

**Fall 2021 ME424 Modern Control and Estimation**

**Lecture Note 7: Kalman Filter  
- Derivations and Algorithm**

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## Kalman Filer Preview:



- Given stochastic linear system described by

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = A_k x_k + B_k u_k + w_k \\ y_k = C_k x_k + D_k u_k + v_k \end{cases}$$

- Kalman filter:** compute the “best” estimate of  $x_k$  given input-output data history  $\{u_j, y_j\}_{j=0}^k$

- Kalman Filter Solution:**  $\hat{x}_k = E(x_k | y_0, y_1, \dots, y_k)$

- Our goal:** in-depth understanding of the assumptions, derivations of Kalman filter

# Outline

- **Minimum Mean Squared Estimation (MMSE)**
- Gaussian Random Vectors
- Kalman Filter Derivations
- Summary and Implementation

# Fundamental Theorem of Estimation

$$y = H\theta + v$$

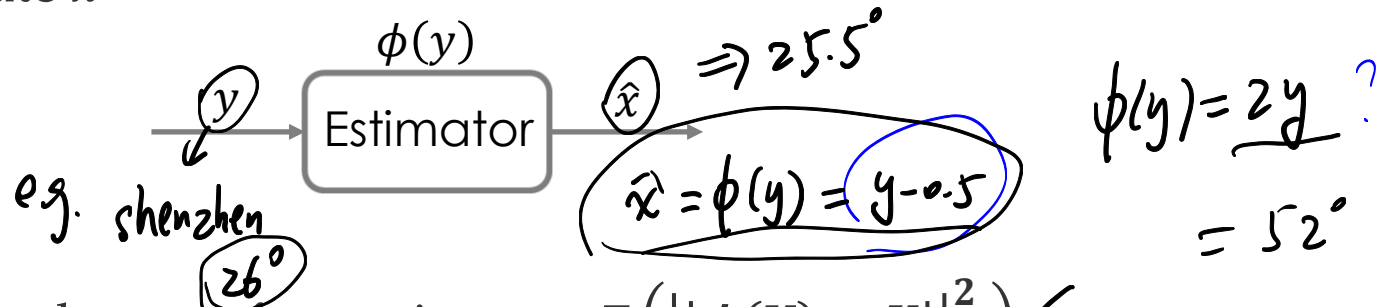
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 $\theta$        $v$

- Suppose we want to estimate the value of a hidden random vector  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  based on observations of a related vector  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- We have to know the relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ . Suppose we take probabilistic viewpoint of their relations, namely,  $(X, Y) \sim f_{XY}(x, y)$

$f_{XY}(x, y)$  : pdf.

$p(i, j)$  pmf

- An estimator  $\phi(y)$  is a function that maps each measurement  $Y = y$  to an estimate  $\hat{x}$



- Mean-squared error of an estimator:  $E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2) \Leftarrow$   
 $(X, Y) \sim f_{XY}(x, y)$   
 $= \sum_i \underbrace{\|\phi(y_i) - x_i\|^2}_{\text{error}} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Prob}(X=x_i, Y=y_i)}_{\text{joint prob}}$



- Example: Given  $X, Y$  joint distribution, compute the mean-squared error for the estimator:

$$\phi(y) \equiv 2y$$


		$X$	
		2	3
$Y$	1	0.4	0.1
	<u>2</u>	0.2	0.3

$$E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2)$$

$$= (\phi(1) - 2)^2 \cdot 0.4 + (\phi(1) - 3)^2 \cdot 0.1 + (\phi(2) - 2)^2 \cdot 0.2 + (\phi(2) - 3)^2 \cdot 0.3$$

$$= 0 + 0.1 + 0.8 + 0.3 = 1.2$$

By result in next slide: we know  $\phi(y) = E(X|Y=y)$  is optimal

$$\text{check: } \phi(y) = E(X|Y=y) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{if } y=1, \Rightarrow E(X|Y=1) = 2 \times 0.4 + 3 \times 0.2 = 2.2 \\ \text{if } y=2 \Rightarrow E(X|Y=2) = 2 \times 0.2 + 3 \times 0.3 = 2.6 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\text{MMSE}}(y) = \begin{cases} 2.2 & \text{if } y=1 \\ 2.6 & \text{if } y=2 \end{cases} \quad E(\|\phi_{\text{MMSE}}(Y) - X\|^2)$$

$$= (2.2 - 2)^2 \cdot 0.4 + (2.2 - 3)^2 \cdot 0.1 + (2.6 - 2)^2 \cdot 0.2 + (2.6 - 3)^2 \cdot 0.3$$

$$(X|Y=y) \sim f_{X|Y}(x|y) \Rightarrow = 0.2$$

- **Theorem:** The Minimum Mean-Squared Estimator for  $X$  given  $Y = y$ , that minimizes  $E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2)$  is given by

$$\hat{X}_{MMSE} = \phi_{MMSE}(y) = E(X|Y = y)$$

**Proof:**  $X \in R^n, Y \in R^m, \phi: R^m \rightarrow R^n$ , need to solve  $\min_{\phi(\cdot)} E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2)$

