Particle Filtering: Practice

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1 Filtrage Particulaire

1.1 MMSE Estimation

Let us define the following dynamical system:

$$x(t+1) = \frac{x(t)}{2} + \frac{25x(t)}{1+x(t)^2} + 8\cos(1.2(1+t)) + v(t) = f(x(t)) + v(t)$$
$$z(t) = \frac{x(t)^2}{20} + w(t) = g(x(t)) + w(t)$$

with $v(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 10)$, $x(0) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 10)$ and $w(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

The file data.mat contains data generated according to this systems on the epoch [0, 5] with a sampling period $T_s = 0.01$. These data are the true state x and the measurements z. The Matlab functions f.m and g.m can also be downloaded from Moodle for your own implementation requirements.

- 1. Write the likelihood of the measurements?
- 2. Write the expression of p(x(t+1)|x(t))?
- 3. Implement a particle filter to realize a MMSE estimate of x using the measurements of the file data.mat. You will first consider a bootstrap filter with a multinomial resampling step.
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 - Modify the previous filter to use an EKF-based importance law.

1.2 Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimation

Let us introduce a new estimation criterion: the Maximum A Posteriori (MAP)

$$\hat{x}(t) = \max_{x(t)} p(x(t)|z_{1:t}) \tag{1}$$

While using a particle filter we need to get a smooth estimante of the posteriori from the weighted particle representation. For this purpose, we are going to use a Kernel Smoothing technics with, for instance a gaussian kernel. Let us explain quickly this method. Let $K(x) = \exp(-\frac{1}{2}x^2)$ be the so-called kernel and let us suppose we have N observations (y_i, x_i) such that:

$$y_i = f(x_i) + \epsilon_i \tag{2}$$

Then we can obtain a smooth estimation of f(x) using:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} K(\frac{x - x_i}{h}) y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} K(\frac{x - x_i}{h})}$$
(3)

with h the so-called kernel bandwidth. Here we can use this method to get an approximation of the posterior.

- Use the above method and particle filter to get the MAP estimate of the state.
- Observe the evolution of the posterior with respect to time.