

# **Fundamentals of Kalman Filtering and Applications to GNSS**

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# What Is A Kalman Filter?

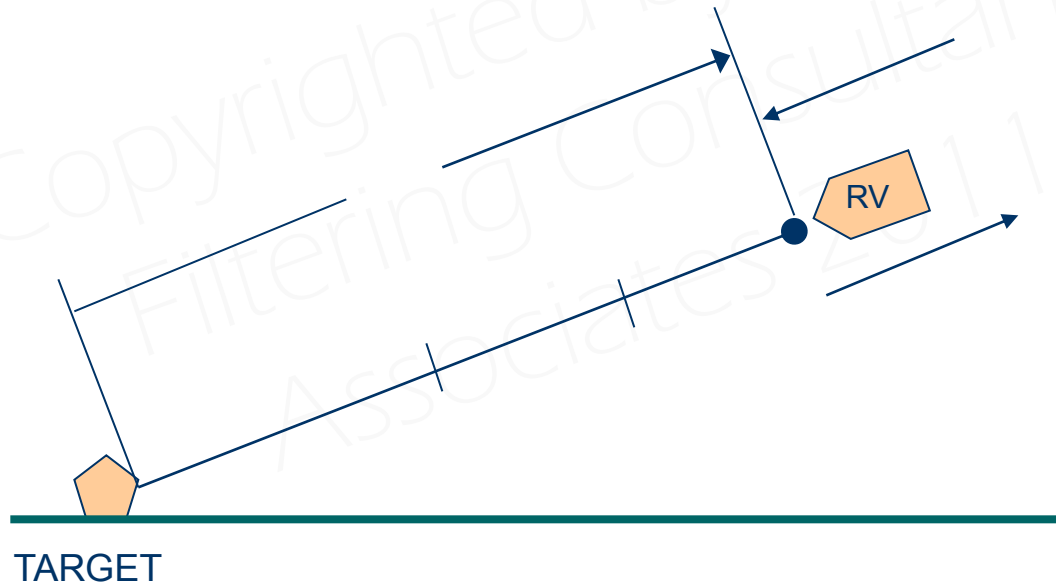
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# Problem

- Develop an algorithm to process the data

$$Z(t_0 + i\Delta t), i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 30$$

and form an estimate of position  $P(t_0 + 6)$ . Use all relevant information.



# Problem (cont.)

- Kalman filter based upon given model(s)

- Measurement process model

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{Data} \end{array} Z(t_0 + i\Delta t) = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{RV Position} \end{array} P(t_0 + \Delta t) + \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{Measurement} \\ \text{Error } \pm 50 \text{ ft} \end{array} v(t_0 + \Delta t), \quad \begin{array}{l} i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 30 \\ \Delta t = 0.1 \text{ SEC} \end{array}$$

- System dynamics model

$$\dot{P} = V$$

$$\dot{V} = A$$

$$\dot{A} = 0$$

- Initial condition model

$$P(t_0) = 100 \pm 10 \text{ KFT}$$

$$V(t_0) = -15 \pm 1 \text{ KPS}$$

$$A(t_0) = 20 \pm 1 \text{ Gs}$$

# Alternative Problems, Issues

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- What is the required radar accuracy to achieve a prescribed accuracy in the final estimate of  $P(t_0 + 6)$ .
- What are the implications of having range rate information available in addition to range data?
- How about samples every 0.05 sec, 0.01 sec., etc.?
- How sensitive is the algorithm to deviations from assumed model?
  - Suppose  $\dot{A}$  is not constant
  - Suppose measurement errors not “independent”
- Given the initial conditions, how accurately could one estimate  $P(t_0 + 6)$  without any data?

# What is a Kalman Filter?

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- Algorithm for generating estimates of the state of a system based upon
  - A mathematical model
    - System states are governed by linear differential or difference equations driven by white noise
    - Measurements are linear functions of the states + white measurement noise
  - An initial estimate
    - Initial estimates (can be very poor) are required. Also level of uncertainty needs specification
  - A set of measurements
    - Data from real hardware (sensors) such as GNSS
      - Pseudoranges
      - Delta Pseudoranges

# RV Example

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- Mathematical MODEL

$$\dot{P} = V; \quad \dot{V} = A; \quad \dot{A} = 0 \quad (\text{no noise in this example})$$

$$Z(t_0 + i\Delta t) = P(t_0 + i\Delta t) + v(t_0 + i\Delta t)$$

$$v(t_0 + i\Delta t) = \pm 50 \text{ FT}$$

- Initial estimate

$$P(t_0) = 100 \pm 10 \text{ KFT}$$

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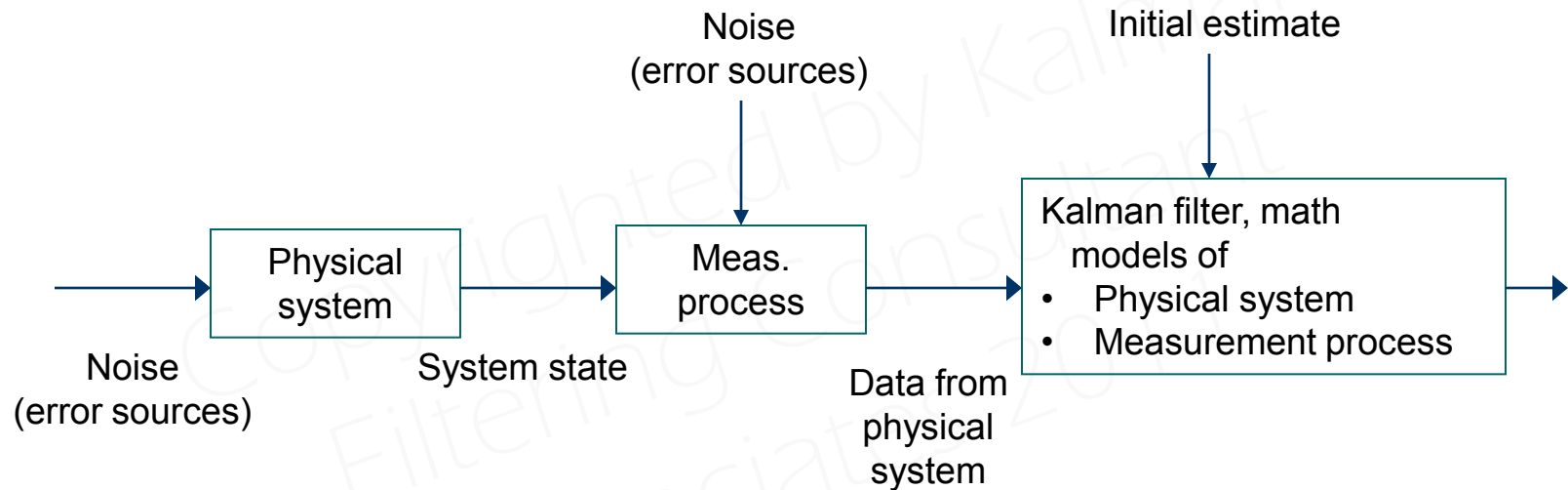
- Measurements

100752, 99243, 97732, ...



# Kalman Filtering Problem

- Top level sketch



# Attributes of Kalman Filter

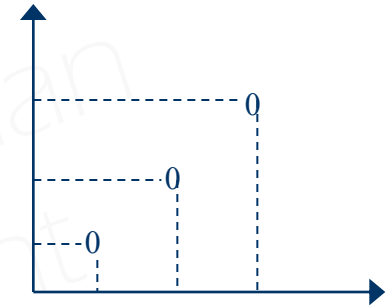
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- ± Kalman filter is “optimal”— if physical world and mathematical model coincide. This is never the case. Dealing with model disparities is major task of Kalman filter designer.
- + Kalman filter is “recursive”— estimates are updated upon receipt of each measurement. No need to save past data.
- ± Kalman filter creates its own error analysis— the “ $1\sigma$ ” estimation errors are generated as part of the algorithm. But the values are only as good as the model.
- Kalman filters can create numerical difficulties— precision, memory, speed.
- + Kalman filters are easily reconfigured to handle wild data points and model changes.
- ± Kalman filter model is linear— real world is always non-linear, to some extent.
- ± Kalman filter operates in vector/matrix format— concepts and operations are independent of number of states.

# Example: Curve Fitting

- Given

- Three data points  $(t_1, z_1), (t_2, z_2), (t_3, z_3)$
- A relationship between  $t$  and  $Z$  of the form  $Z = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma t^2$  (1)
- Find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in terms of the given data.



- Solution

$$z_1 = \alpha + t_1 \beta + t_1^2 \gamma$$

$$z_2 = \alpha + t_2 \beta + t_2^2 \gamma$$

$$z_3 = \alpha + t_3 \beta + t_3^2 \gamma$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 \\ 1 & t_3 & t_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$Z = HX$$

$$H^{-1}Z = H^{-1}HX = X \quad \boxed{X = H^{-1}Z} \quad (3)$$

- Solution amounts to solving 3 equations for 3 unknowns  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

Since Eq. (2) is satisfied, the  $Z$  vs  $t$  curve determined by Eqs (1) and (3) is guaranteed to pass through the three data points  $(t_1, z_1), (t_2, z_2), (t_3, z_3)$

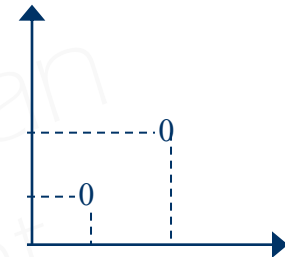
$z_3$

$z_2$

# Example: Curve Fitting (cont.)

- Given

- Two data points  $(t_1, z_1), (t_2, z_2)$
- A relationship between  $t$  and  $Z$  of the form  $Z = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma t^2$
- Find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in terms of the given data.



- Solution

$$z_1 = \alpha + t_1 \beta + t_1^2 \gamma$$

$$z_2 = \alpha + t_2 \beta + t_2^2 \gamma$$

two equations  
and 3 unknowns



**UNDERDETERMINED**

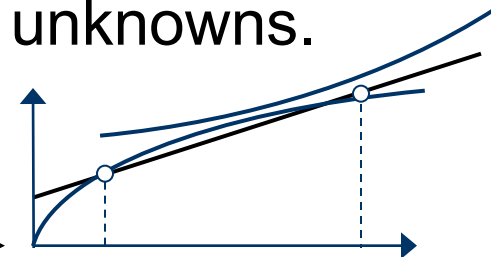
$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 - \alpha \\ z_2 - \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_1^2 \\ t_2 & t_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 - t_1 \beta \\ z_2 - t_2 \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & t_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 - t_1^2 \gamma \\ z_2 - t_2^2 \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ 1 & t_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

- Procedure: choose an  $\alpha, \beta,$  or  $\gamma$  arbitrary and solve Eqs (1), (2), or (3) for remaining two unknowns.

- Result: An infinite number of solutions exist. Some possibilities are



# Example: Curve Fitting (cont.)

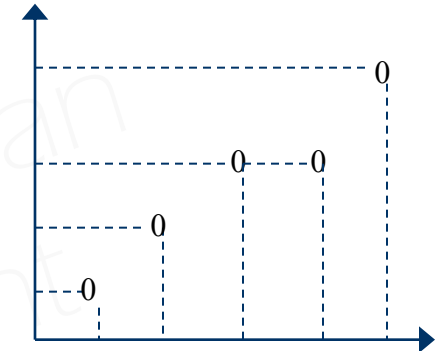
- Given

- Five data points

$$(t_1, z_1), (t_2, z_2), (t_3, z_3), (t_4, z_4), (t_5, z_5)$$

- A relationship between  $t$  and  $Z$  of the form  $Z = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma t^2$

- Find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in terms of the given data



- Solution

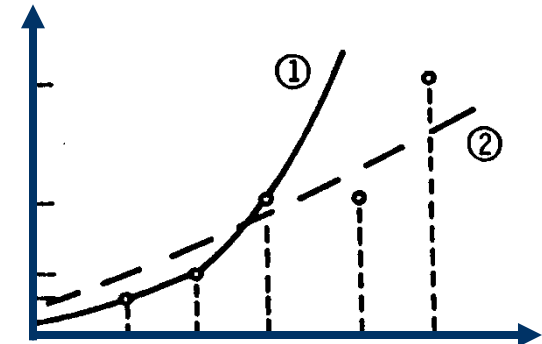
$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \\ z_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 \\ 1 & t_3 & t_3^2 \\ 1 & t_4 & t_4^2 \\ 1 & t_5 & t_5^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z_{5 \times 1} = H_{5 \times 3} X_{3 \times 1}$$

5 equations  
and  
3 unknowns



**OVERDETERMINED**



**Approach 1:** Use only the first 3 equations and solve for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  as in first part of this example; ignore the last 2 equations..

