

Adventures in Kalman Filtering

— The “Prediction - Correction” World —

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- ▶ Sensors rarely measure states of interest directly. How do we “back out” states that are not measured directly?
 - ▶ Within an IMU there is a rate gyro, an accelerometer, and often a magnetometer.
 - ▶ The rate gyro measures $\underline{\omega}^{ba}$ (resolved in what frame?), *not* θ^{ba} , and *not* $\dot{\theta}^{ba}$.¹
 - ▶ The accelerometer measures \underline{a} (resolved in what frame?), *not* \underline{v} , and *not* \underline{r} .
 - ▶ A magnetometer measures \underline{m} (resolved in what frame?), *not* θ^{ba} .
 - ▶ There’s no such thing as an “attitude sensor”.
- ▶ Sensor data is imperfect; noise corrupts all measurements, and some measurements are (significantly) biased.
- ▶ Because noise and bias are *random*, we rely on concepts from probability theory to describe the properties of noise and bias that we are interested in *filtering*.

¹ $\underline{\omega}^{ba}$ is the angular velocity of frame b relative to frame a . A rate gyro measures $\underline{\omega}^{ba}$ (resolved in what frame?), and not a set of Euler angles, nor a set of Euler angle rates, nor a quaternion, nor a quaternion rate.

- ▶ Consider a continuous random variable, x , and an associated probability density function (pdf), $p(x)$.
- ▶ The random variable x is said to be distributed according to the pdf $p(x)$.
- ▶ The pdf must satisfy the axiom of total probability,

$$\int_a^b p(x) \mathrm{d}x = 1. \quad (1)$$

- ▶ The probability that x takes on a value between $[\alpha, \beta]$ is

$$Pr(\alpha \leq x \leq \beta) = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} p(x) \mathrm{d}x.$$

- ▶ Consider a set of N continuous random variables, $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \dots x_N]^T$, $x_i \in [a_i, b_i]$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, and an associated joint probability density function (joint pdf), $p(\mathbf{x})$ where

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N).$$

- ▶ \mathbf{x} is a continuous random column matrix.
- ▶ Even in the N -dimensional case $p(\mathbf{x})$ must satisfy the axiom of total probability,

$$\int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 1, \quad (2)$$

which is short-hand notation for

$$\int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{a_N}^{b_N} \dots \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \int_{a_1}^{b_1} p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_N = 1,$$

where $\mathbf{a} = [a_1 \dots a_N]^T$ and $\mathbf{b} = [b_1 \dots b_N]^T$.

Mean and Covariance

- ▶ Consider a continuous random variable, $x \in [a, b]$, and a pdf, $p(x)$.
- ▶ The mean, or expected value of x is

$$\bar{x} = E[x] = \int_a^b xp(x)\mathrm{d}x,$$

where $E[\cdot]$ is the expectation operator.

- ▶ The variance is

$$\sigma^2 = E[(x - \bar{x})^2] = \int_a^b (x - \bar{x})^2 p(x)\mathrm{d}x$$

- ▶ The standard deviation is simply σ .
- ▶ For a generic function of the random variable x , say $f(x)$, the expectation is

$$E[f(x)] = \int_a^b f(x)p(x)\mathrm{d}x.$$

- The expectation operator is linear.

$$E[kx] = \int_a^b kxp(x)\mathrm{d}x = k \int_a^b xp(x)\mathrm{d}x = kE[x] = k\bar{x},$$

$$E[f(x) + g(x)] = \int_a^b (f(x) + g(x))p(x)\mathrm{d}x = E[f(x)] + E[g(x)].$$

The Multidimensional Case

- ▶ Consider $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ \dots \ x_N]^\top$, $x_i \in [a_i, b_i]$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, and a joint pdf, $p(\mathbf{x})$.
- ▶ The mean of the continuous random column matrix \mathbf{x} is

