

TEK4050 V21 - PROJECT ASSIGNMENT

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Introduction

In this project we will investigate the Kalman filter applied on a simple physical model.

We will simulate a very simple system consisting of a cart driven by a DC motor. The states of the system are the cart's *position* x_1 , its *velocity* x_2 , and the applied *armature current* x_3 , such that the state vector is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To model this system, we must establish the relationship between the state variables. For the position and velocity, the relationship is simply

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2.$$

For the velocity and the armature current, we begin by investigating the forces acting on the cart. They are the driving force F_M developed by the electric motor, and the opposing friction F_r . In sum, the cart's acceleration is given by

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{F_M - F_r}{m},$$

where m is the mass of the cart. The motor force is proportional to the torque, T_M , and the torque developed by DC motor is again proportional to the applied armature current, such that

$$F_M = k_M T_M = k'_M x_3.$$

Here, k_M contains all factors relating to the mechanical transmission of power from the rotor to the surface which the cart's wheels are rubbing against, while k'_M in addition to that accounts for the electromagnetics, such as flux density, rotor area and physical constants. In the case we are studying here, the friction increases linearly with velocity;

$$F_r = k_r x_2,$$

where k_r is the friction constant. This kind of friction is typical for an object moving slowly through a viscous fluid without creating turbulence. The resulting relationship between velocity and armature current is

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{-k_r}{m} x_2 + \frac{k'_M}{m} x_3.$$

Moving on to the armature current equation, we note that we can only control the cart's position and velocity through current. A step change in setpoint from a steady-state u^- to u^+ at time $t = 0$ gives an exponential response in the armature current due to electrical impedance, such that

$$x_3 = u^- + (1 - e^{-t/\tau_a})(u^+ - u^-), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Time derivation gives us

$$\dot{x}_3 = \frac{1}{\tau_a} \left[(u^+ - u^-) e^{-t/\tau_a} \right],$$

and rearranging the equation for x_3 above gives us that

$$x_3 = u^+ - \left[(u^+ - u^-) e^{-t/\tau_a} \right] = u^+ - \tau_a \dot{x}_3,$$

which results in

$$\dot{x}_3 = \frac{-1}{\tau_a} x_3 + \frac{1}{\tau_a} u^+.$$

Finally, the system equation becomes

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{L}u \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-k_r}{m} & \frac{k'_M}{m} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{\tau_a} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\tau_a} \end{bmatrix} u.$$

1 Simulation Model \mathcal{M}^S

In the assignment, we are given the following parameters to work with:

$$\frac{k_r}{m} = \frac{k'_M}{m} = \frac{1}{T_2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_a = T_3.$$

Looking at the second system equation, for velocity x_2 , we see that it has similar shape as the armature current equation. The equality $k_r = k'_M$ thus means that the value of x_2, x_3 and u are equal in the steady state. Also, we should expect a similar exponential response in x_2 to a step change in x_3 as we saw for the armature current equation above, only with a time constant T_2 instead of T_3 . However, since change in x_2 is a reaction to change in x_3 , and x_3 is a reaction to (instant) change in u , the response in x_2 will be slower than what we should expect from its time constant alone.

The assignment also provides us with a noise term in the system equation, affecting only armature current, such that the equation gets the form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{L}u + \mathbf{G}v \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{T_2} & \frac{1}{T_2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{T_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{T_3} \end{bmatrix} u + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} v, \quad v \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}\delta(t - \tau)).$$

We will assume initial state estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \mathbf{0}$, such that the initial estimate error covariance becomes

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \hat{\mathbf{P}}_0).$$

Later, when we discuss the Kalman filter, we will assume measurement of position only. The measurement equation then becomes

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_k = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0] \mathbf{x} + w_k, \quad w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}\delta_{kl}).$$

Having established the system equation and roughly what to expect in terms of changes in the control parameter u , we are ready to run simulations. But, before we start, let's set up our Python environment:

```

### Setting up environment
import numpy as np
from numpy import sqrt
from scipy.linalg import expm, inv, norm, cholesky as chol
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from tqdm import tqdm

### Setting plotting style
plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
COLORS = plt.rcParams['axes.prop_cycle'].by_key()['color']

### Seed the RNG
np.random.seed(0)

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Parameters for the simulation model are listed below.

```

# Simulation parameters
t0, tf = 0, 100
dt = .01

# System parameters
T2, T3 = 5, 1
Q = np.eye(3)*2*.1**2
F = np.array([[0, 1, 0],
              [0, -1/T2, 1/T2],
              [0, 0, -1/T3]])
L = np.array([[0, 0, 0],
              [0, 0, 0],
              [0, 0, 1/T3]])
G = np.array([[0, 0, 0],
              [0, 0, 0],
              [0, 0, 1]])
P0 = np.diag([1, .1**2, .1**2])

# Measurement parameters
R = np.eye(3)*1
H = np.array([[1, 0, 0],
              [0, 0, 0],
              [0, 0, 0]])

```

2 Discretization

To implement the system equation in a computer program we need first to discretize it into the form

$$\mathbf{x}_{x+1} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{v}_k, \quad \mathbf{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}\delta_{kl}).$$

Here, $\mathbf{u}_k = [u_k, 0, 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{v}_k = [0, 0, v_k]^T$. We also point out that $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ in the continuous equation is the process noise power spectral density matrix – which is a continuous function in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ – and that the corresponding factor in the discrete equation \mathbf{Q} is the discrete process noise autocorrelation matrix.

The discrete system matrices Φ, Λ are found by first re-writing the deterministic part of the continuous system equation as

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F} & \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, the corresponding deterministic discrete equation becomes

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1} = \tilde{\Phi}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k, \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{\Phi} = e^{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}\Delta t} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi & \Lambda \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix},$$

and we assume that u is constant over the time interval $[t_k, t_k + \Delta t]$. An implementation follows below.

```
def c2d_deterministic(F, L, dt):
    '''Converts the continuous process equation matrices F, L into discrete
    matrices Fi, La with time step dt'''
    n, mF = F.shape
    _, mL = L.shape
    Z = np.zeros((mF+mL-n, mF+mL))
    F1 = np.vstack((np.hstack((F, L)),
                     Z))
    Fi1 = expm(F1*dt)
    Fi = Fi1[:n, :mF] # Upper left
    La = Fi1[:n, mF:] # Upper right

    return (Fi, La)
```

Running this with the input defined in the assignment we get the result printed below. We note that the discretized control input matrix Λ does not have all-zeros in the first and second rows, for the position and velocity equations. The reason for this is that we account for the effect on position and velocity in the time interval $[t_k, t_k + \Delta t]$, which follows from the matrix superposition integral:

$$\Lambda \mathbf{u}_k = \int_{t_k}^{t_k + \Delta t} \Phi \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau.$$

```
# Deterministic system discrete matrices
Fi, La = c2d_deterministic(F, L, dt)
Fi, La
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(array([[1.00000000e+00, 9.99000666e-03, 9.96010313e-06],
        [0.00000000e+00, 9.98001999e-01, 1.98804123e-03],
        [0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 9.90049834e-01]]),
 array([[0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 3.32335397e-08],
        [0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 9.96010313e-06],
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[0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 9.95016625e-03]])

Moving on, we find Γ in a similar way as above by considering only the stochastic part of the continuous system equation, such that

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F} & \mathbf{G}\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}\mathbf{G}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{F}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{z}' \end{bmatrix},$$

This is the solution of the *linear variance equation* (Gelb pp. 77-78);

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{F}\mathbf{P}^T - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{G}\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}\mathbf{G}^T,$$

which has the shape of the Riccati equation, and by which \mathbf{z}' in the augmented state vector is defined such that

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{z}' = \mathbf{x}.$$

We then get that the stochastic part of the system equation can be discretized as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1} = \tilde{\Phi}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k, \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{\Phi} = e^{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}\Delta t} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\Phi}_{11} & \tilde{\Phi}_{12} \\ \mathbf{0} & \tilde{\Phi}_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\Phi = \tilde{\Phi}_{11}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma\mathbf{Q}\Gamma^T = \tilde{\Phi}_{12}\tilde{\Phi}_{22}^{-1}.$$

By letting $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$, and hence scaling Γ correspondingly, we find Γ by the upper Cholesky factorization

$$\Gamma = \text{chol}_u \left[\tilde{\Phi}_{12}\tilde{\Phi}_{22}^{-1} \right].$$

An implementation of this is given here:

```
def c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt):
    '''Converts the continuous process equation matrices F, L, G, Q into
    →discrete matrices Fi, La, Ga with time step dt'''
    p = F.shape[0]
    GQGT = G@Q@G.T
    F2 = np.vstack((np.hstack((F, GQGT)),
                     np.hstack((np.zeros(F.shape), -F.T))))
    Fi2 = expm(F2*dt)
    Fi12 = Fi2[:p, p:] # Upper right
    Fi22 = Fi2[p:, p:] # Lower right
    Ga = chol(Fi12 @ inv(Fi22), lower=False)
    Fi, La = c2d_deterministic(F, L, dt)

    return (Fi, La, Ga)
```

