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Variational Inference for the Indian Buffet Process

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Main Contributions

- **Deterministic alternative to samplers for inference in the Indian Buffet Process (IBP)**
- **Theoretical bounds on the truncation error**

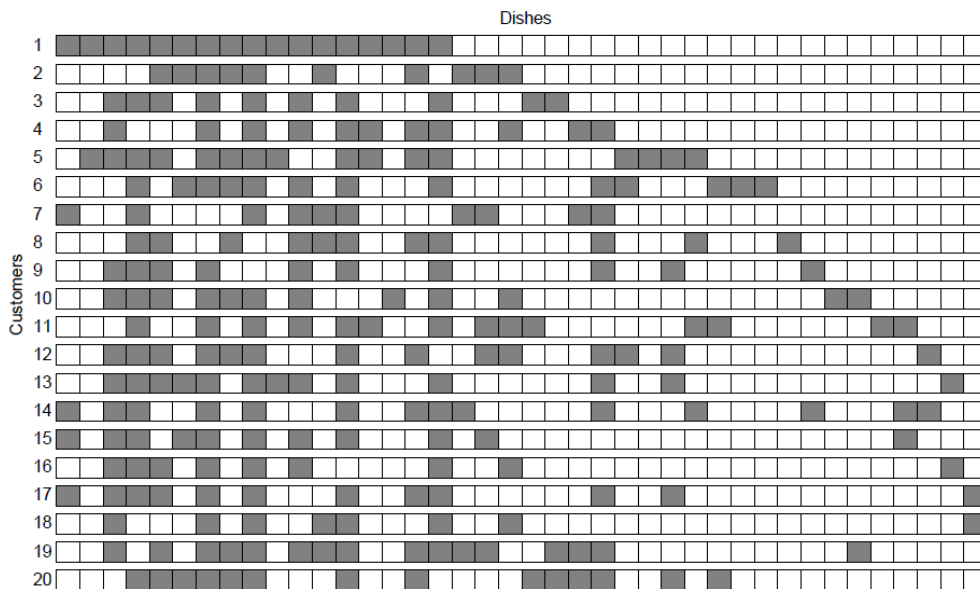
Overview

- **Backgrounds**
 - The IBP and its stick-breaking construction
 - Latent feature model
 - Variational methods
- **Variational Inference for the IBP**
 - Finite variational approach
 - Infinite variational approach
- **Truncation error**
- **Experiments**

Indian Buffet Process

Griffiths and Ghahramani (2005)

Features



A binary matrix generated by the Indian buffet process with $\alpha = 10$

The 1st customer tries **Poisson(α)** number of dishes

The i^{th} customer

- ❖ takes dishes previously sampled with probability m_k/i
- ❖ tries **Poisson(α/i)** number of new dishes

m_k = the number of customers who previously tried dish k

Infinite Exchangeability :

the ordering of customers does not impact distribution

Indian Buffet Process

Griffiths and Ghahramani (2005)

Distribution on equivalence classes of binary matrices

$$p([Z]) = \frac{\alpha^K}{\prod_{h \in \{0,1\}^{N \setminus \mathbf{0}}} K_h!} \exp\{-\alpha H_N\} \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{(N - m_k)!(m_k - 1)!}{N!}$$

N = the number of rows

K = the number of nonzero columns

K_h = the number of history h among columns

m_k = the number of 1's in column k

H_N = the N^{th} harmonic number

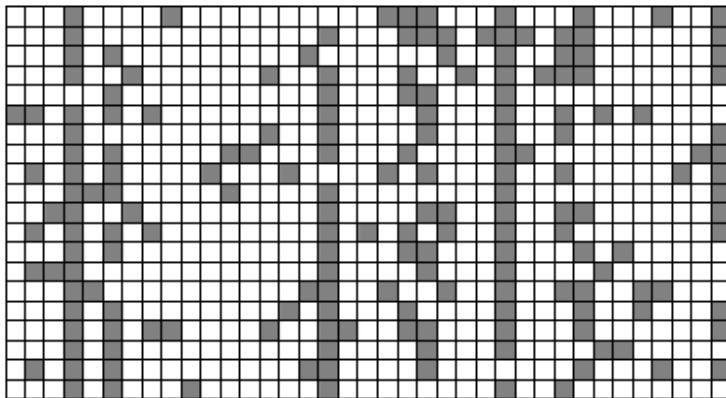
α controls

the number of features per object AND the total number of features

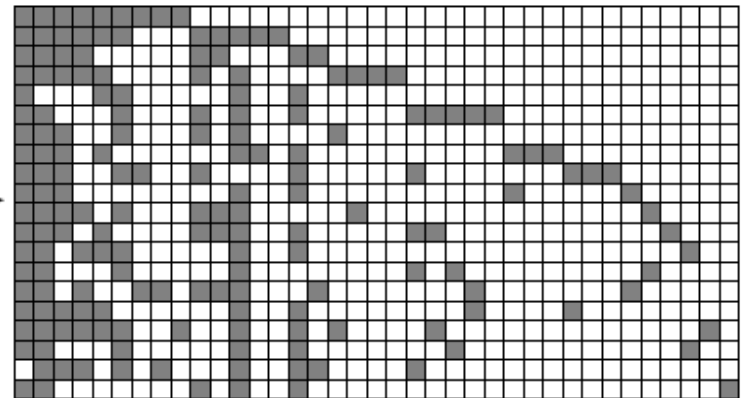
Indian Buffet Process

Griffiths and Ghahramani (2005)