**Result:** curve will pass through first 3 data points. May not even come close to curve 1

**Approach 2:** Try drawing a "best fit" to the data. See curve 2.

# Example: Curve Fitting (cont.)

- Denote a chosen set of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  values by  $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma}$ .

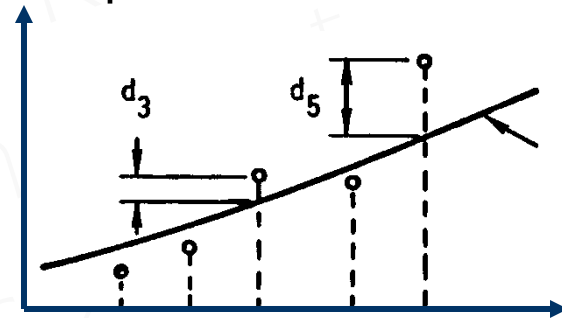
Also let  $\hat{Z}_i = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}t_i + \hat{\gamma}t_i^2 \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 5$

- We propose to choose the  $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma}$  according to the criteria that the fit determined is best in the “least squares” sense.

Specifically, we minimize  $J$  where

$$J = \sum_1^n (Z_i - \hat{Z}_i)^2 = \sum_1^n (d_i)^2 \quad ; \quad n = 5$$

For this example



- Procedure

$$J = \sum_1^n (Z_i - \hat{Z}_i)^2 = (Z - \hat{Z})^T (Z - \hat{Z}) = (Z - H \hat{X})^T (Z - H \hat{X})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{X}} \left[ (Z - H \hat{X})^T (Z - H \hat{X}) \right] = 0 \quad (\text{NECESSARY CONDITION})$$

- The above leads to

$$\hat{X} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T Z \quad |H^T H| \neq 0$$

# Example: Curve Fitting Summary

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- Given
  - Observation vector  $Z_{m \times 1}$
  - Vector of parameters to be determined  $X_{n \times 1}$
  - Assumed model of the form  $Z = HX$  ;  $H_{m \times n}$
  - Find  $X$ 
    - Case 1: Underdetermined  $m < n$ 
      - Infinite number of solutions exist
      - That is, not enough information (equations) to uniquely specify all elements of  $X$
    - Case 2: Exactly determined  $n = m$ 
      - Unique solution for  $X$  exists provided  $|H| \neq 0$   
$$X = H^{-1}Z$$
    - Case 3: Over determined  $m > n$ 
      - Cannot guarantee a perfect fit to the data
      - A “best fit” in the least squares sense can be determined to be  
$$\hat{X} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T Z$$
 ;  $|H^T H| \neq 0$
      - This solution guarantees  $J = (Z - H\hat{X})^T (Z - H\hat{X}) = \text{minimum}$
      - **This case is of the most interest.**

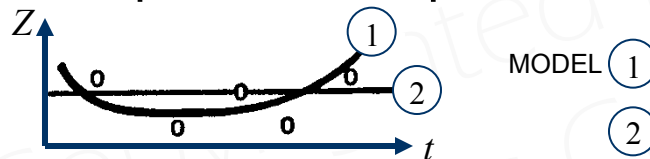
# Example: Curve Fitting Summary

- Curve-fitting least squares fit

$$Z = HX$$

$$\hat{X} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T Z \quad |H^T H| \neq 0$$

1. Results predicated upon assumed model  $Z = HX$



Model validity is always a problem

2. All residuals  $(Z_i - \hat{Z}_i)$  are weighted equally. No provisions for “de-weighting” some points.
3. No information regarding “a priori” knowledge of parameters used.
4. Batch processing is implied by  $\hat{X} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T Z$
5. Criteria is one of fitting data; not minimizing estimation error,

$$X - \hat{X}$$

$$Z = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma t^2$$



# Example—The Kalman Filter

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Curve-fitting least squares fit

- The Kalman filter
  - Kalman filtering brings into consideration 2, 3, 4, 5.
  - Modeling remains a problem.
  - The least squares curve fit and the Kalman filter yield the same estimates when
    - Initial uncertainty in  $X$  is large.
    - All observations are of equal quality.
    - System is overdetermined or exactly determined.
  - The Kalman filter is recursive.
  - The Kalman filter accommodates a dynamical model for  $X$ .

# Error Models for Random Processes and Sequences

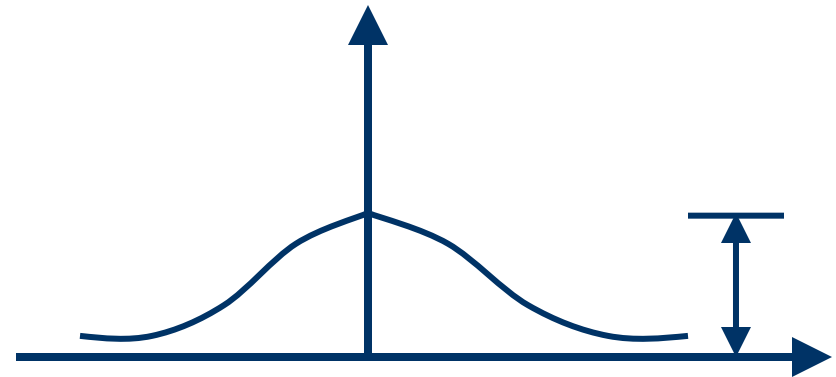
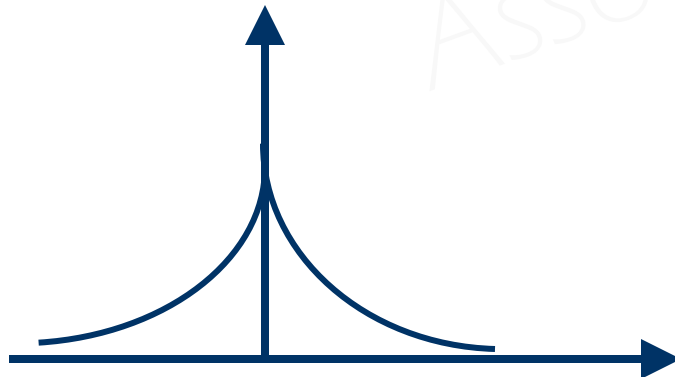
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# Exponentially Correlated Noise

- A process  $x(t)$  is called exponentially correlated if it has zero mean and an autocorrelation function of the form

$$E \{ x(t_1)x(t_2) \} = \sigma_x^2 e^{-\alpha |t_2 - t_1|} = \sigma_x^2 e^{-\alpha |\tau|} = \Psi_{xx}(\tau); \quad \tau = |t_2 - t_1|$$

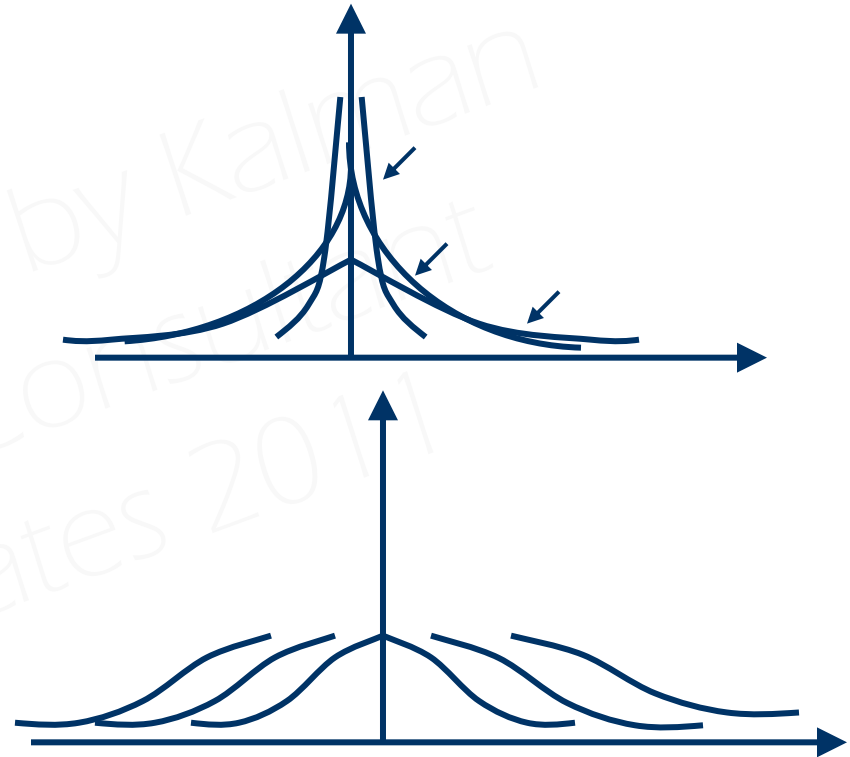
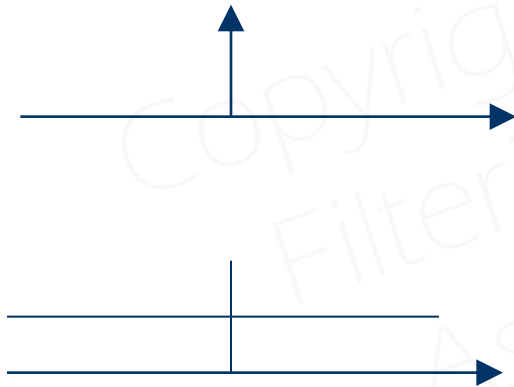
- where  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  = “correlation time.”
- This process is stationary and has a power spectral density given by  $\Psi_{xx}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Psi_{xx}(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau = \frac{2 \sigma_x^2 \alpha}{\omega^2 + \alpha^2}$
- $\Psi_{xx}(\tau)$  and  $\Psi_{xx}(\omega)$  are sketched below



# White Noise

- Define white noise the limit of an exponential process as

- Correlation time =  $\frac{1}{\alpha} \rightarrow 0$
- $\Psi(0) = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\alpha} = \text{constant}$
- In the limit

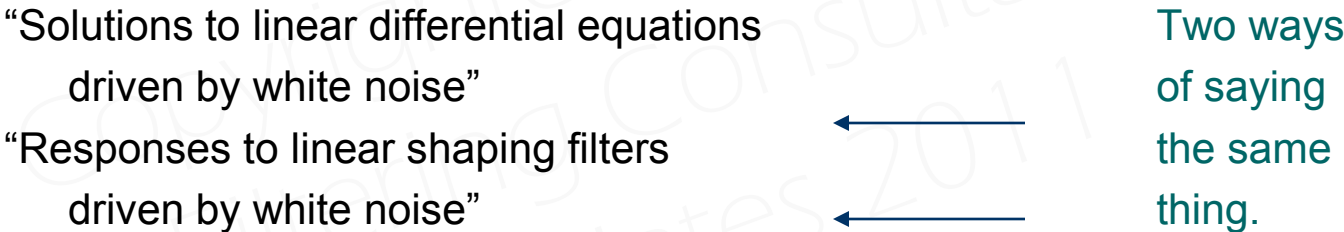


- Comments

- White noise variance  $\Psi(0) = \infty$
- Parameter characterizing white noise  $= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\alpha}$  is not dimensionally the same as  $\sigma^2$
- True white noise does not exist in nature due to infinite variance

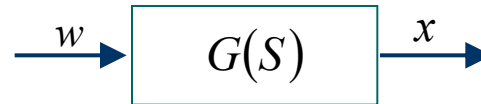
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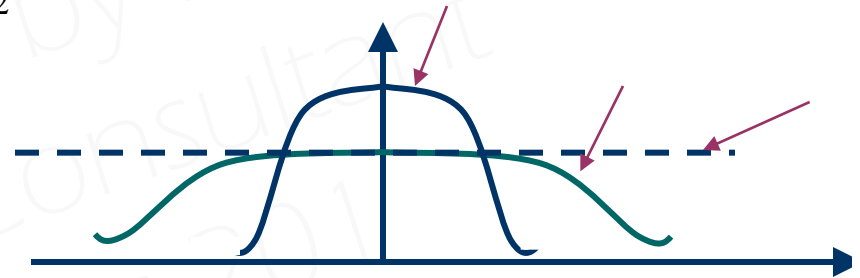
- Question: If white noise does not exist in nature, then what good is it ?
  - Answer:
    1. In many cases, it can be used to approximate the real world.
    2. Numerous additional processes can be generated as
      - “Solutions to linear differential equations driven by white noise”
      - “Responses to linear shaping filters driven by white noise”
- Two ways of saying the same thing.
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- We will make extensive use of item (2) throughout the remainder of this section.
  - Brief examples of (1) and (2) follow.