Note:  $E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2) = \int E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2 | Y = y) f_Y(y) dy$ , thus we just need to find the estimator  $\phi(\cdot)$  to minimize  $E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2 | Y = y)$  for each  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\|\phi(Y) - X\|^2 | Y = y) &= E((\phi(Y) - X)^T (\phi(Y) - X) | Y = y) \\ &= E(\phi(Y)^T \phi(Y) - \phi(Y)^T X - X^T \phi(Y) + X^T X | Y = y) \\ &= E(\phi(Y)^T \phi(Y) | Y = y) - E(\phi(Y)^T X | Y = y) - E(X^T \phi(Y) | Y = y) + E(X^T X | Y = y) \\ &= \phi(y)^T \phi(y) - 2\phi(y)^T E(X | Y = y) + E(X^T X | Y = y) \\ &= (\phi(y) - E(X | Y = y))^T (\phi(y) - E(X | Y = y)) - E(X | Y = y)^T E(X | Y = y) + E(X^T X | Y = y) \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Optimal  $\phi$  is thus given by:  $\phi(y) = E(X | Y = y)$

## ■ Remarks:

- 1. The MMSE is just the conditional mean !!
- 2. To compute the MMSE, the general way is to compute the conditional mean directly by definition

$$\underline{E(X | Y=y)} = \int x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

~~MMSE~~  $\Rightarrow$  very hard to compute in high-dim

- 3. Important special case:

$\ell \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $\ell \in \mathbb{R}^m$

If  $(X, Y)$  are jointly Gaussian random vectors, then there is a simple analytical form for the conditional mean

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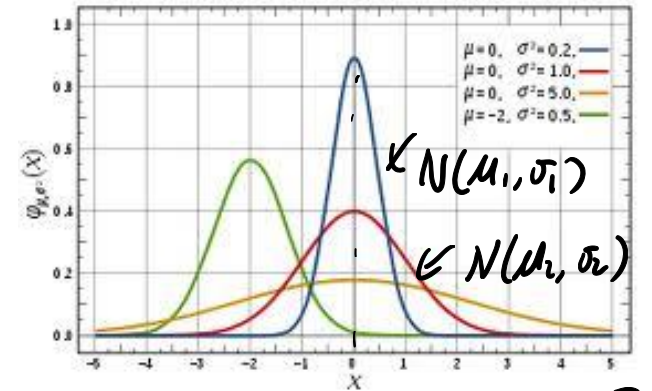
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## ■ Gaussian Random Vectors

- Important due to central limit theorem
- 1D Gaussian:  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma), \mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}_+$

pdf:  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

$\int f_X(x) dx = 1$

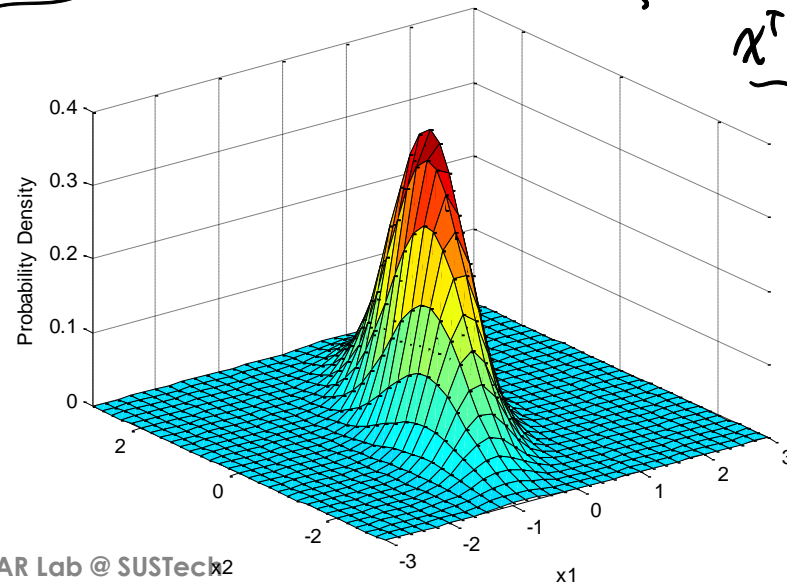
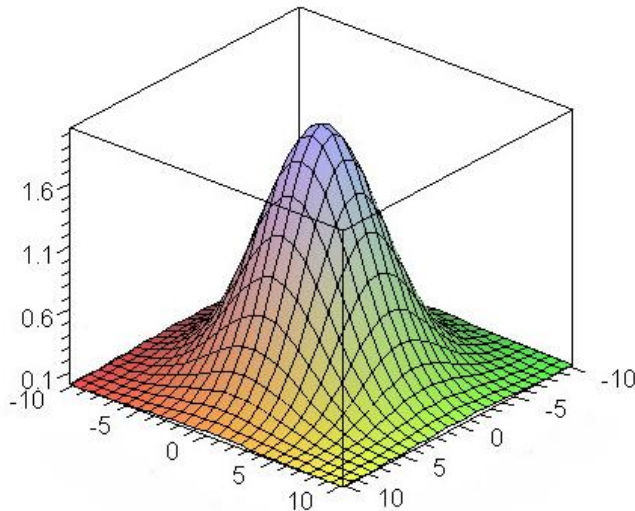


