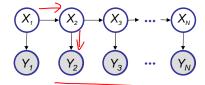


State space models (SSM):



• A sequential FA or a continuous state HMM



$$\begin{split} & \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{t} = A\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + Gw_{t}}_{t} \\ & \underbrace{\mathbf{y}_{t} = C\mathbf{x}_{t} + \mathbf{y}_{t}}_{w_{t}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \underline{Q}), \quad v_{t} \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \underline{R}) \\ & \mathbf{x}_{0} \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \Sigma_{0}), \end{split}$$

This is a linear dynamic system.

• In general,

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_{t} = f(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) + G\mathbf{w}_{t}}{\mathbf{y}_{t} = g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{v}_{t}} \quad \Im(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t}) + \forall t$$

where f is an (arbitrary) dynamic model, and g is an (arbitrary) observation model

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LDS for 2D tracking



Dynamics: new position = old position + Δ×velocity + noise (constant velocity model, Gaussian noise)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Positions} & \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} x_t^1 \\ x_t^2 \\ \dot{x}_t^1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{0} & \frac{0}{\Delta} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{t-1}^1 \\ x_{t-1}^2 \\ \dot{x}_{t-1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{ll} \frac{1}{\Delta} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} + \Delta & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta_{t-1$$

 Observation: project out first two components (we observe Cartesian position of object - linear!)

$$\checkmark \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{t}^{1} \\ \mathbf{y}_{t}^{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{t}^{1} \\ \mathbf{x}_{t}^{2} \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t}^{1} \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t}^{2} \end{pmatrix} + \text{noise}$$

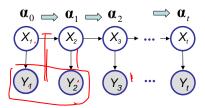
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The inference problem 1



- Filtering \rightarrow given $\mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_t$, estimate \mathbf{x}_t : $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}_t)$
 - The Kalman filter is a way to perform exact online inference (sequential) Bayesian updating) in an LDS.
 - It is the Gaussian analog of the forward algorithm for HMMs:

$$p(\mathbf{X}_t = i \mid \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \underbrace{\alpha_t^i}_{t} \propto p(\mathbf{y}_t \mid \mathbf{X}_t = i) \sum_{j} p(\mathbf{X}_t = i \mid \mathbf{X}_{t-1} = j) \alpha_{t-1}^j$$

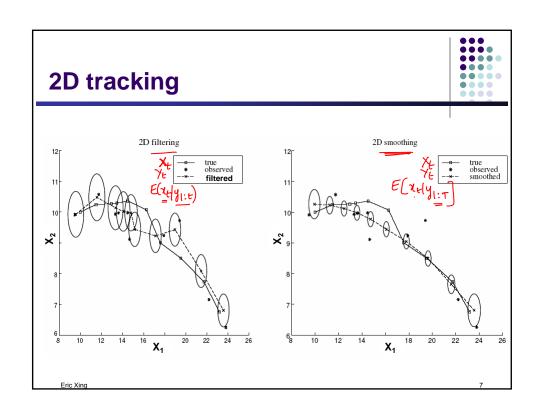


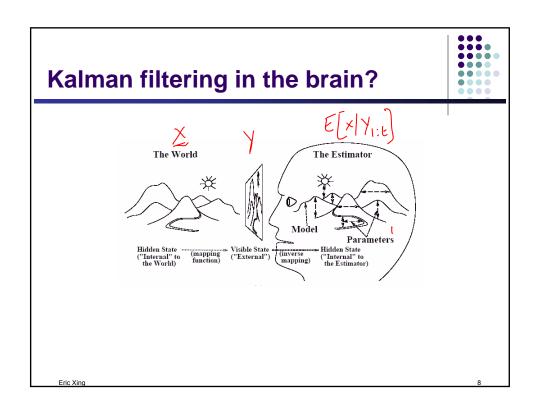
The inference problem 2



- Smoothing \rightarrow given $\underline{y_1, ..., y_T}$ estimate $\underline{x_t}(t < \underline{T})$ $P(\tau_t | y_1, \underline{\tau}) = \gamma_t(x)$
 - The Rauch-Tung-Strievel smoother is a way to perform exact off-line plant to Couseian analog of the forwardsbackwards (alpha-gamma) algorithm:

$$p(\mathbf{X}_{t} = i \mid \mathbf{y}_{1:T}) = \underbrace{\gamma_{t}^{i}}_{t} \propto \sum_{j} \underbrace{\alpha_{t}^{i} P(X_{t+1}^{j} \mid X_{i}^{j}) \gamma_{t+1}^{j}}_{t}$$





