

Lecture 1(b)

Kalman-Bucy filtering and duality (continuation)

Associated to the stochastic system

$$\begin{aligned} dx &= Ax dt + dv \\ dy &= Cx dt + de \end{aligned} \quad (S)$$

under suitable ^(hypotheses) assumptions about the driving noise and measurement noise, one derives a new, also linear stochastic dynamical system, known as the Kalman-Bucy filter,

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{x} &= A\hat{x} dt + K(dy - C\hat{x} dt) \\ &= (A - KC)\hat{x} dt + K dy \end{aligned} \quad (KB)$$

driven by the measurement process; the coefficients A , C , and K are all time dependent; the initial condition

$$\hat{x}(t_0) = m_0$$

the gain

$$K = PC^T R_2^{-1}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P} &= AP + PA^T + R_1 - PC^T R_2^{-1} CP \\ P(t_0) &= R_0 \end{aligned} \quad t \geq t_0$$

R_1 and R_2 are parameters respectively,

associated with the processes v and e . The parameters m_0 and R_0 are associated to the initial condition $x(t_0)$ of the state process:
$$m_0 \triangleq E(x(t_0)) ; R_0 \triangleq \text{Var}(x(t_0))$$

In the above formulas the superscript 'T' denotes matrix transpose.

- We proceed by posing a problem that KB solves under suitable hypotheses. Along the way the meaning of the process $\hat{x}$ in relation to the process x becomes clear.
- (1) The problem is one of optimization.
- (2) By suitable auxiliary system(s), the cost functional to be optimized can be expressed in convenient (quadratic) form.
- (3) Appropriate hypotheses about the processes v and e make this representation feasible. The optimization problem is then
- (4) solved by a dual, deterministic optimal control problem. The answer can be expressed
- (5) in recursive form - the Kalman-Bucy filter.
- We will carry out all these steps in the order stated.

(1) Optimization Problem [Formulation]

Determine a process $\hat{x}(t)$ such that for any constant vector 'a' and a suitable constant 'b',

$$a^T \hat{x}(t_1) = - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} u^T(\sigma) dy(\sigma) + b^T m_0$$

is the minimum mean square error (MMSE) estimate of $a^T x(t)$, $t_1 > t_0$ arbitrary.

Thus one has to decide

$$b, u(t) \quad t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$$

to minimize

$$\text{cost} = E \left[(a^T x(t_1) - a^T \hat{x}(t_1))^2 \right]$$

Note that we have already restricted the form of the answer $a^T \hat{x}(t_1)$ to be linear in the observations y through an integral and the cost is quadratic. This is made more explicit below

(2) Representation using dual system (deterministic)

We calculate :

$$a^T \hat{x}(t_1) = - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} u^T(\sigma) C(\sigma) x(\sigma) d\sigma - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} u^T(\sigma) d\omega(\sigma) + b^T m_0$$

On the other hand, for any differentiable, deterministic function $z(\cdot)$ with $z(t_1) = a$,

$$a^T x(t_1) = z^T(t_1) x(t_1)$$

$$= z^T(t_0) x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} d(z^T(\sigma) x(\sigma))$$

(fundamental theorem of calculus)

$$= z^T(t_0) x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \dot{z}^T(\sigma) x(\sigma) d\sigma$$

$$+ \int_{t_0}^{t_1} z^T(\sigma) dx(\sigma)$$

Suppose z is defined by the dual system

DUALSYS $\frac{dz}{dt} = -A^T z - C^T u; \quad z(t_1) = a$

evolving backward from t_1 .

Then

$$a^T x(t_1) = z^T(t_0) x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (-z^T(\sigma) A(\sigma) x(\sigma) - u^T(\sigma) C(\sigma) x(\sigma)) d\sigma$$

$$+ \int_{t_0}^{t_1} z^T(\sigma) A(\sigma) x(\sigma) d\sigma + z^T(\sigma) dV(\sigma)$$

$$= Z^T(t_0) x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (-u^T(\sigma) C(\sigma) x(\sigma) d\sigma + Z^T(\sigma) dv(\sigma))$$

We now compute the error?

