



# Fundamentals of Kalman Filtering – A Practical Approach

1–2 November 2007

Presenter: Mr Paul Zarchan

Mawson Lakes, SA

## About Fundamentals of Kalman Filtering – A Practical Approach

In this intensive **2-day** course a pragmatic and non intimidating approach is taken in showing participants how to build both linear and extended Kalman filters by using numerous simplified but non trivial examples. Sometimes mistakes are intentionally introduced in some filter designs in order to show what happens when a Kalman filter is not working properly. Design examples are approached in several different ways in order to show that filtering solutions are not unique and also to illustrate various design tradeoffs. The course is constructed so that participants with varied learning styles will find the courses practical approach to filter design to be both useful and refreshing.

Managers, scientists, mathematicians, engineers and programmers at all levels who work with or need to learn about Kalman filtering. No background in Kalman filtering is assumed. The heuristic arguments and numerous examples will give managers an appreciation for Kalman filtering so that they can interact effectively with specialists. Engineers and programmers will find the detailed course material and many source code listings invaluable for both learning and reference.

## Brief Course Outline

**Numerical Techniques:** Presentation of required background for working with Kalman filters;

**Method of Least Squares:** How to build a batch processing least squares filter;

**Recursive Least Squares Filtering:** How to make batch processing least squares filter recursive;

**Polynomial Kalman Filters:** How to apply Kalman filtering and Riccati equations with several examples;

**Kalman Filters in a Non Polynomial World:** How polynomial Kalman filters perform when they are mismatched to real world;

**Continuous Polynomial Kalman Filter:** Examples of how continuous filters can be used to help understand discrete filters;

**Extended Kalman Filtering:** How to apply extended filtering and Riccati equations to a practical example; Showing what can go wrong with several different design approaches;

**Drag and Falling Object:** Designing two different extended filters for this problem;

**Cannon Launched Projectile Tracking Problem:** Developing extended filters in the Cartesian and polar coordinate systems and comparing performance; Comparing extended and linear Kalman filters in terms of performance and robustness;

**Miscellaneous Topics:** Detecting filter divergence in the real world and a practical illustration of inertial aiding.

## About the Presenter

**Mr Paul Zarchan** has more than 40 years of experience designing, analyzing, and evaluating missile guidance systems. He has worked as Principal Engineer for Raytheon Missile Systems Division, has served as Senior Research Engineer with the Israel Ministry of Defense and was a Principal Member of the Technical Staff for C.S. Draper Laboratory. Mr. Zarchan is currently a Member of the Technical Staff at MIT Lincoln Laboratory and is working on problems related to missile defense.

The course will be conducted from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Morning tea will be available at approximately 10.00am to 10.30am, lunch from 12.30pm to 1.30pm and afternoon tea at approximately 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

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