

## **ASSIGNMENTS - OPTIMAL ESTIMATION IN DYNAMIC SYSTEMS**

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# 1 Exercise 1

The Bayesian estimator is useful to estimate parameters from probabilities densities. In this case, we apply Bayesian to measure depth using a ultrasonic sensor on a boat. To do that, we have a sensor model that we assumed a mixture Gaussian model that considered harmonics. Therefore, we can use this model with the prior knowledge of the environment, assumed a generalized normal distribution.

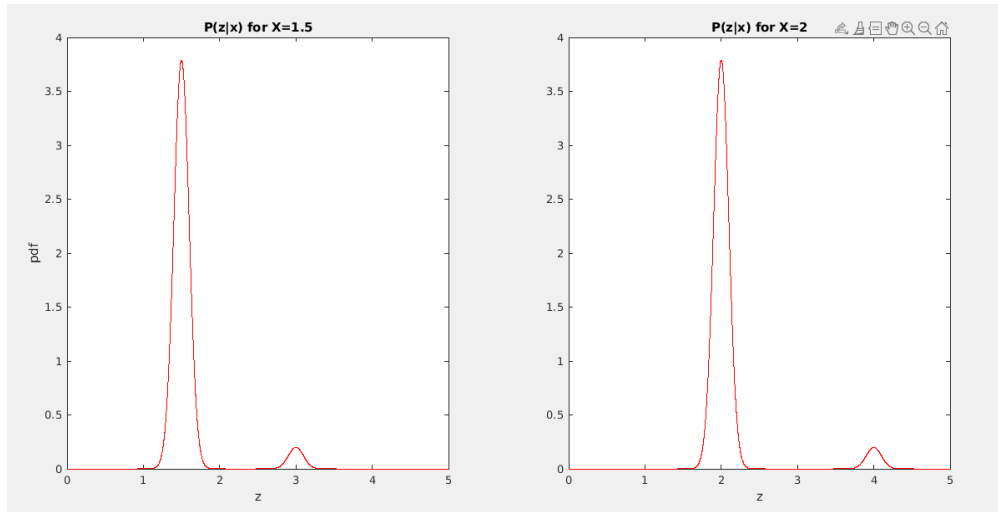


Figure 1.1: Sensor model probability density function ( $P(z|x)$ ) for  $x=1.5$  and  $x=2.5$ .

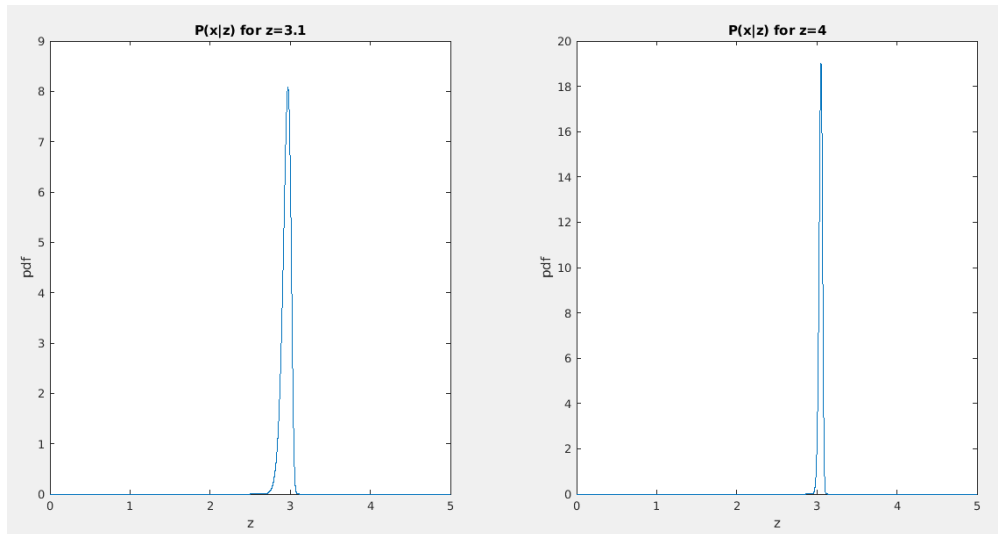


Figure 1.2: Posterior  $pdf$  after applying Bayes formula.

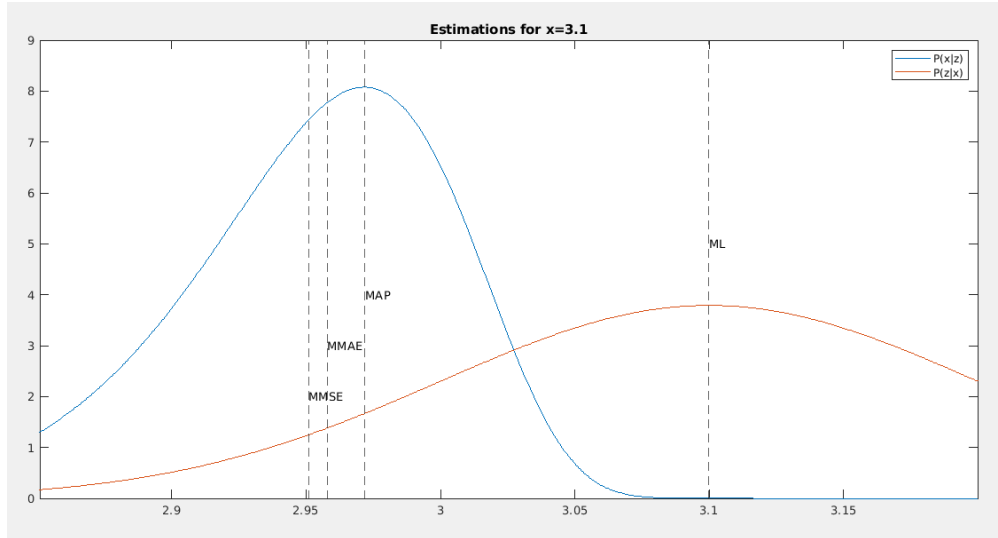


Figure 1.3: Estimator results for  $x = 3.1$ .

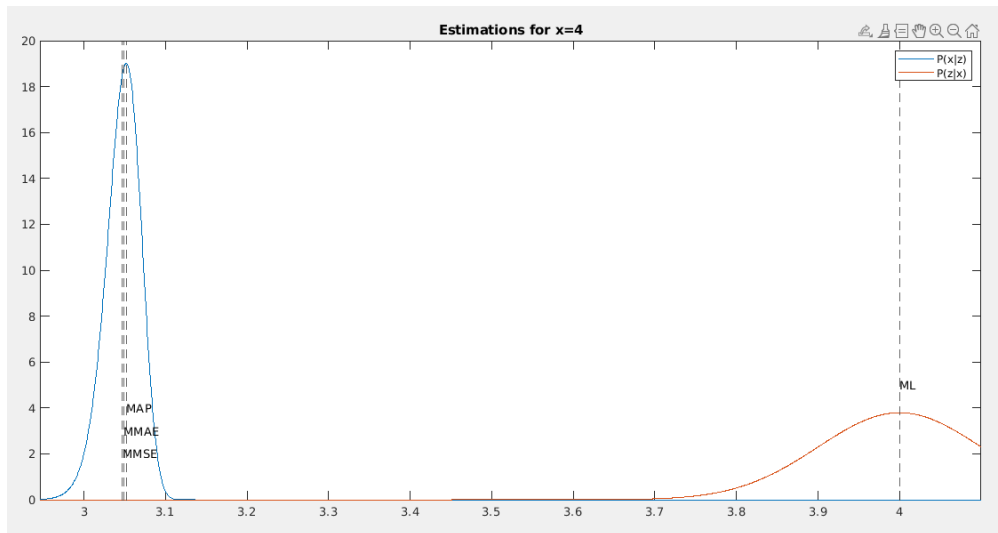


Figure 1.4: Estimator results for  $x = 4.0$ .

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Estimations for z=3.1
MMSE: x_hat = 2.95 m | Risk = 1.09 m^2
MMAE: x_hat = 2.96 m | Risk = 0.01 m
MAP: x_hat = 2.97 m | Risk = 0.60 m
ML: x_hat = 3.10 m

Estimations for z=4
MMSE: x_hat = 3.05 m | Risk = 2.63 m^2
MMAE: x_hat = 3.05 m | Risk = 0.00 m
MAP: x_hat = 3.05 m | Risk = 0.05 m
ML: x_hat = 4.00 m

```

Figure 1.5: Risk using MAP + absolute cost, MMSE + quadratic cost and MMAE + uniform cost.

The sensor model probability density function (*pdf*) ( $P(z|x)$ ) is shown in Fig. 1.1 for  $x = 1.5$  and  $x = 2$ . Applying the Bayesian filter, we achieve the posterior *pdf*, meaning the likelihood of the depth (Fig 1.2). With that, it is needed to apply a optimal estimator to reduce

a cost function (e.g absolute, quadratic or uniform). This is done by applying estimators named MAP, MMSE or MMAE, respectively.

Furthermore, estimators that doesn't need a cost function was also applied, named Maximum Likelihood (ML) estimator. Fig. 1.3 and Fig. 1.4 show the estimators results for each one with  $x = 3.1$  and  $x = 4.0$  respectively. Beside, it's important to analyze that how the prior knowledge affect the final *pdf* and then the final estimates. However, with ML estimator, the prior is not considered, being a good choice in a case that the prior knowledge is not present.

For evaluate the estimators, the risk was analysed. Fig. 1.5 shows the risk for each estimator using  $x = 3.1$  and  $x = 4.0$ . In this situation, the lower risk was the MAP estimator. However, it is not a general rule and in this case, the MAP estimator with absolute cost function presented the lowest risk in comparison of the other methods.

