

State and parameter estimation from observed signal increments

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- 1 Bayesian data assimilation via particle-based filtering: for model variables q and data y ,

$$\pi_t(q|y) \simeq \sum_{i=1}^M \pi_t(q^i|y) \delta(q - q^i)$$

- 2 Continuous-time filtering with feedback control.

$$dX_t = f(X_t) dt + \sigma dW_t + dU_t(X_t, Y_t)$$

- 3 Assimilation of SDE state increments \rightarrow filters with correlated noise.
- 4 Simultaneous state and drift parameter estimation.

Vanilla particle filter

$$\text{Signal: } dX_t = f(X_t, a) dt + \sigma dW_t$$

$$\text{Data: } dY_t = h(X_t, a) dt + \rho dV_t$$

$$\pi_t(x|y) = \pi(x(t)|y(:t)) = ?$$

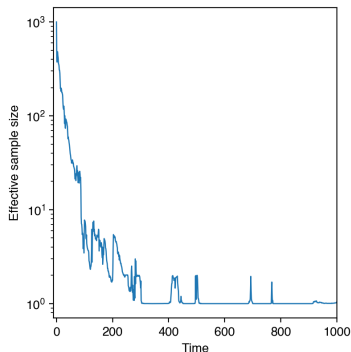
- Particle approximation:

$$\pi_t(q|y) \simeq \sum_{i=1}^M \pi_t(q^i|y) \delta(q - q^i)$$

- Particle filter is “passive”:

$$X_n^i \leftarrow X_{n-1}^i + \sigma \sqrt{\Delta t} \xi_n^i$$

$$w_n^i \leftarrow \frac{w_{n-1}^i \pi(Y_n|X_n^i)}{\sum_j w_{n-1}^j \pi(Y_n|X_n^j)}$$



Vanilla particle filter: state tracking example

$$\text{Model: } dX_{1,t} = X_{2,t} dt + \sigma dW_{1,t}$$

$$dX_{2,t} = (-X_{1,t} - 0.1X_{2,t}) dt + \sigma dW_{2,t}$$

$$\text{Data: } dY_t = X_{1,t} dt + \rho dV_t$$

Particle evolution (pf.mov)

Proposed filter: Key features

1 Filtering in continuous time

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$$\text{Data: } dY_t = h(X_t, a) dt + \rho dV_t$$

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2 Particle/ensemble approximation

$$\pi_t(x|y) \simeq \sum_{i=1}^M \pi_t(x^i|y) \delta(x - x^i)$$

3 Feedback control

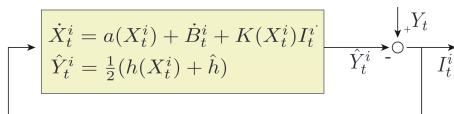


Figure: T. Yang, et al (2013)

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Filter w/ feedback control (enkf.mov)

Key features

- 1 *Later*: Noisy (partial) observations of SDE increments

$$dY_t = H dX_t + \rho dV_t, \quad H \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times D_x}$$

- 2 Extended phase space: model states $x \in \mathbb{R}^{D_x}$ and parameters $a \in \mathbb{R}^{D_a}$

$$z = \{x, a\}, \quad z \in \mathbb{R}^{D=D_x+D_a}$$

- 3 $\rho > 0$: simultaneous state and parameter estimation

$$\pi_t(z|y) \simeq \sum_{i=1}^M \pi_t(z^i|y) \delta(z - z^i) = ?$$

- 4 *Consistency* with true posterior for $M \rightarrow \infty$

Feedback particle filter (T. Yang, et al, 2013)

- Uses feedback control idea:

$$\begin{aligned}dX_t^i &= f(X_t^i, a) dt + \sigma dW_t^i + K_t(X_t^i) \circ dI_t^i(X_t^i, Y_t) \\dY_t &= h(X_t^*) dt + \rho dV_t\end{aligned}$$

- $M \rightarrow \infty$ limit: consistent with particle filter?
- Variational problem: minimize $\text{KL}(\pi_t || \pi_t^*)$.
- Gain K solves the elliptic PDE (Euler-Lagrange eq. for min KL)

$$\partial_i \left[\pi_t \left(K_t^{ij}(x) \rho^{jk} \right) \right] = -\pi_t \left(h_t^k(x) - \pi_t[h_t^k(x)] \right) \text{ s.t. } \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \pi_t K_t(x) = 0$$

- Innovation term dI_t^i given by

$$\begin{aligned}dI_t^i &= dY_t - \frac{1}{2} [h(X_t^i) + \pi_t[h(X_t^i)]] dt \\ \text{or } dI_t^i &= dY_t - [h(X_t^i) dt + \rho dU_t^i]\end{aligned}$$

Assimilation of SDE increments

- Consider drift functions f of the form:

$$f(x, t) = f_0(x, t) + \sum_{i=1}^{D_a} a_i \varphi_i(x) = f_0(x, t) + \Phi(x)^T a$$

e.g. Φ are finite-element basis functions (used in nonparametric estimation).

