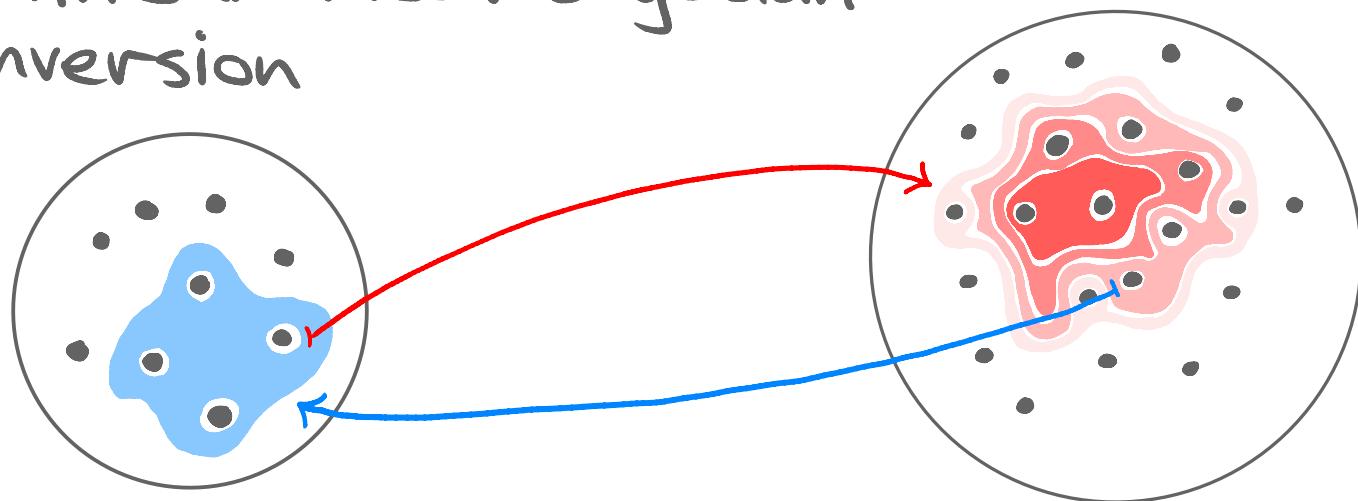


# DEPENDENT BAYESIAN LENSES

Categories of bidirectional with canonical Bayesian inversion



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LENSES

- Lenses are a model of bidirectional transformation

- Defined over an arbitrary cartesian category  $\mathcal{C}$

- Lens( $\mathcal{C}$ ) has

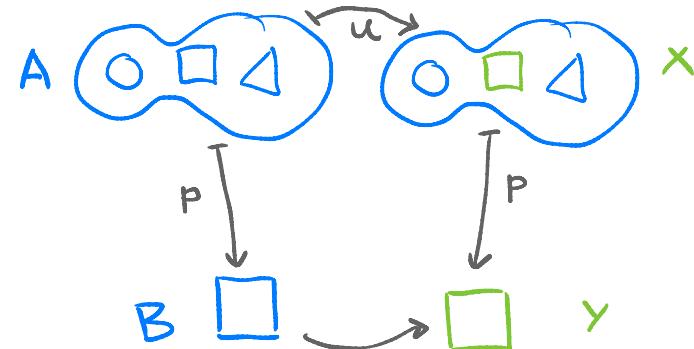
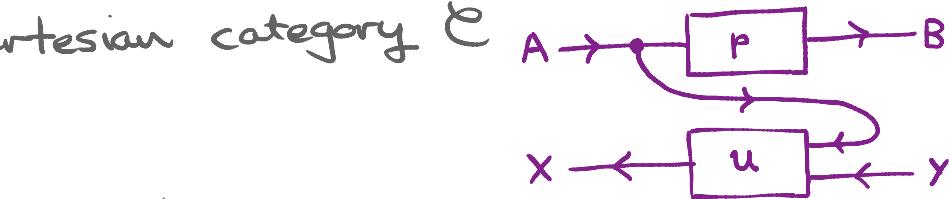
- objects are pairs  $(\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ X \end{smallmatrix})$  of objects from  $\mathcal{C}$