Define equivalence class by the left-ordered form



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Indian Buffet Process: Stick-breaking construction

Teh et al. (2007)

$$v_1, v_2, \dots \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Beta}(\alpha, 1)$$

$$\pi_1 = v_1$$

$$\pi_k = v_k \pi_{k-1} = \prod_{i=1}^k v_i$$

Stick lengths

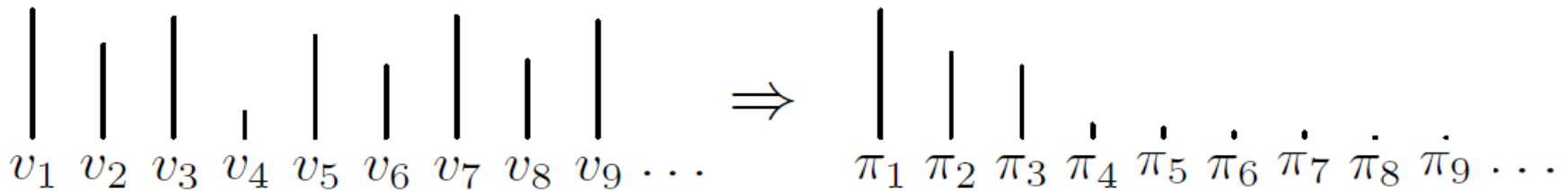


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Z

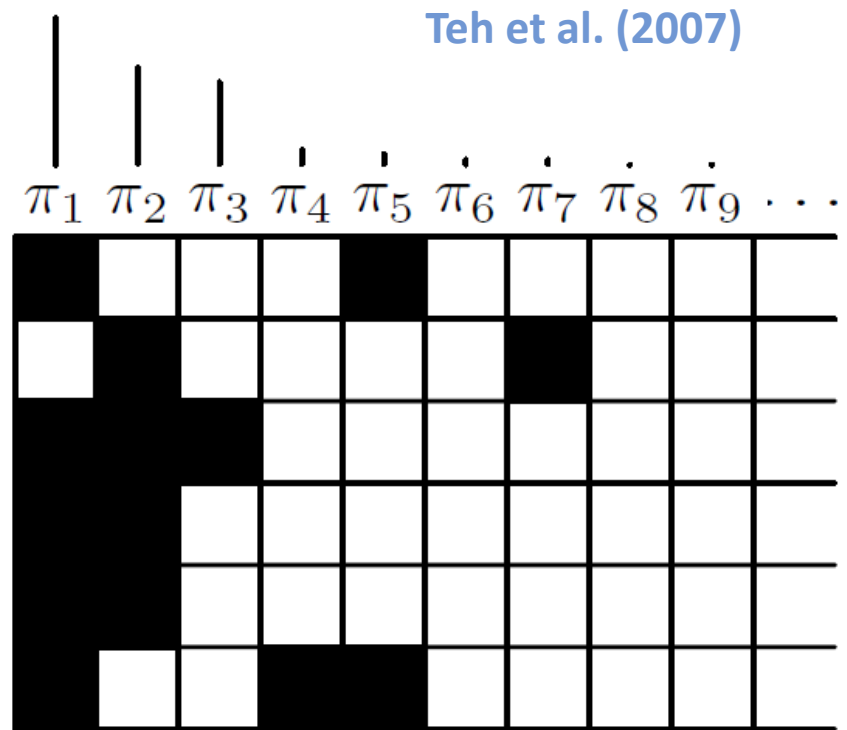


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- This representation will show up in the infinite variational approach

Latent Feature Model

One example

Each of the N objects has
D-dimensional observations K-dimensional latent features

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Observed

Latent

Latent Feature Model

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Assume Z and A are independent

The posterior distribution of Z and A :

