

Multiple-model Filtering with Multiple Constraints

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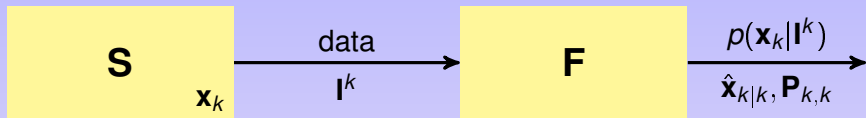
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- 3 Multiple-model Multiple-Constraint (MCon) filtering
- 4 Numerical illustration
- 5 Concluding remarks

Unconstrained MM Filtering



S: system

- behavior approx. by a set of M models Σ_i
 $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}_k^i(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) + \mathbf{g}_k^i(\mathbf{w}_k), p_i(\mathbf{x}_0), p(\mathbf{w}_k)$
- measured output
 $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{h}_k(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{v}_k, p(\mathbf{v}_k)$

F: filter

Aim of filtering

$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{I}^k)$ with state \mathbf{x}_k and measured data $\mathbf{I}^k = [\mathbf{z}^k, \mathbf{u}^{k-1}]$,

$\mathbf{z}^k \triangleq [\mathbf{z}_0^T, \mathbf{z}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{z}_k^T]^T$ and $\mathbf{u}^{k-1} \triangleq [\mathbf{u}_0^T, \mathbf{u}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}^T]^T$

Unconstrained nonlinear filtering methods

Linear systems

Kalman filter (KF)

Nonlinear systems

Local methods (validity within a small region)

- extended KF, unscented KF, etc.

Global methods (validity within almost whole state space)

- Analytical approach (Gaussian sum method)
- Monte Carlo approach (particle filters)
- Numerical approach (point-mass method)

Equality constraints

Reasons for considering constraints

- physical realizability
- technological limitations of the state variable
- kinematic constraints
- geometric considerations

Constraint specification

- $\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x}_k) = 0$ - nonlinear
- $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_k = 0$ - linear

Approaches for constraining the state estimate

description-modifying approach

- *reparametrization methods*: integrate the constraint into the system description by reparametrizing the system
- *pseudo-observation methods*: transform the constraint into a deterministic measurement equation

optimization approach

take into account the constraint during the estimation process and provide directly a constrained estimate, (single-step optimization)

Approaches for constraining the state estimate (cont.)

estimate-constraining approach

- *truncation methods*: trim the conditional pdf of the state with respect to constraints
- *projection methods*: propose a projection operator that transforms the estimate onto the constraint surface, (two-step optimization)

linear estimation	L/NL constraints	✓
nonlinear estimation	L constraints	✓
nonlinear estimation	L/NL constraints	missing

Goal of the paper

- to consider multiple equality constraints (generalization of the single constraint case)
- to design a global nonlinear filter for the multiple constraints case

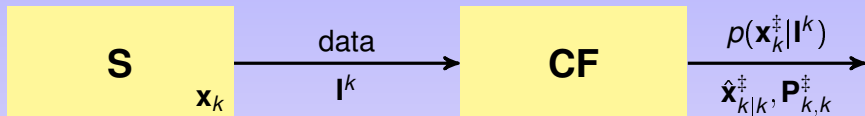
Choice for the **filtering** stage:

- **Gaussian sum filter** as a global analytical filter

Choice for **constraining** stage:

- **Two-step projection method** proposed in *S.J. Julier and J.J. LaViola. On Kalman Filtering with Nonlinear Equality Constraints. IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, 55(6), 2007.*

MM MCon problem specification



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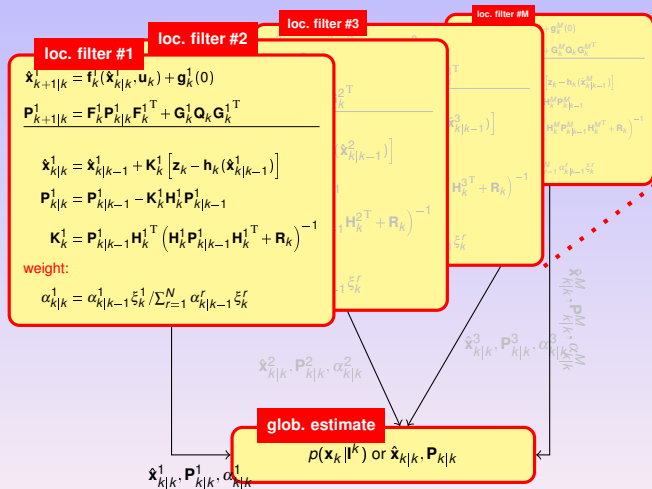
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- measured output
 $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{h}_k(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{v}_k, p(\mathbf{v}_k)$
- a set of N constraints: $\{\mathbf{c}_j(\mathbf{x}_k) = 0\}_{j=1}^N$

