

# Derivations for GFX node

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## 1 Problem

Suppose we have the following linear second-order differential equation:

$$x''(t) + \theta_2 x'(t) + \theta_1 x(t) = \eta u(t) + w(t) \quad (1)$$

Reduce this to a multivariate first-order differential equation with the following substitutions:

$$z_1(t) = x(t) \quad (2a)$$

$$z_2(t) = x'(t), \quad (2b)$$

which produces:

$$z_1'(t) = z_2(t) \quad (3a)$$

$$z_2'(t) = -\theta_2 z_2(t) - \theta_1 z_1(t) + \eta u(t) + w(t). \quad (3b)$$

We can re-write this into a matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1'(t) \\ z_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\theta_1 & -\theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} u(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w(t), \quad (4)$$

where  $z_t = [z_1(t) \ z_2(t)]^\top$ .

### 1.1 Discretization

We can perform an approximate discretization using Euler-Maruyama, at non-overlapping time points  $t_k$  and  $t_{k+1}$ . The Wiener process  $w(t)$  becomes:

$$w(t) \approx \frac{\beta_{t_{k+1}} - \beta_{t_k}}{\Delta t_k}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\Delta t_k = t_{k+1} - t_k$ . I rename the increment  $\beta_{t_{k+1}} - \beta_{t_k}$  to be  $w_t$ , which, if the time-points  $t_{k+1}$  and  $t_k$  do not overlap, follows a Gaussian distribution (Def. 4.1 [1]):

$$w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^{-1} \Delta t_k). \quad (6)$$

Henceforth, we will assume all  $\Delta t_k$  are equal and use subscripts  $t + 1$  and  $t$ . The states  $z'(t)$  are approximated as  $(z_{t+1} - z_t)/\Delta t$ . The control signal  $u(t)$  is observed and directly maps to  $u_t$ . Using this discretization, we get:

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t+1} \\ z_{2,t+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t} \\ z_{2,t} \end{bmatrix} \right) / \Delta t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\theta_1 & -\theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t} \\ z_{2,t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} u_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{w_t}{\Delta t} \quad (7a)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t+1} \\ z_{2,t+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t} \\ z_{2,t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \Delta t \\ -\theta_1 \Delta t & -\theta_2 \Delta t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t} \\ z_{2,t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \eta \Delta t \end{bmatrix} u_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w_t \quad (7b)$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t+1} \\ z_{2,t+1} \end{bmatrix}}_{z_{t+1}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ -\theta_1 \Delta t & -\theta_2 \Delta t + 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A(\theta)} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z_{1,t} \\ z_{2,t} \end{bmatrix}}_{z_t} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \eta \Delta t \end{bmatrix}}_{B(\eta)} u_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w_t \quad (7c)$$

The above discrete-time state transition can be cast to a Gaussian distribution as:

$$z_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(A(\theta)z_t + B(\eta)u_t, Q). \quad (8)$$

for

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau^{-1} \Delta t \end{bmatrix}, \quad A(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ -\theta_1 \Delta t & -\theta_2 \Delta t + 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } B(\eta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \eta \Delta t \end{bmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

The expectation of the inverse of  $Q$  is obtained by a noise injection:

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\tau)} Q^{-1} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\tau)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau^{-1} \Delta t \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \approx \mathbb{E}_{q(\tau)} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \tau^{-1} \Delta t \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \tau / \Delta t \end{bmatrix} \triangleq m_\Lambda. \quad (10)$$

(wk) It might be important to have a covariance matrix  $Q$  without the 0 on the diagonal. That depends on whether the noise should also apply to the substitution in Equation 3a.

