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## Question 1

Given the real-valued state variables;

$$X_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Where;

$$X_{i+1} = 4X_i(1 - X_i) \quad (1)$$

The data model is given by;

$$Y_i = X_i + \epsilon_i$$

(a) Given that the observations are  $y_2$  and  $y_3$ , the cost function is;

$$J(x_2, x_3; y_2, y_3) = \epsilon_2^2 + \epsilon_3^2 \quad (2)$$

$$= (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 - y_3)^2 \quad (3)$$

From equation1, we obtain  $x_3 = 4x_2(1 - x_2)$ , substituting the obtained result for  $x_3$  in equation3, we shall have;

$$J(x_2; y_2, y_3) = (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (4x_2(1 - x_2) - y_3)^2 \quad (4)$$

To minimise equation4, we set  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_2} = 0$ , so;

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_2} = 2(x_2 - y_2) + 2(4 - 8x_2)(4x_2(1 - x_2) - y_3) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$(x_2 - y_2) + (4 - 8x_2)(4x_2(1 - x_2) - y_3) = 0 \quad (6)$$

- (b) Let  $y_2 = 0.5$  and  $y_3 = 0.01$ , and substituting in equation6, and upon simplifying, we shall obtain;

$$32x_2^3 - 48x_2^2 + 17.08x - 0.54 = 0 \quad (7)$$

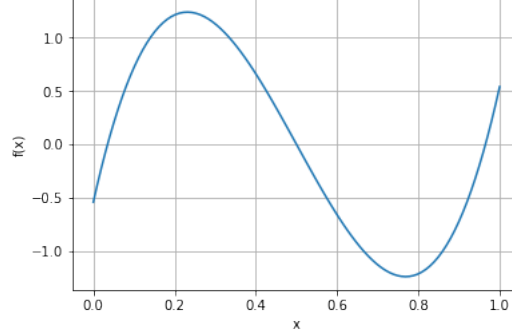


Figure 1: Graphical Solution

Figure1 shows the graphical solution to equation7, it follows that the exact values for which the function is minimum are;

$$x_2 = 0.0349731190565431, \quad x_2 = 0.5000000000000000, \quad x_2 = 0.965026880943457$$

Finding the roots of equation7 is a necessary condition that the function is a minimum at some values of  $x_2$ , however, this is not a sufficient condition, we still need extra information in order to get the filtered estimate of  $x_2$ .

- (c) The cost funtion is given by;

$$J(x_2; y_2, y_3) = (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (4x_2(1 - x_2) - y_3)^2$$

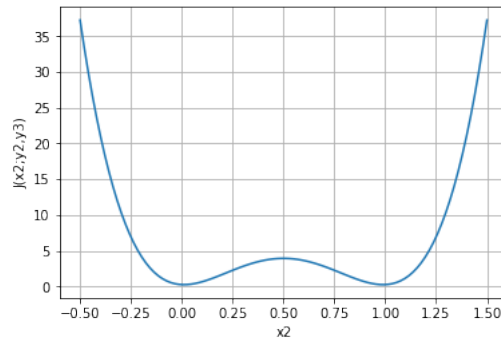


Figure 2: A plot of the cost function

Even with the extra given information, we still cannot get the filtered estimate of  $x_2$  because from our plot2, we observe that they are two local minimum and no global minimum, also we notice that the point at which  $x_2 = 0.50000$  is not a local minimum, but rather, it is a local maximum.

## Question 2

Given the process model;

$$X_{i+1} = \alpha X_i + \delta_i \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

Where  $X_1$  is given, and the data model

$$Y_i = X_i + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 2, 3$$

Assuming  $\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \tau)$  or  $\forall_i$ , and

$Y_2 \sim N(\alpha x_1, 1 + \tau^2)$ ,  $Y_3 \sim N(\alpha^2 x_1, 1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)$  and  $Cov(Y_2, Y_3) = \alpha$

(a) To find the inverse of the covariance matrix  $Cov(Y)^{-1}$ , we shall first determine the  $Cov(Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(Y) &= \begin{pmatrix} var(Y_2) & Cov(Y_2, Y_3) \\ Cov(Y_3, Y_2) & var(Y_3) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \tau^2 & \alpha \\ \alpha & 1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $Cov(Y)^{-1}$  is given by;

$$Cov(Y)^{-1} = \frac{1}{|Cov(Y)|} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2 & -\alpha \\ -\alpha & 1 + \tau^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where;

$$\begin{aligned} |Cov(Y)| &= (1 + \tau^2)(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2) - \alpha^2 \\ &= (1 + \tau^2) + \tau^2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$Cov(Y)^{-1} = \frac{1}{(1 + \tau^2) + \tau^2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2 & -\alpha \\ -\alpha & 1 + \tau^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_{Y|x_1} \propto \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2((1 + \tau^2) + \tau^2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2))} (y_2 - \alpha x_1, y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) Cov(Y)^{-1} (y_2 - \alpha x_1, y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1)^T \right)$$