# White Noise

- Example: Use of white noise as a simplifying approximation
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- A block diagram showing a system with input  $w$  entering a block labeled  $G(s)$ , and output  $x$  exiting the block.



- Given:  $G(S), \Psi_w(\omega) = \frac{2\sigma^2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + \omega^2}$
- Find:  $\Psi_x(\omega)$



$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_x(\omega) &= |G(j\omega)|^2 \Psi_w(\omega) \\ &= |G(j\omega)|^2 \frac{2\sigma^2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + \omega^2} \leftarrow \text{approximating } \Psi_w(\omega) \\ &= |G(j\omega)|^2 \frac{2\sigma^2}{\alpha} \text{ with} \\ &= |G(j\omega)|^2 \Psi_w\end{aligned}$$

## Approximation works because

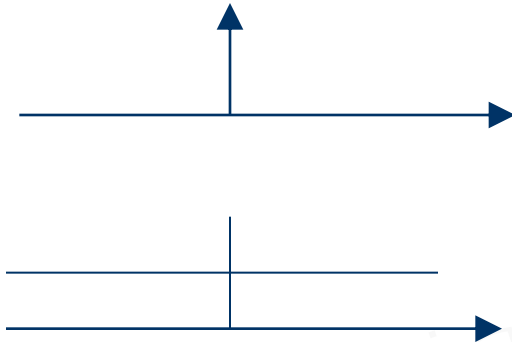
$$\Psi_w(\omega) \cong \Psi_w \text{ for low } \omega$$

$|G(j\omega)| \cong 0 \quad \text{for high } \omega$

where  $\Psi_w(\omega) \neq \Psi_w$

# Example

- Generating a random walk as integral of white noise



If  $w(t)$  is a white noise process with **parameter**  $\sigma_x^2$

$$x(t) = \int_0^t w(\tau) d\tau$$

Then  $x(t)$  is a random walk  $\sigma^2$  process with **variance growth rate**, i.e.,  $\sigma_{x(t)}^2 = \sigma^2 t$

- We have **generated** a random walk process using white noise.
- We will make extensive use of this concept.

$$x(t) = \int_0^t w(\tau) d\tau$$

$$E \{ x(t) \} = E \left\{ \int_0^t w(\tau) d\tau \right\} = \int_0^t E \{ w(\tau) d\tau \} = 0$$

$$E \{ x(t_1) x(t_2) \} = E \left\{ \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{t_2} [w(\tau_1) w(\tau_2)] d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \right\}$$

$$= \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{t_2} E \{ w(\tau_1) w(\tau_2) d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \}$$

$$= \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{t_2} \sigma^2 \delta(\tau_2 - \tau_1) d\tau_2 d\tau_1$$

$$= \sigma^2 \text{ minimum } \{ t_1, t_2 \}$$

# Random Walk

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- A process  $x(t)$  is a random walk if it has a zero mean and an autocorrelation function of the form

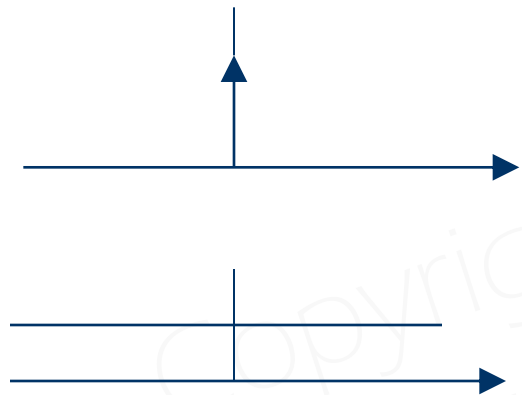
$$E \{ x(t_1)x(t_2) \} = \sigma^2 \quad \text{minimum} \quad \{ t_1, t_2 \}$$

- For  $t_1 = t_2 = t$ , we have  $E \{ x^2(t) \} = \sigma_x^2(t) = \sigma^2 t$ .
- Note
  - The variance of  $x(t)$  grows linearly with time
  - $x(t)$  is non-stationary
- Caution
  - The parameter  $\sigma^2$  has units of  $x^2$  per unit time.
  - $\sigma^2$  is not a variance, but a **variance growth rate**.



# Example

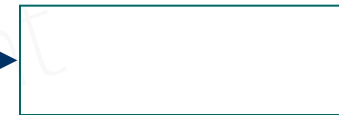
- Generating an exponentially correlated process as the solution to a differential equation driven by white noise



- PSD for  $x$

generated as solution  
to differential equation  
driven by white noise

Shaping Filter  
Representation



Remember for exponentially  
correlated noise

Compare

Hence,  $x(t)$  is exponentially  
correlated with

$$\Psi_x(\omega) = |G(j\omega)|^2 \Psi_w(\omega)$$

$$\Psi_x(\omega) = \sigma_e^2 e^{-\beta/\alpha} \Psi_w(\omega)$$

$$\Psi_x(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_e^2 \beta}{\alpha^2 \omega^2 + \beta^2} \Psi_w(\omega)$$

$$\Psi_x(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_e^2 \beta}{\alpha^2 \omega^2 + \beta^2} \frac{\sigma_w^2}{2\alpha} = \frac{2\sigma_e^2 \beta \sigma_w^2}{\alpha^3 (\omega^2 + \beta^2/\alpha^2)}$$


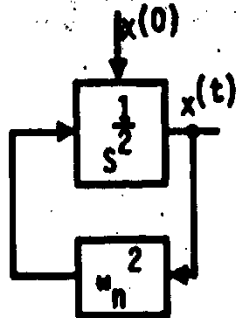
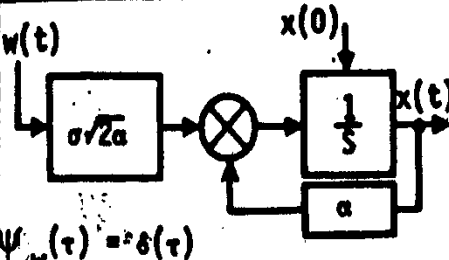
# Previous Result

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- Reworded slightly:
  - If we wish to be an exponentially correlated process with **given** variance  $\sigma_x^2$  and correlation time, then will have these properties.
  - A steady state solution to
  - where  $w(t)$  is a white noise process with

$$\Psi_w(\tau) = 2 \sigma_x^2 \alpha \delta(\tau) \quad ; \quad \Psi_w(\omega) = 2 \sigma_x^2 \alpha$$

# Error Modeling

	PSD AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION	SHAPING FILTER	STATE SPACE FORMULATION
WHITE NOISE	$\Psi_w(\tau) = \sigma^2 \delta(\tau)$ $\Psi_w(\omega) = \sigma^2$		
RANDOM WALK			$\dot{x} = w(t)$ $\sigma_x^2(0) = 0$
RANDOM CONSTANT	$\Psi_x(\tau) = \sigma^2$ $\Psi_x(\omega) = 2\pi \sigma^2 \delta(\omega)$		$\dot{x} = 0$ $\sigma_x^2(0) = \sigma^2$
SINUSOID	$\Psi_x(\tau) = \sigma^2 \cos \omega_0 \tau$ $\Psi_x(\omega) = \pi \sigma^2 [\delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \delta(\omega + \omega_0)]$		$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega_0^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ <p>(1) <math>x_1(t)</math> GENERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH (1) AND (2) WILL HAVE PSD AND AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION IN LEFT HAND COLUMN</p> $P(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ <p>(2)</p>
EXPONENTIALLY CORRELATED NOISE (1ST ORDER MARKOV)	$\Psi_x(\tau) = \sigma^2 e^{-a \tau }$ $\Psi_x(\omega) = \frac{2\sigma^2 a}{\omega^2 + a^2}$ $\frac{1}{a} = \text{CORRELATION TIME}$		$\dot{x} = -ax + \sigma/\sqrt{2a} w$ $\sigma_x^2(0) = \sigma^2$

# GNSS Clock Modeling and Corrections

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- On board clock errors
  - Space vehicle (SV) time
    - Timing of the signal transmission from each satellite
    - Directly controlled by its own atomic clock with NO corrections applied
  - GPS time
    - Highly accurate
    - However, errors can be large enough to require corrections
    - Difficult to directly synchronize clocks in all the satellites
    - Instead, clocks allowed some degree of relative drift estimated by ground station observations and used to generate clock correction data in GPS navigation message
    - SV time is corrected using this data, and result is called “GPS time”

# Time Calculations (GPS book, p. 64)

(computed)

The user should correct the time received from the space vehicle in seconds with the equation below :

$$t = t_{SV} - (\Delta t_{SV})_{L_1} \quad (3.8)$$

$$(\Delta t_{SV})_{L_1} = \Delta t_{SV} - \tau_{GD}$$

where

$t$  = GPS system time (seconds),  $\tau_{GD}$  = Differential bias provided on subframe 1

$t_{SV}$  = effective SV PRN code phase time at message transmission time (seconds)  
(Time from pseudorange time tagged)

$\Delta t_{SV}$  = SV PRN code phase time offset (seconds)

The SV PRN code phase offset is given by

$$\Delta t_{SV} = a_0 + a_1(t - t_{oc}) + a_2(t - t_{oc})^2 + \Delta t_r \quad (3.9)$$

$$= a_{f0} + a_{f1}(t - t_{oc}) + a_{f2L_1}(t - t_{oc})$$

where

$a_0$ ,  $a_1$ , and  $a_2$  = the polynomial coefficients given in the ephemeris data file

$t_{oc}$  = the clock data reference time (seconds)

$\Delta t_r$  = the relativistic correction term (seconds) given by

$$\Delta t_r = F e \sqrt{A} \sin E_t \quad (3.10)$$

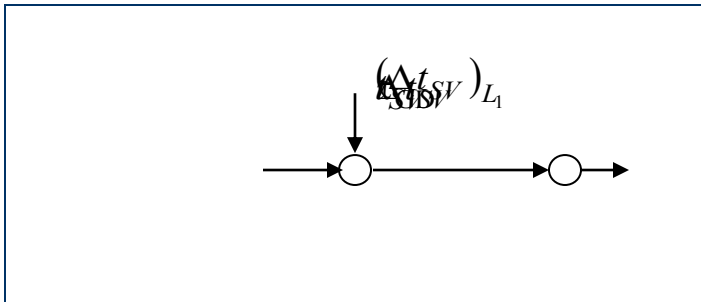
In equation (A-3),  $F$  is a constant whose value is

$$F = \frac{-2\sqrt{\mu}}{c^2} = -4.442807633 \times 10^{-10} \text{ sec/meter}^{1/2} \quad (3.11)$$

where

$$c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ meters/sec} = \text{speed of light}$$

(From Subframe 1)



