

# Bayesci Yapay Öğrenme (I), Zaman Dizileri (II)



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# Bayes Kuralı



Thomas Bayes (1702-1761)

Bir  $\lambda$  parametresi hakkında,  $\mathcal{D}$  verisini gördükten **sonraki** bilgimiz veriyi görmeden **önceki** bilgimiz ve verinin bize söylediği bilginin birleşimidir.

$$p(\lambda|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda)p(\lambda)}{p(\mathcal{D})}$$

$$\text{Sonsal Dağılım} = \frac{\text{Gözlem Modeli} \times \text{Önsel Dağılım}}{\text{Marjinal Olabilirlik}}$$

# İki Zar: 'Kaynak Ayırıştırma'

1. zar  $\lambda$ , 2. zar  $y$

$$\mathcal{D} = \lambda + y$$

$$\mathcal{D} = 9 \text{ ise } \lambda = ?$$

# İki Zar

$$\mathcal{D} = \lambda + y = 9$$

$\mathcal{D} = \lambda + y$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\lambda = 2$	3	4	5	6	7	8
$\lambda = \mathbf{3}$	4	5	6	7	8	<b>9</b>
$\lambda = 4$	5	6	7	8	<b>9</b>	10
$\lambda = \mathbf{5}$	6	7	8	<b>9</b>	10	11
$\lambda = \mathbf{6}$	7	8	<b>9</b>	10	11	12

$$p(\lambda) \rightarrow p(\lambda|\mathcal{D}).$$

Gözlem modeli:  $p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda)$

## “Bürokratik” türetim

$$p(\lambda) = \mathcal{C}(\lambda; [1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6])$$

$$p(y) = \mathcal{C}(y; [1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6 \ 1/6])$$

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda, y) = \delta(\mathcal{D} - (\lambda + y))$$

$$p(\lambda, y|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{1}{p(\mathcal{D})} \times p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda, y) \times p(y)p(\lambda)$$

$$\text{Sonsal} = \frac{1}{\text{Kanıt}} \times \text{Olabilirlik} \times \text{Önsel}$$

$$\text{Kronecker delta } \delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = 0 \\ 0 & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

# Önsel Dağılım

$$p(y)p(\lambda)$$

$p(y) \times p(\lambda)$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
$\lambda = 2$	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
$\lambda = 3$	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
$\lambda = 4$	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
$\lambda = 5$	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
$\lambda = 6$	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36

- Olasılık  $p(\lambda, y)$

# Olabilirlik Fonksyonu - Gözlem modeli

$$p(\mathcal{D} = 9 | \lambda, y)$$

$p(\mathcal{D} = 9   \lambda, y)$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 2$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 3$	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
$\lambda = 4$	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	0
$\lambda = 5$	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0
$\lambda = 6$	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0

- Olabilirlik  $\neq$  Olasılık. Sadece negatif olmayan bir fonksyon.



## Olabilirlik $\times$ Önsel

$$\phi_{\mathcal{D}}(\lambda, y) = p(\mathcal{D} = 9|\lambda, y)p(\lambda)p(y)$$

$p(\mathcal{D} = 9 \lambda, y)$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 2$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 3$	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>
$\lambda = 4$	0	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0
$\lambda = 5$	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0	0
$\lambda = 6$	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0	0	0

## Marjinal Olabilirlik

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathcal{D} = 9) &= \sum_{\lambda, y} p(\mathcal{D} = 9 | \lambda, y) p(\lambda) p(y) \\ &= 0 + 0 + \dots + 1/36 + 1/36 + 1/36 + 1/36 + 0 + \dots + 0 \\ &= 1/9 \end{aligned}$$

$p(\mathcal{D} = 9   \lambda, y)$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 2$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 3$	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>
$\lambda = 4$	0	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0
$\lambda = 5$	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0	0
$\lambda = 6$	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0	0	0

## Sonsal Dağılım

$$p(\lambda, y | \mathcal{D} = 9) = \frac{1}{p(\mathcal{D})} p(\mathcal{D} = 9 | \lambda, y) p(\lambda) p(y)$$

$p(\mathcal{D} = 9   \lambda, y)$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 2$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 3$	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1/4</b>
$\lambda = 4$	0	0	0	0	<b>1/4</b>	0
$\lambda = 5$	0	0	0	<b>1/4</b>	0	0
$\lambda = 6$	0	0	<b>1/4</b>	0	0	0

$$1/4 = (1/36)/(1/9)$$

# Marjinal Sonsal Dağılım

$$p(\lambda|\mathcal{D}) = \sum_y \frac{1}{p(\mathcal{D})} p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda, y) p(\lambda) p(y)$$

	$p(\lambda \mathcal{D} = 9)$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 3$	<b>1/4</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1/4
$\lambda = 4$	<b>1/4</b>	0	0	0	0	1/4	0
$\lambda = 5$	<b>1/4</b>	0	0	0	1/4	0	0
$\lambda = 6$	<b>1/4</b>	0	0	1/4	0	0	0

## Orantılıdır $\propto$ notasyonu

$$p(\lambda|\mathcal{D} = 9) \propto p(\lambda, \mathcal{D} = 9) = \sum_y p(\mathcal{D} = 9|\lambda, y)p(\lambda)p(y)$$

	$p(\lambda, \mathcal{D} = 9)$	$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$	$y = 4$	$y = 5$	$y = 6$
$\lambda = 1$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\lambda = 3$	1/36	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>
$\lambda = 4$	1/36	0	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0
$\lambda = 5$	1/36	0	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0	0
$\lambda = 6$	1/36	0	0	<b>1/36</b>	0	0	0

# Model Seçim Örneği

Bilinmeyen sayıda zar atılıyor:  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ ,

$$\mathcal{D} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

$\mathcal{D} = 9$  ise kaç zar atıldı?

$$p(n) \propto 1$$

# Model Seçimi

$$p(n|\mathcal{D} = 9) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D} = 9|n)p(n)}{p(\mathcal{D})} \propto p(\mathcal{D} = 9|n)$$

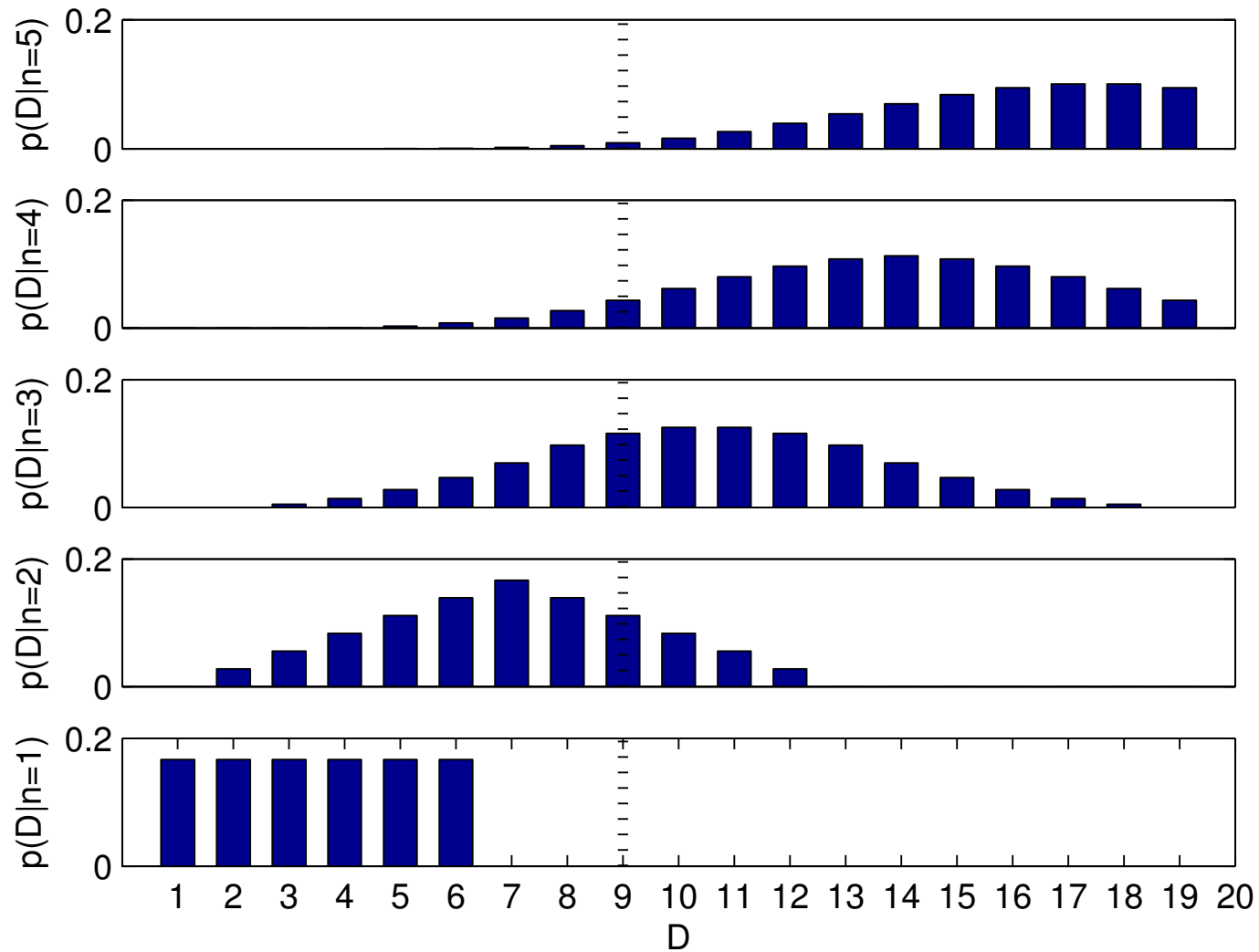
$$p(\mathcal{D}|n = 1) = \sum_{\lambda_1} p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda_1)p(\lambda_1)$$

$$p(\mathcal{D}|n = 2) = \sum_{\lambda_1} \sum_{\lambda_2} p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda_1, \lambda_2)p(\lambda_1)p(\lambda_2)$$

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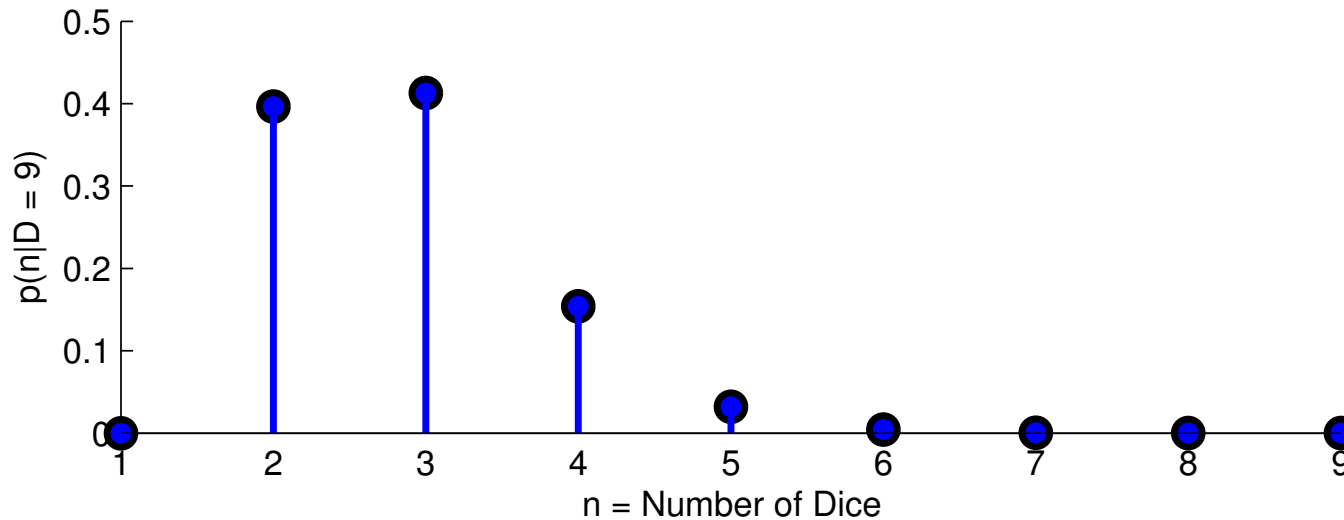
$$p(\mathcal{D}|n = n') = \sum_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n'}} p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n'}) \prod_{i=1}^{n'} p(\lambda_i)$$

$$p(\mathcal{D}|n) = \sum_{\lambda} p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda, n)p(\lambda|n)$$





# Model Seçimi



- Sezgi: Karmaşık modellerde olasılık daha büyük bir alana yayılır, gözlemlenen tek bir olayın olabilirliği düşer.
- Bayesci çıkarım “basit modelleri” tercih eder – Occam’s razor
- Bütün parametreler üzerinden toplam (tümlev) hesabı

# Olasılıksal Yaklaşım

- Ne çözelim : Modelleme
  - Zanaat
- Nasıl çözelim : Çıkarım Algoritması
  - Mekanik-Otomatik (Teoride! Pratikte hep değil)
  - Genel

# Olasılık Kuramı

- Pascal ve Fermat arasındaki mektuplaşma (Soylu ve kumarbaz bey de Meré)
- 1930'lar Aksiyomatik gelişim (Reichenbach, Kolmogorov), Ölçüm (measure) Kuramı
- İstatistik: Ters olasılık – Olasılığın anlamı:
  - “Frequentist”: Tekrarlanabilir deneylerdeki frekanslar
    - \* Bu ilaç etkili.
  - “Bayesian”: Bilginin (inancın) derecesi
    - \* Yarın yüzde doksan yağmurlu.
- Brad Efron, *Modern science and the Bayesian-frequentist controversy* , 2005  
<http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~ckirby/brad/papers/2005NEWModernScience.pdf>
- Brad Efron, *Bayesians, frequentists, and scientists* , 2005  
<http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~ckirby/brad/papers/2005BayesFreqSci.pdf>

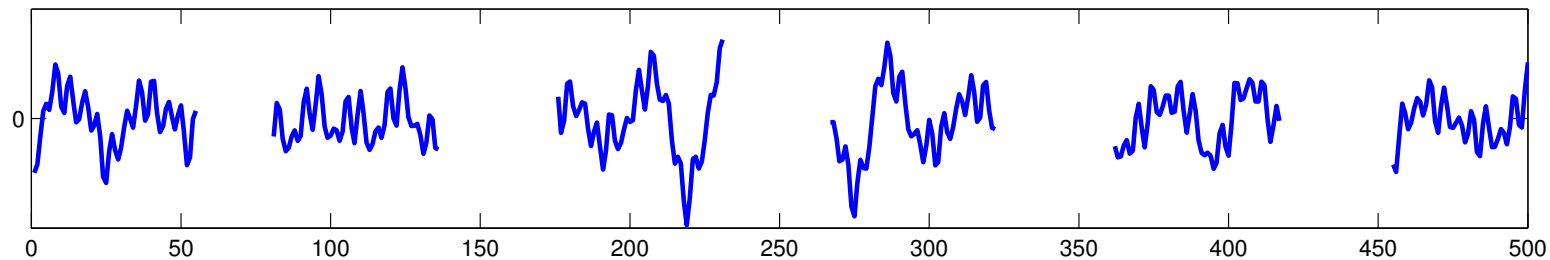
# Tümdengelim (Deduction) ve Tümevarım (Inductive)

- $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  tam sayılar olmak üzere

$$a^n + b^n = c^n$$

denkleminin  $n > 2$  için çözümü yoktur.

- Aşağıda verilen ses dalgası içerisindeki kayıp örnekleri bulunuz



# Tümevarım'ın tehlikeleri

Borovik

$$\text{snc}(x) \equiv \sin(x)/x$$

$$\int_0^\infty \text{snc}(x) dx = \pi/2$$

$$\int_0^\infty \text{snc}(x) \text{snc}(x/3) dx = \pi/2$$

$$\int_0^\infty \text{snc}(x) \text{snc}(x/3) \text{snc}(x/5) dx = \pi/2$$

$$\int_0^\infty \text{snc}(x) \text{snc}(x/3) \text{snc}(x/5) \text{snc}(x/7) dx = \pi/2$$

$$\int_0^\infty \text{snc}(x) \text{snc}(x/3) \text{snc}(x/5) \text{snc}(x/7) \text{snc}(x/9) dx = \pi/2$$

$$\int_0^\infty \operatorname{snc}(x) \operatorname{snc}(x/3) \operatorname{snc}(x/5) \operatorname{snc}(x/7) \operatorname{snc}(x/9) \operatorname{snc}(x/11) dx = \pi/2$$

$$\int_0^\infty \operatorname{snc}(x) \operatorname{snc}(x/3) \operatorname{snc}(x/5) \operatorname{snc}(x/7) \operatorname{snc}(x/9) \operatorname{snc}(x/11) \operatorname{snc}(x/13) dx = \pi/2$$

$$\int_0^\infty \operatorname{snc}(x) \operatorname{snc}(x/3) \operatorname{snc}(x/5) \operatorname{snc}(x/7) \operatorname{snc}(x/9) \operatorname{snc}(x/11) \operatorname{snc}(x/13) \operatorname{snc}(x/15) dx = \frac{467807924713440738696537864469}{935615849440640907310521750000} \cdot \pi$$

# Uygulamalar

- Ön bilgi ve gözlemlenen verinin birleştirilmesi için doğal bir çerçeve  $\Rightarrow$  Öğrenme
  - Tıbbi tanı (Semptom/Hastalık)
  - Konuşma Tanıma (İşaret/Hece)
  - Bilgisayarla Görme (Görüntü/Nesne)
  - Robotik, Hedef Takibi (Algılayıcı/Pozisyon)
  - Finans (Geçmiş fiyatlar, Piyasa haberleri/Gelecek fiyat)

## Olasılık Tabloları

$p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
$x_1 = 1$	0.3	0.3
$x_1 = 2$	0.1	0.3

- Marjinal:  $p(x_1), p(x_2)$
- Şartlı:  $p(x_1|x_2), p(x_2|x_1)$
- Sonsal:  $p(x_1, x_2 = 2), p(x_1|x_2 = 2)$
- Marjinal olabilirlik:  $p(x_2 = 2)$
- En büyük:  $p(x_1^*) = \max_{x_1} p(x_1|x_2 = 1)$
- Mod:  $x_1^* = \arg \max_{x_1} p(x_1|x_2 = 1)$
- Max-marginal:  $\max_{x_1} p(x_1, x_2)$



# Cevaplar

$p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
$x_1 = 1$	0.3	0.3
$x_1 = 2$	0.1	0.3

- Marginals:

$p(x_1)$	
$x_1 = 1$	0.6
$x_1 = 2$	0.4

$p(x_2)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
	0.4	0.6

- Conditionals:

$p(x_1 x_2)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
$x_1 = 1$	0.75	0.5
$x_1 = 2$	0.25	0.5