- n-D Gaussian:  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma), \mu \in \mathbb{R}^n, \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

pdf:  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} (\det(\Sigma))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right\}$

$\sigma_2 > \sigma_1$

$x^T P x \leq 1$



- Gaussian random vectors have nice properties



- It can be presented by two parameters:

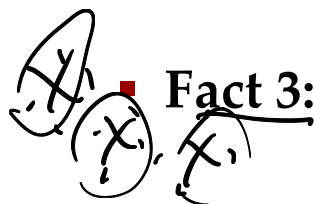
mean vector and covariance matrix

- Fact 1: Uncorrelated jointly Gaussian vectors are independent

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0 \Rightarrow X \perp Y, \quad \underline{f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)}$$

- Fact 2: Linear transformation of Gaussian random vectors are Gaussian

$$X \in N(\underline{\mu}_X, \underline{\Sigma}_X) \Rightarrow G = \underline{2X + 3}, \Rightarrow \underline{G \text{ is Gaussian}}$$



- Fact 3: Conditional Gaussian is Gaussian

- If general, checking whether a random variable is Gaussian or not requires computing its probability density function to see whether it is of the form of Gaussian. This can be quite involved.

■ **Fact 1: Independence between two Gaussians:**

- If  $X \in R^n, Y \in R^m$  are jointly Gaussians then  $X \perp Y$  if and only if
 
$$E(XY^T) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)^T$$

$$\underline{Cov(X, Y) = 0}$$

Jointly Gaussian  $\triangleq (X, Y)$  as a whole vector  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} \in R^{n+m}$  is Gaussian

$\Rightarrow \triangleq f_{X,Y}(x,y)$  is Gaussian  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$

(optional)

- However, if  $X, Y$  are both Gaussians, but are not jointly Gaussian, then the above tests do not hold in general
  - See supplemental note on joint Gaussian random vectors

Fact 1.1: if  $X, Y$  are both Gaussian  $\& \underline{X \perp Y}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} \sim \text{Gaussian}$

- Fact 2: Affine transformation of Gaussian is still Gaussian

Let  $\underline{X} \sim N(\underline{\mu}, \underline{\Sigma})$ ,  $\underline{\mu} \in R^n$ ,  $\underline{\Sigma} \in R^{n \times n}$ ,  $\underline{A} \in R^{m \times n}$ ,  $\underline{b} \in R^m$ , then

$$\underline{Z} = \underline{A}\underline{X} + \underline{b} \sim N(\underline{A}\underline{\mu} + \underline{b}, \underline{A}\underline{\Sigma}\underline{A}^T)$$

deterministic

$$\mu_z = E(\underline{A}\underline{X} + \underline{b}) = \underline{A}\underline{\mu} + \underline{b}$$

$$\sigma_z = \text{cov}(\underline{Z}) = \text{cov}(\underline{A}\underline{X} + \underline{b}, \underline{A}\underline{X} + \underline{b}) = \underline{A}\underline{\Sigma}\underline{A}^T$$

- This can be used to test whether a random variable is Gaussian or not

Example:  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

- Is  $X_2$  Gaussian? : ① by definition  $f_{X_2}(x_2) = \iint_{x_1, x_3} \underbrace{f(x_1, x_2, x_3)}_{\text{joint pdf}} dx_1 dx_3$

②  $X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \Rightarrow \text{affine transformation of } X$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Gaussian} \checkmark$



- Is  $Z = a_2X_2 + a_3X_3$  a Gaussian?

$$Z = [0 \ a_2 \ a_3] \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Gaussian}$$

- Is  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix}$  a Gaussian?

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X \Rightarrow \text{Gaussian}$$

- Is  $X_2 \perp X_1$ ? How about  $X_1$  and  $X_3$

$$\text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) = 0 \Rightarrow X_2 \perp X_1$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) = -1 \Rightarrow \text{not indep.}$$

- Fact 3: Conditional Gaussian is Gaussian: Let  $X \in R^n, Y \in R^m$  be jointly Gaussian with mean  $\mu_X, \mu_Y$ , covariance  $\Sigma_X, \Sigma_Y, \Sigma_{XY}, \Sigma_{YX}$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_X & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

eg.  $\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\dots)$  shenzhen, Guangzhou, Beijing

then the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is Gaussian

$$X|Y = y \sim N(\mu_{X|Y=y}, \Sigma_{X|Y=y}),$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{X|Y=y} = \mu_X + \Sigma_{XY} \Sigma_Y^{-1} (y - \mu_Y) \\ \Sigma_{X|Y=y} = \Sigma_X - \Sigma_{XY} \Sigma_Y^{-1} \Sigma_{YX} \end{cases}$$

Annotations:  $\mu_X$  is  $E(X)$ ,  $\mu_Y$  is  $E(Y)$ ,  $\Sigma_Y^{-1}$  is "how noisy y measurement is",  $\Sigma_X - \Sigma_{XY} \Sigma_Y^{-1} \Sigma_{YX}$  is "surprise term".

