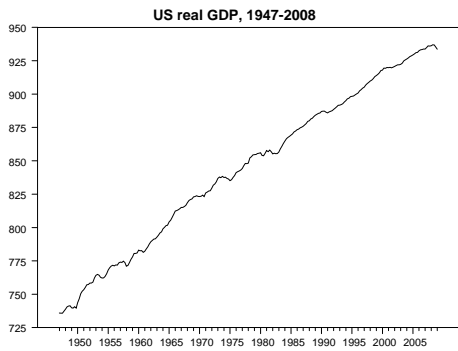
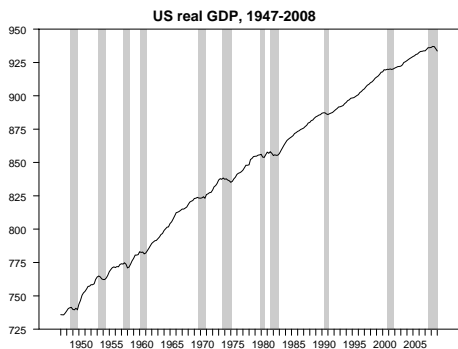


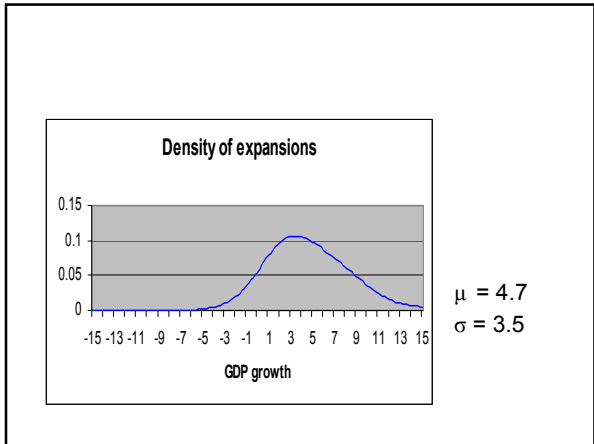
IV. Markov-switching models

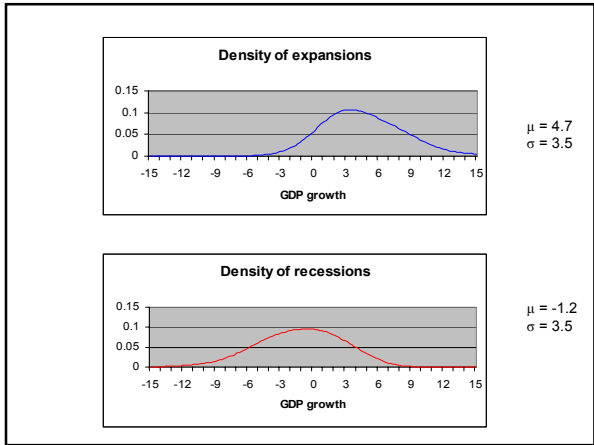
A. Introduction to Markov-switching models

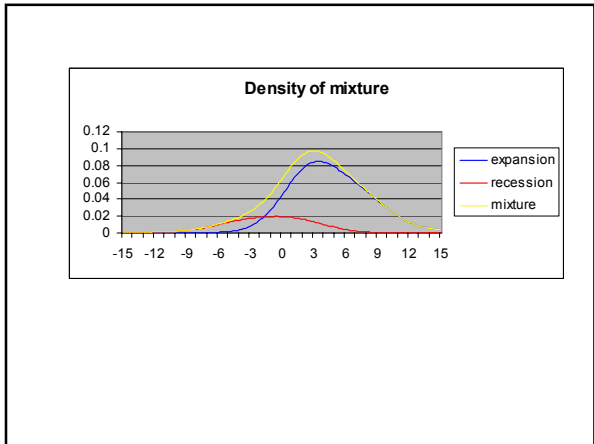


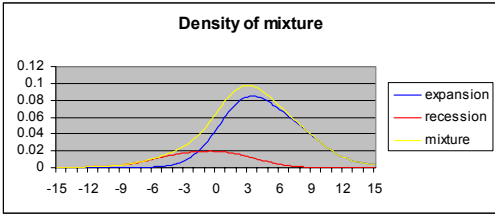
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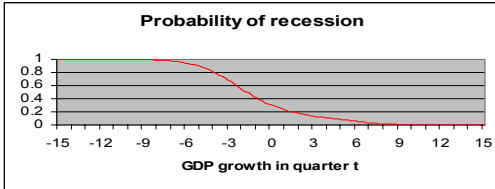
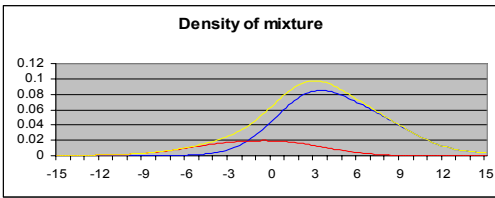




$$\Pr(S_t = 2 | y_t) = \frac{\Pr(S_t = 2, y_t)}{f(y_t)}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(S_t = 2, y_t)}{\Pr(S_t = 1, y_t) + \Pr(S_t = 2, y_t)}$$

$$\Pr(S_t = 2, y_t) = \Pr(S_t = 2) \cdot f(y_t | S_t = 2)$$



Prob(NBER expansion in $t + 1$ | NBER expansion in t)
 = $164/174 = 0.94$
 Prob(NBER contraction in $t + 1$ | NBER contraction in t)
 = $35/44 = 0.80$

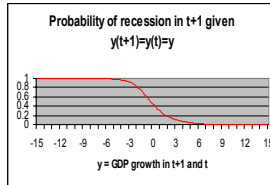
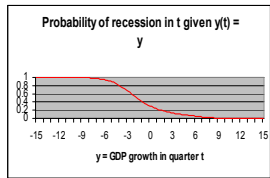
$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2 | y_{t+1}, y_t) = \frac{\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, y_{t+1} | y_t)}{f(y_{t+1} | y_t)}$$

