

Some Thoughts on Filtering

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Apollo 8 launched on December 21, 1968

03:17:45:17 (Dec. 25, 1968, 6:36 a.m. UTC)

Jim Lovell (Commander Module Pilot) : Roger. Do you wish me to reinitialize the W-matrix at this time?

03:17:45:26

Ken Mattingly (CAPCOM) : Affirmative, Apollo 8

Setting

Samples

- I can sample from a normal distribution with the mean known only to me and with a publicly known variance.
- Based on your knowledge about me you have a (prior) belief about the mean of this distribution: it's centred at 0 and is probably between -3 and +3.
- At time 1, I give you some information: a sample from my distribution.
- At time 2, I give you more information: another sample from my distribution.
- And so on ...

Bayes' Theorem

$$\mathbb{P}(\theta | D) \triangleq \frac{\mathbb{P}(\theta \cap D)}{\mathbb{P}(D)}$$

Also

$$\mathbb{P}(D | \theta) \triangleq \frac{\mathbb{P}(\theta \cap D)}{\mathbb{P}(\theta)}$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{P}(\theta | D) \propto \mathbb{P}(D | \theta)\mathbb{P}(\theta)$$

An Application of Bayes' Theorem

I have told you that the data are drawn from

$$\mathbb{P}(x | \mu) \propto \exp - \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

And, based on your knowledge about me, you have a prior

$$\mathbb{P}(\mu) \propto \exp - \frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}$$

This gives

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Prior by Sampling

We can also represent the prior as a *histogram*

$\mu_0, \sigma_0 :: \text{Double}$

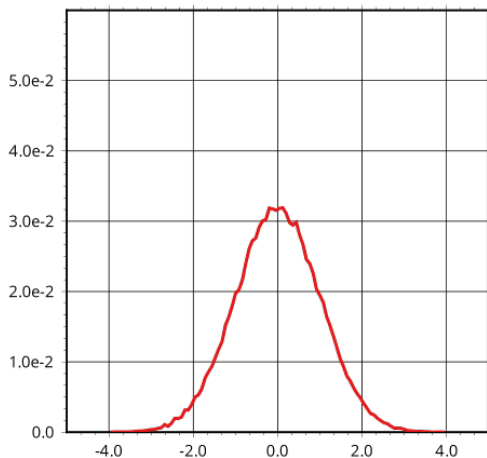
$\mu_0 = 0.0$

$\sigma_0 = 1.00$

$\text{priors} :: \text{Histogram BinD Double}$

$\text{priors} = \text{hist } \$ \text{runSampler (normal } \mu_0 \sigma_0) 42\ 100000$

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ds :: [Double]

ds = *runSampler* (*normal* $\mu \sigma$) 2 10

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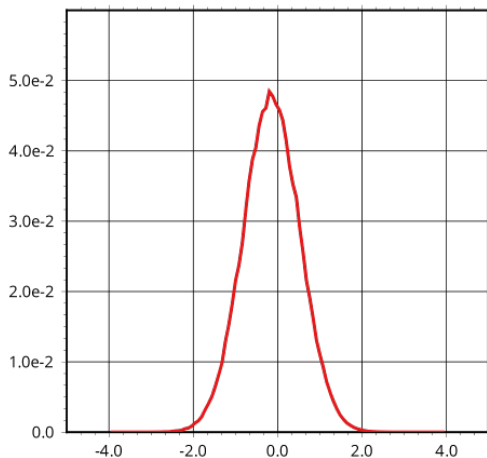
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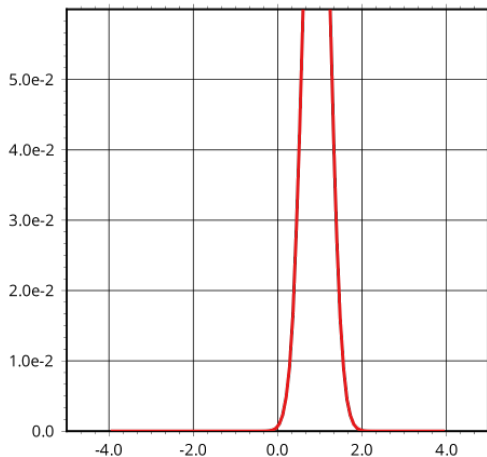
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ns :: [Histogram BinD Double]
```

