

# A Network Model for Dynamic Textual Communications with Application to Government Email Corpora

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the interaction-partitioned topic model (IPTM)—a probabilistic model of who communicates with whom about what, and when. Broadly speaking, the IPTM partitions time-stamped textual communications, such as emails, according to both the network dynamics that they reflect and their content. To define the IPTM, we integrate a dynamic version of the exponential random graph model—a generative model for ties that tend toward structural features such as triangles—and latent Dirichlet allocation—a generative model for topic-based content. The IPTM assigns each topic to an “interaction pattern”—a generative process for ties that is governed by a set of dynamic network features. Each communication is then modeled as a mixture of topics and their corresponding interaction patterns. We use the IPTM to analyze emails sent between department managers in two county governments in North Carolina; one of these email corpora covers the Outer Banks during the time period surrounding Hurricane Sandy. Via this application, we demonstrate that the IPTM is effective at predicting and explaining continuous-time textual communications.

## 1 Introduction

In recent decades, real-time digitized textual communication has developed into a ubiquitous form of social and professional interaction (see, e.g., Kanungo and Jain, 2008; Szóstek, 2011; Burgess et al., 2004; Pew, 2016). From the perspective of the computational social scientist, this has lead to a growing need for methods of modeling interactions that manifest as text exchanged in continuous time (e.g., e-mail messages). A number of models that build upon topic modeling through Latent Dirichlet Allocation (Blei et al., 2003) to incorporate link data as well as textual content have been developed recently (McCallum et al., 2005; Lim et al., 2013; Krafft et al., 2012). These models are innovative in their extensions that incorporate network tie information. However, none of the models that are currently available in the literature integrate the rich random-graph structure offered by state of the art models for network structure—in particular, the exponential random graph model (ERGM) (Robins et al., 2007; Chatterjee et al., 2013; Hunter et al., 2008). The ERGM is the canonical model for network structure, as it is flexible enough to specify a generative model that accounts for nearly any pattern of tie formation (e.g., tie reciprocity, clustering, popularity effects) (Desmarais and Cranmer, 2017). We build upon recent extensions of ERGM that model time-stamped ties (Perry and Wolfe, 2013; Butts, 2008), and develop the interaction-partitioned topic model (IPTM) to simultaneously model the network structural patterns that govern tie formation, and the content in the communications.

ERGM, and models based on ERGM, provide a framework for explaining or predicting ties between nodes using the network sub-structures in which the two nodes are embedded (e.g., an ERGM specification may predict ties between two nodes that have many shared partners). ERGM-style models have been used for many applications in which the ties between nodes are annotated with

text. The text, despite providing rich information regarding the strength, scope, and character of the ties, has been largely excluded from these analyses, due to the inability of ERGM-style models to incorporate textual attributes of ties. These application domains include, among other applications, the study of legislative networks in which networks reflect legislators' co-support of bills, but exclude bill text (Bratton and Rouse, 2011; Alemán and Calvo, 2013); the study of alliance networks in which networks reflect countries' co-signing of treaties, but exclude treaty text (Camber Warren, 2010; Cranmer et al., 2012b,a; Kinne, 2016); the study of scientific co-authorship networks that exclude the text of the co-authored papers (Kronegger et al., 2011; Liang, 2015; Fahmy and Young, 2016); and the study of text-based interaction on social media (e.g., users tied via 'mentions' on twitter) (Yoon and Park, 2014; Peng et al., 2016; Lai et al., 2017).

In defining and testing the IPTM we embed three core conceptual properties, in addition to modeling both text and network structure. First, we link the content component of the model, and network component of the model such that knowing who is communicating with whom at what time (i.e., the network component) provides information about the content of communication, and vice versa. Second, we fully specify the network dynamic component of the model such that, given the content of the communication and the history of tie formation, we can draw an exact, continuous-time prediction of when, by whom, and to whom the communication will be sent. Third, we formulate the network dynamic component of the model such that the model can represent, and be used to test hypotheses regarding, canonical processes relevant to network theory such as preferential attachment—the tendency for actors to prefer interacting with actors who have been popular in the past (Barabási and Albert, 1999; Vázquez, 2003; Jeong et al., 2003), reciprocity (Hammer, 1985; Rao and Bandyopadhyay, 1987), and transitivity—the tendency for the friends of friends to become friends (Louch, 2000; Burda et al., 2004). In what follows we (1) present the generative process for the IPTM, describing how it meets our theoretical criteria, (2) derive the sampling equations for Bayesian inference with the IPTM, and (3) illustrate the IPTM through application to email corpora of internal communications by county officials in North Carolina county governments. [What predictive comparisons should we run to other models?]

## 2 IPTM: Model Definition and Derivation

To define and derive the IPTM, we begin by describing a probabilistic process by which documents are generated, where documents include a sender, recipients, contents, and timing. We provide a fully parametric definition of each component of the generative process, which enables the model to be used to simulate distributions of who communicates with whom about what, and when. We take a Bayesian approach to inference for the parameters of the IPTM. In the next section, we derive equations for sampling from the posterior distributions of the IPTM parameters conditional on data generated by the generative process that we define in the current section.

The data generated under the IPTM consists of  $D$  unique documents. A single email, indexed by  $d \in \{1, \dots, D\}$ , is represented by the four components  $(i^{(d)}, J^{(d)}, t^{(d)}, \mathbf{w}^{(d)})$ . The first two are the sender and recipients of the email: an integer  $i^{(d)} \in \{1, \dots, A\}$  indicates the identity of the sender out of  $A$  actors (or nodes) and an integer vector  $J^{(d)} = \{j_r^{(d)}\}_{r=1}^{|J^{(d)}|}$ , which indicates the identity of the receiver (or receivers) out of  $A - 1$  actors, where  $|J^{(d)}| \in \{1, \dots, A - 1\}$  denotes the total number of receivers. Next,  $t^{(d)}$  is the timestamp of the email  $d$ . Lastly,  $\mathbf{w}^{(d)} = \{w_n^{(d)}\}_{n=1}^{N^{(d)}}$  is a set of tokens, or word type instances, that comprise the text of the email, where  $N^{(d)}$  denotes the total number of words in a document.

In this section, we illustrate how the words  $\mathbf{w}^{(d)}$  are generated according to latent Dirichlet allocation (Blei et al., 2003), and then how the other components,  $(i^{(d)}, J^{(d)}, t^{(d)})$ , are generated conditional on the document content. For simplicity, we assume that documents are ordered by time such that  $t^{(d)} < t^{(d+1)}$  for all  $d = 1, \dots, D$ .

## 2.1 Content Generating Process

The content generating process follows from the generative process of Latent Dirichlet Allocation Blei et al. (2003). First we generate the global (corpus-wide) variables. Each topic  $k$  is associated with a cluster, or interaction pattern, assignment  $c_k$ , where  $c_k$  can take one of  $c = \{1, 2, \dots, C\}$  values. There are two main sets of global variables—those that describe the content via topics and those that describe how people interact (interaction patterns). These variables are linked by a third set of variables that associate each topic with the pattern that best describes how people interact when talking about that topic.

There are  $K$  topics. Each topic  $k$  is a discrete distribution over  $V$  word types.

1.  $\phi^{(k)} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta, \mathbf{u})$  [See Algorithm 1]

- A topic  $k$  is characterized by a discrete distribution over  $V$  word types with probability vector  $\phi^{(k)}$ . We specify a symmetric Dirichlet prior  $\mathbf{u}$  with the concentration parameter  $\beta$  for the probability vector  $\phi^{(k)}$ .

There are  $C$  interaction patterns. Each interaction pattern consists of a vector of coefficients  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^P$  and a vector of  $P$ -dimensional dynamic network statistics for directed edge  $(i, j)$  at time  $t$   $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j)$ . The inner product of  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j)$  is used to generate both the recipient vector for a document and the timing of the document.

2.  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)} \sim \text{Multivariate Normal}(\mu_{\mathbf{b}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{b}})$  [See Algorithm 2]:

- The vector of coefficients depends on the interaction pattern  $c$ . This means that there is variation across interaction patterns in the degree to which document timing and recipients depend upon the dynamic network statistics. The prior for  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$  is a  $P$ -variate multivariate Normal with mean vector  $\mu_{\mathbf{b}}$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{\mathbf{b}}$ .

The topics and interaction patterns are tied together via a set of  $K$  categorical variables.

