

# Automatic Control 2

## Optimal control and estimation

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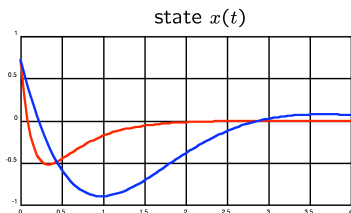
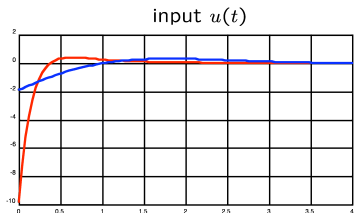


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# Linear quadratic regulation (LQR)

- State-feedback control via pole placement requires one to assign the closed-loop poles
- Any way to place closed-loop poles *automatically* and *optimally* ?
- The main control objectives are
  - Make the state  $x(k)$  “small” (to converge to the origin)
  - Use “small” input signals  $u(k)$  (to minimize actuators’ effort)

These are conflicting goals !



- LQR is a technique to place *automatically* and *optimally* the closed-loop poles

# Finite-time optimal control

- Let the model of the open-loop process be the dynamical system

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) \quad \text{linear system}$$

with initial condition  $x(0)$

- We look for the optimal sequence of inputs

$$U = \{u(0), u(1), \dots, u(N-1)\}$$

driving the state  $x(k)$  towards the origin and that minimizes the performance index

$$J(x(0), U) = x'(N)Q_Nx(N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x'(k)Qx(k) + u'(k)Ru(k) \quad \text{quadratic cost}$$

where  $Q = Q' \succeq 0$ ,  $R = R' \succ 0$ ,  $Q_N = Q'_N \succeq 0$ <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>For a matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $Q \succ 0$  means that  $Q$  is a *positive definite* matrix, i.e.,  $x'Qx > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $Q_N \succeq 0$  means *positive semidefinite*,  $x'Q_Nx \geq 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

# Finite-time optimal control

- Example:  $Q$  diagonal  $Q = \text{Diag}(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ , single input,  $Q_N = 0$

$$J(x(0), U) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n q_i x_i^2(k) \right) + Ru^2(k)$$

- Consider again the general performance index of the posed *linear quadratic (LQ)* problem

$$J(x(0), U) = x'(N)Q_N x(N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x'(k)Qx(k) + u'(k)Ru(k)$$

- $N$  is called the *time horizon* over which we optimize performance
- The first term  $x'Qx$  penalizes the deviation of  $x$  from the desired target  $x = 0$
- The second term  $u'Ru$  penalizes actuator authority
- The third term  $x'(N)Q_N x(N)$  penalizes how much the final state  $x(N)$  deviates from the target  $x = 0$
- $Q, R, Q_N$  are the tuning parameters of the optimal control design (cf. the parameters of the PID controller  $K_p, T_i, T_d$ ), and are directly related to physical/economic quantities

## Minimum-energy controllability

- Consider again the problem of controllability of the state to zero with minimum energy input

$$\begin{array}{l} \min_U \quad \left\| \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ u(1) \\ \vdots \\ u(N-1) \end{bmatrix} \right\| \\ \text{s.t.} \quad x(N) = 0 \end{array}$$

- The minimum-energy control problem can be seen as a particular case of the LQ optimal control problem by setting

$$R = I, \quad Q = 0, \quad Q_N = \infty \cdot I$$

## Solution to LQ optimal control problem

- By substituting  $x(k) = A^k x(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A^i B u(k-1-i)$  in

$$J(x(0), U) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x'(k) Q x(k) + u'(k) R u(k) + x'(N) Q_N x(N)$$

we obtain

$$J(x(0), U) = \frac{1}{2} U' H U + x(0)' F U + \frac{1}{2} x(0)' Y x(0)$$

where  $H = H' \succ 0$  is a positive definite matrix

- The optimizer  $U^*$  is obtained by zeroing the gradient

$$0 = \nabla_U J(x(0), U) = H U + F' x(0)$$

$$\longrightarrow U^* = \begin{bmatrix} u^*(0) \\ u^*(1) \\ \vdots \\ u^*(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = -H^{-1} F' x(0)$$