~~$$a^T(x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1))$$~~

$$a^T(x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1)) = (Z^T(t_0) x(t_0) - b^T m_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} [Z^T(\sigma) dv(\sigma) + u^T(\sigma) de(\sigma)]$$

The error is linear in the processes v and e . Suppose we now make

(3)

* [HYPOTHESIS 1] $E(v(t)) = E(e(t)) = 0$;
then the expectations of increments in v and e will be also vanishing.

hence

$$\begin{aligned} E(a^T(x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1))) &= E(Z^T(t_0) x(t_0) - b^T m_0) \\ &= E(Z(t_0) - b)^T m_0 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} E(a^T(x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1)))^2 \\ = \text{Var}(a^T(x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1))) + (E(a^T(x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1))))^2 \end{aligned}$$

one reduces the optimization problem to that of minimizing a variance if we set:

* [CHOICE 1] $b = z(t_0)$

Since $z(t_0)$ depends on the solution to the differential equation for x driven by u , it follows that u dependence is encoded in b . One needs to compute the variance of $a^T(x(t) - \hat{x}(t, b))$. Suppose

* [Hypothesis 2]

$v(t)$ and $e(t)$ are orthogonal increment processes, i.e. for $t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < t_4$

$$(v(t_2) - v(t_1)) \perp (v(t_4) - v(t_3))$$

$$(e(t_2) - e(t_1)) \perp (e(t_4) - e(t_3))$$

(where the symbol ' $\perp$ ' stands for
 $X \perp Y$ if $E(X Y^T) = 0$
 X is uncorrelated to Y ↑
matrix)

and $v(t) \perp e(s) \quad \forall t, s$

and $v(t) \perp x(t_0) \quad \forall t \geq t_0$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E (v(t_2) - v(t_1))(v(t_2) - v(t_1))^T \\ = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} R_1(\sigma) d\sigma \quad t_2 > t_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E (e(t_2) - e(t_1))(e(t_2) - e(t_1))^T \\ = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} R_2(\sigma) d\sigma \quad t_2 > t_1 \end{aligned}$$

with $R_1(\sigma) = R_1^T(\sigma) \geq 0$ and

$$R_2(\sigma) = R_2^T(\sigma) > 0,$$

Under these conditions the incremental covariances satisfy

$$E(dv dv^T) = R_1 dt$$

$$E(de de^T) = R_2 dt$$

highlighting the 'impulsive character' of any notion of $\dot{v}$ and $\dot{e}$ — a good reason to avoid these derivatives.

with HYPOTHESES 1 and 2 and CHOICE 1,
the cost

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= E \left(a^T (x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1)) \right)^2 \\
 &= \text{Var} \left(a^T (x(t_1) - \hat{x}(t_1)) \right) \\
 (3) \quad &= z^T(t_0) R_0 z(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} z^T(\sigma) R_1(\sigma) z(\sigma) d\sigma \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} u^T(\sigma) R_2(\sigma) u(\sigma) d\sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

to be minimized, subject to the
deterministic dynamics

$$\begin{cases}
 \dot{z} = -A^T z - C^T u & 0 < t < t_1 \\
 z(t_1) = a
 \end{cases}$$

4. Dual Optimal Control Problem

The above dual optimal control problem is very much what one encounters in ENEE 664 OPTIMAL CONTROL, except for the fact that ^{here} the dynamics runs backward in time and the cost to be optimized contains an initial cost

$\bar{z}^T(t_0) R_0 \bar{z}(t_0)$ added to path cost and control cost. (In 664 we speak of terminal cost.)

