Assignment 2

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```
# To solve conflicts
library(conflicted)
conflicts_prefer(dplyr::filter)
[conflicted] Will prefer dplyr::filter over any other package.
# Time series packages
library(dlm)
library(TSstudio)
library(feasts)
Loading required package: fabletools
Registered S3 method overwritten by 'tsibble':
  method
                       {\tt from}
  as_tibble.grouped_df dplyr
library(tseries)
Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':
  method
                    from
  as.zoo.data.frame zoo
  # Necessary packages for quantmod
  library(zoo)
  library(xts)
library(quantmod)
Loading required package: TTR
```

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#Specifically for Assignment 2
library(depmixS4)
Loading required package: nnet
Loading required package: MASS
Loading required package: Rsolnp
Loading required package: nlme
Attaching package: 'nlme'
The following object is masked from 'package:feasts':
   ACF
library(HiddenMarkov)
# Datasets
library(readr)
library(fpp3)
-- Attaching packages ----- fpp3 1.0.1 --
                  v ggplot2 3.5.1
v tibble 3.2.1
v dplyr
           1.1.4
                    v tsibble
                                 1.1.6
v tidyr
           1.3.1
                    v tsibbledata 0.4.1
v lubridate 1.9.4 v fable 0.4.1
# For fancy plots
library(ggthemes)
 # Necessary packages for viridis
 library(viridisLite)
library(viridis)
library(gridExtra)
library(magrittr)
library(textab)
# Packages related to tidyverse, for data manipulation
library(tidyverse) # includes (lubridate), (dplyr), (ggplot2), (tidyr), (tidyselect)
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
                  v stringr 1.5.1
v forcats 1.0.0
v purrr 1.0.2
```

```
library(tinytex)
# To handle time changes
library(timechange)

# Importing the data
urlfile = "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/stfgrz/20236-timeseries-ps/97a64d30e6a67339343f.
data<-read_csv(url(urlfile), show_col_types = FALSE)

# Getting the nominal data
nom_int_data <- data[, 2]
ts_data_nom <- ts(as.vector(t(nom_int_data)), start = c(1997, 1), frequency = 12)

? depmixS4

? lm

? glm

? depmix
</pre>
? posterior
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2. Hidden Markov Models

The dataset provided in the file data_assHMM.cvs (posted on BBoard) provides monthly data including 10 years Italian government bond's interest rate, inflation represented by the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and default ratings assigned by the agencies Moody's and Fitch, in the investment grade range, i.e. from Aaa/AAA to Baa3-/BBB-. The data set collects data for the period January 1997 to July 2019, and it has been built mainly using OECD data.

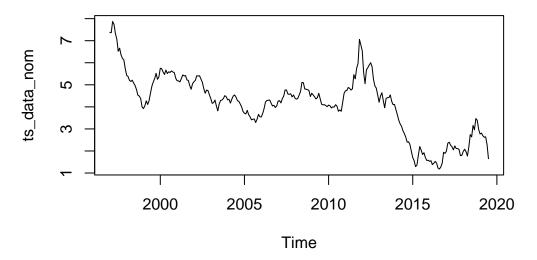
2.1 Part (a)

Question 1

Let us focus on the nominal interest rate for the 10 years Italian government bond. In fact, you may want to consider the real interest rate, calculated from the HICP.

Plot the data and comment briefly if and why a HMM could be a reasonable model.

```
#plot the dataset for nominal interest rates
plot.ts(ts_data_nom)
```



```
#nominal
y1 <- as.numeric(ts_data_nom)
model1 <- depmix(y1 ~ 1, data=data.frame(ts_data_nom), nstates=3)
model1</pre>
```