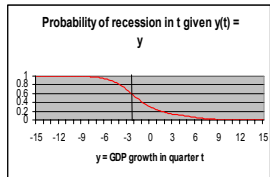
$$= \frac{\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, y_{t+1} | y_t)}{\Pr(S_{t+1} = 1, y_{t+1} | y_t) + \Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, y_{t+1} | y_t)}$$

$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, y_{t+1} | y_t) = \sum_{s=1}^2 \Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, S_t = s, y_{t+1} | y_t)$$

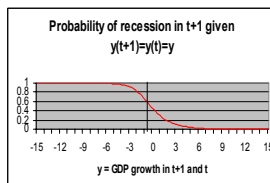
$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, S_t = s, y_{t+1} | y_t) = \Pr(S_t = s | y_t) \cdot \Pr(S_{t+1} = 2 | S_t = s, y_t) \cdot f(y_{t+1} | S_{t+1} = 2, S_t = s, y_t)$$

known from previous slide 0.80 for s = 2 known from density of recessions
0.06 for s = 1





Prob = 0.6
At y = -2.2



Prob = 0.6
At y = -0.8

Can also calculate "smoothed probability"

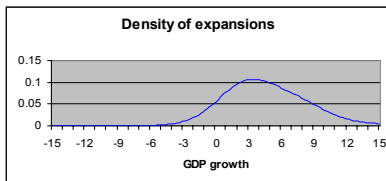
$$\Pr(S_t = 2 | y_t, y_{t+1})$$

Nonparametric summary of NBER labels:

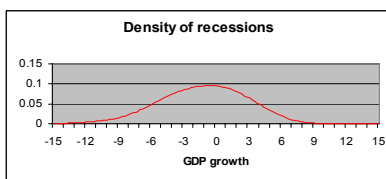
$f(y_t | S_t = 1)$ estimated nonparametrically

$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 1 | S_t = 1) = 0.94$$

$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2 | S_t = 2) = 0.80$$



$\mu = 4.7$
 $\sigma = 3.5$



$\mu = -1.2$
 $\sigma = 3.5$

Could also approach parametrically:

$$f(y_t | S_t = 1) \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma^2)$$

$$f(y_t | S_t = 2) \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma^2)$$

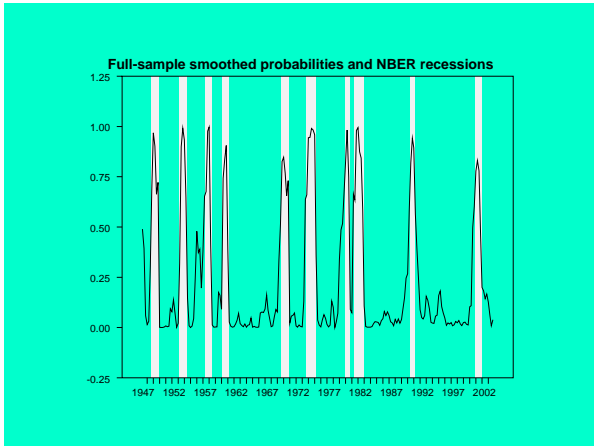
$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 1 | S_t = 1) = p_{11}$$

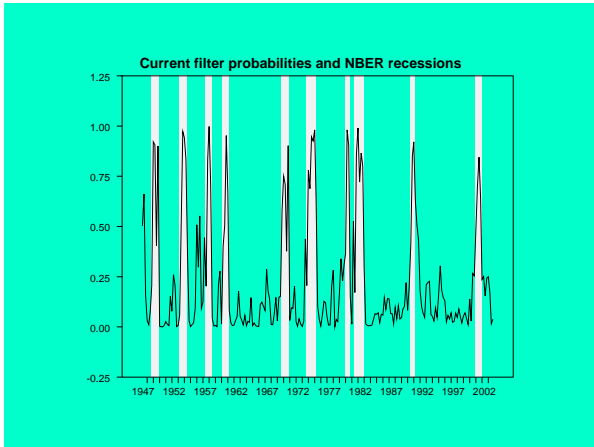
$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2 | S_t = 2) = p_{22}$$

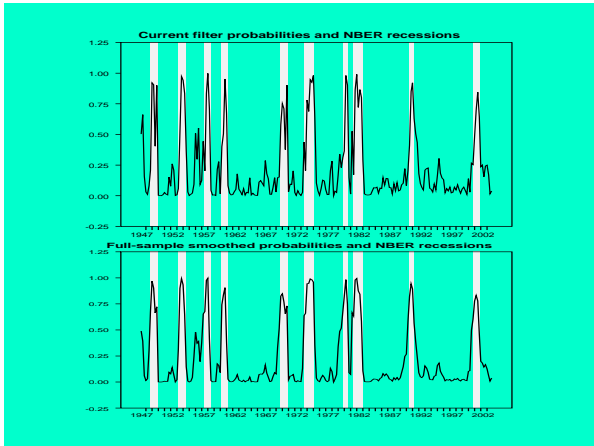
$$\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, S_t = s, y_{t+1} | y_t) = \underbrace{\Pr(S_t = s | y_t)}_{\text{known from previous step}} \cdot \underbrace{\Pr(S_{t+1} = 2 | S_t = s, y_t)}_{\substack{p_{22} \text{ for } s=2 \\ p_{11} \text{ for } s=1}} \cdot \underbrace{f(y_{t+1} | S_{t+1} = 2, S_t = s, y_t)}_{N(\mu_2, \sigma^2)}$$

$$f(y_{t+1} | y_t) = \Pr(S_{t+1} = 1, S_t = 1, y_{t+1} | y_t) + \Pr(S_{t+1} = 1, S_t = 2, y_{t+1} | y_t) + \Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, S_t = 1, y_{t+1} | y_t) + \Pr(S_{t+1} = 2, S_t = 2, y_{t+1} | y_t)$$

