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# Dynamic Rank Factor Model for Text Streams

## Supplementary Material

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## 1 Gibbs Sampling for the Basic Model

### 1.1 Model

$$y_{p,t} = g(z_{p,t}) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{s}_t + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}), \quad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}_P \quad (2)$$

$$\lambda_{p,k} \sim \text{TPBN}_+(a, b, \phi_k), \quad \phi_k^{1/2} \sim \mathcal{C}^+(0, d) \quad (3)$$

$$s_{k,t} = \rho_k s_{k,t-1} + \delta_{k,t}, \quad 0 < \rho_k < 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\delta_{k,t} \sim \text{TPBN}(e, f, \nu), \quad \nu^{1/2} \sim \mathcal{C}^+(0, h) \quad (5)$$

$$\rho_k \sim \text{TN}_{(0,1)}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2), \quad s_{0,k} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_s^2) \quad (6)$$

### 1.2 Conjugate hierarchy

$$\lambda_{p,k} \sim \mathcal{N}_+(0, l_{p,k}) \quad l_{p,k} \sim \mathcal{G}(a, u_{p,k}), \quad u_{p,k} \sim \mathcal{G}(b, \phi_k) \quad (7)$$

$$\phi_k \sim \mathcal{G}(1/2, \omega_k), \quad \omega_k \sim \mathcal{G}(1/2, d^2) \quad (8)$$

$$\delta_{k,t} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau_{k,t}), \quad \tau_{k,t} \sim \mathcal{G}(e, \eta_{k,t}), \quad \eta_{k,t} \sim \mathcal{G}(f, \nu) \quad (9)$$

$$\nu \sim \mathcal{G}(1/2, \zeta), \quad \zeta \sim \mathcal{G}(1/2, h^2) \quad (10)$$

### 1.3 Gibbs Sampling Updates

Denote  $\Theta = \{\mathbf{\Lambda}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{U}, \phi, \omega, \rho, \tau, \eta, \nu, \zeta\}$ , we use Gibbs sampling to approximate the joint posterior distribution of  $(\mathbf{Z}, \Theta)$ ,

1. Given  $\Theta$ , find  $p(z_{p,t} | \Theta, \mathbf{Z} \in R(\mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{Z}_{-p,-t})$ , for  $p = 1, \dots, P, t = 1, \dots, T$ .
2. Given  $\mathbf{Z}$ , find  $p(\Theta | \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z} \in R(\mathbf{Y}))$  reduce to  $p(\Theta | \mathbf{Z})$

Treat  $\mathbf{Z}$  as augmented data, the full likelihood for  $(\mathbf{Z}, \Theta)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{Z}, \Theta) &= \left( \prod_{t=1}^T \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_t; \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{R}) \right) \times \left( \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{G}(\phi_k; 1/2, \omega_k) \mathcal{G}(\omega_k; 1/2, d^2) \right) \\ &\times \prod_{k=1}^K \left[ \mathcal{N}(s_{0,k}; 0, \sigma_s^2) \left( \prod_{t=1}^T \mathcal{N}(s_{k,t}; \rho_k s_{k,t-1}, \tau_{k,t}) \mathcal{G}(\tau_{k,t}; e, \eta_{k,t}) \mathcal{G}(\eta_{k,t}; f, \nu) \right) \right] \\ &\times \left( \prod_{p=1}^P \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{N}_+(\lambda_{p,k}; 0, l_{p,k}) \mathcal{G}(l_{p,k}; a, u_{p,k}) \mathcal{G}(u_{p,k}; b, \phi_k) \right) \times \prod_{k=1}^K \text{TN}_{(0,1)}(\rho_k; \mu_0, \sigma_0^2) \\ &\times \mathcal{G}(\nu; 1/2, \zeta) \times \mathcal{G}(\zeta; 1/2, h^2) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

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- Sampling  $z_{p,t}$

$$p(z_{p,t}|\Theta, \mathbf{Z} \in R(\mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{Z}_{-p,-t}) \sim \text{TN}_{[\underline{z}_{p,t}, \overline{z}_{p,t}]} \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_{p,k} s_{k,t}, 1 \right) \quad (12)$$

where  $\underline{z}_{p,t} = \max\{z_{p',t'} : y_{p',t'} < y_{p,t}\}$  and  $\overline{z}_{p,t} = \min\{z_{p',t'} : y_{p',t'} > y_{p,t}\}$