The matrix  $A$  can be constructed from a vector  $\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$  as:

$$A(\theta) = S + s\theta^\top, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\Delta t \end{bmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

## 1.2 Recognition model

I choose the following recognition factors:

$$z_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{z_{t-1}}, V_{z_{t-1}}) \quad (12a)$$

$$z_t \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{z_t}, V_{z_t}) \quad (12b)$$

$$\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(m_\theta, V_\theta) \quad (12c)$$

$$\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(m_\eta, v_\eta) \quad (12d)$$

$$\tau \sim \Gamma(a_\tau, b_\tau). \quad (12e)$$

## 2 Messages

In computing the messages, the following results are useful:

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\theta)} A(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q(\theta)} [S + s\theta^\top] = S + sm_\theta^\top = A(m_\theta) \quad (13a)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\eta)} B(\eta) = \mathbb{E}_{q(\eta)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta t \end{bmatrix} \eta = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta t \end{bmatrix} m_\eta = B(m_\eta). \quad (13b)$$

**Message to  $z_t$**

$$\vec{\mathcal{V}}(z_t) = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})q(\theta)q(\eta)q(\tau)} \log \mathcal{N}(z_t \mid A(\theta)z_{t-1} + B(\eta)u_t, Q) \quad (14a)$$

$$\propto -\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ (z_t - A(\theta)z_{t-1} - B(\eta)u_t)^\top Q^{-1} (z_t - A(\theta)z_{t-1} - B(\eta)u_t) \right] \quad (14b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \propto -\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \underbrace{z_t^\top Q^{-1} z_t}_{\textcircled{1}} - \underbrace{(A(\theta)z_{t-1})^\top Q^{-1} z_t}_{\textcircled{2}} - \underbrace{(B(\eta)u_t)^\top Q^{-1} z_t}_{\textcircled{3}} \right. \\ \left. - \underbrace{z_t^\top Q^{-1} A(\theta)z_{t-1}}_{\textcircled{4}} - \underbrace{z_t^\top Q^{-1} B(\eta)u_t}_{\textcircled{5}} \right]. \quad (14c) \end{aligned}$$

With the terms:

$$\textcircled{1} = z_t^\top m_\Lambda z_t \quad (15a)$$

$$\textcircled{2} = (A(m_\theta)m_{z_{t-1}})^\top m_\Lambda z_t \quad (15b)$$

$$\textcircled{3} = (B(m_\eta)u_t)^\top m_\Lambda z_t \quad (15c)$$

$$\textcircled{4} = z_t^\top m_\Lambda A(m_\theta)m_{z_{t-1}} \quad (15d)$$

$$\textcircled{5} = z_t^\top m_\Lambda B(m_\eta)u_t. \quad (15e)$$

Plugging those back in:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\mathcal{V}}(z_t) \propto -\frac{1}{2} \left[ z_t^\top \underbrace{m_\Lambda}_{\Phi} z_t - (A(m_\theta)m_{z_{t-1}} + B(m_\eta)u_t) m_\Lambda z_t \right. \\ \left. - z_t^\top m_\Lambda \underbrace{(A(m_\theta)m_{z_{t-1}} + B(m_\eta)u_t)}_{\phi} \right] \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim \mathcal{N}(\phi, \Phi^{-1}). \quad (17)$$

**Message to  $z_{t-1}$**

**Message to  $\theta$**

$$\vec{\nu}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_t)q(z_{t-1})q(\eta)q(\tau)} \log \mathcal{N}(z_t \mid A(\theta)z_{t-1} + B(\eta)u_t, Q) \quad (18a)$$

$$\propto -\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[(z_t - A(\theta)z_{t-1} - B(\eta)u_t)^\top Q^{-1}(z_t - A(\theta)z_{t-1} - B(\eta)u_t)] \quad (18b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \propto & -\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \underbrace{-(A(\theta)z_{t-1})^\top Q^{-1}z_t}_{\textcircled{1}} + \underbrace{(A(\theta)z_{t-1})^\top Q^{-1}A(\theta)z_{t-1}}_{\textcircled{2}} \right. \\ & + \underbrace{(A(\theta)z_{t-1})^\top Q^{-1}B(\eta)u_t}_{\textcircled{3}} - \underbrace{z_t^\top Q^{-1}A(\theta)z_{t-1}}_{\textcircled{4}} \\ & \left. + \underbrace{(B(\eta)u_t)^\top Q^{-1}A(\theta)z_{t-1}}_{\textcircled{5}} \right]. \quad (18c) \end{aligned}$$

