

# Introductory Survey of Bayesian Methods Considering Dynamic Linear Models

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## What is Bayesian Statistics?

**Bayesian:** "Evidence about the true state of the world represents a degree of belief"

versus

**Frequentist:** "Evidence represents only measured frequencies of data"

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$$P(H | D) = P(H) P(D | H) / P(D)$$

versus

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$$P(H) = \# \text{ Successes} / \# \text{ Trials}$$

"State of mind" versus "State of the world"

"Subjective" versus "Objective"

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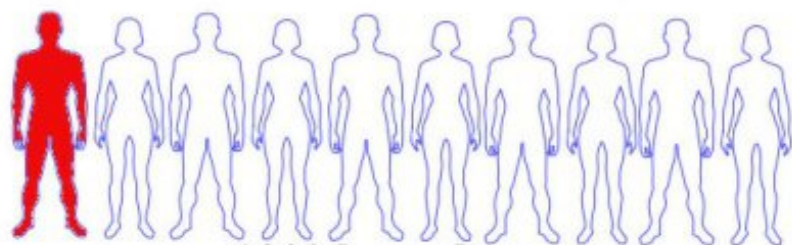
### PROBABILITY DOES NOT EXIST

The abandonment of superstitious beliefs about the existence of the Phlogiston, the Cosmic Ether, Absolute Space and Time, ... or Fairies and Witches was an essential step along the road to scientific thinking. Probability, too, if regarded as something endowed with some kind of objective existence, is no less a misleading misconception, an illusory attempt to exteriorize or materialize our true probabilistic beliefs. (p. x)

- de Finetti, "Theory of Probability"

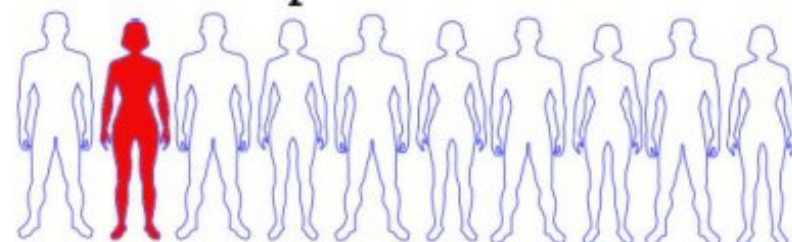
# Inverse Probability

## Conventional Probability



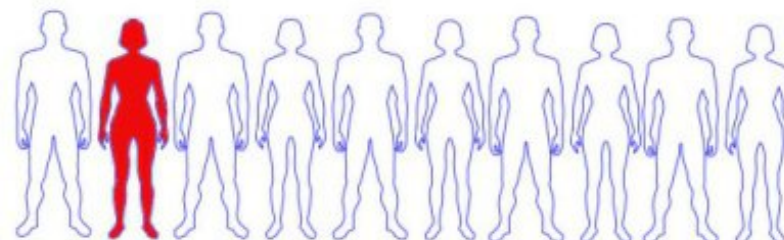
10% have disease

Sample of 20 tested...



Two should be infected.

## Inverse Probability



Two out of 20 tested have the disease...



How many in the population have the disease?



# The Fall and Rise of Bayesian Statistics

Early Timeline: the genesis and decline of Bayesianism...

|               |                      |      |      |                 |               |
|---------------|----------------------|------|------|-----------------|---------------|
| Thomas Bayes  | Pierre-Simon Laplace | JSM* | ...  | R.I.P. Bayes    | R. A. Fisher  |
| Richard Price |                      |      |      | George Chrystal | (frequentist) |
| 1761          | 1774                 | ...  | 1843 | 1891            | 1925 ...      |

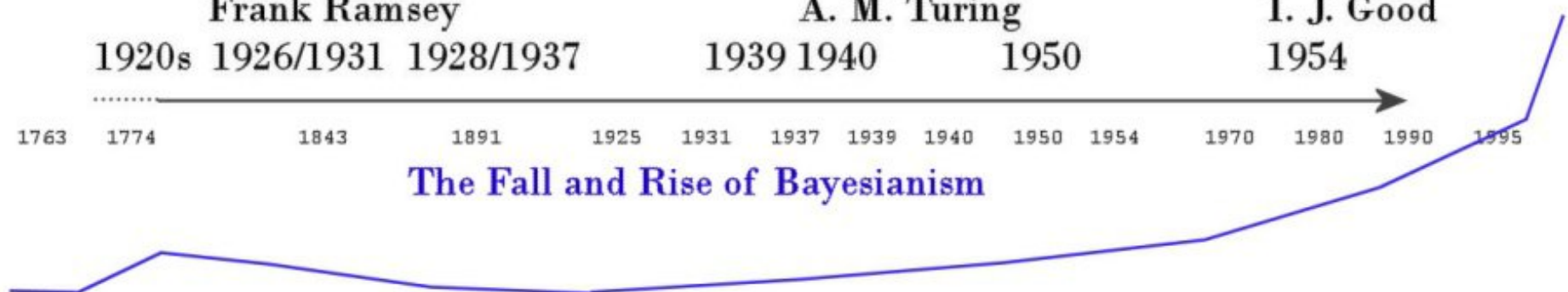
\* John Stuart Mill denounced probability as "ignorance... coined into science."