```

1
2 % exercise 1 optimal estimation of dynamic systems
3 % author: Guilherme Soares Silvestre
4
5 close all
6 clear
7
8 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
9 % sensor model for x=2
10 [x, ~, pdf_z_x, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~] = full_estimates(2);
11 % subplot of pdf_z_x
12 fig_sensor = figure("Name", "Sensor model");
13 subplot(1,2,2)
14 plot(x, pdf_z_x, 'r')
15 title("P(z|x) for X=2")
16 xlabel('z')
17
18 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
19 % sensor model for x=1.5
20 [x, ~, pdf_z_x, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~, ~] = full_estimates(1.5);
21 % subplot of pdf_z_x
22 figure(fig_sensor)
23 subplot(1,2,1)
24 plot(x, pdf_z_x, 'r')
25 title("P(z|x) for X=1.5")
26 ylabel("pdf")
27 xlabel('z')
28
29 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
30 % full anlysis for x=3.1
31 [x, ~, pdf_z_x, pdf_x_z, x_mmse, x_mmae, x_map, x_ml, risk_mmse, ...
32     risk_mmae, risk_map] = full_estimates(3.1);
33
34 fprintf('\n')
35 disp("Estimations for z=3.1")
36 fprintf("MMSE: x_hat = %.2f m | Risk = %.2f m^2\n", x_mmse, risk_mmse)
37 fprintf("MMAE: x_hat = %.2f m | Risk = %.2f m\n", x_mmae, risk_mmae)
38 fprintf("MAP: x_hat = %.2f m | Risk = %.2f m\n", x_map, risk_map)
39 fprintf('ML: x_hat = %.2f m\n', x_ml)

```

```

40
41
42 fig_post = figure("Name", "Posterior probabilities");
43 subplot(1,2,1)
44 plot(x, pdf_x_z)
45 title("P(x|z) for z=3.1")
46 ylabel("pdf")
47 xlabel("z")
48
49 figure
50 plot(x, pdf_x_z)
51 hold on
52 plot(x, pdf_z_x)
53 x_labels = [x_mmse x_mmae x_map x_ml];
54 labels = ["MMSE" "MMAE" "MAP" "ML"];
55 xline(x_labels, '--')
56 xlim([x_mmse - 0.1, x_ml + 0.1])
57 text(x_labels, [2 3 4 5], labels)
58 legend(["P(x|z)" "P(z|x)"])
59 title("Estimations for x=3.1")
60
61 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
62 % full analysis of x=4
63 [x, ~, pdf_z_x, pdf_x_z, x_mmse, x_mmae, x_map, x_ml, risk_mmse, ...
64     risk_mmae, risk_map] = full_estimates(4);
65
66 % display estimates and risks
67 fprintf('\n')
68 disp("Estimations for z=4")
69 fprintf("MMSE: x_hat = %.2f m | Risk = %.2f m^2\n", x_mmse, risk_mmse)
70 fprintf("MMAE: x_hat = %.2f m | Risk = %.2f m\n", x_mmae, risk_mmae)
71 fprintf("MAP: x_hat = %.2f m | Risk = %.2f m\n", x_map, risk_map)
72 fprintf('ML: x_hat = %.2f m\n', x_ml)
73
74 % plot posterior pdf
75 figure(fig_post)
76 subplot(1,2,2)
77 plot(x, pdf_x_z)
78 title("P(x|z) for z=4")

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```

79 ylabel("pdf")
80 xlabel("z")
81
82 % plot estimates on top of the pdf
83 figure
84 plot(x, pdf_x_z)
85 hold on
86 plot(x, pdf_z_x)
87 x_labels = [x_mmse x_mmae x_map x_ml];
88 labels = ["MMSE" "MAE" "MAP" "ML"];
89 xline(x_labels, '--')
90 xlim([x_mmse - 0.1, x_ml + 0.1])
91 text(x_labels, [2 3 4 5], labels)
92 legend(["P(x|z)" "P(z|x)"])
93 title("Estimations for x=4")

```

Listing 1.1: Source code for exercise 1



## 2 Exercise 2

In the exercise 2 we developed the knowledge about the most general form of the Linear MMSE estimator and the Unbiased Linear MMSE estimator. Fig. 2.1 and Fig. 2.2 show the simulated measurements and estimation of each measurement. It was good for understanding performance of the estimators like bias and error variance. Fig. 2.3 show the performance parameters of each estimator.

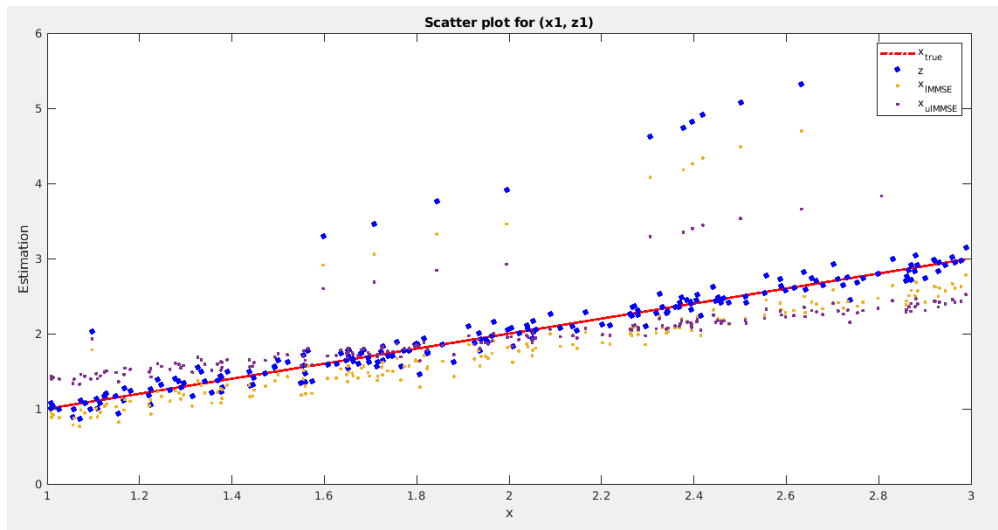


Figure 2.1: IMMSE and ulMMSE in a simulated data.

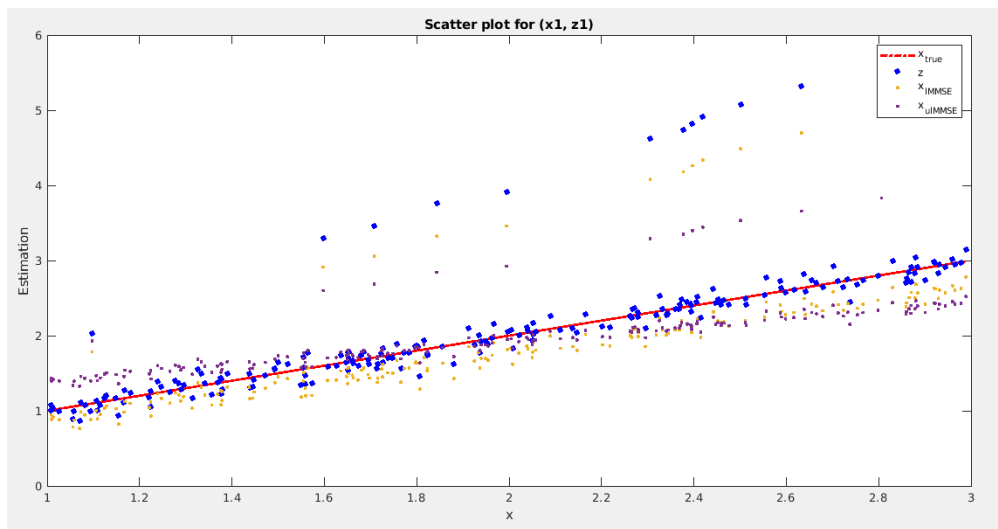


Figure 2.2: IMMSE and ulMMSE in a second dataset.

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Dataset 1
Optimal linear MMSE:  $x_{\{lMMSE\}} = 0.883 * z$ 
Overall bias: 0.11791
Error variance: 0.224
Optimal Unbiased Linear MMSE:  $x_{\{ulMMSE\}} = 0.523 * z + 0.874$ 
Overall bias: -0.00000
Error variance: 0.135

Dataset 2
Optimal linear MMSE:  $x_{\{lMMSE\}} = 0.905 * z$ 
Overall bias: 0.10110
Error variance: 0.209
Optimal Unbiased Linear MMSE:  $x_{\{ulMMSE\}} = 0.570 * z + 0.824$ 
Overall bias: -0.00000
Error variance: 0.136

```

Figure 2.3: Performance parameters of the IMMSE and ulMMSE estimators.