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = E[\mathbf{x}] = \int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{x} p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x},$$

while the covariance is

$$\mathbf{Q} = E[(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \cdots & \sigma_{1N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{N1} & \cdots & \sigma_N^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\sigma_{ij} = E[(x_i - \bar{x}_i)(x_j - \bar{x}_j)], \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N.$$

- ▶ For a general matrix function of the random variable \mathbf{x} , $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$, the expectation is

$$E[\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})] = \int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

- ▶ The covariance \mathbf{Q} is a $N \times N$ symmetric positive semidefinite matrix.
- ▶ The expectation operator is linear.

$$E[\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{K}E[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{K}\bar{\mathbf{x}},$$

$$E[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})] = E[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})] + E[\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})],$$

The Gaussian Distribution

- ▶ A continuous random variable is said to have a *normal* or *Gaussian* distribution if the pdf associated with the random variable x is given by

$$p(x|\bar{x}, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

- ▶ The pdf $p(x|\bar{x}, \sigma^2)$ is called a *conditional probability density function* (conditional pdf) because x is conditioned on \bar{x} , the mean, and σ^2 , the variance (where σ is the standard deviation).
- ▶ $p(x|\bar{x}, \sigma^2)$ being a pdf means that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx = 1,$$

where the mean is

$$\bar{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx,$$

and the variance is

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x})^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx.$$

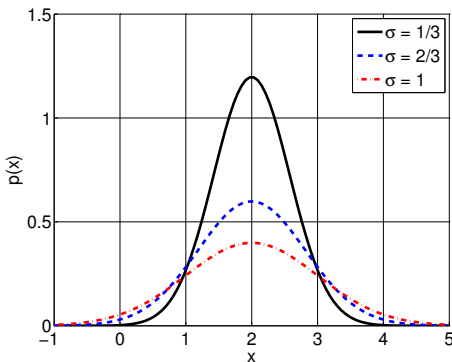


Figure: Gaussian pdfs where $\bar{x} = 2$ and σ takes on values of $1/3$, $2/3$, and 1 .

Shown in Figure 1 are three normal distributions. The mean of each is $\bar{x} = 2$, while the standard deviation of each are $1/3$, $2/3$, and 1 , respectively.

A short-hand notation for indicating x is normally distributed is $x \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{x}, \sigma^2)$.

The Multidimensional Case

- ▶ In the N -dimensional case, a continuous random column matrix $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is said to have a normal or Gaussian distribution if the pdf associated with \mathbf{x} is given by

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{Q}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{Q}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \right),$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is the mean and \mathbf{Q} is the covariance matrix.

- ▶ The covariance matrix is symmetric and positive definite (thus ensuring \mathbf{Q} is not singular, and thus \mathbf{Q}^{-1} exists).
- ▶ The pdf $p(\mathbf{x}|\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{Q})$ is also a conditional pdf because \mathbf{x} is conditioned on $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ and \mathbf{Q} .
- ▶ Being a pdf, it can be shown that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{Q}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \right) d\mathbf{x} = 1,$$

the mean is

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{Q}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \right) d\mathbf{x},$$

and the covariance is

$$\mathbf{Q} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{Q}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \right) d\mathbf{x}.$$

- ▶ A short-hand notation for indicating \mathbf{x} is normally distributed is $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{Q})$.

The Static Case

- ▶ Consider

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_x \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy}^\top & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \right). \quad (3)$$

- ▶ Consider the *affine* estimator

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\ell},$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is the estimate of the state \mathbf{x} given the measurement \mathbf{y} .