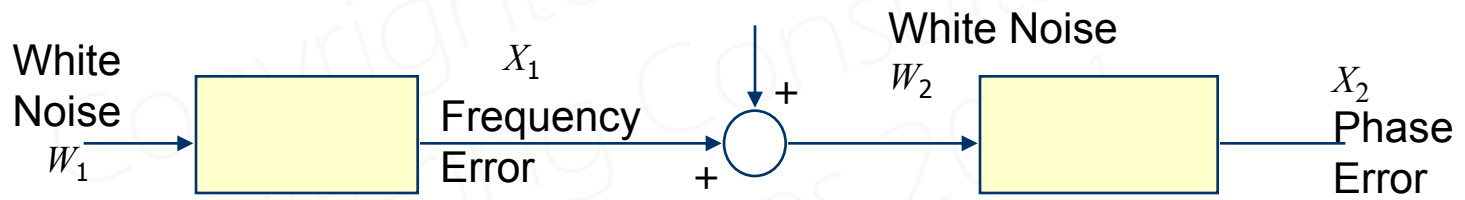
# GNSS Receiver Clock Modeling

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- Receiver clocks
  - Relatively inexpensive, stable over periods of time (0-10S)
  - Works well for GNSS receiver applications IF receiver can use the timing information from hyperaccurate GNSS satellite clocks to maintain required long term stability and accuracy of receiver clocks
- Clock phase and frequency tracking
  - Most common implementation
    - Uses 2-state random process model
    - Keeps the receiver clock synchronized to GNSS satellite clocks
    - Kalman filter with two state variables

# Receiver Crystal Clock Modeling

- Two errors due to clock
  - Clock bias
  - Clock drift
- Continuous domain



(Drift)

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$$\frac{X_2}{W_2 + X_1} = \frac{1}{S}$$

$$\frac{X_1}{W_1} = \frac{1}{S}$$

$$\dot{X}_1 = W_1$$

$$\dot{X}_2 = X_1 + W_2$$

(Bias)

# Clock Model (cont.)

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$$\dot{X}_2 = X_1 + W_2$$

$$\dot{X}_1 = W_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_2 \\ \dot{X}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{F} \begin{bmatrix} X_2 \\ X_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} W_2 \\ W_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Need PSD (power spectral density of  $W_1, W_2$  )

$$\phi = e^{F\Delta t} = I + F \Delta t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Discretize with back difference

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_2^K \\ X_1^K \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_2^{K-1} \\ X_1^{K-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} W_2^{K-1} \\ W_1^{K-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

sampling time  $\Delta t$  sec.



# Process Noise Covariance for Receiver Clocks

$$Q_t = \begin{bmatrix} qb & 0 \\ 0 & qd \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_t = E[W(t)W^T(t)], \quad W(t) = \begin{bmatrix} W_2(t) \\ W_1(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q_{k-1} = \begin{bmatrix} qb\Delta t + qd \frac{\Delta t^3}{3} & qd \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \\ qd \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} & qd\Delta t \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_t = \begin{bmatrix} qb(c)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & qd(c)^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .036 & 0 \\ 0 & .09 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Clock process noise covariances (bias and drift)

$$Q_{k-1} = \begin{bmatrix} qb(c)^2 \Delta t + qd(c)^2 \frac{\Delta t^3}{3} & qd(c)^2 \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \\ qd(c)^2 \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} & qd(c)^2 \Delta t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .085 & .07 \\ .07 & .014 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$qb = \text{spectral amplitude} = 0.4(10^{-18})\text{sec} \sim \frac{h_0}{2}$$

$$qd = \text{spectral amplitude} = 1.58(10^{-18})\text{sec}^{-1} \sim 2\pi^2 h_{-2}$$

$$h_0 = 1.8 \times 10^{-19}, \quad h_{-2} = 3.8 \times 10^{-21}$$

- From Allan variance plot with asymptotes for a typical crystal oscillator
- Reference page 472, KF book

## Process Noise Covariance for Receiver Clocks (cont.)

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- Frequency drift variance

$$qd(c)^2 = .09m^2 / s^3$$

- Value depends primarily on
  - Quality of quartz crystals
  - Its temperature control
  - Stability of its associated control electronics

- Phase noise variance

$$qb(c)^2 = .036m^2 / s$$

- Value depends more on the electronics
  - $c$  = speed of light =  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s

# GNSS Receiver Clock Modeling

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- Notes

- Zero mean white noise processes  $W_1(t)$  and  $W_2(t)$  are uncorrelated
- FLICKER noise
  - This model is a short term approximation of what is called “flicker” noise in clocks
  - Power Spectral Density (PSD) of flicker noise as a function of frequency falls off at  $1/f$ .
  - Behavior cannot be modeled exactly by linear stochastic differential equations
- Real clock drift characteristics
  - Studied extensively
  - ALLAN variance plots depict the amount of RMS drift that occurs over specified period  $\Delta t$
  - Reference: J. A. Barnes, “Models for the Interpretation of Frequency Stability Measurement,” NBS Tech. Note 683, Boulder CO, August 1976

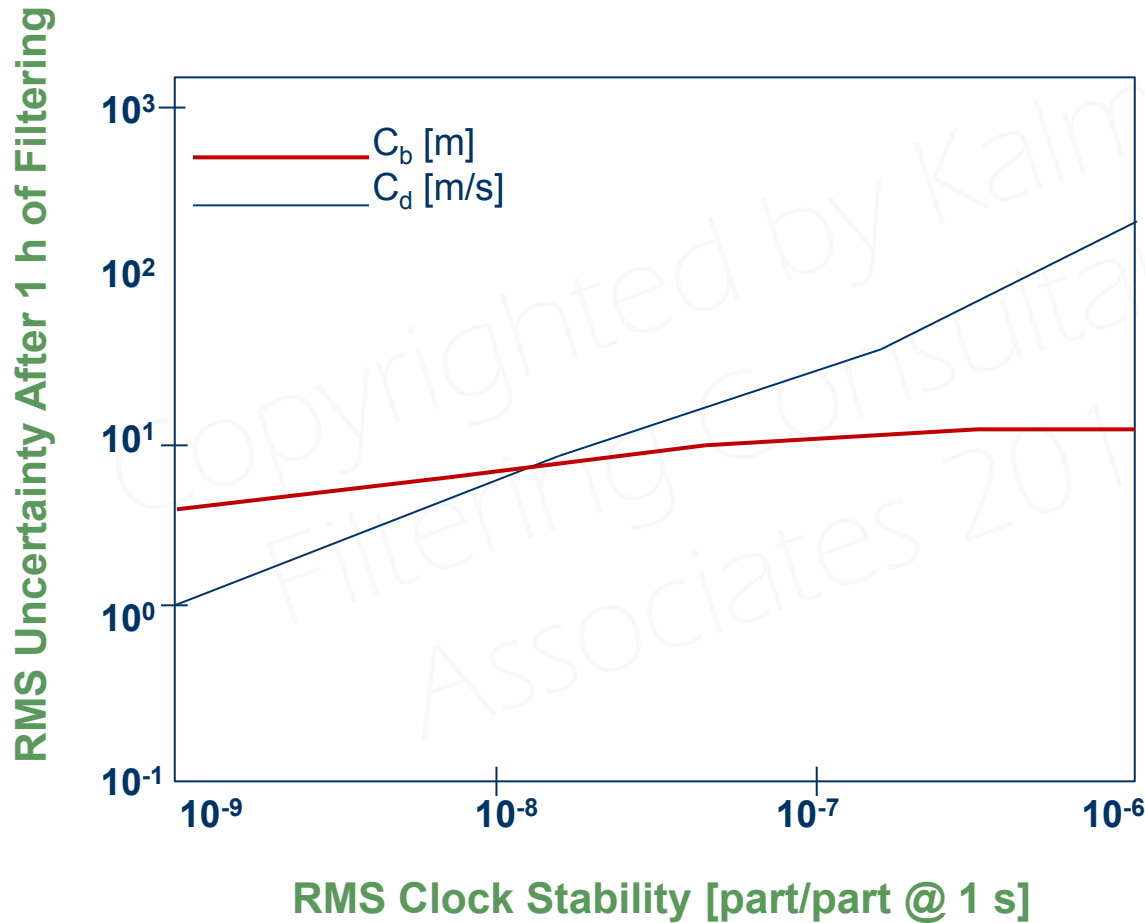
# Clock Estimation

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- Clock estimation uncertainties vs. clock stability
  - For stationary receiver with good satellite geometries
  - Under such ideal conditions, clock stability does not severely compromise location uncertainty
  - But it does compromise clock synchronization (frequency tracking)
  - Tends to corrupt the navigation solution
  - See plot

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# Estimation Uncertainties vs. Stability



# **GNSS Measurement Models**

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# General Measurement Models

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- Let measurement model be non-linear

$$Z_k = h(x_k, k)$$

- Expand this L.H.S. in Taylor series about some  $X_k^{\text{NOM}}$

$$X_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k^1 & x_k^2 & x_k^3 & x_k^4 & x_k^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z_k = h(x_k, k) = h(x_k^{\text{NOM}}, k) + \left. \frac{\partial h(x, k)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_k^{\text{NOM}}} \delta x_k + H.O.T.$$

$$\delta x_k = X_k - X_k^{\text{NOM}}$$

$$\delta z_k = h(x_k, k) - h(X_k^{\text{NOM}}, k)$$

# General Measurement Models

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- Equation becomes

$$\delta z_k = \left. \frac{\partial h(x, k)}{\partial x} \right|_{X=X_k^{\text{NOM}}} \delta x_k$$

$$\delta z_k = H_k^{[1]} \delta x_k$$



# GNSS Measurement Models

- Measured pseudorange

$$\rho = \rho_r + \beta_\rho + v_\rho + Cb$$

where

$$\rho_r = \sqrt{(x - X)^2 + (y - Y)^2 + (z - Z)^2}$$

$X, Y, Z$  user position (unknown)

$x, y, z$  satellite position (known)

$\beta_\rho$  = time correlated errors

$v_\rho$  = measurement noise

Expand  $\rho(X, Y, Z)$  about  $\underbrace{X_0, Y_0, Z_0}_{\text{approximate position of user}}$

in Taylor series

$$\rho(X, Y, Z) = \rho_r(X_0, Y_0, Z_0) + \left. \frac{\partial \rho_r}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right|_{\mathbf{X} = X_0, Y_0, Z_0} \delta \mathbf{x} + \beta_\rho + v_\rho$$

# GNSS Observation Equation

- Linearization

$$\delta x = X - X_0$$

$$\delta y = Y - Y_0$$

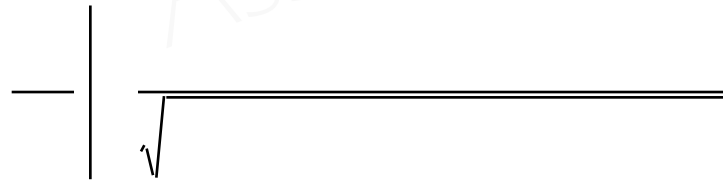
$$\delta z = Z - Z_0$$

where

$$\frac{\partial \rho_r^i}{\partial X} = \frac{-(x_i - X)}{(x_i - X)^2 + (y_i - Y)^2 + (z_i - Z)^2}$$

$$\delta z_\rho = \rho(X, Y, Z) - \rho_r(X_0, Y_0, Z_0) = \left. \frac{\partial \rho_r}{\partial X} \right| \delta x + v_\rho$$

$$X_0, Y_0, Z_0$$



# Linearization (cont.)

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$i = 1$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial X} = \frac{-(x_i - X_0)}{\sqrt{(x_i - X_0)^2 + (y_i - Y_0)^2 + (z_i - Z_0)^2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial Y} = \frac{-(y_i - Y_0)}{\sqrt{(x_i - X_0)^2 + (y_i - Y_0)^2 + (z_i - Z_0)^2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial Z} = \frac{-(z_i - Z_0)}{\sqrt{(x_i - X_0)^2 + (y_i - Y_0)^2 + (z_i - Z_0)^2}}$$

$i = 2 \quad \vdots$

$i = 3 \quad \vdots$

$i = 4 \quad \vdots$

# Linearization (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta z_{\rho}^1 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^2 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^3 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^4 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial z} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial z} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial z} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial z} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial z} & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 5} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \\ \delta z \\ Cb \\ Cd \end{bmatrix}}_{5 \times 1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_{\rho}^1 \\ v_{\rho}^2 \\ v_{\rho}^3 \\ v_{\rho}^4 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 1}$$

$\delta x, \delta y, \delta z$

$$\begin{matrix} 4 \times 1 & 4 \times 5 & 5 \times 1 & 4 \times 1 \\ Z_k = H X_k + v_k \end{matrix}$$

position errors,  $Cb$ =clock bias

$Cd$ = clock drift

# Linearized Observation Model

- 8 States

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta z_{\rho}^1 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^2 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^3 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^4 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 8} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1 \\ \delta x_2 \\ \delta x_3 \\ \delta x_4 \\ \delta x_5 \\ \delta x_6 \\ \delta x_7 \\ \delta x_8 \end{bmatrix}}_{8 \times 1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_{\rho}^1 \\ v_{\rho}^2 \\ v_{\rho}^3 \\ v_{\rho}^4 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 1}$$

$\delta x_1 =$  x Position error  
 $\delta x_2 =$  x Velocity error  
 $\delta x_3 =$  y Position error  
 $\delta x_4 =$  y Velocity error  
 $\delta x_5 =$  z Position error  
 $\delta x_6 =$  z Velocity error  
 $\delta x_7 =$  Clock bias error  
 $\delta x_8 =$  Clock drift error

# **System Dynamics Models**

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# Modeling (cont.)

