

# Linear Dynamical Systems

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## Introduction

- Consider the two following problems in a time/sequence data domain
  1. Predicting the next observation
  2. Inferencing the true value in a noisy environment

## Problem 1: Predicting the Next Observation

- **Goal:** Want to model an instance,  $x_n$ , based on some arbitrary number of prior observations that occur at regular time intervals, such that

$$x_n = \sum_{i=0}^? b_{n-i} x_{n-1} + \sigma_n, \quad \sigma_n \sim N(0, \Sigma)$$

- $x_i$  is a continuous multivariate vector
- $b_i$  is a learned vector
- $\sigma_n$  is additive Gaussian noise
- ? we would like to be an arbitrary value
- What is a suitable model?
  - AR(p) model?
    - Would need to define set number of P lags

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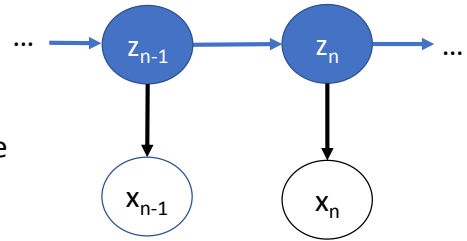
- **Move to a state space model and assume linear Gaussian**

- Compute the current observation based on the latent observation

$$x_n = Cz_n + w_n, \quad w \sim N(w|0, \Sigma)$$

- Get the current latent state,  $z_n$ , from the previous latent state,  $z_{n-1}$

$$z_n = Az_{n-1} + v_n, \quad v \sim N(v|0, \Gamma)$$



## Solution – Linear Dynamical Systems(LDS)

- AR Case:
  - Move from defining a model based on prior observations to a state space model
  - Latent states incorporate signals from past observations

## Problem 2: Inferencing from Noise

- **Goal:** to measure an unknown  $z$  at regular time intervals from a noisy sensor producing an observation  $x$ , such that

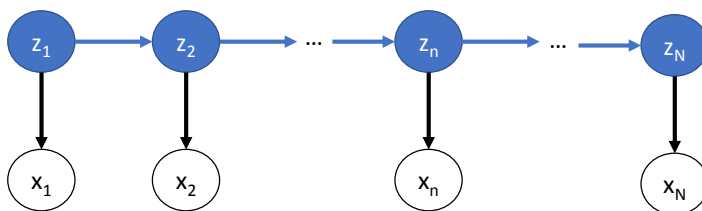
$$z_n = Bx_n + \sigma_n, \quad \sigma_n \sim N(0, \sigma)$$

- $z_n, x_n$  are continuous multivariate vectors
- $B$  is a learned probability matrix
- $\sigma_n$  is additive white noise
- What is a suitable model?
  - A HMM where
    - the **observations** are **continuous** (can be done with an HMM)
    - but the **latent states** are only **discrete**

## HMM: Connecting to LDS

- Consider a Hidden Markov Model

$$A_{jk} = p(z_{2,k} = 1 | z_{1,j} = 1)$$



Where

**Z:** is a set of discrete latent RVs

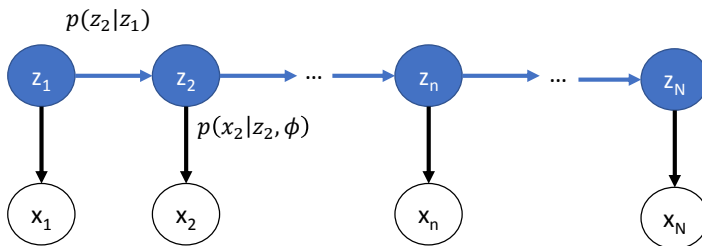
**X:** is a set of continuous RVs

**A:** a matrix of discrete transition probabilities

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{00} & \dots & A_{k0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{0k} & \dots & A_{kk} \end{bmatrix}$$

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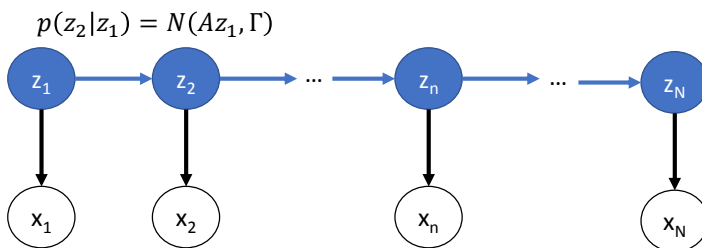
Where

$\mathbf{Z}$ : is a set of discrete latent RVs  
 $\mathbf{X}$ : is a set of continuous RVs  
 $\mathbf{A}$ : a matrix of discrete transition probabilities  
 $\phi$ : a matrix of emission probabilities

$$p(x_n|z_n, \phi) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_n|\phi_k)^{z_{nk}}$$

