

ECE276A: Sensing & Estimation in Robotics

Lecture 14: Extended and Unscented Kalman Filtering

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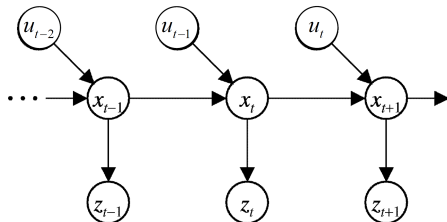
Bayes Filter

► Motion model:

$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t) \sim p_f(\cdot \mid x_t, u_t)$$

► Observation model:

$$z_t = h(x_t, v_t) \sim p_h(\cdot \mid x_t)$$



► Filtering: keeps track of

$$p_{t|t}(x_t) := p(x_t \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t-1})$$

$$p_{t+1|t}(x_{t+1}) := p(x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t})$$

► Bayes filter:

$$p_{t+1|t+1}(x_{t+1}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{p(z_{t+1}|z_{0:t}, u_{0:t})} p_h(z_{t+1} \mid x_{t+1})}_{\text{Update}} \int \underbrace{p_f(x_{t+1} \mid x_t, u_t) p_{t|t}(x_t) dx_t}_{\text{Predict: } p_{t+1|t}(x_{t+1})}$$

► Joint distribution:

$$p(x_{0:T}, z_{0:T}, u_{0:T-1}) = \underbrace{p_{0|-1}(x_0)}_{\text{prior}} \prod_{t=0}^T \underbrace{p_h(z_t \mid x_t)}_{\text{observation model}} \prod_{t=1}^T \underbrace{p_f(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_{t-1})}_{\text{motion model}}$$

Nonlinear Kalman Filter

- ▶ A **nonlinear Kalman filter** is a Bayes filter for which:
 - ▶ The prior pdf $p_{0|-1}$ is Gaussian
 - ▶ The motion model is ~~linear in the state and~~ affected by Gaussian noise
 - ▶ The observation model is ~~linear in the state and~~ affected by Gaussian noise
 - ▶ The process noise w_t and measurement noise v_t are independent of each other, of the state x_t and across time
 - ▶ The posterior pdf is **forced to be Gaussian via approximation**
- ▶ **Prior:** $x_t \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t})$
- ▶ **Motion Model:** $x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t), \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W)$
- ▶ **Observation Model:** $z_t = h(x_t, v_t), \quad v_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V)$
- ▶ **Challenge:** the predicted and updated pdfs are not Gaussian and can no longer be evaluated in closed form
- ▶ **Moment matching:** we can force the predicted and updated pdfs to be Gaussian by evaluating their first and second moments and approximating them with Gaussians with the same moments

Nonlinear Kalman Filter Prediction

- ▶ Prior state distribution: $x_t \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t})$
- ▶ Motion model: $x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t), \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W)$
- ▶ Force a Gaussian predicted pdf: $x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t})$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{t+1|t} &= \mathbb{E}[x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}] \\ &= \int \int f(x, u_t, w) \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) \phi(w; 0, W) dx dw \\ \Sigma_{t+1|t} &= \mathbb{E} \left[(x_{t+1} - \mu_{t+1|t}) (x_{t+1} - \mu_{t+1|t})^T \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} x_{t+1}^T \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \right] - \mu_{t+1|t} \mu_{t+1|t}^T \\ &= \int \int f(x, u_t, w) f(x, u_t, w)^T \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) \phi(w; 0, W) dx dw - \mu_{t+1|t} \mu_{t+1|t}^T\end{aligned}$$

