



STA 5106

Computational Methods in Statistics I

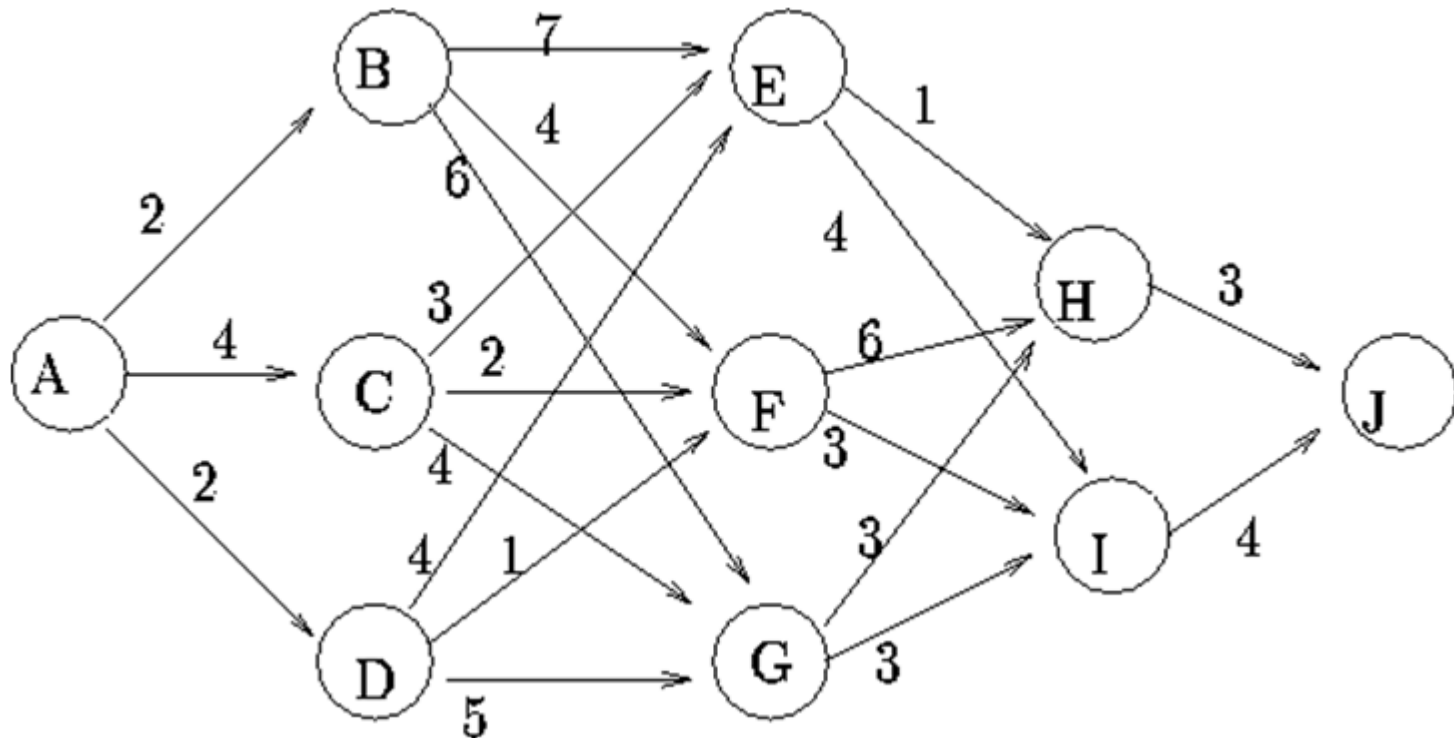
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Review: Example Two

- **Shortest path problem:** Find the shortest path from A to J in the following road network.





Review: Dynamic Programming

- Let A be the 1st layer, J be the 5th layer, and let a, b, c denote the choice in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th layers.

