Appendix to

Hierarchical Infinite Divisibility for Multiscale Shrinkage

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APPENDIX I: INFERENCE OF THE MODEL

This appendix presents the MCMC sampling, heuristically mean-field variational Bayesian (VB) [1] and Expectation-Maximization (EM) for posteriori distribution inference. The Generalized Inverse Gaussian (GIG) distribution is denoted by:

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

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

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

A. Shrinkage Prior without Tree Structure (Flat Model)

For the simplification of the inference, we use $\gamma_i \sim \text{Ga}(1/n, 1)$, $\forall i = 1, ..., n$; and $\tilde{\gamma}_i = \gamma_i / \sum_{i'} \gamma_{i'}$. We denote ith column of Ψ with Ψ_i . The posteriori distributions for MCMC sampling are:

$$p(x_i|-) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2),$$
 (3)

$$\sigma^2 = (\tau \alpha_i \alpha_0 + \alpha_0 \mathbf{\Psi}_i^T \mathbf{\Psi}_i)^{-1}, \tag{4}$$

$$\mu = \alpha_0 \sigma^2 \boldsymbol{\Psi}_i^T \boldsymbol{y}_{-i}, \tag{5}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{-i} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{\Psi}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{\Psi}_{i}x_{i}; \tag{6}$$

$$p(\alpha_i|-) \propto \text{GIG}(x_i^2 \tau \alpha_0, \frac{1}{\gamma_i}, -0.5);$$
 (7)

$$p(\gamma_i|-) \propto \text{GIG}(2, \frac{1}{\alpha_i}, \frac{1}{n} - 1);$$
 (8)

$$p(\tau|-) \propto \operatorname{Ga}(c_0 + \frac{1}{2}n, d_0 + \frac{1}{2}\sum_i x_i^2 \alpha_i \alpha_0);$$
 (9)

$$p(\alpha_0|-) \propto \operatorname{Ga}(a_0 + \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}m, b_0 + \frac{1}{2}\|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}\boldsymbol{x}\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sum_i x_i^2 \tau \alpha_i).$$
 (10)

The variational Bayesian update equations are:

$$\langle x_i \rangle = \mu_{x_i} = \sigma_{x_i}^2 \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \Psi_i^T (\boldsymbol{y} - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^N \Psi_l \langle x_l \rangle),$$
 (11)

$$\sigma_{x_i}^2 = \langle \alpha_0 \rangle^{-1} \left(\langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_i \rangle + \mathbf{\Psi}_i^T \mathbf{\Psi}_i \right)^{-1},$$

$$\langle x_i^2 \rangle = \mu_{x_i}^2 + \sigma_{x_i}^2; \tag{12}$$

$$\langle \alpha_i \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \rangle} K_{0.5}(\sqrt{\langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \rangle})}{\sqrt{\langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle} K_{-0.5}(\sqrt{\langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \rangle})},$$
(13)

$$\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle} K_{1.5}(\sqrt{\langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \rangle})}{\sqrt{\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \rangle} K_{0.5}(\sqrt{\langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \rangle})}; \tag{14}$$

$$\langle \gamma_i \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle} K_{1/n}(\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle})}{\sqrt{2} K_{1/n-1}(\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle})}, \tag{15}$$

$$\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2} K_{2-1/n}(\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle})}{\sqrt{\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle} K_{1-1/n}(\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle})};$$
(16)

$$\langle \tau \rangle = \frac{c_0 + 0.5n}{d_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \alpha_i \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle}; \tag{17}$$

$$\langle \alpha_0 \rangle = \frac{a_0 + 0.5n + 0.5m}{b_0 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{\Psi} \langle \mathbf{x} \rangle\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{trace} \left(\mathbf{\Psi}^T \mathbf{\Psi} [\langle \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x} \rangle \langle \mathbf{x}^T \rangle]\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_i \rangle} (18)$$

$$\approx \frac{a_0 + 0.5n}{b_0 + \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}\langle \boldsymbol{x} \rangle\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\Psi}_i^T \boldsymbol{\Psi}_i [\langle x_i^2 \rangle - \langle x_i \rangle^2] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \alpha_i \rangle},$$
(19)

where the approximation is used as the same as in [2], and for equations (14),(16), please refer to [3].

For the EM estimation, if we want a point estimate of γ_i , we can get it by the mode of GIG distribution:

$$\gamma_i = \frac{(\frac{1}{n} - 2) + \sqrt{(\frac{1}{n} - 2)^2 + \frac{2}{\alpha_i}}}{2}.$$
 (20)

B. Tree Structure Model (s-HM Model)

Considering we have n_{ℓ} wavelet coefficients at level $\ell = 0, ..., L$, and the *i*th element at level ℓ of the wavelet coefficient is $x_{\ell,i}$. We denote the *k*th column of the matrix Ψ as Ψ_k corresponding to the *i*th element at level ℓ of the wavelet coefficient.

