$$\underline{w}_t \sim N(\underline{0}, \underline{R})$$

**Kalman Filter** - recursively computes the posterior distribution

$$P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t}, \underline{u}_{1:t})$$
 using two steps:

(1) prediction step

- obtain prior

(2) update step

- obtain posterior

$$P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t-1}, \underline{u}_{1:t})$$

$$P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t}, \underline{u}_{1:t})$$

## Prediction Step

goal  $P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t-1}, \underline{u}_{1:t})$

$$\text{say we have } P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t-1}, \underline{u}_{1:t}) = N(\underline{x}_t | \underline{\mu}_{t-1}, \underline{\Sigma}_{t-1})$$

we use own update rules and marginalize over  $\underline{x}_{t-1}$ :

$$P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t-1}, \underline{u}_{1:t}) =$$

$$= \int P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{x}_{t-1}, \underline{u}_t) P(\underline{x}_{t-1} | \underline{y}_{1:t-1}, \underline{u}_{1:t-1}) d\underline{x}_{t-1}$$

$$= \int N(\underline{x}_t, \begin{matrix} \underline{A} & \underline{x}_{t-1} + \underline{B} \underline{u}_t \\ \underline{Q} & \end{matrix}) N(\underline{x}_{t-1} | \underline{\mu}_{t-1}, \underline{\Sigma}_{t-1}) d\underline{x}_{t-1}$$

comes from  
prop's of  
Gaussians

$$= N(\underline{x}_t | \underbrace{\underline{\mu}_{t-1} + \underline{B} \underline{u}_t}_{\underline{\mu}_t}, \underbrace{\underline{Q} + \underline{B} \underline{\Sigma}_{t-1} \underline{B}^T}_{\underline{\Sigma}_t})$$

$\underline{\mu}_t$

$\underline{\Sigma}_t$

update step

goal:  $P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t}, \underline{u}_{1:t})$

We now condition our prior on a new measurement  $\underline{y}_t$  to obtain the posterior using Bayes' Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t}, \underline{u}_{1:t}) &\propto \\
 P(\underline{y}_t | \underline{x}_t) P(\underline{x}_t | \underline{y}_{1:t-1}, \underline{u}_{1:t}) \\
 &= N(\underline{y}_t | \underline{\hat{x}}_t, \underline{R}) N(\underline{x}_t | \underline{\mu}_t^P, \underline{V}_t^P) \\
 &= N(\underline{x}_t | \underline{\hat{x}}_t, \underline{V}_t)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\begin{cases} \underline{\hat{x}}_t = \underline{\hat{x}}_t^P + K_t (\underline{y}_t - \underline{\hat{x}}_t^P) \\ \underline{V}_t = \underline{V}_t^P - K_t \underline{C} \underline{V}_t^P \end{cases}$  and Kalman gain matrix  $K_t = \underline{V}_t^P (\underline{C} \underline{V}_t^P \underline{C}^T + \underline{R})^{-1}$

SMOOTHING - now we want the posterior  $p(x_t | y_{1:T}, u_{1:T})$

of the distribution of the state at  $t$ , given all measurements and control inputs up to some future time  $T$ .

use info  
from future  
to improve est  
of state  
at time  $t$ .

- start w/ filtering distribution  $p(x_T | y_{1:T}, u_{1:T})$ , which is gaussian with mean  $\underline{x}_T$ , covariance  $\underline{\underline{V}}_T$
- for the previous time step  $p(x_{T-1} | y_{1:T}, u_{1:T})$ , consider the joint distribution of  $x_T, x_{T-1}$

$$p(x_T, x_{T-1} | y_{1:T}, u_{1:T})$$

$$= p(x_{T-1} | x_T, y_{1:T}, u_{1:T}) p(x_T | y_{1:T}, u_{1:T})$$

consider  
on next page

known

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(x_{T-1} | x_T, y_{1:T}, u_{1:T}) \\
 &= P(x_{T-1} | x_T, y_{1:T-1}, u_T) \\
 &= \frac{\underset{(1)}{P(x_T | x_{T-1}, y_{1:T-1}, u_T)} \underset{(2)}{P(x_{T-1} | y_{1:T-1}, u_T)}}{\underset{(3)}{P(x_T | y_{1:T-1}, u_T)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

to trace  $x_{T-1}$  back  
 from  $x_T$ , only  $u_T$   
 matters.  
 only obs up to  $y_{T-1}$  too

(3) prediction step of Kalman step  $N(x_T | \underline{u}_T^p, \underline{V}_T^p)$

(2) filtering dist at time  $T-1$   $N(x_{T-1} | \underline{u}_{T-1}, \underline{V}_{T-1})$

(1) use Markov property

$$P(x_T | x_{T-1}, u_T) = N(x_T | \underline{A}x_{T-1} + \underline{B}u_T, \underline{Q})$$

from here:

- ① our joint distribution  $P(\underline{x}_T, \underline{x}_{T-1} | \underline{y}_{1:T}, \underline{u}_{1:T})$  is gaussian
- ② integrate out  $\underline{x}_T$  to get our smoothed distribution

$$P(\underline{x}_{T-1} | \underline{y}_{1:T}, \underline{u}_{1:T}) = \underset{\text{SMOOTHED}}{\int P(\underline{x}_T, \underline{x}_{T-1} | \underline{y}_{1:T}, \underline{u}_{1:T}) d\underline{x}_T}$$

- ③ Result is gaussian with

$$\text{mean } \underline{m}_{T-1|T} = \underline{m}_{T-1} + \underline{J}_T (\underline{u}_T - \underline{m}_T^P)$$

$$\text{covariance } \underline{\underline{V}}_{T-1|T} = \underline{\underline{V}}_{T-1} + \underline{J}_T (\underline{\underline{V}}_T - \underline{\underline{V}}_T^P) \underline{J}_T^T$$

where  $\underline{J}_T = \underline{\underline{V}}_{T-1} \underline{A}^T \underline{\underline{V}}_T^{-1}$  is the **smoothed gain matrix**

then go back, one step at a time, to obtain the distribution for all time steps