- Extended phase space/increment measurements:

$$dX_t = f(X_t, A_t, t) dt + \sigma dW_t$$

$$dA_t = 0$$

$$dY_t = H dX_t + \rho dV_t$$

Zero-noise case \rightarrow ensemble Kalman-Bucy filter (EnKBF)

- Special case: $\rho = 0$, $H = I$, and $\pi_0(x) = \delta(x - X_0)$ leads to

$$dY_t = dX_t = H[f(X_t, A_t) dt + \sigma dW_t] \quad (Y_t = X_t)$$

- Now A_t has dynamics from feedback term:

$$dA_t^i = K(A_t^i) \circ dI_t^i(A_t, Y_t)$$

$$dI_t^i = dY_t - [f(Y_t, A_t^i) dt + \sigma dU_t^i]$$

- With π_0 Gaussian, make constant-gain approximation:

$$K_t = P_t^{aa} \Phi(Y_t)^T \sigma^{-2}, \quad P_t^{aa} \simeq \frac{1}{M-1} \sum_{i=1}^M [A_t^i - \bar{A}^M] [A_t^i - \bar{A}^M]^T$$

- Nonlinear observation function h :

$$K_t = P_t^{ah} \sigma^{-2}, \quad P_t^{ah} \simeq \frac{1}{M-1} \sum_{i=1}^M [A_t^i - \bar{A}^M] [h(A_t^i) - \bar{h}^M]^T$$

General case: $\rho > 0$, $H \neq I$

- Unless $H\sigma = 0$, model and measurement errors are correlated:

$$E_t^m = \sigma W_t, \quad E_t^o = H\sigma W_t + \rho V_t$$

- Define: $C = H\sigma^2 H^T + \rho^2$
- Modified feedback particle filter equations¹:

$$dX_t = f(X_t, A_t) dt + \sigma dW_t \left(\nabla_x \Psi_t(X_t, A_t) + \sigma^2 H^T \right) C^{-1} \circ dI_t + \Omega(X_t)$$

$$dA_t = \nabla_a \Psi_t(X_t, A_t) C^{-1} \circ dI_t$$

$$\nabla_z \cdot (\pi_t \nabla_z \Psi_t) = -\pi_t (Hf(z) - \pi_t[Hf(z)])$$

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General case \rightarrow EnKBF

- Gaussian assumptions:

$$\nabla_x \Psi_t = P_t^{xh}, \quad \nabla_a \Psi_t = P_t^{ah},$$

$$P_t^{xh} \simeq \frac{1}{M-1} \sum_{i=1}^M [X_t^i - \bar{X}_t^M] [f(X_t^i, A_t^i) - \bar{f}_t^M]^\top H^\top$$

$$P_t^{ah} \simeq \frac{1}{M-1} \sum_{i=1}^M [A_t^i - \bar{A}_t^M] [f(X_t^i, A_t^i) - \bar{f}_t^M]^\top H^\top$$

- Results in EnKF formulation for joint estimation problem

$$dX_t^i = f(X_t^i, A_t^i)dt + \sigma dW_t^i + \left(P_t^{xh} + \sigma^2 H^\top \right) C^{-1} dI_t^i$$

$$dA_t^i = P_t^{ah} C^{-1} dI_t^i$$

$$dI_t^i = dY_t - [H (f(X_t^i, A_t^i)dt + \sigma dW_t^i) + \rho dU_t^i]$$

Example: Reduced multiscale system²

- Linear stochastic system with three time scales:

$$dX_t = \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\varepsilon} Z_t - \theta X_t \right) dt$$

$$dZ_t = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} Z_t dt + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\varepsilon} dW_t \quad (W_t \sim N(0, t))$$

- Homogenization limit (model reduction):

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \rightarrow d\tilde{X}_t = -a\tilde{X}_t dt + \sqrt{2\sigma} d\tilde{W}_t \quad (\tilde{W}_t \sim N(0, t))$$

- DA: estimate effective parameter a from data process

$$dY_t = dX_t + \rho dV_t \quad (\text{from } full \text{ system})$$

- Theory predicts $a = \theta$.

