

Recapitulation: Kalman filter: $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$, $\mathcal{Z}^k = \{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}\}$

initiation: $p(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x}_{0|0}, \mathbf{P}_{0|0})$, initial ignorance: $\mathbf{P}_{0|0}$ 'large'

prediction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}]{\text{dynamics model}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1})$

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filtering: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\text{sensor model: } \mathbf{H}_k, \mathbf{R}_k]{\text{current measurement } \mathbf{z}_k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1}, & \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1}^\top, & \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{R}_k \\ \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1}^{-1} & & \text{'KALMAN gain matrix'} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.6

In your sensor simulator, chose a sensor at position \mathbf{r}_s , for example $\mathbf{r}_s = (0, 0)^\top$, that produces measurements \mathbf{z}_k of the Cartesian target positions $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k$ from your ground truth generator. Use the measurement covariance matrix $\mathbf{R} = \sigma_c^2 \text{diag}[1, 1]$, $\sigma_c = 50$ m, for all measurements, but allow individual measurement error covariances for each measurement. Program your first Kalman filter using a constant acceleration. Visualize your results nicely! Compare the ground truth, the measurement, and the estimates!

a first remark on initiation: $p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathcal{Z}^0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x}_{0|0}, \mathbf{P}_{0|0})$, $\mathbf{P}_{0|0}$ 'large'

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position information: first measurement \mathbf{z}_0 , ignorance = measurement error \mathbf{R} !

ignorance on velocity: sphere with radius v_{max} around zero
(= no information on direction, but on 'limits')

ignorance on acceleration: sphere with radius q_{max} around zero

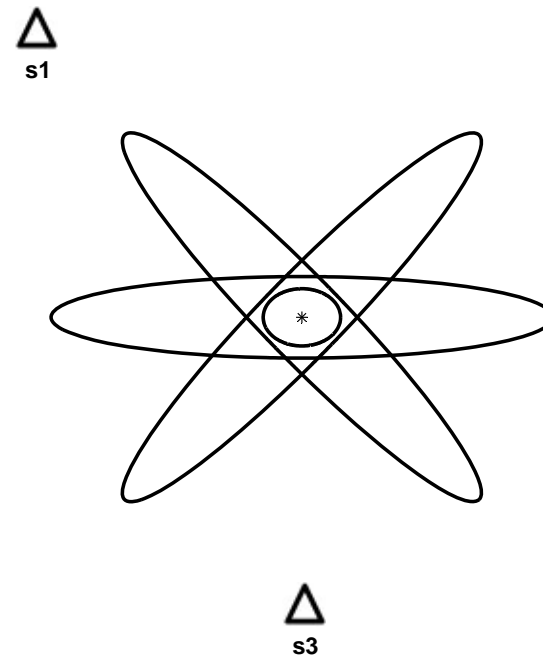
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a closer look: The error of each measurement z_i is described by a related measurement error *covariance matrix* \mathbf{R}_i ('error ellipsoids'). In 2 dimensions:



\mathbf{R}_i can strongly depend on the underlying sensor-to-target geometry!

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constant and linear term of a Taylor series only, blackboard!

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- **affine transform of GAUSSIAN random variables:**

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{z}' = \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{z}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}'; \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{T}^\top)$$

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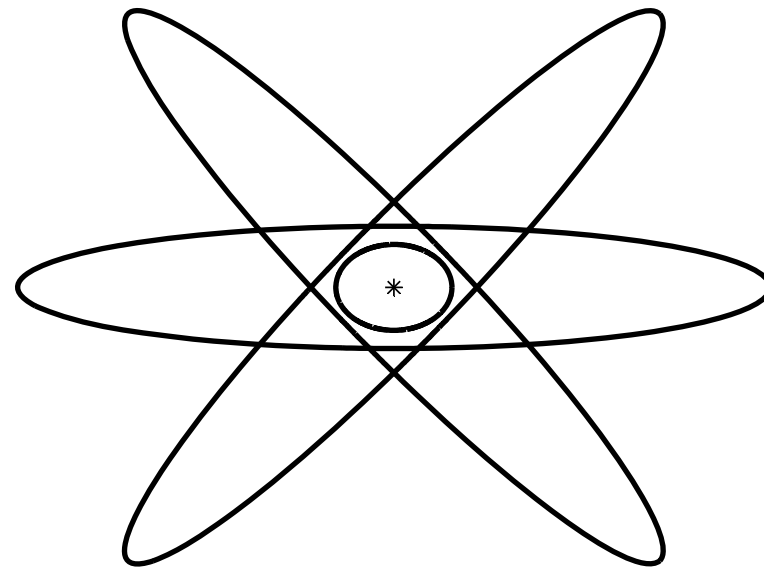
- **Cartesian error covariance (time dependent):**