3.  $c_k \sim \text{Uniform}(1, C)$  [See Algorithm 3]:

- Each topic is associated with a single interaction pattern, and topics under same interaction pattern share the network properties via  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$ .

We have now defined all of the variables that make up the generative process of the IPTM. We assume the following generative process for each document  $d$  in a corpus  $D$  [See Algorithm 4]:

4-1. Choose the number of words  $\bar{N}^{(d)} = \max(1, N^{(d)})$ , where  $N^{(d)}$  is known.

4-2. Choose document-topic distribution  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(d)} \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha, \mathbf{m})$

4-3. For  $n = 1$  to  $\bar{N}^{(d)}$ :

- (a) Choose a topic  $z_n^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(d)})$
- (b) if  $N^{(d)} > 0$ , choose a word  $w_n^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\phi^{(z_n^{(d)})})$

## 2.2 Stochastic Intensity

In this section, we illustrate how a set of dynamic network features and topic-interaction assignments jointly identify the stochastic intensity of a document, which plays a key role in the tie generating process in Section 2.4. Assume that each document  $d \in \{1, \dots, D\}$  is associated with an  $A \times A$  stochastic intensity matrix  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(d)}(t)$ , where the  $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$  element  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}(t)$  can be interpreted as the likelihood of document  $d$  being sent from node  $i$  to node  $j$  at time  $t$ .

First, content of a document is reflected to the stochastic intensity via the distribution of interaction patterns,  $\{p_c^{(d)}\}_{c=1}^C$ . To calculate the distribution of interaction patterns within a document, we estimate the proportion of words in document  $d$  which are assigned the topics corresponding to the

interaction pattern  $c$  from Section 2.1:

$$p_c^{(d)} = \frac{\sum_{k:c_k=c} N^{(k|d)}}{N^{(d)}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $N^{(k|d)}$  is the number of times topic  $k$  appears in the document  $d$  and  $N^{(d)}$  is the total number of words, as defined earlier. By definition,  $\sum_{c=1}^C p_c^{(d)} = 1$ .

Now, we define the  $(i, j)^{th}$  element of the stochastic intensity matrix  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(d)}(t)$  in the form of continuous-time ERGM:

$$\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}(t) = \sum_{c=1}^C p_c^{(d)} \cdot \exp\left\{ \lambda_0^{(c)} + \mathbf{b}^{(c)T} \mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j) \right\}, \quad (2)$$

where  $p_c^{(d)}$  is as defined in Equation (1),  $\lambda_0^{(c)}$  is the baseline intensity for the interaction pattern  $c$ ,  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$  is an unknown vector of coefficients in  $\mathbf{R}^p$  corresponding to the interaction pattern  $c$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j)$  is a vector of the  $p$ -dimensional dynamic network statistics for directed edge  $(i, j)$  at time  $t$  corresponding to the interaction pattern  $c$ . Detailed specifications of the dynamic network statistics are demonstrated in Section 2.3.

### 2.3 Dynamic Network Statistics

For the network statistics  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j)$  of Equation (2), we use 8 different effects as the components of  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j)$ , (intercept, outdegree, indegree, send, receive, 2-send, 2-receive, sibling, and cosibling) to capture common network properties such as popularity, centrality, reciprocity, and transitivity. Each network statistic is calculated for each interaction pattern  $c = 1, \dots, C$ , therefore each interaction pattern can be characterized by its unique set of network statistics. Below are the specifications of degree, dyadic, and triadic network statistics we use in this paper.

Following Perry and Wolfe (2013), we introduce the covariates that measure higher-order time dependence with the following form. We partition the interval  $[-\infty, t]$  into  $L = 4$  sub-intervals with equal length in the log-scale, by setting  $\Delta_l = (6 \text{ hours}) \times 4^l$  for  $l = 1, \dots, L - 1$  such that  $\Delta_l$  takes the values 24 hours (=1 day), 96 hours (=4 days), 384 hours (=16 days):

$$\begin{aligned} [-\infty, t] &= [-\infty, t - \Delta_3) \cup [t - \Delta_3, t - \Delta_2) \cup [t - \Delta_2, t - \Delta_1) \cup [t - \Delta_1, t - \Delta_0) \\ &= [-\infty, t - 384h) \cup [t - 384h, t - 96h) \cup [t - 96h, t - 24h) \cup [t - 24h, t - 0) \\ &= I_t^{(4)} \cup I_t^{(3)} \cup I_t^{(2)} \cup I_t^{(1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta_0 = 0$  and  $I_t^{(l)}$  is the half-open interval  $[t - \Delta_l, t - \Delta_{l-1})$ .

Based on the preliminary results, we do not include the last interval  $I_t^{(4)}$ , history before 16 days ago, considering the strong recency effect of document exchange behaviors (e.g. email). Although the specification of these dynamic network covariates could be reformulated based on the objectives of each study, in this paper, we define the degree and dyadic effects for each  $l = 1, \dots, L - 1$  and  $c = 1, \dots, C$  as

1.  $\mathbf{outdegree}_{t,l}^{(c)}(i) = \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{i \rightarrow \forall j\}$
2.  $\mathbf{indegree}_{t,l}^{(c)}(j) = \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{\forall i \rightarrow j\}$
3.  $\mathbf{send}_{t,l}^{(c)}(i, j) = \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{i \rightarrow j\}$
4.  $\mathbf{receive}_{t,l}^{(c)}(i, j) = \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{j \rightarrow i\}$

Next, we define four triadic statistics involving pairs of messages, which are analogous to 2-path statistics commonly used in the network science literature. While Perry and Wolfe (2013) adapted full sets of triadic statistics for each combination of time intervals (e.g.  $3 \times 3 = 9$ ), we maintain 3 intervals per each statistic, by defining  $3 \times 3$  time windows and sum the combination-specific statistics based on the interval where the triads are closed. (Refer to Figure 1.) As a result, our interval-adjusted definition of triadic effects become

5. **2-send** $_{t,l}^{(c)}(i,j) = \sum_{(l_1=l \text{ or } l_2=l)} \sum_{h \neq i,j} \left( \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l_1)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{i \rightarrow h\} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{d':t^{(d')} \in I_t^{(l_2)}} p_c^{(d')} \cdot I\{h \rightarrow j\} \right)$
6. **2-receive** $_{t,l}^{(c)}(i,j) = \sum_{(l_1=l \text{ or } l_2=l)} \sum_{h \neq i,j} \left( \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l_1)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{h \rightarrow i\} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{d':t^{(d')} \in I_t^{(l_2)}} p_c^{(d')} \cdot I\{j \rightarrow h\} \right)$
7. **sibling** $_{t,l}^{(c)}(i,j) = \sum_{(l_1=l \text{ or } l_2=l)} \sum_{h \neq i,j} \left( \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l_1)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{h \rightarrow i\} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{d':t^{(d')} \in I_t^{(l_2)}} p_c^{(d')} \cdot I\{h \rightarrow j\} \right)$
8. **cosibling** $_{t,l}^{(c)}(i,j) = \sum_{(l_1=l \text{ or } l_2=l)} \sum_{h \neq i,j} \left( \sum_{d:t^{(d)} \in I_t^{(l_1)}} p_c^{(d)} \cdot I\{i \rightarrow h\} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{d':t^{(d')} \in I_t^{(l_2)}} p_c^{(d')} \cdot I\{j \rightarrow h\} \right),$

where  $l_1 \in \{1, \dots, 3\}$  and  $l_2 \in \{1, \dots, 3\}$ .

<b>h → j</b>			
	[t-24h, t-0)	[t-96h, t-24h)	[t-384h, t-96h)
[t-24h, t-0)	2-send $_{t,1}$	2-send $_{t,1}$	2-send $_{t,1}$
i → h [t-96h, t-24h)	2-send $_{t,1}$	2-send $_{t,2}$	2-send $_{t,2}$
[t-384h, t-96h)	2-send $_{t,1}$	2-send $_{t,2}$	2-send $_{t,3}$

Figure 1: Example of 2-send statistic defined for each interval  $l = 1, \dots, 3$ . Cells with same shades sum up to one statistic, based on when the triads are “closed”.