$(X, Y)$  jointly Gaussian  $\sim f_{XY}(x, y) \Rightarrow$  Given  $Y=y$ ,  $X$  is still random its density is  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$ , we can show  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$  is a Gaussian

$\frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$

$$(\mathcal{N}(Z, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 \\ \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}))$$

▪ Example: suppose  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $X \in R^1, Y \in R^2$ , and  $Z \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \right)$   
 : compute the MMSE given  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{E(X|Y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix})}$   
 (of X)  $\underbrace{\quad}_Y$  (center)

1°:  $(X, Y)$  jointly Gaussian  $\Rightarrow \underbrace{X|Y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{is Gaussian}}$

$$2^\circ: \mu_{X|Y=y} = \underline{\mu}_X + \Sigma_{XY} \Sigma_Y^{-1} (y - \underline{\mu}_Y) = 1 + [1 \ 0] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} (\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix})$$


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$$= \text{some \# } a$$

• We can find the exact conditional density  $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}}$

$$\Sigma_{X|Y=y} = \Sigma_X - \Sigma_{XY} \Sigma_Y^{-1} \Sigma_{YX} = 2 - [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{some \# } b$$

■ Another example:  $z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $z \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 & 0.5 \\ 2 & 0.5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{cov}(z_2, z_3)}\right)$

Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Q = z_2$  Find  $E(P|Q=3)$

①  $P, Q$  jointly Gaussian ( $\begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} z$ )

$P|Q=3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(P|Q=3) &= E(P) + \text{cov}(P, Q) \text{cov}(Q)^{-1} (3 - E(Q)) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} (-2) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{5}{4} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{cov}(P, Q) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(z_1, z_2) \\ \text{cov}(z_3, z_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- MMSE example:  $X \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ , let  $\underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \underline{X} + \underline{V}$ ,  
 where  $\underline{V} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ ,  $\underline{V}$  is independent of  $\underline{X}$ . Find the MMSE of  $\underline{X}$   
 given  $\underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

① we know MMSE of  $X$  given  $\underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , is  $E(X | \underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$

②.  $X, Y$  are jointly Gaussian?  $\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\cdot) \\ V \sim N(\cdot) \\ X \perp V \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X \\ V \end{bmatrix}$  is Gaussian

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ A & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ V \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (X, Y)$  jointly Gaussian

③  $\hat{X}_{\text{MMSE}} = E(X | \underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = \underline{E(X)} + \underline{\text{cov}(X, Y)} \underline{\text{cov}(Y)}^{-1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \underline{E(Y)} \right)$

■ solution (continue)

$$3.1 \quad E(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3.2 \quad \text{cov}(X, Y) = \text{cov}(X, AX + V)$$

$$= \text{cov}(X, AX) + \underbrace{\text{cov}(X, V)}$$

$$= \underbrace{\text{cov}(X, X)} A^T + 0$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \text{cov}(AX, AX) + \text{cov}(AX, V) + \underbrace{\text{cov}(V, AX)} + \underbrace{\text{cov}(V, V)}$$

$$= A \text{cov}(X, X) A^T + A \cdot 0 + 0 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X}_{\text{MMSE}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8944 \\ 0.1136 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3.4: E(Y)$$

$$= AE(X) + E(V)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Kalman Filter

- Consider a stochastic linear system described by

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = A_k x_k + \underbrace{B_k u_k}_{\text{1-dim Gaussian}} + \underbrace{w_k}_{\text{n-dim Gaussian}} \\ y_k = C_k x_k + D_k u_k + \underbrace{v_k}_{\text{1-dim Gaussian}} \end{cases}$$

- $x_k \in R^n$  --- system state at time  $k$
- $y_k \in R^p$  --- measurement vector at time  $k$
- $\underbrace{Y_k}_{\triangleq [y_0^T \ y_1^T \ \dots \ y_k^T]^T}$  --- collection of measurements up to time  $k$
- $u_k \in R^m$  --- system input at time  $k$  (deterministic input)
- $w_k \in R^n$  --- process noise  $\sim N(0, Q_k)$
- $v_k \in R^p$  --- measurement noise  $\sim N(0, R_k)$
- Assume  $\underbrace{x_0 \sim N(\mu_0, \Phi_0)}$ ,  $\underbrace{x_0 \perp w_k}$ ,  $\underbrace{x_0 \perp v_k}$ ,  $\underbrace{w_k \perp v_k, \forall k}$

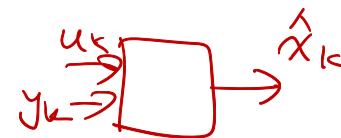
$x_1$  is Gaussian?  $x_1 = \underbrace{A_0}_{\text{deterministic}} \underbrace{x_0}_{\text{Gaussian}} + \underbrace{B_0}_{\text{deterministic}} \underbrace{u_0}_{\text{deterministic}} + \underbrace{w_0}_{\text{Gaussian}}$

