

# < Stochastic Differential Equations. >

Def: SDE is a differential equation of the form

$$dX(t) = \mu(t, X(t)) dt + \sigma(t, X(t)) dB(t)$$

Goal is to find a stochastic process  $X(t)$  satisfying the above.

i.e.  $X(t) = \int \mu(s, X(s)) ds + \int \sigma(s, X(s)) dB(s)$

both dependent on current value  $X(t)$

ex)  $dX(t) = \underbrace{\mu X(t) dt}_{\text{drift}} + \underbrace{\sigma X(t) dB(t)}_{\text{error}} \quad X(0) = x_0 \quad -\infty < \mu < \infty \quad \sigma > 0$

Guess  $X(t) = f(t, B(t))$

Then  $dX(t) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right) dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dB(t)$   $x \in \mathbb{R}$   $t \geq 0$

①  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \mu X(t) = \mu f$

②  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sigma X(t) = \sigma f \rightarrow f = e^{\sigma x + g(t)}$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \sigma g'(t) f \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \sigma^2 f \rightarrow \text{into ①} \rightarrow \sigma g'(t) f + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 f = \mu f$

$\sigma g'(t) = \mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \quad g(t) = \left( \mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) t + c$

$\therefore f(x, t) = e^{\sigma x + \left( \mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) t + c} = x_0 e^{\sigma x + \left( \mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) t}$

$X(0) = e^c = x_0$

only the drift term is dependent on current state.

ex)  $dX(t) = -\alpha X(t) dt + \sigma dB(t) \quad X(0) = x_0 \quad \alpha > 0 \quad : \text{mean reverting stochastic process.}$

Ornstein - Uhlenbeck process

Guess  $X(t) = a(t) \left( x_0 + \int_0^t b(s) dB(s) \right) \quad a(0) = 1$

$dX(t) = a'(t) \frac{X(t)}{a(t)} dt + a(t) b(t) dB(t)$

①  $-\alpha X(t) = a'(t) \frac{X(t)}{a(t)} \quad -\alpha = a'(t) \frac{1}{a(t)} \quad a(t) = e^{-\alpha t}$

②  $a(t) b(t) = \sigma \quad b(t) = \frac{\sigma}{a(t)} = \sigma e^{\alpha t}$

$\Rightarrow X(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \left( x_0 + \int_0^t \sigma e^{\alpha s} dB(s) \right) = \underbrace{x_0 e^{-\alpha t}}_{\text{decay to zero}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t \sigma e^{\alpha(s-t)} dB(s)}_{\text{noise}}$

## <Side Notes>

What is  $dB(t)$

- Infinitesimal increment of a Brownian motion (aka Wiener process)  $B(t)$
- $B(t)$  is a continuous time stochastic process with
  - a.  $B(0) = 0$
  - b. Independent normally distributed increments  $B(t+dt) - B(t) \sim N(0, dt)$
  - c. Continuous but nowhere differentiable.

How to Interpret  $dB(t)$ ?

→ random noise at time  $t$  with  $dB(t) \sim N(0, dt)$

; mean of zero and variance of  $dt$

Deterministic calculus :  $dx$  means a tiny deterministic change

Stochastic calculus :  $dB(t)$  represents a tiny random change

Why can't we just write  $\frac{dx}{dt}$

$\frac{dB(t)}{dt} \nexists$  doesn't exist ; not differentiable → Ito Calculus.

## \* Deterministic Models (No noise)

Continuous time  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t)$  : describes change at every instant.

Discrete time  $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, k)$  : updates state at time steps.

## \* Stochastic Models (Noise)

Continuous-time

$$dx(t) = \underbrace{f(x(t), t) dt}_{\substack{\text{deterministic} \\ \text{dynamics} \\ \text{drift}}} + \underbrace{G(x(t), t) dB(t)}_{\substack{\text{noise coefficient} \\ \text{diffusion}}} \quad \text{Brownian motion increment}$$

Discrete-time

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, k) + w_k \quad w_k \sim N(0, Q_k)$$

# < Kalman Gain >

## \* Discrete time KF

Actual.

$$\begin{cases} x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + w_t \\ y_t = H_t x_t + v_t \end{cases}$$

I.C  
 $x_0$   
 $P_{1|0}$

State propagation:  $\hat{x}_{t|t-1} = A_t \hat{x}_{t-1}$   $\hat{y}_t = H_t \hat{x}_{t|t-1} = H_t A_t \hat{x}_{t-1}$  prediction

