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$$\begin{split} & [\text{Observation}] \qquad \mathbf{y}_t \qquad \sim p(\mathbf{y}_t|\theta_t,\phi), \\ & [\text{State}] \qquad \theta_t \qquad \sim p(\theta_t|\theta_{t-1},\phi) \\ & [\text{Prior}] \qquad (\theta_0,\phi) \qquad \sim p(\theta_0,\phi). \end{split}$$

The densities may be non-Gaussian and the model may be non-linear at the observation and/or system levels.

► Example 1: AR(1) with normal mixture structure on observational errors.

$$y_t = \mu_t + \nu_t, \quad \nu_t \sim \pi N(0, v) + (1 - \pi) N(0, \kappa^2 v), \quad \kappa > 1,$$

 $\mu_t = \phi \mu_{t-1} + w_t, \quad w_t \sim N(0, w).$

Example 2: *Univariate stochastic volatility.* P_t financial price series, and $r_t = P_t/P_{t-1} - 1$ the returns.

$$r_t \sim N(0, \sigma_t^2),$$

$$\sigma_t = \exp(\mu + x_t),$$

$$x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \ \epsilon_t \sim N(0, v)$$

$$x_0 \sim N(0, v/(1 - \phi^2)).$$

 μ : baseline log-volatility; ϕ : defines persistence in deviations in volatility from baseline; ν : drives levels of activity in volatility process.

► Example 3: Fat-tailed non-linear model.

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \theta_t + \sqrt{\gamma_t} \nu_t, & \nu_t \sim \textit{N}(0, \textit{v}) \\ \theta_t &= \beta \frac{\theta_{t-1}}{1 + \theta_{t-1}^2} + \textit{w}_t, \textit{w}_t \sim \textit{N}(0, \textit{w}), \end{aligned}$$

with $\gamma_t \sim IG(\nu/2, \nu/2)$.



► Example 4: Non-linear state-space model

$$\begin{array}{lcl} y_t & = & a\theta_t^2 + \nu_t, & \nu_t \sim \textit{N}(0, \textit{v}) \\ \theta_t & = & b\theta_{t-1} + c\frac{\theta_{t-1}}{1 + \theta_{t-1}^2} + d\cos(\omega t) + \textit{w}_t, & \textit{w}_t \sim \textit{N}(0, \textit{w}) \end{array}$$

The models in examples 1 and 2 are conditionally Gaussian dynamic linear models (CGDLMs). The model in example 3 is a conditionally Gaussian dynamic model (CGDM). The model in example 4 is a nonlinear dynamic model.

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Joint posterior: $p(\theta_{1:T}, \phi | \mathcal{D}_T)$.

General MCMC algorithm:

- **1.** Set initial values $\theta_{1\cdot T}^{(0)}, \phi^{(0)}$.
- **2.** For each iteration k = 1, 2, ..., until MCMC convergence:
 - Sample $\theta_{1:T}^{(k)}$ component by component by sampling $\theta_t^{(k)} \sim p(\theta_t | \theta_{1:(t-1)}^{(k)}, \theta_{(t+1):T}^{(k-1)}, \mathcal{D}_T)$ for each t.
 - ▶ Sample $\phi^{(k)} \sim p(\phi^{(k)}|\theta_{1:T}^{(k)}, \mathcal{D}_T)$.

Let λ_t be a latent variable at time t. A conditionally Gaussian DLM or CDLM is a model of the form

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \textbf{y}_t & = & \textbf{F}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t}'\boldsymbol{\theta}_t + \boldsymbol{\nu}_t, & \boldsymbol{\nu}_t \sim \textbf{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t}), \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_t & = & \textbf{G}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t}\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1} + \textbf{w}_t, & \textbf{w}_t \sim \textbf{N}(\textbf{0}, \textbf{W}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t}). \end{array}$$

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Joint posterior: $p(\theta_{1:T}, \lambda_{1:T} | \mathcal{D}_T)$. **MCMC inference:** Begin with $\theta_{1:T}^{(0)}$ and $\lambda_{1:T}^{(0)}$. Obtain samples from the joint posterior via Gibbs sampling by iterating between the two conditional posteriors

$$p(\theta_{1:T}|\lambda_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T) \leftrightarrow p(\lambda_{1:T}|\theta_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T).$$

The forward filtering backward sampling (FFBS) algorithm (Carter & Kohn, 1994 and Frühwirth-Schnatter 1994) can be used to obtain samples from $p(\theta_{1:T}|\lambda_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T)$.