$$p(Z, A|X) \propto p(X|Z, A)p(Z)p(A)$$

Depend on applications

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IBP

Depend on applications

Latent Feature Model: Linear-Gaussian likelihood model

$$p(Z, A|X) \propto p(X|Z, A)p(Z)p(A)$$

$$p(X|Z, A) \sim \mathcal{N}(ZA, \sigma_n^2 I)$$

$$p(A) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_A^2 I)$$

$$p(Z) \sim \text{IBP}(\alpha)$$

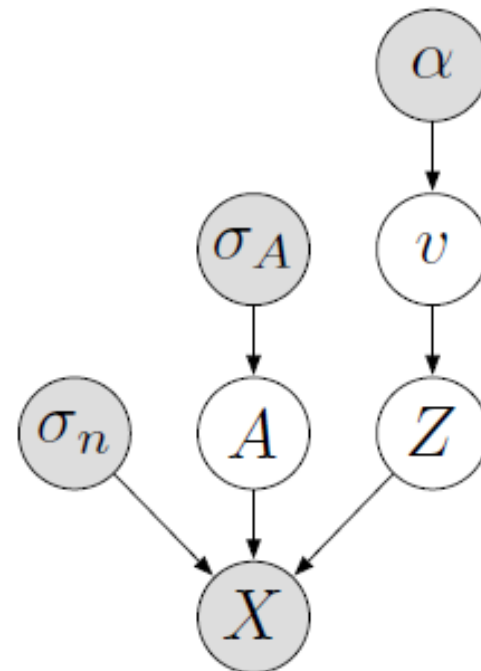


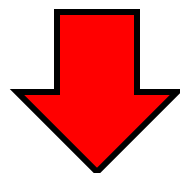
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Latent Feature Model:

Infinite Independent Component Analysis

Knowles and Ghahramani (2007)

$$X \begin{matrix} D \\ N \end{matrix} = Z \begin{matrix} K \\ N \end{matrix} \cdots \times A \begin{matrix} D \\ K \end{matrix} + \epsilon$$



$$X \begin{matrix} D \\ N \end{matrix} = \left[Z \begin{matrix} K \\ N \end{matrix} \cdots \oplus S \begin{matrix} K \\ N \end{matrix} \cdots \right] \times A \begin{matrix} D \\ K \end{matrix} + \epsilon$$

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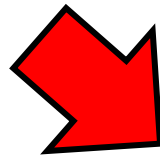
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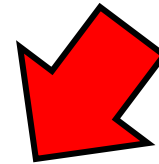
Independent Component Analysis (ICA)

Add signal S



Make sparse (Add Z)

Make infinite



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Latent Feature Model: Linear-Gaussian likelihood model

- This will be our main focus
- Will discuss the infinite ICA briefly

Goal: compute Z and A given X

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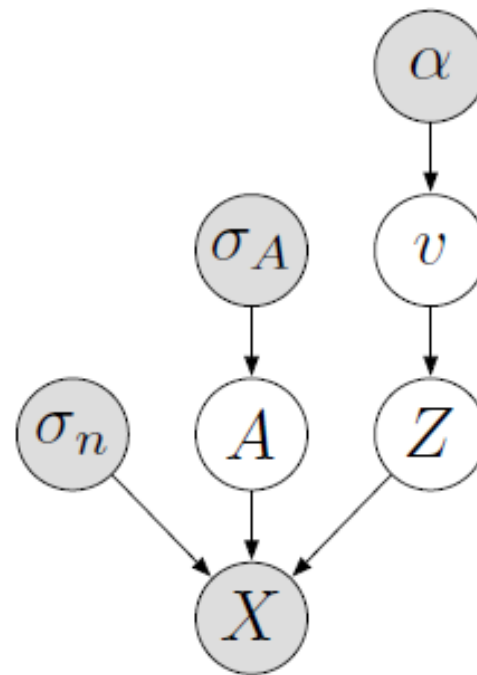


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Latent Feature Model: Why intractable?

Goal: compute Z and A given X

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Problem

Even for finite K , we have 2^{NK} assignments for Z

$$p(X|Z, A) \sim \mathcal{N}(ZA, \sigma_n^2 I)$$

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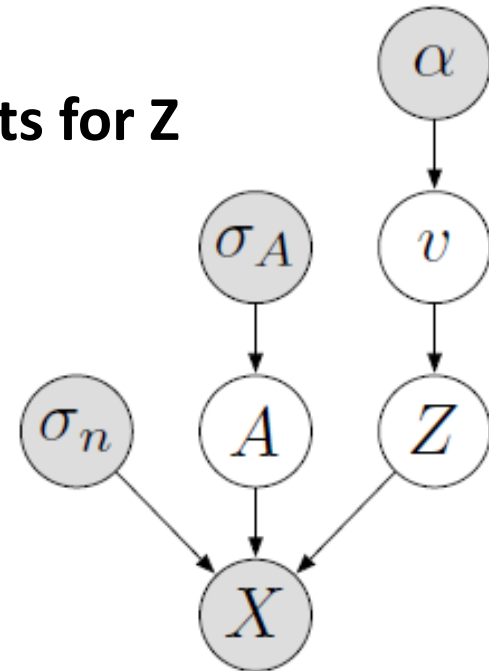


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Variational Methods: Big Picture

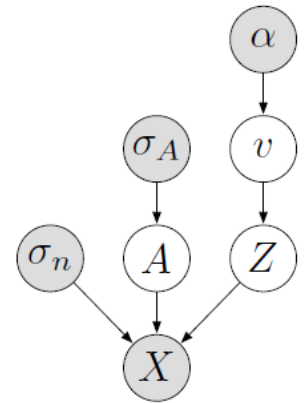
- Approximate the true posterior with a *variational distribution* q from tractable family of distributions
- The variational distribution indexed by a set of *variational parameters*
- Adjust the parameters to get the *tightest* lower bound possible

