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$$z = x + v$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \quad x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

$$p(v) = \frac{1}{2} \quad v \in (-1, 1)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Thus

$$E(x) = E(v) = 0$$
$$var(x) = var(v) = 1/3$$

Kalman estimate: Gaussian approximation of original pdf's,

$$p(x \mid z) = \mathcal{N}\{x : 0.5z, \frac{1}{6}\}$$

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Exact solution is

$$p(x \mid z) = \frac{[\operatorname{sign}(1 + z - x) - \operatorname{sign}(-1 + z - x)][\operatorname{sign}(x + 1) - \operatorname{sign}(x - 1)]}{2[2 - z\operatorname{sign}(z)][\operatorname{sign}(z + 2) - \operatorname{sign}(z - 2)]}$$

$$cov(x \mid z)$$
 is given by

•
$$cov(x \mid z) = \frac{1}{3(2-z)}[1-(z-1)^3] - \frac{z^2}{4}$$
 for $z \in (0,2)$

•
$$cov(x \mid z) = \frac{1}{3(z+2)}[1 + (z+1)^3] - \frac{z^2}{4}$$
 for $z \in (-2,0)$

for mean value E[x|z] it holds that E[x|z] = 0.5z.

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$$x_{k+1} = f_k x_k + g_k x_k^2 + w_k$$

where $\{w_k\}$ is white Gaussian process with zero mean and variance Q_k . Suppose that $E[(x_k | z^k] = \hat{x}_k, E[(x_k - \hat{x}_k)^2 | z^k] = P_k$ The aim is to compute

$$E(x_{k+1} \mid z^k) = \hat{x}'_{k+1}$$
 a $cov(x_{k+1} \mid z^k) = P'_{k+1}$

Let us start with mean

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}'_{k+1} &= f_k \mathsf{E}[x_k \mid z^k] + g_k \mathsf{E}[x_k^2 \mid z^k] = f_k \hat{x}_k + g_k (P_k + \hat{x}_k^2) \\ \text{tr us define } \tilde{x}'_{k+1} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} x_{k+1} - \tilde{x}'_{k+1} \cdot \tilde{x}_k \stackrel{\triangle}{=} x_k - \hat{x}_k \text{ Then} \\ \tilde{x}'_{k+1} &= (f_k + 2g_k \hat{x}_k) \tilde{x}_k + g_k \tilde{x}_k^2 - g_k P_k + w_k \\ \\ &= (f_k + 2g_k \hat{x}_k)^2 P_k + g_k^2 \gamma_k \\ &- g_k^2 P_k + Q_k + 2g_k (f_k + 2g_k \hat{x}_k) \delta_k \end{aligned}$$
where $\gamma \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \mathsf{E}(\tilde{x}_k^4 \mid z^k) \quad \delta_k \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \mathsf{E}[\tilde{x}_k^3 \mid z^k]$

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Stochastic system

$$x_{k+1} = f_k(x_k) + w_k$$
 $k = 0, 1, 2, ...$

- x_k is nx dimensional vector of system state at time t_k,
- w_k je nx dimensional state noise at time t, where t_k ≤ t < t_{k+1},
- $f_k(\cdot)$ is known vector function of proper dimension
- random process { w_k } is white noise with known pdf p(w_k)
- pdf of the initial state p(x₀) is known.

$$z_k = h_k(x_k) + v_k$$
 $k = 0, 1, 2, ...$

- z_k is nz dimensional vector of known measurements at time t_k
- v_k is nz dimensional vector of measurement noise at time t_k
- random process $\{v_k\}$ is white noise with known pdf $p(v_k)$
- processes {w_k}, {v_k} and the random variable x₀ are mutually independent.

