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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- $n(t)$: noise vector

Combining the above gives form for observations/data,

 $y(t) = Ex(t) + n(t)$

where **E** distributes entries of x

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Unknown forcing term

Three-mass spring oscillator

 K_{2} K_{3}

Equations of motion

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\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{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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Stochastic part will be fully unknown

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