Variational Inference: KL-divergence

$$\mathbf{W} = \{ \pi, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{A} \}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{ \alpha, \sigma^2_A, \sigma^2_N \}$$

ϑ = a vector of variational parameters



$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \geq \mathbb{E}_q [\log p(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})] - \mathbb{E}_q [\log q(\mathbf{W})] = \mathcal{L}(q)$$

$$KL [q(\mathbf{w}|\vartheta) \parallel p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})] = \log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathcal{L}(q)$$

$$\arg \max_q \mathcal{L}(q) \Leftrightarrow \arg \min_q KL [q(\mathbf{w}|\vartheta) \parallel p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})]$$

Variational Inference: Choosing Variational Distribution

How to choose the variational distribution $q_{\vartheta}(\mathbf{w})$ such that the optimization of the bound is **computationally tractable**?

Typically, we break some dependencies between latent variables

Mean field variational approximations

Assume “fully factorized” variational distributions

$$q_{\vartheta}(\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{m=1}^M q_{\vartheta_m}(\mathbf{w}_m)$$

where $\vartheta = (\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \dots, \vartheta_M)$

Mean Field Variational Inference: Finite and Infinite Variational Approaches

$$q(\mathbf{W}) = q_{\tau}(\boldsymbol{\pi})q_{\phi}(\mathbf{A})q_{\nu}(\mathbf{Z})$$

Two approaches :

- **Finite variational approach**
- **Infinite variational approach**

Mean Field Variational Inference: Finite and Infinite Variational Approaches

$$\arg \min_q KL [q(\mathbf{w}|\vartheta) \parallel p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{x}, \theta)]$$

True posterior p

Variational distribution q

$$q(\mathbf{W}) = q_\tau(\pi)q_\phi(\mathbf{A})q_\nu(\mathbf{Z})$$

Finite

- Finite approximation p_K
- **beta-Bernoulli** model

- Changes according to p
- Straightforward computation of lower bound and parameter updates

Griffiths and Ghahramani (2005)

Infinite

- Stay the same
- Use stick-breaking representation

- **Truncated stick-breaking** construction
- Deal with the distribution of \mathbf{v} instead of π

Blei and Jordan (2004)

Mean Field Variational Inference: Finite Variational Approach

- Beta-Bernoulli model – K finite (but large) truncation level

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_k &\sim \text{Beta}(\alpha/K, 1) && \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots K\}, \\ z_{nk} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_k) && \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots K\}, n \in \{1 \dots N\}, \\ \mathbf{A}_{k\cdot} &\sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_A^2 I) && \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots K\}, \\ \mathbf{X}_{n\cdot} &\sim \text{Normal}(\mathbf{Z}_{n\cdot} \mathbf{A}, \sigma_n^2 I) && \text{for } n \in \{1 \dots N\},\end{aligned}$$

- This is the model before we take K to ∞

$$p_K(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{k=1}^K \left(p(\pi_k | \alpha) p(\mathbf{A}_{k\cdot} | \sigma_A^2 I) \prod_{n=1}^N p(z_{nk} | \pi_k) \right) \prod_{n=1}^N p(\mathbf{X}_{n\cdot} | \mathbf{Z}_{n\cdot}, \mathbf{A}, \sigma_n^2 I).$$

- Finite but still intractable

Mean Field Variational Inference: Finite Variational Approach

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- **Variational distribution** $q(\mathbf{W}) = q_{\tau}(\boldsymbol{\pi})q_{\phi}(\mathbf{A})q_{\nu}(\mathbf{Z})$

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- **When the conditional distribution $p(w_i | \mathbf{w}_{-i}, \mathbf{x}, \theta)$ and variational distribution are both in exponential families, each step in coordinate ascent has a closed form solution (Beal, 2003; Wainwright and Jordan, 2008)**

Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite Variational Approach

- Consider the stick-breaking construction for the IBP

$$v_k \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, 1) \quad \text{for } k \in \{1, \dots, \infty\},$$

$$\pi_k = \prod_{i=1}^k v_i \quad \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots \infty\},$$

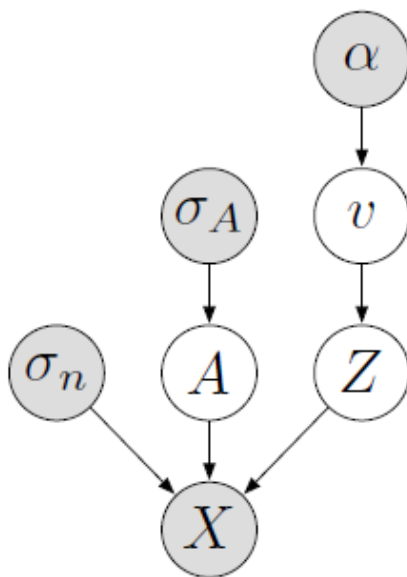
$$z_{nk} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_k) \quad \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots \infty\}, n \in \{1 \dots N\},$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{k\cdot} \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_A^2 \mathbf{I}) \quad \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots \infty\},$$

$$\mathbf{X}_n \sim \text{Normal}(\mathbf{Z}_{n\cdot} \mathbf{A}, \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}) \quad \text{for } n \in \{1 \dots N\}.$$

Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite Variational Approach

- Consider the stick-breaking construction for the IBP
- Work on the distribution of \mathbf{v} instead of π because $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots$ are independent while π_1, π_2, \dots are not

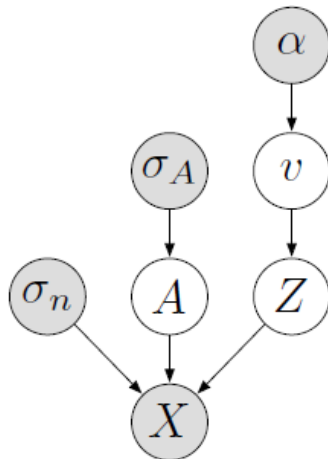


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Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite Variational Approach

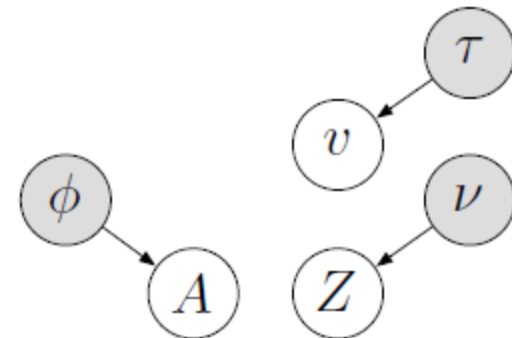
True distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_k &\sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, 1) && \text{for } k \in \{1, \dots, \infty\}, \\
 \pi_k &= \prod_{i=1}^k v_i && \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots \infty\}, \\
 z_{nk} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_k) && \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots \infty\}, n \in \{1 \dots N\}, \\
 \mathbf{A}_k &\sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_A^2 I) && \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots \infty\}, \\
 \mathbf{X}_n &\sim \text{Norn} && \text{for } n \in \{1 \dots N\}.
 \end{aligned}$$



Variational distribution

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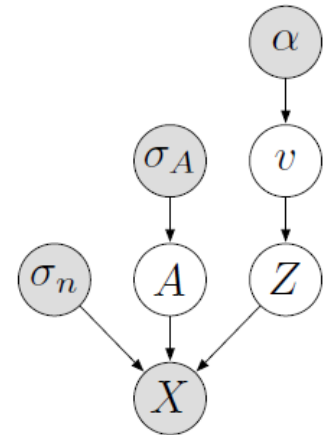


Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite Variational Approach:

Variational Lower Bound

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \geq \mathbb{E}_q [\log p(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}|\theta)] - \mathbb{E}_q [\log q(\mathbf{W})]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{X}|\theta) \geq & \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} [\log p(v_k|\alpha)] + \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Z}} [\log p(Z_{nk}|\mathbf{v})] \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{A}} [\log p(\mathbf{A}_{k\cdot}|\sigma_A^2)] + \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{A}} [\log p(\mathbf{X}_{n\cdot}|\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{A}, \sigma_n^2)] + H[q] \end{aligned}$$



Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite Variational Approach:

Variational Lower Bound

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Z}} [\log p(z_{nk} | \mathbf{v})] &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Z}} [\log p(z_{nk} = 1 | \mathbf{v})^{z_{nk}} p(z_{nk} = 0 | \mathbf{v})^{1-z_{nk}}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}} [z_{nk}] \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\log \prod_{m=1}^k v_m \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}} [1 - z_{nk}] \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\log \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^k v_m \right) \right] \\ &= \nu_{nk} \left(\sum_{m=1}^k \psi(\tau_{k2}) - \psi(\tau_{k1} + \tau_{k2}) \right) + (1 - \nu_{nk}) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\log \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^k v_m \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- **Second line: definition of \mathbf{v}**
- **Third line:**

$$\mathbb{E}(\log X) = \psi(\alpha) - \psi(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$$

Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite Variational Approach:

Multinomial Lower Bound

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\log \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^k v_m \right) \right] &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\log \left(\sum_{y=1}^k (1 - v_y) \prod_{m=1}^{y-1} v_m \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\log \left(\sum_{y=1}^k q_k(y) \frac{(1 - v_y) \prod_{m=1}^{y-1} v_m}{q_k(y)} \right) \right] \\ &\geq \mathbb{E}_y \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\log(1 - v_y) + \sum_{m=1}^{y-1} \log v_m \right] + H[q_k] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_y \left[\psi(\tau_{y2}) + \left(\sum_{m=1}^{y-1} \psi(\tau_{m1}) \right) - \left(\sum_{m=1}^y \psi(\tau_{m1} + \tau_{m2}) \right) \right] + H[q_k].\end{aligned}$$

- **Third line: Jensen's inequality**
- **Last line:**

If $X \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$ then $1 - X \sim \text{Beta}(b, a)$

$\mathbb{E}(\log X) = \psi(\alpha) - \psi(\alpha + \beta)$ if $X \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$

Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite Variational Approach:

Multinomial Lower Bound

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- Find q that maximizes this bound

$$q_{ki} \propto \exp \left(\psi(\tau_{i2}) + \sum_{m=1}^{i-1} \psi(\tau_{m1}) - \sum_{m=1}^i \psi(\tau_{m1} + \tau_{m2}) \right)$$

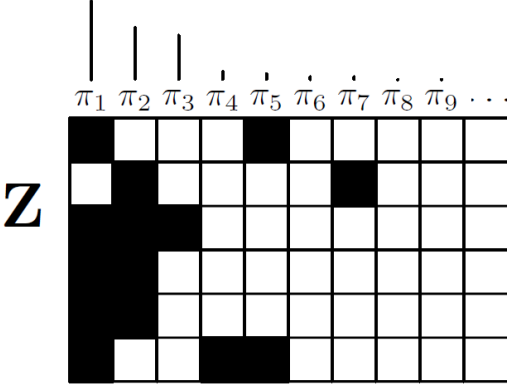
- This bound gives closed form parameter updates for \mathbf{v}
- Alternatively, we can use a Taylor series expansion of $\ln(1 - x)$, which gives a tighter bound but we will no longer have closed form updates

Mean Field Variational Inference: Infinite ICA

- **Same techniques:**
 - **Finite and infinite variational approaches**
- **Need to add variational updates for the signal matrix S**
 - **Use a Laplace approximation**

Truncation Error

- For infinite variational approach
- Compare marginal distributions of the true IBP model and the truncated model
- Use Theorem 2 from Ishwaran and James (2001)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{4} \int |m_K(\mathbf{X}) - m_\infty(\mathbf{X})| d\mathbf{X} &\leq \Pr(\exists k > K, n \text{ with } z_{nk} = 1) \\
 &= 1 - \Pr(\text{all } z_{ik} = 0, i \in \{1, \dots, N\}, k > K) \\
 &= 1 - \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\prod_{i=K+1}^{\infty} (1 - \pi_i) \right)^N \right] \\
 &\leq 1 - \left(\mathbb{E} \left[\prod_{i=K+1}^{\infty} (1 - \pi_i) \right] \right)^N.
 \end{aligned}$$


Truncation Error

**The Beta Process construction of the IBP
(Thibaux and Jordan, 2007)**



**Model π_1, π_2, \dots as a Poisson process on $(0,1)$ with rate $\mu(x)dx = \alpha x^{-1}dx$
Model $\pi_{k+1}, \pi_{k+2}, \dots$ as a Poisson process on $(0, \pi_k)$ with the same rate**



Apply the Levy-Khintchine formula:

the moment generating function of a Poisson process X with rate μ can be written as

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(tf(X))] = \exp\left(\int (\exp(tf(y)) - 1) \mu(y) dy\right).$$

Truncation Error

Apply the Levy-Khintchine formula:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\left(\prod_{i=K+1}^{\infty} (1 - \pi_i) \right) \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} \log(1 - \pi_i) \right) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} \log(1 - \pi_i) \right) \right] &= \mathbb{E}_{\pi_K} \left[\exp \left(\int_0^{\pi_K} (\exp(\log(1 - x)) - 1) \mu(x) dx \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\pi_K} [\exp(-\alpha \pi_K)]. \end{aligned}$$

Apply Jensen's Inequality:

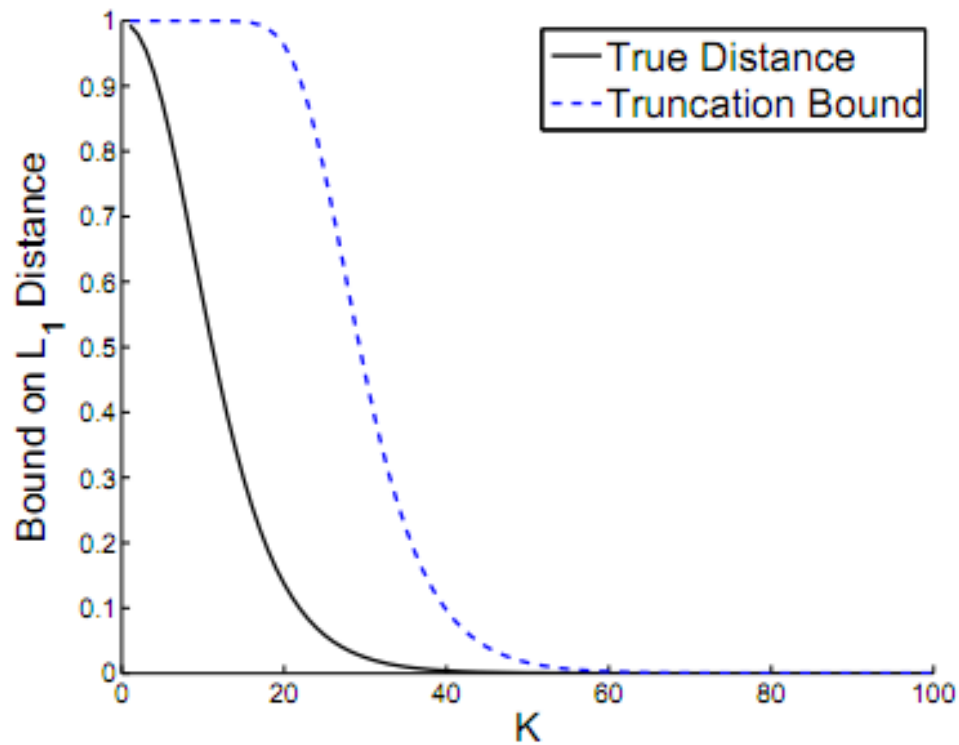
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\pi_K} [\exp(-\alpha \pi_K)] &\geq \exp(\mathbb{E}_{\pi_K}[-\alpha \pi_K]) \\ &= \exp \left(-\alpha \left(\frac{\alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^K \right) \end{aligned}$$

