

1.2 Review: Kalman Filter

Linear and Gaussian System:

state equation: $x_t = H_t x_{t-1} + W_t w_t$ where $w_t \sim N(0, I)$

observation equation: $y_t = G_t x_t + V_t v_t$ where $v_t \sim N(0, I)$.

Examples:

- Local level structural model

state equation $m_t = m_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$

observation equation $y_t = m_t + e_t$

- Example: y_t : realized volatility. m_t underlying true volatility

- (random) varying coefficient linear models

state equation $\beta_{i,t} = \beta_{i,t-1} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$

observation equation $y_t = \sum_{i=1}^d \beta_{i,t} x_{i,t} + e_t$

– Example: varying beta in CPAM:

$$y_t = \alpha_t + \beta_t M_t + e_t, \quad \alpha_t = \alpha_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{1,t} \quad \beta_t = \beta_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{2,t}$$

- AR process observed with noise

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{state} \\
 \text{observation}
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 x_{t-p+1} \\
 x_{t-p+2} \\
 \vdots \\
 x_{t-1} \\
 x_t
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\
 \phi_p & \phi_{p-1} & \phi_{p-2} & \cdots & \phi_1
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 x_{t-p} \\
 x_{t-p+1} \\
 \vdots \\
 z_{x-2} \\
 x_{t-1}
 \end{bmatrix}
 +
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 0 \\
 1
 \end{bmatrix}
 \varepsilon_t$$

$y_t = x_t + e_t$

- **ARIMA models:** $\phi(B)x_t = \theta(B) \varepsilon_t$

$$x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p x_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}.$$

Let $\phi(B)z_t = \varepsilon_t$ and $x_t = \theta(B)z_t$, then $\phi(B)x_t = \theta(B) \varepsilon_t$.

Assume $q < p$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{t-p+1} \\ z_{t-p+2} \\ \vdots \\ z_{t-1} \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \phi_p & \phi_{p-1} & \phi_{p-2} & \cdots & \phi_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{t-p} \\ z_{t-p+1} \\ \vdots \\ z_{t-2} \\ z_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t$$

and

$$x_t = [\theta_{p-1}, \theta_{p-2}, \dots, \theta_1, 1] \begin{bmatrix} z_{t-p+1} \\ z_{t-p} \\ \vdots \\ z_{t-1} \\ z_t \end{bmatrix}$$

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Under this model, we have

$$p(x_t \mid y_1, \dots, y_t) \sim N(\mu_t, \Sigma_t)$$

How to obtain μ_t and Σ_t (recursively)?

Two useful facts about joint Normal distribution

(1) If $(X, Y) \sim N((\mu_x, \mu_y), \Sigma)$, then

$$E(X | Y) = \mu_x - \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}(y - \mu_y)$$

$$V(X | Y) = \Sigma_{xx} - \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}\Sigma_{yx}$$

(2) If $X \sim N(\mu_x, \Sigma_x)$ and $Y = GX + Vv$ where $v \sim N(0, I)$, what is $p(X | Y) \propto p(Y | X)p(X)$?

First, find the joint distribution of $(X, Y) \sim N((\mu_x, \mu_y), \Sigma)$

$$\mu_x = \mu_x \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_{xx} = \Sigma_x$$

$$\mu_y = E[Y] = E[GX + Vv] = GE[X] = G\mu_x$$

$$\Sigma_{xy} = E[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)'] = E[(X - \mu_x)((X - \mu_x)'G' + v'V')] = \Sigma_x G'$$

$$\Sigma_{yx} = G\Sigma_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{yy} &= E[(Y - \mu_y)(Y - \mu_y)'] = E[G(X - \mu_x)(X - \mu_x)'G' + Vvv'V'] \\ &= G\Sigma_x G' + VV' \end{aligned}$$

Kalman Filter:

Suppose at time $t - 1$ we have obtained μ_{t-1} and Σ_{t-1} . That is,

$$p(x_{t-1} \mid y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) \sim N(\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}).$$