$p(x_2 x_1)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
$x_1 = 1$	0.5	0.5
$x_1 = 2$	0.25	0.75

# Answers

$p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
$x_1 = 1$	0.3	0.3
$x_1 = 2$	0.1	0.3

- Posterior:

$p(x_1, x_2 = 2)$	$x_2 = 2$	$p(x_1 x_2 = 2)$	$x_2 = 2$
$x_1 = 1$	0.3	$x_1 = 1$	0.5
$x_1 = 2$	0.3	$x_1 = 2$	0.5

- Evidence:

$$p(x_2 = 2) = \sum_{x_1} p(x_1, x_2 = 2) = 0.6$$

# Answers

$p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
$x_1 = 1$	0.3	0.3
$x_1 = 2$	0.1	0.3

- Max: (get the value)

$$\max_{x_1} p(x_1 | x_2 = 1) = 0.75$$

- Mode: (get the index)

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{x_1} p(x_1 | x_2 = 1) = 1$$

- Max-marginal: (get the “skyline”)  $\max_{x_1} p(x_1, x_2)$

$\max_{x_1} p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$
	0.3	0.3

# Learning

- Maximum Likelihood,
- Penalised Likelihood,
- Bayesian Learning

# Inference and Learning

- Data set

$$\mathcal{D} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$$

- Model with parameter  $\lambda$

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda)$$

- Maximum Likelihood (ML)

$$\lambda^{\text{ML}} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \log p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda)$$

- Predictive distribution

$$p(x_{N+1}|\mathcal{D}) \approx p(x_{N+1}|\lambda^{\text{ML}})$$

# Regularisation

- Prior

$$p(\lambda)$$

- Maximum a-posteriori (MAP) : Regularised Maximum Likelihood

$$\lambda^{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \log p(\mathcal{D}|\lambda)p(\lambda)$$

- Predictive distribution

$$p(x_{N+1}|\mathcal{D}) \approx p(x_{N+1}|\lambda^{\text{MAP}})$$

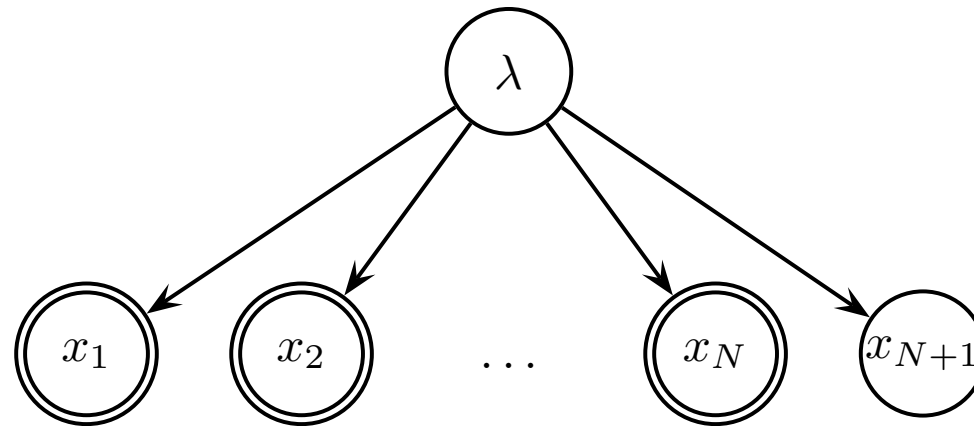
# Bayesian Learning

- We treat parameters on the same footing as all other variables
- We integrate over unknown parameters rather than using point estimates (remember the many-dice example)
  - Self-regularisation, avoids overfitting
  - Natural setup for online adaptation
  - Model selection

# Bayesian Learning

- Predictive distribution

$$p(x_{N+1}|\mathcal{D}) = \int d\lambda \ p(x_{N+1}|\lambda)p(\lambda|\mathcal{D})$$



- Bayesian learning is just inference ...



# Probabilistic Modelling



# Probability Distributions

- Following distributions are used often as elementary building blocks:
  - Discrete
    - \* Categorical, Bernoulli, Binomial, Multinomial, Poisson
  - Continuous
    - \* Gaussian,
    - \* Beta, Dirichlet
    - \* Gamma, Inverse Gamma, Exponential, Chi-square, Wishart
    - \* Student-t, von-Mises

# Exponential Family

- Many of those distributions can be written as

$$p(x|\theta) = h(x) \exp\{\theta^\top \psi(x) - A(\theta)\}$$

$$A(\theta) = \log \int_{\mathcal{X}_n} dx \, h(x) \exp(\theta^\top \psi(x))$$

$A(\theta)$       log-partition function

$\theta$       canonical parameters

$\psi(x)$       sufficient statistics

$h(x)$       weighting function

## Bernoulli Distribution. $\mathcal{BE}(c; w)$

Binary (Bernoulli) random variable  $c = \{0, 1\}$  with probability of success  $w$

$$p(c = 1|w) = w \quad p(c = 0|w) = 1 - w$$

We write

$$\begin{aligned} p(c|w) &= w^c(1 - w)^{1-c} \\ &= \exp(c \log w + (1 - c) \log(1 - w)) \\ &= \exp\left(\log\left(\frac{w}{1 - w}\right)c + \log(1 - w)\right) \\ &\equiv \mathcal{BE}(c; w) \end{aligned}$$

# Is Bernoulli an Exponential Family ?

$$\mathcal{BE}(c; w) = \exp \left( \log\left(\frac{w}{1-w}\right)c + \log(1-w) \right)$$

$$p(c|\theta) = h(c) \exp\{\theta^\top \psi(c) - A(\theta)\}$$

$$\theta = \log\left(\frac{w}{1-w}\right) \quad \text{canonical parameters}$$

$$A(\theta) = -\log(1 + e^\theta) \quad \text{log-partition function}$$

$$\psi(c) = c \quad \text{sufficient statistics}$$

$$h(c) = 1 \quad \text{weighting function}$$

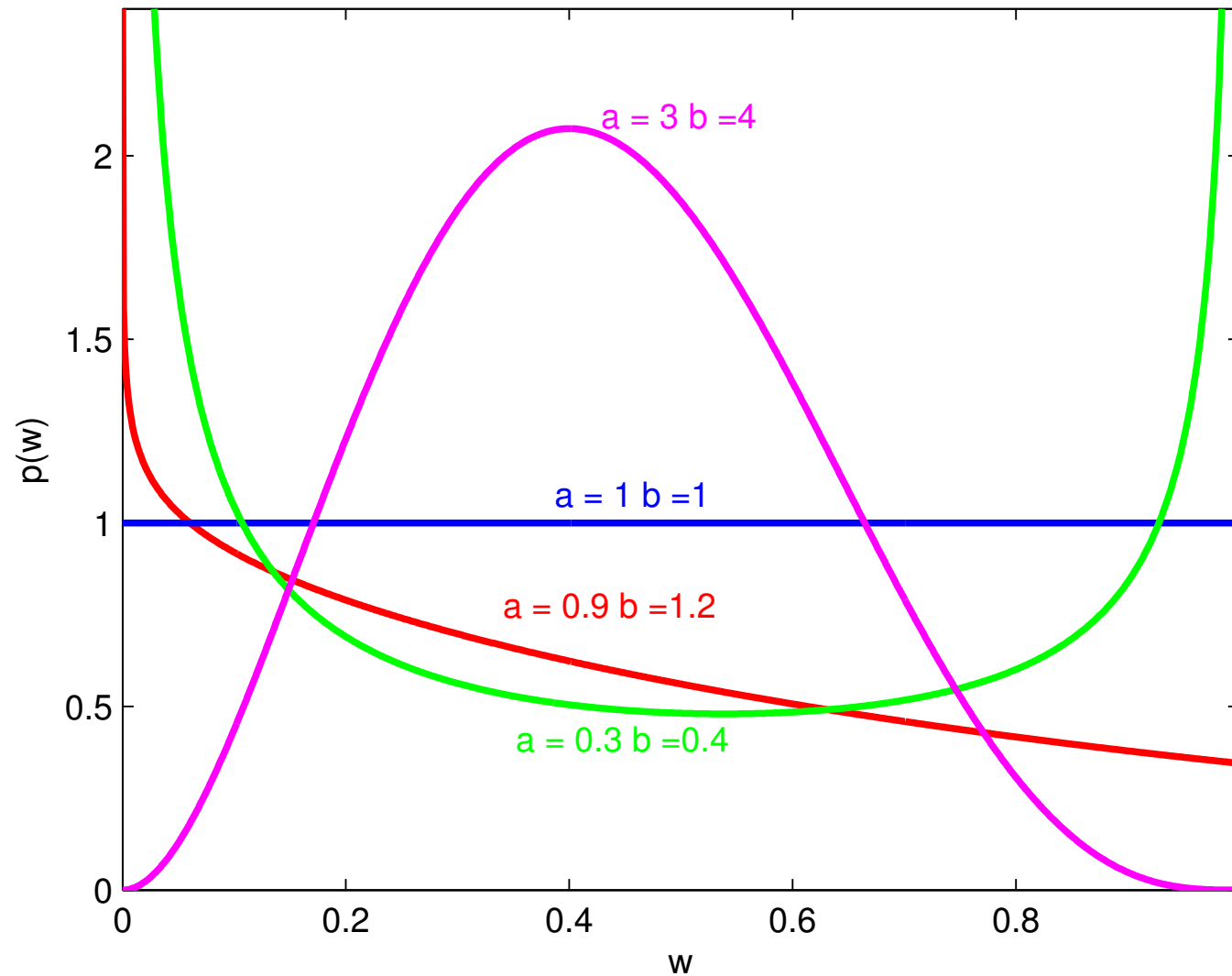
## Beta Distribution. $\mathcal{B}(w; a, b)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}(w; a, b) &\equiv \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} w^{a-1} (1-w)^{b-1} \\ &= \exp((a-1)\log w + (b-1)\log(1-w) - A(a, b)) \\ &= \exp\left(\begin{pmatrix} a-1 & b-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \log w \\ \log(1-w) \end{pmatrix} - A(a, b)\right) \\ A(a, b) &= \log \Gamma(a) + \log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a+b)\end{aligned}$$

Mean :

$$\langle w \rangle_{\mathcal{B}} = a/(a+b)$$

## Beta Distribution. $\mathcal{B}(w; a, b)$



## Univariate Gaussian. $\mathcal{N}(x; m, S)$

The Gaussian distribution with mean  $m$  and covariance  $S$  has the form

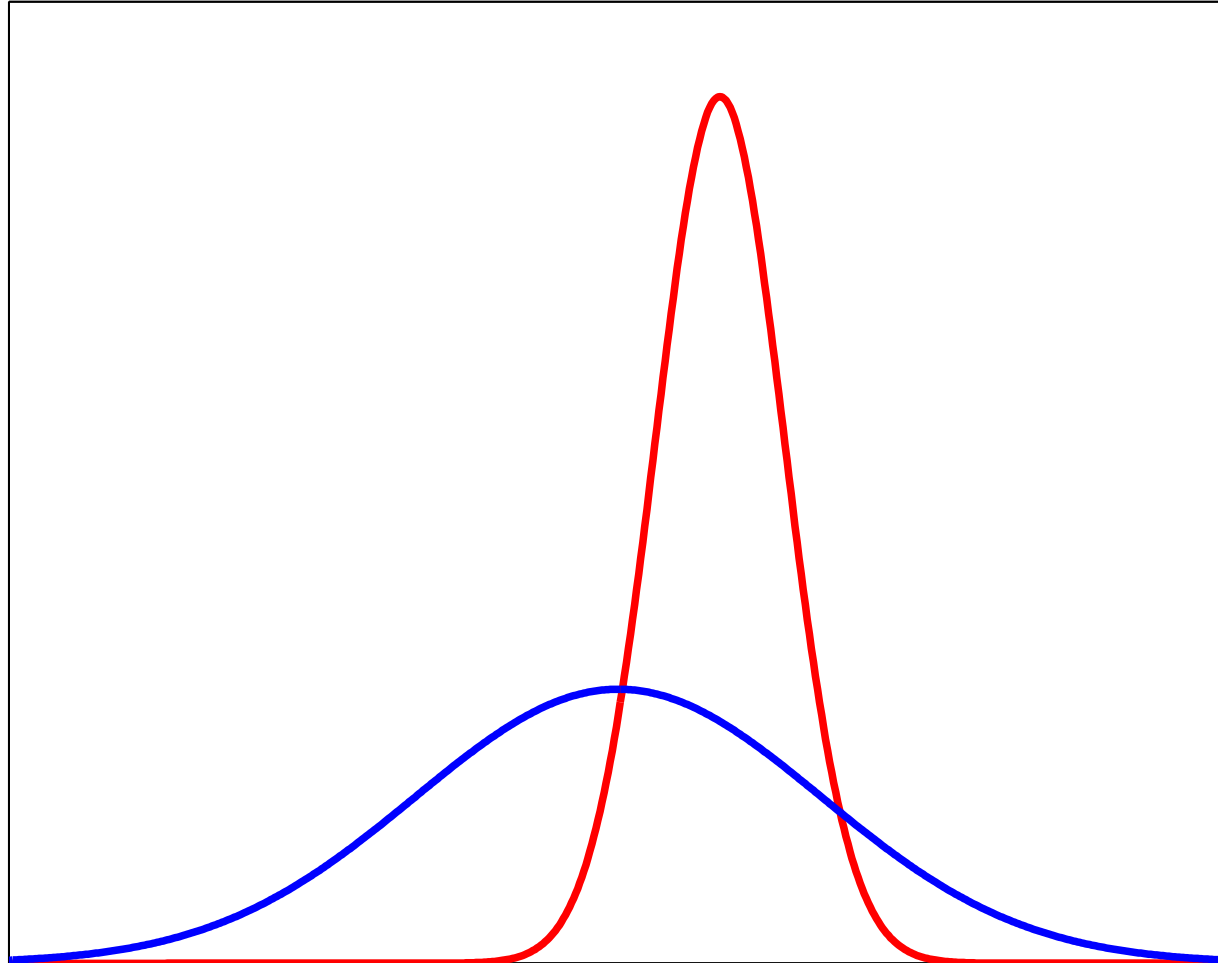
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}(x; m, S) &= (2\pi S)^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x - m)^2/S\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + m^2 - 2xm)/S - \frac{1}{2}\log(2\pi S)\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{\frac{m}{S}x - \frac{1}{2S}x^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\log(2\pi S) + \frac{1}{2S}m^2\right)\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} m/S \\ -\frac{1}{2}/S \end{pmatrix}}_{\theta}^\top \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\psi(x)} - A(\theta)\right\}\end{aligned}$$

Hence by matching coefficients we have

$$\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}Kx^2 + hx + g\right\} \Leftrightarrow S = K^{-1} \quad m = K^{-1}h$$



# Gaussian.



## Inverse Gamma Distribution. $\mathcal{IG}(r; a, b)$

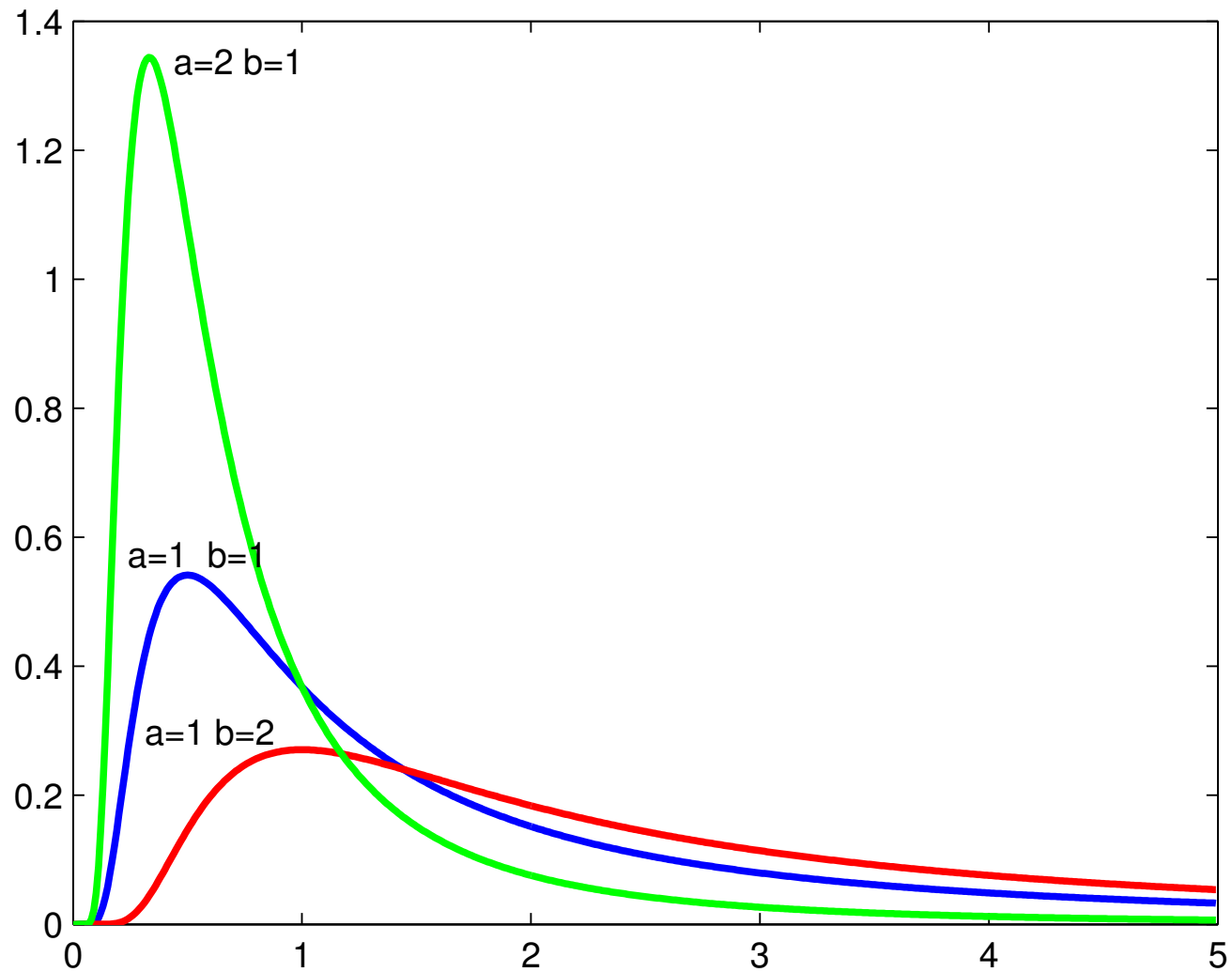
The inverse Gamma distribution with shape  $a$  and scale  $b$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{IG}(r; a, b) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{r^{-(a+1)}}{b^{-a}} \exp\left(-\frac{b}{r}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(- (a+1) \log r - \frac{b}{r} - \log \Gamma(a) + a \log b\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\begin{pmatrix} -(a+1) \\ -b \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \log r \\ 1/r \end{pmatrix} - \log \Gamma(a) + a \log b\right)\end{aligned}$$

