

# Stat 535 C - Statistical Computing & Monte Carlo Methods

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## 1.1– Outline

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- Sequential Importance Sampling Resampling for Optimal Filtering.
- Limitations and Generalizations.
- Examples.

## 2.1– Nonlinear non-Gaussian State-space models

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- Nonlinear non-Gaussian state-space model

$$X_1 \sim \mu, \quad X_k | (X_{k-1} = x_{k-1}) \sim f(\cdot | x_{k-1}),$$

$$Y_k | (X_k = x_k) \sim g(\cdot | x_k).$$

- We are interested in the sequence of posterior distributions

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) &\propto p(x_{1:n}) p(y_{1:n} | x_{1:n}) \\ &= \underbrace{\mu(x_1) \prod_{k=2}^n f(x_k | x_{k-1})}_{\text{prior}} \underbrace{\prod_{k=1}^n g(y_k | x_k)}_{\text{likelihood}}. \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2– Sequential Importance Sampling Resampling

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• At time  $n$

• Sample  $X_n^{(i)} \sim q_n \left( x_n | y_n, X_{n-1}^{(i)} \right)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

• Compute the weights

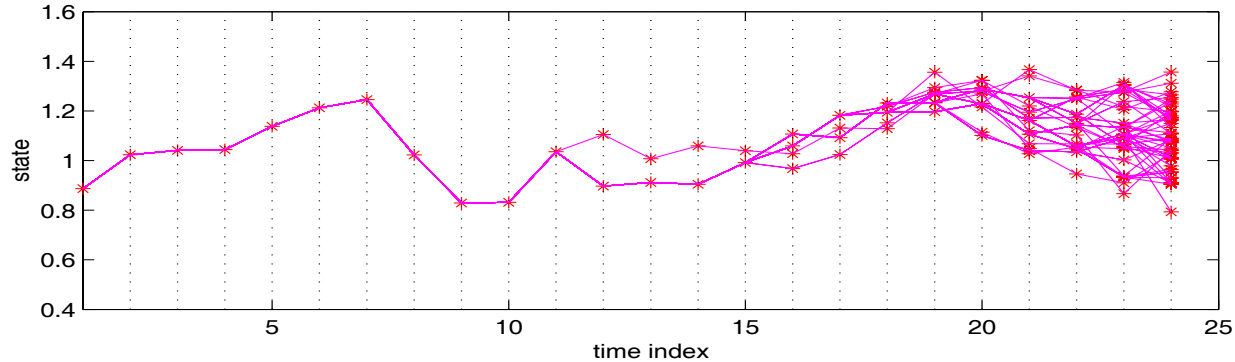
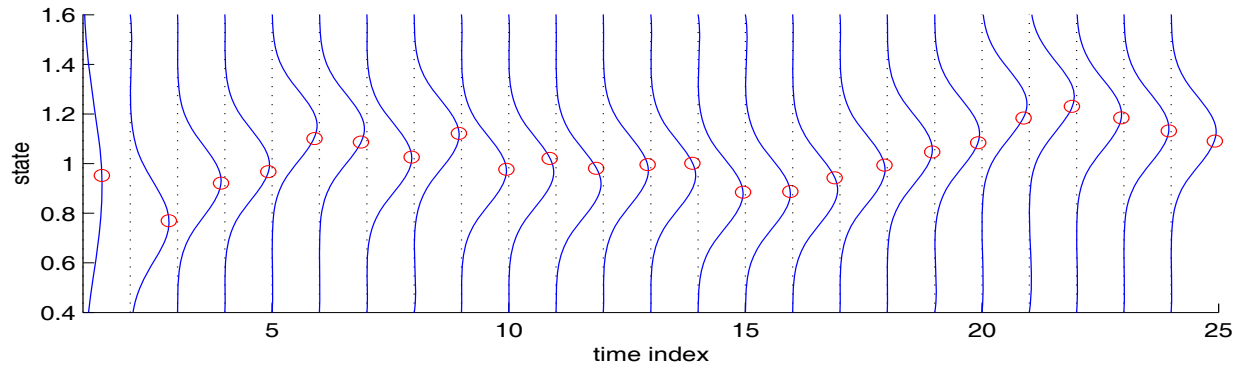
$$\begin{aligned} W_n^{(i)} &\propto W_{n-1}^{(i)} \frac{p \left( X_{1:n}^{(i)} | y_{1:n}^{(i)} \right)}{p \left( X_{n-1}^{(i)} | y_{1:n-1}^{(i)} \right) q_n \left( X_n^{(i)} | y_n, X_{n-1}^{(i)} \right)} \\ &\propto W_{n-1}^{(i)} \frac{f \left( X_n^{(i)} | X_{n-1}^{(i)} \right) g \left( y_n | X_n^{(i)} \right)}{q_n \left( X_n^{(i)} | y_n, X_{n-1}^{(i)} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

• If the variation of the weights is high, resample the particles

$\left\{ X_{1:n}^{(i)}, W_n^{(i)} \right\}$  to obtain a new population  $\left\{ X_{1:n}^{(i)}, 1/N \right\}$ .

## 2.2– Sequential Importance Sampling Resampling

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Particle Approximation of  $p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n})$ . All the paths  $X_{1:n}^{(i)}$  at time  $n = 24$  have coalesce and  $p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n})$  is approximated using one single Delta mass.