$\left. \begin{matrix} x_0 \sim N \\ w_0 \sim N \\ x_0 \perp w_0 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ w_0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Gaussian} \Rightarrow x_1 \text{ Gaussian}$

- Implications of the above assumption:

- $x_k$  is Gaussian and  $y_k$  is Gaussian for all  $k \geq 0$  (VFY)

Everything is jointly Gaussian





- **State estimation problem:** Find the MMSE of  $x_k$  given  $Y_k$ , also given  $u_0, \dots, u_{k-1}$
- Solution using Fundamental Theorem:  $E(x_k | Y_k)$
- **Kalman filter is just a recursive way to compute the conditional mean as new measurement comes in**

Define:  $\hat{x}_{k|k} \triangleq E(x_k | Y_k)$ ,  $\hat{x}_{k|k-1} \triangleq E(x_k | Y_{k-1})$

$\text{cov}(x_k, x_k | Y_k) \rightleftharpoons P_{k|k} \triangleq E((x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k})(x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k})^T | Y_k)$

$\downarrow$

$\{y_0, \dots, y_k\}$

$P_{k|k-1} \triangleq E((x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})(x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})^T | Y_{k-1})$

$\hat{x}_{k|k+2} \triangleq E(x_k | Y_{k+2})$

- Simplified notation:  $\hat{x}_k \triangleq \hat{x}_{k|k}$ ,  $P_k = P_{k|k}$
- $\hat{x}_k | Y_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{x}_k, P_k)$

- Before deriving Kalman filter, let's work on an example

**Example:** 
$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = A_k x_k + w_k \\ y_k = C_k x_k \end{cases}$$

where  $x_0 \sim N(0, \Sigma_x)$ ,  $w_k \sim N(0, \Sigma_w)$ ,  $A = \Sigma_w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Compute  $\hat{x}_0 = E(x_0 | y_0 = 1)$  and  $\hat{x}_1 = E(x_1 | y_0 = 1, y_1 = -1)$

①  $\hat{x}_0 = E(x_0 | y_0 = 1)$ , i.e. we need to find  $\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$  joint distribution

We know  $\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} E(x) \\ E(y) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(x_0) & \text{cov}(x_0, y_0) \\ \text{cov}(y_0, x_0) & \text{cov}(y_0) \end{bmatrix} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_0 &= E(x_0 | y_0 = 1) = E(x_0) + \text{cov}(x_0, y_0) \text{cov}(y_0)^{-1} [1 - 0] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= \text{cov}(x_0, x_0 | y_0 = 1) = \text{cov}(x_0, x_0) - \text{cov}(x_0, y_0) \text{cov}(y_0)^{-1} \text{cov}(y_0, x_0) \\ &\stackrel{\text{v.f.f.}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & -0.2 \\ -0.2 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, E(y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{cov}(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \Sigma_x$$

$$\text{cov}(x_0, y_0) = \text{cov}(x_0, x_0) C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cov}(y_0, x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cov}(y_0) = C \Sigma_x C^T = 10 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example continue..

$Y_1$

$$\textcircled{2} \hat{x}_1 = E(x_1 | \underbrace{y_0=1, y_1=-1}) = E(x_1 | \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix})$$

- Conceptually simple approach (Batch approach):

Find joint distribution first:  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ Y_1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} E(x_1) \\ E(Y_1) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \overset{2 \times 2}{\text{Cov}(x_1)} & \overset{2 \times 2}{\text{Cov}(x_1, Y_1)} \\ \text{Cov}(Y_1, x_1) & \underset{2 \times 2}{\text{Cov}(Y_1)} \end{pmatrix} \right)$

$\Rightarrow E(x_1 | Y_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}) = E(x_1) + \text{Cov}(x_1, Y_1) \dots$

Not recursive, not scalable. as  $k$  increases, the covariance matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(y_0) & \text{Cov}(y_0, y_1) \\ \text{Cov}(y_1, y_0) & \text{Cov}(y_1) \end{bmatrix}$  grows

- Recursive approach (KF): After obtaining  $y_0=1$ , (~~not~~ still at time 0)  
both  $x_1, y_1$  are random, and they are jointly Gaussian

Example continue...

i.e.  $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^3} \Big|_{y_0=1} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} E(x_1 | y_0=1) \\ E(y_1 | y_0=1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(x_1, x_1 | y_0=1) & \text{cov}(x_1, y_1 | y_0=1) \\ \text{cov}(y_1, x_1 | y_0=1) & \text{cov}(y_1, y_1 | y_0=1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{covariance}} \right)$

If we know everything in the above  $\leftarrow$

we can claim:

$$E(x_1 | y_0=1, y_1=-1) = \underbrace{E(x_1 | y_0=1)}_{\text{mean}} + \underbrace{\text{cov}(x_1, y_1 | y_0=1) \text{cov}(y_1 | y_0=1)^{-1}}_{\text{adjustment}} (-1 - E(y_1 | y_0=1))$$