This is solved by completion of squares.

step (i) Observe, under the deterministic dynamics of $\bar{z}$, for any differentiable matrix valued function, $\dot{P}(t) = P(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{z}^T(t_1) P(t_1) \bar{z}(t_1) - \bar{z}^T(t_0) P(t_0) \bar{z}(t_0) \\ &= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{z}^T(t) P(t) \bar{z}(t)) dt \\ &= \int_{t_0}^t (\bar{u}^T(t) \bar{z}^T(t)) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -C(t) P(t) \\ -P(t) C^T(t) & \dot{P}(t) - A(t) P(t) - P(t) A^T(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(t) \\ \bar{z}(t) \end{pmatrix} dt \end{aligned}$$

step (ii) From $\eta = \eta + 0$ and step (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \bar{z}^T(t_0) R_0 \bar{z}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\bar{u}^T(\sigma) \bar{z}^T(\sigma)) \begin{pmatrix} R_2(\sigma) & 0 \\ 0 & R_1(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(\sigma) \\ \bar{z}(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} d\sigma \\ &\quad + \bar{z}^T(t_1) P(t_1) \bar{z}(t_1) - \bar{z}^T(t_0) P(t_0) \bar{z}(t_0) + \end{aligned}$$

$$- \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \begin{pmatrix} u^T(t) & z^T(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -C(t)P(t) \\ P^T(t)C(t) & \dot{P}(t) - A(t)P(t) - P(t)A^T(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} dt$$

$$= z^T(t_1) P(t_1) z(t_1)$$

$$+ \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \begin{pmatrix} u^T(\sigma) & z^T(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_2(\sigma) & C(\sigma)P(\sigma) \\ P(\sigma)C^T(\sigma) & P(\sigma)C(\sigma)R_2^{-1}(\sigma)C(\sigma)P(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(\sigma) \\ z(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} d\sigma$$

provided we set $P = P^T$ to be solution to

$$\begin{cases} \dot{P} = AP + PA^T + R_1 - PC^T R_2^{-1} CP \\ P(t_0) = R_0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{(Riccati)} \\ \text{(Equation)} \end{matrix}$$

on the entire interval $[t_0, t_1]$.

$$\Rightarrow \eta = z^T(t_1) P(t_1) z(t_1) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \begin{pmatrix} u(\sigma) + R_2^{-1}(\sigma) C(\sigma) P(\sigma) z(\sigma) \end{pmatrix}^T R_2(\sigma) \begin{pmatrix} u(\sigma) + R_2^{-1}(\sigma) C(\sigma) P(\sigma) z(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} d\sigma$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u(\sigma) + R_2^{-1}(\sigma) C(\sigma) P(\sigma) z(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} d\sigma$$

which is minimized when

$$u(t) = -R_2^{-1}(t) C(t) P(t) z(t)$$

$$t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$$

since $z_r(t_1) = a$ fixed, and $P(t_1)$ does not depend on $u(\cdot)$.

This clean minimization is achieved by the use of step (i) to turn the integrand of the integral term in η to be a perfect square when the Riccati equation holds; on the entire interval $[t_0, t_1]$.

Summarizing, the linear minimum mean square error estimate of $a^T x(t_1)$ is given by

$$a^T \hat{x}(t_1) = - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} u(\sigma) dy(\sigma) + b^T m_0$$

where,

$$u(t) = -R_2^{-1}(t) C(t) P(t) z(t)$$

$$\dot{z}(t) = -A^T(t) z(t) - C^T(t) u(t)$$

$$z(t_1) = a$$

$$\dot{P}(t) = A(t)P(t) + P(t)A^T(t) + R_1(t)$$

$$- P(t)C^T(t)R_2^{-1}(t)C(t)P(t)$$

$$P(t_0) = R_0 \quad \text{and} \quad b = z(t_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z} &= -A^T z - C^T (-R_2^{-1} C P z) \\ &= (-A^T + C^T K^T) z\end{aligned}$$

where $K \triangleq P C^T R_2^{-1}$ (Kalman gain)