## 2.2– Sequential Importance Sampling Resampling

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- You can only expect to approximate the “most recent” marginals  $p(x_{n-L+1:n} | y_{1:n})$  but NOT the joint distributions  $p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n})$  if the model has “mixing” properties, i.e. past errors are forgotten quickly.
- This seems rather limited but in most real-world applications we are only interested in the so-called filtering distribution  $p(x_n | y_{1:n})$  and we can also use the following property to estimate smoothing distributions

$$p(x_k | y_{1:n}) \simeq p(x_k | y_{1:k+L})$$

if the system has ergodic properties. Finally we have

$$p(y_{1:n}) = p(y_1) \prod_{k=2}^n p(y_k | y_{1:k-1})$$

where

$$p(y_k | y_{1:k-1}) = \int g(y_k | x_k) p(x_k | y_{1:k-1}) dx_k.$$

## 2.3– A Nonlinear Example

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$$X_{n+1} = \frac{X_n}{2} + 25 \frac{X_n}{1+X_n^2} + 8 \cos(1.2n) + \sigma_v V_{n+1} = \varphi(X_n) + V_{n+1}, \quad V_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 10).$$

$$Y_n = \frac{X_n^2}{20} + \sigma_w W_n = \Psi(X_n) + \sigma_w W_n, \quad W_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

- Sampling from prior  $\rightsquigarrow$  “Disastrous” as  $\sigma_v$  large/ $\sigma_w$  small and impossible to sample from  $p(x_n | x_{n-1}, y_n)$ .

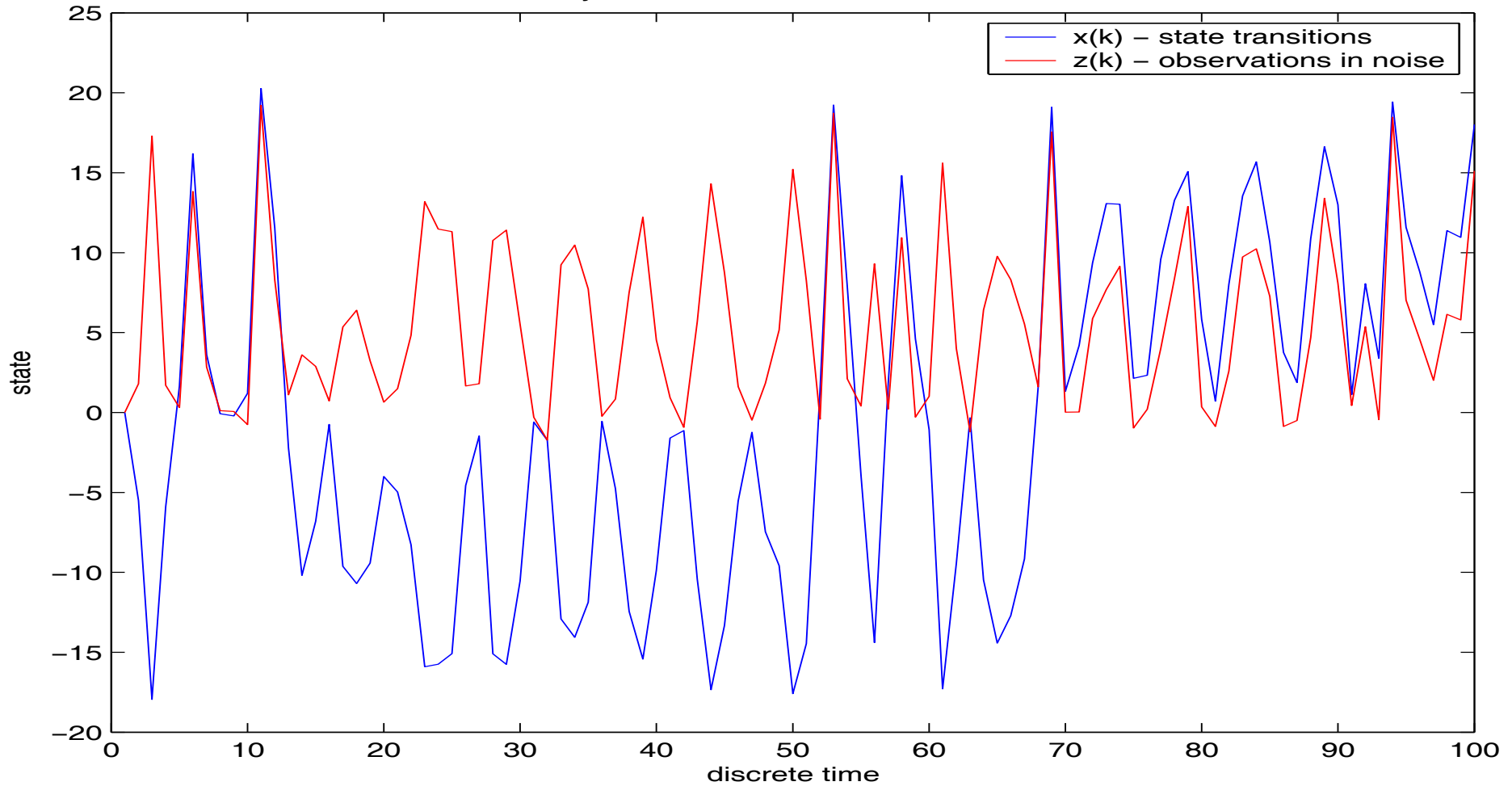
- Local linearization

$$Y_n \approx \Psi(\varphi(X_{n-1})) + \nabla \Psi(\varphi(X_{n-1})) (X_n - \varphi(X_{n-1})) + \sigma_w W_n$$

$\Rightarrow$  Now in the form with linear observation...

