

COS 495 - Lecture 17 Autonomous Robot Navigation

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Control Structure





- 1. EKF Localization Overview
- 2. EKF Prediction
- 3. EKF Correction
- 4. Algorithm Summary



- Robot State Representation
 - State vector to be estimated, x e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix}$

$$\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x} \\ \boldsymbol{y} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Associated Covariance, P

$$\boldsymbol{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{x\theta} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{y\theta} \\ \sigma_{\theta x} & \sigma_{\theta y} & \sigma_{\theta\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$



1. Robot State Representation





Iterative algorithm

 Prediction – Use a motion model and odometry to predict the state of the robot and its covariance

$$x'_t P'_t$$

 Correction - Use a sensor model and measurement to predict the state of the robot and its covariance

$$x_t P_t$$



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Motion Model

 Lets use a general form of a motion model as a discrete time equation that predicts the current state of the robot given the previous state x_{t-1} and the odemetry u_t

$$\boldsymbol{x'_t} = f(\boldsymbol{x_{t-1}}, \boldsymbol{u_t})$$



Motion model

• For our differential drive robot...

$$\boldsymbol{x_{t-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x_{t-1}} \\ \boldsymbol{y_{t-1}} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta_{t-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \boldsymbol{s}_{r,t} \\ \Delta \boldsymbol{s}_{l,t} \end{bmatrix}$$



Motion model

And the model we derived...

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{\prime}_{t} = f(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{u}_{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1} \\ \boldsymbol{y}_{t-1} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \boldsymbol{s}_{t} \cos(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1} + \Delta \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}/2) \\ \Delta \boldsymbol{s}_{t} \sin(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1} + \Delta \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}/2) \\ \Delta \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta s_t = (\Delta s_{r,t} + \Delta s_{l,t})/2$$

$$\Delta \theta_t = (\Delta s_{r,t} - \Delta s_{l,t})/b$$



- Covariance
 - Recall, the propagation of error equation...

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \\ Y = AX + B \end{array} \right\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y \sim N(A\mu + B, A\Sigma A^T)$$



Covariance

 Our equation *f()* is not linear, so to use the property we will linearize with first order approximation

$$x'_{t} = f(x_{t-1}, u_{t})$$

$$\approx F_{x,t} x_{t-1} + F_{u,t} u_{t}$$

where

 $F_{x,t}$ = Derivative of f with respect to state x_{t-1} $F_{u,t}$ = Derivative of f with respect to control



- Covariance
 - Here, we linearize the motion model f to obtain

$$P'_{t} = F_{x,t}P_{t-1}F_{x,t}^{T} + F_{u,t}Q_{t}F_{u,t}^{T}$$

where

 Q_t = Motion Error Covariance Matrix $F_{x,t}$ = Derivative of f with respect to state x_{t-1} $F_{u,t}$ = Derivative of f with respect to control u_t



Covariance

$$Q_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} k | \Delta s_{r,t} | & 0 \\ 0 & k | \Delta s_{l,t} | \end{bmatrix}$$
$$F_{x,t} = \begin{bmatrix} df/dx_{t} & df/dy_{t} & df/d\theta_{t} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$F_{u,t} = \begin{bmatrix} df/d\Delta s_{r,t} & df/d\Delta s_{l,t} \end{bmatrix}$$



1. Motion Model





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- Innovation
 - We **correct** by comparing current measurements z_t with what we expect to observe $z_{exp,t}$ given our predicted location in the map M.

