

“State Estimation Using the Kalman Filter”

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Outline

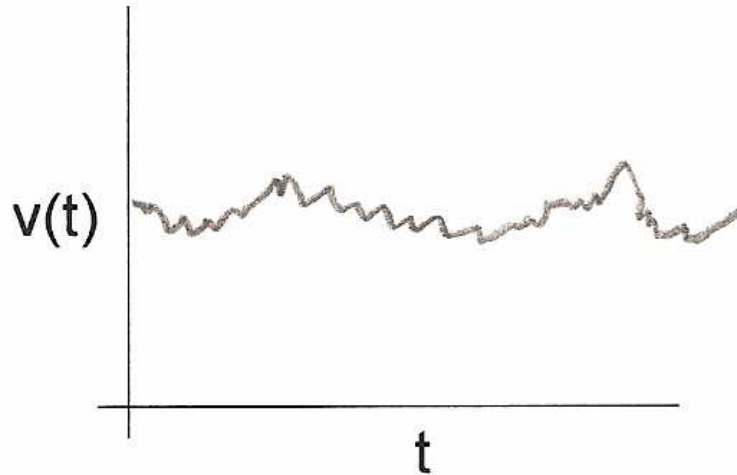
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Control with Limited/Noisy Measurements

- (1) Some variables may not be measurable in real time
- (2) Noise in the instruments and in the process may give erroneous data for control purposes

Solution: Use Kalman Filter

Random Variables



Ex

turbulent flow,
temperature sensor
in boiling liquid

mean (expected) value of r.v. :

$$\bar{x} = E[x] \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x)dx$$

↑
expected value
operator

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 $p(x)$ probability
density function

Definition of Variance and Covariance

$$\text{var}(x) \triangleq E[(x - \bar{x})^2] \triangleq \overline{(x - \bar{x})(x - \bar{x})}$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x})^2 p(x) dx$$

$$[\text{var}(x)]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sigma \text{ (standard deviation)}$$

for two random variables, x and y , the degree of their dependence is indicated by covariance = $\text{cov}(x, y) \triangleq E[(x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})]$

$$\text{cov}(x, y) = E[xy] - \bar{x} \bar{y}$$

$$\text{cov}(x, x) = \text{var } x = E[x^2] - (\bar{x})^2$$

Correlation Coefficient

$$\rho(x, y) \triangleq \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(x)\text{var}(y)}}$$

$$-1 \leq \rho \leq +1 \quad |\rho| \rightarrow 1$$

highly correlated

$$|\rho| \rightarrow 0$$

uncorrelated

extension to multivariable case:

covariance matrix

$$P_{ij} = \text{cov}(x_i, x_j)$$

$$\underline{P} \triangleq E[(x - \bar{x})(x - \bar{x})^T]$$

$$\underline{P} = \underline{P}^T \quad \underline{P} \geq 0 \quad p_{ii} = \text{var } x_i$$

State Estimation

Object: Using data (which is filtered), reconstruct values for unmeasured state variables

Definitions: mean = $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum^N x_i$

variance $\sigma^2 = \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

σ^2 large, lots of scatter! single data pt. is unreliable

Example: 2 measurements of equal reliability

$$(x_p, x_r) \rightarrow x_f \quad \frac{x_p + x_r}{2} = x_f$$

more generally, \underline{x}_p \underline{x}_r data pt. "p"
 $\underline{e}_p = \underline{x}_p - \underline{\bar{x}}$ data pt. "r"
 (actually data vectors)

State Estimation (cont'd)

error vectors \rightarrow error covariance matrices

$$\underline{P} = \overline{\underline{e}_p \underline{e}_p^T} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\underline{e}_{p_1} \underline{e}_{p_1}} & \overline{\underline{e}_{p_1} \underline{e}_{p_2}} & \cdots \\ & \overline{\underline{e}_{p_2} \underline{e}_{p_2}} & \ddots \\ & & \overline{\underline{e}_{p_n} \underline{e}_{p_n}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, $\underline{R} = \overline{\underline{e}_r \underline{e}_r^T}$

combine \underline{x}_p and \underline{x}_r to find \underline{x}_f

$$\underline{x}_f = (\underline{I} - \underline{F})\underline{x}_p + \underline{F}\underline{x}_r = \underline{x}_p + \underline{F}(\underline{x}_r - \underline{x}_p)$$

$$\underline{e}_f = (\underline{I} - \underline{F}) \underline{e}_p + \underline{F} \underline{e}_r \quad \underline{F}: \text{weighting matrix}$$