Hence by matching coefficients, we have

$$\exp\left\{\alpha \log r + \beta \frac{1}{r} + c\right\} \Leftrightarrow a = -\alpha - 1 \quad b = -\beta$$

# Inverse Gamma



## Gamma Distribution. $\mathcal{G}(\lambda; a, b)$

The Gamma distribution with shape  $a$  and **inverse scale**  $b$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}(\lambda; a, b) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} b^a \lambda^{(a-1)} \exp(-b\lambda) \\ &= \exp((a-1) \log \lambda - b\lambda - \log \Gamma(a) + a \log b) \\ &= \exp \left( \begin{pmatrix} (a-1) \\ -b \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \log \lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} - \log \Gamma(a) + a \log b \right)\end{aligned}$$

Hence by matching coefficients, we have

$$\exp \left\{ \alpha \log r + \beta \frac{1}{r} + c \right\} \Leftrightarrow a = \alpha + 1 \quad b = -\beta$$

# Random number generation

- Bernoulli:  $\mathcal{BE}(x; p)$

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x = double(rand < p) ;
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- Binomial:  $\mathcal{BI}(x; p, N)$

```
x = sum(double(rand(N, 1) < p) ) ;
```

Not efficient for large  $N$

- Poisson:  $\mathcal{PO}(x; \lambda)$

```
x = poissrnd(lambda) ;
```

- Beta:  $\mathcal{B}(x; a, b)$

```
x = betarnd(a, b) ;
```

- Gaussian:  $\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, S)$

```
x = sqrt(S) .* randn(size(S)) + mu;
```

- Gamma:  $x \sim \mathcal{G}(x; a, b)$

```
x = gamrnd(a, 1./b);
```

or more securely

```
x = gamrnd(a, 1) ./b;
```

which is also

```
x = gamrnd(a) ./b;
```

- Inverse Gamma  $x \sim \mathcal{IG}(x; a, b)$

```
x = b ./ gamrnd(a);
```

## Conjugate priors: Posterior is in the same family as the prior.

Example: posterior inference for the probability of success  $w$  of a binary (Bernoulli) random variable  $c$

$$p(c|w) = \mathcal{BE}(c; w) = \exp(c \log w + (1 - c) \log(1 - w))$$

$$p(w) = \mathcal{B}(w; a, b)$$

$$p(w|c) \propto p(c|w)p(w)$$

$$\propto \exp(c \log w + (1 - c) \log(1 - w))$$

$$\times \exp((a - 1) \log w + (b - 1) \log(1 - w))$$

$$\propto \mathcal{B}(w; a + c, b + (1 - c))$$

$$p(w|c) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{B}(w; a + 1, b) & c = 1 \\ \mathcal{B}(w; a, b + 1) & c = 0 \end{cases}$$

# Conjugate priors: Posterior is in the same family as the prior.

Example: posterior inference for the variance  $R$  of a zero mean Gaussian.

$$p(x|R) = \mathcal{N}(x; 0, R)$$

$$p(R) = \mathcal{IG}(R; a, b)$$

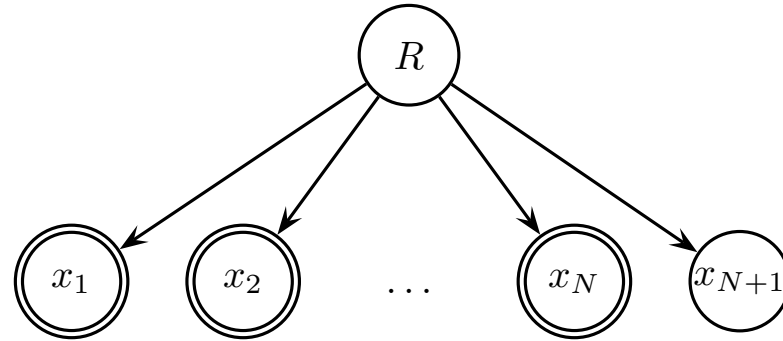
$$\begin{aligned} p(R|x) &\propto p(R)p(x|R) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-(a+1)\log R - b\frac{1}{R}\right) \exp\left(-(x^2/2)\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{2}\log R\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\begin{pmatrix} -(a+1+\frac{1}{2}) \\ -(b+x^2/2) \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \log R \\ 1/R \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &\propto \mathcal{IG}(R; a + \frac{1}{2}, b + x^2/2) \end{aligned}$$

Like the prior, this is an inverse-Gamma distribution.



# Conjugate priors: Posterior is in the same family as the prior.

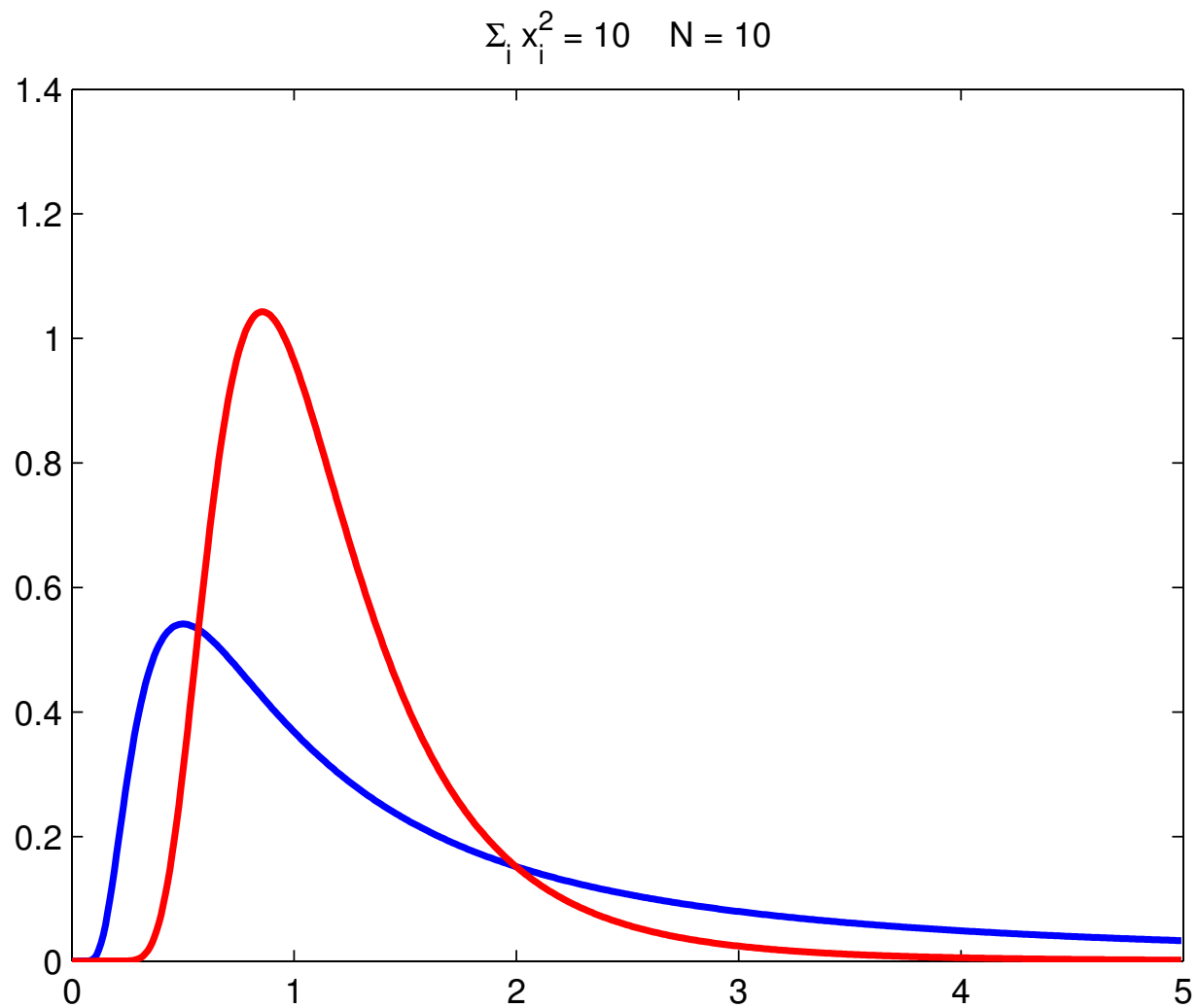
Example: posterior inference of variance  $R$  from  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ .



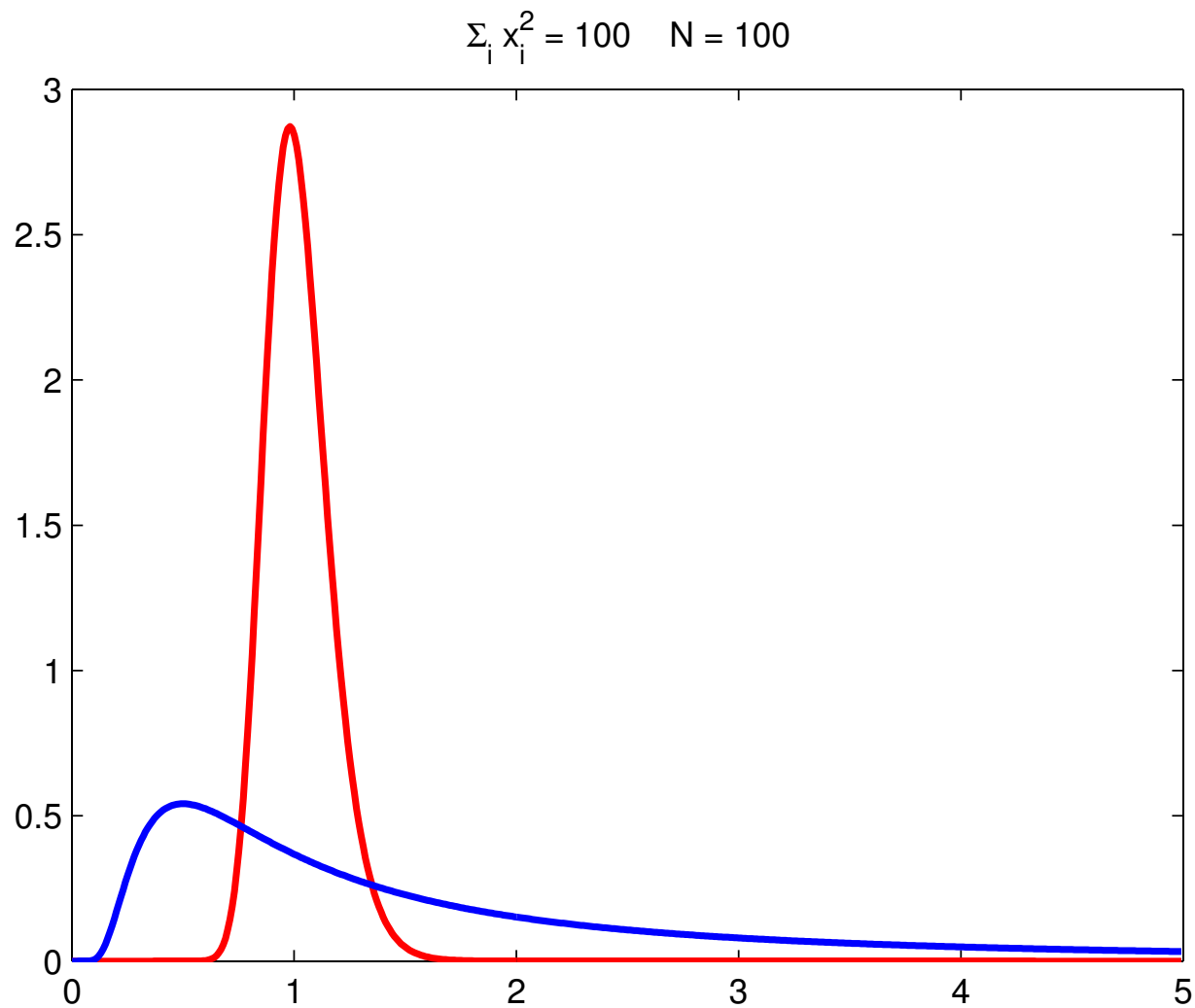
$$\begin{aligned} p(R|x) &\propto p(R) \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i|R) \\ &\propto \exp \left( -(a+1) \log R - b \frac{1}{R} \right) \exp \left( - \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_i x_i^2 \right) \frac{1}{R} - \frac{N}{2} \log R \right) \\ &= \exp \left( \begin{pmatrix} -(a+1 + \frac{N}{2}) \\ -(b + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i x_i^2) \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \log R \\ 1/R \end{pmatrix} \right) \propto \mathcal{IG}(R; a + \frac{N}{2}, b + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i x_i^2) \end{aligned}$$

Sufficient statistics are **additive**

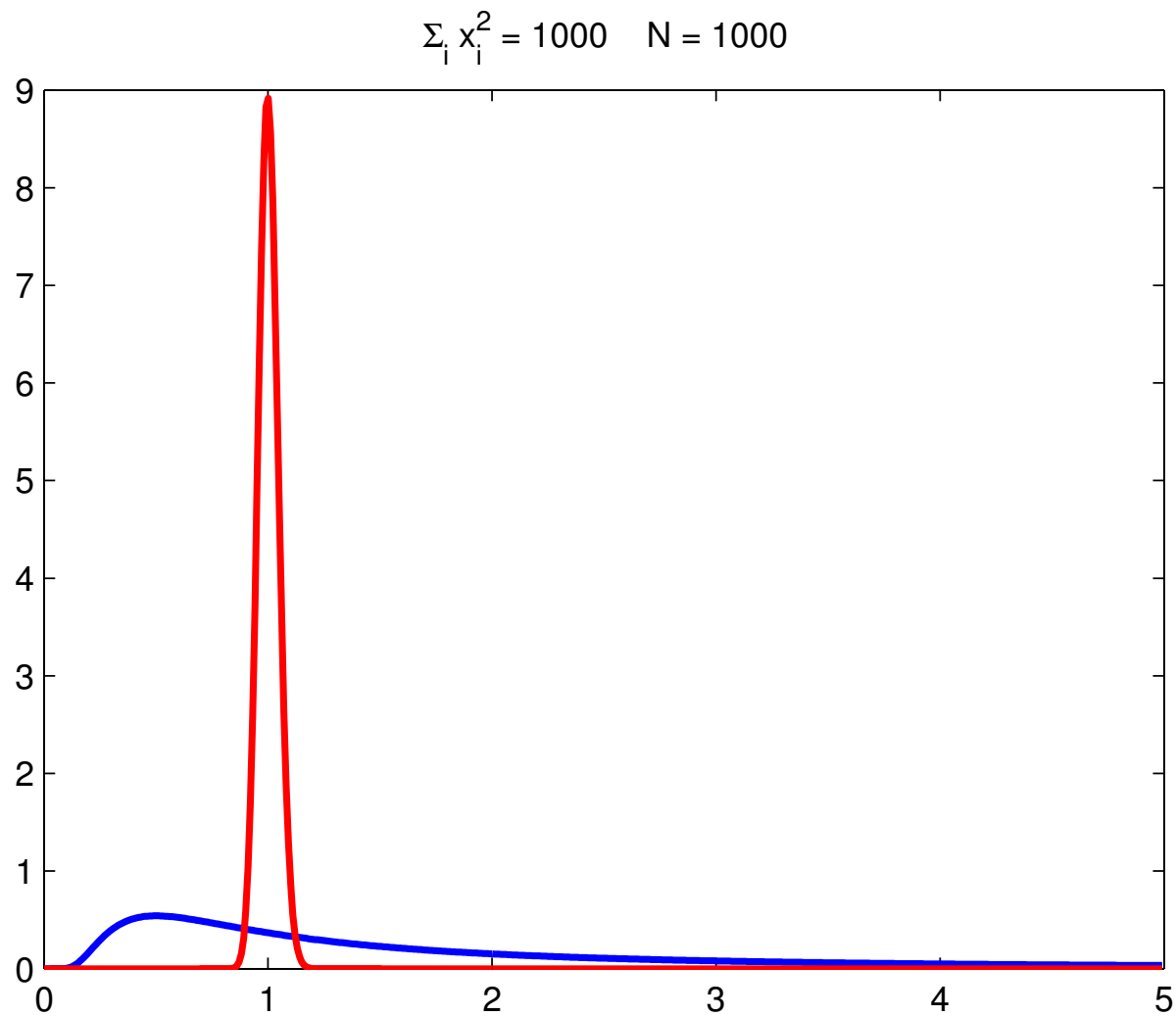
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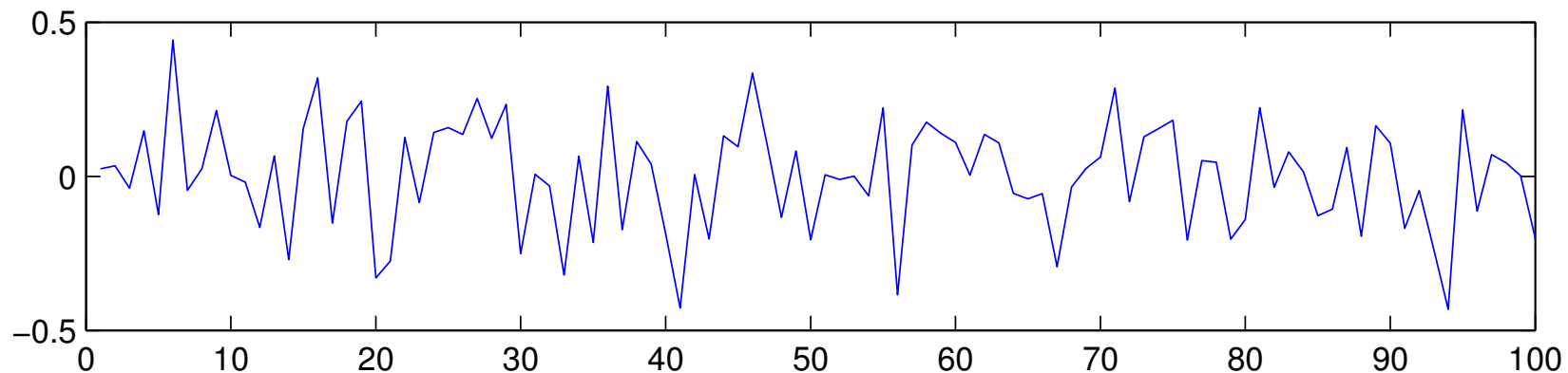
# Inverse Gamma, $\sum_i x_i^2 = 100$ $N = 100$



# Inverse Gamma, $\sum_i x_i^2 = 1000$ $N = 1000$



## Example: AR(1) model



$$x_k = Ax_{k-1} + \epsilon_k \quad k = 1 \dots K$$

$\epsilon_k$  is i.i.d., zero mean and normal with variance  $R$ .