- ▶ What form should \mathbf{K} and $\boldsymbol{\ell}$ take?
- ▶ How can *a priori* information, such as that given in (3), be used to generate the estimated state $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$?
- ▶ Define the error $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}$.
- ▶ An **unbiased** estimate is desired, meaning $E[\mathbf{e}] = \mathbf{0}$.
- ▶ Using this definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= E[\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}] = E[\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\ell}] = E[\mathbf{x}] - E[\mathbf{K}\mathbf{y}] - \boldsymbol{\ell} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_x - \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\mu}_y - \boldsymbol{\ell}, \\ \boldsymbol{\ell} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_x - \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\mu}_y. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Thus, an unbiased estimator is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \\ &= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_x - \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\mu}_y \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y). \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ How should we pick \mathbf{K} to provide a **best** estimate?
- ▶ Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{P} &= E[\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^\top] \\
 &= E[(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}})^\top] \\
 &= E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y))(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y))^\top] \\
 &= E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)^\top] - E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)^\top] \mathbf{K}^\top \\
 &\quad - \mathbf{K} E[(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)] + \mathbf{K} E[(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)^\top] \mathbf{K}^\top \\
 &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} \mathbf{K}^\top - \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy}^\top + \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} \mathbf{K}^\top
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Recall that $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$, $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$ and that $\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{DC})$ for all $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.
- ▶ Write $J(\mathbf{K}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{P})$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\mathbf{K}) &= \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} \mathbf{K}^\top - \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy}^\top + \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} \mathbf{K}^\top) \\
 &= \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}) - \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} \mathbf{K}^\top) - \text{tr}(\mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy}^\top) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} \mathbf{K}^\top) \\
 &= \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}) - 2\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} \mathbf{K}^\top) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} \mathbf{K}^\top)
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Consider a Taylor series expansion of a general function $f(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, that is

$$f(\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \delta \mathbf{x}) = f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \left[\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right]_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \delta \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}^T \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T \right]_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \delta \mathbf{x} + \text{H.O.T.}$$

where “H.O.T.” means “higher-order terms”, and

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}}}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}}}$$

are the Jacobian and Hessian of $f(\cdot)$ evaluated at $\mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$, respectively.

- ▶ A necessary condition for $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ to be an extremum (either a maximum or a minimum) is

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = \mathbf{0}.$$

- ▶ When $\mathbf{H} > 0$ then $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ corresponds to a minimum.

- Consider $\mathbf{K} = \bar{\mathbf{K}} + \delta\mathbf{K}$ and a Taylor series expansion of $J(\cdot)$. To this end,

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\bar{\mathbf{K}} + \delta\mathbf{K}) &= \text{tr}(\Sigma_{xx}) - 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{xy}(\bar{\mathbf{K}} + \delta\mathbf{K})^\top) + \text{tr}((\bar{\mathbf{K}} + \delta\mathbf{K})\Sigma_{yy}(\bar{\mathbf{K}} + \delta\mathbf{K})^\top) \\
 &= \text{tr}(\Sigma_{xx}) - 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{xy}\bar{\mathbf{K}}^\top) - 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{xy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}(\bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy}\bar{\mathbf{K}}^\top) + \text{tr}(\bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) + \text{tr}(\delta\mathbf{K}\Sigma_{yy}\bar{\mathbf{K}}^\top) + \text{tr}(\delta\mathbf{K}\Sigma_{yy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) \\
 &= \underbrace{\text{tr}(\Sigma_{xx}) - 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{xy}\bar{\mathbf{K}}^\top) + \text{tr}(\bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy}\bar{\mathbf{K}}^\top)}_{J(\bar{\mathbf{K}})} \\
 &\quad - 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{xy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) + 2\text{tr}(\bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) + \text{tr}(\delta\mathbf{K}\Sigma_{yy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) \\
 &= J(\bar{\mathbf{K}}) - 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{xy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top - \bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) + \text{tr}(\delta\mathbf{K}\Sigma_{yy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) \\
 &= J(\bar{\mathbf{K}}) - 2\text{tr}((\Sigma_{xy} - \bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy})\delta\mathbf{K}^\top) + \text{tr}(\delta\mathbf{K}\Sigma_{yy}\delta\mathbf{K}^\top)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus,

$$\left. \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{K})}{\partial \mathbf{K}} \right|_{\mathbf{K}=\bar{\mathbf{K}}} = \Sigma_{xy} - \bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{K}} \left(\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{K})}{\partial \mathbf{K}} \right)^\top \right|_{\mathbf{K}=\bar{\mathbf{K}}} = \Sigma_{yy}$$

- Note, from the above derivation it follows that

$$\frac{\partial \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}^\top)}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}, \quad \frac{\partial \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}^\top)}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = 2\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}.$$

Don't memorize the above derivative definitions ... understand the fundamentals, the bigger picture ... that being, perturbing the independent variable, a Taylor series expansion, etc.