## 2.3– A Nonlinear Example

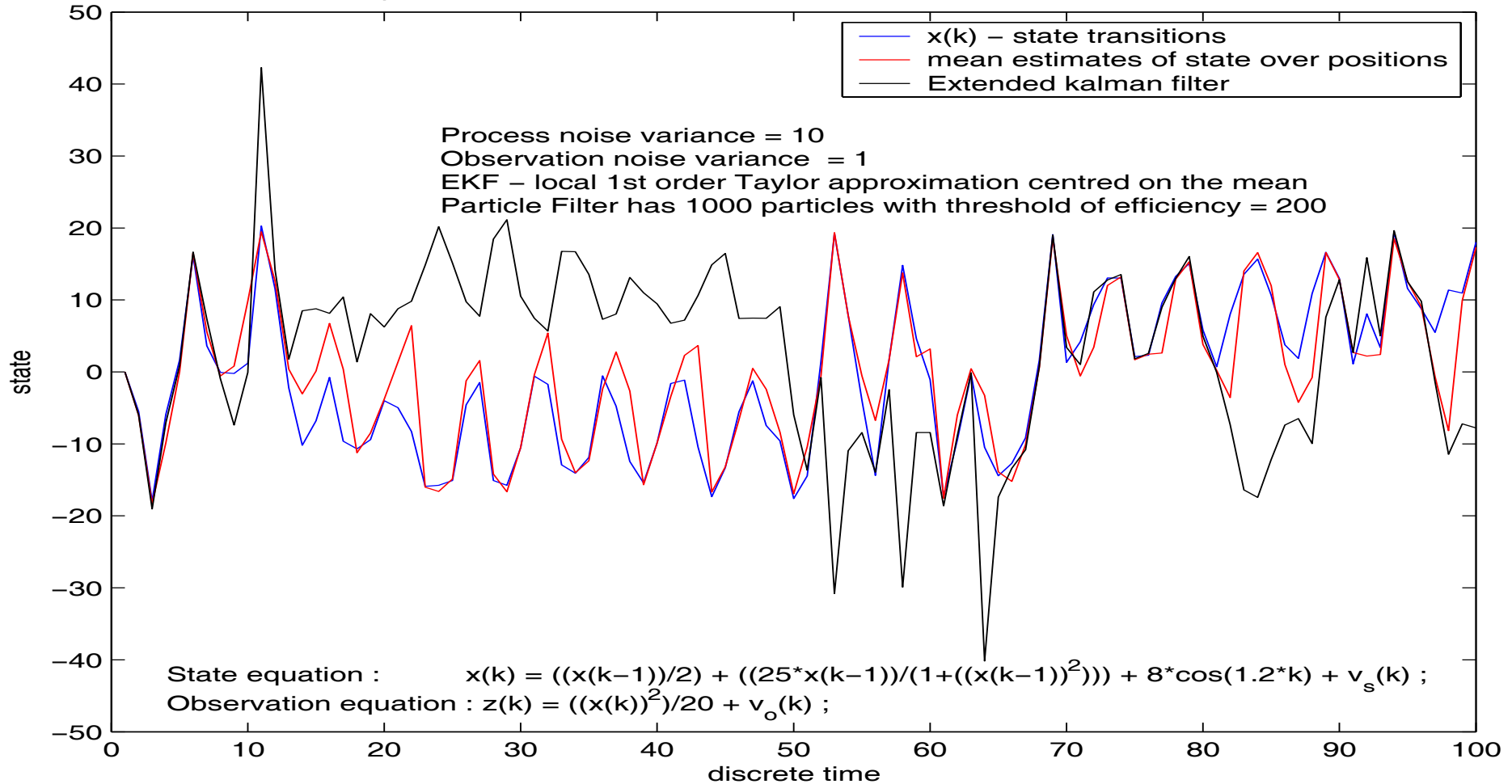
Non-Linear system Observations and true state transitions





## 2.3– A Nonlinear Example

Comparison of actual state / EKF estimate / Particle Filter Estimate



## 3.1– Towards General SMC Methods

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- The SMC approach can be extended to any sequence of target distributions

$$\pi_n(x_{1:n}) = \frac{\gamma_n(x_{1:n})}{Z_n}.$$

- In particular, we do not require the target distribution to satisfy

$$\pi_n(x_{1:n}) \propto \mu(x_1) \prod_{k=2}^n f(x_k | x_{k-1}) \prod_{k=1}^n g(y_k | x_k).$$

- The only requirement here is that

$$\pi_n(x_{1:n-1}) > 0 \Rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) > 0,$$

i.e. we can use  $\pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1})$  to approximate  $\pi_n(x_{1:n-1})$ .

## 3.2– Conditionally Linear Gaussian State-Space Models

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- As an example consider a switching state-space model

$$Z_n = A(X_n) Z_{n-1} + B(X_n) V_n, \quad Z_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_0), \quad V_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

$$Y_n = C(X_n) Z_n + D(X_n) W_n, \quad W_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

where  $X_n$  is an unobserved Markov process

$$X_1 \sim \mu, \quad X_n | X_{n-1} = x \sim f(\cdot | x).$$

- Ubiquitous class of models in CS, engineering, statistics and economics.

## 3.2– Conditionally Linear Gaussian State-Space Models

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- *Finite Markov chain in colored & white noises (ion channel):*  $X_n$  finite Markov chain

$$Z_n = AZ_{n-1} + BV_n, Y_n = Z_n + X_n + W_n$$

- *Flat fading channels (comms):*  $X_n$  finite Markov chain

$$Z_n = AZ_{n-1} + BV_n, Y_n = Z_n X_n + W_n$$

## 3.2– Conditionally Linear Gaussian State-Space Models

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- *Time Varying autoregressions in noise* (speech denoising)

$$X_n = X_{n-1} + E_n,$$

$$Z_n = A(X_n) Z_{n-1} + B(X_n) V_n,$$

$$Y_n = Y_{n-L+1:n}^T Z_n + W_n.$$

## 3.2– Conditionally Linear Gaussian State-Space Models

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- We could estimate using SMC

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{1:n}, z_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) &\propto p(x_{1:n}) p(z_{1:n} | x_{1:n}) p(y_{1:n} | x_{1:n}, z_{1:n}) \\ &= \mu(x_1) \prod_{k=2}^n f(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(z_1) \prod_{k=2}^n \mathcal{N}(z_n; A(x_n) z_{n-1}, B(x_n) B^T(x_n)) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{k=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_n; C(x_n) z_n, D(x_n) D^T(x_n)) \end{aligned}$$

- This fits in the framework discussed previously:  $\{X_n, Z_n\}$  is a Markov process and the observations  $\{Y_n\}$  are conditionally independent given  $\{X_n, Z_n\}$ .

### 3.3– Variance reduction via Rao-Blackwellisation

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- However, conditional upon  $\{X_n\}$  the model is linear Gaussian. It follows that we have

$$p(x_{1:n}, z_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) = p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) \underbrace{p(z_{1:n} | y_{1:n}, x_{1:n})}_{\text{Gaussian distribution}}$$

and it is only necessary to estimate through SMC the marginal distribution

$$p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) \propto p(y_{1:n} | x_{1:n}) p(x_{1:n})$$

where the likelihood term is given by the Kalman filter.