Kalman filtering derivation



- Since all CPDs are linear Gaussian, the system defines a large multivariate Gaussian.
 - Hence all marginals are Gaussjan.
 - Hence we can represent the belief state $p(X_t|y_{1:t})$ as a Gaussian
 - mean $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t} \equiv E(\mathbf{X}_{t} | \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t})$ $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t} := \mathbf{x} \in (\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}_{1}, t)$ covariance $P_{t|t} \equiv E(\mathbf{X}_{t} \mathbf{X}_{t}^{T} | \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t})$ $P(\mathbf{x}_{t} | \mathbf{y}_{1}, t)$
 - Hence, instead of marginalization for message passing, we will directly estimate the means and covariances of the required marginals
 - It is common to work with the inverse covariance (precision) matrix P_{rtr}^{-1} ; this is called information form.

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Kalman filtering derivation



- Kalman filtering is a recursive procedure to update the belief state:
 ρ(χ_ε(y_{1:ε}) → ρ(χ_{ε+ι} | y_{1:ε+ι})
 - Predict step: compute $p(X_{t+1}|y_{1:t})$ from prior belief $p(X_t|y_{1:t})$ and dynamical model $p(X_{t+1}|X_t)$ --- time update



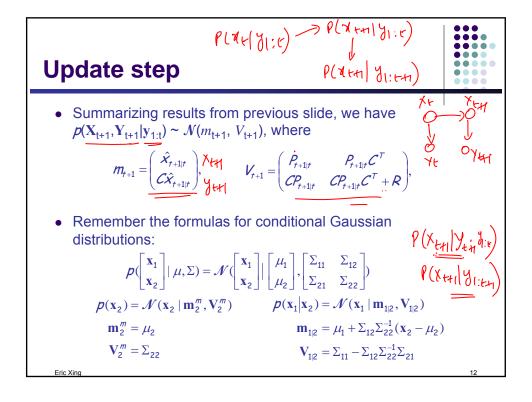
• Update step: compute new belief $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{y}_{1:t+1})$ from prediction $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{y}_{1:t})$, observation \mathbf{y}_{t+1} and observation model $p(\mathbf{y}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_{t+1})$ --- measurement update



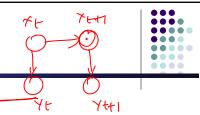
$$P(x_{t+1}|y_{1:t}) = \underset{x_{t}}{\overset{\text{\neq}}{\underset{\text{\neq}}{\text{\neq}}}} P(x_{t+1},x_{t}|y_{1:t}) = \underset{x_{t}}{\overset{\text{\neq}}{\underset{\text{\neq}}{\text{\neq}}}} P(x_{t+1}|x_{t}) P(x_{t}|y_{1:t}) \\ = \underset{x_{t}}{\overset{\text{\neq}}{\underset{\text{\neq}}{\text{\neq}}}} P(x_{t+1}|x_{t}) P(x_{t}|y_{1:t}) \\ \times P(x_{t+1}|y_{1:t},y_{t+1}) P(x_{t+1}|y_{1:t}) \\ \times P(x_{t+1}|y_{1:t},x_{t+1}) P(x_{t+1}|y_{1:t}) \\ \times P(x_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) P(x_{t+1}|y_{1:t})$$

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Predict step • Dynamical Model: $x_{r+1} = Ax_r + Gw_r$, $w_r \sim \mathcal{N}(0; Q)$ • One step ahead prediction of state: $\mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{1:t} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{1:t} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_{t+1} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[x_{t+1} | y_{t+1} | y_$