- ▶ For $\bar{\mathbf{K}}$ to be an extremum,

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{K})}{\partial \mathbf{K}} \right|_{\mathbf{K}=\bar{\mathbf{K}}} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \Sigma_{xy} - \bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \bar{\mathbf{K}}\Sigma_{yy} &= \Sigma_{xy}, \\ \bar{\mathbf{K}} &= \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The Hessian is $\Sigma_{yy} > 0$. Thus, $\bar{\mathbf{K}} = \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}$ corresponds to a minimum of $J(\mathbf{K}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{P})$.
- ▶ In fact, because $J(\cdot)$ is convex, this minimum is a global minimum, and thus an unique minimum.
- ▶ Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{x}} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \bar{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)\end{aligned}$$

provides a best, unbiased, estimate of \mathbf{x} given the measurement (or realization) \mathbf{y} and the *a priori* information given in (3).

- ▶ Often we drop the “bar” and just write $\mathbf{K} = \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}$.

The Dynamic Case

- ▶ Consider a discrete-time system described by linear process (a.k.a. motion) and measurement (a.k.a. observation) models,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_k &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1}, & \mathbf{w}_k &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k), \\ \mathbf{y}_k &= \mathbf{H}_k\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{v}_k, & \mathbf{v}_k &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k).\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Let $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ denote a state estimate. Can $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ be found
 1. in an unbiased manner, and
 2. in an optimal manner?
- ▶ What does the word “unbiased” mean? It means

$$E[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k] = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, K,$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$.

- ▶ What does the word “optimal” mean? It means an objective function is extremized (either minimized or maximized).
- ▶ **BLUE** — “best, linear, unbiased, estimator”.

- Consider the predict-correct estimator structure,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_k),\end{aligned}$$

where

- $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k$ is the *a priori*, or predicted, state estimate,
- $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k$ is the predicted measurement, and
- $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ is the *a posteriori*, or corrected, state estimate.
- Define
 - $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k$, the *a priori*, or predicted, error,
 - $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_k = E [\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_k^T]$, the *a priori*, or predicted, covariance,
 - $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$, the *a posteriori*, or corrected, error,
 - $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = E [\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k^T]$, the *a posteriori*, or corrected, covariance,
 - $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_k = \mathbf{y}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_k$ the innovation, or the residual,
 - $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{y}_k} = E [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_k \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_k^T]$, the covariance associated with the innovation, and
 - $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{y}_k} = E [\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_k \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_k^T]$, the cross covariance.

- ▶ Given $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$, $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k-1}$, and \mathbf{u}_{k-1} , the predicted state is

$$\check{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1}.$$

- ▶ The predicted covariance is

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbf{P}}_k &= E [\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^T] \\ &= E [(\mathbf{x}_k - \check{\mathbf{x}}_k) \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^T] \\ &= E [(\mathbf{F}_{k-1}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1} - \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\check{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1}) \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^T] \\ &= E [(\mathbf{F}_{k-1}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1})(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1}^T \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{w}_{k-1}^T \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^T)] \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} E [\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1}^T] \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{F}_{k-1} E [\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1} \mathbf{w}_{k-1}^T] \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^T \\ &\quad + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} E [\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1}^T] \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} E [\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \mathbf{w}_{k-1}^T] \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^T \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{Q}_k \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^T\end{aligned}$$

where $E [\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1}^T] = \mathbf{0}$, $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k-1} = E [\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1}^T]$, and $\mathbf{Q}_{k-1} = E [\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \mathbf{w}_{k-1}^T]$.

