

Mathematics for Robotics (ROB-GY 6013 Section A)

- **Week 12:**
 - Minimum Variance Estimator
 - Peek at Kalman Filter

Estimation Problem

- You try to measure the length of a table that you *secretly* know to be exactly 1.0 m.
- Measure twice.
- Given measurements $y_1 = 0.9$ m and $y_2 = 1.1$ m, estimate the true length x .
- Using our notation:

$$y = Cx + \varepsilon$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = Cx + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 1.1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Here C is just ones, because there is a direct one to one relationship between measured length and actual length (as opposed to thermometer level and temperature)

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- Estimation is easy: Just average the two measurements. Works perfectly here!

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{2}y_1 + \frac{1}{2}y_2 = 1.0$$

- In our notation: $\hat{x} = Ky$ $\hat{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$
- Now I ask, is this choice of \hat{K} really the **best** estimator for all possible situations?
 - Can I do better?
 - What if the errors of my two measurements have different variances? (shakier hands or measured by different people)
 - Should I still just average the measurements?

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- I pose this simple example to guide you from being lost in the matrix
- What we are looking for in BLUE and MVE is a thoughtful approach to estimation problems and how to incorporate information about the world into mathematical form

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Any linear estimate is unbiased

- For any $\hat{x} = Ky$, the zero mean assumption $E\{x\} = 0$ guarantees unbiasedness
- For **BLUE**, we needed to impose $KC = I$

$$E\{\hat{x} - x\} = E\{Ky - x\} = E\{KCx + K\varepsilon - x\} = (KC - I)E\{x\} + KE\{\varepsilon\} = 0$$

More preparation

- Evaluating the inner product for MVE:

$$E\{z_1 z_2\} = \begin{cases} P_{ij} & z_1 = x_i, z_2 = x_j \\ Q_{ij} & z_1 = \varepsilon_i, z_2 = \varepsilon_j \\ 0 & z_1 = x_i, z_2 = \varepsilon_j \\ 0 & z_1 = \varepsilon_i, z_2 = x_j \end{cases}$$

- **Define:** $M = \text{span}\{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \subset \mathcal{X}$
 - Important that the y 's are **linearly independent**
(which they are if and only if $CPC^T + Q > 0$)

Proof

- Proof detailed in Section 5.3.2

Result: Minimum Variance Estimator

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Same when $P^{-1} = 0$ (zero information about x !)

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- For **MVE** to exist: $CPC^T + Q > 0$.
 - we can have $\dim(y) < \dim(x)$

Introduction to more probability

- Recap: probability density functions for a random vector

Definition 5.16 $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ is a *continuous random vector* if there exists a *density* $f_X : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that,

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^p, \quad P(\{X \leq x\}) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_p} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} f_X(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_p) d\bar{x}_1 d\bar{x}_2 \dots d\bar{x}_p.$$

More generally, for all $A \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ such that the indicator function I_A has bounded variation,

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Notation 5.17 The notation $X \sim f$ is read as X is distributed with density f or that X is a random vector with density f .

Definition 5.18 (Moments) Suppose $g : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$

$$\mathcal{E}\{g(X)\} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} g(x) f_X(x) dx := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x_1, \dots, x_p) f_X(x_1, \dots, x_p) dx_1 \dots dx_p$$

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$\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21}^T = cov(X_1, X_2) = \mathcal{E}\{(X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)^T\}$ is also called the **correlation** of X_1 and X_2

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- Consider flipping coins

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- Random vectors X_1 and X_2 are **uncorrelated** if and only if their “cross covariance” or “correlation” is zero

$$\text{cov}(X_1, X_2) := \mathcal{E}\{(X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)^\top\} = 0_{n \times m}$$

- Independence is stronger than zero correlation
 - Independence \rightarrow zero correlation
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- **Conditional covariance** (as function of x_2):

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- A random variable X is normally distributed with mean μ and variance $\sigma^2 > 0$ if it has density

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

- The standard deviation is $\sigma > 0$

- Check that μ is the mean:
$$\mu := \mathcal{E}\{X\} := \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f_X(x) dx := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

- Check that σ^2 is the variance
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Compare with single Gaussian random variable


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Definition: Gaussian Marginal Densities/Distributions

- Each random variable X_i has a **univariate normal distribution** with mean μ_i and variance Σ_{ii} ,

$$f_{X_i}(x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\Sigma_{ii}}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_i)^2}{2\Sigma_{ii}}}$$


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- No integrals needed!

