

In The Name Of God

## HW05

### Advanced Neuroscience

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#### ■ Part I - RW rule

□ Q01

##### Extinction

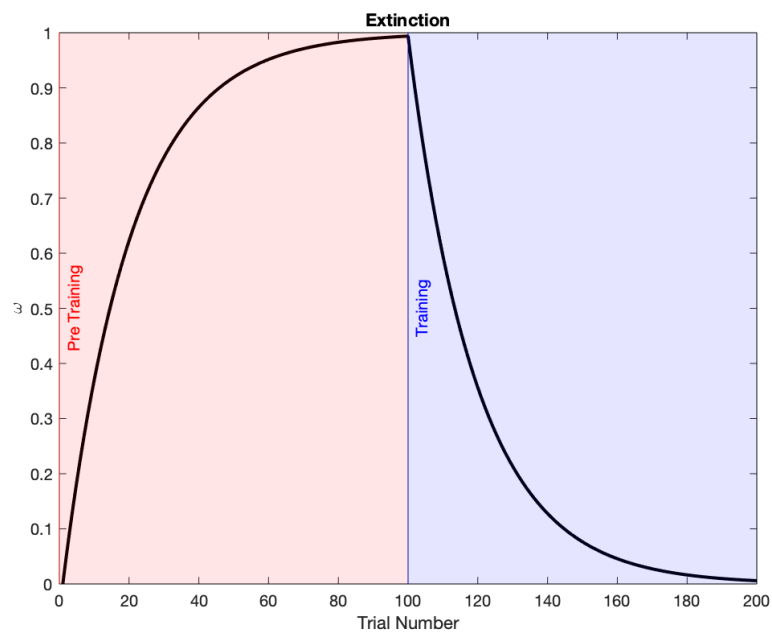


Figure 1: Extinction Paradigm Plot

The extinction paradigm is similar to the plot in the course slides. It rises and then after the stimuli is gone, decreases.

## Partial

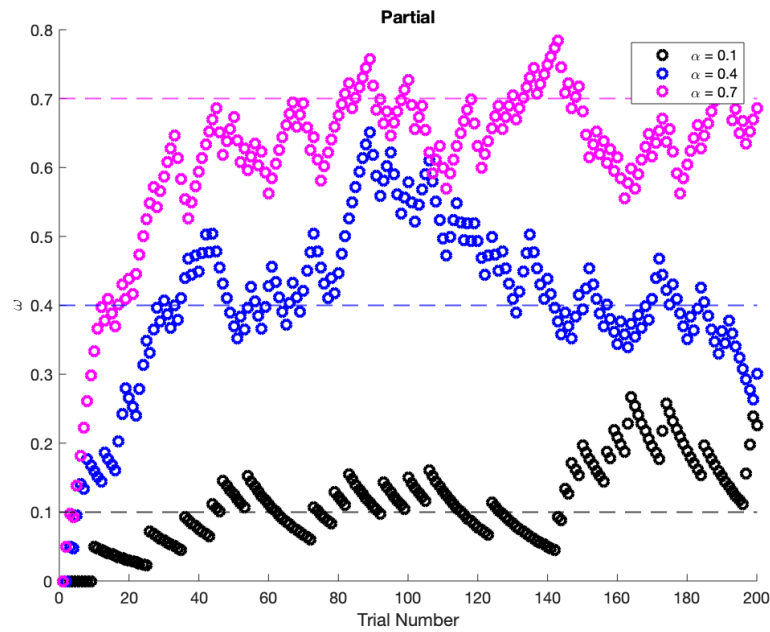


Figure 2: Partial Paradigm Plot

As I expect, the weights have taken the same value as their stimuli probability (Figure 2).