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- Bayesian relation $p(a, b) = p(a \mid b)p(b) = p(b \mid a)p(a)$
- Filtering $p(x_k \mid z^k)$, prediction $p(x_{k+l} \mid z^k)$, smoothing $p(x_k \mid z^{k+l})$, l > 0
- Bayesian recursive relations

$$p(x_k \mid z^k) = \frac{p(x_k \mid z^{k-1}).p(z_k \mid x_k)}{p(z_k \mid z^{k-1})}$$

$$p(x_k \mid z^{k-1}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x_{k-1} \mid z^{k-1})p(x_k \mid x_{k-1})dx_{k-1}$$

$$p(z_k \mid z^{k-1}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x_k \mid z^{k-1})p(z_k \mid x_k)dx_k$$

• Analytical solution e.g. for linear Gaussian systems

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Introduct	tion: Point e	stimates			

• Mean value $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^E$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{\mathsf{E}} = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \mathbf{x}_k p(\mathbf{x}_k \mid z^k) d\mathbf{x}_k$$

• Median $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{ME}$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{ME}} p(\mathbf{x}_k \mid z^k) d\mathbf{x}_k = \int_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{ME}}^{\infty} \ p(\mathbf{x}_k \mid z^k) d\mathbf{x}_k$$

• Maximum aposteriori probability $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{MAP}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^{MAP} = arg \ max_{\mathbf{x}_k} \ \ p(\mathbf{x}_k \mid z^k)$$

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Let us calculate point estimates $\hat{x}_{k}^{MAP}, \hat{x}_{k}^{E}, \hat{x}_{k}^{ME}$, for filtering pdf $p(x_k \mid z^k)$ given by $p(x_k \mid z^k) = 0, 5 - \varepsilon \quad x_k \in <0, 1)$ $=0.25 - \varepsilon \quad x_k \in <1.3>$ $x_k \in <6, 6+3\varepsilon > pro \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ =1• $\hat{x}_{k}^{MAP} \in < 6, 6 + 3\varepsilon >$ • $\hat{x}_{\mu}^{E} = 1,25$ • $\hat{x}_{\mu}^{ME} = 1$ 1 0.5-*ε* 0.25-ε

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Let us calculate point estimates \hat{x}_{k}^{MAP} , \hat{x}_{k}^{E} , \hat{x}_{k}^{ME} , for filtering pdf $p(x_{k} \mid z^{k})$ given as

$$p(x_k \mid z^k) = 0.4 \cdot \mathcal{N}\{x_k : -1, 0.1\} + 0.6 \cdot \mathcal{N}\{x_k : 1, 0.1\}$$

•
$$\hat{x}_{k}^{MAP} = 1$$

• $\hat{x}_{k}^{E} = 0.2$
• $\hat{x}_{k}^{ME} = 0.69$















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Step 1: Define an initial grid for $p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{z}^{-1})$: $\Xi_0(N_0) = \{\xi_{0i}; i = 1, 2, ..., N_0\}$



Step 2 (Measurement update) Time k: Compute $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}^k)$ for $\Xi_k(N_k)$ $p(\underline{\xi}_{ki} | \mathbf{z}^k) = c_k^{-1} p(\underline{\xi}_{ki} | \mathbf{z}^{k-1}) p_{V_k}(\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{h}_k(\underline{\xi}_{ki})) c_k = \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} \Delta \underline{\xi}_{ki} p(\underline{\xi}_{ki} | \mathbf{z}^{k-1}) p_{V_k}(\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{h}_k(\underline{\xi}_{ki}))$



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Step 3: Transformation $\equiv_k(N_k) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{f}_k} H_{k+1}(N_k)$;



Step 4: Redefine $H_{k+1}(N_k)$: $\Xi_{k+1}(N_{k+1}) = \{ \underline{\xi}_{k+1,j} : j = 1, 2, ..., N_{k+1} \}$ Step 5: Compute $p(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{z}^k)$ for $\Xi_{k+1}(N_{k+1})$

$$p(\underline{\xi}_{k+1,j}|\mathbf{z}^{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{k}} \Delta \underline{\xi}_{ki} \, p(\underline{\xi}_{ki}|\mathbf{z}^{k}) \, p_{w_{k}}(\underline{\xi}_{k+1,j} - \underline{\eta}_{k+1,i})$$