## 2.4 Tie Generating Process

Given the contents and stochastic intensity, we then move to tie generating process which determines the sender, recipients, and time  $(i^{(d)}, J^{(d)}, t^{(d)})$  of the document. We assume the following generative process for each document  $d$  in a corpus  $D$ :

1. Assume anyone can be the sender of document  $d$ , and the receiver/receivers are dependent on the sender, based on “who might be the recipient  $J^{(d)}$  if the sender of document  $d$  was  $i$ ”. Under this assumption, we use data augmentation scheme and first generate latent ties or sender-recipient pairs.

For each sender  $i \in \{1, \dots, A\}$ , we create binary receiver vector of length  $A - 1$ ,  $J_i^{(d)}$ , by applying the non-empty Gibbs measure (Fellows and Handcock, 2017) to every  $j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}$ , since we exclude self-loop.

$$P(J_i^{(d)}) = \frac{1}{Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))} \exp \left\{ \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\delta$  is real-valued intercept that controls the overall recipient size or the length of  $J_i^{(d)}$ , with its prior distribution specified as  $\text{Normal}(\mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)$ . As defined in Section 2.2,  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}$  is a positive dyad-specific stochastic intensity included in the model, and we use  $\lambda_i^{(d)} = \{\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}\}_{j \in \mathcal{A} \setminus i}$  to denote the vector of dyadic weights in which  $i$  is the sender. Note that we omitted the notation  $(t)$  from Equation (2) and used  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}$  instead, since the stochastic intensity  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}$  is always evaluated at time  $t_+^{(d-1)}$ , implying that  $\lambda_{ij}$  for  $d^{th}$  document is obtained using the history of interactions up to and including the time when the previous document was sent,  $t^{(d-1)}$ .

To assure that the probabilities sum to unity, we use the normalizing constant  $Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))$ , which is the sum of  $P(J_i^{(d)})$  over the entire support, and it can be simplified as:

$$Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)})) = \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A} \setminus i} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1. \quad (4)$$

Details on how the normalizing constant ends up with this functional form are shown in Appendix A.

2. For every sender  $i \in \mathcal{A}$ , generate the time increments given the latent ties from previous step:

$$\Delta T_{iJ_i} \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}), \quad (5)$$

where the mean parameter  $\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}$  is computed by taking the average of network effect terms  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)T} \mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j)$  across the chosen receivers  $J_i^{(d)}$ :

$$\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}(t) = \sum_{c=1}^C p_c^{(d)} \cdot \exp \left\{ \lambda_0^{(c)} + \frac{1}{|J_i^{(d)}|} \sum_{j \in J_i} \mathbf{b}^{(c)T} \mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j) \right\}. \quad (6)$$

Note that Equation (6) reduces to the stochastic intensity  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}$  in Equation (2) in case of single receiver documents (i.e.  $|J_i^{(d)}| = 1$ ), so we can interpret this mean parameter as weighted stochastic intensity across the chosen receivers. When there are multiple chosen receivers (i.e.  $|J_i^{(d)}| > 1$ ), we call it as multicast interactions—those involving a single sender but multiple receivers.

3. Set the observed sender, recipient, and time of the document simultaneously by choosing the sender who generated the minimum time in step 2 and the corresponding recipient and time increment (NOTE:  $t^{(0)} = 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} i^{(d)} &= i_{\min(\Delta T_{iJ_i})}, \\ J^{(d)} &= J_{i^{(d)}}, \\ t^{(d)} &= t^{(d-1)} + \min(\Delta T_{iJ_i}). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The intuition behind this choice is that all possible senders  $i \in \mathcal{A}$  are competing against each other to send the document to their chosen receivers  $\{J_i^{(d)}\}_{i=1}^A$ , and the one with highest urgency (or highest importance) becomes the observed sender, jointly determining the observed recipient and timestamp of  $d^{th}$  document.

## 2.5 Joint Generative Process

The algorithms we present in this section form the generative process for  $D$  documents. This generative process integrates Sections 2.1 through 2.4.

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### Algorithm 1 Topic Word Distributions

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for  $k=1$  to  $K$  do
    | draw  $\phi^{(k)} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta, \mathbf{u})$ 
end

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**Algorithm 2** Interaction Pattern Parameters

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for  $c=1$  to  $C$  do
| draw  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)} \sim \text{Multivariate Normal}(\mu_{\mathbf{b}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{b}})$ 
end
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**Algorithm 3** Topic Interaction Pattern Assginments

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for  $k=1$  to  $K$  do
| draw  $c_k \sim \text{Uniform}(1, C)$ 
end
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**Algorithm 4** Recipient Size Parameter

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draw  $\delta \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_{\delta}, \sigma_{\delta}^2)$ 
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**Algorithm 5** Document Generating Process

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for  $d=1$  to  $D$  do
| set  $\bar{N}^{(d)} = \max(1, N^{(d)})$ 
| draw  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(d)} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha, \mathbf{m})$ 
| for  $n=1$  to  $\bar{N}^{(d)}$  do
| | draw  $z_n^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(d)})$ 
| | if  $N^{(d)} > 0$  then
| | | draw  $w_n^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{(z_n^{(d)})})$ 
| | end
| end
| for  $c=1$  to  $C$  do
| | set  $p_c^{(d)} = \frac{\sum_{k:c_k=c} N^{(k|d)}}{N^{(d)}}$ 
| end
| for  $i=1$  to  $A$  do
| | for  $j=1$  to  $A$  do
| | | if  $j \neq i$  then
| | | | calculate  $\mathbf{x}_{t_{+}^{(d-1)}}^{(c)}(i, j)$ 
| | | | set  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)} = \sum_{c=1}^C p_c^{(d)} \cdot \exp\left\{ \lambda_0^{(c)} + \mathbf{b}^{(c)T} \mathbf{x}_{t_{+}^{(d-1)}}^{(c)}(i, j) \right\}$ 
| | | end
| | end
| | draw  $J_i^{(d)} \sim \text{Gibbs measure}(\{\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}\}_{j=1}^A, \delta)$ 
| | draw  $\Delta T_{iJ_i} \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)})$ 
| end
| set  $i^{(d)} = i_{\min(\Delta T_{iJ_i})}$ ,  $J^{(d)} = J_{i^{(d)}}$ , and  $t^{(d)} = t^{(d-1)} + \min(\Delta T_{iJ_i})$ 
end
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### 3 Inference

We take Bayesian approach to inferring the latent variables (i.e., parameters) in the IPTM. The likelihood function is implied by the generative process in Section 2.5. In this section, we derive the joint distribution over the variables  $\Phi = \{\boldsymbol{\phi}^{(k)}\}_{k=1}^K$ ,  $\Theta = \{\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ ,  $\mathcal{Z} = \{\mathbf{z}^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ ,  $\mathcal{C} = \{c_k\}_{k=1}^K$ ,  $\mathcal{B} =$

$\{\mathbf{b}^{(c)}\}_{c=1}^C, \delta, \mathcal{J}_a = \{\{J_i^{(d)}\}_{i \neq i_o^{(d)}}\}_{d=1}^D$ , and  $\mathcal{T}_a = \{\{t_{i J_i}^{(d)}\}_{i \neq i_o^{(d)}}\}_{d=1}^D$ , and  $\mathcal{P} = \{(i, J, t)^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$  given the observed four components  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{w}^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_o = \{i_o^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_o = \{J_o^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ , and  $\mathcal{T}_o = \{t^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ , and the hyperparameters  $(\beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)$ .

After integrating out  $\Phi$  and  $\Theta$  using Dirichlet-multinomial conjugacy (Griffiths and Steyvers, 2004) we sample the remaining unobserved variables from their joint posterior distribution using Markov chain Monte Carlo methods. Additionally, we integrate out the latent time-increments  $\mathcal{T}_a$  using the property of the minimum of Exponential random variables, as shown in B.1. Our inference goal is to draw samples from the posterior distribution

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{J}_a | \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) \\ & \propto P(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) \\ & = P(\mathcal{Z} | \alpha, \mathbf{m}) P(\mathcal{C}) P(\mathcal{B} | \mathcal{C}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b) P(\delta | \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) P(\mathcal{W} | \mathcal{Z}, \beta, \mathbf{u}) P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The detailed derivation of sampling equations can be found in Appendix B.

