



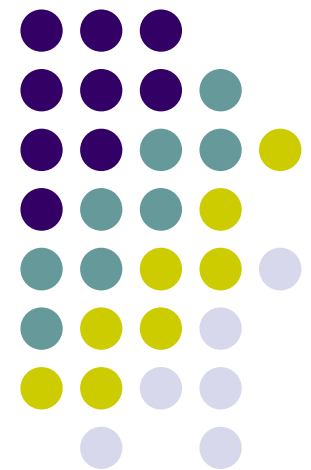
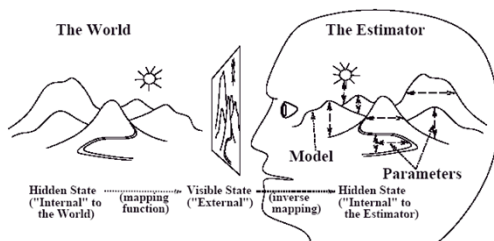
# Probabilistic Graphical Models

## Factor Analysis and State Space Models

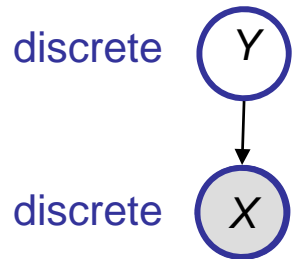
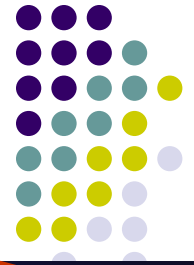
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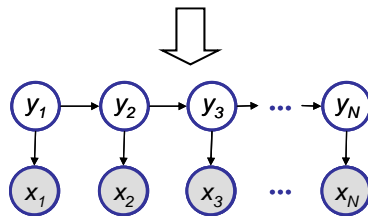
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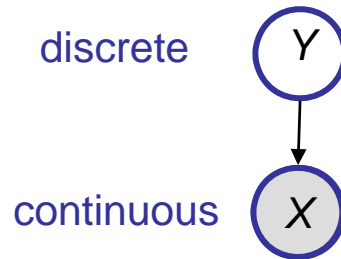
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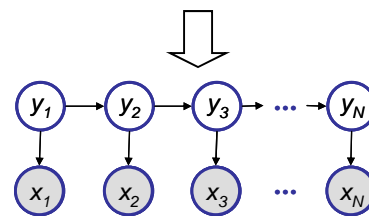
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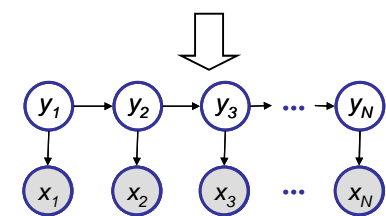
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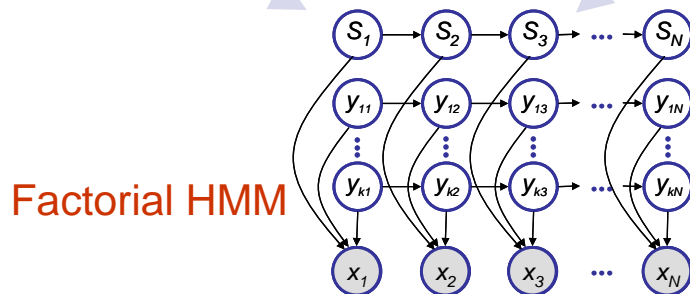
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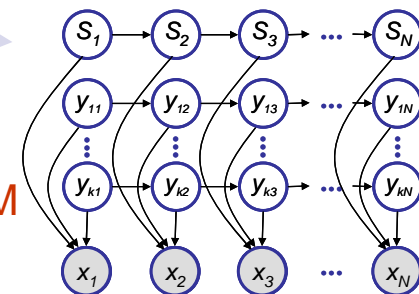
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Switching SSM





# Recall multivariate Gaussian

- Multivariate Gaussian density:

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right\}$$

- A joint Gaussian:

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} | \mu, \Sigma\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

- How to write down  $p(\mathbf{x}_1)$ ,  $p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_2)$  or  $p(\mathbf{x}_2|\mathbf{x}_1)$  using the block elements in  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$ ?

- Formulas to remember:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{m}_2^m, \mathbf{V}_2^m)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_2^m = \mu_2$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2^m = \Sigma_{22}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{m}_{1|2}, \mathbf{V}_{1|2})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{1|2} = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{1|2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$$

# Review:

## The matrix inverse lemma



- Consider a block-partitioned matrix:  $M = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}$

- First we diagonalize  $M$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & -FH^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -H^{-1}G & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E-FH^{-1}G & 0 \\ 0 & H \end{bmatrix}$$

- Schur complement:  $M/H = E-FH^{-1}G$

- Then we inverse, using this formula:  $XYZ = W \Rightarrow Y^{-1} = ZW^{-1}X$

$$\begin{aligned} M^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -H^{-1}G & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (M/H)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & H^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & -FH^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (M/H)^{-1} & -(M/H)^{-1}FH^{-1} \\ -H^{-1}G(M/H)^{-1} & H^{-1} + H^{-1}G(M/H)^{-1}FH^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E^{-1} + E^{-1}F(M/E)^{-1}GE^{-1} & -E^{-1}F(M/E)^{-1} \\ -(M/E)^{-1}GE^{-1} & (M/E)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Matrix inverse lemma

$$(E-FH^{-1}G)^{-1} = E^{-1} + E^{-1}F(H-GE^{-1}F)^{-1}GE^{-1}$$

# Review:

## Some matrix algebra



- Trace and derivatives  $\text{tr}[A] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_i a_{ii}$ 
  - Cyclical permutations

- Derivatives  $\text{tr}[ABC] = \text{tr}[CAB] = \text{tr}[BCA]$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial A} \text{tr}[BA] = B^T$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial A} \text{tr}[x^T Ax] = \frac{\partial}{\partial A} \text{tr}[xx^T A] = xx^T$$

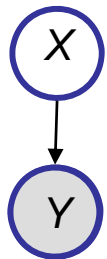
- Determinants and derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial A} \log|A| = A^{-1}$$