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- the setting of the number of grid points not specified
 - incomplete description of grid design
 - minimum sufficient number of grid points not specified
- enormous computational demands, especially for multimodal pdf's
 - multigrid representation
 - grid splitting
 - grid merging

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 Grid design:
 Anticipative approach

- The task is to set a suitable number N_{k+1} of grid points for the grid $\Xi_{k+1}(N_{k+1})$
- It will affect the approximation quality of the discrete convolution at the *next* time step k + 2.
- The idea of the anticipative approach: Design of the grid is based on its future behaviour respecting characteristics of the system

The number of grid points N_{k+1} is determined by

- the length of a significant support I_{k+1} of $p(x_{k+1}|z^k)$
- by the distance $\Delta \xi_{k+1}$ of two neighbouring grid points.

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The convolution integral written for a single point X_{k+2}

$$p(X_{k+2}|z^{k+1}) = \int p(x_{k+1}|z^{k+1}) \, p(X_{k+2}|x_{k+1}) \, \mathrm{d}x_{k+1}$$

can be approximated by

$$p(X_{k+2}|z^{k+1}) \approx \Delta \xi_{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{k+1}} P_{k+1|k+1,j} p_{w_{k+1}}(X_{k+2} - \eta_{k+2,j})$$

where $\eta_{k+2,j} = f_{k+1}(\xi_{k+1,j})$, and $\Delta \xi_{k+1} = \Delta \xi_{k+1,j}$ for $j = 1, ..., N_{k+1}$,

- It is necessary to provide enough grid points $\eta_{k+2,j} \in H_{k+2}(N_{k+1})$ in the neighbourhood of the point $X_{k+2} \in I_{k+2}$ to ensure a sufficient approximation quality of the convolution.
- The size of the neighbourhood of X_{k+2} is determined by the variance of the state noise w_{k+1} because X_{k+2} can be interpreted as the mean value of the random variable s_{k+2} with a pdf defined as $p(s_{k+2}) = p_{w_{k+1}}(X_{k+2} s_{k+2})$.

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A case where the support of the pdf's $p_{w_{k+1}}(X_{k+2} - s_{k+2})$ is covered by at least three points $\eta_{k+2,j} \in H_{k+2}(N_{k+1})$



Figure: The covering of supports of the pdf's $p_{w_{k+1}}(X_{k+2} - s_{k+2})$ by grid points $\eta_{k+2,j}$. The point X_{k+2} is denoted by the circle and points $\eta_{k+2,j}$ are denoted by \times -marks.

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 Grid design:
 Anticipative approach (cont'd)

The "sufficiency" of the number N_{k+1} of grid points $\eta_{k+2,j}$ may be expressed by

- a > 0 the length of a non-negligible support of $p_{w_{k+1}}$
- $m \in \{1,2,3,\ldots\}$ the covering of the support by grid points

The parameter a determines what probability P_a given by $p_{w_{k+1}}$ will be taken for non-negligible

$$P(-a\sqrt{Q_{k+1}} \le w_{k+1} \le a\sqrt{Q_{k+1}}) = P_a$$

The parameter *m* expresses the requirement that at least *m* grid points $\eta_{k+2,j}$ cover the significant support of $p_{w_{k+1}}$ and thus

$$(X_{k+2} - \eta_{k+2,j}) \in \left[-a\sqrt{Q_{k+1}}, a\sqrt{Q_{k+1}}\right]$$

for any point $X_{k+2} \in I_{k+2}$.

$$\Delta \eta_{k+2,j} \le 2 \frac{a}{m} \sqrt{Q_{k+1}}; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N_{k+1}$$