For MCMC sampling, the posteriori distributions are:

$$p(x_{0,i}|-) \propto \mathcal{N}(x_{0,i}|\mu_{x_{0,i}}, \sigma_{x_{0,i}}^2),$$
 (21)

$$\sigma_{x_{0,i}}^2 = \alpha_0^{-1} (\tau_0 + \mathbf{\Psi}_k^T \mathbf{\Psi}_k)^{-1}, \tag{22}$$

$$\mu_{x_{0,i}} = \alpha_0 \sigma_{x_{0,i}}^2 \boldsymbol{\Psi}_k^T (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{\Psi} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_k x_k); \tag{23}$$

$$p(\tau_0|-) \propto \operatorname{Ga}(c_0 + 0.5N_0, d_0 + 0.5 \sum_{i=1}^{N_0} x_{0,i}^2 \alpha_0);$$
 (24)

$$p(x_{\ell,i}|-) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mu_{x_{\ell,i}}, \sigma_{x_{\ell,i}}^2),$$
 (25)

$$\sigma_{x_{\ell,i}}^2 = \alpha_0^{-1} (\tau_{\ell} \alpha_{\ell,i} + \Psi_k^T \Psi_k)^{-1},$$
 (26)

$$\mu_{x_{\ell,i}} = \alpha_0 \sigma_{x_{\ell,i}}^2 \boldsymbol{\Psi}_k^T (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{\Psi} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_k x_{\ell,i}), \ \forall \ell = 1, \dots, L;$$
 (27)

$$p(\alpha_{\ell,i}|-) \propto \operatorname{GIG}\left(x_{\ell,i}^2 \tau_{\ell} \alpha_0, \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}}, -0.5\right);$$
 (28)

$$p(\tau_{\ell}|-) \propto \operatorname{Ga}\left(c_0 + 0.5n_{\ell}, d_0 + 0.5\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\ell}} x_{\ell,i}^2 \alpha_{\ell,i} \alpha_0\right);$$
 (29)

In order to sample γ_{ℓ} , recall:

$$\gamma_{\ell,i} \sim \operatorname{Ga}(T_{na(\ell,i)}^{(\ell-1)}/n_c, 1),$$
(30)

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{\ell,i} = \frac{\gamma_{\ell,i}}{\sum_{i'} \gamma_{\ell,i'}}.$$
(31)

Note $\tilde{\gamma}_{\ell}$ is the normalization form of γ_{ℓ} and $T_{pa(\ell,i)}^{(\ell-1)} = \tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}$ is the normalization form of $\gamma_{\ell-1}$. If $\ell=1$, $T_{pa(\ell,i)}^{(0)}=1$ and $n_c=n_1$.

For $\ell = 1, \ldots, L-1$, from

$$p(\tilde{\gamma}_{\ell,i}|-) = \text{InvGa}(\alpha_{\ell,i}|1, (2\tilde{\gamma}_{\ell,i})^{-1}) \text{Dir}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell-1}) \text{Dir}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell+1}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell}), \tag{32}$$

we have

$$p(\gamma_{\ell,i}|-) = \operatorname{InvGa}\left(\alpha_{\ell,i}|1, \frac{\sum_{i} \gamma_{\ell,i}}{2\gamma_{i}}\right) \operatorname{Ga}\left(\gamma_{\ell}|\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}/n_{c}, 1\right) \operatorname{Dir}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell+1}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell}\right)$$

$$\propto \operatorname{GIG}\left(2, \frac{\sum_{j\neq i} \gamma_{\ell,j}}{\alpha_{\ell,i}}, \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}}{n_{c}} - 1\right) \operatorname{Dir}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell+1}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{\ell}\right) \sum_{j} \gamma_{\ell,j}. \tag{33}$$

Similarly, at layer L, $\gamma_{L,i}$ does not have children,

$$p(\gamma_{L,i}|-) \propto \text{GIG}\left(2, \frac{\sum_{j\neq i} \gamma_{L,j}}{\alpha_i}, \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_{(L-1),pa(L,i)}}{n_c} - 1\right) \sum_{i} \gamma_{L,j}.$$
 (34)

We here use the Metropolis-Hastings (MH) algorithm [4] to sample $\gamma_{\ell,i}$. We propose to use the distribution Q of generalized-inverse-Gaussian (the first term in (33)-(34)) in a MH independence chain and accept γ_{ℓ}^{*} $^{t+1} = \gamma_{\ell}^{*}$ with probability min $\{p_{\ell}, 1\}$, where

$$p_{\ell} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{\ell}} p(\gamma_{\ell,i}^{* \prime})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{\ell}} p(\gamma_{\ell,i}^{* \ t})} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{\ell}} Q(\gamma_{\ell,i}^{* \ t})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{\ell}} Q(\gamma_{\ell,i}^{* \ t})}.$$
(35)

In the experiments, we found the accept ratio of the proposed distribution is around 80%, and we update the γ level-by-level.

