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EX06: Kalman Filtering

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Exercise 6

Kalman Filter

- **Kalman filtering** is a mathematical method used to estimate the state of a system (like position, speed, or temperature) over time, even when the measurements are noisy or uncertain. It combines predictions from a model with actual measurements to produce a more accurate estimate.
- For example, it can help track a moving object like a car or a plane, even if the sensors tracking it are not perfect.



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- Input data: 2D trajectory of a moving body [X, Y].
- Points of the trajectory are visibly affected by noise.
- We assume that the body is moving with constant velocity.

$$\Delta x = \Delta t \dot{x}$$

1. State variable: X, Y position of the body and \dot{X}, \dot{Y} velocities of the system.

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} X(t) \\ Y(t) \\ \dot{X}(t) \\ \dot{Y}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Covariance error of the state initialization:

$$C_{error} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_{err}}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{Y_{err}}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\dot{X}_{err}}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\dot{Y}_{err}}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Kalman Filter – state model definition

1. State model:

$$\begin{cases} X(t+1) = X(t) + \Delta \dot{X}(t) + \epsilon \\ Y(t+1) = Y(t) + \Delta \dot{Y}(t) + \epsilon \\ \dot{X}(t+1) = \dot{X}(t) + \epsilon \\ \dot{Y}(t+1) = \dot{Y}(t) + \epsilon \end{cases}$$

2. State model can be wrote as matrix products:

$$\underline{x}(t+1) = T \times \underline{x}(t)$$

3. Where:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Model covariance

$$C_{model} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\dot{X}_{mod}}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\dot{Y}_{mod}}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\dot{X}_{mod}}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\dot{Y}_{mod}}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Kalman Filter – observation model definition

1. Observation model:

$$\begin{cases} \{X_0(t+1) = Y_0(t) + \Delta t * \dot{Y}(t) + v(t) \\ \{Y_0(t+1) = Y_0(t) + \Delta t * \dot{Y}(t) + v(t) \end{cases}$$

2. As matrices

$$\underline{y_0}(t) = A\underline{x}(t) + \underline{v}(t)$$

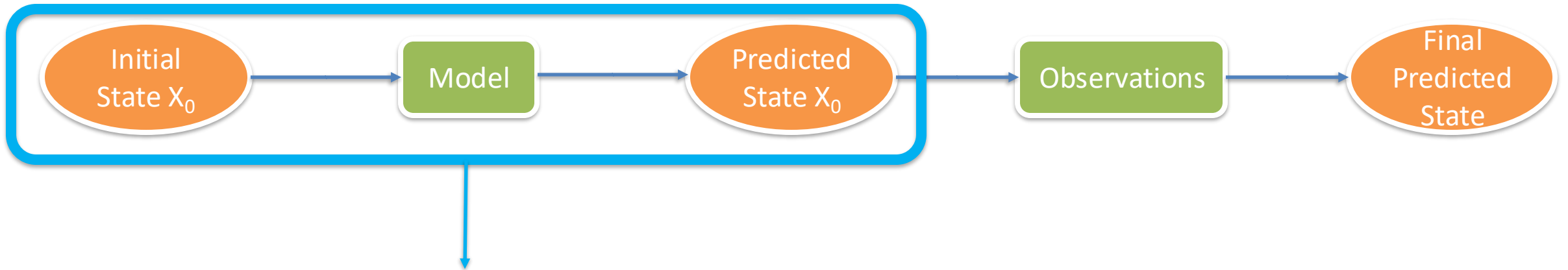
3. Observation covariance

$$C_{obs}^{[n \times n]} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Kalman filter - processing