Kalman Filter



· Measurement updates:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t+1} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} + \underline{K}_{t+1} (\mathbf{y}_{t+1} - \mathbf{C}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})$$

$$P_{t+1|t+1} = P_{t+1|t} - K_{t+1}CP_{t+1|t}$$

• where K_{t+1} is the Kalman gain matrix

$$K_{t+1} = P_{t+1|t}C^{T}(CP_{t+1|t}C^{T} + R)^{-1}$$

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Example of KF in 1D



 Consider noisy observations of a 1D particle doing a random walk:

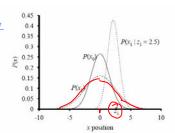
$$x_{t \mid t-1} = \underbrace{x_{t-1} + w}_{t}, \ \ w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_x) \qquad z_t = x_t + v, \ \ v \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_z)$$

• KF equations: $P_{t+1|t} = AP_{t|t}A^T + GQG^T = \sigma_t + \sigma_x$, $\hat{x}_{t+1|t} = A\hat{x}_{t/t} = \hat{x}_{t/t}$

$$K_{t+1} = P_{t+1|t}C^T(CP_{t+1|t}C^T + R)^{-l} = (\sigma_t + \sigma_x)(\sigma_t + \sigma_x + \sigma_z)$$

$$\hat{x}_{t+1|t+1} = \hat{x}_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1}(z_{t+1} - C\hat{x}_{t+1|t}) = \frac{(\sigma_t + \sigma_x)z_{t+1} + \sigma_z\hat{x}_{t|t}}{\sigma_t + \sigma_x + \sigma_z}$$

$$P_{t+1|t+1} = P_{t+1|t} - KCP_{t+1|t} = \frac{\left(\sigma_t + \sigma_x\right)\sigma_z}{\sigma_t + \sigma_x + \sigma_z}$$



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KF intuition



• The KF update of the mean is

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$$\hat{x}_{t+1|t+1} = \hat{x}_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1}(z_{t+1} - C\hat{x}_{t+1|t}) = \frac{(\sigma_t + \sigma_x(z_{t+1}) + \sigma_z(\hat{x}_{t+1}) + \sigma_z(\hat{x}_{t+1})}{\sigma_t + \sigma_x + \sigma_z}$$

- the term $(Z_{t+1} C\hat{X}_{t+1|t})$ is called the *innovation*
- New belief is convex combination of updates from prior and observation, weighted by Kalman Gain matrix:

$$K_{t+1} = P_{t+1|t}C^{T}(CP_{t+1|t}C^{T} + R)^{-1} = (\sigma_{t} + \sigma_{x})(\sigma_{t} + \sigma_{x} + \sigma_{z})$$

- If the observation is unreliable, σ_z (i.e., R) is large so K_{t+1} is small, so we pay more attention to the prediction.
- If the old prior is unreliable (large σ_t) or the process is very unpredictable (large σ_x), we pay more attention to the observation.

KF, RLS and LMS



• The KF update of the mean is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{t+1|t+1} = A\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{t|t} + K_{t+1}(\boldsymbol{y}_{t+1} - C\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{t+1|t})$$

- Consider the special case where the hidden state is a constant, $x_t = \theta$, but the "observation matrix" C is a timevarying vector, $C = x_t^T$.
 - Hence the observation model at each time slide, $y_t = x_t^T \theta + v_t$, is a
- We can estimate recursively using the Kalman filter:

$$\hat{\theta}_{t+1} = \hat{\theta}_t + P_{t+1} R^{-1} (\textbf{\textit{y}}_{t+1} - \textbf{\textit{X}}_t^T \hat{\theta}_t) \textbf{\textit{X}}_t$$
 This is called the recursive least squares (RLS) algorithm.

- We can approximate $P_{t+1}R^{-1} \approx \eta_{t+1}$ by a scalar constant. This is called the least mean squares (LMS) algorithm.
- We can adapt η_t online using stochastic approximation theory.

