

Terminology

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Assume y data, θ parameters

Full probabilistic model: $p(\theta, y) = p(y|\theta) \underbrace{p(\theta)}_{\text{prior}}$

likelihood function $\mathcal{L}(\theta; y) = p(\bar{Y} = y | \theta)$ function of unknown parameters
not a distribution anymore

$$\text{Bayesian approach: } \underbrace{p(\theta|y)}_{\substack{\text{posterior} \\ \text{distribution}}} = \frac{p(\theta, y)}{p(y)} = \frac{p(y|\theta) p(\theta)}{\underbrace{\int p(y|\theta) p(\theta) d\theta}_{\substack{\text{normalization constant} \\ \text{model evidence}}}}$$

$$\text{Prediction: } p(\bar{y} | y) = \int p(\bar{y} | \theta) p(\theta | y) d\theta$$

$$= \int p(\bar{y}, \theta | y) d\theta$$

marginalization

Linear Gaussian state space model (LG-SSM)

simple inventory model process noise

$$\tilde{x}_t = Ax_{t-1} + v_t, \quad v_t \sim N(0, Q) \quad \text{state model}$$

$$\vec{Y}_t = C \vec{X}_t + \vec{E}_t \quad , \quad E_t \sim N(0, R)$$

↑ measurement
 at time t ↑ measurement noise

measurement add

Transition model (dynamics):

$$p(x_t | x_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(x_t | A_{x_{t-1}}, Q)$$

Measurement model:

$$p(y_t | x_t) = \mathcal{N}(y_t | C_{x_t}, \mathbf{E})$$

Importance sampling

Can be used to solve integrals of the type

$$\mathbb{I}(f) = E_{\pi}(f(X)) = \int f(x) \pi(x) dx \quad (\text{where } X \sim \pi(x))$$

without requiring exact samples from the target distribution.

Note that

$$E_{\pi}(f(X)) = \int f(x) \pi(x) dx = \int f(x) \frac{\pi(x)}{q(x)} q(x) dx$$

proposal distribution
as long as division
by zero is avoided

Set: $w(x) := \frac{\pi(x)}{q(x)}$, weight function, then

$$E_{\pi}(f(X)) = \int f(x) w(x) q(x) dx = E_q(f \cdot w)(X) \quad (\text{here } X \sim q(x))$$

Results in two steps:

1. Sample from the proposal distribution

$$x^i \sim q(x), i=1, \dots, N$$

2. Compute weights

$$w^i = w(x^i) = \frac{\pi(x^i)}{q(x^i)}, i=1, \dots, N$$

$$\text{Then } \hat{\mathbb{I}}^N(f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w^i f(x^i)$$

Problems: a) How to choose q ? b) How to calculate w^i ?

a) Experience ...

b) If $\pi(x) = \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{Z}$ can be calculated except for a normalization

$$\text{constant, then } Z = \int \tilde{\pi}(x) dx = \int \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{q(x)} q(x) dx = \int w(x) q(x) dx$$

which can be approximated by Monte Carlo as well.

Nonlinear filtering problem

What if we do not know $\pi(x)$ up to a normalization constant?

Assume that at time $t-1$ we have

$$\hat{p}^n(x_{t-1} | y_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_{t-1}^i \delta_{x_{t-1}^i}(x_{t-1}) \quad \textcircled{*}$$

Insert $\textcircled{*}$ into the time update integral, then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}^n(x_t | y_{1:t-1}) &= \int p(x_t | x_{t-1}) \sum_{i=1}^N w_{t-1}^i \delta_{x_{t-1}^i}(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1} = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N w_{t-1}^i p(x_t | \bar{x}_{t-1} = x_{t-1}^i) \end{aligned}$$

The Measurement update

$$p(x_t | y_{1:t}) \approx \frac{p(y_t | x_t)}{p(y_t | y_{1:t-1})} \sum_{i=1}^N w_{t-1}^i p(x_t | \bar{x}_{t-1} = x_{t-1}^i) \quad \textcircled{D}$$

This approx. of the filter pdf can be evaluated up to normalisation, and it can thus be targeted by an importance sampler at time t .