- Given the prediction, $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k$, a gain matrix $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y}$, and the measurement \mathbf{y}_k , is the correction

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \check{\mathbf{y}}_k)$$

unbiased?

- First, note that

$$\begin{aligned} E[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k] &= E[\mathbf{x}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k] \\ &= E[\mathbf{F}_{k-1}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1} - \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} - \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1}] \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1}E[\mathbf{x}_{k-1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}] + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}E[\mathbf{w}_{k-1}] \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1}E[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k-1}]. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

- Provided that $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \hat{\mathbf{P}}_0)$, from (4) it follows that $E[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k] = \mathbf{0}$ for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$.
- Next, recall unbiased means $E[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k] = \mathbf{0}$. Using this definition,

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k] &= E[\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k] \\ &= E[\mathbf{x}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \check{\mathbf{y}}_k)] \\ &= E[\mathbf{x}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k] - \mathbf{K}_k E[\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k] \\ &= E[\mathbf{x}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k] - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k E[\mathbf{x}_k - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k] - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k E[\mathbf{v}_k] \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) E[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k] \\ &= \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ is unbiased.

An Optimization Problem

- ▶ Consider the cost function

$$J_k(\mathbf{K}_k) = \text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k),$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = E \left[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right]$, $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$.

Q. Why minimize this cost function as a function of \mathbf{K}_k ?

A. Doing so minimizes the error covariance, which in turn means minimizing the uncertainty in the state-estimation error.

- ▶ First, what is $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = E \left[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right]$? Using

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k &= \mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k \\ &= \mathbf{x}_k - \check{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \check{\mathbf{y}}_k) \\ &= \check{\mathbf{e}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k(\mathbf{x}_k - \check{\mathbf{x}}_k) - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{e}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k \quad \dots\end{aligned}$$

► ... it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k &= E \left[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right] \\
&= E \left[((\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{e}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k) (\check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top) - \mathbf{v}_k^\top \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top) \right] \\
&= E \left[(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top) - (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top) + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top \right] \\
&= (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right] (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top) - (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top \\
&\quad - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k E \left[\mathbf{v}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right] (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top) + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k E \left[\mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top \\
&= (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{P}}_k (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k)^\top + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top,
\end{aligned}$$

where $E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] = \mathbf{0}$.

- Using a slightly different form of $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k$,

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{K}_k^T - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^T) \mathbf{K}_k^T,$$

then computing $\frac{\partial J_k(\mathbf{K})}{\partial \mathbf{K}}$ and setting the result to zero gives

$$\frac{\partial J_k(\mathbf{K})}{\partial \mathbf{K}} = -2\check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T + 2\mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^T) = \mathbf{0}.$$

- Rearranging, and solving for \mathbf{K}_k , results in

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^T) &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T, \\ \mathbf{K}_k &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^T)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

- \mathbf{K}_k is called the *Kalman gain*.
- The inverse in (5) always exists. Why?

An alternate form of the Kalman Gain

- ▶ The filter innovation is $\check{\rho}_k = \mathbf{y}_k - \check{\mathbf{y}}_k = \mathbf{H}_k(\mathbf{x}_k - \check{\mathbf{x}}_k) + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k$.
- ▶ Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{y}_k} &= E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\rho}_k^\top \right] \\ &= E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k)^\top \right] \\ &= E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{H}_k^\top + E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{M}_k^\top \\ &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top,\end{aligned}$$

where $E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] = \mathbf{0}$ and $E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right] = \check{\mathbf{P}}_k$.

- ▶ Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{y}_k} &= E \left[\check{\rho}_k \check{\rho}_k^\top \right] \\ &= E \left[(\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k) (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v}_k)^\top \right] \\ &= \mathbf{H}_k E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{H}_k E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{M}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k E \left[\mathbf{v}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k E \left[\mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] \mathbf{M}_k^\top \\ &= \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top,\end{aligned}$$

where $E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right] = \mathbf{0}$, $\check{\mathbf{P}}_k = E \left[\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \check{\mathbf{e}}_k^\top \right]$, and $\mathbf{R}_k = E \left[\mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top \right]$.