Running this again with the parameters defined in the assignment we get the result shown below. We note again that the contribution from process noise is not restricted to armature current, and that this again results from the matrix superposition integral applied on the noise:

$$\Gamma\mathbf{v}_k = \int_{t_k}^{t_k+\Delta t} \Phi\mathbf{G}\mathbf{v}(\tau)d\tau.$$

```
# Stochastic system discrete matrices
Fi, La, Ga = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt)
Fi, La, Ga
```

```
(array([[1.00000000e+00, 9.99000666e-03, 9.96010313e-06],
       [0.00000000e+00, 9.98001999e-01, 1.98804123e-03],
       [0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 9.90049834e-01]]),
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       [0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 9.95016625e-03]]),
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       [0.00000000e+00, 4.07432794e-06, 8.14187293e-03],
       [0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 4.71090429e-03]]))
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3 Simulation of Stochastic System

We will now simulate the system, first as a purely deterministic process, and then as a stochastic process (i.e. including process noise). We define two methods, one which runs a simulation of the deterministic process, and one which runs a simulation of a stochastic process:

```
def run_deterministic(u, Fi, La):
    '''Runs simulation of deterministic system Fi, La with control vector u.'''
    _, n = u.shape
    x = np.zeros(u.shape)

    for k in range(n-1):
        x[:,k+1,np.newaxis] = Fi@x[:,k,np.newaxis] + La@u[:,k,np.newaxis]

    return x
```

```
def run_stochastic(u, v, Fi, La, Ga):
    '''Runs simulation of stochastic system Fi, La, Ga with control vector u and
    noise vector v.'''
    _, n = u.shape
    x = np.zeros(u.shape)

    for k in range(n-1):
        x[:,k+1,np.newaxis] = Fi@x[:,k,np.newaxis] + La@u[:,k,np.newaxis] +
        Ga@v[:,k,np.newaxis]

    return x
```

In the assignment, we are given a fixed control input $u = 1$, such that we can define the control vector u as ...

```

# Control input u
t = np.arange(0., tf+dt, dt)
n = t.size
u = np.zeros((3,n))
u[2] = 1
u

array([[0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
       [0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
       [1., 1., 1., ..., 1., 1., 1.]])

```

... and run the deterministic process simulation which is stored in the vector xd:

```

# Deterministic process simulation
Fi, La = c2d_deterministic(F, L, dt)
xd = run_deterministic(u, Fi, La)

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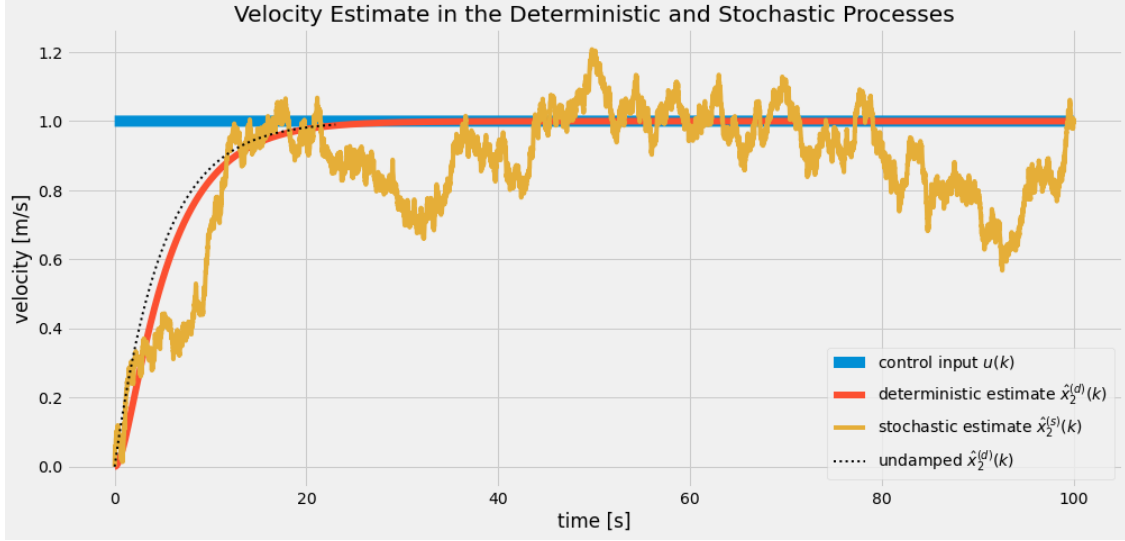
For the stochastic process we define in addition a noise vector v and run the stochastic process simulation which we store in vector xs:

```

# Stochastic process simulation
v = np.zeros((3,n))
v[2] = np.random.randn(n)
Fi, La, Ga = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt)
xs = run_stochastic(u, v, Fi, La, Ga)

```

Below we see a plot of each of the processes, showing the armature current control input $u(k)$, the deterministic velocity estimate $\hat{x}_2^{(d)}(k)$, and the stochastic estimate $\hat{x}_2^{(s)}(k)$. The velocity transient response to the step change in u is exponential, as we came to expect from the discussion above, and in the deterministic curve we see that it is slightly damped due to the damped response in armature current x_3 . Further, and also as expected, we see that there is a 1-to-1 relationship between the control input and the velocity in the steady state, except of course for the noise effect in the stochastic case.



4 Optimal Kalman Filter

We will now implement the discrete Kalman filter for the cart model. The discrete Kalman filter is an algorithm running in a loop, updating an a-priori estimate of the state $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k$ with an a-posteriori estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ after taking the noisy measurement \mathbf{z}_k into account. Depending on the statistics of the system and measurement, we assign a certain weight to the measurement, such that the updated estimate becomes

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k).$$

The weight \mathbf{K}_k is the Kalman gain, which we seek to optimize such that it minimizes the expected state estimate error $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ in the minimum-variance sense. The general formulation for error variance is given by the covariance matrix;

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k^T] = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}) \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H})^T + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}_k^T$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{P}}_k$ is the covariance matrix of the “a-priori” estimate error. To optimize the Kalman gain thus means that, at each time step k , we want to find \mathbf{K}_k such that it minimizes $\text{trace} \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k$. More formally, we can write

$$\text{argmin}_{\mathbf{K}_k} \text{trace} \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d(\text{trace} \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k)}{d\mathbf{K}_k} = 0.$$

Solving this, we find the update equation for the optimal Kalman gain

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{H} \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1}.$$

Plugging the optimal \mathbf{K}_k into the equation for $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k$ above, we get the simpler formulation

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}) \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k.$$

We then use $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k$ to recursively calculate the next-step a-priori covariance as

$$\bar{\mathbf{P}}_{k+1} = \Phi \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k \Phi^T + \Gamma \mathbf{Q} \Gamma^T$$

before we repeat the process. We mention here that the Kalman gain and state error covariance can be calculated without actually taking any measurements of the process, as long as we know its (possibly varying) statistics. We will use this when we set up the error budget in part 6 further down, but, in our application here we will also take measurements. We use the deterministic system equation from part 2 above to give us the a-priori state estimate:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1} = \Phi \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k + \Lambda \mathbf{u}_k.$$

Kalman filter algorithm:

Input: Measurements \mathbf{z}_k ; control input \mathbf{u}_k ; initial state estimate \mathbf{x}_0 with covariance \mathbf{P}_0

1. Initialize state $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \mathbf{x}_0$, covariance $\bar{\mathbf{P}}_0 = \mathbf{P}_0$, time variable $k = 0$. Then;
2. Update Kalman gain: $\mathbf{K}_k \leftarrow \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{H} \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1}$
3. Update a-posteriori state estimate: $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k \leftarrow \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k)$
4. Update a-posteriori estimate covariance: $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k \leftarrow (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}) \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k$
5. Update a-priori state estimate: $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1} \leftarrow \Phi \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k + \Lambda \mathbf{u}_k$
6. Update a-priori estimate covariance: $\bar{\mathbf{P}}_{k+1} \leftarrow \Phi \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k \Phi^T + \Gamma \mathbf{Q} \Gamma^T$
7. Update time variable: $k \leftarrow k + 1$
8. Repeat from 2. while $k < K$