We can analyse that the unbiased linear MMSE (ulMMSE) presents a null bias, so that the mean error is zero. In this caso the ulMMSE was more stable than lMMSE as we can see in the error variance of both datasets. Furthermore, the second dataset is important to validate our analysis made on the first dataset, making it also unbiased.

```

1
2 % exercise 2 optimal estimation of dynamic systems
3 % author: Guilherme Soares Silvestre
4
5 close all
6 clear
7
8 % first dataset
9 load("data exercise 2/depthgauge_data_set1.mat")
10 estimate_from_data(x1, z1, 1)
11
12 % second dataset
13 load("data exercise 2/depthgauge_data_set2.mat")
14 estimate_from_data(x2, z2, 2)
15
16 % function for estimating and alaysing
17 function estimate_from_data(x, z, data_id)
18
19     % scatter plot
20     figure
21     plot(x, x, 'Color', 'r', 'LineStyle', '-.', 'LineWidth', 2)
22     hold on
23     plot(x, z, 'Marker', 'o', 'MarkerSize', 5, 'LineStyle', 'none', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'b', 'Color', 'b')
24
25     % calculating the mean of the data
26     alpha_l = mean(x.*z)./mean(z.*z);
27
28     % plot linear MMSE
29     x_l = alpha_l.*z;
30     plot(x, x_l, '.')
31
32     % unbiased estimator
33     alpha_ul = (mean(x.*z)-mean(x)*mean(z))./var(z);
34     beta_ul = mean(x) - alpha_ul.*mean(z);
35     x_ul = alpha_ul.*z+beta_ul;
36
37     % plot unbiased linear MMSE
38     plot(x, x_ul, '.')

```

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39
40     legend('x_{true}', 'z', 'x_{lMMSE}', 'x_{uMMSE}')
41     t = sprintf("Scatter plot for (x%d, z%d)", data_id, data_id);
42     title(t)
43     xlabel("x")
44     ylabel("Estimation")
45
46
47     % linear MMSE performance
48     e_l = x - x_l;
49     bias_l = mean(e_l);
50     var_l = var(e_l);
51
52     % Unbiased linear MMSE performance
53     e_ul = x - x_ul;
54     bias_ul = mean(e_ul);
55     var_ul = var(e_ul);
56
57     fprintf("\nDataset %d\n", data_id)
58     fprintf("Optimal linear MMSE: x_{lMMSE} = %.3f * z\n", alpha_l)
59     fprintf("Overall bias: %.5f\n", bias_l)
60     fprintf("Error variance: %.3f\n", var_l)
61     fprintf("Optimal Unbiased Linear MMSE: x_{uMMSE} = %.3f * z + %.3f\n", alpha_ul,
62     beta_ul)
63     fprintf("Overall bias: %.5f\n", bias_ul)
64     fprintf("Error variance: %.3f\n", var_ul)
65 end

```

Listing 2.1: Source code for exercise 2

### 3 Exercise 3

Covariance matrix does an important role on the understanding of the uncertainty of a set of variables. First defined as the component that represent the spread of the data on a multivariate Gaussian distribution, the same function is used in the optimal estimation field. In this exercise we developed ways to visualize the uncertainty of a estimation using the covariance matrix applied to a estimation of a boat that sees a lighthouse with known position.

With the covariance matrix, we can find the diagonal matrix represented by the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix, that each element represents the squared standard deviation of a state. Also, the eigenvectors represents a coordinate system that we can use to represent a ellipse in the plane with scale determined by the eigenvalues. This representation is useful because it permits us to know where is the most probable region that is given by our estimators.

The analysis was performed with an update step. With that, it was possible to see the covariance matrix changing and getting smaller with a measurement. Fig 3.1 shows the uncertainty regions defined by the covariance matrix. The bigger one represent the prior state of the boat before the measurement. The smaller and translated one represents the new region of belief of the boat, after the measurement.

Furthermore, we analyzed the effect of changing system parameters. The standard deviation of the measure of the angle to the lighthouse (Fig 3.2) and the covariance matrix of the prior pose (Fig 3.3) were changed. We can analyze that a poor measurement impact on how our belief changes latter, but if we have a poor prior belief but a good measurement, the knowledge of the location of the system is highly increased.

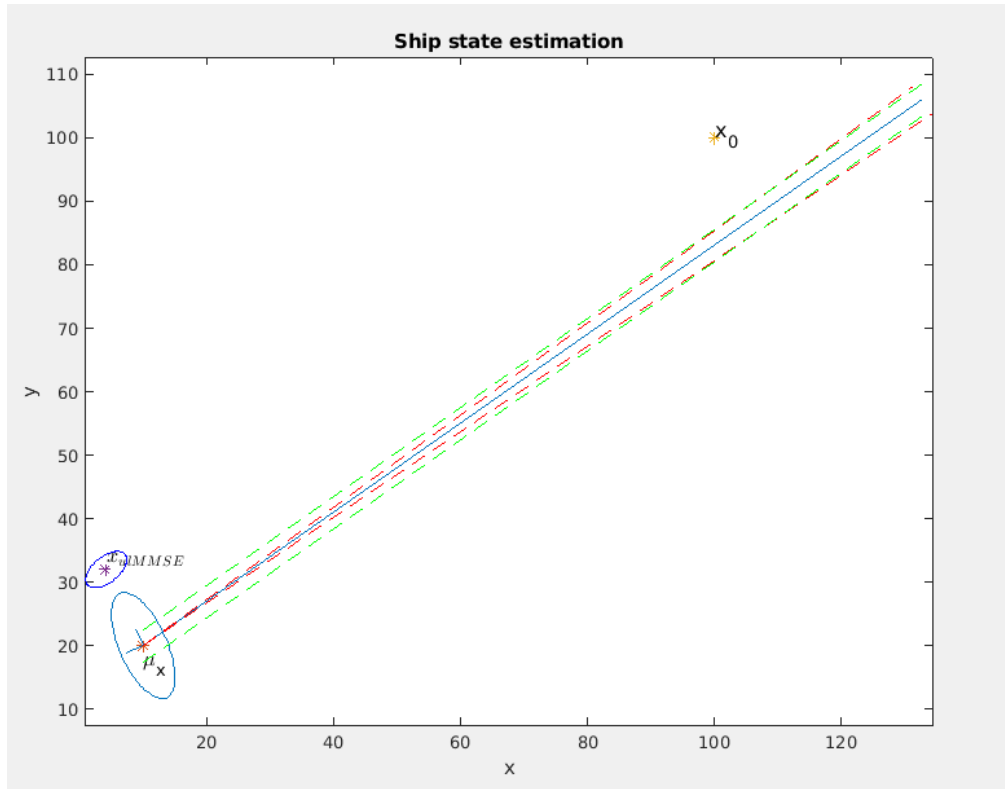


Figure 3.1: Representation of the line of sight with some uncertainty, likelihood ellipses given by covariance matrix and lighthouse position  $x_0$ .

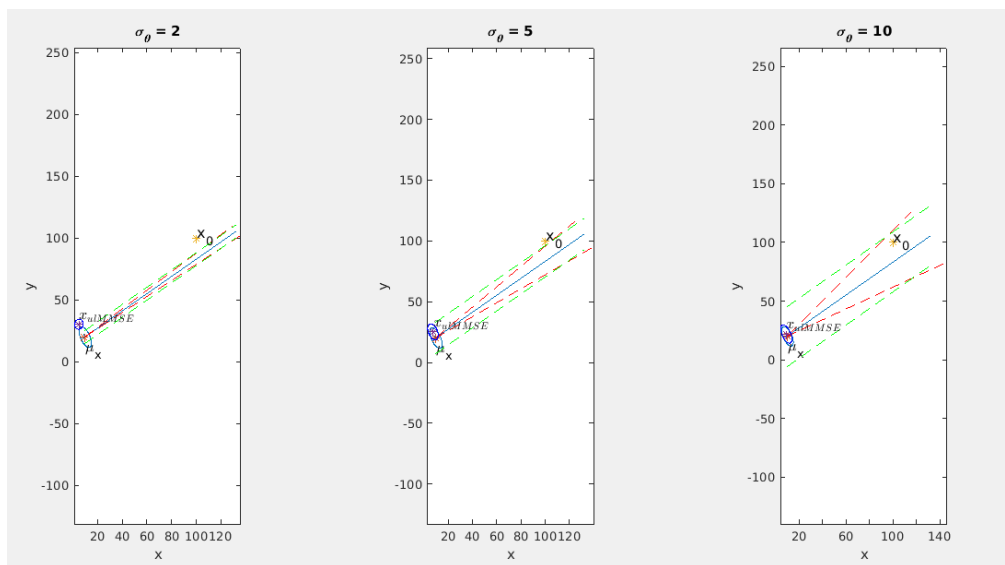


Figure 3.2: Effect of changing the measurement standard deviation before the update step.

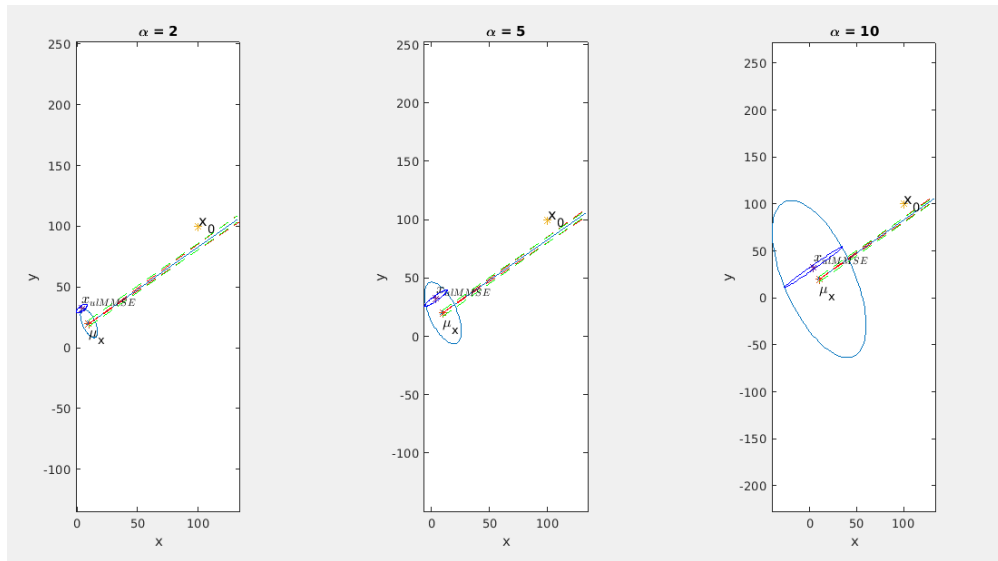


Figure 3.3: Effect of changing the prior pose covariance before the update step.

