

Homework 4

1. Develop a model for a pendulum with inertia $J_p = 2.5 \frac{\text{Nm}}{\text{rad/s}^2}$, mass $m = 1.6\text{kg}$ and length $L = 1\text{m}$. The pin introduces damping in the system that should be modeled as $T_b = b\dot{\theta}^3$ where $b = 1.25 \frac{\text{Nm}}{\text{rad/s}}$. The input to the system is a torque at the pin given by $T = 12\text{Nm}$. Assume the system is acted on by a horizontal disturbance force at the end of the pendulum, $F(t) = 5 + \eta$ where $\eta \sim N(0, 2)$. The measurement of the angle of the pendulum is corrupted by zero mean Gaussian white noise with variance of 1 degree.
 - (a) Develop a simulation of the system.
 - (b) Develop an Extended Kalman Filter to estimate the position and velocity (and any additional needed parameters) of the pendulum given measurement as described.
 - (c) Develop an Unscented Kalman Filter to estimate the position and velocity (and any additional needed parameters) of the pendulum given measurement as described.
 - (d) Use Monte Carlo simulation to compare the performance of the EKF and UKF. Be sure to compare expected covariance to sampled covariance from Monte Carlo simulations.

Solution:

The following continuous model was designed for this system (*Equation 1*):

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) = \frac{1}{J} \left(T + F(t)l \cos(\theta(t)) - b\dot{\theta}(t)^3 - mgl \sin(\theta(t)) \right) \quad (1)$$

From this equation, both angular velocity, $\dot{\theta}$, and angle, θ , can be Euler integrated from $\ddot{\theta}$ as the simulated system. It is easy to see that there are 3 terms that are functions of time in this equation; $\theta(t)$, $\dot{\theta}(t)$, and $F(t)$. These variables become the states of the Kalman Filters.

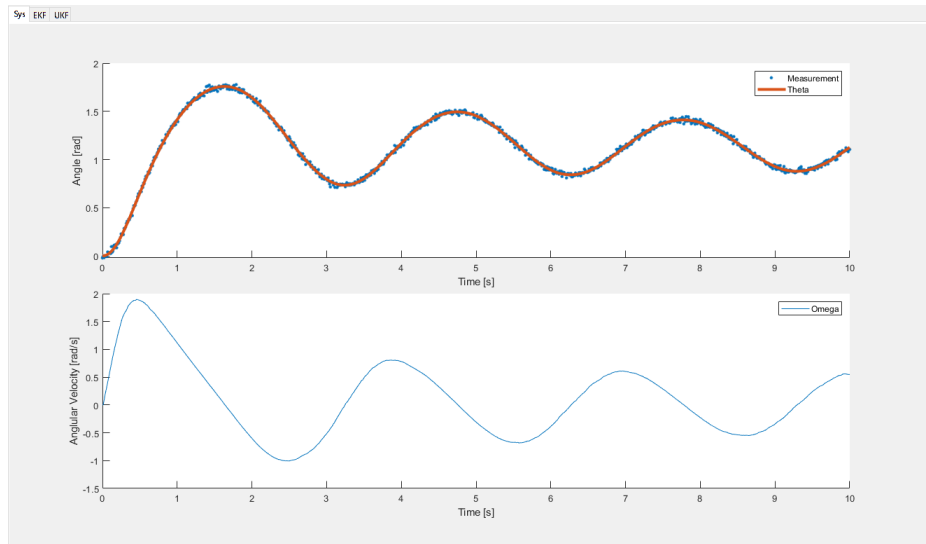


Figure 1: System Simulation.

In order to create the Extended Kalman Filter, the Jacobian Matrix with respect to each of the defined variables must be created. This defines the state transition matrix for the system. For this system, the observa-

tion matrix is directly mapped to the state of the angle, θ .

$$A = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & J & 0 \\ -(F_{k-1}l \sin(\theta_{k-1}) + mgl \cos(\theta_{k-1})) & -3b\dot{\theta}_{k-1}^2 & l \cos(\theta_{k-1}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$A_d \approx \text{eye}(3) + A\Delta t$$

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

For both the EKF and UKF, since the model is known perfectly, the process noise is assumed to be small compared to the measurement noise.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1^{-6} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^{-6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1^{-6} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$R = 1$$

A nonlinear time update along with the standard, linear Kalman measurement update was used in the EKF. For this system, the Jacobian is only necessary for the propagation of the covariance. The following code was used to model the EKF.