## HMM: Connecting to LDS

- Extending **transitions** to LDS



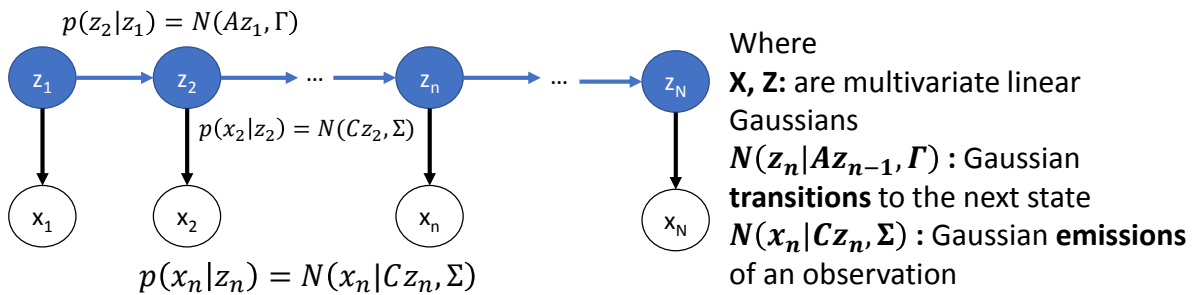
Where

$\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}$ : are multivariate linear Gaussians  
 $N(\mathbf{z}_n|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{n-1}, \Gamma)$ : Gaussian transitions to the next state

$$p(z_n|z_{n-1}) = N(z_n|Az_{n-1}, \Gamma)$$

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- AR Case:
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  - Latent states incorporate signals from past observations
- HMM Case:
  - the observations and **latent states** become **continuous**
- In both instances, we will assume a Gaussian-linear model
  - **Why?** This will become clear when considering efficiency (along with many other reasons)

## What is left to discuss?

- **What tasks are appropriate for LDS?**
- **Formalization of LDS parameters ( $\theta$ )**
- Inferencing in LDS
- Maximizing the Likelihood through EM
  - E-Step: Evaluation of local marginal and joint posterior distributions of the latent variables
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## What can we do with an LDS model?

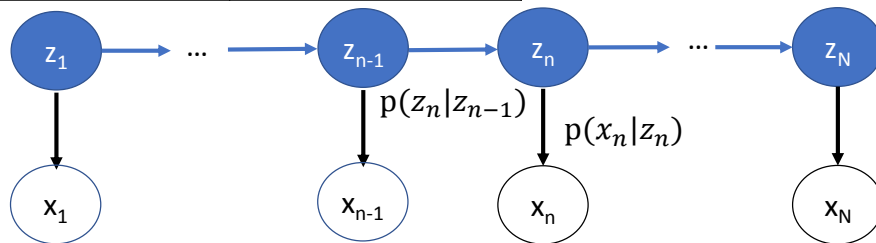
1. **Filtering:** Find the distribution of  $z_n$  given the current and all previous time observations,  $p(z_n|x_1, \dots, x_n)$ 
  - aka Kalman Filtering
2. **Prediction:** given time stamps  $y = n + \delta$ , find the observed and latent at distributions at time  $y$ ,  $p(z_y|x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $p(x_y|x_1, \dots, x_n)$
3. **Smoothing:** For a time stamp  $n$ , find the distributions of  $z_n$  given all observations,  $p(z_n|x_1, \dots, x_N)$ 
  - aka Kalman Smoothing
4. **EM Parameter Estimation:** find  $\theta = \{A, C, \mu_0, \Gamma, \Sigma, V_0\}$  and the likelihood of the model of the given model  $p(X|\theta)$

## Linear Dynamical System Parameters

- HMM and LDS both use shared parameters across transition and emissions

Equivalent Conditional Distribution Representation		
Transition	$p(z_n z_{n-1}, A, \Gamma)$	$N(z_n Az_{n-1}, \Gamma)$
Emission	$p(x_n z_n, C, \Sigma)$	$N(x_n Cz_n, \Sigma)$
Initial Trans.	$p(z_1)$	$N(z_1 \mu_0, V_0)$

$$\theta = \{A, \Gamma, C, \Sigma, \mu_0, V_0\}$$



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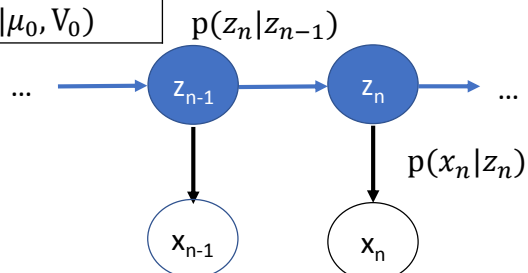
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Equivalent Representation as  
noisy linear Gaussian equations

$$\begin{aligned} z_n &= Az_{n-1} + w_n & w &\sim N(w|\mathbf{0}, \Gamma) \\ x_n &= Cz_n + v_n & v &\sim N(v|\mathbf{0}, \Sigma) \\ z_1 &= \mu_0 + u & u &\sim N(u|\mathbf{0}, V_0) \end{aligned}$$