Nonlinear Kalman Filter Update

- ▶ Prior state distribution: $x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t})$
- ▶ Observation model: $z_{t+1} = h(x_{t+1}, v_{t+1}), \quad v_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V)$
- ▶ The Gaussian distribution which approximates the joint distribution of $x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}$ and z_{t+1} via moment matching is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \\ z_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_{t+1|t} \\ m_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{t+1|t} & C_{t+1|t} \\ C_{t+1|t}^T & S_{t+1|t} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$m_{t+1|t} := \int \int h(x, v) \phi(x; \mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t}) \phi(v; 0, V) dx dv$$

$$S_{t+1|t} := \int \int (h(x, v) - m_{t+1|t})(h(x, v) - m_{t+1|t})^T \phi(x; \mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t}) \phi(v; 0, V) dx dv$$

$$C_{t+1|t} := \int \int (x - \mu_{t+1|t})(h(x, v) - m_{t+1|t})^T \phi(x; \mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t}) \phi(v; 0, V) dx dv$$

- ▶ The conditional Gaussian distribution of $x_{t+1} \mid z_{t+1}, z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}$ is then:

$$\mu_{t+1|t+1} := \mu_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1|t}(z_{t+1} - m_{t+1|t})$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|t+1} := \Sigma_{t+1|t} - K_{t+1|t} S_{t+1|t} K_{t+1|t}^T$$

$$K_{t+1|t} := C_{t+1|t} \Sigma_{t+1|t}^{-1}$$

Extended and Unscented Kalman Filters

- ▶ The **EKF** and **UKF** use different methods to approximate the five integrals required to implement the nonlinear Kalman filter
- ▶ The **EKF** uses a first-order Taylor series approximation to the motion and observation models:

$$f(x_t, u_t, w_t) \approx f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) + \left[\frac{df}{dx}(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) \right] (x_t - \mu_{t|t}) + \left[\frac{df}{dw}(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) \right] (w_t - 0)$$
$$h(x_{t+1}, v_{t+1}) \approx h(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0) + \left[\frac{dh}{dx}(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0) \right] (x_{t+1} - \mu_{t+1|t}) + \left[\frac{dh}{dv}(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0) \right] (v_{t+1} - 0)$$

- ▶ The **UKF** uses a set of **sigma points** that capture the mean and covariance of the prior Gaussian pdfs to approximate the integrals via a sum. This resembles Monte Carlo approximation but the sigma points are selected **deterministically**.

Extended Kalman Filter Prediction

- Let $F_t := \frac{df}{dx}(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0)$ and $Q_t := \frac{df}{dw}(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0)$ so that:

$$f(x_t, u_t, w_t) \approx f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) + F_t(x_t - \mu_{t|t}) + Q_t w_t$$

- Then, the predicted mean and cov can be computed in closed form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{t+1|t} &\approx \iint (f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) + F_t(x - \mu_{t|t}) + Q_t w) \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) \phi(w; 0, W) dx dw \\ &= f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) + F_t \left(\int x \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) dx - \mu_{t|t} \right) + Q_t \int w \phi(w; 0, W) dw \\ &= \boxed{f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{t+1|t} &\approx \iint (f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) + F_t(x - \mu_{t|t}) + Q_t w) (f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) + F_t(x - \mu_{t|t}) + Q_t w)^T \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) \phi(w; 0, W) dx dw \\ &\quad - \mu_{t+1|t} \mu_{t+1|t}^T \\ &= f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0) \left(\int (x - \mu_{t|t})^T \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) dx \right) F_t^T + F_t \left(\int (x - \mu_{t|t}) \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) dx \right) f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0)^T \\ &\quad + F_t \left(\int (x - \mu_{t|t})(x - \mu_{t|t})^T \phi(x; \mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t}) dx \right) F_t^T + Q_t \left(\int ww^T \phi(w; 0, W) dw \right) Q_t^T \\ &= \boxed{F_t \Sigma_{t|t} F_t^T + Q_t W Q_t^T} \end{aligned}$$

Extended Kalman Filter Update

- ▶ Let $H_{t+1} := \frac{dh}{dx}(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0)$ and $R_{t+1} := \frac{dh}{dv}(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0)$ so that:

$$h(x_{t+1}, v_{t+1}) \approx h(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0) + H_{t+1}(x_{t+1} - \mu_{t+1|t}) + R_{t+1}v_{t+1}$$