An implemenation of the Kalman filter algorithm which filters the measurements \mathbf{z} with control input \mathbf{u} follows below. The m_i parameter, for measurement interval, lets us define a sample frequency for the process simulation. Note that this implementation could very easily have been made much more efficient by pre-calculating some of the matrix products, but we skip that for clarity.

```
def kalman_filter(z, u, Fi, La, Ga, P0, H, R, mi, N=None):
    '''
        Filters the measurements z taken at intervals mi through the Kalman filter_
        →defined by
        Fi, La, Ga, with measurement parameters H with statistics R. Control input u_
        →and initial
        state estimate error covariance P0. N is the blinding matrix used in the_
        →suboptimal
        Kalman filter.

        Returns tuple (x_bar, x_hat, p_bar, p_hat)
    '''

    # System order and simulation length
    p, _ = Fi.shape
    _, nm = z.shape
    _, n = u.shape
    I = np.eye(p)
    if N is None:
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N = np.eye(p)

# State vector estimates
x_bar = np.zeros((p,n)) # a-priori
x_hat = np.zeros((p,nm)) # a-posteriori

# Error covariance matrices
P_bar = np.zeros((n,p,p)) # a-priori
P_bar[0] = P0
P_hat = np.zeros((nm,p,p)) # a-posteriori

# Run simulation
for k in range(n-1):

    # Measurement update
    if k%mi == 0:
        km = k//mi

        # Compute Kalman gain
        Kk = P_bar[k]@H.T@inv(H@P_bar[k]@H.T + R)

        # Update a-posteriori estimate
        x_hat[:,km,np.newaxis] = x_bar[:,k,np.newaxis] + Kk@(N@z[:,km,np.
→newaxis] - H@x_bar[:,k,np.newaxis])
        P_hat[km] = (I - Kk@H)@P_bar[k]

        # Time update - update a-priori estimate
        x_bar[:,k+1,np.newaxis] = Fi@x_hat[:,km,np.newaxis] + La@u[:,k,np.
→newaxis]
        P_bar[k+1] = Fi@P_hat[km]@Fi.T + Ga@Ga.T

    # Extract diagonals
    p_bar = np.array([P_bar[:,i,i] for i in range(p)])
    p_hat = np.array([P_hat[:,i,i] for i in range(p)])

    return (x_bar, x_hat, p_bar, p_hat)

```

We will now filter measurements of the stochastic system simulation from part 3 above and see if the Kalman filter gives us a better state estimate than the measurements alone will give us. We ran the stochastic simulation with time step $\Delta t = 0.01$ second, but will take measurements only once per second. We set measurement interval parameter m_i to 100, and sample x_s in noise w , which we keep in the variable z :

```

# Measurement update
mi = 100
tm = np.arange(0, tf, dt*mi)
nm = tm.size

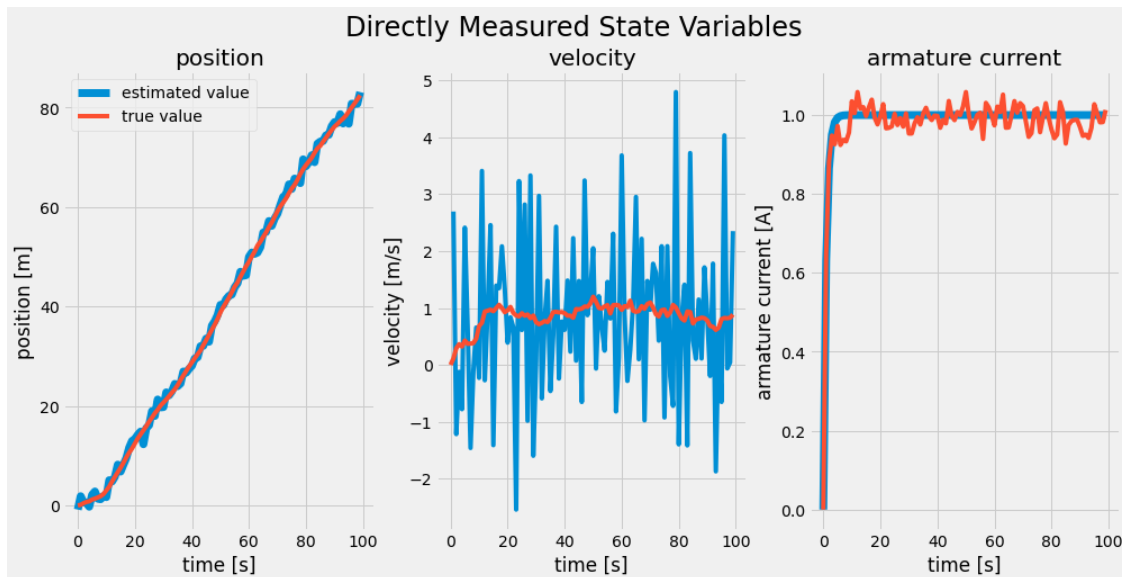
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# Take measurements
xm = xs[:, :-1:mi]
_, nm = xm.shape
w = np.zeros((3, nm))
w[0] = np.random.randn(nm)
z = H@xm + w
```

If we would rely only on measurements without taking any noise statistics into consideration, we would get the naive state estimates

$$\begin{aligned}\check{x}_1(t_k) &= z_1(t_k) \\ \check{x}_2(t_k) &= \frac{\check{x}_1(t_k) - \check{x}_1(t_k - \Delta t)}{\Delta t} \\ \check{x}_3(t_k) &= \check{x}_3(t_k - \Delta t) + (1 - e^{-\Delta t/T_3})(u_3(t_k) - \check{x}_3(t_k - \Delta t))\end{aligned}$$

which can be plotted together with the respective true state variable below. We see that the direct measurements give estimates which are *far* from the true values, especially for velocity. We will see next how the Kalman filter can help us achieve better results than these.



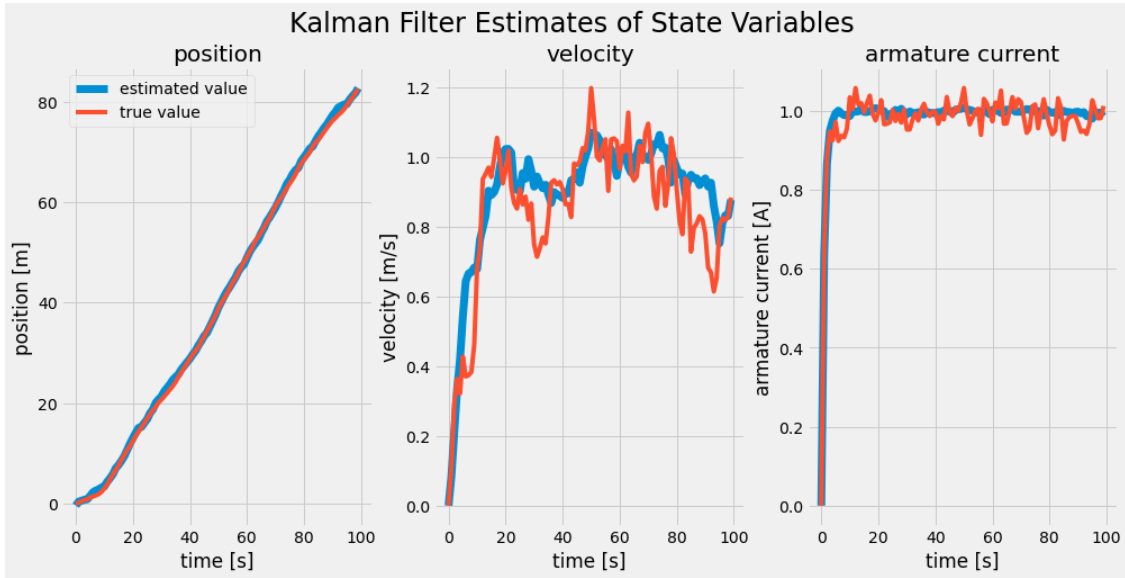
For the Kalman filter, we must calculate a new set of discrete system matrices to account for relative time step between measurements, Δt .

```
# Kalman filter matrices
FiK, LaK, GaK = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt*mi)
```