# Factor analysis

- An unsupervised linear regression model

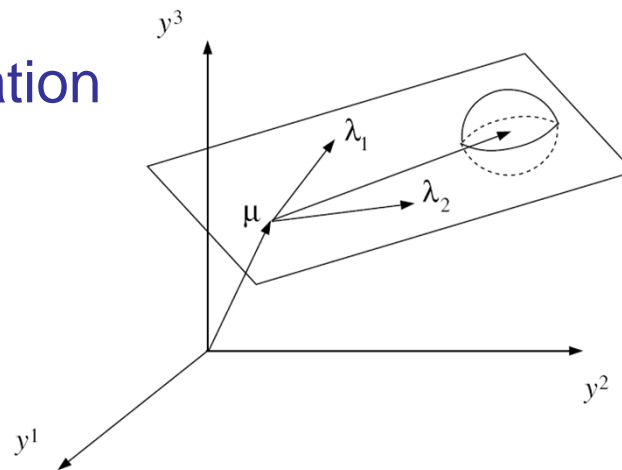


$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{0}, I)$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\mu} + \Lambda\mathbf{x}, \Psi)$$

where  $\Lambda$  is called a factor loading matrix, and  $\Psi$  is diagonal.

- Geometric interpretation

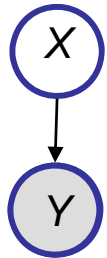


- To generate data, first generate a point within the manifold then add noise. Coordinates of point are components of latent variable.



# Marginal data distribution

- A marginal Gaussian (e.g.,  $p(\mathbf{x})$ ) times a conditional Gaussian (e.g.,  $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$ ) is a joint Gaussian
- Any marginal (e.g.,  $p(\mathbf{y})$ ) of a joint Gaussian (e.g.,  $p(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})$ ) is also a Gaussian
  - Since the marginal is Gaussian, we can determine it by just computing its mean and variance. (Assume noise uncorrelated with data.)



$$\begin{aligned} E[\mathbf{Y}] &= E[\boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W}] && \text{where } \mathbf{W} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}E[\mathbf{X}] + E[\mathbf{W}] \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \text{Var}[\mathbf{Y}] &= E[(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] \\ &= E[(\boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] \\ &= E[(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W})^T] \\ &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T]\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^T + E[\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^T] \\ &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^T + \boldsymbol{\Psi} \end{aligned}$$

# FA = Constrained-Covariance Gaussian

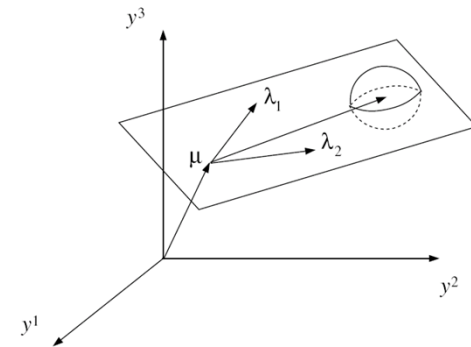


- Marginal density for factor analysis ( $\mathbf{y}$  is  $p$ -dim,  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $k$ -dim):

$$p(\mathbf{y} | \theta) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \mu, \Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi)$$

- So the effective covariance is the low-rank outer product of two long skinny matrices plus a diagonal matrix:

$$\text{Cov}[\mathbf{y}] = \Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi$$



- In other words, factor analysis is just a constrained Gaussian model. (If  $\Psi$  were not diagonal then we could model any Gaussian and it would be pointless.)





# FA joint distribution

- Model

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{0}, I)$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \mu + \Lambda\mathbf{x}, \Psi)$$

- Covariance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$

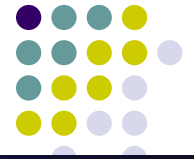
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}] &= E[(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{0})(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T] = E[\mathbf{X}(\mu + \Lambda\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W} - \mu)^T] \\ &= E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T \Lambda^T + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}^T] \\ &= \Lambda^T \end{aligned}$$

- Hence the joint distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ :

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} I & \Lambda^T \\ \Lambda & \Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

- Assume noise is uncorrelated with data or latent variables.

$$\begin{bmatrix} (M/H)^{-1} & -(M/H)^{-1}FH^{-1} \\ -H^{-1}G(M/H)^{-1} & H^{-1} + H^{-1}G(M/H)^{-1}FH^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E^{-1} + E^{-1}F(M/E)^{-1}GE^{-1} & -E^{-1}F(M/E)^{-1} \\ -(M/E)^{-1}GE^{-1} & (M/E)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Inference in Factor Analysis

- Apply the Gaussian conditioning formulas to the joint distribution we derived above, where

$$\Sigma_{11} = I$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{12}^T = \Lambda^T$$

$$\Sigma_{22} = (\Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi)$$

we can now derive the posterior of the latent variable  $\mathbf{x}$  given observation  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{m}_{1|2}, \mathbf{V}_{1|2})$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{1|2} &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_2) \\ &= \Lambda^T(\Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_{1|2} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} \\ &= I - \Lambda^T(\Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1}\Lambda \end{aligned}$$

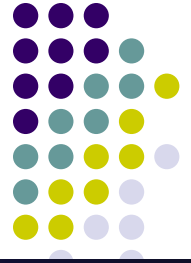
Applying the matrix inversion lemma

$$(E - FH^{-1}G)^{-1} = E^{-1} + E^{-1}F(H - GE^{-1}F)^{-1}GE^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{1|2} = (I + \Lambda^T\Psi^{-1}\Lambda)^{-1} \quad \mathbf{m}_{1|2} = \mathbf{V}_{1|2}\Lambda^T\Psi^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu)$$

- Here we only need to invert a matrix of size  $|\mathbf{x}| \times |\mathbf{x}|$ , instead of  $|\mathbf{y}| \times |\mathbf{y}|$ .