## [LQ problem matrix computation]

$$J(x(0), U) = x'(0)Qx(0) + \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x(1) \\ x(2) \\ \vdots \\ x(N-1) \\ x(N) \end{bmatrix}' \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & Q & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & Q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & Q_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(1) \\ x(2) \\ \vdots \\ x(N-1) \\ x(N) \end{bmatrix}}^{\bar{Q}} +$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u'(0) & u'(1) & \dots & u'(N-1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & R & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ u(1) \\ \vdots \\ u(N-1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{R}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(1) \\ x(2) \\ \vdots \\ x(N) \end{bmatrix} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} B & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ AB & B & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{N-1}B & A^{N-2}B & \dots & B \end{bmatrix}}^{\bar{S}} \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ u(1) \\ \vdots \\ u(N-1) \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A \\ A^2 \\ \vdots \\ A^N \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{N}} x(0)$$

$$J(x(0), U) = x'(0)Qx(0) + (\bar{S}U + \bar{N}x(0))' \bar{Q}(\bar{S}U + \bar{N}x(0)) + U' \bar{R}U$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} U' \underbrace{2(\bar{R} + \bar{S}' \bar{Q} \bar{S})}_{H} U + x'(0) \underbrace{2\bar{N}' \bar{Q} \bar{S}}_F U + \frac{1}{2} x'(0) \underbrace{2(Q + \bar{N}' \bar{Q} \bar{N})}_{Y} x(0)$$

# Solution to LQ optimal control problem

- The solution

$$U^* = \begin{bmatrix} u^*(0) \\ u^*(1) \\ \vdots \\ u^*(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = -H^{-1}F'x(0)$$

is an *open-loop* one:  $u(k) = f_k(x(0))$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$

- Moreover the dimensions of the  $H$  and  $F$  matrices is proportional to the time horizon  $N$
- We use optimality principles next to find a better solution (computationally more efficient, and more elegant)



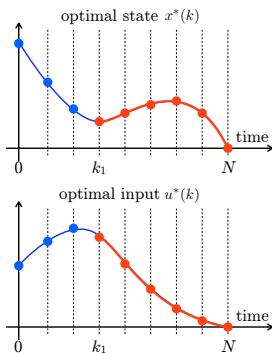
# Bellman's principle of optimality

## Bellman's principle

Given the optimal sequence  $U^* = [u^*(0), \dots, u^*(N-1)]$  (and the corresponding optimal trajectory  $x^*(k)$ ), the subsequence  $[u^*(k_1), \dots, u^*(N-1)]$  is optimal for the problem on the horizon  $[k_1, N]$ , starting from the optimal state  $x^*(k_1)$



Richard Bellman  
(1920-1984)

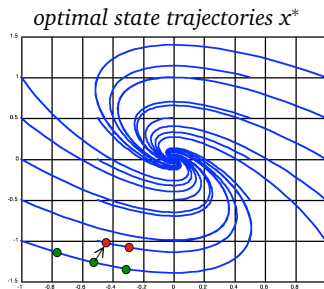


- Given the state  $x^*(k_1)$ , the optimal input trajectory  $u^*$  on the remaining interval  $[k_1, N]$  only depends on  $x^*(k_1)$
- Then each optimal move  $u^*(k)$  of the optimal trajectory on  $[0, N]$  only depends on  $x^*(k)$
- The optimal control policy can be always expressed in state feedback form  $u^*(k) = u^*(x^*(k))$  !

# Bellman's principle of optimality

- The principle also applies to nonlinear systems and/or non-quadratic cost functions: the optimal control law can be always written in state-feedback form

$$u^*(k) = f_k(x^*(k)), \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, N-1$$



- Compared to the open-loop solution  $\{u^*(0), \dots, u^*(N-1)\} = f(x(0))$  the feedback form  $u^*(k) = f_k(x^*(k))$  has the big advantage of being more *robust* with respect to perturbations: at each time  $k$  we apply the best move on the remaining period  $[k, N]$

# Dynamic programming

- At a generic instant  $k_1$  and state  $x(k_1) = z$  consider the optimal *cost-to-go*

$$V_{k_1}(z) = \min_{u(k_1), \dots, u(N-1)} \left\{ \sum_{k=k_1}^{N-1} x'(k)Qx(k) + u'(k)Ru(k) + x'(N)Q_Nx(N) \right\}$$