Then we filter the measurements...

```
# Run simulation
(x_bar, x_hat, p_bar, p_hat) = kalman_filter(z, u, FiK, LaK, GaK, PO, H, R, mi)
e_bar = xs - x_bar # a-priori estimate error
e_hat = xm - x_hat # a-posteriori estimate error
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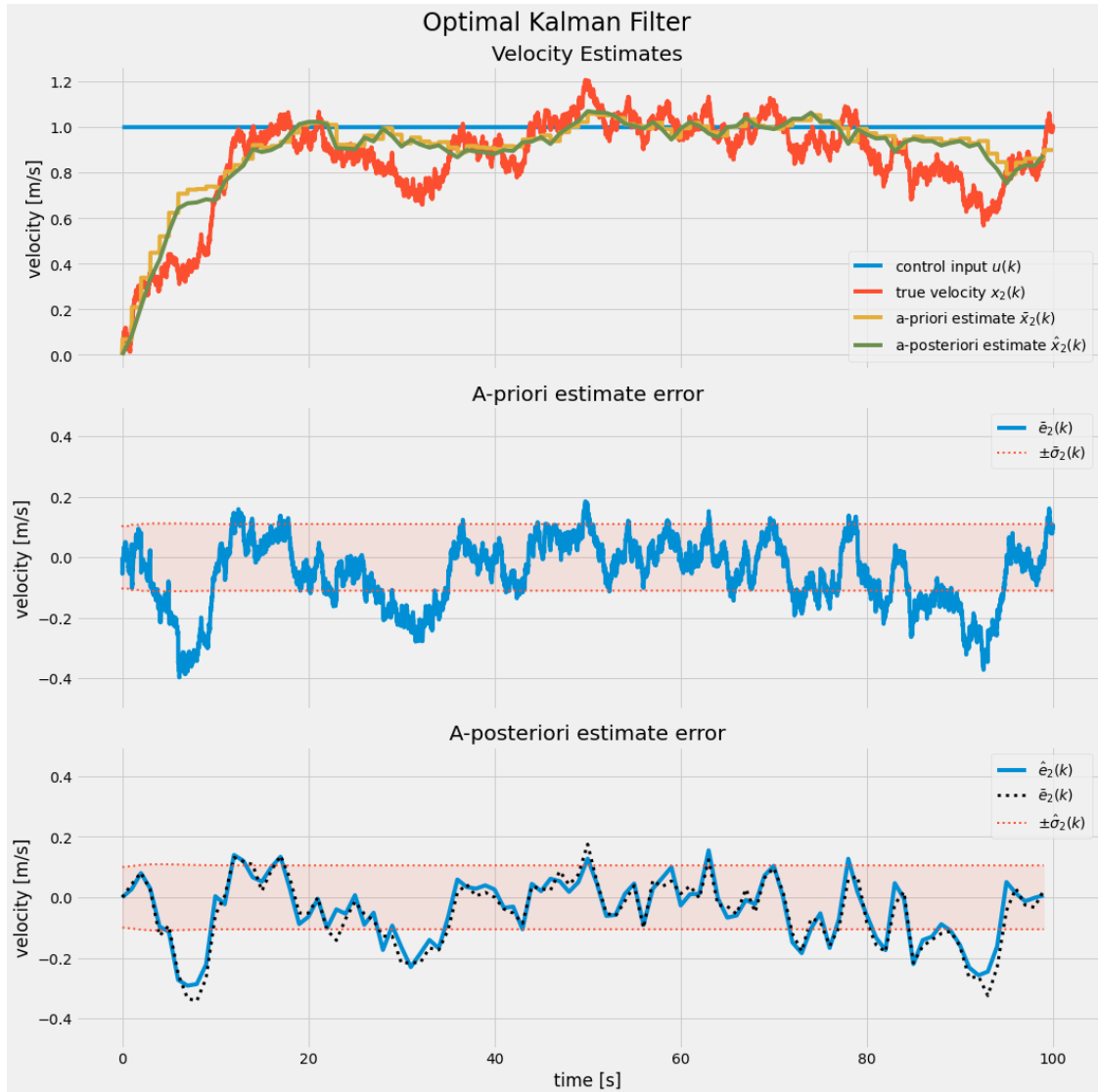
... and plot once more the estimated states \hat{x}_i together with the true values, as we did above. We see that the Kalman filter *greatly* improves the quality of the estimates, especially for the velocity, but also for position, which above would be up to a few meters off, but now overlaps almost perfectly with the true position. Armature current is more or less the same.



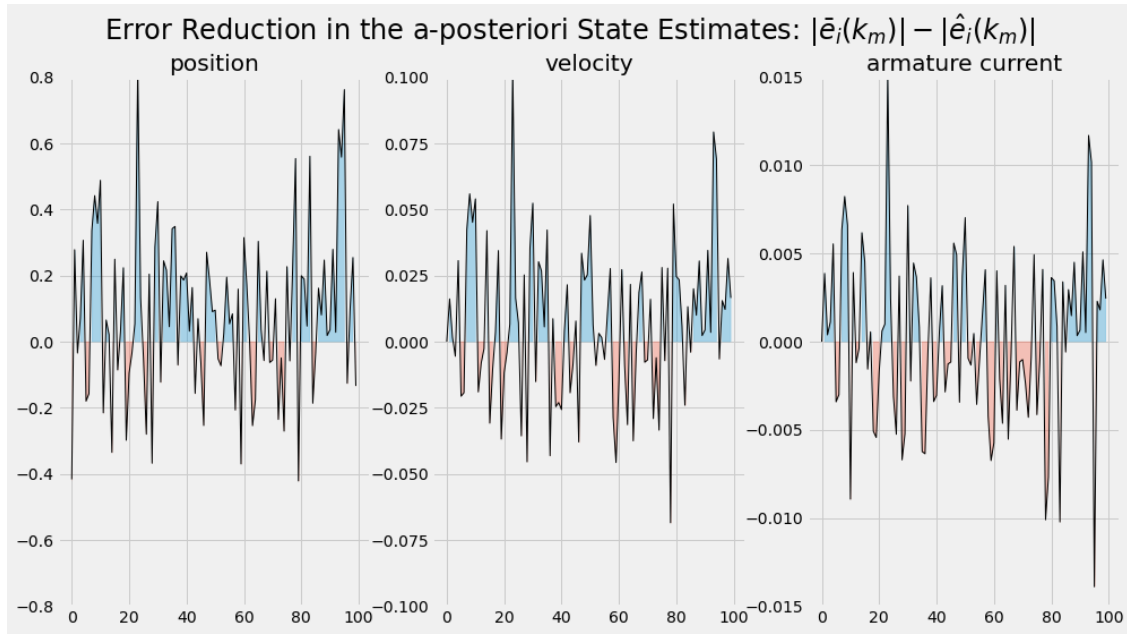
Below, in the first plot, we see a-priori and a-posteriori estimates for velocity together with the true velocity and control input. We saw in the deterministic simulation that the control input u translates 1-to-1 to velocity setpoint, but that the noise will cause it to miss that target. In the general case, the a-posteriori estimate should be better than the a-priori estimate, but from the curves in the first plot that conclusion cannot be drawn easily. Better then to look at the estimate errors, which are presented in the next plots. To that end, we define the errors

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{e}_2(k) &= x_2(k) - \bar{x}_2(k) \\ \hat{e}_2(k) &= x_2(k) - \hat{x}_2(k)\end{aligned}$$

In the plots, we see that both estimates do not deviate too much beyond the first standard deviation, and in the last plot we also see that there is a slight improvement from a-priori to a-posteriori.



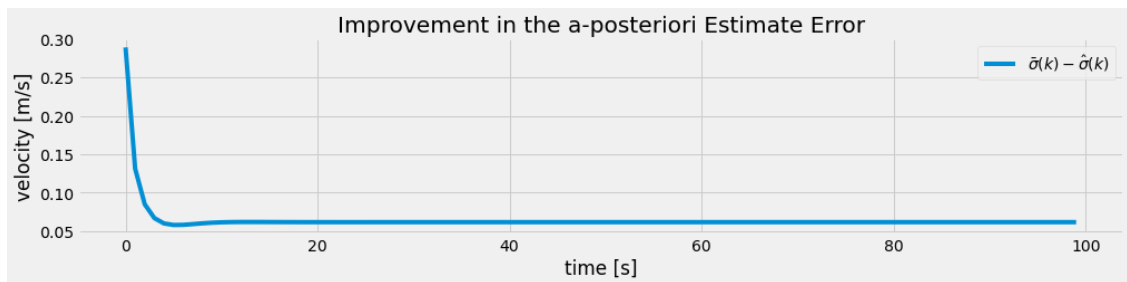
Below we see that the error reduction in the a-posteriori estimate is stronger for position and velocity than it is for armature current. This also fits well with what we saw when we compared the direct estimates with the Kalman filter estimates.



Another feature of the Kalman filter which gives us an indication in the a-posteriori improvement is the update equation for the a-posteriori covariance matrix, which should result in a reduction of error variance – that is;

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}) \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k \Rightarrow ||\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k|| < ||\bar{\mathbf{P}}_k||$$

Below we see the error improvement statistics for our system, which also serves as a sanity check on our system model and implementation of the Kalman filter.



5 Monte Carlo simulation of optimal system

We will use Monte Carlo simulation to estimate the Kalman filter statistics for the velocity estimate;

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{e}_2(k)] \approx \hat{m}_2(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \hat{e}_2^{(j)}(k)$$
$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{e}_2^2(k)] \approx \hat{p}_2(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (\hat{e}_2^{(j)}(k) - \hat{m}_2(k))^2$$

To do this, we must repeat the all non-deterministic steps performed in parts 3 and 4 for each run $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ – that is;

1. Simulate the stochastic process to resample the process noise v
2. Take new measurements of the process to resample measurement noise w
3. Repeat until done

An implementation which lets us select the number of runs N follows below.

```
# Kalman filter model matrices
FiK, LaK, GaK = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt*mi)

# Stochastic system model matrices
FiS, LaS, GaS = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt)

def monte_carlo(N):
    '''Runs Monte Carlo simulation with N runs.'''

