

How do we update estimates based on current estimates?

Let's start with 2 "batches":

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_1 = [\tilde{y}_{11} \quad \tilde{y}_{12} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{y}_{1m_1}]^T$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_2 = [\tilde{y}_{21} \quad \tilde{y}_{22} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{y}_{2m_2}]^T$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_1 = H_1 \underline{\mathbf{x}} + \underline{\mathbf{v}}_1$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_2 = H_2 \underline{\mathbf{x}} + \underline{\mathbf{v}}_2$$

trying to estimate the  $\mathbf{x}$

For  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_1$ , from LLS before we have:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 = (H_1^T W_1 H_1)^{-1} H_1^T W_1 \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_1$$

If we had both measurements together:

$$\tilde{\underline{y}} = H \underline{x} + \underline{v}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}_1 \\ \tilde{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let's assume:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

ie. there is  
no correlation  
of noise btwn  
first & second  
set of measurements

Given both measurement sets, we have:

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_2 = (H^T W H)^{-1} H^T W \tilde{\underline{y}}$$

$\hat{\underline{x}}_2$  takes into  
account BOTH  
measurement sets

Since  $W$  is block diagonal, we can write:

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_2 = [H_1^T W_1 H_1 + H_2^T W_2 H_2]^{-1} (H_1^T W_1 \tilde{y}_1 + H_2^T W_2 \tilde{y}_2)$$

But we don't want to recalculate everything every time - we want efficient use of previous calculations.

define:  $P_1 = [H_1^T W_1 H_1]^{-1}$

$$P_2 = [H_1^T W_1 H_1 + H_2^T W_2 H_2]^{-1}$$

thus:

$$P_2^{-1} = P_1^{-1} + H_2^T W_2 H_2$$

Now we can rewrite:

$$\hat{x}_1 = P_1 H_1^T W_1 \tilde{y}_1$$

$$\hat{x}_2 = P_2 (H_1^T W_1 \tilde{y}_1 + H_2^T W_2 \tilde{y}_2)$$

We want to replace this with  $\hat{x}_1$ , because we already did those calculations

$$H_1^T W_1 \tilde{y}_1 = P_1^{-1} \hat{x}_1$$

Substituting that in:

$$\hat{x}_2 = P_2 (P_1^{-1} \hat{x}_1 + H_2^T W_2 \tilde{y}_2)$$

$$\hat{x}_2 = P_2 P_1^{-1} \hat{x}_1 + P_2 H_2^T W_2 \tilde{y}_2$$

↑  
inverses are expensive, so use:

$$P_2^{-1} = P_1^{-1} + H_2^T W_2 H_2 \quad \text{from earlier}$$

$$\hat{x}_2 = P_2 \left[ P_2^{-1} - H_2^T W_2 H_2 \right] \hat{x}_1 + P_2 H_2^T W_2 \tilde{y}_2$$

$$= \left[ I - P_2 H_2^T W_2 H_2 \right] \hat{x}_1 + P_2 H_2^T W_2 \tilde{y}_2$$

$$= \hat{x}_1 - \underline{P_2 H_2^T W_2 H_2} \hat{x}_1 + \underline{P_2 H_2^T W_2} \tilde{y}_2$$

$$= \hat{\underline{x}}_1 + \underbrace{P_2 H_2^T W_2}_{\text{"K"}} \underbrace{[\tilde{y}_2 - H_2 \hat{\underline{x}}_1]}_{\text{"error" between new measurements and expectation based on previous estimate}}$$

previous  
"a priori"  
estimate  
of  
 $\hat{\underline{x}}$

"gain"  
matrix

"error" between  
new measurements  
and expectation  
based on  
previous estimate

Now we can generalize:

Kalman update equations

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \hat{\underline{x}}_k + K_{k+1} (\tilde{y}_{k+1} - H_{k+1} \hat{\underline{x}}_k)$$

$$K_{k+1} = P_{k+1} H_{k+1}^T W_{k+1}$$

$$P_{k+1}^{-1} = P_k^{-1} + H_{k+1}^T W_{k+1} H_{k+1}$$

This is a time-varying dynamic system -  
rearranging yields:

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \underbrace{\left[ I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1} \right]}_{\substack{\text{you can} \\ \text{check stability,} \\ \text{response time,} \\ \text{etc.}}} \hat{\underline{x}}_k + \left[ K_{k+1} \right] \tilde{y}_{k+1}$$

This calculation requires an inverse (expensive)

$$P_{k+1} = [P_k^{-1} + H_{k+1}^T W_{k+1} H_{k+1}]^{-1}$$

But, if the new measurements being added are few compared to the number of states (often the case) we can rewrite the update eqn:

$$P_{k+1} = P_k - P_k H_{k+1}^T (H_{k+1} P_k H_{k+1}^T + W_{k+1}^{-1})^{-1} H_{k+1} P_k$$

Using Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury matrix inversion lemma. (1.69)

if  $H$  is, for example  $1 \times n$ , then  $W$  is  $1 \times 1$ , so we end up inverting a  $1 \times 1$  matrix instead of an  $n \times n$ .

## Covariance form

You can also move the inverse to the Kalman gain eqn:

$$K_{k+1} = P_k H_{k+1}^T \left[ H_{k+1} P_k H_{k+1}^T + W_{k+1}^{-1} \right]^{-1} \quad (1.79)$$

which is also a smaller inversion

$$P_{k+1} = \left[ I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1} \right] P_k \quad (1.80)$$

This is the most common form, and what we see in the Kalman filter.

However, it involves an inverse, and  $\left[ I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1} \right]$  can result in non symmetric matrices b/c of numerics.



# Inverses & Stability

## Sequential updates

Dealing with 1 measurement at

a time turns the inverses into  
divisions

## Joseph form

We can resolve those issues with:

$$S_{k+1} K_{k+1} = P_K H_{k+1}^T, \text{ where:}$$

$$S_{k+1} = \left[ H_{k+1} P_k H_{k+1}^T + W_{k+1}^{-1} \right],$$

and solve for  $k_{k+1}$  as a linear system: use:

- Matlab's `\` command
- Python: `scipy.linalg.solve`

These commands solve the linear sys. without taking an inverse.

How? Depends... e.g. LU or QR decomposition.

$$P_{k+1} = \left[ I - k_{k+1} H_{k+1} \right] P_k \left[ I - k_{k+1} H_{k+1} \right]^T + k_{k+1} W_{k+1} k_{k+1}^T$$

which guarantees that  $P$  remains positive definite.

## Square-root filters

Keep track of  $S$ , where  $P = SS^T$   
instead of  $P$ .

Use QR decomposition or

Cholesky updates instead of inversions

Think of it as a built in

" operation.

## Information form

You can also work with information

$(P^{-1})$  and the information

vector  $(P^{-1}x)$ . Less common.