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The problem of estimating a K-dimensional subspace of an N-dimensional vector space from M > K noisy measurement vectors arises in numerous multi-sensor remote sensing applications, including multistatic radar and electronic surveillance. This work regards developed subspace estimators (in any context) as elements of the Grassmannian G(K, N). This work further assumes the subspace of interest evolves on G(K, N) in time according to a discrete-time dynamical system, i.e., the subspace at time t+1 is obtained from the subspace at time t by action of an element of SO(N) that is comprised of a fixed, known element and a perturbation element that is distributed in a small neighborhood of the identity. At each time, an estimate of the subspace is formed from M noisy measurement vectors observed at that time. A stochastic filter that combines the estimate from data collected at time t and estimates from times t-1, t-2,...,0 is proposed. The performance of this proposed filter is examined as a function of the measurement noise and the noise in the system dynamics. It is shown to provide substantially better estimation accuracy at time t>0 than an estimator that uses only data collected at time t. (Received September 25, 2018)