## Blocking

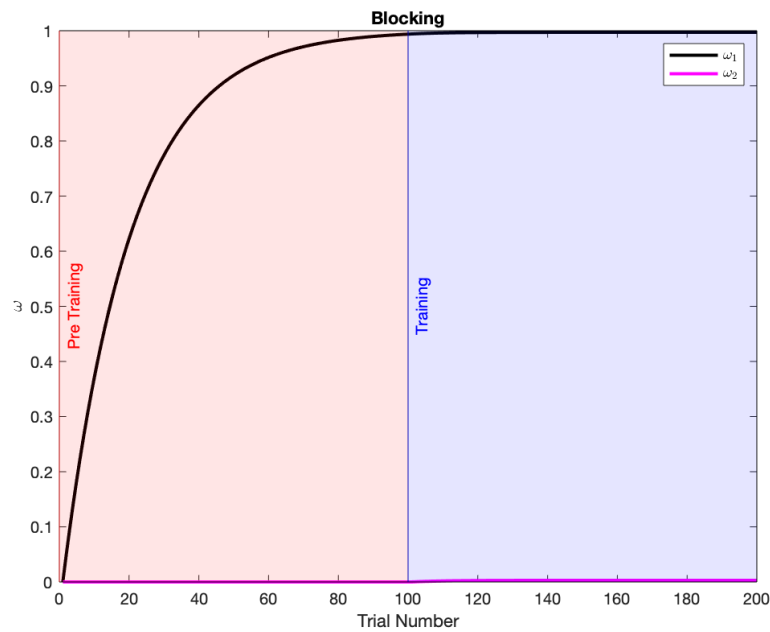


Figure 3: Blocking Paradigm Plot

Similar to the results of the question set table, the value of  $w_1$  becomes 1 and the value of  $w_2$  doesn't change too much from 0, while there is an small increase in the  $w_2$  during the training trials.

## Inhibitory

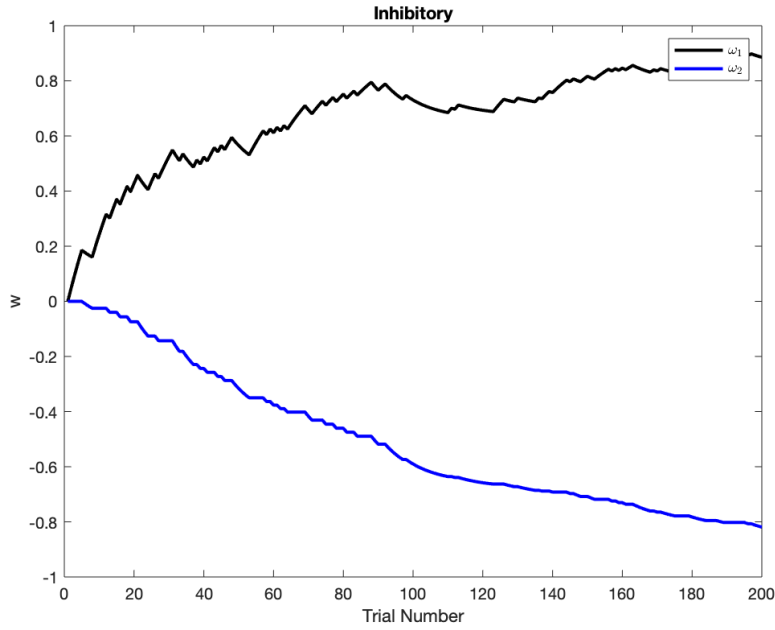


Figure 4: Inhibitory Paradigm Plot

The results in Figure 4 are same to the question set table and as I expect the value of  $w_1$  goes to 1 and the value of  $w_2$  goes to -1 over the trials.