Complexity of one KF step



- Let $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$ and $Y_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$,
- Computing $P_{t+1|t} = AP_{t|t}A^T + GQG^T$ takes $O(N_x^3)$ time, assuming dense P and dense A.
- Computing $\underline{K_{t+1}} = P_{t+1|t}C^T(\underline{CP_{t+1|t}C^T + R)}^{-1}$ takes $O(N_y^3)$ time.
- So overall time is, in general, max $\{N_\chi^{-3}, N_\chi^{-3}\}$

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The inference problem 2



- Smoothing \rightarrow given $y_1, ..., y_T$, estimate $x_t (t < T)$ $\ell(x_t | y_1 : +)$
 - The Rauch-Tung-Strievel smoother is a way to perform exact off-line inference in an LDS. It is the Gaussian analog of the forwardsbackwards (alpha-gamma) algorithm:

$$p(X_{t} = i \mid y_{1:T}) = \gamma_{t}^{i} \propto \sum_{j} \alpha_{t}^{i} P(X_{t+1}^{j} \mid X_{i}^{j}) \gamma_{t+1}^{j}$$

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- Smoothing \rightarrow given $y_1, ..., y_T$, estimate $P(x_t|y_{1:T})$ (t<T)
 - Step 1: joint distribution of x_t and \underline{x}_{t+1} conditioned on $y_{1:t}$

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• Use $x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Gw_t$; $w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0;Q)$;

$$E\left(\frac{\chi_t}{y_1:t}\right) = \hat{\chi}_{t|t} + E\left(\frac{\chi_t}{y_1:t}\right) = \hat{\chi}_{t+1|t}$$

$$E\left(\frac{\chi_t}{x_t} - \hat{\chi}_{t|t}\right) \left(\frac{\chi_{t+1}}{x_t} - \hat{\chi}_{t+1|t}\right) \left(\frac{\chi_{t+1}}{y_1:t}\right) = \hat{\chi}_{t+1|t}$$

$$= E\left(\frac{\chi_t}{x_t} - \hat{\chi}_{t|t}\right) \left(\frac{\chi_t}{x_t} - \hat{\chi}_{t|t}\right) \left(\frac{\chi_t}{x_t} - \hat{\chi}_{t+1|t}\right) + G(x_t) + G(x_t)$$

$$= P_{t|t} A^T$$

$$E\left(\frac{\chi_t}{x_{t+1}} - \hat{\chi}_{t+1|t}\right) \left(\frac{\chi_t}{x_t} - \hat{\chi}_{t+1|t}\right) + G(x_t)$$

$$= A \ell_{t|t} A^T + G(x_t)$$

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RTS smoother derivation



 Following the results from previous slide, we need to derive $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) \sim \mathcal{N}(m, V)$, where

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_{t|\mathbf{y}}}{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t} \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} P_{t|t} & P_{t|t} \mathbf{A}^T \\ AP_{t|t} & P_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{t} \mid \mathbf{y}_{t+1|t} \\ \mathbf{x}_{t+1|t} \mid \mathbf{x}_{t} \end{cases}$$

- all the quantities here are available after a forward KF pass
- Remember the formulas for conditional Gaussian distributions:

$$\begin{split} \rho \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} | \mu, \Sigma \right) &= \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} | \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right) \,, & & & & & & & \\ \rho \left(\mathbf{x}_2) &= \mathcal{N} \left(\mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{m}_2^m, \mathbf{V}_2^m \right) \\ \mathbf{m}_2^m &= \mu_2 & & & & \\ \mathbf{v}_2^m &= \Sigma_{22} & & & & \\ \mathbf{v}_{12} &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-12} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mu_2) \\ \mathbf{v}_{12} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-12} \Sigma_{21} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
P(X_{t} | X_{t+1}, Y_{0:t}) & = & \hat{x}_{t|t} + \underline{L}_{t}(x_{t+1} - \hat{x}_{t+1|t}) \\
Var[x_{t} | x_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{0:t}] & = & \overline{P_{t|t}} - \overline{L}_{t} P_{t+1|t} L_{t}^{T} & L_{t} = \underline{P_{t|t}} A^{T} P_{t+1|t}^{-1}
\end{array}$$

RTS smoother derivation



$$E[x_t|x_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{0:t}] = \hat{x}_{t|t} + \underbrace{L_t(x_{t+1} - \hat{x}_{t+1|t})}_{\text{Var}[x_t|x_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{0:t}]} = P_{t|t} - \underbrace{L_tP_{t+1|t}L_t^T}_{t}$$