# Geometric interpretation: inference is linear projection



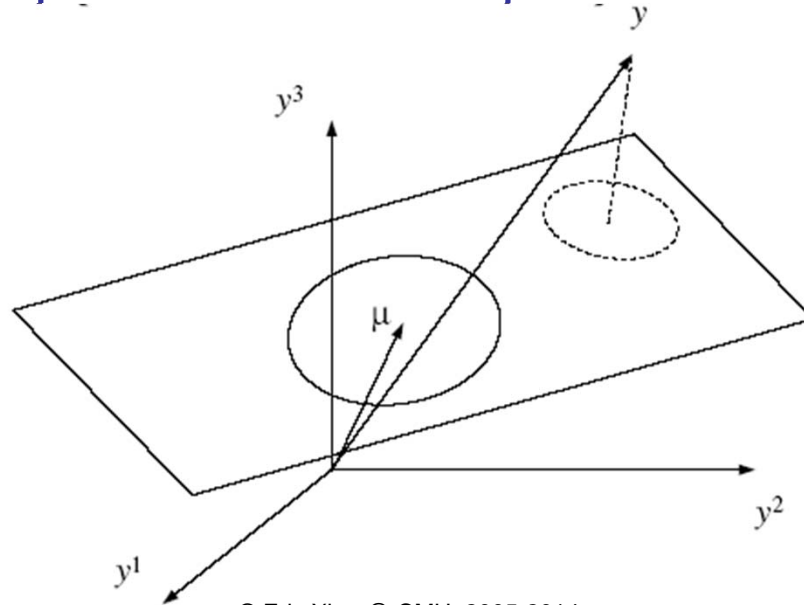
- The posterior is:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{m}_{1|2}, \mathbf{V}_{1|2})$$

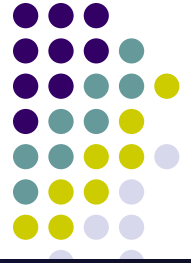
$$\mathbf{V}_{1|2} = (\mathbf{I} + \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} \Lambda)^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{1|2} = \mathbf{V}_{1|2} \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

- Posterior covariance does not depend on observed data  $\mathbf{y}$ !
- Computing the posterior mean is just a linear operation:



# Learning FA



- Now, assume that we are given  $\{y_n\}$  (the observation on high-dimensional data) only
- We have derived how to estimate  $x_n$  from  $P(X|Y)$
- How can we learning the model?
  - Loading matrix  $\Lambda$
  - Manifold center  $\mu$
  - Variance  $\Psi$



# EM for Factor Analysis

- Incomplete data log likelihood function (marginal density of  $y$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\theta, \mathcal{D}) &= -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n (\mathbf{y}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T (\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [(\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1} \mathbf{S}], \quad \text{where } \mathbf{S} = \sum_n (\mathbf{y}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{y}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T\end{aligned}$$

- Estimating  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is trivial:  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \mathbf{y}_n$
- Parameters  $\Lambda$  and  $\Psi$  are coupled nonlinearly in log-likelihood

- Complete log likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_c(\theta, \mathcal{D}) &= \sum_n \log p(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{y}_n) = \sum_n \log p(\mathbf{x}_n) + \log p(\mathbf{y}_n | \mathbf{x}_n) \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \log |I| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{x}_n - \frac{N}{2} \log |\Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n (\mathbf{y}_n - \Lambda \mathbf{x}_n)^T \Psi^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_n - \Lambda \mathbf{x}_n) \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \text{tr} [\mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^T] - \frac{N}{2} \text{tr} [\mathbf{S} \Psi^{-1}], \quad \text{where } \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n (\mathbf{y}_n - \Lambda \mathbf{x}_n)(\mathbf{y}_n - \Lambda \mathbf{x}_n)^T\end{aligned}$$



# E-step for Factor Analysis

- Compute  $\langle \ell_c(\theta, \mathcal{D}) \rangle_{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})}$

$$\langle \ell_c(\theta, \mathcal{D}) \rangle = -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \text{tr}[\langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle] - \frac{N}{2} \text{tr}[\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \Psi^{-1}]$$

$$\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n (\mathbf{y}_n \mathbf{y}_n^T - \mathbf{y}_n \langle \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \Lambda^T - \Lambda \langle \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \mathbf{y}_n^T + \Lambda \langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \Lambda^T)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{X}_n \rangle = E[\mathbf{X}_n | \mathbf{y}_n]$$

$$\langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle = \text{Var}[\mathbf{X}_n | \mathbf{y}_n] + E[\mathbf{X}_n | \mathbf{y}_n] E[\mathbf{X}_n | \mathbf{y}_n]^T$$

- Recall that we have derived:

$$\mathbf{V}_{1|2} = (\mathbf{I} + \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} \Lambda)^{-1} \quad \mathbf{m}_{1|2} = \mathbf{V}_{1|2} \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{X}_n \rangle = \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{y}_n} = \mathbf{V}_{1|2} \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle = \mathbf{V}_{1|2} + \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{y}_n} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{y}_n}^T$$



# M-step for Factor Analysis

- Take the derivatives of the expected complete log likelihood wrt. parameters.
  - Using the trace and determinant derivative rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi^{-1}} \langle \ell_c \rangle &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi^{-1}} \left( -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \text{tr}[\langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle] - \frac{N}{2} \text{tr}[\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \Psi^{-1}] \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \Psi - \frac{N}{2} \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Psi^{t+1} = \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda} \langle \ell_c \rangle &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda} \left( -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \text{tr}[\langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle] - \frac{N}{2} \text{tr}[\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \Psi^{-1}] \right) = -\frac{N}{2} \Psi^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda} \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \Psi^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_n (\mathbf{y}_n \mathbf{y}_n^T - \mathbf{y}_n \langle \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \Lambda^T - \Lambda \langle \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \mathbf{y}_n^T + \Lambda \langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \Lambda^T) \right) \\ &= \Psi^{-1} \sum_n \mathbf{y}_n \langle \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle - \Psi^{-1} \Lambda \sum_n \langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Lambda^{t+1} = \left( \sum_n \mathbf{y}_n \langle \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \right) \left( \sum_n \langle \mathbf{X}_n \mathbf{X}_n^T \rangle \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

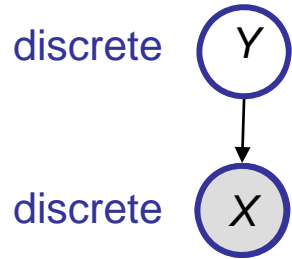
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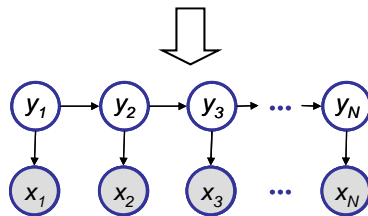
- There is *degeneracy* in the FA model.
- Since  $\Lambda$  only appears as outer product  $\Lambda\Lambda^T$ , the model is invariant to rotation and axis flips of the latent space.
- We can replace  $\Lambda$  with  $\Lambda Q$  for any orthonormal matrix  $Q$  and the model remains the same:  $(\Lambda Q)(\Lambda Q)^T = \Lambda(QQ^T)\Lambda^T = \Lambda\Lambda^T$ .
- This means that there is no “one best” setting of the parameters. An infinite number of parameters all give the ML score!
- Such models are called *un-identifiable* since two people both fitting ML parameters to the identical data will not be guaranteed to identify the same parameters.