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The FFBS algorithm

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{1:T}|\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T) = p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_T|\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T) \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_t|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T).$$

Now, $p(\theta_t|\theta_{t+1}, \lambda_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T) \propto p(\theta_t|\lambda_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_t)p(\theta_{t+1}|\theta_t, \lambda_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_t)$, and so for each MCMC iteration k:

- **1.** Use the DLM filtering equations to compute \mathbf{m}_t , \mathbf{a}_t , \mathbf{C}_t and \mathbf{R}_t for t = 1 : T.
- **2.** At time t = T sample $\theta_T^{(k)} \sim N(\mathbf{m}_T, \mathbf{C}_T)$.
- **3.** For t = (T 1) : 1, sample $\theta_t^{(k)} \sim N(\mathbf{I}_t, \mathbf{L}_t)$, with

$$\mathbf{I}_t = \mathbf{m}_t + \mathbf{B}_t(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}^{(k)} - \mathbf{a}_{t+1}), \quad \mathbf{L}_t = \mathbf{C}_t - \mathbf{B}_t \mathbf{R}_{t+1} \mathbf{B}_t',$$

and
$$\mathbf{B}_{t} = \mathbf{C}_{t}\mathbf{G}'_{t+1}\mathbf{R}_{t+1}^{-1}$$
.

Note that the moments of these distributions depend on $\lambda_{1,T}^{(k-1)}$

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Assume that π and κ are known and that $p(\phi) \propto 1$, $p(v) = IG(\alpha_{v,0}, \beta_{v,0})$ and $p(w) = IG(\alpha_{w,0}, \beta_{w,0})$. Let

$$\gamma_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } \pi \\ \kappa^2 & \text{with probability } 1 - \pi \end{cases}$$

Given γ_t we have the DLM $\{1, \phi, v\gamma_t, w\}$.

MCMC algorithm:

• $(v|w, \phi, \mu_{0:T}, \gamma_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T) \sim IG(\alpha_v, \beta_v)$ with $\alpha_v = \alpha_{0,v} + T/2$, $\beta_v = \beta_{0,v} + s_v^2/2$ and

$$s_v^2 = \sum_{\gamma_t=1} (y_t - \mu_t)^2 + \sum_{\gamma_t=\kappa^2} (y_t - \mu_t)^2 / \kappa^2.$$

- $(w|v, \phi, \mu_{0:T}, \gamma_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T) \sim IG(\alpha_w, \beta_w)$ with $\alpha_w = \alpha_{0,w} + T/2$ and $\beta_w = \beta_{w,0} + \sum_t (\mu_t \phi \mu_{t-1})^2/2$.
- $(\mu_{0:T}|v, w, \phi, \gamma_{1:T}, \mathcal{D}_T)$ is sampled using the FFBS algorithm.

lacksquare $(\phi|v,w,\mu_{0:T},\mathcal{D}_T)\sim \textit{N}(\textit{m}_\phi,\textit{C}_\phi)$ with

$$m_{\phi} = \left(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mu_{t} \mu_{t-1}\right) / \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mu_{t-1}^{2}, \quad C_{\phi} = w / \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mu_{t-1}^{2}.$$

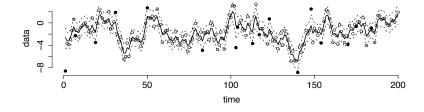
• $(\gamma_{1:T}|v, w, \phi, \mu_{0:T}, \mathcal{D}_T)$. At each time t, γ_t is set to 1 or κ^2 with probabilities defined as

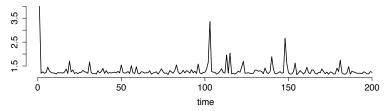
$$\frac{\Pr(\gamma_t = 1 | \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w}, \mu_{0:T}, \mathcal{D}_T)}{\Pr(\gamma_t = \kappa^2 | \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w}, \mu_{0:T}, \mathcal{D}_T)} = \frac{\pi}{(1 - \pi)} \kappa \times \exp\{-(y_t - \mu_t)^2 (1 - \kappa^{-2})/2v\}.$$

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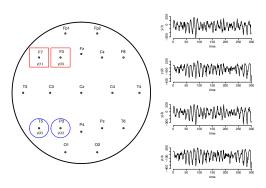
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Example: Simulated data, model fitted with dlm in R.





