

Derivation of Kalman Prediction Step

Recall prediction step of sequential Bayesian estimation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{p(x|y_-)}_{\text{Predicted posterior pdf}} &= \int p(x|x_-) \underbrace{p(x_-|y_-)}_{\text{Previous posterior pdf}} dx_- \\
 &= \int p(x|x_-, y_-) p(x_-|y_-) dx_- \quad (\text{Markov Assumptions}) \\
 &= \int p(x, x_-|y_-) dx_-
 \end{aligned}$$

Notation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= x_n \\
 y &= y_n \\
 u &= u_n \\
 x_- &= x_{n-1} \\
 y_- &= y_{1:n-1} \\
 G &= G_n
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that $p(x_-|y_-) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{x_-|y_-}, \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-})$ **Part I:** First, we show that, given y_- , $w = [x_-^T, x^T]^T$ follows a joint Gaussian distribution, i.e.,

$$p(x, x_-|y_-) = p(w|y_-) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mu_w, \Sigma_{ww})$$

with mean and covariance given by

$$\mu_w = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{x_-|y_-} \\ \mu_{x|y_-} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{x_-|y_-} \\ G\mu_{x_-|y_-} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_{ww} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} & \Sigma_{x_-x|y_-} \\ \Sigma_{xx_-|y_-} & \Sigma_{xx|y_-} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} & \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} G^T \\ G\Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} & G\Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} G^T + \Sigma_{uu} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Part I (cnt.): Note that $p(x|x_-, y_-) = p(x|x_-) = \mathcal{N}(Gx_-, \Sigma_u)$ and $p(x_-|y_-) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{x_-|y_-}, \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-})$ are both Gaussian distributed. Thus, we have that $p(w|y_-) = p(x, x_-|y_-) = p(x|x_-, y_-) p(x_-|y_-)$ follows a joint Gaussian distribution (as derived in a previous class; see slides 5). The missing parameters of the joint Gaussian distribution can be calculated as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_{x|y_-} &= E(Gx_- + u) = G\mu_{x_-|y_-} & \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} &= E[(x - \mu_{x|y_-})(x - \mu_{x|y_-})^T] \\
 & & &= GE[x_-x_-^T] - GE[x_-]\mu_{x_-|y_-}^T \\
 & & &= G(\Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} + \mu_{x_-|y_-}\mu_{x_-|y_-}^T) \\
 \Sigma_{xx|y_-} &= E[(x - \mu_{x|y_-})(x - \mu_{x|y_-})^T] & &= G\Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} \\
 &= E[x x^T] - \mu_{x|y_-}\mu_{x|y_-}^T & &= G\Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} \\
 &= E[(Gx_- + u)(Gx_- + u)^T] - G\mu_{x_-|y_-}\mu_{x_-|y_-}^T G^T & \Sigma_{x_-x|y_-} &= \Sigma_{xx_-|y_-}^T \\
 &= GE[x_-x_-^T]G^T + E[uu^T] - G\mu_{x_-|y_-}\mu_{x_-|y_-}^T G^T & &= \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-}^T \\
 &= G\Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-}G^T + \Sigma_{uu} & E[x_-x_-^T] &= \Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-} + \mu_{x_-|y_-}\mu_{x_-|y_-}^T
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that here $E[\cdot] = \int \int \cdot p(x_-, u|y_-) dx_- du$

$$= \int \int \cdot p(x_-|y_-) p(u) dx_- du \quad (\text{Markov Assumptions})$$

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Part II: Next, we get the mean $\mu_{x|y_-}$ and covariance $\Sigma_{xx|y_-}$ of the marginal Gaussian $p(x|y_-) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{x|y_-}, \Sigma_{xx|y_-})$ from the joint Gaussian $p(x, x_-|y_-) = p(w|y_-) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mu_w, \Sigma_{ww})$. These parameters can be directly extracted from the mean μ_w and the covariance Σ_{ww} of the joint Gaussian (as derived in a previous class; see slides 5).