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The condition should be modified for $\Delta \xi_{k+1,j}$ because distances for the points $\eta_{k+2,j} \in H_{k+2}(N_{k+1})$ can be set only via the grid points $\xi_{k+1,j} \in \Xi_{k+1}(N_{k+1})$. Using the well-known relation for transformation of random variables

$$\rho_{s_{k+2}|z^{k+1}}(\eta_{k+2,j}|z^{k+1}) = \frac{P_{k+1|k+1,j}}{\left|J_{k+1}(\xi_{k+1,j})\right|}; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N_{k+1}$$

where $J_{k+1}(x_{k+1}) = \frac{df_{k+1}(x_{k+1})}{dx_{k+1}}$, yields

$$\Delta \eta_{k+2,j} = \left| J_{k+1}(\xi_{k+1,j}) \right| \Delta \xi_{k+1}$$

where the index j in $\Delta \xi_{k+1,j}$ can be omitted because this distance is assumed to be constant.

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Now

$$\Delta \xi_{k+1} \leq 2 \frac{a}{m} \sqrt{Q_{k+1}} \left| J_{k+1}(\xi_{k+1,j}) \right|^{-1}; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N_{k+1}$$

Since $\xi_{k+1,j}$ are not known yet, any point of the significant support I_{k+1} of the predictive pdf $p(x_{k+1}|z^k)$ must fulfill

$$\Delta \xi_{k+1} \leq 2 \frac{a}{m} \sqrt{Q_{k+1}} \left[\max_{x_{k+1} \in I_{k+1}} |J_{k+1}(x_{k+1})| \right]^{-1}$$

In case of more complicated functions $f_{k+1}(x_{k+1})$ it is possible to approximate the maximum numerically as

$$\max_{i=1,\dots,N_k} |J_{k+1}(\eta_{k+1,i})|, \quad \eta_{k+1,i} \in H_{k+1}(N_k) .$$

The maximum value of the distance for the new grid $\Delta \xi_{k+1}^*$.

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The number of grid points should satisfy

$$N_{k+1} \geq \frac{\mathrm{d}(I_{k+1})}{\Delta \xi_{k+1}^*} = \frac{\mathrm{d}(I_{k+1})}{2\gamma} Q_{k+1}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \max_{x_{k+1} \in I_{k+1}} |J_{k+1}(x_{k+1})|$$

with $\gamma = \frac{a}{m}$ and $I_{k+1} = [\hat{\eta}_{k+1} - b\sigma_{k+1}, \hat{\eta}_{k+1} + b\sigma_{k+1}]$

- Values of the parameters should satisfy the empirical conditions $b \ge 3$, $a \ge 3$, $m \ge 3$, and $\gamma \le 1$ to ensure a sufficient quality of the estimates.
- The condition $\gamma \leq 1$ may be used independently of a and m.
- In practical implementations of the algorithm, the parameters b and γ are likely to be set constant for all instants k = 0, 1, 2, ...

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Compute estimates of the first two moments of the predictive pdf p(x_{k+1}|z^k) as

$$\hat{\eta}_{k+1} = \Delta \xi_k \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} \eta_{k+1,i} \, P_{k,i}$$

$$\sigma_{k+1} = \Delta \xi_k \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} \eta_{k+1,i}^2 P_{k,i} - \hat{\eta}_{k+1}^2 + Q_k$$

2 For a chosen *b* set the non-negligible support of $p(x_{k+1}|z^k)$ as $I_{k+1} = [\hat{\eta}_{k+1} - b\sigma_{k+1}, \hat{\eta}_{k+1} + b\sigma_{k+1}]$. The length of the support is

$$\mathrm{d}(I_{k+1})=2b\sigma_{k+1}.$$

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③ For a chosen γ set the number of grid points N_{k+1} satisfying

$$N_{k+1} \geq rac{b\sigma_{k+1}}{\gamma} Q_{k+1}^{-rac{1}{2}} \max_{x_{k+1} \in I_{k+1}} |J_{k+1}(x_{k+1})|$$

where $J_{k+1}(x_{k+1}) = \frac{df_{k+1}(x_{k+1})}{dx_{k+1}}$. The maximum of $|J_{k+1}(x_{k+1})|$ is computed analytically, if possible, or else approximated by

$$\max_{i=1,...,N_k} |J_{k+1}(\eta_{k+1,i})|, \quad \eta_{k+1,i} \in H_{k+1}(N_k) .$$