Later Timeline: the rise of Bayesianism

|              |                  |                 |               |             |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Émile Borel  | Bruno de Finetti | Harold Jeffreys | Arthur Bailey | L.J. Savage |
| Frank Ramsey |                  | A. M. Turing    |               | I. J. Good  |
| 1920s        | 1926/1931        | 1928/1937       | 1939 1940     | 1950        |

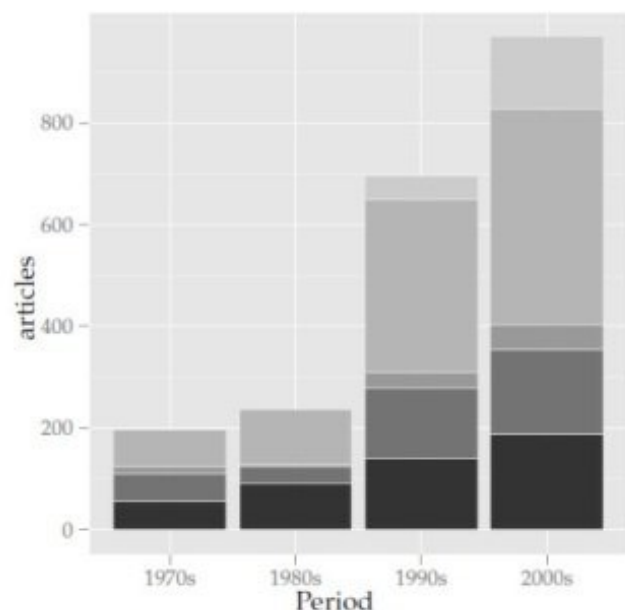
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The Fall and Rise of Bayesianism

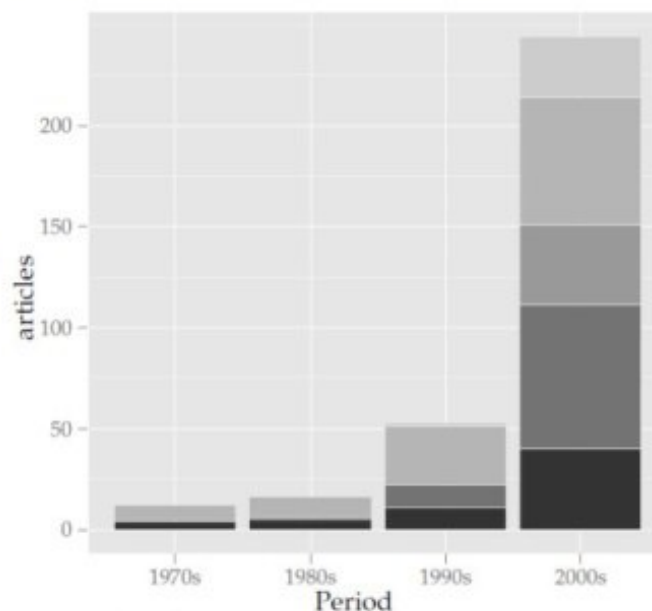


# Growth of the Use of Bayesian Methods

Times have changed. Beginning in the early 1990s, there was an abrupt proliferation of studies using Bayesian methods in mainstream statistics.



From "Prior approval:  
The growth of Bayesian  
methods in psychology"  
by Mark Andrews &  
Thom Baguley,  
November 30, 2012



Journal

- Annals of Statistics
- Biometrika
- Econometrics
- Jour. Amer. Stat. Assoc.
- Statistical Science

Journal

- Brit. Jour. of Math. and Stat. Psych.
- Jour. of Math. Psych
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## Motivation and Derivation of Bayes's Law

*From Jaynes:*

Strong syllogism (Aristotle, fourth century BCE):

Major premise: if A is true, then B is true

Minor premise: A is true

Conclusion: therefore, B is true

and its inverse:

Major premise: if A is true, then B is true

Minor premise: B is false

Conclusion: therefore, A is false

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Weaker syllogism "epagoge":

Major premise: if A is true, then B is true

Minor premise: B is true

Conclusion: therefore, A becomes more plausible

and its inverse:

Major premise: if A is true, then B is true

Minor premise: A is false

Conclusion: therefore, B becomes less plausible

*From Downey:*

Conjunction is commutative:

$$p(A \text{ and } B) = p(B \text{ and } A)$$

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Probability of a conjunction:

$$p(A \text{ and } B) = p(A) p(B | A)$$

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Interchanging A & B:

$$p(B \text{ and } A) = p(B) p(A | B)$$

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Therefore,

$$p(B) p(A | B) = p(A) p(B | A)$$

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Dividing by  $p(B)$ :

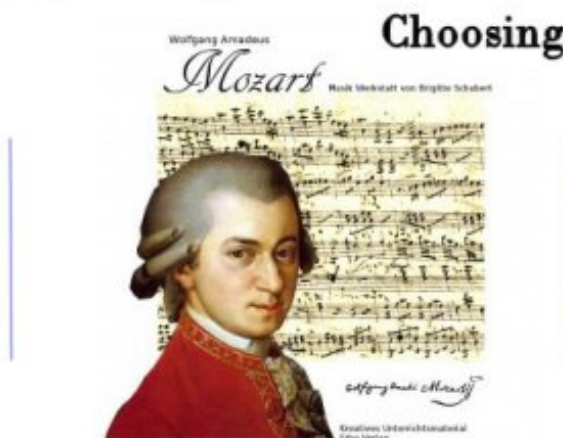
$$p(A | B) = \frac{p(A) p(B | A)}{p(B)}$$

*Bayes's Law !*

# Why Bayes?



The lady tasting tea...



Choosing Mozart...



Flipping a coin...

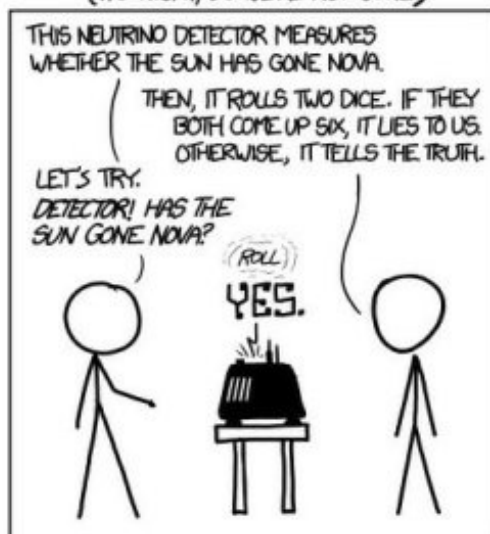
How do these cases differ, based only on the evidence?