- Step 2: compute $\hat{x}_{t|T} = E[x_t|\mathbf{y}_{0:T}]$ using results above
 - $\begin{array}{ll} \bullet & \text{Use } E[x_t|x_{t+1},\mathbf{y}_{0:T}] = E[x_t|x_{t+1},\mathbf{y}_{0:t}] \\ \bullet & \text{Use E[X|Z] = E[E[X|Y,Z]|Z]} \end{array}$

$$\hat{\lambda}_{t|T} = E\left[E\left(\chi_{t}|\chi_{t+1}, y_{0:T}\right)|y_{0:T}\right]$$

$$= E\left[E\left(\chi_{t}|\chi_{t+1}, y_{0:t}\right)|y_{0:T}\right]$$

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$$= E\left[\chi_{t}|\chi_{t+1}, y_{0:t}\right]|y_{0:T}\right]$$

$$= \chi_{t|t} + L_{t}\left(\chi_{t+1} - \chi_{t+1|t}\right)|y_{0:T}\right]$$

$$= \chi_{t|t} + L_{t}\left(\chi_{t+1} - \chi_{t+1|t}\right)$$

$$P\left(\chi_{t}|\chi_{t+1}, y_{1:t}\right) \longrightarrow P\left(\chi_{t}|y_{1:T}\right)$$



- **RTS** derivation
 - Refer to Jordan chapter 15

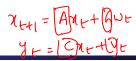
Repeat the same process for Variance

The RTS smoother results:

$$\hat{x}_{t|T} = \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t}}_{t} + L_t (\underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|T} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t}}_{t})$$

$$P_{t|T} = P_{t|t} + L_t (P_{t+1|T} - P_{t+1|t}) L_t^T$$

Learning SSMs





• Complete log likelihood

$$\begin{split} \underline{\ell_{c}(\theta, D)} &= \sum_{n} \log p(x_{n}, y_{n}) = \sum_{n} \log p(x_{1}) + \sum_{n} \sum_{t} \log p(x_{n,t} \mid x_{n,t-1}) + \sum_{n} \sum_{t} \log p(y_{n,t} \mid x_{n,t}) \\ &= f_{1}(X_{1}; \Sigma_{0}) + f_{2}(X_{1}, X_{1}, X_{$$

- EM
 - E-step: compute $\langle X_{r}, X_{r-1}^{T} \rangle, \langle X_{r}, X_{r}^{T} \rangle, \langle X_{r} \rangle \mid y_{1}, \dots, y_{T}$

these quantities can be inferred via KF and RTS filters, etc., e,g., $\langle X_t X_t^T \rangle = var(X_t X_t^T) + E(X_t)^2 = P_{t|T} + \hat{X}_{t|T}^2$

• M-step: MLE using $\langle \underline{\ell}_{\epsilon}(\theta, D) \rangle = f_{1}(\langle X_{1} \rangle; \Sigma_{0}) + f_{2}(\langle X_{r} X_{r-1}^{T} \rangle, \langle X_{r} X_{r}^{T} \rangle, \langle X_{r} \rangle; \forall \, t); A, Q, G) + f_{3}(\langle X_{r} X_{r}^{T} \rangle, \langle X_{r} \rangle; \forall \, t); C, R)$ c.f., M-step in factor analysis

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Nonlinear systems



 In robotics and other problems, the motion model and the observation model are often nonlinear:

$$x_t = f(x_{t-1}) + w_t$$
, $y_t = g(x_t) + v_t$

- An optimal closed form solution to the filtering problem is no longer possible.
- The nonlinear functions f and g are sometimes represented by neural networks (multi-layer perceptrons or radial basis function networks).
- The parameters of f and g may be learned offline using EM, where we do gradient descent (back propagation) in the M step, c.f. learning a MRF/CRF with hidden nodes.
- Or we may learn the parameters online by adding them to the state space: $x'_t = (x_t, \theta)$. This makes the problem even more nonlinear.