In the following variational Bayesian (VB) inference, we use the mean of this generalized-inverse-Gaussian to approximate the mean value of γ . We can also use the Monte Carlo integration to sample $\gamma_{\ell,i}$ and then estimate the mean values. The VB update equations different from the flat model are:

$$\langle x_{0,i} \rangle = \sigma_{x_{0,i}}^2 \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \Psi_k^T \left(\boldsymbol{y} - \sum_{l=1,l \neq k}^n \Psi_l \langle x_l \rangle \right) = \mu_{x_{0,i}},$$
 (36)

$$\sigma_{x_{0,i}}^2 = \langle \alpha_0^{-1} \rangle \left(\langle \tau_0 \rangle + \mathbf{\Psi}_k^T \mathbf{\Psi}_k \right)^{-1}, \tag{37}$$

$$\langle x_{0,i}^2 \rangle = \mu_{x_{0,i}}^2 + \sigma_{x_{0,i}}^2;$$
 (38)

$$\langle \tau_0 \rangle = \frac{c_0 + 0.5 n_0}{d_0 + 0.5 \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} \langle x_{0,i}^2 \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle};$$
 (39)

$$\langle x_{\ell,i} \rangle = \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \sigma_{x_{\ell,i}}^2 \mathbf{\Psi}_k^T \left(\mathbf{y} - \sum_{l=1,l \neq k}^n \mathbf{\Psi}_l \langle x_l \rangle \right),$$
 (40)

$$\sigma_{x_{\ell,i}}^2 = \langle \alpha_0 \rangle^{-1} (\langle \tau_\ell \rangle \langle \alpha_{\ell,i} \rangle + \Psi_k^T \Psi_k)^{-1}, \tag{41}$$

$$\langle x_{\ell,i}^2 \rangle = \langle x_{\ell,i} \rangle^2 + \sigma_{x_{\ell,i}}^2, \quad \forall \ell = 1, \dots, L;$$
(42)

$$\langle \alpha_{\ell,i} \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}} \rangle} K_{0.5}(\sqrt{\langle x_{\ell,i}^2 \rangle \langle \tau_{\ell} \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}} \rangle})}{\sqrt{\langle x_{\ell,i}^2 \rangle \langle \tau_{\ell} \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle} K_{-0.5}(\sqrt{\langle x_{\ell,i}^2 \rangle \langle \tau_{\ell} \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}} \rangle})},$$
(43)

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_{\ell,i}} \right\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\left\langle x_{\ell,i}^2 \right\rangle \left\langle \alpha_0 \right\rangle} K_{1.5} \left(\sqrt{\left\langle x_{\ell,i}^2 \right\rangle \left\langle \alpha_0 \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}} \right\rangle} \right)}}{\sqrt{\left\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}} \right\rangle} K_{0.5} \left(\sqrt{\left\langle x_{\ell,i}^2 \right\rangle \left\langle \tau_\ell \right\rangle \left\langle \alpha_0 \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}} \right\rangle} \right)}}; \tag{44}$$

$$\langle \gamma_{\ell,i} \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle \sum_{j \neq i} \langle \gamma_{\ell,j} \rangle} K_{\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}/n_c}(\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_{\ell,i}} \rangle \sum_{j \neq i} \langle \gamma_{\ell,j} \rangle})}{\sqrt{2} K_{(\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}/n_c-1)}(\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_{\ell,i}} \rangle \sum_{j \neq i} \langle \gamma_{\ell,j} \rangle})}, \tag{45}$$

$$\langle \frac{1}{\gamma_{\ell,i}} \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2} K_{(2-\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}/n_c)} (\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_{\ell,i}} \rangle \sum_{j \neq i} \langle \gamma_{\ell,j} \rangle})}{\sqrt{\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \rangle \sum_{j \neq i} \langle \gamma_{\ell,j} \rangle} K_{(1-\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}/n_c)} (\sqrt{2\langle \frac{1}{\alpha_{\ell,i}} \rangle \sum_{j \neq i} \langle \gamma_{\ell,j} \rangle})};$$
(46)

$$\langle \tau_{\ell} \rangle = \frac{c_0 + 0.5n_{\ell}}{d_0 + 0.5 \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\ell}} \langle (x_i^{(\ell)})^2 \rangle \langle \alpha_{\ell,i} \rangle \langle \alpha_0 \rangle}, \forall \ell = 1, \dots, L.$$
(47)

For the point estimation of $\gamma_{\ell,i}$ with EM, we use the mode of GIG:

$$\gamma_{\ell,i} = \frac{(\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}/n_c - 2) + \sqrt{(\tilde{\gamma}_{(\ell-1),pa(\ell,i)}/n_c - 2)^2 + \frac{2\sum_{j \neq i} \gamma_{\ell,j}}{\alpha_{\ell,i}}}}{2}.$$
 (48)

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