In particular, in this way we obtain

$$\mu_{x|y_-} = G\mu_{x_-|y_-} \quad \Sigma_{xx|y_-} = G\Sigma_{x_-x_-|y_-}G^T + \Sigma_{uu}$$

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Derivation of Kalman Update Step

Recall update step of sequential Bayesian estimation

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{p(x|y, y_-)}_{\text{Posterior pdf}} &\propto p(y|x) \underbrace{p(x|y_-)}_{\text{Predicted posterior pdf}} \\ &= p(y|x, y_-)p(x|y_-) \quad (\text{Markov Assumptions}) \\ &= p(x, y|y_-) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $p(x|y_-) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \Sigma_{xx})$

Part I: First, we show that, given y_- , $z = [x^T, y^T]^T$ follows a joint Gaussian distribution, i.e.,

$$p(x, y|y_-) = p(z|y_-) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_z, \Sigma_{zz})$$

with mean and covariance given by

$$\mu_z = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ H\mu_x \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_{zz} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{yx} & \Sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xx}H^T \\ H\Sigma_{xx} & H\Sigma_{xx}H^T + \Sigma_{vv} \end{bmatrix}$$

Notation:

$$x = x_n$$

$$y = y_n$$

$$v = v_n$$

$$x_- = x_{n-1}$$

$$y_- = y_{1:n-1}$$

$$H = H_n$$

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Part I (cnt.): Note that $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_-) = p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}, \Sigma_v)$ and $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}_-) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \Sigma_{xx})$ are both Gaussian distributed. Thus, we have that $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}_-) = p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\mathbf{y}_-) = p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_-)p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}_-)$ follows a joint Gaussian distribution (as derived in a previous class; see slides 5). The missing parameters of the joint Gaussian distribution can be calculated as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_y &= E(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{H}\mu_x \\ \Sigma_{yy} &= E[(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)^T] \\ &= E[\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T] - \mu_y\mu_y^T \\ &= E[(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v})(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v})^T] - \mathbf{H}\mu_x\mu_x^T\mathbf{H}^T \\ &= \mathbf{H}E[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T]\mathbf{H}^T + E[\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T] - \mathbf{H}\mu_x\mu_x^T\mathbf{H}^T \\ &= \mathbf{H}\Sigma_{xx}\mathbf{H}^T + \Sigma_v \\ \Sigma_{yx} &= E[(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)(\mathbf{x} - \mu_x)^T] \\ &= \mathbf{H}E[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T] - E[\mathbf{y}]\mu_x^T \\ &= \mathbf{H}(\Sigma_{xx} + \mu_x\mu_x^T) - \mathbf{H}\mu_x\mu_x^T \\ &= \mathbf{H}\Sigma_{xx} \\ \Sigma_{yx} &= \Sigma_{yx}^T \\ E[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T] &= \Sigma_{xx} + \mu_x\mu_x^T\end{aligned}$$

Note that here $E[\cdot] = \int \int \cdot p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}|\mathbf{y}_-) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{v}$

$$= \int \int \cdot p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}_-) p(\mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{v} \quad (\text{Markov Assumptions})$$

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Part II: Next, we calculate the mean $\mu_{x|y}$ and covariance $\Sigma_{xx|y}$ of $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_-) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{x|y}, \Sigma_{xx|y})$ from $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\mathbf{y}_-) = p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}_-) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mu_z, \Sigma_{zz})$ by using the Schur complement (as derived in a previous class; see slides 5). In this way, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{x|y} &= \mu_x + \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y) \\ \Sigma_{xx|y} &= \Sigma_{xx} - \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}\Sigma_{yx}\end{aligned}$$

Equivalently, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{x|y} &= \mu_x + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y) \\ \Sigma_{xx|y} &= \Sigma_{xx} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{H}\Sigma_{xx}\end{aligned}$$

where we have introduced the Kalman gain

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{K} &= \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1} \\ &= \Sigma_{xx}\mathbf{H}^T(\mathbf{H}\Sigma_{xx}\mathbf{H}^T + \Sigma_v)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

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