

## OPTIMAL FILTRATION IN SYSTEMS WITH NOISE MODELED BY A POLYNOMIAL OF FRACTIONAL BROWNIAN MOTION

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ABSTRACT. The problem of optimal filtration in systems with noise modeled by a polynomial of fractional Brownian motion is partially solved by representing fractional Brownian motion in terms of standard Brownian motion.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Systems governed by fractional Brownian motions are a generalization of those governed by standard Brownian motions.

We consider the real-valued processes  $X_t$  (signals) and  $Y_t$  (observations) represented by the following system of equations:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} X_t = \eta + \int_0^t a(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t p(W_s) dW_s, & t \in [0, T], \\ Y_t = \xi + \int_0^t A(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t B(s) dV_s, & t \in [0, T], \end{cases}$$

where  $V = (V_t, t \in [0, T])$  and  $W = (W_t, t \in [0, T])$  are fractional Brownian motions with Hurst parameters  $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  and  $h \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ , respectively. The coefficients  $A$  and  $a$  are assumed to be continuous functions on  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p$  is a polynomial,  $p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n x^n$ , and  $B$  is a continuous function on  $[0, T]$  that vanishes nowhere on  $[0, T]$ . Suppose the random initial conditions  $(\eta, \xi)$  do not depend on the fractional Brownian motions  $V$  and  $W$ , and the pair  $(X, \xi)$  has a given distribution  $\mu_{(X, \xi)}$ . Assume that the process  $Y$  is observed and one wants to estimate  $X$ . This is a classical problem of filtration of a signal  $X$  at time  $t$  from the process  $Y$  observed up to the time  $t$ . The conditional distribution  $\pi_t(X)$  with respect to the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{Y}_t = \sigma(\{Y_s, s \in [0, t]\})$  (called the optimal filter) is known to be the solution of this problem.

The filtration problem is considered in [1] and [2] for systems with noise modeled by a standard Brownian motion. The classical problem is extended in [3] to the case where the noise is a fractional Brownian motion. The filtration for linear systems with one-dimensional fractional Brownian motions is studied in [4]; the case of a multidimensional fractional Brownian motion is considered in [5]. All these papers treat the case where the noise  $X$  is of the form  $\int_0^t f(s) dW_s$ , and  $f(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , is a nonrandom function.

The present paper deals with the case where  $f$  is a particular random function, namely, a certain polynomial of fractional Brownian motion. We partially solve the problem of filtration by representing  $W^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  in terms of a suitable Wiener process.

Section 1 gives the main properties of fractional Brownian motion that allow one to apply methods similar to the classical methods for solving the filtration problem. In

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Section 2 we construct the representation of  $W^n$  in terms of a suitable standard Brownian motion. A partial solution of the problem of optimal filtration is obtained in Section 3 for the system (1.1).

## 2. MAIN PART

**2.1. Fractional Brownian motion.** In what follows we assume that all random variables and stochastic processes are defined on a stochastic basis  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbb{P})$  satisfying the standard conditions. The  $\mathbb{P}$ -completion of the flow of  $\sigma$ -algebras generated by a stochastic process is treated as the natural flow of  $\sigma$ -algebras.

Let  $T > 0$  be fixed. A stochastic process  $V = (V_t, t \in [0, T])$  is called a normalized fractional Brownian motion with Hurst parameter  $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  if

- (1)  $V$  is a Gaussian process with continuous paths and stationary increments;
- (2)  $V_0 = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}V_t = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}V_t^2 = t^{2H}$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

The case of  $H = \frac{1}{2}$  corresponds to standard Brownian motion. Since fractional Brownian motion is not a semimartingale, the classical theory of integration is not applicable for interpolation with respect to the fractional Brownian motion. Nevertheless, the integral with respect to fractional Brownian motion can be defined for a certain class of nonrandom functions. We now discuss this construction.

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be measurable functions on  $[0, T]$ . Put

$$(2.1) \quad \langle\langle f, g \rangle\rangle_H = H(2H - 1) \int_0^T \int_0^T f(s)g(t)|s - t|^{2H-2} ds dt.$$

Then the space  $L_2^H$  of classes of equivalent measurable functions  $f$  on  $[0, T]$  such that  $\langle\langle f, f \rangle\rangle_H < \infty$  is a Hilbert space with scalar product  $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_H$ . The correspondence  $\mathbb{1}[0, T] \rightarrow V_T$  can be extended to the isometry between  $L_2^H$  and the Gaussian space generated by the random variables  $V_t$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ . The integral  $\int_0^T f(s) dV_s$  is defined for  $f \in L_2^H$  as the image of  $f$  under this isometry. For all  $f, g \in L_2^H$ , we have

$$(2.2) \quad \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ \int_0^T f(s) dV_s \right\} \left\{ \int_0^T g(s) dV_s \right\} \right] = \langle\langle f, g \rangle\rangle_H,$$

where  $\langle\langle f, g \rangle\rangle_H$  is defined by (2.1).

The process  $\int_0^t f(s) dV_s$  is defined for  $f \in L_2^H$  as follows:

$$\int_0^t f(s) dV_s = \int_0^T \mathbb{1}[0, t)(s) f(s) dV_s, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

Since  $V$  is not a semimartingale, we construct an integral transformation  $V^*$  of the process  $V$ :

$$(2.3) \quad V_t^* = \int_0^t k_t^*(s) dV_s,$$

where  $k^*$  is a nonrandom kernel,

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} k_t^*(s) &= k_H^{-1} s^{1/2-H} (t-s)^{1/2-H}, \quad 0 < s < t, \\ k_H &= 2H\Gamma(3/2-H)\Gamma(H+1/2). \end{aligned}$$

The process  $V^*$  is a martingale with covariance

$$(2.5) \quad \psi_H(t) = \langle V^* \rangle_t = \frac{\Gamma(3/2-H)}{2H\Gamma(3-2H)\Gamma(H+1/2)} t^{2-2H}.$$

Moreover, the flow of  $\sigma$ -algebras generated by the process  $V^*$  coincides (up to zero sets) with the flow of  $\sigma$ -algebras generated by the process  $V$ . The process  $V^*$  is called the fundamental martingale of the fractional Brownian motion  $V$  in [6].

Let

$$V_t^{**} = \frac{2H}{c_H} \int_0^t s^{H-1/2} dV_s^*,$$

$$c_H = \left( \frac{2H\Gamma(3/2-H)}{\Gamma(H+1/2)\Gamma(2-2H)} \right)^{1/2}.$$

It is worth mentioning that  $V_t^{**}$  is a standard Brownian motion such that

$$(2.6) \quad V_t = \int_0^t z(t, s) dV_s^{**}, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

$$(2.7) \quad z(t, s) = \left( H - \frac{1}{2} \right) c_H s^{1/2-H} \int_s^t u^{H-1/2} (u-s)^{H-3/2} du, \quad s \in [0, t].$$

More details and facts about fractional Brownian motion can be found in [6].

**2.2. Representation of a power of fractional Brownian motion in terms of standard Brownian motion.** We show that  $V_t^n$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , can be represented in the form

$$(2.8) \quad V_t^n = \int_0^t M_n(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t K_n(t, s) ds,$$

where  $M_n(t, s)$  is a random  $\mathcal{F}_s$ -measurable function, while  $K_n(t, s)$  is a nonrandom function. We also obtain some recurrence equalities for  $M_n(t, s)$  and  $K_n(t, s)$ .

If  $n = 1$ , we obtain from (2.6) that

$$V_t = \int_0^t M_1(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t K_1(t, s) ds = \int_0^t z(t, s) dV_s^{**}.$$

Thus

$$(2.9) \quad M_1(t, s) = z(t, s), \quad K_1(t, s) = 0, \quad s \in [0, t], \quad t \in [0, T].$$

If  $n = 2$ , we apply the Itô formula for stochastic integrals with respect to the Wiener process and get

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^2 &= \int_0^t M_2(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t K_2(t, s) ds = \left( \int_0^t z(t, s) dV_s^{**} \right)^2 \\ &= \int_0^t 2V_s z(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t z^2(t, s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(2.10) \quad M_2(t, s) = 2V_s z(t, s), \quad K_2(t, s) = z^2(t, s), \quad s \in [0, t], \quad t \in [0, T].$$

For an arbitrary  $n \geq 3$ , we have

$$V_t^n = \left( \int_0^t z(t, s) dV_s^{**} \right)^n = \int_0^t nV_s^{n-1} z(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t \frac{n(n-1)}{2} V_s^{n-2} z^2(t, s) ds.$$

Using the equality

$$V_t^{n-2} = \int_0^t M_{n-2}(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t K_{n-2}(t, s) ds$$

and changing the order of integration in the second term we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
V_t^n &= \int_0^t M_n(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t K_n(t, s) ds \\
&= \int_0^t nV_s^{n-1} z(t, s) dV_s^{**} \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left( \int_0^s M_{n-2}(s, u) dV_u^{**} + \int_0^t K_{n-2}(s, u) du \right) z^2(t, s) ds \\
&= \int_0^t nV_s^{n-1} z(t, s) dV_s^{**} + \int_0^t \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left( \int_s^t z^2(t, u) M_{n-2}(u, s) du \right) dV_s^{**} \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \int_s^t z^2(t, u) K_{n-2}(u, s) ds.
\end{aligned}$$

In fact, we obtained the recurrence equalities for  $M_n(t, s)$  and  $K_n(t, s)$ , namely

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.11) \quad M_n(t, s) &= nV_s^{n-1} z(t, s) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left( \int_s^t z^2(t, u) M_{n-2}(u, s) du \right), \\
K_n(t, s) &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \int_s^t z^2(t, u) K_{n-2}(u, s) du, \\
&\quad s \in [0, t], \quad t \in [0, T].
\end{aligned}$$

The initial values are given by equalities (2.9) and (2.10).

It remains to prove that the integrals converge. In what follows we denote by  $C_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , constants whose precise values do not matter in the proof. First we estimate  $z^2(t, s)$ . Using equality (2.7) for  $z^2(t, s)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
z^2(t, s) &= C_1 s^{1-2H} \left( \int_s^t u^{H-1/2} (u-s)^{H-3/2} ds \right)^2 \leq C_2 s^{1-2H} \left( (t-s)^{H-1/2} \right)^2 \\
&\leq C s^{1-2H}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we use induction to estimate  $K_{2k}(t, s)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , with the help of the latter bound. Note that  $K_{2k+1}(t, s) = 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $k = 1$ , we have

$$K_2(t, s) = z^2(t, s) \leq C_2 s^{1-2H}.$$

Let  $K_{2k}(t, s) \leq C_{2k} s^{1-2H}$ ; then

$$K_{2(k+1)}(t, s) = \int_s^t z^2(t, u) K_{2k}(u, s) du \leq C_{2k} C_2 \int_s^t u^{1-2H} s^{1-2H} du \leq C_{2(k+1)} s^{1-2H}.$$

Therefore all the integrals containing  $K_n(t, s)$  are well defined.

The integral  $\int_0^t M_n(t, s) dV_s^{**}$  is well defined for a fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  if the integral

$$\int_0^t \mathbf{E} M_n^2(t, s) ds$$

converges. This can be proved by induction.

For  $k = 1$ , we use (2.9) to obtain  $\mathbf{E} M_1^2(t, s) \leq C_1 s^{1-2H}$  and

$$\int_0^t \mathbf{E} M_1^2(t, s) ds \leq \int_0^t C_1 s^{1-2H} ds \leq \tilde{C}_1 t^{2-2H} < \infty.$$

For  $k = 2$ , we use (2.10) to prove that  $\mathbf{E} M_2^2(t, s) \leq C_2 \mathbf{E} |V_s|^2 s^{1-2H}$  and

$$\int_0^t \mathbf{E} M_2^2(t, s) ds \leq \int_0^t C_2 \mathbf{E} |V_s|^2 s^{1-2H} ds \leq \tilde{C}_2 t^{2-2H} t^{2H} < \infty.$$

For some  $k$ , let

$$\mathbb{E} M_k^2(t, s) \leq C_k s^{1-2H} \left(1 + \mathbb{E} V_s^2 + \cdots + \mathbb{E} V_s^{2(k-1)}\right)$$

and

$$\int_0^t \mathbb{E} M_k^2(t, s) ds \leq \tilde{C}_k t^{2-2H} \left(1 + \mathbb{E} V_t^2 + \cdots + \mathbb{E} V_t^{2(k-1)}\right) < \infty.$$

Then using (2.11) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} M_{k+1}^2(t, s) &\leq C'_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left( V_s^k z(t, s) + \left( \int_s^t z^2(t, u) M_{k-1}(u, s) du \right) \right)^2 \\ &\leq 2C'_{k+1} \left( \mathbb{E} (V_s^k z(t, s))^2 + \mathbb{E} \left( \int_s^t u^{1-2H} M_{k-1}(u, s) du \right)^2 \right) \\ &\leq C_{k+1} s^{1-2H} \left(1 + \mathbb{E} V_s^2 + \cdots + \mathbb{E} V_s^{2k}\right), \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\int_0^t \mathbb{E} M_{k+1}^2(t, s) ds \leq \tilde{C}_{k+1} t^{2-2H} \left(1 + \mathbb{E} V_t^2 + \cdots + \mathbb{E} V_t^{2k}\right) < \infty.$$

This proves the existence of all previous integrals.

**2.3. Solution of the problem of optimal filtration.** The problem of filtration is considered in [3] for the case where the noise is a fractional Brownian motion. It is shown in [3] that a method similar to the classical method where the noise is a standard Brownian motion can be used to establish equations for the optimal filtration  $\pi_t(X) = \mathbb{E}[X_t | \mathcal{Y}_t]$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}_t = \sigma\{Y_s, s \in [0, t]\}$ . Following this method it is proved in [3] that the fundamental martingale for fractional Brownian motion exists and has some nice properties. Then it is shown in [3] that

$$(2.12) \quad Z_t = \int_0^t k_t^*(s) B^{-1}(s) dY_s$$

is a P-semimartingale. It is also proved in [3] that the  $\sigma$ -algebras

$$\mathcal{F}^{\xi, Z} = \sigma\{\xi; Z_s, s \in [0, t]\}$$

and  $\mathcal{Y}_t$  coincide for all  $t \in [0, T]$  up to P-zero sets.

The following result provides the equations for the optimal filter of some semimartingale.

**Theorem 2.1** ([3, Theorem 2]). *Let  $\xi = (\xi_t, t \in [0, T])$  be a  $((\mathcal{F}_t), \mathbb{P})$ -semimartingale such that*

$$\xi_t = \xi_0 + \int_0^t \beta_s ds + m_t, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where

$$\mathbb{E}[\xi_0^2] < \infty, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T \beta_t^2 dt \right] < \infty,$$

and let  $m = (m_t, t \in [0, T])$  be a square integrable  $((\mathcal{F}_t), \mathbb{P})$ -martingale such that

$$\langle m, V^* \rangle_t = \int_0^t \lambda_s d\psi_H(s), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

Then the process  $\pi(\xi) = \pi_t(\xi)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , satisfies the following stochastic differential equation:

$$(2.13) \quad \pi_t(\xi) = \pi(\xi_0) + \int_0^t \pi_s(\beta) ds + \int_0^t [\pi_s(\lambda) + \pi_s(\xi q(X)) - \pi_s(\xi)\pi_s(q(X))] dv_s, \\ t \in [0, T],$$

where

$$(2.14) \quad q_t(X) = \frac{d}{d\psi_H(t)} \int_0^t k_t^*(s) B^{-1}(s) a(s, X_s) ds, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

and  $\psi_H$  is defined by (2.5). The process  $v_t$  satisfies

$$(2.15) \quad v_t = Z_t - \int_0^t \pi_s(q(X)) d\psi_H(s).$$

The process  $v$  plays the same role as the innovation process does in the classical model. Namely, the process  $v$  is a continuous Gaussian  $(\mathcal{Y}_t)$ -martingale with covariance  $\psi_H$ . Moreover, any square integrable  $(\mathcal{Y}_t)$ -martingale  $M_t$ ,  $M_0 = 0$ , with respect to the measure  $\mathbf{P}$  is represented as

$$M_t = \int_0^t P_s dv_s, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where  $P = (P_t, t \in [0, T])$  is an  $(\mathcal{Y}_t)$ -adapted process,  $\mathbf{E}[\int_0^T P_t^2 d\psi_H(t)] < \infty$ .

We assume that the fractional Brownian motions  $V$  and  $W$  are dependent in the sense that there exists the quadratic characteristic

$$\langle W^{**}, V^* \rangle_t = \int_0^t \lambda(s) d\psi_H(s), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

and the function  $\lambda(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , is known. We seek a solution that is the optimal filter for the functional  $\phi(X_t)$ , where  $\phi \in C^2[0, T]$ . First we use representation (2.8):

$$(2.16) \quad X_t = \eta + \int_0^t a(s, X_s) ds + \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \int_0^t M_n(t, s) dW_s^{**} + \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \int_0^t K_n(t, s) ds.$$

Let

$$\tilde{a}(t, s, X_s) = a(s, X_s) + \sum_{n=1}^N b_n K_n(t, s)$$

and

$$\tilde{M}(t, s) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n M_n(t, s).$$

Then

$$(2.17) \quad X_t = \eta + \int_0^t \tilde{a}(t, s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t \tilde{M}(t, s) dW_s^{**}.$$

Consider the family of semimartingales  $X_s^t$ ,  $s \in [0, t]$ , defined by

$$(2.18) \quad X_s^t = \eta + \int_0^s \tilde{a}(t, u, X_u) du + \int_0^s \tilde{M}(t, u) dW_u^{**}, \quad s \in [0, t].$$