- Sampling  $\lambda_{p,k}$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda_{p,k}|-) &\propto \left( \prod_{t=1}^T \mathcal{N}(z_{p,t}; \lambda_{p,k} s_{k,t} + \sum_{j \neq k} s_{j,t} \lambda_{p,j}, 1) \right) \mathcal{N}_+(\lambda_{p,k}; 0, l_{p,k}) \\ &= \mathcal{N}_+ \left( \lambda_{p,k}; v_{\lambda_{p,k}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ s_{k,t} z_{p,t} - s_{k,t} \sum_{j \neq k} s_{j,t} \lambda_{p,j} \right], v_{\lambda_{p,k}} \right) \\ v_{\lambda_{p,k}} &= (l_{p,k}^{-1} + \sum_{t=1}^T s_{k,t}^2)^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

- Sampling  $l_{p,k}, u_{p,k}$

$$p(l_{p,k}|-) = \text{GIG}(a - 1/2, 2u_{p,k}, (\lambda_{p,k})^2), \quad p(u_{p,k}|-) = \mathcal{G}(a + b, u_{p,k} + \phi_k) \quad (14)$$

The Generalized Inverse Gaussian (GIG) distribution can be expressed as

$$\text{GIG}(x; p, a, b) = \frac{(a/b)^{\frac{p}{2}}}{2K_p(\sqrt{ab})} x^{p-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(ax + \frac{b}{x})\right) \quad (x > 0)$$

where  $K_p(\theta)$  is the modified Bessel function of the second kind

$$K_p(\theta) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2} \theta^{-p} t^{p-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(t + \frac{\theta^2}{t}\right)\right) dt$$

with property  $K_{-\frac{1}{2}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2\pi}\theta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-\theta)$  and  $K_{p+1}(\theta) = K_{p-1}(\theta) + \frac{2p}{\theta}K_p(\theta)$ <sup>1</sup>.

- Sampling  $\phi_k, \omega_k$

$$p(\phi_k|-) = \mathcal{G}(1/2 + bP, \omega_k + \sum_{p=1}^P u_{p,k}), \quad p(\omega_k|-) = \mathcal{G}(1, \phi_k + d^2) \quad (15)$$

- Sampling  $\tau_{k,t}, \eta_{k,t}$

$$p(\tau_{k,t}|-) = \text{GIG}(e - 1/2, 2\eta_{k,t}, (s_{k,t} - \rho_k s_{k,t-1})^2), \quad p(\eta_{k,t}|-) = \mathcal{G}(e + f, \tau_{k,t} + \nu) \quad (16)$$

- Sampling  $\nu, \zeta$

$$p(\nu|-) = \mathcal{G}(1/2 + fTK, \zeta + \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_{k,t}), \quad p(\zeta|-) = \mathcal{G}(1, \nu + h^2) \quad (17)$$

- Sampling  $\rho_k$

$$p(\rho_k|-) = \text{TN}_{(0,1)} \left( \sigma_{\rho_k}^2 (\sigma_0^{-2} \mu_0 + \sum_{t=1}^T \tau_{k,t}^{-1} s_{k,t-1} s_{k,t}), \sigma_{\rho_k}^2 \right) \quad (18)$$

where  $\sigma_{\rho_k}^2 = 1/(\sigma_0^{-2} + \sum_{t=1}^T \tau_{k,t}^{-1} s_{k,t-1}^2)$ .

- Sampling  $s_{k,t}$ : we have the state model and the observation model<sup>2</sup>

$$\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{s}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}_{t-1}, \mathbf{Q}_t), \quad \mathbf{A} = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\rho}), \quad \mathbf{Q}_t = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_t), \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{s}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{R}), \quad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}_P \quad (20)$$

for  $t = 1, \dots, T$

<sup>1</sup>Code for simulating GIG distribution is available at: <http://jonaswallin.github.io/articles/2013/07/simulation-of-gig-distribution/>

<sup>2</sup>For brevity, we omit the dependencies on  $\Theta$  in notation

1. Forward Filtering: beginning at  $t = 0$  with  $\mathbf{s}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_s^2 \mathbf{I}_K)$ , we have, for all  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , the on-line posteriors  $p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_t, \mathbf{V}_t)$ . Start from

$$p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:(t-1)}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_{t-1}, \mathbf{V}_{t-1}) \quad (21)$$