- ▶ The joint distribution of x_{t+1} and z_{t+1} can be computed in closed form:

$$m_{t+1|t} := \int \int h(x, v) \phi(x; \mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t}) \phi(v; 0, V) dx dv \approx \boxed{h(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{t+1|t} &:= \int \int (h(x, v) - m_{t+1|t})(h(x, v) - m_{t+1|t})^T \phi(x; \mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t}) \phi(v; 0, V) dx dv \\ &\approx \boxed{H_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|t} H_{t+1}^T + R_{t+1} V R_{t+1}^T} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{t+1|t} &:= \int \int (x - \mu_{t+1|t})(h(x, v) - m_{t+1|t})^T \phi(x; \mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t}) \phi(v; 0, V) dx dv \\ &\approx \boxed{\Sigma_{t+1|t} H_{t+1}^T} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The conditional Gaussian distribution of $x_{t+1} | z_{t+1}$ is then:

$$\mu_{t+1|t+1} := \mu_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1|t}(z_{t+1} - m_{t+1|t})$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|t+1} := \Sigma_{t+1|t} - K_{t+1|t} S_{t+1|t} K_{t+1|t}^T$$

$$K_{t+1|t} := C_{t+1|t} S_{t+1|t}^{-1}$$

Extended Kalman Filter

Prior: $x_t \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t})$

Motion model: $x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t), \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W)$
 $F_t := \frac{df}{dx}(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0), \quad Q_t := \frac{df}{dw}(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0)$

Obs. model: $z_t = h(x_t, v_t), \quad v_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V)$
 $H_t := \frac{dh}{dx}(\mu_{t|t-1}, 0), \quad R_t := \frac{dh}{dv}(\mu_{t|t-1}, 0)$

Prediction: $\mu_{t+1|t} = f(\mu_{t|t}, u_t, 0)$
 $\Sigma_{t+1|t} = F_t \Sigma_{t|t} F_t^T + Q_t W Q_t^T$

Update: $\mu_{t+1|t+1} = \mu_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1|t}(z_{t+1} - h(\mu_{t+1|t}, 0))$
 $\Sigma_{t+1|t+1} = (I - K_{t+1|t} H_{t+1}) \Sigma_{t+1|t}$

Kalman Gain: $K_{t+1|t} := \Sigma_{t+1|t} H_{t+1}^T (H_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|t} H_{t+1}^T + R_{t+1} V R_{t+1}^T)^{-1}$

Unscented Transform

- ▶ The **unscented transform** (Julier et al., 1995, 2000) is a numerical method for approximating the joint distribution of a Gaussian random variable $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and a nonlinear transformation g of it:

$$s = g(y), \quad \begin{pmatrix} y \\ s \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ m_U \end{pmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma & C_U \\ C_U^T & S_U \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

- ▶ Choose a set of $2d + 1$ **sigma points** using the i -th columns of the square root $\sqrt{\Sigma}$ of the covariance $\Sigma = \sqrt{\Sigma}\sqrt{\Sigma}^T$ (**note**: $\sqrt{\Sigma}$ is lower-triangular and can be obtained, e.g., via **Cholesky factorization**):

$$\mathcal{Y}^{(0)} = \mu, \quad \mathcal{Y}^{(i)} = \mu \pm \sqrt{d + \lambda} \left[\sqrt{\Sigma} \right]_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, d$$

$$\lambda := \alpha^2(d + k) - d, \quad (\alpha, k) : \text{determine sigma points spread, e.g.,} \\ \alpha \in [0.0001, 1], k = 0$$