 The amount we correct our state is proportional to the innovation v_t

$$v_t = z_t - z_{exp,t}$$



The Measurement

 Assume our robot measures the relative location of a wall *i* extracted as line

$$\boldsymbol{z_{t}^{i}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{t}^{i} \\ r_{t}^{i} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \boldsymbol{R_{t}^{i}} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\alpha\alpha,t}^{i} & \sigma_{\alpha r,t}^{i} \\ \sigma_{r\alpha,t}^{i} & \sigma_{rr,t}^{i} \end{bmatrix}$$





The Measurement

 Assume our robot measures the relative location of a wall *i* extracted as line

$$\mathbf{z}_{t}^{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{t}^{i} \\ r_{t}^{i} \end{bmatrix} = g(\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}, \dots, \rho_{n}, \beta_{1}, \beta_{2}, \dots, \beta_{n})$$
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{atan} \left(\frac{\sum w_{i} \rho_{i}^{2} \sin 2\beta_{i} - \frac{2}{\sum w_{i}} \sum w_{i} w_{j} \rho_{i} \rho_{j} \cos \beta_{i} \sin \beta_{j}}{\sum w_{i} \rho_{i}^{2} \cos 2\beta_{i} - \frac{1}{\sum w_{i}} \sum w_{i} w_{j} \rho_{i} \rho_{j} \cos (\beta_{i} + \beta_{j})} \right)$$

$$r = \frac{\sum w_i \rho_i \cos(\beta_i - \alpha)}{\sum w_i}$$



The Measurement

$$\boldsymbol{R}^{i}_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^{i}_{aa,t} & \sigma^{i}_{ar,t} \\ \sigma^{i}_{ra,t} & \sigma^{i}_{rr,t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= G_{\rho\beta,t} \Sigma_{z,t} G_{\rho\beta,t}^{T}$$

where

 $\Sigma_{z,t} = Sensor \ Error \ Covariance \ Matrix$ $G_{\rho\beta,t} = Derivative \ of \ g() \ wrt \ measurements \ \rho_{t} \ \beta_{t}$











The covariance associate with the innovation is

$$\Sigma_{IN,t} = H^{i}_{x,t}P'_{t}H^{i}_{x,t}T + R^{i}_{t}$$

where

 R_{t}^{i} = Line Measurement Error Covariance Matrix $H_{x,t}^{i}$ = Derivative of h with respect to state x_{t}



Final updates

Update the state estimate

$$x_t = x'_t + K_t v_t$$

• Update the associated covariance matrix $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^{*} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{V}^{T}$

$$\boldsymbol{P}_t = \boldsymbol{P}_t - \boldsymbol{K}_t \ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{IN,t} \boldsymbol{K}_t^T$$

Both use the Kalman gain Matrix

$$K_t = P'_t H_{x',t}^T (\Sigma_{IN,t})^{-1}$$



- Compare with single var. KF
 - Update the state estimate

$$\widehat{x}_t = \widehat{x}_{t-1} + K_t (z_t - \widehat{x}_{t-1})$$

Update the associated covariance matrix

$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{t-1}^2 - K_t \sigma_{t-1}^2$$

Both use the Kalman gain Matrix

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{t-1}^2}{\sigma_{t-1}^2 + \sigma_t^2}$$



Final updates

By fusing the prediction of robot position (magenta) with the innovation gained by the measurements (green) we get the updated estimate of the robot position (red)





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EKFL Summary

Prediction

1.
$$x'_{t} = f(x_{t-1}, u_{t})$$

2.
$$P'_{t} = F_{x,t}P_{t-1}F_{x,t}^{T} + F_{u,t}Q_{t}F_{u,t}^{T}$$

Correction

3.
$$z_{exp,t}^{i} = h^{i}(x_{t}^{\prime}, M)$$

4. $v_{t} = z_{t} - z_{exp,t}$
5. $\Sigma_{IN,t} = H^{i}_{x',t}P'_{t}H^{i}_{x',t}^{T} + R^{i}_{t}$
6. $x_{t} = x'_{t} + K_{t}v_{t}$
7. $P_{t} = P'_{t} - K_{t}\Sigma_{IN,t}K_{t}^{T}$
8. $K_{t} = P'_{t}H_{x',t}^{T}(\Sigma_{IN,t})^{-1}$