Combine (19) with (21), integrate out  $\mathbf{s}_{t-1}$ , we have the predictive density at  $t$ ,

$$p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:(t-1)}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}_{t-1}, \mathbf{Q}_t + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}_{t-1}\mathbf{A}^T) \quad (22)$$

Further combine (20) with (22), we have the on-line posteriors at  $t$ ,  $p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_t, \mathbf{V}_t)$ , where  $\mathbf{m}_t = \mathbf{V}_t \{ \mathbf{\Lambda}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_t + \mathbf{H}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{m}_{t-1} \}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_t = [ \mathbf{H}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{\Lambda}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda} ]^{-1}$ , and  $\mathbf{H}_t = \mathbf{Q}_t + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T$ .

2. Backward Sampling: define the backward smoothing density

$$p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:T}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_t, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_t) \quad (23)$$

At  $t = T$ , we have the initialization condition  $p(\mathbf{s}_T | \mathbf{z}_{1:T}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_T, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_T, \mathbf{V}_T)$ . Combine (19) with (21), we have the conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{s}_{t-1}$  given  $\mathbf{s}_t$ ,

$$p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{z}_{1:(t-1)}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{t-1}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1}) \quad (24)$$

where  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{t-1} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} \{ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{s}_t + \mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{t-1} \}$ ,  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} = (\mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1}$ .

3. Backward recursion for the posterior covariance: For each  $t = T-1, T-2, \dots, 0$ , start from (23), we are able to find  $p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:T}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t-1}, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_{t-1})$  via backward recursion. According to the Markov property,

$$p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{s}_{t:T}, \mathbf{z}_{1:T}) \equiv p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{z}_{1:T}) \equiv p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{z}_{1:(t-1)}) \quad (25)$$

using the second equality in (25), we obtain

$$p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{z}_{1:T}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{t-1}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1}) \quad (26)$$

Combine (23) with (26), integrated out  $\mathbf{s}_t$ , we have the backward smoothing density at  $t-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:T}) &= \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t-1}, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_{t-1}) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t-1} &= \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_t + \mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{t-1}) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_{t-1} &= \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_t \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

## 2 Gibbs Sampling for the Extended Model

### 2.1 Dealing with Multiple Documents

At each time point  $t$ , for each document  $n_t$ , the likelihood is

$$y_{p,t}^{n_t} = g(z_{p,t}^{n_t}) \quad (28)$$

To consider  $N_t$  documents per time point, add additional layer,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}_t^{n_t} &= \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{b}_t^{n_t} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t^{n_t}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t^{n_t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}), \quad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}_P, \quad n_t = 1, \dots, N_t \\ \mathbf{b}_t^{n_t} &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{s}_t, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}), \quad \boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}), \quad \boldsymbol{\gamma}_k^{-1} \sim \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \beta), \quad k = 1, \dots, K \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

### 2.2 Gibbs Sampler

Denote  $\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \{ \mathbf{\Lambda}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{B}_{1:T}, \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{U}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}, \boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\eta}, \nu, \zeta \}$ , we use Gibbs sampling to approximate the joint posterior distribution of  $(\mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\Theta})$ ,

1. Given  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$ , find  $p(z_{p,t}^{n_t} | \boldsymbol{\Theta}, \mathbf{Z} \in R(\mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{Z}_{-p,-t,-n_t})$ , for  $p = 1, \dots, P$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, T$ ,  $n_t = 1, \dots, N_t$
2. Given  $\mathbf{Z}$ , find  $p(\boldsymbol{\Theta} | \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z} \in R(\mathbf{Y}))$  reduce to  $p(\boldsymbol{\Theta} | \mathbf{Z})$