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## Inferencing: Kalman Filter

- Find the **joint distribution** of the last latent variable,  $z_n$ , conditioned on the observation sequence up to time  $n$
- Given  $\theta$ , Find  $\alpha(z_n) = p(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_n)$
- Consider the posterior distribution for latent variable  $z_n$

$$p(z_n|X) = \frac{p(X|z_n)p(z_n)}{p(X)}$$

Kalman Filter,  $\alpha(z_n)$

$$= \frac{p(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_N, z_n)}{p(X)} = \frac{p(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_n)p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N|z_n)}{p(X)}$$

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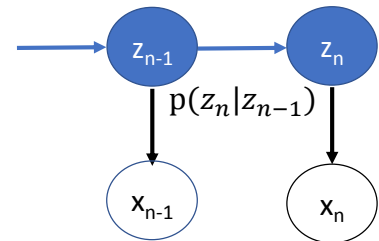
- We can separate  $x_N$  from other observations

$$= p(x_n | z_n) p(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, z_n)$$

- Based on our model graph, knowing  $p(z_{n-1})$  will d-separate  $z_n$  from the remainder of the graph

**Side Note:** In HMM, this is a summation. Why?

$$= p(x_n | z_n) \int p(z_n | z_{n-1}) p(z_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$$



## Inferencing: Kalman Filter

- Quick recap so far:

- Defined the posterior distribution,  $p(z_n | X)$ , by
  1. Using Bayes Theorem find  $\alpha(z_n)$
  2. D-separating to place  $p(z_n | X)$  in terms of  $z_{n-1}$  and  $x_n$

- If  $p(z_{n-1})$  were not Gaussian (or in the exponential family), this would be intractable

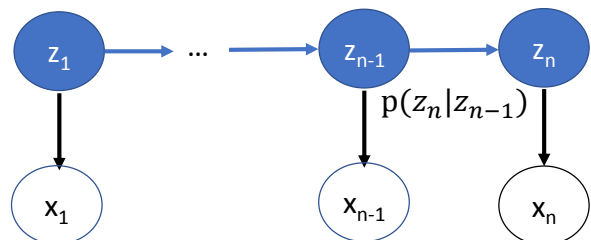
- Due to parameter growth

- Since it is Gaussian, the result is a change in parameter values only

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_n) = p(x_n | z_n) \int p(z_n | z_{n-1}) p(z_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$$

Gaussians are closed under multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} p_1(f)p_2(g) &= ae^{-(f-\mu_1)^2 \sigma_1^{-1}} * be^{-(g-\mu_2)^2 \sigma_2^{-1}} \\ &= abe^{-(f-\mu_1)^2 \sigma_1^{-1} + -(g-\mu_2)^2 \sigma_2^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$



## Inferencing: Kalman Filter

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n | z_n) = p(x_n | z_n) \int p(z_n | z_{n-1}) p(z_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$$

- In practice, since the sequence can be very long, scaling factors,  $c_n$  are used to avoid numerical underflow

$$c_n = p(x_1 \dots x_n) = p(x_n | x_1 \dots x_{n-1})$$

- Given  $\alpha(z_n) = p(z_n, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , and  $\hat{\alpha}(z_n) = p(z_n | x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\alpha(z_n) = p(x_1, \dots, x_n) p(z_n | x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\alpha(z_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n c_i \hat{\alpha}(z_n)$$

- Turning it into a recursive equation of  $\hat{\alpha}$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n c_i \hat{\alpha}(z_n) = p(x_n | z_n) \int p(z_n | z_{n-1}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} c_i \hat{\alpha}(z_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$$

$$c_n \hat{\alpha}(z_n) = p(x_n | z_n) \int p(z_n | z_{n-1}) \hat{\alpha}(z_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$$

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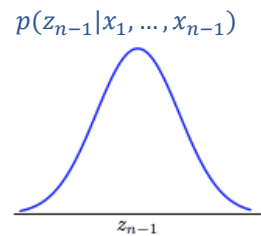
- Replacing with the Gaussian form equivalent

$$c_n \hat{\alpha}(z_n) = N(x_n | Cz_n, \Sigma) \int N(z_n | Az_{n-1}, \Gamma) N(z_{n-1} | \mu_n, V_n) dz_{n-1}$$

Parametrized similar to the initial state,  $z_0$

- Evaluating just the Integral

$$\int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{p}{2}} |\Gamma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_n - Az_{n-1})^T \Gamma^{-1} (z_n - Az_{n-1}) \right\} \\ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{p}{2}} |V_n|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_{n-1} - \mu_{n-1})^T V_n^{-1} (z_{n-1} - \mu_{n-1}) \right\} dz_{n-1}$$