Guided by \textcircled{D} we choose a mixture distribution as proposal:

$$q(x_t | y_{1:t}) = \sum_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}^i q(x_t | x_{t-1}^i, y_t)$$

↑ ↑ ↑
 design choices "Markov property,
 older values are not
 necessary"

We can now compute the weights as

$$\tilde{w}_t^i = \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x_t^i)}{q(x_t^i)} = \frac{p(y_t | x_t^i) \sum_{j=1}^N v_{t-1}^j p(x_t^j | x_{t-1}^j)}{\sum_{j=1}^N v_{t-1}^j q(x_t^j | x_{t-1}^j, y_t)}$$

\rightarrow we obtain a new set of weighted particles $\{x_t^i, w_t^i\}_{i=1}^N$ approx. $p(x_t | y_{1:t})$

Problem: $O(N^2)$ computational complexity

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Pragmatic solution:

$$q(x_t | y_{1:t}) = \hat{p}^N(x_t | x_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{j=1}^N w_{t,j}^0 p(x_t | x_{1:t-1})$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{\omega}_t^i = p(x_t | x_t^i)$$

Central limit theorem for Importance Sampling:

Imp. Samp. estimate of $\mathbb{I}(f) = \int f(x) \pi(x) dx$ is

$$\hat{\Sigma}_N^{IS}(f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\omega(x^i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N \omega(x^j)} f(x^i) = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \omega(x^i) f(x^i)}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \omega(x^i)}$$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \omega(x) f(x) \text{ and } \bar{g} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \omega(x^i) f(x^i), \quad \bar{\omega} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \omega(x^i)$$

(sample mean), then $\hat{\Sigma}_N^{IS}(f) = \frac{\bar{g}}{\bar{\omega}}$

$\bar{g}, \bar{\omega}$ are both std. MC estimates, therefore SLLN & CLT apply, i.e.

$$E(\bar{g}) = E_g(g(X)) = \int g(x) q(x) dx = \int \frac{\pi(x)}{q(x)} f(x) q(x) dx \equiv \mathbb{I}(f)$$

$$E(\bar{\omega}) = E_g(\omega(X)) = \int \frac{\pi(x)}{q(x)} q(x) dx = 1$$

Consider a Taylor expansion of $\frac{1}{\bar{\omega}}$ around its mean of 1 (= delta method)

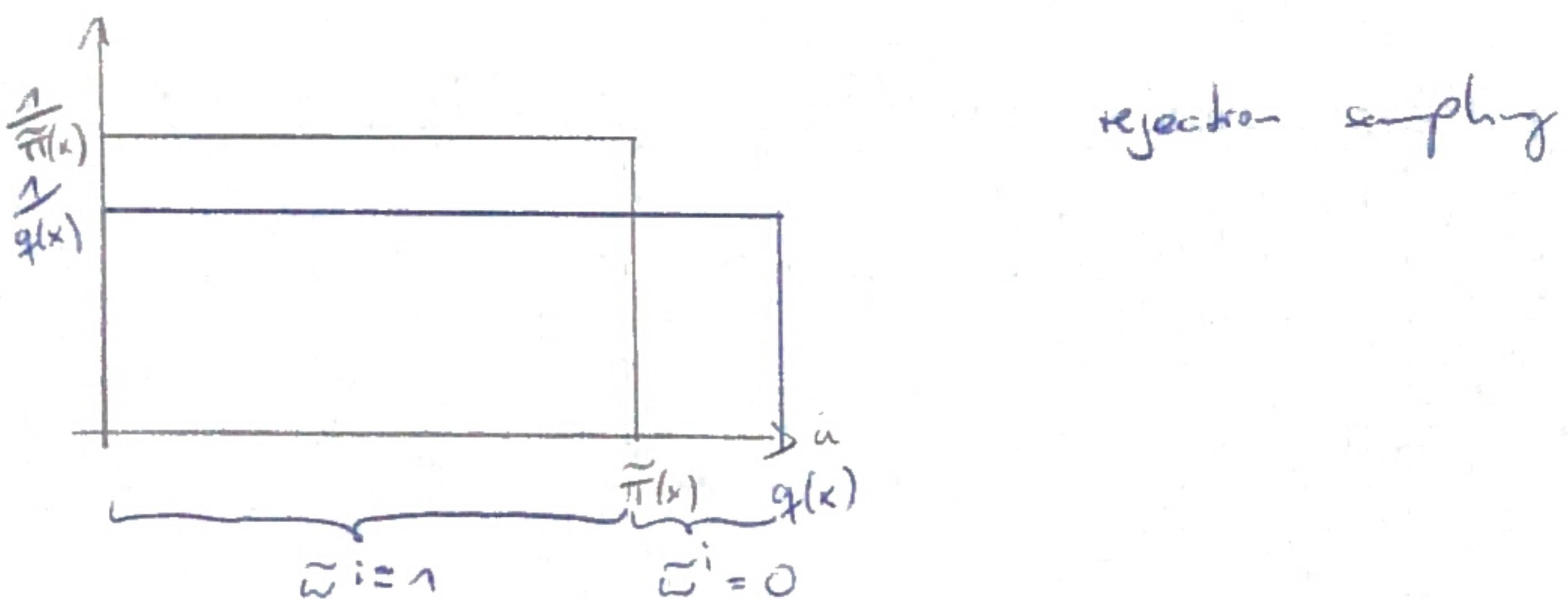
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Sigma}_N^{IS}(f) &= \frac{\bar{g}}{\bar{\omega}} = \bar{g} \left(1 - (\bar{\omega} - 1) + (\bar{\omega} - 1)^2 + \dots \right) = \\ &= \underbrace{(\bar{g} - \mathbb{I}(f))}_{\text{both terms will be small for large } N} \left[1 - \underbrace{(\bar{\omega} - 1)}_{\bar{\omega}} + \dots \right] + \mathbb{I}(f) \left[1 - (\bar{\omega} - 1) + \dots \right] = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mathbb{I}(f) + (\bar{g} - \mathbb{I}(f)) - \mathbb{I}(f)(\bar{\omega} - 1) - (\bar{g} - \mathbb{I}(f))(\bar{\omega} - 1) +$$

