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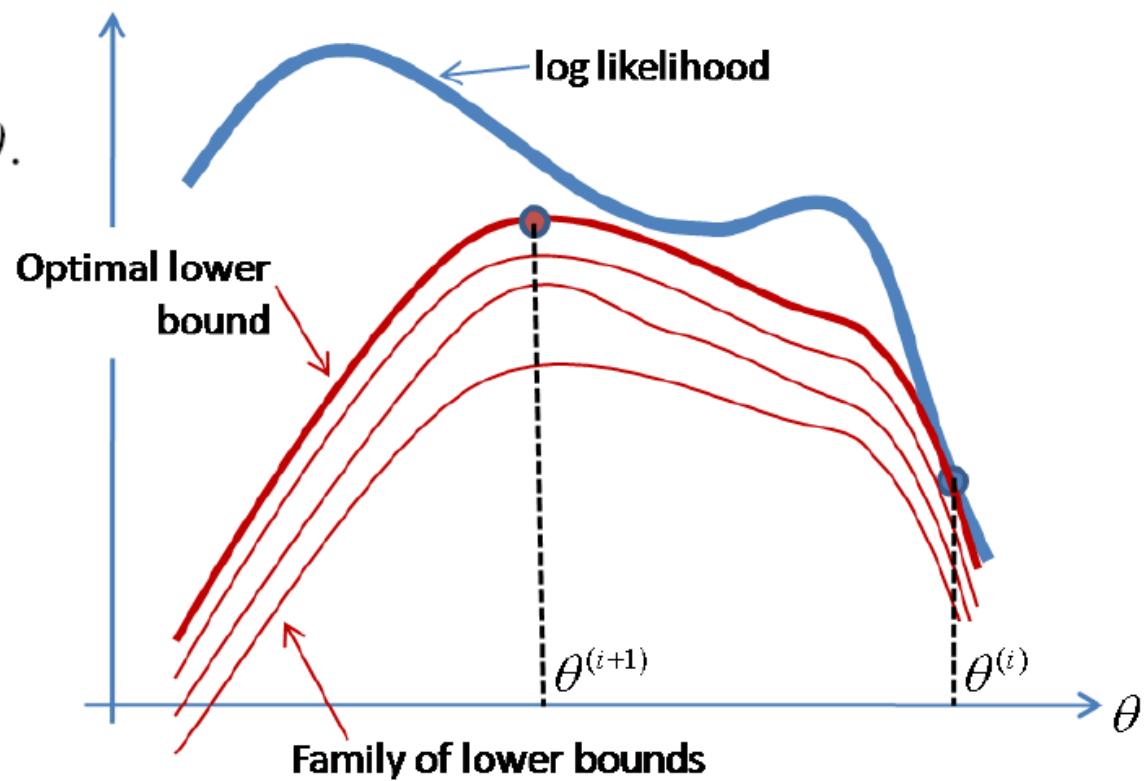
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# Successive lower bound maximization

$$B(\theta) \leq \log \mathcal{L}(\theta \mid x), \quad \forall \theta.$$





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**Algorithm 3** General EM-algorithm

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**Output:** Maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\Theta}$ .

(1) Set  $i = 0$ .

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(3) Expectation step (E-step):

Compute the function  $\mathcal{G}(\theta, \theta^{(i)})$ .

(4) Maximization step (M-Step):