- morphisms  $(\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ X \end{smallmatrix}) \xrightarrow{\quad} (\begin{smallmatrix} B \\ Y \end{smallmatrix})$  are given by two

morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$

$$p : A \longrightarrow B$$

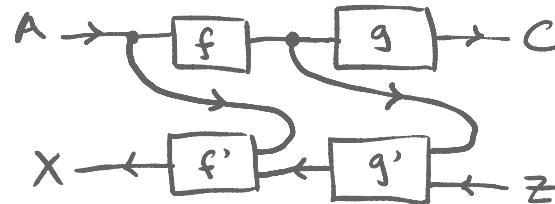
$$u : A \times Y \longrightarrow X$$



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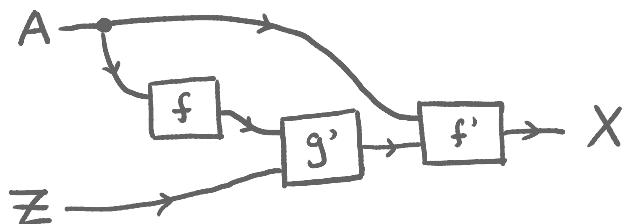
## COMPOSING LENSES

Consider a composable pair of lenses  $(A \xrightarrow{x} X) \xrightarrow{f} (B \xrightarrow{y} Y) \xrightarrow{g} (C \xrightarrow{z} Z)$   
 we want to use their composite like this:



Obviously in the forward direction we do  $A \xrightarrow{f} \boxed{g} \rightarrow C$

In the backward direction we do:



$$\text{In SET: } (gf)'(a, z) = f'(a, g(f(a), z))$$

Compare to differentiation

$$(gf)'(a) = f'(a) g'(f(a))$$

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## COMPOSING BAYESIAN UPDATES

Consider conditional probability distributions

$$\mathbb{P}(y|x), \mathbb{P}(z|y)$$

$$f: x \rightarrow y \quad g: y \rightarrow z$$

These compose by marginalisation

$$\mathbb{P}(z|x) = \int_y \mathbb{P}(z|y) \mathbb{P}(y|x)$$

$$gf: x \rightarrow z$$

$$\tilde{g}f(z|x) = \sum_y \tilde{g}(z|y) \tilde{f}(y|x)$$

Bayes' theorem gives us a way to invert conditional probabilities

$$\mathbb{P}(x|z) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(z|x) \mathbb{P}(x)}{\int_x \mathbb{P}(z|x) \mathbb{P}(x)}$$

$$(gf)_\pi^+: z \rightarrow x \text{ for } \pi: I \rightarrow X$$

$$\tilde{(gf)}_\pi^+(x|z) = \frac{(\tilde{g}f)(z|x) \cdot \pi(x)}{\sum_{x'} (\tilde{g}f)(z|x') \pi(x')}$$

given a prior probability distribution on X

Eg FIN STOCH

$$f: x \rightarrow y$$

$$\tilde{f}: Y \times X \rightarrow [0,1]$$

w/ finite support

But by expanding the composite distribution we can see inversion composes in a familiar way

$$\tilde{(gf)}_\pi^+(x|z) = \frac{\sum_y \tilde{g}(z|y) \tilde{f}(y|x) \pi(x)}{\sum_{x'} \sum_y \tilde{g}(z|y) \tilde{f}(y|x') \pi(x')} = \sum_y \tilde{f}_\pi^+(y|x) \tilde{g}_{\pi f}^+(z|y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (gf)_\pi^+ = \tilde{f}_\pi^+ \circ \tilde{g}_{\pi f}^+$$

Compare with levers:

$$(gf)'(a, -) = f'(a, -) \circ g'(f(a), -)$$

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## GROTHENDIECK LENSES

Indexed category  $X_{(-)} : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Cat}}$

Consider the Grothendieck construction  $\int_{c \in \mathcal{C}} (X_c)^{\text{op}}$ :

- Objects are pairs  $(\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ X \end{smallmatrix})$  where  $X \in X_A$
- Morphisms  $(\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ X \end{smallmatrix}) \xleftarrow{f} (\begin{smallmatrix} B \\ Y \end{smallmatrix})$  consist of
  - $f : A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$
  - $f' : f^* Y \rightarrow X$  in  $X_A$

Generalized Lens Categories  
via Functors  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Cat}}$

D. Spivak

arxiv 1908.02202

These compose like lenses too!

$$(\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ X \end{smallmatrix}) \xrightarrow{f} (\begin{smallmatrix} B \\ Y \end{smallmatrix}) \xrightarrow{g} (\begin{smallmatrix} C \\ Z \end{smallmatrix}) : (fg)' : f^* g^* Z \rightarrow X$$

is given by the composition  $f^* g^* Z \xrightarrow{f^*(g')} f^* Y \xrightarrow{f'} X$

Hence, we call this Lens( $X_{(-)}$ )

For  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $X \times (-)$  is a comonad

$X \mapsto \underline{\text{coKl}}(X \times (-))$  defines an indexed category

And we have that

$$\underline{\text{Lens}}(\underline{\text{coKl}}((- \times (-)))) \cong \underline{\text{Lens}}(\mathcal{C})$$

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## BAYESIAN LENSES

& a Markov category.