It is clear that  $X_t^t = X_t$ . Using the Itô formula we prove that  $\phi(X_s^t)$ ,  $s \in [0, t]$ , is a semimartingale such that

$$(2.19) \quad \phi(X_s^t) = \phi(\eta) + \int_0^s \mathbf{L}_u(\phi(X_u^t)) du + \int_0^s \phi'(X_u^t) \tilde{M}(t, u) dW_u^{**}, \quad s \in [0, t],$$

where

$$\mathbb{L}_u(\phi(\cdot)) = \tilde{a}(t, u, X_u)\phi'(\cdot) + \frac{1}{2}\phi''(\cdot) \left( \tilde{M}(t, u) \right)^2.$$

Applying Theorem 2.1 to the semimartingale  $\phi(X^t)$  we get the equation for the optimal filter  $\pi_s(\phi(X^t))$ :

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \pi_s(\phi(X^t)) &= \pi(\phi(\eta)) + \int_0^s \pi_u(\mathbb{L}_u(\phi(X^t))) du \\ &+ \int_0^s \left[ \pi_u \left( \phi'(X^t) \tilde{M}(t, u) \lambda(u) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \pi_u(\phi(X^t)q) - \pi_u(\phi(X^t))\pi_u(q) \right] dv_u. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $s = t$  we obtain the equation for the filter  $\pi_t(\phi(X))$ :

$$(2.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \pi_s(\phi(X)) &= \pi(\phi(\eta)) + \int_0^t \pi_s(\mathbb{L}_s(\phi(X^t))) ds \\ &+ \int_0^t \left[ \pi_s(\phi'(X^t) \tilde{M}(t, s) \lambda(s)) + \pi_s(\phi(X^t)q) - \pi_s(\phi(X^t))\pi_s(q) \right] dv_s, \end{aligned}$$

since  $X_t^t = X_t$ .

*Remark 2.2.* From equation (2.21) we see that the complete solution of the problem (1.1) requires an extra equation for  $\pi_t(q)$ .

*Remark 2.3.* Applying the results obtained in Section 2.2, one can solve the filtration problem for the case where  $p = p(t, W_t)$  is a polynomial of two variables  $t$  and  $W_t$ . Indeed, in this case the noise  $\int_0^t p(s, W_s) dW_s$  is a sum of finitely many terms  $\int_0^t a_{n,k} s^n W_s^k dW_s$ . We show that the latter integral can be represented in the form (2.8), that is,

$$\int_0^t s^n W_s^k dW_s = \int_0^t \hat{M}_{nk}(t, s) dW_s^{**} + \int_0^t \hat{K}_{nk}(t, s) ds.$$

Integrating by parts we get

$$\int_0^t a_{nk} s^n W_s^k dW_s = \frac{a_{nk}}{k+1} t^n W_t^{k+1} - \frac{na_{nk}}{k+1} \int_0^t s^{n-1} W_s^{k+1} ds.$$

It follows from (2.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t s^n W_s^k dW_s &= \frac{1}{k+1} t^n \left( \int_0^t M_{k+1}(t, s) dW_s^{**} + \int_0^t K_{k+1}(t, s) ds \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{n}{k+1} \int_0^t s^{n-1} \left( \int_0^s M_{k+1}(s, u) dW_u^{**} + \int_0^s K_{k+1}(s, u) du \right) ds \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{1}{k+1} t^n M_{k+1}(t, s) dW_s^{**} \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \frac{1}{k+1} t^n K_{k+1}(t, s) ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \frac{n}{k+1} \left( \int_0^s u^n M_{k+1}(u, s) du \right) dW_s^{**} \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \frac{n}{k+1} \left( \int_0^s u^n K_{k+1}(u, s) du \right) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\hat{M}_{nk}(t, s) = \frac{1}{k+1} t^n M_{k+1}(t, s) - \frac{n}{k+1} \left( \int_0^s u^n M_{k+1}(u, s) du \right),$$

$$\hat{K}_{nk}(t, s) = \frac{1}{k+1} t^n K_{k+1}(t, s) - \frac{n}{k+1} \left( \int_0^s u^n K_{k+1}(u, s) du \right).$$

The latter results allow one to apply the method described in Section 2.3 to solve the filtration problem.

### 3. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We considered the filtration problem for systems governed by fractional Brownian motions in the case where the noise is a polynomial. Using the representation of this polynomial in terms of integrals with respect to a suitable Brownian motions we established an equation for the optimal filter of the signal  $X$  with respect to the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the observations  $Y$ .

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