+ $\mathbb{I}(f)(\bar{\omega} - 1)^2 + \text{higher order terms}$

$$\text{Then } E(\hat{\Sigma}_N^{IS}(f)) = \mathbb{I}(f) - \frac{\text{Cov}_g(g(X), \omega(X))}{N} + \mathbb{I}(f) \frac{\text{Var}_g(\omega(X))}{N} + O(\frac{1}{N})$$

Importance sampling with an auxiliary variable [5]



Particle filtering with auxiliary variables

Unnormalized target pdf of the particle filter at time t

$$p(x_t | x_{t-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_{t-1}^i p(x_t | x_{t-1}^i)$$

proposal used in bootstrap particle filter

Introduce an auxiliary variable A_t representing the mixJndex.

The joint target for (X_t, A_t) is proportional to

$$p(x_t | x_{t-1}) \sim_{t-1} p(x_t | x_{t-1})$$

N.B. Marginalizing over the auxiliary variable we get

$$\sum_{a_t=1}^N p(y_t | x_t^{a_t}) w_{t-n}^{a_t} p(x_t | x_{t-n}^{a_t})$$

as required.

We can draw sample pairs $\{(x_t^i, a_t^i)\}_{i=1}^N$ from \oplus (using imp. samp.) and use the x 's (with weights) to approximate the filtering distribution at time t . Specifically, select proposal for (X_t, A_t) as

$$q(x_{t+1}, a_t | y_{1:t}) = \sqrt{\pi_{t+1}} q(x_t | x_{t-1}, y_t)$$

Thus

- A_t has a categorical distribution on {1, ..., N} with probabilities $\{v_{t,i}\}_{i=1}^N$

* The conditional distribution for x_t given

$$A_t = a_t \text{ is } q(x_t | x_{t-1}^{a_t}, y_t)$$

The importance weights are given by the ratio of the joint target (4) and the joint proposal (5), i.e.

$$\frac{w_{t-1}^{a_t}}{v_{t-1}^{a_t}} \frac{p(y_t | x_t) p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{a_t})}{q(x_t | x_{t-1}^{a_t}, y_t)} \quad \text{No sum!}$$

The joint proposal for (X_t, A_t) is locally optimal if it exactly matches the target for (X_t, A_t) at time t . Then $w_t^i = \frac{1}{N}$

$$\text{Joint target} \propto w_{t-1}^{a_t} p(y_t | x_t) p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{a_t})$$

$$\text{Joint proposal} = v_{t-1}^{a_t} q(x_t | x_{t-1}^{a_t}, y_t)$$

To match proposal = target, we first need to normalize the target.