Unscented Transform

- ▶ The sigma points capture the shape of the original distribution of y well and can be propagated through the nonlinear function g to estimate the mean and covariance of the transformed variable
- ▶ The mean and covariance of $s = g(y)$ are estimated using the sigma points $\mathcal{Y}^{(0)} = \mu$ and $\mathcal{Y}^{(i)} = \mu \pm \sqrt{d + \lambda} \left[\sqrt{\Sigma} \right]_i$, $i = 1, \dots, d$:

$$m_U = \sum_{i=0}^{2d} W_i^{(m)} g\left(\mathcal{Y}^{(i)}\right), \quad W_0^{(m)} = \frac{\lambda}{d + \lambda}, \quad W_i^{(m)} = \frac{1}{2(d + \lambda)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2d$$

$$S_U = \sum_{i=0}^{2d} W_i^{(c)} \left(g\left(\mathcal{Y}^{(i)}\right) - m_U \right) \left(g\left(\mathcal{Y}^{(i)}\right) - m_U \right)^T, \quad W_0^{(c)} = \frac{\lambda}{d + \lambda} + (1 - \alpha^2 + \beta)$$

e.g., $\alpha \in [0.0001, 1]$, $\beta \in \{0, 2\}$

$$C_U = \sum_{i=0}^{2d} W_i^{(c)} \left(\mathcal{Y}^{(i)} - \mu \right) \left(g\left(\mathcal{Y}^{(i)}\right) - m_U \right)^T, \quad W_i^{(c)} = \frac{1}{2(d + \lambda)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2d$$

Unscented Kalman Filter Prediction

- **Prior:** $x_t \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t})$
- **Motion Model:** $x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t), \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(0)} \\ \mathcal{W}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{t|t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)} \\ \mathcal{W}^{(i)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{t|t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \pm \sqrt{(d_x + d_w)} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\Sigma_{t|t}} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{W} \end{bmatrix}_i$$

- **Prediction:** for $\alpha = 1$, $k = 0$, $\lambda = 0$, and $\beta = 2$

$$\mu_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2(d_x+d_w)} W_i^{(m)} f(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}, u_t, \mathcal{W}^{(i)})$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2(d_x+d_w)} W_i^{(c)} \left(f(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}, u_t, \mathcal{W}^{(i)}) - \mu_{t+1|t} \right) \left(f(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}, u_t, \mathcal{W}^{(i)}) - \mu_{t+1|t} \right)^T$$

- **Weights:**

$$W_0^{(m)} = 0, \quad W_i^{(m)} = \frac{1}{2(d_x + d_w)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2(d_x + d_w)$$

$$W_0^{(c)} = 2, \quad W_i^{(c)} = \frac{1}{2(d_x + d_w)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2(d_x + d_w)$$

Unscented Kalman Filter Update

- **Prior:** $x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t})$
- **Observation Model:** $z_{t+1} = h(x_{t+1}, v_{t+1}), \quad v_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(0)} \\ \mathcal{V}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{t+1|t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)} \\ \mathcal{V}^{(i)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{t+1|t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \pm \sqrt{(d_x + d_v)} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\Sigma_{t+1|t}} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{V} \end{bmatrix}_i$$

- **Update:** $\mu_{t+1|t+1} = \mu_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1|t}(z_{t+1} - m_{t+1|t})$
 $\Sigma_{t+1|t+1} = \Sigma_{t+1|t} - K_{t+1|t}S_{t+1|t}K_{t+1|t}^T$
- **Kalman Gain:** $K_{t+1|t} = C_{t+1|t}S_{t+1|t}^{-1}$

$$m_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2(d_x+d_v)} W_i^{(m)} h(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}, \mathcal{V}^{(i)})$$

$$S_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2(d_x+d_v)} W_i^{(c)} \left(h(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}, \mathcal{V}^{(i)}) - m_{t+1|t} \right) \left(h(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}, \mathcal{V}^{(i)}) - m_{t+1|t} \right)^T$$

$$C_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2(d_x+d_v)} W_i^{(c)} \left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)} - \mu_{t+1|t} \right) \left(h(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}, \mathcal{V}^{(i)}) - m_{t+1|t} \right)^T$$

Unscented Kalman Filter (additive noise)

Prior $x_{t+1} \mid z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t+1|t}, \Sigma_{t+1|t})$

Motion model $x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t) + w_t, \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W)$

Obs. model $z_{t+1} = h(x_{t+1}) + v_{t+1}, \quad v_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V)$