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Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

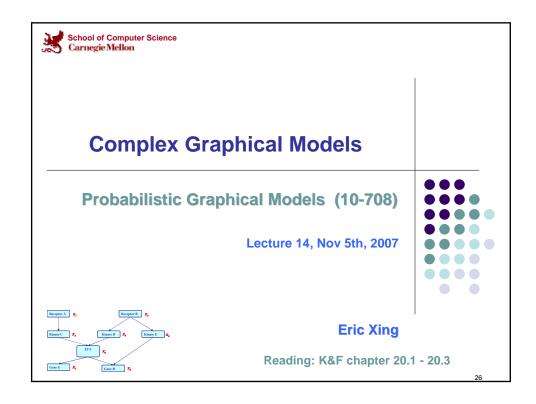


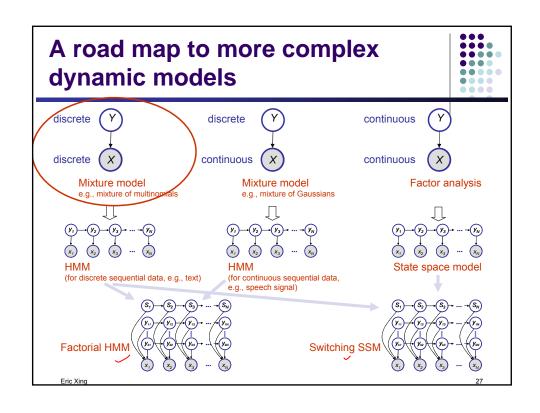
- The basic idea of the EKF is to linearize f and g using a second order Taylor expansion, and then apply the standard KF.
 - i.e., we approximate a stationary nonlinear system with a non-stationary linear system.

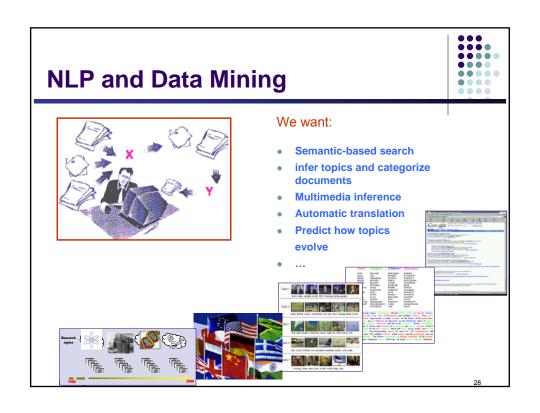
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_{t} &= f(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1|t-1}) + A_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1|t-1}}(\mathbf{X}_{t-1} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1|t-1}) + \mathbf{W}_{t} \\ \mathbf{y}_{t} &= g(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t|t-1}) + C_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t|t-1}}(\mathbf{X}_{t} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t|t-1}) + \mathbf{V}_{t} \\ \text{where } \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t|t-1} &= f(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1|t-1}) \text{ and } A_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \bigg|_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}} \text{ and } C_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \bigg|_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}} \end{aligned}$$

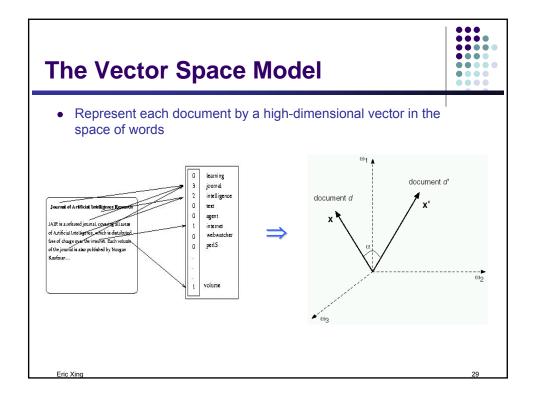
• The noise covariance (*Q* and *R*) is not changed, i.e., the additional error due to linearization is not modeled.

