# Random partition-based inference schemes for feature allocations

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#### Overview

- 1. We connect random partitions to random feature allocations.
- 2. Construct the <u>Indian buffet process</u> (IBP) from <u>Chinese</u> restaurant processes (CRPs).
- 3. Posterior inference on CRPs  $\Rightarrow$  inference on IBP.
- 4. Generalize to any exchangeable partition, results in broad class of feature allocations.

## Random partitions and feature allocations

A partition of [n] := (1, ..., n) is a set of subsets of [n], called blocks, whose union is [n].

$$\Pi_5 = \left\{ \{1, 5\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3\} \right\}$$

A feature allocation of [n] is a (finite) set of subsets of [n], called features (See [4, 3]).

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Feature allocations allows the subsets to overlap.

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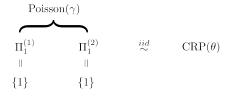
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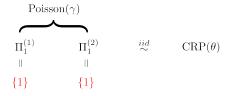
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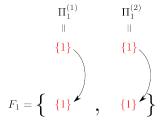
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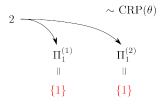
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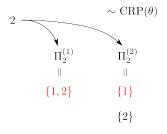
$$F_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \{1\} & , & \{1\} \end{array} \right\} \sim \operatorname{IBP}(\gamma, \theta)$$

Clearly.

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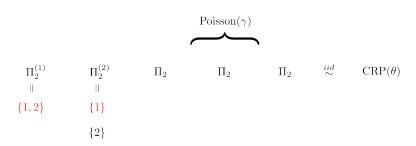


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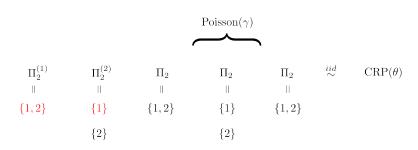
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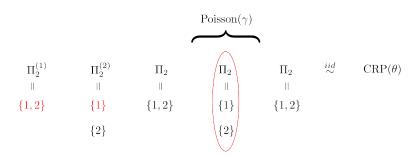
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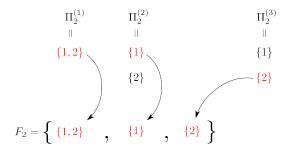
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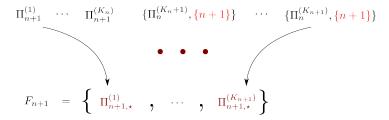
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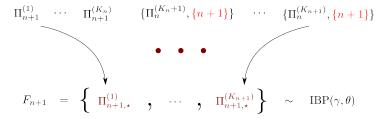


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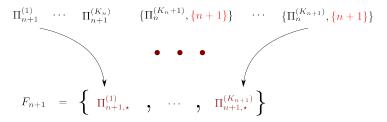


#### Construct an IBP from i.i.d. CRPs

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- Maintain random partitions as latent variables
  - Gibbs sample assignments to  $\Pi_{n+1}^{(k)}$  from posterior distribution
  - ▶ ⇒ resamples assignments to  $F_{n+1}$



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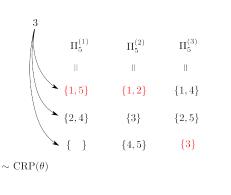
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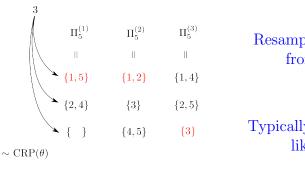
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Typically only 2 likelihood terms!

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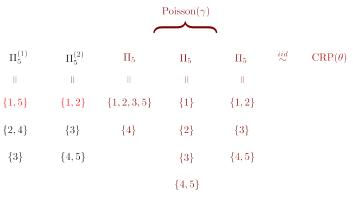
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Accept/Reject with MH proposal

#### Key Points:

- ▶ Same complexity as typical Gibbs sampling for the IBP
- ▶ Only requires a posterior inference procedure for the CRP

## Exchangeable partitions (more generally)

A <u>random</u> partition  $\Pi_n = \{A_1, \dots, A_{B_n}\}$  of [n] is <u>exchangeable</u> iff

$$\mathbb{P}{B_n = k, |A_1| = n_1, \dots, |A_k| = n_k} = f_{\Pi}(n_1, \dots, n_k)$$

for some symmetric function  $f_{\Pi}$ , called the exchangeable partition probability function, or **EPPF**.