4 STATES	5 STATES	8 STATES	11 STATES
$X$	$X$	$X$	$X$
$Y$	$Y$	$Y$	$Y$
$Z$	$Z$	$Z$	$Z$
$Cb$	$Cb$	$Cb$	$Cb$
	STATIONARY $\dot{C}b$	STATIONARY $\dot{C}b$	$\dot{C}b$
		$\dot{X}$	$\dot{X}$
		$\dot{Y}$	$\dot{Y}$
		$\dot{Z}$	$\dot{Z}$
			SLOW DYNAMICS
			$\ddot{X}$
			$\ddot{Y}$
			$\ddot{Z}$
			FAST DYNAMICS

# 8 States - Slow Dynamics

- Discrete Process Model--Car or boat

$$\overset{8 \times 1}{X_k} = \overset{8 \times 8 \times 1}{\Phi} \overset{8 \times 1}{X_{k-1}} + \overset{8 \times 1}{W_{k-1}}$$

$$\overset{8 \times 1}{X_k} = \begin{bmatrix} X & \dot{X} & Y & \dot{Y} & Z & \dot{Z} & Cb & Cd \\ X_k^1 & X_k^2 & X_k^3 & X_k^4 & X_k^5 & X_k^6 & X_k^7 & X_k^8 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$X_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \overset{8 \times 1}{X_{k-1}} + \overset{8 \times 1}{W_{k-1}}$$



# Linearized Observation Model

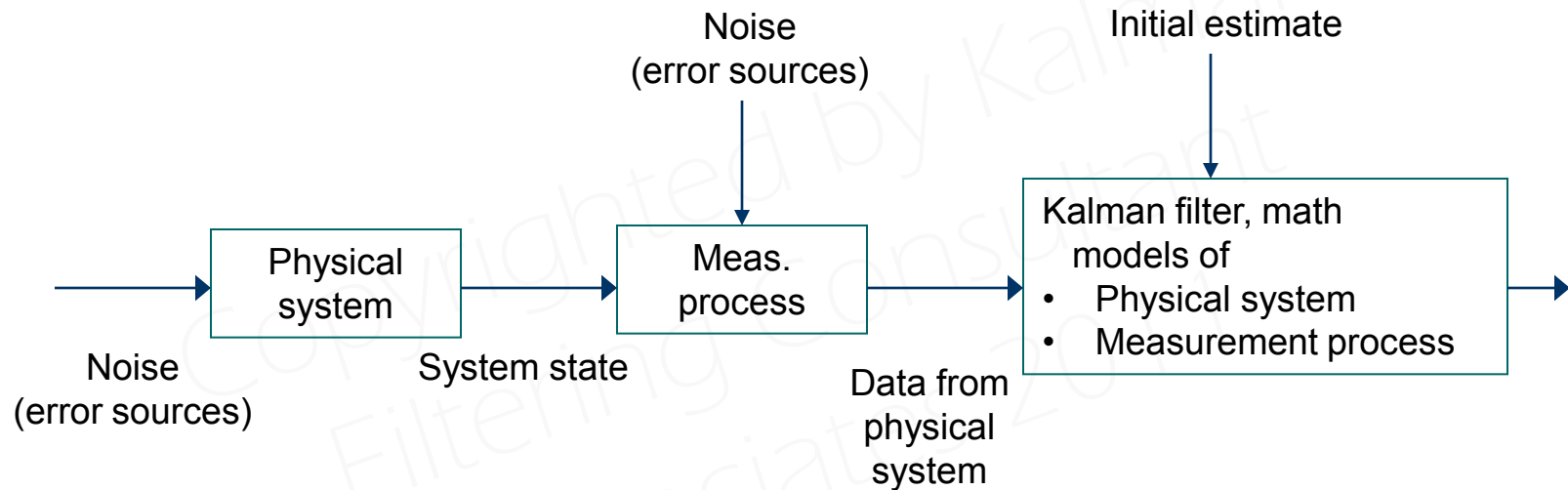
- For 8 states

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta z_{\rho}^1 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^2 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^3 \\ \delta z_{\rho}^4 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^1}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^2}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^3}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial \rho_r^4}{\partial z} & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 8} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1 \\ \delta x_2 \\ \delta x_3 \\ \delta x_4 \\ \delta x_5 \\ \delta x_6 \\ \delta x_7 \\ \delta x_8 \end{bmatrix}}_{8 \times 1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_{\rho}^1 \\ v_{\rho}^2 \\ v_{\rho}^3 \\ v_{\rho}^4 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 1}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 4 \times 1 & 4 \times 8 & 8 \times 1 & 4 \times 1 \\ Z_k = H & X_k & + v_k \end{matrix}$$

# Kalman Filtering Problem

- Top level sketch



# Discrete Linear Kalman Estimator

System model: 
$$\overset{n \times 1}{x_k} = \overset{n \times n}{\Phi_{k-1}} \overset{n \times 1}{x_{k-1}} + \overset{n \times 1}{w_{k-1}}, \quad w_k \sim N(0, \overset{n \times n}{Q_k})$$

Measurement model: 
$$\overset{\ell \times 1}{z_k} = \overset{\ell \times n}{H_k} \overset{n \times 1}{x_k} + \overset{\ell \times 1}{v_k}, \quad v_k \sim N(0, \overset{\ell \times \ell}{R_k}) \quad (\text{white})$$

Initial conditions: 
$$E \langle x_0 \rangle = \hat{x}_0, \quad E \langle \tilde{x}_0 \tilde{x}_0^T \rangle = \overset{n \times n}{P_0}(+)$$

Other assumptions: 
$$E \langle w_k v_j^T \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } K, j$$

State estimate extrapolation: 
$$\hat{x}_k(-) = \Phi_{k-1} \hat{x}_{k-1}(+)$$

Error covariance extrapolation: 
$$P_k(-) = \Phi_{k-1} P_{k-1}(+) \Phi_{k-1}^T + Q_{k-1}$$

State estimate update: 
$$\hat{x}_k(+) = \hat{x}_k(-) + \bar{K}_k [z_k - H_k \hat{x}_k(-)]$$

Error covariance update: 
$$P_k(+) = [I - \bar{K}_k H_k] P_k(-)$$

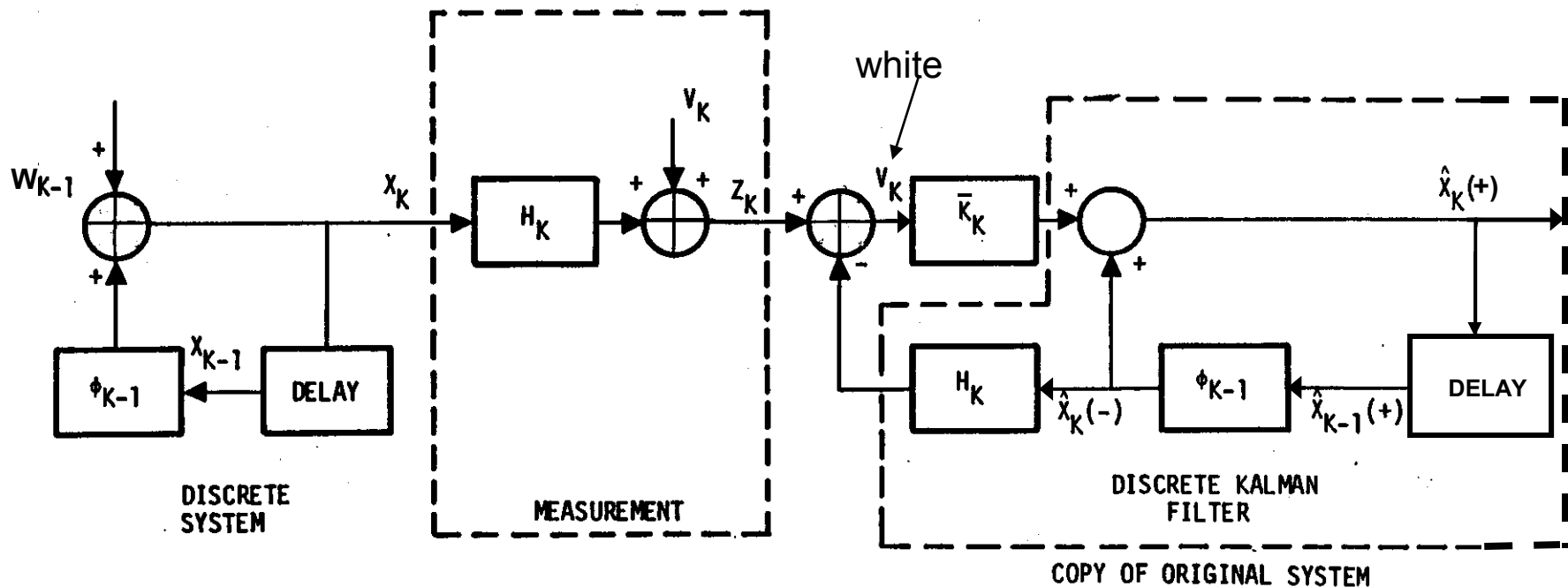
Kalman gain matrix: 
$$\bar{K}_k = P_k(-) H_k^T [H_k P_k(-) H_k^T + R_k]^{-1}$$

$Q_k$  = cov. of process noise  $w_k$        $P_k(+)$  = error cov. of states (*a posteriori*)