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Prior} \rightarrow P(H) \quad P(D|H) \leftarrow \text{Likelihood} \\ \text{Posterior} \rightarrow P(H|D) = \frac{P(H) P(D|H)}{P(D)} \leftarrow \text{Normalizing constant} \end{array}$$



## The Problem with Priors

DID THE SUN JUST EXPLODE?  
(IT'S NIGHT, SO WE'RE NOT SURE.)



Given 12 coin flips, 3 of which were tails, how likely is it that the coin used is fair?

We cannot answer this question without specifying an underlying probability model.

So, for the case where the experiment was designed to specify 12 coin flips, we would assume a binomial distribution:

$$L_1(\theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{n-x} = \binom{12}{9} \theta^9 (1 - \theta)^3$$

However, if the experiment instead had specified that we would continue flipping until we saw three tails, we would use a negative binomial distribution:

$$L_2(\theta) = \binom{r+x-1}{x} \theta^x (1 - \theta)^r = \binom{11}{9} \theta^9 (1 - \theta)^3$$

The two distributions give different results when evaluated:

$$\alpha_1 = P_{\theta=\frac{1}{2}}(X \geq 9) = \sum_{j=9}^{12} \binom{12}{j} \theta^j (1 - \theta)^{12-j} = 0.075$$

$$\alpha_2 = P_{\theta=\frac{1}{2}}(X \geq 9) = \sum_{j=9}^{\infty} \binom{2+j}{j} \theta^j (1 - \theta)^3 = 0.0325$$

FREQUENTIST STATISTICIAN:

THE PROBABILITY OF THIS RESULT HAPPENING BY CHANCE IS  $\frac{1}{36} = 0.027$ .  
SINCE  $p < 0.05$ , I CONCLUDE THAT THE SUN HAS EXPLODED.



BAYESIAN STATISTICIAN:

BET YOU \$50 IT HASN'T.





## Estimating the Probability of a Rare Event

To estimate the prevalence  $\Theta$  of an infectious disease in a small city, we test a sample of 20 people, giving us the number "y" of infected people in this group.

So, the parameter and sample spaces are

$$\Theta = [0, 1] \quad y = \{0, 1, \dots, 20\}$$

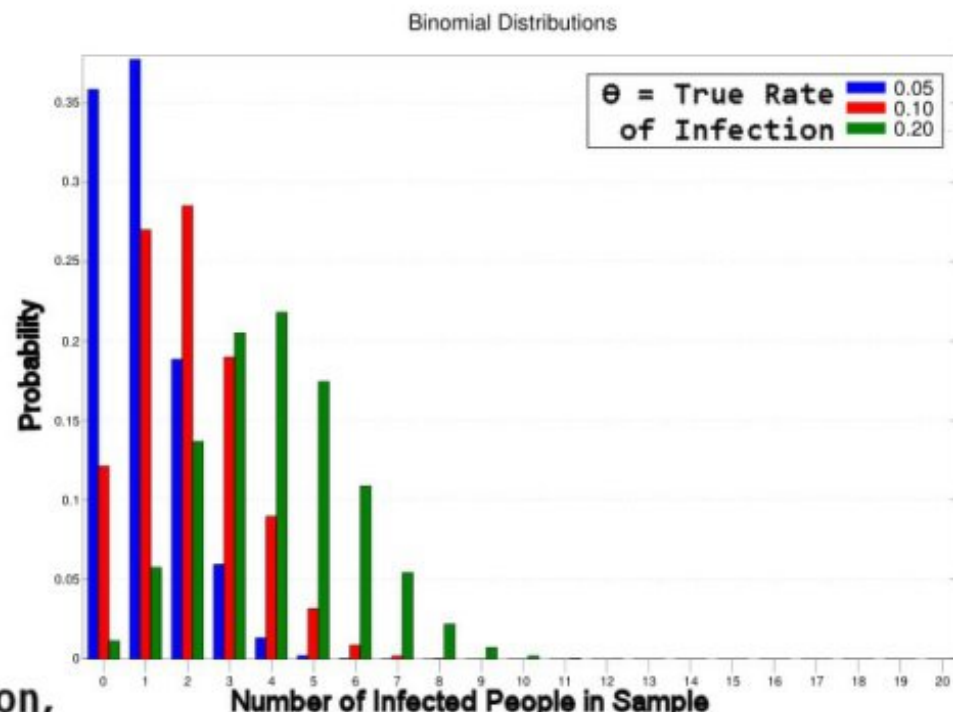
### Sampling Model

Before testing, let "Y" be the number of infected people we will determine. For unknown  $\Theta$ , a reasonable sampling model for Y might be the  $\text{binomial}(20, \Theta)$  distribution, so

$$Y|\Theta \sim \text{binomial}(20, \Theta)$$

Say we check a sample of 20 people for infection, and we find two cases. Based on this, what is our estimate of rate of infection for the city as a whole?

### Possible Priors



## Choosing and Updating a Prior Distribution

Studies from around the country show that infection rates in comparable cities range from 0.05 to 0.20, with an average of 0.10.

We want to build a prior distribution with a substantial portion in the range (0.05, 0.20) with an expected value close to 0.10.

We don't know the actual family of distributions from which to draw, so we'll use the beta distribution since it's flexible and easily interpretable.

A beta distribution is defined by two parameters "a" and "b", for which the expectation  $\Theta$  is  $a/(a+b)$  and the most probable value is  $(a-1)/(a-1 + b-1)$ .