$$\mathbf{T} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}^\top = \mathbf{D}_\varphi \mathbf{S}_r \mathbf{R} \mathbf{S}_r \mathbf{D}_\varphi^\top = \mathbf{D}_\varphi \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (r \sigma_\varphi)^2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_\varphi^\top$$

- **sensor fusion: sensor-to-target-geometry enters into $\mathbf{T} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}^\top$**

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s1

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s2



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s3

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A Useful Product Formula for GAUSSIANS

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{P}) = \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S})}_{\text{independent of } \mathbf{x}} \times \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\nu}, \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{W}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{W}^\top) \\ \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{H}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{Q}) \end{cases}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^\top + \mathbf{R}, \quad \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^\top\mathbf{S}^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{H}.$$

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Exercise 4.1

Generalize to the case $S_k > 2$ (induction argument)!

One possible fusion strategy: Create a single *effective measurement* by preprocessing of the individual measurements!

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{R}_k \sum_{s=1}^{S_k} (\mathbf{R}_k^s)^{-1} \mathbf{z}_k^s \quad \text{weighted arithmetic mean of measurements}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_k = \left(\sum_{s=1}^{S_k} (\mathbf{R}_k^s)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{harmonic mean of measurement covariances}$$

A typical structure for fusion equations!

With measurement specific measurement error covariances, your Kalman filter already is a multiple sensor fusion algorithms. Try and play!

Recapitulation: A popular model for object evolutions

Piecewise Constant White Acceleration Model

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1})$$

Consider state vectors: $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$ (position, velocity)

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with $\Delta T_k = t_k - t_{k-1}$. Reasonable choice: $\frac{1}{2} v_{\max} / a_{\max} \leq \Sigma_k \leq v_{\max} / a_{\max}$

Another, rather realistic model (van Keuk):

$$\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & (t_k - t_{k-1}) \mathbf{I} & \frac{1}{2}(t_k - t_{k-1})^2 \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} & (t_k - t_{k-1}) \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & e^{-(t_k - t_{k-1})/\theta} \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{I} = \text{diag}[1, 1, 1]$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{k|k-1} = \Sigma^2 (1 - e^{-2(t_k - t_{k-1})/\theta}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{O} = \text{diag}[0, 0, 0]$$

maneuver correlation time θ (z.B. 60 s), limiting acceleration Σ (z.B. 2 g)

There are many different evolution models adapted to particular problems!

Show for the acceleration process:

Exercise 4.2 (voluntary!)

$$\mathbb{E}[\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k] = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbb{E}[\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_l^\top] = \Sigma^2 e^{-(t_k - t_l)/\theta} \mathbf{I}, \quad l \leq k$$

$\mathbb{E}[\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_l^\top]$ is called 'auto correlation function'.

Recapitulation: measurement process

- **linear measurement equation:**

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{u}_k, \quad p(\mathbf{u}_k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u}_k; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$$

- to be measured: *linear* functions of the object state
- measurement error: biasfree, Gaussian distrib.
independent for different t_k
- $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k$ has the pdf: $p(\mathbf{y}_k) = p(\mathbf{u}_k)$

- **Approach for the requested pdf ('likelihood fkt.):**

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_k; \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{R}_k)$$

- **Example: position measurement**

$$\mathbf{H}_k = (\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}), \quad \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{r}_k$$

\mathbf{R}_k : measurement error covariance matrix

possibly depending on the sensor-to-target geometry

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Consider the **past**: $l < k!$

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- $p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k)$ retrodiction: last iteration step
 - $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$ dynamic object behavior
 - $p(\mathbf{x}_l | \mathcal{Z}^l)$ filtering at the time considered
- GAUSSIANS, GAUSSIAN mixtures: Exploit product formula!
- linear GAUSSIAN likelihood/dynamics: Rauch-Tung-Striebel smoothing

Exercise 4.3 Derive the *Rauch-Tung-Striebel* formulae

by using the Kalman filter assumptions

and the product formula (twice)!