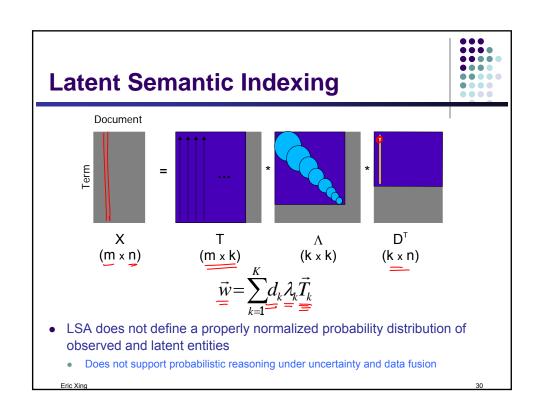
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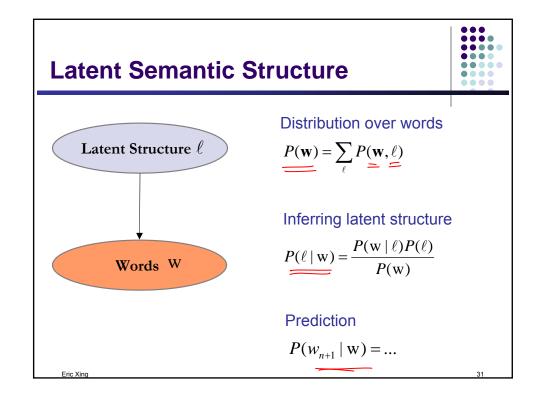