- We have  $p(y_{1:n} | x_{1:n}) \neq \prod_{k=1}^n p(y_k | x_k)$  but this does not matter! Additionally we could have also a process  $\{X_n\}$  which is non-Markovian. As long as we can compute the target up to a normalizing constant then we will be able to apply SMC.

## 3.4– Sequential Importance Sampling

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- We can use sequential importance sampling

$$X_{1:n}^{(i)} \sim q_n(x_{1:n})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} q_n(x_{1:n}) &= q_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) q_n(x_n | y_{1:n}, x_{1:n-1}) \\ &= q_1(x_1) \prod_{k=2}^n q_k(x_k | x_{1:k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

- Whether the process is Markov or not does NOT matter whatsoever!



## 3.4– Sequential Importance Sampling

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- We need to compute the weights associated to each particles  $X_{1:n}^{(i)}$ .
- We have

$$\begin{aligned}w_n(x_{1:n}) &= \frac{\gamma_n(x_{1:n})}{q_n(x_{1:n})} \propto \frac{\pi_n(x_{1:n})}{q_n(x_{1:n})} \\ &= \frac{\pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1})}{q_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1})} \frac{\pi_n(x_{1:n})}{\pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) q_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1})} \\ &\propto w_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) \frac{\pi_n(x_{1:n})}{\pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) q_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1})}.\end{aligned}$$

- In many cases, we can compute the incremental weight in a computational time independent of  $n$ . If not the computational complexity increases with  $n$ .

## 3.5– Selection of the Importance Distribution

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- We propose to select the importance distribution minimizing the variance of the incremental importance weight conditional upon  $x_{1:n-1}$ .

- We have

$$\begin{aligned} w_n(x_{1:n}) &\propto w_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) \frac{\pi_n(x_{1:n})}{\pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) q_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1})} \\ &\propto w_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) \frac{\pi_n(x_{1:n-1})}{\pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1})} \frac{\pi_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1})}{q_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1})} \end{aligned}$$

so the (locally) optimal choice is

$$q_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1}) = \pi_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1})$$

## 3.6– Sequential Importance Sampling Resampling

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- At time  $n$

- Sample  $X_n^{(i)} \sim q_n \left( x_n \mid X_{1:n-1}^{(i)} \right)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

- Compute the weights

$$W_n^{(i)} \propto W_{n-1}^{(i)} \frac{\pi_n \left( X_{1:n}^{(i)} \right)}{\pi_{n-1} \left( X_{1:n-1}^{(i)} \right) q_n \left( X_n^{(i)} \mid X_{1:n-1}^{(i)} \right)}$$

- If the variation of the weights is high, resample the particles

$\left\{ X_{1:n}^{(i)}, W_n^{(i)} \right\}$  to obtain a new population  $\left\{ X_{1:n}^{(i)}, 1/N \right\}$ .

## 3.7– Application of SMC to Conditionally Linear Gaussian Models

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- In this case, the target is  $\pi_n(x_{1:n}) = p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n})$  and the optimal importance distribution is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_n(x_n | x_{1:n-1}) &= p(x_n | y_{1:n}, x_{1:n-1}) \\ &\propto p(y_n | y_{1:n-1}, x_{1:n}) f(x_n | x_{n-1})\end{aligned}$$

- For an importance distribution, importance weight proportional to

$$\begin{aligned}w_n(x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}) &\propto \frac{p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n})}{p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) q(x_n | y_{1:n}, x_{1:n-1})} \\ &\propto \frac{p(y_n | y_{1:n-1}, x_{1:n}) f(x_n | x_{n-1})}{q(x_n | y_{1:n}, x_{1:n-1})}.\end{aligned}$$

### 3.8– SISR for conditionally linear Gaussian state space

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At time  $n - 1$ ,  $\left\{ W_{n-1}^{(i)}, X_{1:n-1}^{(i)} \right\}$

- Sampling Step. For  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , sample  $X_n^{(i)} \sim q_n \left( \cdot \mid X_{1:n-1}^{(i)}, y_{1:n} \right)$

$$W_n^{(i)} \propto W_{n-1}^{(i)} \frac{p \left( y_n \mid y_{1:n-1}, X_{1:n}^{(i)} \right) f \left( X_n^{(i)} \mid X_{n-1}^{(i)} \right)}{q \left( X_n^{(i)} \mid y_{1:n}, X_{1:n-1}^{(i)} \right)}$$

- Resampling Step. If variance of weights  $\left\{ W_n^{(i)} \right\}$  high, resample  $\left\{ W_n^{(i)}, X_{1:n}^{(i)} \right\}$

to obtain  $\left\{ N^{-1}, X_{1:n}^{(i)} \right\}$ .

- At first glance, memory requirements increase with  $n$  even if one focusses on  $p \left( X_n \mid y_{1:n} \right)$ .

## 3.9– Application of SMC to Conditionally Linear Gaussian Models

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- At first glance, this algorithm is not practical because we need to keep in memory  $X_{1:n}^{(i)}$  to compute  $w_n(x_{1:n}, y_{1:n})$  and a “good” importance distribution should depend on  $p(y_n | y_{1:n-1}, x_{1:n})$ .

- However, we have

$$p(y_n | y_{1:n-1}, x_{1:n}) = \int g(y_n | z_n, x_n) f(z_n | z_{n-1}) p(z_{n-1} | y_{1:n-1}, x_{1:n-1}) dz_{n-1:n}$$

where  $p(z_{n-1} | y_{1:n-1}, x_{1:n})$  is a Gaussian distribution whose mean  $m_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1})$  and covariance  $\Sigma_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1})$  can be computed by the Kalman filter as the model is conditionally linear Gaussian.