retrodiction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_l; \mathbf{x}_{l|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l|k}) \xleftarrow[\text{dynamics model}]{\text{filtering, prediction}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{x}_{l+1|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l+1|k})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{l|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{l|l} + \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{x}_{l+1|l}), & \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1} &= \mathbf{P}_{l|l} \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l}^\top \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{l|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{l|l} + \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1}(\mathbf{P}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}) \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1}^\top \end{aligned}$$

Kalman filter: linear GAUSSIAN likelihood/dynamics, $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top, \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$, $\mathcal{Z}^k = \{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}\}$

initiation: $p(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x}_{0|0}, \mathbf{P}_{0|0})$, initial ignorance: $\mathbf{P}_{0|0}$ 'large'

prediction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}]{\text{dynamics model}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1})$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}^\top + \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}$$

filtering: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\text{sensor model: } \mathbf{H}_k, \mathbf{R}_k]{\text{current measurement } \mathbf{z}_k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1}, & \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1}^\top, & \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{R}_k \\ \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1}^{-1} & & \text{'KALMAN gain matrix'} \end{aligned}$$

retrodiction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_l; \mathbf{x}_{l|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l|k}) \xleftarrow[\text{dynamics model}]{\text{filtering, prediction}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{x}_{l+1|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l+1|k})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{l|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{l|l} + \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1} (\mathbf{x}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{x}_{l+1|l}), & \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1} &= \mathbf{P}_{l|l} \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l}^\top \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{l|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{l|l} + \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1} (\mathbf{P}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}) \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1}^\top \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4.4 Implement the *Rauch-Tung-Striebel* formulae in your simulator!

Continuous Time Retrodiction for $t_l < t_{l+\theta} < t_{l+1}$ with $0 < \theta < 1$

Interpolate between $p(\mathbf{x}_l | \mathcal{Z}^k)$ and $p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k)$ based on the evolution model:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^k) &= \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}, \mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k) \\ &= \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k) \end{aligned}$$

Continuous Time Retrodiction for $t_l < t_{l+\theta} < t_{l+1}$ with $0 < \theta < 1$

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$$\text{where: } p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l)}{\int d\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l)}$$

$$\text{with: } p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta} \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}, \mathbf{D}_{l+1|l+\theta})$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l) = \int d\mathbf{x}_l p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_l) p(\mathbf{x}_l | \mathcal{Z}^l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^l) &= \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{x}_{l+1|l}, \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}) \end{aligned}$$

Continuous Time Retrodiction for $t_l < t_{l+\theta} < t_{l+1}$ with $0 < \theta < 1$

Interpolate between $p(\mathbf{x}_l | \mathcal{Z}^k)$ and $p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k)$ based on the evolution model:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^k) &= \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}, \mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k) \\ &= \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where: } p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l)}{\int d\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l)}$$

$$\text{with: } p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta} \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}, \mathbf{D}_{l+1|l+\theta})$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l) = \int d\mathbf{x}_l p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_l) p(\mathbf{x}_l | \mathcal{Z}^l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^l) &= \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{x}_{l+1|l}, \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}) \end{aligned}$$

Looks like a Kalman filtering update!

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) \propto p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}|\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathcal{Z}^l)$$

Looks like filtering!

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathcal{Z}^k) = \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}|\mathcal{Z}^k)$$

Looks like prediction!

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) &\propto p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l) && \text{Looks like filtering!} \\
 &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}; \mathbf{a}_{l+\theta|l+1}, \Delta_{l+\theta|l+1})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{a}_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} - \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l}) \\
 &= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} - \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_{l+\theta|l+1} = \mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l} - \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}\Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}^\top$$

$$\Phi_{l+\theta|l+1} = \mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l}\mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}^\top\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l} = \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}\mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l}\mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}^\top + \mathbf{D}_{l+1|l+\theta}.$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^k) = \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k) \quad \text{Looks like prediction!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) &\propto p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}|\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathcal{Z}^l) && \text{Looks like filtering!} \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}; \mathbf{a}_{l+\theta|l+1}, \Delta_{l+\theta|l+1}) \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{b}_{l+\theta|l+1}; \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \Delta_{l+\theta|l+1})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{a}_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} - \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l}) \\
&= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} - \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1} \\
\mathbf{b}_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} - \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1|l} \\
\Delta_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l} - \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}\Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}^\top \\
\Phi_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l}\mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}^\top\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}^{-1} \\
\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l} &= \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}\mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l}\mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}^\top + \mathbf{D}_{l+1|l+\theta}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathcal{Z}^k) = \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}|\mathcal{Z}^k) \quad \text{Looks like prediction!}$$