Predict
$$\mu_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_i^{(m)} f\left(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}, u_t\right), \quad \mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(0)} = \mu_{t|t}, \quad \mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)} = \mu_{t|t} \pm \sqrt{d_x + \lambda} \left[\sqrt{\Sigma_{t|t}} \right]_i$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_i^{(c)} \left(f\left(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}, u_t\right) - \mu_{t+1|t} \right) \left(f\left(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}, u_t\right) - \mu_{t+1|t} \right)^T + W$$

Update
$$\mu_{t+1|t+1} = \mu_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1|t}(z_{t+1} - m_{t+1|t})$$

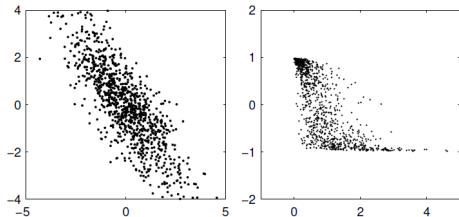
$$\Sigma_{t+1|t+1} = \Sigma_{t+1|t} - K_{t+1|t} S_{t+1|t} K_{t+1|t}^T$$

Kalman gain
$$K_{t+1|t} = C_{t+1|t} S_{t+1|t}^{-1}$$

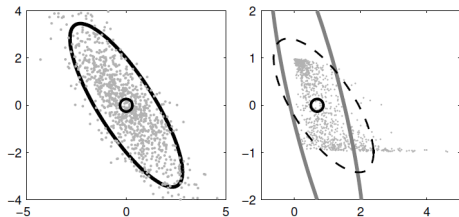
$$m_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_i^{(m)} h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right), \quad \mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(0)} = \mu_{t+1|t}, \quad \mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)} = \mu_{t+1|t} \pm \sqrt{d_x + \lambda} \left[\sqrt{\Sigma_{t+1|t}} \right]_i$$

$$S_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_i^{(c)} \left(h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right) - m_{t+1|t} \right) \left(h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right) - m_{t+1|t} \right)^T + V$$

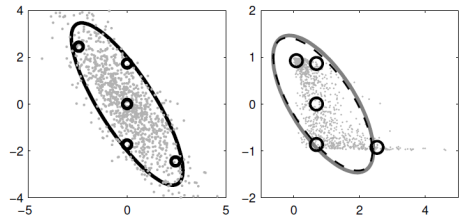
$$C_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_i^{(c)} \left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)} - \mu_{t+1|t} \right) \left(h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right) - m_{t+1|t} \right)^T$$



Applying a nonlinear transformation to the random variable on the left results in a new random variable (right)



EKF: Linearization-based approximation to the transformation formed by calculating the curvature at the mean (solid) and true covariance (dashed).



UKF: Unscented transform approximation to the transformation formed by propagating sigma points through the nonlinearity and estimating the covariance from them (solid) and true covariance (dashed).

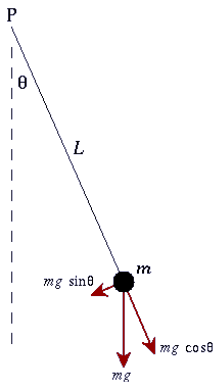
Noisy Pendulum Tracking

- ▶ Consider a simple pendulum consisting of a mass m hanging from a string of length L and fixed at a pivot point P
- ▶ The differential equation for the pendulum motion can be obtained using Newton's second law for rotational systems which relates the net external torque τ (position $\times$ force) to the product of the moment of inertia $I = mL^2$ and the angular acceleration $\ddot{\theta}(t)$:

$$\tau = -mgL \sin \theta(t) = mL^2 \ddot{\theta}(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ddot{\theta}(t) = -\frac{g}{L} \sin \theta(t) + \underbrace{w(t)}_{\text{noise} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, q)}$$

- ▶ The model can be converted into a state-space model with state $x(t) := (\theta(t), \omega(t))^T$, where $\omega(t) := \dot{\theta}(t)$ as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \theta(t) \\ \omega(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega(t) \\ -\frac{g}{L} \sin(\theta(t)) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w(t)$$



