

# Data analysis

## spatio-temporal data and hierarchical models

Foundation (Ch2)

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# Probability density function

- A random variable (rv)  $\mathbf{x}$  follow a probability law  $L$  means that the set of values  $\{x_1, \dots x_n\}$  can be sampled from  $L$ .
- There exists several probability distributions such as normal, Poisson, beta, Dirichlet, gamma, binomial, and multinomial. Some are for discrete random variables and others for continuous variables. For example,
  - the rv whose values are the number of people over a period of time arriving at the university is discrete (often considered as a Poisson law).
  - the rv whose values are the price of items in a store is continuous.
- The sum of  $n$  rv  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots \mathbf{x}_n$  independent and identically distributed (iid) of a finite expectation  $\mu$  and a variance  $\sigma^2$  converges (in probability) to Gaussian random variable of mean  $n\mu$  and variance  $n\sigma^2$ .

# Probability density function -example

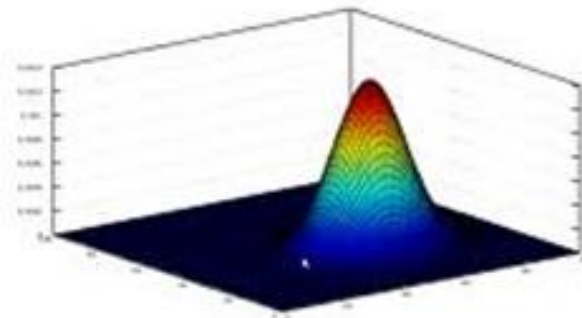
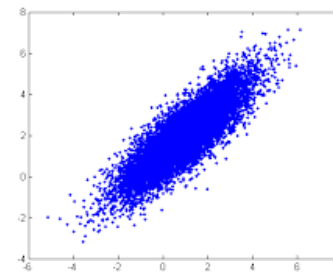
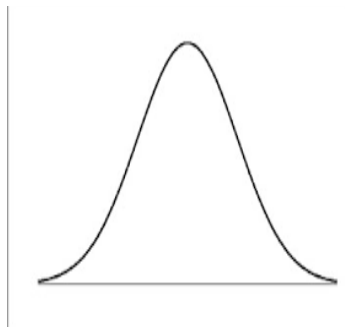
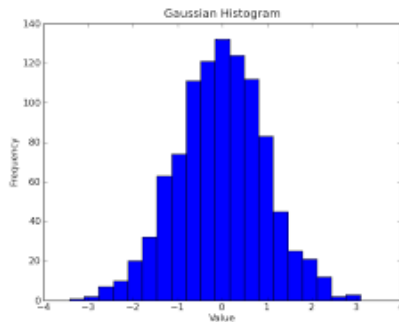
- Probability density function (pdf) of normal random variable (rv)

- 1D

$$[x] = \exp(-(x - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2) / \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma$$

- mD

$$[\vec{x}] = \exp(-(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^t \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}) / 2) / (2\pi)^{-d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}$$



# Probability density function – statistics

- Let  $x$  be a rv and  $[x]$  its pdf (a probability mass in the discrete case). The expectation is

- continuous 1D

$$E(x) = \int_{\Omega} x[x]dx$$

- discrete 1D

$$E(x) \approx \sum_x x[x]$$

- Variance

- 1D

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - E^2(x)$$

- mD

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be random vectors of dimension  $d$  with known joint pdf. The covariance

$$\text{cov}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = E(\vec{x} - E(\vec{x}))E(\vec{y} - E(\vec{y}))^t$$

where  $E(\vec{v}) = (E(v_1), \dots, E(v_d))^t$

# Probability density function - inference

- The uncertainty in the data, the process, and the parameters may leads to an uncertain conclusion.
  - example, if you throw a coin 7 times, can we conclude if it is fake or not?
- Inference means estimation of parameters or probability density functions (probability mass).
  - example, let a random variable  $x$  and  $X = \{x_1 \dots x_n\}$  data sampled from a 1D normal pdf. Find the estimator of the mean and variance.
  - perform the same reasoning by assuming that the data is sampled from a mixture of normal pdfs.