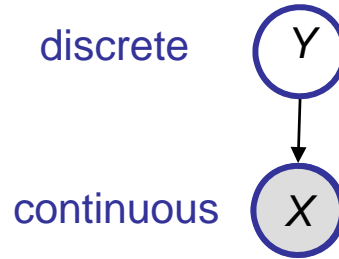
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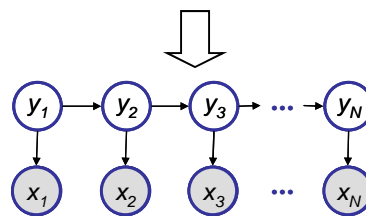
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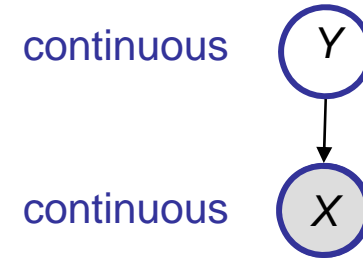
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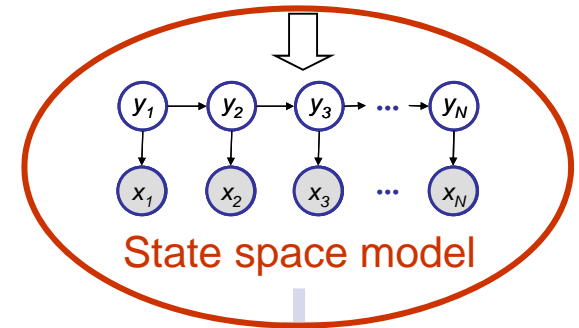
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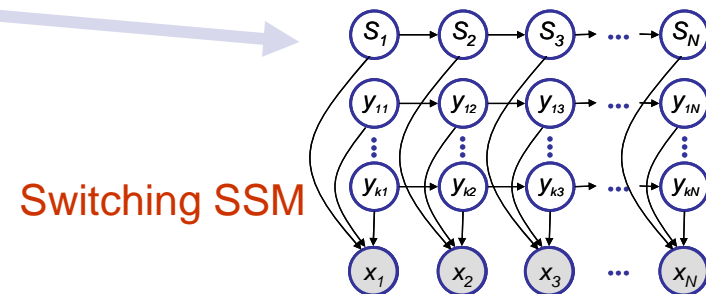
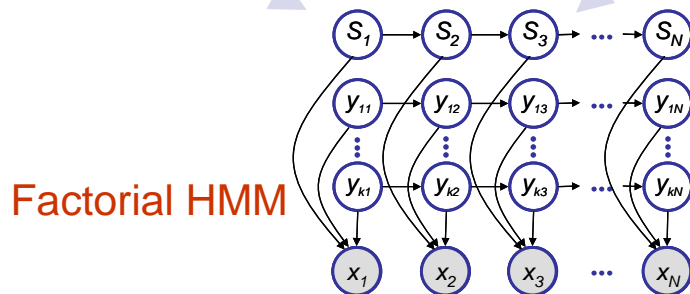
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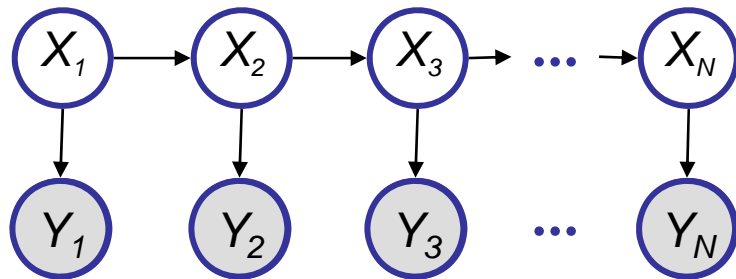
State space model





# State space models (SSM)

- A sequential FA or a continuous state HMM



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

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

$$\mathbf{w}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}; Q), \quad \mathbf{v}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}; R)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}; \Sigma_0),$$

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



# LDS for 2D tracking

- Dynamics: new position = *old position* +  $\Delta \times \text{velocity}$  + noise (constant velocity model, Gaussian noise)

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

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

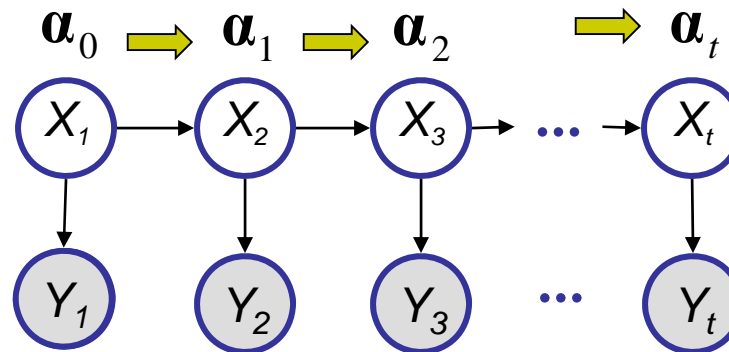
$$\begin{pmatrix} y_t^1 \\ y_t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_t^1 \\ x_t^2 \\ \dot{x}_t^1 \\ \dot{x}_t^2 \end{pmatrix} + \text{noise}$$



# The inference problem 1

- Filtering  $\rightarrow$  given  $y_1, \dots, y_t$ , estimate  $x_t$ :  $P(x_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$ 
  - 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:

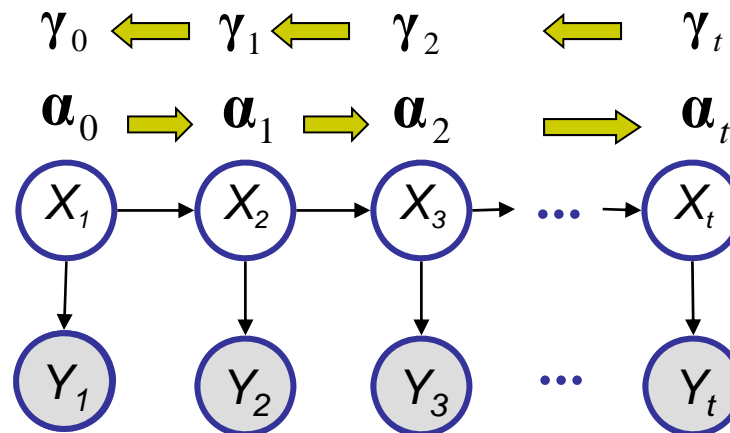
$$p(X_t = i | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \alpha_t^i \propto p(y_t | X_t = i) \sum_j p(X_t = i | X_{t-1} = j) \alpha_{t-1}^j$$





