

Course handouts

Data Fusion

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Rudolf Emil Kalman

- Born 1930 in Hungary
- BS and MS from MIT
- PhD 1957 from Columbia
- Filter developed in 1960-61
- Now retired



Applications

- Tracking missiles
- Tracking heads/drumsticks
- Extracting lip motion from video
- Fitting Bezier patches to point data
- Lots of computer vision applications
- Economics
- Navigation



Start from an example

$$z_1, \sigma_{z_1}^2$$

$$\hat{x}_1 = z_1$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_1^2 = \sigma_{z_1}^2$$



Example

$$z_2, \sigma_{z_2}^2$$

$$\hat{x}_2 = ?$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_2^2 = ?$$



Combine estimate

$$\hat{x}_2 = \hat{x}_1 + k_2(z_2 - \hat{x}_1)$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}$$



Combine variance

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_z^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{z2}^2}$$

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Combined Estimates

$$\hat{x} = \hat{x}_2$$
$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \sigma_z^2$$

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Dynamic systems

- Not *all* the difference is error
- Some may be motion
- KF can include a motion model
- Estimate velocity and position

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Process Model

- Describes how the *state* changes over time
- The *state* for the first example was scalar
- The *process model* was “nothing changes”
- A better model might be
 - State is a 2-vector [position, velocity]
 - $\text{position}_{n+1} = \text{position}_n + \text{velocity}_n * \text{time}$
 - $\text{velocity}_{n+1} = \text{velocity}_n$

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Measurement Model

- “What you see from where you are”
- not
- “Where you are from what you see”

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Predict – Correct cycle

- KF operates by
 - Predicting the new state and its uncertainty
 - Correcting with the new measurement

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The concept

Optimal Recursive Data Processing Algorithm

- $x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k), w(k))$
- $z(k+1) = h(x(k), v(k))$
- x - state
- f - system dynamics
- h - measurement function
- u - controls
- w - system error sources
- v - measurement error sources
- z - observed measurements

Given

- f, h , noise characterization, initial conditions
- $z(0), z(1), z(2), \dots, z(k)$

Obtain

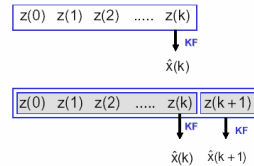
- the "best" estimate of $x(k)$



The concept

Optimal Recursive Data Processing Algorithm

- the KF does not require all previous data to be kept in storage and reprocessed every time a new measurement is taken.



To evaluate $\hat{x}(k+1)$ the KF only requires $\hat{x}(k)$ and $z(k+1)$



Example: Process Model

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k-1} \\ y_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sim x_{k-1} \\ \sim y_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{x}_k = A\bar{x}_{k-1} + \bar{w}_{k-1}$$



Example: Measurement Model

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_k \\ v_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_x & 0 \\ 0 & H_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sim u_k \\ \sim v_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_k = H\bar{x}_k + \bar{v}_k$$



Preparation

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{State Transition}$$

$$Q = E\{w * w^T\} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & Q_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Process} \\ \text{Noise} \\ \text{Covariance} \end{array}$$

$$R = E\{v * v^T\} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & R_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Measurement} \\ \text{Noise} \\ \text{Covariance} \end{array}$$



Initialization

$$\bar{x}_0 = H z_0$$

$$P_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$$



Predict

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}_k^- &= A\bar{x}_{k-1} \\ P_k^- &= AP_{k-1}A^T + Q\end{aligned}$$

Correct

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}_k &= \bar{x}_k^- + K(z_k - H\bar{x}_k^-) \\ P_k &= (I - K H)P_k^-\end{aligned}$$

$$K = P_k^- H^T (H P_k^- H^T + R)^{-1}$$

Summary- two steps

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}_k^- &= A\bar{x}_{k-1} \\ P_k^- &= AP_{k-1}A^T + Q\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}K &= P_k^- H^T (H P_k^- H^T + R)^{-1} \\ \bar{x}_k &= \bar{x}_k^- + K(z_k - H\bar{x}_k^-) \\ P_k &= (I - K H)P_k^-\end{aligned}$$

What does a Kalman Filter do, anyway?

Given the linear dynamical system:

$$x(k+1) = F(k)x(k) + G(k)u(k) + v(k)$$

$$y(k) = H(k)x(k) + w(k)$$

$x(k)$ is the n -dimensional state vector (unknown)

$u(k)$ is the m -dimensional input vector (known)

$y(k)$ is the p -dimensional output vector (known, measured)

$F(k), G(k), H(k)$ are appropriately dimensioned system matrices (known)

$v(k), w(k)$ are zero-mean, white Gaussian noise with (known)

covariance matrices $Q(k), R(k)$

the Kalman Filter is a recursion that provides the “best” estimate of the state vector x .

What's so great about that?

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= F(k)x(k) + G(k)u(k) + v(k) \\ y(k) &= H(k)x(k) + w(k)\end{aligned}$$

- noise smoothing (improve noisy measurements)
- state estimation (for state feedback)
- recursive (computes next estimate using only most recent measurement)

How does it work?

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= F(k)x(k) + G(k)u(k) + v(k) \\ y(k) &= H(k)x(k) + w(k)\end{aligned}$$

1. prediction based on last estimate:

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = F(k)\hat{x}(k|k) + G(k)u(k)$$

$$\hat{y}(k) = H(k)\hat{x}(k+1|k)$$

2. calculate correction based on prediction and current measurement:

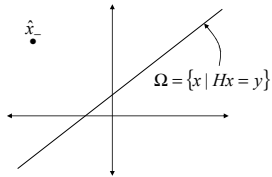
$$\Delta x = f(y(k+1), \hat{x}(k+1|k))$$

3. update prediction: $\hat{x}(k+1|k+1) = \hat{x}(k+1|k) + \Delta x$

Finding the correction (no noise!)

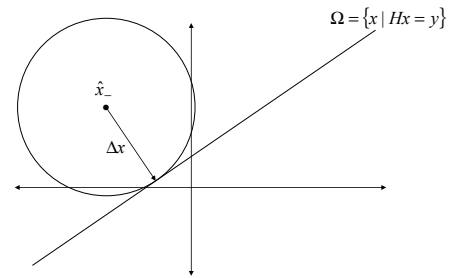
$$y = Hx$$

Given prediction \hat{x}_- and output y , find Δx so that $\hat{x} = \hat{x}_- + \Delta x$ is the "best" estimate of x .



$$\Delta x = H^T (HH^T)^{-1} v$$

A Geometric Interpretation



LTI Kalman Filter Summary

System: $x(k+1) = Fx(k) + Gu(k) + v(k)$
 $y(k) = Hx(k) + w(k)$

Kalman Filter

1. Predict

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = F\hat{x}(k|k) + Gu(k)$$

$$P(k+1|k) = FP(k|k)F^T + Q$$

2. Correction

$$S = HP(k+1|k)H^T + R$$

$$W = P(k+1|k)HS^{-1}$$

$$\Delta x = W(y(k+1) - H\hat{x}(k+1|k))$$

3. Update

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k+1) = \hat{x}(k+1|k) + Wv$$

$$P(k+1|k+1) = P(k+1|k) - WSW^T$$