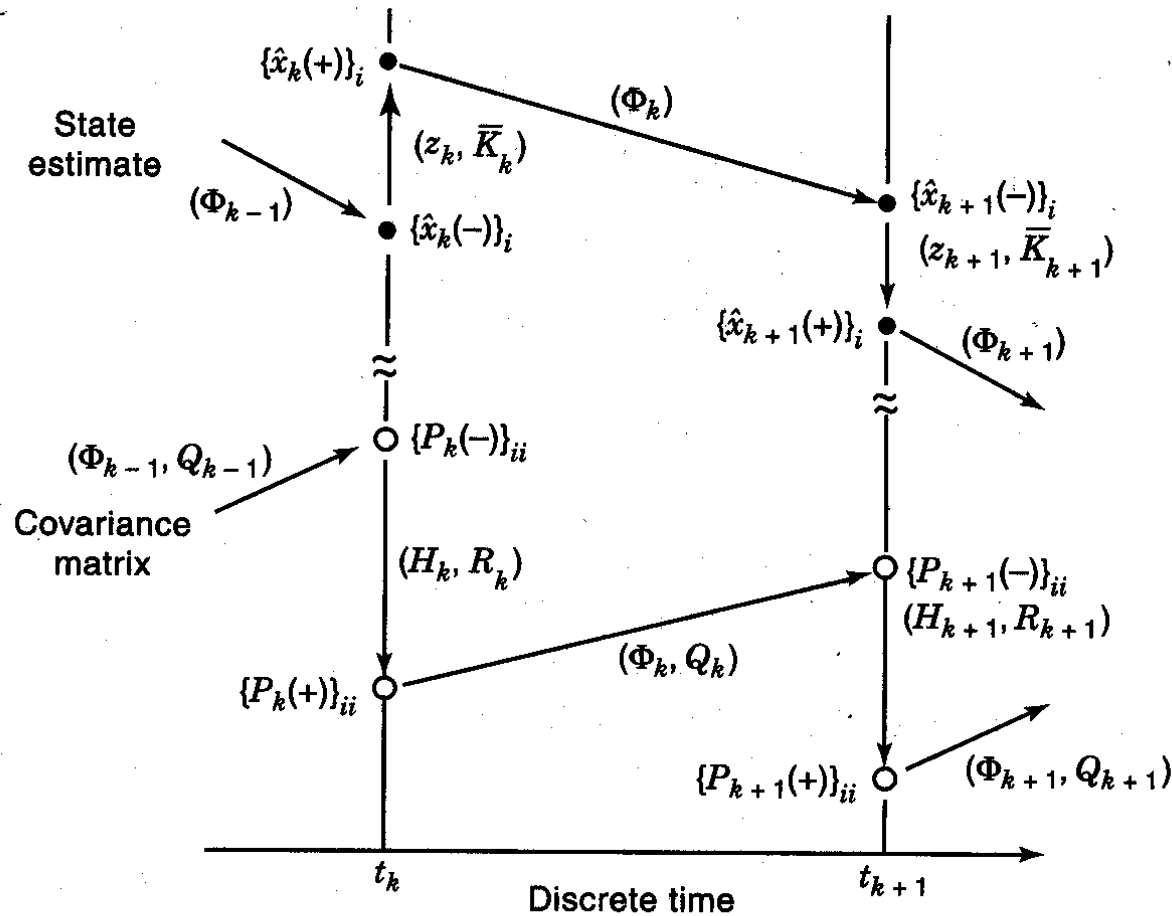
$R_k$  = cov. of process noise  $v_k$        $P_k(-)$  = error cov. of states (*a priori*)

# Block Diagram

- System, measurement models & discrete Kalman filter (one step prediction)



# Representative Sequence of Values of Filter Variables in Discrete Time



*Representative sequence of values of filter variables in discrete time.*

# Block Diagram (cont.)

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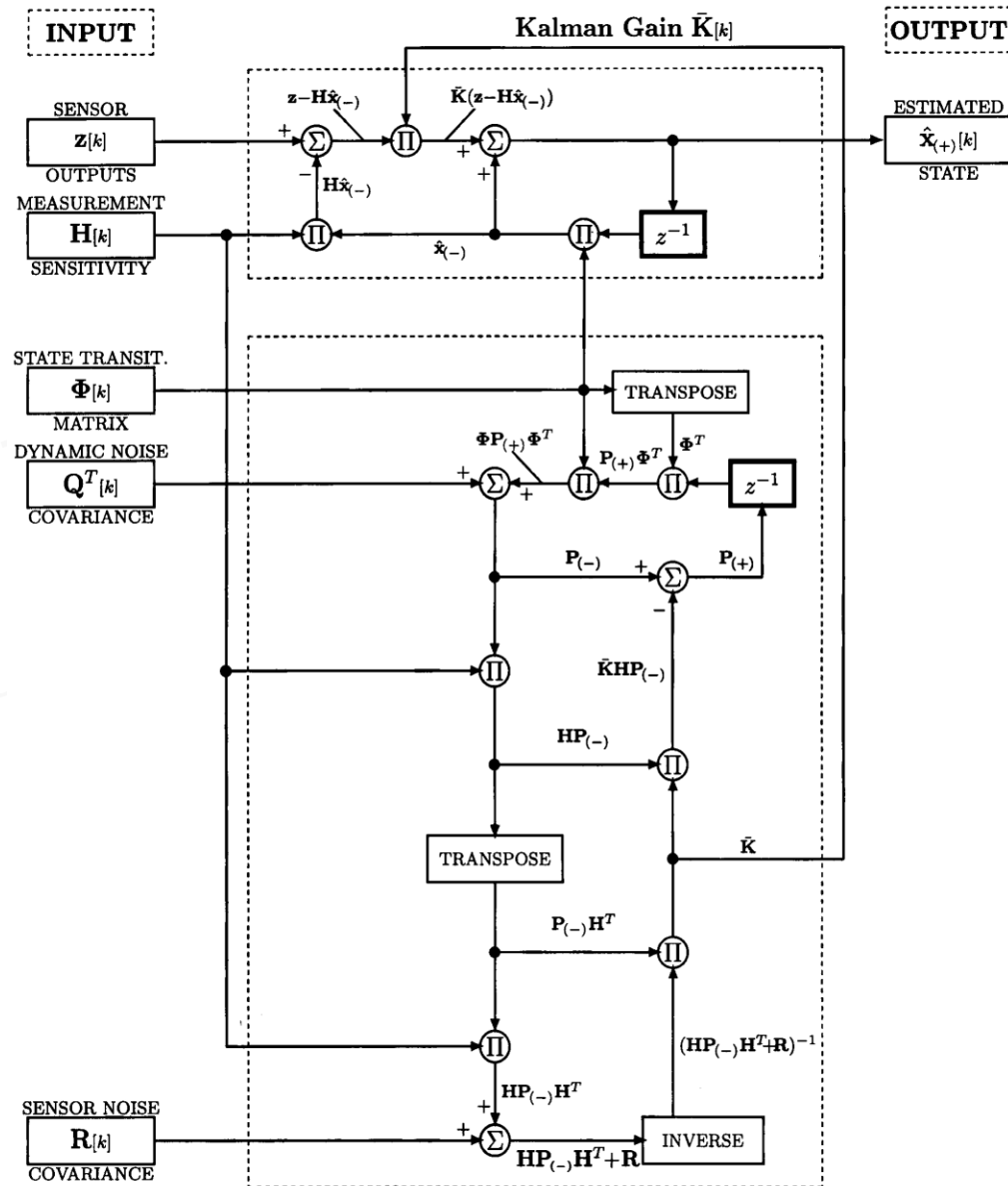
- Comments

- It is important to notice that  $\bar{K}_k$  and  $P_k(-), P_k(+)$  are independent of observations (measurements)
- There are simpler forms of  $\bar{K}_k$  and  $P_k(+)$
- Procedure of computations
  - 1) Compute  $P_k(-)$  with  $P_{k-1}(+), \Phi_{k-1}, Q_{k-1}$  (given)
  - 2) Compute  $\bar{K}_k$  with  $P_k(-), H_k, R_k$  (known)
  - 3) Compute  $P_k(+)$  with  $\bar{K}_k(-), H_k, P_k(-)$  (known)
  - 4) Compute  $\hat{x}_k(+)$  with  $\hat{x}_k(-), \bar{K}_k, z_k(-)$  (known)

# Continuous Kalman Filter

- Can be derived by using the orthogonality principal
  - System model:  $\dot{x}(t) = F(t)x(t) + G(t)w(t)$  ,  $w(t) \sim N(0, Q(t))$
  - Measurement model:  $z(t) = H(t)x(t) + v(t)$  ,  $v(t) \sim N(0, R(t))$
  - Initial conditions:  $E \langle x_0 \rangle = \hat{x}_0$  ,  $E \langle \tilde{x}_0 \tilde{x}_0^T \rangle = P_0$
  - Other assumptions:  $R^{-1}(t)$  exists ,  $E[w(t)v^T(\eta)] = 0$
  - State Estimate:  $\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = F(t)\hat{x}(t) + \bar{K}(t)[z(t) - H(t)\hat{x}(t)]$  ,  $\hat{x}(0) = \hat{x}_0$
- Error covariance propagation
$$\dot{P}(t) = F(t)P(t) + P(t)F^T(t) + G(t)Q(t)G^T(t) - \bar{K}(t)R(t)\bar{K}^T(t)$$
 ,  $P(0) = P_0$
- Kalman gain matrix
$$\bar{K}(t) = P(t)H^T(t)R^{-1}(t)$$

# Kalman Filter Data Flow





# Kalman Filter Examples

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- Let the system dynamics and observations be given by the following equations:

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + w_{k-1}$$

$$z_k = x_k + v_k$$

$$E\langle v_k \rangle = E w_k = 0$$

$$E\langle v_{k_1} v_{k_2} \rangle = 2\Delta(k_2 - k_1)$$

$$E\langle w_{k_1} w_{k_2} \rangle = \Delta(k_2 - k_1)$$

$$z_1 = 2$$

$$z_2 = 3$$

$$E\langle x(0) \rangle = \hat{x}_0 = 1$$

$$E\langle [x(0) - \hat{x}_0] [x(0) - \hat{x}_0]^T \rangle = P_0 = 10.$$

- The objective is to find  $\hat{x}_3$  and the steady state covariance matrix  $P_\infty$ . One can use the equations on page 23 with

$$\Phi = 1 = H, \quad Q = 1, \quad R = 2$$

# Example (cont.)

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- For which

$$P_{k(-)} = P_{k-1}^{(+)} + 1$$

$$\bar{K}_k = \frac{P_{k(-)}}{P_{k(-)} + 2} = \frac{P_{k-1}^{(+)} + 1}{P_{k-1}^{(+)} + 3}$$

$$P_{k(+)} = \left[ 1 - \frac{P_{(k-1)}^{(+)} + 1}{P_{(k-1)}^{(+)} + 3} \right] (P_{k-1}^{(+)} + 1)$$

$$P_{k(+)} = \frac{2(P_{k-1}^{(+)} + 1)}{P_{k-1}^{(+)} + 3}$$

$$\hat{x}_{k(+)} = \hat{x}_{k-1}^{(+)} + \bar{K}_k (z_k - \hat{x}_{k-1}^{(+)})$$

# Example (conc.)

- Let

$$P_k(+) = P_{k-1}(+) = P \quad (\text{steady state cov.})$$

$$P = \frac{2(P+1)}{P+3}$$

$$P^2 + P - 2 = 0$$

$P = 1$ , Positive definite solution

For  $k = 1$

$$\hat{x}_1(+) = \hat{x}_0 + \frac{P_0 + 1}{P_0 + 3}(2 - \hat{x}_0) = 1 + \frac{11}{13}(2 - 1) = \frac{24}{13}$$

- Following is a table for the various values of the Kalman filter

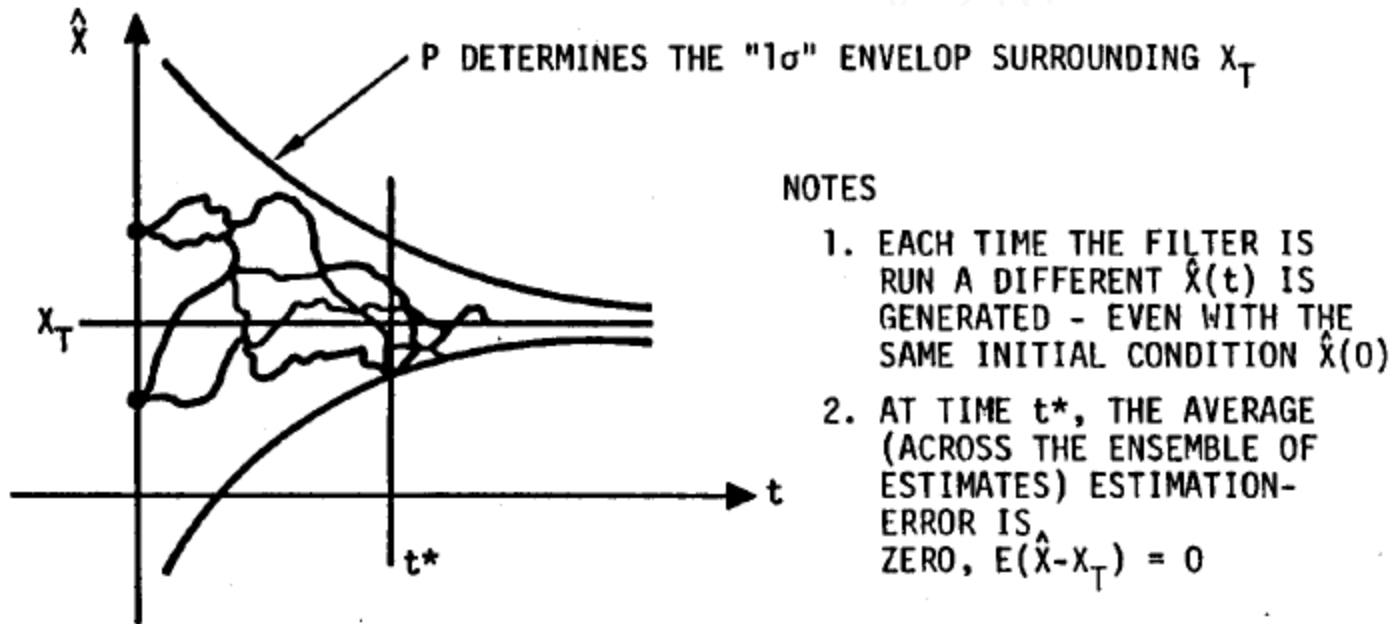
$k$	$P_k(-)$	$P_k(+)$	$\bar{K}_k$	$\hat{x}_k(+)$
1	11	$\frac{22}{13}$	$\frac{11}{13}$	$\frac{24}{13}$
2	$\frac{35}{13}$	$\frac{70}{61}$	$\frac{35}{61}$	$\frac{153}{61}$

