

Discretization of Nonlinear Continuous-Time State-Space Models

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Recap: Discretization of Linear Dynamic Models

- ▶ Data is processed in a computer at t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n
- ▶ Discretization on $(t_{n-1}, t_n]$ corresponds to solving the integral on that interval
- ▶ The discretization of the linear SDE model

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}_u\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{B}_w\mathbf{w}(t)$$

is

$$\mathbf{x}_n = e^{\mathbf{A}(t_n - t_{n-1})}\mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}(t_n - t)}\mathbf{B}_u dt \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + \mathbf{q}_n$$

$$\mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}_n)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_n = \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}(t_n - \tau)}\mathbf{B}_w \Sigma_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top e^{\mathbf{A}^\top(t_n - \tau)} d\tau$$

- ▶ The discrete-time dynamic models are equivalent to the continuous-time models

Intended Learning Outcomes

After this lecture, you will be able to:

- ▶ discuss the differences between discretization of linear and nonlinear dynamic models
- ▶ explain two methods for discretizing nonlinear dynamic models: Discretization of linearized models and Euler–Maruyama discretization

Discretization of Nonlinear Dynamic Models

- ▶ Objective: Discretization of nonlinear models

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_u(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{u}(t)$$

and

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

- ▶ Problem: In most cases, no exact approach exists
- ▶ A few possible approaches:
 - ▶ Linearization of the nonlinear model followed by discretization
 - ▶ Approximation of the derivative (integral)
 - ▶ Exact integration (of at least the dynamics)
 - ▶ & many more...

Linearization of Nonlinear Models

- ▶ Nonlinear dynamic model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_u(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{u}(t)$$

- ▶ 1st order Taylor series approximation of $f(\mathbf{x}(t))$ around $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t_{n-1})$:

$$f(\mathbf{x}(t)) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{A}_x(\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_{n-1})$$

- ▶ Approximation of the ODE:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{A}_x(\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{B}_u\mathbf{u}(t)$$

Discretization of Linearized Models (1/2)

- ▶ Approximation of the ODE:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{A}_x(\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{B}_u \mathbf{u}(t)$$

- ▶ Rewritten approximation of the ODE

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \approx \mathbf{A}_x \mathbf{x}(t) + f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) - \mathbf{A}_x \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \mathbf{B}_u \mathbf{u}(t)$$

- ▶ Solution of the approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_n \approx & e^{\mathbf{A}_x \Delta t} \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \\ & - \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt \mathbf{A}_x \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} \mathbf{B}_u \mathbf{u}(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Discretization of Linearized Models (2/2)

- ▶ Solution of the approximation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_n \approx & e^{\mathbf{A}_x \Delta t} \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \\ & - \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt \mathbf{A}_x \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} \mathbf{B}_u \mathbf{u}(t) dt\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Simplified solution:

$$\mathbf{x}_n \approx \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} \mathbf{B}_u \mathbf{u}(t) dt$$

Discretization of Linearized Models (Stochastic)

- ▶ Stochastic nonlinear model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

- ▶ Discretization is the same as for the ODE model:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_n &\approx \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} \mathbf{B}_w \mathbf{w}(t) dt \\ &= \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{q}_n\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}_n),$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_n \approx \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-\tau)} \mathbf{B}_w \Sigma_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top e^{\mathbf{A}_x^\top(t_n-\tau)} d\tau$$

Properties of the Discretization

- ▶ Stochastic nonlinear model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

- ▶ Linearized model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{A}_x(\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{B}_w\mathbf{w}(t)$$

- ▶ Discretized model:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{q}_n$$

- ▶ Integration is exact, model is not
- ▶ **Discretization is not exact**
- ▶ Linearization is local, may cause problems

Example: Quasi-Constant Turn Model (1/5)

- Model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}^x(t) \\ \dot{p}^y(t) \\ \dot{v}(t) \\ \dot{\varphi}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v(t) \cos(\varphi(t)) \\ v(t) \sin(\varphi(t)) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}(t)$$

- Jacobian of $f(\mathbf{x}(t))$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_x &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cos(\varphi(t)) & -v(t) \sin(\varphi(t)) \\ 0 & 0 & \sin(\varphi(t)) & v(t) \cos(\varphi(t)) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) & -v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & 0 & \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) & v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Quasi-Constant Turn Model (2/5)

- ▶ Powers of A_x :

$$A_x^0 = I$$

$$A_x^1 = A_x$$

$$A_x^2 = 0$$

- ▶ Matrix exponential:

$$e^{A_x(t_n-t)} = I + A_x(t_n - t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cos(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) & -v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) \\ 0 & 1 & \sin(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) & v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Quasi-Constant Turn Model (3/5)

► Integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cos(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) & -v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) \\ 0 & 1 & \sin(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) & v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1})(t_n - t) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} dt \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 & -\frac{(t_n-t)^2}{2} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) & \frac{(t_n-t)^2}{2} v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & t & -\frac{(t_n-t)^2}{2} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) & -\frac{(t_n-t)^2}{2} v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & 0 & t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t \end{bmatrix} \Bigg|_{t=t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \Delta t & 0 & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) & -\frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & \Delta t & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \Delta t \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Quasi-Constant Turn Model (4/5)

- ▶ Discretized model:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{q}_n$$

- ▶ Second term:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta t & 0 & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) & -\frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & \Delta t & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) & \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \Delta t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \Delta t v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ \Delta t v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Quasi-Constant Turn Model (5/5)

- ▶ Discretized model:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{q}_n$$

- ▶ Discretization of Linearized Model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_n^x \\ p_n^y \\ v_n \\ \varphi_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{n-1}^x \\ p_{n-1}^y \\ v_{n-1} \\ \varphi_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta t v_{n-1} \cos(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ \Delta t v_{n-1} \sin(\varphi_{n-1}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{q}_n$$

- ▶ What about \mathbf{Q}_n ?

$$\mathbf{Q}_n \approx \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-\tau)} \mathbf{B}_w \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top e^{\mathbf{A}_x^\top(t_n-\tau)} d\tau$$

Rectangle Integral Approximation

Idea: Approximate the integral rather than the model

Euler Approximation

- ▶ Dynamic model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_u(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{u}(t)$$

- ▶ Integral equation:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} f(\mathbf{x}(t))dt + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_u(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{u}(t)dt$$

- ▶ Euler approximation:

$$\mathbf{x}_n \approx \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \Delta t f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \Delta t \mathbf{B}_u(\mathbf{x}_{n-1})\mathbf{u}_{n-1}.$$

Task: Euler–Maruyama Discretization

Task

Using the right rectangle approximation, find the Euler–Maruyama discretization of the model

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

Hint

- ▶ Define the integral over the stochastic process $\mathbf{w}(t)$ as a random variable \mathbf{q}_n and find its properties

Vote for one of the following solutions at
<https://preemo.aalto.fi/sensorfusion>:

A $\mathbf{x}_n \approx \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \Delta t f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \Delta t \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \mathbf{q}_n, \mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_w)$

B $\mathbf{x}_n \approx \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \Delta t f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \mathbf{q}_n, \mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_w)$

C $\mathbf{x}_n \approx \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \Delta t f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \sqrt{\Delta t} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \mathbf{q}_n, \mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_w)$

Euler–Maruyama Discretization (1)

- ▶ Stochastic dynamic model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

- ▶ Integral representation:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} f(\mathbf{x}(t))dt + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)dt$$

- ▶ Process noise definition:

$$\mathbf{q}_n \triangleq \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)dt$$

Mean of the Process Noise

- ▶ Process noise:

$$\mathbf{q}_n \triangleq \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \mathbf{w}(t) dt$$

- ▶ Mean:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{q}_n\} &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \mathbf{w}(t) dt \right\} \\ &= \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{w}(t)\} dt \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Covariance of the Process Noise (1/2)

- ▶ Process noise:

$$\mathbf{q}_n \triangleq \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \mathbf{w}(t) dt$$

- ▶ Covariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}\{\mathbf{q}_n\} &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left(\int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w \mathbf{w}(t) dt \right) \left(\int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w \mathbf{w}(\tau) d\tau \right)^\top \right\} \\ &= \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{w}(t) \mathbf{w}(\tau)^\top\} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))^\top d\tau dt \\ &= \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \delta(t - \tau) \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))^\top d\tau dt \\ &= \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top(\mathbf{x}(t)) dt \end{aligned}$$

Covariance of the Process Noise (2/2)

- ▶ Covariance:

$$\text{Cov}\{\mathbf{q}_n\} = \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))^\top d\tau$$

- ▶ Rectangle approximation of the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}\{\mathbf{q}_n\} &= \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t)) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top(\mathbf{x}(t)) d\tau \\ &\approx \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) (t_n - t_{n-1}) \\ &= \Delta t \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \\ &\triangleq \mathbf{Q}_n \end{aligned}$$

Euler–Maruyama Discretization (2)

- ▶ Dynamic model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

- ▶ Euler–Maruyama discretization:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \Delta t f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{q}_n$$

with $\mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}_n)$, $\mathbf{Q}_n \approx \Delta t \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1})^\top$

- ▶ ...or equivalently:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \Delta t f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \sqrt{\Delta t} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \mathbf{q}_n$$

with $\mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w)$

- ▶ Discretization is not exact

Summary (1/2)

- ▶ Nonlinear dynamic model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

- ▶ General solution:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1})dt + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)dt$$

- ▶ Discretization of the linearized model:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w\mathbf{w}(t) \\ &\approx f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{A}_x(\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{B}_w\mathbf{w}(t)\end{aligned}$$

⇓

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-t)} dt f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{q}_n$$

with

$$\mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}_n), \quad \mathbf{Q}_n \approx \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} e^{\mathbf{A}_x(t_n-\tau)} \mathbf{B}_w \Sigma_w \mathbf{B}_w^\top e^{\mathbf{A}_x^\top(t_n-\tau)} d\tau$$

Summary (2/2)

- ▶ Euler–Maruyama discretization:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{w}(t)$$

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$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \Delta t f(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{q}_n$$

with

$$\mathbf{q}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}_n),$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_n \approx \Delta t \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{x}_{n-1})^\top.$$

Announcements

- ▶ Peer-review of intermediate report due Friday, November 5, 2018
- ▶ Mid-term survey results are in