Factor model for EEG data



$$y_{t,i} = \beta_i x_t + \nu_{t,i}, \quad \nu_{t,i} \sim N(0, v),$$

$$x_t = \sum_{j=1}^{p} \phi_{t,j} x_{t-j} + \omega_t, \quad \omega_t \sim N(0, w)$$

$$\phi_t = \phi_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \ \epsilon_t \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{U}_t).$$

•
$$w/v = c$$
 with c known.

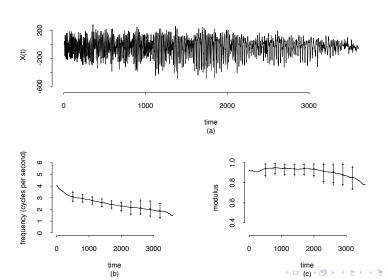
▶ $\beta_{Cz} = 1$.

• \mathbf{U}_t specified using a discount factor δ_{ϕ}

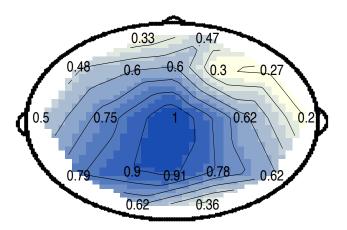
MCMC algorithm:

- ► Sample $x_{1:T}$ from $p(x_{1:T}|\mathbf{y}_{1:T}, \beta_{1:m}, \phi_{1:T}, v)$ via FFBS.
- ► Sample $\phi_{1:T}$ from $p(\phi_{1:T}|x_{1:T}, \mathbf{U}_{1:T}, \mathbf{v})$ via FFBS.
- ▶ Sample $\beta_{1:m}$ from $p(\beta_{1:m}|\mathbf{y}_{1:T}, x_{1:T}, v)$ using a Gibbs step (conjugate priors on $\beta_{1:m}$).
- ▶ Sample v from $p(v|\mathbf{y}_{1:T}, \beta_{1:m}, x_{1:T})$ using a Gibbs step (conjugate prior on v).

ECT data set: p = 6, $\delta_{\phi} = 0.994$, w/v = 10.



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Dynamic lag/lead model for EEG data

$$y_{i,t} = \beta_{i,t} x_{t-l_{i,t}} + \nu_{i,t}, \quad \nu_{i,t} \sim N(0, v_i),$$

$$\beta_t = \beta_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{U}_t),$$

- $\triangleright x_t = y_{t,Cz}$.
- ▶ \mathbf{U}_t specified using a discount factor δ_{β} .
- ▶ $l_{i,t} \in \{-2,...,2\}$ with $Pr(l_{i,t} = k | l_{i,t-1} = j) = p_{jk}$ and $p_{jk} = 0.9999$ if j = k; $p_{jk} = 0.0001$ if k = -1, j = -2 or k = 1, j = 2; $p_{jk} = 0.0005$ if |k j| = 1 and neither k = -1, j = -2 nor k = 1, j = 2; $p_{jk} = 0$ otherwise.

MCMC algorithm:

- ► For each i = 1:19, sample $(\beta_{i,1:T}|\mathbf{y}_{i,1:T},\mathbf{x},\mathbf{I}_{i,1:T},v_i,\mathbf{U}_t)$ using the FFBS algorithm.
- For each i=1:19, sample $(\mathbf{I}_{i,1:T}|\mathbf{y}_{i,1:T},\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\beta}_{i,1:T},v_i)$ using a discrete version of the FFBS algorithm (Carter and Kohn, 1994), i.e., update filtering equations for t=1:T, then sample $(I_{i,T}|\mathbf{y}_{i,1:T},\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\beta}_{i,1:T},v_i)$ and finally, for t=(T-1):1, sample $(I_{i,t}|\mathbf{y}_{i,1:T},\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\beta}_{i,1:T},v_i,I_{i,(t+1)})$.
- ► For each i = 1:19 sample $(v_i|\mathbf{y}_{i,1:T},\mathbf{x},\beta_{i,1:T},\mathbf{I}_{i,1:T})$ using Gibbs steps (conjugate priors).

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