Independence

- Gaussian random variables are very special in that they are independent if, and only if, they are uncorrelated.

X_i and X_j are independent if, and only if, $\Sigma_{ij} = \Sigma_{ji} = 0$

- No need to check if joint density factors into marginal densities

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Conditioning on Gaussian Random Vectors

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- Schur Complement: $\Sigma > 0$ if, and only if, $\Sigma_{22} > 0$ and $\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}(\Sigma_{22})^{-1}\Sigma_{21} > 0$.

Key Fact 1: Conditional Distributions of Gaussian Random Vectors

- Mean $\mu_{1|2} := \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \mu_2)$
- Covariance $\Sigma_{1|2} := \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}$
- Proof: <http://fourier.eng.hmc.edu/e161/lectures/gaussianprocess/node7.html>

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Key Fact 3: Covariance of a Sum of Independent Normal Random Variables

- **Linear Combination:** $Y = AX_1 + BX_2$
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Sneak Peek at Kalman Filter

Discrete-Time Kalman Filter

Model: Linear time-varying discrete-time system with “white⁷” Gaussian noise

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= A_k x_k + G_k w_k, \quad x_0 \text{ initial condition} \\ y_k &= C_k x_k + v_k\end{aligned}$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, w \in \mathbb{R}^p, y \in \mathbb{R}^m, v \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Moreover, the random vectors x_0 , and, for $k \geq 0$, w_k, v_k are all independent⁸ Gaussian (normal) random vectors.

Precise assumptions on the random vectors We'll denote $\delta_{kl} = 1 \iff k = l$ and $\delta_{kl} = 0, k \neq l$.

- For all $k \geq 0, l \geq 0$, x_0, w_k, v_l are jointly Gaussian.
- w_k is a 0-mean white noise process: $\mathcal{E}\{w_k\} = 0$, and $\text{cov}(w_k, w_l) = R_k \delta_{kl}$
- v_k is a 0-mean white noise process: $\mathcal{E}\{v_k\} = 0$, and $\text{cov}(v_k, v_l) = Q_k \delta_{kl}$
- Uncorrelated noise processes: $\text{cov}(w_k, v_l) = 0$
- The initial condition x_0 is uncorrelated with all other noise sequences.
- We denote the mean and covariance of x_0 by

$$\bar{x}_0 = \mathcal{E}\{x_0\} \text{ and } P_0 = \text{cov}(x_0) = \text{cov}(x_0, x_0) = \mathcal{E}\{(x_0 - \bar{x}_0)(x_0 - \bar{x}_0)^\top\}$$

Discrete-Time Kalman Filter

$$\text{COV} \left(\begin{bmatrix} w_k \\ v_k \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} w_l \\ v_l \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} R_k \delta_{kl} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_k \delta_{kl} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P_0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \delta_{kl} = \begin{cases} 1 & k = l \\ 0 & k \neq l \end{cases}$$

Discrete-Time Kalman Filter

Definition of Terms:

$$\hat{x}_{k|k} := \mathcal{E}\{x_k | y_0, \dots, y_k\}$$

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Initial Conditions:

$$\hat{x}_{0|-1} := \bar{x}_0 = \mathcal{E}\{x_0\}, \text{ and } P_{0|-1} := P_0 = \text{cov}(x_0)$$

Discrete-Time Kalman Filter

For $k \geq 0$

Measurement Update Step:

$$\begin{aligned} K_k &= P_{k|k-1} C_k^\top (C_k P_{k|k-1} C_k^\top + Q_k)^{-1} \quad (\text{Kalman Gain}) \\ \hat{x}_{k|k} &= \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K_k (y_k - C_k \hat{x}_{k|k-1}) \\ P_{k|k} &= P_{k|k-1} - K_k C_k P_{k|k-1} \end{aligned}$$

Time Update or Prediction Step:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{k+1|k} &= A_k \hat{x}_{k|k} \\ P_{k+1|k} &= A_k P_{k|k} A_k^\top + G_k R_k G_k^\top \end{aligned}$$

End of For Loop (Just stated this way to emphasize the recursive nature of the filter)