- It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{K}_k &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top)^{-1} \\ &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{y}_k} \check{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{y}_k}^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

- The *a posteriori* covariance can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top) \mathbf{K}_k^\top \\ &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k + \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top \\ &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{P}}_k.\end{aligned}$$

- Also, note that

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k (\check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top)^\top \\ &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \check{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{y}_k} \check{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{y}_k}^{-1} \check{\mathbf{P}}_k^{\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{y}_k^\top}.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ A comment on $E [\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \mathbf{e}_{k-1}^T] = \mathbf{0}$.
 - ▶ Note that \mathbf{w}_{k-1} impacts \mathbf{x}_k via $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{w}_{k-1}$, and \mathbf{w}_{k-2} impacts \mathbf{x}_{k-1} via $\mathbf{x}_{k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k-2} \mathbf{x}_{k-2} + \mathbf{L}_{k-2} \mathbf{w}_{k-2}$.
 - ▶ \mathbf{w}_{k-1} does *not* impact \mathbf{x}_{k-1} ; $\mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{w}_{k-1}$ is added to $\mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1}$.
 - ▶ Because $\mathbf{e}_{k-1} = \mathbf{x}_{k-1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$, and \mathbf{x}_{k-1} is impacted by \mathbf{w}_{k-2} and *not* \mathbf{w}_{k-1} , it follows that \mathbf{e}_{k-1} and \mathbf{w}_{k-1} are uncorrelated.
 - ▶ Thus, $E [\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \mathbf{e}_{k-1}^T] = \mathbf{0}$.
- ▶ A comment on $E [\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T] = \mathbf{0}$.
 - ▶ $\check{\mathbf{e}}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \check{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{e}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{w}_{k-1}$ where $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{w}_{k-1}$ and $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1} \mathbf{u}_{k-1}$.
 - ▶ $\check{\mathbf{e}}_k$ is impacted by \mathbf{w}_{k-1} , but not by \mathbf{v}_k .
 - ▶ \mathbf{w}_{k-1} and \mathbf{v}_k^T are uncorrelated, thus $\check{\mathbf{e}}_k$ and \mathbf{v}_k are uncorrelated.
 - ▶ It follows that $E [\check{\mathbf{e}}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T] = \mathbf{0}$.

Summary of the Kalman Filter

System: $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1}$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{H}_k\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{v}_k$$

$$\mathbf{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$$

Initialization: $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = E[\mathbf{x}_0]$

$$\mathbf{P}_0 = E[(\mathbf{x}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0)(\mathbf{x}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0)^\top]$$

Prediction: $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{G}_{k-1}\mathbf{u}_{k-1}$

$$\check{\mathbf{P}}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\mathbf{P}_{k-1}\mathbf{F}_{k-1}^\top + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{Q}_{k-1}\mathbf{L}_{k-1}^\top$$

Correction: $\mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{H}_k\check{\mathbf{P}}_k\mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{M}_k^\top$

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \check{\mathbf{P}}_k\mathbf{H}_k^\top\mathbf{V}_k^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \check{\mathbf{y}}_k)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k)\check{\mathbf{P}}_k(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k)^\top + \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{M}_k^\top\mathbf{K}_k^\top$$

$$= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H}_k\check{\mathbf{P}}_k$$

Derivation of the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

- ▶ Consider a discrete-time system described by nonlinear process and measurement (observation) models,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_k &= \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1}), & \mathbf{w}_k &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k), \\ \mathbf{y}_k &= \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k), & \mathbf{v}_k &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k).\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ To derive the EKF the nonlinear discrete-time system is linearized.
- ▶ Perform a Taylor series expansion in \mathbf{x}_k , \mathbf{w}_k , and \mathbf{v}_k about some nominal $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k$, $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_k$, $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_k$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_k &= \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k + \delta\mathbf{x}_k, \\ \mathbf{w}_k &= \bar{\mathbf{w}}_k + \delta\mathbf{w}_k, \\ \mathbf{v}_k &= \bar{\mathbf{v}}_k + \delta\mathbf{v}_k,\end{aligned}$$

where $\delta\mathbf{x}_k$, $\delta\mathbf{w}_k$, and $\delta\mathbf{v}_k$ are perturbations.