To summarize the inference procedure outlined above, we provide pseudocode for Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) sampling. For better performance and interpretability of the topics we infer, we run  $n_1$  iterations of the hyperparameter optimization technique called “new fixed-point iterations using the Digamma recurrence relation” in Wallach (2008), for every outer iteration  $o$ . Also, while we update the categorical variables  $\mathcal{Z}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  once per outer iteration, we specify a larger number of inner iterations ( $n_2$  and  $n_3$ ) for the continuous variables  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\delta$ , respectively. The continuous variables converge slower than the discrete variables since we sample the categorical variables using Gibbs sampling and the continuous variables using Metropolis-Hastings.. When summarizing model results, we only use the samples from the last (i.e.,  $O^{th}$ ) outer loop.

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**Algorithm 6** MCMC

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set initial values  $\mathcal{Z}^{(0)}, \mathcal{C}^{(0)}$ , and  $(\mathcal{B}^{(0)}, \delta^{(0)})$ 
for  $o=1$  to  $O$  do
    for  $n=1$  to  $n_1$  do
        | optimize  $\alpha$  and  $\mathbf{m}$  using hyperparameter optimization in Wallach (2008)
    end
    for  $d=1$  to  $D$  do
        for  $i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}$  do
            | sample the augmented data  $J_i^{(d)}$  following Section B.2
        end
        for  $n=1$  to  $N^{(d)}$  do
            | draw of  $z_n^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinomial}(p^{\mathcal{Z}})$  following Section B.3
        end
    end
    for  $k=1$  to  $K$  do
        | draw  $c_k \sim \text{Multinomial}(p^{\mathcal{C}})$  following Section B.4
    end
    for  $n=1$  to  $n_2$  do
        | sample  $\mathcal{B}$  using Metropolis-Hastings following Section B.5
    end
    for  $n=1$  to  $n_3$  do
        | sample  $\delta$  using Metropolis-Hastings following Section B.6
    end
end
Summarize the results with:
last sample of  $\mathcal{C}$ , last sample of  $\mathcal{Z}$ , last  $n_2$  length chain of  $\mathcal{B}$ , last  $n_3$  length chain of  $\delta$ 
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## 4 Getting It Right (GiR) Test

Software development is integral to the objective of applying IPTM to real world data. Code review is a valuable process in any research computing context, and the prevalence of software bugs in statistical software is well documented (e.g., Altman et al., 2004; McCullough, 2009). With highly complex models such as IPTM, there are many ways in which software bugs can be introduced and go unnoticed. As such, we present a joint analysis of the integrity of our generative model, sampling equations, and software implementation.

Geweke (2004) introduced the “Getting it Right” (GiR) test—a joint distribution test of posterior simulators which can detect errors in sampling equations as well as coding errors. The test involves comparing the distributions of variables simulated from two joint distribution samplers, which we call “forward” and “backward” samples. The forward sampler draws unobservable variables from the prior and then generate the observable data conditional on unobservables. The backward sampler alternates between the inference and an observables simulator, by running the inference code on observable data to obtain posterior estimates of the unobservable variables and then re-generate the observables given the inferred unobservables. The backward sampler is initialized through an iteration of inference on observables drawn directly from the prior. Since the only information on which both the forward and backward samplers are based is the prior, if the sampling equations are correct and the code is implemented without bugs, each variable should have the same distribution in the forward and backward samples.

To perform the GiR test on IPTM, we first define a “backward” generative process in order because when we are generating our backward samples, we only want to resample the word types given the token-topic assignments using collapsed Gibbs sampling (Griffiths, 2002) and the tie data representing (sender, recipients, timestamp) pairs using collapsed-time tie generating process in Section C.1, and not any of our latent variables. In other words, this means we take the latent variables we got by running our inference procedure (latent edges from data augmentation, token topic assignments, topic interaction pattern assignments, interaction pattern network effect parameters, and receiver size parameter) as inputs, and simply condition on these to draw new data. Pseudocode for backward generating process can be found in Section C.2.

Next, we list out our selection of statistics we would like to compare between forward and backward samples, to test the consistency of a posterior simulator with the specified prior and data distributions. For each forward and backward sample that consists of  $D$  number of documents, we save the statistics below:

1. Mean of network effect parameters ( $\mathbf{b}_p^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p^{(C)}$ ) for every  $p = 1, \dots, P$ ,
2. Network statistic ‘send’ calculated for the last  $D^{th}$  document for every  $l = 1, \dots, 3$
3.  $\delta$  value used to generate the samples
4. Mean of the recipient size  $|J^{(d)}|$  across  $d = 1, \dots, D$ ,
5. Mean of time-increments  $t^{(d)} - t^{(d-1)}$  across  $d = 1, \dots, D$ ,
6. Mean topic-interaction pattern assignment  $c_k$  across  $k = 1, \dots, K$ ,
7. Number of tokens in topics assigned to each interaction pattern  $c = 1, \dots, C$ ,
8. Number of tokens assigned to each topic  $k = 1, \dots, K$ ,
9. Number of tokens assigned to each unique word type  $w = 1, \dots, W$ .

For simplicity, we run GiR test using relatively small size of data using 5 documents, 4 tokens per document, 4 total number of actors, 5 unique word types, 2 interaction patterns, and 4 topics per each forward or backward samples. For detailed settings including the prior specifications, see Appendix C.4. We generated  $5 \times 10^4$  sets of forward and backward samples, and then calculated 1,000 quantiles for each of the network effect statistics (1.), and 50 quantiles for the rest of the statistics. We also calculated a t-test and Mann-Whitney test p-values for the equivalence of statistic means between forward and backward samples. Before we calculated these statistics, we thinned our sample statistics

by taking every 40th sample starting at the 10,000th sample for a resulting sample size of 1,000, to reduce the autocorrelation in the Markov chain. In each case, if we observe a large p-value, this gives us evidence that the statistics have the same mean and distribution respectively. We included a diagonal line in each PP (Probability-Probability) plot that we expect these PP dots to line up on if we are passing GiR. The PP-plots are depicted in Figure 2.

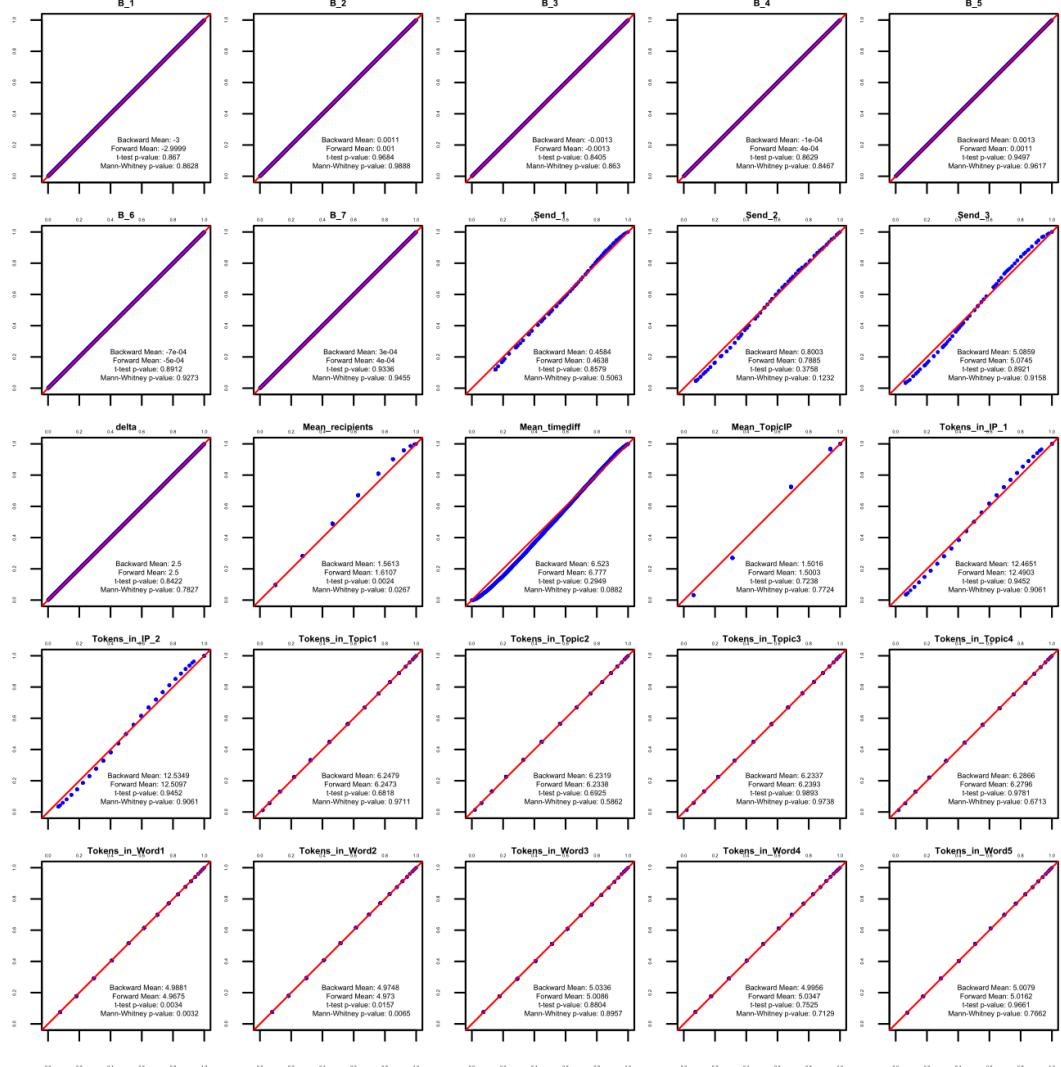


Figure 2: Probability-Probability plot for the 25 GiR test statistics, with topic-interaction pattern being inferred.

