

Lecture II

Information Flow in the
Kalman Filter

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Paper: SIAM J. on Control to appear

Various other papers

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Mutual Information

$$I(X; Y) = \mathbb{E} \log \left(\frac{dP_{XY}}{d(P_X \otimes P_Y)} \right).$$

$$= \mathbb{E} h \left(P_{X|Y}(\cdot, Y) | P_X \right).$$

= Average Information Gain on X
arising from the process of
observing Y .

Path Estimator

Let

$(X_t | 0 \leq t < \infty)$: Markov Process

(Ex: Gauss-Markov Process)

is to be estimated on the basis of an observations process

$(Y_t | 0 \leq t < \infty)$ (Signal + Noise
: Gaussian)

$I((X_r | 0 \leq r \leq s); (Y_r | 0 \leq r \leq t))$

$0 \leq s, t < \infty$



= Ave. Inf. gain on part of the path of X arising from observations on part of the path of Y

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By manipulating this we are able to identify information source and dissipation rates for the filter

Time Reversal of Signal-Filter pair information supply and dissipation exchange roles in a dual filter. Time-reversed filter process becomes a dual signal and the time-reversed signal becomes the filter. for the process.

Information Flow in the Filter

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathcal{P})$: Prob. Space

$$(1) \quad X_t = \xi + \int_{-T}^t (B X_s + l(s)) ds + V_t$$

$-T \leq t \leq T$ "State"

$$m(t) = m_i + \int_{-T}^t (B m(s) + l(s)) ds$$

Mean

$$P(t) = P_i + \int_{-T}^t ((B P(s) + P(s) B') + A) ds$$

Covariance

$$Y^i = \xi + \mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{\quad} N(0, M)$$

Initial Observation

Running Observation

$$Y_t^r = \int_{-T}^t G X_s ds + W_t \quad -T \leq t \leq T.$$

$G \geq 0$

$$[W, W]_t = \int G ds$$

$$\equiv \hat{Y}_t^r = \int_{-T}^t P X_s ds + W_t \quad N(0, I)$$

$P'P = G.$

Matrix Signal
to Noise Ratio

Combine Y^i and Y^r

$$Y_t = CY^i + Y_t^r \quad C: \text{non-singular}$$

$$\dots \left[\int_{-T}^t \right]$$

$$(2) Y_t = Y^i + \int_{-T}^t G X_s ds + W_t$$

Choose $C = I$

Signal +
Noise

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Estimate X_t given $(Y_s | -T \leq s \leq t)$

(Subtract out mean: to estimate zero-mean process).

$$P(X_t | Y_{-T}^t)$$

Filter

$$\hat{X}_{-T} = P_i (P_i + M) Y^i$$

$$N(\hat{X}_t, Q(t))$$

$$d\hat{X}_t = (B - Q(t)G)\hat{X}_t dt + Q(t)dY_t$$

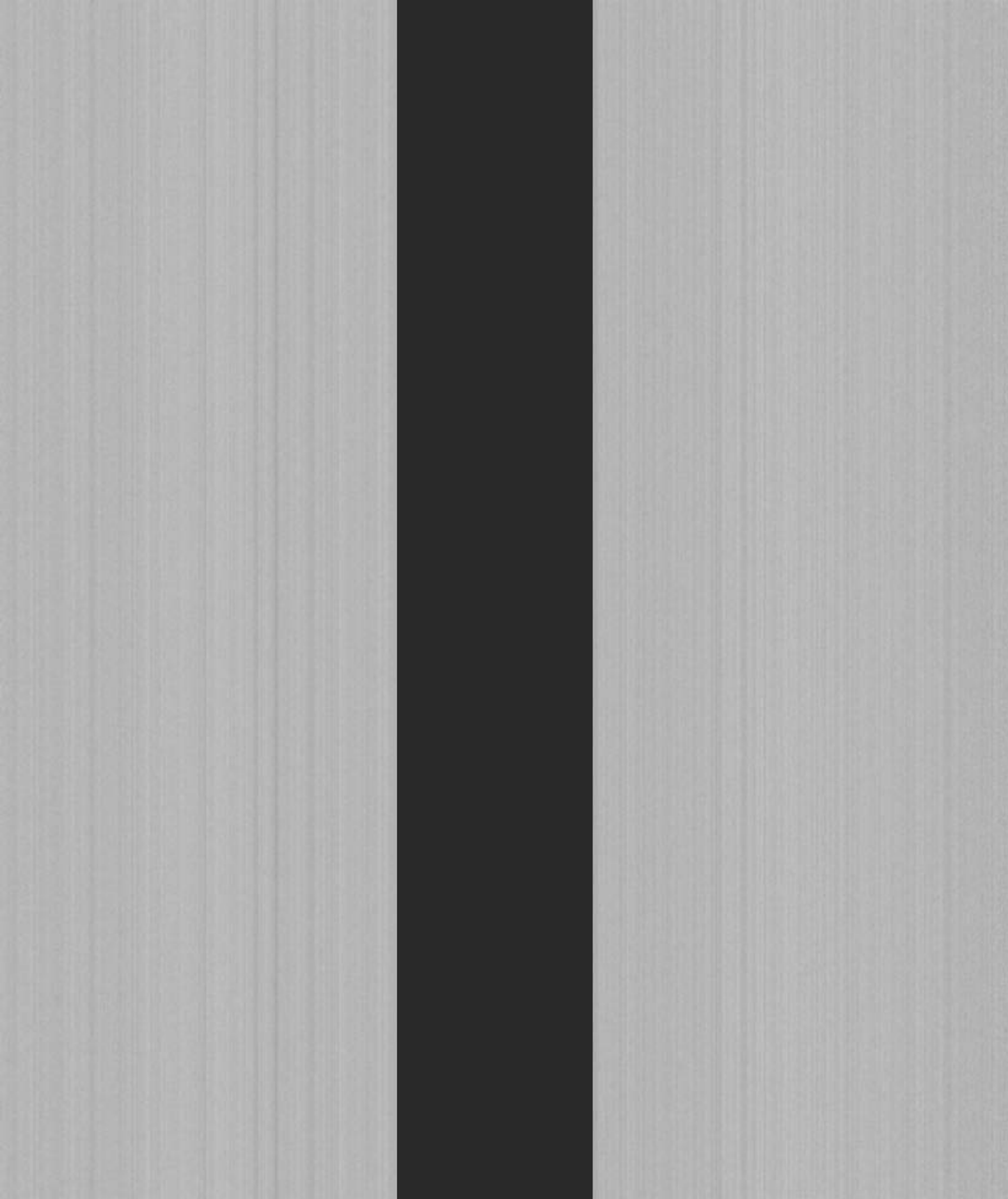
$$Q(-T) = (\bar{P}_i^{-1} + \bar{M}^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$\hat{X}_t = E(X_t | \mathcal{F}_t^Y)$$