²G. Pavliotis and A. Stuart (2008)

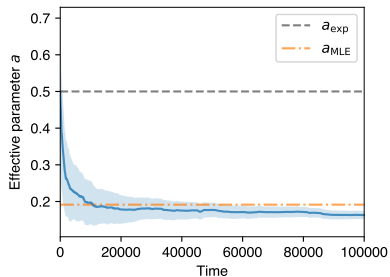
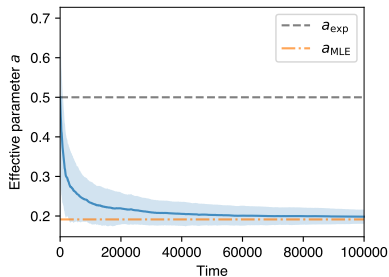
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- Standard likelihood estimation for a via Girsanov's formula:

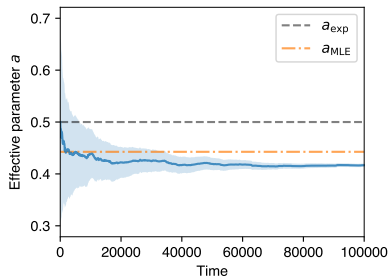
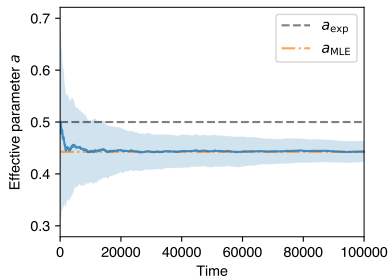
$$\hat{a}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{\int \tilde{X}_t d\tilde{X}_t}{\int |\tilde{X}_t|^2 dt} \simeq \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \tilde{X}_n (\tilde{X}_{n+1} - \tilde{X}_n)}{|\tilde{X}_n|^2 \Delta t}$$

- Inconsistent continuous-time limit: as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, $\hat{a}_{\text{ML}} \rightarrow 0$.
- Fixed with subsampling: sample solutions with finite Δt
- Data assimilation experiment:
 - Generate reference solution from full system
 - Sample increment data (with noise) from x component
 - Estimate a in reduced model with and without subsampling
 - Prior $\pi_0 = \delta(x - X_0) N_a(0, \sigma_0^a)$
 - Draw $M = 100$ particles from prior, run filter with various time steps Δt

Without subsampling: $\Delta t = 0.01$



With subsampling: $\Delta t = 0.1$



Example II: Nonparametric drift estimation

- Fully observed one-dimensional system with model error:

$$\begin{aligned}dX_t &= f_0(X_t, t) dt + \lambda f_1(X_t) dt + \sigma dW_t \\dY_t &= dX_t + \rho dV_t\end{aligned}$$

- Filtering problem: $\pi_t(f_1|y) = ?$
- Gaussian process (GP) prior for f_1 :

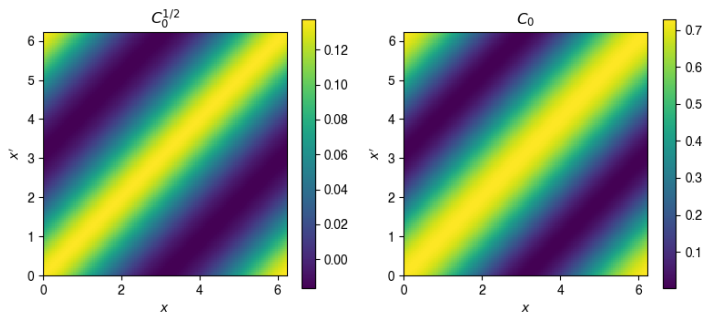
$$\begin{aligned}\pi_0(f_1(x)) &= \mathcal{GP} [\mu_0(x), \Gamma_0(x, x')] \\ \mu_0 &= 0, \Gamma_0 \equiv \mathcal{Q}_0^{-1} = \{\eta [(-\Delta)^p + \kappa \mathcal{I}]\}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

- Consider finite-dimensional decomposition:

$$f_1(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{D_a} a_j \varphi_j(x)$$

for D_a functions φ_j with compact support (i.e. tent functions).

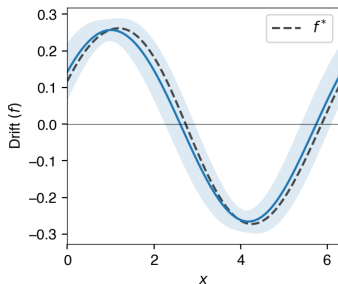
Nonparametric drift estimation: Prior covariance



Example II: Nonparametric drift estimation

■ Numerical experiment:

- Draw ground truth f_1^* from prior GP with known η , ρ , κ .
- Generate reference solution with known X_0 , sample increment data.
- Prior $\pi_0 = \delta(x - X_0) GP_f(0, C_0)$ (GP is discretized in space)



Summary and ongoing work

- Derived feedback particle filter formulation for simultaneous state and parameter estimation with noisy increment measurements.
- Robust approximation in the form of ensemble Kalman-Bucy filter.
- Further extensions to multi-scale (reduced) models?
- Nonparametric case: posterior convergence & consistency; (on-line) prior selection.

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