Treat  $\mathbf{Z}$  as augmented data, the full likelihood for  $(\mathbf{Z}, \Theta)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{Z}, \Theta) &= \left( \prod_{t=1}^T \prod_{n_t=1}^{N_t} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_t^{n_t}; \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{b}_t^{n_t}, \mathbf{R}) \right) \times \left( \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{G}(\phi_k; 1/2, \omega_k) \mathcal{G}(\omega_k; 1/2, d^2) \right) \\
&\times \left( \prod_{t=1}^T \prod_{n_t=1}^{N_t} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{b}_t^{n_t}, \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{\Gamma}) \right) \times \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{G}(\gamma_k^{-1}; \alpha, \beta) \\
&\times \prod_{k=1}^K \left[ \mathcal{N}(s_{0,k}; 0, \sigma_s^2) \left( \prod_{t=1}^T \mathcal{N}(s_{k,t}; \rho_k s_{k,t-1}, \tau_{k,t}) \mathcal{G}(\tau_{k,t}; e, \eta_{k,t}) \mathcal{G}(\eta_{k,t}; f, \nu) \right) \right] \\
&\times \left( \prod_{p=1}^P \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{N}_+(\lambda_{p,k}; 0, l_{p,k}) \mathcal{G}(l_{p,k}; a, u_{p,k}) \mathcal{G}(u_{p,k}; b, \phi_k) \right) \times \prod_{k=1}^K \text{TN}_{(0,1)}(\rho_k; \mu_0, \sigma_0^2) \\
&\times \mathcal{G}(\nu; 1/2, \zeta) \times \mathcal{G}(\zeta; 1/2, h^2) \tag{30}
\end{aligned}$$

- Sampling  $z_{p,t}^{n_t}$

$$p(z_{p,t}^{n_t} | \Theta, \mathbf{Z} \in R(\mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{Z}_{-p,-t,-n_t}) \sim \text{TN}_{[z_{p,t}^{n_t}, \overline{z_{p,t}^{n_t}}]} \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_{p,k} l_{k,t}^{n_t}, 1 \right) \tag{31}$$

where  $\underline{z_{p,t}^{n_t}} = \max\{z_{p',t'}^{n_t} : y_{p',t'}^{n_t} < y_{p,t}^{n_t}\}$  and  $\overline{z_{p,t}^{n_t}} = \min\{z_{p',t'}^{n_t} : y_{p',t'}^{n_t} > y_{p,t}^{n_t}\}$

- Sampling  $\lambda_{p,k}$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\lambda_{p,k} | -) &\propto \left( \prod_{t=1}^T \prod_{n_t=1}^{N_t} \mathcal{N}(z_{p,t}^{n_t}; \lambda_{p,k} b_{k,t}^{n_t} + \sum_{j \neq k} b_{j,t}^{n_t} \lambda_{p,j}, 1) \right) \mathcal{N}_+(\lambda_{p,k}; 0, l_{p,k}) \\
&= \mathcal{N}_+ \left( \lambda_{p,k}; v_{\lambda_{p,k}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{n_t=1}^{N_t} b_{k,t}^{n_t} [z_{p,t}^{n_t} - \lambda_{p,k} b_{k,t}^{n_t} + b_{k,t}^{n_t} \lambda_{p,k}], v_{\lambda_{p,k}} \right) \\
v_{\lambda_{p,k}} &= (l_{p,k}^{-1} + \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{n_t=1}^{N_t} (b_{k,t}^{n_t})^2)^{-1} \tag{32}
\end{aligned}$$

- Sampling  $\mathbf{b}_t^{n_t}$

$$p(\mathbf{b}_t^{n_t} | -) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{b}_t^{n_t}; (\mathbf{\Lambda}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_t^{n_t} + \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{s}_t), \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{b}_t^{n_t}), \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{b}_t^{n_t} = (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} + \mathbf{\Lambda}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \tag{33}$$

- Sampling  $\gamma_k^{-1}$

$$p(\gamma_k^{-1} | -) \sim \mathcal{G} \left( \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T N_t, \beta + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{n_t=1}^{N_t} (b_{k,t}^{n_t} - s_{k,t})^2 \right) \tag{34}$$

- Sampling  $l_{p,k}, u_{p,k}$

$$p(l_{p,k} | -) = \text{GIG}(a - 1/2, 2u_{p,k}, (\lambda_{p,k})^2), \quad p(u_{p,k} | -) = \mathcal{G}(a + b, l_{p,k} + \phi_k) \tag{35}$$

- Sampling  $\phi_k, \omega_k$

$$p(\phi_k | -) = \mathcal{G}(1/2 + bP, \omega_k + \sum_{p=1}^P u_{p,k}), \quad p(\omega_k | -) = \mathcal{G}(1, \phi_k + d^2) \tag{36}$$