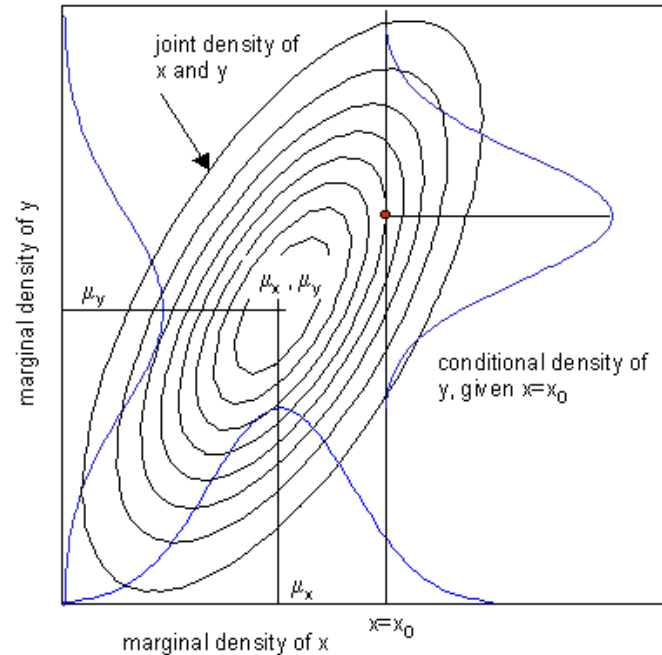
# Probability density function - use

- The pdf can be used for
  - estimating parameters of models (e.g. time series)
  - fit the data (e.g. the histogram fit by the Gaussian)
- For this, we use
  - joint pdf to model events.
  - marginal pdf to ignore events.
  - conditional pdf to model causality.
- Let  $x$  and  $y$  two random variables, we have

$$[x, y] = [x | y][y] = [y | x][x]$$

$$[x] = \int [x, y] dy = \int [x | y][y] dy = \int [y | x][x] dx$$

$$[x | y] = [y | x][x] / \int [x | y][y] dy$$



# Probability density function - use

- Example: It is proposed to classify  $(w_0, w_1)$  fish from a photo. Consider two features: the gray level  $x_1$  and the length  $x_2$ . The length can not be estimated because of occlusions (hidden variables).



- So we must calculate

$$\begin{aligned} [w_1 | x_1] &= [w_1, x_1] / [x_1] = \int_{\Omega} [w_1, x_1, x_2] / [x_1] dx_2 = \\ &= \int_{\Omega} [w_1 | x_1, x_2] [x_1, x_2] / [x_1] dx_2. \text{ If } x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \text{ are independent, then} \\ [w_1 | x_1] &= \int_{\Omega} [w_1 | x_1, x_2] [x_2] dx_2. \end{aligned}$$

# Probability density function - use

One can use the gamma pdf

$$[x_2] = x_2^{a-1} b^a e^{-bx_2} / \text{GAMMA}(a)$$

$$[w_1 | x_1, x_2] = \exp(a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + b_1) / (1 + \exp(a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + b_1)).$$

- For the classification, we can use the Bayes decision rule

$[w_1 | x_1] > [w_0 | x_1]$  then  $x_1$  belongs to the class  $w_1$  and to  $w_0$  otherwise



# Bayes: Prior, likelihood, posterior

- Suppose that the distribution of the height of women ( $F$ ) in Shenzhen is normal with the mean 1.65 m and 0.16 m standard deviation (SD):

$$p(t|F) = \frac{1}{0.16\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{t-1.65}{0.16}\right)^2\right)$$

- And that of men ( $H$ ) is also normal of mean 1.75 m and SD 0.15 m:

$$p(t|H) = \frac{1}{0.15\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{t-1.75}{0.15}\right)^2\right)$$

- We would like to decide about the gender of a person who measures 1.60 m

$$p(1.60|F) \approx 2.37$$

$$p(1.60|H) = 1.61$$

The values are greater than 1?

# Bayes: Prior, likelihood, posterior

- Now, suppose that there is as many men as women in the Shenzhen, what is the probability that the person is a woman?
- Bayes' formula provides the answer

$$p(F|1.60) = \frac{0.5 p(1.60|F)}{0.5 p(1.60|F) + 0.5 p(1.60|H)} \approx 60\%$$

- And,  $p(H|1.60) = 40\%$
- The person is assigned to group  $F$  with 60% and to  $H$  with 40%
- Again, suppose that a person is selected at random in a stadium during a soccer game where 30% are women and 70% men. Thus,

$$p(F|1.60) = 39\% \quad et \quad p(H|1.60) = 61\%$$

# Bayes: Prior, likelihood, posterior

- Let the data  $D = \{x_1 \dots x_n\}$  sampled from a pdf with a parameter  $\theta$  considered random.