Parameter	Estimated from NBER dates and GDP	Estimated from GDP alone
μ_1	4.73	4.62
μ_2	-1.19	-0.57
σ	3.47	3.35
p_{11}	0.94	0.92
p_{22}	0.80	0.74



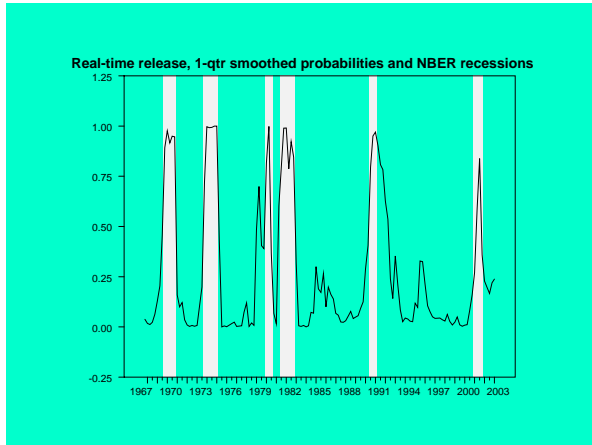


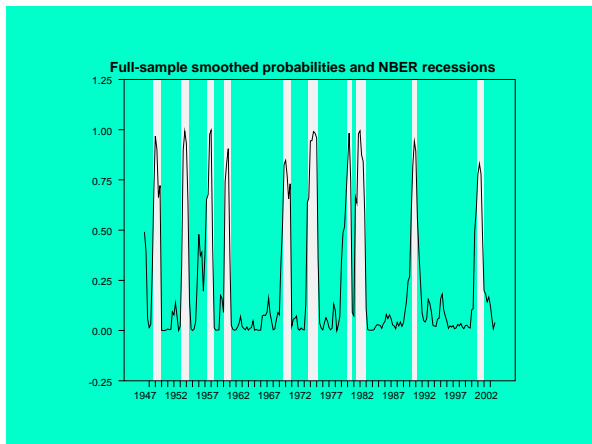


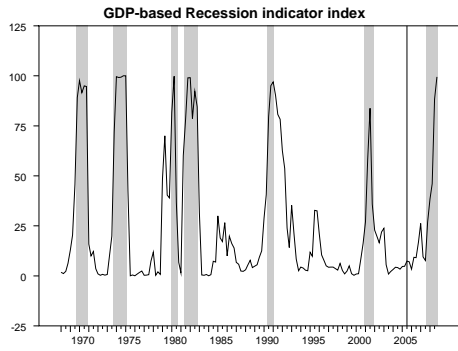
Another challenge:

(1) Use only unrevised data as it was actually available at the time.

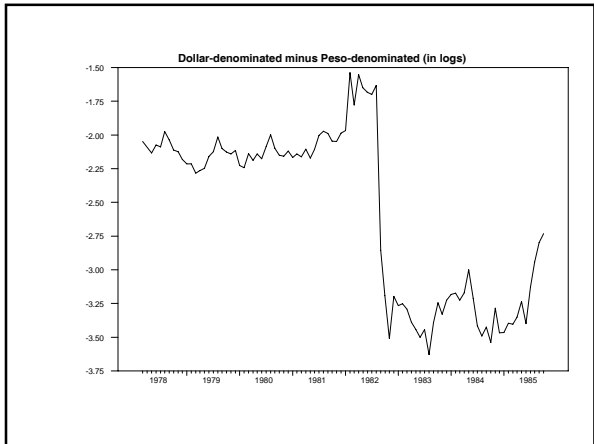
(2) Use only data up through quarter t to estimate parameters and form inference for quarter $t - 1$.







Announcements based on recession indicator index (last updated: January 2009)	
Date of announcement	Announcement
Simulated (through June 2005)	
May 1970	recession began 1969:Q2
Aug 1971	recession ended 1970:Q4
May 1974	recession began 1973:Q4
Feb 1976	recession ended 1975:Q1
Nov 1979	recession began 1979:Q2
May 1981	recession ended 1980:Q2
Feb 1982	recession began 1981:Q2
Aug 1983	recession ended 1982:Q4
Feb 1991	recession began 1989:Q4
Feb 1993	recession ended 1991:Q4
Feb 2002	recession began 2001:Q1
Aug 2002	recession ended 2001:Q3
Actual real time (since July 2005)	
Jan 2009	recession began 2007:Q4



Model of structural change:

$$y_t - \mu_1 = \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu_1) + \varepsilon_t \quad t \leq t_0$$

$$y_t - \mu_2 = \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu_2) + \varepsilon_t \quad t > t_0$$

Questions:

- 1) How forecast with this model?
- 2) What caused change at t_0 ?
- 3) What is probability law for $\{y_t\}$?

$$s_t^* = 1 \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, t_0$$

$$s_t^* = 2 \quad t = t_0 + 1, t_0 + 2, \dots$$

$$y_t - \mu_{s_t^*} = \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu_{s_{t-1}^*}) + \varepsilon_t$$

Need: probability law for s_t^*

Markov chain:

$$\begin{aligned} P(s_t^* = j | s_{t-1}^* = i, s_{t-2}^* = k, \dots) \\ &= P(s_t^* = j | s_{t-1}^* = i) \\ &= p_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Transition from 1 to 2 is permanent

$$\Rightarrow p_{21} = 0$$

In general, if s_t is a Markov chain taking on one of the values $s_t = 1, 2, \dots, N$, let $p_{ij} = P(s_t = j | s_{t-1} = i)$. Collect in matrix $\mathbf{P} = [p_{ji}]$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{21} & \cdots & p_{N1} \\ p_{12} & p_{22} & \cdots & p_{N2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ p_{1N} & p_{2N} & \cdots & p_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $\xi_t = \mathbf{e}_i$ (the i th column of \mathbf{I}_N) when $s_t = i$. Then

$$E(\xi_{t+1} | \xi_t = \mathbf{e}_i) = \begin{bmatrix} P(s_{t+1} = 1 | s_t = i) \\ P(s_{t+1} = 2 | s_t = i) \\ \vdots \\ P(s_{t+1} = N | s_t = i) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{P} \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$= \mathbf{P} \xi_t$$