- In practice, we do NOT need to store  $X_{1:n}^{(i)}$  but only  $\left(X_n^{(i)}, m_n\left(X_{1:n}^{(i)}\right), \Sigma_n\left(X_{1:n}^{(i)}\right)\right)$  denoted  $\left(X_n^{(i)}, m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)}\right)$ , i.e.  $\left(X_n^{(i)}, m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)}\right)$  are sufficient statistics summarizing all the information about  $\left(X_{1:n}^{(i)}, y_{1:n}\right)$ .

### 3.10– “Real” Implementation of SISR

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At time  $n - 1$ ,  $\left\{ W_{n-1}^{(i)}, X_{n-1}^{(i)}, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{n-1}^{(i)} \right\}$

- Sampling Step. For  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , sample  $\beta_n^{(i)} \sim q \left( \cdot \mid y_n, X_{n-1}^{(i)}, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{n-1}^{(i)} \right)$

$$W_n^{(i)} \propto W_{n-1}^{(i)} \frac{p \left( y_n \mid X_{n-1}^{(i)}, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{n-1}^{(i)} \right) f \left( X_n^{(i)} \mid X_{n-1}^{(i)} \right)}{q \left( X_n^{(i)} \mid y_n, X_{n-1}^{(i)}, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{n-1}^{(i)} \right)}$$

- Kalman Step. For  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , use the Kalman filter to compute  $\left( m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)} \right)$ .

- Resampling Step. If variance of weights  $\left\{ W_n^{(i)} \right\}$  high, resample  $\left\{ W_n^{(i)}, m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)}, X_n^{(i)} \right\}$

to obtain  $\left\{ N^{-1}, m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)}, X_n^{(i)} \right\}$ .

### 3.10– “Real” Implementation of SISR

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- Computational complexity:  $N$  Kalman filters.

- Inference on  $X_n$  based on  $\hat{p}(x_n | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} \delta_{X_n^{(i)}}(x_n)$ .

- Inference on  $\alpha_n$  based on

$$\hat{p}(z_n | y_{1:n}) = \int p(z_n | y_{1:n}, x_{1:n}) \hat{p}(dx_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} \mathcal{N}(z_n; m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)}).$$

- One has

$$\hat{E}(Z_n | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} m_n^{(i)},$$

$$\widehat{\text{cov}}(Z_n | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} \left( \Sigma_n^{(i)} + m_n^{(i)} m_n^{(i)\text{T}} \right) - \hat{E}(Z_n | y_{1:n}) \hat{E}^{\text{T}}(Z_n | y_{1:n})$$



### 3.11– Applications to Deconvolution of Bernoulli-Gauss Processes

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- Bernoulli-Gauss input sequence for an AR(2) filter

$$V'_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \lambda \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_v^2) + (1 - \lambda) \delta_0, 0 < \lambda < 1$$

- Jump Markov system:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $D = \sigma_w$ ,  $B(1) =$

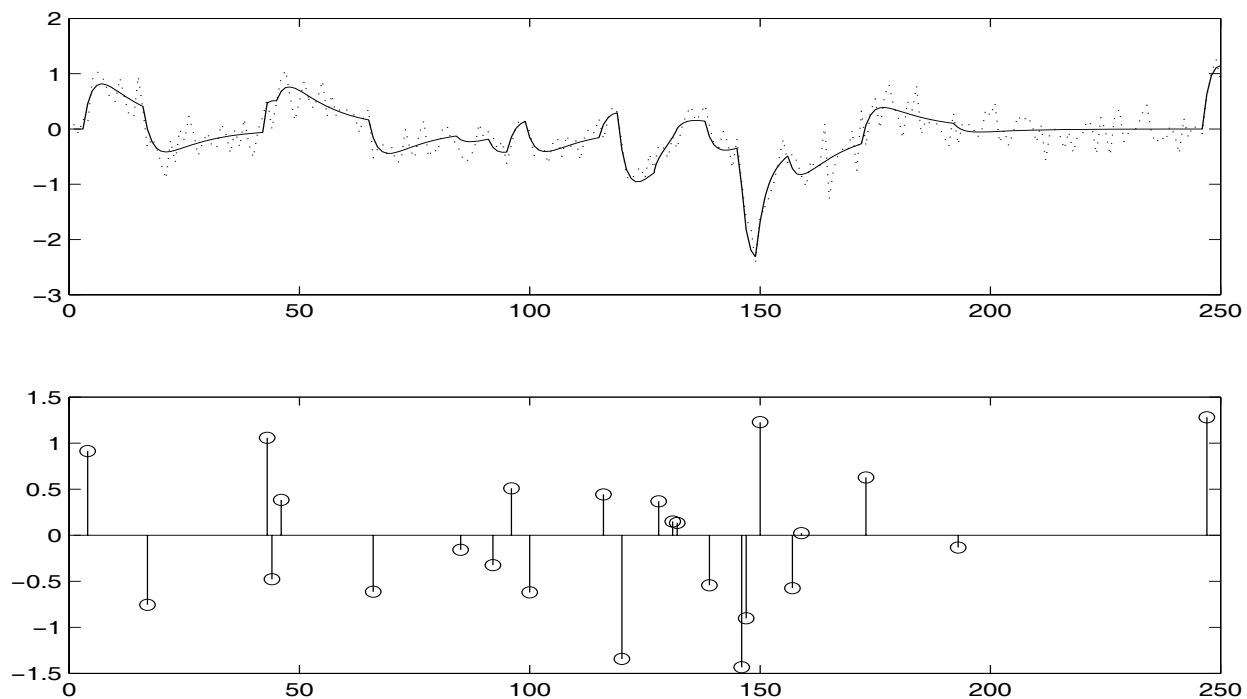
$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_v & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T, B(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T.$$

- Parameters to  $a_1 = 1.51$ ,  $a_2 = -0.55$ ,  $\sigma_v = 0.50$  and  $\sigma_w = 0.25$  and  $N = 500$  particles, fixed-lag smoothing  $L = 15$ .