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for k = 2:len
    % predict
    A = [0, ...
        1, ...
        0; ...
        -(1*x_ekf(3,k-1)*sin(x_ekf(1,k-1)) + m*g*l*cos(x_ekf(1,k-1)))/J, ...
        -3*b*x_ekf(2,k-1)^2/J, ...
        l*cos(x_ekf(1,k-1))/J; ...
        0, ...
        0, ...
        0];

    dt = t(k) - t(k-1);
    A = eye(3) + A*dt;

    alpha_ekf(k) = 1/J * (T + x_ekf(3,k-1)*l*cos(x_ekf(1,k-1)) - b*x_ekf(2,k-1)^3 -
        m*g*l*sin(x_ekf(1,k-1)));
    x_ekf(1,k) = wrapToPi(x_ekf(1,k-1) + x_ekf(2,k-1)*dt + 0.5*alpha_ekf(k)*dt^2);
    x_ekf(2,k) = x_ekf(2,k-1) + alpha_ekf(k)*dt;
    x_ekf(3,k) = x_ekf(3,k-1);
    P(:, :, k) = A*P(:, :, k-1)*A' + Q;

    % correct
    C = [1, 0, 0];
    L = P(:, :, k)*C'*(C*P(:, :, k)*C' + R)^-1;
    P(:, :, k) = (eye(3) - L*C) * P(:, :, k);

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x_ekf(:,k) = x_ekf(:,k) + L*(y(k) - C*x_ekf(:,k));  
end
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This results in *Figure 2*.

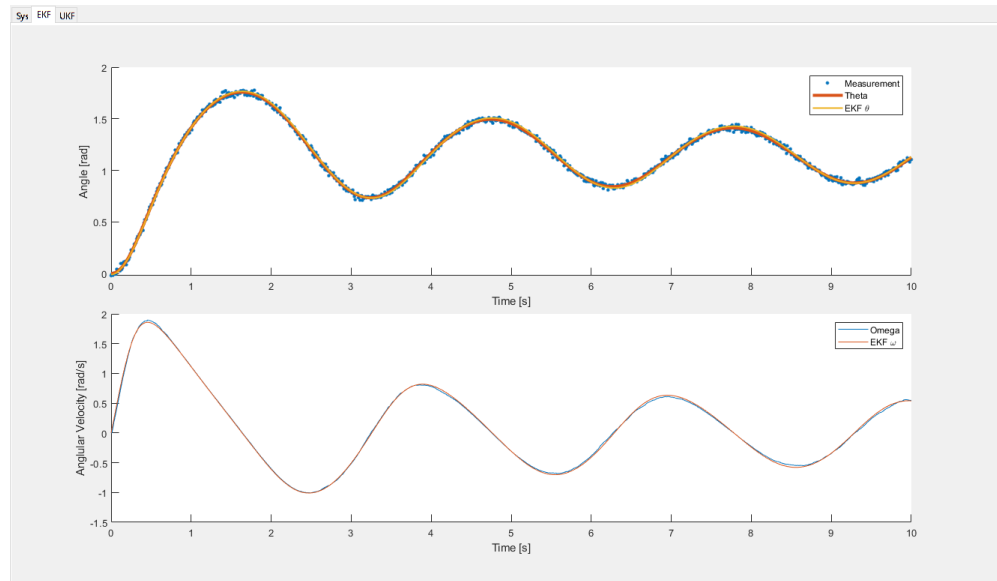


Figure 2: Extended Kalman Filter.