Note that

$$p(y_t | x_t) p(x_t | x_{t-1}) = p(y_t, x_t | x_{t-1}) = p(x_t | x_{t-1}, y_t) p(y_t | x_{t-1})$$

Thus, the normalized joint target can be written as

$$\underbrace{\frac{w_{t-1}^{a_t} p(y_t | x_{t-1}^{a_t})}{\sum_{j=1}^N w_{t-1}^j p(y_t | x_{t-1}^j)}}_{\substack{\text{marginal distribution} \\ \text{of the auxiliary variable } A_t}} \underbrace{p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{a_t}, y_t)}_{\substack{\text{conditional distribution} \\ \text{of } X_t | (A_t = a_t)}}$$

Using

$$\cdot v_{t-1}^i \propto w_{t-1}^i p(y_t | x_{t-1}^i), i=1, \dots, N$$

$$\cdot q(x_t | x_{t-1}^i, y_t) = p(x_t | x_{t-1}^i, y_t)$$

we are effectively sampling from the joint target for (X_t, A_t) .

Therefore, $\tilde{w}_t^i = \text{const}$ and $w_t^i = \frac{1}{N}$.

This is referred to the fully adapted particle filter.



The Locally optimal proposals, based on $p(x_t | x_{t-1}, \gamma_t)$ and $p(y_t | x_{t-1})$, can be computed when $\gamma_t | x_t$ is conjugate to $x_t | x_{t-1}$.

Example Gaussian model with nonlinear dynamics

$$\begin{cases} X_t = f(X_{t-1}) + V_t, \quad V_t \sim N(0, Q) \\ Y_t = C X_t + E_t, \quad E_t \sim N(0, R) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p(x_t | x_{t-1}) = N(x_t; f(x_{t-1}), Q) \\ p(y_t | x_t) = N(y_t; Cx_t, R) \end{cases}$$