More generally, suppose we had a set of observations $\Omega_t = \{\mathbf{y}_t, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_1\}$ that gave us an imperfect inference about s_t summarized as

$$\hat{\xi}_{t|t} = E(\xi_t | \Omega_t) = \begin{bmatrix} P(s_t = 1 | \Omega_t) \\ P(s_t = 2 | \Omega_t) \\ \vdots \\ P(s_t = N | \Omega_t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\hat{\xi}_{t+1|t} = E(\xi_{t+1} | \Omega_t) = \mathbf{P} \hat{\xi}_{t|t}$$

(e.g., row j states that

$$\begin{aligned} P(s_{t+1} = j | \Omega_t) \\ = p_{1j}P(s_t = 1 | \Omega_t) + p_{2j}P(s_t = 2 | \Omega_t) \\ + \dots + p_{Nj}P(s_t = N | \Omega_t) \end{aligned}$$

Return to original example of interest:

$$\begin{aligned} y_t - \mu_{s_t^*} &= \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu_{s_{t-1}^*}) + \varepsilon_t \\ \varepsilon_t &\sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma^2) \\ P(s_t^* = j | s_{t-1}^* = i) &= p_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, 2 \\ \{s_t^*\}_{t=1}^T &\text{ independent of } \{\varepsilon_t\}_{t=1}^T \\ \Omega_t &= \{y_t, y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1\} \end{aligned}$$

Implication:

$$y_t | \Omega_{t-1}, s_t^*, s_{t-1}^* \sim N(\mu_{s_t^*} + \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu_{s_{t-1}^*}), \sigma^2)$$

Convenient to summarize $\{s_t^*, s_{t-1}^*\}$
with a single Markov chain:

$$\begin{aligned} s_t = 1 & \quad \text{if } s_t^* = 1 \text{ and } s_{t-1}^* = 1 \\ s_t = 2 & \quad \text{if } s_t^* = 2 \text{ and } s_{t-1}^* = 1 \\ s_t = 3 & \quad \text{if } s_t^* = 1 \text{ and } s_{t-1}^* = 2 \\ s_t = 4 & \quad \text{if } s_t^* = 2 \text{ and } s_{t-1}^* = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\xi_t = \mathbf{e}_i$ (i th column of \mathbf{I}_4) when $s_t = i$

$$\hat{\xi}_{t+1|t} = \mathbf{P} \hat{\xi}_{t|t}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11}^* & 0 & p_{11}^* & 0 \\ p_{12}^* & 0 & p_{12}^* & 0 \\ 0 & p_{21}^* & 0 & p_{21}^* \\ 0 & p_{22}^* & 0 & p_{22}^* \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & p(y_t | s_t = 3, \Omega_{t-1}) \\
 &= p(y_t | \mu_{s_t^*} = \mu_1, \mu_{s_{t-1}^*} = \mu_2, \Omega_{t-1}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left\{ \frac{-[y_t - \mu_1 - \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu_2)]^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Collect the densities that might be associated with each of the $N = 4$ states in an $(N \times 1)$ vector

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_t = \begin{bmatrix} p(y_t | s_t = 1, \Omega_{t-1}) \\ p(y_t | s_t = 2, \Omega_{t-1}) \\ \vdots \\ p(y_t | s_t = N, \Omega_{t-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall that

$$\mathbf{P}_{t-1|t-1}^{\hat{\xi}} = \begin{bmatrix} P(s_t = 1 | \Omega_{t-1}) \\ P(s_t = 2 | \Omega_{t-1}) \\ \vdots \\ P(s_t = N | \Omega_{t-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_t \odot \mathbf{P}\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t-1|t-1} = \begin{bmatrix} p(y_t|s_t = 1, \Omega_{t-1})P(s_t = 1|\Omega_{t-1}) \\ p(y_t|s_t = 2, \Omega_{t-1})P(s_t = 2|\Omega_{t-1}) \\ \vdots \\ p(y_t|s_t = N, \Omega_{t-1})P(s_t = N|\Omega_{t-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Summing the elements of this vector gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1}'(\boldsymbol{\eta}_t \odot \mathbf{P}\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t-1|t-1}) &= \sum_{j=1}^N p(y_t, s_t = j|\Omega_{t-1}) \\ &= p(y_t|\Omega_{t-1}), \end{aligned}$$

the conditional likelihood of t th observation.

The result of dividing the j th element of $(\boldsymbol{\eta}_t \odot \mathbf{P}\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t-1|t-1})$ by the conditional likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(y_t, s_t = j|\Omega_{t-1})}{p(y_t|\Omega_{t-1})} &= P(s_t = j|y_t, \Omega_{t-1}) \\ \frac{(\boldsymbol{\eta}_t \odot \mathbf{P}\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t-1|t-1})}{\mathbf{1}'(\boldsymbol{\eta}_t \odot \mathbf{P}\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t-1|t-1})} &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t|t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{(\eta_t \odot \mathbf{P} \hat{\xi}_{t-1|t-1})}{\mathbf{1}'(\eta_t \odot \mathbf{P} \hat{\xi}_{t-1|t-1})} = \hat{\xi}_{t|t}$$

Iterative algorithm similar to Kalman filter:

Input for step t :

$$\hat{\xi}_{t-1|t-1}$$

(an $N \times 1$ vector whose j th element is

$$P(s_t = j | y_t, y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1)).$$

Output for step t :

$$\hat{\xi}_{t|t}$$

Options for initial value $\hat{\xi}_{0|0}$:

(1) If Markov chain is ergodic, use ergodic probabilities

$$\hat{\xi}_{0|0} = (\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{e}_{N+1}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_N - \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{1}' \end{bmatrix}_{(N+1) \times N}$$

(2) Set $\hat{\xi}_{0|0} = \boldsymbol{\rho}$, a vector of free parameters to be estimated by maximum likelihood or Bayesian methods along with the other parameters.