CF: constrained filter

Find

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{I}^k)$$

filtering stage – GSF solution



constraining stage – two-step projection method

Projection methods

based on projections π_j s.t. $\mathbf{c}_j(\pi_j(\mathbf{x}_k)) = 0$ for any $\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$

Two-step projection

Step 1: projecting the unconstrained estimate given by $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{I}^k)$ using π_j to $p_{\cdot,j}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_k^\dagger | \mathbf{I}^k)$

Step 2: projecting a point estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^\dagger$ from $p_{\cdot,j}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_k^\dagger | \mathbf{I}^k)$ (which for nonlinear constraints usually does not fulfill the constraint) onto the constraint surface to obtain $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^\ddagger$ s.t. $\mathbf{c}_j(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^\ddagger) = 0$

Projecting a Gaussian sum pdf – I

- Start with unconstrained RV \mathbf{x}_k given by

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{I}^k) = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_{k|k}^i \mathcal{N}\{\mathbf{x}_k; \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^i, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^i\},$$

- and project it using π_j to the constrained RV $\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger}$

$$p_{\cdot,j}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger} | \mathbf{I}^k) = p\left(\pi_j^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger}) | \mathbf{I}^k\right) / |\Pi_j|$$

(Π_j is Jacobian of π_j) which leads to

$$p_{\cdot,j}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger} | \mathbf{I}^k) = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_{k|k}^i p_{i,j}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger} | \mathbf{I}^k)$$

Projecting a Gaussian sum pdf – II

- keep reproducibility of the densities $p_{i,j}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger} | \mathbf{I}^k)$:

$$p_{i,j}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger} | \mathbf{I}^k) = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_{k|k}^i \mathcal{N}\{\mathbf{x}_k^{j\dagger}; \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{i,j\dagger}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{i,j\dagger}\},$$

Thus the first step consist in transforming

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{unconstrained} & & \text{constrained} \\ \{\alpha_{k|k}^i, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^i, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^i\}_{i=1}^M & \rightarrow & \{\alpha_{k|k}^i, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{i,j\dagger}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{i,j\dagger}\}_{i=1}^M \end{array}$$

- choose a point estimate of \mathbf{x}_k^{\dagger} and execute the second projection step

MM Mcon filtering - summary

Modes - obtained by combining models and constraints

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M \text{ models } \{\Sigma_i\}_{i=1}^M \\ N \text{ constraints } \{\mathbf{c}_j\}_{j=1}^N \end{array} \right\} M \cdot N \text{ modes } \{\langle \Sigma_i, \mathbf{c}_j \rangle\}_{i=1, j=1}^{M, N}$$

Correction of the weights

correcting the weight (not affected by the constraints yet) by replacing the unconstrained predictive mean and covariance matrix by their constrained counterparts $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}^{i,j\ddagger}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{i,j\ddagger}$ in the weight calculation

MM MCon filtering

mode 1,1

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1|k}^{1,1} = \mathbf{f}_k^{1,1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{1,1}, \mathbf{u}_k) + \mathbf{g}_k^{1,1}(0)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k}^{1,1} = \mathbf{F}_k^{1,1} \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{1,1} \mathbf{F}_k^{1,1T} + \mathbf{G}_k^{1,1} \mathbf{Q}_k \mathbf{G}_k^{1,1T}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{1,1} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}^{1,1} + \mathbf{K}_k^{1,1} [\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{h}_k(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}^{1,1})]$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{1,1} = \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{1,1} - \mathbf{K}_k^{1,1} \mathbf{H}_k^{1,1} \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{1,1}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_k^{1,1} = \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{1,1} \mathbf{H}_k^{1,1T} (\mathbf{H}_k^{1,1} \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{1,1} \mathbf{H}_k^{1,1T} + \mathbf{R}_k)^{-1}$$

projecting:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{1,1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{1,1} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{1,1\ddagger}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{1,1\ddagger}$$

weight: (corrected)

$$\alpha_{k|k}^{1,1\ddagger} = \alpha_{k|k-1}^{1,1\ddagger} \xi_k^{1,1\ddagger} / \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^M \alpha_{k|k-1}^{r,s\ddagger} \xi_k^{r,s\ddagger}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{1,1\ddagger}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{1,1\ddagger}, \alpha_{k|k}^{1,1\ddagger}$$

glob. estimate

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k^\ddagger | I^k) \text{ or } \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^\ddagger, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^\ddagger$$