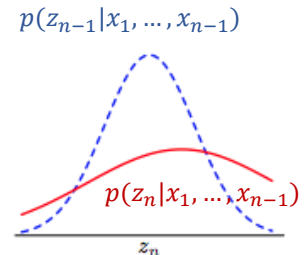


## Inferencing: Kalman Filter

- After integration and applying the rule of conditioning, we get the marginalized normal distribution of the latent state

$$c_n \hat{\alpha}(z_n) = N(x_n | Cz_n, \Sigma) N(z_n | A\mu_{n-1}, P_{n-1}),$$

where  $P_{n-1} = AV_{n-1}A^T + \Gamma$



- Note  $p(z_n | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$  with the transition variance given by  $p(z_n | z_{n-1})$  is broader compared to  $p(z_{n-1} | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$

## Inferencing: Kalman Filter

- $c_n \hat{\alpha}(z_n) = N(x_n | Cz_n, \Sigma) N(z_n | A\mu_{n-1}, P_{n-1})$

$$\underbrace{N(x_n | Cz_n, \Sigma)}_{p(x_n | z_n)} \underbrace{N(z_n | A\mu_{n-1}, P_{n-1})}_{p(z_n | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})}$$

- Using the rule of conditioning  $[p(a|b)p(b) = p(a)p(b|a)]$

$$c_n \hat{\alpha}(z_n) = N(x_n | AC\mu_{n-1}, CP_{n-1}C^T + \Sigma)$$

$$N(z_n | A\mu_{n-1} + K(x_n - CA\mu_{n-1}), (I - K_nC)P_{n-1})$$

where  $K_n$  is the Kalman Gain Matrix  $K_n = P_{n-1}C^T(CP_{n-1}C^T + \Sigma)^{-1}$

- Equivalently in linear Gaussian notation we get

$$\mu_n = A\mu_{n-1} + K_n(x_n - CA\mu_{n-1}), \quad V_n = (I - K_nC)P_{n-1}$$

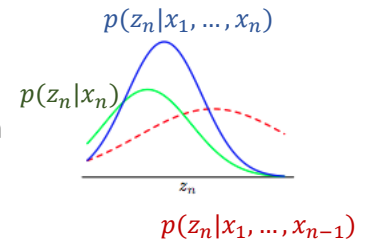
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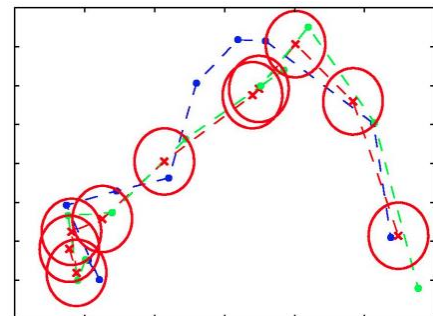
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- Examining  $\mu_N$ ,
  - $A\mu_{n-1}$  is projection of the new mean using the transition probability matrix and the prior mean
  - $CA\mu_n$  the predicted  $x_N$  (the new mean applied to the emission probability matrix)
  - $x_n - CA\mu_n$  a correction of the observation by the prediction
  - $K_n$  the coefficient of the correction (Kalman Gain Matrix)
- $p(z_n|x_n)$  contribution of the emission density with the current observation has tightened  $p(z_n|x_1, \dots, x_n)$



## Kalman Filtering in Tracking

- Following an object in a graphical 2D space
- What are the red **x's** and **circles**?
  - Means and variances at each time step
- **Kalman Filtering** is just successive applications of a current observation and the prior local latent marginal posterior to the next marginal posterior



Blue Dots: True position

Green Dots: Noisy Observations

## Tracking: Extending to Prediction

- How do we predict a new hidden state at time  $N + 1$ ?

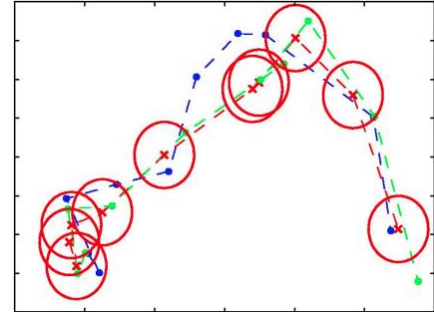
$$P(z_{N+1} | x_1, \dots, x_N, z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

- Assuming  $P(z_N)$  is known,  $N(z_N | \mu_N, V_N)$

$$P(z_{N+1} | x_1, \dots, x_N, z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

$$p(z_{N+1}) = \int p(z_{N+1} | z_N) p(z_N) dz_N$$

- Solve for the next latent state by marginalizing over the prior
- Still using forward propagation without  $p(z_{N+1} | x_{N+1})$



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## What is left to discuss?