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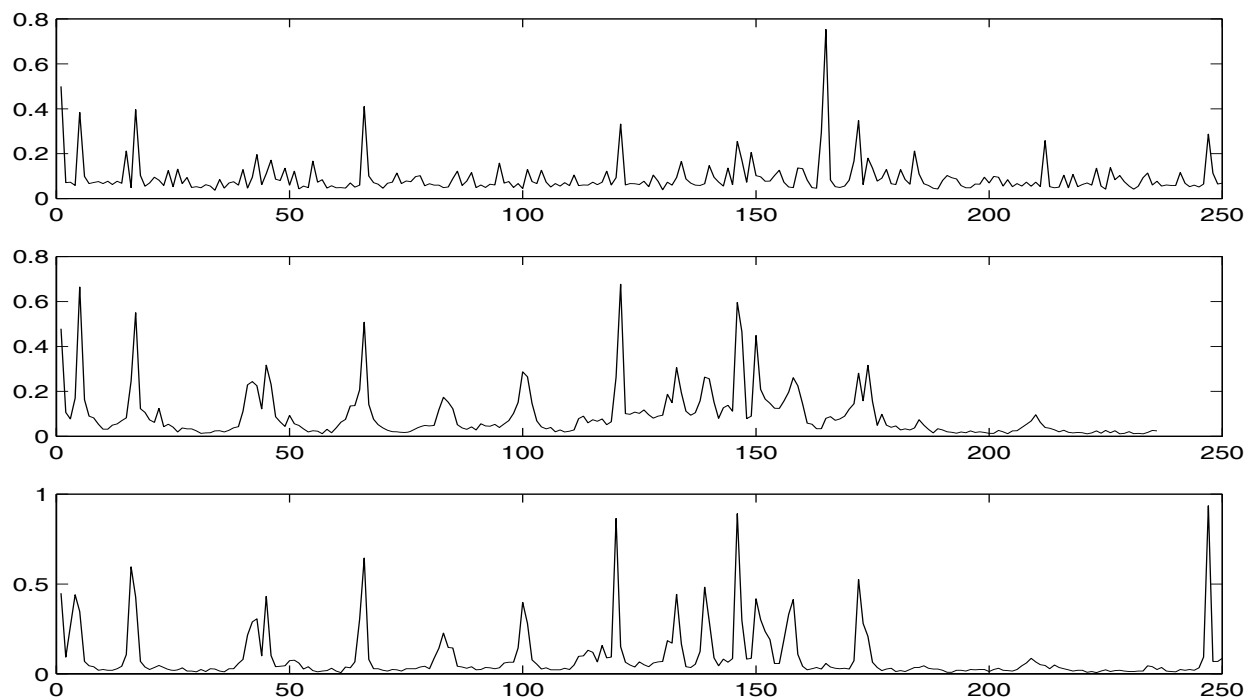
Top:  $\{X_n\}$  (solid) and  $\{Y_n\}$  (dashed). Bottom: Input sequence  $\{V'_n\}$



### 3.11– Applications to Deconvolution of Bernoulli-Gauss Processes

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Top: Estimates of  $\Pr(V'_n \neq 0 | y_{1:n})$ , Middle: Estimates of  $\Pr(V'_n \neq 0 | y_{1:n+15})$  and Bottom: Estimates of  $\Pr(V'_n \neq 0 | y_{1:T})$  with Gibbs sampling.



### 3.12– Partially observed linear Gaussian state space models

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$$Z_{n+1} = AZ_n + BV_{n+1}, \quad V_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, I_{n_v}), \quad X_n = CZ_n + DW_n, \quad W_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, I_{n_w})$$

$$Y_n | (Z_n, X_n) \sim g(\cdot | X_n)$$

- One can use SMC on  $p(\alpha_{1:n} | y_{1:n})$  where  $\alpha = (z_n, x_n)$  but inefficient as

$$p(z_{1:n}, x_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) = p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) \underbrace{p(z_{1:n} | x_{1:n})}_{\text{Gaussian}}$$

- The distribution  $p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n})$  can be computed analytically up to a normalizing constant

$$p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) \propto \underbrace{p(y_{1:n} | x_{1:n})}_{\text{Likelihood}} \cdot \underbrace{p(x_{1:n})}_{\text{Prior computed by Kalman}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  SMC on  $\pi_n(x_{1:n}) = p(x_{1:n} | y_{1:n})$ .

### 3.13– Examples

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- *Quantized observations* (speech processing, radar, finance)
- *Dynamic Tobit Model* (econometrics)

$$Z_n = \phi Z_{n-1} + \sigma_v V_n, \quad X_n = Z_n + \sigma_w W_n,$$

$$Y_n = 0 \vee X_n.$$

- *Dynamic Probit Model* (econometrics)

$$Z_n = \phi Z_{n-1} + \sigma_v V_n,$$

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$$\Rightarrow X_n = Z_n + W_n, \quad W_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\Pr(Y_n = 1 | Z_n) = \Phi(Z_n)$$

$$Y_n = \mathbb{I}_{R^+}(X_n).$$

## 3.14– Application of SMC

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- Select an importance distribution  $q(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n})$ ... Optimal importance distribution

$$q(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n}) = p(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n}) \propto g(y_n | x_n) p(x_n | x_{1:n-1})$$

- Importance weight

$$\frac{\pi_n(x_{1:n})}{\pi_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) q(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n})} \propto \frac{g(y_n | x_n) p(x_n | x_{1:n-1})}{q(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n})}.$$

### 3.15– SISR for partially observed Gaussian state space

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At time  $n - 1$ ,  $\{W_{n-1}^{(i)}, X_{1:n-1}^{(i)}\}$

- Sampling Step. For  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , sample  $X_n^{(i)} \sim q_n(\cdot | X_{1:n-1}^{(i)}, y_{1:n})$

$$W_n^{(i)} \propto W_{n-1}^{(i)} \frac{g(y_n | X_n^{(i)}) p(X_n^{(i)} | X_{1:n-1}^{(i)})}{q(X_n^{(i)} | X_{1:n-1}^{(i)}, y_{1:n})}$$

- Selection Step. If variance of weights  $\{W_n^{(i)}\}$  high, resample  $\{W_n^{(i)}, X_{1:n}^{(i)}\}$  to

obtain  $\{N^{-1}, X_{1:n}^{(i)}\}$ .

