

# Technical Report

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## I. THE DERIVATION OF THE VARIATIONAL BAYESIAN INFERENCE

### A. Hierarchical form of the model

The hierarchical form of the model can be denoted as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{m}, \\
 \mathbf{m} &\sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \gamma^{-1}\mathbf{I}_N), \\
 \gamma &\sim \Gamma(c, d), \\
 \mathbf{a} &= \mathbf{u} \odot \boldsymbol{\theta}, \\
 \mathbf{u} &\sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}), \\
 \alpha_p &\sim \Gamma(g, h), \quad 1 \leq p \leq P, \\
 \theta_{p,l} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_{p,l}), \quad 1 \leq p \leq P, \quad l \leq l \leq L_{\max}, \\
 \pi_{p,l} &= \begin{cases} \pi^0, & \text{if } P0 \\ \pi^1, & \text{if } P1 \\ \pi^2, & \text{if } P2 \\ \pi^3, & \text{if } P3 \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq P, \quad l < l < L_{\max}, \\
 \pi_{p,1} &= \begin{cases} \pi^1, & \text{if } \theta_{p,2} = 0 \\ \pi^3, & \text{if } \theta_{p,2} = 1 \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq P, \\
 \pi_{p,L_{\max}} &= \begin{cases} \pi^0, & \text{if } \theta_{p,1} = 0 \\ \pi^1, & \text{if } \theta_{p,1} = 1 \text{ and } \theta_{p,L_{\max}-1} = 0, \\ \pi^3, & \text{if } \theta_{p,1} = 1 \text{ and } \theta_{p,L_{\max}-1} = 1 \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq P, \\
 \pi^j &\sim \text{Beta}(e^j, f^j), \quad 0 \leq j \leq 3
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where the design parameters are fixed for every experiments as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g &= 1, c = d = h = 1e - 6 \\
 (e^0, f^0) &= (1, 10^6) \\
 (e^1, f^1) &= (1/L_{\max}, 1 - 1/L_{\max}) \\
 (e^2, f^2) &= (1/L_{\max}, 1/L_{\max}) \\
 (e^3, f^3) &= (1 - 1/L_{\max}, 1/L_{\max})
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

## B. Variational Bayesian Inference

We first express the joint distribution as

$$\begin{aligned}
& p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, \gamma, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) \\
&= p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \gamma) p(\mathbf{u}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) p(\gamma) \left[ \prod_{p=1}^P \left[ p(\alpha_p) \prod_{l=1}^{L_{\max}} p(\theta_{p,l}|\pi_{p,l}) \right] \right] \left[ \prod_{p=1}^P p(\pi^1)^{1(l=1, \theta_{p,2}=0)} p(\pi^3)^{1(l=1, \theta_{p,2}=1)} \right] \times \\
& \left[ \prod_{p=1}^P \prod_{l=2}^{L_{\max}-1} p(\pi^0)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P0)} p(\pi^1)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P1)} p(\pi^2)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P2)} p(\pi^3)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P3)} \right] \times \\
& \left[ \prod_{p=1}^P p(\pi^0)^{1(l=L_{\max}, \theta_{p,1}=0)} p(\pi^1)^{1(l=L_{\max}, \theta_{p,1}=1, \theta_{p, L_{\max}-1}=0)} p(\pi^1)^{1(l=L_{\max}, \theta_{p,1}=1, \theta_{p, L_{\max}-1}=1)} \right] \quad (3)
\end{aligned}$$

The posterior computation is inferred from the variational Bayesian inference [18]. The update equations for the posterior distributions are given as follows:

(1) **the indicator variable**  $\theta_{p,l}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq P$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq L_{\max}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
q(\theta_{p,l}) &\propto \exp(\langle \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \gamma) p(\theta_{p,l}|\pi_{p,l}) \rangle) \\
&= \text{Bernoulli}(\tilde{\pi}_{p,l}), \quad (4)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\pi}_{p,l} &= [1 + \exp\{\langle \log(1 - \pi_{p,l}) \rangle - \langle \log(\pi_{p,l}) \rangle + \langle \gamma \rangle [\langle u_{p,l}^* u_{p,l} \rangle \mathbf{z}_{p,l}^H \mathbf{z}_{p,l} \\
&\quad - 2\text{Re}(\langle u_{p,l} \rangle^* \mathbf{z}_{p,l}^H (\mathbf{y} - \sum_{(i,j) \neq (p,l)} \langle \theta_{i,j} \rangle \langle u_{i,j} \rangle \mathbf{z}_{i,j})) \rangle] \}^{-1} \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