The creation of the Unscented Kalman Filter requires the use of the Unscented Transform which is more complex than linearizing a system. Both the time and measurement updates are broken down in two distinct

parts as described below:

Time Update 1/2: Create Sigma Points and Weights

$$X_0^{(\sigma)} = \hat{x}_{k-1}^+$$

$$W_0^m = \frac{\lambda}{n + \lambda}$$

$$W_0^c = \frac{\lambda}{n + \lambda} + (1 - \alpha^2 + \beta)$$

$$X_i^{(\sigma)} = \hat{x}_{k-1}^+ + \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda) P_{k-1}^+} \right)_i \quad \forall i = 1 \dots n$$

$$X_i^{(\sigma)} = \hat{x}_{k-1}^+ - \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda) P_{k-1}^+} \right)_{i-n} \quad \forall i = n + 1 \dots 2n$$

$$W_i^m = W_i^c = \frac{\lambda}{2(n + \lambda)} \quad \forall i = 1 \dots 2n$$

Time Update 2/2: Propagate State Mean and Covariance

$$X_i^{(\sigma)} = f(X_i^{(\sigma)}, Q)$$

$$\hat{x}_k^- = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} W_i^m X_i^{(\sigma)}$$

$$Y_i^{(\sigma)} = h(X_i^{(\sigma)}, R)$$

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$$\hat{y}_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} W_i^m Y_i^{(\sigma)}$$

$$P_k^- = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} W_i^c (X_i^{(\sigma)} - \hat{x}_k^-)(X_i^{(\sigma)} - \hat{x}_k^-)^T$$

Measurement Update 1/2: Extrapolate Covariance

$$P_{\hat{y}_k \hat{y}_k} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} W_i^c (Y_i^{(\sigma)} - \hat{y}_k)(Y_i^{(\sigma)} - \hat{y}_k)^T$$

$$P_{\hat{x}_k^- \hat{y}_k} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} W_i^c (X_i^{(\sigma)} - \hat{x}_k^-)(Y_i^{(\sigma)} - \hat{y}_k)^T$$

Measurement Update 1/2: Correct State and Covariance

$$L_k = P_{\hat{x}_k^- \hat{y}_k} P_{\hat{y}_k \hat{y}_k}^{-1}$$

$$P_k^+ = P_k^- - L_k P_{\hat{y}_k \hat{y}_k} L_k^T$$

$$\hat{x}_k^+ = \hat{x}_k^- + L_k (y_k - \hat{y}_k)$$

Where $\lambda = \alpha^2(n + \kappa) - n$ is the scaling parameter defined by $\alpha = 1^{-3}$, $\beta = 2$, and $\kappa = 0$. W_i^m is the measurement weight and W_i^c is the covariance weight. $(\sqrt{(n + \lambda) P_{k-1}^+})_i$ is the i -th column vector of the matrix square root. The following is code for the UKF assuming the same Q and R as the EKF.

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for k = 2:len
    dt = t(k) - t(k-1);

    % square root of covariance
    P_sqrt = chol((n + lambda) * P_ukf(:, :, k-1));
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Pxy = zeros(n,1);
Pyy = 0;

% first sigma point
sig(:,1) = x_ukf(:,k-1);
Wm(1) = lambda / (n + lambda);
Wc(1) = Wm(1) + (1 - alpha^2 + beta);

alpha_ukf(1,k) = 1/J * (T + sig(3,1)*l*cos(sig(1,1)) - b*sig(2,1)^3 - m*g*l*sin(sig(1,1)));
xHat(1,1) = wrapToPi(sig(1,1) + sig(2,1)*dt + 0.5*alpha_ukf(1,k)*dt^2);
xHat(2,1) = sig(2,1) + alpha_ukf(1,k) * dt;
xHat(3,1) = sig(3,1);

yHat(1) = C * xHat(:,1);
x_ukf(:,k) = x_ukf(:,k) + Wm(1) * xHat(:,1);
y_ukf(k) = y_ukf(k) + Wm(1) * yHat(1);

for i = 1:2*n
    % sigma points
    if i < 4
        sig(:,i+1) = sig(:,1) + P_sqrt(:,i);
    else
        sig(:,i+1) = sig(:,1) - P_sqrt(:,i-n);
    end
    Wm(i+1) = 1 / (2*(n+lambda));
    Wc(i+1) = Wm(i+1);