- Under the assumption iid, we have

$$[\theta | D] = [D | \theta][\theta] / \int_{\Omega} [D | \theta][\theta] d\theta \quad (\text{Bayes})$$

the denominator is often intractable.

- Example: rv  $x$  is sampled from

$$[x | \mu] = \exp(-(x-\mu)^2) / \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$[\mu | \mu_0, \sigma_0] \propto \exp(-(\mu-\mu_0)^2 / 2\sigma_0)$$

$$\theta = \mu$$

$\mu_0$  and  $\sigma_0$  are hyperparameters

# Bayes: Prior, likelihood, posterior

- Example: We want to calculate the conditional pdf  $[x | D]$  (prediction), where  $D$  is the data. We have:

$$[x | D] = \int_{\Omega} [x, D, \mu] / [D] d\mu = \int_{\Omega} [x | \mu, D] [\mu | D] d\mu.$$

If  $[x | \mu, D] = [x | \mu] = \text{Gaus}(x; \mu, \sigma)$ ,

$$[\mu | D] = [D | \mu] [\mu] / [D],$$

$$[D | \mu] = \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Gaus}(x_i; \mu, \sigma)$$

$$[\mu] \sim \text{Gaus}(\mu; \mu_0, \sigma_0)$$

then we obtain

$$[x | D] = \int_{\Omega} \text{Gaus}(x; \mu, \sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Gaus}(x_i; \mu, \sigma) \text{Gaus}(\mu; \mu_0, \sigma_0) d\mu / [D]$$

# Hierarchical models

- Bayesian hierarchical model: Let the random quantities,  $Z$  (data),  $Y$  (hidden) and  $\theta$  (parameter). The dimensions of these quantities can be high (e.g. 100 for  $Z$ , 1000 for  $Y$ , 5 for  $\theta$ ). We have :

Data model  $[Z | Y, \theta]$

Process model  $[Y | \theta]$

Parameter model  $[\theta]$

- The product of these three models gives  $[Z | Y, \theta] [Y | \theta] [\theta] = [Z, Y, \theta]$
- To carry out the inference about  $Y$  and  $\theta$ , we should use

$$[Y, \theta | Z] = [Z | Y, \theta] [Y | \theta] [\theta] / [Z]$$

# Hierarchical models

- In the case of empirical Bayesian,  $\theta$  is fixed but unknown (e.g. can be estimated by using the maximum likelihood).

Data model  $[Z | Y, \theta]$

Process model  $[Y | \theta]$

- In this case, the inference is made from  $[Y | Z, \theta] = [Z | Y, \theta][Y | \theta] / [Z | \theta]$ .
- The choice between an empirical Bayes model and a Bayes model depends on the data and the computational complexity. If few data are available, then  $[\theta]$  should be considered random. However, the computational complexity is higher.

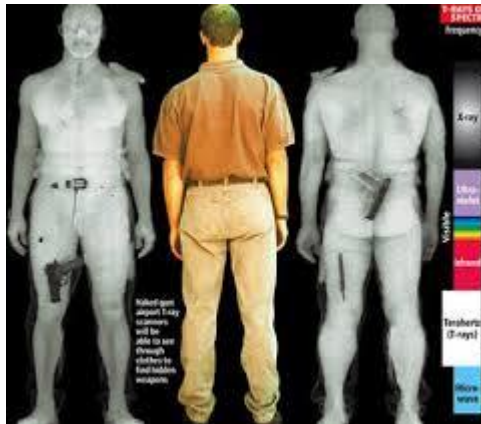
# Hierarchical models

- Example of terahertz image formation. This image may have 1024 bands.