## Overshadow

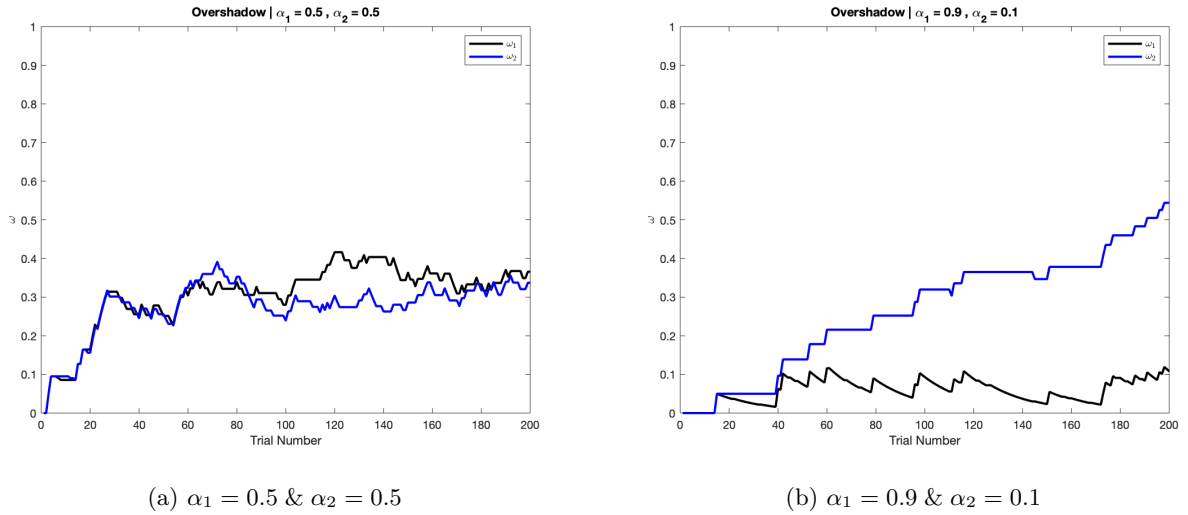


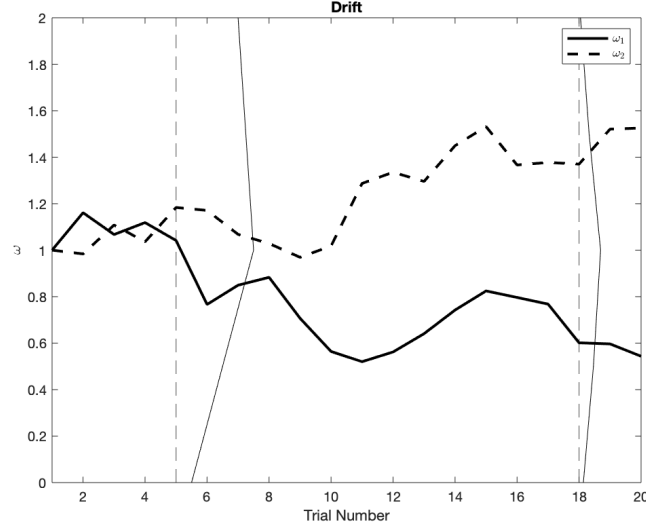
Figure 5: Overshadow Paradigm Plot

## □ Q02

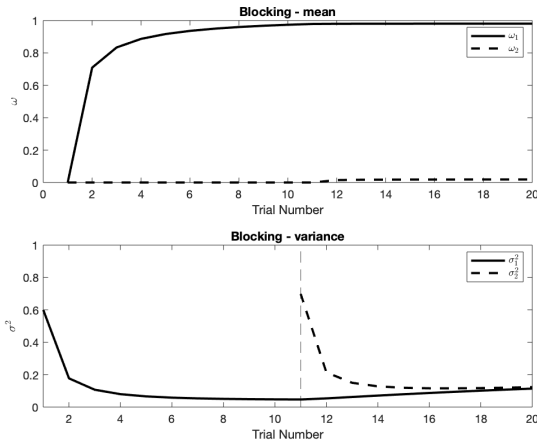
In the overshadow paradigm, most of the time stimulus end up having different values because one of the on of them is silenter than the other one, so while the reward will be given in a few number of the trials, the stimuli which has higher probability will has lower weight.