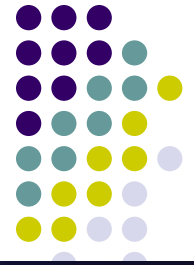
# The inference problem 2

- Smoothing  $\rightarrow$  given  $y_1, \dots, y_T$ , estimate  $x_t$  ( $t < T$ )
  - The Rauch-Tung-Striavel 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:

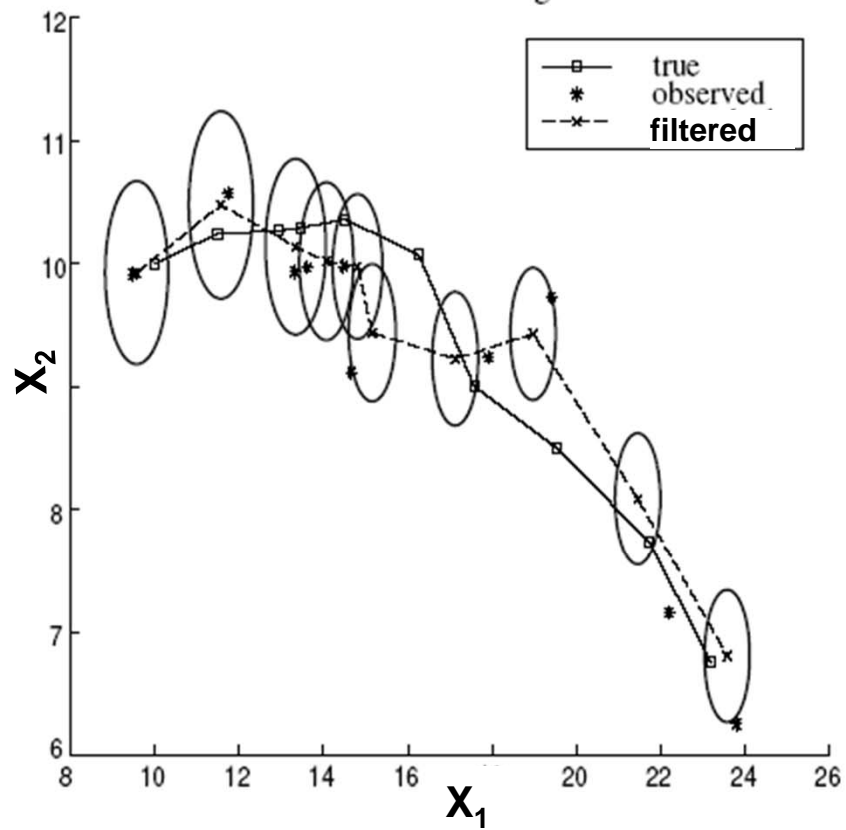


$$p(X_t = i | y_{1:T}) = \gamma_t^i \propto \sum_j \alpha_t^j P(X_{t+1}^j | X_t^i) \gamma_{t+1}^j$$

