

# Technical Report: Variational forms and updates for the **WARBLE** model

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# 1 Introduction

This document summarizes the variational inference updates within the mean-field approximation of the WARBLE model depicted in Fig. 1.

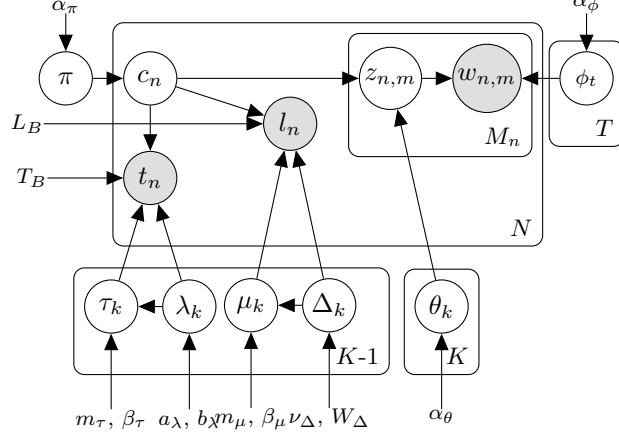


Figure 1: The Probabilistic Graphical Model for WARBLE

The mean-field approximation considers the following factorized distribution  $q(X; \eta)$ ,

$$q(X; \eta) = q(\pi) \prod_{t=1}^T q(\phi_t) \prod_{n=1}^N q(c_n) \prod_{m=1}^{M_n} q(z_{n,m}) q(\theta_K) \prod_{k=1}^{K-1} q(\tau_k) q(\lambda_k) q(\mu_k) q(\Delta_k) q(\theta_k) \quad (1)$$

where  $X$  stands for the set of random variables containing  $c$ ,  $z$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  and  $\eta$  the variational parameters to be detailed later.

The goal of variational inference is to minimize the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence between the posterior distribution  $p(X|D; \Gamma)$  (where  $D$  stands for our data, namely  $l$ ,  $t$ , and  $w$ ) and the factorized distribution  $q(X; \eta)$ .

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{q(X; \eta)} \mathbb{KL}(q(X; \eta), p(X|D; \Gamma)) \quad (2)$$

where  $\Gamma$  stands for the model hyperparameters  $L_B$ ,  $T_B$ ,  $\alpha_\pi$ ,  $\alpha_\theta$ ,  $\alpha_\phi$ ,  $m_\tau$ ,  $\beta_\tau$ ,  $a_\lambda$ ,  $b_\lambda$ ,  $m_\mu$ ,  $\beta_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\Delta$  and  $W_\Delta$ .

However, the mean-field variational update for a random variable  $x$  whatsoever can be expressed as

$$q(x) \propto \exp \left( \int_{X-x} q(X; \eta) \log p(X, D; \Gamma) \right) \quad (3)$$

where  $\log p(X, D; \Gamma)$  is the logarithm of the joint probability distribution for the WARBLE model in Fig. 1

## 2 Functional forms and variational parameters

In this section we present the functional forms and the variational parameters for each variable  $X$ , which have been derived through Eq. 3

### 2.1 The mixture proportions distribution $q(\pi)$

The mixture proportions approximate distribution results in a Dirichlet with parameters  $\pi'_k$ .

$$q(\pi) \sim Dir(\pi | \pi'_k)$$

$$\pi'_k = \alpha_\pi + \sum_{n=1}^N c'_{n,k} = \alpha_\pi + N_{c_k}$$

### 2.2 The mixture assignments distribution $q(c_n)$

Consider the following expressions:

$$\mathbb{E}(\log \pi)_k = \int_{\pi} q(\pi; \pi'_k) \log \pi = \Psi(\pi'_k) - \Psi\left(\sum_{k=1}^K \pi'_k\right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\log \theta_k)_t = \int_{\theta_k} q(\theta_k; \theta'_{k,t}) \log \theta_k = \Psi(\theta'_{k,t}) - \Psi\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \theta'_{k,t}\right)$$

where  $\Psi(\cdot)$  corresponds to the digamma function.

The mixture assignments distribution is a Categorical with parameters  $c'_{nk}$ .

$$q(c_n) \sim Cat(c_n | c'_{nk})$$

$$\tilde{c}'_{nk} \propto \exp \left( \mathbb{E}(\log \pi)_k + \sum_{m=1}^{M_n} w_{n,m} \sum_{t=1}^T z_{n,m,t} \mathbb{E}(\log \theta_k)_t \right.$$

$$+ \mathbb{I}(k = K) (\log Hist(l_n; L_B) + \log Hist(t_n; T_B))$$

$$+ \mathbb{I}(k \neq K) \left( -\log 2\pi + \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \log 2 + \Psi\left(\frac{\nu'_k}{2}\right) + \Psi\left(\frac{\nu'_k - 1}{2}\right) \right) \right.$$

