

# Gaussian Filters

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# Linear Gaussian Systems

- ① Kalman filter represents beliefs by the mean  $\mu_t$  and the covariance  $\Sigma_t$
- ② Posteriors are Gaussian if
  - ① State transition is “linear” with added Gaussian noise. (maybe)
  - ② Measurement is also linear with added Gaussian noise.
  - ③ The initial belief  $bel(x_0)$  is normally distributed.

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# Initial belief $bel(x_0)$

- 1 The initial belief  $bel(x_0)$  is normally distributed, with
- mean  $\mu_0$
  - covariance  $\Sigma_0$

$$bel(x_0) = p(x_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi\Sigma_0|}} e^{-\frac{(x_0 - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x_0 - \mu_0)}{2}}$$

# Kalman Filter Algorithm

- 1 KalmanFilter( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ )
- 2  $\bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$
- 3  $\bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t$
- 4  $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$
- 5  $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t)$
- 6  $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$
- 7 return  $\mu_t, \Sigma_t$

# Recall Bayes Filter Iteration

To begin with, we had:

- $bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$
- $\overline{bel}(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})$

And Bayes Filter iterates the following:

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \int p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1} \quad (1)$$

$$bel(x_t) = \eta p(z_t | x_t) \overline{bel}(x_t) \quad (2)$$

# Summary of Gaussian Linear Systems

$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \epsilon_t$$

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$

$$p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi R_t|}} e^{-\frac{(x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)}{2}}$$

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and in general

$$bel(x_{t-1}) = p(x_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \Sigma_{t-1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})}{2}}$$

# Prediction. pages 45 to 53 from Probabilistic Robotics by Thrun, Burgard and Fox

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{bel}(x_t) &= \int p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1} \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi R_t|}} e^{-\frac{(x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)}{2}} \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \Sigma_{t-1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})}{2}} dx_{t-1} \\
 &= \eta \int e^{-L_t} dx_{t-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

here

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_t &= \frac{(x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)}{2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{(x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$



Want to rewrite  $L_t$  as  $\boxed{L_t = L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t) + L_t(x_t)}$  so that

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{bel}(x_t) &= \eta \int e^{-L_t} dx_{t-1} \\ &= \eta \int e^{-L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t) - L_t(x_t)} dx_{t-1} \\ &= \eta e^{-L_t(x_t)} \int e^{-L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t)} dx_{t-1}\end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \eta e^{-L_x(x_t)}$$

## Derivatives of $L_t$

$$L_t = \frac{(x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)}{2} \\ + \frac{(x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_t}{\partial x_{t-1}} = -A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L_t}{\partial x_{t-1}^2} = A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} =: \Psi_t^{-1} \quad \text{for future use}$$

Set  $\frac{\partial L_t}{\partial x_{t-1}} = 0$  and solve for  $x_{t-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1}) &= A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t) \\ \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} x_{t-1} - \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} &= A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) - A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t x_{t-1} \\ A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t x_{t-1} + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} x_{t-1} &= A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \\ \underbrace{\left( A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \right)}_{\Psi_t^{-1}} x_{t-1} &= A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$x_{t-1} = \Psi_t \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right]$$

Now we know one possible  $L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t)$

$$L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{t-1} - \Psi_t \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right] \right)^T \Psi^{-1} \left( x_{t-1} - \Psi_t \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right] \right)$$

and since PDFs integrate to 1

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi\Psi|}} e^{-L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t)} dx_{t-1} = 1$$

$$\int e^{-L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t)} dx_{t-1} = \underbrace{\sqrt{|2\pi\Psi|}}_{\text{independent of } x_t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{bel}(x_t) &= \eta e^{-L_t(x_t)} \int e^{-L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t)} dx_{t-1} \\ &= \eta e^{-L_t(x_t)} \end{aligned}$$

Back to  $L_t(x_t) = L_t - L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_t(x_t) &= L_t - L_t(x_{t-1}, x_t) \\
 &= \frac{(x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)}{2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{(x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})}{2} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{t-1} - \Psi_t \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right] \right)^T \Psi^{-1} \\
 &\quad \left( x_{t-1} - \Psi_t \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right] \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, expand and cancel terms with  $x_{t-1}$  (details omitted) to get

$$L_t(x_t) = +\frac{1}{2}(x_t - B_t u_t)^T R_t^{-1}(x_t - B_t u_t) + \frac{1}{2}\mu_{t-1}^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \\ - \frac{1}{2} \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1}(x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right]^T \left( A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \\ \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1}(x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial L_t(x_t)}{\partial x_t} = R_t^{-1}(x_t - B_t u_t) - R_t^{-1} A_t \left( A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \\ \left[ A_t^T R_t^{-1}(x_t - B_t u_t) + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \right] \\ = \left[ R_t^{-1} - R_t^{-1} A_t (A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} A_t^T R_t^{-1} \right] (x_t - B_t u_t) \\ - R_t^{-1} A_t (A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1}$$

# Matrix Inversion Lemma

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A_{N \times N} & B_{N \times n} \\ \hline C_{n \times N} & D_{n \times n} \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}B(D - CA^{-1}B)^{-1}CA^{-1}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \hline \end{array} - \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \square \\ \hline \end{array}^{-1} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right)^{-1} =$$