It has shown that all of LDA-related statistics passed the test in terms of visualization as well as the p-values from two different tests, while several tie-related statistics, (2.), (4.), (5.), (6.) and (7.), did not generate consistent distributions across forward and backward samplers. Some of these had high p-value, but the PP dots do not line up on the diagonal line which is still problematic. We investigated the possible bugs and realized that the failure comes from the convergence issue of topic-interaction pattern assignment  $\mathcal{C}$  in the inference. Although our inference on topic-interaction pattern assignment seems fine in general since we succeeded passing the statistic (6.), we figured that even single incorrect assignment of topic-interaction pattern  $c_k$  results in considerable bias in  $\{p_c^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ . Since all of the statistics which failed the test are generated using the stochastic intensity

$\{\lambda^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ , a function of  $p_c^{(d)}$ , it is inevitable to see the failure on those variables when we cannot perfectly recover the true topic-interaction pattern assignment  $\mathcal{C}$  from the inference. Therefore, we tried running the GiR test again without inferring the topic-interaction pattern assignment; instead, we used the same fixed set of  $\{c_k\}_{k=1}^K$  for forward and backward samples such that we guarantee zero bias from  $\{p_c^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^D$ . As shown in Figure 3, now we pass the test on every single statistics.

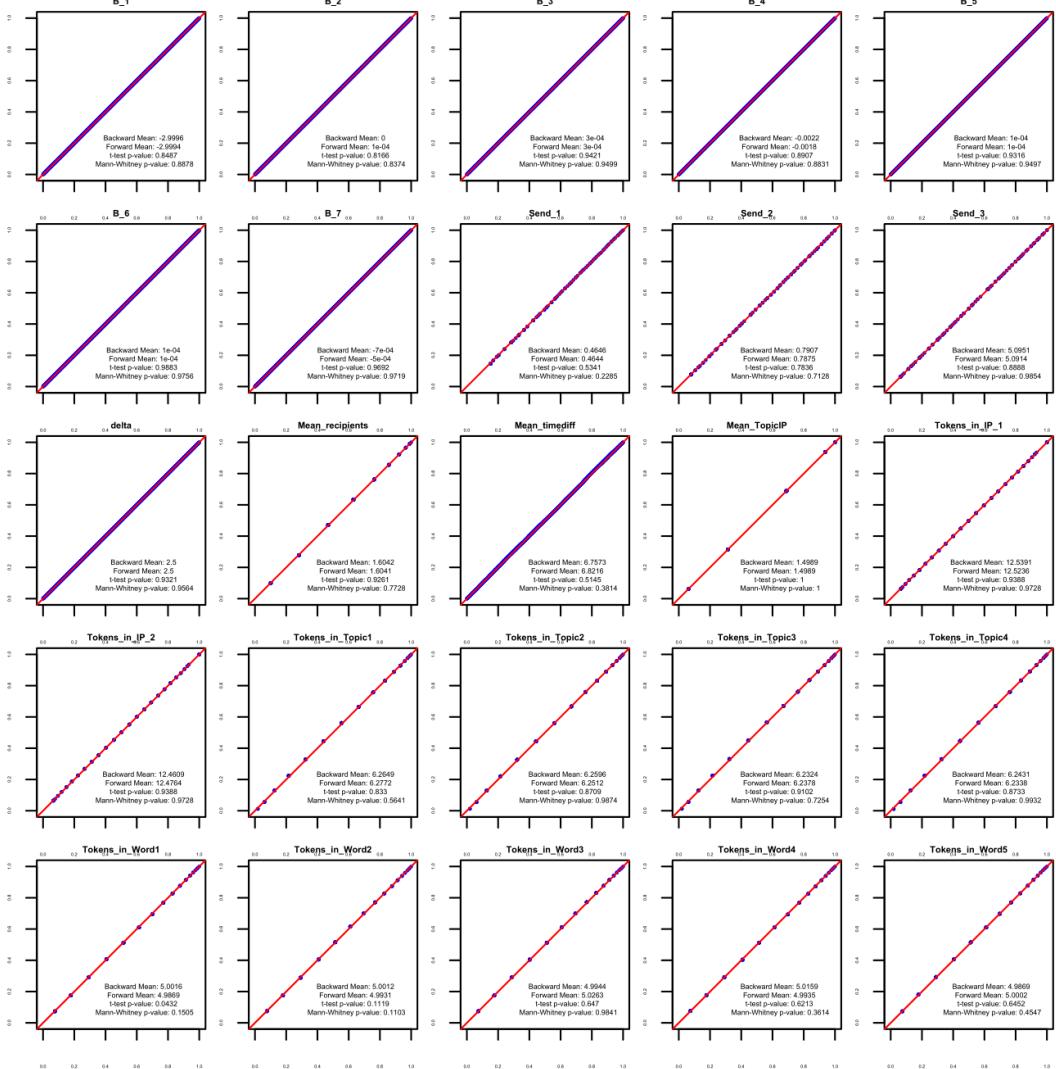


Figure 3: Probability-Probability plot for the 25 GiR test statistics, with topic-interaction pattern not being inferred.

The next step in our work will be to either repair any bugs that exist in our  $\mathcal{C}$  inference code. Due to this inference issue, we currently do not infer topic-interaction pattern assignment when applying to real-world data, in the next section.

## 5 Application to North Carolina Email Corpora

To see the applicability of the model, we used the North Carolina email data using two counties, Vance county and Dare county, which are the two counties whose email corpus cover the date of Hurricane Sandy (October 26, 2012 – October 30, 2012). Especially, as shown in Figure 4, Dare county geographically covers the Outer Banks, one of the most critically affected area by the hurricane, thus we expect to see how the communication pattern changes during the time period surrounding Hurricane Sandy. In this section we apply IPTM to both county data and demonstrate the effectiveness of the model at predicting and explaining continuous-time textual communications.

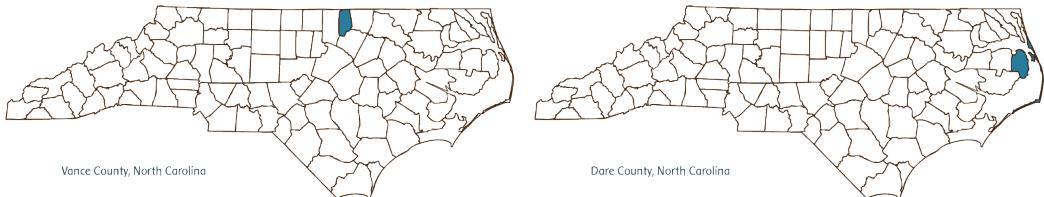


Figure 4: Geographical location of Vance county (left) and Dare county (right) in North Carolina

### 5.1 Exploratory Data Analysis

#### 5.1.1 Vance County

We conducted some exploratory data analysis on Vance county email dataset, where the data spans September 4th to November 30th, containing  $D = 183$  emails sent between  $A = 17$  actors from 17 departments, with  $W = 620$  vocabularies in total. Our preliminary analysis was focused on comparing the email exchange patterns between non-Sandy period (not overlapping October 26-30) and Sandy period (October 26-30).