- let's define  $\mathcal{Z} = \{x_1 | y_0=1\}$   
 $\mathcal{Q} = \{y_1 | y_0=1\}$

we know  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Z} \\ \mathcal{Q} \end{bmatrix}$  jointly Gaussian  $\sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} E(\mathcal{Z}) \\ E(\mathcal{Q}) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(\mathcal{Z}) & \text{cov}(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Q}) \\ \text{cov}(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Z}) & \text{cov}(\mathcal{Q}) \end{bmatrix} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow E(\mathcal{Z} | \mathcal{Q}=-1) = \underbrace{E(\mathcal{Z})}_{E(x_1 | y_0=1)} + \underbrace{\text{cov}(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Q}) \text{cov}(\mathcal{Q})^{-1}}_{\text{adjustment}} (-1 + E(\mathcal{Q}))$$

$$\rightarrow E(x_i | y_i=1) / E(\tilde{y}_i | y_i=1) = E(x_i | y_i=1, y_i=-1)$$

## Derivation of Kalman Filter

- Goal of Kalman Filter: obtain recursive formula

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_k \\ P_k \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_{k+1} \\ P_{k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

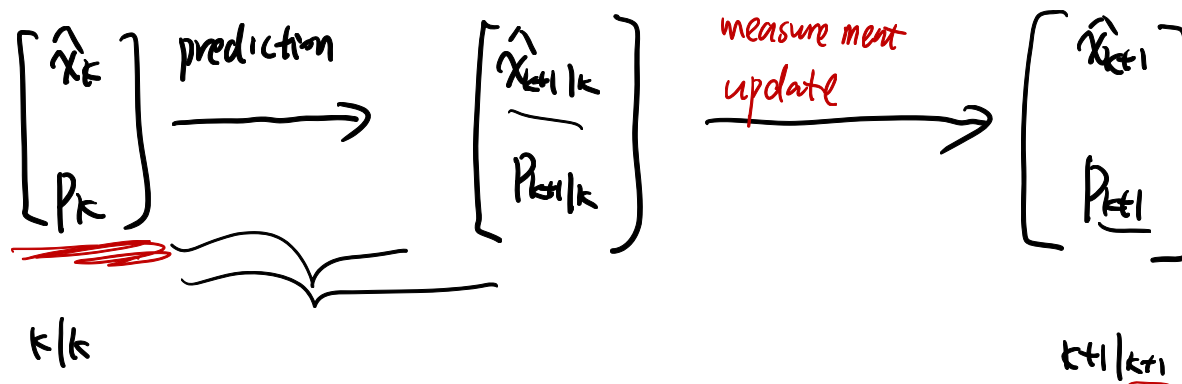
- We can compute  $\hat{x}_0, P_0$

sometimes  $\hat{x}_0, P_0$  are given directly

If not, we just need to compute  $E(x_i | y_i), P_0 = \text{cov}(x_i | y_i)$

$$k | k \rightarrow \textcircled{k-1} | \textcircled{k+1}$$

- Given  $\hat{x}_k, P_k$ , how to compute  $\hat{x}_{k+1}, P_{k+1}$ : divide this recursion into two stages: prediction and measurement update



- Step 1: prediction (try to compute  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k}, P_{k+1|k}$  using  $\hat{x}_k, P_k$ )

$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k} = E(x_{k+1} | Y_k) = E(Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k | Y_k) = A E(x_k | Y_k) + B u_k + E(w_k | Y_k)$$

$$P_{k+1|k} = \text{cov}(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1} | Y_k)$$

$$= A \hat{x}_k + B u_k \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$w_k \perp Y_k$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $E(w_k | Y_k) = E(w_k) = 0$

$$= E((x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k})(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k})^T | Y_k)$$

$$= E((Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k - A\hat{x}_k - Bu_k)(Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k - A\hat{x}_k - Bu_k)^T | Y_k)$$

$$= E(A(x_k - \hat{x}_k)(x_k - \hat{x}_k)^T A^T | Y_k) + E(w_k w_k^T | Y_k) + E(A(x_k - \hat{x}_k) w_k^T | Y_k) + E(w_k (x_k - \hat{x}_k)^T A^T | Y_k)$$

$A P_k A^T + Q_k \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$

$w_k \perp Y_k \Rightarrow E(w_k w_k^T) = Q_k$

$\cancel{E(A(x_k - \hat{x}_k) w_k^T | Y_k)}$   
 $\cancel{E(w_k (x_k - \hat{x}_k)^T A^T | Y_k)}$

- Summary of the prediction step:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}_{k+1|k} = A_k \hat{x}_k + B_k u_k, & \textcircled{1} \\ P_{k+1|k} = A_k P_k A_k^T + Q_k & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

- key for KF measurement update step:

• Assume:  $X, Y, Z \sim$  jointly Gaussian  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \\ \mu_z \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}\right)$

•  $E(X | Y=y, Z=z)$   
"Batch"

• ① Direct approach: view  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$  as a big vector  $E(X | \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}}_{= \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix}})$   
using conditional Gaussian.