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p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) &\propto p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}|\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathcal{Z}^l) && \text{Looks like filtering!} \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}; \mathbf{a}_{l+\theta|l+1}, \Delta_{l+\theta|l+1}) \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{b}_{l+\theta|l+1}; \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \Delta_{l+\theta|l+1})
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\mathbf{b}_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} - \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{x}_{l+1|l} \\
\Delta_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l} - \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}\Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}^\top \\
\Phi_{l+\theta|l+1} &= \mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l}\mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}^\top\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}^{-1} \\
\mathbf{P}_{l+1|l} &= \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}\mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|l}\mathbf{F}_{l+1|l+\theta}^\top + \mathbf{D}_{l+1|l+\theta}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathcal{Z}^k) &= \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}|\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}|\mathcal{Z}^k) && \text{Looks like prediction!} \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}; \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|k}, \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|k})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{x}_{l+1|l}) \\
\mathbf{P}_{l+\theta|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta|l} + \Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}(\mathbf{P}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l})\Phi_{l+\theta|l+1}^\top
\end{aligned}$$

Kalman filter: linear GAUSSIAN likelihood/dynamics, $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top, \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$, $\mathcal{Z}^k = \{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}\}$

initiation: $p(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x}_{0|0}, \mathbf{P}_{0|0})$, initial ignorance: $\mathbf{P}_{0|0}$ 'large'

prediction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}]{\text{dynamics model}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1})$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}^\top + \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}$$

filtering: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\text{sensor model: } \mathbf{H}_k, \mathbf{R}_k]{\text{current measurement } \mathbf{z}_k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k})$

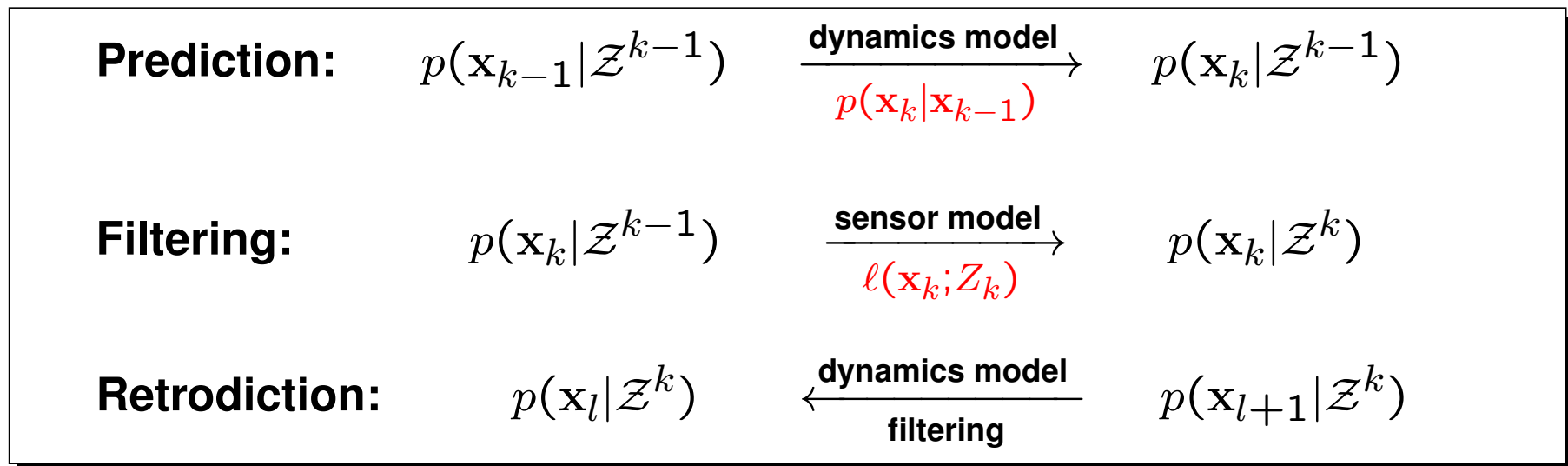
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1}, & \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1}^\top, & \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{R}_k \\ \mathbf{W}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1}^{-1} & & \text{'KALMAN gain matrix'} \end{aligned}$$

retrodiction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_l; \mathbf{x}_{l|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l|k}) \xleftarrow[\text{dynamics model}]{\text{filtering, prediction}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{x}_{l+1|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l+1|k})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{l|k} &= \mathbf{x}_{l|l} + \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1} (\mathbf{x}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{x}_{l+1|l}), & \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1} &= \mathbf{P}_{l|l} \mathbf{F}_{l+1|l}^\top \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{l|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{l|l} + \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1} (\mathbf{P}_{l+1|k} - \mathbf{P}_{l+1|l}) \mathbf{W}_{l|l+1}^\top \end{aligned}$$