## ■ Part II - Kalman Filter

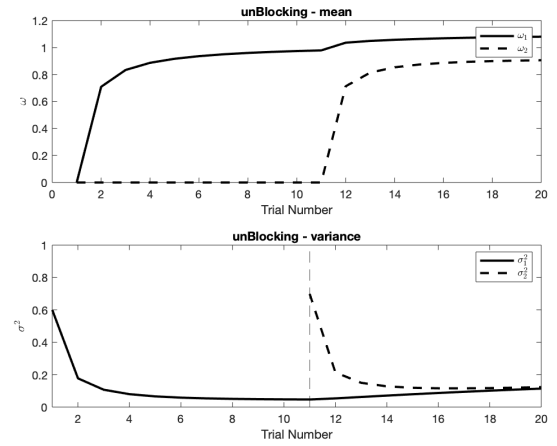
□ Q01



(a) Drift



(b) Blocking



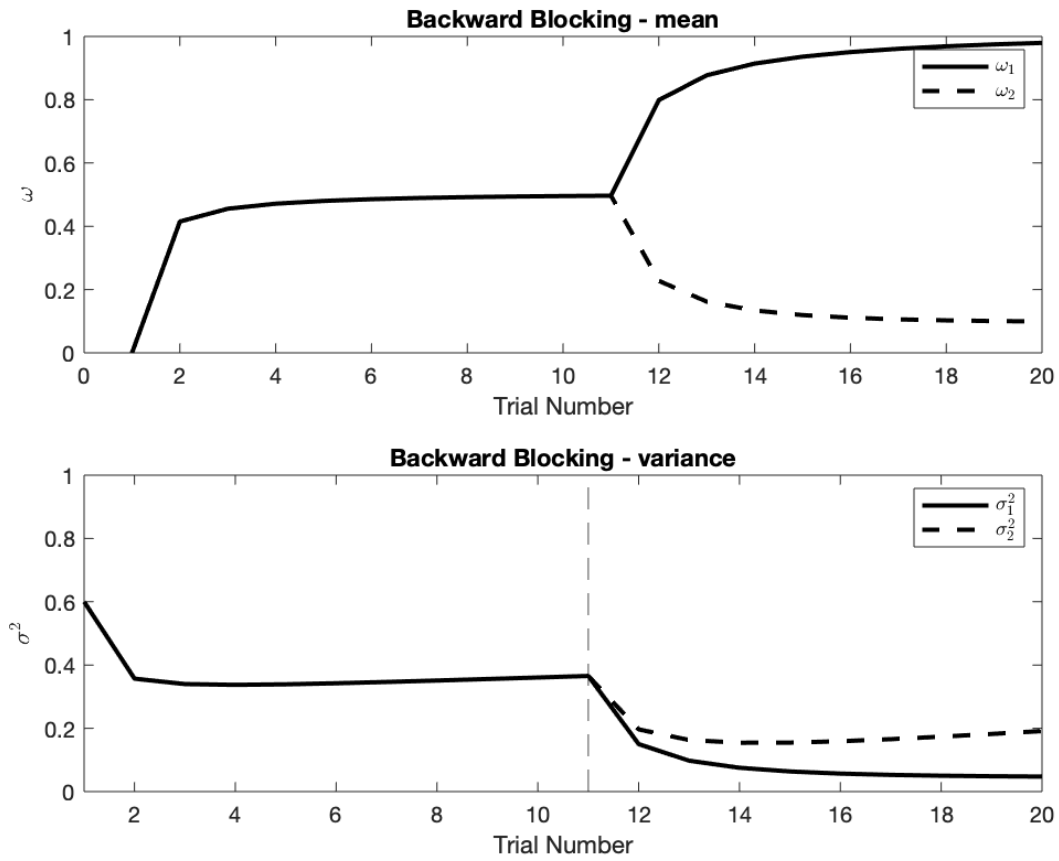
(c) Unblocking

Figure 6: Stimulation of different paradigms using Kalman Filter. The thin lines show the distribution of weights at  $t = 5$  and  $t = 18$ .

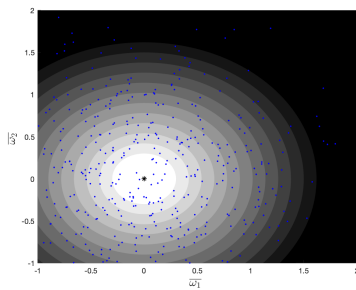
The parameters for obtaining Figures 6 and 7 is obtained from the paper or is set to the values which tend to the most similarity to the paper figures. The used parameters values are written in Table 1.

