

Lecture 13

State-Space Models I

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MATH 8090 Time Series Analysis
Week 13

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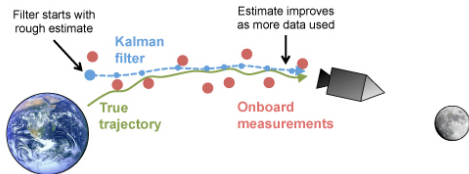
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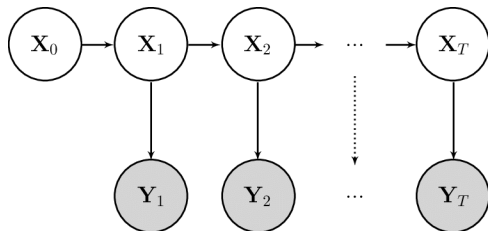
Historical Background

- The original model emerged in the context of space tracking [Kalman, 1960, Kalman and Bucy, 1961]
- The “state equation” defines the motion equations for the position of a spacecraft with location x_t



- The data y_t reflect information that can be observed from a tracking device, such as velocity and azimuth

The main goal was to retrieve the underlying state $\{x_t\}$ based on observed data $\{y_t\}$



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Observation: $\mathbf{Y}_t = \mathbf{H}_t \mathbf{X}_t + \mathbf{W}_t$, $\mathbf{W}_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \text{WN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_t)$, $t = 1, 2, \dots$

- $\mathbf{X}_t \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and $\mathbf{Y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^q$ are the **state vector** and the **observation vector** at time t
- \mathbf{M}_t is the $p \times p$ **transition matrix**, and \mathbf{H}_t is the $q \times p$ **observation matrix**
- \mathbf{V}_t and \mathbf{W}_t are the state and observation noises

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and by using a **degenerate form of the observation equation**: $\mathbf{Y}_t = H_t \mathbf{X}_t + \mathbf{W}_t$ in which $H_t = 1$ and $\mathbf{W}_t = 0$ so that $\mathbf{Y}_t = X_t$

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- Could also set $X_0 = Z_0 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{1-\phi^2}}$ to get a AR(1) process, but using $X_0 = Z_0$ would lead to a valid state-space model that is **not** a true AR(1) model

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- The observation and state-transition equations become

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which matches up with observation equation

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- to complete the model, let

$$\mathbf{X}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} X_0 \\ X_{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi^j Z_{1-j} \\ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi^j Z_{-j} \end{bmatrix},$$

noting that X_0 and \mathbf{V}_t for $t \geq 1$ are uncorrelated, as required

Since

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X}_0 \mathbf{X}_0^T) = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma(0) & \gamma(1) \\ \gamma(1) & \gamma(0) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \phi \\ \phi & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

can alternatively stipulate

$$\mathbf{X}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{1-\phi^2}} \\ 0 & \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{1-\phi^2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z_0 \\ Z_{-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X}_0 \mathbf{X}_0^T) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{1-\phi^2}} \\ 0 & \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{1-\phi^2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{1-\phi^2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\phi^2}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \phi \\ \phi & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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- Additional assumptions: \mathbf{X}_0 , $\{\mathbf{V}_t\}$, and $\{\mathbf{W}_t\}$ are uncorrelated

Goal: To estimate the underlying unobserved signal X_t , given the data $y_{1:s} = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s\}$:

- When $s < t$, the problem is called forecasting or prediction
- When $s = t$, the problem is called filtering
- When $s > t$, the problem is called smoothing

In addition to these estimates, we would also want to measure their precision. The solution to these problems is accomplished via the Kalman filter and Kalman smoother

The Kalman Filter: General Results

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- **Update Step:** updates the forecast distribution using new data \mathbf{y}_t

$$[\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}] \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_t^a, \Sigma_t^a),$$

where $\boldsymbol{\mu}_t^a = \boldsymbol{\mu}_t^f + K_t (\mathbf{y}_t - H_t \boldsymbol{\mu}_t^f)$, and $\Sigma_t^a = (I - K_t H_t^T) \Sigma_t^f$,
and

$$K_t = \Sigma_t^f H_t^T (H_t \Sigma_t^f H_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$$

is the **Kalman gain matrix**

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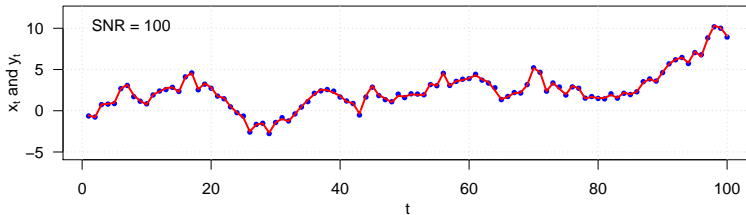
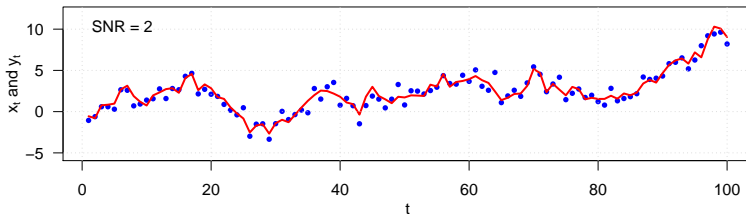
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- When $\sigma_W^2 > 0$, trend is corrupted by noise, so ability to pick out trend depends upon “**signal to noise**” ratio (SNR) $\frac{\sigma_V^2}{\sigma_W^2}$

Local Level Model: Examples of Different SNR



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To facilitate discussion, let's assume that X_0 , V_t 's, and W_t are normals, implying that Y_t and the remaining X_t 's share this property.

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where $\boldsymbol{\mu}_X$ ($\boldsymbol{\mu}_Y$) and Σ_{XX} (Σ_{YY}) are mean and covariance matrix for \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{Y}); Σ_{XY} is the cross-covariance matrix between \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y}

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which is equal to $\Sigma_{X|y}$, the conditional covariance matrix

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- Since conditional variance is same as MSE for X , will refer to $\Sigma_{X|y}$ as MSE

Suppose $\{X_t\}$ is zero mean stationary process with ACF $\gamma(h)$

- Set X to X_{n+1} and put X_1, \dots, X_n into \mathbf{Y}
- Corollary says best linear predictor \hat{X}_{n+1} of X_{n+1} given X_1, \dots, X_n is

$$\hat{X}_{n+1} = \Sigma_{X\mathbf{Y}}^T \Sigma_{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}}^{-1} \mathbf{Y} = \gamma_n^T \Gamma_n^{-1} \mathbf{Y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi_n^T \mathbf{Y},$$

where

- 1 $\gamma_n = [\gamma(1), \gamma(2), \dots, \gamma(n)]^T = \Sigma_{X\mathbf{Y}}$
- 2 (i, j) th entry of matrix $\Gamma_n = \Sigma_{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}}$ is $\gamma(i - j)$
- 3 $\phi_n^T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \gamma_n^T \Gamma_n^{-1}$ and hence $\phi_n = \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_n$

Recall that MSE for \hat{X}_{n+1} is

$$\begin{aligned}v_n &= \text{Var}(X_{n+1}) - \phi_n^T \gamma_n \\&= \sigma_X^2 - \gamma_n^T \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_n \\&= \sigma_X^2 - \Sigma_{XY}^T \Sigma_{YY}^{-1} \Sigma_{XY} \\&= \Sigma_{X|y}\end{aligned}$$

This is a special case of regression corollary