(3) Set $\hat{\xi}_{00} = N^{-1}\mathbf{1}$.
(4) Set $\hat{\xi}_{00}$ based on prior beliefs.

Above assumed we knew parameters θ appearing in $\eta_t = [p(y_t|s_t = j, \Omega_{t-1}; \theta)]_{j=1}^N$ (in this case $\theta = (\phi, \mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma^2)'$) and \mathbf{p} appearing in \mathbf{P} (in this case $\mathbf{p} = (p_{11}, p_{22})'$).

However, as byproduct of step t of iteration we ended up calculating $p(y_t|\Omega_t; \theta, \mathbf{p})$ and so we've calculated log likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathbf{p}) = \sum_{t=1}^T \log p(y_t|\Omega_t; \theta, \mathbf{p})$$

which can be maximized numerically with respect to θ and \mathbf{p} by numerical methods.

Note– during numerical search we'd want to be choosing λ_{11} and λ_{22} rather than p_{11} and p_{22} where

$$p_{11} = \frac{\lambda_{11}^2}{1+\lambda_{11}^2}$$

$$p_{22} = \frac{\lambda_{22}^2}{1+\lambda_{22}^2}$$

Changes in regime are characterized by differences between the different rows of $\eta_t = [p(y_t|s_t = j, \Omega_{t-1}; \theta)]_{j=1}^N$. In above example, this was Gaussian AR(1) with different constant terms when $s_t = 1, \dots, 4$. Could also have different AR coefficients, variances, non-Gaussian distributions, vector processes, etc.

Example: Dueker (JBES, 1997). AR(1) with Student t innovations whose degrees of freedom change with regime:

$$p(y_t|s_t = j, \Omega_{t-1}; \theta) = \frac{\Gamma[(v_j + 1)/2]}{(\pi v_j)^{1/2} \Gamma(v_j/2) \sigma} \left[1 + \frac{(y_t - c - \phi y_{t-1})^2}{\sigma v_j} \right]^{-(v_j+1)/2}$$

$$\theta = (c, \phi, \sigma, v_1, v_2)'$$

Example: Krolzig (*Markov-Switching Vector Autoregressions*, Springer 1997):
Gaussian VAR(1) with lag coefficients changing:

$$p(\mathbf{y}_t | s_t = j, \Omega_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} |\boldsymbol{\Omega}|^{-1/2} \exp[-(1/2)(\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{c}_j - \boldsymbol{\Phi}_j \mathbf{y}_{t-1})' \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{c}_j - \boldsymbol{\Phi}_j \mathbf{y}_{t-1})]$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{c}'_1, \mathbf{c}'_2, (\text{vec } \boldsymbol{\Phi}'_1)', (\text{vec } \boldsymbol{\Phi}'_2)', (\text{vech } \boldsymbol{\Omega}'))'$$

Can also allow transition probabilities to be parametric function of exogenous or lagged dependent variables \mathbf{z}_t :

$$\mathbf{P} = [P(s_t = j | s_{t-1} = i, \mathbf{z}_t; \mathbf{p})]_{i,j=1}^N$$

Example:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{z}_t)}{1 + \exp(\boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{z}_t)} & \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\boldsymbol{\delta}' \mathbf{z}_t)} \\ \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{z}_t)} & \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\delta}' \mathbf{z}_t)}{1 + \exp(\boldsymbol{\delta}' \mathbf{z}_t)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = (\boldsymbol{\gamma}', \boldsymbol{\delta}')'$$

What can't we do? Models where y_t depends on a growing number of states:

$$p(y_t | \Omega_{t-1}, s_t^*, s_{t-1}^*, \dots, s_1^*; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Example: ARMA process

$$y_t = \varepsilon_t + \theta_{s_{t-1}^*} \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_t = \varepsilon_t + \theta_{s_{t-1}^*} y_{t-1} - \theta_{s_{t-1}^*} \theta_{s_{t-2}^*} y_{t-2} + \theta_{s_{t-1}^*} \theta_{s_{t-2}^*} \theta_{s_{t-3}^*} y_{t-3} + \dots$$

Example: GARCH process:

$$y_t = \sqrt{h_t} \varepsilon_t$$

$$h_t = \zeta_{s_t} + \alpha y_{t-1}^2 + \delta h_{t-1}$$

$$= \zeta_{s_t} + \alpha y_{t-1}^2 + \delta(\zeta_{s_{t-1}} + \alpha y_{t-2}^2) \\ + \delta^2(\zeta_{s_{t-2}} + \alpha y_{t-3}^2) + \dots$$

Solution:

numerical Bayesian methods

IV. Markov-switching models

- A. Introduction to Markov-switching models
- B. Bayesian analysis of Markov-switching models

Example:

$$y_t = \beta_{s_t}' \mathbf{x}_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$P(s_t = j | s_{t-1} = i) = p_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

(does not depend on $\mathbf{x}_{t-k}, \varepsilon_{t-k}, s_{t-k-1}$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)

Gibbs sampler:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2', \boldsymbol{\theta}_3', \boldsymbol{\theta}_4')'$$

$$\theta_1 = \sigma^{-2}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_1', \boldsymbol{\beta}_2')'$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_3 = (p_{11}, p_{22})'$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_4 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$$

(1) Generating $\theta_1 = \sigma^{-2}$ from

$$p(\theta_1 | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}).$$

Prior: $\sigma^{-2} \sim \Gamma(N, \lambda)$

Conditioning on $\boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}$ is equivalent to observing $\{\varepsilon_t\}_{t=1}^T$ for

$$\varepsilon_t = y_t - \beta_{s_t}' \mathbf{x}_t$$

Posterior:

$$\sigma^{-2} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} \sim \Gamma(N + T, \lambda + S)$$

$$S = \sum_{t=1}^T \varepsilon_t^2$$

(2) Generating $\theta_2 = (\beta_1, \beta_2)'$ from $p(\theta_2 | \theta_1, \theta_3, \theta_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$.