- Before we observe y_t , we can use the state equation to predict x_t . That is,

$$p(x_t \mid y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) \sim N(\mu_t^{t-1}, \Sigma_t^{t-1})$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_t \mid y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) &= \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) dx_{t-1} \\ &= \int p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}) p(x_{t-1} \mid y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) dx_{t-1} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$x_t = H_t x_{t-1} + W_t w_t, \quad \text{we have} \quad x_t \sim N(H_t \mu_{t-1}, H_t \Sigma_{t-1} H_t' + W_t W_t')$$

$$\text{Hence } \mu_t^{t-1} = H_t \mu_{t-1}, \quad \Sigma_t^{t-1} = H_t \Sigma_{t-1} H_t' + W_t W_t'$$

- The observation equation says:

$$y_t = G_t x_t + V_t v_t$$

It provides additional information about x_t — or correction to the prediction.

- Bayes Theorem

$$p(X | Y) \propto p(Y | X)p(X)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_t | y_1, \dots, y_t) &\propto p(y_t | x_t, y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})p(x_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) \\ &= p(y_t | x_t)p(x_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\mu_t = \mu_t^{t-1} + K_t(y_t - G_t \mu_t^{t-1}) \quad \Sigma_t = \Sigma_t^{t-1} - K_t G_t \Sigma_t^{t-1}$$

where $K_t = \Sigma_t^{t-1} G_t' [G_t' \Sigma_t^{t-1} G_t + V' V]^{-1}$.

Summary:

state equation: $x_t = H_t x_{t-1} + W_t w_t$ where $w_t \sim N(0, I)$

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Kalman Filter: $(\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1})$ to (μ_t, Σ_t)

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_t^{t-1} &= H_t \mu_{t-1} \\ \Sigma_t^{t-1} &= H_t \Sigma_{t-1} H_t' + W_t W_t' \\ \mu_t &= \mu_t^{t-1} + K_t (y_t - G_t \mu_t^{t-1}) \\ \Sigma_t &= \Sigma_t^{t-1} - K_t G_t \Sigma_t^{t-1}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$K_t = \Sigma_t^{t-1} G_t' [G_t' \Sigma_t^{t-1} G_t + V' V]^{-1}.$$

Note:

- Kalman filter can be used to calculate the likelihood function
- Hence often used as an estimation tool
- It can also do smoothing $p(x_t | y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and prediction $p(x_{t+d} | y_1, \dots, y_t)$.

For nonlinear systems: Use approximation

- Extended Kalman filter
- etc

Kalman Filter R implementation:

- *KalmanLike*
- *KalmanRun*
- *KalmanSmooth*
- *KalmanForecast*

1.3 Review: Basic Monte Carlo Methods

Statistical Inferences:

- **Distribution:** $p(\cdot, \theta)$ with unknown θ
- **Objective:** estimate θ .
- **Observe:** X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d.
- **Method:** M.L.E. or other

Monte Carlo Methods:

- **Distribution:** $p(\cdot, \theta)$ with known θ
- **Objective:** calculate $E(h(X))$
- **Generate:** X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d from $p(\cdot, \theta)$
- **Method:** $\sum_{i=1}^n h(X_i)/n$ (or improved version)

Simple methods of generating random samples:

(1) Transformation:

If $Y = f(X)$, and $x \sim X$, then $y = f(x) \sim Y$

- **Example: Normal(0,1):** $Y = \sqrt{-2\ln(X_1)}\cos(2X_2)$ where X_1, X_2 independent Uniform(0,1)
- **Example: Normal(μ, σ^2).** $Y = \mu + \sigma X$, where $X \sim N(0, 1)$
- **Example: χ_k^2 .** $Y = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2$, where $X_i \sim N(0, 1)$, independent.

(2) Inverse CDF:

If X has a cdf F , then $F(X) \sim U(0, 1)$.

If $F(x)$ is strictly increase (in the range)

then $F^{-1}(U) \sim X$ where $U \sim U(0, 1)$.