$\hat{x}_t = \hat{x}_{t|t-1} + K_t [y_t - \hat{y}_t]$  update

Covariance propagation

$$P_{t|t-1} = A_t P_t A_t^T + G_t \underbrace{Q_t G_t^T}_{\text{process var.}}$$

prediction

$$P_t = (I - K_t H_t) P_{t|t-1}$$

update

$$K_t = P_{t|t-1} H_t^T (H_t P_{t|t-1} H_t^T + \underbrace{R_t}_{\text{measurement var.}})^{-1}$$

## \* Innovation Covariance

The predicted output  $\hat{y}$  is compared to the actual measurement  $y$

Consider the covariance of this output error which is called innovation covariance.

$$\boxed{S_t} = E[(\hat{y}_t - y_t)(\hat{y}_t - y_t)^T]$$

This innovation covariance is involved in the Kalman Gain

$$K_t = P_{t|t-1} H_t^T \boxed{S_t}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_t &= E[(H_t x_{t|t-1} - H_t x_t - v_t)(H_t x_{t|t-1} - H_t x_t - v_t)^T] \\ &= E[(H_t e_{t|t-1} - v_t)(H_t e_{t|t-1} - v_t)^T] \quad e_{t|t-1} = x_{t|t-1} - x_t \\ &= H_t E(e_{t|t-1} e_{t|t-1}^T) H_t^T + E(v_t v_t^T) = H_t P_{t|t-1} H_t^T + R_t \end{aligned}$$

## \* Interpretation of Kalman Gain.

$S_t$   $\hookrightarrow$

$$K_t = P_{t|t-1} H_t^T (H_t P_{t|t-1} H_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$$

$$K_t S_t = P_{t|t-1} H_t^T \Leftrightarrow K_t H_t P_{t|t-1} H_t^T + K_t R_t = P_{t|t-1} H_t^T$$

$$\Rightarrow K_t = P_t H_t^T R_t^{-1}$$

Using  $P_t = (I - K_t H_t) P_{t|t-1}$   $K_t H_t P_{t|t-1} = P_{t|t-1} - P_t$

$$(P_{t|t-1} - P_t) H_t^T + K_t R_t = P_{t|t-1} H_t^T \quad P_t H_t^T = K_t R_t$$

measurement/output noise covar  $\uparrow \rightarrow K_t \downarrow$

posterior error covar  $\uparrow \rightarrow K_t \uparrow$

# < Kalman Filter: Continuous vs. Discrete Time. >

Continuous

State eq.  $\frac{dx}{dt} = F(t)x(t) + G(t)w(t)$

Measurement eq.  $y(t) = H(t)x(t) + v(t)$

State update & propagation  $\frac{d\hat{x}(t)}{dt} = F(t)\hat{x}(t) + K(t)[y(t) - \hat{y}(t)]$

Covariance update & propagation

Riccati Differential eq.

Discrete

$x_{t+1} = A_t x_t + (B_t u_t) + G_t w_t$

$y_t = H_t x_t + v_t$

$\hat{x}_{t+1} = A_{t+1} \hat{x}_t + K_t [y_t - \hat{y}_t]$

$P_t = (I - K_t H_t) P_{t|t-1}$

$P_{t+1|t} = A_t P_t A_t^T + G_t Q_t G_t^T$

$\dot{x} \approx \frac{x_{t+1} - x_t}{\Delta t} \quad * \quad x \sim N(\mu, P)$

$E(Ax+B) = AE(x) + B = A\mu + B$

$E((Ax+B - A\mu - B)(Ax+B - A\mu - B)^T)$

$= E(A(x-\mu)(x-\mu)^T A^T) = \underline{APAT}$

## \* Converting Discrete to Continuous.

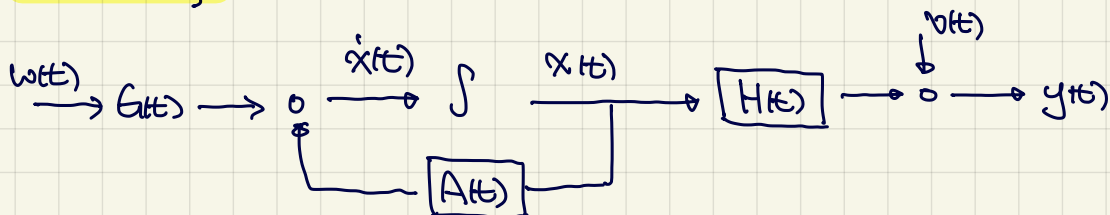
### 1. State eq.