```
Initial state probabilities model
  pr1  pr2  pr3
0.333  0.333  0.333
```

Transition matrix

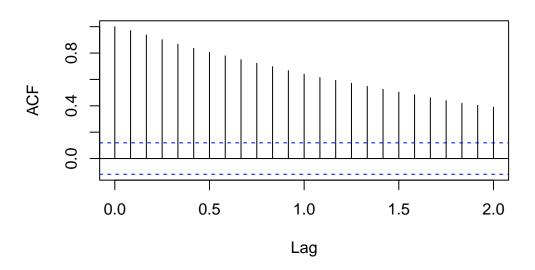
toS1 toS2 toS3 fromS1 0.333 0.333 0.333 fromS2 0.333 0.333 0.333 fromS3 0.333 0.333

Response parameters

Resp 1 : gaussian

Re1.(Intercept) Re1.sd St1 0 1 St2 0 1 St3 0 1 #test for stationarity
acf(ts_data_nom)

Series ts_data_nom



kpss.test(ts_data_nom)

Warning in kpss.test(ts_data_nom): p-value smaller than printed p-value

KPSS Test for Level Stationarity

data: ts_data_nom
KPSS Level = 2.4812, Truncation lag parameter = 5, p-value = 0.01

adf.test(ts_data_nom)

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test

data: ts_data_nom

Dickey-Fuller = -2.4709, Lag order = 6, p-value = 0.3776

alternative hypothesis: stationary

A HMM model is better suitable for non-stationary time series. At first visual inspection the series seems to show different means and likely different dispersion over time. We also propose various indirect formal evidence against stationarity. The autocorrelation function does not decrease over time very quickly, suggesting non-stationarity. Both the KPSS and the ADF tests, two common test for assessing stationarity, provide support for non-stationarity.

Given the data it seems likely to observe three different latent states, where the peaks before the 2000 and in the early 2010's seem to represent a recession, the years after 2015 the boom, and stable states the remaining years.

A HMM model might be appropriate for the phenomenon at stake, as financial markets are generally very quick in converging to new equilibria mainly depending on exogenous shocks. Hence, postulating a hidden process guiding such shifts is reasonable.

Question 2

Let us indeed use a Hidden Markov Model, with 3 states (representing, say, boom (i.e. less risky, lower interest rates), recession (high risk, high interest rates) and a stable path), and Gaussian emission ditributions, with state-dependent mean and variance.

Provide the MLEs of the unknown paramters of the model (and their standard errors). Comment briefly.

```
#nominal interest rates
fmodel1 <- fit(model1)</pre>
```

converged at iteration 28 with logLik: -216.452

fmodel1

Convergence info: Log likelihood converged to within tol. (relative change)

'log Lik.' -216.452 (df=14)

AIC: 460.9041 BIC: 511.3337

summary(fmodel1)

```
Initial state probabilities model
pr1 pr2 pr3
    0    0    1
```

Transition matrix

toS1 toS2 toS3 fromS1 1.000 0.000 0.000 fromS2 0.008 0.976 0.016 fromS3 0.000 0.041 0.959

Response parameters

Resp 1 : gaussian

Re1.(Intercept) Re1.sd St1 2.137 0.581 St2 4.251 0.377 St3 5.639 0.713

MLEse1=standardError(fmodel1)

MLEse1

	par	${\tt constr}$	se
1	0.000000e+00	bnd	NA
2	0.000000e+00	bnd	NA
3	1.000000e+00	bnd	NA
4	1.000000e+00	bnd	NA
5	6.959899e-34	bnd	NA
6	1.137589e-58	bnd	NA
7	7.625438e-03	inc	0.007606343
8	9.762212e-01	inc	0.013669112
9	1.615333e-02	inc	0.011405695
10	9.927922e-33	bnd	NA
11	4.128159e-02	inc	0.023266241
12	9.587184e-01	inc	0.023266241
13	2.137116e+00	inc	0.074046873
14	5.810055e-01	inc	0.052838729
15	4.250948e+00	inc	0.037628730
16	3.766686e-01	inc	0.025714756
17	5.639089e+00	inc	0.092323809
18	7.134020e-01	inc	0.058592423

posterior(fmodel1)\$state

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

Estimated initial probabilities suggest an initial stage at state 3 (recession).

Overall the transition matrix suggests a persistence in state, where the probabilities of remaining in current states are over 95% for both state 1 and state 3. By plotting the data and interpreting state 1 as stability, state 2 as boom and state 3 as recession, the transitions probabilities are then reasonable. It is impossible ($p_{3,2} = p_{2,3} = 0$) to directly shift from recession to boom (and viceversa). Starting from a stable state, it is more likely to end up in a recession than a boom ($p_{1,3} > p_{1,2}$). Finally, the probability 1 for $p_{2,2}$ is justified as the "classification" of state 2 is limited to the last periods of the dataset and no different state follows a state 2 observation, hence the probability 1.

Emission distributions show intermediate nominal interest rates for stable periods (state 1) and the lowest variance. The highest mean is for recession periods, as expected, as well as the highest variance. Booms, reflecting excitement, show lower interest rates but also higher variability compared to stable periods, yet lower than recessions.

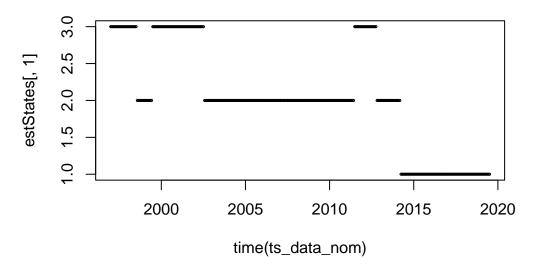
Question 3

Find the optimal state sequence ("deconding") and plot it, comparing it with the data.

