# Short Course on Statistics and Uncertainty Part V

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## Topics

- Sequential methods for data conditioning
- State space models
- Bayesian filtering
- Kalman filter, ensemble Kalman filter

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## Model and inversion



Model for  $\boldsymbol{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{y}$  is

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$$

For the analysis, the main interest is in the conditional  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$ .

## Bayes rule

p(x) from a priori knowledge, p(y|x) from data acquisition. Bayes' rule gives the posterior:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = rac{p(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{y})}$$

#### Inversion of multiple data



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## Inversion of multiple data

Model for  $\boldsymbol{x}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{y}_1$  and  $\boldsymbol{y}_2$  is

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2) = p(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{x})$$

 $p(\mathbf{x})$  from a priori knowledge,  $p(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 | \mathbf{x})$  from data acquisition. Bayes' rule gives the posterior:

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{x})}{p(\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2)} \propto p(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{x})$$

## Conditional independence

$$p(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 | \mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{y}_2 | \mathbf{x})$$

Bayes' rule gives the posterior:

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y}_1|\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{x})}{p(\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2)} \propto p(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y}_1|\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{x})$$

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## Sequential Bayesian inversion

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}_1)p(\boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{x})}{p(\boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{y}_1)} \propto p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}_1)p(\boldsymbol{y}_2|\boldsymbol{x})$$

Generalization,  $t = 1, \ldots, T$  data sources:

$$p(\pmb{x}|\pmb{y}_1,\ldots,\pmb{y}_t) \propto p(\pmb{x}|\pmb{y}_1,\ldots,\pmb{y}_{t-1})p(\pmb{y}_t|\pmb{x})$$

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This is often called sequential updating or data assimilation.

## Approaches for sequential Bayesian inversion

- Monte Carlo samples from p(x|y<sub>1</sub>,..., y<sub>t-1</sub>) are updated or re-weighted to get samples from p(x|y<sub>1</sub>,..., y<sub>t</sub>).
- ► Closed form solution for  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) \propto p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1})p(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{x})$ . Gaussian-linear situation, or a discrete set of classes for  $\mathbf{x}$ .

## Example of sequential assimilation of multiple data

- Seismic experiment with 50 receiver depths in well and 1 source on surface (known locations).
- Use traveltime data to predict slowness in the subsurface.



#### Example with traveltime data

- Traveltime =  $\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Velocity}}$  = Distance · Slowness.
- Assimilate traveltime data  $y_1, \ldots, y_{50}$  sequentially.
- Predict distribution for slowness. Initial slowness ensembles from prior model p(x), x = (x<sub>1</sub>,...,x<sub>100</sub>).



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## Example : Inversion after 10, 30 and 50 steps



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# State space models

- Variable x<sub>t</sub> can change with index t. Index t is often time, but could be along a road, along a well, etc.
- We have a model for how x<sub>t</sub> change with time (often assuming dependence only on the previous time).
- We have a model for how data y<sub>t</sub> relates to x<sub>t</sub> (often assuming conditional independence in the data).

## A Common Type of State space model

Conditional independence in process (state) model:

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}_t | \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{y}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{y}_{t-1}) = p(\boldsymbol{x}_t | \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1})$$

Conditional independence in measurement model:

$$p(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{y}_1,...,\mathbf{y}_{t-1},\mathbf{x}_t,...,\mathbf{x}_1) = p(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{x}_t)$$

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# Filtering and Prediction

Filtering goal:

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}_t|\boldsymbol{y}_1,...,\boldsymbol{y}_t)$$

Prediction goal s > t:

 $p(\pmb{x}_s|\pmb{y}_1,...,\pmb{y}_t)$ 

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# One step prediction



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# Predict



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# Predict



## Prediction, filtering and smoothing

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t)}{p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_1)}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_T), \quad p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_T)$$

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Exact closed-form solutions:

- Discrete state space models (Markov chain)
- Gaussian linear models (Kalman filter, smoother)

Not so easy for other models. Need Monte Carlo methods.

## Special case: Linear Gaussian model assumptions

Conditional independence in process (state) model:

$$oldsymbol{x}_t | oldsymbol{x}_{t-1} \sim N(oldsymbol{F}_t oldsymbol{x}_{t-1}, oldsymbol{Q}_t)$$

Simplest setting (static model):  $\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$ 

Conditional independence in measurement model:

$$m{y}_t | m{x}_t \sim N(m{G}_t m{x}_t, m{R}_t)$$

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# Kalman filter

Elegant form for building the Gaussian distribution for prediction and filtering/analysis/assimilation:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$
$$\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1} \sim N(\mu_{t|t-1}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_{t|t-1})$$
$$\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_t \sim N(\mu_{t|t}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_{t|t})$$

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## Kalman filter : Prediction step

With linear expectation and Gaussian additive noise, the models remain Gaussian. Need mean and covariance.  $\delta_t \sim N(0, \boldsymbol{Q}_t)$ 

$$\mu_{t|t-1} = E(F_t x_{t-1} + \delta_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) = F_t \mu_{t-1|t-1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} = \mathsf{Var}(\boldsymbol{F}_t \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\delta}_t | \boldsymbol{y}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{y}_{t-1}) = \boldsymbol{F}_t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t-1|t-1} \boldsymbol{F}_t^{\mathsf{T}} + \boldsymbol{Q}_t$$