Table 1: Parameters of Kalman Filter

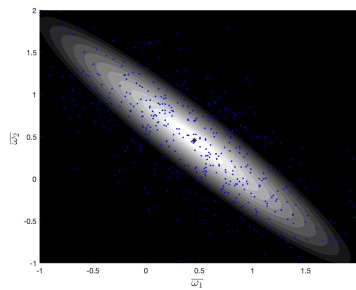
Process Noise	0.01
$\tau$	0.5
$w_0$	0
$\sum t_0$	0.06



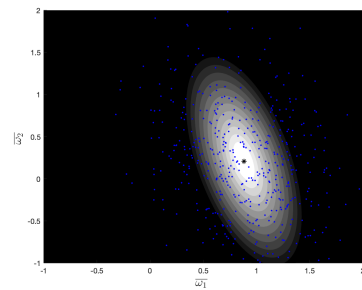
(a) Backward Blocking



(b)  $t = 1$



(c)  $t = 9$



(d)  $t = 19$

Figure 7: Stimulation of Backward Blocking using Kalman Filter and contour plots of the joint distribution of  $\bar{w}(t)$ . The blue points are obtained from the joint distribution of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ .

□ Q02

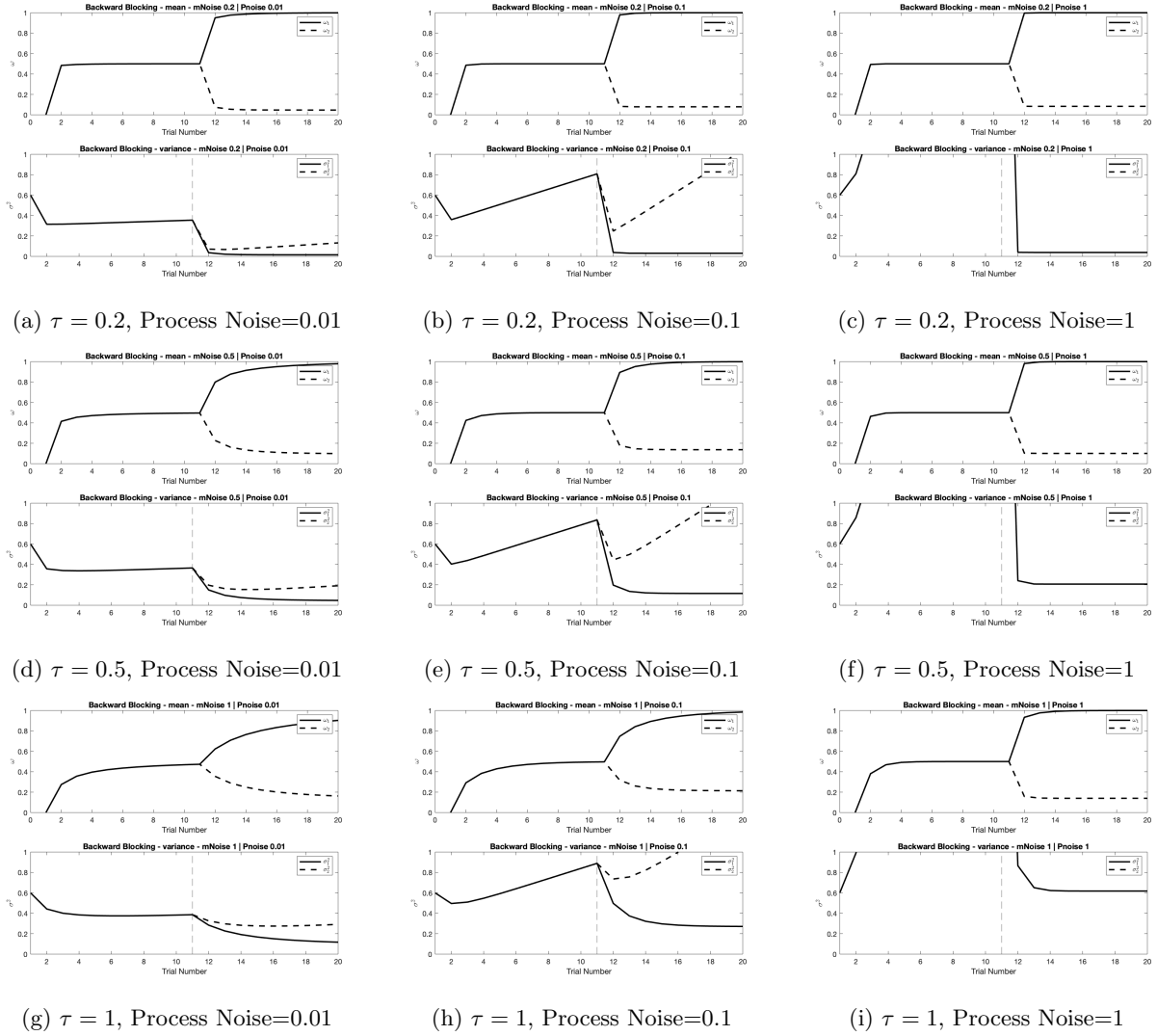


Figure 8: Effect of Process noise and Measurement Noise on mean and variance of the Weights

Figures 8 and 9 show the effect of process and measurement noises on weights mean and variance. As can be seen in Figures, the weights change slowly when the measurement noise is bigger because the environment is noisier and the agent needs more observations to update the weights. Also, the weights changes faster when process noise is bigger because big process noise leads to bigger changes in the covariance matrix and meanwhile the uncertainty of the agent from the environment increases, the weights change faster to obtain more information about the environment.