Priors:

$$\beta_i | \sigma^{-2} \sim N(\mathbf{m}_i, \sigma^2 \mathbf{M}_i) \quad i = 1, 2$$

(independent of each other)

Posterior:

Conditioning on $\{s_t\}_{t=1}^T$, only those observations t for which $s_t = 1$ are relevant for posterior distribution of β_1 .

$$\beta_i | \theta_1, \theta_3, \theta_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{m}_i^*, \sigma^2 \mathbf{M}_i^*)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_i^* = \left(\mathbf{M}_i^{-1} + \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t' \delta_{(s_t=i)} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_i^* = \mathbf{M}_i^* \left(\mathbf{M}_i^{-1} \mathbf{m}_i + \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{x}_t y_t \delta_{(s_t=i)} \right)$$

Label-switching problem:

If switch β_1 with β_2 and p_{11} with p_{22} , value of likelihood $p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$ is identical.

Implication: if priors for β_i and p_{ii} are same for $i = 1, 2$, then true posterior distribution is bimodal and perfectly symmetric around the two modes.

Presume we have interpretive (as opposed to numerical) labels for regimes. E.g., regime 2 = “recession”, should have faster GDP growth, so that, say, $\beta_1(1)$, first element of β_1 , should be bigger $\beta_2(1)$, the first element of β_2 .

Strategy (1): Intentionally use symmetric priors for regimes 1 and 2 and intentionally randomly perturb parameter draw j to switch across modes so as to get multimodal posterior distribution, and apply normalization rule to this.

Strategy (2): Impose normalization requirement $\beta_1(1) > \beta_2(1)$ at every draw.

Drawback to (2): not clear it's same distribution as (1).

Drawback to either approach: Even though normalized posterior distribution has unique global mode, may still have local modes resulting from label switching.

Recommendation: plot posterior distributions to check for this.

(3) Generating $\theta_3 = (p_{11}, p_{22})'$ from $p(\theta_3 | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$.

Priors:

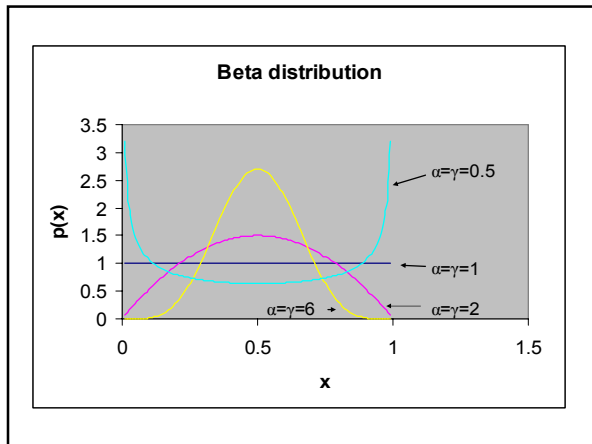
A variable x is said to have a beta distribution with parameters $\alpha > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$, denoted $x \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \gamma)$, if

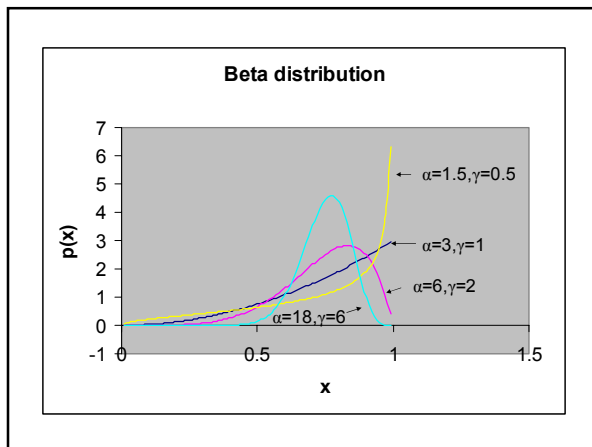
$$p(x|\alpha, \gamma) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \gamma)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\gamma)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\gamma-1}$$

for $0 < x < 1$ and $p(x|\alpha, \gamma) = 0$ elsewhere.

$$E(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \gamma}$$

$$V(x) = \frac{\alpha\gamma}{(\alpha + \gamma)^2(\alpha + \gamma + 1)}$$





Priors:

$p_{ii} \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha_i, \gamma_i) \quad i = 1, 2$
 (independent of each other)

Posterior:

Observation of $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}$ only affects inference about p_{ii} through

$$\theta_4 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$$

Assume that initial probability $P(s_1 = 1)$ does not depend on p_{ii} (don't use ergodic probabilities).

Suppose that in the sequence

$\theta_4 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$ state $s_t = 1$ is observed to be followed by $s_{t+1} = 1$ a total of n_{11} times, whereas state $s_t = 1$ is followed by $s_{t+1} = 2$ a total of n_{12} times.

Then, for purposes of inference about p_{11} , can view the data $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}$ solely as a sample of $n_{11} + n_{12}$ observations from a Bernoulli variable with probability of success p_{11} :

$$p(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_4, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} | \theta_3) \propto p_{11}^{n_{11}} (1 - p_{11})^{n_{12}}$$

data:

$$p(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} | \theta_3) \propto p_{11}^{n_{11}} (1 - p_{11})^{n_{12}}$$

prior: $p_{ii} \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha_i, \gamma_i)$

$$p(\theta_3) \propto p_{11}^{\alpha_1 - 1} (1 - p_{11})^{\gamma_1 - 1}$$

posterior: $p_{ii} \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha_i^*, \gamma_i^*)$

$$\alpha_1^* = \alpha_1 + n_{11}$$

$$\gamma_1^* = \gamma_1 + n_{12}$$

$$\alpha_2^* = \alpha_2 + n_{22}$$

$$\gamma_2^* = \gamma_2 + n_{21}$$

(4) Generating $\theta_4 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$ from $p(\theta_4 | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$.