    % propagated sigma point mean
    alpha_ukf(i+1,k) = 1/J * (T + sig(3,i+1)*l*cos(sig(1,i+1)) - b*sig(2,i+1)^3 -
        m*g*l*sin(sig(1,i+1)));
    xHat(1,i+1) = wrapToPi(sig(1,i+1) + sig(2,i+1)*dt + 0.5*alpha_ukf(i+1,k)*dt^2);
    xHat(2,i+1) = sig(2,i+1) + alpha_ukf(i+1,k) * dt;
    xHat(3,i+1) = sig(3,i+1);
    x_ukf(:,k) = x_ukf(:,k) + Wm(i+1) * xHat(:,i+1);

    % propagated sigma point measurement mean
    yHat(i+1) = C * xHat(:,i+1);
    y_ukf(k) = y_ukf(k) + Wm(i+1) * yHat(i+1);
end

% propagated system covariance
for i = 1:(2*n + 1)
    P_ukf(:,k) = P_ukf(:,k) + Wc(i) * ( (xHat(:,i)-x_ukf(:,k)) * (xHat(:,i)-x_ukf(:,k))' );
    Pyy = Pyy + Wc(i) * ( (yHat(i)-y_ukf(k)) * (yHat(i)-y_ukf(k))' );
    Pxy = Pxy + Wc(i) * ( (xHat(:,i)-x_ukf(:,k)) * (yHat(i)-y_ukf(k))' );
end
Pyy = Pyy + R;

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P_ukf(:,:,k) = P_ukf(:,:,k) + Q;

% correction
L = Pxy * Pyy^-1;
P_ukf(:,:,k) = P_ukf(:,:,k) - L*Pyy*L';
x_ukf(:,k) = x_ukf(:,k) + L*(y(k) - y_ukf(k));

end

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This results in *Figure 3*.