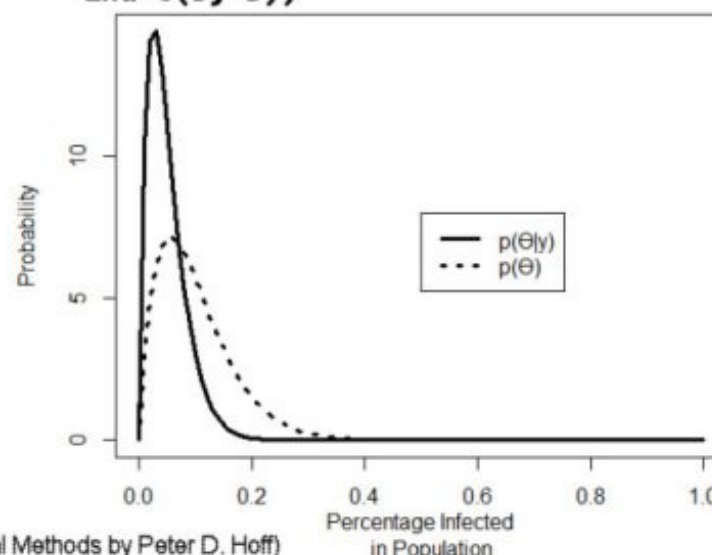
So,  
 $\Theta \sim \text{beta}(2, 18)$   
gives an expectation of  $2/20 = 0.10$   
and a most probable value of  $1/18 = 0.06$ .

(example from "A First Course in Bayesian Statistical Methods by Peter D. Hoff)

If  $Y|\Theta \sim \text{binomial}(n, \Theta)$  and  $\Theta \sim \text{beta}(a, b)$  and we observe a value "y" of Y, the posterior is a  $\text{beta}(a+y, b+n-y)$  distribution.

Graphing this in R:

```
a<-2; b<-18; n<-20; y<-0  
curve(dbeta(x, a+y, b+n-y), lty=1, lwd=3,  
      from=0, to=1, xlab="Percentage Infected  
      in Population", ylab="Probability")  
curve(dbeta(x, a, b), add=TRUE, lty=3, lwd=3)  
legend(0.5, 8, c("p(Θ|y)", "p(Θ)"), lty=c(1, 3),  
      lwd=c(3, 3))
```



# Markov Chain Monte Carlo



Probabilities of transition  
(edge) represented by a  
transition matrix.

NB. 5-point equiprobable random  
NB. walk w/wrap: simple ring.

```
rw5tm0=: ".&>a:-.~<;._1 LF,0 : 0
0      0.5  0      0      0.5
0.5    0      0.5  0      0
0      0.5  0      0.5  0
0      0      0.5  0      0.5
0.5    0      0      0.5  0
)
```

To

What is the probability of ending up at  
a given node?

## Finding the Stationary Distribution

```
sqrMat^:(1.5) ] rw5tm0
0      0.5  0      0      0.5
0.5    0      0.5  0      0
0      0.5  0      0.5  0
0      0      0.5  0      0.5
0.5    0      0      0.5  0

0.5    0      0.25  0.25  0
0      0.5  0      0.25  0.25
0.25  0      0.5  0      0.25
0.25  0.25  0      0.5  0
0      0.25  0.25  0      0.5

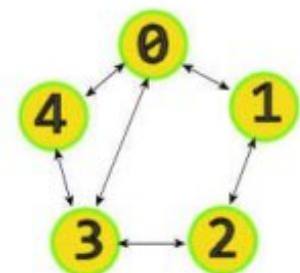
0.375  0.0625  0.25  0.25  0.0625
0.0625  0.375  0.0625  0.25  0.25
0.25  0.0625  0.375  0.0625  0.25
0.25  0.25  0.0625  0.375  0.0625
0.0625  0.25  0.25  0.0625  0.375

0.273438 0.140625 0.222656 0.222656 0.140625
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getDiag sqrMat^:_ ] rw5tm0
0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2
```



