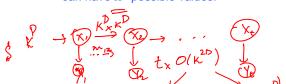


# Representing complex dynamic processes



- The problem with HMMs
  - Suppose we want to track the state (e.g., the position) of D objects in an image sequence.
  - Let each object be in K possible states.
  - Then  $X_t = (X_t(1), \dots, X_t(D))$  can have  $K^D$  possible values.





 $\Rightarrow P(X_t|X_{t-1})$  need

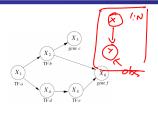
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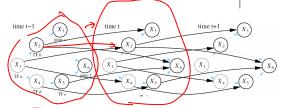
 $M_{12} = \leq P(Y_2|Y_1)$   $1 \sim P(Y_3)$ 

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## Dynamic Bayesian Network







- A DBN represents the state of the world at time t using a set of random variables,  $X_t^{(1)}, \ldots, X_t^{(D)}$  (factored/ distributed representation).
- A DBN represents  $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$  in a compact way using a parameterized graph.
  - ⇒ A DBN may have exponentially fewer parameters than its corresponding HMM.
  - ⇒ Inference in a DBN may be exponentially faster than in the corresponding HMM.

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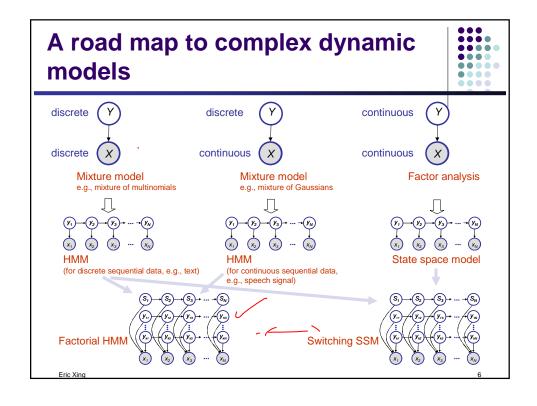
# DBNs are a kind of graphical model



- In a graphical model, nodes represent random variables, and (lack of) arcs represents conditional independencies.
- DBNs are Bayes nets for dynamic processes.
- Informally, an arc from  $X_t^i$  to  $X_{t+1}^j$  means  $X_i$  "causes"  $X_i$ .
- Can "resolve" cycles in a "static" BN

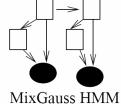
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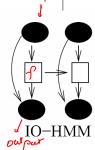


### **HMM** variants represented as **DBNs**



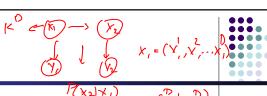




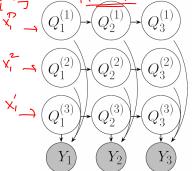


• The same code (standard forward-backward, viterbi, and Baum-Welsh) can do inference and learning in all of these models.

### **Factorial HMM**



- The belief state at each time is  $X_{t} = \{Q_{t}^{(1)}, \dots, Q_{t}^{(k)}\}$ and in the most general case has a state space  $O(d^k)$  for k d-nary chains
- The common observed child  $Y_t$ couples all the parents (explaining away).
- But the parameterization cost for fHMM is  $O(ka^p)$  for k chain-specific transition models  $P(Q_t^{(i)} | Q_{t-1}^{(i)})$ rather than  $O(\sigma^{pk})$  for  $p(X_t | X_{t-1})$

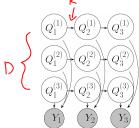




### **Factorial HMMs vs HMMs**



- Let us compare a factorial HMM with D chains, each with K values, to its equivalent HMM.
- Num. parameters to specify  $p(X_i | X_{i-1})$ 
  - HMM: LO(K2D)
  - fHMM: + O( k20)



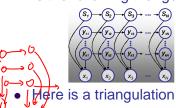
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### **Triangulating fHMM**

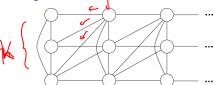


• Is the following triangulation correct?









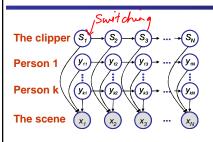
• We have created cliques of size k+1, and there are O(kT) of them. The junction tree algorithm is not efficient for factorial HMMs.

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### **Special case: switching HMM**





- Different chains have different state space and different semantics
- The exact calculation is intractable and we must use approximate inference methods



Multi-View Face Tracking with Factorial and Switching HMM

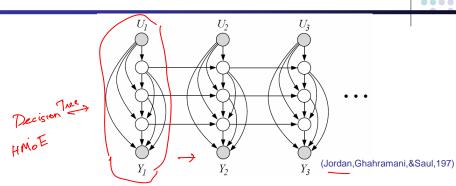
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### **Hidden Markov decision trees**





- A combination of decision trees with factorial HMMs
- This gives a "command structure" to the factorial representation
- Appropriate for multi-resolution time series
- Again, the exact calculation is intractable and we must use approximate inference methods

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# Problems with SSMs • linearity • Gaussianity • Uni-modality Eric Xing