To see temporal trends in sending and receiving behavior in email exchanges, we plotted the number of emails sent and received between the county government managers based on their departments, which are shown in Figure 5. Since the data size is quite small, there are not many emails exchanged per day with three departments, social services, planning, and emergency services, mostly active over the three months. We have not found any distinctive difference during hurricane Sandy.

In the similar context, we also created the network plots for three separate time windows: pre-Sandy, Sandy, and post-Sandy. Sandy period includes October 19th to November 2nd, which covers the one week before and after the official period of Sandy. Figure 6 showed similar pattern as Figure 5, in that the same three department managers are placed in the center of each network. One noticeable thing is that during Sandy period, social services did not exchange any email while it went back to normal status after Sandy. In addition, emergency service department slightly interacted more actively during Sandy, compared to the other two time windows.

Lastly, we moved to the content aspects of data and looked at how many times the word ‘hurricane’ and ‘sandy’ appeared. As shown in Figure 7, the two words were only used 4 times each during the Sandy period, and not used in any other times. This is not surprising given that Vance county is quite far from the shore, getting minimally affected by the hurricane.

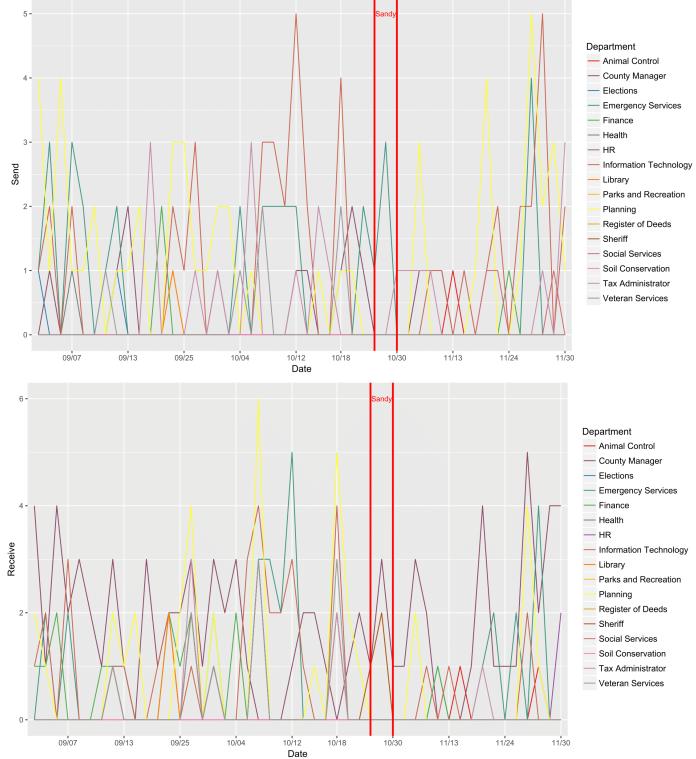


Figure 5: Number of emails sent from (upper) and received by (lower) each department in Vance county

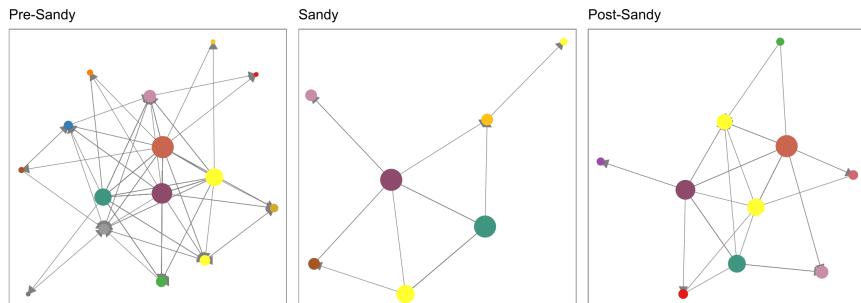


Figure 6: Network plot for three time windows: before Sandy (September 4 - October 18), during Sandy (October 19 - November 2), and after Sandy (November 3 - November 30), in Vance county

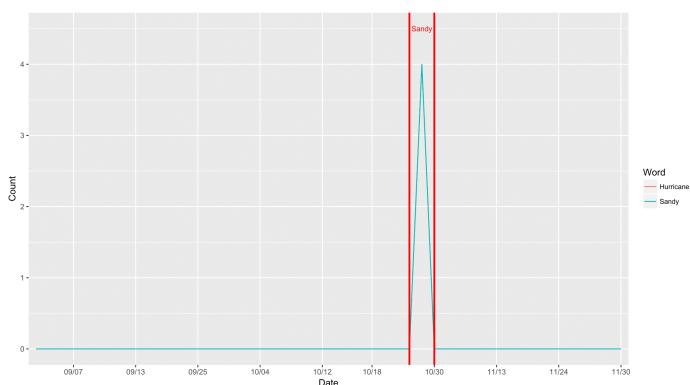


Figure 7: Frequency plot counting how many times the word ‘hurricane’ and ‘sandy’ appeared

### 5.1.2 Dare County

We also tried exploratory data to Dare county data, which spans October 1st to November 30th containing  $D = 1456$  emails between  $A = 27$  actors from 22 departments, and with  $W = 2907$  vocabularies in total. Same as what we did for Vance county, we looked at three different plots, sending and receiving count plots, network plots, and word count plots, to briefly understand the network and content of the email data, with emphasis on the effect of hurricane Sandy.

This time, we saw remarkable change in email sending/receiving behaviors during hurricane Sandy (See Figure 8). As the hurricane approaches on October 26th, the manager from emergency services department sent significantly more emails than before, and at the same time there was dramatic rise in the receiving counts for almost every department. Further analysis proved that emergency services department sent a lot of ‘multicast’ emails with large number of receivers during Sandy.

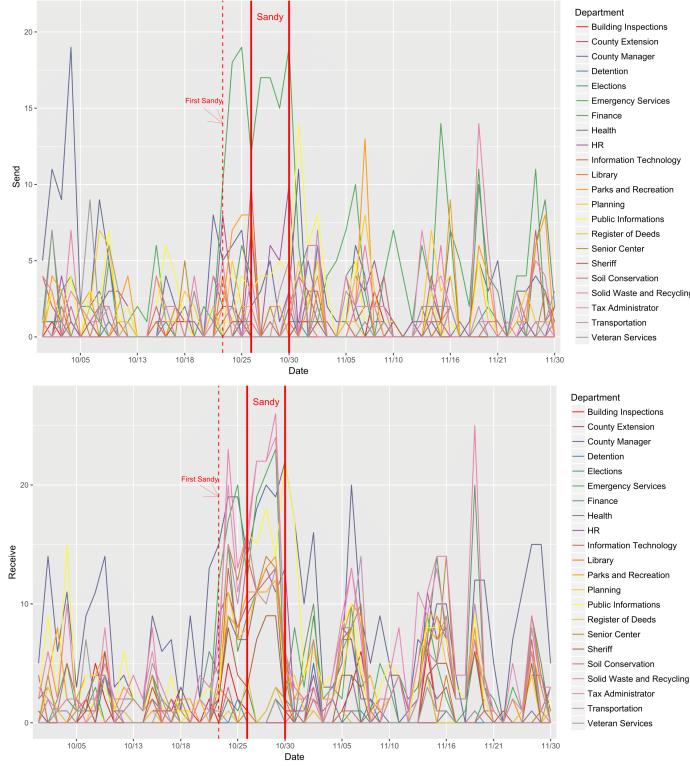


Figure 8: The number of emails sent to (upper) and received by (lower) department in Dare county

The network plots in Figure 9 illustrated same patterns we found in Figure 8. Again, the manager from emergency services department became highly central in the network during Sandy period, and it still maintained the pattern after Sandy. One thing we could expect is that hurricane conversations were continued even after Sandy passed the county, since there remained post-hurricane issues from the damage.

Figure 10 reflects the hurricane effects on email exchanges as well, and it matches our interpretations from the network aspects. Usage of the two words, ‘hurricane’ and ‘sandy’, exploded starting few days before Sandy arrived the area, and multiple emails used the words again in November, implying the continuous discussions on hurricane-related topics.