Usually considered in tracking applications: pdfs of object states at given time instants

kinematic state: \mathbf{x}_k , sensor data accumulated over time: $\mathcal{Z}^k = \{Z_k, \dots, Z_1\}$



The likelihood function $\ell(\mathbf{x}_k; Z_k)$ contains the full sensor information:
current measurements + **context information** on the sensor performance.

$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$ contains context information on the object's kinematic properties.

In certain applications *accumulated* state vectors are to be considered.

Object **state vectors accumulated over a time window** t_k, t_{k-1}, \dots, t_n :

$$\mathbf{x}_{k:n} = (\mathbf{x}_k, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

The full information on $\mathbf{x}_{k:n}$ based on a time series of sensor data \mathcal{Z}^k is contained in the corresponding *accumulated state density (ASD)*:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n | \mathcal{Z}^k) = p(\mathbf{x}_{k:n} | \mathcal{Z}^k).$$

ASDs can be a useful notion in several applications. Examples are:

- dealing with out-of-sequence measurements
- track-to-track fusion in sensor networks.

Via marginalizing over all object states in the window, excepting \mathbf{x}_l , $n \leq l \leq k$,

$$\int d\mathbf{x}_k, \dots, d\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, d\mathbf{x}_{l-1}, \dots, d\mathbf{x}_n p(\mathbf{x}_k, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n | \mathcal{Z}^k) = p(\mathbf{x}_l | \mathcal{Z}^k),$$

we obtain the pdfs for filtering & retrodiction; ASDs thus unify these notions.

In addition, **all correlations between different instants of time** are contained.

Bayes' Theorem: a recursion formula for updating ASDs:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{k:n} | \mathcal{Z}^k) = \frac{\ell(\mathbf{x}_k; Z_k) p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1:n} | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1})}{\int d\mathbf{x}_{k:n} \ell(\mathbf{x}_k; Z_k) p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1:n} | \mathcal{Z}^{k-1})}$$

A little formalistically speaking, 'sensor data processing' means:

Make sure that the sensor data are no longer explicitly present.

Closed-form Representations for ASDs

Example: conditions, where Kalman filtering is applicable

likelihood function: $\ell(\mathbf{x}_k; Z_k) = \mathcal{N}(z_k; \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{R}_k)$

evolution model: $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{F}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1})$

Induction argument (product formula, see paper on homepage):

The corresponding ASD is a Gaussian:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{k:n} | Z^k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k:n}; \mathbf{x}_{k:n}^k, \mathbf{P}_{k:n}^k)$$

with $\mathbf{x}_{k:n}^k = (\mathbf{x}_{k|k}^\top, \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k}^\top, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n|k}^\top)^\top$.

$\mathbf{x}_{k|k}$: standard Kalman filtering, $\mathbf{x}_{l|k}$, $l < k$: standard RTS smoothing

Block Matrix Representation of the ASD Covariance

$$\mathbf{P}_{k:n}^k =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{W}_{k-1|k}^\top & \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k}^\top & \cdots & \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{W}_{1|k}^\top \\ \mathbf{W}_{k-1|k} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k-1}^\top & * & \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} \mathbf{W}_{1|k-1}^\top \\ \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k-2|k} & * & \vdots \\ \vdots & * & * & * & \mathbf{P}_{2|k} \mathbf{W}_{1|2}^\top \\ \mathbf{W}_{1|k} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{W}_{1|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} & \cdots & \mathbf{W}_{1|2} \mathbf{P}_{2|k} & \mathbf{P}_{1|k} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{P}_{k|k}$: standard Kalman filtering, $\mathbf{P}_{l|k}$, $l < k$: standard RTS smoothing

with: $\mathbf{W}_{l|k} = \prod_{\lambda=l}^{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{\lambda|\lambda} \mathbf{F}_{\lambda+1|\lambda}^\top \mathbf{P}_{\lambda+1|\lambda}^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k}$: Kalman prediction.

