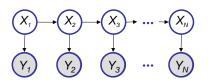


State space models (SSM):



• A sequential FA or a continuous state HMM



$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = A\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + G\mathbf{W}_{t}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = C\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \mathbf{v}_{t}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{t} \sim \mathcal{N}(0; Q), \quad \mathbf{v}_{t} \sim \mathcal{N}(0; R)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{0} \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \Sigma_{0}),$$

This is a linear dynamic system.

• In general,

$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = f(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) + G\mathbf{w}_{t}$$
$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{v}_{t}$$

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)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_t^1 \\ x_t^2 \\ \dot{x}_t^1 \\ \dot{x}_t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{t-1}^1 \\ x_{t-1}^2 \\ \dot{x}_{t-1}^1 \\ \dot{x}_{t-1}^1 \\ \dot{x}_{t-1}^2 \end{pmatrix} + \text{noise}$$

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

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

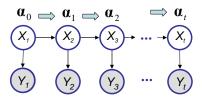
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The inference problem 1



- Filtering \rightarrow given $\mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_t$, estimate $\mathbf{x}_{t:} P(x_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$
 - 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:

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



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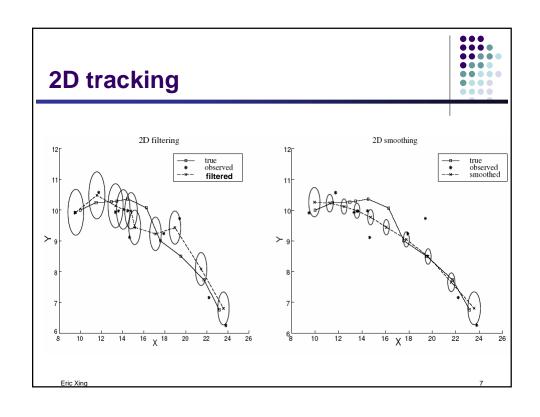
The inference problem 2

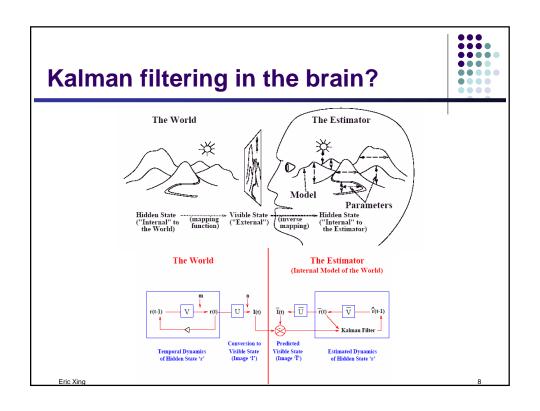


- Smoothing \rightarrow given $\mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_T$, estimate \mathbf{x}_t (t<T)
 - The Rauch-Tung-Strievel smoother is a way to perform exact off-line inference in an LDS. It is the Gaussian analog of the forwards-backwards (alpha-gamma) algorithm:

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

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Kalman filtering derivation



- Since all CPDs are linear Gaussian, the system defines a large multivariate Gaussian.
 - Hence all marginals are Gaussian.
 - Hence we can represent the belief state $p(X_t|y_{1:t})$ as a Gaussian
 - mean $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t} \equiv E(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_t)$
 - covariance $P_{t|t} \equiv E(\mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T \mid \mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_t)$
 - It is common to work with the inverse covariance (precision) matrix $P_{r_f}^{-1}$; this is called information form.

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Kalman filtering derivation



- Kalman filtering is a recursive procedure to update the belief state:
 - 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

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Predict step



- Dynamical Model: $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = A\mathbf{x}_t + G\mathbf{w}_t$, $\mathbf{w}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}; Q)$
 - One step ahead prediction of state:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} = E(X_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t}) = A\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t}$$

$$P_{t+1|t} = E(X_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})(X_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})^{T} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t})$$

$$= E(AX_{t} + Gw_{t} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})(AX_{t} + Gw_{t} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})^{T} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t})$$

$$= AP_{t|t}A + GQG^{T}$$

- Observation model: $\mathbf{y}_t = C\mathbf{x}_t + v_t$, $v_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; R)$
 - One step ahead prediction of observation:



$$\begin{split} E(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t}) &= E(C\mathbf{X}_{t+1} + \nu_{t+1} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t}) = C\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} \\ &\quad E(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1|t})(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1|t})^{T} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t}) = CP_{t+1|t}C^{T} + \mathbf{R} \\ &\quad E(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1|t})(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})^{T} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1}, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t}) = CP_{t+1|t} \end{split}$$

