# Time Series

# Why Time is Important

- Explicit in many environmental models
  - Can generate complex/chaotic feedbacks
  - External/environmental factors change over time
- Measurements often made repeatedly over time
  - Data usually correlated in time
  - Response to treatments
- Importance of separating process and measurement error
  - Measurement error does not propagate

# **Characteristics of Time Series Data**

- Single/small number of long time series
  - Often concerned with identifying trends, periodicity, autocorrelation, cross-correlation, etc.
- Longitudinal / repeated measures
  - Many short time series
  - Intervention analysis
  - Mark-recapture (boolean data)

#### Dynamic process models

$$x_t = f(x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots, \theta)$$

- Recursive: state at current time point a function of the previous state
- Any model that depends only on the most recent state (x<sub>t-1</sub>) is called a <u>Markov model</u>
- Higher order models (additional lags) introduce memory to the system

#### Random Walk

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

- Mean =  $X_0$
- Var = t  $\sigma^2$



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$$X_t = X_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

- Mean = 0
- Var = t  $\sigma^2$

Approaches

- → Random effects?
- → Autocorrelation?
- → State space?



#### **Bayesian State Space Model**

$$X_{t} = f(X_{t-1}) + \epsilon_{t}$$
 Process Model  
$$Y_{t} = g(X_{t}) + \omega_{t}$$
 Data Model

- X = <u>latent</u> time series
- Y = observed data
- $\epsilon$  = process error
- $\omega$  = observation error



Y's are conditionally independent given the X's

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**Process Model** 

Data Model

**Process Error prior** 

**Observation Error prior** 

**Initial Condition prior** 

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- What is the joint (full) posterior?
- What are the conditional distributions for each parameter?

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,  $\tau^2$ 

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$$(\vec{X}, \sigma^{2}, \tau^{2} | \vec{Y}, ...) \sim \qquad Y_{t} \sim N(X_{t}, \tau^{2}) \\ \prod_{t=1}^{n} N(Y_{t} | X_{t}, \tau^{2}) \times \\ \prod_{t=1}^{n} N(X_{t} | X_{t-1}, \sigma^{2}) \times \qquad IG(\tau^{2} | t1, t2) \times IG(\sigma^{2} | s1, s2) \times N(X_{0} | X_{ic}, V_{X})$$

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- Three special cases
  - First
  - Last
  - Missing Y

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$$X_0 \sim N(X_0 | X_{ic}, V_X) \times N(X_1 | X_{0,} \sigma^2)$$

Last

$$X_{n} \sim N(X_{n} | X_{n-1}, \sigma^{2}) \times N(Y_{n} | X_{n}, \tau^{2})$$

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# How do we sample?

- All amenable to Gibbs sampling (NxN, NxIG)
- X's need to be updated sequentially because each X is conditioned on the one BEFORE it and the one AFTER it

$$X_{t}^{(g+1)} \sim N(X_{t} | X_{t-1}^{(g+1)}, \sigma^{2}) \times N(X_{t+1}^{(g)} | X_{t}, \sigma^{2}) \times N(Y_{t} | X_{t}, \tau^{2})$$

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Population growth
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$$
Exponential Growth $N_t = N_0 e^{rt}$ Let X = log(N) $X_t = X_{t-1} + r + \epsilon_t$ Discrete time recursion $Y_t = X_t + \omega_t$ Observation error model

- r = intrinsic growth rate
- Y = log(observation)
- Can interpret  $\epsilon$  as a random effect on r

#### **Exponential Growth State Space**



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# Example

- r = 0.1
- Process s.d. varied from 0.01 to 1.0
- Run 1 = dominated by process model
- Run 2 = process model and process error similar
- Run 3 = dominated by process error
  - Env or wrong model









time



#### **Missing Data**



log(density)





# Generality of the State Space Model

- Neither X nor Y need be Normal
- X and Y don't need to be the same type of data
- X and Y don't need to have the same time scale
- Easily handles missing data (gaps) and irregularly spaced data
- Easily handles multiple data sources (Y's), which don't need to be the same type or synchronous
- Easily handles time-integrated observations