Calculate $P(S_T = 1 | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ from first element of $\hat{\xi}_{TT}$.

Generate $U_T \sim U(0, 1)$ and set $S_T = 1$ if $U_T < \mathbf{e}'_1 \hat{\xi}_{TT}$.

Consider

$$P(S_t = i | S_{t+1} = j, S_{t+2} = k, \dots, S_T = z,$$

$$\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$$

$$= P(S_t = i | S_{t+1} = j, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \Omega_t)$$

for $\Omega_t = \{y_t, y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_1\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(S_t = i | S_{t+1} = j, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \Omega_t) \\
&= \frac{P(S_t = i, S_{t+1} = j | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \Omega_t)}{P(S_{t+1} = j | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \Omega_t)} \\
&= \frac{P(S_{t+1} = j | S_t = i) P(S_t = i | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \Omega_t)}{P(S_{t+1} = j | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \Omega_t)} \\
&= \frac{p_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t|t}}{\mathbf{e}_j' \mathbf{P} \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t|t}}
\end{aligned}$$

Iterating backwards $t = T - 1, T - 2, \dots$
we generate the sequence
 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_4 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$ from $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_4 | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$.

Generalization: N -state Markov chain.

$x \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$

$$p(x | \alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)} x^{\alpha_1 - 1} (1 - x)^{\alpha_2 - 1}$$

$$0 < x < 1$$

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)' \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N)$$

$$p(x|\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_N)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \dots \Gamma(\alpha_N)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} \dots x_N^{\alpha_N-1}$$

$$0 < x_i < 1$$

$$x_1 + \dots + x_N = 1$$

$$\alpha_i > 0$$

prior:

$$(p_{11}, p_{12}, \dots, p_{1N})'$$

$$\sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12}, \dots, \alpha_{1N})$$

data:

n_{1j} = number of times $s_t = 1$ is followed
by $s_{t+1} = j$

posterior:

$$(p_{11}, p_{12}, \dots, p_{1N})' | \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}$$

$$\sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha_{11} + n_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{1N} + n_{1N})$$

Generalization: time-dependent transition probabilities:

$$P(s_t = j | s_{t-1} = i, \mathbf{x}_t)$$

\mathbf{x}_t predetermined at t

Convenient framework for Gibbs sampling: latent variable z_t^*

$$z_t^* = \gamma_0 s_{t-1} + \gamma' \mathbf{X}_t + u_t$$

$$u_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$s_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_t^* < 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } z_t^* \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Gibbs sampler:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}'_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}'_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}'_4, \boldsymbol{\theta}'_5)'$$

$$\theta_1 = \sigma^{-2}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 = (\boldsymbol{\beta}'_1, \boldsymbol{\beta}'_2)'$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_3 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_4 = (z_1^*, z_2^*, \dots, z_T^*)'$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_5 = (\gamma_0, \boldsymbol{\gamma}')'$$

Draws from $p(\theta_1 | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4, \boldsymbol{\theta}_5, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ and $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 | \theta_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4, \boldsymbol{\theta}_5, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ same as before (conditioning on $\{z_t^*\}$ adds no information beyond that in $\{s_t\}$).

Draws of $\theta_3 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$
conditional on $\theta_4 = (z_1^*, z_2^*, \dots, z_T^*)'$
trivial from accounting identity:

$$s_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_t^* < 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } z_t^* \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Distribution of z_t^* conditional on
 $\{s_t, \mathbf{x}_t\}_{t=1}^T$ and $(\gamma_0, \boldsymbol{\gamma})'$:

$$z_t^* = \gamma_0 s_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{x}_t + u_t$$

$$s_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_t^* < 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } z_t^* \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

If $s_t = 1$, then z_t^* was a draw from a
 $N(\gamma_0 s_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{x}_t, 1)$ distribution that
came out to be negative.

To generate such a truncated Normal variable, generate $N(\gamma_0 s_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{x}_t, 1)$ variables until one comes up negative, use this for z_t^* .

When $s_t = 2$, generate $N(\gamma_0 s_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{x}_t, 1)$ and take the first nonnegative value as simulated z_t^* .
Doing this for $t = 1, \dots, T$ gives a draw from $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_4 | \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_5, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$.

Finally, to generate a value for $\boldsymbol{\theta}_5 = (\gamma_0, \boldsymbol{\gamma}')'$ given $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_5, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}$, notice that conditional on having observed $\{s_{t-1}, z_t^*\}_{t=1}^T$, generating $\boldsymbol{\theta}_5$ is standard regression problem:

$$z_t^* = \gamma_0 s_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{x}_t + u_t$$

IV. Markov-switching models

- A. Introduction to Markov-switching models
- B. Bayesian analysis of Markov-switching models
- C. State-space models with Markov-switching

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_{t+1} &= \mathbf{F}_{s_t} \xi_t + \mathbf{v}_{t+1} & E(\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \mathbf{v}_{t+1}') &= \mathbf{Q}_{s_t} \\ \mathbf{y}_t &= \mathbf{A}_{s_t}' \mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{H}_{s_t}' \xi_t + \mathbf{w}_t & E(\mathbf{w}_t \mathbf{w}_t') &= \mathbf{R}_{s_t} \\ P(s_{t+1} = j | s_t = i) &= p_{ij} \\ \{s_t\}, \{\mathbf{v}_t\}, \{\mathbf{w}_t\} &\text{ independent} \\ \mathbf{x}_t &\text{ predetermined exogenous}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 &= \text{unknown elements of } \mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2, \mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2 \\ \theta_2 &= \text{unknown elements of } \mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, \\ &\quad \mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_2 \\ \theta_3 &= (p_{11}, p_{22})' \\ \theta_4 &= (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)' \\ \theta_5 &= \text{unknown elements of } \{\xi_0, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_T\}\end{aligned}$$