Block Matrix Representations of the ASD Covariance

$$\mathbf{P}_{k:n}^k = \begin{pmatrix}
 \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{W}_{k-1|k}^\top & \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k}^\top & \cdots & \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \mathbf{W}_{1|k}^\top \\
 \mathbf{W}_{k-1|k} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k-1}^\top & * & \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} \mathbf{W}_{1|k-1}^\top \\
 \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} & \mathbf{P}_{k-2|k} & * & \vdots \\
 \vdots & * & * & * & \mathbf{P}_{2|k} \mathbf{W}_{1|2}^\top \\
 \mathbf{W}_{1|k} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} & \mathbf{W}_{1|k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k} & \cdots & \mathbf{W}_{1|2} \mathbf{P}_{2|k} & \mathbf{P}_{1|k}
 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix}
 \mathbf{T}_{k|k} & -\mathbf{W}_{k-1|k}^\top \mathbf{Q}_{k-1|k}^{-1} & \mathbf{O} & \cdots & \mathbf{O} \\
 -\mathbf{Q}_{k-1|k}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{k-1|k} & \mathbf{T}_{k-1|k} & -\mathbf{W}_{k-2|k}^\top \mathbf{Q}_{k-2|k}^{-1} & \ddots & \vdots \\
 \mathbf{O} & -\mathbf{Q}_{k-2|k}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{k-2|k} & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{O} \\
 \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{T}_{m+1|k} & -\mathbf{W}_{m|k}^\top \mathbf{Q}_{m|k} \\
 \mathbf{O} & \cdots & \mathbf{O} & -\mathbf{Q}_{m|k} \mathbf{W}_{m|k} & \mathbf{T}_{m|k}
 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

Markov property: tridiagonal structure of the inverse ASD covariance

Application to OoS Measurement Processing

Latencies in the communication infrastructure: *Measurements can arrive at a processing node in a distributed data fusion system “too late”, i.e. after sensor data with a time stamp newer than the time stamp of an out-of-sequence measurement have already been processed* [Seminal paper by Bar-Shalom, IEEE T-AES, 2002].

In situations where Kalman filtering is applicable,

let z_m be produced at time t_m with $n \leq m < k$, and be arriving at time t_k .

With a projection matrix Π_m , defined by $\Pi_m \mathbf{x}_{k:n} = \mathbf{x}_m$,

the impact of z_m on the present and past object states is described by:

$$p(\mathbf{z}_m | \mathbf{x}_{k:n}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_m; \mathbf{H}_m \Pi_m \mathbf{x}_{k:n}, \mathbf{R}_m).$$

Direct generalizations to situations with ambiguous sensor data / IMM models.

Standard Bayesian reasoning directly yields for the ASD:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_{k:n} | \mathbf{z}_m, Z^k) &= \frac{p(\mathbf{z}_m | \mathbf{x}_{k:n}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k:n} | Z^k)}{\int d\mathbf{x}_{k:n} p(\mathbf{z}_m | \mathbf{x}_{k:n}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k:n} | Z^k)} \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k:n}; \mathbf{x}_{k:m:n}, \mathbf{P}_{k:m:n}) \end{aligned}$$

with parameters obtained by a version of the Kalman update:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k:m:n} &= \mathbf{x}_{k:n} + \mathbf{W}_{k:m:n} (\mathbf{z}_m - \mathbf{H}_m \mathbf{\Pi}_m \mathbf{x}_{k:n}) \\ \mathbf{P}_{k:m:n} &= \mathbf{P}_{k:n} - \mathbf{W}_{k:m:n} \mathbf{S}_{k,m,1} \mathbf{W}_{k:m:n}^\top \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_{k:m:n} &= \mathbf{H}_m \mathbf{\Pi}_m \mathbf{P}_{k:n} \mathbf{\Pi}_m^\top \mathbf{H}_m^\top + \mathbf{R}_m \\ \mathbf{W}_{k:m:n} &= \mathbf{P}_{k:n} \mathbf{\Pi}_m^\top \mathbf{H}_m^\top \mathbf{S}_{k:m:n}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\mathbf{S}_{k:m:n}$ to be inverted has the same dimension as \mathbf{z}_m .

Simultaneous update step for filtering and retrodiction

Efficient realizations exploit the structure of the ASD covariance.