State:  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Cat}}$

Stat<sub>C</sub>(A) = { objects:  $\text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$   
 $x \rightarrow y$ : functions  $\mathcal{C}(I, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x, y)$

BLens( $\mathcal{C}$ )  
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Lens(Stat<sub>C</sub>) = { objects: pairs  $\binom{A}{x}$   
 $\binom{A}{x} \rightarrow \binom{B}{y}$ : morphism  $A \rightarrow B$   
& function  $\mathcal{C}(I, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(y, x)$

For example  $\binom{A}{A} \xrightarrow{f} \binom{B}{B}$  where  $f^+ : \pi \mapsto f\pi$

A coherent choice of Bayesian inverses makes this functorial

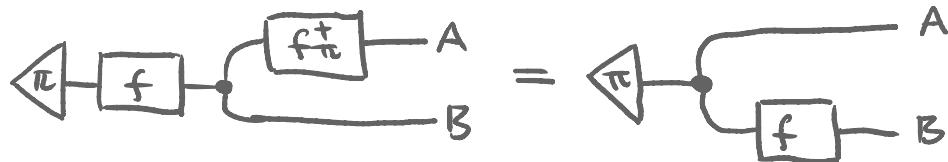
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## BAYESIAN INVERSES

"Given  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $\pi: I \rightarrow A$ , when does  $f_{\pi}^+$  exist?"

Abstract definition :



FinStoch always has inverses :  $\hat{f}_{\pi}^+(a|b) = \frac{\hat{f}(b|a)\hat{\pi}(a)}{\sum_{a'} \hat{f}(b|a')\hat{\pi}(a')}$

But what if this is 0?

Abstract Bayesian inverses are not in general unique!

Eg the copy morphism  $\Delta_X: X \rightarrow X \otimes X$

In FinStoch  $(\Delta_X)^{\pi}: X \otimes X \rightarrow X$  is defined by Bayes' rule only on the diagonal  $\{(x, x) | x \in \text{supp}(\pi)\} = \text{supp}(\Delta_X \circ \pi)$

$\Delta_X$  has a LOT of Bayesian inverses!

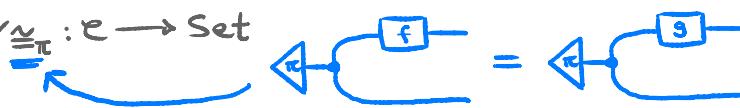
SUPPORT OBJECTS

Can we instead define Bayesian inverses between supports?

$$\text{Eg } (\Delta_x)^+_{\pi} : \text{supp}(\Delta_x \circ \pi) \longrightarrow \text{supp}(\pi)$$

For a state  $\pi : I \longrightarrow X$ , a support of  $\pi$  is any object  $X_\pi$  which represents the functor

$$C(X, -) / \underset{\cong_{\pi}}{\sim} : C \longrightarrow \text{Set}$$



Equivalently:  $X_\pi$  is a support object iff there exists a section-retract pair

$$X_\pi \xrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{r} X_\pi$$

such that

$$f \underset{\cong_{\pi}}{\sim} g \iff f \circ i = g \circ i$$

In FinStoch  $X_\pi = \{x \in X \mid \hat{\pi}(x) > 0\}$

A synthetic approach to  
Markov kernels, conditional  
independence and theorems  
on sufficient statistics

T. Fritz  
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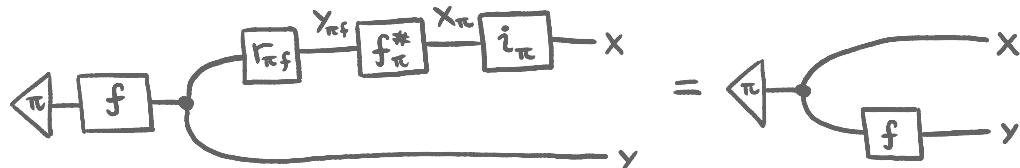
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## BAYESIAN INVERSES... AGAIN

Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\pi: I \rightarrow X$  and support objects  $X_\pi$  and  $Y_{\pi f}$  of  
 say  $f_\pi^{\#}: Y_{\pi f} \rightarrow X_\pi$  is a Bayesian inverse with support if



- $f_\pi^{\#}$  exists iff an ordinary Bayesian inverse exists
- if  $f_\pi^{\#}$  exists, it is unique\*

\*: for fixed choice of  $Y_{\pi f}$  and  $X_\pi$   
 but support objects are unique upto isomorphism

What does this say about copying?

$$(X \otimes X)_{\Delta_X \circ \pi} \cong X_\pi$$

In fact  $(\Delta_X)_\pi^{\#}: (X \otimes X)_{\Delta_X \circ \pi} \rightarrow X_\pi$  is an iso. with inverse

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow x \\ x \rightarrow \bullet \end{array} \right)^{\#}_{\Delta_X \circ \pi}$$

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## DEPENDENT BAYESIAN LENSES

So does Bayesian inversion give a section  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \underline{\text{BLens}}(\mathcal{C})$ ?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (A) & \xrightarrow{f} & (B) \\ ? & \longleftarrow f^*_{(-)} & ? \end{array}$$

we need families of objects  
in the fibres!

Want objects of the form  $\binom{A}{X}$  where  $X$  is a family of objects indexed by states on  $A$  i.e.  $X : \mathcal{C}(I, A) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$

Dependent Stat:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}(I, -)^{\text{op}}} & \underline{\text{Set}}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Fam}_{\mathcal{C}}} & \underline{\text{Cat}} \\ X & \longmapsto & \mathcal{C}(I, X) & \longmapsto & \mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{C}(I, X)} \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow \mathcal{C}(I, f) & & \uparrow \mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{C}(I, f)} \\ Y & \longmapsto & \mathcal{C}(I, Y) & \longmapsto & \mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{C}(I, Y)} \end{array}$$

Lens (Fam <sub>$\mathcal{C}$</sub> ( $\mathcal{C}(I, -)^{\text{op}}$ )) :

$$\binom{A}{X} \xleftrightarrow{f} \binom{B}{Y}$$

$f : A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

$f' : (\pi : \mathcal{C}(I, A)) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(Y(f\pi), X(\pi))$   
in Set

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## FUNCTIONAL BAYESIAN INVERSION

If  $\mathcal{C}$  has all Bayesian inverses, then any assignment of support objects to states of  $\mathcal{C}$  defines a section  $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{T} \underline{\text{DBLens}}(\mathcal{C})$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ & \downarrow T & \\ \left( \begin{matrix} A \\ A(-) \end{matrix} \right) & \xrightleftharpoons[\substack{f^* \\ f_{(-)}}]{f} & \left( \begin{matrix} B \\ B(-) \end{matrix} \right) \end{array} \quad \text{where } f_\pi^\# : B_{f\pi} \longrightarrow A_\pi \text{ for each } \pi : I \longrightarrow A$$

$\text{DBLens}(\mathcal{C})$  inherits monoidal structure from  $\mathcal{C}$  by the monoidal Grothendieck construction...

But  $T$  is not <sup>strong</sup>monoidal because otherwise we would have

$$(x \otimes x)_{\Delta : \pi} \cong x_\pi \otimes x_\pi \quad \text{i.e. } X_\pi \cong X_\pi \otimes X_\pi$$

With a nice choice of supports, comonoids are sent to

$$\begin{array}{c} x \xrightarrow{\quad} x \\ x \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet \\ \curvearrowright \end{array}$$

$$X_{(-)} \longleftarrow X_{(-)}$$

So WHAT?

- Compositional active inference

Compositional Active Inference 1:  
Bayesian Lenses. Statistical Games  
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- Stochastic dynamical systems

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ A(-) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} \begin{pmatrix} B \\ B(-) \end{pmatrix}$$

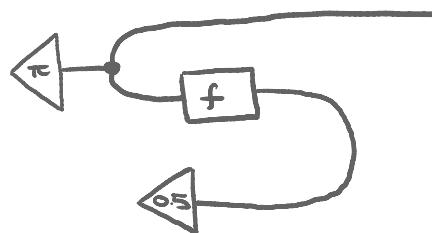
$$\xrightarrow{\text{r.o.f.i}}$$

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