- ~~What tasks are appropriate for LDS?~~
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- ~~Inferencing and Prediction in LDS~~
- **Learning with EM**
  - **M-Step: Maximizing the parameters,  $\theta$**
  - **E-Step: Evaluation of local posteriors**
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## Learning with EM

- Consider the complete-data log likelihood function

$$\ln p(X, Z|\theta) = \ln p(z_1|\mu_0, V_0) + \sum_{n=2}^N \ln p(z_n|z_{n-1}, A, \Gamma) + \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(x_n|z_n, C, \Sigma)$$

- **E-Step** Take the expectation w.r.t. to the posterior distribution

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \mathbb{E}_{z|\theta^{old}}[\ln p(X, Z|\theta)]$$

- **M-Step** Then maximize w.r.t. to the parameters  $\theta$

- Take the the derivative of parameter and solve for it equal to 0
- $\theta = \{A, C, \mu_0, \Gamma, \Sigma, V_0\}$

## Learning with EM: E-Step

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- Take the expectation w.r.t. to the posterior distribution

$$\mathbb{E}_{z|\theta}[\ln p(X, Z|\theta)]$$

- Depends on the following quantities (We don't know these yet?)

- $\mathbb{E}[z_n] = \hat{\mu}_n$ ,
- $\mathbb{E}[z_n z_{n-1}^T] = J_{n-1} \hat{V}_n + \hat{\mu}_n \hat{\mu}_{n-1}^T$
- $\mathbb{E}[z_n z_n^T] = \hat{V}_n + \hat{\mu}_n \hat{\mu}_n^T$

**Find them with local posterior distributions**

*Find the marginal posterior distribution of the latent variables*

$$\gamma(z_n) = p(z_n|X, \theta_t)$$

*Joint posterior distribution of successive latent variables*

$$\xi(z_n, z_{n-1}) = p(z_n, z_{n-1}|X, \theta_t)$$

## E-Step: Marginal Posteriors

- Does this look familiar?

$$p(z_n|X) = \gamma(z_n) = \frac{p(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_n)p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N|z_n)}{p(X)}$$

- Forward and backward recursions (can find sum-product equivalent)

$$= \frac{\alpha(z_n)\beta(z_n)}{p(X)}$$

where  $\alpha(z_n) = p(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_n)$  and  $\beta(z_n) = p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N|z_n)$

Kalman Filter (we know this!)

Kalman Smoother (find this)

## E-Step: Backward Recursion

$$\gamma(z_n) = \frac{\alpha(z_n)\beta(z_n)}{p(X)} = \hat{\alpha}(z_n)\hat{\beta}(z_n) = N(z_n|\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{V}_n)$$

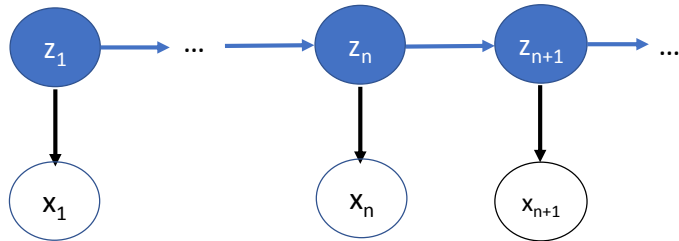
- $\gamma(z_n)$  must be Gaussian since it is the products of Gaussians
- Formulation difference between HMM  $\alpha - \beta$  and LDS  $\alpha - \gamma$ 
  - They are equivalent in their result
  - $\alpha - \gamma$  requires  $\alpha$  is performed first
- What role does this play in a real-time prediction?
  - This is needed to learn the parameters,  $\theta$ , that are used when applying forward recursions



## E-Step: Backward Recursion

1. First derive the backward recursive equation,  $\beta(z_n)$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(z_n) &= p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N | z_n) \\ &= \int p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N, z_{n+1} | z_n) dz_{n+1} \\ &= \int p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N | z_{n+1}) p(z_{n+1} | z_n) dz_{n+1} \\ &= \int p(x_{n+2}, \dots, x_N | z_{n+1}) p(x_{n+1} | z_{n+1}) p(z_{n+1} | z_n) dz_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$



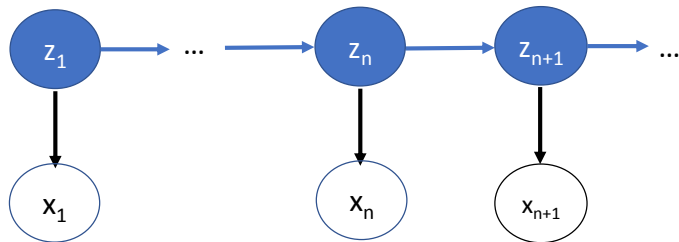
## E-Step: Backward Recursion

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$$\begin{aligned}&= \int p(x_{n+2}, \dots, x_N | z_{n+1}) p(x_{n+1} | z_{n+1}) p(z_{n+1} | z_n) dz_{n+1} \\ &= \int \beta(z_{n+1}) p(x_{n+1} | z_{n+1}) p(z_{n+1} | z_n) dz_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