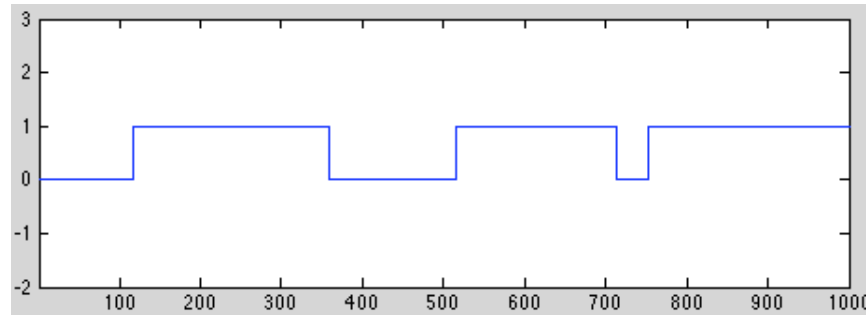
Backward dynamic programming:

- If $b = E$, then $c = H$ ($4 < 8$)
- If $b = F$, then $c = I$ ($7 < 9$)
- If $b = G$, then $c = H$ ($6 < 7$)
- If $a = B$, then $b = E$ or F ($11 = 11 < 12$)
- If $a = C$, then $b = E$ ($7 < 9 < 10$)
- If $a = D$, then $b = E$ or F ($8 = 8 < 11$)
- Therefore, $a = D$, $b = E$ or F , $c = H$ or I ($10 < 11 < 13$); that is, the shortest path is ADEHJ or ADFIJ.

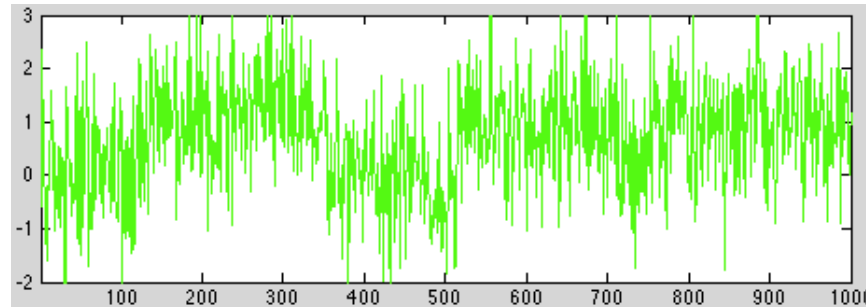


Function Reconstruction

- $x(t)$: piecewise constant function



- $y(t)$: noisy observation



- **Goal: Reconstruct $x(t)$ from $y(t)$.**



Discretized Case

- $x(t)$ is discretized as $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$

- $\{x_i\}$ is binary and we assume

$$x_1 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with probability 0.5} \\ 1 & \text{with probability 0.5} \end{cases}$$

- Other x_i follow a Markovian transition:

$$\Pr(x_i | x_{i-1}) = p^{1_{x_i=x_{i-1}}} (1-p)^{1_{x_i \neq x_{i-1}}} = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } x_i = x_{i-1} \\ 1-p & \text{if } x_i \neq x_{i-1} \end{cases}$$

- That is,

$$x_i = \begin{cases} x_{i-1} & \text{with probability } p \\ 1 - x_{i-1} & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases}$$

