

Core Idea

- Estimate True state of system  
GIVEN noisy inputs & imperfect model
- Algorithm
  - Predict the next step of the system  
& how uncertain we are w/ the prediction
  - When the next measurement comes in,  
combine prediction & measurement, weighing  
each on their uncertainties.
- The filter both estimates the state  
AND the state uncertainty (covariance)  
*biggest advantage*

Simple Example

Ball rolling on a line

Setup

- State: [pos, vel]
- We measure position directly (not vel)
- Time step: 1 sec *← we don't have an exact measurement of the system*
- Process Noise: Ball might speed up or slow down unpredictably
- Measurement Noise: Position sensor has some error

Initial Conditions

Estimated State: [0, 1]

Uncertainty (P):  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Process Noise:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (Q)      Measurement Noise: [0.5] (R)

State Transition Model (F)

pos-new = [1, 1] [pos-old]  
vel-new = [0, 1] [vel-old]  $\Rightarrow F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

t=1

- Predict

State Prediction =  $F \times \text{prev-state} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  *Where will the system be next?*

Uncertainty Prediction:  $P = \underbrace{F \times P \times F^T}_{\text{Prediction}} + \underbrace{Q}_{\text{Environment}}$  *How uncertain am I about my State Prediction?*

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: (1) Position uncertainty grew 1  $\rightarrow$  2.1 b/c vel affects pos

(2) Correlation appeared so off-diagonal vel &amp; pos uncertainties linked

- Update

position measurement = 1.2

Measurement Matrix:  $H = [1, 0]$  *What of the state we are measuring*

$$H = [1, 0] = [1 \times \text{pos}, 0 \times \text{vel}]$$

Innovation *The diff b/t what we measured vs. expected to measure*

$$1.2 - (1 \times 1 + 0 \times 1) = .2 \text{ measurement was .2 higher than expected}$$

Kalman Gain: *Calculate how much to trust the measurement vs. our prediction*

$$K = P \times H^T / (H \times P \times H^T + R)$$

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T + [0.5]} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T}{2.1 + 0.5} = [0.81 \ 0.38]$$

Update State *Combine prediction & measurement weighted Kalman Gain*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + [0.81 \ 0.38] \times .2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.16 & 1.08 \end{bmatrix}$$

Predicted State      Kalman Gain      Innovation

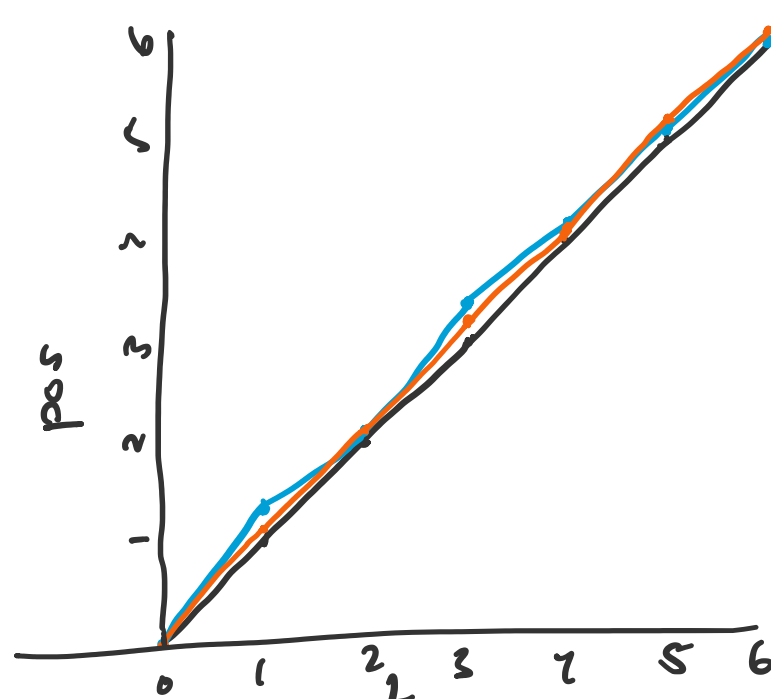
*↑ Notice how velocity also updated*Updated uncertainty: *Reduces uncertainty given the data we received*

$$P = (I - K \times H) \times P$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - [0.81 \ 0.38] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} .29 & .19 \\ .19 & .69 \end{bmatrix}$$

<u>t=N</u>	Predicted State	measured pos	Updated State	$P_{pos}$	$P_{vel}$
1	[1.00 1.00]	1.2	[1.16 1.08]	.54	.83
2	[2.24 1.08]	2.1	[2.14 1.02]	.61	.63
3	[3.15 1.02]	3.3	[3.26 1.07]	.60	.53
4	[4.33 1.07]	4.2	[4.24 1.03]	.59	.50
5	[5.27 1.03]	5.1	[5.16 .99]	.58	.50
6	[6.14 .99]	6.0	[6.05 .95]	.57	.50



- Kalman Prediction  
- measured  
- System