- Similarly apply the next scaling factor to  $\hat{\beta}(z_n)$

$$c_{n+1} \hat{\beta}(z_n) = \int \hat{\beta}(z_{n+1}) p(x_{n+1} | z_{n+1}) p(z_{n+1} | z_n) dz_{n+1}$$



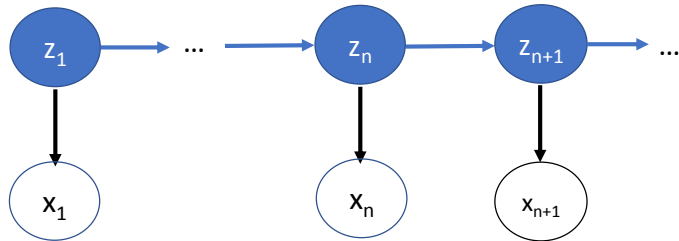
## E-Step: Backward Recursion

2. Change it into a problem defined by  $\gamma(z_n)$  by multiplying  $\hat{\alpha}(z_n)$  on both sides

- $c_{n+1} \hat{\alpha}(z_n) \hat{\beta}(z_n) = \hat{\alpha}(z_n) \int \hat{\beta}(z_{n+1}) p(x_{n+1}|z_{n+1}) p(z_{n+1}|z_n) dz_{n+1}$

$$\beta(z_n) = p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N | z_n)$$

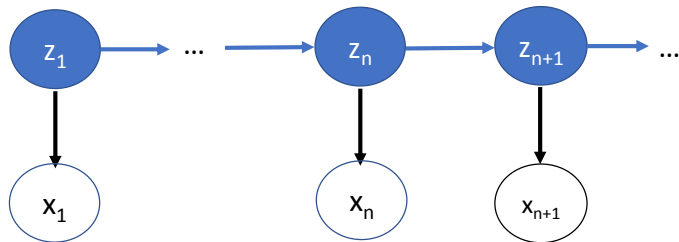
$$\alpha(z_n) = p(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_n)$$



## E-Step: Backward Recursion

3. Substituting  $\hat{\alpha}(z_{n+1})$  for  $\hat{\beta}(z_{n+1})$  and applying the same Gaussian conditioning as with forward recursion we get

- $\hat{\mu}_n = \mu_n + J_n(\hat{\mu}_{n+1} - A\mu_n)$ ,  $\hat{V}_n = V_n + J_n(\hat{V}_{n+1} - P_n)J_n^T$
- Where  $J_n^T = V_n A^T (P_n)^{-1}$



## E-Step: Joint Pairwise Posterior Distributions

$$\xi(z_n, z_{n-1}) = p(z_n, z_{n-1}|X)$$

$$\xi(z_n, z_{n-1}) = (c_n)^{-1} \hat{\alpha}(z_{n-1}) p(x_n|z_n) p(z_n|z_{n-1}) \hat{\beta}(z_n)$$

- Inserting the Conditional Distributions, and substituting  $\hat{y}(z_n)$  for  $\hat{\beta}(z_n)$

$$\xi(z_n, z_{n-1}) = N(z_{n-1}|\mu_{n-1}, V_{n-1}) N(z_n|Az_{n-1}, \Gamma) N(x_n|Cz_n, \Sigma) \frac{N(z_n|\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{V}_n)}{c_n N(z_n|u_n, V_n)}$$

Similar to **forward/backward recursion**, solve through the rule of Gaussian conditioning

$$\mu[z_n, z_{n-1}] = \hat{\mu}_n \hat{\mu}_{n-1}^T, \text{cov}[z_n, z_{n-1}] = J_{n-1} \hat{V}_n$$

## Learning with EM

- Consider the complete-data log likelihood function

$$\ln p(X, Z|\theta) = \ln p(z_1|\mu_0, V_0) + \sum_{n=2}^N \ln p(z_n|z_{n-1}, A, \Gamma) + \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(x_n|z_n, C, \Sigma)$$

- **E-Step** Take the expectation w.r.t. to the posterior distribution

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \mathbb{E}_{z|\theta^{old}}[\ln p(X, Z|\theta)]$$

- **M-Step** Then maximize w.r.t. to the parameters  $\theta$

- Take the the derivative of parameter and solve for it equal to 0
- $\theta = \{A, C, \mu_0, \Gamma, \Sigma, V_0\}$

## M-Step: Initial State $\mu_0, V_0$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \mathbb{E}_{z|\theta^{old}}[\ln p(z_1 | \mu_0, V_0)]$$

- Expanding the distribution of  $p(z_1 | \mu_0, V_0)$  and pushing in the expectation