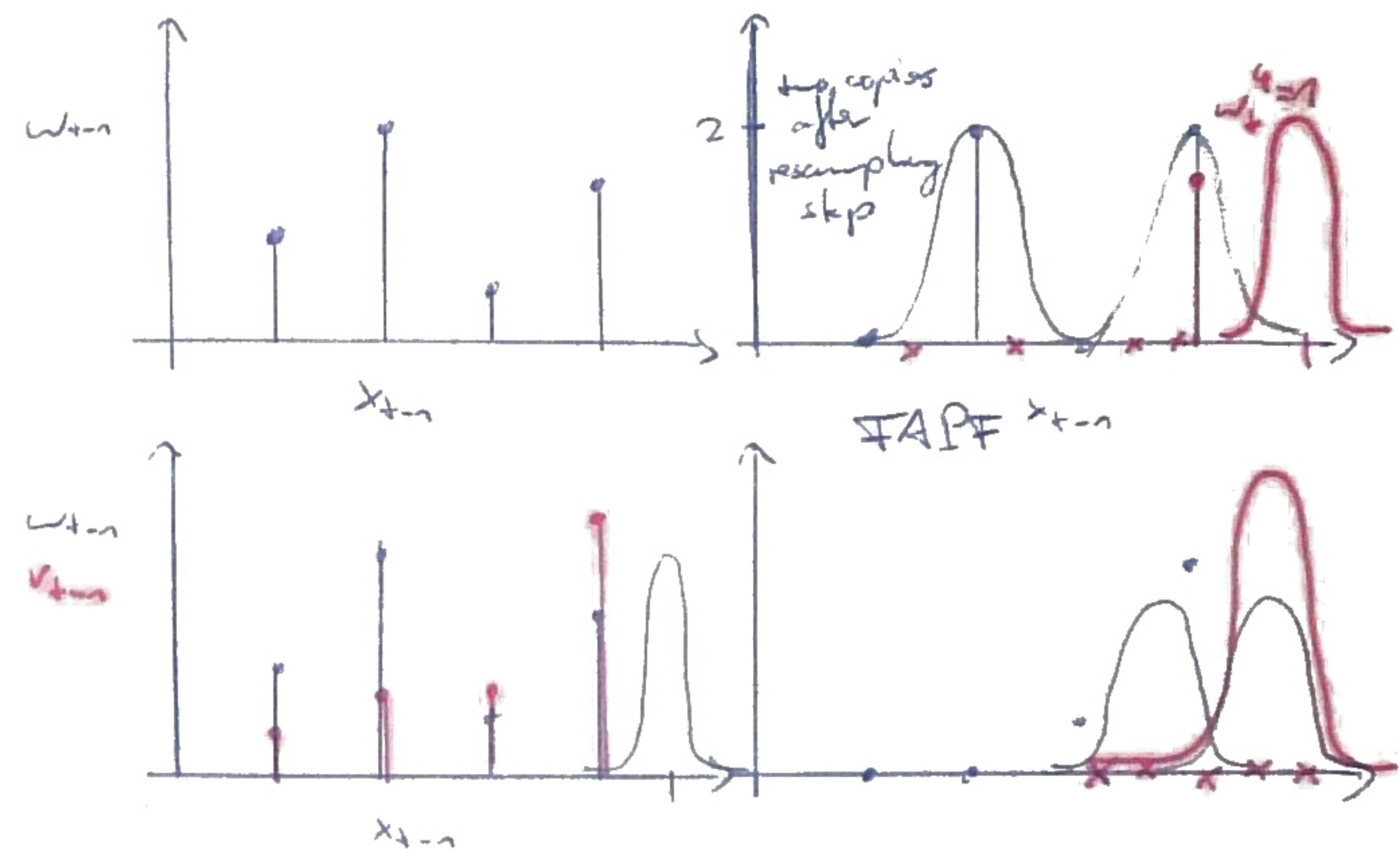
conjugate relationship
given x_{t-1}

Bootstrap PF

Example (Illustration)

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + V_t$$

$$Y_t = X_t + E_t$$



Example (ancestor indices)



$$t=1: \quad a_1^1 = 2, \quad a_1^2 = 2, \quad a_1^3 = 3$$

$$t=2: \quad a_2^1 = 2, \quad a_2^2 = 3, \quad a_2^3 = 3$$

Ancestral path for particle x_2^1

$$x_{0:2}^1 = \{x_0^{a_1^1}, x_2^1\} = \{x_0^2, x_2^1, x_2^1\} = \{x_0^2, x_1^2, x_2^1\}$$

Likelihood computation

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$$p(y_{1:T} | \theta) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(y_t | y_{1:t-1}, \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{with } p(y_t | y_{1:t-1}, \theta) &= \int p(y_t, x_t | y_{1:t-1}, \theta) dx_t = \\ &= \int p(y_t | x_t, \theta) \underbrace{p(x_t | y_{1:t-1}, \theta)}_{\substack{\text{Markov model: } y_{1:t-1} \text{ does not contain any} \\ \text{information that isn't in } x_t}} dx_t = \\ &\approx \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_t^i}(x_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int p \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N p(x_t | x_t^i, \theta) \right) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_t^i$$

$$\text{Together: } p(y_{1:T} | \theta) \approx \prod_{t=1}^T \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_t^i \right) \quad \text{Could be numerically problematic!}$$

Solution: Use shifted log-weights

$$\text{Define } v_t^i = \log \tilde{w}_t^i - C_t, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

$$\text{where } C_t := \max \{ \log \tilde{w}_t^1, \dots, \log \tilde{w}_t^N \}, \quad \text{then } \tilde{w}_t^i = \exp(v_t^i + C_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y_{1:T} | \theta) &= \log p(y_T | y_{1:T-1}, \theta) + \log p(y_{1:T-1} | \theta) \\ &\approx \log \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_T^i \right) = c_t + \log \left(\sum_{i=1}^N e^{v_t^i} \right) - \log N \end{aligned}$$

Properties of the likelihood estimator

A particle filter that is run for time steps $t = 0, \dots, T$ samples the random variables

$$X_t = \{ X_t^i \}_{i=1}^N, \quad t = 0, \dots, T$$

$$A_t = \{ A_t^i \}_{i=1}^N, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

The distributions from which these are sampled are, for the bootstrap PF:

$$\text{Initialisation: } X_0 \sim \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i)$$

Resampling: $A_t | (X_{t-n} = x_{t-n}) \sim$ SUC 2012
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$$\approx \prod_{i=1}^N C(a_i | \{w_{t-n}^j\}_{j=1}^N) = \prod_{i=1}^N w_{t-n}^{a_i}$$

Propagation: $X_t | (X_{t-n} = x_{t-n}, A_t = a_t) \sim \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_t^i | x_{t-n}^{a_i})$