- $V_0(z)$  is the optimal cost in the remaining interval  $[k_1, N]$  starting at  $x(k_1) = z$

## Principle of dynamic programming

$$\begin{aligned} V_0(z) &= \min_{U \triangleq \{u(0), \dots, u(N-1)\}} J(z, U) \\ &= \min_{u(0), \dots, u(k_1-1)} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{k_1-1} x'(k)Qx(k) + u'(k)Ru(k) + V_{k_1}(x(k_1)) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Starting at  $x(0)$ , the minimum cost over  $[0, N]$  equals the minimum cost spent until step  $k_1$  plus the optimal cost-to-go from  $k_1$  to  $N$  starting at  $x(k_1)$

# Riccati iterations

By applying the dynamic programming principle, we can compute the optimal inputs  $u^*(k)$  recursively as a function of  $x^*(k)$  (*Riccati iterations*):

- 1 Initialization:  $P(N) = Q_N$
- 2 For  $k = N, \dots, 1$ , compute recursively the following matrix

$$P(k-1) = Q - A'P(k)B(R+B'P(k)B)^{-1}B'P(k)A + A'P(k)A$$

- 3 Define

$$K(k) = -(R + B'P(k+1)B)^{-1}B'P(k+1)A$$

The optimal input is

$$u^*(k) = K(k)x^*(k)$$



Jacopo Francesco  
Riccati (1676-1754)

The optimal input policy  $u^*(k)$  is a (linear time-varying) state feedback !

# Linear quadratic regulation

- Dynamical processes operate on a very long time horizon (in principle, for ever). Let's send the optimal control horizon  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$V^\infty(x(0)) = \min_{u(0), u(1), \dots} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x'(k)Qx(k) + u'(k)Ru(k)$$

## Result

Let  $(A, B)$  be a stabilizable pair,  $R > 0$ ,  $Q \geq 0$ . There exists a unique solution  $P_\infty$  of the *algebraic Riccati equation (ARE)*

$$P_\infty = A'P_\infty A + Q - A'P_\infty B(B'P_\infty B + R)^{-1}B'P_\infty A$$

such that the optimal cost is  $V^\infty(x(0)) = x'(0)P_\infty x(0)$  and the optimal control law is the constant linear state feedback  $u(k) = K_{LQR}x(k)$  with

$$K_{LQR} = -(R + B'P_\infty B)^{-1}B'P_\infty A$$

**MATLAB**

`P∞ = dare(A, B, Q, R)`

**MATLAB**

`[-K∞, P∞] = dlqr(A, B, Q, R)`

# Linear quadratic regulation

- Go back to Riccati iterations: starting from  $P(\infty) = P_\infty$  and going backwards we get  $P(j) = P_\infty, \forall j \geq 0$
- Accordingly, we get

$$K(j) = -(R + B'P_\infty B)^{-1}B'P_\infty A \triangleq K_{\text{LQR}}, \quad \forall j = 0, 1, \dots$$

- The LQR control law is linear and time-invariant

**MATLAB**

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» [-K∞, P∞, E] = lqr(sysd, Q, R)
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$E$  = closed-loop poles  
= eigenvalues of  $(A + BK_{\text{LQR}})$

- Closed-loop stability is ensured if  $(A, B)$  is stabilizable,  $R \succ 0$ ,  $Q \succeq 0$ , and  $(A, Q^{\frac{1}{2}})$  is detectable, where  $Q^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is the *Cholesky factor*<sup>2</sup> of  $Q$
- LQR is an automatic and optimal way of placing poles !
- A similar result holds for continuous-time linear systems ( **MATLAB**: `lqr` )

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<sup>2</sup>Given a matrix  $Q = Q' \succeq 0$ , its Cholesky factor is an upper-triangular matrix  $C$  such that  $C'C = Q$   
( **MATLAB**: `chol` )

## LQR with output weighting

- We often want to regulate only  $y(k) = Cx(k)$  to zero, so define

$$V^\infty(x(0)) = \min_{u(0), u(1), \dots} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} y'(k) Q_y y(k) + u'(k) R u(k)$$