★ **Truncation Error:** ★
Final bound

$$\frac{1}{4} \int |m_K(X) - m_\infty(X)| dX \leq 1 - \exp \left(-N\alpha \left(\frac{\alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^K \right)$$

Grows linearly with N
Decreases exponentially with K

Truncation Error



Truncation Error:

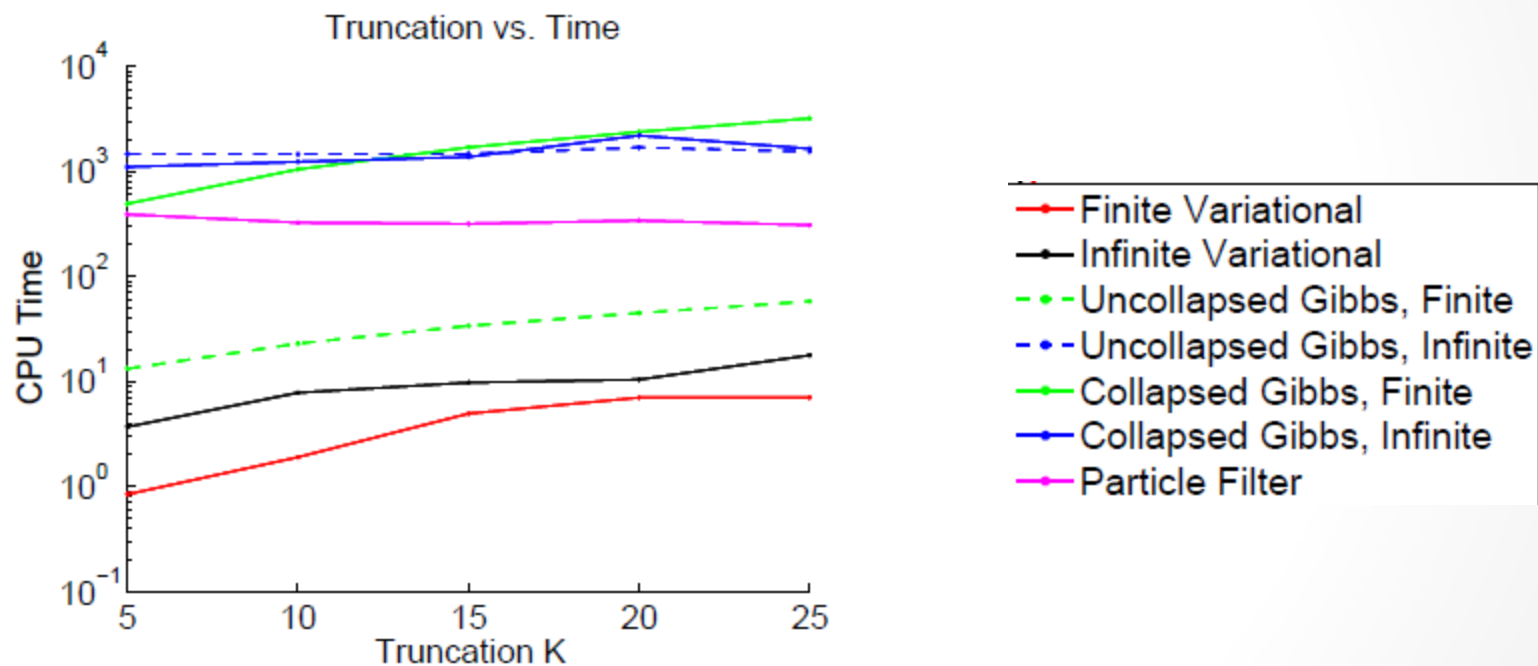
Heuristic bound using Taylor expansions

$$1 - \exp \left(-2N(\alpha + 1) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 1} \right)^{K+1} \right)$$

Before:

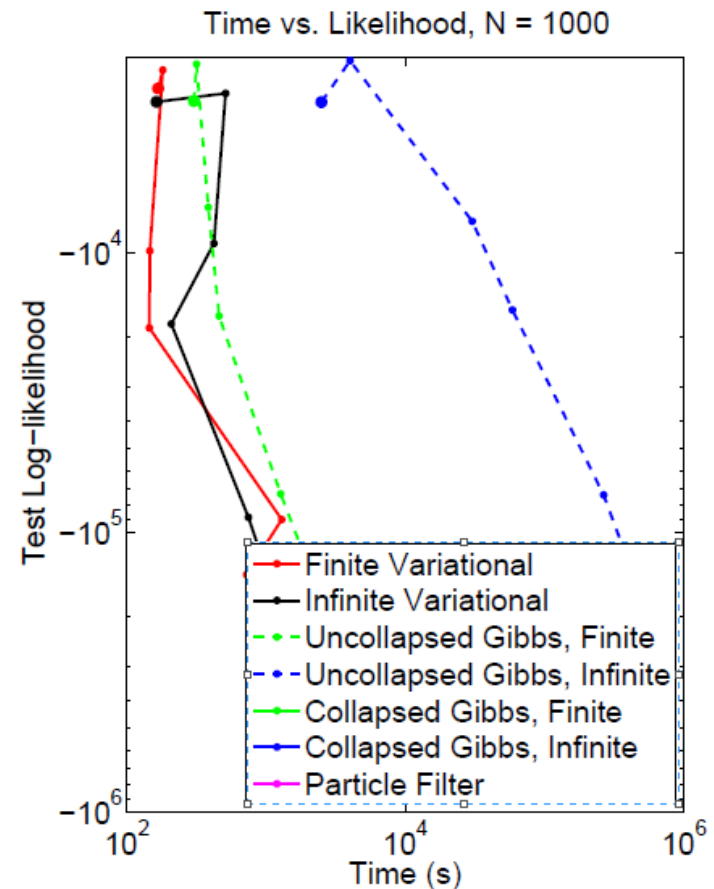
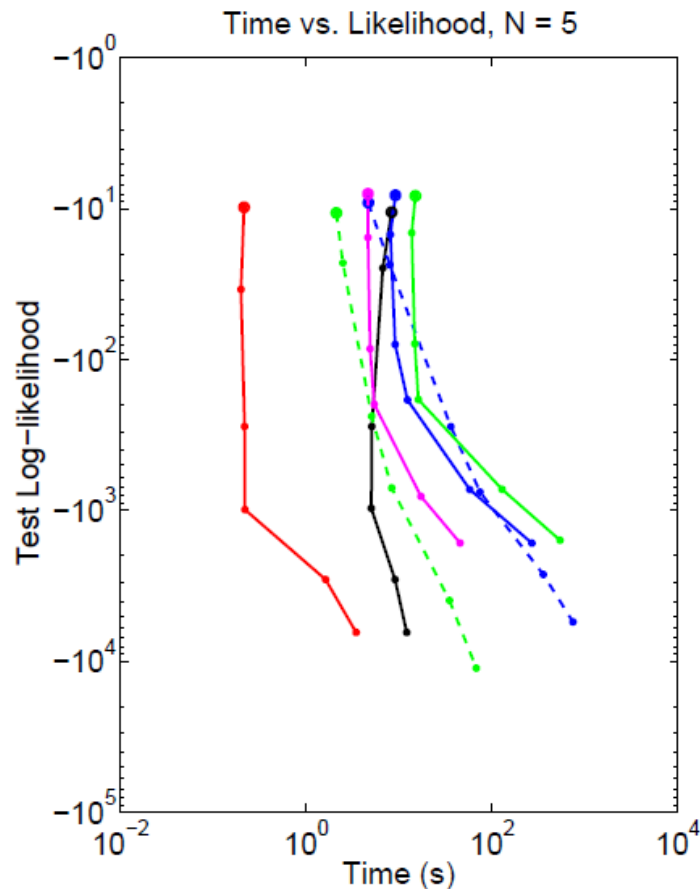
$$1 - \exp \left(-N\alpha \left(\frac{\alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^K \right)$$

Truncation level vs. Time



Robustness to increasing dimension

$D = 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000$ (top to bottom), $K = 20$



The Effect of Dimensionality

Table 1: Running times in seconds and test log-likelihoods for the Yale Faces dataset.

Algorithm	K	Time	Test Likelihood ($\times 10^6$)
Finite Gibbs	5	464.19	-2.250
	10	940.47	-2.246
	25	2973.7	-2.247
Finite Variational	5	163.24	-1.066
	10	767.1	-0.908
	25	10072	-0.746
Infinite Variational	5	176.62	-1.051
	10	632.53	-0.914
	25	19061	-0.750

Table 2: Running times in seconds and test log-likelihoods for the speech dataset.

Algorithm	K	Time	Test Likelihood
Finite Gibbs	2	56	-0.7444
	5	120	-0.4220
	9	201	-0.4205
Infinite Gibbs	na	186	-0.4257
Finite Variational	2	2477	-0.8455
	5	8129	-0.5082
	9	8539	-0.4551
Infinite Variational	2	2702	-0.8810
	5	6065	-0.5000
	9	8491	-0.5486

References

- For a more detailed version of the paper, see this technical report
<http://mlg.eng.cam.ac.uk/pub/pdf/DosMilVanTeh09b.pdf>