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln |V_0| - \mathbb{E}_{z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (z_1 - \mu_0)^T V_0^{-1} (z_1 - \mu_0) \right] + const$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \sigma_0} = (\mathbb{E}[z_1] - \mu_0) V_0^{-1} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial V_0^{-1}} = \frac{1}{2} V_0 - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{E}[z_1 z_1^T] - \mathbb{E}[z_1] \mu_0^T - \mu_0 \mathbb{E}[z_1]^T + \mu_0 \mu_0^T)$$

$$\mu_0^{new} = \mathbb{E}[z_1] \quad V_0^{new} = \mathbb{E}[z_1 z_1^T] - \mathbb{E}[z_1] \mathbb{E}[z_1]^T$$

## M-Step: Transitions $A, \Gamma$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \mathbb{E}_{z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^N \ln p(z_n | z_{n-1}, A, \Gamma) \right]$$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = -\frac{N-1}{2} \ln |\Gamma| - \mathbb{E}_{z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^n (z_n - A z_{n-1})^T \Gamma^{-1} (z_n - A z_{n-1}) \right] + const$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial A} = -\sum_{n=2}^N \Gamma^{-1} \mathbb{E}[z_n z_{n-1}^T] + \sum_{n=2}^N \Gamma^{-1} A \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_{n-1}^T] = 0$$

$$A^{New} = (\sum_{n=2}^N \mathbb{E}[z_n z_{n-1}^T]) (\sum_{n=2}^N \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_{n-1}^T])^{-1}$$

## M-Step: Transitions A, $\Gamma$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \mathbb{E}_{Z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^N \ln p(z_n | z_{n-1}, A, \Gamma) \right]$$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = -\frac{N-1}{2} \ln |\Gamma| - \mathbb{E}_{Z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^n (z_n - Az_{n-1})^T \Gamma^{-1} (z_n - Az_{n-1}) \right] + const$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \Gamma} = \frac{N-1}{2} \Gamma - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^N (\mathbb{E}[z_n z_n^T] - A \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_n^T] - \mathbb{E}[z_n z_{n-1}^T] A^T + A \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_{n-1}^T] A^T) = 0$$

$$\Gamma^{New} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=2}^N \{ \mathbb{E}[z_n z_n^T] - A \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_n^T] - \mathbb{E}[z_n z_{n-1}^T] A^T + A \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_{n-1}^T] A^T \}$$

## M-Step: Emissions C, $\Sigma$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \mathbb{E}_{Z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(x_n | z_n, C, \Gamma) \right]$$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = -\frac{N-1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \mathbb{E}_{Z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^n (x_n - Cz_n)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_n - Cz_n) \right] + const$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial C} = - \sum_{n=1}^N \Sigma^{-1} x_n \mathbb{E}[z_n]^T + \sum_{n=1}^N \Sigma^{-1} C \mathbb{E}[z_n z_n^T] = 0$$

$$C^{New} = (\sum_{n=1}^N x_n \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1}^T]) (\mathbb{E}[z_n z_n^T])^{-1}$$

## M-Step: Emissions $C$ , $\Sigma$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \mathbb{E}_{Z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(z_n | z_{n-1}, C, \Sigma) \right]$$

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = -\frac{N-1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \mathbb{E}_{Z|\theta^{old}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^n (x_n - Cz_n)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_n - Cz_n) \right] + const$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial C} = \frac{N-1}{2} C - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^N (x_n x_n^T - C \mathbb{E}[z_n] x_n^T - x_n^T \mathbb{E}[z_n^T] C + C \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_{n-1}^T] C^T) = 0$$

$$\Sigma^{New} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=2}^N \{x_n x_n^T - C \mathbb{E}[z_n] x_n^T - x_n^T \mathbb{E}[z_n^T] C + C \mathbb{E}[z_{n-1} z_{n-1}^T] C^T\}$$

## Evaluating the Model Likelihood

- The model parameters can be evaluated based on the following likelihood function

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{n=1}^N c_n, \text{ where } c_n = p(x_n | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_n = \frac{\alpha_n}{p(x_n | x_1, \dots, x_n)}$$

- Continue updating the parameters until some threshold of likelihood gain is achieved

## What is left to discuss?

- ~~What tasks are appropriate for LDS?~~
- ~~Formalization of LDS parameters,  $\theta$~~
- ~~Inferencing and Prediction in LDS~~
- ~~Learning with EM~~
  - ~~M-Step: Maximizing the parameters,  $\theta$~~
  - ~~E-Step: Evaluation of local posteriors~~
- **Applications of LDS**
- **LDS Packages**

## LDS Extensions

- **Learning Stable Linear Dynamical Systems (Boots)**
  - Parameters are not guaranteed to converge in LDS
  - Given a long set of sequences this can be a problem
  - Provide a parameter constraint that forces the largest eigenvector to be equal to 1 at each EM step
- **Learning Linear Dynamical Systems from Multivariate Time Series: A Matrix Factorization Based Framework (Liu, Hauskrecht)**
  - Parameters are learned through a sequence of matrix factorizations (*instead of EM*)

