

1. (a) The state variables at time  $t$  are marginally independent because the observation at that time d-separates them. In other words,  $P(S(t, 1)|S(t, 2)) = P(S(t, 1))$  because  $Y(t)$  is a collider node in their path. However,  $P(S(t, 1)|S(t, 2)) \neq P(S(t, 1))$  when  $Y(t)$  then d-connects them. The state variables at time  $t$  are conditionally independent of the past history of state variables given the state variables at  $t-1$  because those given variables d-separate them from past states.
- (b) To convert the factorial HMM to a regular HMM, collapse states  $S(t, 1), \dots, S(t, M)$  to a single state  $S(t)$  that has  $K^M$  values, which is enough to represent all possible state combinations of the former states. Since the time complexity of the forward algorithm on an HMM is  $O(L^2T)$  where  $L$  is the number of state values, the complexity of the converted HMM is  $O((K^M)^2 T) = O(K^{2M}T)$ .
2. (a) **Lagrange dual**

$$L(w, \xi, \alpha) = \lambda \|w\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \xi_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i (y_i - \langle w, x_i \rangle - \xi_i)$$

$$\max_{\alpha} \left( L_D(\alpha) = \min_{w, \xi} L(w, \xi, \alpha) \right)$$

**Assure 0 duality gap**

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\delta}{\delta w} L(w, \xi, \alpha) = 2\lambda w - \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i x_i \iff w = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i x_i \\ 0 &= \frac{\delta}{\delta \xi_k} L(w, \xi, \alpha) = 2\xi_k - \alpha_k \iff \xi_k = \frac{\alpha_k}{2} \\ L_D(\alpha) &= \lambda \left\| \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i x_i \right\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \left( \frac{\alpha_i}{2} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \left( y_i - \left\langle \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j x_j, x_i \right\rangle - \frac{\alpha_i}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\lambda} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i x_i \right\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\alpha_i^2}{4} + \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i - \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j x_j, x_i \right\rangle - \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\alpha_i^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j x_j, x_i \right\rangle - \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\alpha_i^2}{4} + \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i - \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j x_j, x_i \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i - \frac{1}{4\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j x_j, x_i \right\rangle - \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\alpha_i^2}{4} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i - \frac{1}{4\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j \langle x_j, x_i \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\alpha_i^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Solution to kernel ridge regression occurs when  $\frac{\delta}{\delta \alpha} L_D(\alpha) = 0$ .

$$0 = \frac{\delta}{\delta \alpha_k} L_D(\alpha)$$

$$0 = y_k - \frac{1}{4\lambda} \left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \langle x_k, x_i \rangle \right) - \frac{\alpha_k}{2} \iff \frac{\delta}{\delta \alpha} L_D(\alpha) = y - \frac{G\alpha}{2\lambda} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$0 = y - \frac{G\alpha}{2\lambda} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$0 = y - (G + \lambda I) \frac{\alpha}{2\lambda}$$

$$(G + \lambda I) \frac{\alpha}{2\lambda} = y$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2\lambda} = (G + \lambda I)^{-1} y$$

$$\alpha = 2\lambda (G + \lambda I)^{-1} y$$