

# 16-745 Optimal Control Lecture 18

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## Last Time

- Stochastic Optimal Control
- LQG

## Today

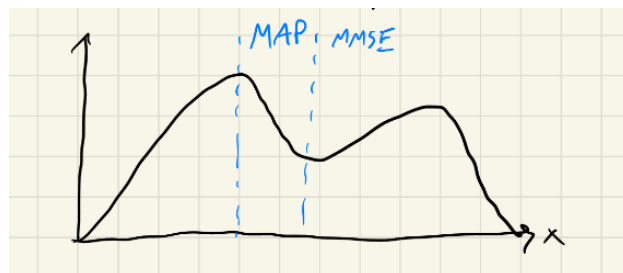
- Optimal Estimation
- Finish LQG
- Duality

## 1 From Last time

- “Certainty Equivalence”
- “Separation Principle”
- Frequently applied to nonlinear systems in practice

## 2 Optimal State Estimation

- What should I optimize



- Maximum a-posterior: (MAP)

$$\operatorname{argmax} \underbrace{p(x|y)}_{\text{probability of state given measurements}}$$

- Minimum mean squared error (MMSE)

$$\arg \min_{\hat{x}} E[(x - \hat{x})^T (x - \hat{x})] \quad \text{“Least squares” or “minimum variance”}$$

$$E[\text{tr}((x - \hat{x})^T (x - \hat{x}))] = E[\text{tr}((x - \hat{x})(x - \hat{x})^T)] \quad \text{Changed from inner product to outer product (Covariance)}$$

$$= \text{tr}(E[(x - \hat{x})(x - \hat{x})^T]) = \text{tr}(\Sigma)$$

- These are the same for a Gaussian!

### 3 Kalman Filter

- Recursive linear MMSE estimator
- AsSigmae an estimate of the state that includes all measurements up to the current time:

$$\hat{x}_{k|k} = E[x_k | y_{1:k}]$$

- AsSigmae we also know the error covariance:

$$\Sigma_{k|k} = E[(x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k})(x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k})^T]$$

- We want to update  $\hat{x}$  and  $\Sigma$  to include a new measurement at  $t_{k+1}$
- the KF can be broken into 2 steps

#### 3.1 Prediction

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{k+1|k} &= E[Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k | y_{1:k}] = A\hat{x}_{k|k} + Bu_k \\ \Sigma_{k+1|k} &= E[(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k})(\dots)^T] \\ &= E[(Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k - A\hat{x}_{k|k} - Bu_k)(\dots)^T] \\ &= A \underbrace{E[(x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k})(\dots)^T]}_{\Sigma_{k|k}} A^T + \underbrace{E[w_k w_k^T]}_W \\ &= A\Sigma_{k|k}A^T + W \quad (x_k \text{ and } w_k \text{ are uncorrelated}) \end{aligned}$$

#### 3.2 Measurement Update

- Define “innovation”

$$\begin{aligned} z_{k+1} &= y_{k+1} - C\hat{x}_{k+1|k} \\ &= Cx_{k+1} + v_{k+1} - C\hat{x}_{k+1|k} \end{aligned}$$

- Innovation Covariance

$$\begin{aligned} S_{k+1} &= E[z_{k+1} z_{k+1}^T] \\ &= E[(Cx_{k+1} + v_{k+1} - C\hat{x}_{k+1|k})(\dots)^T] \\ &\quad * v_{k+1} \text{ and } x_{k+1} \text{ are uncorrelated} \\ \Rightarrow S_{k+1} &= C \underbrace{E[(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k})(\dots)^T]}_{\Sigma_{k+1|k}} C^T + \underbrace{E[v_{k+1} v_{k+1}^T]}_V \\ &= C\Sigma_{k+1|k}C^T + V \end{aligned}$$

- Innovation is the error signal we feed back into the estimator
- State Update:

$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1} = \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + \underbrace{L_{k+1}}_1 z_{k+1}$$

1 : “Kalman Gain”

- Covariance Update

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{k+1|k+1} &= E[(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})(\dots)^T] \\ &= E[(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k} - L_{k+1}((x_{k+1} + v_{k+1} - (\hat{x}_{k+1|k}))) (\dots)^T] \\ &\quad *v_{k+1} \text{ and } x_{k+1} \text{ are uncorrelated} \\ &= \underbrace{(I - L_{k+1}C)\Sigma_{k+1|k}(I - L_{k+1}C)^T + L_{k+1}VL_{k+1}^T}_{\text{“Joseph Form”}}\end{aligned}$$

- Kalman Gain

$$\begin{aligned}MMSE &\Rightarrow \text{minimize } E[(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k+1})^T(\dots)] \\ &\quad E[(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k+1})^T(\dots)] = \text{tr}(\Sigma_{k+1|k+1}) \\ &\Rightarrow \text{set } \frac{\partial \text{tr}(\Sigma_{k+1|k+1})}{\partial L_{k+1}} = 0 \quad (\text{and solve for } L_{k+1})\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{L_{k+1} = \Sigma_{k+1|k} C^T S_{k+1}^{-1}}$$

## 4 Kalman Filter Algorithm Summary

1. Start with  $\hat{x}_{0|0}, \Sigma_{0|0}, W, V$
2. Predict:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_{k+1|k} &= A\hat{x}_{k|k} + Bu_k \\ \Sigma_{k+1|k} &= A\Sigma_{k|k}A^T + W\end{aligned}$$

3. Calculate Innovation + Covariance:

$$\begin{aligned}z_{k+1} &= y_{k+1} - C\hat{x}_{k+1|k} \\ S_{k+1} &= C\Sigma_{k+1|k}C^T + V\end{aligned}$$

4. Calculate Kalman Gain:

$$L_{k+1} = \Sigma_{k+1|k} C^T S_{k+1}^{-1}$$

5. Update

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1} &= \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + L_{k+1}z_{k+1} \\ \Sigma_{k+1|k+1} &= (I - L_{k+1}C)\Sigma_{k+1|k}(I - L_{k+1}C)^T + L_{k+1}VL_{k+1}^T\end{aligned}$$

6. GoTo 2

## 5 How do we apply this to nonlinear systems?

- Extended KF: Linearize about  $\hat{x}$  and proceed as in standard KF
- Many other generalizations

## 6 Duality and Trajectory Optimization

- MMSE estimation problem is equivalent to the following optimal control problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_{1:N}, w_{1:N}} \quad & \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(y_k - g(x_k))^T V^{-1} (y_k - g(x_k))}_{\text{state cost}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} w_k^T W^{-1} w_k}_{\text{control cost}} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_{k+1} = f(x_k) + w_k \leftarrow \text{controls} \\ & g(x_k) : \text{Measurement model} \end{aligned}$$

- If  $f(x) = Ax$  and  $g(x) = Cx$ , this is an LQR problem