- The problem is again an LQR problem with equivalent state weight

$$Q = C' Q_y C$$

**MATLAB**

`>> [-K∞, P∞, E] = dlqry(sysd, Qy, R)`

### Corollary

Let  $(A, B)$  stabilizable,  $(A, C)$  detectable,  $R > 0$ ,  $Q_y > 0$ . Under the LQR control law  $u(k) = K_{LQR}x(k)$  the closed-loop system is asymptotically stable

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = 0$$

- Intuitively: the minimum cost  $x'(0)P_\infty x(0)$  is finite  $\Rightarrow y(k) \rightarrow 0$  and  $u(k) \rightarrow 0$ .  $y(k) \rightarrow 0$  implies that the observable part of the state  $\rightarrow 0$ . As  $u(k) \rightarrow 0$ , the unobservable states remain undriven and goes to zero spontaneously (=detectability condition)

## LQR example

- Two-dimensional single input single output (SISO) dynamical system (double integrator)

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}x(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}u(k) \\ y(k) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}x(k)\end{aligned}$$

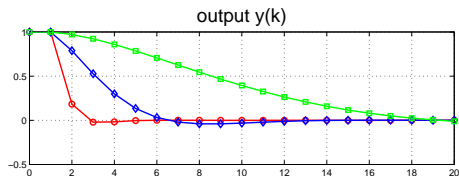
- LQR (infinite horizon) controller defined on the performance index

$$V^\infty(x(0)) = \min_{u(0), u(1), \dots} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\rho} y^2(k) + u^2(k), \quad \rho > 0$$

- Weights:  $Q_y = \frac{1}{\rho}$  (or  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\rho} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ),  $R = 1$
- Note that only the ratio  $Q_y/R = \frac{1}{\rho}$  matters, as scaling the cost function does not change the optimal control law



## LQR Example

 $\rho = 0.1$  (red line)

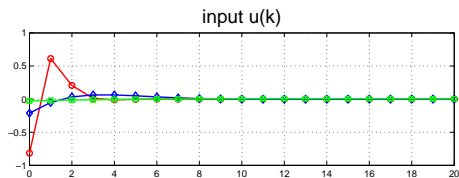
$$K = [-0.8166 \quad -1.7499]$$

 $\rho = 10$  (blue line)

$$K = [-0.2114 \quad -0.7645]$$

 $\rho = 1000$  (green line)

$$K = [-0.0279 \quad -0.2505]$$

Initial state:  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$V^\infty(x(0)) = \min_{u(0), u(1), \dots} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\rho} y^2(k) + u^2(k)$$

# Kalman filtering – Introduction

- **Problem:** assign observer poles in an optimal way, that is to minimize the state estimation error  $\tilde{x} = x - \hat{x}$
- Information comes in two ways: from sensors measurements (*a posteriori*) and from the model of the system (*a priori*)
- We need to mix the two information sources optimally, given a probabilistic description of their reliability (sensor precision, model accuracy)



Rudolf E. Kalman\*  
(born 1930)

The *Kalman filter* solves this problem, and is now the most used state observer in most engineering fields (and beyond)

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\*R.E. Kalman receiving the Medal of Science from the President of the USA on October 7, 2009

## Modeling assumptions

- The process is modeled as the *stochastic linear system*

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k) + \xi(k) \\y(k) &= Cx(k) + \zeta(k) \\x(0) &= x_0\end{aligned}$$

- $\xi(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n =$  *process noise*. We assume  $E[\xi(k)] = 0$  (zero mean),  $E[\xi(k)\xi'(j)] = 0 \forall k \neq j$  (white noise), and  $E[\xi(k)\xi'(k)] = Q \succeq 0$  (covariance matrix)
- $\zeta(k) \in \mathbb{R}^p =$  *measurement noise*,  $E[\zeta(k)] = 0$ ,  $E[\zeta(k)\zeta'(j)] = 0 \forall k \neq j$ ,  $E[\zeta(k)\zeta'(k)] = R \succ 0$
- $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a random vector,  $E[x_0] = \bar{x}_0$ ,  $E[(x_0 - \bar{x}_0)(x_0 - \bar{x}_0)'] = \text{Var}[x_0] = P_0$ ,  $P_0 \succeq 0$
- Vectors  $\xi(k)$ ,  $\zeta(k)$ ,  $x_0$  are uncorrelated:  $E[\xi(k)\zeta'(j)] = 0$ ,  $E[\xi(k)x_0'] = 0$ ,  $E[\zeta(k)x_0'] = 0$ ,  $\forall k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Probability distributions: we often assume *normal* (=Gaussian) distributions  $\xi(k) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q)$ ,  $\zeta(k) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)$ ,  $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{x}_0, P_0)$