### Estimation problem:

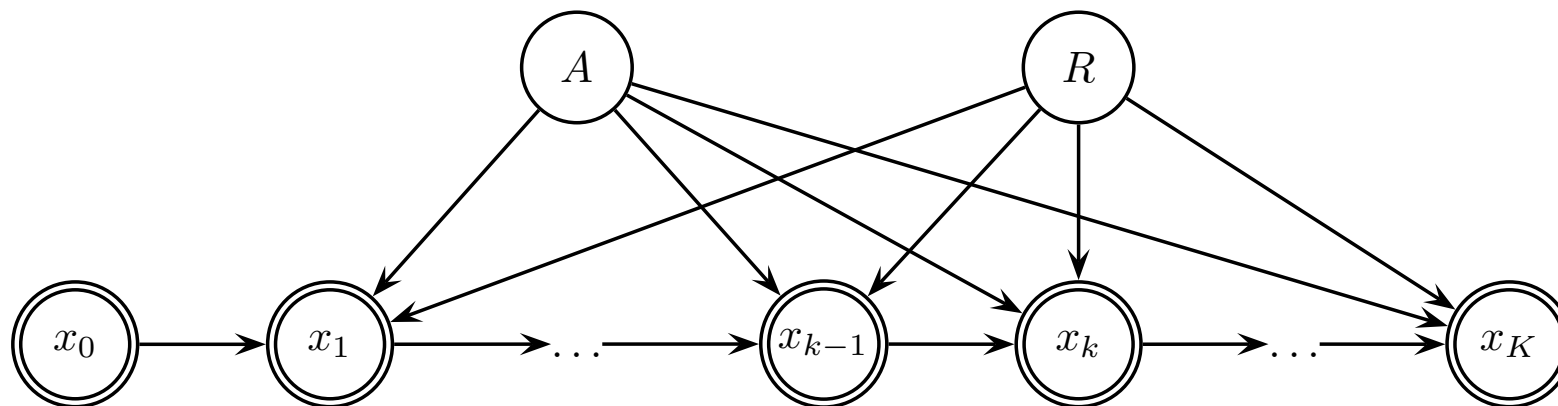
Given  $x_0, \dots, x_K$ , determine coefficient  $A$  and variance  $R$  (both scalars).

# AR(1) model, Generative Model notation

$$A \sim \mathcal{N}(A; 0, P)$$

$$R \sim \mathcal{IG}(R; \nu, \beta/\nu)$$

$$x_k | x_{k-1}, A, R \sim \mathcal{N}(x_k; Ax_{k-1}, R) \quad x_0 = \hat{x}_0$$



Observed variables are shown with double circles

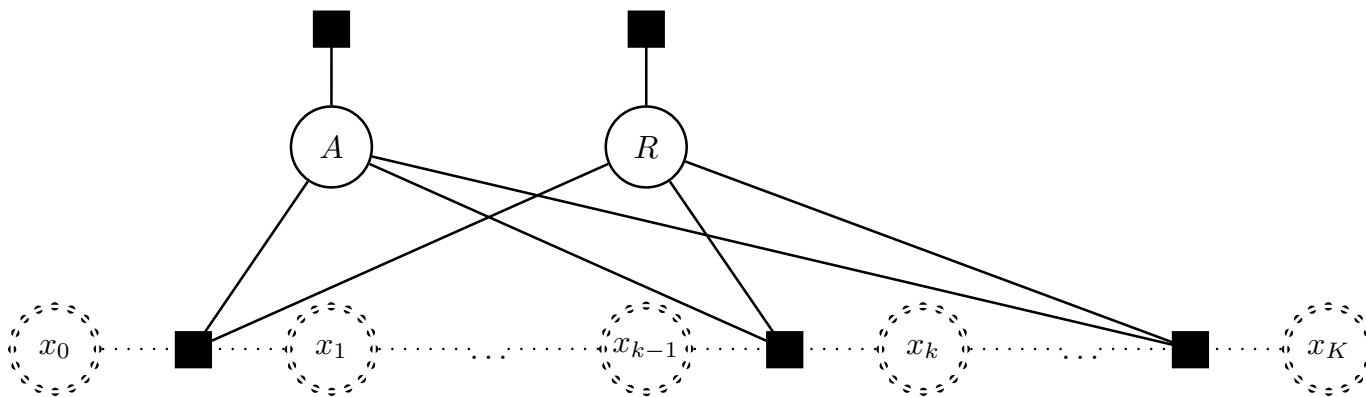
# AR(1) Model. Bayesian Posterior Inference

$$p(A, R|x_0, x_1, \dots, x_K) \propto p(x_1, \dots, x_K|x_0, A, R)p(A, R)$$

$$\text{Posterior} \propto \text{Likelihood} \times \text{Prior}$$

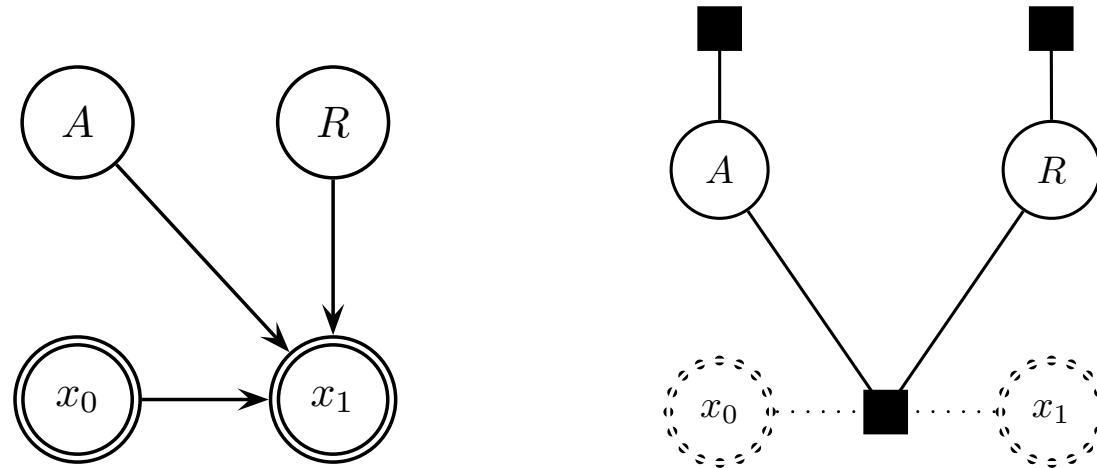
Using the Markovian (conditional independence) structure we have

$$p(A, R|x_0, x_1, \dots, x_K) \propto \left( \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_k|x_{k-1}, A, R) \right) p(A)p(R)$$



# Numerical Example

Suppose  $K = 1$ ,



By Bayes' Theorem and the structure of AR(1) model

$$\begin{aligned} p(A, R|x_0, x_1) &\propto p(x_1|x_0, A, R)p(A)p(R) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(x_1; Ax_0, R)\mathcal{N}(A; 0, P)\mathcal{IG}(R; \nu, \beta/\nu) \end{aligned}$$



# Numerical Example

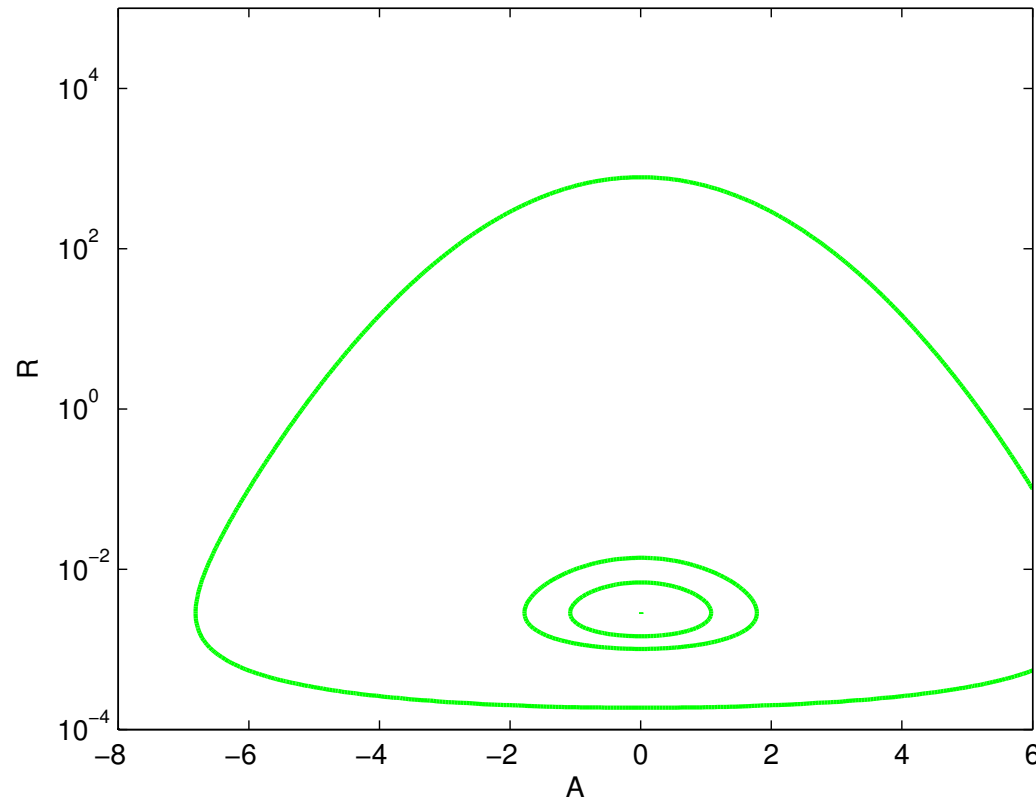
$$\begin{aligned} p(A, R|x_0, x_1) &\propto p(x_1|x_0, A, R)p(A)p(R) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(x_1; Ax_0, R)\mathcal{N}(A; 0, P)\mathcal{IG}(R; \nu, \beta/\nu) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{x_1^2}{R} + x_0x_1\frac{A}{R} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{x_0^2A^2}{R} - \frac{1}{2}\log 2\pi R\right) \\ &\quad \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{A^2}{P}\right) \exp\left(-(\nu + 1)\log R - \frac{\nu}{\beta}\frac{1}{R}\right) \end{aligned}$$

This posterior has a nonstandard form

$$\exp\left(\alpha_1\frac{1}{R} + \alpha_2\frac{A}{R} + \alpha_3\frac{A^2}{R} + \alpha_4\log R + \alpha_5A^2\right)$$

# Numerical Example, the prior $p(A, R)$

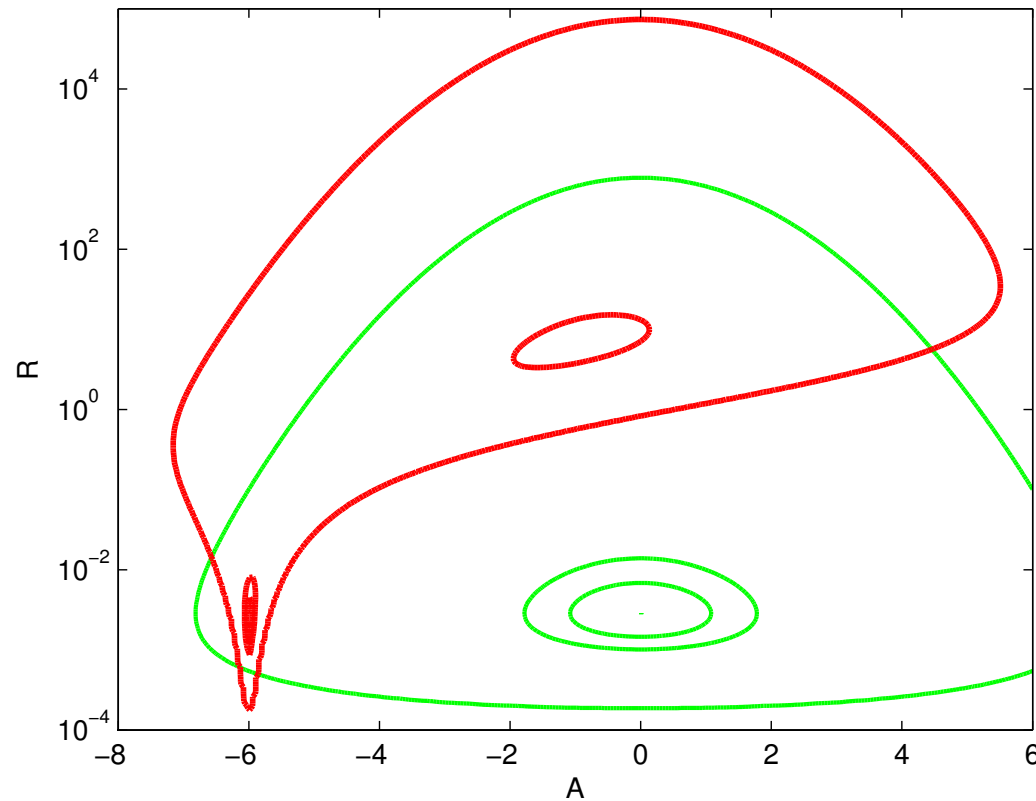
Equiprobability contour of  $p(A)p(R)$



$$A \sim \mathcal{N}(A; 0, 1.2) \quad R \sim \mathcal{IG}(R; 0.4, 250)$$

$$\text{Suppose: } x_0 = 1 \quad x_1 = -6 \quad x_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(x_1; Ax_0, R)$$

## Numerical Example, the posterior $p(A, R|x)$



Note the bimodal posterior with  $x_0 = 1, x_1 = -6$

- $A \approx -6 \Leftrightarrow$  low noise variance  $R$ .
- $A \approx 0 \Leftrightarrow$  high noise variance  $R$ .

## Remarks

- The point estimates such as ML or MAP are not always representative about the solution
- (Unfortunately), exact posterior inference is only possible for few special cases
- Even very simple models can lead easily to complicated posterior distributions
- Ambiguous data usually leads to a multimodal posterior, each mode corresponding to one possible explanation

## Remarks

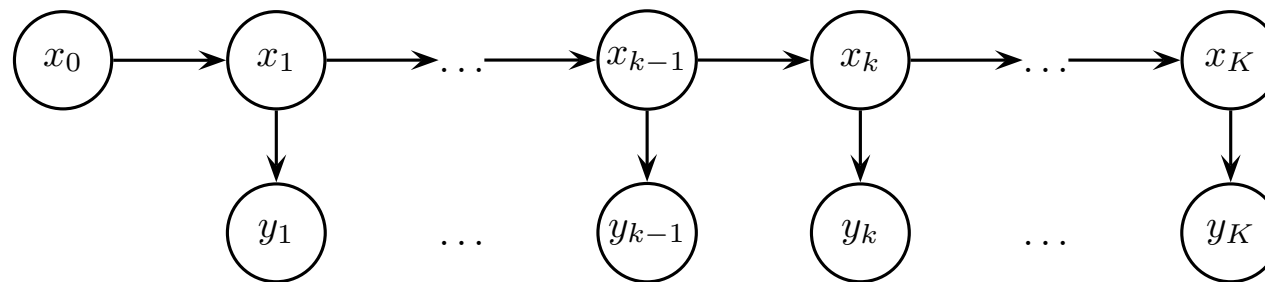
- *A-priori* independent variables often become dependent *a-posteriori* (“Explaining away”)
- The difficulty of an inference problem depends, among others, upon the particular “parameter regime” and observed data sequence

# Lecture Outline

- Sequential data, Terminology
- Hidden Markov Models
- Implementation of the Forward-Backward algorithm
- Finding the MAP trajectory: the Viterbi algorithm

# Sequential Data: Models, Inference, Terminology

In signal processing, machine learning, robotics, statistics many phenomena are modelled by dynamical models



$$x_k \sim p(x_k | x_{k-1})$$

Transition Model

$$y_k \sim p(y_k | x_k)$$

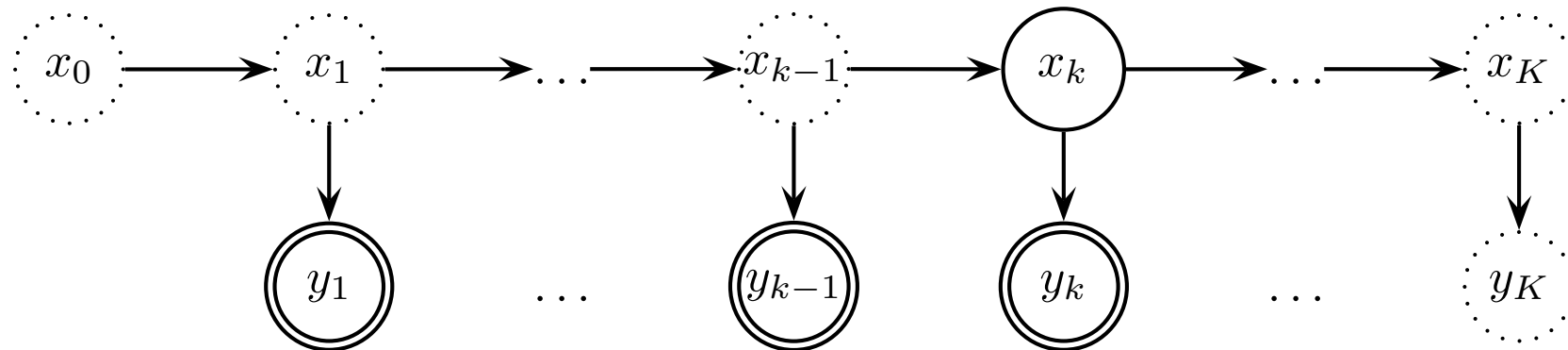
Observation Model

- $x$  is the latent state (tempo, pitch, velocity, attitude, class label, ...)
- $y$  are observations (samples, onsets, sensor reading, pixels, features, ...)
- In a full Bayesian setting,  $x$  includes unknown model parameters

# Online Inference, Terminology

- **Filtering:**  $p(x_k | y_{1:k})$

- Distribution of current state given all past information
- Realtime/Online/Sequential Processing