# Convergence of Kalman Filter

- An optimal filter converges if  $\text{LIM}_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\text{Trace } P) = 0$

$$t = \infty$$

- Example of typical behavior:

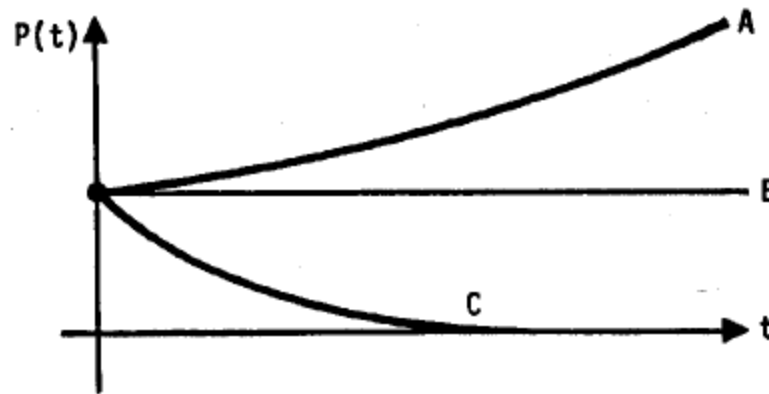


For an optimal filter, convergence or lack of convergence is correctly and fully defined by  $P(t)$

# Convergence (cont.)

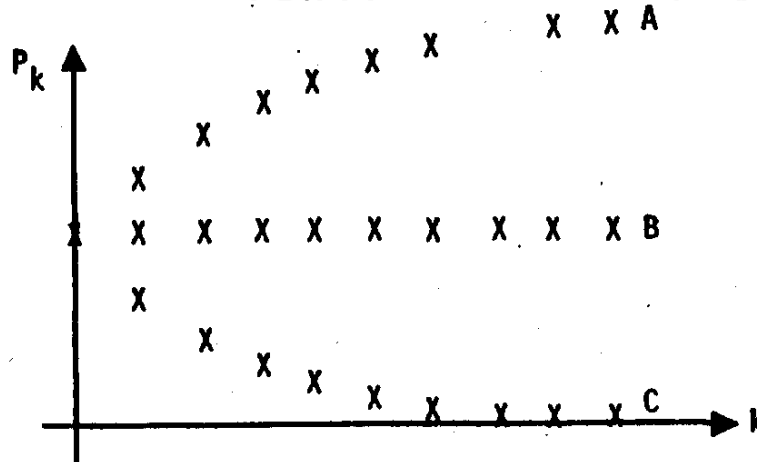
- Typical behavioral patterns for  $P(t)$

- Between measurement samples



CASE	TYPICAL CAUSES
A	SYSTEM UNSTABLE $\dot{\hat{X}} = A\hat{X} \quad A > 0$ OR SYSTEM HAS DRIVING NOISE $\dot{\hat{X}} = A\hat{X} + W$
B	SYSTEM HAS CONSTANT STATE $\dot{\hat{X}} = 0$
C	SYSTEM IS STABLE AND HAS NO DRIVING NOISE $\dot{\hat{X}} = -A\hat{X} \quad A > 0$

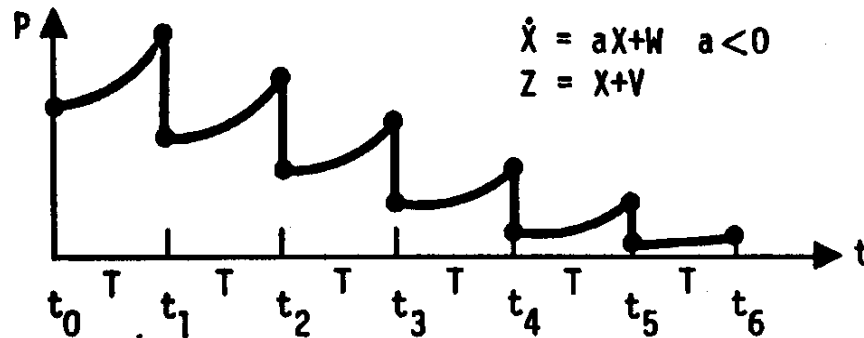
- Immediately after measurements are processed



CASE	TYPICAL CAUSES
A	SYSTEM DRIVING NOISE AND MEASUREMENT NOISE ARE LARGE RELATIVE TO $P_0$
B	STATE IS UNOBSERVABLE AND UNCORRELATED WITH OTHER STATES
C	SYSTEM DRIVING NOISE AND MEASUREMENT NOISE ARE SMALL RELATIVE TO $P_0$

# Convergence (cont.)

- An example of a combined behavior pattern for  $P(t)$ 
  - Between and at the time of measurements



- Notes
  1. Processing the measurement tends to reduce  $P$
  2. The larger  $Q$  parameters are, the lower the overall estimation accuracy becomes
  3. System driving noise tends to increase  $P$
  4. The damping in a stable system tends to reduce  $P$
  5. An unstable system tends to increase  $P$
  6. With white measurement noise, the time between samples can be shortened to reduce  $P$
  7. The behavior of  $P$  represents a composite of all these effects and often reaches a “statistical equilibrium”

# Causes, Cures of Non-convergence

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- Non-convergence categories
  - Non-convergence predicted by  $P$  (optimal case)
    - As “natural behavior”
    - Due to non-observability
  - Non-convergence not predicted by  $P$  (suboptimal case)
    - Due to bad data \*
    - Due to numerical problems
    - Due to mismodeling \*

\* Here we are caught lying to the filter

# Bad Data Rejection

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- Data rejection
  - Assuming that adequate knowledge of the innovations—vector  $(Z - H\hat{X})$  exists—data rejection filters can be implemented
  - For example
    - Excess amplitude  
If  $\left| (Z - H\hat{X})_i \right| > A_{\text{MAX}} \Rightarrow \text{reject data}$
    - Excess rate (or change)  
If  $\left| (Z - H\hat{X})_{i+1} - (Z - H\hat{X})_i \right| > \delta A_{\text{MAX}} \Rightarrow \text{reject data}$
    - Other
      - Many ingenious techniques have been used, but often depend on the specifics involved
      - For example, Chi-Squared Distribution



# Chi-Squared Statistic

- Detecting anomalous sensor data

- The Kalman gain matrix  $\bar{K}_k = P_k(-)H_k^T \underbrace{(H_k P_k(-)H_k^T + R_k)^{-1}}_{Y_{vk}}$
- includes the factor  $Y_{vk} = (H_k P_k(-)H_k^T + R_k)^{-1}$ , the information matrix of innovations. The innovations are the measurement residuals  $\mathbf{v}_k = z_k - H_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k(-)$ , the differences between the apparent sensor outputs and predicted sensor outputs.
- The associated likelihood function for innovations is
$$L(\mathbf{v}_k) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}_k^T Y_{vk} \mathbf{v}_k\right),$$
- and the log-likelihood is  $\log[L(\mathbf{v}_k)] = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}_k^T Y_{vk} \mathbf{v}_k$ , which can be easily calculated.

# Chi-Squared Statistics (cont.)

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- Detecting Anomalous Sensor Data (conc.)

- The equivalent statistic  $\chi^2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_k^T \mathbf{Y}_{vk} \mathbf{v}_k}{\ell}$

is nonnegative with a minimum value of zero.

- If the Kalman filter were perfectly modeled and all white-noise sources were Gaussian, this would be a chi-squared statistic with distribution.
- An upper limit threshold value on  $\chi^2$  can be used to detect anomalous sensor data, but a practical value of that threshold should be determined by the operational values of  $\chi^2$ , not the theoretical values.
- That is, first its range of values should be determined by monitoring the system in operation, then a threshold value  $\chi_{\max}^2$  chosen such that the fraction of good data rejected when  $\chi^2 > \chi_{\max}^2$  will be acceptable.

# Kalman Filter Engineering

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- Square root filtering
  - Robust against round off
- KF implementation requirements
  - Memory & OPS
- Nuisance Variable Examples
  - Some can be ignored (at some cost)
    - Correlated noise states (e.g., S/A)
    - Anything not appearing elsewhere in model
  - Some cannot be ignored
    - Sensor biases
    - Sensor scale factors

# Square Root Filtering

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- Riccati equation not well conditioned for solution in finite precision
- Square root filters replace covariance matrix  $P$  by Cholesky factor  $C$  such that  $CC^T = P$ .
- Riccati equation reformulated (many ways) in terms of Cholesky factors is more robust against computer roundoff
- Riccati equation problems
  - Asymmetrical  $P$
  - Negative values on diagonal of  $P$
  - Unable to invert  $(HPH^T + R)$
  - Complex values in  $P$
  - Estimates diverge or fail to converge

# Triangular Cholesky Factors

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$$\begin{vmatrix} c_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & 0 \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} c_{11} & c_{21} & c_{31} \\ 0 & c_{22} & c_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & c_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} p_{11} & p_{21} & p_{31} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{32} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & c_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$c_{11}^2 = p_{11}$$

$$c_{11} c_{21} = p_{21}$$

$$c_{11} c_{31} = p_{31}$$

$$c_{31}^2 + c_{32}^2 + c_{33}^2 = p_{33}$$

$$c_{21}^2 + c_{22}^2 = p_{22}$$

$$c_{21} c_{31} + c_{22} c_{32} = p_{32}$$

# Other Cholesky Factors

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$$C C^T = P$$

$$A A^T = I$$

$$M = C A$$

$$M M^T = C A A^T$$

- Modified Cholesky factors

$$P = U D U^T$$

$D$  is diagonal

$$U = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

# Alternative Implementations

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Matrix Format	Corrector	Predictor
Symmetric positive Def.	Kalman	Kalman
Gen. Cholesky factor	Potter	$C = \Phi C$
Triangular Cholesky factor	Carlson	Schmidt
Modified Cholesky factor	Bierman	Thornton

# Cholesky Factors

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- “Virtues”
  - Not unique—can take many forms
  - Forms related through orthogonal transformations (can be exploited)
  - Memory efficient
  - Computationally efficient
  - Better condition for inversion
  - $N^2 \rightarrow N(N+1)/2$  matrix elements
  - Condition number  $10^x \rightarrow 10^{x/2}$ 
    - “Same performance with half the bits”
  - Non-negative definite  $P$  guaranteed
  - Symmetric  $P$  guaranteed
  - Enabled Kalman filtering applications
    - Thousands of state variables
    - Poorly conditioned problems