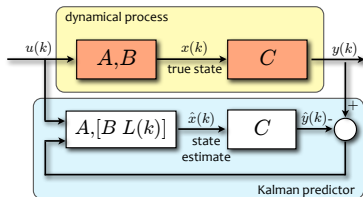
# Kalman predictor

- Introduce some quantities:

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) \rightarrow \text{state prediction}$$

$$\tilde{x}(k+1|k) = x(k+1) - \hat{x}(k+1|k) \rightarrow \text{prediction error}$$

$$P(k+1|k) = E[\tilde{x}(k+1|k)\tilde{x}(k+1|k)'] \rightarrow \text{prediction error covariance}$$



- The observer dynamics is

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = A\hat{x}(k|k-1) + Bu(k) + L(k)(y(k) - C\hat{x}(k|k-1))$$

starting from an initial estimate  $\hat{x}(0|-1) = \hat{x}_0$ .

- The Kalman predictor minimizes the covariance matrix  $P(k+1|k)$  of the prediction error  $\tilde{x}(k+1|k)$

# Kalman predictor

## Theorem

The observer gain  $L(k)$  minimizing the trace of  $P(k|k-1)$  is

$$L(k) = AP(k|k-1)C' [CP(k|k-1)C' + R]^{-1}$$

where  $P(k|k-1)$  solves the iterative equations

$$P(k+1|k) = AP(k|k-1)A' + Q - AP(k|k-1)C' [CP(k|k-1)C' + R]^{-1} CP(k|k-1)A'$$

with initial condition  $P(0|-1) = P_0$

- The Kalman predictor is a *time-varying* observer, as the gain  $L(k)$  depends on the time index  $k$
- In many cases we are interested in a *time-invariant* observer gain  $L$ , to avoid computing  $P(k+1|k)$  on line
- Note the similarities with Riccati iterations in LQR

# Stationary Kalman predictor

## Theorem

Let  $(A, C)$  observable, and  $(A, B_q)$  stabilizable, where  $Q = B_q B_q'$  ( $B_q$  = Cholesky factor of  $Q$ ). Then

- the stationary optimal predictor is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(k+1|k) &= A\hat{x}(k|k-1) + Bu(k) + L(y(k) - C\hat{x}(k|k-1)) \\ &= (A - LC)\hat{x}(k|k-1) + Bu(k) + Ly(k)\end{aligned}$$

with

$$L = AP_\infty C' [CP_\infty C' + R]^{-1}$$

where  $P_\infty$  is the only positive-definite solution of the algebraic Riccati equation

$$P_\infty = AP_\infty A' + Q - AP_\infty C' [CP_\infty C' + R]^{-1} CP_\infty A'$$

- the observer is asymptotically stable, i.e. all the eigenvalues of  $(A - LC)$  are inside the unit circle

## Example of Kalman predictor: time-varying gain

- Noisy measurements  $y(k)$  of an exponentially decaying signal  $x(k)$

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= ax(k) + \xi(k) & E[\xi(k)] &= 0 & E[\xi^2(k)] &= Q \\ y(k) &= x(k) + \zeta(k) & E[\zeta(k)] &= 0 & E[\zeta^2(k)] &= R \\ & |a| < 1 & E[x(0)] &= 0 & E[x^2(0)] &= P_0 \end{aligned}$$