- Sampling  $\tau_{k,t}, \eta_{k,t}$

$$p(\tau_{k,t} | -) = \text{GIG}(e - 1/2, 2\eta_{k,t}, (s_{k,t} - \rho_k s_{k,t-1})^2), \quad p(\eta_{k,t} | -) = \mathcal{G}(e + f, \tau_{k,t} + \nu) \tag{37}$$

- Sampling  $\nu, \zeta$

$$p(\nu | -) = \mathcal{G}(1/2 + fTK, \zeta + \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_{k,t}), \quad p(\zeta | -) = \mathcal{G}(1, \nu + h^2) \tag{38}$$

- Sampling  $\rho_k$

$$p(\rho_k | -) = \text{TN}_{(0,1)} \left( \sigma_{\rho_k}^2 (\sigma_0^{-2} \mu_0 + \sum_{t=1}^T \tau_{k,t}^{-1} s_{k,t-1} s_{k,t}), \sigma_{\rho_k}^2 \right) \quad (39)$$

where  $\sigma_{\rho_k}^2 = 1/(\sigma_0^{-2} + \sum_{t=1}^T \tau_{k,t}^{-1} s_{k,t-1}^2)$ .

We have the state model and the observation model<sup>3</sup>

$$\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{s}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{s}_{t-1}, \mathbf{Q}_t), \quad \mathbf{A} = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\rho}), \quad \mathbf{Q}_t = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_t), \quad (40)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_t^{n_t} | \mathbf{s}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{s}_t, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}), \quad \boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_k) \quad (41)$$

for  $n_t = 1, \dots, N_t, t = 1, \dots, T$

1. Forward Filtering: beginning at  $t = 0$  with  $\mathbf{s}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_s^2 \mathbf{I}_K)$ , we have, for all  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , the on-line posteriors  $p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{B}_{1:t}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_t, \mathbf{V}_t)$ . Start from

$$p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{B}_{1:(t-1)}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_{t-1}, \mathbf{V}_{t-1}) \quad (42)$$

Combine (40) with (42), integrate out  $\mathbf{s}_{t-1}$ , we have the predictive density at  $t$ ,

$$p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{B}_{1:(t-1)}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{m}_{t-1}, \mathbf{Q}_t + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T) \quad (43)$$

Further combine (41) with (43), we have the on-line posteriors at  $t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{B}_{1:t}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) \\ \mathbf{m}_t &= \mathbf{V}_t \{ N_t \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{b}}_t + (\mathbf{Q}_t + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{m}_{t-1} \}, \\ \mathbf{V}_t &= [(\mathbf{Q}_t + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} + N_t \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1}]^{-1}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{b}}_t = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{n_t=1}^{N_t} \mathbf{b}_t^{n_t} \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Define  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t = (\mathbf{Q}_t + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T)$ , according to the Woodbury lemma,

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{U} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{V})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{C}^{-1} + \mathbf{V} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{U})^{-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \quad (45)$$

we have

$$(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{-1} + N_t \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1})^{-1} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t (N_t^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Gamma} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t)^{-1} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t \quad (46)$$

2. Backward Sampling: define the backward smoothing density

$$p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{B}_{1:T}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_t, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_t) \quad (47)$$

At  $t = T$ , we have the initialization condition  $p(\mathbf{s}_T | \mathbf{B}_{1:T}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_T, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_T, \mathbf{V}_T)$ . Combine (40) with (42), we have the conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{s}_{t-1}$  given  $\mathbf{s}_t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1} | \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{B}_{1:(t-1)}) &= \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{t-1}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1}) \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{t-1} &= \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} \{ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{s}_t + \mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{t-1} \} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} &= (\mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Similarly, apply Woodbury matrix inversion lemma we have

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} = \mathbf{V}_{t-1} - \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \quad (49)$$

- Sampling  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}}_{0:(T-1)}$

Integrated out  $\mathbf{B}_t$ , we have the observation model

$$\mathbf{z}_t^{n_t} | \mathbf{s}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{s}_t, \tilde{\mathbf{R}}), \quad \tilde{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{I}_P + \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{\Gamma} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^T, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_P - \boldsymbol{\Lambda} (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda})^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^T \quad (50)$$

for  $n_t = 1, \dots, N_t, t = 1, \dots, T$ . We have the on-line posteriors at  $t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{s}_t | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) \\ \mathbf{m}_t &= \mathbf{V}_t \{ N_t \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^T \tilde{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{z}}_t + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{m}_{t-1} \}, \\ \mathbf{V}_t &= [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{-1} + N_t \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^T \tilde{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}]^{-1}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{z}}_t = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{n_t=1}^{N_t} \mathbf{z}_t^{n_t} \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

