

# Statistical analysis of spatio-temporal and multi-dimensional data from a network of sensors

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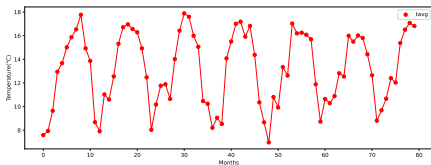
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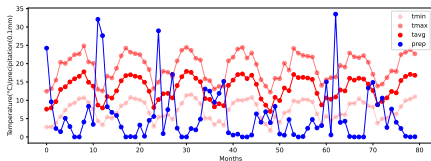
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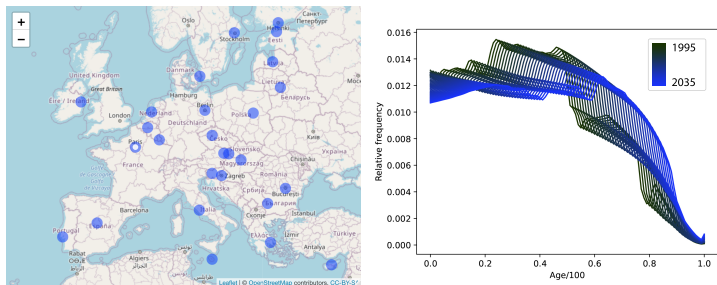


Figure 3: Annual records of age distributions of EU countries. A distribution  $\mu_{it} \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  is recorded on each node  $i$ , at each time  $t$ . In this example,  $\mu_{it}$  is an age distribution. Time is represented by color instead of  $x$ -axis. Lighter curves correspond to the distributions from more recent years.

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## Causal graph and vector auto-regressive model

For  $(\mathbf{x}_{it})_t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , the **VAR Models** have been widely adapted in literature to learn their causality (Granger) dependency.

$$\text{VAR}(1) : \mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{u} = A(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} - \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{z}_t, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_t = (\mathbf{x}_{1t}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{Nt})$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{x}_t$ , and  $\mathbf{z}_t$  is white noise.

When VAR (1) is stationary, the sparsity structure of  $A \stackrel{\text{adj. mat.}}{\iff} \mathcal{G}$ .

**Contribution of the thesis:**

$$\mathcal{G} \text{ of } (\mathbf{x}_{it})_t \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{G} \text{ of } (\mathbf{x}_{it})_t \in \mathbb{R}^F + \text{online inference,} \\ \mathcal{G} \text{ of } (\boldsymbol{\mu}_{it})_t \in \mathcal{W}_2(\mathbb{R}). \end{cases}$$

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KS endows the matrix representation of the vector Model (1'):

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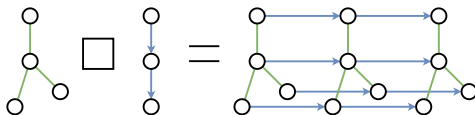
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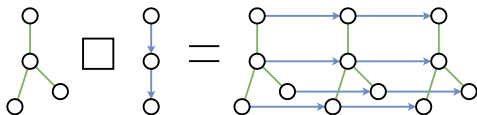
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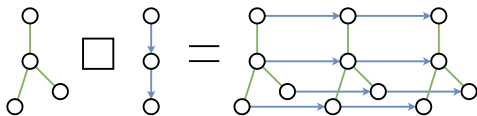
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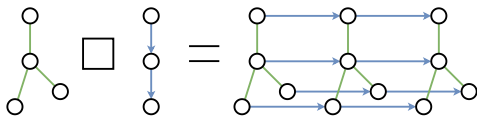
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Due to the model identifiability and application reasons, we employ a more sophisticated structure for  $A$ . The complete MAR(1) is

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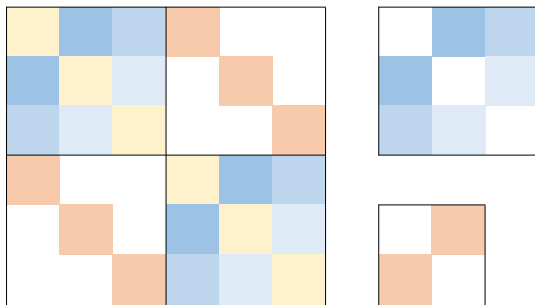


Figure 4:  $\mathcal{K}_G$  for  $N = 3$ ,  $F = 2$ .  $M$  (left),  $M_N$  (right upper),  $M_F$  (right bottom).

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$\mathbf{z}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{NF} \sim \text{IID}(0, \Sigma)$  is white noise with a non-singular covariance structure  $\Sigma$  and bounded fourth moments, with  $\|A\|_2 < 1$ .



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Unique  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^*, 0)$  at  $\lambda$ ,  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_0)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_0)$ :

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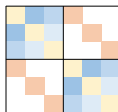
Continuity  $\implies$  (8) is the explicit form of all lasso solutions in a neighbourhood of  $\lambda$ , which ends with the critical values.



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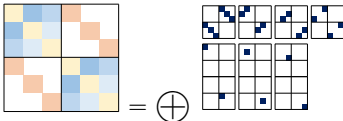
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$$\mathcal{K}_G = \bigoplus_{k \in K} \text{span}\{\tilde{U}_k\} \Rightarrow A = \sum_{k \in K} \langle \tilde{U}_k, A^0 \rangle_F \tilde{U}_k, \text{ where}$$

$$I_F \otimes A_N = \sum_{k \in K_N} \langle \tilde{U}_k, A^0 \rangle_F \tilde{U}_k, K_N \subset K.$$

Lasso above becomes

$$\min_{A^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{NF \times NF}} \frac{1}{2t} \sum_{\tau=1}^t \left\| \mathbf{x}_\tau - \sum_{k \in K} \langle U_k, A^0 \rangle U_k \mathbf{x}_{\tau-1} \right\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda \left\| \sum_{k \in K_N} \langle U_k, A^0 \rangle U_k \right\|_{\ell_1}$$

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$\frac{\partial L(A^0)}{\partial A^0} = 0 \implies$  The optimality condition of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ :

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## Adaptive tuning of lambda

$$\mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_t) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_{t+1}), \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_{t+1}) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}(t+1, \lambda_{t+1})$$

$\lambda_t \rightarrow \lambda_{t+1}$ :

Monti et al. (2018); Garrigues and Ghaoui (2008) propose an adaptive tuning method, in our notations:

$$f_{t+1}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{t+1} - \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda)\mathbf{x}_t\|_{\ell_2}^2,$$

and updating rule:

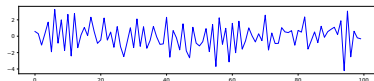
$$\lambda_{t+1} = \lambda_t - \eta \left. \frac{df_{t+1}(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=\lambda_t},$$

$\left. \frac{d\mathbf{A}(t, \lambda)}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=\lambda_t}$  can be calculated from the optimality condition of  $\mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_t)$ .

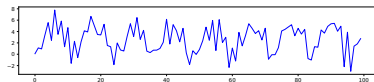
# Online graph and trend learning

Come back to the assumption:

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}_\tau)_\tau = 0, \forall \tau \Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\tau=1}^t \|\mathbf{x}_\tau - A\mathbf{x}_{\tau-1}\|_{\ell_2}^2.$$



However, raw data  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}_\tau)_\tau = \mathbf{b}_\tau$ , that is, a trend is present.



Offline: Detrend  $\mathbf{x}_\tau - \hat{\mathbf{b}}_\tau \Rightarrow$  is forbidden online.

# Online graph and trend learning

*Augmented data model:*

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{b}_t + \mathbf{x}'_t, \rightarrow \text{Observations} \\ \mathbf{x}'_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}'_{t-1} + \mathbf{z}_t, \rightarrow \text{underlying stationary process.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, we consider periodic trend of period  $M$ :

$$\mathbf{b}_t = \mathbf{b}_m, \quad m = 0, \dots, M-1, \quad m = t \bmod M.$$

*Augmented structured matrix Lasso:*

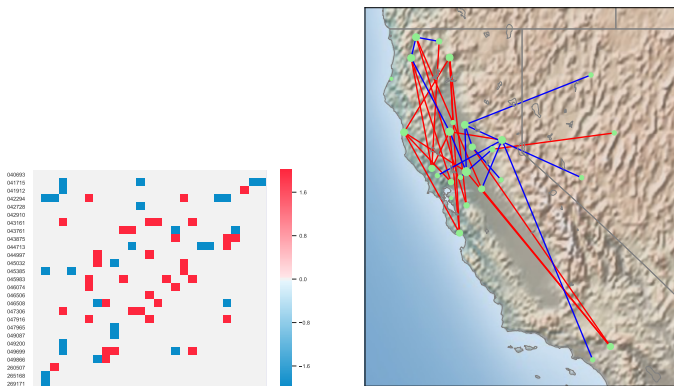
$$\arg \min_{A \in \mathcal{K}_G, \mathbf{b}_m} \frac{1}{2t} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{\tau \in I_{m,t}} \|(\mathbf{x}_\tau - \mathbf{b}_m) - A(\mathbf{x}_{\tau-1} - \mathbf{b}_{m-1})\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda_t F \|A_N\|_{\ell_1},$$

where  $I_{m,t} = \{\tau = 1, \dots, t : \tau \bmod M = m\}$ .

**Detrend + graph estimation simultaneously**

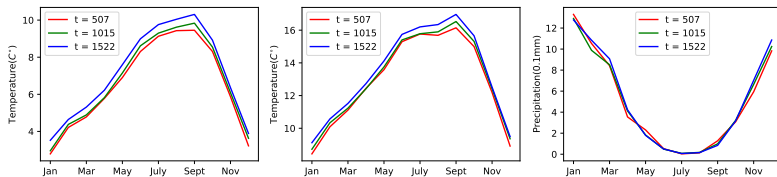
**$\implies$  Online graph learning on raw data**

# Climatology data



**Figure 5:** *California weather graph.* Graph Adjacency matrix (left), visualization on the map (right) using sensor coordinates. The nodes with bigger sizes connect with more nodes.

# Climatology data



Minimal temperature    Average temperature    Precipitation

**Figure 6:** *Estimated trends along years.* On the left, middle, right are the estimated trends at different years of a certain station for the 3 features. Experiment settings:  $N = 27$ ,  $F = 4$ ,  $M = 12$ .



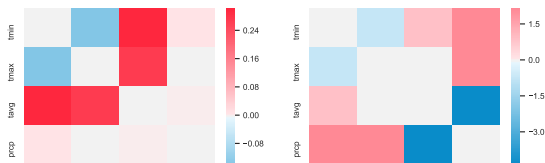


Figure 7: Updated feature graph at  $t = 1522$ . Projected OLS (left), and Lasso (right). Experiment settings:  $N = 27$ ,  $F = 4$ ,  $M = 12$ .

Note that  $t = 1522 < \#params = 1761$ .

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$\mathcal{W}_2$  is not linear space. Chen et al. (2021); Zhang et al. (2021); Zhu and Müller (2021) extended the univariate AR model

$$\mathbf{x}_t - u = \alpha(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} - u) + \epsilon_t,$$

by relying on the notion of *Tangent space* in  $\mathcal{W}_2$ .

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$$\langle f, g \rangle_\gamma := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)g(x) d\gamma(x), \quad f, g \in \mathcal{L}_\gamma^2(\mathbb{R}),$$

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$$\text{Log}_\gamma \mu = T_\gamma^\mu - id.$$

The exponential map  $\text{Exp}_\gamma : \text{Tan}_\gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_2$  is defined as

$$\text{Exp}_\gamma g = (g + id) \# \gamma,$$

where  $T \# \mu$  is the measure pushforwarded by function  $T$ , defined as  $[T \# \mu](A) = \mu(\{x : T(x) \in A\})$ .

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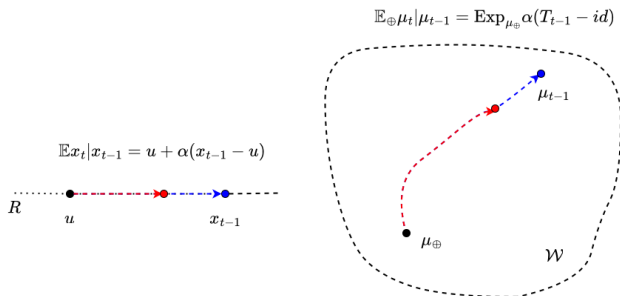
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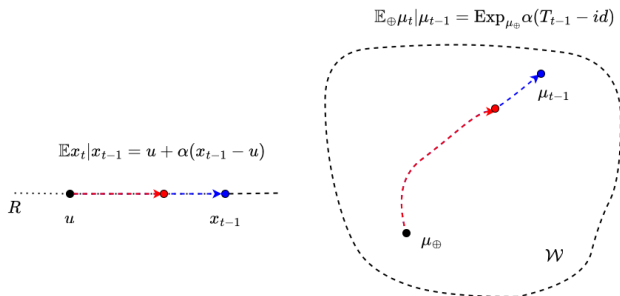


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# Center a random measure $\mu$ , s.t. $\mathbb{E}_{\oplus} \mu = U(0, 1)$

Zhu and Müller (2021) proposed a notion of addition for two increasing functions:

$$g \oplus f := g \circ f \implies g \ominus f := g \circ f^{-1},$$

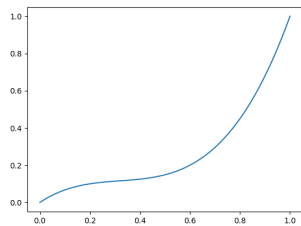
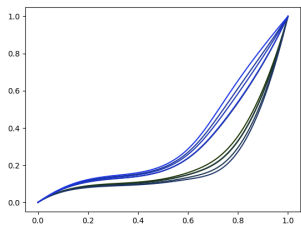
where  $^{-1}$  are the left continuous inverse.

For  $\mu$ , its centered measure  $\tilde{\mu}$  is defined by the quantile function

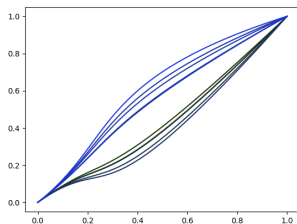
$$\tilde{F}_{\mu}^{-1} = F_{\mu}^{-1} \ominus F_{\oplus}^{-1},$$

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## Theoretical results:

Under two classical conditions, we have proved:

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according to a proper definition for functional TS.



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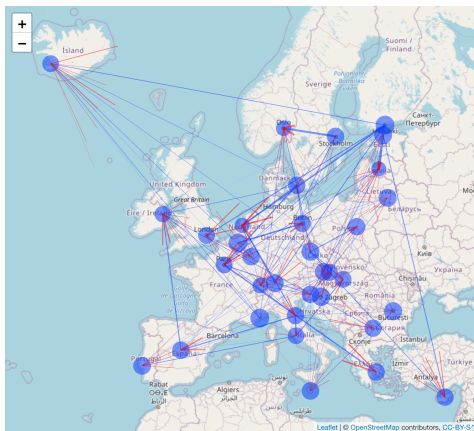
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**Theoretical result:**

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} \xrightarrow{p} A, \text{ as } T \rightarrow +\infty.$$

# Age distribution of countries



**Figure 8:** *Inferred age structure graph.* The non-zero coefficients  $A_{ij}$  are represented by the weighted directed edges from node  $j$  to node  $i$ . Thicker arrow corresponds to larger weights. The blue circles around nodes represent the weights of self-loop.

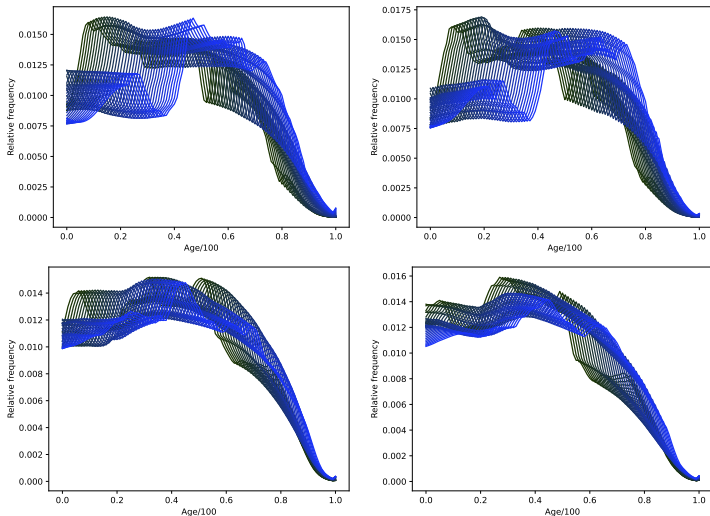


Figure 9: Evolution of age structure from 1995 to 2035 (projected). Estonia (top left), Latvia (top right), Sweden (bottom left) versus Norway (bottom right).