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Update step



• Summarizing results from previous slide, we have $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Y}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{t+1}, V_{t+1})$, where

$$\mathbf{\textit{m}}_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathcal{X}}_{t+1|t} \\ \mathcal{C} \hat{\mathcal{X}}_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{\textit{V}}_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{t+1|t} & P_{t+1|t} \mathcal{C}^{T} \\ \mathcal{C} P_{t+1|t} & \mathcal{C} P_{t+1|t} \mathcal{C}^{T} + \mathcal{R} \end{pmatrix},$$

Remember the formulas for conditional Gaussian distributions:

$$\begin{split} \rho(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} | \ \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= \mathcal{N}(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} | \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}) \\ \rho(\mathbf{x}_2) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{m}_2^m, \mathbf{V}_2^m) & \rho(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{x}_2) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{m}_{1|2}, \mathbf{V}_{1|2}) \\ \mathbf{m}_2^m &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 & \mathbf{m}_{1|2} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \\ \mathbf{V}_2^m &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} & \mathbf{V}_{1|2} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \end{split}$$

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Kalman Filter



• Measurement updates:

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t+1} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} + K_{t+1} (\mathbf{y}_{t+1} - \mathbf{C}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t}) \\ P_{t+1|t+1} &= P_{t+1|t} - KCP_{t+1|t} \end{split}$$

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

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

• Time updates:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} = A\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t}$$

$$P_{t+1|t} = AP_{t|t}A + GQG^{T}$$

• K_t can be pre-computed (since it is independent of the data).

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Example of KF in 1D



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

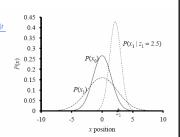
$$\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1} = \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{w}, \ \boldsymbol{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_x) \qquad \boldsymbol{z}_t = \boldsymbol{x}_t + \boldsymbol{v}, \ \boldsymbol{v} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_z)$$

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

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

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





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KF intuition



• The KF update of the mean is

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

- 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:

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

- 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.

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KF, RLS and LMS



• The KF update of the mean is

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

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

$$\hat{\theta}_{t+1} = \hat{\theta}_t + P_{t+1}R^{-1}(\boldsymbol{y}_{t+1} - \boldsymbol{x}_t^T \hat{\theta}_t) \boldsymbol{x}_t$$

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.

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Complexity of one KF step



- Let $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$ and $Y_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$,
- Computing $P_{t+1|t} = AP_{t|t}A + GQG^T$ takes $O(N_x^2)$ time, assuming dense P and dense A.
- Computing $K_{t+1} = P_{t+1|t}C^T(CP_{t+1|t}C^T + R)^{-1}$ takes $O(N_y^3)$ time.
- So overall time is, in general, max $\{N_x^2, N_y^3\}$

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The inference problem 2



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

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RTS smoother derivation



- Smoothing \rightarrow given $\mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_T$, estimate $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:T})$ (t<T)
 - Step 1: joint distribution of x_t and x_{t+1} conditioned on $y_{1:t}$
 - $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = A\mathbf{x}_t + Gw_t; w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; Q); \quad \hat{x}_{t+1|t} = A\hat{x}_{t|t}$



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

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_{t|t} \\ \hat{X}_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_{t|t} \\ \hat{X}_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad V = \begin{pmatrix} P_{t|t} & P_{t|t} A^T \\ A P_{t|t} & P_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix},$$

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

$$\begin{split} &\rho\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{x}_1\\\mathbf{x}_2\end{bmatrix}|\mu,\Sigma) = \mathcal{N}\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{x}_1\\\mathbf{x}_2\end{bmatrix}|\begin{bmatrix}\mu_1\\\mu_2\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}\Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12}\\\Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22}\end{bmatrix})\;, & & & & & & & & & \\ &\mathbf{m}_2^m = \mu_2 & & & & & & \\ &\mathbf{v}_2^m = \Sigma_{22} & & & & & & \\ &\mathbf{v}_2^m = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{12} & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ &$$

$$E[x_t|x_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{0:t}] = \hat{x}_{t|t} + L_t(x_{t+1} - \hat{x}_{t+1|t})$$

$$Var[x_t|x_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{0:t}] = P_{t|t} - L_t P_{t+1|t} L_t^T \qquad L_t = P_{t|t} A^T P_{t+1|t}^{-1}$$