```
ns = zipWith (λs q → H.map (/s) q) ss qs
```

After 1 Observation



After 10 Observations



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As first order equation system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv}{dt} &= F \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= v\end{aligned}$$

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In vector notation

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xinit = M.fromList [0,1]
apolloSamples :: [(M.Vector Double, M.Vector Double)]
apolloSamples = evalState (ML.unfoldrM apolloSample xinit)
                    (pureMT 17)
```

where

```
apolloSample xb = do
  x ← sample $ rvar (G.Normal (A #> xb) Q)
  y ← sample $ rvar (G.Normal (H #> x) R)
  return $ Just ((x, y), x)
```

Prior

Based on your knowledge about Apollo you have a (prior) belief about the mean of this distribution: it's centred at $(0, 1)$ and both the position and velocity are probably ± 3 .

```
m0 :: M.Vector Double
```

```
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```

```
Σ0 :: M.Herm Double
```

```
Σ0 = M.sym $ (2 >< 2) [1.0, 0.0,  
                        0.0, 1.0]
```

```
priorsApollo :: Histogram (Bin2D BinD BinD) Double
```

```
priorsApollo = hist2 $ conv $
```

```
prePriors 2 100000
```

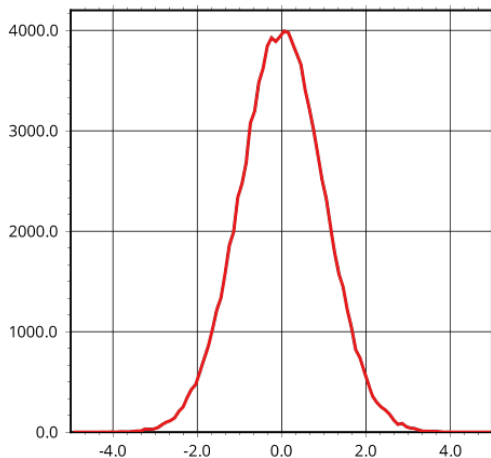
```
where prePriors seed n =
```

```
evalState (replicateM n (sample $ G.Normal m0 Σ0))  
          (pureMT (fromIntegral seed))
```

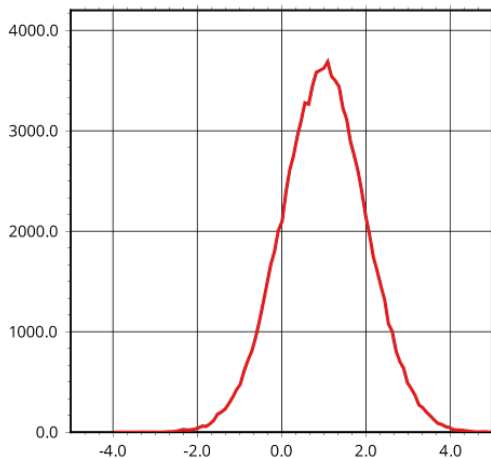
An Aside: Marginals

marginalX, marginalY :: Histogram BinD Double
marginalX = H.reduceX H.sum priorsApollo
marginalY = H.reduceY H.sum priorsApollo

Marginal Prior for Position



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newState :: MonadRandom m =>
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newState  $\mathbf{x}^b$  = sample $ rvar (G.Normal ( $\mathbf{A} \#> \mathbf{x}^b$ )  $\mathbf{Q}$ )
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Thus the likelihood of observation b given the state a is given by