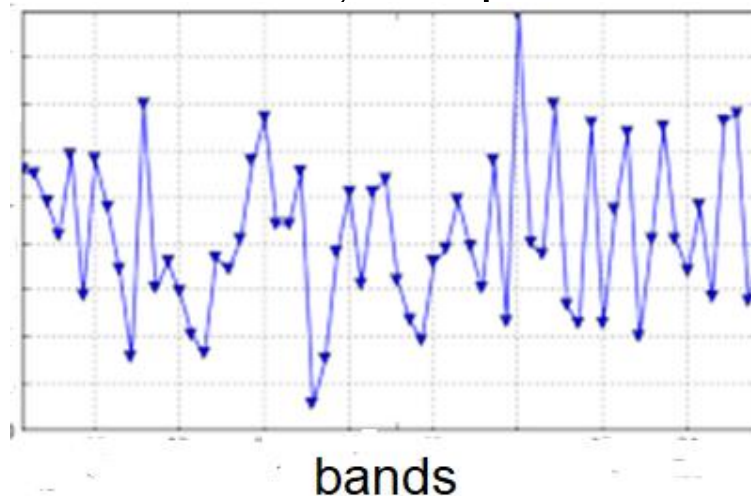
Data model:  $Z_n = H_n Y_n + \epsilon_n$ ;  $\epsilon_n$  is Gauss(0,  $a$ )

Process model:  $Y_n = M Y_n + \eta_n$ ;  $\eta_n$  is Gauss(0,  $b$ )

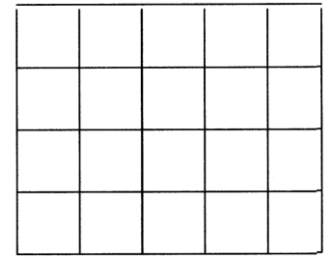
Parameter model:  $H_n$ ,  $M$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$ .



Intensity at a pixel



# Hierarchical models



- Example: It is proposed to seek a submarine, that sank in the ocean (USS Scorpion 1968). The search area is divided into squares. Each square  $i$  is associated with a variable
  - $Z_i=1$  if the submarine was found in the square and 0 otherwise.
  - $Y_i=1$  if the submarine is in the square and 0 otherwise.  $Y_i$  is not measurable (hidden).
- The probability of detection is  $p_i=[Z_i=1 | Y_i=1]$
- The probability of occurrence  $\pi_i=[Y_i=1]$
- Hierarchical Bayesian model
  - Data model  $[Z_i | Y_i]=\text{Ber}(Y_i p_i) = (Y_i p_i)^{z_i} (1-(Y_i p_i))^{1-z_i}$  and  $[Z_i=0 | Y_i=0] = 1$
  - Process model  $[Y_i]=\text{Ber}(\pi_i) = \pi_i^{y_i} (1-\pi_i)^{1-y_i}$



# Hierarchical models

- The probability that the submarine is in the square  $i$  and have not found is

$$[Y_i=1 | Z_i=0] = [Z_i=0 | Y_i=1] [Y_i=1] / ([Z_i=0 | Y_i=1] [Y_i=1] + [Z_i=0 | Y_i=0] [Y_i=0])$$

Because  $[Z_i=0 | Y_i=0] = 1$  (no false detection)

$$[Y_i=1 | Z_i=0] = (1-p_i) \pi_i / (1-p_i \pi_i)$$

- The probability that the submarine is in the square  $j$  knowing he was not found in the square  $i$

$$[Y_j=1 | Z_i=0] = [Z_i=0 | Y_j=1] [Y_j=1] / ([Z_i=0 | Y_i=1] [Y_i=1] + [Z_i=0 | Y_i=0] [Y_i=0]) = \pi_j / (1-p_i \pi_i)$$

The probabilities  $p$  and  $\pi$  are provided by experts.

# Model estimation/selection

- Let an iid data  $D = \{x_1 \dots x_n\}$  sampled from some pdf.
- We need to carry out the inference.
- Several choices
  - model estimation using maximum likelihood, EM...
    - $\max_{\theta} [D | \theta] = \prod_{i=1}^n [x_i | \theta]$  (likelihood)
    - example (see normal law case studied before)
  - model selection using the MDL, AIC, MML...
    - the principle:  $\max_{\theta} \ln [\theta | D] \propto \ln \prod_{i=1}^n [x_i | \theta] + \ln [\theta]$
    - example (AIC):  $\min_{\theta} \ln [\theta | D] \approx - \ln \prod_{i=1}^n [x_i | \theta] + \text{number of parameters to estimate}$
    - example (implementation in class)
  - model estimation using simulation.