Discrete-time Model

- **Motion model:** a simple discretization of the pendulum state-space model with sampling period τ leads to:

$$x_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{t+1} \\ \omega_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \theta_t + \tau \omega_t \\ \omega_t - \tau \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta_t \end{bmatrix}}_{f(x_t)} + w_t, \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N} \left(0, q \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\tau^3}{3} & \frac{\tau^2}{2} \\ \frac{\tau^2}{2} & \tau \end{bmatrix}}_W \right)$$

- **Observation model:** consider estimating the angle θ_t and the velocity ω_t of the pendulum using measurements of its deviation from rest position, i.e.,:

$$z_t = \underbrace{L \sin(\theta_t)}_{h(x_t)} + v_t, \quad v_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V)$$

Extended Kalman Filter

- **Jacobians** of the motion and observation model for $x = (\theta, \omega)^T$:

$$F(x) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tau \\ -\tau \frac{g}{L} \cos \theta & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad H(x) = [L \cos \theta \quad 0]$$

- **Prior:** $x_t \mid z_{0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t})$

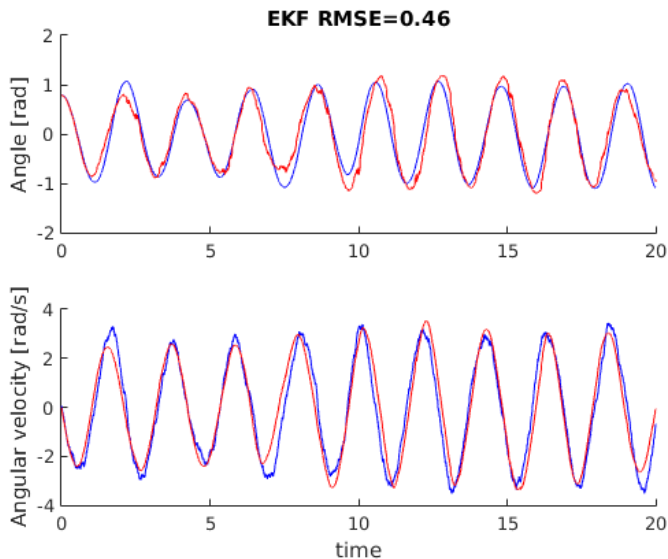
- **Prediction:**
$$\mu_{t+1|t} = f(\mu_{t|t}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{t|t}^\theta + \tau \mu_{t|t}^\omega \\ \mu_{t|t}^\omega - \tau \frac{g}{L} \sin \mu_{t|t}^\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Sigma_{t+1|t} = F(\mu_{t|t}) \Sigma_{t|t} F(\mu_{t|t})^T + W$$

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- ▶ **Innovation:** $\nu_{t+1|t} := z_{t+1} - L \sin(\mu_{t+1|t}^\theta)$
- ▶ **Measurement/innovation covariance:**
 $S_{t+1|t} := H(\mu_{t+1|t})\Sigma_{t+1|t}H(\mu_{t+1|t})^T + V$
- ▶ **State-measurement cross-covariance:** $\Sigma_{t+1|t}H(\mu_{t+1|t})^T$
- ▶ **Kalman gain:** $K_{t+1|t} = \Sigma_{t+1|t}H(\mu_{t+1|t})^T S_{t+1|t}^{-1}$
- ▶ **Update:**
$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{t+1|t+1} &= \mu_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1|t}\nu_{t+1|t} \\ \Sigma_{t+1|t+1} &= \Sigma_{t+1|t} - K_{t+1|t}H(\mu_{t+1|t})\Sigma_{t+1|t}\end{aligned}$$

EKF Performance

- ▶ $\tau = 0.001$, $q = 0.3$, $g = 9.81$, $L = 1$, $V = 0.64$
- ▶ Prediction at 1000 Hz, update at 20 Hz



Unscented Kalman Filter Prediction

► **Prior:** $x_t \mid z_{0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t})$