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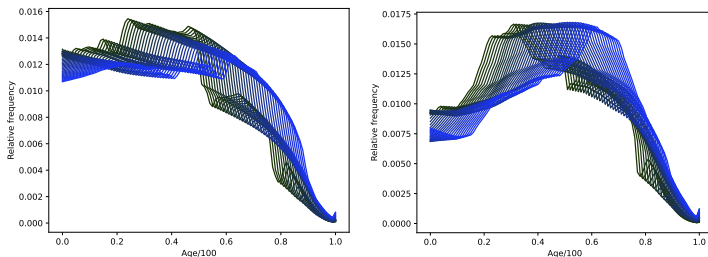


Figure 10: Evolution of age structure from 1995 to 2035 (projected) of France (left) versus Italy (right).

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### Future works:

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More generalized models to be developed, e.g. Network (functional) regression with network predictors.

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**Figure 11:** *Running time of each online update.* The red curves are the mean running time of the high-dimensional procedure, taken over 10 simulations each. The blue curve is the mean running time of the low-dimensional procedure, taken over the same 30 simulations. The shaded areas represent the corresponding one standard deviations. Other simulation settings:  $N = 20$ ,  $F = 5$ ,  $M = 12$ , number of model parameters = 1500.

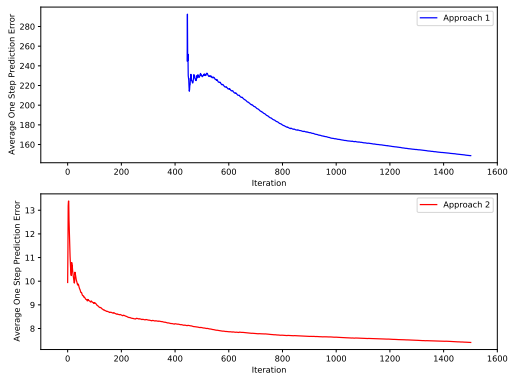


Figure 12: Average one step prediction error of raw time series. Projected OLS (top), and Lasso (bottom).

# Homotopy algorithms and optimality conditions

Algo:  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$ :

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} L(\theta), \quad L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mu y_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mu \mathbf{x}_{t+1}^\top \end{pmatrix} \theta \right\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_{\ell_1},$$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0 \implies$  Optimality condition  $\implies$  Homotopy algorithm.

## Enable again linear methods - towards tangent space

$$d_W(\mu, \gamma)^2 = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \gamma)} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} (x_1 - x_2)^2 d\pi(x_1, x_2)$$

When  $\gamma$  is an atomless measure, that is  $F_\gamma$  is continue, we have  $\pi^*$  exists uniquely and is induced by a function  $T_\gamma^\mu : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$T_\gamma^\mu \# \gamma = \mu$$

where  $[T_\gamma^\mu \# \gamma](A) = \gamma(\{x : T_\gamma^\mu(x) \in A\})$ ,  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ .  $T_\gamma^\mu$  is called optimal transport map. Furthermore,

$$T_\gamma^\mu(x) = F_\mu^{-1} \circ F_\gamma(x).$$

Characterization of the difference between  $\mu, \gamma$ :

$$d_W(\mu, \gamma) < \infty \implies T_\gamma^\mu(x) \in \mathcal{L}_\gamma^2(\mathbb{R}).$$

# Adaptive tuning of lambda

Updating rule can be interpreted as the steps in the **projected stochastic gradient descent** derived for the batch problem

$$\lambda_n^* = \arg \min_{\lambda \geq 0} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_{t+1} - \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda)\mathbf{x}_t\|_{\ell_2}^2,$$

which is the average one step prediction error.



# KS/KP as a common practice

**vec( $\mathbf{X}_i$ ) + vector model + KP/KS imposed in parameters** is a common practice to extend vector models to matrix-variate data in literature. For example, Gupta and Nagar (2018) proposed a matrix-variate Normal distribution as:

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_i) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u}, \Sigma), \text{ where } \Sigma = \Sigma_1 \otimes \Sigma_2,$$

where  $\otimes$  is the Kronecker product.