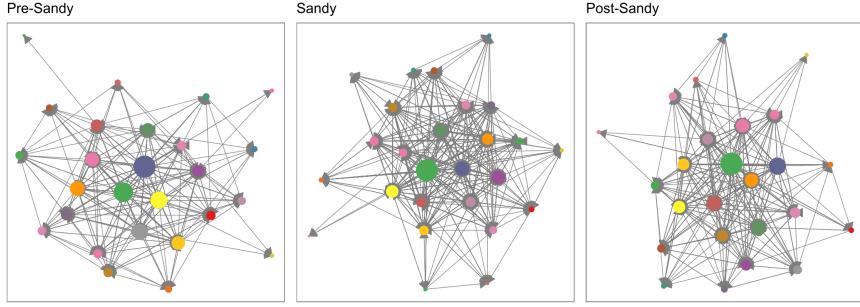


Figure 9: Network plot for three time windows: before Sandy (October 1 - October 18), during Sandy (October 19- November 2), and after Sandy (November 3 - November 30), in Dare county

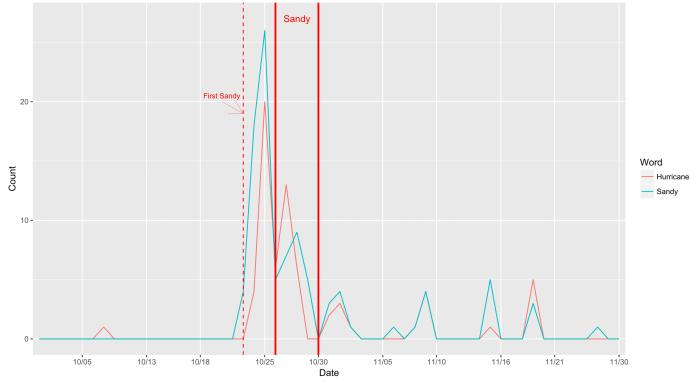


Figure 10: Frequency plot counting how many times the word ‘hurricane’ and ‘sandy’ appeared

## 5.2 IPTM Results

### 5.2.1 Vance County

In this section, we present the IPTM result on Vance county email data with  $C = 2$ ,  $K = 6$  and  $O = 500$ . MCMC sampling was implemented based on the order and scheme illustrated in Section 3. We applied hyperparameter optimization with  $n_1 = 5$ , and the inner iterations for  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\delta$  were set as  $n_2 = 5500$  and  $n_3 = 550$ , respectively. First 500 and 50 iterations were discarded as a burn-in for inference on  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\delta$ , and every 10<sup>th</sup> sample was taken as a thinning process for  $\mathcal{B}$ . Below are the summary of interaction pattern-topic-word assignments. Each interaction pattern is paired with (a) Figure 11: posterior estimates of dynamic network effects  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$  corresponding to the interaction pattern, and (b) Table 1: the top 15 most likely words to be generated conditioned on the topic and their corresponding interaction pattern.

In general, Figure 11 and Table 1 both do not show any strong difference between the two interaction patterns. When we look at the network effects (See Figure 11), the two boxplots representing each interaction pattern overlap, although the point estimates for some statistics had different signs (e.g. outdegree, 2-receive and sibling). Since the 95% credible interval includes 0 for every statistic except intercept, we do not find any significant effect of past interactions on future email exchanges.

Topic-token assignments for two interaction patterns in Table 1 also do not reveal obvious contrast, because the topics all contain words used for typical conversations between government officials.

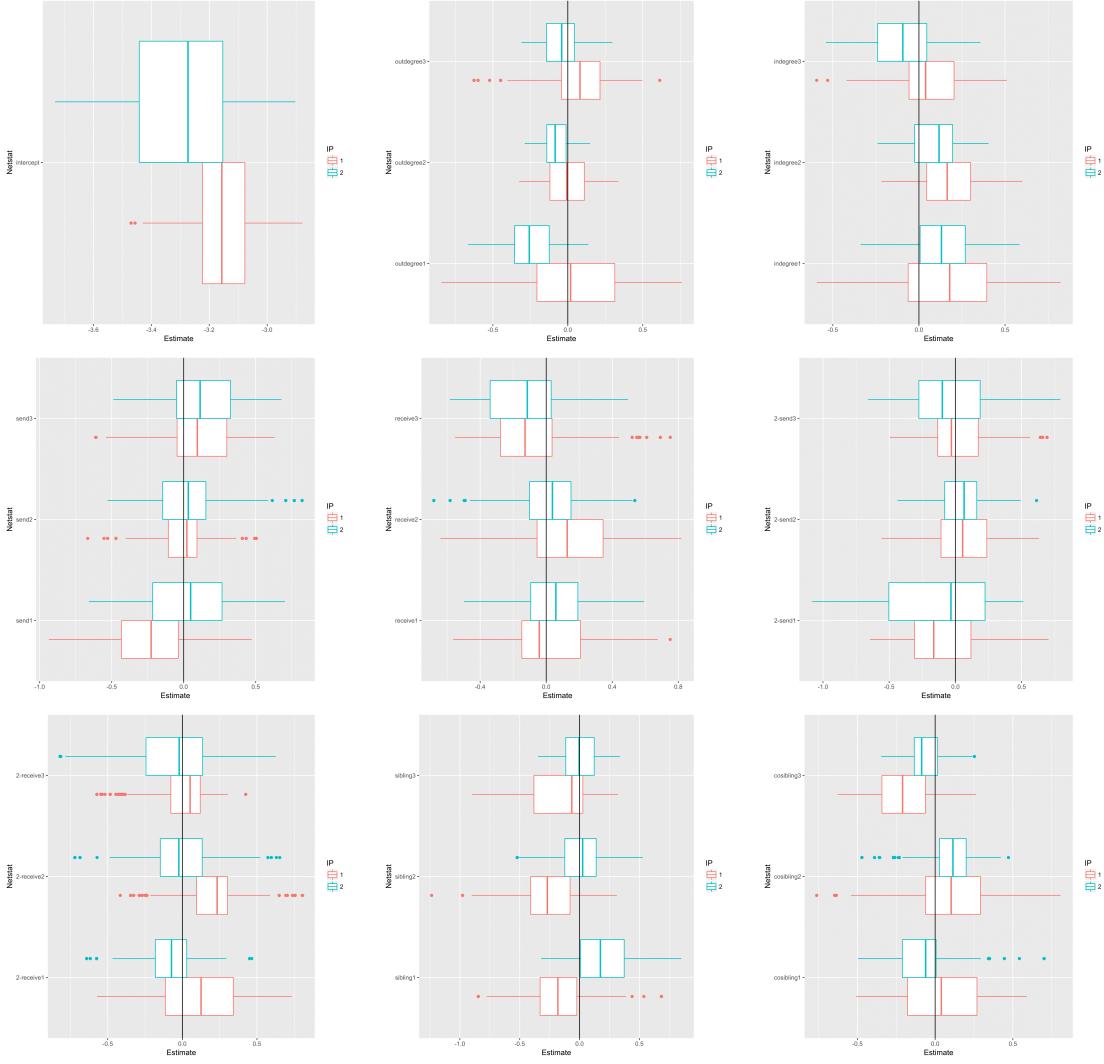


Table 1: 95% credible intervals of posterior estimates of the network effects  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$ :  $c = 1$  (red) and  $c = 2$  (green), using Vance county data

### 5.2.2 Dare County

In this section, we present the IPTM result on Dare county email data with  $C = 2$ ,  $K = 20$  and  $O = 55^1$ . Again, we applied hyperparameter optimization with  $n_1 = 5$ , while the inner iterations for  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\delta$  were set as  $n_2 = 15000$  and  $n_3 = 1500$ , respectively. This time, first 10000 and 500 iterations were discarded as a burn-in for inference on  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\delta$ , and every 10<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> samples were taken as a thinning process for  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\delta$ , respectively.

Same as Section 5.2.2, we present the two model results representing the network aspects and contents. Each interaction pattern is paired with (a) Figure 12: posterior estimates of dynamic network effects  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$  corresponding to the interaction pattern, and (b) Table 2: the top 15 most likely words to be generated conditioned on the topic and their corresponding interaction pattern. This time, the two interaction patterns showed different structures in terms of networks, since the credible interval of many of network effects do not overlap. Interaction pattern 2 had more negative network effects while having much larger intercept compared to interaction pattern 1, implying that topics related to interaction pattern 2 are less affected by previous email exchanges. **Fill out more analysis on the network plot when we get the results from O=100 iterations**

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary results with small number of outer iterations. Results subject to change.