# Square Root Riccati Equations

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- Observational updates (corrector)
  - Rank-1 modifications of Cholesky factors
    - Potter, Carlson (triangular), Bierman ( $UD$ )
- Temporal updates (predictor)
  - $C_{k+1} = \Phi C_k$  (Potter)
  - $C_{k+1} = \left[ \Phi C_k \mid C_Q \right] A$  (Schmidt)
  - Modified weighted Gram-Schmidt (Thornton)

# Nonlinear Kalman Filter

- Nonlinear Plant and Measurement Models

Model	Continuous Time	Discrete Time
Plant	$\dot{x} = f(x, t) + w(t)$	$x_k = f(x_{k-1}, k-1) + w_{k-1}$
Measurement	$z(t) = h(x(t), t) + v(t)$	$z_k = h(x_k, k) + v_k$
Plant noise	$E(w(t)) = 0$ $E(w(t)w^T(s)) = \delta(t-s)Q(t)$	$E(w_k) = 0$ $E(w_k w_j^T) = \Delta(k-i)Q_k$
Measurement noise	$E(v(t)) = 0$ $E(v(t)v^T(s)) = \delta(t-s)R(t)$	$E(v_k) = 0$ $E(v_k v_j^T) = \Delta(k-i)R_k$

- Dimensions of Vectors and Matrices in Nonlinear Model

Symbol	Dimensions	Symbol	Dimensions
$x, f, w$	$n \times 1$	$z, h, v$	$l \times 1$
$Q$	$n \times n$	$R$	$l \times l$
$\Delta, \delta$	Scalars		

# Linearized Kalman Filter

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- Partial derivatives evaluated along some “nominal trajectory” of the system.
- Used principally for covariance analysis of expected system performance, when all one has is a nominal trajectory, or set of nominal trajectories.
- Can be used for pre-computing Kalman gains, but depends on following close to nominal trajectory.
- **Reminder:**
  - Linearization is used only in the Riccati equation for computing the Kalman gains.
  - The estimated states are propagated in time by integrating the full nonlinear dynamic model.
  - The predicted measurement is calculated using the full nonlinear sensor model.

# Extended Kalman Filtering

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- Applies only to nonlinear problems, either nonlinear dynamics or nonlinear sensors, or both.
- All partial derivatives are evaluated at the estimated values of the state variables.
- Requires full nonlinear implementation of state dynamics and dependence of measurements on state variables.

# Tables of Kalman Filter Equations

Table 1: Discrete Linearized Kalman Equations

Nonlinear Nominal Trajectory Model

$$x_k^{\text{nom}} = \phi_{k-1}(x_{k-1}^{\text{nom}})$$

Linearized Perturbed Trajectory Model

$$\overset{\text{def}}{\delta x} = x - x^{\text{nom}}, \delta x_k \approx \left. \frac{\partial \phi_{k-1}}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_{k-1}^{\text{nom}}} \delta x_{k-1} + w_{k-1}$$

$$w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_k)$$

Nonlinear Measurement Model

$$z_k = h_k(x_k) + v_k, v_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_k)$$

Linearized Approximation Equations

Linear perturbation prediction

$$\hat{\delta x}_k(-) = \Phi_{k-1}^{[1]} \hat{\delta x}_{k-1}(+), \Phi_{k-1}^{[1]} \approx \left. \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_{k-1}^{\text{nom}}}$$

Conditioning the predicted perturbation on the measurement

$$\hat{\delta x}_k(+) = \hat{\delta x}_k(-) + \bar{K}_k [z_k - h_k(x_k^{\text{nom}}) - H_k^{[1]} \hat{\delta x}_k(-)]$$

$$H_k^{[1]} \approx \left. \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_k^{\text{nom}}}$$

Computing the *a priori* covariance matrix

$$P_k(-) = \Phi_{k-1}^{[1]} P_{k-1}(+) \Phi_{k-1}^{[1]T} + Q_{k-1}$$

Computing the Kalman gain

$$\bar{K}_k = P_k(-) H_k^{[1]T} [H_k^{[1]} P_k(-) H_k^{[1]T} + R_k]^{-1}$$

Computing the *a posteriori* covariance matrix

$$P_k(+) = \{I - \bar{K}_k H_k^{[1]}\} P_k(-)$$

# Tables of Kalman Filter Equations

Table 2: Discrete Extended Kalman Equations

<u>Nonlinear Dynamic Model</u>	$x_k = \phi_{k-1}(x_{k-1}) + w_{k-1}, \quad w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_k)$
<u>Nonlinear Measurement Model</u>	$z_k = h_k(x_k) + v_k, \quad v_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_k)$
<u>Nonlinear Implementation Equations</u>	
Computing the predicted state estimate	$\hat{x}_k(-) = \phi_{k-1}(\hat{x}_{k-1}(+))$
Computing the predicted measurement	$\hat{z}_k = h_k(\hat{x}_k(-))$
Linear approximation	$\Phi_{k-1}^{[1]} \approx \left. \frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial x} \right _{x=\hat{x}_{k-1}(-)}$
Conditioning the predicted estimate on the measurement	$\hat{x}_k(+) = \hat{x}_k(-) + \bar{K}_k(z_k - \hat{z}_k), \quad H_k^{[1]} \approx \left. \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial x} \right _{x=\hat{x}_k(-)}$
Conditioning the <i>a priori</i> covariance matrix	$P_k(-) = \Phi_{k-1}^{[1]} P_{k-1}(+) \Phi_{k-1}^{[1]T} + Q_{k-1}$
Computing the Kalman gain	$\bar{K}_k = P_k(-) H_k^{[1]T} [H_k^{[1]} P_k(-) H_k^{[1]T} + R_k]^{-1}$
Computing the <i>a posteriori</i> covariance matrix	$P_k(+) = \{I - \bar{K}_k H_k^{[1]}\} P_k(-)$

# Examples of Nonlinear KF

- Example: Discrete Linearized Kalman Filter

- Consider the discrete-time system

$$\begin{aligned}x_k &= x_{k-1}^2 + w_{k-1} \\z_k &= x_k^3 + v_k \\Ev_k &= Ew_k = 0 \\Ev_{k_1}v_{k_2} &= 2\Delta(k_2 - k_1) \\Ew_{k_1}w_{k_2} &= \Delta(k_2 - k_1) \\Ex(0) &= \hat{x}_0 = 2 \\x_k^{\text{NOM}} &= 2 \\P_0(+) &= 1,\end{aligned}$$

- for which one can use the “nominal” solution equations from Table on pages 12-13.

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^{[1]}(x_k^{\text{NOM}}) &= \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^2] \right|_{x=x^{\text{NOM}}} \\&= 4 \\H^{[1]}(x_k^{\text{NOM}}) &= \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3) \right|_{x=x^{\text{NOM}}} \\&= 12\end{aligned}$$

- to obtain the discrete linearized filter equations

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_k(+) &= \widehat{\delta x}_k(+) + 2 \\\widehat{\delta x}_k(+) &= 4\widehat{\delta x}_{k-1}(+) + \bar{K}_k [z_k - 8 - 48\widehat{\delta x}_{k-1}(+)] \\P_k(-) &= 16P_{k-1}(+) + 1 \\P_k(+) &= [1 - 12\bar{K}_k]P_k(-) \\\bar{K}_k &= \frac{12P_k(-)}{(144P_k(-) + 2)}\end{aligned}$$

# Example (conc.)

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- Discrete Extended Kalman Filter

Given the measurements  $z_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , the values for  $P_k(-)$ ,  $\bar{K}_k$ ,  $P_k(+)$  and  $\hat{x}_k(+)$  can be computed. If  $z_k$  are not given, then  $P_k(-)$ ,  $\bar{K}_k$ , and  $P_k(+)$  can be computed and leads towards covariance analysis results. For large  $k$  with very small  $Q$  and  $R$ , the difference  $\hat{x}_k - x_k^{\text{NOM}}$  will not stay small, the results become meaningless.

This situation can be improved by using the extended Kalman filter as discussed in KFTP.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_k(+) &= \hat{x}_{k-1}^2(+) + \bar{K}_k [z_k - (\hat{x}_k(-))^3] \\ P_k(-) &= 4 [\hat{x}_{k-1}(-)]^2 P_{k-1}(+) + 1 \\ \bar{K}_k &= \frac{3P_k(-) [(\hat{x}_k(-))^2]}{9 [\hat{x}_k(-)]^4 P_k(-) + 2} \\ P_k(+) &= [1 - 3\bar{K}_k(\hat{x}_k(-))^2] P_k(-)\end{aligned}$$

These equations are now more complex, but should work, provided  $Q$  and  $R$  are small.



# Sigma Point Kalman Filters (SPKF)

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- Unscented and central difference Kalman filters
  - Distinguished by weights and scaling parameters associated with sigma points
  - In contrast to EKF, SPKF does not require an approximation to nonlinear dynamics and measurement models using Jacobian in order to calculate the covariance of a random vector (RV) propagated through the nonlinear models
  - In SPKF, a set of deterministically selected sigma points is chosen which have the same mean and covariance as the original RV
  - These sigma points are propagated through the nonlinear models
  - The mean and cov. of transformed RV is calculated from the sigma points
  - This captures the mean and cov. accurately to the 3<sup>rd</sup> order for arbitrary nonlinear functions (1<sup>st</sup> order for EKF)

# Sigma Point Kalman Filters (SPKF)

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- Comment
  - SPKF may be an option in considering the design of new systems
  - But— a modification of the existing EKF GPS/INS based tightly coupled system is neither required, nor appropriate to improve the performance.

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# Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF)

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$${}^{n \times 1} X_k = f_{k-1}(x_{k-1}) + w_{k-1} \sim N(0, Q_k)$$

$${}^{l \times 1} Z_k = h_k(x_k) + v_k \sim N(0, R_k)$$

1) UKF is initialized

$$\hat{X}_0(t) = E X_0$$

$$P_0(+)$$

2) Time update

$$\text{a) } \hat{X}_{k-1}^i = \hat{X}_{k-1}(+) + \tilde{X}^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n$$

$$\tilde{X}^i = \left( \sqrt{n P_{k-1}(+)} \right)_i^T, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\tilde{X}^{n+i} = -\left( \sqrt{n P_{k-1}(+)} \right)_i^T, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- Square roots calculated by Cholesky's decomposition

# Unscented Kalman Filter (cont.)

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b)  $\hat{X}_k^i = f(\hat{X}_{k-1}^i)$

c) A priori state estimate

$$\hat{X}_k(-) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \hat{X}_k^i$$

d) A priori error cov.

$$P_k(-) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (\hat{X}_k^i - \hat{X}_k(-))(\hat{X}_k^i - \hat{X}_k(-))^T + Q_{k-1}$$

3) Observation update

(Use the  $\hat{X}_k^i$  from Part 2 b)

a)  $\hat{Z}_k^i = h(\hat{X}_k^i)$

b)  $\hat{Z}_k = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \hat{Z}_k^i$

# Unscented Kalman Filter (cont.)

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c) Cov. of predicted measurements

$$P_z = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \left( \hat{Z}_k^i - \hat{Z}_k \right) \left( \hat{Z}_k^i - \hat{Z}_k \right)^T + R_k$$

d) Estimate the cross cov. between  $\hat{X}_k(-), \hat{Z}_k$

$$P_{xz} = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \left( \hat{X}_k^i - \hat{X}_k(-) \right) \left( \hat{Z}_k^i - \hat{Z}_k \right)^T$$

e) Meas. update of state estimate done using normal KF

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{K}_k &= P_{xz} P_z^{-1} \\ \hat{X}_k(+) &= \hat{X}_k(-) + \bar{K}_k \left[ Z_k - \hat{Z}_k \right] \\ P_k(+) &= P_k(-) - \bar{K}_k P_z \bar{K}_k^T \end{aligned}$$

# Comment

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- System and meas. equations are

$$X_k = f(x_k, w_k)$$

$$Z_k = h(x_k, v_k)$$

- Then

$$X_k^a = [x_k \quad w_k \quad v_k]^T$$

$$\hat{X}_b^a(+) = [EX_0 \quad 0 \quad 0]^T$$

$$P_0^a(+) = \begin{bmatrix} P_0(+) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Use the same process as before

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