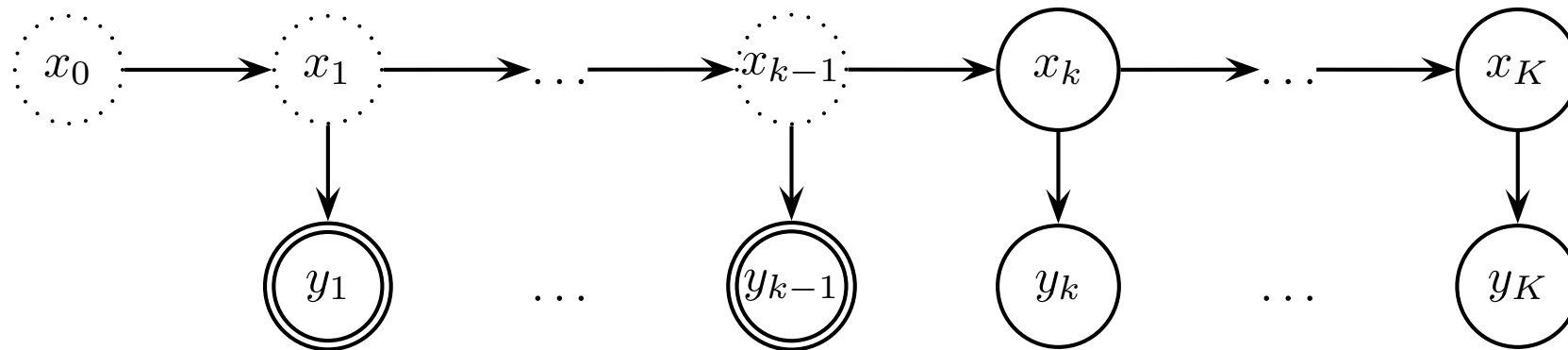
- Potentially confusing misnomer:

- More general than “digital filtering” (convolution) in DSP – but algorithmically related for some models (KFM)



# Online Inference, Terminology

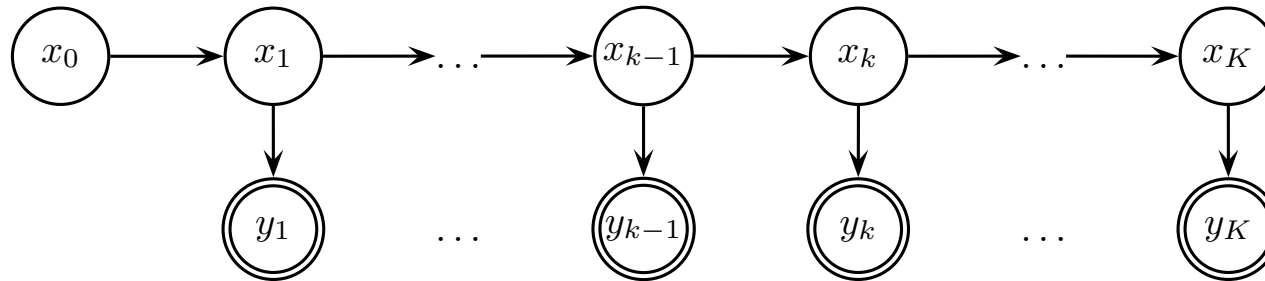
- **Prediction**  $p(y_{k:K}, x_{k:K} | y_{1:k-1})$ 
  - evaluation of possible future outcomes; like filtering without observations



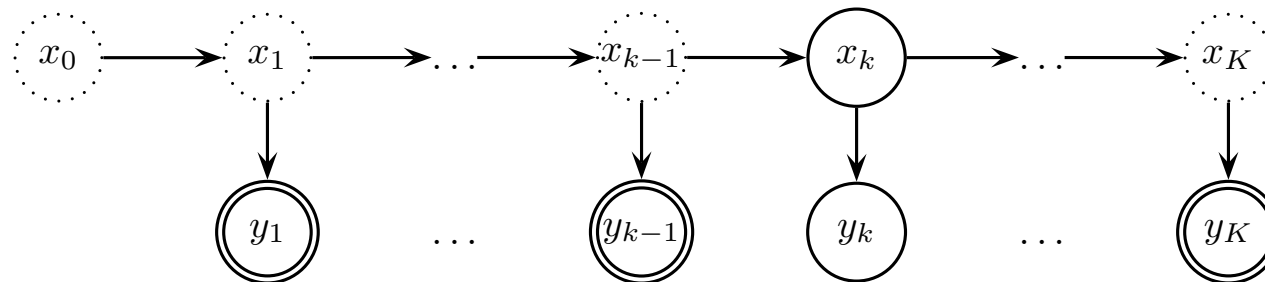
- Accompaniment, Tracking, Restoration

# Offline Inference, Terminology

- **Smoothing**  $p(x_{0:K}|y_{1:K})$ ,  
**Most likely trajectory – Viterbi path**  $\arg \max_{x_{0:K}} p(x_{0:K}|y_{1:K})$   
better estimate of past states, essential for learning

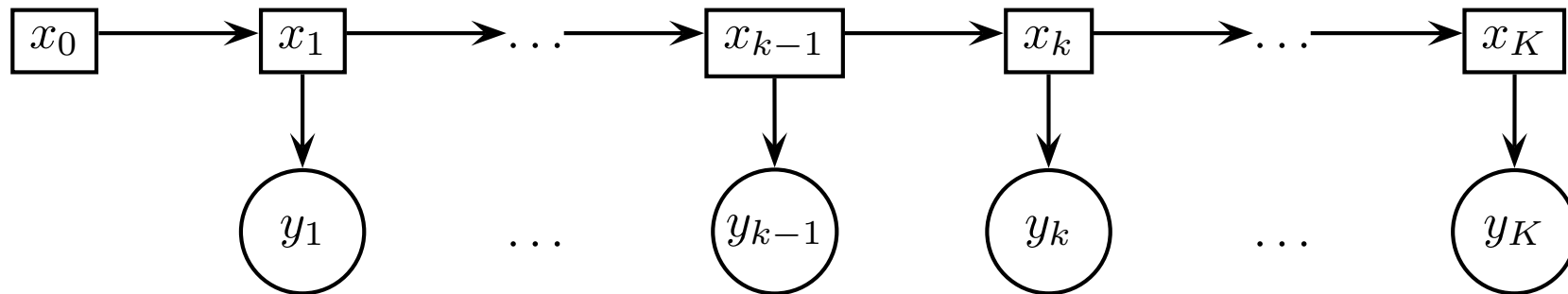


- **Interpolation**  $p(y_k, x_k|y_{1:k-1}, y_{k+1:K})$   
fill in lost observations given past and future



# Hidden Markov Model [?]

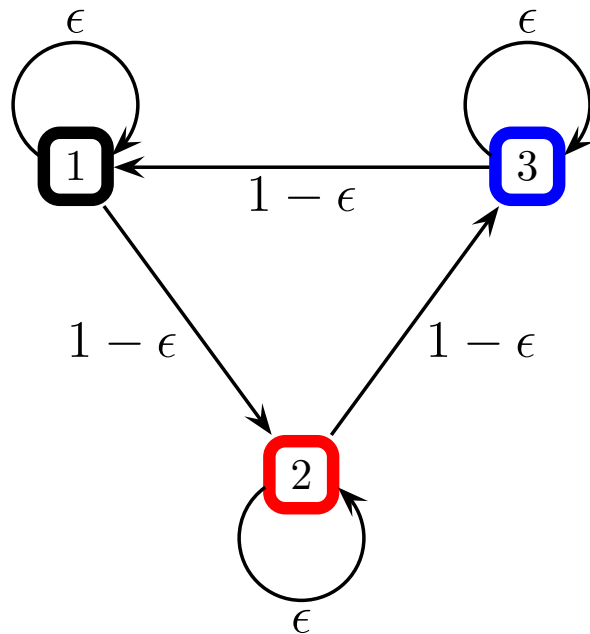
- Mixture model evolving in time



- Observations  $y_k$  are continuous or discrete
- Latent variables  $x_k$  are discrete
  - Represents the fading memory of the process
- Exact inference possible if  $x_k$  has a “small” number of states

# Example: Hidden Markov Model

- State transition model (a  $N$  by  $N$  matrix)

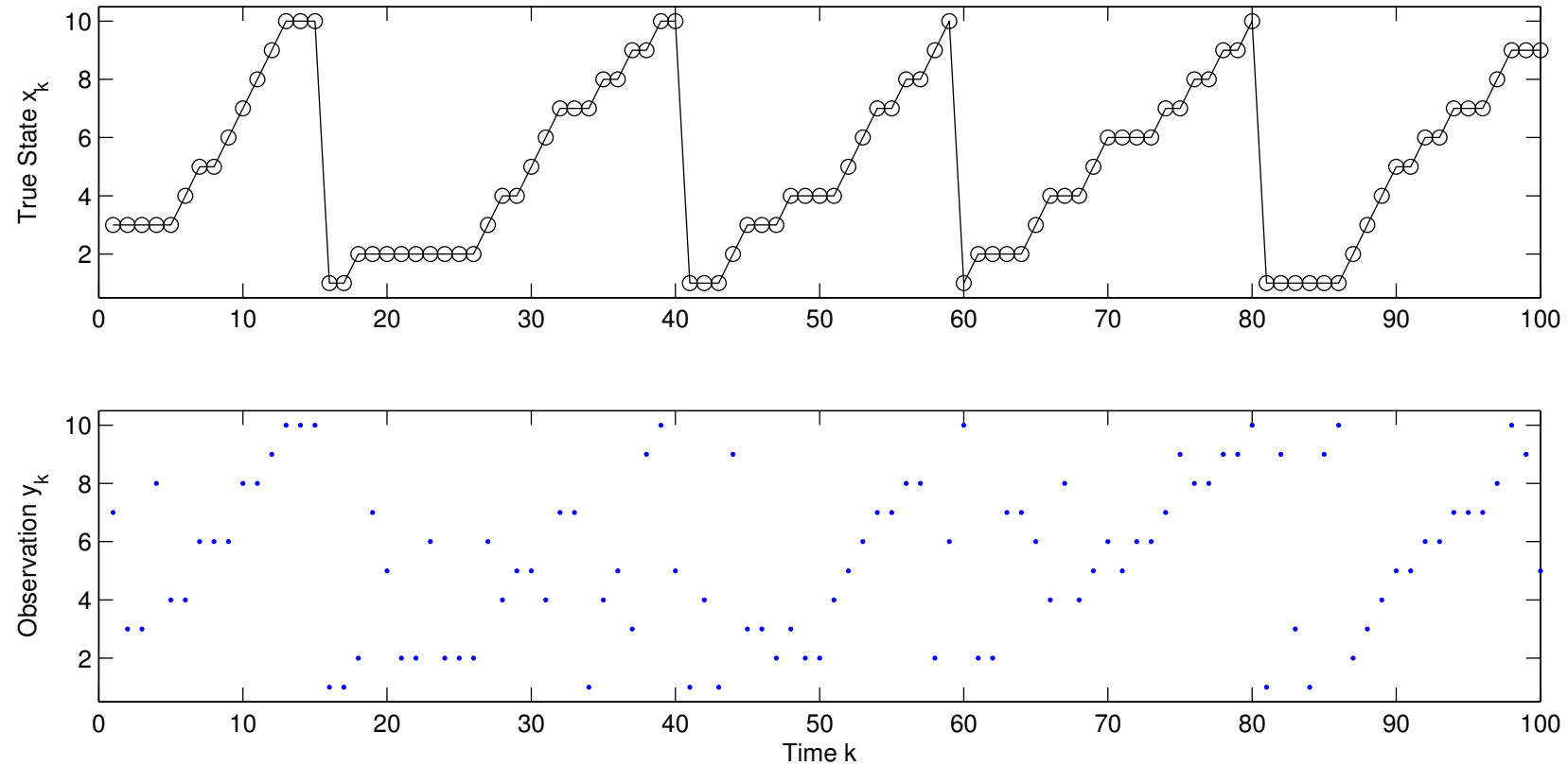


$$(1 - \epsilon) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

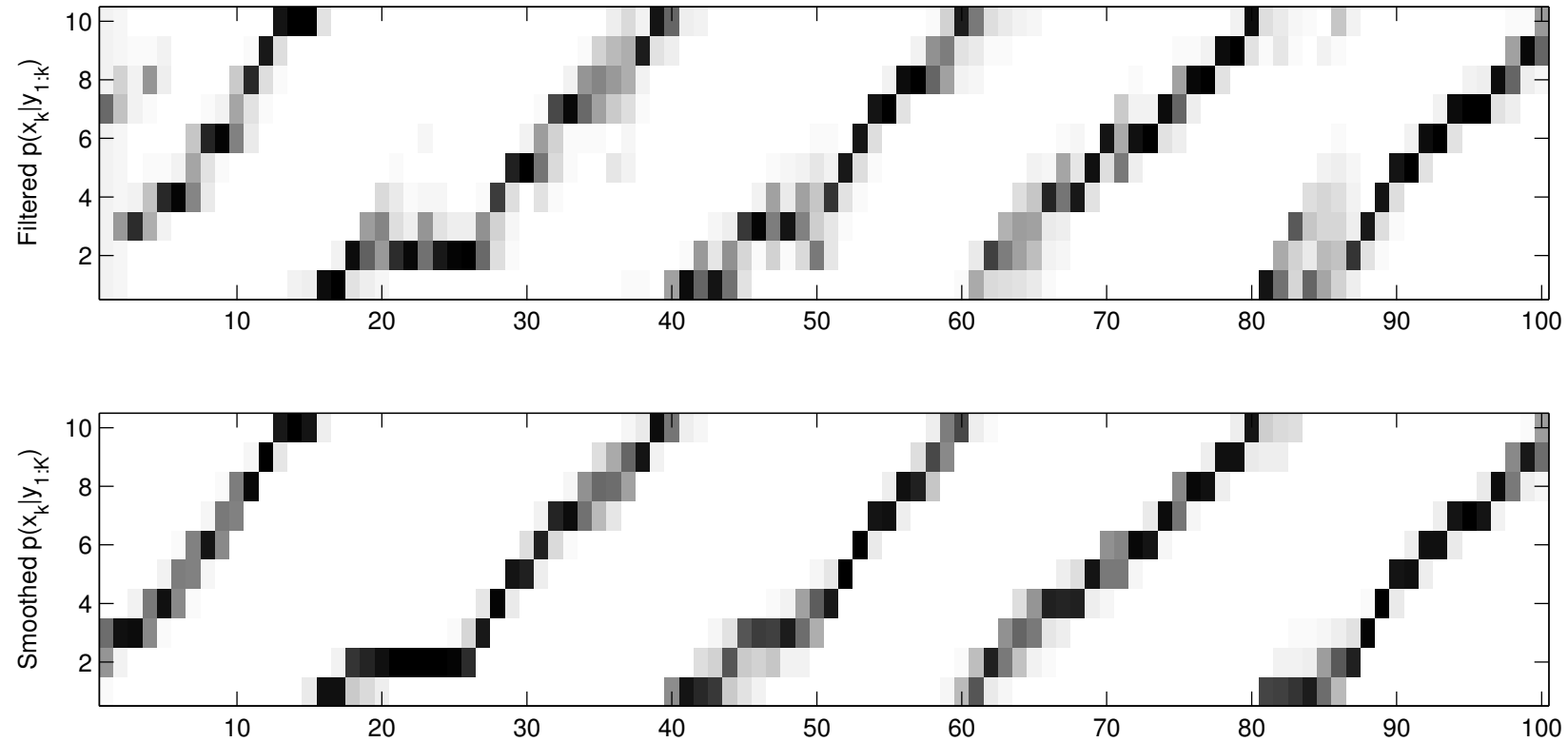
- Observation model  $p(y_k|x_k)$

$$y_k \sim w\delta(y_k - x_k) + (1 - w)u(1, N)$$

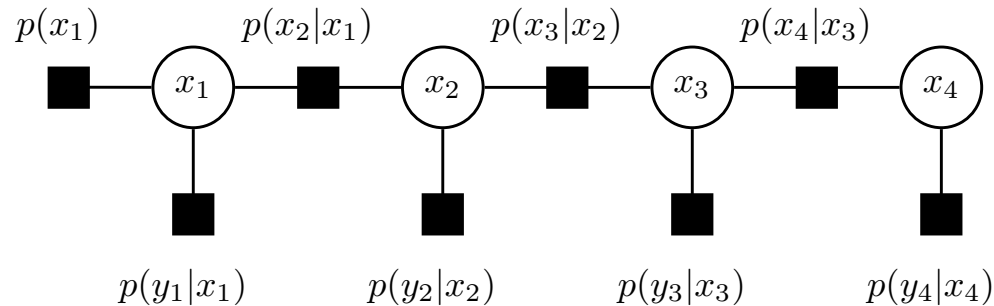
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# Exact Inference in HMM, Forward/Backward Algorithm



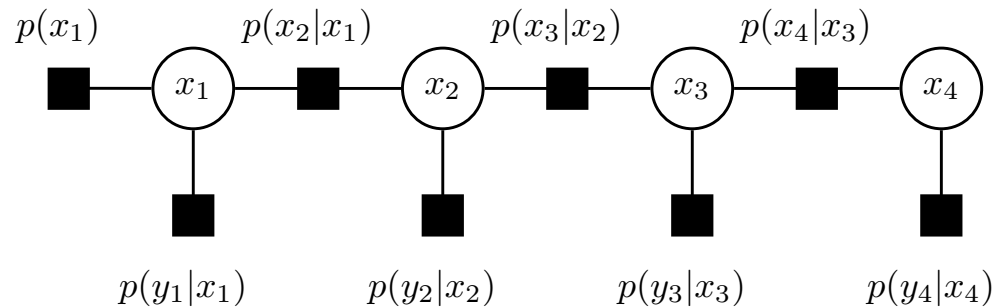
## • Forward Pass

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y_{1:K}) &= \sum_{x_{1:K}} p(y_{1:K}|x_{1:K})p(x_{1:K}) \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_{x_K} p(y_K|x_K) \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_K|x_{K-1}) \cdots \sum_{x_2} p(x_3|x_2) p(y_2|x_2)}_{\alpha_K} \underbrace{\sum_{x_1} p(x_2|x_1) p(y_1|x_1)}_{\alpha_2} \underbrace{p(x_1)}_{\alpha_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

## • Backward Pass

$$p(y_{1:K}) = \sum_{x_1} p(x_1)p(y_1|x_1) \cdots \underbrace{\sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_{K-1}|x_{K-2})p(y_{K-1}|x_{K-1})}_{\beta_{K-2}} \underbrace{\sum_{x_K} p(x_K|x_{K-1})p(y_K|x_K)}_{\beta_{K-1}} \underbrace{1}_{\beta_K}$$

# Exact Inference in HMM, Viterbi Algorithm



- Merely replace sum by max, equivalent to dynamic programming
- Forward Pass

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y_{1:K} | x_{1:K}^*) &= \max_{x_{1:K}} p(y_{1:K} | x_{1:K}) p(x_{1:K}) \\
 &= \underbrace{\max_{x_K} p(y_K | x_K) \max_{x_{K-1}} p(x_K | x_{K-1}) \dots \max_{x_2} p(x_3 | x_2)}_{\alpha_K} \underbrace{p(y_2 | x_2) \max_{x_1} p(x_2 | x_1)}_{\alpha_2} \underbrace{p(y_1 | x_1) p(x_1)}_{\alpha_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Backward Pass

$$p(y_{1:K} | x_{1:K}^*) = \max_{x_1} p(x_1) p(y_1 | x_1) \dots \underbrace{\max_{x_{K-1}} p(x_{K-1} | x_{K-2}) p(y_{K-1} | x_{K-1})}_{\beta_{K-2}} \underbrace{\max_{x_K} p(x_K | x_{K-1}) p(y_K | x_K)}_{\beta_{K-1}} \underbrace{1}_{\beta_K}$$