RTS smoother derivation



$$E[x_t|x_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{0:t}] = \hat{x}_{t|t} + L_t(x_{t+1} - \hat{x}_{t+1|t})$$

$$Var[x_t|x_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{0:t}] = P_{t|t} - L_t P_{t+1|t} L_t^T$$



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

RTS derivation



- Repeat the same process for Variance
 - Refer to Jordan chapter 15
- The RTS smoother results:

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

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

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Learning SSMs



· Complete log likelihood

$$\begin{split} \ell_{c}(\theta, D) &= \sum_{n} \log p(\boldsymbol{x}_{n}, \boldsymbol{y}_{n}) = \sum_{n} \log p(\boldsymbol{x}_{1}) + \sum_{n} \sum_{t} \log p(\boldsymbol{x}_{n,t} \mid \boldsymbol{x}_{n,t-1}) + \sum_{n} \sum_{t} \log p(\boldsymbol{y}_{n,t} \mid \boldsymbol{x}_{n,t}) \\ &= f_{1}(\boldsymbol{X}_{1}; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{0}) + f_{2}\Big(\Big\{\boldsymbol{X}_{t}\boldsymbol{X}_{t-1}^{T}, \boldsymbol{X}_{t}\boldsymbol{X}_{t}^{T}, \boldsymbol{X}_{t} : \forall \, t\big\}, \boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{Q}, \boldsymbol{G}\Big) + f_{3}\Big(\Big\{\boldsymbol{X}_{t}\boldsymbol{X}_{t}^{T}, \boldsymbol{X}_{t} : \forall \, t\big\}, \boldsymbol{C}, \boldsymbol{R}\Big) \end{split}$$

- EM
 - E-step: compute $\langle X_t X_{t-1}^T \rangle, \langle X_t X_t^T \rangle, \langle X_t \rangle | y_1, \dots y_T$

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

• M-step: MLE using $\langle \boldsymbol{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{D}) \rangle = f_{1}(\langle \boldsymbol{X}_{1} \rangle; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{0}) + f_{2}(\langle \boldsymbol{X}_{r} \boldsymbol{X}_{r-1}^{T} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{X}_{r} \boldsymbol{X}_{r}^{T} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{X}_{r} \boldsymbol{X}_{r}^{T} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{X}_{r} \rangle : \forall \, \boldsymbol{t} \}, \boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{Q}, \boldsymbol{G}) + f_{3}(\langle \boldsymbol{X}_{r} \boldsymbol{X}_{r}^{T} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{X}_{r} \rangle : \forall \, \boldsymbol{t} \}, \boldsymbol{C}, \boldsymbol{R})$ 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)

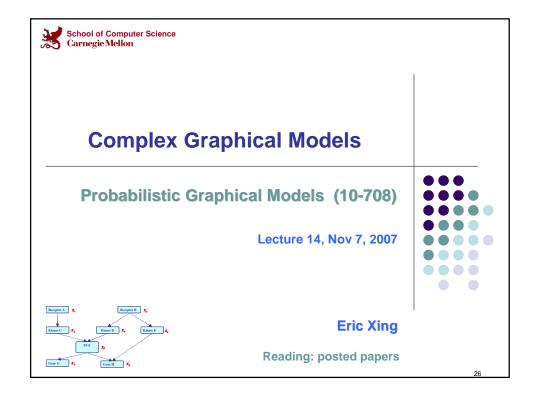


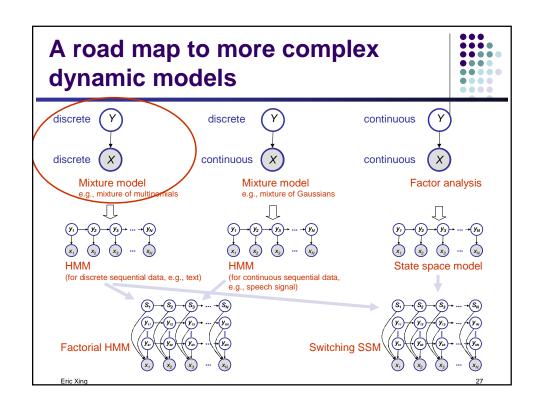
- The basic idea of the EKF is to linearize f and g using a second order Taylor expansion, and then apply the standard KF.
 - i.e., we approximate a stationary nonlinear system with a non-stationary linear system.