► **Sigma points** with parameter $\lambda = \alpha^2(d_x + k) - d_x$ determining the sigma point spread (usual choice: $\alpha \in [0.0001, 1]$, $k = 0$, $\beta \in \{0, 2\}$)

$$\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(0)} = \mu_{t|t}, \quad \mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)} = \mu_{t|t} \pm \sqrt{(d_x + \lambda)} \left[\sqrt{\Sigma_{t|t}} \right]_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2d_x$$

$$W_m^{(0)} = \frac{\lambda}{d_x + \lambda}, \quad W_m^{(i)} = \frac{1}{2(d_x + \lambda)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2d_x$$

$$W_c^{(0)} = \frac{\lambda}{d_x + \lambda} + (1 - \alpha^2 + \beta), \quad W_c^{(i)} = \frac{1}{2(d_x + \lambda)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2d_x$$

► **Prediction:**

$$\mu_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_m^{(i)} f\left(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}\right)$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_c^{(i)} \left(f\left(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}\right) - \mu_{t+1|t} \right) \left(f\left(\mathcal{X}_{t|t}^{(i)}\right) - \mu_{t+1|t} \right)^T + W$$

Unscented Kalman Filter Update

► **Sigma points:**

$$\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(0)} = \mu_{t+1|t}, \quad \mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)} = \mu_{t+1|t} \pm \sqrt{(d_x + \lambda)} \left[\sqrt{\Sigma_{t+1|t}} \right]_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2d_x$$

► **Expected measurement:** $m_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_m^{(i)} h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right)$

► **Innovation:** $\nu_{t+1|t} := z_{t+1} - m_{t+1|t}$

► **Measurement/innovation covariance:**

$$S_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_c^{(i)} \left(h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right) - m_{t+1|t} \right) \left(h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right) - m_{t+1|t} \right)^T + V$$

► **State-measurement cross-covariance:**

$$C_{t+1|t} = \sum_{i=0}^{2d_x} W_c^{(i)} \left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)} - \mu_{t+1|t} \right) \left(h\left(\mathcal{X}_{t+1|t}^{(i)}\right) - m_{t+1|t} \right)^T$$

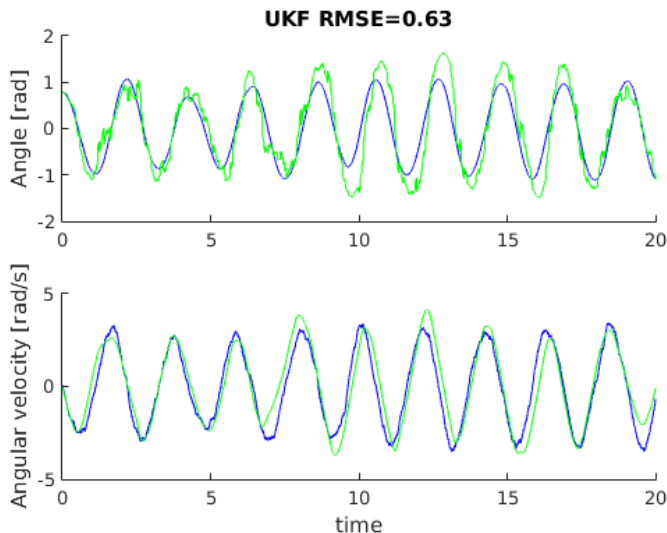
► **Kalman gain:** $K_{t+1|t} = C_{t+1|t} S_{t+1|t}^{-1}$

► **Update:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{t+1|t+1} &= \mu_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1|t} \nu_{t+1|t} \\ \Sigma_{t+1|t+1} &= \Sigma_{t+1|t} - K_{t+1|t} S_{t+1|t} K_{t+1|t}^T \end{aligned}$$

UKF Performance

- ▶ $\tau = 0.001$, $q = 0.3$, $g = 9.81$, $L = 1$, $V = 0.64$
- ▶ Prediction at 1000 Hz, update at 20 Hz



UKF vs EKF Predicted Covariance

- Prior: $\mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi}{4} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -0.3 \\ -0.3 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}\right)$
- One prediction step with parameters $\tau = 1$, $g = 9.81$, $L = 1$