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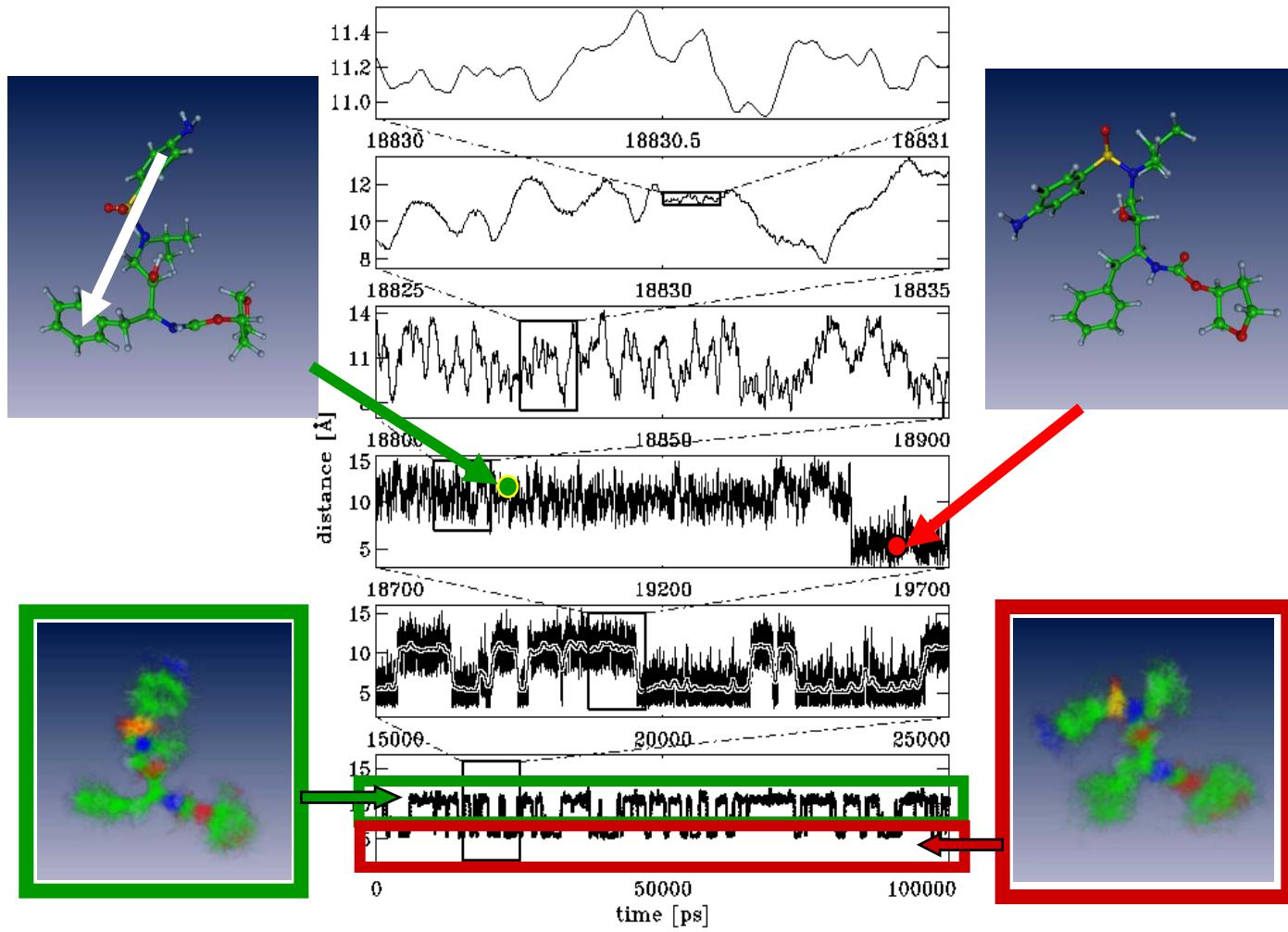
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) &= E_{p(Y|x, \theta^{(i)})} [\log p(x, Y \mid \theta)] \\ &= \int_{S_Y} p(y \mid x, \theta^{(i)}) \log p(x, y \mid \theta) dy.\end{aligned}$$



# Biomolecular Conformations as Metastable Sets





# Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)

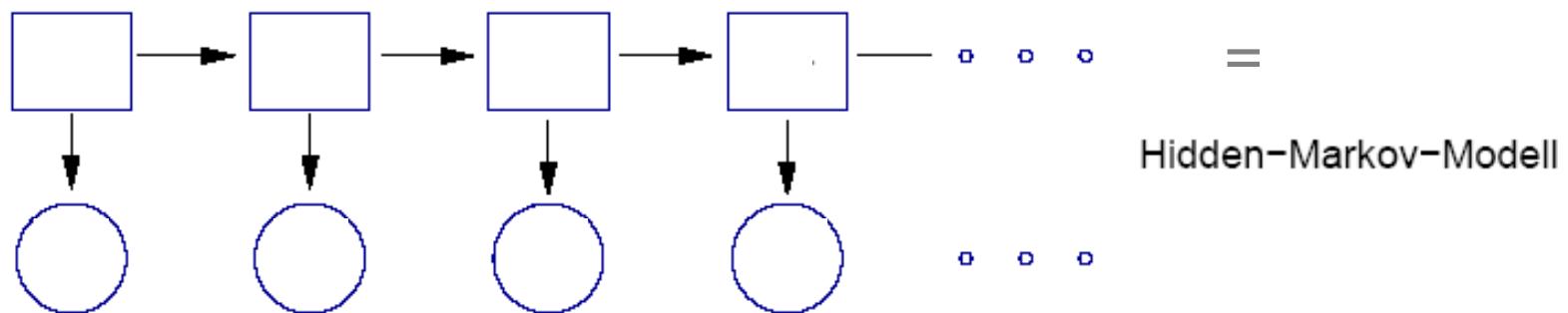
state (observable state , hidden state )

$K \times K$  transition matrix between metastable states

$b$ : probability density for output from hidden state

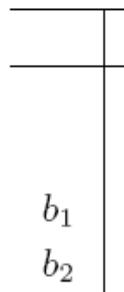
e.g., *Gaussian distribution*

probability distribution of initial state

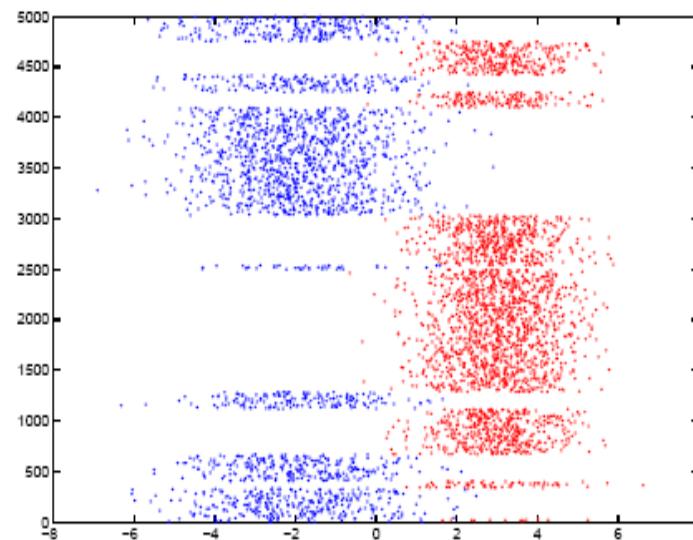




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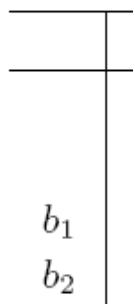


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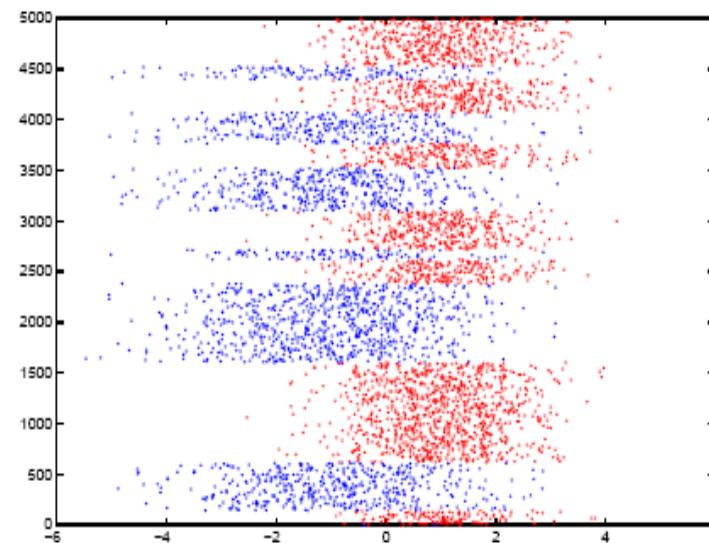




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# HMMs: basic notation and properties

**HMM parameters:**

$$\begin{aligned} b(x; \vartheta_j) &= p(X_t = x \mid Y_t = j), \\ p_{ij} &= p(Y_t = j \mid Y_{t-1} = i), \\ \rho_j &= p(Y_0 = j). \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = (\vartheta_j, p_{ij}, \rho_j) = (\vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_K, p_{11}, \dots, p_{KK}, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_K).$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_t \mid Y_t, X_{1:t-1}, X_{t+1:T}, Y_{0:t-1}, Y_{t+1:T}) &= p(X_t \mid Y_t), \\ p(Y_t \mid X_{1:t-1}, Y_{0:t-1}) &= p(Y_t \mid Y_{t-1}), \\ p(X_{t:t+h} \mid Y_{t:t+h}) &= \prod_{s=t}^{t+h} p(X_s \mid Y_s). \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} p(X_{1:t}, Y_{0:t}) &\stackrel{(CR)}{=} p(X_t \mid Y_t, X_{1:t-1}, Y_{0:t-1}) \cdot p(Y_t \mid X_{1:t-1}, Y_{0:t-1}) \cdot p(X_{1:t-1}, Y_{0:t-1}), \\ &= p(X_t \mid Y_t) \cdot p(Y_t \mid Y_{t-1}) \cdot p(X_{1:t-1}, Y_{0:t-1}). \\ &= \prod_{s=1}^t p(X_s \mid Y_s) \cdot p(Y_s \mid Y_{s-1}) \cdot p(Y_0). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \sum_{j_{0:T}} p(X_{1:T}, Y_{0:T} = j_{0:T}) \\ &= \sum_{j_{0:T}} \prod_{s=1}^T p(X_s \mid Y_s = j_s) \cdot p(Y_s = j_s \mid Y_{s-1} = j_{s-1}) \cdot p(Y_0 = j_0) \end{aligned}$$



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$$\sum_{j_{0:T}} = \sum_{j_0=1}^K \sum_{j_1=1}^K \dots \sum_{j_T=1}^K$$

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# G-function for E-step

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$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_j(t) &= p(Y_t = j | X_{1:T}, \theta) \\ \xi_{ij}(t) &= p(Y_{t+1} = j, Y_t = i | X_{1:T}, \theta) \\ \eta_{ij}(t) &= p(Y_{t+1} = j | Y_t = i, X_{1:T}, \theta).\end{aligned}$$



# General properties

$$\gamma_j(t) = p(Y_t = j \mid X_{1:T}, \theta)$$

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$$\sum_i \gamma_i(t) = 1$$

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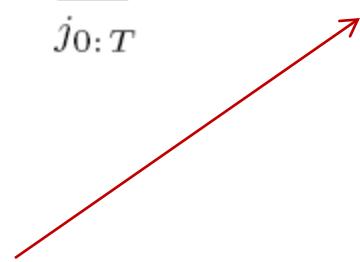
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$$\begin{aligned}p(Y_{0:T} = j_{0:T} | X_{1:T}, \theta) &= p(Y_{1:T} = j_{1:T} | Y_0 = j_0, X_{1:T}, \theta) \cdot p(Y_0 = j_0 | X_{1:T}, \theta) \\ &= p(Y_{1:T} = j_{1:T} | Y_0 = j_0, X_{1:T}, \theta) \cdot \gamma_0(j_0) \\ &= p(Y_{2:T} = j_{2:T} | Y_0 = j_0, Y_1 = j_1, X_{1:T}, \theta) \\ &\quad \cdot p(Y_1 = j_1 | Y_0 = j_0, X_{1:T}, \theta) \cdot \gamma_0(j_0) \\ &= p(Y_{2:T} = j_{2:T} | Y_1 = j_1, X_{1:T}, \theta) \cdot \eta_{j_0, j_1}(0) \cdot \gamma_0(j_0) \\ &= \prod_{t=1}^T \eta_{j_{t-1}, j_t}(t) \cdot \gamma_0(j_0)\end{aligned}$$



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**Lemma**      *When using a superindex on the  $\xi$  variables in order to indicate that these variables correspond to the parameter set  $\theta^{(i)}$ , and keeping in mind that the  $p_{ij}$  and  $b_j$  come from the parameter set  $\theta$ , we get*

$$\mathcal{G}(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) = \mathcal{G}_1(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) + \mathcal{G}_2(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) + \mathcal{G}_3(\theta, \theta^{(i)})$$

$$\mathcal{G}_1(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_{k,l} \xi_{k,l}^{(i)}(t) \cdot \log p_{k,l},$$

$$\mathcal{G}_2(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_l \gamma_l^{(i)}(t+1) \cdot \log b(x_{t+1}; \vartheta_l),$$

$$\mathcal{G}_3(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) = \sum_k \gamma_k^{(i)}(0) \cdot \log \rho_k.$$



# General M-step problem:

**Corollary** Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K)$ , and  $\kappa$  be Lagrange multipliers. The M-step of the EM-algorithms has to maximize wrt.  $\theta = (p_{ij}, \vartheta_j)$ ,  $\kappa$ , and  $\lambda$ :

$$\mathcal{G}_c(\theta, \kappa, \lambda; \theta^{(i)}) = \mathcal{G}(\theta, \theta^{(i)}) + \sum_k \lambda_k \left( \sum_l p_{kl} - 1 \right) + \kappa \left( \sum_k \rho_k - 1 \right)$$

under additional non-negativity constraints (49). This maximization problem can be decomposed into two independent problems:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_c(\theta, \lambda; \theta^{(i)}) &= \mathcal{G}_{c,1}(p_{ij}, \lambda; \theta^{(i)}) + \mathcal{G}_2(\vartheta_j; \theta^{(i)}) + \mathcal{G}_{c,3}(\rho_j, \kappa; \theta^{(i)}) \\ \mathcal{G}_{c,1}(p_{ij}, \lambda; \theta^{(i)}) &= \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_{k,l} \xi_{kl}^{(i)}(t) \cdot \log p_{kl} + \sum_k \lambda_k \left( \sum_l p_{kl} - 1 \right). \\ \mathcal{G}_2(\vartheta_j; \theta^{(i)}) &= \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_l \gamma_l^{(i)}(t) \cdot \log b(x_t; \vartheta_l), \\ \mathcal{G}_{c,3}(\rho_j, \kappa; \theta^{(i)}) &= \sum_l \gamma_l^{(i)}(0) \cdot \log \rho_l + \kappa \left( \sum_l \rho_l - 1 \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_{c,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_2$  and  $\mathcal{G}_{c,3}$  have to be maximized on their respective orthogonal subspaces under the respective additional non-negativity constraints for  $\mathcal{G}_{c,1}$ , and  $\mathcal{G}_{c,3}$ .



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Done??

$$\gamma_r^{(i)} = \sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_r^{(i)}(t).$$



# Direct evaluation infeasible

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Using this formula:

Computation of likelihood requires operations

Similarly bad scaling for etc.



$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_j(t) &= p(Y_t = j, X_{1:t}), \\ \beta_j(t) &= p(X_{t+1:T} \mid Y_t = j),\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma**      *The following three formula allow to compute  $\gamma_j(t)$ ,  $\xi_{jk}(t)$ , and the likelihood  $\mathcal{L}$  from the forward-backward variables and the respective parameter set  $p_{jk}$  and  $\vartheta_k$ :*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \sum_t \sum_j \alpha_j(t) \beta_j(t) \\ \gamma_j(t) &= \frac{\alpha_j(t) \beta_j(t)}{\sum_j \alpha_j(t) \beta_j(t)} \\ \xi_{jk}(t) &= \frac{\alpha_j(t) p_{jk} b(x_{t+1}; \vartheta_k) \beta_k(t+1)}{\sum_{jk} \alpha_j(t) p_{jk} b(x_{t+1}; \vartheta_k) \beta_k(t+1)}.\end{aligned}$$



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using parameter set  $(p_{kl}^{(i)}, \vartheta_k^{(i)}, \rho_k^{(i)})$

(3.3) Compute ←

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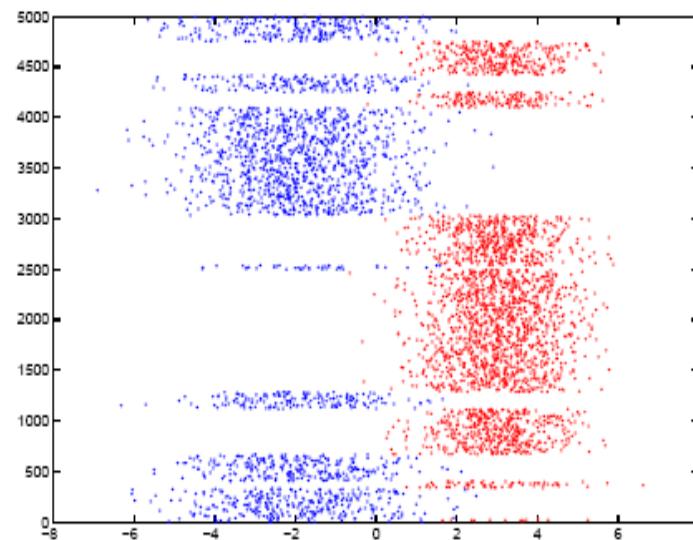
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