With the terms:

$$\textcircled{1} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})q(z_t)q(\tau)} [(A(\theta)z_{t-1})^\top Q^{-1}z_t] \quad (19a)$$

$$= ((S + s\theta^\top)m_{z_{t-1}})^\top m_\Lambda m_{z_t} \quad (19b)$$

$$= m_{z_{t-1}}^\top \theta s^\top m_\Lambda m_{z_t} \quad (19c)$$

$$= \theta^\top m_{z_{t-1}} s^\top m_\Lambda m_{z_t} \quad (19d)$$

$$\textcircled{3} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})q(\tau)q(\eta)} [A(\theta)z_{t-1})^\top Q^{-1}B(\eta)u_t] \quad (19e)$$

$$= (S + s\theta^\top m_{z_{t-1}})^\top m_\Lambda B(m_\eta)u_t \quad (19f)$$

$$= m_{z_{t-1}}^\top \theta s^\top m_\Lambda B(m_\eta)u_t \quad (19g)$$

$$= \theta^\top m_{z_{t-1}} s^\top m_\Lambda B(m_\eta)u_t \quad (19h)$$

$$\textcircled{4} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})q(z_t)q(\tau)} [z_t^\top Q^{-1}A(\theta)z_{t-1}] \quad (19i)$$

$$= m_{z_t}^\top m_\Lambda (S + s\theta^\top)m_{z_{t-1}} \quad (19j)$$

$$= m_{z_t}^\top m_\Lambda s m_{z_{t-1}}^\top \theta \quad (19k)$$

$$\textcircled{5} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\eta)q(\tau)q(z_{t-1})} [(B(\eta)u_t)^{-1}Q^{-1}A(\theta)z_{t-1}] \quad (19l)$$

$$= (B(m_\eta)u_t)^\top m_\Lambda (S + s\theta^\top)m_{z_{t-1}} \quad (19m)$$

$$= (B(m_\eta)u_t)^\top m_\Lambda s m_{z_{t-1}}^\top \theta. \quad (19n)$$

The message ② is more difficult:

$$\textcircled{2} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})q(\tau)} \left[ (A(\theta)z_{t-1})^\top Q^{-1} A(\theta)z_{t-1} \right] \quad (20a)$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[ (z_{t-1}^\top (S + s\theta^\top)^\top m_\Lambda (S + s\theta^\top) z_{t-1}) \right] \quad (20b)$$

$$\propto \mathbb{E} \left[ \underbrace{z_{t-1}^\top \theta s^\top m_\Lambda S z_{t-1}}_{\textcircled{A}} \right. \\ \left. + \underbrace{z_{t-1}^\top \theta s^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top z_{t-1}}_{\textcircled{B}} \right. \\ \left. + \underbrace{z_{t-1}^\top S^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top z_{t-1}}_{\textcircled{C}} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{A} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})} \left[ z_{t-1}^\top \theta s^\top m_\Lambda S z_{t-1} \right] \quad (20c)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})} \text{tr}(\theta s^\top m_\Lambda S z_{t-1} z_{t-1}^\top) \quad (20d)$$

$$= \text{tr}(\theta s^\top m_\Lambda S (m_{z_{t-1}} m_{z_{t-1}}^\top + V_{z_{t-1}})) \quad (20e)$$

$$\textcircled{B} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})} \left[ z_{t-1}^\top \theta s^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top z_{t-1} \right] \quad (20f)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})} \text{tr}(\theta s^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top z_{t-1} z_{t-1}^\top) \quad (20g)$$

$$= \text{tr}(\theta s^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top (m_{z_{t-1}} m_{z_{t-1}}^\top + V_{z_{t-1}})) \quad (20h)$$

$$\textcircled{C} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})} \left[ z_{t-1}^\top S^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top z_{t-1} \right] \quad (20i)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z_{t-1})} \text{tr}(S^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top z_{t-1} z_{t-1}^\top) \quad (20j)$$

$$= \text{tr}(S^\top m_\Lambda s \theta^\top (m_{z_{t-1}} m_{z_{t-1}}^\top + V_{z_{t-1}})) \quad (20k)$$

Collecting terms ①, ③ and ②A produces:

**Message to  $\eta$**

**Message to  $\tau$**

## References

- [1] Simo Särkkä and Arno Solin. *Applied stochastic differential equations*, volume 10. Cambridge University Press, 2019.