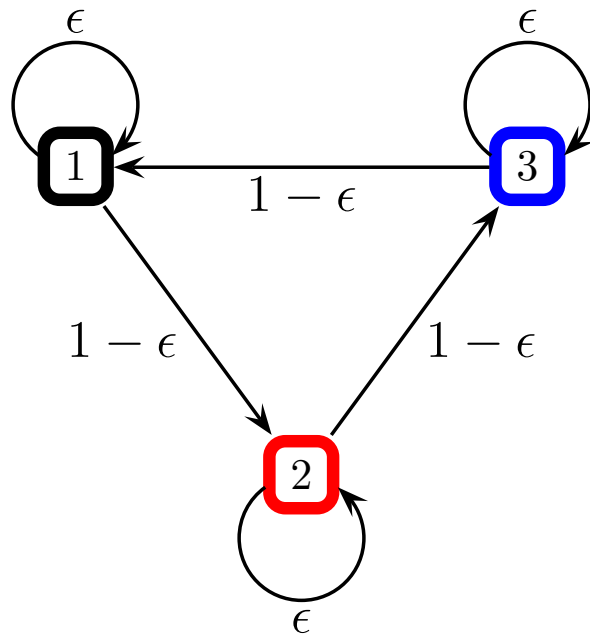


# Implementation of Forward-Backward

1. Setup a parameter structure
2. Generate data from the true model
3. Inference given true model parameters
4. Test and Visualisation

# Example: Hidden Markov Model

- State transition model (a  $N$  by  $N$  matrix)



$$(1 - \epsilon) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Observation model  $p(y_k|x_k)$

$$y_k \sim w\delta(y_k - x_k) + (1 - w)u(1, N)$$

# 1. Setup a parameter structure

```
N = 50;      % Number of states

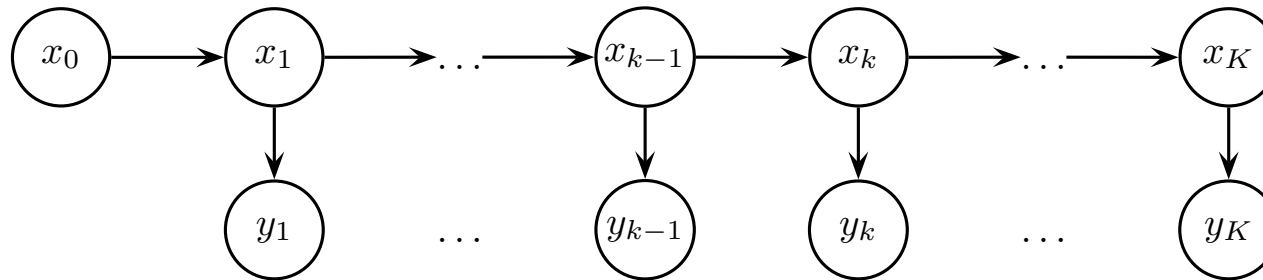
% Transition model;
ep = 0.5;    % Probability of not-moving
E = eye(N);
A = ep*E + (1-ep)*E(:, [2:N 1]); % Transition Matrix

% Observation model
w = 0.3;    % Probability of observing true state
C = w*E + (1-w)*ones(N)/N; % Observation matrix

% Prior p(x_1)
pri = ones(N, 1)/N;

% Create a parameter structure
hm = struct('A', A, 'C', C, 'p_x1', pri);
```

## 2. Generate data from the true model



$$x_k | x_{k-1} \sim p(x_k | x_{k-1})$$

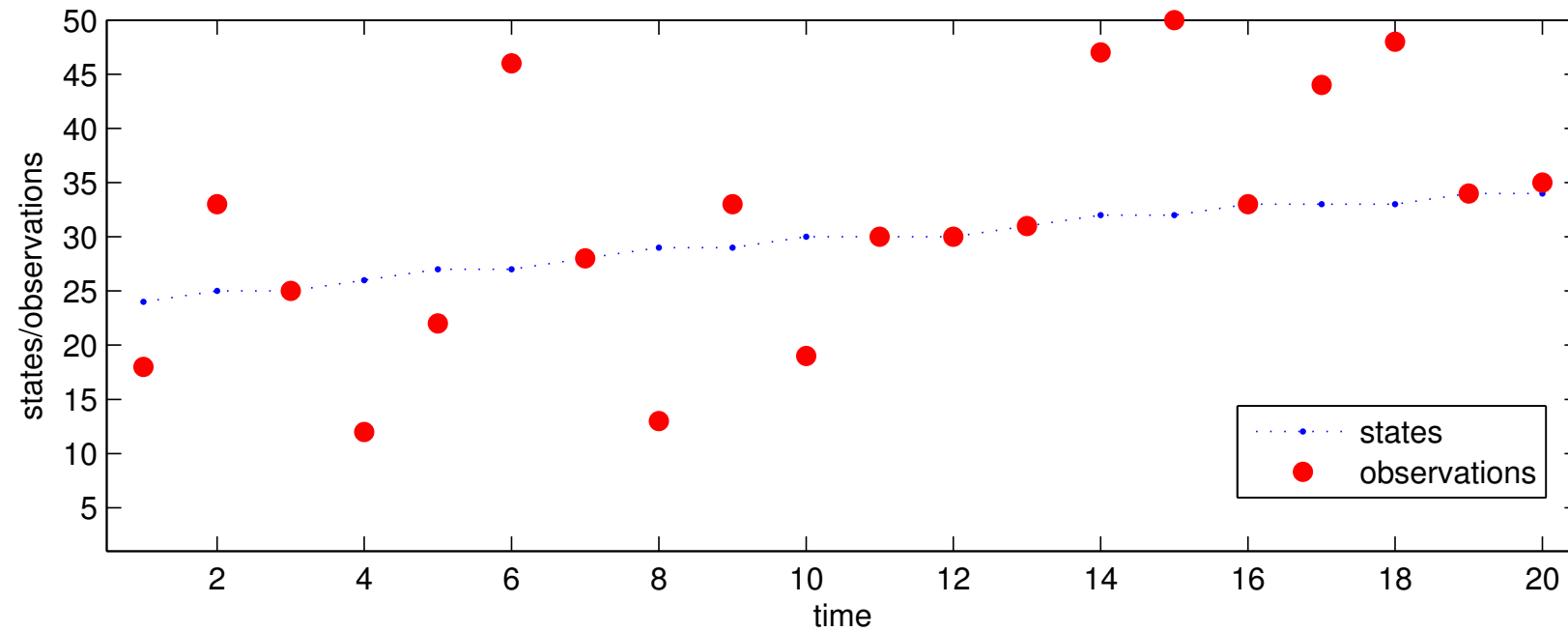
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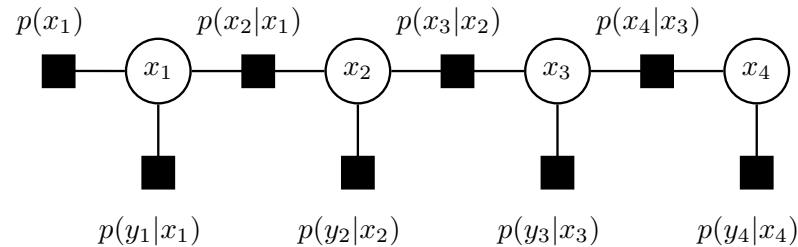
```
function [obs, state] = hmm_generate_data(hm, K)
% Inputs :
%         hm : A HMM parameter structure
%         K : Number of time slices to simulate
% Outputs :
%         obs, state : Observations and the state trajectory

state = zeros(1, K);
obs = zeros(1, K);
for k=1:K,
    if k==1,
        state(k) = randgen(hm.p_x1);
    else
        state(k) = randgen(hm.A(:, state(k-1)));
    end;
    obs(k) = randgen(hm.C(:, state(k)));
end;
```

## 2. Generate data from the true model



### 3. Inference. Forward pass



- Predict

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{k|k-1}(x_k) &= p(y_{1:k-1}, x_k) = \sum_{x_{k-1}} p(x_k|x_{k-1})p(y_{1:k-1}, x_{k-1}) \\ &= \sum_{x_{k-1}} p(x_k|x_{k-1})\alpha_{k-1|k-1}(x_{k-1})\end{aligned}$$

- Update

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{k|k}(x_k) &= p(y_{1:k}, x_k) = p(y_k|x_k)p(y_{1:k-1}, x_k) \\ &= p(y_k|x_k)\alpha_{k|k-1}(x_k)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y_{1:K}) &= \sum_{x_{1:K}} p(y_{1:K}|x_{1:K})p(x_{1:K}) \\
&= \sum_{x_K} p(y_K|x_K) \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_K|x_{K-1}) \cdots \sum_{x_2} p(x_3|x_2)p(y_2|x_2) \sum_{x_1} p(x_2|x_1) \underbrace{p(y_1|x_1) \overbrace{p(x_1)}^{\alpha_{1|0}}}_{\alpha_{1|1}} \\
&= \sum_{x_K} p(y_K|x_K) \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_K|x_{K-1}) \cdots \sum_{x_2} p(x_3|x_2)p(y_2|x_2) \sum_{x_1} p(x_2|x_1) \alpha_{1|1}(x_1) \\
&= \sum_{x_K} p(y_K|x_K) \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_K|x_{K-1}) \cdots \sum_{x_2} p(x_3|x_2)p(y_2|x_2) \alpha_{2|1}(x_2) \\
&= \sum_{x_K} p(y_K|x_K) \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_K|x_{K-1}) \cdots \sum_{x_2} p(x_3|x_2) \alpha_{2|2}(x_2) \\
&= \sum_{x_K} p(y_K|x_K) \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_K|x_{K-1}) \cdots \alpha_{3|2}(x_3)
\end{aligned}$$



### 3. Inference: Forward pass

```
log_alpha = zeros(N, K);
log_alpha_predict = zeros(N, K);
for k=1:K,
    if k==1,
        log_alpha_predict(:,k) = log(hm.p_x1);
    else
        log_alpha_predict(:,k) ...
            = state_predict(hm.A, log_alpha(:, k-1));
    end;
    log_alpha(:, k) ...
        = state_update(hm.C(y(k), :), log_alpha_predict(:,k));
end;
```

### 3. Inference. Predict

```
function [lpp] = state_predict(A, log_p)
% STATE_PREDICT Computes  $A \cdot p$  in log domain
%
% [lpp] = state_predict(A, log_p)
%
% Inputs :
% A : State transition matrix
% log_p :  $\log p(x_{\{k-1\}}, y_{\{1:k-1\}})$  Filtered potential
%
% Outputs :
% lpp :  $\log p(x_{\{k\}}, y_{\{1:k-1\}})$ ; Predicted potential

mx = max(log_p(:)); % Stable computation
p = exp(log_p - mx);
lpp = log(A*p) + mx;
```

# Numerically Stable computation of $\log(\sum_i \exp(l_i))$

- Derivation

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \log\left(\sum_i \exp(l_i)\right) \\ &= \log\left(\sum_i \exp(l_i) \frac{\exp(l^*)}{\exp(l^*)}\right) \\ &= \log\left(\exp(l^*) \sum_i \exp(l_i - l^*)\right) \\ &= l^* + \log\left(\sum_i \exp(l_i - l^*)\right) \end{aligned}$$

- We take  $l^*$  as the maximum  $l^* = \max_i l_i$
- Assignment: Implement above as a function `logsumexp(l)`

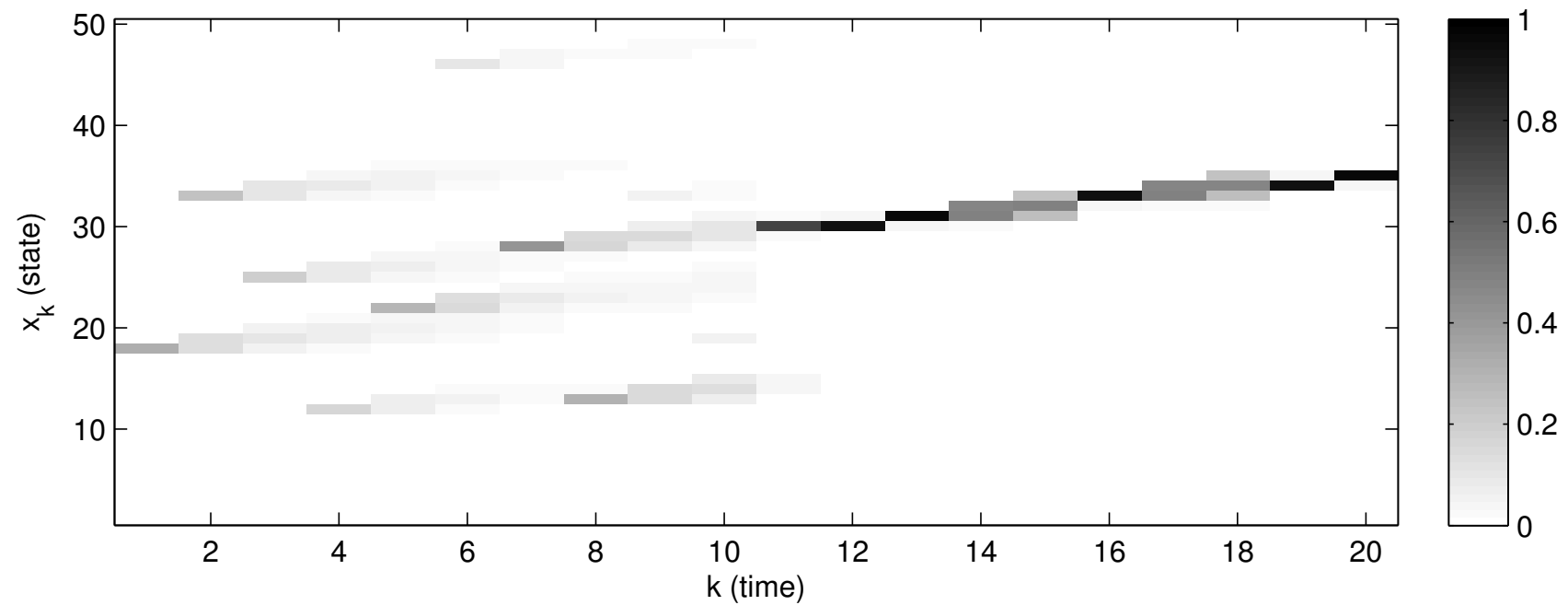
### 3. Inference. Update

```
function [lup] = state_update(obs, log_p)
% STATE_UPDATE State update in log domain
%
% [lup] = state_update(obs, log_p)
%
% Inputs :
%         obs :  $p(y_k | x_k)$ 
%         log_p :  $\log p(x_k, y_{\{1, k-1\}})$ 
%
% Outputs :
% lup :  $\log p(x_k, y_{\{1, k-1\}}) + p(y_k | x_k)$ 

lup = log(obs(:)) + log_p;
```

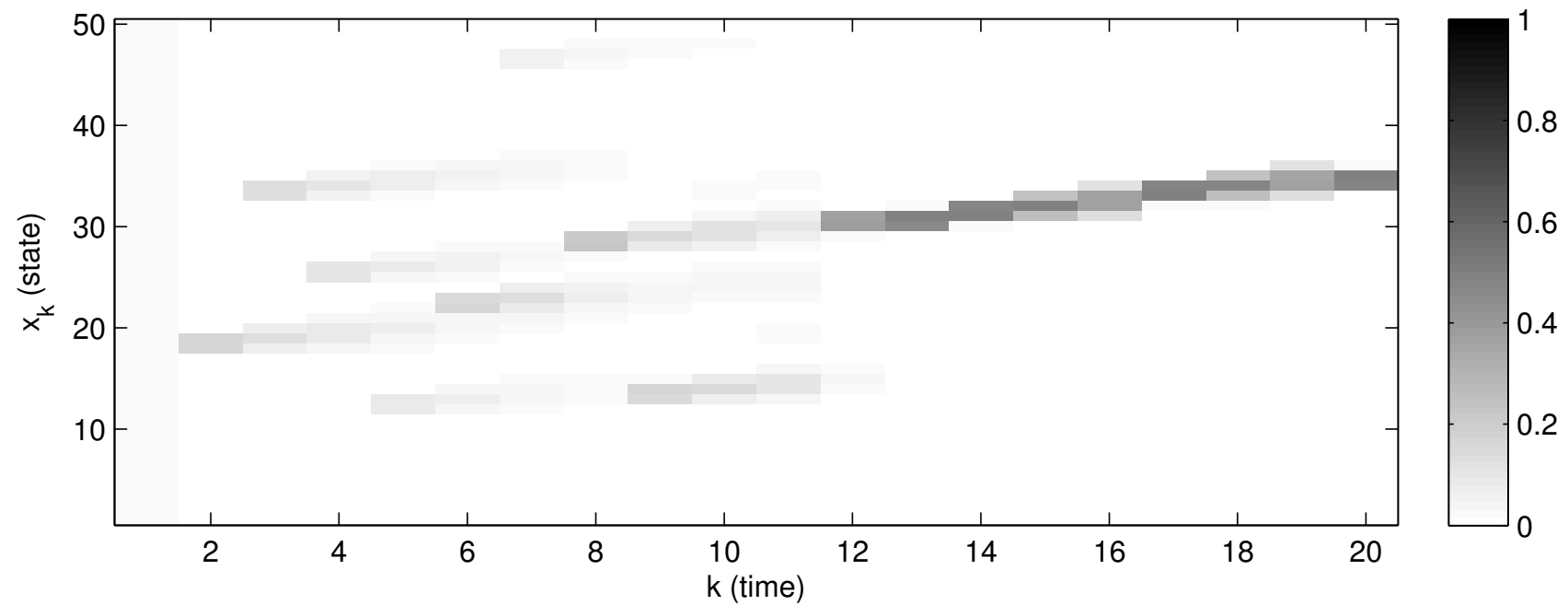
### 3. Inference. Forward pass.

$$\alpha_{k|k} \equiv p(y_{1:k}, x_k)$$

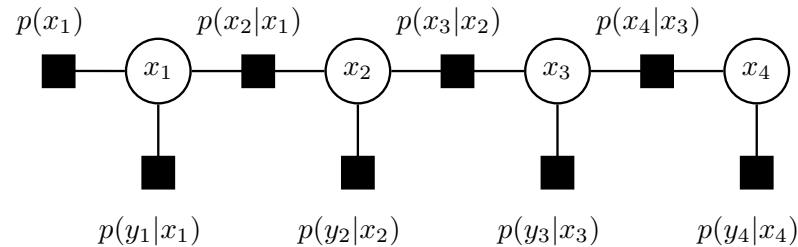


### 3. Inference. Forward pass

$$\alpha_{k|k-1} \equiv p(y_{1:k-1}, x_k)$$



### 3. Inference. Backward pass



- “Postdict”