- The equations of the Kalman predictor are

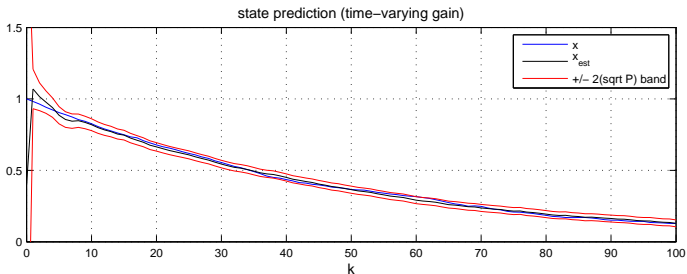
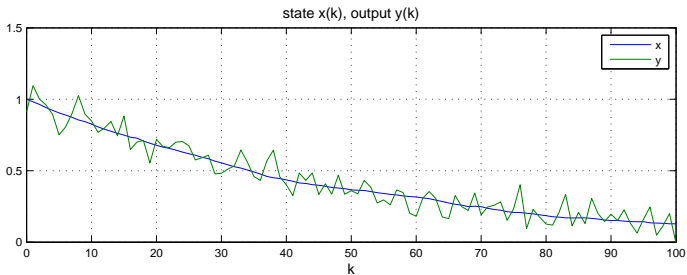
$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = a\hat{x}(k|k-1) + L(k)(y(k) - \hat{x}(k|k-1)), \quad \hat{x}(0|-1) = 0$$

$$L(k) = \frac{aP(k|k-1)}{P(k|k-1) + R}$$

$$P(k+1|k) = a^2P(k|k-1) + Q - \frac{a^2P^2(k|k-1)}{P(k|k-1) + R}, \quad P(0|-1) = P_0$$

- Let  $a = 0.98$ ,  $Q = 10^{-5}$ ,  $R = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ,  $P_0 = 1$ ,  $\hat{x}(0) = 0.4$ ,  $x(0) = 1$

# Example of Kalman predictor: time-varying gain





## Example of Kalman predictor: stationary gain

- Let's compute the stationary Kalman predictor (the pair  $(a, 1)$  is observable, the pair  $(a, B_q)$ , with  $B_q = \sqrt{10^{-5}}$  is stabilizable)
- Solve the algebraic Riccati equation for  $a = 0.98$ ,  $Q = 10^{-5}$ ,  $R = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ,  $P_0 = 1$ . We get two solutions:

$$P_\infty = -3.366 \cdot 10^{-4}, \quad P_\infty = 1.486 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

the positive solution is the correct one

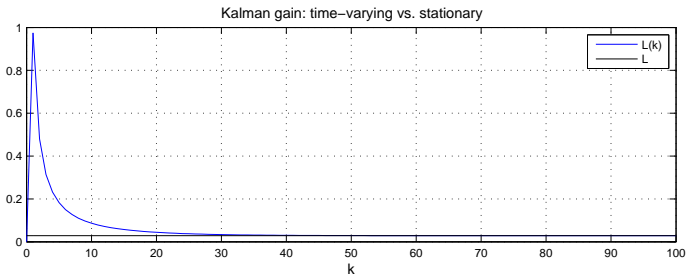
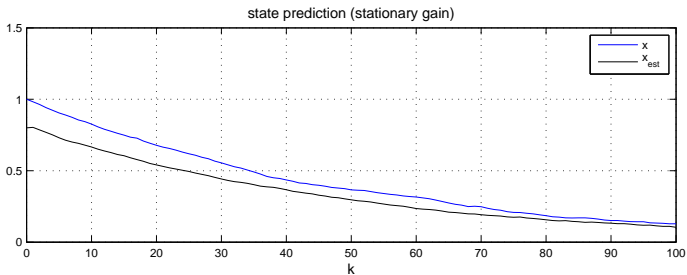
- Compute  $L = \frac{aP_\infty}{P_\infty + R} = 2.83 \cdot 10^{-2}$
- The stationary Kalman predictor is

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = 0.98 \hat{x}(k) + 2.83 \cdot 10^{-2}(y(k) - C\hat{x}(k|k-1))$$

- Check asymptotic stability:

$$\tilde{x}(k+1|k) = (a-L)\tilde{x}(k|k-1) = 0.952 \tilde{x}(k|k-1) \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \tilde{x}(k|k-1) = 0$$

# Kalman predictor: example



# Kalman filter

- The Kalman filter provides an optimal estimate of  $x(k)$  given the measurements *up to time*  $k$
- The Kalman filter proceeds in two steps:
  - ① *measurement update* based on the most recent  $y(k)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(k) &= P(k|k-1)C'[CP(k|k-1)C' + R]^{-1} & P(0|-1) &= P_0 \\
 \hat{x}(k|k) &= \hat{x}(k|k-1) + M(k)(y(k) - C\hat{x}(k|k-1)) & \hat{x}(0|-1) &= \hat{x}_0 \\
 P(k|k) &= (I - M(k)C)P(k|k-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- ② *time update* based on the model of the system