<sup>3</sup>For brevity, we omit the dependencies on  $\Theta$  in notation

The conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{s}_{t-1}$  given  $\mathbf{s}_t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1}|\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{Z}_{1:(t-1)}) &= \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{t-1}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1}) \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{t-1} &= \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1}\{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{s}_t + \mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{t-1}\} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} &= (\mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

Similarly, apply Woodbury matrix inversion lemma we have

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} = \mathbf{V}_{t-1} - \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{t-1} \quad (53)$$

Further, the backward smoothing density at  $t-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{s}_{t-1}|\mathbf{Z}_{1:T}) &= \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t-1}, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_{t-1}) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t-1} &= \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_t + \mathbf{V}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{t-1}) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_{t-1} &= \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_t \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} \mathbf{A} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{t-1} \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

### 3 Experimental results

#### 3.1 Simulation Study: DRFM with different innovations

We conducted a simulation study to assess the performance of our proposed approach. We first generate the latent continuous variable  $\mathbf{Z}$  from the augmented model with  $e = f = 0.5$ ,  $\nu = 1$ ,  $\rho_k = 0.5$ ,  $l_{p,k} = 1/P$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ ,  $p = 1, \dots, P$  and then round it to integer value. Three different approaches are considered here: Gaussian innovation with fixed variance  $\delta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ , Gaussian innovation with unknown variance  $\delta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau)$ , and  $\tau^{-1} \sim \mathcal{G}(0.01, 0.01)$ , and heavy-tailed innovation  $\delta \sim \text{TPBN}(0.5, 0.5, \phi)$  with  $\phi^{1/2} \sim \mathcal{C}^+(0, 1)$ . The results are shown in Figure 1.

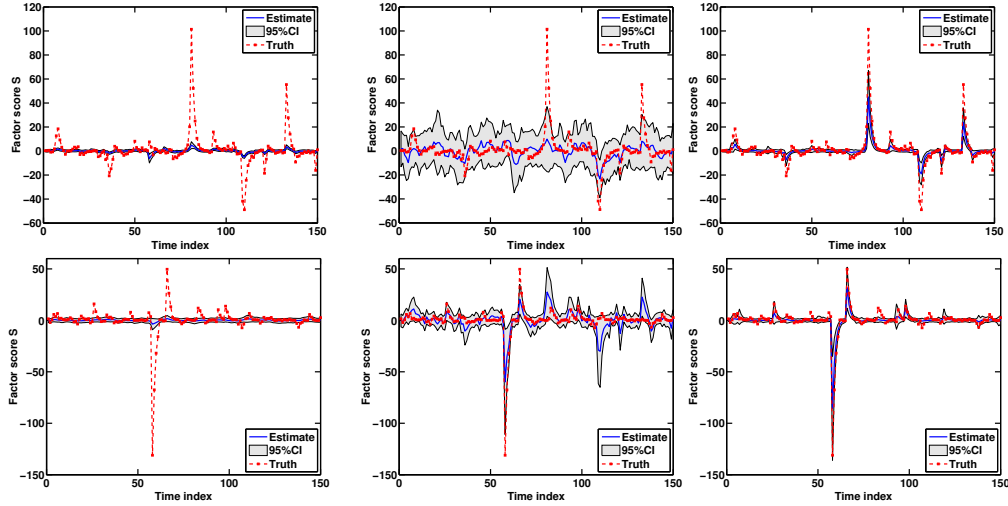


Figure 1: Estimated posterior mean of factor score  $s$  with 95% confidence interval for  $P = 10$ ,  $K = 2$  and  $T = 150$ . Left column: Gaussian innovation with fixed variance  $\tau = 1$ ; middle column: Gaussian innovation with unknown variance  $\tau^{-1} \sim \mathcal{G}(0.01, 0.01)$ ; right column: heavy-tailed innovation.