The covariance matrix of \underline{e}_f is

$$\underline{H} = \underline{P} - \underline{F} \underline{P} - \underline{P} \underline{F}^T + \underline{F} (\underline{P} + \underline{R}) \underline{F}^T$$

(no correlation between \underline{e}_r and \underline{e}_p)

State Estimation (cont'd)

Select F so that $\sum_i e_{f_i}^2$ is a minimum

(least squares estimate or minimum variance estimate)

$$F^{opt} = P(P + R)^{-1}$$

scalar example:

$$(a) \quad \begin{array}{l} P = q^2 \\ R = q^2 \end{array} \quad F = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(b) \quad P \gg R \quad F=1 \quad (\text{select } x_r)$$

State Estimation (cont'd)

For dynamic systems, we have 2 sources of information:

(x_p) (1) state equation (and previous state estimates)

(x_r) (2) new measurements at time step k
(but # measurements \leq # states)

$$x(k) = A(k-1) x(k-1) + G(k-1) w(k-1)$$

linear dynamic system; w = process noise

state variables $x_{n \times 1}$

State Estimation (cont'd)

$$y(k) = Cx(k) + v(k)$$

$$y_{\ell \times 1} \quad \ell \leq n \quad v(k): \text{instrument noise}$$

y : measured variables

We wish to update $\hat{x}(k)$ (the estimates of the states) from inaccurate or unknown initial conditions on $x(k)$, measurements corrupted by noise.

The Kalman filter eqn:

$$\hat{x}(k) = A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1) + K(k) [y(k) - \underbrace{CA(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1)}_{\hat{y}}]$$

$y - \hat{y}$: difference between measurement and estimate

n.b. if we can't measure $x_i(k)$, then $x_i(0)$ is unknown

State Estimation (cont'd)

Define covariance matrices

$Q_{n \times n}$: $w(k)$ process noise vector (white)

$R_{l \times l}$: $v(k)$ instrument noise vector (white)

Q, R usually diagonal matrices that can be “tuned” (variances needed)

w, v are uncorrelated white noises (characteristics defined by mean, variance)

markov sequence $p(w(k+1) / w(k)) = p(w(k+1))$

define state error covariance

$$P = (x_p - x)(x_p - x)^T$$

x : true value

State estimate covariance

$$H = (\hat{x} - x)(\hat{x} - x)^T$$

State Estimation (cont'd)

given $\hat{x}(k-1)$, an unbiased estimate
(min. variance) is

$$x_p(k) = A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1)$$

covariance matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(k) &= \overline{(x_p - x_k)(x_p - x_k)^T} \\
 &= \overline{\left[A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1) - A(k-1)x(k-1) - G(k-1)w(k-1) \right] \cdot} \\
 &\quad \overline{[\quad]^T} \\
 &= A(k-1)H(k-1)A(k-1)^T + G(k-1)Q(k-1)G(k-1)^T
 \end{aligned}$$

State Estimation (cont'd)

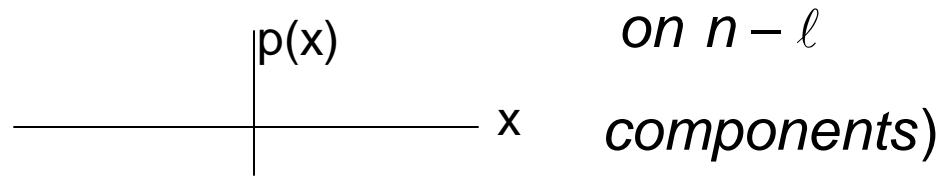
adjust measurement eqn. (to obtain square system):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 y_1(k) = C_1 x(k) + v_1(k) & & & & y = Cx + v \\
 \begin{array}{ccc} nx1 & nxn & nx1 \end{array} & & & & \begin{array}{ccc} lx1 & lxn & lx1 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix}$$

D : dummy matrix so C_1 is square

cov(v_1) $R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R & O \\ O & \gamma I \end{bmatrix} \quad \gamma \rightarrow \infty$ (bad or missing information



State Estimation (cont'd)

