Ocean Uncertainty Quantification Summer School

Afternoon activity: build a Kalman filter

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- Goal is to adjust data, uncertainties, known/unknown assumptions etc. to see the impact on state reconstruction

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Model data

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- **y**(*t*): data vector
- **n**(t): noise vector

Combining the above gives form for observations/data,

 $\boldsymbol{y}(t) = \boldsymbol{E}\boldsymbol{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{n}(t)$

where *E* distributes entries of *x*

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}(t,-) = \boldsymbol{A}\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}(t-\Delta t) + \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{q}(t-\Delta t)$$

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Unknown forcing term

Three-mass spring oscillator

K2 K₃

Equations of motion

$$m\frac{d^{2}\xi_{1}}{dt^{2}} + k\xi_{1} + k(\xi_{1} - \xi_{2}) + r\frac{d\xi_{1}}{dt} = q_{1}(t)$$

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$$oldsymbol{x}(t) = egin{pmatrix} \xi_1(t) \ \xi_2(t) \ \xi_3(t) \ d\xi_1/dt \ d\xi_2/dt \ d\xi_3/dt \end{pmatrix}$$

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Forced solution



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$$\mathcal{E}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_4(t) \\ x_5(t) \\ x_6(t) \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} x_4(t) \\ x_5(t) \\ x_6(t) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix}^T \mathcal{K}_c \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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Stochastic part will be fully unknown

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