- At first glance, memory requirements increase with  $n$  even if one focusses on

$p(x_n | y_{1:n})$ .

### 3.15– SISR for partially observed Gaussian state space

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- Like for conditionally Gaussian models, the key is to notice that

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

where  $p(z_{n-1} | x_{1:n-1})$  is a Gaussian distribution whose mean  $m_{n-1}$  and covariance  $\Sigma_{n-1}$  is computed through the Kalman filter associated to the “virtual” observations.

- In practice, we do NOT need to store  $X_{1:n}^{(i)}$  but only  $\left(X_n^{(i)}, m_n \left(X_{1:n}^{(i)}\right), \Sigma_n \left(X_{1:n}^{(i)}\right)\right)$  denoted  $\left(X_n^{(i)}, m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)}\right)$ , i.e.  $\left(X_n^{(i)}, m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n^{(i)}\right)$  are sufficient statistics summarizing all the information about  $\left(X_{1:n}^{(i)}\right)$ .



### 3.16– "Real" Implementation of SISR

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At time  $n - 1$ ,  $\{W_{n-1}^{(i)}, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, X_{n-1}^{(i)}\}$  and  $\Sigma_{n-1}^{(i)} = \Sigma_{n-1}$ .

- Sampling Step. For  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , sample  $X_n^{(i)} \sim q(\cdot | y_n, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{n-1})$

$$W_n^{(i)} \propto \frac{g(y_n | X_n^{(i)}) p(X_n^{(i)} | m_{n-1}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{n-1})}{q(X_n^{(i)} | y_n, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{n-1})}$$

- Kalman Step. For  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , use the Kalman filter to compute  $\{m_n^{(i)}\}$  and  $\Sigma_n$ .

- Selection Step. If variance of weights  $\{W_n^{(i)}\}$  high, resample  $\{W_n^{(i)}, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, X_{n-1}^{(i)}\}$  to obtain  $\{N^{-1}, m_{n-1}^{(i)}, X_{n-1}^{(i)}\}$ .

### 3.17– Using the RB SMC Filter

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- Computational complexity  $\neq N$  Kalman filters as  $\Sigma_{n-1}^{(i)}$  independent of  $i$ .
- Inference on  $X_n$  based on  $\hat{p}(x_n | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} \delta_{X_n^{(i)}}(x_n)$ .
- Inference on  $Z_n$  based on

$$\hat{p}(z_n | y_{1:n}) = \int p(z_n | x_{1:n}) p(dx_{1:n} | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} \mathcal{N}(z_n; m_n^{(i)}, \Sigma_n).$$

- One has

$$\hat{E}(Z_n | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} m_n^{(i)},$$

$$\widehat{\text{COV}}(Z_n | y_{1:n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_n^{(i)} \left( \Sigma_n + m_n^{(i)} m_n^{(i)\top} \right) - \hat{E}(Z_n | y_{1:n}) \hat{E}^\top(Z_n | y_{1:n})$$

## 3.18– Dynamic Tobit Model

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*State-space model* (Manrique and Shephard, 1998)

$$Z_n = \phi Z_{n-1} + \sigma_v V_n, \quad X_n = Z_n + \sigma_w W_n,$$

$$Y_n = 0 \vee X_n.$$

*Importance distribution*

- If  $y_n > 0$ ,  $y_n = X_n$  and  $w_n(x_{1:n}) \propto w_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) \mathcal{N}(x_n; m_{n|n-1}, \Sigma_{x,n|n-1})$ .
- If  $y_n = 0$ ,  $q(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n}) \propto p(x_n | x_{1:n-1}) \mathbb{I}_{R^+}(x_n)$   
and  $w_n(x_{1:n}) \propto w_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) \Phi(-x_{n|n-1} / \sqrt{\Sigma_{x,n|n-1}})$ .

### 3.19– Monte Carlo Simulation

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- Comparison with standard filter  $p(z_n, x_n | y_n, z_{n-1}, x_{n-1})$  in terms of MSE for  $M = 25$  realizations,  $T = 100$ .

Algorithm/ $N$	50	100	250	500	1000	2500	5000
Standard Filter	543.07	540.41	538.77	538.02	536.90	533.33	533.76
MC Filter	534.20	533.46	533.29	533.12	533.21	533.18	533.20

- For a fixed  $N$ , this method is 2 times more computationally expensive but similar performance with 25-50 times less particles.

## 3.20– Monte Carlo Simulation

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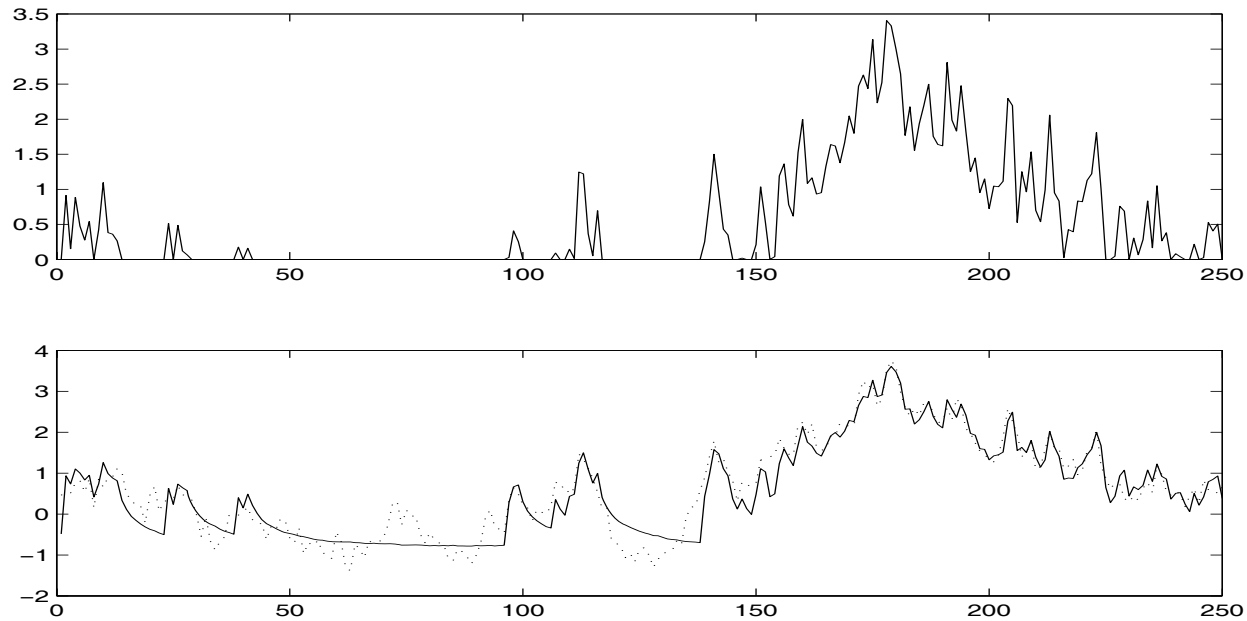