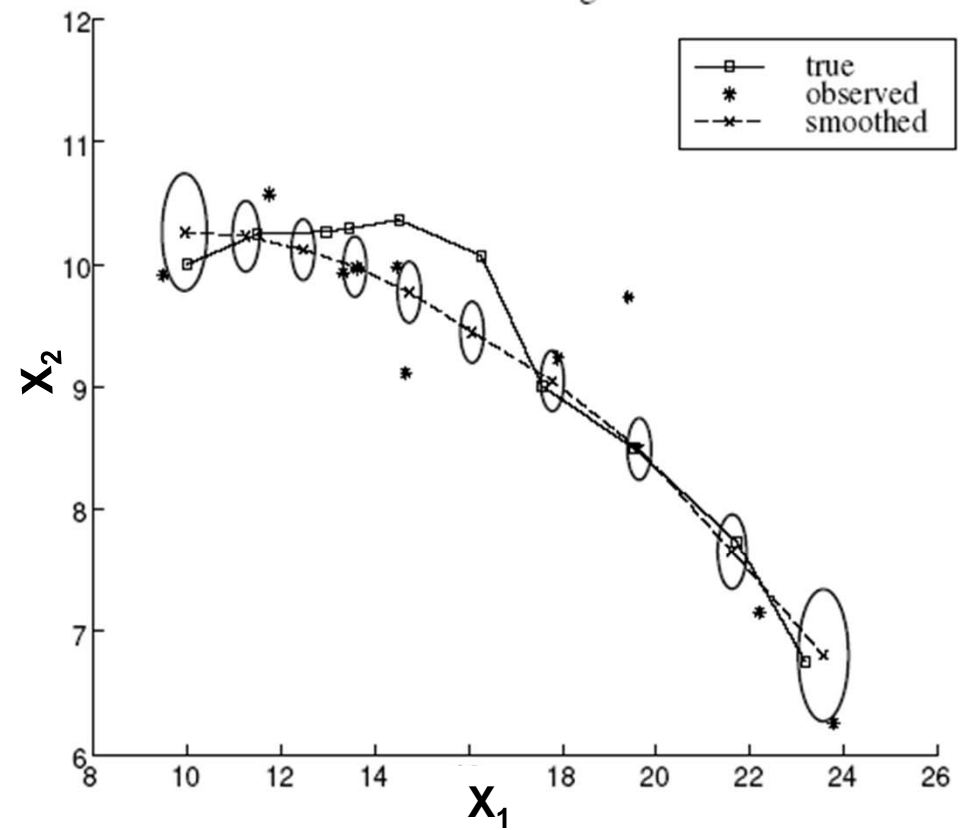
# 2D tracking



2D filtering

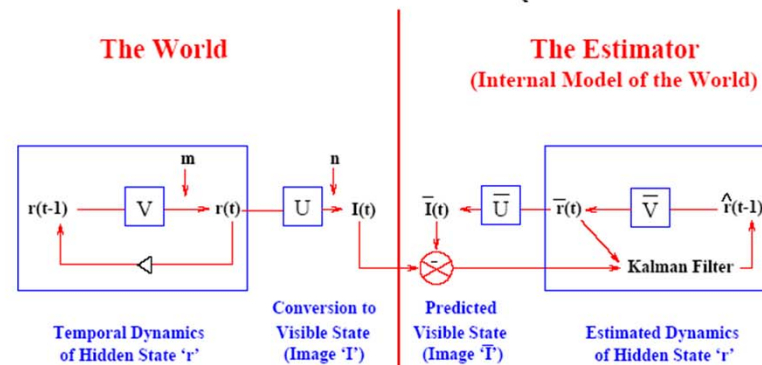
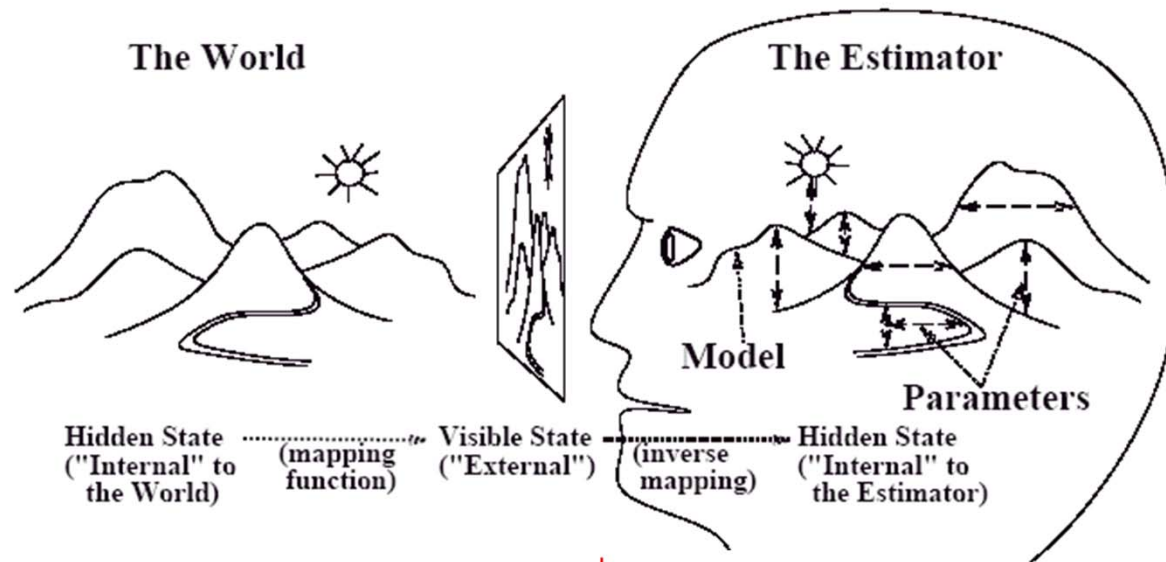


2D smoothing





# Kalman filtering in the brain?



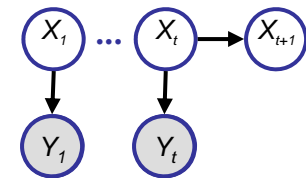


# Kalman filtering derivation

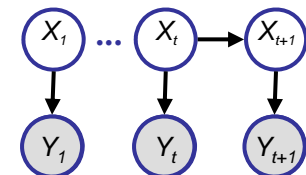
- Since all CPDs are linear Gaussian, the system defines a large multivariate Gaussian.
  - Hence all marginals are Gaussian.
  - Hence we can represent the belief state  $p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$  as a Gaussian with mean  $\mu_t$  and covariance  $\Sigma_t$ .
  - It is common to work with the inverse covariance (precision) matrix  $\Lambda_t$ ; this is called information form.

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

- Predict step: compute  $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$  from prior belief  $p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$  and dynamical model  $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_t)$  --- **time update**

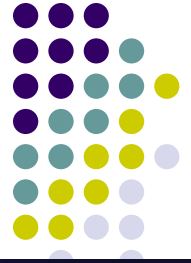


- Update step: compute new belief  $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t+1})$  from prediction  $p(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$ , observation  $\mathbf{y}_{t+1}$  and observation model  $p(\mathbf{y}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1})$  --- **measurement update**



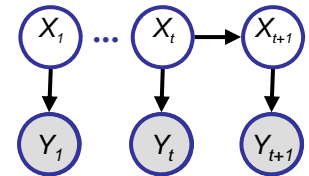
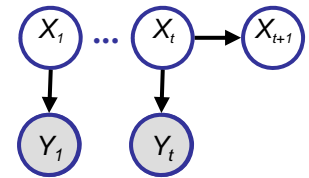


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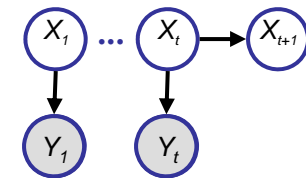


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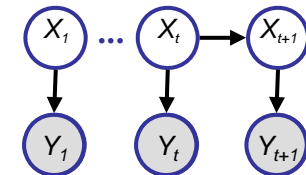
- Dynamical Model:  $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = A\mathbf{x}_t + G\mathbf{w}_t$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; Q)$

- One step ahead prediction of state:



- Observation model:  $\mathbf{y}_t = C\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{v}_t$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; R)$

- One step ahead prediction of observation:



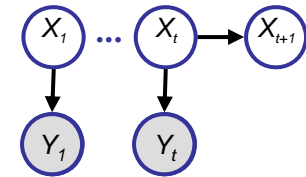
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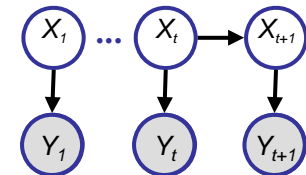
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} &= E(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) = A\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t} \\ P_{t+1|t} &= E(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})^T | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) \\ &= E(A\mathbf{X}_t + G\mathbf{w}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})(A\mathbf{X}_t + G\mathbf{w}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})^T | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) \\ &= AP_{t|t}A + GQG^T\end{aligned}$$



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- One step ahead prediction of observation:

$$\begin{aligned}E(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) &= E(C\mathbf{X}_{t+1} + \mathbf{v}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) = C\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t} \\ E(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1|t})(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1|t})^T | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) &= CP_{t+1|t}C^T + R \\ E(\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1|t})(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t})^T | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) &= CP_{t+1|t}\end{aligned}$$





# 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

$$m_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_{t+1|t} \\ \mathbf{C}\hat{x}_{t+1|t} \end{pmatrix}, \quad V_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{t+1|t} & P_{t+1|t}\mathbf{C}^T \\ \mathbf{C}P_{t+1|t} & \mathbf{C}P_{t+1|t}\mathbf{C}^T + R \end{pmatrix},$$

- Remember the formulas for conditional Gaussian distributions:

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid \mu, \Sigma\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

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$$\mathbf{V}_2^m = \Sigma_{22}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{1|2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}$$



# Kalman Filter

- Measurement updates:

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

$$P_{t+1|t+1} = P_{t+1|t} - KCP_{t+1|t}$$

- where  $K_{t+1}$  is the *Kalman gain matrix*

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

- 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).