```
likelihoodA :: M.Vector Double -> M.Vector Double -> Double
likelihoodA a b = pdf (G.Normal (H #> a) R) b
```

Apply Bayes'

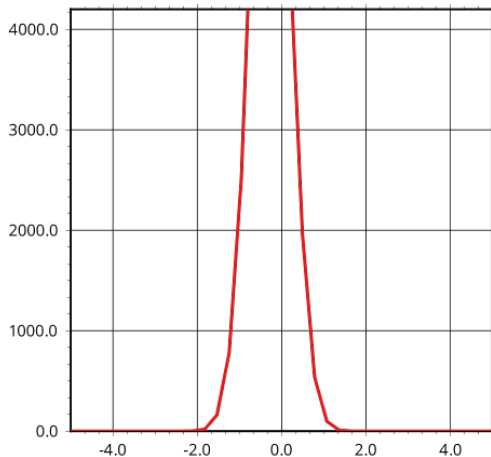
Now you can use Bayes' to track the path of the apollo.

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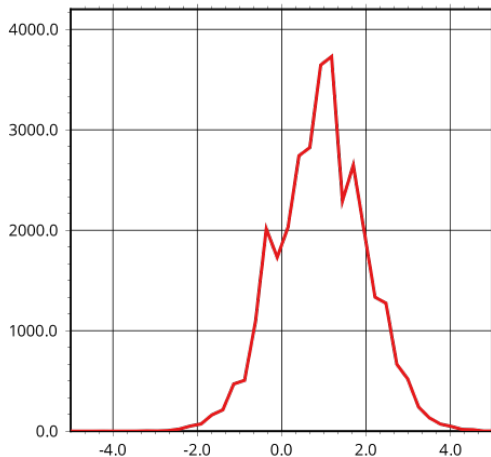
posteriorizeA :: MonadRandom m =>
  Histogram (Bin2D BinD BinD) Double →
  M.Vector Double →
  m (Histogram (Bin2D BinD BinD) Double)
posteriorizeA q d = do
  let xfs = H.asList q
      xs = map pair2Vec $ map fst xfs
      fs = map snd xfs
  x ← mapM newState xs
  let newQ = hist2' $ zip (map vec2Pair x) fs
  return $ H.bmap (\(u,v) p → p * likelihoodA (M.vector [u,v]) d) newQ

```

Position Estimate After 1 Observation



Velocity Estimate After 1 Observation



Marginals Again

```
*Test> take 1 apolloSamples
[[[9.99586e-2,0.75767],[-0.36189]]]
```

marginal1X, marginal1Y :: Histogram BinD Double

marginal1X = H.reduceX H.sum test

marginal1Y = H.reduceY H.sum test

m0X1, m1X1, muX1 :: Double

m0X1 = H.sum marginal1X

*m1X1 = H.sum \$ H.bmap ($\lambda f \ v \rightarrow v * f$) marginal1X*

muY1 = m1Y1 / m0Y1

muX1 = m1X1 / m0X1

```
*Test> muX1
```

```
0.94108
```

```
*Test> muY1
```

```
-0.26897
```

Recall the Model

Wait a Minute ...

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$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{A}_{i-1}\mathbf{x}_{i-1} + \mathbf{Q}_{i-1}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{H}_i\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{R}_i$$

where

$$\mathbf{Q}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{(x)}), \quad \mathbf{R}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{(y)})$$

The model is **linear** and the errors are **Gaussian**

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Re-writing our linear Gaussian model

$$p(x_k | x_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(x_k | A_{k-1}x_{k-1}, Q_k)$$

$$p(y_k | x_k) = \mathcal{N}(y_k | H_k x_k, R_k)$$

Bayesian Filtering Equations

What we'd like is

$$p(x_k | y_{1:k})$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_k, x_{k-1} | y_{1:k-1}) &= p(x_k | x_{k-1}, y_{1:k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | y_{1:k-1}) \\ &= p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | y_{1:k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Marginalising

$$p(x_k | y_{1:k-1}) = \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | y_{1:k-1}) dx_{k-1}$$

A Histogram Interpretation

We can think of our histograms as roughly being a distribution

$$G = \sum w_i \delta(x^{(i)})$$

where the x_i are the midpoints of the cells and the w_i are the (normalised) number of observations in the cell and δ is the Dirac delta "function".