• Compute the point mass $\Delta \xi_{k+1}$ using the chosen N_{k+1} as

$$\Delta\xi_{k+1}=\frac{d(I_{k+1})}{N_{k+1}}$$

9 Place grid points $\xi_{k+1,j} \in \Xi_{k+1}(N_{k+1})$ to cover the support I_{k+1}

$$\xi_{k+1,j} = \hat{\eta}_{k+1} + \Delta \xi_{k+1} \left(j - \frac{N_{k+1} + 1}{2} \right)$$

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Multimodal pdf

representation of state space by one grid is unsuitable

- covering areas of state space with negligible probability of state presence
- high computational demands

 \Rightarrow introducing multigrid representation

Multigrid point-mass representation of pdf $p_{\mathbf{x}_k}(\mathbf{x}_k)$

- set of grids: $\{ \Xi_k[\mu](N_k[\mu]); \mu = 1, \dots, M_k \}$
- set of pdf values: $\{\mathcal{P}_k[\mu]; \mu = 1, \dots, M_k\}$
- grid weight: $\omega_k[\mu] = \Delta \xi_k[\mu] \sum_{i=1}^{N_k[\mu]} P_{ki}[\mu]$

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Multigrid representation requires modification of the basic algorithm and new algorithm steps

- each grid is handled separately
 - repeated application of the basic algorithm
- each grid is evaluated by the grid weight $\omega_k[\mu]$
- grid management: splitting and merging





- grids are merged after the time update step (prediction causes increase of uncertainty, transformation of grids may cause their overlapping)
- Mahalanobis distance decision rule: Grids are merged if one of the M-distances between grid centers is less than δ .

$$\begin{split} & [(m_1-m_2)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{C}_1^{-1} (m_1-m_2)]^{\frac{1}{2}} < \delta \\ & [(m_2-m_1)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{C}_2^{-1} (m_2-m_1)]^{\frac{1}{2}} < \delta \end{split}$$



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Consider nonlinear system with Gaussian noises

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1}^{(1)} &= x_k^{(1)} x_k^{(2)} + w_k^{(1)} \\ x_{k+1}^{(2)} &= x_k^{(1)} + w_k^{(2)} \\ z_k &= 0.2 (x_k^{(2)})^2 + v_k \end{aligned}$$

$$p(w_k) = \mathcal{N}\left\{\mathbf{w}_k; \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0\\0 & 10^{-4} \end{bmatrix}\right\},$$
$$p(v_k) = \mathcal{N}\left\{v_k; 0, 1\right\},$$
$$p(x_0) = \mathcal{N}\left\{\mathbf{x}_0; \begin{bmatrix} 0.1\\0.99 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0\\0 & 0.001 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$$

 $p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}^k) = ?$



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Algorithm	CPU Time (sec)	Avg. V_k	Avg. N _k
Basic	1235	0.0895	4141
Anticipative	182	0.0073	1964
Boundary-Based	210	0.0068	1675
Thrifty Convolution	59	0.0068	1675
Multigrid Design	72	0.0068	702
Particle Filter $\#1$	1	0.7039	500
Particle Filter $#2$	35	0.4386	4000
Particle Filter $#3$	6830	0.1105	50000

$$V_k = 1 - \int \min\{\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}^k), p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}^k)\} d\mathbf{x}_k$$

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Advanced point-mass method was presented

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