```

1
2
3 % ex 3
4 clear
5 close all
6
7 % defining the system
8 ux = [10 20]'; %m
9 x0 = [100 100]'; %m
10 theta = deg2rad(35); %rad
11 sd_theta = deg2rad(1); %rad
12 Cx = [25 -25;
13       -25 70];
14
15 % Figure 1
16 estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
17
18 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
19 % changing sd theta
20 % sd_theta = 2
21 sd_theta = deg2rad(2);
22 figure
23 subplot(1,3,1)
24 estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
25 title("\sigma_{\theta} = 2")

```

```

26
27 % sd_theta = 5
28 sd_theta = deg2rad(5);
29 subplot(1,3,2)
30 estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
31 title("\sigma_{\theta} = 5")
32
33 % sd_theta = 10
34 sd_theta = deg2rad(10);
35 subplot(1,3,3)
36 estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
37 title("\sigma_{\theta} = 10")
38
39 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
40 % changing covariance to a factor of alpha
41 % resetting sd_theta to 1
42 sd_theta = deg2rad(1);
43
44 % alpha = 2
45 Cx = 2*Cx;
46 figure
47 subplot(1,3,1)
48 estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
49 title("\alpha = 2")
50
51 % alpha = 5
52 Cx = 5*Cx;
53 subplot(1,3,2)
54 estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
55 title("\alpha = 5")
56
57 % alpha = 10
58 Cx = 10*Cx;
59 subplot(1,3,3)
60 estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
61 title("\alpha = 10")
62
63 function estimate_ulmmse(ux, Cx, x0, theta, sd_theta)
64 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

```



```

65 % draw uncertainty
66
67 % eigenvalue of Cx
68 [eig_vec, eig_vals] = eig(Cx);
69 disp("EigenValues of Cx = ")
70 disp(eig_vals)
71 disp("EigenVectors of Cx = ")
72 disp(eig_vec)
73
74 % unit circle
75 th = 0:pi/50:2*pi;
76 xelp = cos(th);
77 yelp = sin(th);
78
79 % scale circle accordingly
80 scale_x = sqrt(eig_vals(1,1));
81 scale_y = sqrt(eig_vals(2,2));
82 xelp = scale_x*xelp;
83 yelp = scale_y*yelp;
84
85 % rotate ellipse
86 pts = eig_vec * [xelp; yelp];
87 xelp = pts(1,:) + ux(1);
88 yelp = pts(2,:) + ux(2);
89
90 % plot ellipse
91 plot(xelp, yelp)
92 hold on
93 plot(ux(1), ux(2), 'x')
94 text(ux(1), ux(2), "\mu_{x}",...
95     'HorizontalAlignment','left',...
96     'VerticalAlignment','top',...
97     'FontSize',12)
98 line([ux(1) 3*eig_vec(1,1) + ux(1)], [ux(2) 3*eig_vec(2,1) + ux(2)])
99 line([ux(1) 3*eig_vec(1,2) + ux(1)], [ux(2) 3*eig_vec(2,2) + ux(2)])
100 xlabel('x')
101 ylabel('y')
102 title("Ship state estimation")
103 axis equal

```

```

104
105 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
106
107 % add line of sight
108
109 % plot principal line and corner lines
110 line([ux(1) ux(1)+150*cos(theta)],...
111      [ux(2) ux(2)+150*sin(theta)])
112 line([ux(1) ux(1)+150*cos(theta+sd_theta)],...
113      [ux(2) ux(2)+150*sin(theta+sd_theta)],...
114      'Color','red','LineStyle','--')
115 line([ux(1) ux(1)+150*cos(theta-sd_theta)],...
116      [ux(2) ux(2)+150*sin(theta-sd_theta)],...
117      'Color','red','LineStyle','--')
118
119 % plot lighthouse real position x0
120 plot(x0(1), x0(2), '**')
121 text(x0(1), x0(2), 'x_0',...
122      'HorizontalAlignment','left',...
123      'VerticalAlignment','baseline',...
124      'FontSize',12)
125
126 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
127
128 % plot linearized uncertainty bar region of the line of sight
129
130 % two parallel lines width
131 % first calculate the distance
132 d = norm(ux-x0);
133 sd_v = d*sd_theta;
134
135 % difference between the center line and the top and bottom lines in y axis
136 y_diff = sd_v/cos(theta);
137
138 % plot parallels lines in green
139 line([ux(1) ux(1)+150*cos(theta)],...
140      [ux(2)+y_diff ux(2)+150*sin(theta)+y_diff],...
141      'Color','green','LineStyle','--')
142 line([ux(1) ux(1)+150*cos(theta)],...

```

```

143     [ux(2)-y_diff ux(2)+150*sin(theta)-y_diff],...
144     'Color','green','LineStyle','--')
145
146     %%%%%%%%%%%
147
148     % uLMMSE estimation
149
150     % kalman measurement matrix: H
151     H = [sin(theta) -cos(theta)];
152     disp("Kalman gain matrix: H = ")
153     disp(H)
154
155     % derived measurement: z
156     z = x0(1)*sin(theta) - x0(2)*cos(theta);
157     disp("Derived measurement: z = ")
158     disp(z)
159
160     % kalman gain matrix: K
161     Cv = sd_v^2;
162     K = Cx*H'/(H*Cx*H'+Cv);
163     disp("Kalman Gain matrix: K = ")
164     disp(K)
165
166     % perform estimation with uLMMSE
167     x_hat = ux +K*(z-H*ux);
168     disp("Estimated state with uLMMSE")
169     disp(x_hat)
170
171     % plot estimated state
172     plot(x_hat(1), x_hat(2), "x")
173     text(x_hat(1), x_hat(2), '$x_{uLMMSE}$',...
174         'Interpreter','Latex',...
175         'HorizontalAlignment','left',...
176         'VerticalAlignment','bottom',...
177         'FontSize',12)
178
179     % calculate covariance Cxz
180     Cx_z = inv(inv(Cx) + H'/Cv*H);
181     disp("Posterior covariance: Cx_z = ")

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```

182     disp(Cx_z)
183
184     %%%%%%%%%%%%%%
185
186     % draw posterior uncertainty
187
188     % eigenvalue of Cxz
189     [eig_vec, eig_vals] = eig(Cx_z);
190     disp("EigenValues of Cxz = ")
191     disp(eig_vals)
192     disp("EigenVectors of Cxz = ")
193     disp(eig_vec)
194
195     % unit circle
196     th = 0:pi/50:2*pi;
197     xelp = cos(th);
198     yelp = sin(th);
199
200     % scale circle accordingly
201     scale_x = sqrt(eig_vals(1,1));
202     scale_y = sqrt(eig_vals(2,2));
203     xelp = scale_x*xelp;
204     yelp = scale_y*yelp;
205
206     % rotate ellipse
207     pts = eig_vec * [xelp; yelp];
208     xelp = pts(1,:) + x_hat(1);
209     yelp = pts(2,:) + x_hat(2);
210
211     % plot ellipse
212     plot(xelp, yelp, 'b')
213
214 end

```

Listing 3.1: Source code for exercise 3

## 4 Exercise 4

On this exercise, we analyzed the process of prediction and how the covariance is increased during it. The state space model of the system was useful to infer what is the behavior of the system before it happened. In this scope, it is possible to analyze that the main reason to the increase of the covariance along the prediction steps is the process noise. The covariance matrix of the process noise contributes to the increase the terms of the state covariance matrix. Fig. 4.1 shows the predicted path and the ellipses defined by the covariance matrix for a prediction started in the step  $i=11$  until  $i=101$ . Fig. 4.2 show the results of changing start step for prediction.

It is possible to analyze that the ellipses get larger with the prediction steps. This behavior is due by the accumulated effect of the process noise. Caused by some disturbance in the system, misalignment in model parameters or model description. So, less prediction steps is better for a system that need a good estimate of each state.