Unbiasedness of the likelihood estimator

Proof idea: Solve the integral

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\pi_{N,T}}[\hat{z}] &= \int \prod_{t=1}^T \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_t^i \right\} \varphi_{N,T}(x_{0:T}, a_{0:T}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{a} = \\ &\quad \tilde{w}_t^i = p(y_t | x_t^i) \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{mix of continuous and discrete variables} \\ &= \int \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_t^i \right\} \varphi_{N,T-1}(x_{0:T}, a_{0:T-1}) \times \\ &\quad \times \left[\left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_T^i \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N w_{T-n}^{a_i} p(x_T^i | x_{T-n}^{a_i}) dx_T da_T \right] \\ &\quad \text{Integral over } (x_T, a_T) \text{ can be computed} \qquad \qquad \qquad d\mathbf{x}_{T-n} da_T \\ &= \dots = \sum_{i=1}^N w_{T-n}^{a_i} p(y_T | x_T^i) \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding similarly, integrating over (x_{T-1}, a_{T-1}) , etc. gives the result.

Particle filter is a smart set of drawing and combining random numbers:

- 1) In the prior
- 2) In the resampling step
- 3) In the propagation step

Markov Chain Monte Carlo

We want Markov chains $\{x[m]\}_{m=1}^M$, so that for $M \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M p(x[m]) \xrightarrow{\sim} \int p(x) \pi(x) dx$$

Such Markov chains can be constructed by

- 1) Sample a candidate x' from a proposal distribution

$$x' \sim q(x'|x[m])$$

- 2) Choose the candidate sample x' as the next state with probability

acceptance probability

$$\alpha = \min \left(1, \frac{\pi(x')}{\pi(x[m])} \cdot \frac{q(x[m]|x')}{q(x'|x[m])} \right)$$

i.e. $x[m+1] = \begin{cases} x' & \text{with prob. } \alpha \\ x[m] & \text{with prob. } 1-\alpha \end{cases}$

This is the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

To use MH we need to (in case of parameter estimation)
inference

- 1) Decide on a proposal q
- 2) Compute the acceptance probability α

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{p(\theta'|y_{1:T})}{p(\theta[m]|y_{1:T})} \cdot \frac{q(\theta[m]|\theta')}{q(\theta'|\theta[m])} = \\ &= \left[\frac{p(y_{1:T}|\theta') p(\theta')}{p(y_{1:T})} \Bigg/ \frac{p(y_{1:T}|\theta[m]) p(\theta[m])}{p(y_{1:T})} \right] \cdot \frac{q(\cdot)}{q(\cdot)} \end{aligned}$$

Particle Metropolis Hastings (PMH)

The particle filter provides:

- non-negative and unbiased

estimate \hat{z} of the likelihood $p(y_{1:T} | \theta)$. The estimate \hat{z} is itself a random variable $\hat{z} \sim \gamma(z | \theta, y_{1:T})$.

Consider an extended model, where \hat{z} is included as an auxiliary variable

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta, \hat{z}) &\sim \gamma(\theta, z | y_{1:T}) = \gamma(z | \theta, y_{1:T}) \cdot p(\theta | y_{1:T}) = \\ &= \frac{p(y_{1:T} | \theta) p(\theta)}{p(y_{1:T})} \cdot \gamma(z | \theta, y_{1:T}) \end{aligned}$$

Key trick: Define a new joint target distribution over (θ, \hat{z}) by simply replacing $p(y_{1:T} | \theta)$ with $\hat{p}(y_{1:T} | \theta)$ (its estimator \hat{z}), i.e.

$$\pi(\theta, z | y_{1:T}) = \frac{z \cdot p(\theta)}{p(y_{1:T})} \gamma(z | \theta, y_{1:T})$$

Requirements on π :

1. Non-negative \rightarrow follows from non-negativity of \hat{z}
2. Normalized, \rightarrow follows from below
3. $\int \pi(z, \theta | y_{1:T}) dz = p(\theta | y_{1:T})$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \pi(z, \theta | y_{1:T}) dz &= \frac{p(\theta)}{p(y_{1:T})} \underbrace{\int z \gamma(z | \theta, y_{1:T}) dz}_{= p(y_{1:T} | \theta) \text{ due to the unbiasedness}} = p(\theta | y_{1:T}) \end{aligned}$$

Gibbs sampling for dynamical systems (state-space models)

Bayesian model with parameter $\theta \sim p(\theta)$

Task: Compute the posterior $p(\theta | y_{1:T})$ based on a batch of observations $y_{1:T}$

Introduce the unknown states as auxiliary variables

("data augmentation"), i.e. target $p(\theta, x_{0:T} | y_{1:T})$ SUC 2014
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Gibbs sampler: I iterate,

1. $\theta^* \sim p(\theta | x_{0:T}, y_{1:T})$ than Sampling from $p(\theta | y_{1:T})$
2. $x_{0:T}^* \sim p(x_{0:T} | \theta^*, y_{1:T})$ state inference problem

N.B. If the prior $p(\theta)$ is conjugate to the "complete data likelihood" $p(x_{0:T}; y_{1:T} | \theta)$, then step 1 is analytically tractable.