    # Run simulations
    X_bar, X_hat, E_bar, E_hat = list(), list(), list(), list()
    for i in tqdm(range(N)):
        # New stochastic process simulation
        v = np.zeros((3,n))
        v[2] = np.random.randn(n)
        xs = run_stochastic(u, v, FiS, LaS, GaS)

        # Take measurements
        xm = xs[:, :-1:mi]
        w = np.zeros((3,nm))
        w[0] = np.random.randn(nm)
        z = H@xm + w

        # Run Kalman filter simulation
        (x_bar, x_hat, p_bar, p_hat) = kalman_filter(z, u, FiK, LaK, GaK, P0, H,
→R, mi)
        X_bar.append(x_bar)
        X_hat.append(x_hat)
        E_bar.append(xs-x_bar)
```

```

E_hat.append(xm-x_hat)

X_bar = np.concatenate(X_bar).reshape(N,3,-1)
X_hat = np.concatenate(X_hat).reshape(N,3,-1)
E_bar = np.concatenate(E_bar).reshape(N,3,-1)
E_hat = np.concatenate(E_hat).reshape(N,3,-1)

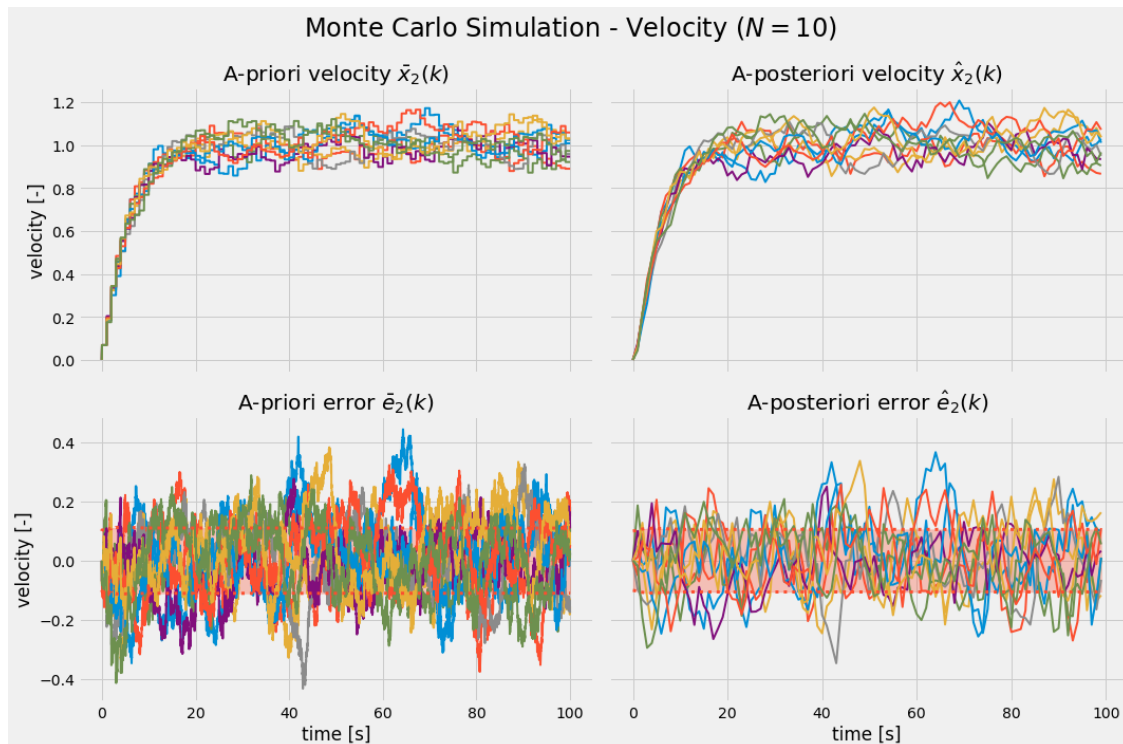
return (X_bar, X_hat, E_bar, E_hat, p_bar, p_hat)

```

We begin with $N = 10$ runs. In the first plots below we see the a-priori and a-posteriori **velocity estimates** for each run. The a-priori estimate is constant between each measurement update, since we do not change u , but keep it constant throughout the simulation. It therefore gets the *staircase*-like trajectory that we see to the left below. Both estimates mainly keep within the 0.8 to 1.2 m/s range after about 20 seconds. The **errors** are seen further down, plotted together with the respective error standard deviation. In the a-priori case, the error is calculated for each time step in the stochastic simulation, and therefore *looks* more noisy than the a-posteriori error, but their *variances* do not differ very much.

```
(X_bar, X_hat, E_bar, E_hat, p_bar, p_hat) = monte_carlo(10)
```

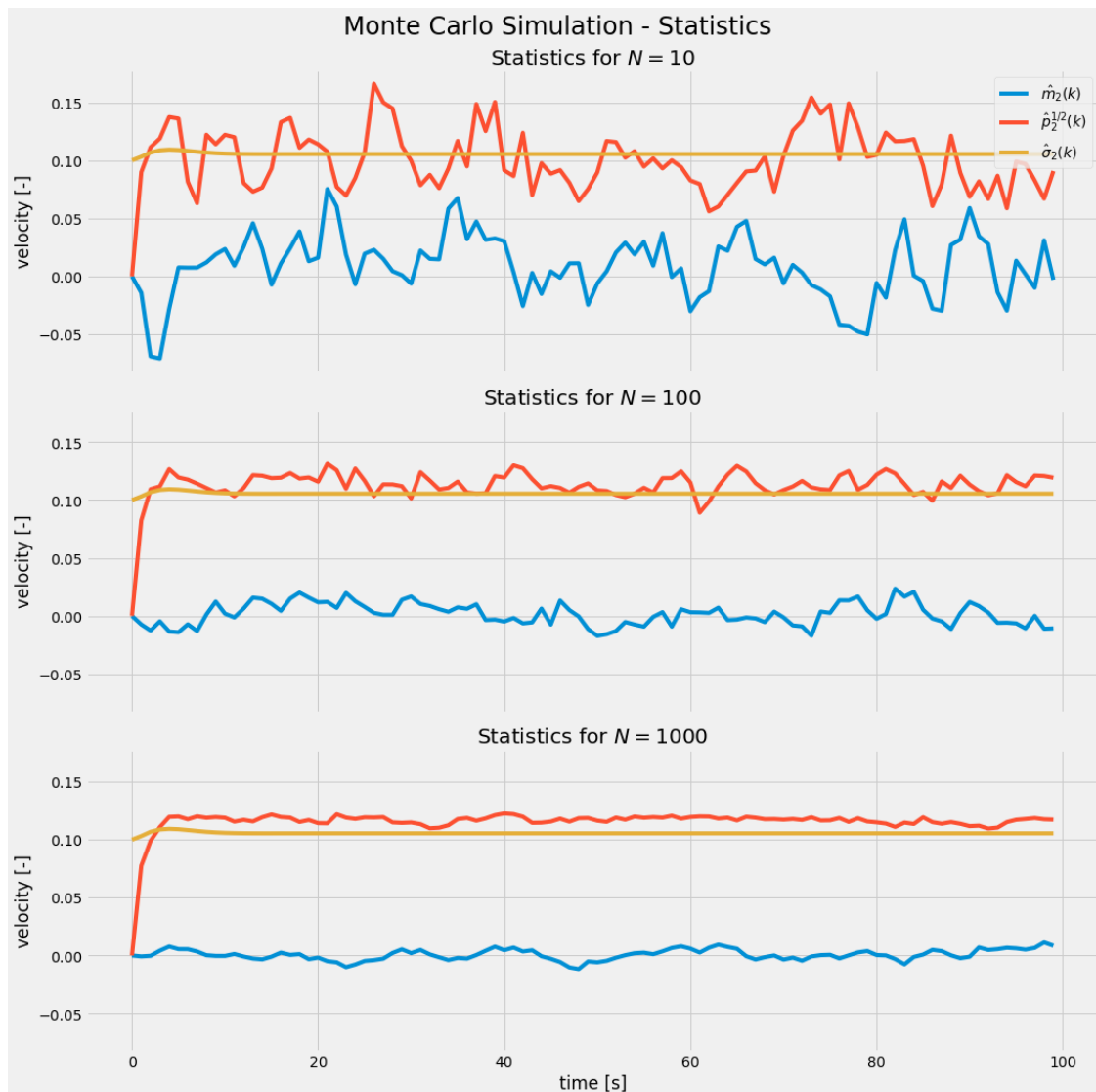
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Then, let's look at the statistics. Below we see the calculated error mean \hat{m} and standard deviation $\hat{p}_2^{1/2}$ together with the true Kalman filter standard deviation for $N = 10, 100$ and 1000 . We see

that as N increases, the mean approaches zero, as expected, and that the Monte Carlo standard deviation places itself slightly above the Kalman filter value. This is also to expect (Gelb p. 261 “[...] filter covariance calculations are generally an optimistic indication of the accuracy of the filter.”).

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6 Error budget for optimal Kalman filter

We will now investigate how the different stochastic factors affect the error covariance in the Kalman filter. We have three sources of error, and these are

1. The initial covariance estimate \mathbf{P}_0
2. The process noise $\mathbf{v}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}\delta(t - \tau))$
3. The measurement noise $\mathbf{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \tilde{\mathbf{R}}\delta_{kl})$

Since we are not modeling an observed physical system the system model is quite simple, and the system and filter models are equal (including the noise model). We can therefore set up the error budget using the following simplified equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{P}}_0 &= \mathbf{P}_0 \\ \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H})\bar{\mathbf{P}}_k(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H})^T + \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{R}\mathbf{K}_k^T \\ \bar{\mathbf{P}}_{k+1} &= \Phi\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k\Phi^T + \Gamma\mathbf{Q}\Gamma^T\end{aligned}$$

We see that the update equation for $\hat{\mathbf{P}}$ has been changed from the one we saw in the optimal Kalman filter earlier. The reason for that is that we will use the Kalman gain from the optimal filter, which has all stochastic factors intact, while we blind out the contribution from all but one stochastic factor in a consecutive manner when we calculate the error budget. In our system, we have five different stochastic factors;

- The three individual contributions form the diagonals elements in \mathbf{P}_0 , which we denote $\sigma_{pos}^2, \sigma_{vel}^2, \sigma_{curr}^2$
- The process noise contribution to armature current, denoted σ_{proc}^2
- The noise contribution to the position measurement, denoted σ_{meas}^2

As said, we will consecutively blind out the contributions from all but one source. This lets us extract the contribution from the individual error sources on the individual state estimates. In sum, each state estimate error then has the standard deviation

$$\hat{\sigma}_{sum} = \sqrt{\sigma_{pos}^2 + \sigma_{vel}^2 + \sigma_{curr}^2 + \sigma_{proc}^2 + \sigma_{meas}^2}.$$

Since \mathbf{P}_0 , $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ and \mathbf{R} do not affect the calculation of Φ , and since the process noise has a contribution in only one state variable, we do not have to re-calculate the discrete system equations when we blind out the stochastic factors.

Before we move on to the calculations, we make a function which lets us pre-calculate the Kalman gain for the error budgets using a simplified set of measurement-free Kalman filter equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{P}}_0 &= \mathbf{P}_0 \\ \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k &= (\bar{\mathbf{P}}_k + \mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{R}\mathbf{H})^{-1}. \\ \bar{\mathbf{P}}_{k+1} &= \Phi\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k\Phi^T + \Gamma\mathbf{Q}\Gamma^T\end{aligned}$$