$$\dot{Q}(t) = BQ(t) + Q(t)B' + A - Q(t)GQ(t)$$

Innovations

$$v_t = Y_t - \hat{X}_{-T} - \int_{-T}^t G \hat{X}_s ds \quad (\text{New Information})$$



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Let

$$C(t) = I(X_t; (Y_s | -T \leq s \leq t))$$

= Average Inf. Gain on X_t arising from Observation path.

= Inf. Stored by the Filter at time t

$$= I(X_t; \hat{X}_t) \quad \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \hat{X}_t = E(X_t | \mathcal{F}_t^Y) \\ \text{Suff. Stat.} \end{array}$$

$$C(-T) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \log |P_i + M| - \frac{1}{2} \log |M|}$$

$$\dot{C}(t) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(GQ(t))} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(A\bar{Q}'(t) - \bar{P}'(t))$$

Information Stored

= Information Supply

- Information Dissipated

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Information Supply upto t

$$S(t) = \frac{1}{2} \log |P_t + M| - \frac{1}{2} \log |M| \\ + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-T}^t \text{Tr} (GQ(s)) ds$$

Information Dissipated upto time t

(by Fokker) $= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-T}^t \text{Tr} (A (\bar{Q}^{-1}(s) - P^{-1}(s))) ds$

$$D(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-T}^t E \text{Tr} (A F(x_s, s)) ds$$

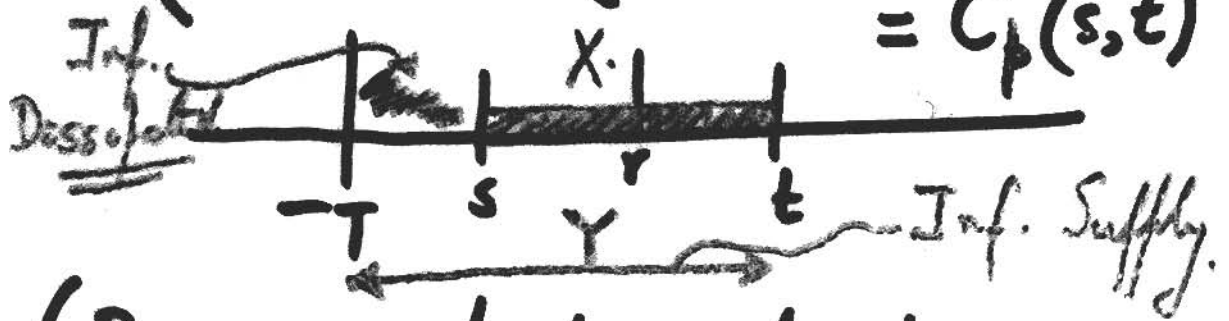
$$F(x, t) = E \left| \nabla_x \log (A)(x, t, Y) \right|^2$$

(Fisher Inf. Matrix) \rightarrow Likelihood of (x_t) given $(y_s)_{-T \leq s \leq t}$

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$$S(t) - D(s)$$

$$= I(X_r | s \leq r \leq t); (Y_r | -T \leq r \leq t) = C_p(s, t)$$



(Requires looking at processes under two measures). See (17.15)

$$S(-T) = \text{Inf. Gain on whole process } X \text{ arising from } Y^i$$

$$S(t) - S(-T) = \text{Inf. Gain arising from } Y_r \text{ } -T \leq r \leq t$$

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Average Total Information
in the Observation upto t

$$O(t) = \frac{1}{2} \log |P_i + M| \\ + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (P_i + M - I) - \frac{1}{2} \int \text{Tr} (G P - Q) ds$$

Bayesian Estimator splits into
Information Gain on the Estimand
& Residual term concerning, for
example Observation Noise

Average Residual Inf. for the
estimator of the path $(X_v | s \leq v \leq t)$
given $(Y_s | -T \leq s \leq t)$

$$R_f(s, t) = O(t) - C_f(s, t)$$

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Average Residual Information
for the filter

$$R_f(t) = O(t) - C(t)$$

$$= R_p(-T, t) + D(t)$$

Historical
Information
about X