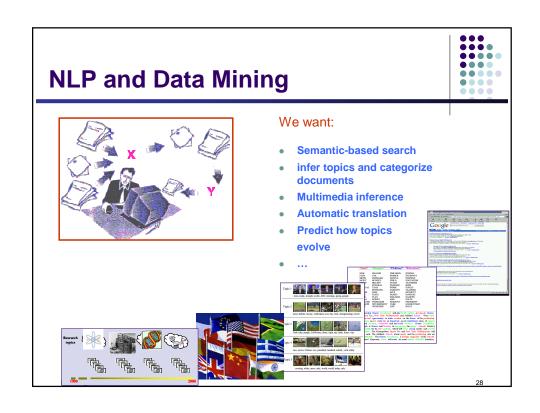
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_{t} &= f(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1|t-1}) + A_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1|t-1}}(\mathbf{X}_{t-1} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1|t-1}) + \mathbf{W}_{t} \\ \mathbf{y}_{t} &= g(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t|t-1}) + C_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t|t-1}}(\mathbf{X}_{t} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t|t-1}) + \mathbf{V}_{t}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

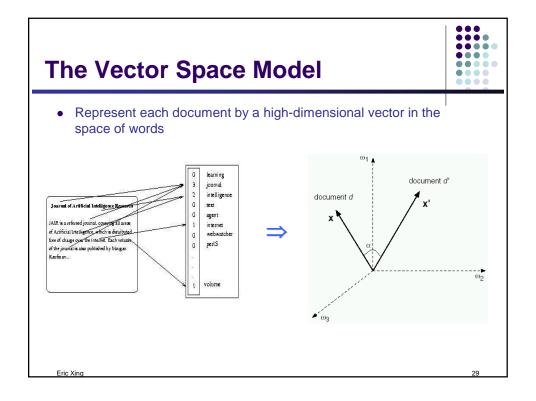
• The noise covariance (*Q* and *R*) is not changed, i.e., the additional error due to linearization is not modeled.

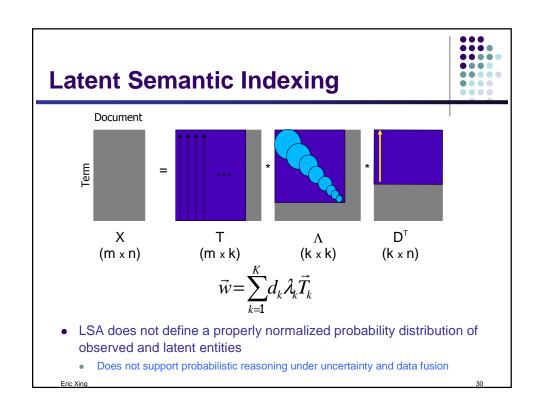
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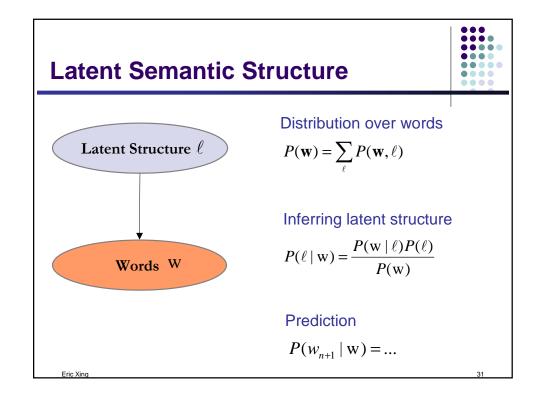