## MCMC continued...



NB. 5-point ring random walk:  $0 \leftrightarrow 3$

rw5tm1=: ".&>a:-.~<;.\_1 LF,0 : 0

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0      0.33 0      0.33 0.34
0.5    0      0.5    0      0
0      0.5    0      0.5    0
0.2    0      0.4    0      0.4
0.5    0      0      0.5    0
)
```

sample=: 4 : '1 i.~ (?0)<:x{y'"0 2

MCdraw=: 3 : 0

'tm nd stval'=. y NB. Transition mat, # draws, start node

states=. (stval) 0}nd\$0

tm=. +/\ "1 tm NB. Form for "sample"

for\_ix. }.i.#states do. states=. ((states{~<:ix) sample tm) ix}states end.

(#states)%~<:#/.\_~(i.#tm),states

NB.EG MCdraw rw5tm1;1e5;0

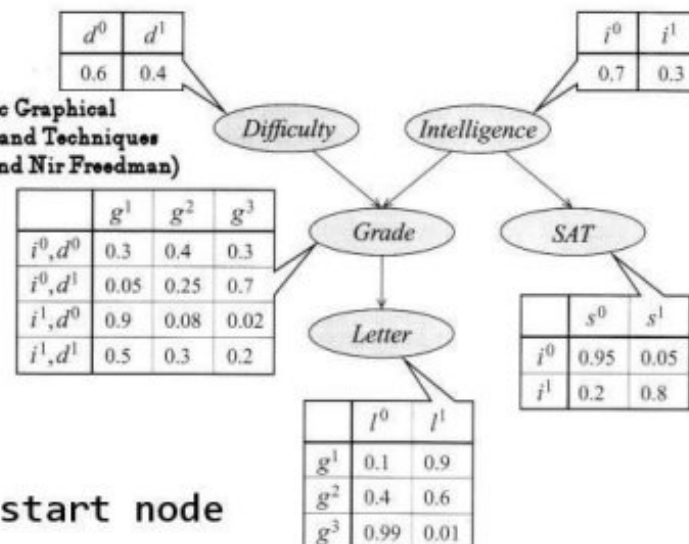
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MCdraw rw5tm1;1e5;0

0.22202 0.16524 0.18316 0.25299 0.17659

## A More Interesting Graph

(From "Probabilistic Graphical  
Models - Principles and Techniques  
by Daphne Koller and Nir Freedman)



# MCMC-based Methods

## Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm

Given  $X^{(t)} = x^{(t)}$ ,

1. Generate  $Y_t \sim q(y|x^{(t)})$ .
2. Take

$$X^{(t+1)} = \begin{cases} Y_t & \text{with probability } \rho(x^{(t)}, Y_t), \\ x^{(t)} & \text{with probability } 1 - \rho(x^{(t)}, Y_t), \end{cases}$$

where

$$\rho(x, y) = \min \left\{ \frac{\tilde{\pi}(y)}{\tilde{\pi}(x)} \frac{q(x|y)}{q(y|x)}, 1 \right\}.$$

## Gibbs Sampling

For a multi-variate  $\Theta$  with differing distributions for each  $\Theta_i$ , do the following steps:

0. Assign a vector of starting values,  $S$ , to the parameter vector:  
 $\Theta^{j=0} = S$ .
1. Set  $j = j + 1$ .
2. Sample  $(\theta_1^j | \theta_2^{j-1}, \theta_3^{j-1} \dots \theta_k^{j-1})$ .
3. Sample  $(\theta_2^j | \theta_1^j, \theta_3^{j-1} \dots \theta_k^{j-1})$ .
- $\vdots$
- k. Sample  $(\theta_k^j | \theta_1^j, \theta_2^j, \dots, \theta_{k-1}^j)$ .
- k+1. Return to step 1.

Metropolis-Hastings often has sub-optimal convergence or may have other convergence problems. However, it provides a good baseline solution that is simple to implement and may be combined with other methods.

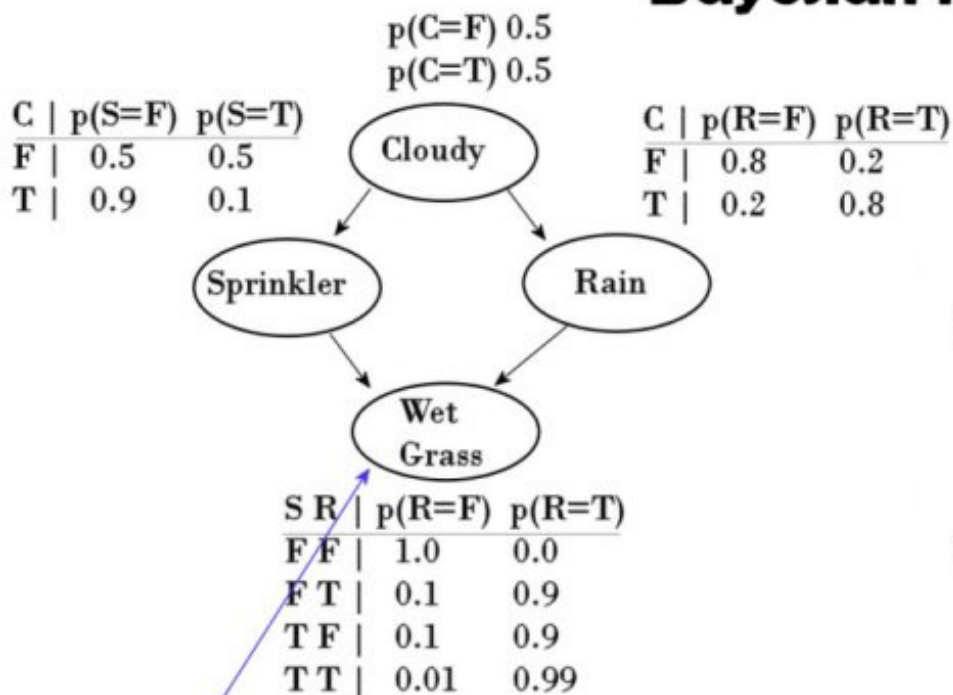
Both Metropolis-Hastings and Gibbs sampling have many implementations in R as well as in other languages.

Gibbs sampling is also implemented in a number of packages such as OpenBUGS and JAGS.

Doing Bayesian Data Analysis  
A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan



# Bayesian Networks



A node is independent of its ancestors given its parents.

By the chain rule of probability, the joint probability of all the nodes in the graph above is

$$P(C, S, R, W) = P(C) * P(S|C) * P(R|C,S) * P(W|C,S,R)$$

By using conditional independence relationships, we can rewrite this as

$$P(C, S, R, W) = P(C) * P(S|C) * P(R|C) * P(W|S,R)$$

Therefore, according to this scenario, it's more likely the grass is wet because it's raining than because the sprinkler is on.

$$p(S=1|W=1) = \frac{p(S=1, W=1)}{p(W=1)} = \frac{\sum p(C=c, S=1, R=r, W=1)}{p(W=1)}$$

$$= 0.278/0.647 = 0.43$$

$$p(R=1|W=1) = \frac{p(R=1, W=1)}{p(W=1)} = \frac{\sum p(C=c, S=s, R=1, W=1)}{p(W=1)}$$

$$= 0.456/0.647 = 0.71$$

where

$$p(W=1) = \sum p(C=c, S=s, R=r, W=1) = 0.647$$

However, S and R are conditionally dependent because of their common child W, so:

$$p(S=1|W=1, R=1) = 0.1945$$

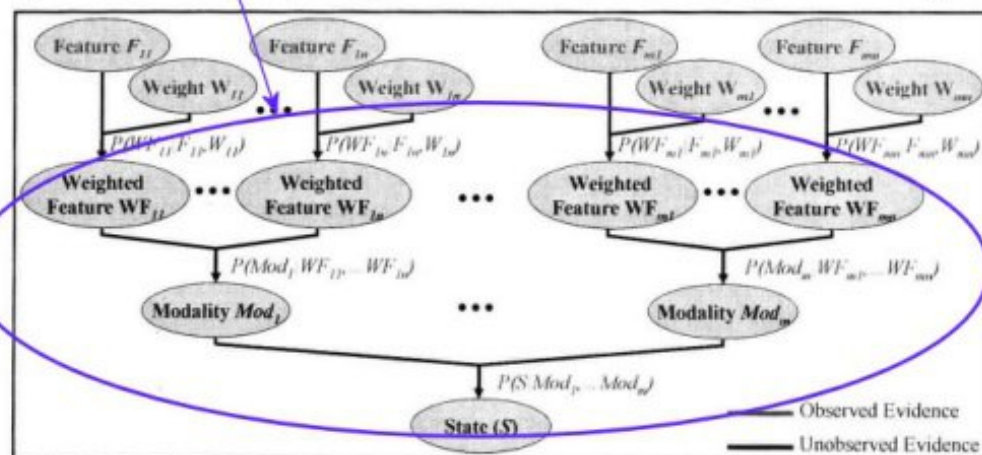
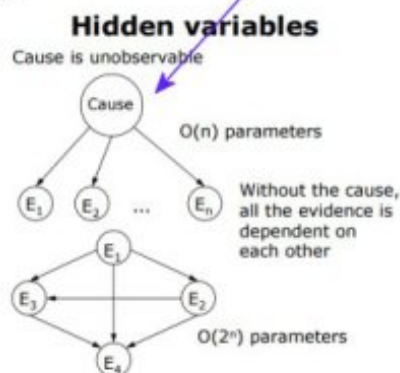
It's less likely the sprinkler is on if it's raining.



Hidden nodes of a network may be the outcome in which we are interested or they may simplify the complexity of a network, perhaps providing us a way to reason about causality.

Bayesian network tools: Microsoft's MSBNx, Matlab's Bayes Net Toolbox, Bayesia. various packages in R: bnlearn (network structure learning), deal, ebdNet.