(2) **the complex amplitude**  $\mathbf{u}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
q(\mathbf{u}) &\propto \exp(\langle \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \gamma) p(\mathbf{u}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \rangle) \\
&= \mathcal{CN}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}), \quad (6)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} &= (\langle \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \rangle + \langle \gamma \rangle \langle \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Z} \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rangle)^{-1}, \\
\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}} &= \langle \gamma \rangle \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \langle \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rangle \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{y}, \quad (7)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Z} \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rangle = (\mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Z}) \odot (\langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle^T + \text{diag}(\langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle \odot (1 - \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle)))$

(3) **the noise precision**  $\gamma$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
q(\gamma) &\propto \exp(\langle \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \gamma) p(\gamma) \rangle) \\
&= \Gamma(\gamma; \tilde{c}, \tilde{d}), \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{c} &= c + N, \\
\tilde{d} &= d + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}[(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{a})^H (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{a})] \\
&= d + \text{Tr}\{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle)(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle)^H\} \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}[(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{Z}\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle)(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{Z}\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle)^H] \\
&= d + \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle\|^2 + \text{Tr}\{\mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Z} (\langle \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^H \rangle - \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle^H)\} \\
&= d + \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}(\langle \mathbf{u} \rangle \odot \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle)\|^2 \\
&\quad + \text{Tr}\{\mathbf{Z}^H \mathbf{Z} (\langle \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^H \rangle \odot (\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \rangle \\
&\quad - (\langle \mathbf{u} \rangle \odot \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle)(\langle \mathbf{u} \rangle \odot \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle^H))\}, \quad (9)
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}[\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^H] &= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}[(\mathbf{u} \odot \boldsymbol{\theta})(\mathbf{u} \odot \boldsymbol{\theta})^H] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}[\mathbf{H}], \quad H_{i,j} = u_i u_j^* \theta_i \theta_j \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}[\mathbf{H}], \quad H_{i,j} = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^H)_{i,j} (\boldsymbol{\theta}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T)_{i,j} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}[(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^H) \odot (\boldsymbol{\theta}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T)], \\
&= \langle \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^H \rangle \odot \langle \boldsymbol{\theta}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \rangle,
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where  $\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle^T + \text{diag}(\langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle \odot (1 - \langle \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle))$ .

(4) **the precision**  $\alpha_p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq P$  **of the sparse complex amplitudes:**

$$\begin{aligned}
q(\alpha_p) &\propto \exp(\langle \log p(\mathbf{u}|\boldsymbol{\alpha})p(\alpha_p) \rangle) \\
&= \Gamma(\alpha_p; \tilde{g}_p, \tilde{h}_p),
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{g}_p &= g + L_{\max}, \\
\tilde{h}_p &= h + \langle \mathbf{u}_p^H \mathbf{u}_p \rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

(5) **the probability**  $\pi_{p,l}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq P$ ,  $1 < l < L_{\max}$  **of success:**

$$\begin{aligned}
q(\pi_{p,l}^j) &\propto \exp(\langle \log p(\theta_{p,l}|\pi_{p,l})p(\pi^0)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P0)}p(\pi^1)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P1)}p(\pi^2)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P2)}p(\pi^3)^{1(\theta_{p,l} \in P3)} \rangle) \\
&= \text{Beta}(\pi_{p,l}^j; \tilde{e}_{p,l}^j, \tilde{f}_{p,l}^j),
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where for  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{e}_{p,l}^j &= e^j + p(Pj)\langle \theta_{p,l} \rangle, \\
\tilde{f}_{p,l}^j &= f^j + p(Pj)(1 - \langle \theta_{p,l} \rangle),
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
p(P0) &= 1 - \langle \theta_{p,1} \rangle, \\
p(P1) &= \langle \theta_{p,1} \rangle (1 - \langle \theta_{p,l-1} \rangle) (1 - \langle \theta_{p,l+1} \rangle), \\
p(P2) &= \langle \theta_{p,1} \rangle (\langle \theta_{p,l-1} \rangle (1 - \langle \theta_{p,l+1} \rangle) + \langle \theta_{p,l+1} \rangle (1 - \langle \theta_{p,l-1} \rangle)), \\
p(P3) &= \langle \theta_{p,1} \rangle \langle \theta_{p,l-1} \rangle \langle \theta_{p,l+1} \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