```
estStates <- posterior(fmodel1)</pre>
```

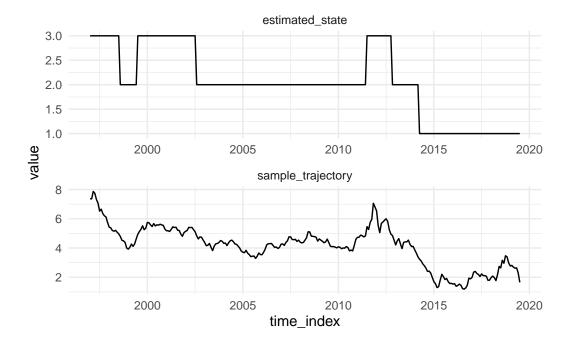
Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

```
plot(time(ts_data_nom), estStates[,1], cex=.3)
```



```
#show it with ggplot
results_df <- data.frame(time_index=time(ts_data_nom) %>% as.numeric(),
sample_trajectory=ts_data_nom %>% as.numeric(),
estimated_state=posterior(fmodel1)$state) %>%
gather("variable", "value", -time_index)
```

```
ggplot(results_df, aes(time_index, value)) + geom_line() +
facet_wrap(variable ~ ., scales="free", ncol=1) + theme_minimal()
```



2.2 Part (b)

HMMs are particularly useful for time series that present change points. However, one may want to go further, trying to improve prediction of a possible change point through aviable covariates. To this aim, one may use non-homogeneous HMMs, allowing the transition matrix to depend on covariates. A reference is Zucchini, W., MacDonald, I-L. and Langrock, R. (2016) Hidden Markov Models for Time Series: an introduction using R. Chapman and Hall/CRC; and the R package 'depmixS4' allows this extension, see Visser and Speekenbrink (2010), Journal of Statistical Software—both references are posted on BBoard.

You may want to explore this more general class of HMMs for the data under study here.

```
data.b <- as.data.frame(data[, 2:7] )
y1 <- as.numeric(ts_data_nom)</pre>
```

Model 1: baseline model

fmodel2

inflation

4.790007e-35 4.894807e-59 1

```
Convergence info: Log likelihood converged to within tol. (relative change)
'log Lik.' -214.1302 (df=20)
AIC: 468.2603
BIC: 540.3027
summary(fmodel2)
Initial state probabilities model
pr1 pr2 pr3
 1 0 0
Transition model for state (component) 1
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~inflation
Coefficients:
                                 St3
           St1
                      St2
(Intercept) 0 -4.534609
                            7.726854
              0 0.590847 -11.751170
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
0.0004406325 4.728471e-06 0.9995546
Transition model for state (component) 2
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~inflation
Coefficients:
            St1
                      St2
                                St3
(Intercept) 0 6.376119 4.985542
              0 -1.122777 -4.296848
inflation
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
0.001360683 0.7995949 0.1990444
Transition model for state (component) 3
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~inflation
Coefficients:
           St1
                    St2
                               St.3
(Intercept) 0 -55.2404 79.02395
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0 31.0821 -30.32285 Probalities at zero values of the covariates.