~~If~~ the model is linear & Gaussian, step 2 is also analytically tractable.

Conditional importance sampling

Then $x_N(x, x^*)$ defined by the conditional importance sampling ~~process~~ procedure has $\pi(x)$ as stationary distribution for any $N \geq 1$.

Proof: We will prove the Hm for the following equiv. formulation of the procedure:

Step 1:

- Draw $b \sim U\{1, \dots, N\}$
- Draw $x^i \sim q(x)$, $i \neq b$
- Set $x^b = x \leftarrow \text{input}$

Step 2:

- Compute $\tilde{\omega}^i = \frac{\pi(x^i)}{q(x^i)}$ $i = 1, \dots, N$
and normalize

- Draw $b^* \sim C(\{w^i\}_{i=1}^N)$
- Output: $x^* = x^{b^*}$

We will treat $(b, \{x^i\}_{i \neq b})$ as auxiliary variables.

Joint target: (definition)

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$$\pi(x^{1:N}, b) = \frac{1}{N} \pi(\cancel{x^b}) \prod_{i=1}^N q(x^i)$$

Fact 1: The distribution of x^b under $\pi(x^{1:N}, b)$ is $\pi(x)$

Fact 2: If the input x is distributed according to $\pi(x)$ then after completing step 1 we have $(x^{1:N}, b) \sim \pi(x^{1:N}, b)$

Fact 3: Step 2 is a Gibbs update step for the variable b with respect to $\pi(x^{1:N}, b)$

$$b^* \sim \pi(b | x^{1:N})$$

$$\text{Proof of Fact 3: } \pi(b | x^{1:N}) \propto \pi(x^{1:N}, b) = \frac{1}{N} \underbrace{\frac{\pi(x^b)}{q(x^b)}}_{\propto \tilde{w}^b} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^N q(x^i)}_{\text{independent of } b} \propto \tilde{w}^b$$

Normalizing the distribution, ~~all other~~ we get

$$\pi(b | x^{1:N}) = \frac{\tilde{w}^b}{\sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{w}^j} = w^b \quad \#$$

It follows from a standard Gibbs sampling argument that $(x^{1:N}, b^*) \sim \pi(x^{1:N}, b)$.

Therefore $x^* = x^{b^*} \sim \pi(x)$. □

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- Resampling weights: $v_{k:n}^i = w_{k:n}^i$ δ_n-invariant MH-kernel
- Propagation: $q_{n|n}(x_n | x_{1:n-1}^{a|n}) = k_{n|n}(x_n^{a|n}, x_n)$
- Weighting: $w_n^i \propto \frac{v_{n|n}^i}{\sqrt{v_{n|n}^i}} \frac{T_{n|n}(x_{1:n}^{a|n})}{\pi_{k:n-1}(x_{1:n-1}^{a|n}) q(x_n^i | x_{1:n-1}^{a|n})} =$
 $= \frac{g_n(x_n) \prod_{j=1}^K \gamma(x_j^i, x_{j-1}^{a|n})}{k_{n|n}(x_n^{a|n}, x_n) g_{n-1}(x_{n-1}^i) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \gamma(x_j^{a|n}, x_{j-1}^{a|n})} = \frac{g_n(x_n) \pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n}^{a|n})}{\delta_{n-1}(x_{n-1}^i) k_{n|n}(x_n^{a|n}, x_n)}$

$$w_k \propto \frac{\gamma_k(x_k)}{\gamma_{k-1}(x_{k-1}) k_k(x_{k-1}, x_k)} \frac{\gamma_k(x_m) \cdot k_k(x_m, x_k)}{\gamma_k(x_k)} \stackrel{SMC 2017}{=} \boxed{\sqrt{A}}$$

$$= \frac{\gamma_k(x_m)}{\gamma_{k-1}(x_{k-1})}$$