Note that here we are dealing with a simple two factor dynamic model, and we are lucky to recover the ground truth of the trajectory of factor score. In contrast to other models that involve nonlinear transformation, the smooth transition and sudden jumps can be well preserved under the proposed DRFM framework, using heavy-tailed innovation.

Figure 2 shows the monotone relationship between observation  $\mathbf{y}$  and the latent variable  $\mathbf{z}$  inferred by extended rank likelihood in our DRFM model. It can be seen that the rank likelihood approach maintains the order information of  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbf{z}$  and provides a flexible link between  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$ .

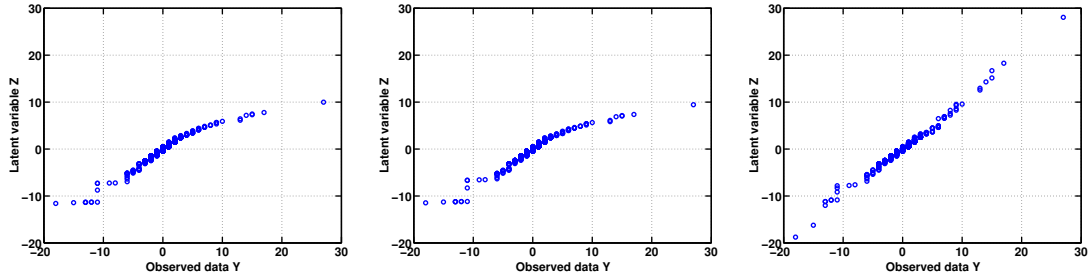


Figure 2: Estimated posterior mean of latent variable  $z$  vs. the observed data  $y$  for  $P = 10$ ,  $K = 2$  and  $T = 150$ . Left: Gaussian innovation with fixed variance  $\tau = 1$ ; middle: Gaussian innovation with unknown variance  $\tau^{-1} \sim \mathcal{G}(0.01, 0.01)$ ; right: heavy-tailed innovation.

### 3.2 Case Study I: State of the Union dataset

The State of the Union dataset contains the transcripts of 225 US State of the Union addresses, from 1790 to 2014. We take each transcript as a document, *i.e.*, there is one document per year. We have 7518 unique words in total. Table 1 shows all 25 learned topics and the top 12 most probable words associated with each of them. Figure 3 presents the learned trajectory for each topic.

Table 1: Top 12 words associated with the State of the Union Topics

Topic#1	Topic#2	Topic#3	Topic#4	Topic#5	Topic#6	Topic#7
UNITED ACT PUBLIC TREATY Duties Present NATIONS TREASURY Session COMMERCE Citizens WAR	Dollars WAR MILLION FISCAL EXPENDITURES GOVERNMENT Billion PROGRAM UNITED FEDERAL Estimated LEGISLATION	ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL PROGRAM POLICY ENERGY Programs ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECURITY Nation Major ACT	GOVERNMENT AMERICAN UNITED FOREIGN DEPARTMENT NATIONAL CANAL POLICY REPUBLIC Order ADMINISTRATION BANKS	GOVERNMENT SERVICE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT Report SECRETARY DISTRICT Attention Present FISCAL LAWS COURT	LAW COUNTRY NATIONAL PUBLIC BUSINESS GOVERNMENT ACTION CONTROL UNITED INTERSTATE LABOR CORPORATIONS	GOVERNMENT UNITED DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW COURT SERVICE FEDERAL CANAL TARIFF DISTRICT LANDS
Topic#8	Topic#9	Topic#10	Topic#11	Topic#12	Topic#13	
GOVERNMENT GENERAL PUBLIC CHARACTER Interests Subject COUNTRY POWER Duty Attention FEDERAL Means	Constitution COUNTRY WAR PRESIDENT POWER MEXICO PUBLIC UNION California SERVICE HOUSE Period	MEXICO GOVERNMENT Texas UNITED WAR MEXICAN ARMY Territory COUNTRY PEACE POLICY LANDS	INCREASE UNITED Cent LAW LEGISLATION SECRETARY Free INCREASED FISCAL AMERICAN TARIFF Products	GOVERNMENT PUBLIC Nation AMERICAN LAW POWER CONDITIONS BUSINESS ISLANDS SERVICE WAR LAWS	GOVERNMENT UNITED ISLANDS COMMISSION Island Cuba Spain ACT GENERAL MILITARY INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS	
Topic#14	Topic#15	Topic#16	Topic#17	Topic#18	Topic#19	
Free NATIONS FREEDOM ECONOMIC MILITARY DEFENSE UNITED PEACE STRENGTH SECURITY PROGRAM Nation	GOVERNMENT FEDERAL PUBLIC NATIONAL COUNTRY ECONOMIC AGRICULTURE BANKS Present AMERICA REDUCTION Construction	STATUTE LAW BUSINESS GENERAL AMERICAN PURPOSE COURT MEXICO SERVICE FEDERAL COMMISSION Present	Jobs COUNTRY TAX AMERICAN ECONOMY DEFICIT AMERICANS ENERGY Businesses HEALTH PLAN CARE	CHILDREN AMERICA AMERICANS CARE Tonight Support Century HEALTH Working Challenge SECURITY Families	AMERICA GOVERNMENT Nation AMERICAN FEDERAL Tonight PEACE WAR FREEDOM AMERICANS FUTURE BUDGET	
Topic#20	Topic#21	Topic#22	Topic#23	Topic#24	Topic#25	
Gold GOVERNMENT Notes TREASURY Silver UNITED Bonds CURRENCY RESERVE Circulation Issued Large	GOVERNMENT Constitution UNITED POWER UNION FEDERAL Duty AMERICAN Kansas Question LAW Present	WAR MEXICO PEACE ARMY ENEMY FORCES MILITARY MEXICAN Production JAPANESE FIGHTING AMERICAN	GOVERNMENT UNITED Spain Cuba Spanish WAR Island SECRETARY June Duty DEPARTMENT FISCAL	UNITED TREATY Isthmus PUBLIC PANAMA LAW Territory AMERICA CANAL SERVICE BANKS Colombia	GOVERNMENT PUBLIC BANKS BANK CURRENCY Money UNITED FEDERAL AMERICAN NATIONAL Duty Institutions	