The EPPF  $f_{\Pi}$  characterizes the distribution of  $\Pi_n$ .

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To sample  $f_{\Pi}$ -CRP:

Customer sits at table j with probability

$$\begin{cases} \frac{f_{\Pi}(N_{1},...,N_{j}+1,...,N_{k})}{f_{\Pi}(N_{1},...,N_{k})}, & \text{if } j \text{ old,} \\ \\ \frac{f_{\Pi}(N_{1},...,N_{k},1)}{f_{\Pi}(N_{1},...,N_{k})}, & \text{if } j \text{ new.} \end{cases}$$

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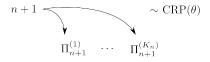
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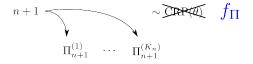
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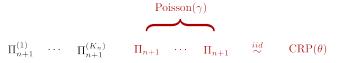
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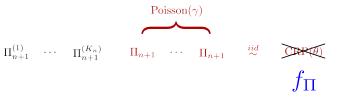
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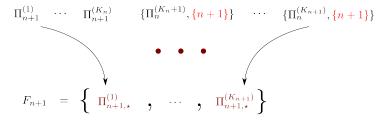
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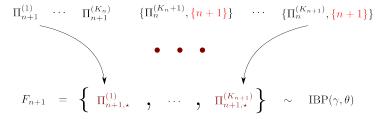
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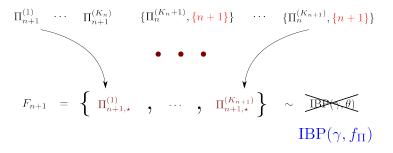
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Generalized IBP; Roy (2014) [9]

Generalized IBPs are parameterized by an EPPF

$\overline{ ext{EPPF}}$		Feature allocation model
Dirichlet process	$\rightarrow$	IBP (G&G, 2006; GG&S, 2007) [6, 4]
Pitman–Yor process	$\rightarrow$	stable IBP (T&G, 2009; BJ&P, 2012) [11, 1]
Gibbs-type prior (G&P, 2006) [5]	$\rightarrow$	Gibbs-type IBP (H&R, 2015) [7]

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## Probability of a new species

EPPF

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$CRP(\theta)$ (Dirichlet process)	$\operatorname{Poisson}\left(\gamma \times \frac{\theta}{\theta + n}\right)$
$\operatorname{CRP}(\theta, \alpha)$ (Pitman–Yor process)	Poisson $\left( \gamma \times \frac{\Gamma(\theta+1)\Gamma(\theta+\alpha+n)}{\Gamma(\theta+n+1)\Gamma(\theta+\alpha)} \right)$
$f_{\Pi}$	Poisson $\left(\gamma \times \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{f_{\Pi}(N_1,,N_k,1)}{f_{\Pi}(N_1,,N_k)}\right]\right)$

# singletons/new features

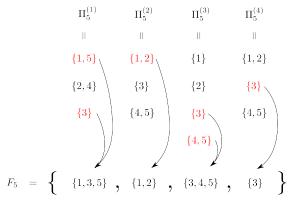
# singletons/features is determined by probability of a new species  $\frac{f_{\Pi}(N_1,\ldots,N_k,1)}{f_{\Pi}(N_1,\ldots,N_k)}$ 

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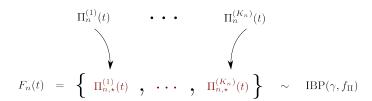
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Produces a Markov process of feature allocations (current work with D. Roy and Z. Ghahramani).



#### Generalizations: Multisets

- The urn scheme intuition extends to multisets (see my talk from BNP9).
- Negative binomial processes (Broderick et al., 2014) [2]; (Zhou et al., 2014) [13]; (H& R, 2015) [8]
- Partition perspective results in generalizations and inference procedures.

### Summary

- 1. Construct feature allocations (FAs) from random partitions
- 2. Different random partitions result in different classes of FAs
- 3. Posterior inference on the partitions results in posterior inference in the FAs

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