• ② Recursive: ①  $E(X | Y=y)$  upon knowing  $Y=y$

② Update  $E(X | Y=y, Z=z)$  upon knowing  $Z=z$   
using  $E(X | Y=y)$

①  $\searrow$   
②  $\searrow$  the same result

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \\ \mu_Z \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \text{cov}_X & \text{cov}_{XY} & \text{cov}_{XZ} \\ \text{cov}_{YX} & \cdot & \cdot \\ \text{cov}_{ZX} & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$E(X | Z=z, Y=y)$$

Event  $Y=y$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Z \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mu}_X \\ \tilde{\mu}_Z \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\text{cov}}(X,Z), \tilde{\text{cov}}(X,Z) \\ \tilde{\text{cov}}(Z,X), \tilde{\text{cov}}(Z) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Event  $Z=z$

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{\tilde{\mu}_X}, \tilde{\text{cov}}_X)$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_X = \tilde{\mu}_X + \tilde{\text{cov}}(X,Z) \tilde{\text{cov}}(Z)^{-1} (z - \tilde{\mu}_Z)$$

$$E(X | Y=y)$$

$$E(X | Y=y, Z=z)$$

beyond  $Y=y$   
additional surprise due

$$Z=z$$



## ■ Step 2: measurement update

- We want  $\hat{x}_{k+1} = E(x_{k+1}|Y_{k+1}) = E(x_{k+1}|Y_k, y_{k+1})$
- Up to now, we have  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k}$  and  $P_{k+1|k}$ , i.e. the mean and covariance of conditional random variable  $x_{k+1}|Y_k$
- How to find the mean and covariance of  $x_{k+1}|\{Y_k, y_{k+1}\}$
- Define  $Z = x_{k+1}|Y_k$ ,  $W = y_{k+1}|Y_k \Rightarrow \hat{x}_{k+1} = E(Z|W)$

Approach 1: batch. Find joint  $\begin{pmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ Y_k \\ y_{k+1} \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix})$

then we can use conditional mean formula to compute

$$E(x_{k+1}|Y_k, y_{k+1})$$

Approach 2: Recursive : using the previous result  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k}, P_{k+1|k}$  to compute  $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_{k+1} \\ P_{k+1} \end{pmatrix}$

## ■ Derivation (continue)

Find condition joint

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{pmatrix} \bigg| \underbrace{y_k}_{(y_0 \dots y_k)}} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \underline{E(x_{k+1} | y_k)} \\ \underline{E(y_{k+1} | y_k)} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1} | y_k) & \text{cov}(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1} | y_k) \\ \text{cov}(y_{k+1}, x_{k+1} | y_k) & \text{cov}(y_{k+1}, y_{k+1} | y_k) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

⇒ If we define  $Z = x_{k+1} / y_k$ ,  $W = y_{k+1} / y_k$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ W \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\underline{E(Z | W = y_{k+1})} = E(Z) + \text{cov}(Z, W) \text{cov}(W)^{-1} (y_{k+1} - E(W))$$

$$= \underbrace{E(x_{k+1} | y_k)}_{(1)} + \underbrace{\text{cov}(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1} | y_k)}_{(2)} \underbrace{\text{cov}(y_{k+1}, y_{k+1} | y_k)^{-1}}_{(3)} \underbrace{(y_{k+1} - E(y_{k+1} | y_k))}_{(4)}$$

- ①  $E(x_{k+1}/Y_k) = \hat{x}_{k+1/k} \leftarrow$  given by prediction step.

④  $\underline{E(y_{k+1}/Y_k)} = E(Cx_{k+1} + Du_{k+1} + v_{k+1}/Y_k)$   
 $= C E(x_{k+1}/Y_k) + Du_{k+1} + 0$   
 $= C \hat{x}_{k+1/k} + Du_{k+1}$

②  $\underline{\text{cov}(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}/Y_k)} = \text{cov}(x_{k+1}, Cx_{k+1} + Du_{k+1} + v_{k+1}/Y_k)$   
 $= \underline{\text{cov}(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}/Y_k)} \cdot C^T + 0 + 0$   
 $= \overset{P_{k+1/k}}{\text{cov}(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}/Y_k)} C^T \quad \boxed{③}$

■ Complete derivation will be posted online

# Outline

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## Kalman Filter Notations

### System model

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= A_k x_k + B_k u_k + w_k \\ y_k &= C_k x_k + D_k u_k + v_k\end{aligned}$$

### Noise model

$$\begin{aligned}w_k &\sim N(0, Q_k) \\ v_k &\sim N(0, R_k)\end{aligned}$$

### Measurement history

$$Y_k = \{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_k\}$$

### Filtered estimate

$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}_{k|k} = E(x_k | Y_k)$$

### Filter error

$$e_k = x_k - \hat{x}_k, \text{ with } E(e_k) = 0$$

### Filter error covariance

$$P_k = E(e_k e_k^T) = E(e_k e_k^T | Y_k)$$

### Predicted estimate

$$\hat{x}_{k|k-1} = E(x_k | Y_{k-1})$$

### Prediction error

$$e_{k|k-1} = x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k-1}, \text{ with } E(e_{k|k-1}) = 0$$