```
1
2 % exercise 4 optimal estimation of dynamic systems
3 % author: Guilherme Soares Silvestre
4
5 clear
6 close all
7
8 % create states vector
9 % load position: (2, N) matrix
10 load 'data exercise 4'/log.mat
11 % lenght of xsi
12 N = length(xsi);
13
14 % velocity: (2, N-1) matrix
15 vsi = zeros(2,N-1);
16 for i=1:(N-1)
17     vsi(:,i) = xsi(:,i+1)-xsi(:,i);
18 end
19
```

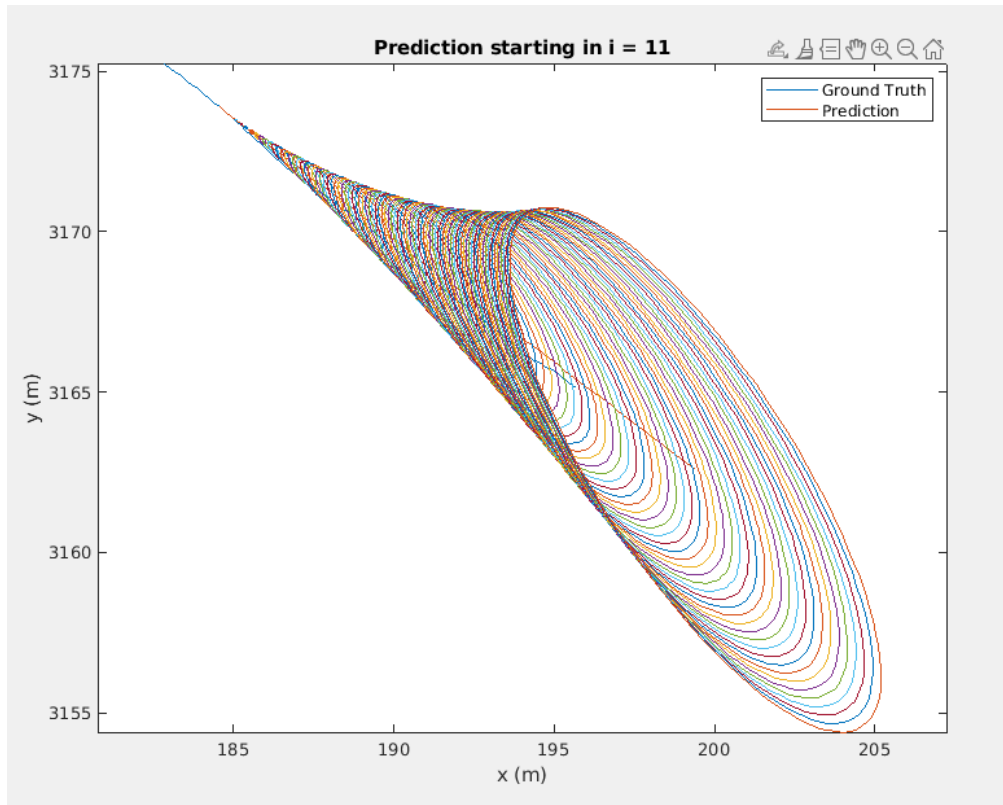


Figure 4.1: Prediction behavior started in step  $i=11$  until step  $i=101$

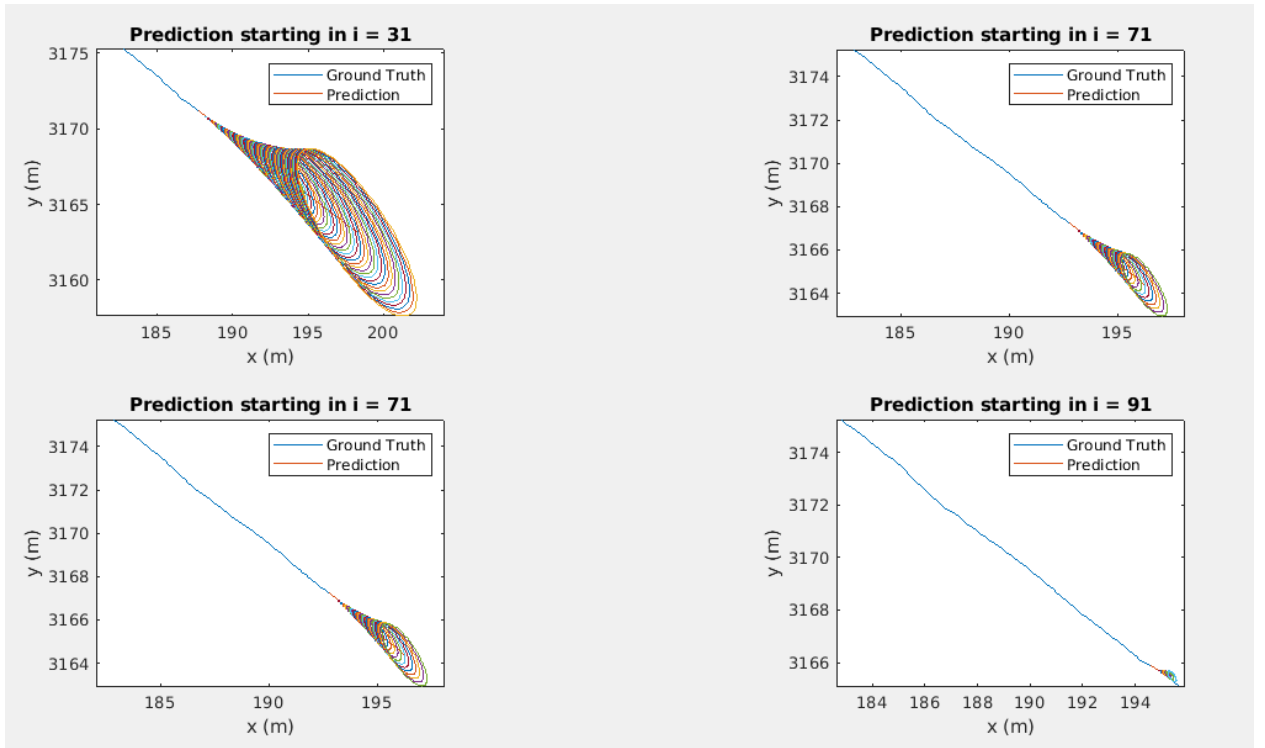


Figure 4.2: Analysis of the effect of changing start step for the prediction process.

```

20 % acceleration: (2, N-2) matrix
21 asi = zeros(2,N-2);
22 for i=1:(N-2)
23     asi(:,i) = vsi(:,i+1)-vsi(:,i);
24 end
25
26 % state space matrix
27 global x
28 x = [xsi(:,1:N-2); vsi(:,1:N-2); asi(:,1:N-2)];
29
30 % given accelration system matrix and covariance
31 F_1 = [-0.0595 -0.1530;
32        -0.813  0.1716];
33
34 Cw_1 = [0.1177e-3 -0.0026e-3;
35         -0.0026e-3  0.0782e-3];
36
37 % intialize calculated system matrix for full state
38 global F
39 F = [1 0 1 0 0 0;
40      0 1 0 1 0 0;
41      0 0 1 0 1 0;
42      0 0 0 1 0 1;
43      0 0 0 0 F_1(1,1) F_1(1,2);
44      0 0 0 0 F_1(2,1) F_1(2,2)];
45
46 % Noise covariance matrix only in the acceleration part
47 global Cw
48 Cw = [0 0 0 0 0 0;
49       0 0 0 0 0 0;
50       0 0 0 0 0 0;
51       0 0 0 0 0 0;
52       0 0 0 0 Cw_1(1,1) Cw_1(1,2);
53       0 0 0 0 Cw_1(2,1) Cw_1(2,2)];
54
55 % starting point = 11
56 simulate_prediction(11)
57
58 % starting point = 31

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```

59 figure
60 subplot(2,2,1)
61 simulate_prediction(31)
62
63 % starting point = 71
64 subplot(2,2,2)
65 simulate_prediction(71)
66
67 % starting point = 71
68 subplot(2,2,3)
69 simulate_prediction(71)
70
71 % starting point = 91
72 subplot(2,2,4)
73 simulate_prediction(91)
74
75 function simulate_prediction(start)
76
77     global x
78     global F
79     global Cw
80
81     steps = 101-start;
82     x_10 = x(:,start);
83     Cx_10 = zeros(6,6);
84
85     % predict
86     [x_ahead, Cx_ahead] = predict(F, Cw, Cx_10, x_10, steps);
87
88     % plot prediction
89     plot(x(1,:), x(2,:))
90     hold on
91     plot(x_ahead(1,:), x_ahead(2,:))
92
93     plot_ellipses(x_ahead, Cx_ahead)
94     xlabel('x (m)')
95     ylabel('y (m)')
96     axis equal
97     t=sprintf("Prediction starting in i = %d", start);

```



```

98     title(t)
99     legend(["Ground Truth" "Prediction"])
100 end
101
102 function [x_ahead, Cx_ahead] = predict(F, Cw, Cx, x, steps)
103
104     % create state vector for prediction
105     size_x = size(x);
106     x_ahead = zeros(size_x(1), steps);
107     Cx_ahead = zeros(size_x(1), size_x(1), steps);
108
109     % start state and cov matrix with initial states
110     x_ahead(:,1) = x;
111     Cx_ahead(:,:, 1) = Cx;
112
113     % loop for 'steps' times calculating the state prediction and
114     % covariance for each state
115     for i = 1:steps
116         x_ahead(:,i+1) = F*x_ahead(:,i);
117         Cx_ahead(:,:,i+1) = F*Cx_ahead(:,:,i)*F' + Cw;
118     end
119 end
120
121 function plot_elipses(x_ahead, Cx_arr)
122
123     % for each cov matrix inside Cx_Arr, calculate the eigen vector
124     for index = 1:length(Cx_arr)
125         Cx_curr = Cx_arr(1:2,1:2, index);
126         [eig_vec, eig_vals] = eig(Cx_curr);
127
128         % unit circle for further use
129         th = 0:pi/50:2*pi;
130         xelp = cos(th);
131         yelp = sin(th);
132
133         % scale circle accordingly
134         scale_x = sqrt(eig_vals(1,1));
135         scale_y = sqrt(eig_vals(2,2));
136         xelp = scale_x*xelp;