Extracting the exponent term, and let;

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 2((1 + \tau^2) + \tau^2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)) \\ S &= (y_2 - \alpha x_1, y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2 & -\alpha \\ -\alpha & 1 + \tau^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_2 - \alpha x_1 \\ y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now let us resolve the matrix  $S$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= (y_2 - \alpha x_1, y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2 & -\alpha \\ -\alpha & 1 + \tau^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_2 - \alpha x_1 \\ y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (y_2 - \alpha x_1, y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) \begin{pmatrix} (1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)(y_2 - \alpha x_1) - \alpha(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) \\ -\alpha(y_2 - \alpha x_1) + (1 + \tau^2)(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)(y_2 - \alpha x_1)^2 - 2\alpha(y_2 - \alpha x_1)(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) + (1 + \tau^2)(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the value of the exponent is given by;

$$-\left[ \frac{(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)(y_2 - \alpha x_1)^2 - 2\alpha(y_2 - \alpha x_1)(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) + (1 + \tau^2)(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1)^2}{2((1 + \tau^2) + \tau^2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2))} \right]$$

The dimensionn of the exponent is 1 because it is a scalar.

- (b) By substituting the expression of our exponent into our distribution function, we shall obtain;

$$f_{Y|x_1} \propto \exp \left( - \left[ \frac{(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)(y_2 - \alpha x_1)^2 - 2\alpha(y_2 - \alpha x_1)(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1) + (1 + \tau^2)(y_3 - \alpha^2 x_1)^2}{2((1 + \tau^2) + \tau^2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2))} \right] \right) \quad (8)$$

From the above equation, we can obtain  $f_{Y|x_2}$  using the linear process model, that is;

$$x_{i+1} = \alpha x_i + \delta_i$$

We assume the  $\delta_i = 0$

$$x_2 = \alpha x_1$$

Substituing  $x_2 = \alpha x_1$  in equation(8), we obtain;

$$f_{Y|x_2} \propto \exp \left( - \left[ \frac{(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)(y_2 - x_2)^2 - 2\alpha(y_2 - x_2)(y_3 - \alpha x_2) + (1 + \tau^2)(y_3 - \alpha x_2)^2}{2((1 + \tau^2) + \tau^2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2))} \right] \right) \quad (9)$$

From 9, we want to maximize our joint distribution function, thus we extract the numerator of the exponent and set it as  $J$ , we ignore the denominator because it does not depend on  $x_2$ . Therefore;

$$J = (1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)(y_2 - x_2)^2 - 2\alpha(y_2 - x_2)(y_3 - \alpha x_2) + (1 + \tau^2)(y_3 - \alpha x_2)^2$$

To maximize  $f_{Y|x_2}$ , we have to minimize  $J$ .

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_2} = 0$$

So,

$$-2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2)(y_2 - x_2) - 2\alpha [-(y_3 - \alpha x_2) - \alpha(y_2 - x_2)] - 2\alpha(1 + \tau^2)(y_3 - \alpha x_2) = 0$$

Upon simplification, we obtain;

$$x_2(1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2\tau^2) - y_2(1 + \tau^2) - y_3\alpha\tau^2 = 0$$

$$x_2 = \frac{y_2(1 + \tau^2) + y_3\alpha\tau^2}{1 + \tau^2 + \alpha^2\tau^2} \quad (10)$$

(c) **case 1:**  $0 < \alpha < 1$ : For  $\alpha$  close to zero, then equation10, becomes;

$$x_2 \approx \frac{y_2(1 + \tau^2)}{(1 + \tau^2)} = y_2$$

This implies that data  $y_2$  will have an effect on the filtering while  $y_3$  will have no impact. Similarly, for  $\alpha$  close to 1, equation10 becomes;

$$x_2 \approx \frac{y_2(1 + \tau^2) + y_3\tau^2}{1 + 2\tau^2} = y_2 \left( \frac{(1 + \tau^2)}{1 + 2\tau^2} \right) + y_3 \left( \frac{\tau^2}{1 + 2\tau^2} \right)$$

Comparing the magnitude of  $y_2$  and  $y_3$  from above, we observe that  $y_2$  will have a greater magnitude, thus even though both  $y_3$  and  $y_2$  would affect the filtering,  $y_2$  will have a greater effect.

**case 2:**  $\tau \ll 1$ : For  $\tau$  close to zero, then equation10 becomes;

$$x_2 \approx y_2$$

This implies that only data  $y_2$  will have an effect on the filtering.