- ▶ To be consistent with the assumed disturbance and noise (i.e., the expected value of the disturbance and noise), $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_k$ and $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_k$ are both zero, that is, $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_k = \mathbf{0}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_k = \mathbf{0}$.

- ▶ Perturbing the process model,

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k + \delta \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}) + \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \delta \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \delta \mathbf{w}_{k-1} + \text{H.O.T.},$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}_{k-1} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1})}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{k-1}} \right|_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}},$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{k-1} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{k-1}} \right|_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}}.$$

- ▶ Perturbing the measurement model,

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \bar{\mathbf{y}}_k + \delta \mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{g}_k(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_k) + \mathbf{H}_k \delta \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{M}_k \delta \mathbf{v}_k + \text{H.O.T.},$$

where

$$\mathbf{H}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \right|_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_k},$$

$$\mathbf{M}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_k} \right|_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_k}.$$

- ▶ Note \mathbf{L}_k and \mathbf{M}_k must be full column and row rank, respectively.

- ▶ Using $\mathbf{x}_k = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k + \delta\mathbf{x}_k$ and $\mathbf{w}_k = \bar{\mathbf{w}}_k + \delta\mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{0} + \delta\mathbf{w}_k$, and dropping H.O.T., rewrite the linearized process model as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{x}_k &= \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\delta\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\delta\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \\
 &= \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{F}_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}) + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \\
 &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\mathbf{x}_k + \underbrace{\mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}) - \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k}_{\mathbf{u}_{k-1}} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1} \\
 &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{L}_{k-1}\mathbf{w}_{k-1},
 \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{u}_{k-1} is *known*.

- ▶ In a similar fashion, using $\mathbf{x}_k = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k + \delta\mathbf{x}_k$ and $\mathbf{v}_k = \bar{\mathbf{v}}_k + \delta\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0} + \delta\mathbf{v}_k$, and dropping H.O.T., rewrite the linearized measurement model as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{y}_k &= \mathbf{g}_k(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{H}_k\delta\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{M}_k\delta\mathbf{v}_k \\
 &= \mathbf{g}_k(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{H}_k(\mathbf{x}_k - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k) + \mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{v}_k \\
 &= \mathbf{H}_k\mathbf{x}_k + \underbrace{\mathbf{g}_k(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}) - \mathbf{H}_k\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k}_{\mathbf{y}_k} + \mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{v}_k \\
 &= \mathbf{H}_k\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{y}_k + \mathbf{M}_k\mathbf{v}_k,
 \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{y}_{k-1} is *known*.

The Prediction Step

- ▶ The prediction step is

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \\ \check{\mathbf{P}}_k &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{Q}_{k-1} \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^T,\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{F}_{k-1} , \mathbf{u}_{k-1} , and \mathbf{L}_{k-1} are evaluated at the best prior estimate of the state, $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$ (i.e., $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$ replaces $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$ in \mathbf{F}_{k-1} , \mathbf{u}_{k-1} , and \mathbf{L}_{k-1}).

- ▶ The computation of $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k$ above is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{u}_{k-1} \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + (\mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}) - \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}) \\ &= \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0})\end{aligned}$$

which is just the nonlinear discrete time process model evaluated at $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$, \mathbf{u}_{k-1} , and $\mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{0}$.

- ▶ As with the Kalman filter, we perform a prediction step using the expected value of the disturbance, $\mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{0}$.
- ▶ It appears we are ignoring the disturbance, but we are not; if $\mathbf{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}_k, \mathbf{Q}_k)$ then the prediction would be $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}_k)$.