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_{k|k+1}(x_k) &= p(y_{k+1:K}|x_k) = \sum_{x_{k+1}} p(x_{k+1}|x_k) p(y_{k+1:K}|x_{k+1}) \\ &= \sum_{x_{k+1}} p(x_{k+1}|x_k) \beta_{k+1|k+1}(x_{k+1})\end{aligned}$$

- Update

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_{k|k}(x_k) &= p(y_{k:K}|x_k) = p(y_k|x_k) p(y_{k+1:K}|x_k) \\ &= p(y_k|x_k) \beta_{k|k+1}(x_k)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y_{1:K}) &= \sum_{x_1} p(x_1)p(y_1|x_1) \cdots \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_{K-1}|x_{K-2})p(y_{K-1}|x_{K-1}) \sum_{x_K} p(x_K|x_{K-1})p(y_K|x_K) \underbrace{1}_{\beta_{K|K+1}} \\
&= \sum_{x_1} p(x_1)p(y_1|x_1) \cdots \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_{K-1}|x_{K-2})p(y_{K-1}|x_{K-1}) \sum_{x_K} p(x_K|x_{K-1}) \beta_{K|K} \\
&= \sum_{x_1} p(x_1)p(y_1|x_1) \cdots \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_{K-1}|x_{K-2})p(y_{K-1}|x_{K-1}) \beta_{K-1|K} \\
&= \sum_{x_1} p(x_1)p(y_1|x_1) \cdots \sum_{x_{K-1}} p(x_{K-1}|x_{K-2}) \beta_{K-1|K-1} \\
&= \sum_{x_1} p(x_1)p(y_1|x_1) \cdots \beta_{K-2|K-1}
\end{aligned}$$



### 3. Inference. Backward pass

```
log_beta = zeros(N, T);
log_beta_postdict = zeros(N, T);
for t=T:-1:1,
    if t==T,
        log_beta_postdict(:,t) = zeros(N,1);
    else
        log_beta_postdict(:,t) ...
            = state_postdict(hm.A, log_beta(:, t+1));
    end;
    log_beta(:, t) ...
        = state_update(hm.C(y(t), :), log_beta_postdict(:,t));
end;
```

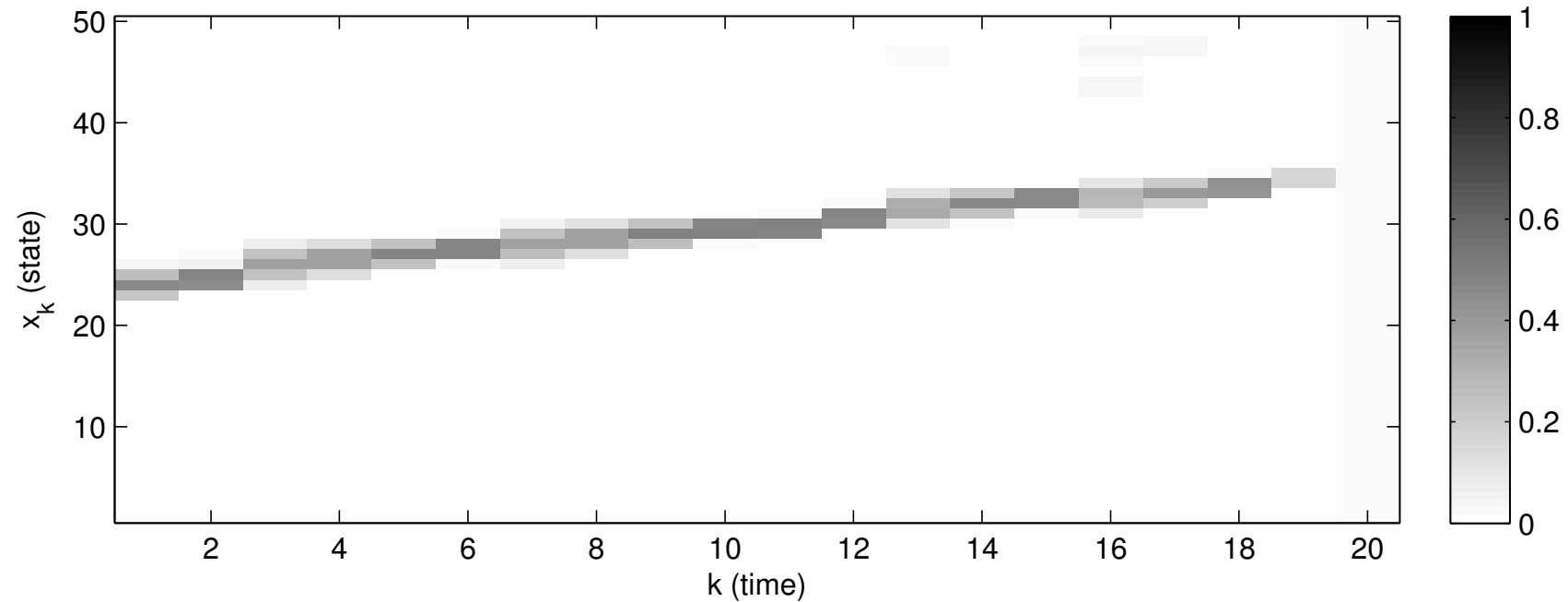
### 3. Inference. Postdict.

```
function [lpp] = state_postdict(A, log_p)
% STATE_POSTDICT Computes  $A' * p$  in log domain
%
% [lpp] = state_postdict(A, log_p)
%
% Inputs :
% A : State transition matrix
%      log_p :  $\log p(y_{\{k+1:K\}} | x_{\{k+1\}})$  Updated potential
%
% Outputs :
% lpp :  $\log p(y_{\{k+1:K\}} | x_k)$  Postdicted potential

mx = max(log_p(:)); % Stable computation
p = exp(log_p - mx);
lpp = log(A' * p) + mx;
```

### 3. Inference. Backward pass

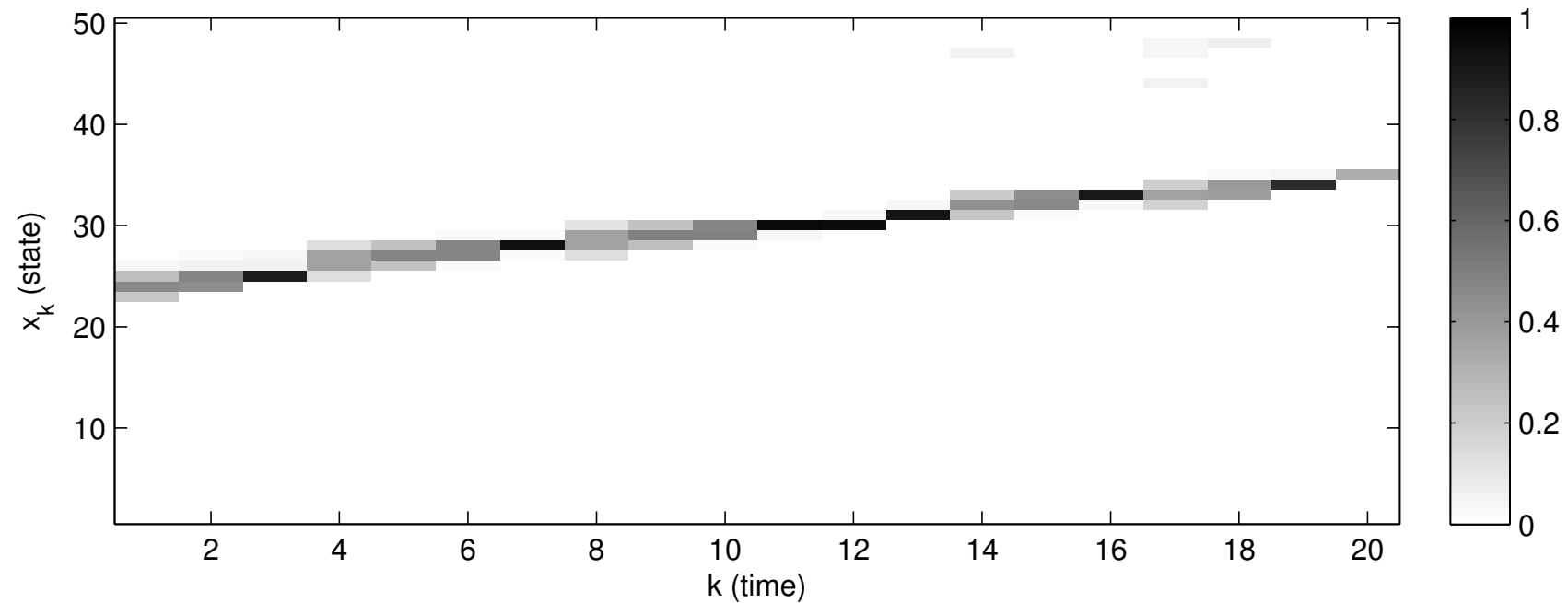
$$\beta_{k|k+1}(x_k) = p(y_{k+1:K}|x_k)$$



We visualise  $\hat{\beta} \propto \beta_{k|k+1}(x_k)u(x_k)$

### 3. Inference. Backward pass

$$\beta_{k|k}(x_k) = p(y_{k:K}|x_k)$$



### 3. Inference. Smoothing.

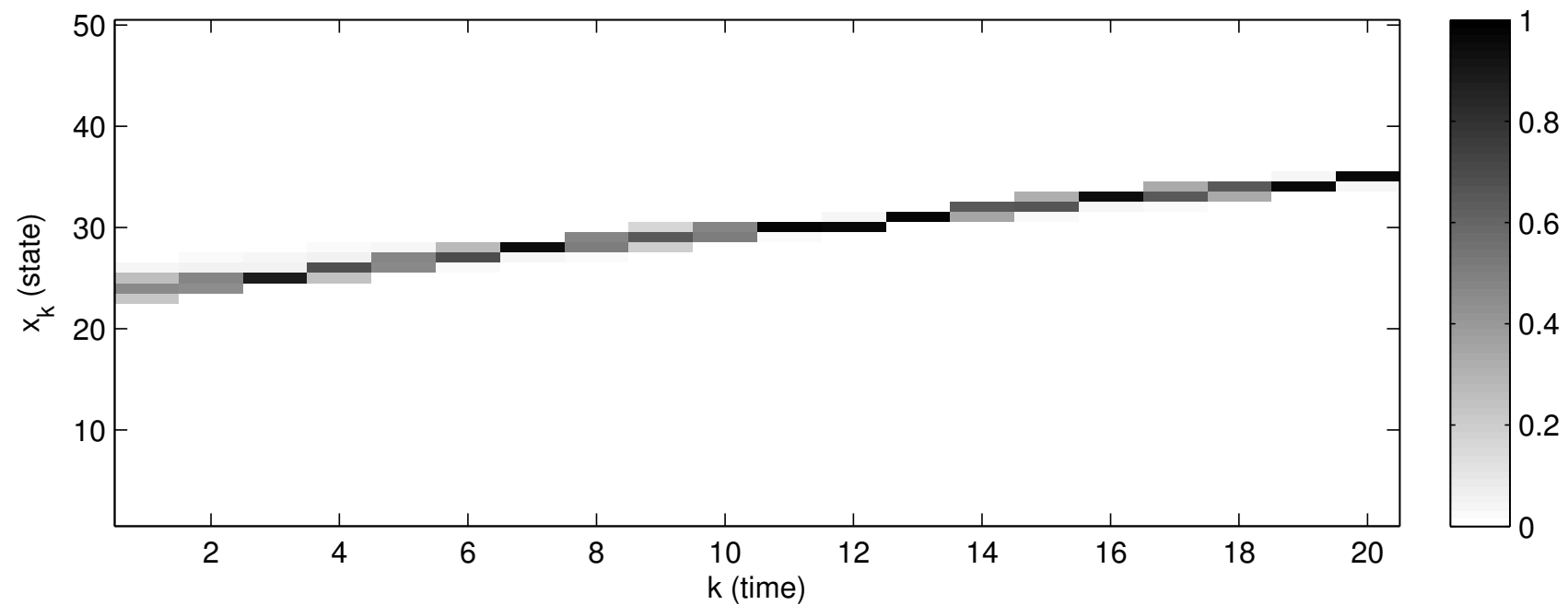
$$\begin{aligned} p(y_{1:K}, x_k) &= p(y_{1:k}, x_k) p(y_{k+1:K} | x_k) \\ &= \alpha_{k|k}(x_k) \beta_{k|k+1}(x_k) \\ &\equiv \gamma_k(x_k) \end{aligned}$$

#### Alternatives

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_k(x_k) &= \alpha_{k|k-1}(x_k) \beta_{k|k}(x_k) \\ &= \alpha_{k|k-1}(x_k) p(y_k | x_k) \beta_{k|k+1}(x_k) \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Inference. Smoothing.

$$p(x_k | y_{1:K}) \propto p(y_{1:K}, x_k) = \alpha_{k|k}(x_k) \beta_{k|k+1}(x_k) \equiv \gamma_k(x_k)$$



### 3. Inference. Smoothing.

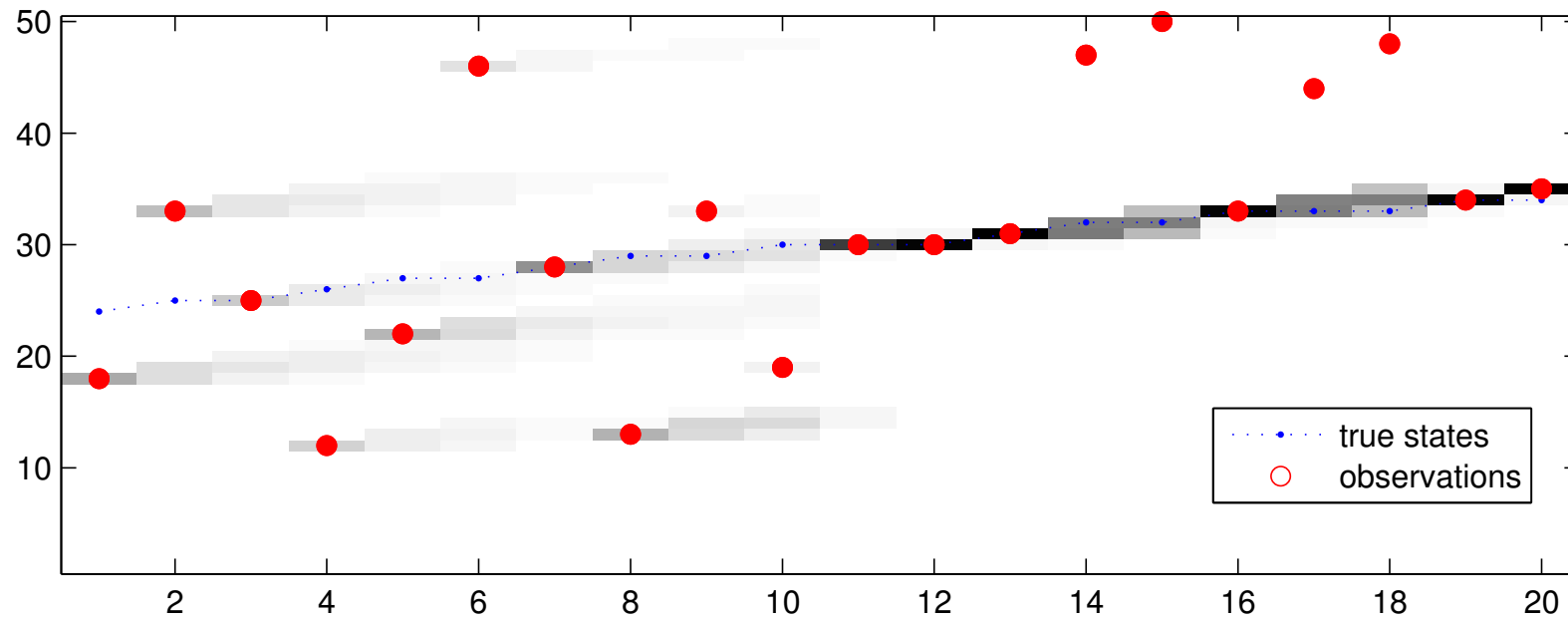
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log_gamma = log_alpha + log_beta_postdict
```

## 4. Test and Visualisation

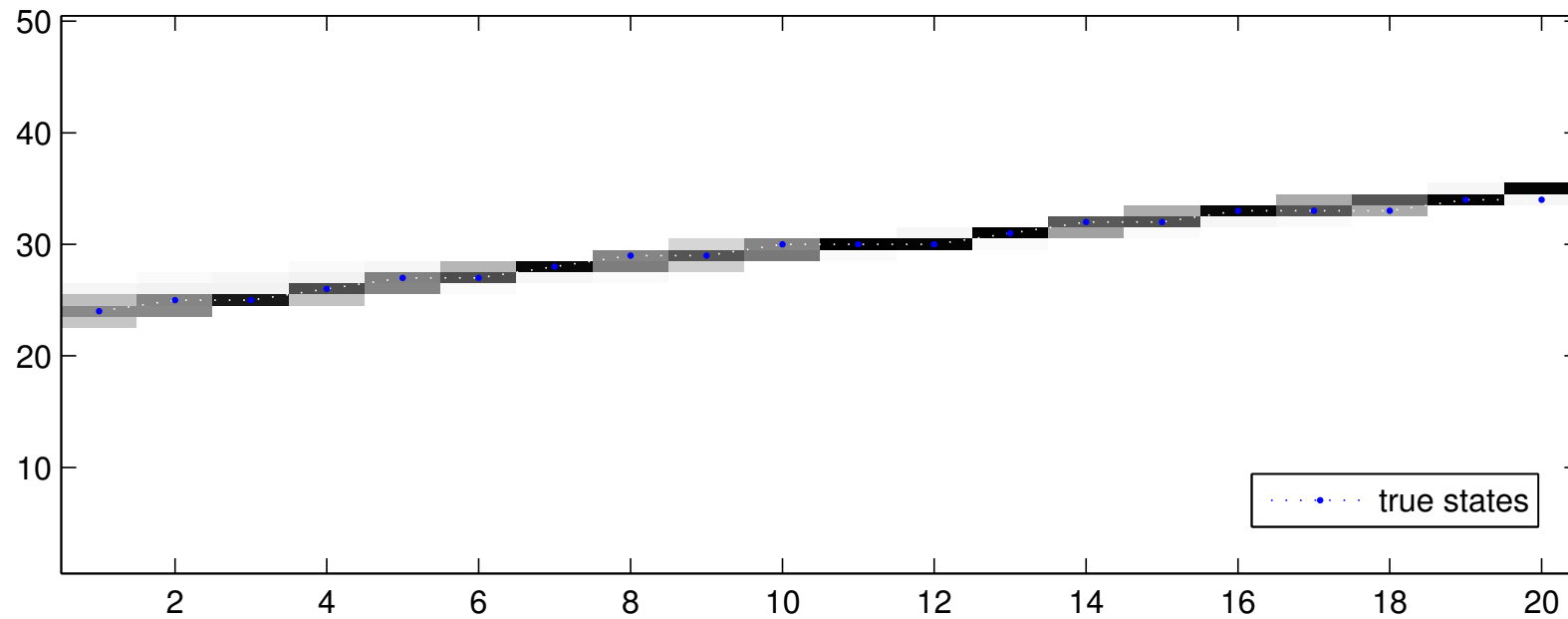
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imagesc(normalize_exp(log_gamma, 1));  
set(gca, 'ydir', 'n');  
colormap(flipud(gray));  
xlabel('k (time)'); ylabel('x_k (state)');  
caxis([0 1]);  
colorbar  
  
% This has to be constant !! (why)  
plot(log_sum_exp(log_gamma, 1));
```



## 4. Test and Visualise. Filter.



## 4. Test and Visualise. Smoother.



# Outline

- Bayesian Inference Review
- Mean Field, Variational Bayes

# Variational Formulation

A simple but very powerful idea:

- Represent the solution of a problem as the minimum of some cost function
- Example: Solving a system of linear equations  $p \in \mathcal{X}$

$$Ap = b$$

- Variational formulation

$$p = \operatorname{argmin}_q \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} (b - Aq)^\top (b - Aq) \right\}}_{\mathcal{F}(q)}$$

# Variational Formulation

- We can also find approximate solutions
- Suppose we constrain  $q$  to a subset

$$q \in \mathcal{X}_q \subset \mathcal{X}$$

- We trivially have

$$\mathcal{F}(p) = \min_{q \in \mathcal{X}} \{\mathcal{F}(q)\} \leq \min_{q \in \mathcal{X}_q} \{\mathcal{F}(q)\}$$

## Example: Computing Marginals

- Consider a joint distribution  $i, j \in \{0, 1\}$

$$p(x_1 = i, x_2 = j) = \pi_{i,j}$$

$p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 0$	$x_2 = 1$
$x_1 = 0$	$\pi_{0,0}$	$\pi_{0,1}$
$x_1 = 1$	$\pi_{1,0}$	$\pi_{1,1}$

- Marginals

$p(x_1)$	
$x_1 = 0$	$\pi_{0,0} + \pi_{0,1}$
$x_1 = 1$	$\pi_{1,0} + \pi_{1,1}$

$p(x_2)$	$x_2 = 0$	$x_2 = 1$
	$\pi_{0,0} + \pi_{1,0}$	$\pi_{0,1} + \pi_{1,1}$

- How can we express the marginals of a density variationally ?