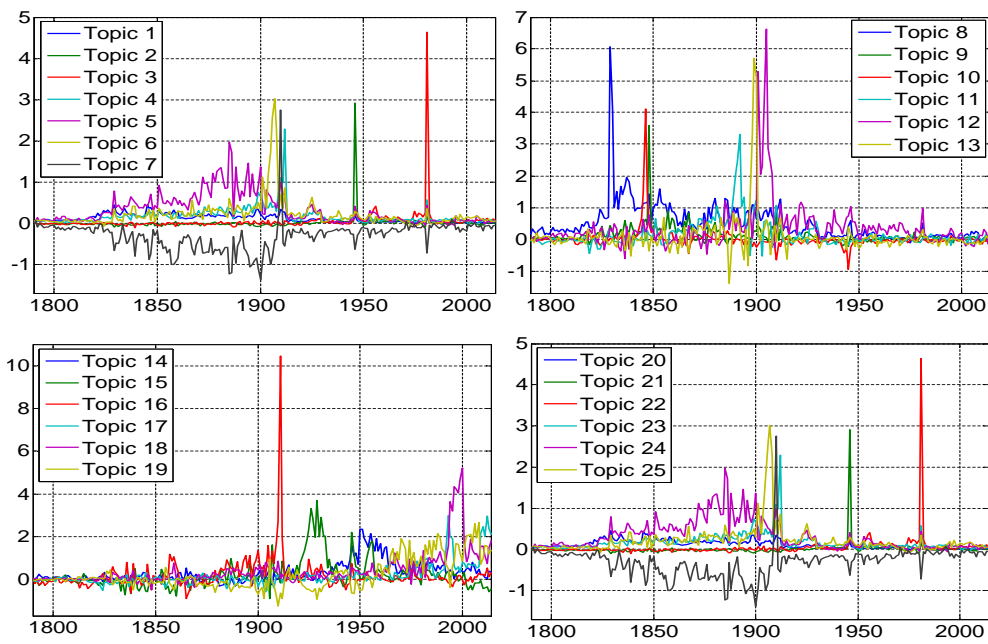


Figure 3: (*State of the Union* dataset) Time evolving topics from 1790 to 2014. Left up panel: Topics 1 to 7. Right up panel: Topics 8 to 13. Left bottom panel: Topics 14 to 19. Right bottom panel: Topics 20 to 25. The plotted values represent the posterior means.