Response parameters

Resp 1 : gaussian

Re1.(Intercept) Re1.sd St1 5.612 0.714 St2 4.236 0.365 St3 2.137 0.581

MLEse2=standardError(fmodel2)

Warning in sqrt(diag(vc\$vcov)): NaNs produced

MLEse2

	par	${\tt constr}$	se
1	1.0000000	bnd	NA
2	0.0000000	bnd	NA
3	0.0000000	bnd	NA
4	0.0000000	fix	NA
5	-4.5346094	inc	2.46774574
6	7.7268538	inc	144.57410112
7	0.0000000	fix	NA
8	0.5908470	inc	0.88195186
9	-11.7511697	inc	114.77835038
10	0.0000000	fix	NA
11	6.3761187	inc	3.36041999
12	4.9855415	inc	3.65161502
13	0.0000000	fix	NA
14	-1.1227766	inc	1.40890044
15	-4.2968477	inc	2.63757671
16	0.0000000	fix	NA
17	-55.2403992	inc	NaN
18	79.0239465	inc	NaN
19	0.0000000	fix	NA
20	31.0821041	inc	287.65161045
21	-30.3228531	inc	199.74585103
22	5.6118446	inc	0.10051847
23	0.7140541	inc	0.05757647
24	4.2355173	inc	0.04406757
25	0.3654813	inc	0.03003733

26 2.1369221 inc 0.07362210 27 0.5806107 inc 0.05243830

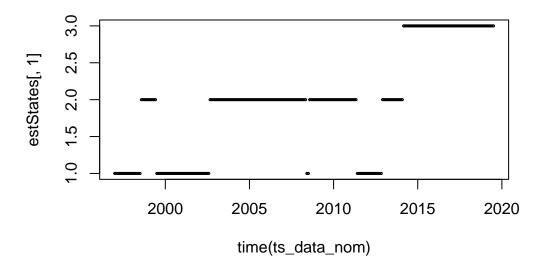
posterior(fmodel2)\$state

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

estStates <- posterior(fmodel2)</pre>

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

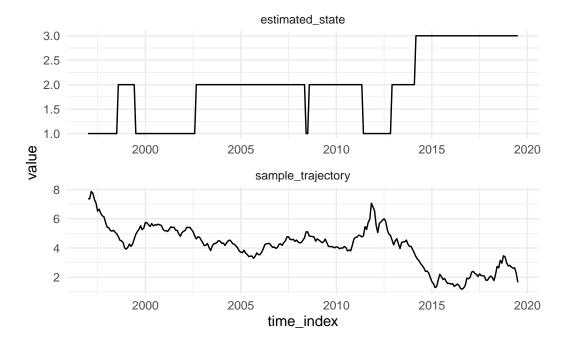
plot(time(ts_data_nom), estStates[,1], cex=.3)



```
#ggplot
results_df <- data.frame(time_index=time(ts_data_nom) %>% as.numeric(),
sample_trajectory=ts_data_nom %>% as.numeric(),
estimated_state=posterior(fmodel2)$state) %>%
gather("variable", "value", -time_index)
```

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

```
ggplot(results_df, aes(time_index, value)) + geom_line() +
facet_wrap(variable ~ ., scales="free", ncol=1) + theme_minimal()
```



Model 2: controlling for gdp

converged at iteration 33 with logLik: -215.7819

fmodel3

```
Convergence info: Log likelihood converged to within tol. (relative change)
'log Lik.' -215.7819 (df=20)
AIC: 471.5637
BIC: 543.6061
summary(fmodel3)
Initial state probabilities model
pr1 pr2 pr3
 0 1 0
Transition model for state (component) 1
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~gdp
Coefficients:
            St1
                       St2
                                  St.3
(Intercept) 0 -4.2810454 -4.8542469
              0 0.8807132 0.1042325
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
0.9788343 0.01353551 0.007630211
Transition model for state (component) 2
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~gdp
Coefficients:
           St1
                      St2
                                 St3
(Intercept)
             0 3.1137101 -9.9505399
              0 0.7601739 0.4167766
gdp
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
0.04254517 0.9574528 2.029484e-06
Transition model for state (component) 3
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~gdp
Coefficients:
            St1
                       St2
                                 St3
(Intercept) 0 0.9297441 14.304771
              0 -0.9181655 2.768894
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
6.130784e-07 1.553455e-06 0.9999978
```

Response parameters

Resp 1 : gaussian

Re1.(Intercept) Re1.sd St1 4.248 0.375 St2 5.632 0.714 St3 2.137 0.581

MLEse3=standardError(fmodel3)