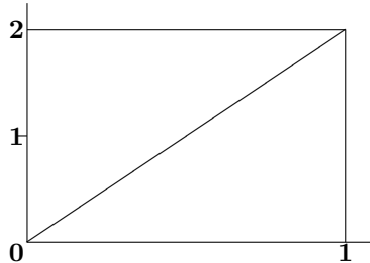
Example: pdf: $p(x) = 2x$, ($0 < x < 1$).

CDF: $F(x) = x^2$, $0 < x < 1$

Hence $X = \sqrt{U}$, $U \sim U(0, 1)$.

(3) Rejection method:

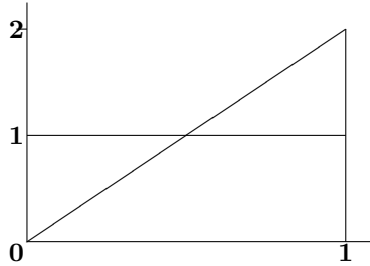
Example: pdf: $p(x) = 2x$, ($0 < x < 1$).



- Sample uniform points in the area.
- Accept the points under the density curve.
- The x-coordinate of the accepted points $\sim X$.

(4) Importance Sampling:

Example: pdf: $p(x) = 2x$, ($0 < x < 1$).



- In the over-presented area, down weight the sample.
- In the under-presented area, up weight the sample

How?

Target distribution π ; a sample x_1, \dots, x_m from g .

$$E_{\pi}(f(X)) = \int f(x)\pi(x)dx = \int f(x)\frac{\pi(x)}{g(x)}g(x)dx = E_g(f(X)w(X))$$

where $w(x) = \pi(x)/g(x)$.

We have

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w(x_i)f(x_i) \approx E_{\pi}(f(x))$$

Let weight $w_i \propto \pi(x_i)/g(x_i)$, we can use

$$\frac{1}{\sum w_i} \sum_{i=1}^m w_i f(x_i) \approx E_{\pi}(f(x))$$

Efficiency:

$$\text{effective sample size} = \frac{m}{1 + cv^2(w)}$$

Example: $m = 100$. use $U(0, 1)$: **ESS= 78; $N(0, 1)$: **ESS**= 24**

(5) Sequential Sampling $(X, Y) \sim p(x, y)$.

(i) : Sample $X = x$ from the marginal distribution $p(x) = \int p(x, y)dy$

(ii) : Sample $Y = y$ from the conditional distribution $p(y | X = x) = p(x, y)/p(x)$

Example:

$$(X, Y) \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

(i) $X = x$ from $N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$

(ii) $Y = y$ from $N(\mu_2 - \rho\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x - \mu_1), (1 - \rho)\sigma_2^2)$.

Example: Time Series $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + e_t$ where $e_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

(1) X_0 from $N(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)$ (often stationary dist)

(2) X_t from $N(\phi X_{t-1}, \sigma^2)$

(Augmentation:) Use sequential sampling when:
 $p_Y(y)$ is not easy, but $p_X(x)$ and $p(Y | X = x)$ are easy,

Example: $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_N$,

where X_i *i.i.d.* \sim *Bernolli*(p), and $N \sim$ *Poisson*(λ).

(i) **Sample** $N = n \sim$ *Poisson*(λ)

(ii) **Sample** Y from **Binomial**(n, p)

Example: $Y \sim pN(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2) + (1 - p)N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$

(i) **Sample** $I = i$ from **Bernoulli**(p)

(ii) **Sample** Y from $N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$

(6) Gibbs Sampler:

- $p(X, Y)$ difficult, but $p(X | Y)$ and $p(Y | X)$ easy
- Initial values: $X = x^{(0)}, Y = y^{(0)}$.

Iteratively for $i = 1, \dots$, do

(i) Sample $X = x^{(i+1)}$ from $p(X | Y = y^{(i)})$

(ii) Sample $Y = y^{(i+1)}$ from $p(Y | X = x^{(i+1)})$

- After a burn-out period: $i = 0, \dots, m$, the samples $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$, $i = m + 1, \dots$, are *correlated* samples from $p(X, Y)$.

Other more advanced Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods