

COMP 330: Sequential Models

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So Far, Talked About “iid” Data

Each observation independent

Not always realistic!

Often, data are sequential

- ▷ Temperature readings
- ▷ Words in a sentence
- ▷ Parts of speech
- ▷ Stock prices
- ▷ Many others!

“Markov Models”

Ubiquitous in data science

Basic idea:

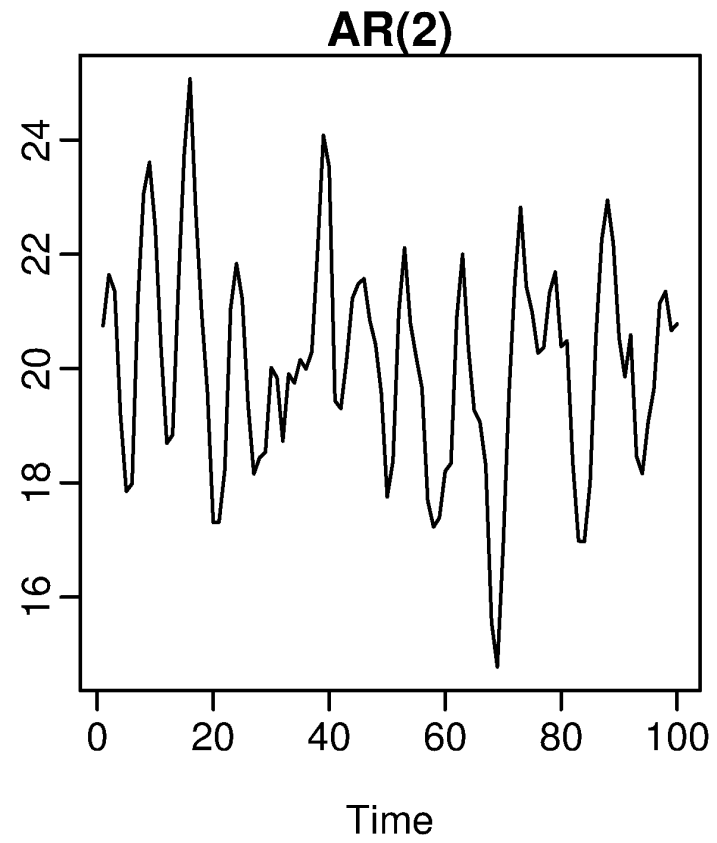
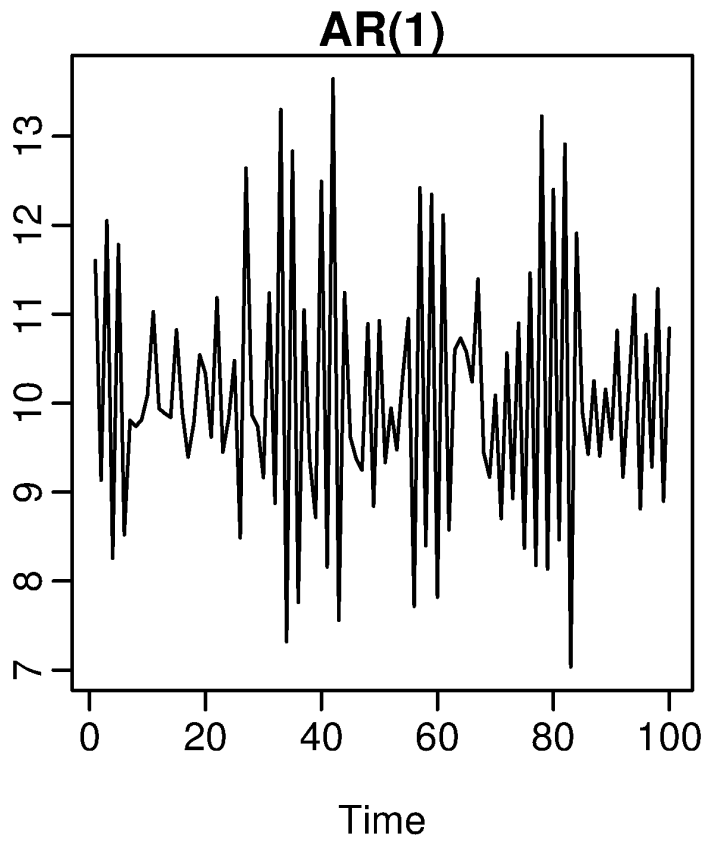
- ▷ Data observed at a sequence of “time ticks”
- ▷ Data at time tick t is \mathbf{x}_t
- ▷ \mathbf{x}_t depends only on \mathbf{x}_{t-1}
- ▷ (Or on $\mathbf{x}_{t-d}, \mathbf{x}_{t-d+1}, \mathbf{x}_{t-d+2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$ for order- d model)

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- ▷ Have d regression coefs for an order- d model
- ▷ r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d

Generative process is:

For $t = 1$ to d **do**:

$$x_t \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

For $t = d + 1$ to n **do**:

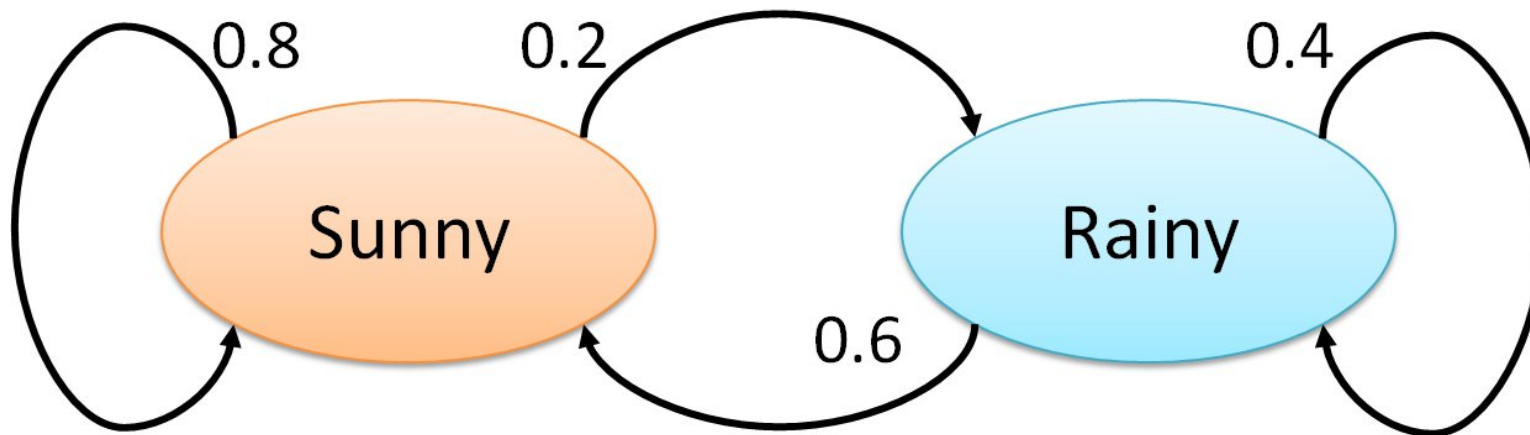
$$\theta = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} r_{i+1} \times x_{t-d+i}$$

$$x_t \sim \text{Normal}(\theta, \sigma^2)$$

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- ▷ Let π_0 be probs for start
- ▷ Let π_i be transition probs out of state i

$s_1 \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_0)$

For $t = 2$ to n **do**:

$s_t \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_{s_{t-1}})$

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Then we add the observed data

- ▷ Often Categorical
- ▷ Though sometimes not (Normal, Gamma, Poission are common)
- ▷ Let θ_s be parameter set associated with state s

