

# Optimal Estimation - Homework 4

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## Problem 1

Develop a model for a pendulum with inertia  $J_p = 2.5 \text{ Nm rad/s}^2$  (at pin), mass  $m = 1.6 \text{ kg}$ , and length  $L = 1 \text{ m}$ . The pin introduces damping in the system that should be modeled as  $\tau \dot{b} = b\ddot{\theta}^3$  where  $b = 1.25 \text{ Nm rad/s}$ . The input to the system is a torque at the pin given by  $\tau = 12 \text{ Nm}$ . Assume 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.

**Find:**

- **Part A:** Develop a simulation of the system.
- **Part B:** Develop an extended Kalman filter to estimate the position and velocity (and any additional needed parameters) of the pendulum given measurement as described.
- **Part C:** Develop an unscented Kalman filter to estimate the position and velocity (and any additional needed parameters) of the pendulum given measurement as described.
- **Part D:** Use Monte Carlo simulations to compare the performance of the EKF and UKF. Be sure to compare expected covariance to sampled covariance from Monte Carlo simulations.

**Solution:**

- **Part A:** The following code simulates the pendulum system and the plot shows the simulated system and measurement.

```
J = 2.5;
m = 1.6;
l = 1;
b = 1.25;
tau = 12;
g = 9.81;

% Jddot + bddot^3 + mgl sin(theta) = T + dist
dt = 0.001;
tEnd = 20;
t = 0:dt:tEnd - dt;

dot = 0;
ddot = 0;
theta = 0;

for i = 1:length(t)
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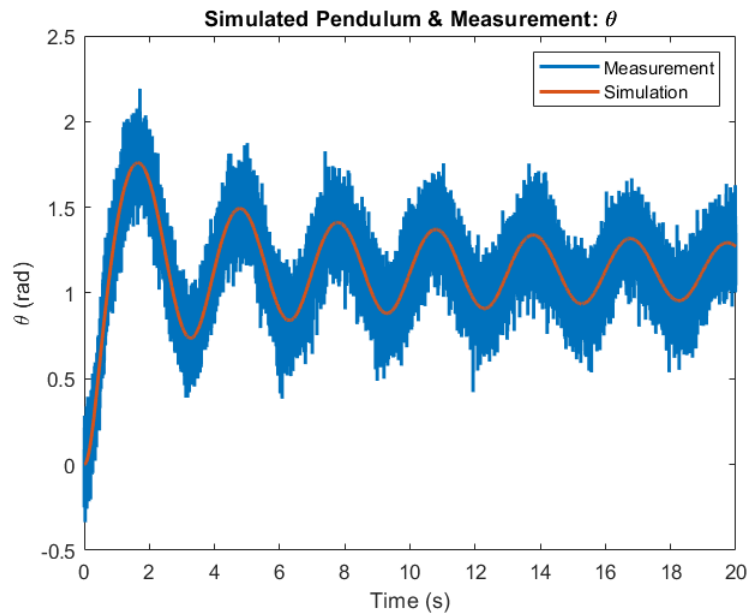
fD = 5 + sqrt(2)*randn;
ddot = (tau + fD*l*cos(theta) - m*g*l*sin(theta) - b*dot^3)/J;
dot = dot + ddot*dt;
theta = theta + dot*dt;

thetaL(i) = theta;
dotL(i) = dot;
y(i) = theta + sqrt(deg2rad(1))*randn;

end

figure
plot(t,y)
hold on
plot(t,thetaL)
title('Simulated Pendulum & Measurement: \theta')
legend('Measurement','Simulation')
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('\theta (rad)')

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- Part B:** The following code implements an EKF to estimate the position and velocity of the pendulum system. The EKF could use a lot of work as it was a quick implementation. The bias from the disturbance is poorly estimated causing the position and velocity estimate to be biased. With more time, I feel confident I could tune the EKF and adjust the time update to estimate the states correctly.

```

Bc = [0; 1/J; 0];

R = deg2rad(1);

H = [1 0 0];

fD = 4;
theta = 0;
dot = 0;
X = [theta; dot; fD];
P = eye(3);

for i = 1:length(t)

    % Time Update
    ddot = (tau + X(3)*l*cos(X(1)) - m*g*l*sin(X(1)) - b*X(2)^3)/J;
    dot = dot + ddot*dt;
    theta = theta + dot*dt;

    X = [theta; dot; fD];

    F = [0 1 0;
        -((m*g*l)/J)*sin(X(1)) - (3*b)/J*X(2)^2 (1/J)*cos(X(1));
        0 0 0];

    % A = expm(F*dt);

    [A,B,H,D] = c2dm(F,Bc,H,0,dt);

    BW = [0; 0; l*cos(X(1))/J];
    QD = BW*2*BW'*dt;