Warning in sqrt(diag(vc\$vcov)): NaNs produced

MLEse3

	par	${\tt constr}$	se
1	0.0000000	bnd	NA
2	1.0000000	bnd	NA
3	0.0000000	bnd	NA
4	0.0000000	fix	NA
5	-4.2810454	inc	1.12445396
6	-4.8542469	inc	1.01198347
7	0.0000000	fix	NA
8	0.8807132	inc	2.09071863
9	0.1042325	inc	1.41291508
10	0.0000000	fix	NA
11	3.1137101	inc	0.60048919
12	-9.9505399	inc	98.14191235
13	0.0000000	fix	NA
14	0.7601739	inc	0.88181174
15	0.4167766	inc	NaN
16	0.0000000	fix	NA
17	0.9297441	inc	17.21967904
18	14.3047709	inc	116.49875319
19	0.0000000	fix	NA
20	-0.9181655	inc	19.72050056
21	2.7688941	inc	28.21562791
22	4.2482162	inc	0.03942895
23	0.3753438	inc	0.02665222
24	5.6323303	inc	0.09560580
25	0.7144388	inc	0.05852701
26	2.1371237	inc	0.07404068
27	0.5810065	inc	0.05283736

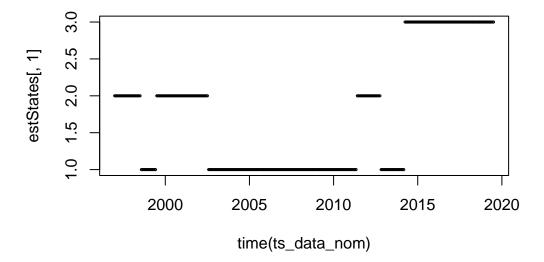
posterior(fmodel3)\$state

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

estStates <- posterior(fmodel3)</pre>

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

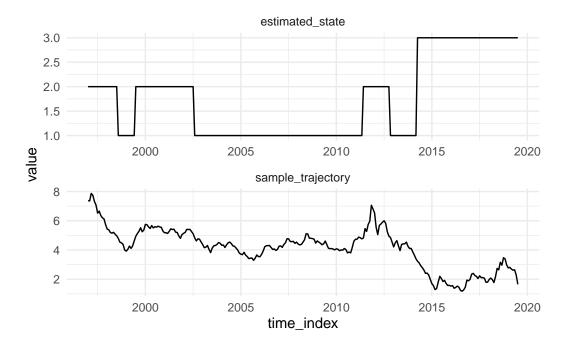
plot(time(ts_data_nom), estStates[,1], cex=.3)



```
#ggplot
results_df <- data.frame(time_index=time(ts_data_nom) %>% as.numeric(),
sample_trajectory=ts_data_nom %>% as.numeric(),
estimated_state=posterior(fmodel3)$state) %>%
gather("variable", "value", -time_index)
```

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

```
ggplot(results_df, aes(time_index, value)) + geom_line() +
facet_wrap(variable ~ ., scales="free", ncol=1) + theme_minimal()
```



Model 3: controlling for gdp and inflation

converged at iteration 26 with logLik: -212.1899

fmodel4

```
Convergence info: Log likelihood converged to within tol. (relative change)
'log Lik.' -212.1899 (df=26)
AIC: 476.3797
BIC: 570.0348
summary(fmodel4)
Initial state probabilities model
pr1 pr2 pr3
 1 0
Transition model for state (component) 1
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~gdp + inflation
Coefficients:
            St1
                        St2
                                  St3
(Intercept) 0 -0.04957338 9.675829
             0 -1.85466145
                            3.058293
             0 -1.26127930 -16.830633
inflation
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
6.277516e-05 5.973906e-05 0.9998775
Transition model for state (component) 2
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~gdp + inflation
Coefficients:
           St1
                      St2
(Intercept) 0 7.2522619 6.1242106
              0 0.2559071 -0.3583218
gdp
inflation
              0 -1.5504992 -5.1229882
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
0.0005350233 0.7550749 0.2443901
Transition model for state (component) 3
Model of type multinomial (mlogit), formula: ~gdp + inflation
Coefficients:
            St1
                      St2
                                  St3
              0 -45.469617 70.7524128
(Intercept)
              0 -1.331988 -0.5211976
inflation
              0 26.831880 -26.5794866
Probalities at zero values of the covariates.
```

1.873344e-31 3.352847e-51 1

Response parameters

Resp 1 : gaussian

Re1.(Intercept) Re1.sd St1 5.575 0.717 St2 4.217 0.355 St3 2.137 0.580

MLEse4=standardError(fmodel4)