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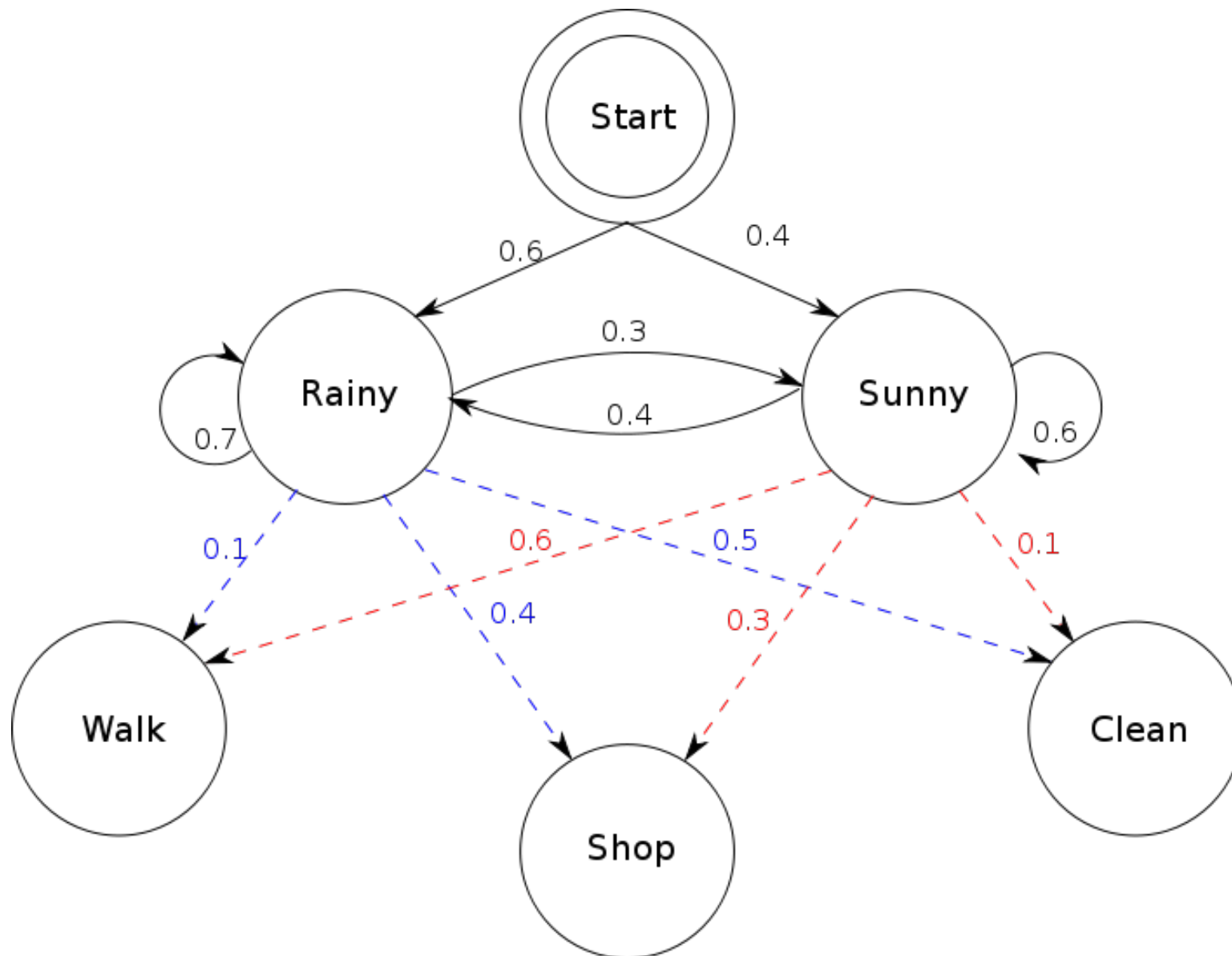
$$x_t \sim f(\theta_{s_t})$$

FOR $t = 2$ TO n **do**:

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Example HMM



Now, Let's Derive a Gibbs Sampler!

For a Categorical HMM

Going Bayesian? Need priors on all params

For $j = 0$ to k **do**:

$\pi_j \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha)$

For $j = 1$ to k **do**:

$\theta_j \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta)$

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Do the Rest on the Board!

Questions?