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Multidimensional Kalman Filtering

- We can generalize our model to multiple degrees of freedom with a separate measurement relation:
 - $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{v}_k$ (the *state*, or *process equation*)
 - $\mathbf{z}_k + \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{w}_k$ (the *measurement model*)
 - Where \mathbf{A}_k is the state update matrix, \mathbf{B}_k is the control matrix, \mathbf{z}_k is the measurement, \mathbf{D}_k is the measurement matrix, \mathbf{v}_k is the process (or model) noise and \mathbf{w}_k is the measurement noise
 - Again assume $\mathbf{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k)$, $\mathbf{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$, i.e. zero-mean noise with covariances $\mathbf{Q}_k, \mathbf{R}_k$
 - In practice we can find \mathbf{Q}_k and \mathbf{R}_k through testing and characterization of the system; depending on the model, we may be able to estimate it mathematically
- Let $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|j}$ be the estimate of \mathbf{x}_k given measurements $\{\mathbf{z}_0, \dots, \mathbf{z}_j\}$, with $\mathbf{P}_{k|j}$ as its covariance
- Kalman filtering is a two-branch process divided into state and covariance estimations:
 - Given $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{k|k}$ (the previous best estimate), \mathbf{u}_k (the control input), $\mathbf{P}_{k|k}$ (the previous covariance)
 - State estimation:
 1. Predict the next state: $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{A}_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{u}_k$
 2. Predict the next measurement: $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{D}_{k+1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k}$
 3. Calculate the measurement residual: $\mathbf{s}_{k+1} = \mathbf{z}_{k+1} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k+1|k}$
 4. Update the state estimate: $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k} + \mathbf{W}_{k+1} \mathbf{s}_{k+1}$
 - Covariance estimation:
 1. Predict the state covariance: $\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{A}_k^T + \mathbf{Q}_k$
 2. Predict the measurement covariance: $\mathbf{S}_{k+1} = \mathbf{D}_{k+1} \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} \mathbf{D}_{k+1}^T + \mathbf{R}_{k+1}$
 3. Calculate the Kalman gain: $\mathbf{W}_{k+1} = \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} \mathbf{D}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{S}_{k+1}^{-1}$
 4. Update the state covariance: $\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k+1} = \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} - \mathbf{W}_{k+1} \mathbf{S}_{k+1} \mathbf{W}_{k+1}^T$
- The state covariance estimation part can be combined into a single equation, which is known as the *Ricatti equation*
- This only works if we have noise – if $\mathbf{R}_{k+1} = \mathbf{0}$, often \mathbf{S}_{k+1} is not invertible; however if \mathbf{R}_{k+1} is invertible, then due to the positive-definiteness of $\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k}$, we are guaranteed that \mathbf{S} is invertible
- Example: body in free fall
 - Model:
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ v_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ v_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}g \\ -g \end{bmatrix}$$
 - We will measure the height: $z_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ v_k \end{bmatrix} + w_k$
 - Take noise to be $\mathbf{Q}_k = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k = 1$

Optimality of Kalman Filtering

- If we expand the update relations we get:
 - $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k} + \mathbf{W}_{k+1} (\mathbf{D}_{k+1} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} + \mathbf{w}_{k+1} - \mathbf{D}_{k+1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k})$
 - $\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k+1} = (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{W}_{k+1} \mathbf{D}_{k+1}) (\mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{A}_k^T + \mathbf{Q}_k) (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{W}_{k+1} \mathbf{D}_{k+1})^T + \mathbf{W}_{k+1} \mathbf{R}_{k+1} \mathbf{W}_{k+1}^T$
- We would want to minimize $\varepsilon_{k+1}^2 = \mathbb{E} [\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1}\|^2]$, i.e. the expected error
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$$= \mathbb{E} [(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1})^T (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1})]$$

$$= \text{tr} \mathbb{E} [(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1})^T]$$

$$= \text{tr} \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k+1}$$
 - This means that to minimize the expected error, we should minimize the covariance
- To minimize the error, we solve for $\frac{\partial \varepsilon_{k+1}^2}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{k+1}} = \mathbf{0}$ to get the optimal \mathbf{W}
 - Note: $\frac{\partial \text{tr} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}}{\partial \mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{A}^T$ for matrices \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}

- If we do this, we get $\frac{\partial \text{tr } \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k+1}}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{k+1}} = -2\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k+1}\mathbf{D}_{k+1}^T + 2\mathbf{W}_{k+1}\mathbf{S}_{k+1} = \mathbf{0}$ where \mathbf{S}_{k+1} is defined above
- Assuming \mathbf{S}_{k+1} is invertible, solve to get $\mathbf{W}_{k+1} = \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k}\mathbf{D}_{k+1}^T\mathbf{S}_{k+1}^{-1}$
- Hence Kalman filtering is an *optimal* estimator

Extended Kalman Filtering (EKF)

- What if we didn't have a linear process/measurement model?
- In general, we can have $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) + \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) + \mathbf{w}_{k+1}$
 - Note we are assuming that noise is additive right now
- We simply linearize the system with the Jacobian
- For the predictions, we can directly do $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{f}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}, \mathbf{u}_k)$ and $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{h}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k})$
- For the state covariance estimate, we will linearize about $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k}, \mathbf{u}_k$:
 - $\mathbf{A}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k^T} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k}, \mathbf{u}_k}, \mathbf{B}_k = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k^T} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k}, \mathbf{u}_k}, \mathbf{D}_{k+1} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k^T} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k}}$
 - * Note that now the matrices such as \mathbf{A}_k are dependent on our state!
- The procedure is identical to that of normal Kalman filtering, except the nonlinear model is used for prediction and measurement, while the linearized Jacobians are used for covariance estimation