Figure 4. Inference model for Bayesian network multimodal sensor fusion with weights



## Dynamic Linear Models

DLMs are "state space" models - they characterize a state by multidimensional set of points and embody a system equation underlying the observation equation.

|                       |                                       |                            |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Observation equation: | $Y_t = F_t \theta_t + \nu_t,$         | $\nu_t \sim N[0, V_t],$    |
| System equation:      | $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} + \omega_t,$ | $\omega_t \sim N[0, W_t],$ |
| Initial information:  | $(\theta_0   D_0) \sim N[m_0, C_0]$   |                            |

A dynamic linear model is characterized  
by a set of quadruples

$$\{F, G, V, W\}_t$$

For each time  $t$  where

$F_t$  is a known  $(n \times r)$  matrix;

(regression)

$G_t$  is a known  $(n \times n)$  matrix;

(state transition)

$V_t$  is a known  $(r \times r)$  variance matrix;

(observation variance)

$W_t$  is a known  $(n \times n)$  variance matrix.

(unobserved system variance)

## **DLMs Encompass Many Other Types of Models**

West and Harrison, in "Bayesian Forecasting and Dynamic Linear Models", devote a few pages to demonstrating that a number of popular forecasting techniques are, in fact, reducible to some of the more simply-parameterized DLMs.

Among these are:

(a) Holt's point predictor.

$$M_t = \alpha Y_t + (1 - \alpha)M_{t-1}, \quad (t > 1).$$

(b) Exponentially weighted moving averages (EWMA).

Given the sequence  $Y_t, \dots, Y_1$ , the EWMA with parameter  $\delta$ , ( $0 < \delta < 1$ ), is defined as

$$M_t = \frac{(1 - \delta)}{(1 - \delta^t)} \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} \delta^j Y_{t-j}.$$

(c) Brown's exponentially weighted regression (EWR).

The EWR estimator (Brown, 1962) for a locally constant mean of  $Y_t, \dots, Y_1$ , is defined as the value  $M_t = \mu$  that minimises the discounted sum of squares

$$V_t(\mu) = \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} \delta^j (Y_{t-j} - \mu)^2$$

for some given discount factor  $\delta$ , ( $0 < \delta < 1$ ).

(d) An alternative ARIMA(0,1,1) model representation.

The predictors of Box and Jenkins (1976) ...[t]heir widely applied ARIMA(0,1,1)... [is a] closed, constant, first-order polynomial DLM. (DLM {1,1,V,W})



# Dynamic Evolution

## First-Order Polynomial DLM, with Constant Variance $V$

Observation:  $Y_t = \mu_t + \nu_t$ ,  $\nu_t \sim N[0, V]$ ,  
System:  $\mu_t = \mu_{t-1} + \omega_t$ ,  $\omega_t \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[0, W_t]$ .

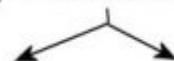
Information:  $(\mu_{t-1} | D_{t-1}) \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[m_{t-1}, C_{t-1}]$ ,  
 $(\phi | D_{t-1}) \sim G\left[\frac{n_{t-1}}{2}, \frac{n_{t-1}S_{t-1}}{2}\right]$ .

Forecast:  $(\mu_t | D_{t-1}) \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[m_{t-1}, R_t]$ ,  
 $(Y_t | D_{t-1}) \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[f_t, Q_t]$ ,  
with  $f_t = m_{t-1}$ ,  $R_t = C_{t-1} + W_t$ ,  $Q_t = R_t + S_{t-1}$ .

## Updating Recurrence Relationships

$(\mu_t | D_t) \sim T_{n_t}[m_t, C_t]$ ,  
with  $m_t = m_{t-1} + A_t e_t$ ,  
 $C_t = A_t S_t$ ,  
 $(\phi | D_t) \sim G\left[\frac{n_t}{2}, \frac{n_t S_t}{2}\right]$ ,  
with  $n_t = n_{t-1} + 1$ ,  
 $S_t = S_{t-1} + \frac{S_{t-1}}{n_t} \left(\frac{e_t^2}{Q_t} - 1\right)$ ,  
where  $e_t = Y_t - f_t$ , and  $A_t = R_t / Q_t$ .

Bayesian Forecasting  
and Dynamic Models  
by West and Harrison