```
def kalman_gains(Fi, Ga, P0, H, R, n):
    """
    Measurement-free calculation of Kalman gain for system described by Fi, Ga,
    ↪P0,
    with measurement characteristics H, R.
    """
    # Model order
    p, _ = Fi.shape
```

```

# A-posteriori error covariance matrix
P_hat = np.zeros((n,p,p))

# Kalman gains
K = np.zeros((n,p,p))

P_bar = P0
for k in range(n):
    # Update a-posteriori estimate
    P_hat[k] = inv(inv(P_bar) + H.T@R@H)
    K[k] = P_hat[k]@H.T@inv(R)

    # Update a-priori estimate
    P_bar = Fi@P_hat[k]@Fi.T + Ga@Ga.T

# Extract diagonals
p_hat = np.array([P_hat[:,i,i] for i in range(p)])

return (K, p_hat)

```

Then, let's implement a function which lets us calculate the blinded-out covariances:

```

def covar_analysis(Fi, Ga, P0, H, R, K):
    """
    Calculates the error covariance of the system described by Fi, Ga, P0,
    with measurement characteristics R, H by applying Kalman gains K.
    """
    # Model order and calculation range
    n, p, _ = K.shape
    I = np.eye(p)

    # A-posteriori error covariance matrix
    P_hat = np.zeros((n,p,p))

    P_bar = P0
    for k in range(n):
        # Update a-posteriori
        P_hat[k] = (I - K[k]@H)@P_bar@(I - K[k]@H).T + K[k]@R@K[k].T

        # Update a-priori
        P_bar = Fi@P_hat[k]@Fi.T + Ga@Ga.T

    # Extract diagonals
    p_hat = np.array([P_hat[:,i,i] for i in range(p)])

    return p_hat

```

We begin the error budget calculations by calculating the Kalman gain over nm iterations, and keep at the same time the diagonal elements of the total estimation error covariance matrix, p_tot . We will use this to evaluate the sum of the individual contributions, p_sum , calculated further down.

```
# Calculate Kalman gains and the total estimation error covariance
FiK, LaK, GaK = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt*mi)
K, p_tot = kalman_gains(FiK, GaK, P0, H, R, nm)
```

Then we calculate the individual error covariance contributions which make up the error budget for our system:

```
# Error budget calculation

# P0 position
POe = P0*np.array([[1],[0],[0]])
Gae = GaK*0
Re = R*0
p_PO_pos = covar_analysis(FiK, Gae, POe, H, Re, K)

# P0 velocity
POe = P0*np.array([[0],[1],[0]])
p_PO_vel = covar_analysis(FiK, Gae, POe, H, Re, K)

# P0 armature current
POe = P0*np.array([[0],[0],[1]])
p_PO_cur = covar_analysis(FiK, Gae, POe, H, Re, K)

# Process noise
POe = P0*0
Gae = GaK*1
Re = R*0
p_proc = covar_analysis(FiK, Gae, POe, H, Re, K)

# Measurement noise
Gae = GaK*0
Re = R*1
p_meas = covar_analysis(FiK, Gae, POe, H, Re, K)
```

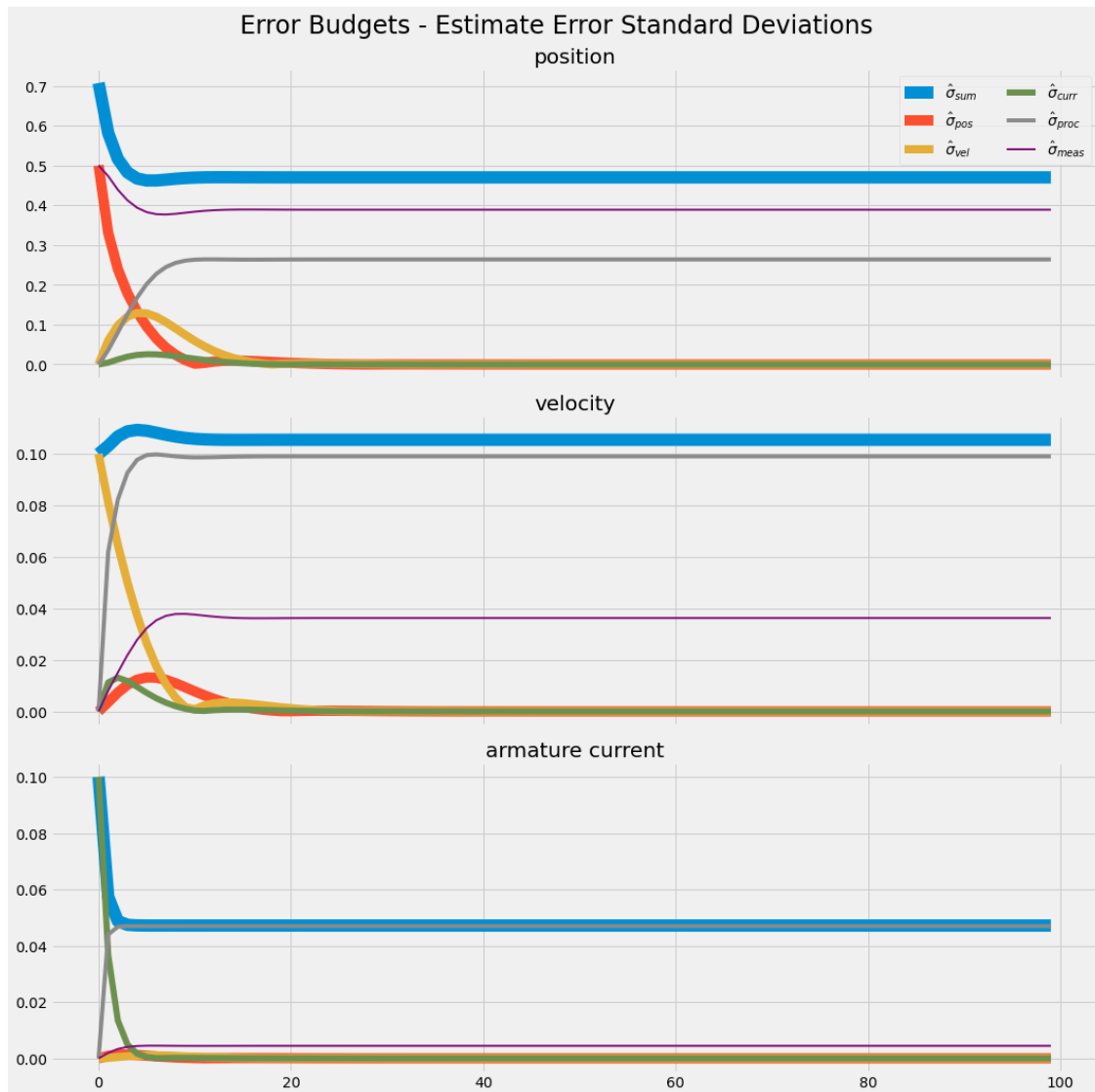
We do some data structuring and plot the results below.

When we look at the plots, the most immediate insight is that the effect of the **initial covariance estimate** P_0 is of course strongest in the state corresponding to the respective state variable. It also dies out within 20 seconds, meaning that it is not a hugely critical parameter for the performance of the Kalman filter in the application which we study here. The next insight is that for **position**, it is the measurement noise which is most important, while the process noise, to which it is only indirectly linked, is less influential. For **velocity** and **armature current**, the process noise is completely dominating. In the design of a system, this would tell us that our effort should go into better regulation of the DC power source than a less noisy position measurement sensor, if we

want an accurate speed estimate.

Especially armature current is very weakly affected by the noise in the position measurements, which is not surprising given that the connection between armature current and position is strictly one-way in the system equations. However, the *estimate* of position also affects armature current, and that is why we see a small flow of uncertainty from position measurement noise back to the armature current estimate.