Figure 1: Simulated observations (solid line) (top), state (dashed line) (bottom) and MMSE state estimate via particle filter (solid line)

## 3.21– Dynamic Tobit Model

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*State-space model* (Manrique and Shephard, 1998)

$$\gamma_{n+1} = 2\gamma_n - \gamma_{n-1} + \sigma_v V_{n+1} \text{ (state space } Z_n = (\gamma_n, \gamma_{n-1})), X_n = \gamma_n + W_n,$$

$$Y_n = \mathbb{I}_{R^+}(X_n).$$

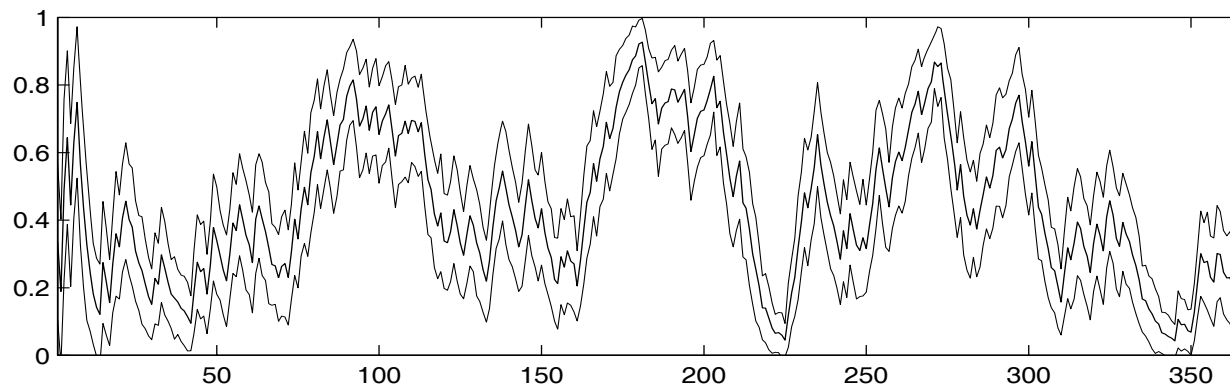
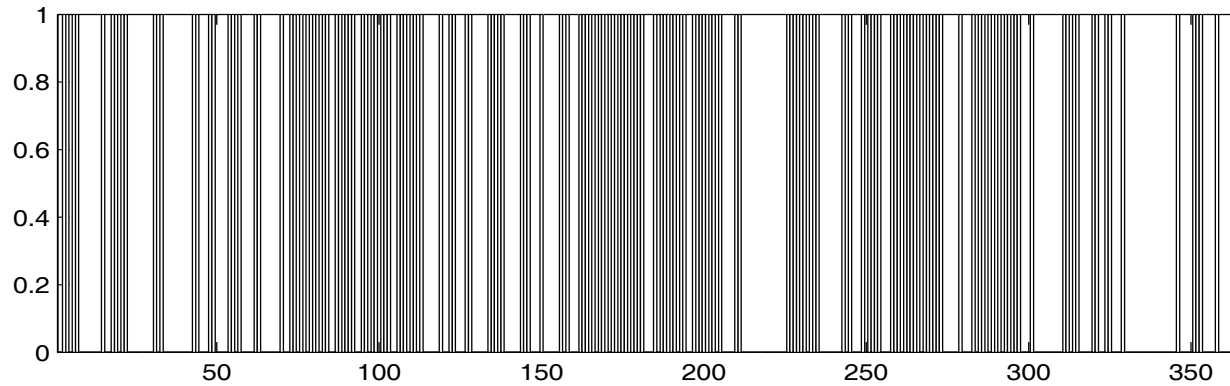
*Importance distribution*

- If  $y_n = 1$ ,  $q(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n}) \propto p(x_n | x_{1:n-1}) \mathbb{I}_{R^+}(x_n)$ ,  
 $w_n(x_{1:n}) \propto w_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) (1 - \Phi(-x_{n|n-1} / \sqrt{\Sigma_{x,n|n-1}}))$ .
- If  $y_n = 0$ ,  $q(x_n | x_{1:n-1}, y_{1:n}) \propto p(x_n | x_{1:n-1}) \mathbb{I}_{R^-}(x_n)$ ,  
 $w_n(x_{1:n}) \propto w_{n-1}(x_{1:n-1}) \Phi(-x_{n|n-1} / \sqrt{\Sigma_{x,n|n-1}})$ .

*Introduction of latent variable.* If one uses no latent variable and uses  $p(z_n | z_{n-1}, y_n)$  then  $p(y_n | z_{n-1})$  has no expression.

## 3.22– Tokyo Rainfall Data

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## 4.1– Summary

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- Sequential Monte Carlo is a simple and efficient methodology for sequential Bayesian inference.
- However, it remains highly limited: few degrees of freedom, how to deal with static problems?
- Next week we will show how to extend SMC to general problems.