For $t = \text{epoch}$

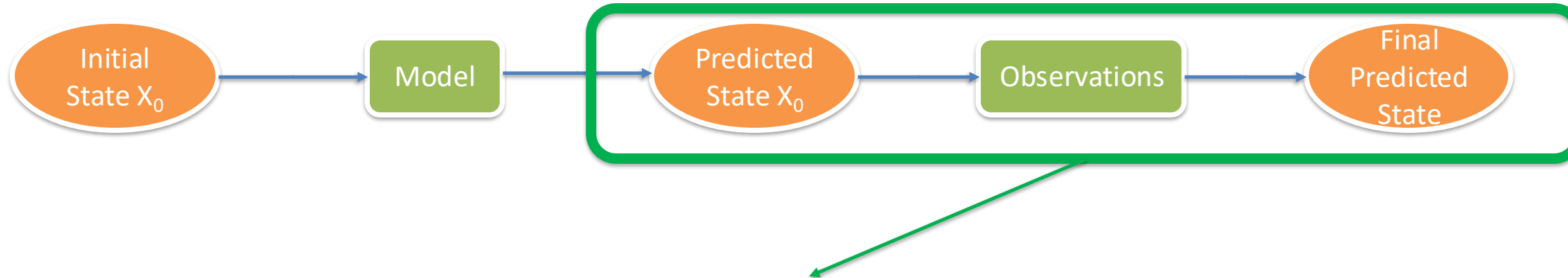


1. State prediction according to the model:

$$\tilde{x}(t + 1) = T \times \hat{x}(t)$$

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Update the predicted state according to the available observations:

$$K = C_{model} + T * C_{error} * T'$$
$$G = K * A' (A * K * A' + C_{obs})^{-1}$$
$$\hat{x} = (I - G * A) * \tilde{x} + G * y_0$$

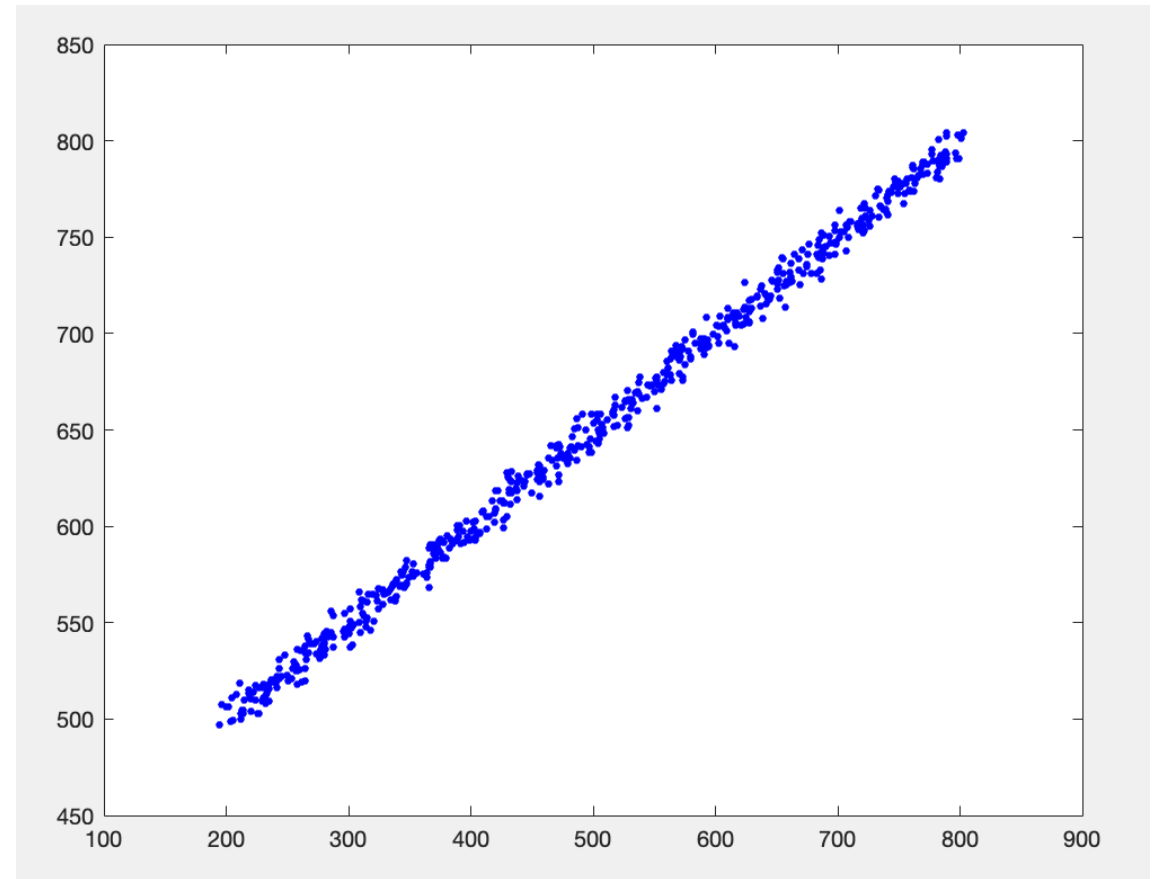
Update error covariance:

$$C_{error} = (I - G * A) * K$$

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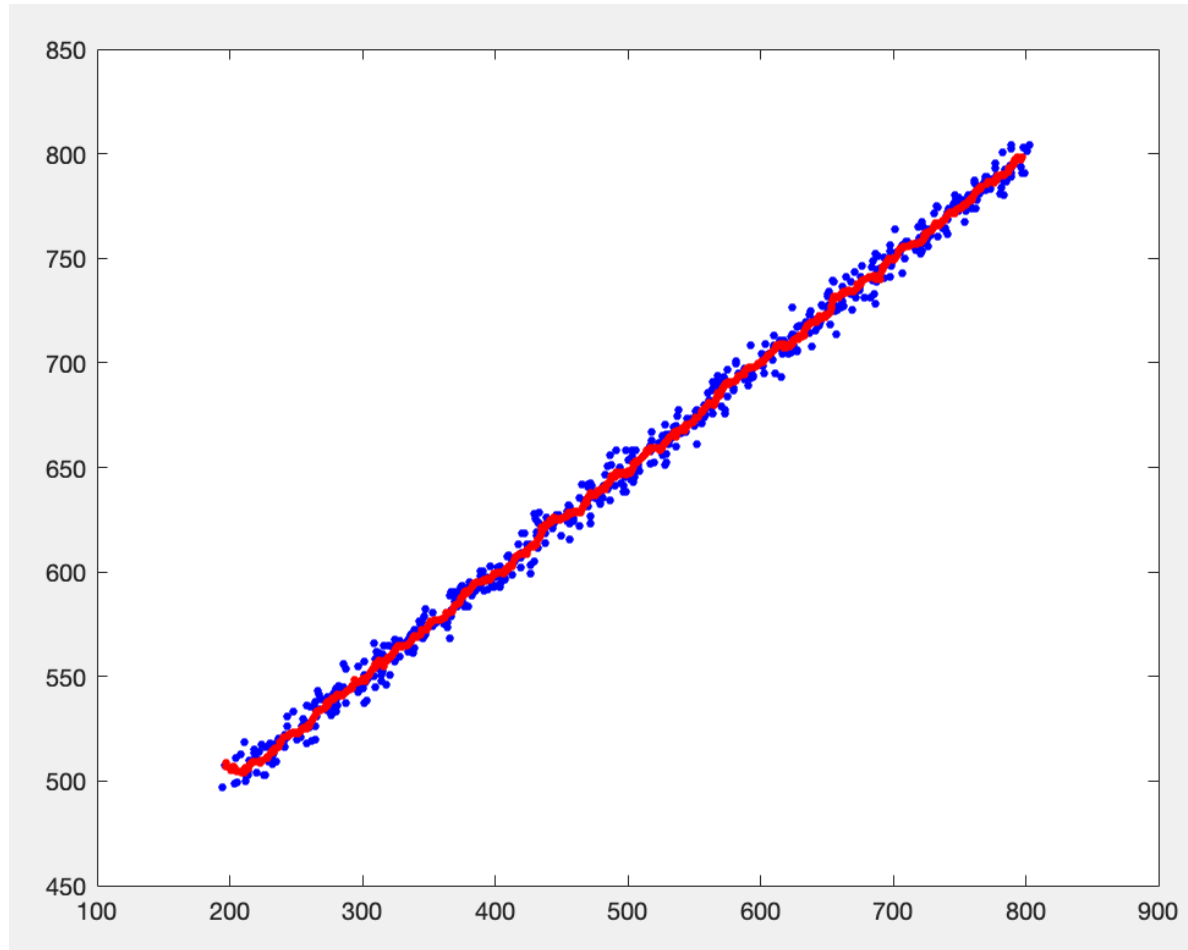
Kalman Filter – data

- Model:
 - $\sigma_{xy} = 1m$
 - $\sigma_{\dot{x}\dot{y}} = 1m$
- Observations
 - $\sigma_{obs} = 25m$
- Initial covariance error
 - $\sigma_{xy} = 10m$
 - $\sigma_{\dot{x}\dot{y}} = 1m$



Exercise 3

Kalman Filter – Results





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