## k-Step Forecast Distributions

$(Y_{t+k} | D_t) \sim T_{n_t}[m_t, Q_t(k)]$ ,  
 $(X_t(k) | D_t) \sim T_{n_t}[km_t, L_t(k)]$ ,  
with  $Q_t(k) = C_t + \sum_{j=1}^k W_{t+j} + S_t$ ,  
and  $L_t(k) = k^2 C_t + \sum_{j=1}^k j^2 W_{t+k+1-j} + k S_t$ ,  
where for  $j > 0$  and scale free variances  $W_{t+j}^*$ ,  
 $W_{t+j} = S_t W_{t+j}^*$ .

Consider the DLM specified by

$$\theta_{t-1} | y_{1:t-1} \sim N(m_{t-1}, C_{t-1}).$$

Then the following statements hold.

(i) The one-step-ahead predictive distribution of  $\theta_t$  given  $y_{1:t-1}$  is Gaussian, with parameters

$$a_t = E(\theta_t | y_{1:t-1}) = G_t m_{t-1},$$

$$R_t = \text{Var}(\theta_t | y_{1:t-1}) = G_t C_{t-1} G_t' + W_t. \quad (2.8a)$$

(ii) The one-step-ahead predictive distribution of  $Y_t$  given  $y_{1:t-1}$  is Gaussian, with parameters

$$f_t = E(Y_t | y_{1:t-1}) = F_t a_t,$$

$$Q_t = \text{Var}(Y_t | y_{1:t-1}) = F_t R_t F_t' + V_t. \quad (2.8b)$$

(iii) The filtering distribution of  $\theta_t$  given  $y_{1:t}$  is Gaussian, with parameters

$$m_t = E(\theta_t | y_{1:t}) = a_t + R_t F_t' Q_t^{-1} e_t, \quad (2.8c)$$

$$C_t = \text{Var}(\theta_t | y_{1:t}) = R_t - R_t F_t' Q_t^{-1} F_t R_t,$$

where  $e_t = Y_t - f_t$  is the forecast error.

vs.

Dynamic Linear  
Models in R  
by Petris, et al.



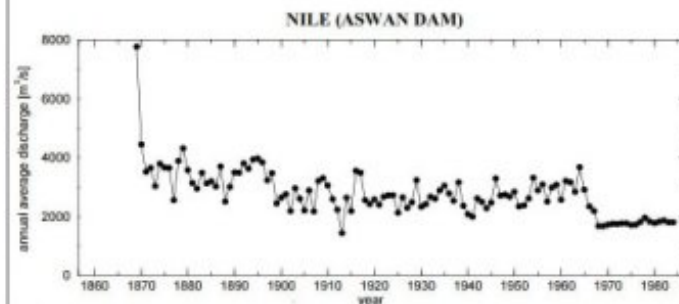
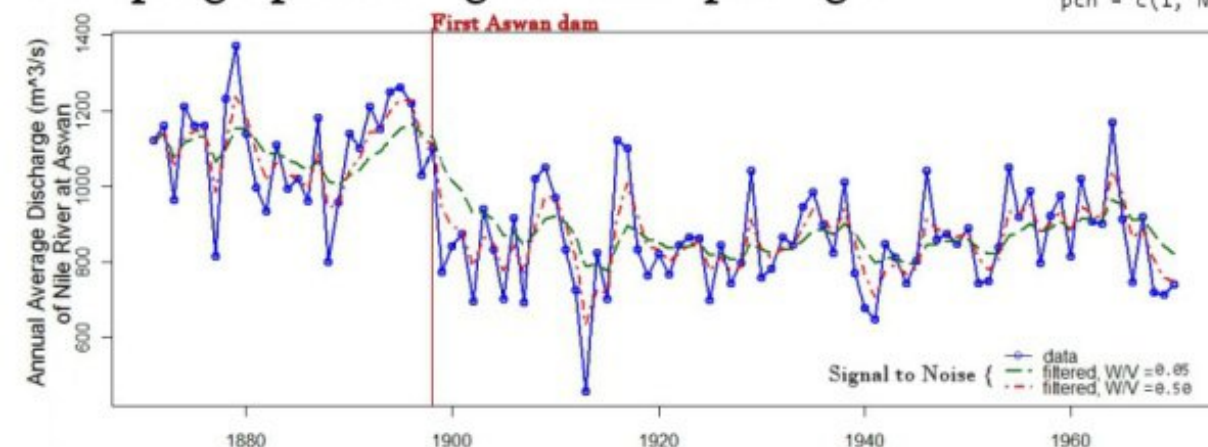
## Signal to Noise Ratio

"A first-order polynomial DLM  $\{1,1,V_t,W_t\}$ , constant or otherwise, depends heavily on choosing appropriate values for the variances,  $V_t$  and  $W_t$ ." (West and Harrison, p.49)

The signal-to-noise ratio corresponds to the ratio of the two variances  $V_t$  (observation) and  $W_t$  (system). This ratio balances the model's response between the two systems of equations, as illustrated in this example graphed using R's "dlm" package.

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## NileDLMeg.R: Nile levels example from "Dynamic Linear Models"
## in R" by Petris et al.
NilePoly <- dlmModPoly(order = 1, dV = 15100, dW = 1468)
unlist(NilePoly); NileFilt <- dlmFilter(Nile, NilePoly)
str(NileFilt, 1); n <- length(Nile)
attach(NileFilt)
dlmSvd2var(U.C[[n + 1]], D.C[n + 1, ])

plot(Nile, type='o', col = c("blue"), lwd=2, xlab = "", ylab = "Annual
Average Discharge (m^3/s) of Nile River at Aswan")
mod1 <- dlmModPoly(order = 1, dV = 15100, dW = 755)
NileFilt1 <- dlmFilter(Nile, mod1)
lines(dropFirst(NileFilt1$m), lty = "longdash", lwd=2, col=c("darkgreen"))
mod2 <- dlmModPoly(order = 1, dV = 15100, dW = 7550)
NileFilt2 <- dlmFilter(Nile, mod2)
lines(dropFirst(NileFilt2$m), lty = "dotdash", col=c("red"), lwd=2)
leg <- c("data", paste("filtered, W/V = ", format(c(W(mod1) / V(mod1),
W(mod2) / V(mod2)))))
legend("bottomright", legend = leg,
col=c("blue", "darkgreen", "red"),
lty = c("solid", "longdash", "dotdash"),
lwd= c(2,2,2),
pch = c(1, NA, NA), bty = "n")
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### First-Order Polynomial DLM, with Constant Variance $V$

Observation:  $Y_t = \mu_t + \nu_t, \quad \nu_t \sim N[0, V],$   
System:  $\mu_t = \mu_{t-1} + \omega_t, \quad \omega_t \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[0, W_t].$

Information:  $(\mu_{t-1} | D_{t-1}) \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[m_{t-1}, C_{t-1}],$

$$(\phi | D_{t-1}) \sim G\left[\frac{n_{t-1}}{2}, \frac{n_{t-1}S_{t-1}}{2}\right].$$

Forecast:  $(\mu_t | D_{t-1}) \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[m_{t-1}, R_t],$

$$(Y_t | D_{t-1}) \sim T_{n_{t-1}}[f_t, Q_t],$$

with  $f_t = m_{t-1},$

$$R_t = C_{t-1} + W_t,$$

$$Q_t = R_t + S_{t-1}.$$

### Updating Recurrence Relationships

$$(\mu_t | D_t) \sim T_{n_t}[m_t, C_t],$$

$$\text{with } m_t = m_{t-1} + A_t e_t,$$