    P = A*P*A' + QD;

    % Measurement Update
    K = P*H'*inv(H*P*H' + R);

    X = X + K*(y-H*X);

    P = (eye(3) - K*H)*P;

    xL(i) = X(1);
    xdotL(i) = X(2);
    biasL(i) = X(3);
    % PL(i) = P;

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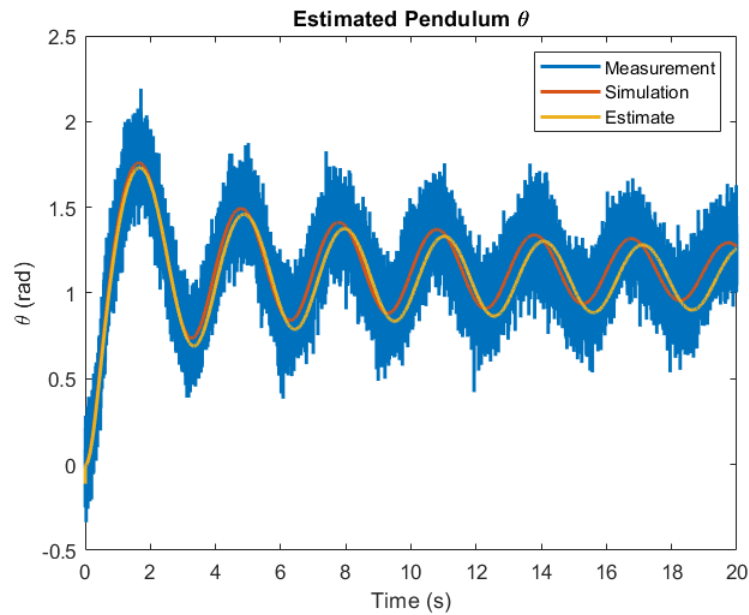
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end

figure
plot(t,y)
hold on
plot(t,thetaL)
plot(t,xL)

title('Estimated Pendulum \theta')
legend('Measurement','Simulation','Estimate')
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('\theta (rad)')

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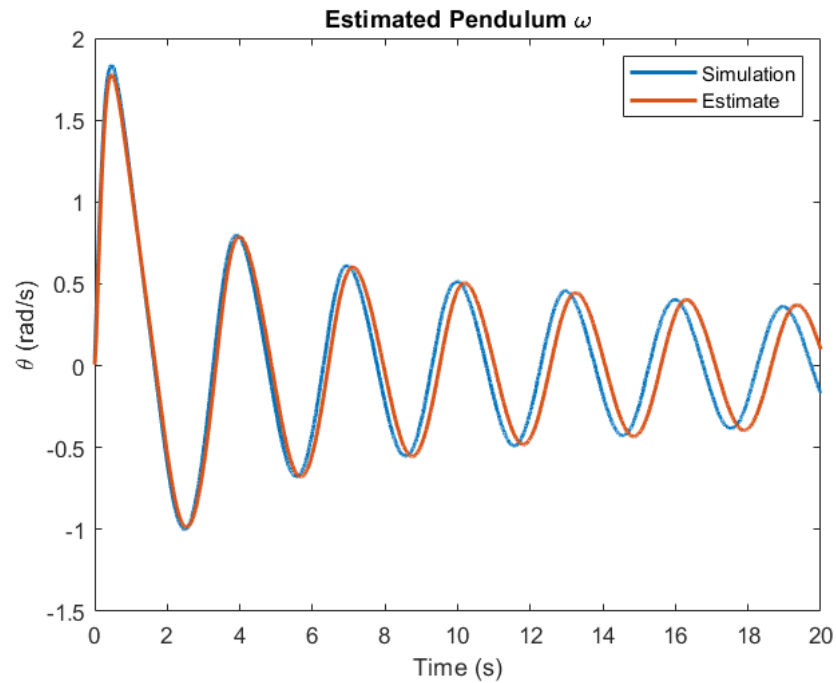


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figure
plot(t,dotL)
hold on
plot(t,xdotL)

title('Estimated Pendulum \omega')
legend('Simulation','Estimate')
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('\theta (rad/s)')

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- **Part C:** I was unable to develop the Unscented Particle as I wasn't able to get the EKF done as quickly as I hoped.
- **Part D:** I was unable to compare the covariances because I couldn't complete the UKF.

## Problem 2

Refer to problem 3 from homework 3 (the "Navigation" filter). Design a particle filter to estimate the East and North position, radar and gyro bias using the data (hw3\_3 from canvas). Compare the performance of the particle filter to the performance of your estimator from homework 3 using at least 3 different numbers of particle (e.g.  $N=50, 100, 1000$ ). Provide plots of estimation error, analytical covariance (from EKF) and numerical covariance (from particle filter).

**Solution:**

- Unable to complete in time.