The Correction Step

- ▶ The correction is given by

$$\mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^T,$$

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{V}_k^{-1},$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \check{\mathbf{y}}_k),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{P}}_k (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k)^T + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^T \mathbf{K}_k^T \\ &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{K}_k^T + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{K}_k^T, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{H}_k and \mathbf{M}_k are evaluated at $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k$ (i.e., $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k$ replaces $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k$ in \mathbf{H}_k and \mathbf{M}_k).

- ▶ The predicted measurement $\check{\mathbf{y}}_k$ is

$$\check{\mathbf{y}}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \check{\mathbf{y}}_k,$$

where \mathbf{H}_k and $\check{\mathbf{y}}_k$ are evaluated at $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k$.

- ▶ The prediction measurement is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbf{y}}_k &= \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \check{\mathbf{y}}_k \\ &= \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + (\mathbf{g}_k(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}) - \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{x}}_k) \\ &= \mathbf{g}_k(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}),\end{aligned}$$

the nonlinear discrete-time measurement model evaluated at $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k$, the a priori state estimate.

- ▶ Again, we perform the correction step using the expected value of the noise, $\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0}$.
- ▶ It appears we are ignoring the noise, but we are not; if $\mathbf{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k, \mathbf{R}_k)$ then the correction would be $\check{\mathbf{y}}_k = \mathbf{g}_k(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k)$.
- ▶ The correction is then also given by

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \check{\mathbf{y}}_k), \\ &= \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{g}_k(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0})).\end{aligned}$$

Summary of the Extended Kalman Filter

System: $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1})$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$$

Initialization: $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = E[\mathbf{x}_0]$

$$\mathbf{P}_0 = E[(\mathbf{x}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0)(\mathbf{x}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0)^\top]$$

Prediction: $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0})$

$$\check{\mathbf{P}}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^\top + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{Q}_{k-1} \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^\top$$

Correction: $\mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top$

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{V}_k^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{g}_k(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}))$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{P}}_k (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k)^\top + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top$$

$$= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k$$

The Iterative EKF

- Recall that

$$\mathbf{H}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \right|_{\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}},$$
$$\mathbf{M}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_k} \right|_{\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0}},$$

which is to say that \mathbf{H}_k and \mathbf{M}_k are computed using $\check{\mathbf{x}}_k$ after the prediction step.

- Well, after the correction step we have a better estimate of the state, namely $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$.
- The idea behind the iterative EKF is to recompute \mathbf{H}_k and \mathbf{M}_k using a better estimate of the state, then recompute \mathbf{K}_k , and then finally recompute $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ and $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k$.
- This process is repeated until convergence.

Step-by-Step Details

1. Execute the prediction step normally, that is,

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \mathbf{f}_{k-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{0}), \\ \check{\mathbf{P}}_k &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^\top + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{Q}_{k-1} \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^\top,\end{aligned}$$

and set the linearization point to $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\text{lin}} = \check{\mathbf{x}}_k$.

2. Compute

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}_k &= \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\text{lin}}, \mathbf{0}}, \\ \mathbf{M}_k &= \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_k} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\text{lin}}, \mathbf{0}}.\end{aligned}$$

3. Compute

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{K}_k &= \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top (\mathbf{H}_k \check{\mathbf{P}}_k \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top)^{-1}, \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k &= \check{\mathbf{x}}_k + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{g}_k(\check{\mathbf{x}}_k, \mathbf{0})), \\ \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k &= (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \check{\mathbf{P}}_k (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k)^\top + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top \mathbf{K}_k^\top.\end{aligned}$$

4.
 - ▶ If $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\text{lin}}\|_2 \geq \epsilon$ set $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\text{lin}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ and go back to Step 2.
 - ▶ If $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\text{lin}}\|_2 < \epsilon$ go to time step $k + 1$.

Questions

Thank you for your attention.

Questions?

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