# Example of KF in 1D

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

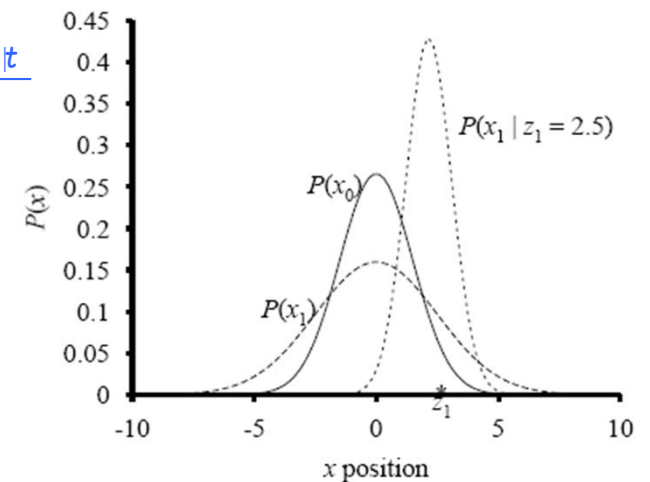
$$x_{t|t-1} = x_{t-1} + w, \quad w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_x) \quad z_t = x_t + v, \quad v \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_z)$$

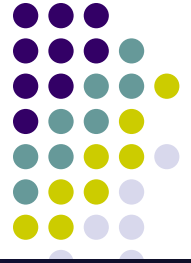
- KF equations:  $P_{t+1|t} = AP_{t|t}A + GQG^T = \sigma_t + \sigma_x$  ,  $\hat{x}_{t+1|t} = A\hat{x}_{t|t} = \hat{x}_{t|t}$

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

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

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





# KF intuition

- The KF update of the mean is

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

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

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

- If the observation is unreliable,  $\sigma_z$  (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  $\sigma_t$ ) or the process is very unpredictable (large  $\sigma_x$ ), we pay more attention to the observation.



# Complexity of one KF step

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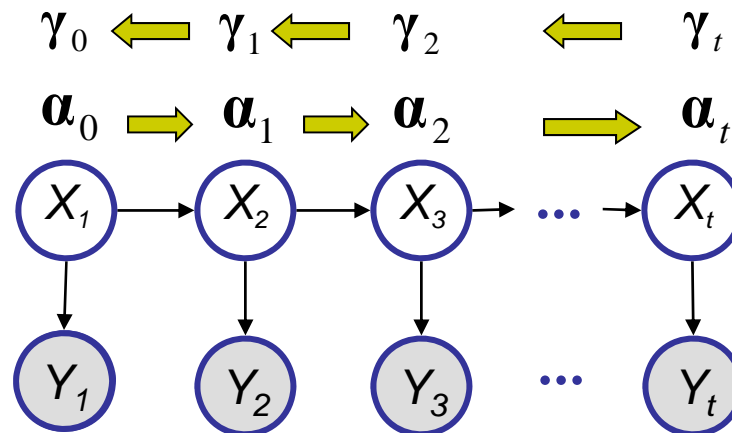
- Let  $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$  and  $y_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$ ,
- Computing  $P_{t+1|t} = AP_{t|t}A + GQG^T$  takes  $O(N_x^2)$  time, assuming dense  $P$  and dense  $A$ .
- Computing  $K_{t+1} = P_{t+1|t}C^T(CP_{t+1|t}C^T + R)^{-1}$  takes  $O(N_y^3)$  time.
- So overall time is, in general, 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





# The inference problem 2

- Smoothing  $\rightarrow$  given  $y_1, \dots, y_T$ , estimate  $x_t$  ( $t < T$ )
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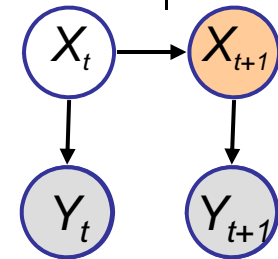
$$p(X_t = i | y_{1:T}) = \gamma_t^i \propto \sum_j \alpha_t^j P(X_{t+1}^j | X_t^i) \gamma_{t+1}^j$$

# Rauch-Tung-Strievel smoother



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

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



- General structure: KF results + the difference of the "smoothed" and predicted results of the next step
- Backward computation: Pretend to know things at t+1 -- such conditioning makes things simple and we can remove this condition finally

- The difficulty:  $X_t | y_1, \dots, y_T$

- The trick:  $E[X | Z] = E[E[X | Y, Z] | Z]$  (Hw!)

$$\text{Var}[X | Z] = \text{Var}[E[X | Y, Z] | Z] + E[\text{Var}[X | Y, Z] | Z]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{t|T} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E[X_t | y_1, \dots, y_T] = E[E[X_t | X_{t+1}, y_1, \dots, y_T] | y_1, \dots, y_T] \\ &= E[E[X_t | X_{t+1}, y_1, \dots, y_t] | y_1, \dots, y_T] \\ &= E[X_t | X_{t+1}, y_1, \dots, y_t] \end{aligned}$$

Same for  $P_{t|T}$



# RTS 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

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

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

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid \mu, \Sigma\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right),$$

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- The RTS smoother

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|T} &= E[\mathbf{X}_t \mid \mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_T] \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t} + L_t (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|T} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1|t}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{t|T} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|T} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1:T}] + E[\text{Var}[\mathbf{X}_t \mid \mathbf{X}_{t+1}, \mathbf{y}_{1:t}] \mid \mathbf{y}_{1:T}] \\ &= P_{t|t} + L_t (P_{t+1|T} - P_{t+1|t}) L_t^T \end{aligned}$$