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```

137     yelp = scale_y*yelp;
138
139     % rotate ellipse
140     pts = eig_vec * [xelp; yelp];
141     xelp = pts(1,:) + x_ahead(1, index);
142     yelp = pts(2,:) + x_ahead(2, index);
143
144     % plot ellipse
145     plot(xelp, yelp)
146 end
147 end

```

Listing 4.1: Source code for exercise 4

## 5 Exercise 5

In the fifth exercise it was possible to use all the estimation theory studied before. The application was a localization of 2D dynamic system. The state space equations were used to implement the Discrete Kalman Filter. This filter is applied in linear dynamic systems as it uses linear transformations to achieve the optimal estimation of the system's state. It's useful for non linear systems that have their non linearity smooth. The benefit of the linear Discrete Kalman Filter is the, beside it's lack of accuracy in non linear systems, it's has the characteristics of non diverging as other filters do (e.g Extended Kalman Filter).

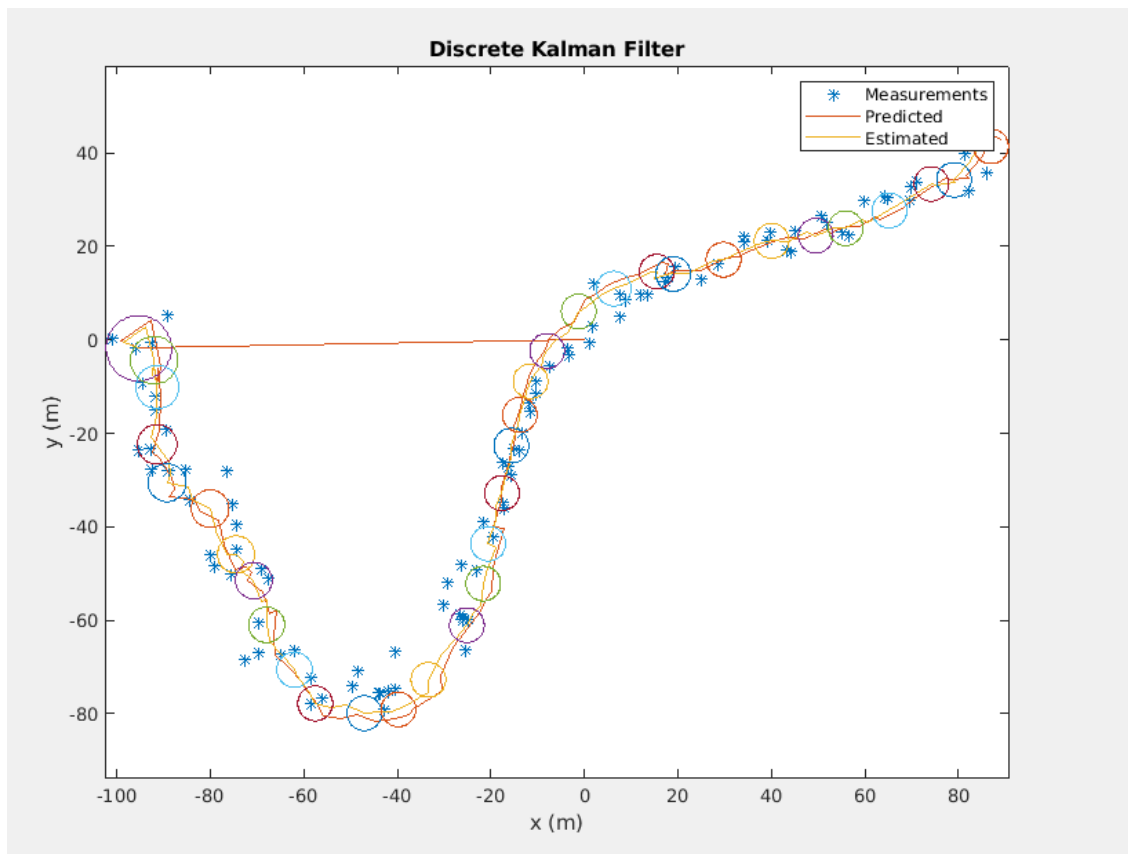


Figure 5.1: Position of a dynamic object estimated with Discrete Kalman Filter with time variant matrix.

Figure 5.1 shows the implementation of the DKF using time variant kalman gain and covariance matrix. Figure 5.2 shows the result of the DKF using steady state matrix calculated by dlqe method in Matlab. The estimator takes longer to converge using the steady state matrix,

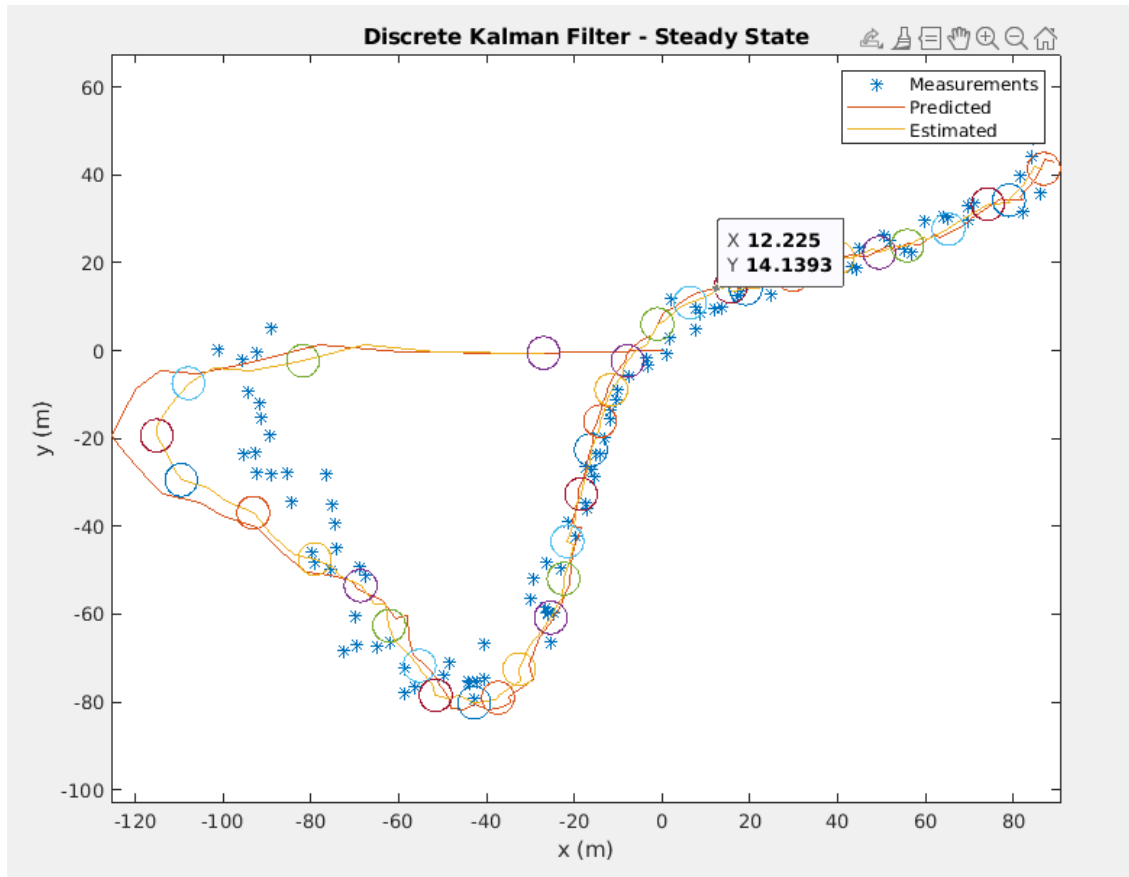


Figure 5.2: Position of a dynamic object estimated with Discrete Kalman Filter with steady state matrix.

but after it the results are almost the same.

```

1
2 % exercise 5 optimal estimation of dynamic systems
3 % author: Guilherme Soares Silvestre
4
5 clear
6 close all
7
8 % given accelration system matrix and covariance
9 F_1 = [0.97 0;
10        0 0.97];
11
12 % process noise covariance
13 Cw_1 = [0.0016 0;
14          0 0.0016];
15
16 % measurement noise covariance

```

```

17 Cn_1 = [49 0;
18         0 49];
19
20 % initialize calculated system matrix for full state
21 global F
22 F = [1 0 1 0 0 0;
23      0 1 0 1 0 0;
24      0 0 1 0 1 0;
25      0 0 0 1 0 1;
26      0 0 0 0 F_1(1,1) F_1(1,2);
27      0 0 0 0 F_1(2,1) F_1(2,2)];
28
29 % noise covariance matrix only in the acceleration part (process noise)
30 global Cw
31 Cw = [0 0 0 0 0 0;
32       0 0 0 0 0 0;
33       0 0 0 0 0 0;
34       0 0 0 0 0 0;
35       0 0 0 0 Cw_1(1,1) Cw_1(1,2);
36       0 0 0 0 Cw_1(2,1) Cw_1(2,2)];
37
38 % measurement noise
39 % Cn = [Cn_1(1,1) Cn_1(1,2) 0 0 0 0;
40 %      Cn_1(2,1) Cn_1(2,2) 0 0 0 0;
41 %      0 0 Cn_1(1,1) Cn_1(1,2) 0 0;
42 %      0 0 Cn_1(2,1) Cn_1(2,2) 0 0;
43 %      0 0 0 0 Cn_1(1,1) Cn_1(1,2);
44 %      0 0 0 0 Cn_1(2,1) Cn_1(2,2)];
45 Cn = [Cn_1(1,1) Cn_1(1,2) 0 0 0 0;
46       Cn_1(2,1) Cn_1(2,2) 0 0 0 0;
47       0 0 1 0 0 0;
48       0 0 0 1 0 0;
49       0 0 0 0 1 0;
50       0 0 0 0 0 1];
51
52 % initial covariance
53 sd_x = 100; %m
54 sd_v = 4; %m/s
55 sd_a = 0.2; %m/s^2

```