$\frac{x_{t+1} - x_t}{\Delta t} \approx \dot{x} = F(t)x(t) + G(t)w(t)$

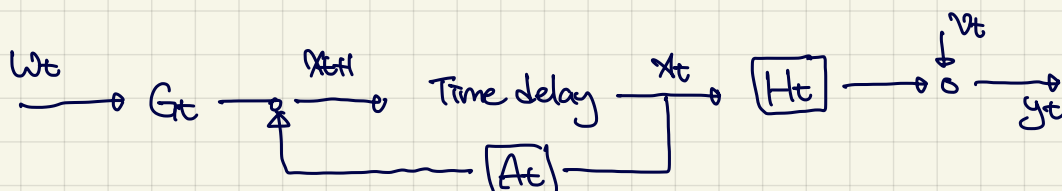
$x_{t+1} = x_t + F(t)x(t)\Delta t + G(t)w(t)\Delta t = x_t \underbrace{(I + F(t)\Delta t)}_{A_t} + \underbrace{G(t)\Delta t}_{G_t} w_t$

### \* modeling of noise.

#### Continuous



#### Discrete



process noise  $w_t = \int_{t-\Delta t}^t w(z) dz = \bar{w}(t) \cdot \Delta t$

measurement noise  $v_t = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t-\Delta t}^t v(z) dz = \bar{v}(t)$

### \* Noise Covariance

Measurement noise in discrete time  $v_t$  is the time average of continuous time noise  $v(t)$  over sampling interval  $\Delta t$

$$v_t = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t-\Delta t}^t v(z) dz = \bar{v}(t)$$

Based on this the covariance of measurement noise is related to the one in continuous time.

$$\begin{aligned} R_t = E(v_t v_t^T) &= E\left(\frac{1}{\Delta t^2} \int_{t-\Delta t}^t \int_{t-\Delta t}^t v(z) v(z')^T dz dz'\right) = \int_{t-\Delta t}^t \int_{t-\Delta t}^t \underbrace{E(v(z) v(z')^T)}_{R(z) \delta(z-z')} dz' dz \frac{1}{\Delta t^2} \\ &= \int_{t-\Delta t}^t R(z) dz \frac{1}{\Delta t^2} = \bar{R}(t) \Delta t \frac{1}{\Delta t^2} = \frac{\bar{R}(t)}{\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

when  $z \neq z'$   $E(v(z) v(z')^T) = 0$

Similarly relationship between process noise covariance in discrete time and continuous time.

$$Q_t = E(w_t w_t^T) \cong \bar{Q}(t) \Delta t \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{Q}(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t-\Delta t}^t Q(z) dz$$

$Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  process noise covariance matrix

SDE discretization rule

$$dx = f(x)dt + \underbrace{\Sigma dB(t)}_{\text{standard deviation}} \quad \Sigma \Sigma^T = Q \quad dB(t) \sim N(0, dt)$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + f(x_k)dt + \underbrace{\Sigma \sqrt{dt} \cdot N(0, I)}_{\Sigma N(0, dt)}$$

SDE  $\frac{x_{k+1} - x_k}{dt} \approx \dot{x} = f(x_k) + \Sigma \frac{1}{\sqrt{dt}} N(0, I)$

$$\Sigma = \text{chol}(Q) \quad \mathcal{I}N(0, I) = N(0, Q)$$

Continuous

SDE

$$dx(t) = f(x(t), t)dt + \Sigma dB(t)$$

Continuous

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Simulation

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + f(x_k, t_k) \Delta t + \Sigma \sqrt{\Delta t} N(0, I)$$

1. Role of Brownian Motion

$$dB(t) \sim N(0, dt)$$

discrete

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k) + w_k \quad w_k \sim N(0, Q)$$

2. The structure of an SDE

$$dx = f(x, t)dt + \Sigma dB(t)$$

3. Discretization with Euler Maruyama

$$t_k = k \Delta t, \quad dB(t_k) \approx \Delta B_k = B(t_{k+1}) - B(t_k) \sim N(0, \Delta t)$$

$$x_{k+1} - x_k = f(x_k, t_k) \Delta t + \Sigma \Delta B_k$$

$$\parallel \sqrt{\Delta t} \xi_k, \xi_k \sim N(0, I)$$

$$4. \xi_k \sim N(0, I) \Rightarrow \sqrt{\Delta t} \xi_k \sim N(0, \Delta t I)$$

$$\mathbb{E}((dB - 0)^2) = \mathbb{E}(dB^2) = dt : \text{covariance of } dB(t)$$

5. Generalization with covariance matrix  $Q$

noise  $\sim N(0, Q)$  noise at each moment not a process.