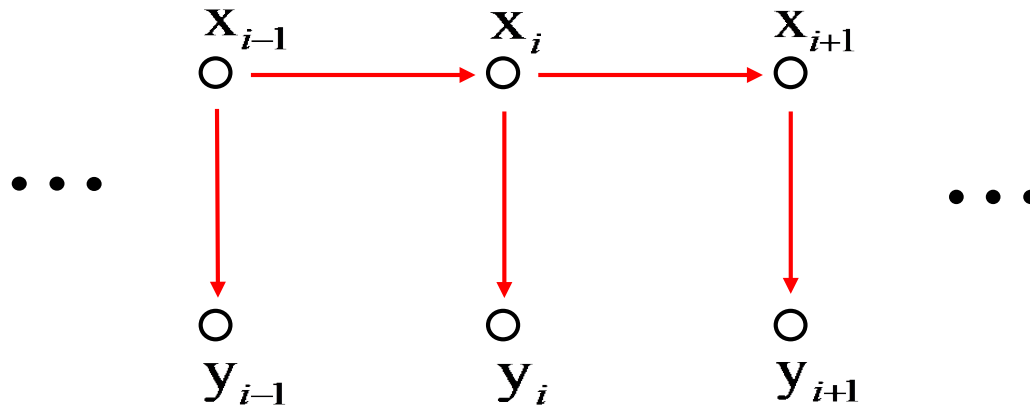


Discretized Case

- $y = (y_1, \dots, y_N)$ is a noisy version of x :

$$y_i = x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

- Graphical Model:





Likelihood, Prior, and Posterior

- Likelihood:

$$\Pr(\{y_i\} | \{x_i\}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \Pr(y_i | x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_i - x_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

- Prior:

$$\Pr(\{x_i\}) = \Pr(x_1) \prod_{i=2}^N \Pr(x_i | x_{i-1}) = \frac{1}{2} \prod_{i=2}^N p^{1_{x_i=x_{i-1}}} (1-p)^{1_{x_i \neq x_{i-1}}}$$

- Posterior:

$$\Pr(\{x_i\} | \{y_i\}) = \Pr(\{y_i\} | \{x_i\}) \Pr(\{x_i\}) / \Pr(\{y_i\})$$



MAP Estimate

- Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimate:

$$\{\hat{x}_i\} = \underset{\{x_i\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \Pr(\{x_i\} \mid \{y_i\}) = \underset{\{x_i\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \log(\Pr(\{x_i\} \mid \{y_i\}))$$

$$\log(\Pr(\{x_i\} \mid \{y_i\}))$$

$$= \log \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_i - x_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \right) + \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \prod_{i=2}^N p^{1_{x_i=x_{i-1}}} (1-p)^{1_{x_i \neq x_{i-1}}} \right) + \text{const}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\frac{(y_i - x_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) + \sum_{i=2}^N \log(1_{x_i=x_{i-1}} p + 1_{x_i \neq x_{i-1}} (1-p)) + \text{const}$$

- The maximum can be computed using **Dynamic Programming**.



Pseudo Code

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1.  $S(1,1) = -y(1)^2/(2\sigma^2)$ ,  $S(1,2) = -(y(1)-1)^2/(2\sigma^2)$ 
2. for k from 2 to N
    for i from 0 to 1 (note:  $x_k = 0$ , or 1)
         $h(1) = \text{sum from 1 to k for } x_{k-1} = 0$ 
         $h(2) = \text{sum from 1 to k for } x_{k-1} = 1$ 
        if  $h(1) > h(2)$ 
             $x_{k-1} = 0$  (given  $x_k = i$ ), sum from 1 to k =  $h(1)$ 
        else
             $x_{k-1} = 1$  (given  $x_k = i$ ), sum from 1 to k =  $h(2)$ 
        end
    end
end
end

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Pseudo Code

3. if $S(N,1) < S(N,2)$

$z_N = 1$ (z denotes estimated x)