[illegible]

## Apply Matrix Inversion Lemma

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L_t(x_t)}{\partial x_t} &= \underbrace{\left[ R_t^{-1} - R_t^{-1} A_t (A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} A_t^T R_t^{-1} \right]}_{(R_t + A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T)^{-1}} (x_t - B_t u_t) \\ &\quad - R_t^{-1} A_t (A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1} \\ &= (R_t + A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T)^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) \\ &\quad - R_t^{-1} A_t (A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1}\end{aligned}$$

Next, set  $\frac{\partial L_t(x_t)}{\partial x_t} = 0$

$$(R_t + A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T)^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) = R_t^{-1} A_t (A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1}$$

and solve for  $x_t$ .



Solving  $\frac{\partial L_t(x_t)}{\partial x_t} = 0$  for  $x_t$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_t &= B_t u_t + \underbrace{(R_t + A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T) R_t^{-1} A_t}_{A_t + A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t} \underbrace{(A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1}}_{(\Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + I)^{-1}} \mu_{t-1} \\
 &= B_t u_t + A_t \underbrace{\left( I + \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t \right)}_I \underbrace{\left( \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + I \right)^{-1}}_{I} \mu_{t-1} \\
 &= B_t u_t + A_t \mu_{t-1} \quad \text{this is line 2 of Kalman Algorithm}
 \end{aligned}$$

Find  $\frac{\partial^2 L_t(x_t)}{\partial x_t^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L_t(x_t)}{\partial x_t} &= (R_t + A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T)^{-1} (x_t - B_t u_t) \\ &\quad - R_t^{-1} A_t (A_t^T R_t^{-1} A_t + \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1})^{-1} \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} \mu_{t-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L_t(x_t)}{\partial x_t^2} = (R_t + A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T)^{-1}$$

this gives line 3 of Kalman Algorithm

# Measurement Update

Need to compute

$$bel(x_t) = \eta p(z_t|x_t) \overline{bel}(x_t)$$

with

$$p(z_t|x_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi Q_t|}} e^{-\frac{(z_t - C_t x_t)^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - C_t x_t)}{2}}$$

and

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \eta e^{-L_x(x_t)} = \eta e^{-\frac{(x_t - \overline{\mu}_t)^T \overline{\Sigma}_t^{-1} (x_t - \overline{\mu}_t)}{2}}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 bel(x_t) &= \eta p(z_t|x_t) \overline{bel}(x_t) \\
 &= \eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi Q_t|}} e^{-\frac{(z_t - C_t x_t)^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - C_t x_t)}{2}} e^{-\frac{(x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)^T \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)}{2}} \\
 &= \eta e^{-J_t}
 \end{aligned}$$

here

$$J_t = \frac{(z_t - C_t x_t)^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - C_t x_t)}{2} + \frac{(x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)^T \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)}{2}$$

## Derivatives of $J_t$

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_t} = -C_t^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - C_t x_t) + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial x_t^2} = C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \quad \text{this gives the covariance of } bel(x_t)$$

$$\Sigma_t = \left( C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \right)^{-1}$$

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_t} = -C_t^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t x_t) + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(x_t - \bar{\mu}_t) = 0$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(x_t - \bar{\mu}_t) = C_t^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t x_t) \quad \text{set } x_t = \mu_t \text{ to get}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(\mu_t - \bar{\mu}_t) = C_t^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t \mu_t)$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(\mu_t - \bar{\mu}_t) = C_t^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t \mu_t + \color{red}{C_t \bar{\mu}_t} - \color{red}{C_t \bar{\mu}_t})$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(\mu_t - \bar{\mu}_t) = C_t^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) - C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t (\mu_t - \bar{\mu}_t)$$

$$C_t^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) = \underbrace{\left( C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \right)}_{\Sigma_t^{-1}} (\mu_t - \bar{\mu}_t)$$

# Kalman Gain $K_t = \Sigma_t C_t^T Q_t^{-1}$

The mean of  $bel(x_t)$  is the minimum of  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_t}$ .

$$C_t^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) = \underbrace{\left( C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \right)}_{\Sigma_t^{-1}} (\mu_t - \bar{\mu}_t)$$

$$\underbrace{\Sigma_t C_t^T Q_t^{-1}}_{K_t} (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) = \mu_t - \bar{\mu}_t$$

$$\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) \quad \text{line 5}$$

Line 6:  $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$

$$\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial x_t^2} = C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \quad \text{this gives the covariance of } \text{bel}(x_t)$$

$$\Sigma_t = \left( C_t^T Q_t^{-1} C_t + \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{use Matrix Inversion Lemma}$$

$$= \bar{\Sigma}_t - \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T \left( Q_t + C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T \right)^{-1} C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t$$

$$= \left[ I - \underbrace{\bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T \left( Q_t + C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T \right)^{-1} C_t}_{=K_t \text{ using 3.45 page 53}} \right] \bar{\Sigma}_t$$

$$= (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \quad \text{this is line 6 of Kalman Algorithm}$$