# Model estimation/selection

- To estimate  $[Y, \theta_p, \theta_D | Z]$  by simulation, we must run the following operations iteratively (Gibbs sampling – an MCMC method):
  - simulate  $[Y | \theta_p, \theta_D, Z]$
  - simulate  $[\theta_p | Y, \theta_D, Z]$
  - simulate  $[\theta_D | Y, \theta_p, Z]$
- An issue: Normalization constants (e.g. integral in the denominator) sometimes make it difficult the simulation.
- The solution (Gibbs-Metropolis): The constant (the integral) is not required for the simulation because we are using conditional probability. Example

$$[Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z] = f(Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) = c g(Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) \text{ and } c \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(Y | \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) &= f(Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) / \int f(Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) dY = c g(Y, \theta_p, \\ \theta_D, Z) / c \int g(Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) dY &= g(Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) / \int g(Y, \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) dY \\ &= g(Y | \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) \end{aligned}$$

# Model estimation/selection

- Example of simulation, consider the first model:

$[Y | \theta_p, \theta_D, Z] = f(Y | \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) / \int f(Y | \theta_p, \theta_D, Z) dY$  where  $f$  is known, but the integral is not.

Let  $y_c$  the value of  $Y$  computed previously and  $y_s$  the simulated value by using  $f$  centered on  $y_c$ . There are two cases:

- If  $f(y_s) > f(y_c)$  then we accept  $y_s$  with the probability 1
- If  $f(y_s) < f(y_c)$  then we accept  $y_s$  with the probability  $f(y_s)/f(y_c)$

In both cases, we accept  $y_s$  with the probability  $\min\left(1, \frac{f(y_s)}{f(y_c)}\right)$  and therefore we accept  $y_c$  with the probability  $1 - \min\left(1, \frac{f(y_s)}{f(y_c)}\right)$ . The acceptance/rejection rule is

$$y_n = \begin{cases} y_s & \text{with probability } \min(1, f(y_s)/f(y_c)) \\ y_c & \text{with probability } 1 - \min(1, f(y_s)/f(y_c)) \end{cases}$$

# Model estimation/selection

## Simulation algorithm

- Given data  $Z, \theta_p^0, \theta_D^0$
- For  $n=1, \text{MaximumIteration}$  do
  - Generate a random number  $y$  from the pdf  $[Y \mid \theta_p = \theta_p^{n-1}, \theta_D = \theta_D^{n-1}, Z]$
  - Rejection/acceptance decision rule to get  $y^n$
  - Generate a random number  $\theta_p$  from the pdf  $[\theta_p \mid Y = y^n, \theta_D = \theta_D^{n-1}, Z]$
  - Rejection/acceptance decision rule to get  $\theta_p^n$
  - Generate a random number  $\theta_D$  from the pdf  $[\theta_D \mid Y = y^n, \theta_p = \theta_p^n, Z]$
  - Rejection/acceptance decision rule to get  $\theta_D^n$

End for

# Model estimation/selection

- The evaluation of the posterior probability can be done by:
  - the sampling of  $Z$  from  $Y$  and  $\theta$
  - the squared error between the actual data ( $Z$ ) and synthetic data (previous step)

# Case study- attention allocation

- Attention allocation concerns the quantity of allocated cognitive resources to a subject, a theme, a location, an object... It is used in cognitive sciences, marketing...
- Can we understand the attention allocation to the body and emotion of young women with bulimia ?
- Experimental protocol
  - 20 pictures of unknown women with different weights and emotions.
  - 38 young women were tested. They are partitioned to two groups (18 suffering from bulimia and 20 not).
  - Every young woman labels each picture as X a lightweight and happy women or as Y a heavyweight and sad women. She provides a non negative score for weight and a non negative score for emotion. The total of the two scores must be equals to 10.

# Case study- attention allocation

- Hierarchical model

- we have  $N$  women and  $M$  images
- $\mathbf{F} = F_1, \dots, F_N$ , data vectors, where  $F_n = (f_{n1} \dots f_{nM})$  and  $f_{nm} = x_{nm}$  the score for weight.
- $W = W_1, \dots, W_N$ , the relevance of the scores that the women gave.
- $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \theta_1, \dots, \theta_N$ , parameters
- $\boldsymbol{\Psi} = \Psi_1, \Psi_2$ , parameters
- For the  $n^{\text{th}}$  women
  - $[F_n | \theta_n, W_n] = \prod_{i=1}^M [f_{ni} | \theta_n, w_{ni}] = \prod_{i=1}^M g(f_{ni} | \mu_n, A_n, w_{ni})$
  - $[\theta_n | \theta^0] = [\mu_n | \theta_\mu^0] [A_n | \theta_A^0]$
- For the  $N$  women  $[F | \boldsymbol{\theta}, W, \boldsymbol{\theta}^0] = \prod_{i=1}^N [F_n | \theta_n, W_n] [\theta_n | \theta_n^0]$