$$\Rightarrow \dot{z} = -(A - KC)^T z.$$

Let $\bar{\Psi}(t, t_1)$ be solution to the matrix equation

$$\frac{d\bar{\Psi}}{dt} = (A - KC) \bar{\Psi}$$

with $\bar{\Psi}(t_1, t_1) = \mathbb{I}$ the identity matrix. Then

$$z(t) = \bar{\Psi}^T(t, t_1) z(t_1)$$

check: $\bar{\Psi}^T(t, t_1) z(t_1) = (\bar{\Psi}^{-T}(t, t_1)) z(t_1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{\Psi}^{-T}(t, t_1)) z(t_1)$$

$$= -\bar{\Psi}^{T^{-1}} \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\Psi}^T(t, t_1) \bar{\Psi}^{T^{-1}}(t, t_1) z(t_1)$$

$$= -\bar{\Psi}^{T^{-1}} \bar{\Psi}^T(t, t_1) (A - KC)^T \bar{\Psi}^{T^{-1}}(t, t_1) z(t_1)$$

$$= -(A - KC)^T \bar{\Psi}^{T^{-1}}(t, t_1) z(t_1)$$

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$$= \tilde{\Psi}^T(t, t_1) z(t_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Psi}^T(t, t_1) z(t_1) \quad \text{satisfies the}$$

$$\text{ode} \quad \dot{z} = -(A - KC)^T z \quad \square$$

$$\text{Then } u(t) = -K^T z(t)$$

$$= -K^T \tilde{\Psi}^T(t, t_1) a$$

$$\text{and } b \equiv z(t_0) = \tilde{\Psi}^T(t_1, t_0) a$$

for any a , optimal linear estimate, t_1

$$\text{Then } \int_{t_0}^{t_1} a^T \hat{x}(t) dt = - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} u(t) dy(t) + b^T m_0$$

$$= a^T \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \tilde{\Psi}(t_1, t) K(t) dy(t) + a^T \tilde{\Psi}(t_1, t_0) m_0$$

(for all a)

This equation is satisfied if we define

$$\hat{x}(t_1) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \tilde{\Psi}(t_1, t) K(t) dy(t) + \tilde{\Psi}(t_1, t_0) m_0$$

Clearly

$$d\hat{x}(t_1) = \tilde{\Psi}(t_1, t_1) K(t_1) dy(t_1)$$

$$+ \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Psi}(t_1, t)}{\partial t_1} K(t) dy(t) dt_1$$

$$+ \frac{\partial \tilde{\Psi}(t_1, t_0)}{\partial t_1} m_0 dt_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= K(t_1) dy(t_1) \\
&\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (A(t_1) - K(t_1)C(t_1)) \bar{\Psi}(t_1, t) K(t) dy(t) \\
&\quad + (A(t_1) - K(t_1)C(t_1)) \bar{\Psi}(t_1, t_0) m_0 dt_1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= K(t_1) dy(t_1) + (A(t_1) - K(t_1)C(t_1)) \hat{x}(t_1) dt \\
&= A(t_1) \hat{x}(t_1) dt + K(t_1) (dy(t_1) - C(t_1) \hat{x}(t_1) dt)
\end{aligned}$$

This is true for any $t_1 > t_0$.

$$\Rightarrow d\hat{x}(t) = A(t)\hat{x}(t) dt + K(t)(dy(t) - C(t)\hat{x}(t) dt)$$

Clearly $\hat{x}(t_0) = m_0$.

Thus we have proved the following

Theorem (KB) : Optimal (MMSE) linear estimate is computed recursively by

$$d\hat{x} = A\hat{x}dt + K(dy - C\hat{x}dt)$$

$$\hat{x}(t_0) = m_0$$

$$K = P C^T R_2^{-1}$$

$$\dot{P} = AP + PA^T + R_1 - PC^T R_2^{-1} CP$$

$$P(t_0) = R_0$$

□