The Expectation of logarithm function can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \log \pi_{p,l} \rangle &= \sum_{j=0}^3 p(Pj) \langle \log \pi_{p,l}^j \rangle, \\
\langle \log(1 - \pi_{p,l}) \rangle &= \sum_{j=0}^3 p(Pj) \langle \log(1 - \pi_{p,l}^j) \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the **probability**  $\pi_{p,1}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq P$  **of success:**

$$\begin{aligned}
q(\pi_{p,1}^j) &\propto \exp(\langle \log p(\theta_{p,1}|\pi_{p,1})p(\pi^1)^{1(\theta_{p,2}=0)}p(\pi^3)^{1(\theta_{p,2}=1)} \rangle) \\
&= \text{Beta}(\pi_{p,1}^j; \tilde{e}_{p,1}^j, \tilde{f}_{p,1}^j),
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

where for  $j \in \{1, 3\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{e}_{p,1}^j &= e^j + p(P_1^j)\langle\theta_{p,1}\rangle, \\ \tilde{f}_{p,1}^j &= f^j + p(P_1^j)(1 - \langle\theta_{p,1}\rangle),\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}p(P_1^1) &= 1 - \langle\theta_{p,2}\rangle, \\ p(P_1^3) &= \langle\theta_{p,2}\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

The Expectation of logarithm function can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}\langle\log \pi_{p,1}\rangle &= \sum_{j \in \{1,3\}} p(P_1^j)\langle\log \pi_{p,1}^j\rangle, \\ \langle\log(1 - \pi_{p,1})\rangle &= \sum_{j \in \{1,3\}} p(P_1^j)\langle\log(1 - \pi_{p,1}^j)\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

**The probability  $\pi_{p,L_{\max}}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq P$  of success:**

$$\begin{aligned}q(\pi_{p,L_{\max}}^j) &\propto \exp(\langle\log p(\theta_{p,L_{\max}}|\pi_{p,L_{\max}})p(\pi^0)^{1(\theta_{p,1}=0)}p(\pi^1)^{1(\theta_{p,1}=1,\theta_{p,L_{\max}-1}=0)}p(\pi^1)^{1(\theta_{p,1}=1,\theta_{p,L_{\max}-1}=1)}\rangle) \\ &= \text{Beta}(\pi_{p,L_{\max}}^j; \tilde{e}_{p,L_{\max}}^j, \tilde{f}_{p,L_{\max}}^j),\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

where for  $j \in \{0, 1, 3\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{e}_{p,1}^j &= e^j + p(P_{L_{\max}}^j)\langle\theta_{p,1}\rangle, \\ \tilde{f}_{p,1}^j &= f^j + p(P_{L_{\max}}^j)(1 - \langle\theta_{p,1}\rangle),\end{aligned}\tag{18}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}p(P_{L_{\max}}^0) &= 1 - \langle\theta_{p,1}\rangle, \\ p(P_{L_{\max}}^1) &= \langle\theta_{p,1}\rangle(1 - \langle\theta_{p,L_{\max}}\rangle), \\ p(P_{L_{\max}}^3) &= \langle\theta_{p,1}\rangle\langle\theta_{p,L_{\max}}\rangle\end{aligned}\tag{19}$$

The Expectation of logarithm function can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}\langle\log \pi_{p,L_{\max}}\rangle &= \sum_{j \in \{0,1,3\}} p(P_{L_{\max}}^j)\langle\log \pi_{p,1}^j\rangle, \\ \langle\log(1 - \pi_{p,L_{\max}})\rangle &= \sum_{j \in \{0,1,3\}} p(P_{L_{\max}}^j)\langle\log(1 - \pi_{p,1}^j)\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

**Computational complexity consideration:** The main computational load comes from the inversion calculation in (7) ( $O(P^3 L_{\max}^3)$ ). We can use the Woodbury matrix identity to convert it to  $O(N^3)$  if  $N \ll PL_{\max}$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Sigma} &= (\langle\Lambda\rangle + \langle\gamma\rangle\langle\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z}\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle)^{-1}, \\ &= (\langle\Lambda\rangle + \langle\gamma\rangle(\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z}) \odot (\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle^T + \text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle \odot (1 - \langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle))))^{-1}, \\ &= (\langle\Lambda\rangle + \langle\gamma\rangle(\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z}) \odot \langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle^T + \langle\gamma\rangle(\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z}) \odot \text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle \odot (1 - \langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle)))^{-1} \\ &= (\Lambda' + \langle\gamma\rangle(\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z}) \odot \langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle^T)^{-1} \\ &= (\Lambda' + \langle\gamma\rangle\text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle)\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z}\text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle))^{-1} \\ &= \Lambda'^{-1} - \Lambda'^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}\text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle))^H(\langle\gamma\rangle^{-1}\mathbf{I}_{N \times N} + (\mathbf{Z}\text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle))\Lambda'^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}\text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle))^H)^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}\text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle))\Lambda'^{-1}\end{aligned}\tag{20}$$

where  $\Lambda' = \langle\Lambda\rangle + \langle\gamma\rangle(\mathbf{Z}^H\mathbf{Z}) \odot \text{diag}(\langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle \odot (1 - \langle\boldsymbol{\theta}\rangle))$  which is a diagonal matrix.