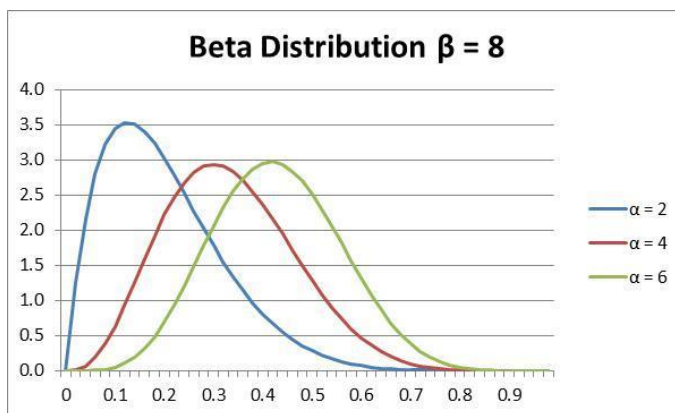


# Case study- attention allocation

- The relevance is put into two classes

$$[W | \Psi] = \prod_{n=1}^N (p(c=0) \text{Beta}(w_n; \alpha_1, \beta_1) + p(c=1) \text{Beta}(w_n; \alpha_2, \beta_2))$$

$$[\Psi | \Psi^0] = [\alpha, \beta | \alpha^0, \beta^0]$$



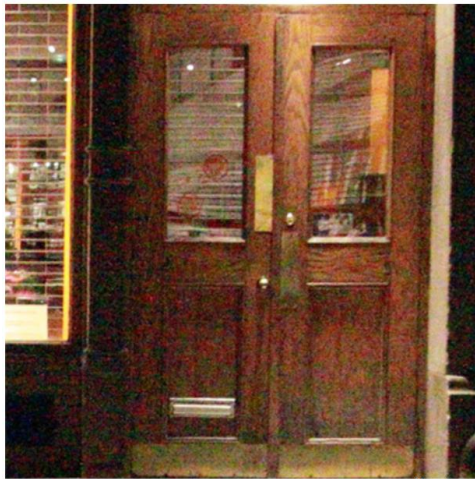
- Inference

- about  $\theta, W, \Psi$

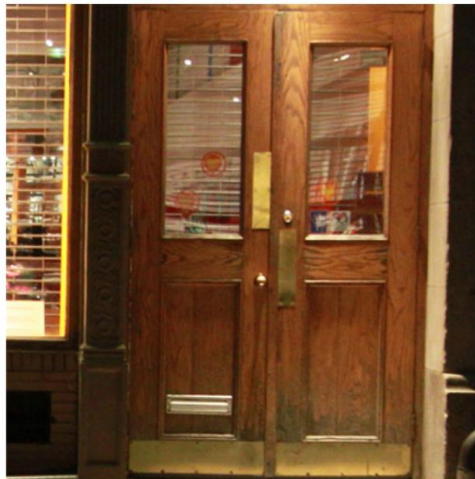
- then the posterior is  $[\theta, W, \Psi | F, \theta^0, \Psi^0] = [F | W, \theta, \theta^0] [\Psi | \Psi^0]$   
 $[\theta | \theta^0][W | \Psi]$

# Case study- Image quality

- Given a collection of a color images and a set of users. Each user annotates (real number) the image according to its visual quality.



ISO 12800  $r=0.4$



ISO 800  $r=0.9$

- Given an image, can we predict the subjective quality?