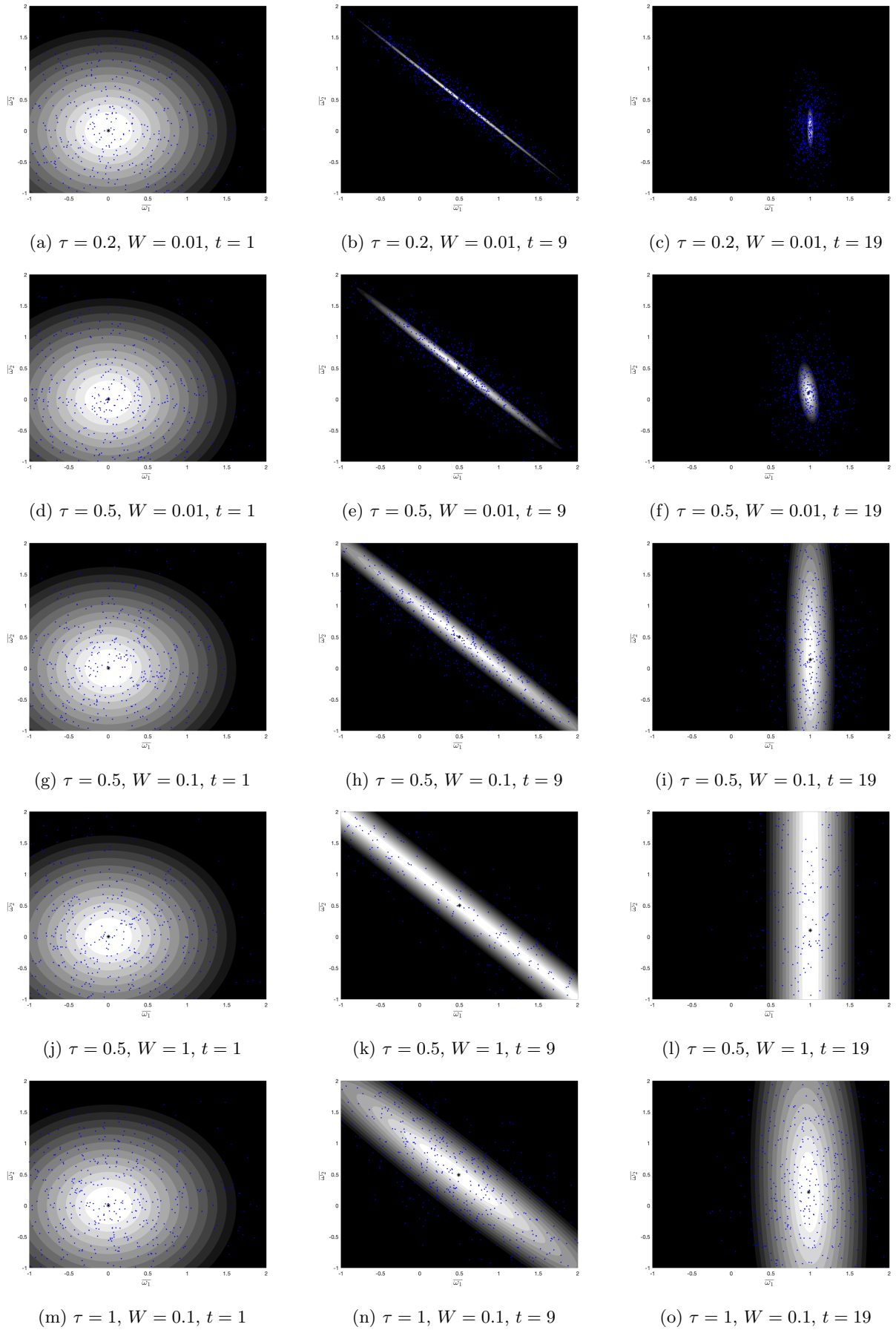


Figure 9: Effect of Process noise and Measurement Noise on mean and variance of the Weights



□ Q03

$$G_{\infty} = C^T (C \Sigma_{\infty} C^T + V)^{-1}$$

So I should first calculate  $\Sigma_{\infty}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{t+1} &= A \Sigma_t + W \\ \Sigma_{t|t} &= \Sigma_{t|t-1} + G C \Sigma_{t|t-1}\end{aligned}$$

Combining the two equations leads to:

$$\Sigma_{\infty} = W + A \Sigma_{\infty} (I - C^T (C \Sigma_{\infty} C^T + V)^{-1} C \Sigma_{\infty})$$

□ Q04

In the Kalman Filter formulation, the change in uncertainty doesn't depend on the errors so if the stimulus changes, the model won't increase the uncertainty about the value of the stimulus. But in the reality, the change in uncertainty depends on the errors made in each trial.





□ Q05

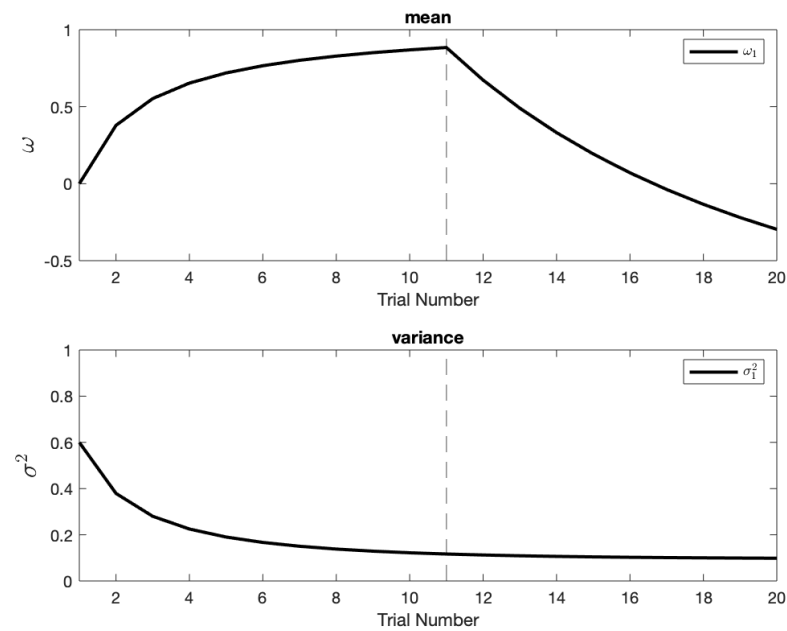


Figure 10: Inhibitory Paradigm Plot