```
# Structuring error budget results
p_collection = [p_P0_pos, p_P0_vel, p_P0_cur, p_proc, p_meas]
p_sum = np.concatenate(p_collection).reshape(5,3,-1).sum(axis=0)
p_collection = [p_sum] + p_collection
```

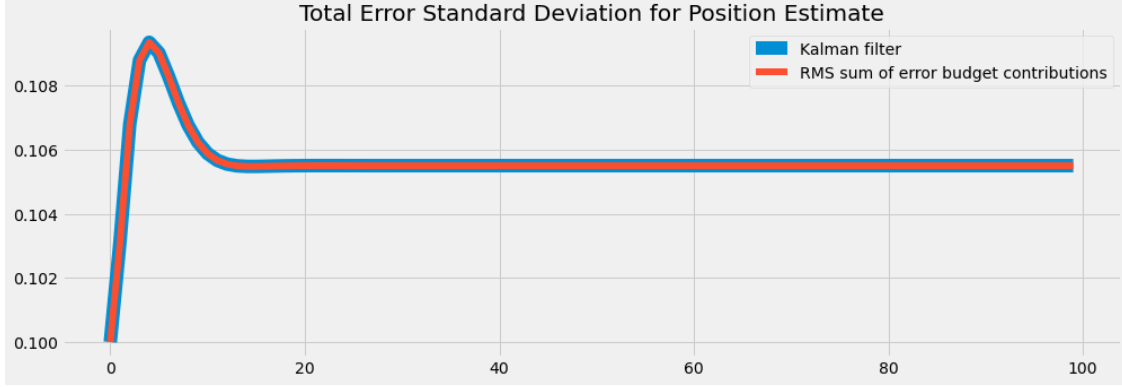


Finally, we confirm by inspecting the plot below that the sum of the individual contributions to

the error add up to the error which we get by including all error sources;

$$\hat{\sigma}_{sum} = \hat{\sigma}_{tot}.$$

They are, as we see, overlapping each other completely.



7 Suboptimal Kalman filter

At last, we will look at how the Kalman filter performs when we use a reduced model of the system as basis. This reduced model, or *filter model* \mathcal{M}^F , will treat the armature current x_3 as white noise, such that we get the filter model state vector

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1^* \\ \dot{x}_2^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, we have introduced a *blinding matrix* \mathbf{N} , which *blinds out* the all but the relevant states in the system model \mathcal{M}^S . For reasons which will become apparent later, we will wish to keep the shape of the input vector \mathbf{u} unchanged, such that we get the filter model equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}^* = \mathbf{F}^*\mathbf{x}^* + \mathbf{L}^*\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{G}^*\mathbf{v}^* \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1^* \\ \dot{x}_2^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{T_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{T_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{T_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v^* \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here, v^* is the random variable representing x_3 in the velocity equation – hence the $\frac{1}{T_2}$ gain. Since we treat x_3 as white noise, v^* must be a zero-mean Gaussian, but we do not yet know its variance. To find this, we will use the linear variance equation, which in the scalar case has takes the form

$$\dot{p}_3(t) = 2f_3(t)p_3(t) + q_3(t).$$

In our case, $f_3(t) = -\frac{1}{T_3}$ and $q_3(t) = \tilde{q}$, such that the equation becomes

$$\dot{p}_3(t) = -\frac{2}{T_3}p_3(t) + \tilde{q},$$

which has the steady-state solution

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_3(t) = \frac{T_3}{2} \tilde{q}.$$

Hence, for the reduced filter model we get the process noise

$$v^*(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{T_3}{2} \tilde{q} \delta(t - \tau)).$$

We will first see how the suboptimal Kalman filter performs by studying the velocity estimate, and then perform a covariance analysis.

Let's start by declaring the two-state filter model variables:

```
# Filter model dimensions
pF, p = 2, 3
pa = pF + p
N = np.eye(pF+p)[:pF,:p]

# Filter model matrices
QF = T3/2*Q[:pF,:pF]
FF = np.array([[0, 1],
               [0, -1/T2]])
LF = np.array([[0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 1/T2]])
GF = np.array([[0, 0],
               [0, 1/T2]])
POF = np.diag([1, .1**2])

# Measurement parameters
RF = 1*np.eye(2)
HF = np.array([[1, 0],
               [0, 0]])
```

Then we run a simulation using \mathcal{M}^S and keep the results as before in a variable `xs`:

```
# System model discrete matrices
FiS, LaS, GaS = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt)

# New stochastic process simulation
v = np.zeros((3,n))
v[2] = np.random.randn(n)
xs = run_stochastic(u, v, FiS, LaS, GaS)
```

As for the optimal case, we use the system model measurement matrix \mathbf{H} , but, since we only model two states in the filter, we must apply the blinding matrix \mathbf{N} in the Kalman filter at measurement update, such that the a-posteriori state estimate in the algorithm becomes

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k \leftarrow \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{N}\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k).$$

We thus take the measurements from the simulation...

```

# Take measurements
xm = xs[:, :-1:mi]
_, nm = xm.shape
w = np.zeros((3, nm))
w[0] = np.random.randn(nm)
z = H@xm + w

```

... and run them through the suboptimal Kalman filter, where we have applied the optional argument `N=N` to signal that this is the suboptimal case. Here we also see, for the first time, why we benefit from keeping the dimensionality of `u` unchanged between the optimal and suboptimal filters.

```

# Suboptimal Kalman filter
FiF, LaF, GaF = c2d_stochastic(FF, LF, GF, QF, dt*mi)
(x_bar_s, x_hat_s, p_bar_s, p_hat_s) = kalman_filter(z, u, FiF, LaF, GaF, POF,
→HF, RF, mi, N=N)

```

We will also need to look at the Kalman gain in the suboptimal filter when we interpret the results:

```

# Calculate Kalman gains using the suboptimal filter matrices
K_s, _ = kalman_gains(FiF, GaF, POF, HF, RF, nm)

```

For comparison, we also run the measurements through the optimal Kalman filter...

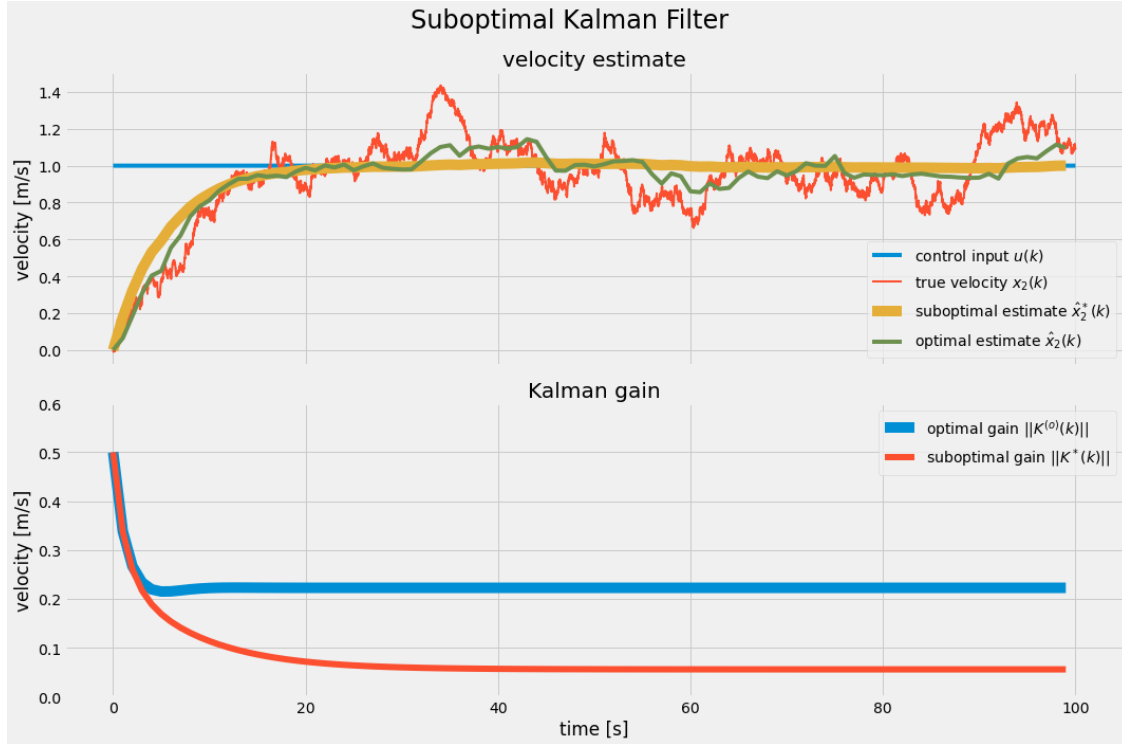
```