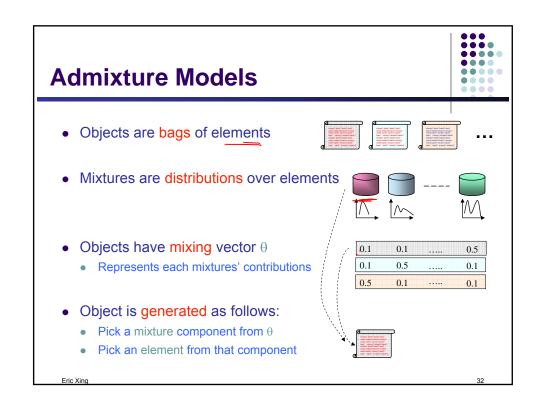


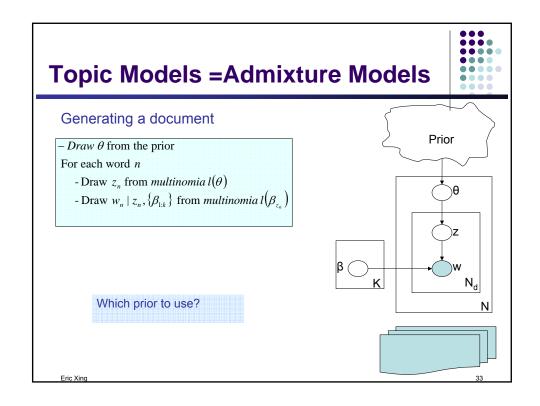










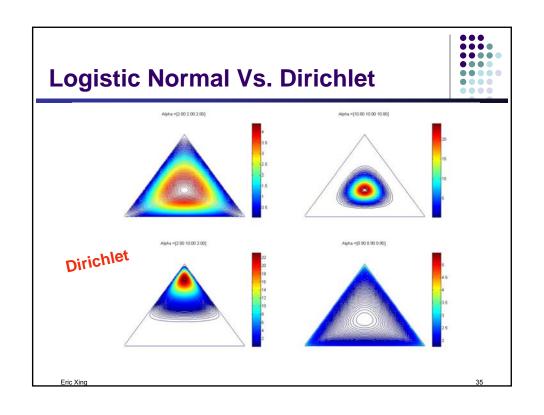


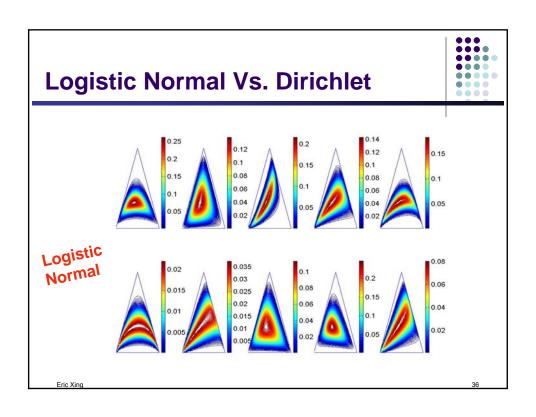
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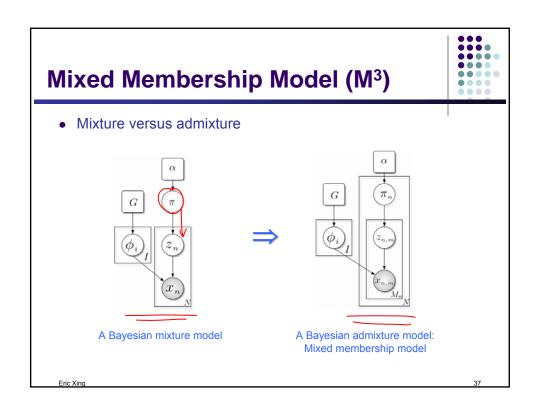


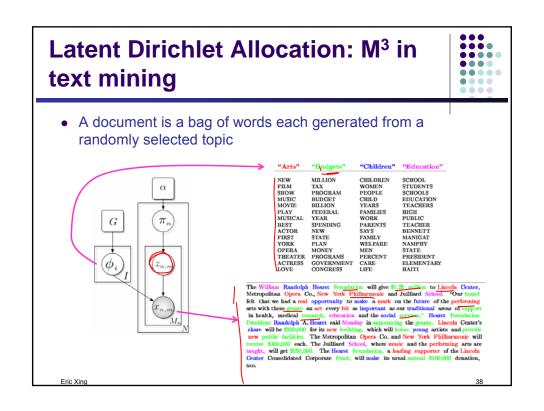
- Dirichlet (LDA) (Blei et al. 2003)
 - Conjugate prior means efficient inference
 - Can only capture variations in each topic's intensity independently
- Logistic Normal (CTM=LoNTAM) (Blei & Lafferty 2005, Ahmed & Xing 2006)
 - Capture the intuition that some topics are highly correlated and can rise up in intensity together
 - Not a conjugate prior implies hard inference

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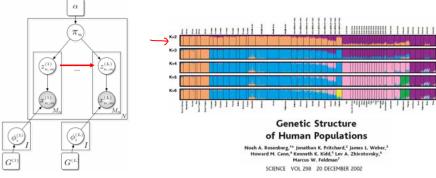




Population admixture: M³ in genetics



 The genetic materials of each modern individual are inherited from multiple ancestral populations, each DNA locus may have a different generic origin ...



Ancestral labels may have (e.g., Markovian) dependencies

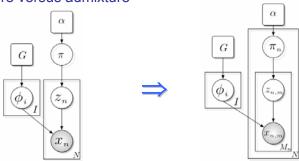
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Inference in Mixed Membership Models



Mixture versus admixture



$$\underline{p(D)} = \sum_{\{z_{n,m}\}} \int \cdots \int \left(\prod_{n} \left(\prod_{m} p(x_{n,m} \mid \phi_{z_{n}}) p(z_{n,m} \mid \pi_{n}) \right) p(\pi_{n} \mid \alpha) \right) p(\phi \mid G) d\pi_{1} \cdots d\pi_{N} d\phi$$

• Inference is very hard in M³, all hidden variables are coupled and not factorizable!

$$p(\pi_{n} \mid D) \sim \sum_{\{z_{n,m}\}} \int \left(\prod_{n} \left(\prod_{m} p(x_{n,m} \mid \phi_{z_{n}}) p(z_{n,m} \mid \pi_{n}) \right) p(\pi_{n} \mid \alpha) \right) p(\phi \mid G) d\pi_{-i} d\phi$$

Approaches to inference



- Exact inference algorithms
 - The elimination algorithm
 - The junction tree algorithms
- Approximate inference techniques
 - Monte Carlo algorithms:
 - Stochastic simulation / sampling methods
 - Markov chain Monte Carlo methods
 - Variational algorithms:
 - Belief propagation
 - Variational inference