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_k | y_{1:k-1}) &= \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | y_{1:k-1}) dx_{k-1} \\ &= \sum p(x_k | x_{k-1}) w_i \delta(x_{k-1}^{(i)}) \\ &= \sum w_i \delta(x_k^{(i)}) \end{aligned}$$

where $x_k^{(i)} \sim p(x_k | x_k^{(i-1)})$

Bayesian Filtering Equations

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_k | y_{1:k}) &= \frac{1}{Z_k} p(y_k | x_k, y_{1:k-1}) p(x_k | y_{1:k-1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_k} p(y_k | x_k) p(x_k | y_{1:k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

In histogram terms

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_k^{(i)} | y_{1:k}) &= \frac{1}{Z_k} p(y_k | x_k^{(i-1)}) w_i \delta(x_{k-1}^{(i)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_k} w'_i \delta(x_{k-1}^{(i)}) \end{aligned}$$

where $w'_i = \frac{1}{Z_k} p(y_k | x_k^{(i-1)}) w_i$ and $\frac{1}{Z_k} = \sum w'_i$.

Kalman Itself

A **lot** of algebraic manipulation gives the optimal solution.

Prediction Step

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^b = \mathbf{A}_{i-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i-1}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_i^b = \mathbf{A}_{i-1} \hat{\Sigma}_{i-1} \mathbf{A}_{i-1}^\top + \mathbf{Q}_{i-1}$$

Correction Step

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{H}_i \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^b$$

$$\mathbf{S}_i = \mathbf{H}_i \hat{\Sigma}_i^b \mathbf{H}_i^\top + \mathbf{R}_i$$

$$\mathbf{K}_i = \hat{\Sigma}_i^b \mathbf{H}_i^\top \mathbf{S}_i^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^b + \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_i = \hat{\Sigma}_i^b - \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{K}_i^\top$$

Original Bayes' Theorem Example

Re-express Original

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + q_{k-1}, \quad q_{k-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0)$$

$$y_k = x_k + r_k, \quad r_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)$$

Prediction Step

$$\hat{x}_i^b = \hat{x}_{i-1} \quad \hat{\Sigma}_i^b = \hat{\Sigma}_{i-1}$$

Correction Step

$$v_i = y_i - \hat{x}_i^b \quad S_i = \hat{\Sigma}_i^b + R_i \quad K_i = \frac{\hat{\Sigma}_i^b}{S_i}$$

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$$v = y - \mu_0 \quad S = \sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2 \quad K = \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu_0 + K v \quad \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_0^2 - K S K$$

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Correction Step

$$\mu_1 = \mu_0 + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}(y - \mu_0) \quad \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_0^2 - \frac{(\sigma_0^2)^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}$$

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$$\mu_1 = \mu_0 + Kv \quad \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_0^2 - KSK$$

Correction Step

$$\mu_1 = \mu_0 + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}(y - \mu_0) \quad \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_0^2 - \frac{(\sigma_0^2)^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}$$

Correction Step

$$\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma_1^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2} \quad \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2}$$

Further Reading

- Simo Särkkä's book "Bayesian Filtering and Smoothing"
- Libbi: <http://libbi.org>
- Haskell package `random-fu` for random variables
- Haskell package `histogram-fill` for histograms
- Haskell package `kalman` for kalman, extended kalman, unscented kalman, particle filtering and smoothing
- Same in Python: <https://filterpy.readthedocs.io/en/latest>
- Haskell package `hmatrix` for statically typed matrices