



Introduction to lesson

- In this lesson, you will learn how to implement KF in Octave
 - Recommend you have KF equations nearby as reference
- Code will be demonstrated for simulated system where $\Sigma_{\tilde{w}} = \Sigma_{\tilde{v}} = 1$ and

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + u_{k-1} + w_{k-1}$$

$$y_k = x_k + v_k$$

- Can be modified in straightforward ways to simulate other systems having other noise sources



Initializing the simulation

- The code begins with some definitions, initializations

```
% Initialize simulation variables
SigmaW = 1; % Process noise covariance
SigmaV = 1; % Sensor noise covariance
A = 1; B = 1; C = 1; D = 0; % Plant definition matrices
maxIter = 40; % Number of iterations to execute simulation

xtrue = 0; % Initialize true system initial state
xhat = 0; % Initialize Kalman filter initial estimate
SigmaX = 0; % Initialize Kalman filter covariance
u = 0; % Unknown initial driving input: assume zero

% Reserve storage for variables we want to plot/evaluate
xstore = zeros(length(xtrue),maxIter+1); xstore(:,1) = xtrue;
xhatstore = zeros(length(xhat),maxIter);
SigmaXstore = zeros(length(xhat)^2,maxIter);
```



KF step 1

- Code continues with main KF loop, step 1

```
for k = 1:maxIter,
    % KF Step 1a: State estimate time update
    xhat = A*xhat + B*u; % use prior value of "u"

    % KF Step 1b: Error covariance time update
    SigmaX = A*SigmaX*A' + SigmaW;

    % [Implied operation of system in background, with
    % input signal u, and output signal z]
    u = 0.5*randn(1) + cos(k/pi); % for example...
    w = chol(SigmaW)*randn(length(xtrue));
    v = chol(SigmaV)*randn(length(C*xtrue));
    ytrue = C*xtrue + D*u + v; % z is based on present x and u
    xtrue = A*xtrue + B*u + w; % future x is based on present u

    % KF Step 1c: Estimate system output
    yhat = C*xhat + D*u;
```



KF step 2

- Code continues with main KF loop, step 2

```
% KF Step 2a: Compute Kalman gain matrix
SigmaY = C*SigmaX*C' + SigmaV;
L = SigmaX*C'/SigmaY;

% KF Step 2b: State estimate measurement update
xhat = xhat + L*(ytrue - yhat);

% KF Step 2c: Error covariance measurement update
SigmaX = SigmaX - L*SigmaY*L';

% [Store information for evaluation/plotting purposes]
xstore(:,k+1) = xtrue; xhatstore(:,k) = xhat;
SigmaXstore(:,k) = SigmaX(:);
end
```



Plot results

- Finally, there is code to plot results

```
figure(1); clf;
plot(0:maxIter-1,xstore(1:maxIter)', 'k-',...
     0:maxIter-1,xhatstore', 'b--', ...
     0:maxIter-1,xhatstore'+3*sqrt(SigmaXstore)', 'm-',...
     0:maxIter-1,xhatstore'-3*sqrt(SigmaXstore)', 'm-'); grid;
legend('true', 'estimate', 'bounds');
title('Kalman filter in action');
xlabel('Iteration'); ylabel('State');

figure(2); clf;
plot(0:maxIter-1,xstore(1:maxIter)'-xhatstore', 'b-',...
     0:maxIter-1,3*sqrt(SigmaXstore)', 'm--',...
     0:maxIter-1,-3*sqrt(SigmaXstore)', 'm-'); grid;
legend('Error', 'bounds', 0); title('Error with bounds');
xlabel('Iteration'); ylabel('Estimation Error');
```



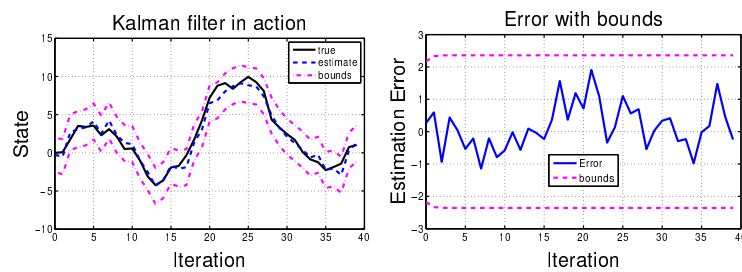
Sample results

- Plots show sample output from KF for $\Sigma_w = \Sigma_v = 1$, and

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + u_{k-1} + w_{k-1}$$

$$y_k = x_k + v_k$$

- Error never converges to zero, but stays within predicted bounds (both as expected)





Summary

- You have now learned how to
 - Implement KF code in Octave
 - Cosimulate a system of interest with the KF to validate KF performance
- Code can be used to estimate state of any linear system obeying KF assumptions
- Sample results give intuitive sense for what to expect from KF