# Learning SSMs

- Complete log likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_c(\theta, \mathcal{D}) &= \sum_n \log p(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{y}_n) = \sum_n \log p(\mathbf{x}_1) + \sum_n \sum_t \log p(\mathbf{x}_{n,t} | \mathbf{x}_{n,t-1}) + \sum_n \sum_t \log p(\mathbf{y}_{n,t} | \mathbf{x}_{n,t}) \\ &= f_1(\mathbf{X}_1; \Sigma_0) + f_2(\{\langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_{t-1}^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \rangle : \forall t\}; A, Q, G) + f_3(\{\langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \rangle : \forall t\}; C, R)\end{aligned}$$

- EM

- E-step: compute  $\langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_{t-1}^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \rangle \mid \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_T$

these quantities can be inferred via KF and RTS filters, etc.,

e.g.,  $\langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T \rangle \equiv \text{var}(\mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T) + E(\mathbf{X}_t)^2 = P_{t|T} + \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|T}^2$

- M-step: MLE using

$$\langle \ell_c(\theta, \mathcal{D}) \rangle = f_1(\langle \mathbf{X}_1 \rangle; \Sigma_0) + f_2(\{\langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_{t-1}^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \rangle : \forall t\}; A, Q, G) + f_3(\{\langle \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{X}_t^T \rangle, \langle \mathbf{X}_t \rangle : \forall t\}; C, R)$$

c.f., M-step in factor analysis



# Nonlinear systems

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

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

- 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:  $\mathbf{x}'_t = (\mathbf{x}_t, \theta)$ . This makes the problem even more nonlinear.



# 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.

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1|t-1}) + A_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1|t-1}}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1|t-1}) + \mathbf{w}_t$$

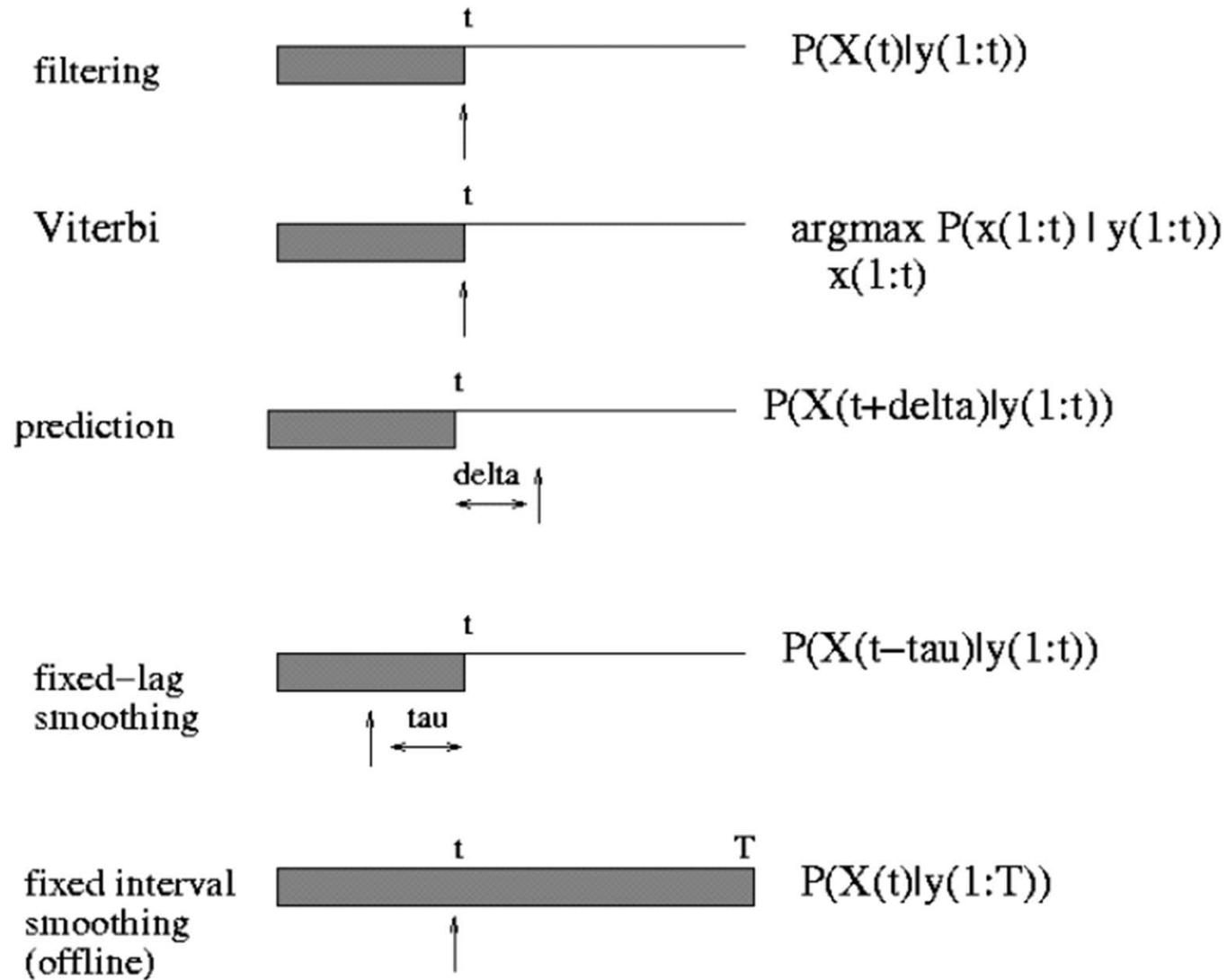
$$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{g}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t-1}) + C_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t-1}}(\mathbf{x}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t-1}) + \mathbf{v}_t$$

$$\text{where } \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t|t-1} = \mathbf{f}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1|t-1}) \text{ and } A_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \text{ and } C_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}$$

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



# Online vs offline inference





# 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,  $\mathbf{x}_t = \theta$ , but the “observation matrix”  $C$  is a time-varying vector,  $C = \mathbf{x}_t^\top$ .
  - Hence the observation model at each time slide,  $\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{x}_t^\top \theta + v_t$ , is a linear regression

- We can estimate  $\theta$  recursively using the Kalman filter:

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

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  $\eta_t$  online using stochastic approximation theory.