(1) Generating $\theta_1 \{ \mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2, \mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2 \}$ given $\{ \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5 \}$.

$$\xi_{t+1} = \mathbf{F}_{s_t} \xi_t + \mathbf{v}_{t+1} \quad E(\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \mathbf{v}_{t+1}') = \mathbf{Q}_{s_t}$$

Notice for purposes of estimating \mathbf{Q}_1 , the likelihood satisfies

$$p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5) \propto \prod_{t=1}^T |\mathbf{Q}_{s_{t-1}}|^{-1/2}$$

$$\exp \left\{ -(1/2) \sum_{t=1}^T (\xi_t - \mathbf{F}_{s_{t-1}} \xi_{t-1})' \mathbf{Q}_{s_{t-1}}^{-1} (\xi_t - \mathbf{F}_{s_{t-1}} \xi_{t-1}) \right\}$$

$$\propto \prod_{t=1}^T |\mathbf{Q}_1|^{-(1/2)\delta_{s_{t-1}=1}}$$

$$\exp \left\{ -(1/2) \sum_{t=1}^T (\xi_t - \mathbf{F}_{s_{t-1}} \xi_{t-1})' \mathbf{Q}_1^{-1} (\xi_t - \mathbf{F}_{s_{t-1}} \xi_{t-1}) \delta_{s_{t-1}=1} \right\}$$

prior:

$$\mathbf{Q}_1^{-1} \sim W(N_{Q_1}, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{Q_1})$$

posterior:

$$\mathbf{Q}_1^{-1} | \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} \sim W(N_{Q_1} + T_1, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{Q_1} + \mathbf{S}_{Q_1})$$

$$T_1 = \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_{s_{t-1}=1}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{Q_1} = \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{v}_t \mathbf{v}_t' \delta_{s_{t-1}=1}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_t = \xi_t - \mathbf{F}_{s_{t-1}} \xi_{t-1}$$

(2) Generating $\theta_2 \{F_1, F_2, A_1, A_2, H_1, H_2\}$
 given $\{Y, X, \theta_1, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5\}$.

$$\xi_{t+1} = F_{s_t} \xi_t + v_{t+1} \quad E(v_{t+1} v_{t+1}') = Q_{s_t}$$

prior: $f_2 | Q_2 \sim N(m_{F_2}, Q_2 \otimes M_{F_2})$

posterior: $f_2 | Y, X, \theta_1, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5$

$$\sim N(m_{F_2}^*, Q_2 \otimes M_{F_2}^*)$$

$$M_{F_2}^* = \left(M_{F_2}^{-1} + \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t-1} \xi_{t-1}' \delta_{s_{t-1}=2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$m_{F_2}^* = (I_r \otimes M_{F_2}^* M_{F_2}^{-1}) m_{F_2} + (I_r \otimes M_{F_2}^* \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t-1} \xi_{t-1}' \delta_{s_{t-1}=2}) \hat{f}_2$$

$$\hat{f}_2 = \text{vec}(\hat{F}_2')$$

$$\hat{F}_2' = \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t-1} \xi_{t-1}' \delta_{s_{t-1}=2} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t-1} \xi_t' \delta_{s_{t-1}=2} \right)$$

(3) Generating $\theta_3 = (p_{11}, p_{22})'$ given $\{\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_4, \theta_5\}$.

(4) Generating $\theta_4 = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)'$ given $\{\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_5\}$.

Exactly same as for other Markov-switching models.

(5) Generating $\theta_5 \{\xi_0, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_T\}$ given $\{\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4\}$.

$$\xi_{t+1} = \mathbf{F}_{s_t} \xi_t + \mathbf{v}_{t+1} \quad E(\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \mathbf{v}_{t+1}') = \mathbf{Q}_{s_t}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{A}_{s_t}' \mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{H}_{s_t}' \xi_t + \mathbf{w}_t \quad E(\mathbf{w}_t \mathbf{w}_t') = \mathbf{R}_{s_t}$$

Conditional on $\{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_T\}$, this is just a Kalman filter problem where we use different $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}$ for different dates.

$$\mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} = \mathbf{F}_{s_t} \mathbf{P}_{t|t} \mathbf{F}_{s_t}' + \mathbf{Q}_{s_t}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{t+1|t+1} = \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} - \{ \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} \mathbf{H}_{s_{t+1}} (\mathbf{H}_{s_{t+1}}' \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} \mathbf{H}_{s_{t+1}} + \mathbf{R}_{s_{t+1}})^{-1} \mathbf{H}_{s_{t+1}}' \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} \}$$

$$\hat{\xi}_{t+1|t} = \mathbf{F}_{s_t} \hat{\xi}_{t|t}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{t+1|t} = \mathbf{y}_{t+1} - \mathbf{A}'_{s_{t+1}} \mathbf{x}_{t+1} - \mathbf{H}'_{s_{t+1}} \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t+1|t}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t+1|t+1} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t+1|t} + \{ \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} \mathbf{H}_{s_{t+1}} (\mathbf{H}'_{s_{t+1}} \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} \mathbf{H}_{s_{t+1}} + \mathbf{R}_{s_{t+1}})^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{t+1|t} \}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_T | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4 \sim N(\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{TT}, \mathbf{P}_{TT})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_t | \boldsymbol{\xi}_{t+1}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4 \sim N(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t|t}^*, \mathbf{P}_{t|t}^*)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_t = \mathbf{P}_{t|t} \mathbf{F}'_{s_t} \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{t|t}^* = \mathbf{P}_{t|t} - \mathbf{J}_t \mathbf{F}_{s_t} \mathbf{P}_{t|t}$$