$$\Sigma \sqrt{\Delta t} \xi_k \quad \text{where } \Sigma \Sigma^T = Q$$

$$\text{Cov}(\Sigma \sqrt{\Delta t} \xi_k) = Q \Delta t$$

## dynamics\_with\_noise\_predefined.py

```
def next_state(self, current_state, u, dt, dB=None, Q=None):
    """
    Simulate one step of the continuous-time stochastic dynamics using Euler-Maruyama.

    :param current_state: Current state vector (n,)
    :param u: Control input vector (u_dim,)
    :param dt: Time step
    :param noise: Optional pre-sampled noise (n,)
    :param Q: Optional process noise covariance matrix (n x n)
    :return: Next state vector (n,)
    """
    n = current_state.shape[0]

    if Q is None:
        Q = 0.01 * np.eye(n) # default: isotropic noise

    # Cholesky decomposition of Q to get Sigma such that Q = Sigma @ Sigma.T
    Sigma = np.linalg.cholesky(Q)    Q = ΣΣT, Σ: standard deviation.

    drift = self.f(current_state).T[0] + (self.g(current_state) @ np.array(u).reshape(self.u_dim, -1)).T[0]
    diffusion = np.sqrt(dt) * Sigma @ dB
    #           √dt Σ dB
    next_state = current_state + dt * drift + diffusion

    return next_state
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$\dot{x} = \text{drift} + \text{diffusion}$  : Continuous time stochastic differential eq.

$$\text{drift} = \overset{3 \times 1}{f(x_e)} + \overset{3 \times 1}{g(x_e)} \overset{1 \times 1}{u} \quad \text{diffusion} = \sqrt{dt} \Sigma \textcircled{dB} \quad dB \sim N(0, dt)$$

$$\dot{x} \approx \frac{x_{k+1} - x_k}{dt} = f(x_k) + g(x_k) u \quad \text{without diffusion}$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + [f(x_k) + g(x_k) u] dt \quad \leftarrow \text{Add accumulated noise during } \boxed{dt}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} dB(t) \sim N(0, dt) & \xrightarrow{Q} & \sqrt{dt} \Sigma \sim N(0, I) \\ \sqrt{dt} \sim N(0, I) & & \text{random variable} \end{array}$$



$$N = \frac{T}{dt}$$

simul Iteration #

Sample time

```
import numpy as np
def generate_process_noise(N, dt, dim, seed = None):
    if seed is not None:
        np.random.seed(seed)
    dB = np.random.normal(0.0, np.sqrt(dt), size = (N, dim))
    return dB
```

dB : normal distribution of mean 0 and Variance 0.02  
std  $\sqrt{0.02}$

$$\nabla h \cdot (\hat{x} + \alpha(h)) \geq 0$$

$\downarrow$   
 $u$

$$C_{\hat{x}} + C_{\hat{u}}$$

$$\hat{e} \quad u$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\hat{u}$

$$\hat{e}(u)$$

$$\hat{e} \leftarrow \hat{x} \leftarrow \hat{u}$$

$$e^* = \hat{x} \hat{u}$$

$$\nabla h \cdot (\hat{x} + \alpha \hat{x}) \geq -1$$

$$\hat{e}(u)$$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \dot{x} \quad \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \quad + \quad \text{---} \text{---} \text{---}$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\lambda(x)}{Q} \quad \text{---} \text{---} \text{---}$$

$$f(0) e^{\tau} p^{-\tau} e = \beta = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \right) \dot{x} + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \right) \mu + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \right)$$

$$f(x, p, \alpha) = e^{\tau} p^{\tau} e - \beta$$

$$f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda} \right) \cdot \dot{\lambda} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \cdot p' + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} \cdot \dot{\alpha} = 0$$

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$$\dot{\lambda} =$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda}$$

$$\dot{\lambda}(x)$$

...

$$\hat{a}_1, \underline{u_0}$$

↓

$$\lambda^* = \text{secular eq root}$$

$$\underline{\dot{e}^* = (H + 2\lambda P')q}, \quad q = 2H/\hat{a}_1 + b$$

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$$= f(x(t)) + g(x(t))u(t) + K(t)(y(t) - H(\hat{x}(t)))$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = \underbrace{\hat{Q} \cdot \hat{x}} + \underbrace{\quad}_{\quad} + \underbrace{\quad}_{\quad}$$

$$\dot{e}^*(\lambda, p, \hat{a}) = ( \quad ) \dot{x} ( \quad ) + ( \quad ) \dot{y}$$

$$\nabla h(\hat{x} + e^*) \cdot (\hat{x} + \dot{e}^*) + \alpha(h(\hat{x} + e^*)) \geq 0$$