# Optimal Kalman filter
Fi, La, Ga = c2d_stochastic(F, L, G, Q, dt*mi)
(x_bar_o, x_hat_o, p_bar_o, p_hat_o) = kalman_filter(z, u, Fi, La, Ga, PO, H, R,
→mi, N=None)

```

... and plot the velocity estimates together with the true value.

We see that the suboptimal filter has a smoothing effect on the estimate. This is caused by a reduction in the Kalman gain from the optimal to the suboptimal filter. This means that when the suboptimal filter updates its a-posteriori state estimate, it will weight new measurements less than does the optimal – and hence smoothe the estimate.



Since the suboptimal estimate looks less noisy than the optimal, we could perhaps be tempted to conclude that the suboptimal estimate is *better*, given that the estimate is smoother. And that might be the right conclusion, in some cases – but, the cost of this smoothing is a somewhat larger error in the estimate, which we will investigate next by covariance analysis.

We cannot directly proceed as we did in part 6, by running the `covar_analysis()` function with the suboptimal matrices – the resulting $\hat{\mathbf{P}}^*$ is unreliable. Indeed, looking at the difference in Kalman gain in the plot above, we should expect that the suboptimal estimate error covariance is *less* than the optimal;

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{H} \bar{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1} \rightsquigarrow \|\mathbf{K}_k\| \approx \frac{\|\mathbf{P}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{P}_k + \mathbf{R}\|}.$$

Instead, we will set up a system of augmented states, $\mathbf{x}^{(a)}$, which models the suboptimal errors as two of its states;

$$\mathbf{x}^{(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}^* \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}.$$

To set up the corresponding augmented matrices, we begin with the a-priori estimate error, which becomes

$$\bar{\mathbf{e}}_{k+1}^* = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^* = \mathbf{N}(\Phi\mathbf{x}_k + \Lambda\mathbf{u}_k + \Gamma\mathbf{v}_k) - (\Phi^*\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^* + \Lambda^*\mathbf{u}_k).$$

Here we see for the second time the benefit of keeping the dimensions of \mathbf{u} unchanged between the system and filter models: We add a zero sum term $(\Phi^*\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_k - \Phi^*\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_k)$ and write

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{k+1}^* &= \Phi^*(\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^*) + (\mathbf{N}\Lambda - \Lambda^*)\mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{N}\Gamma\mathbf{v}_k + (\mathbf{N}\Phi - \Phi^*\mathbf{N})\mathbf{x}_k \\ &= \Phi^*\bar{\mathbf{e}}_k^* + \Delta\Lambda\mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{N}\Gamma\mathbf{v}_k + \Delta\Phi\mathbf{x}_k. \end{aligned}$$

The augmented a-priori state equation thus becomes

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^{(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^* & \Delta\Phi \\ \mathbf{0} & \Phi \end{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(a)} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\Lambda \\ \Lambda \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_k + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}\Gamma \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_k.$$

Or, more consisely;

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^{(a)} = \Phi^{(a)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(a)} + \Lambda^{(a)} \mathbf{u}_k + \Gamma^{(a)} \mathbf{v}_k.$$

Likewise, we proceed to find the augmented measurement matrix and Kalman gain by expanding the a-posteriori estimate error;

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k^* = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^* = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_k - (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^* + \mathbf{K}_k^*(\mathbf{N}\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}^*\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^*)).$$

Again, we add a zero term $(\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_k)$ inside the parenthesis, and expand $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{w}_k$. We then get

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k^* &= \bar{\mathbf{e}}_k^* - \mathbf{K}_k^*(\mathbf{H}^*\bar{\mathbf{e}}_k^* + (\mathbf{N}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{N})\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{N}\mathbf{w}_k) \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k^*\mathbf{H}^*)\bar{\mathbf{e}}_k^* - \mathbf{K}_k^*\Delta\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{K}_k^*\mathbf{N}\mathbf{w}_k. \end{aligned}$$

For the augmented a-posteriori state, we thus get the equation

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}^* & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(a)} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_k^* \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{H}^* \quad \Delta\mathbf{H}] \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(a)} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_k^* \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}\mathbf{w}_k,$$

or, again, more consisely;

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(a)} = (\mathbf{I}^{(a)} - \mathbf{K}_k^{(a)}\mathbf{H}^{(a)})\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(a)} - \mathbf{K}_k^{(a)}\mathbf{N}\mathbf{w}_k.$$

Lastly, we must put the augmented covariance matrix into right shape. We apply the blinding matrix \mathbf{N} appropriately and write directly

$$\mathbf{P}^{(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{N}^T & \mathbf{N}\mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P}\mathbf{N}^T & \mathbf{P} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The true error covariance $\mathbf{P}^{(e)}$ which we seek to find through the covariance analysis is then found in the upper left corner of $\mathbf{P}^{(a)}$;

$$\mathbf{P}_k^{(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_k^{(e)} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix},$$

and the variance of each state estimate error along $\mathbf{P}^{(e)}$'s diagonal.

Below, we implement first a function `augmented_state()` which transforms the state parameters into right shape, and then a function `augmented_system()`, which transforms the system and filter matrices into the augmented system matrices:

```
def augmented_state(N, e, x, K, P0):
    pF, p = N.shape
    pa = pF + p
    n = K.shape[0]

    x_a = np.zeros((pa,n))
```

```

x_a[:pF] = e
x_a[pF:] = x

K_a = np.zeros((n, pa, pF))
K_a[:, :pF, :] = K

P0_a = np.zeros((pa, pa))
P0_a[:pF, :pF] = N@P0@N.T
P0_a[:pF, pF:] = N@P0
P0_a[pF:, :pF] = P0@N.T
P0_a[pF:, pF:] = P0

return (x_a, K_a, P0_a)

```

```

def augmented_system(N, Fi, FiF, La, LaF, Ga, GaF, H, HF):
    pF, p = N.shape
    pa = pF + p

    dFi = N@Fi - FiF@N
    dLa = N@La - LaF
    dH = N@H - HF@N

    Fi_a = np.zeros((pa, pa))
    Fi_a[:pF, :pF] = FiF
    Fi_a[:pF, pF:] = dFi
    Fi_a[pF:, pF:] = Fi

    La_a = np.zeros((pa, p))
    La_a[:pF] = dLa
    La_a[pF:] = La

    Ga_a = np.zeros((pa, p))
    Ga_a[:pF] = N@Ga
    Ga_a[pF:] = Ga

    H_a = np.zeros((pF, pa))
    H_a[:pF, :pF] = HF
    H_a[:pF, pF:] = dH

    return (Fi_a, La_a, Ga_a, H_a)

```

As we did in part 6, we can use pre-calculate the Kalman gains in the covariance analysis (we could also have used the last calculated gain as a fixed gain in the covariance analysis and get good results, but we do not do that here). We already calculated those further up.

We calculate the augmented system parameters...

```
(x_a, K_a, PO_a) = augmented_state(N, e_hat[:2], xm, K_s, PO)
(Fi_a, La_a, Ga_a, H_a) = augmented_system(N, Fi, FiF, La, LaF, Ga, GaF, H, HF)
```

... and run the analysis:

```
p_a = covar_analysis(Fi_a, Ga_a, PO_a, H_a, RF, K_a)
```

Before we plot the results, we also run a Monte Carlo simulation, to measure the results against the *ground truth*:

```
# Monte Carlo of suboptimal Kalman filter
runs = 1000
X_bar, X_hat, E_bar, E_hat = list(), list(), list(), list()
for i in tqdm(range(runs)):
    # New stochastic process simulation
    v = np.zeros((3,n))
    v[2] = np.random.randn(n)
    xs = run_stochastic(u, v, FiS, LaS, GaS)

    # Take measurements
    xm = xs[:, :-1:mi]
    w = np.zeros((3,nm))
    w[0] = np.random.randn(nm)
    z = H@xm + w

    # Kalman filter
    (x_bar, x_hat, p_bar, p_hat) = kalman_filter(z, u, FiF, LaF, GaF, POF, HF,
    →RF, mi, N=N)
    X_bar.append(x_bar)
    X_hat.append(x_hat)
    E_bar.append(xs[:2] - x_bar)
    E_hat.append(xm[:2] - x_hat)

X_bar = np.concatenate(X_bar).reshape(runs,2,-1)
X_hat = np.concatenate(X_hat).reshape(runs,2,-1)
E_bar = np.concatenate(E_bar).reshape(runs,2,-1)
E_hat = np.concatenate(E_hat).reshape(runs,2,-1)
```

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We see the results below. The general conclusions are that the covariance analysis results for the suboptimal Kalman filter cannot be trusted; the standard deviations $\hat{\sigma}_1^*, \hat{\sigma}_2^*$ are even lower than the optimal, which corresponds neither to what we saw above, nor to what we would expect. Further, we see that the *true* position result $\hat{\sigma}_1^{(e)}$ lies quite a bit above the optimal, $\hat{\sigma}_1^{(o)}$, while the Monte Carlo result standard deviation, $\hat{p}_1^{1/2}$, follows a similar trajectory as $\hat{\sigma}_1^{(e)}$, but with a gap. We see a similar, but maller, gap between the true and Monte Carlo results for velocity, as well. This corresponds to what we found for the Monte Carlo simulation of the optimal Kalman filter

in part 5.