Warning in sqrt(diag(vc\$vcov)): NaNs produced

MLEse4

par	constr	se
1.00000000	bnd	NA
0.00000000	bnd	NA
0.00000000	bnd	NA
0.00000000	fix	NA
-0.04957338	inc	NaN
9.67582852	inc	82.51264009
0.00000000	fix	NA
-1.85466145	inc	0.84067931
3.05829292	inc	NaN
0.00000000	fix	NA
-1.26127930	inc	0.03133484
-16.83063310	inc	145.82307930
0.00000000	fix	NA
7.25226188	inc	2.95591615
6.12421064	inc	3.32465124
0.00000000	fix	NA
0.25590707	inc	0.58371300
-0.35832183	inc	0.64397243
0.00000000	fix	NA
-1.55049921	inc	1.10714580
-5.12298824	inc	2.85885605
0.00000000	fix	NA
-45.46961717	inc	397.63248689
70.75241280	inc	665.23030451
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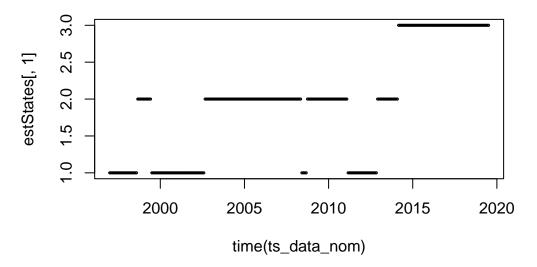
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     0.00000000
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                                  NA
26 -1.33198815
                   inc
                        13.31298880
27 -0.52119761
                   inc
                                 NaN
28
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                   fix
                                  NA
29 26.83188024
                   inc
                                 NaN
30 -26.57948659
                   inc
                                 NaN
     5.57473278
                   inc
                          0.08878003
32
     0.71749756
                   inc
                          0.05641503
33
    4.21716952
                   inc
                         0.03699022
34
     0.35495864
                   inc
                         0.02510926
35
     2.13677895
                         0.07355786
                   inc
     0.58046696
36
                   inc
                          0.05235337
```

posterior(fmodel4)\$state

Warning in .local(object, ...): Argument 'type' not specified and will default to 'viterbi'. This default may change in future releases of depmixS4. Please see ?posterior for alternative options.

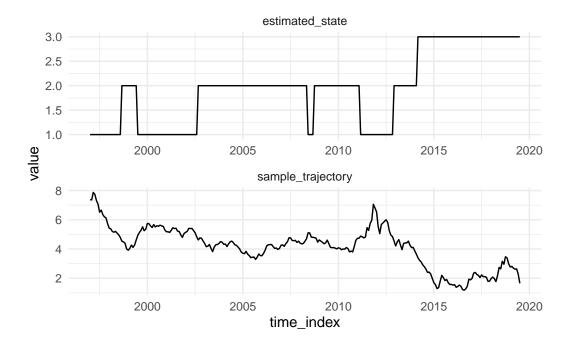
estStates <- posterior(fmodel4)</pre>

```
plot(time(ts_data_nom), estStates[,1], cex=.3)
```



```
#ggplot
results_df <- data.frame(time_index=time(ts_data_nom) %>% as.numeric(),
sample_trajectory=ts_data_nom %>% as.numeric(),
estimated_state=posterior(fmodel4)$state) %>%
gather("variable", "value", -time_index)
```

```
ggplot(results_df, aes(time_index, value)) + geom_line() +
facet_wrap(variable ~ ., scales="free", ncol=1) + theme_minimal()
```



Results

```
results_df <- data.frame(
   time_index = as.numeric(time(ts_data_nom)),
   sample_trajectory = as.numeric(ts_data_nom),
   estimated_state_fmodel4 = posterior(fmodel4)$state,
   estimated_state_fmodel3 = posterior(fmodel3)$state,
   estimated_state_fmodel2 = posterior(fmodel2)$state
) %>%
   gather("variable", "value", -time_index)
```

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# Plot
ggplot(results_df, aes(time_index, value, color = variable)) +
    geom_line() +
    facet_wrap(~ variable, scales = "free", ncol = 1) +
    theme_minimal() +
    labs(title = "Comparison of Estimated States from fmodel4 and fmodel2",
        x = "Time Index",
        y = "Value") +
    theme(legend.position = "bottom")
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Comparison of Estimated States from fmodel4 and fmodel2