### Prediction error covariance

$$P_{k|k-1} = E(e_{k|k-1} e_{k|k-1}^T) = E(e_{k|k-1} e_{k|k-1}^T | Y_{k-1})$$

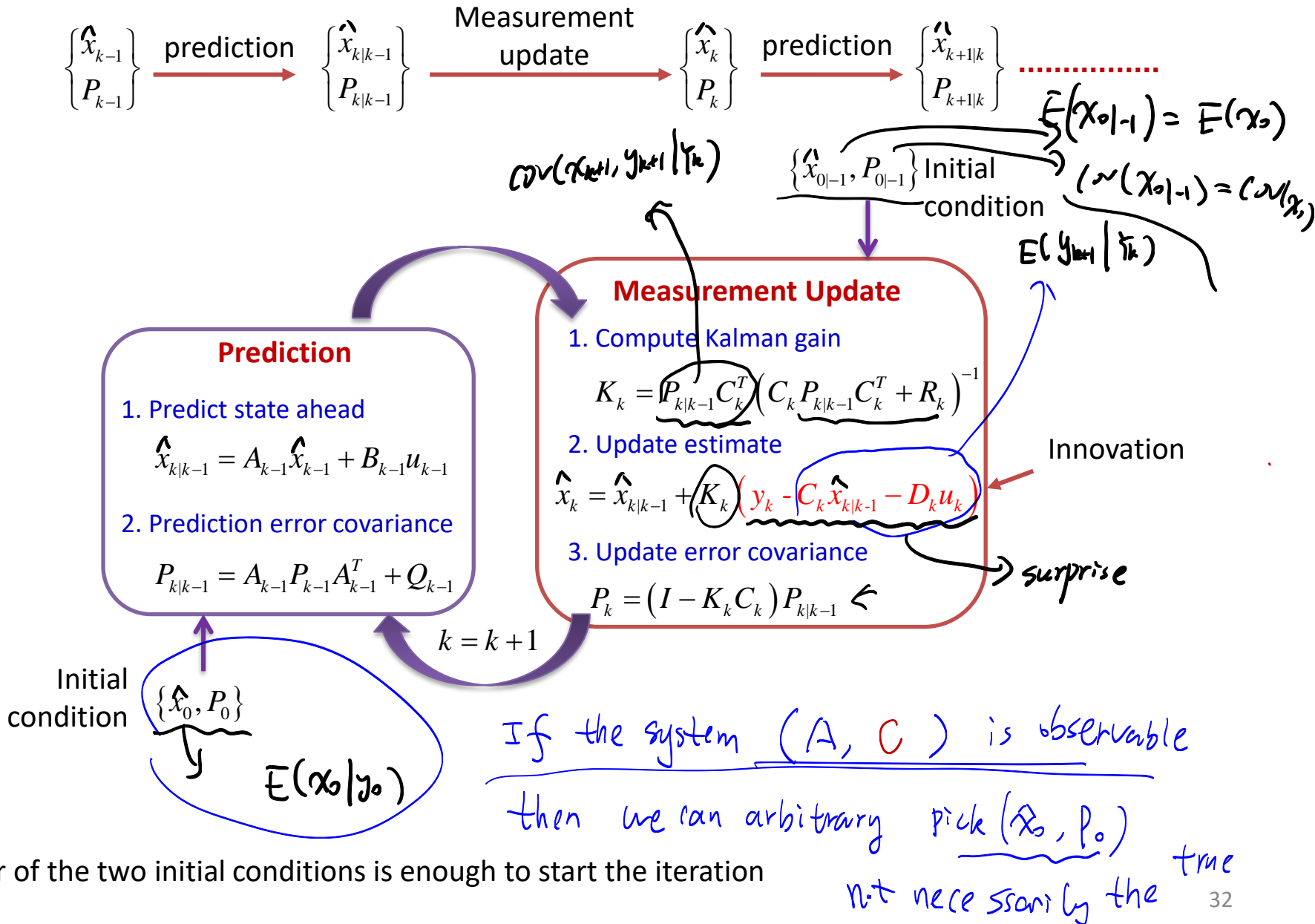
### Some facts:

- Unbiasedness:  $E(e_k) = 0$   $E(e_{k|k-1}) = 0$
- Error covariance equals the conditional error covariance

$$E(e_k e_k^T) = E(e_k e_k^T | Y_k) \quad E(e_{k|k-1} e_{k|k-1}^T) = E(e_{k|k-1} e_{k|k-1}^T | Y_{k-1})$$

- Mean squared error:  $E(\|e_k\|^2) = \text{trace}(P_k)$ ,  $E(\|e_{k|k-1}\|^2) = \text{trace}(P_{k|k-1})$

# Kalman Filter Diagram



- in simulation, e.g.  $\underline{x = \text{randn}(2,1)}$   $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$   $\overset{\text{cov}(x)}{\sim}$

$$v \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, R\right)$$

$$v = R^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot x$$

$\rightarrow$  matrix square root (for positive semidefinite matrix)  
Coding Example

$$R^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot R^{\frac{1}{2}} = R$$

$$\text{cov}(v, v) = R^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{cov}(x) (R^{\frac{1}{2}})^T = R \cdot I = R$$