$$\left. + \log |W'_k| - \frac{2}{\beta'_{\mu_k}} - \nu'_k (l_n - m'_{\mu_k})^T W_k (l_n - m'_{\mu_k}) \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + \frac{1}{2} \left( \Psi(a'_k) - \log b'_k - \frac{1}{\beta'_{\tau_k}} - \frac{a'_k}{b'_k} (t_n - m'_{\tau_k})^2 \right) \Bigg)$$

$$c'_{nk} = \frac{\tilde{c}'_{nk}}{\sum_{k=1}^K \tilde{c}'_{nk}}$$

### 2.3 The topic assignments distributions $q(z_{n,m})$

Consider the following expression:

$$\mathbb{E}(\log \phi_t)_v = \int_{\phi_t} q(\phi_t; \phi'_{t,v}) \log \phi_t = \Psi(\phi'_{t,v}) - \Psi\left(\sum_{v=1}^V \phi'_{t,v}\right)$$

The topic assignments distribution is a Categorical with parameters  $z'_{n,m,t}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} q(z_{n,m}) &\sim \text{Cat}(z_{n,m} | z'_{n,m,t}) \\ \tilde{z}'_{n,m,t} &\propto \exp\left(\mathbb{E}(\log \phi_t)_m + \sum_{k=1}^K c'_{nk} \mathbb{E}(\log \theta_k)_t\right) \\ z'_{n,m,t} &= \frac{\tilde{z}'_{n,m,t}}{\sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{z}'_{n,m,t}} \end{aligned}$$

### 2.4 The word distributions $q(\phi_t)$

The word distribution for each topic  $t$  is Dirichlet with parameters  $\phi'_t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} q(\phi_t) &\sim \text{Dir}(\phi_t | \phi'_t) \\ \phi'_t &= \alpha_\phi + \sum_{n=1}^N w_{n,m} z'_{n,m,t} \end{aligned}$$

### 2.5 The temporal mean and variance distributions $q(\tau_k)$ , $q(\lambda_k)$

The temporal mean and variance distributions for each component  $k$  are Normal and Gamma with parameters  $m'_{\tau_k}$ ,  $\beta'_{\tau_k}$  and  $a'_{\lambda_k}$ ,  $b'_{\lambda_k}$  respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} q(\tau_k) &\sim N(\tau_k | m'_{\tau_k}, \beta'_{\tau_k} \frac{a'_\lambda}{b'_\lambda}) \\ m'_{\tau_k} &= \frac{m_\tau \beta_\tau + \sum_{n=1}^N c'_{nk} t_n}{\beta'_{\tau_k}} \\ \beta'_{\tau_k} &= \beta_\tau + N_{c_k} \\ q(\lambda_k) &\sim G(\lambda_k | a'_{\lambda_k}, b'_{\lambda_k}) \\ a'_{\lambda_k} &= a_\lambda + \frac{N_{c_k}}{2} \\ b'_{\lambda_k} &= b_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - m'_{\tau_k})^2 + \frac{\beta_\tau}{2} (m'_{\tau_k} - m_\tau)^2 \end{aligned}$$

## 2.6 The spatial mean and variance distributions $q(\mu_k)$ , $q(\Delta_k)$

Consider the following expressions:

$$\bar{l}_k = \frac{1}{N_{c_k}} \sum_{n=1}^N c'_{n,k} l_n$$

$$S_k = \frac{1}{N_{c_k}} \sum_{n=1}^N c'_{n,k} (l_n - \bar{l}_k)^T (l_n - \bar{l}_k)$$

The spatial mean and variance distributions for each component  $k$  are Normal and Wishart with parameters  $m'_{\mu_k}$ ,  $\beta'_{\mu_k}$  and  $\nu'_k$ ,  $W'_k$ , respectively.

$$q(\mu_k) \sim N(\mu_k | m'_{\mu_k}, \beta'_{\mu_k} \nu'_k W'_k)$$

$$m'_{\mu_k} = \frac{m_\mu \beta_\mu + N_{c_k} \bar{l}_k}{\beta'_{\mu_k}}$$

$$\beta'_{\mu_k} = \beta_\mu + N_{c_k}$$

$$q(\Delta_k) \sim W(\Delta_k | \nu'_k, W'_k)$$

$$\nu'_k = \nu_\Delta + N_{c_k}$$

$$W'_k = \left( W_\Delta^{-1} + N_{c_k} S_k + \frac{\beta_\mu N_{c_k}}{\beta_\mu + N_{c_k}} (\bar{l}_k - m_\mu)^T (\bar{l}_k - m_\mu) \right)^{-1}$$

## 2.7 The topic distributions $q(\theta_k)$

The topic distributions for each component  $k$  are Dirichlet with parameters  $\theta'_k$ .

$$q(\theta_k) \sim Dir(\theta_k | \theta'_k)$$

$$\theta'_k = \alpha_\theta + \sum_{n=1}^N c'_{nk} \sum_{m=1}^{M_n} w_{n,m} z'_{n,m,t}$$