```

56 Cx_0 = [sd_x.^2 0 0 0 0 0;
57         0 sd_x.^2 0 0 0 0;
58         0 0 sd_v.^2 0 0 0;
59         0 0 0 sd_v.^2 0 0;
60         0 0 0 0 sd_a.^2 0;
61         0 0 0 0 0 sd_a.^2];
62
63 % initial mean
64 x_0 = [0;0;0;0;0;0];
65
66 % first define measurement matrix
67 H = [1 0 0 0 0 0;
68      0 1 0 0 0 0;
69      0 0 0 0 0 0;
70      0 0 0 0 0 0;
71      0 0 0 0 0 0;
72      0 0 0 0 0 0];
73
74 % create states vector
75 % load position: (2, N) matrix
76 load 'data exercise 5'/zradar.mat
77
78 % lenght of xsi
79 N = length(z);
80
81 z_full = zeros(6, N);
82 z_full(1:2,:) = z;
83
84 % discrete kalman filter main loop
85 x_hat = zeros(6, N);
86 x_pred = x_hat;
87
88 Cx_hat = zeros(6, 6, N);
89 Cx_pred = Cx_hat;
90
91 x_pred(:,1) = x_0;
92 Cx_pred(:, :, 1) = Cx_0;
93 for i = 1:N
94

```

```

95     % update step
96
97     % innovation
98     inov = z_full(:,i) - H*x_pred(:,i);
99     % innovation covariance (pre-fit residual)
100    S = H*Cx_pred(:, :, i)*H' + Cn;
101    % kalman gain
102    K = Cx_pred(:, :, i)*H'/S;
103    % a posteriori estimation
104    x_hat(:,i) = x_pred(:,i) + K*inov;
105    % a posteriori covariance
106    Cx_hat(:, :, i) = (eye(6)-K*H)*Cx_pred(:, :, i);
107
108    % predict step
109
110    % prior estimate
111    x_pred(:,i+1) = F*x_hat(:,i);
112    % estimate covariance
113    Cx_pred(:, :, i+1) = F*Cx_hat(:, :, i)*F' + Cw;
114 end
115
116 % plot measurements, predicted and estimated position
117 plot(z(1,:), z(2,:), 'r*')
118 hold on
119 plot(x_pred(1,:), x_pred(2,:))
120 plot(x_hat(1,:), x_hat(2,:))
121
122 % draw covariance ellipses
123 plot_elipses(x_hat, Cx_hat)
124
125 axis equal
126 xlabel('x (m)')
127 ylabel('y (m)')
128 title("Discrete Kalman Filter")
129 legend(["Measurements" "Predicted" "Estimated"])
130
131
132 % calculating kalman gain and covariances with matlab default method
133 [K_dlqe,Cx_pred_dlqe,Cx_hat_dlqe] = dlqe(F,eye(6),H,Cw,Cn);

```

```

134
135 % rerunning the system with steady state matrix
136 x_hat_dlqe = zeros(6, N);
137 x_pred_dlqe = x_hat;
138
139 x_pred_dlqe(:,1) = x_0;
140 for i = 1:N
141
142     % update step
143
144     % innovation
145     inov = z_full(:,i) - H*x_pred_dlqe(:,i);
146     % a posteriori estimation
147     x_hat_dlqe(:,i) = x_pred_dlqe(:,i) + K_dlqe*inov;
148
149     % predict step
150
151     % prior estimate
152     x_pred_dlqe(:,i+1) = F*x_hat_dlqe(:,i);
153 end
154
155
156 % plot measurements, predicted and estimated position for steady state
157 figure
158 plot(z(1,:), z(2,:), 'r')
159 hold on
160 plot(x_pred_dlqe(1,:), x_pred_dlqe(2,:))
161 plot(x_hat_dlqe(1,:), x_hat_dlqe(2,:))
162
163 % draw covariance ellipses
164 Cx_hat_dlqe_arr = repmat(Cx_hat_dlqe, [6,6,N]);
165 plot_ellipses(x_hat_dlqe, Cx_hat_dlqe_arr)
166
167 axis equal
168 xlabel('x (m)')
169 ylabel('y (m)')
170 title("Discrete Kalman Filter - Steady State")
171 legend(["Measurements" "Predicted" "Estimated"])
172

```



```

173 %
174 % % velocity: (2, N-1) matrix
175 % z_v = zeros(2,N-1);
176 % for i=1:(N-1)
177 %     z_v(:,i) = z(:,i+1)-z(:,i);
178 % end
179 %
180 % % acceleration: (2, N-2) matrix
181 % z_a = zeros(2,N-2);
182 % for i=1:(N-2)
183 %     z_a(:,i) = z_v(:,i+1)-z_v(:,i);
184 % end
185 %
186 % % state space matrix
187 % global x
188 % x = [xsi(:,1:N-2); vsi(:,1:N-2); asi(:,1:N-2)];
189
190
191 function plot_elipses(x_arr, Cx_arr)
192
193     % for each cov matrix inside Cx_Arr, calculate the eigen vector
194     for index = 1:3:length(Cx_arr)
195         Cx_curr = Cx_arr(1:2,1:2, index);
196         [eig_vec, eig_vals] = eig(Cx_curr);
197
198         % unit circle for further use
199         th = 0:pi/50:2*pi;
200         xelp = cos(th);
201         yelp = sin(th);
202
203         % scale circle accordingly
204         scale_x = sqrt(eig_vals(1,1));
205         scale_y = sqrt(eig_vals(2,2));
206         xelp = scale_x*xelp;
207         yelp = scale_y*yelp;
208
209         % rotate ellipse
210         pts = eig_vec * [xelp; yelp];
211         xelp = pts(1,:) + x_arr(1, index);

```

```
212     yelp = pts(2,:) + x_arr(2, index);
213
214     % plot ellipse
215     plot(xelp, yelp)
216 end
217 end
```

Listing 5.1: Source code for exercise 5

## 6 Exercise 6

On the exercise 6, it was possible to understand the Extended Kalman Filter and its implications. The motivation of the Extended Kalman Filter is to build a better filter for non-linear systems. It is done by linearizing the neighborhood of the state in each time. Therefore, the system is not defined by matrix, but by non-linear functions that are always approximated using Taylor Series (applying Jacobian matrix).

The accuracy of the estimator is increased but it was possible to see the randomness of the estimator as it doesn't perform the same way each time that we run. The EKF can also diverges of the real value due to singularities and not modeled behaviors. Figure 6.1 shows the estimated states of the dynamic system of the boat with the EKF estimator. Figure ?? shows the path performed by the boat estimated using the EKF estimator.

As with the others estimators, this case of the EKF application converged in few step and even with low update steps it was able to perform the prediction without increasing so much the covariance. When the updates occurs, the states of the system was corrected and it is possible to see gaps between the states. Thus, the study of the family of estimators was a good experience and necessary path for a robotics engineer.