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{x}(k+1|k) &= A\hat{x}(k|k) + Bu(k) \\
 P(k+1|k) &= AP(k|k)A' + Q
 \end{aligned}$$

- Same as Kalman predictor, as  $L(k) = AM(k)$
- Stationary version:  $M = P_\infty C'(CP_\infty C' + R)^{-1}$

## MATLAB

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» [KEST, L, P_infinity, M, Z] = kalman(sys, Q, R)
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$$Z = E[(x(k) - x(k|k))(x(k) - x(k|k))']$$

# Tuning Kalman filters

- It is usually hard to quantify exactly the correct values of  $Q$  and  $R$  for a given process
- The diagonal terms of  $R$  are related to how noisy are output sensors
- $Q$  is harder to relate to physical noise, it mainly relates to how rough is the  $(A, B)$  model
- After all,  $Q$  and  $R$  are the tuning knobs of the observer (similar to LQR)
- The “larger” is  $R$  with respect to  $Q$  the “slower” is the observer to converge ( $L, M$  will be small)
- On the contrary, the “smaller” is  $R$  than  $Q$ , the more precise are considered the measurements, and the “faster” observer will be to converge

# LQG control

- *Linear Quadratic Gaussian (LQG)* control combines an LQR control law and a stationary Kalman predictor/filter
- Consider the stochastic dynamical system

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k) + \xi(k), \quad w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_{KF}) \\y(k) &= Cx(k) + \zeta(k), \quad v \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_{KF})\end{aligned}$$

with initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$ ,  $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{x}_0, P_0)$ ,  $P, Q_{KF} \succeq 0$ ,  $R_{KF} \succ 0$ , and  $\zeta$  and  $\xi$  are independent and white noise terms.

- The objective is to minimize the cost function

$$J(x(0), U) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E \left[ \sum_{k=0}^T x'(k) Q_{LQ} x(k) + u'(k) R_{LQ} u(k) \right]$$

when the state  $x$  is not measurable

# LQG control

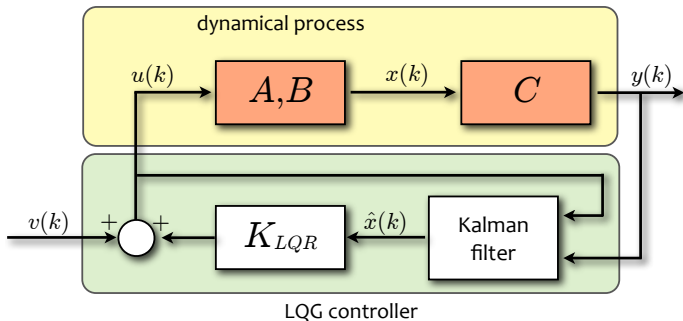
If we assume that all the assumptions for LQR control and Kalman predictor/filter hold, i.e.

- the pair  $(A, B)$  is reachable and the pair  $(A, C_q)$  with  $C_q$  such that  $Q_{LQ} = C_q C_q'$  is observable (here  $Q$  is the weight matrix of the LQ controller)
- the pair  $(A, B_q)$ , with  $B_q$  s.t.  $Q_{KF} = B_q B_q'$ , is stabilizable, and the pair  $(A, C)$  is observable (here  $Q$  is the covariance matrix of the Kalman predictor/filter)

Then, apply the following procedure:



- 1 Determine the optimal stationary Kalman predictor/filter, neglecting the fact that the control variable  $u$  is generated through a closed-loop control scheme, and find the optimal gain  $L_{KF}$
- 2 Determine the optimal LQR strategy assuming the state accessible, and find the optimal gain  $K_{LQR}$

# LQG control



Analogously to the case of output feedback control using a Luenberger observer, it is possible to show that the extended state  $[x' \ \tilde{x}']'$  has eigenvalues equal to the eigenvalues of  $(A + BK_{LQR})$  plus those of  $(A - L_{KF}C)$  ( $2n$  in total)

# English-Italian Vocabulary

	
positive (semi)definite matrix dynamic programming	<i>matrice (semi)definita positiva</i> <i>programmazione dinamica</i>

Translation is obvious otherwise.