## Applications

- Polyphonic Sound Event Tracking Using Linear Dynamical Systems (Benetos, Lafay, Lagrange, Plumbley)
  - Tracking overlapping sound events
  - 4D spectral template dictionary of frequency
    - Dictionary of frequency, sound event class, exemplar inc sound state
  - Estimation of distinguishing office sounds

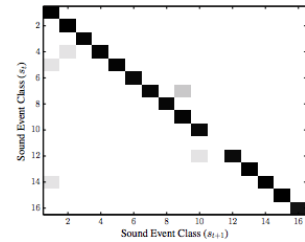


Fig. 4. The LDS transition matrix  $A$  trained on sequences of office sounds. Sound class indices 1-16 are listed in subsection IV-A.

## Python Packages

- Pylds – supports linear Gaussian state dynamics
  - <https://github.com/mattij/pylds>
  - Message passing code in Cython
  - Uses BLAS and LAPACK routines linked to the scipy build
  - Supports linear Gaussian state dynamics



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- Some additional slides related to expectation
  - These focus on conditioning Gaussians by using partition matrices (which is discussed in Chapter 2 of Bishop)

## Expectation – $\alpha(z_n)$ Forward Recursion

### Inserting the Conditional Distributions

$$c_n N(z_n | \mu_n, V_n) = N(x_n | C z_n, \Sigma) \int N(z_n | A z_{n-1}, \Gamma) N(z_{n-1} | \mu_{n-1}, V_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$$

- $\mu_{n-1}, V_{n-1}$  are known values from the last time step
- Want to find parameters  $\mu_n, V_n,$  and  $c_n,$  the parameters of the posterior marginal distribution

## Gaussian Conditioning and Affine Transformations

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- Given  $p(x) = N(x|\mu_x, V_x), p(y|x) = N(y|A\mu_x, V_y)$
- The Gaussian random vector can be partitioned
- $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} m_x \\ Am_x \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_x A^T \\ AV_x & AV_x A^T + V_y \end{bmatrix}\right)$
- Covariance partitioning is of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{yx} \\ \Sigma_{yx} & \Sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$
- Solving for  $p(y), p(x|y)$  with an Affine transformation, where  $p(x)p(y|x) = p(x|y)p(y)$

## Gaussian Conditioning and Affine Transformations

- Solving for  $p(y), p(x|y)$  with an Affine transformation  
 $p(y) = N(Am_x, AV_x A^T + V_y)$  this being  $\Sigma_{yy}$   
 $p(x|y) = N(m_x + K(y - Am_x), (I - KA)V_x)$  this being  $\Sigma_{xx}$   
 where  $K = V_x A^T (AV_x A^T + V_y)^{-1}$ , or  $K = \Sigma_{yx} \Sigma_{yy}^{-1}$

**We will employ this same strategy twice to solve for  $\mu_n, V_n$ , and  $c_n$**

## Expectation – $\alpha(z_n)$ Forward Recursion

Evaluating the integral:  $\int N(z_n | Az_{n-1}, \Gamma) N(z_{n-1} | \mu_{n-1}, V_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} z_{n-1} \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_{n-1} \\ A\mu_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} V_{n-1} & V_{n-1}A^T \\ AV_{n-1} & AV_{n-1}A^T + \Gamma \end{bmatrix}\right)$

$\int p(z_{n-1} | z_n) p(z_n) dz_{n-1}$   
 $\int N(z_n | A\mu_{n-1}, P_{n-1}) N(z_{n-1} | K(z_n - A\mu_{n-1}), (I - KA)V_{n-1}) dz_{n-1}$   
 where  $P_{n-1} = AV_{n-1}A^T + \Gamma$

**After integration**

$N(z_n | A\mu_{n-1}, P_{n-1})$

**Note:** the mean and variance of the prior step has been passed forward

## Expectation – $\alpha(z_n)$ Forward Recursion

**Evaluating:**  $N(x_n | Cz_n, \Sigma) N(z_{n-1} | \mu_{n-1}, V_{n-1})$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} z_n \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A\mu_{n-1} \\ CA\mu_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} P_{n-1} & P_{n-1}C^T \\ CP_{n-1} & CP_{n-1}C^T + \Sigma \end{bmatrix}\right)$

$$c_n \hat{\alpha}_n = p(x_n) p(z_n | x_n)$$

$N(z_n | CA\mu_{n-1}, CP_{n-1}C^T + \Sigma)$

$N(z_n | A\mu_{n-1} + K(x_n - CA\mu_{n-1}), (I - K_n C)P_{n-1})$

where  $K = CP_{n-1}(CP_{n-1}C^T + \Sigma)^{-1}$ , or the Kalman Gain Matrix