else

$z_N = 0$

end

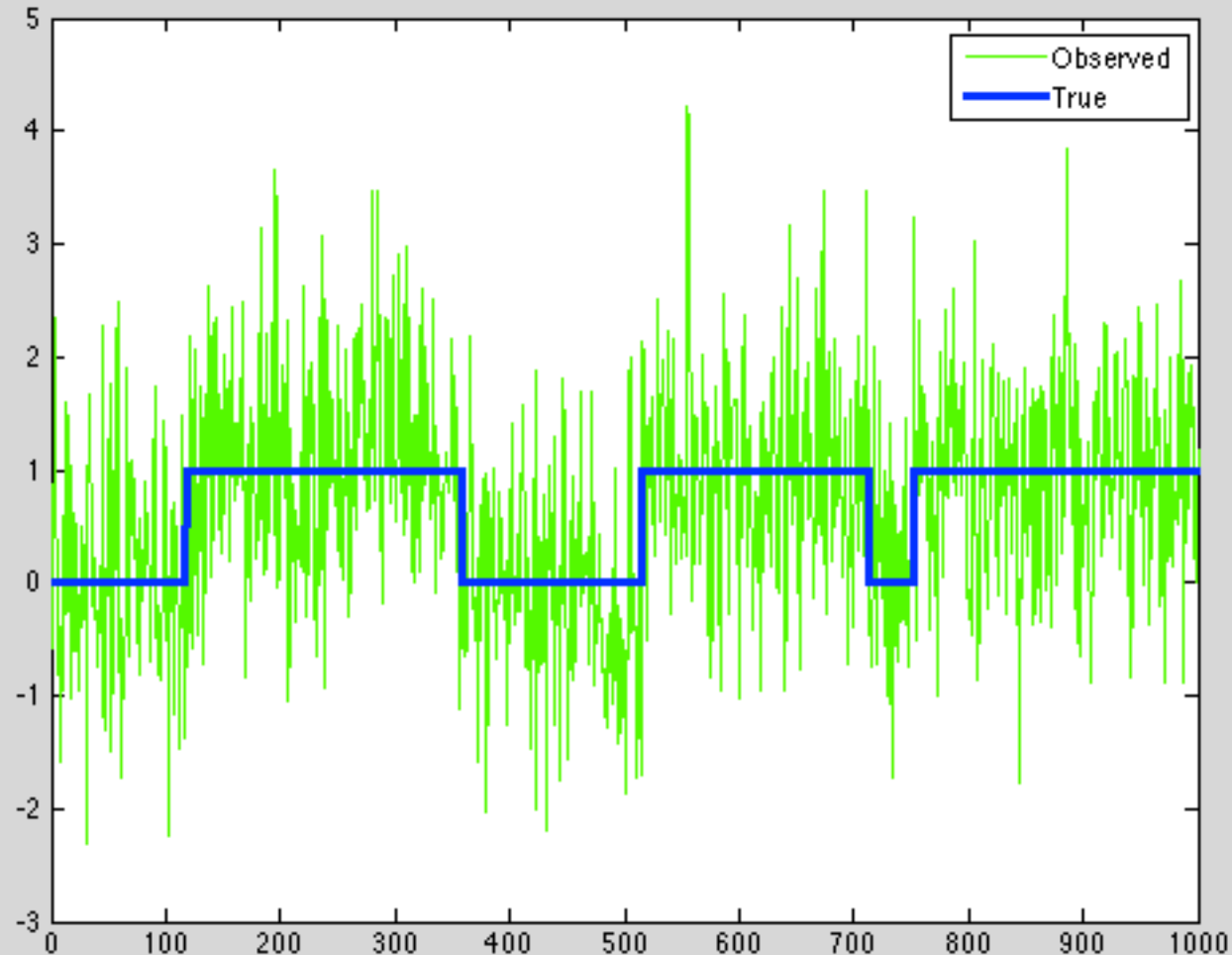
4. for k from $N - 1$ to 1

$z_k = \text{optimal } x_{k-1} \text{ given } x_k$

end

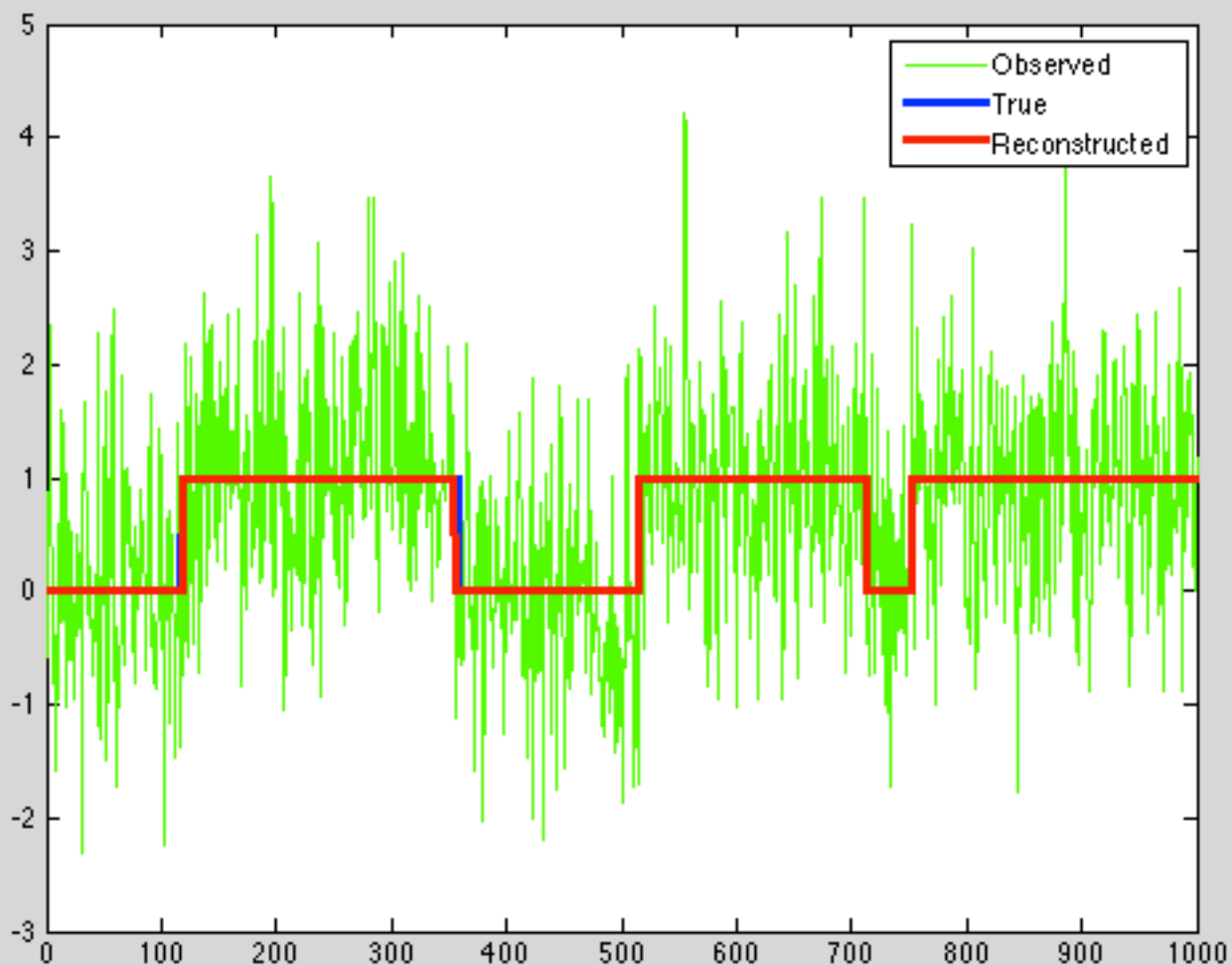


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Final Project

- **Out: Today**
- **Due: 12/12 (Thursday) by 8am (email submission).**
- **Students who did not finish Python homework:**
 - Turn in your final report in the full format: introduction, methodology, programming code, results, and conclusions.
- **One bonus point for students who finished Python homework:**
 - Only for parameters $p = 0.99$ and $\sigma = 1$.
 - Submit a two-page report
 1. Reconstruction plot with observed, true, and reconstructed
 2. Your programming code