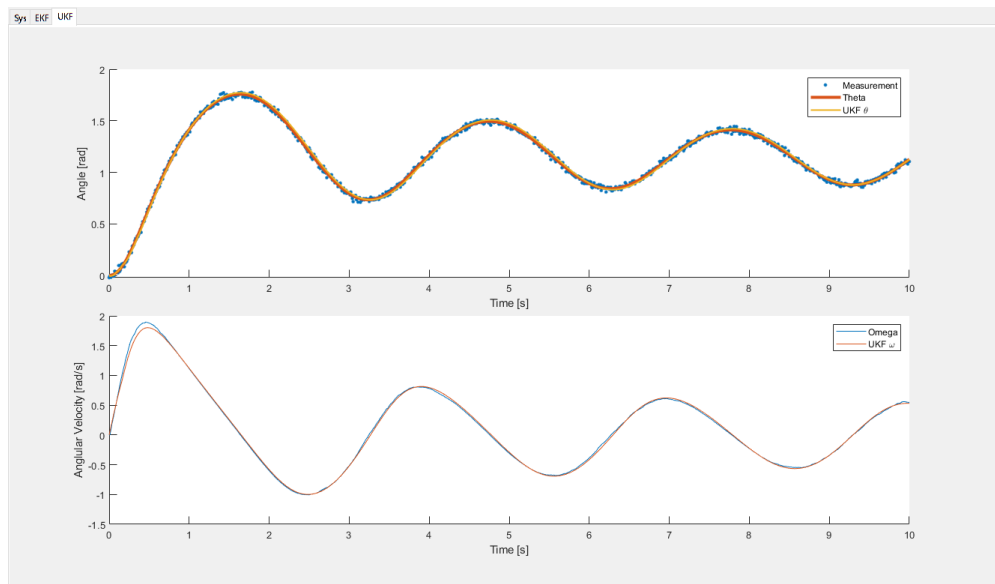


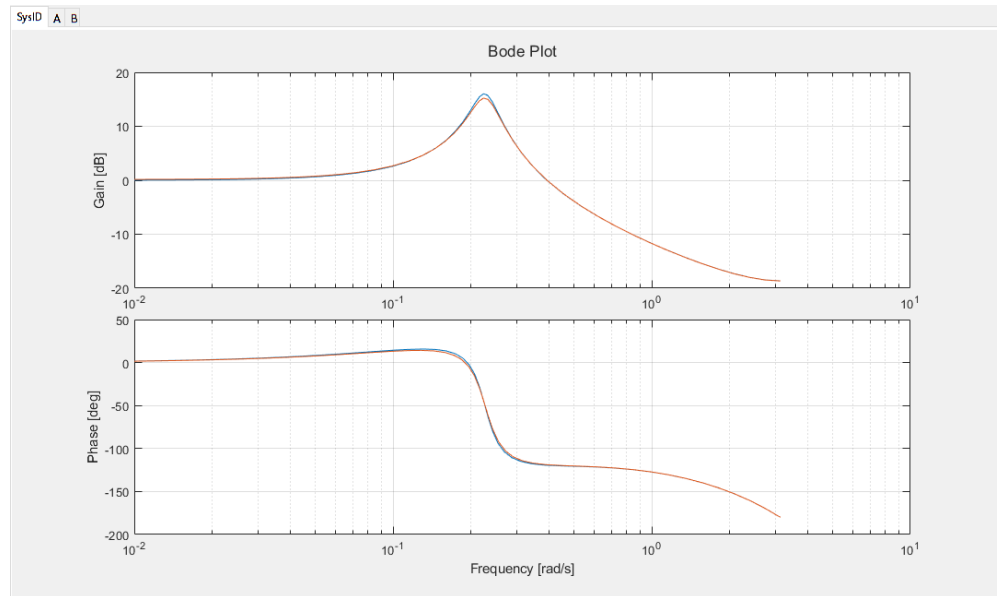
Figure 3: Unscented Kalman Filter.

No monte carlo analysis was performed but the actual performance of the EKF and UKF on this system is almost identical using the specified parameters.

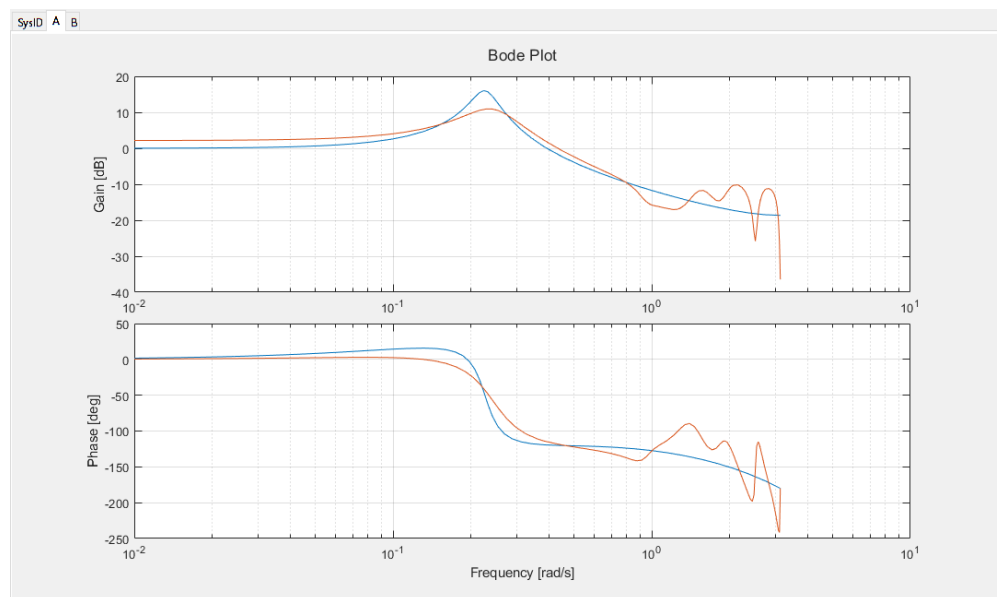
2. Repeat problem 4 from HW2. Convince yourself that the Least Squares solution you developed is the same as the solution given from *arx.m*. What are the ARX inputs to recover the least squares solution you developed in HW2.
 - (a) Now crank up the sensor noise to $\sigma = 1.0$. Try using higher order ARX fits. Can you identify the model?
 - (b) What about with another model form? Which model form worked best? How good is the fit (provide plots for proof)? What was the order of the fit?

Solution:

For the second order system, using *arx([Y U], [2 2 1])* results in the same solution as using least squares.

Figure 4: SysID with $\sigma = 0.1$.

When changing the noise to 1, a much higher order system was needed to emulate the correct response. $\text{arx}([Y \ U], [11 \ 11 \ 1])$ was found to provide a close approximation.

Figure 5: SysID with $\sigma = 1.0$.