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#### Kalman filter update : Joint Gaussian

 $p(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t-1})$  is joint Gaussian

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_t \\ \mathbf{y}_t \end{pmatrix} | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t|t-1} \\ \boldsymbol{G}_t \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t|t-1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} \boldsymbol{G}_t^T \\ \boldsymbol{G}_t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} & \boldsymbol{G}_t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} \boldsymbol{G}_t^T + \boldsymbol{R}_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\boldsymbol{x}_t|\boldsymbol{y}_t,\boldsymbol{y}_{t-1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{y}_1] \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{t|t-1} + \boldsymbol{K}_t(\boldsymbol{y}_t - \boldsymbol{G}_t \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t|t-1}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} - \boldsymbol{K}_t \boldsymbol{G}_t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1})$$

$$\boldsymbol{K}_t = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} \boldsymbol{G}_t^T [\boldsymbol{G}_t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t|t-1} \boldsymbol{G}_t^T + \boldsymbol{R}_t]^{-1}$$

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## Example from Target Tracking

- ► A submarine measures the bearing to a target (frigate).
- From bearings-only data, it attempts to track the frigate.



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## Example from Target Tracking : Model

Position of frigate:  $\mathbf{x}_t = (\text{North}_t, \text{East}_t, \text{NorthVelocity}_t, \text{EastVelocity}_t)'$ .  $\mathbf{x}_1 \sim N(0, \mathbf{Q}_0)$ . Dynamical model:

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \delta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_t + \boldsymbol{v}_t, \boldsymbol{v}_t \sim N(0, \boldsymbol{Q})$$

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Data equation:  $y_t = \arctan \frac{\text{North}_t - \text{North} \text{SUB}_t}{\text{East}_t - \text{East} \text{SUB}_t} + w_t$ ,  $w_t \sim N(0, r^2)$ 

# Example from Target Tracking : Filtering distribution

The nonlinear equation model is linearized in the solution - Extended Kalman filter.

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Filtering density  $p(\mathbf{x}_t | y_1, \dots, y_t)$  is approximate Gaussian.

## Example from Target Tracking : Results



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# Monte Carlo sampling for filtering

Common sequential Monte Carlo methods:

- Particle filtering : re-weighting of realizations based on data-match. Pros: exact in the asymptotic limit. Cons: challenging to make it work for high-dimensional methods.
- Ensemble Kalman filtering : moves realizations based on correlations with data. Pros: often works well in high-dimensional systems. Cons: no guarantee of performance, even in the number of ensembles go to infinity.

# Ensemble Kalman filter approach

- Method for highly nonlinear dynamical models or measurements models.
- The forward models are black-box models. (No explicit form.)
- Using Monte Carlo realizations to represent probability distribution.
- The updating of ensembles is based on correlations between state variables and data.

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#### Ensemble-based Kalman approximation

- Ensemble size *B*. Repeat for t = 2, ..., N
- ▶  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^{b}$ , b = 1, ..., B approximately from  $p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_{t-1})$ .
- Predictive realizations  $\mathbf{x}_t^b = f(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^b; \boldsymbol{\delta}_t), \ b = 1, \dots, B.$
- ▶ Predictive data  $\boldsymbol{y}_t^b = \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}_t^b) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, \ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t \sim N(0, \boldsymbol{R}_t).$
- ► Kalman weight matrix  $\hat{\boldsymbol{K}}_t = \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{xy,t} \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{yy,t} + \boldsymbol{R}_t \right)^{-1}$  determined empirically from forecast ensembles  $(\boldsymbol{x}_t^b, \boldsymbol{y}_t^b), b = 1, \dots, B$ .
- Kalman update of bth ensemble member at step t

$$\boldsymbol{x}_t^b = \boldsymbol{x}_t^b + \hat{\boldsymbol{K}}_t(\boldsymbol{y}_t - \boldsymbol{y}_t^b)$$

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#### Univariate example - forecast samples

$$x^{b} \sim p(x), \quad y^{b} = x^{b} + N(0, 5^{2})$$



## Univariate example - regression fit



# Univariate example - observation y = 9.

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#### Univariate example - analysis or update step



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# Univariate example - prior and posterior



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# Geologic process models

Differential equation for sedimentation, corrected with data.

- Start with initial surface  $z_0^0$  at time  $t_0$
- Surface will "diffuse" to yield new top surface  $z_1^1$  at time  $t_1$
- Elevation of surface j at time  $t_k$  is  $z_j^k$  for j = 1, ..., k



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Sea level parameter - constant:  $heta(t)= heta_{0}, \ t_{\mathsf{start}}\leq t\leq t_{\mathsf{end}}$ 



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## Reservoir simulation example



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Repeated seismic data assimilation.

# EnKF approximation

- Generate B realizations of porosities, permeabilities and initial saturation. Repeat the following over time:
- Forecast saturations with fluid flow simulator, for all realizations.
- Forecast seismic data for all realizations, using geophysical relations.
- Use forecast reservoir variables and seismic data to train the Kalman gain.

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 Update ensemble members using the Kalman update and the observed seismic response.

# Reservoir example results (standard and localized version)



## Course summary

- Statistical models and concepts
- Statistical dependence and graphical models
- Linear Bayesian inversion
- Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling.
- State space models and Bayesian filtering.

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