# Case study- Image quality

- Let  $x$  be a random variable where values are a feature of the image and  $r$  a subjective quality.

$$[x, r | \Theta] = \sum_{k=0}^M \alpha_k [x, r | \theta_k]$$

$$[x, r | \theta_k] = [x | \varphi_k][r | x, \mu_k]$$

$$[\alpha | \dots]$$

$$[\varphi_k | \dots]$$

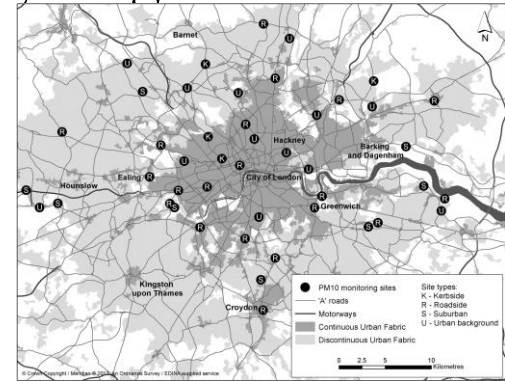
$$[\mu_k | \dots]$$

- Inference

$$[\Theta | r, x] \propto [x, r | \Theta][\Theta]$$

# Case study- Short-term exposure to particle pollution in urban area

- Particles of interest are harmful for health. They originate from the transport of pollutants.



- Let  $y(s,t)$  the concentration of inhalable particle matter of diameter less than 10 microns.
- $[y(s,t) | \Theta] \sim \text{Gauss}(y(s,t); \mu(s,t), \sigma(s))$
- $\mu(s,t) = a + b(t)$ , where  $a$  is a residual mean concentration across the urban area and  $b(t)$  time-varying latent regional process.

# Case study- Short-term exposure to particle pollution in urban area

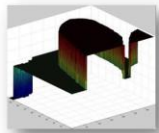
- Assuming that concentrations at the city scale derive largely from information borrowed from rural measurements.

$[r(j,t) \mid \varphi] \sim \text{Gauss}(r(j,t); b(t), \text{sd}(j))$  is time series of pollution data from the rural site  $j$  measuring the long-range transport of particles proportion into the urban area.

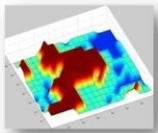
- $[b(t) \mid \dots]$
- $[\sigma(s) \mid \dots]$
- $[\text{sd}(j) \mid \dots]$
- Inference about  $\varphi$  and  $\Theta$

# Case study- A person in the forest

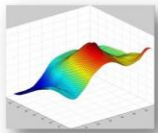
- We assume that in a forest, the path followed by an individual depends on the environment (topography, vegetation, and elevation), the person (experience, endurance, wayfinding), the context (goal, weather, visibility), and random phenomena (emotion...) .



Topology



Vegetation



Elevation



# Case study- A person in the forest

- [environment |  $\Theta$ ]
- [person, context |  $\Psi$ ]
- [random phenomena |  $\varphi$ ]
- [ $\Theta$  | ...]
- [ $\Psi$  | ...]
- [ $\varphi$  | ...]

# Case study- fairness in Machine learning

- Given the data

	Male	Female
High income (C+)	3256	590
Low income (C-)	7604	4831

If a bank uses these data for decision making about loans. Is the decision will be fair?

Probabilities related to women

$$[F] = (590 + 4831) / 16281 \approx 0.33$$

$$[F, C+] = 590 / 16281 \approx 0.04$$

$$[C+ | F] = [C+, F] / [F] \approx 0.11$$

$$[F | C+] = [C+, F] / [C+] = 0.04 / (0.2 + 0.04) \approx 0.17$$



# Case study- fairness in Machine learning

	Male	Female
High income (C+)	3256	590
Low income (C-)	7604	4831

Probabilities related to men

$$[M] = (3256 + 7604) / 16281 \approx 0.67$$

$$[M, C+] = 3256 / 16281 \approx 0.2$$

$$[C+ | M] = [C+, M] / [M] \approx 0.3$$

$$[M | C+] = [C+, M] / [C+] = 0.2 / (0.2 + 0.04) \approx 0.83$$

- A discrimination measure  $[C+ | F] / [C+ | M] \approx 0.37$
- Women will be disadvantaged for any decision based on these data.
- The genre and the incomes are correlated.

# Spatiotemporal reasoning

- Let
  - $D_s = \{0, 1, \dots, M\}$  a spatial domain. A rv is associated with each position;  
 $Y(0,t) \dots Y(M,t)$ .
  - $D_t = \{0, 1, \dots, T\}$  temporal domain and the rv  
 $Y(s_0,0) \dots Y(s_0,T)$ .
- A sequence of random variables is called random process.