Inverting,

$$x(k) = C_1^{-1}[y_1(k) - v_1(k)]$$

estimate $x_r(k) = C_1^{-1}y_1(k)$

$$\text{cov}[x_r - x(k)] = C_1^{-1}R_1(k)(C_1^{-1})^T$$

Ex $C = [1 \ 0]$

select $D = [0 \ 1]$ to make H_1 invertible

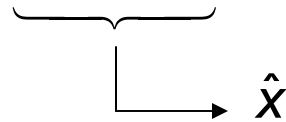
$$R = 1 \quad R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} \quad N \text{ large}$$

$$R_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & N^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{note} \\ N^{-1} \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

potential for roundoff error

State Estimation (cont'd)

Combine x_r and x_p to minimize variance



$$\hat{x}(k) = x_p(k) + F(k) [x_r(k) - x_p(k)]$$

$$(F^{opt} = P(P + R)^{-1}$$

from earlier analysis)

$$\hat{x}(k) = A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1) + F(k)[C_1^{-1}y_1(k) - A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1)]$$

actually, $F^{opt}(k) = P(k)[P(k) + C_1^{-1}R_1(k)(C_1^{-1})^T]^{-1}$

$$F^{opt}(k) = P(k)[C_1^T R_1^{-1}(k)C_1 P(k) + I]^{-1} C_1^T R_1(k)^{-1} C_1$$

State Estimation (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{examine } C_1^T R_1^{-1} C_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} C^T & D^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} \\ &= C^T R^{-1} C \end{aligned}$$

covariance of composite estimate becomes

$$H(k) = [P(k)C^T R^{-1}(k)C + I]^{-1} P(k)$$

↑
nxn matrix inverse

By rearrangement and matrix identity (reduce size of inverse to be computed)

$$H(k) = P(k) - P(k)C^T [CP(k)C^T + R]^{-1} CP(k)$$

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Kalman Filter Algorithm

1. assume $\hat{x}(0)$, $H(0)$
select Q, R
2. $P(1) = A(0) H(0) A^T(0) + G(0) Q G^T(0)$
3. $K(1) = P(1) C^T \left[C P(1) C^T + R \right]_{l \times l}^{-1}$
4. $\hat{x}(1) = A(0) \hat{x}(0) + K(1) [y(1) - C A \hat{x}(0)]$

update

$$H(1) = P(1) - K(1) C P(1)$$

return to 2. to generate $P(2)$, $K(2)$

n.b. If A , G are not functions of k ,

$P(k)$, $K(k)$ can be generated ahead of time.

Kalman Filter Extension

Extensions

$$x(k) = A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1) + B(k-1)u(k-1) + G(k-1)w(k-1)$$

Kalman filter becomes

$$\hat{x}(k) = A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1) + B(k-1)u(k-1) + K(k)[y(k) - C[A(k-1)\hat{x}(k-1) + B(k-1)u(k-1)]]$$

Recursive update for P :

$$P(k) = P(k-1) - P(k-1)C^T [CP(k-1)C^T + R]^{-1} CP(k-1)$$

Properties of Kalman Filter

(a) It provides an unbiased estimate

$$E[\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)] = 0 \quad \forall t > 0$$

(b) $P(t)$ is the covariance matrix of $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$

$$P = E[\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T]$$

$P(t)$ found by soln of Riccati eqn. and does not depend on $y(t)$ – can be calculated a priori

note that $J(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(\tilde{x}_i^2(t))$ (variance)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P_{ii}(t) = \text{tr}(P)$$

Properties of Kalman Filter (cont'd)

(c) Kalman filter is a linear, minimum variance estimator

linear o.d.e. relating \hat{x} to $y(t)$

For non-white (colored) noise, optimal estimator is not necessarily linear

(d) For long times ($t \rightarrow \infty$)

$$K(t) \rightarrow \bar{K}$$

$$P(t) \rightarrow \bar{P} \quad \text{s.s. Riccati eqn.}$$

don't have to update gain matrix

(e) note similarity to LQP)

(Kalman filter uses initial condition)

Properties of Kalman Filter (cont'd)

- (f) Extension of K.F. to nonlinear systems (involves successive linearization of state eqn.)
- (g) Q, R . difficult to estimate a priori, but can be used as design parameters
(relative values of Q, R are important)
- (h) large $Q \Rightarrow$ large K

(implies process noise is large)

large R (small Q) \Rightarrow small K
(implies measurement noise is large)