## Example: Computing Marginals

- Take a factorised Distribution

$$q(x_1 = i, x_2 = j) = q(x_1 = i)q(x_2 = j)$$

$$q(x_1 = 1) = q_1$$

$$q(x_2 = 1) = q_2$$

$q(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 0$	$x_2 = 1$
$x_1 = 0$	$(1 - q_1)(1 - q_2)$	$(1 - q_1)q_2$
$x_1 = 1$	$q_1(1 - q_2)$	$q_1q_2$

- Compute the “distance” between  $p$  and  $q$  via **Kullback-Leibler (KL) Divergence**

# Kullback-Leibler (KL) Divergence

- A “quasi-distance” between two distributions  $\mathcal{P} = p(x)$  and  $\mathcal{Q} = q(x)$ .

$$KL(\mathcal{P}||\mathcal{Q}) \equiv \int_{\mathcal{X}} dx p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \langle \log \mathcal{P} \rangle_{\mathcal{P}} - \langle \log \mathcal{Q} \rangle_{\mathcal{P}}$$

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# Kullback-Leibler (KL) Divergence

$p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 0$	$x_2 = 1$	$q(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 0$	$x_2 = 1$
$x_1 = 0$	$\pi_{0,0}$	$\pi_{0,1}$	$x_1 = 0$	$(1 - q_1)(1 - q_2)$	$(1 - q_1)q_2$
$x_1 = 1$	$\pi_{1,0}$	$\pi_{1,1}$	$x_1 = 1$	$q_1(1 - q_2)$	$q_1q_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 KL(p||q) &= \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} p(x_1, x_2) \log \left( \frac{p(x_1, x_2)}{q(x_1, x_2)} \right) \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j \pi_{i,j} \log \left( \frac{\pi_{i,j}}{q(x_1 = i, x_2 = j)} \right) \\
 &= \pi_{0,0} \log \left( \frac{\pi_{0,0}}{(1 - q_1)(1 - q_2)} \right) + \pi_{1,0} \log \left( \frac{\pi_{1,0}}{q_1(1 - q_2)} \right) \\
 &\quad + \pi_{0,1} \log \left( \frac{\pi_{0,1}}{(1 - q_1)q_2} \right) + \pi_{1,1} \log \left( \frac{\pi_{1,1}}{q_1q_2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Kullback-Leibler (KL) Divergence

- Let us minimise the KL divergence w.r.t.  $q_1$

$$\begin{aligned} KL(p||q) = & -\pi_{0,0}(\log(1 - q_1) + \log(1 - q_2)) - \pi_{1,0}(\log q_1 + \log(1 - q_2)) \\ & -\pi_{0,1}(\log(1 - q_1) + \log q_2) - \pi_{1,1}(\log q_1 + \log q_2) \\ & + \sum_i \sum_j \pi_{i,j} \log \pi_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

- We take the derivative and set to zero

$$\frac{\partial KL(p||q)}{\partial q_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} (-\pi_{0,0} \log(1 - q_1) - \pi_{1,0} \log q_1 - \pi_{0,1} \log(1 - q_1) - \pi_{1,1} \log q_1)$$

## The marginal is the minimiser of $KL(p||q)$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \pi_{0,0} \frac{1}{(1-q_1)} - \pi_{1,0} \frac{1}{q_1} + \pi_{0,1} \frac{1}{(1-q_1)} - \pi_{1,1} \frac{1}{q_1} \\ &= (\pi_{0,0} + \pi_{0,1}) \frac{1}{(1-q_1)} - (\pi_{1,0} + \pi_{1,1}) \frac{1}{q_1} \end{aligned}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{(\pi_{1,0} + \pi_{1,1})}{(\pi_{0,0} + \pi_{0,1} + \pi_{1,0} + \pi_{1,1})} = \pi_{1,0} + \pi_{1,1} = p(x_1 = 1)$$

$$1 - q_1 = 1 - (\pi_{1,0} + \pi_{1,1}) = \pi_{0,0} + \pi_{0,1} = 1 - q_1 = p(x_1 = 0)$$

The derivation for  $q_2$  is identical.

## The “other” one: $KL(q||p)$

$$\begin{aligned} KL(q||p) &= \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} q(x_1, x_2) \log \left( \frac{q(x_1, x_2)}{p(x_1, x_2)} \right) \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j q(x_1 = i, x_2 = j) \log \left( \frac{q(x_1 = i, x_2 = j)}{\pi_{i,j}} \right) \\ &= (1 - q_1)(1 - q_2) \log \left( \frac{(1 - q_1)(1 - q_2)}{\pi_{0,0}} \right) + q_1(1 - q_2) \log \left( \frac{q_1(1 - q_2)}{\pi_{1,0}} \right) \\ &\quad + (1 - q_1)q_2 \log \left( \frac{(1 - q_1)q_2}{\pi_{0,1}} \right) + q_1q_2 \log \left( \frac{q_1q_2}{\pi_{1,1}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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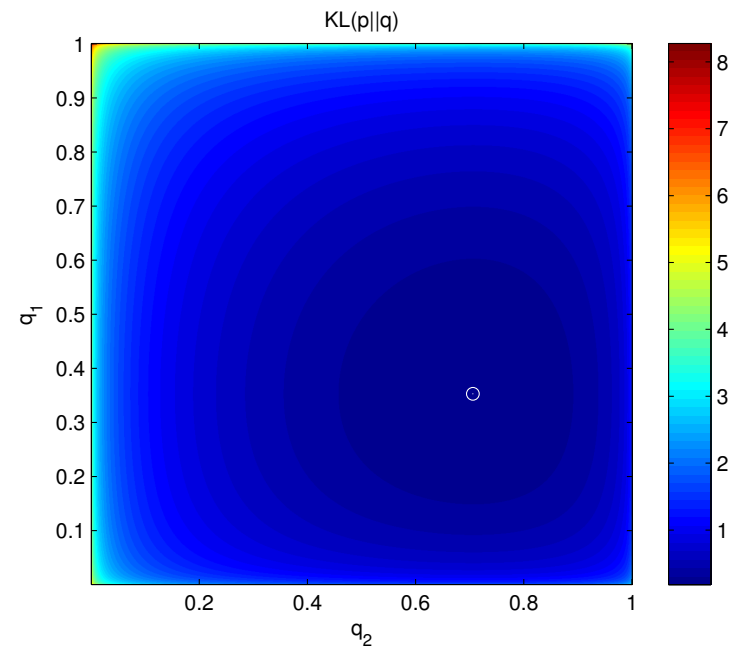
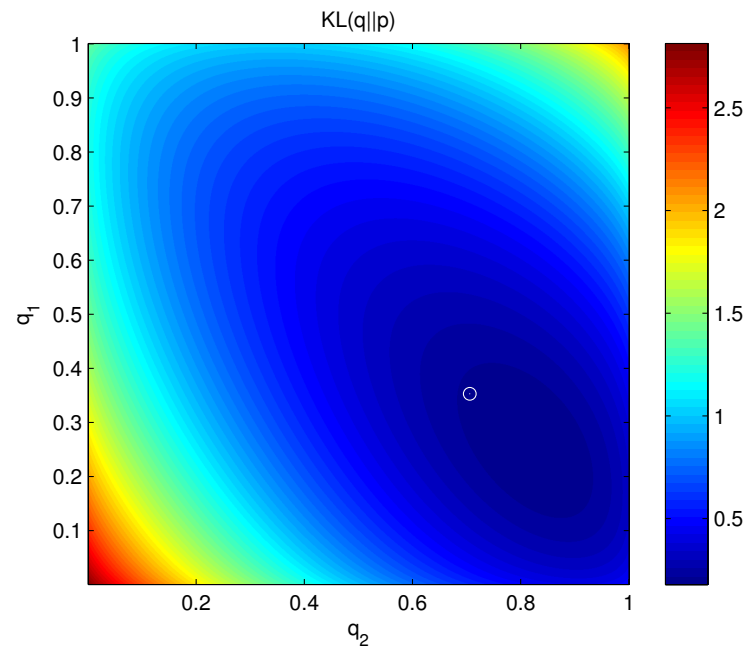
$$\frac{\partial KL(q||p)}{\partial q_1} = (-\log(1 - q_1) + \log \pi_{0,0} + \log q_1 - \log \pi_{1,0}) \\ q_2 (-\log \pi_{0,0} + \log \pi_{1,0} + \log \pi_{0,1} - \log \pi_{1,1})$$

## The “other” one: $KL(q||p)$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - q_1 \\ q_1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{Z_1} \begin{pmatrix} \pi_{0,0}^{(1-q_2)} \pi_{0,1}^{q_2} \\ \pi_{1,0}^{(1-q_2)} \pi_{1,1}^{q_2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\propto \begin{pmatrix} \exp((1 - q_2) \log \pi_{0,0} + q_2 \log \pi_{0,1}) \\ \exp((1 - q_2) \log \pi_{1,0} + q_2 \log \pi_{1,1}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \exp((1 - q_2) \log \pi_{0,0} + q_2 \log \pi_{0,1}) \\ \exp((1 - q_2) \log \pi_{1,0} + q_2 \log \pi_{1,1}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &\equiv \exp(\langle \log \pi \rangle_{Q_2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_2 \propto \exp(\langle \log \pi \rangle_{Q_1})$$

# $KL(q||p)$ versus $KL(p||q)$



# Variational Bayes (VB), mean field

We will approximate the posterior  $\mathcal{P}$  with a simpler distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P} &= \frac{1}{Z_x} p(x = \hat{x} | s_1, s_2) p(s_1) p(s_2) \\ \mathcal{Q} &= q(s_1) q(s_2)\end{aligned}$$

Here, we choose

$$q(s_1) = \mathcal{N}(s_1; m_1, S_1) \quad q(s_2) = \mathcal{N}(s_2; m_2, S_2)$$

A “measure of fit” between distributions is the KL divergence



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# The form of the mean field solution

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle \log q(s_1)q(s_2) \rangle_{q(s_1)q(s_2)} + \log Z_x - \langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_1)q(s_2)} \\ \log Z_x &\geq \langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_1)q(s_2)} - \langle \log q(s_1)q(s_2) \rangle_{q(s_1)q(s_2)} \\ &\equiv -F(p; q) + H(q) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Here,  $F$  is the *energy* and  $H$  is the *entropy*. We need to maximize the right hand side.

$$\text{Evidence} \geq -\text{Energy} + \text{Entropy}$$

Note r.h.s. is a **lower bound** [?]. The mean field equations **monotonically** increase this bound. Good for assessing convergence and debugging computer code.

# Details of derivation

- Define the Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda = & \int ds_1 q(s_1) \log q(s_1) + \int ds_2 q(s_2) \log q(s_2) + \log Z_x - \int ds_1 ds_2 q(s_1) q(s_2) \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \\ & + \lambda_1(1 - \int ds_1 q(s_1)) + \lambda_2(1 - \int ds_2 q(s_2))\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$

- Calculate the functional derivatives w.r.t.  $q(s_1)$  and set to zero

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta q(s_1)} \Lambda = \log q(s_1) + 1 - \langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_2)} - \lambda_1$$

- Solve for  $q(s_1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\log q(s_1) &= \lambda_1 - 1 + \langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_2)} \\ q(s_1) &= \exp(\lambda_1 - 1) \exp(\langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_2)})\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

- Use the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= \int ds_1 q(s_1) = \exp(\lambda_1 - 1) \int ds_1 \exp(\langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_2)}) \\ \lambda_1 &= 1 - \log \int ds_1 \exp(\langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_2)})\end{aligned}$$

# The form of the solution

- No direct analytical solution
- We obtain fixed point equations in closed form

$$q(s_1) \propto \exp(\langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_2)})$$

$$q(s_2) \propto \exp(\langle \log \phi(s_1, s_2) \rangle_{q(s_1)})$$

Note the nice symmetry

## Direct Link to Expectation-Maximisation (EM)

Suppose we choose one of the distributions degenerate, i.e.

$$\tilde{q}(s_2) = \delta(s_2 - \tilde{m})$$

where  $\tilde{m}$  corresponds to the “location parameter” of  $\tilde{q}(s_2)$ . We need to find the closest degenerate distribution to the actual mean field solution  $q(s_2)$ , hence we take one more KL and minimize

$$\tilde{m} = \underset{\xi}{\operatorname{argmin}} KL(\delta(s_2 - \xi) || q(s_2))$$

It can be shown that this leads exactly to the EM fixed point iterations.

# Iterated Conditional Modes (ICM)

If we choose both distributions degenerate, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{q}(s_1) &= \delta(s_1 - \tilde{m}_1) \\ \tilde{q}(s_2) &= \delta(s_2 - \tilde{m}_2)\end{aligned}$$

It can be shown that this leads exactly to the ICM fixed point iterations. This algorithm is equivalent to coordinate ascent in the original posterior surface  $\phi(s_1, s_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{m}_1 &= \operatorname{argmax}_{s_1} \phi(s_1, s_2 = \tilde{m}_2) \\ \tilde{m}_2 &= \operatorname{argmax}_{s_2} \phi(s_1 = \tilde{m}_1, s_2)\end{aligned}$$

# ICM, EM, VB ...

For OSSS, all algorithms are identical. This is in general not true.

While algorithmic details are very similar, there can be big qualitative differences in terms of fixed points.

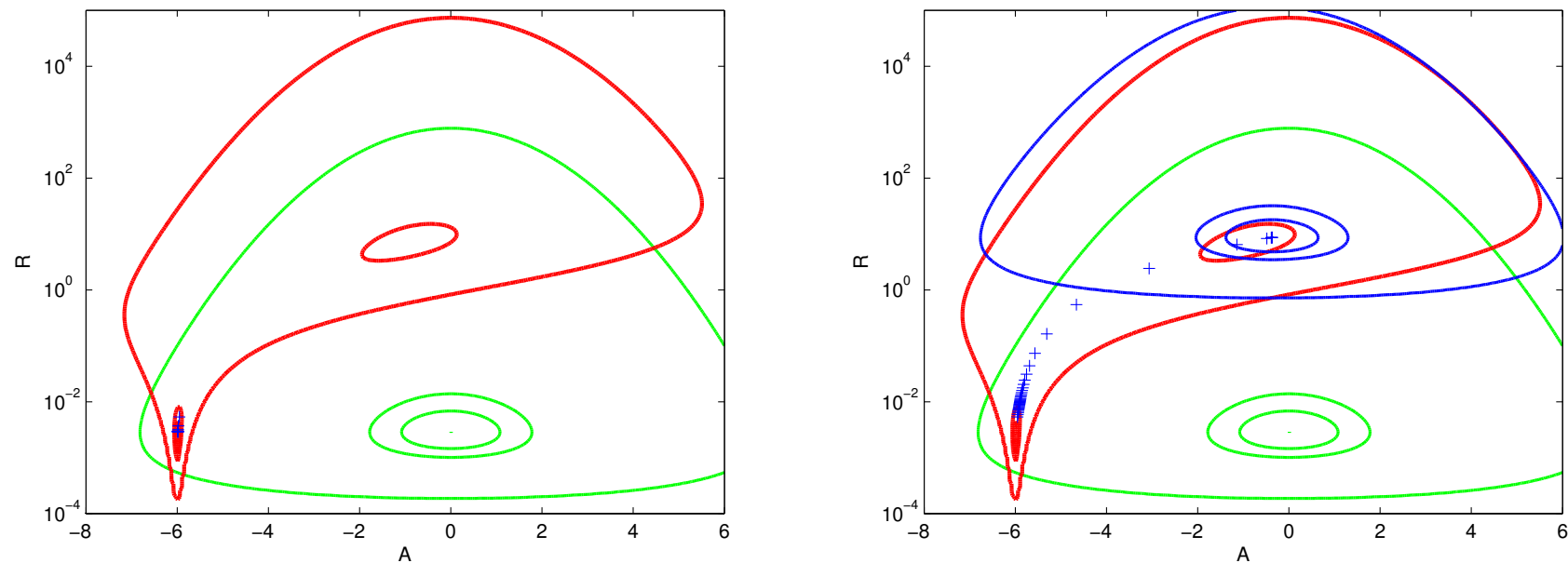


Figure 1: Left, ICM, Right VB. EM is similar to ICM in this AR(1) example.

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