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# Spatiotemporal reasoning

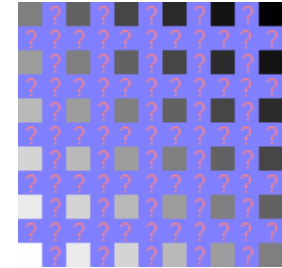
- Example of spatial process
  - it is proposed to find the missing gray levels in an image.

$$Y(i) = a_1 Y(i-1) + b_1 Y(i+1) + e_i, \quad i = 1 \dots M-1$$

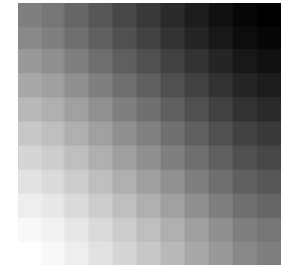
$$Y(0) = a_0 e_0$$

$$Y(M) = b_0 e_{24}$$

$$e_i \sim \text{Gauss}(0, \sigma_s)$$



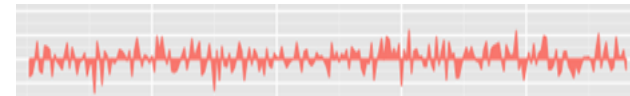
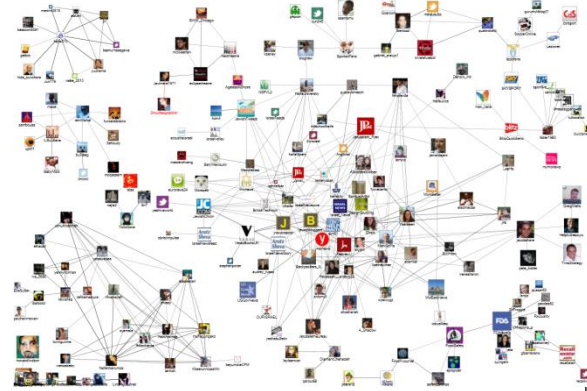
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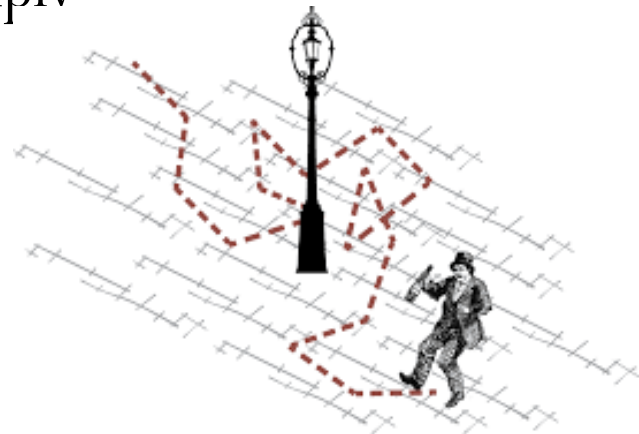
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# Spatiotemporal reasoning

- Example of temporal process
  - we want to predict the centrality (sociability) of a user of a social network (graph); i.e.  $Y(t)$  is the number of incoming and outgoing arcs divided by the total number of edges in the graph.
  - $Y(t) = \alpha_1 Y(t-1) + \epsilon_t$ ,  $t=1..T$  et  $Y(0) = \alpha_0 \epsilon_0$ ;  
 $\epsilon_t \sim \text{Gauss}(0, \sigma_t)$
  - Markov process of order 1 and the random walk are written this way. When  $\alpha_1 = 1$ , it simply performs integration of noise  $\epsilon_t$ .



Centrality as function of time (time series)



# Spatiotemporal reasoning

- The dependence of random variables is different in the two previous processes.
- Example of spatiotemporal process

- it is proposed to find the missing colors in a video

$$Y(i,t) = a_1 Y(i-1,t) + a_2 Y(i+1,t) + a_3 Y(i,t-1) + e_{it}, \quad i=1..M-1, \\ t=1..T$$

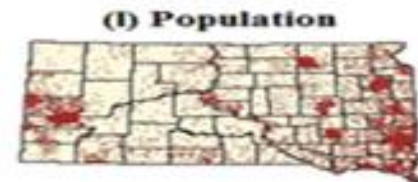
$$Y(0,t) = a_0 e_{0t}$$

$$Y(M,t) = b_0 e_{Mt}$$

$$Y(i,0) = c_0 e_{i0}$$

$$e_{it} \sim \text{Gauss}(0, \sigma)$$

- other uses ...



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