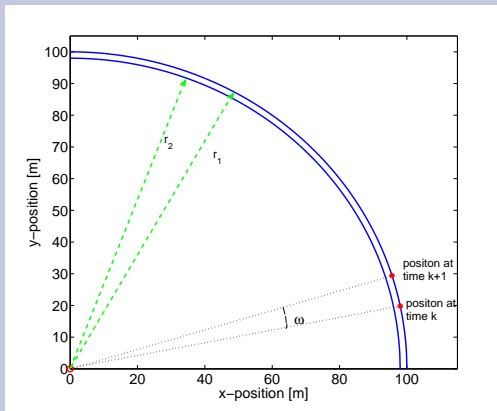
mode M,N

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}^{M,N}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k}^{M,N}, \alpha_{k|k}^{M,N}$$

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Numerical example - I (outline)

Positioning a vehicle along two circular road segments



Numerical example - II (model)

- constant angular velocity $\omega = 5.7$ degrees per second
- dynamics of the vehicle is modeled for estimation purposes using

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & T \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k + \begin{bmatrix} 0.5T^2 & 0 \\ T & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5T^2 \\ 0 & T \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{w}}_k,$$

- $\mathbf{x}_k = [x_{1,k}, x_{2,k}, x_{3,k}, x_{4,k}]^T = [x_k, \dot{x}_k, y_k, \dot{y}_k]^T$
- $M = 1$ models

Numerical example – III (measurement, constraints)

- measuring the position

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{v}_k,$$

- $N = 2$ constraints

$$c_j(\mathbf{x}_k) = x_{1,k}^2 + x_{3,k}^2 - r_j^2 = 0, \quad j = 1, 2$$

$$(r_1 = 100, r_2 = 98)$$

- corresponding projections

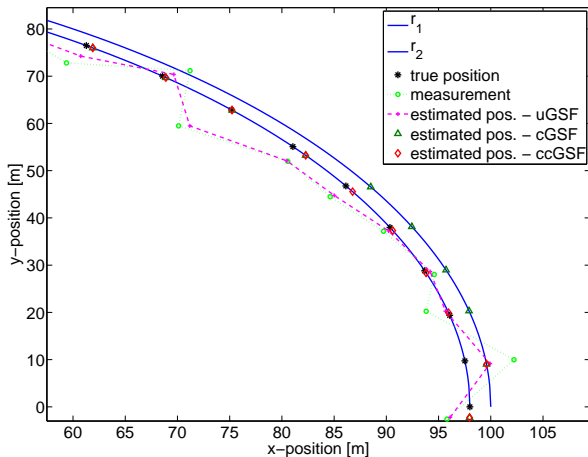
$$\pi_j(\mathbf{x}_k) = \left[\frac{x_{1,k} r_j}{\sqrt{x_{1,k}^2 + x_{3,k}^2}}, x_{2,k}, \frac{x_{3,k} r_j}{\sqrt{x_{1,k}^2 + x_{3,k}^2}}, x_{4,k} \right]^T$$

Numerical example – IV (filters)

- considered filters:
 - unconstrained GSF (**uGSF**)
 - constrained GSF with std. weights computation (**cGSF**)
 - constrained GSF with weights respecting constraints (**ccGSF**)
- criteria:
 - mean square-error (**MSE**)
 - correct road determination (**CRD**)

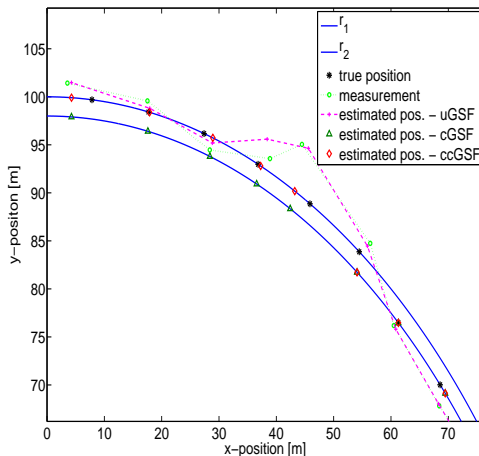
Numerical example – V (scenario 1 - no switching)

	MSE	CRD
uGSF	5.68	N/A
cGSF	3.98	40.03
ccGSF	2.76	58.06



Numerical example – VI (scenario 2 – switching)

	MSE	CRD
uGSF	5.96	N/A
cGSF	5.10	25.39
ccGSF	3.76	46.35



Concluding remarks

Conclusion

- A new multiple-model multiple-constraint filtering methods were proposed.
- It is a generalization of the two-step constraint application method, originally proposed in the Kalman filtering framework for a single constraint.
- The weight computation of the filter was analyzed and a correction to the computation was introduced.
- The performance of the proposed method is much better than that of the unconstrained Gaussian sum filter with only a slight increase of computational costs.