

**C7.3.** The state estimation equation in the discrete Kalman filter is

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(n|n) = \mathbf{A}(n-1)\hat{\mathbf{x}}(n-1|n-1) + \mathbf{K}(n)\left[\mathbf{y}(n) - \mathbf{C}(n)\mathbf{A}(n-1)\hat{\mathbf{x}}(n-1|n-1)\right]$$

Thus, given the state transition matrix  $\mathbf{A}(n)$  and the observation matrix  $\mathbf{C}(n)$ , all that is required is the Kalman gain  $\mathbf{K}(n)$ . Since the Kalman gain does not depend upon the state  $\mathbf{x}(n)$  or the observations  $\mathbf{y}(n)$ , the Kalman gain may be computed off-line prior to filtering.

- (a) Write a MATLAB program `gain.m` to compute the Kalman gain  $\mathbf{K}(n)$  for a stationary process with

$$\mathbf{x}(n) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(n-1) + \mathbf{w}(n)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(n) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(n) + \mathbf{v}(n)$$

- (b) Suppose that  $x(n)$  is a third-order autoregressive process

$$x(n) = -0.1x(n-1) - 0.09x(n-2) + 0.648x(n-3) + w(n)$$

where  $w(n)$  is unit variance white noise, and that the observations are

$$y(n) = x(n) + v(n)$$

where  $v(n)$  is white noise with a variance  $\sigma_v^2 = 0.64$ . What initialization should you use for  $P(0|0)$ ? Using this initialization, find the Kalman gain  $\mathbf{K}(n)$  for  $n = 0$  to  $n = 10$ .

- (c) What is the steady-state value for the Kalman gain? How is it affected by the initialization  $P(0|0)$ ?
- (d) Generate the processes  $x(n)$  and  $y(n)$  in part (b) and use your Kalman filter to estimate  $x(n)$  from  $y(n)$ . Plot your estimate and compare it to  $x(n)$ .
- (e) Repeat parts (b) and (d) for the process

$$x(n) = -0.95x(n-1) - 0.9025x(n-2) + w(n) - w(n-1)$$

where  $w(n)$  is unit variance white noise, and the observations are

$$y(n) = x(n) + v(n)$$

where  $v(n)$  is white noise with a variance  $\sigma_v^2 = 0.8$ .