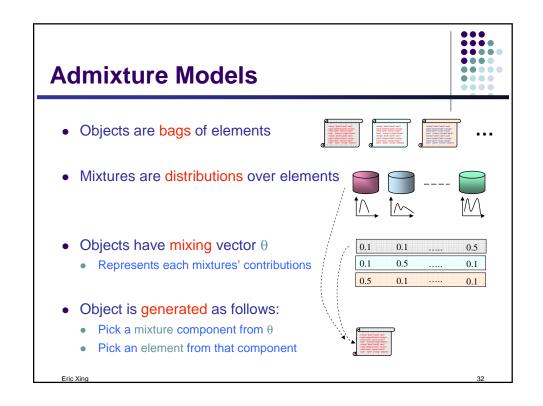


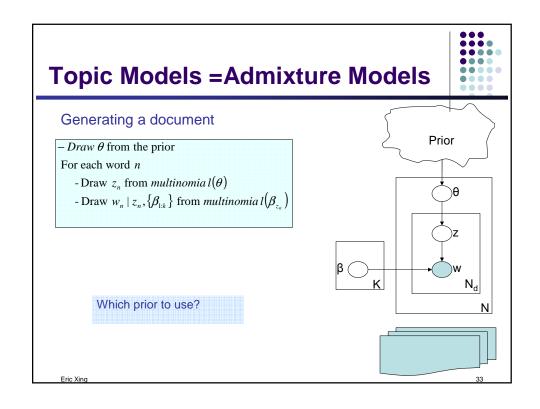










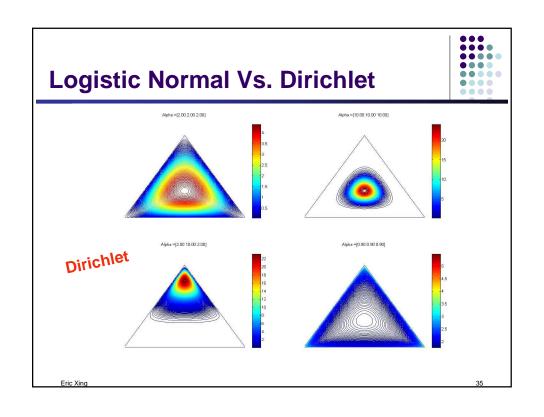


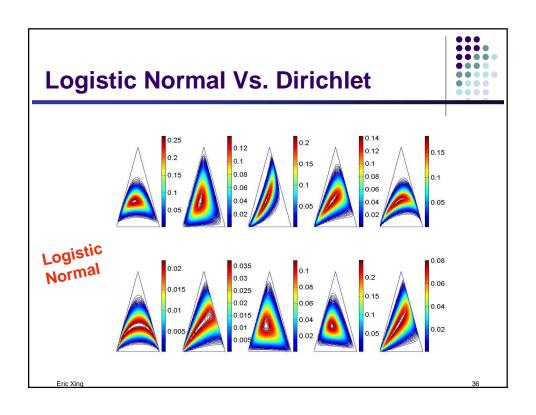
Choice of Prior

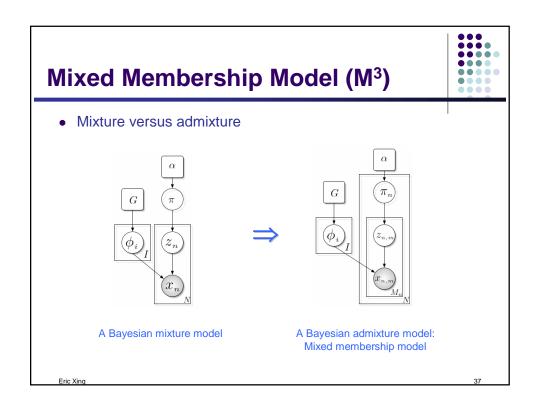


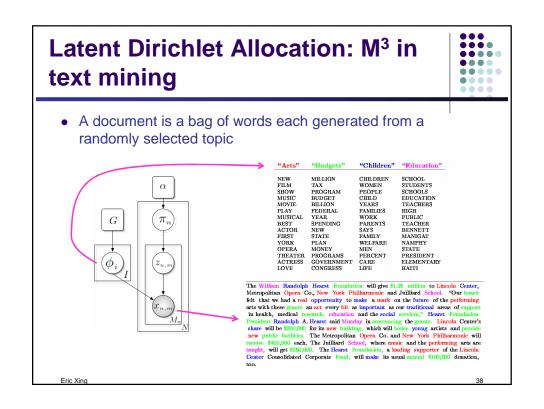
- Dirichlet (LDA) (Blei et al. 2003)
 - Conjugate prior means efficient inference
 - Can only capture variations in each topic's intensity independently
- Logistic Normal (CTM=LoNTAM) (Blei & Lafferty 2005, Ahmed & Xing 2006)
 - Capture the intuition that some topics are highly correlated and can rise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

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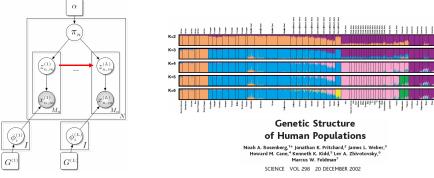




Population admixture: M³ in genetics



 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

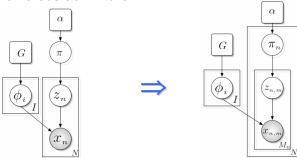
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Inference in Mixed Membership Models



· Mixture versus admixture



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

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

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

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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

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