$$C_t = A_t S_t.$$

$$(\phi | D_t) \sim G\left[\frac{n_t}{2}, \frac{n_t S_t}{2}\right],$$

$$\text{with } n_t = n_{t-1} + 1,$$

$$S_t = S_{t-1} + \frac{S_{t-1}}{n_t} \left( \frac{e_t^2}{Q_t} - 1 \right),$$

where  $e_t = Y_t - f_t,$  and  $A_t = R_t / Q_t.$

### k-Step Forecast Distributions

$$(Y_{t+k} | D_t) \sim T_{n_t}[m_t, Q_t(k)],$$

$$(X_t(k) | D_t) \sim T_{n_t}[km_t, L_t(k)],$$

$$\text{with } Q_t(k) = C_t + \sum_{j=1}^k W_{t+j} + S_t,$$

$$\text{and } L_t(k) = k^2 C_t + \sum_{j=1}^k j^2 W_{t+k+1-j} + k S_t,$$

where for  $j > 0$  and scale free variances  $W_{t+j}^*,$

$$W_{t+j} = S_t W_{t+j}^*.$$

## DLM Summary

MultivariateDLM=: 3 : 0

tit=. 'ft';'Qt';'mt';'Ct';'At';'et';'St' NB. Result columns

ni=. #fff [ delta=. %:delta [ 'ff gg Vt Wt y mc delta'=. 7{.y,1

dmo=. a:\$~#tit [ nt=. <:np=. Sp=. 1

'mp Cp'=(<\$Wt)\$&.>mc NB. Prior mean and variance: coerce shapes if scalar

at=. mp

while. ni>nt do.

Yt=. y{~,nt [ Ft=. |:ff{~,nt NB. 1 row mats for conformability

at=. gg+/ . \*mp NB. Forecast coeffs based on prior mean

Wt=. (delta\*Cp incorporate gg\*delta)-Cp incorporate gg NB. Discounting

Rt=. Wt+Cp incorporate gg NB. Prior at time t: theta variance

ft=. (|:Ft)+/ . \* at NB. 1-step forecast +means

Qt=. Sp+Rt incorporate |:Ft NB. and +variance for forecast Y

et=. Yt-ft NB. 1-step error forecast

nt=. >:np NB. Start posteriors...

At=. Rt+/ . \* Ft+/ . %Qt NB. Adaptive coefficients,

mt=. at+At+/ . \* et NB. posterior thetas' means

Ct=. Rt-(|:At)+/ . \*At+/ . \*Qt NB. and (scale-free) variances

St=. #Sp+(<:(%Qt) incorporate et)\*Sp%nt NB. Scaling factor (p. 110 (d))

Ct=. Ct\*St%Sp

dmo=. dmo,&.>|:&.>ft;Qt;mt;Ct;(|:At);et;<St NB. Save intermediates

'Cp mp Sp np'=. Ct mt st nt NB. Current->previous for next loop

end.

dmo=. tit,dmo

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## Further Study

### Books

#### General

[Hoff 2009] A First Course in Bayesian Methods;  
Peter D. Hoff.

[Jaynes 2003] Probability Theory - The Logic of  
Science; E. T. Jaynes.

#### Bayesian Networks

[Koller 2009] Probabilistic Graphical Models -  
Principles and Techniques; Daphne Koller et al.

#### Dynamic Linear Models

[Petrís 2009] Dynamic Linear Models with R;  
Giovanni Petris et al.

[West 1997] Bayesian Forecasting and Dynamic  
Linear Models; Mike West, Jeff Harrison.

#### Links

A Brief Introduction to Graphical Models and Bayesian  
Networks, by Kevin Murphy, 1998; <http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~murphyk/Bayes/bnintro.html>

Think Bayes - <http://allendowney.blogspot.com/2011/10/my-favorite-bayess-theorem-problems.html>

Bayesian Thinking blog - <https://learnbayes.wordpress.com>

### Software

See "<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~murphyk/Software/bnsoft.html>" for graphical models software.

The BUGS Project - [www.mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk/software/bugs/](http://www.mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk/software/bugs/)

BUGS (Bayesian inference Using Gibbs Sampling)  
for the Bayesian analysis of statistical models.

JAGS - [mcmc-jags.sourceforge.net/](http://mcmc-jags.sourceforge.net/) : JAGS (Just  
Another Gibbs Sampler) for analysis of Bayesian  
hierarchical models using MCMC.

OpenBUGS - [www.openbugs.net/](http://www.openbugs.net/) : software for  
Bayesian inference Using Gibbs Sampling.

R: See "<https://cran.r-project.org/web/views/Bayesian.html>" : list of R packages for Bayesian  
inference.

Matlab: Various packages - see [mathworks.com](http://mathworks.com)

J: see [jsoftware.com](http://jsoftware.com) and go to <http://www.meetup.com/J-Dynamic-Functional-Programming/>: NY  
Meetup.