```
1
2 % exercise 6 optimal estimation of dynamic systems
3 % author: Guilherme Soares Silvestre
4
5 clear
6 close all
7
8 % extended kalman filter: the yacht case
9
10 % load measurements
11 load 'data exercise 6'/z_yacht.mat
12
13 % % load usefull functions
14 % load 'data exercise 6'/Fjacobian.m
```

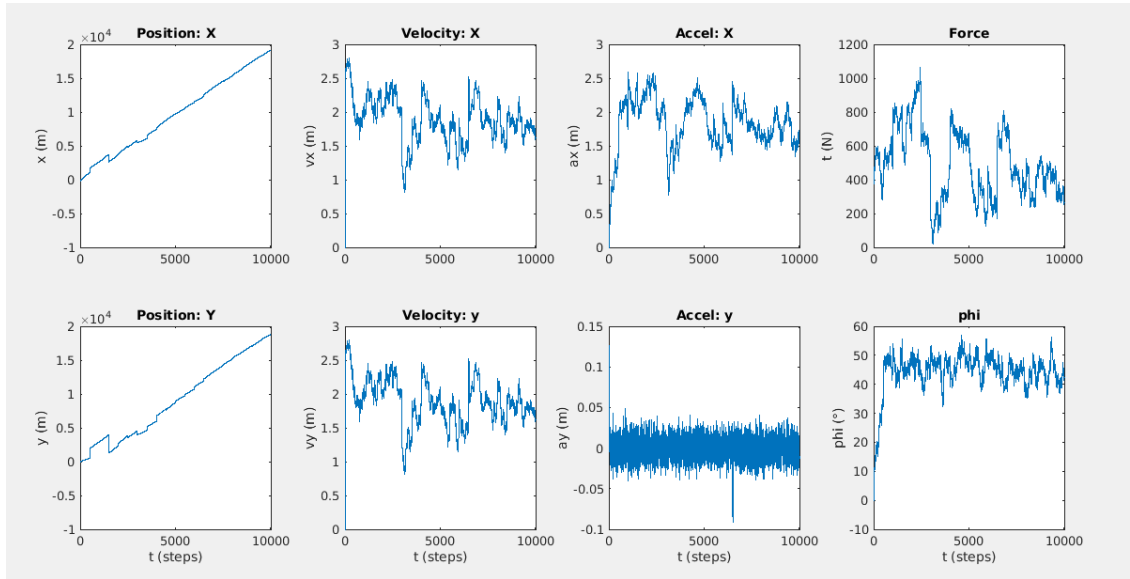


Figure 6.1: Position, Velocity, Acceleration, Force and Angle estimated using the EKF of the boat.

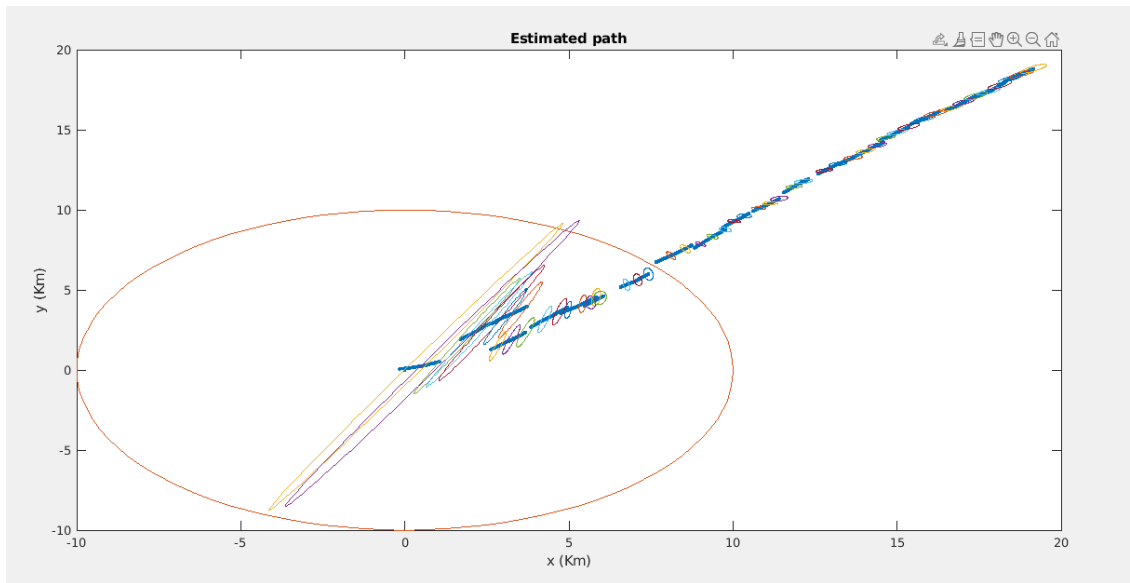


Figure 6.2: Path performed by the boat and ellipses given by the covariance matrix.

```

15 % load 'data exercise 6'/fsys.m
16 % load 'data exercise 6'/Hjacobian.m
17 % load 'data exercise 6'/hmeas.m
18
19 % build the process noise covariance matrix
20 sd_w_x = 0.01; % m
21 sd_w_v = 0.01; % m
22 sd_w_a = 0.01; % m
23 sd_w_t = 8; % N
24 sd_w_phi = 0.5; % deg
25
26 Cw = eye(8).*[sd_w_x.^2;
27               sd_w_x.^2;
28               sd_w_v.^2;
29               sd_w_v.^2;
30               sd_w_a.^2;
31               sd_w_a.^2;
32               sd_w_t.^2;
33               sd_w_phi.^2];
34
35 % build the measurement noise covariance matrix
36 sd_compass = 1; % deg
37 sd_speed = 0.3; % m/s
38 sd_heading = 1; % deg
39
40 Cv = [sd_compass.^2 0 0;
41       0 sd_speed.^2 0;
42       0 0 sd_heading.^2];
43
44 % beacon position
45 x0 = [5000 10000]';
46
47 % desired thrust and heading
48 t_des = 400; % N (t0)
49 phi_des = 45; % deg (phi0)
50 u = [t_des phi_des]';
51
52 % initial prior pose
53 x_hat_0 = [0 0 0 0 0 0 400 0]';

```

```

54
55 % build the initial covariance matrix
56 sd_x_0 = 10000; % m
57 sd_v_0 = 2; % m/s
58 sd_a_0 = 0.04; % m/s
59 sd_t_0 = 300; % N
60 sd_phi_0 = 10; % deg
61
62 Cx_0 = eye(8).*[sd_x_0.^2;
63                 sd_x_0.^2;
64                 sd_v_0.^2;
65                 sd_v_0.^2;
66                 sd_a_0.^2;
67                 sd_a_0.^2;
68                 sd_t_0.^2;
69                 sd_phi_0.^2];
70
71 % main loop for extended kalman filter
72 N = 1000;
73
74 % initialize arrays
75 x_hat = zeros(8, N);
76 Cx_hat = zeros(8,8,N);
77
78 x_hat(:,1) = x_hat_0;
79 Cx_hat(:, :, 1) = Cx_0;
80 for i=1:10000
81     % update
82     if any(imeas(:)==i)
83         imeas_idx = find(imeas==i);
84         Cx = Cx_hat(:, :, i);
85         x = x_hat(:, i);
86         H = Hjacobian(x_hat(:, i), x0);
87         z_curr = z(:, imeas_idx);
88
89         % estimated measurement
90         z_hat = hmeas(x, x0, Cv);
91
92         % innovation

```

```

93     S = H*Cx*H' + Cv;
94
95     % Kalman Gain
96     K = Cx*H'/S;
97
98     % update posterior mean
99     x_hat(:,i+1) = x + K*(z_curr-z_hat);
100
101     % update posterior covariance
102     Cx_hat(:, :, i+1) = Cx - K*S*K';
103     else
104
105     % predict
106     x_hat(:,i+1) = fsys(x_hat(:,i), u, Cw);
107     F = Fjacobian(x_hat(:,i));
108     Cx_hat(:, :, i+1) = F*Cx_hat(:, :, i)*F' + Cw;
109     end
110 end
111
112 % plot estimates
113 t = linspace(0,10001,10001);
114 figure
115
116 % plot x
117 subplot(2,4,1)
118 plot(t, x_hat(1,:))
119 title("Position: X")
120 ylim([-10000 20000])
121 ylabel("x (m)")
122
123 % plot y
124 subplot(2,4,5)
125 plot(t, x_hat(2,:))
126 title("Position: Y")
127 ylim([-10000 20000])
128 ylabel("y (m)")
129 xlabel("t (steps)")
130
131 % plot velocity x

```

```

132 subplot(2,4,2)
133 plot(t, x_hat(3,:))
134 title("Velocity: X")
135 ylabel("vx (m)")
136
137 % plot velocity y
138 subplot(2,4,6)
139 plot(t, x_hat(3,:))
140 title("Velocity: y")
141 ylabel("vy (m)")
142 xlabel("t (steps)")
143
144 % plot accel x
145 subplot(2,4,3)
146 plot(t, x_hat(4,:))
147 title("Accel: X")
148 ylabel("ax (m)")
149
150 % plot accel y
151 subplot(2,4,7)
152 plot(t, x_hat(5,:))
153 title("Accel: y")
154 ylabel("ay (m)")
155 xlabel("t (steps)")
156
157 % plot force
158 subplot(2,4,4)
159 plot(t, x_hat(7,:))
160 title("Force")
161 ylabel("t (N)")
162
163 % plot phi
164 subplot(2,4,8)
165 plot(t, x_hat(8,:))
166 title("phi")
167 ylabel("phi ( )")
168 xlabel("t (steps)")
169
170 % plot path

```



```

171 figure
172 plot(x_hat(1,:)./1000, x_hat(2,:)./1000, ".")
173 hold on
174 plot_ellipses(x_hat./1000, Cx_hat./1000^2)
175 xlim([-10 20])
176 ylim([-10 20])
177 xlabel("x (Km)")
178 ylabel("y (Km)")
179 title("Estimated path")
180
181 function plot_ellipses(x_arr, Cx_arr)
182
183     % for each cov matrix inside Cx_Arr, calculate the eigen vector
184     for index = 1:200:length(Cx_arr)
185         Cx_curr = Cx_arr(1:2,1:2, index);
186         [eig_vec, eig_vals] = eig(Cx_curr);
187
188         % unit circle for further use
189         th = 0:pi/50:2*pi;
190         xelp = cos(th);
191         yelp = sin(th);
192
193         % scale circle accordingly
194         scale_x = sqrt(eig_vals(1,1));
195         scale_y = sqrt(eig_vals(2,2));
196         xelp = scale_x*xelp;
197         yelp = scale_y*yelp;
198
199         % rotate ellipse
200         pts = eig_vec * [xelp; yelp];
201         xelp = pts(1,:) + x_arr(1, index);
202         yelp = pts(2,:) + x_arr(2, index);
203
204         % plot ellipse
205         plot(xelp, yelp)
206     end
207 end

```

Listing 6.1: Source code for exercise 5

## 7 Conclusion

This report summarizes the results achieved in the Optimal Estimation in Dynamic Systems course. All the code is available in the github repository including this report: <https://github.com/guisoares9/optimal-estimation-studies>. The study from Bayes formula, Markov assumptions to EKF and particle filtering was a good experience that surely will be used in next projects.