

Problem:

$$\min_{\{x_i\}} F(\vec{x})$$

where

$$F(\vec{x}) = \sum_t b_t \ln Z_t(\vec{x}) - \sum_i a_i x_i$$

$$Z_t(\vec{x}) = \sum_s z_{st}(\vec{x}), \quad z_{st}(\vec{x}) = e^{c_{st} + \sum_i p_{si} x_i}$$

and  $a_i, b_t, c_{st}, p_{si}$  are given parameters. We assume that  $a_i, b_t, p_{si} \geq 0$ . The indices ranges are  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq T$  and  $1 \leq s \leq S$ . Note that  $F(\vec{x})$  is a convex function of  $\vec{x}$ . Its gradient is given by:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{s,t} z_{st} \frac{b_t}{Z_t} p_{si} - a_i = \sum_s g_s p_{si} - a_i$$

where

$$g_s = \sum_t \frac{z_{st}}{Z_t} b_t$$