IP	1	1	1	2	2	2	
Topic	1 (0.078)	3 (0.224)	5 (0.141)	2 (0.139)	4 (0.369)	6 (0.038)	
Word	directory switch network address extension tax latest department henderson january young wireless installation cutting rest	message electronic ncgs chapter response public manager attachments siemens pursuant subject review records jail hereto	operations emergency office communications center lines fax enp cem suite good asap henderson street church	phase description planning board water taps keep phone compliance signups meter suite fax meeting tuesday	dropbox cecd henderson-vance box commission economic unemployment licensed rural development reduced financial private labor force	phones october will polycom intstructions training conference three finalized room cutover contact thursday folks finishing	phones october will polycom intstructions training conference three finalized room cutover contact thursday folks finishing

Table 2: Summary of topic-token assignments from Vance county data: top 15 words assigned to each topic, corresponding to interaction pattern assignments

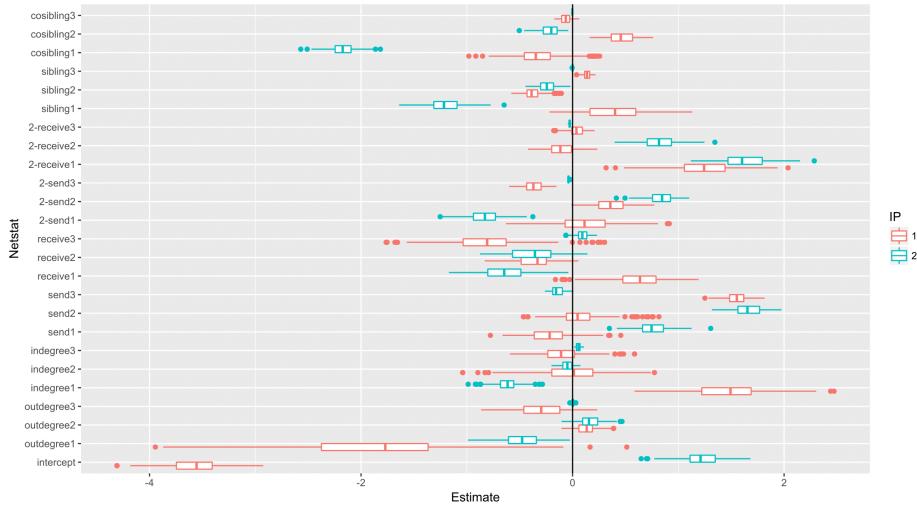


Figure 11: 95% credible intervals of posterior estimates of the network effects  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$ :  $c = 1$  (red) and  $c = 2$  (green), using Dare county data

There also exists significant difference in the contents related to each interaction pattern. Overall, 55.9% of the words were assigned to the topics in interaction pattern 1, on the other hand, 44.1% were assigned to the topics in interaction pattern 2. Some topics in interaction pattern 2 included words which seem to be related to hurricane, such as ‘hurricane’, ‘sandy’, ‘emergency’, ‘forecast’, ‘damage’, and so on. **Fill out the analysis on the word table when we get the results from O=100 iterations**

IP	1	1	1	1	1	1
Topic	3 (0.080)	5 (0.068)	13 (0.062)	2 (0.139)	4 (0.369)	6 (0.038)
<b>Word</b>	directory switch network address extension tax latest department henderson january young wireless installation cutting rest	message electronic ncgs chapter response public manager attachments siemens pursuant subject review records jail hereto	operations emergency office communications center lines fax enp cem suite good asap henderson street church	phase description planning board water taps keep phone compliance signups meter suite fax meeting tuesday	dropbox cecd henderson-vance box commission economic unemployment licensed rural development reduced financial private labor force	phones october will polycom intstructions training conference three finalized room cutover contact thursday folks finishing
IP	2	2	2	2	2	2
Topic	3 (0.080)	5 (0.068)	13 (0.062)	2 (0.139)	4 (0.369)	6 (0.038)
<b>Word</b>	directory switch network address extension tax latest department henderson january young wireless installation cutting rest	message electronic ncgs chapter response public manager attachments siemens pursuant subject review records jail hereto	operations emergency office communications center lines fax enp cem suite good asap henderson street church	phase description planning board water taps keep phone compliance signups meter suite fax meeting tuesday	dropbox cecd henderson-vance box commission economic unemployment licensed rural development reduced financial private labor force	phones october will polycom intstructions training conference three finalized room cutover contact thursday folks finishing

Table 3: Summary of topic-token assignments from Dare county data: top 15 words assigned to each topic, corresponding to interaction pattern assignments

## 6 Posterior Predictive Experiments

We use a set of posterior predictive experiments to evaluate the performance of the IPTM as compared to alternative modeling approaches, and with respect to alternative parameterizations of the IPTM. For documents  $d = \{M, M + 1, \dots, D - 1\}$ , we fit the IPTM to the first  $d$  documents, then use the inferred posterior distributions to generate a distribution of predicted tie data  $(i^{(d+1)}, J^{(d+1)}, t^{(d+1)})$  for document  $d + 1$  conditional on the content in document  $d + 1$ ,  $(w^{(d+1)})$ . A reasonable choice for  $M$  would be  $D/2$ , to assure a sufficient size training set. The variables that need to be sampled are the token topic assignments,  $\mathcal{Z}^{d+1}$ , and the tie data  $(i^{(d+1)}, J^{(d+1)}, t^{(d+1)})$ .

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**Algorithm 7** Predicting tie data for the next document

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Input

1.  $O$ , number of outer iterations of inference from which to generate predictions
2.  $d$ , the last document to use in inference
3.  $R$ , the number of iterations to sample predicted data within each outer iteration

Run burnin iterations

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for o=1 to O do
    run an outer iteration of inference on documents 1 through d
    initialize values for  $i^{(d+1)}$ ,  $J^{(d+1)}$ ,  $t^{(d+1)}$ , and  $\mathcal{Z}^{d+1}$ 
    for r=1 to R do
        | sample  $i^{(d+1)}$ ,  $J^{(d+1)}$ , and  $t^{(d+1)}$  conditional on  $\mathcal{Z}^{d+1}$ , via the generative process
        | sample  $\mathcal{Z}^{d+1}$  via Equation 24
    end
    store  $i^{(d+1)}$ ,  $J^{(d+1)}$ ,  $t^{(d+1)}$ , and  $\mathcal{Z}^{d+1}$ 
end
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We have not implemented this posterior predictive experiments yet, so it will go to the next step of this project.

## 7 Conclusion

- Joint modeling of ties (sender, receiver, time) and contents - Allowance of multicast – single sender and multiple receivers - Possible application to various political science data - Developement of R package ‘IPTM’

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# APPENDIX

## A Normalizing constant of non-empty Gibbs measure

In Section 2.4, we define the non-empty Gibbs measure such that the probability of sender  $i$  selecting the binary receiver vector of length  $(A - 1)$ ,  $J_i^{(d)}$  is given by

$$P(J_i^{(d)}) = \frac{1}{Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))} \exp \left\{ \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\}.$$

To use this distribution efficiently, we need to derive a closed-form expression for  $Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))$  that does not require brute-force summation over the support of  $J_i^{(d)}$ . We begin by recognizing that if  $J_i^{(d)}$  were drawn via independent Bernoulli distributions in which  $P(J_{ij}^{(d)} = 1)$  was given by  $\text{logit}(\delta + \lambda_{ij}^{(d)})$ , then

$$P(J_i^{(d)}) \propto \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\}.$$

This is straightforward to verify by looking at

$$\begin{aligned} P(J_{ij}^{(d)} = 1 | J_{i,-j}) &= \frac{\exp(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) \exp \left\{ \sum_{h \neq i,j} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ih}^{(d)})) J_{ih}^{(d)} \right\}}{\exp(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) \exp \left\{ \sum_{h \neq i,j} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ih}^{(d)})) J_{ih}^{(d)} \right\} + \exp(0) \exp \left\{ \sum_{h \neq i,j} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ih}^{(d)})) J_{ih}^{(d)} \right\}}, \\ &= \frac{\exp(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))}{\exp(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

We denote the logistic-Bernoulli normalizing constant as  $Z^l(\delta, \lambda_i^{(d)})$ , which is defined as

$$Z^l(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)})) = \sum_{J_i \in [0,1]^{(A-1)}} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \neq i} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\}.$$

Now, since

$$\exp \left\{ \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} = \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\},$$

except when  $\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} = 0$ , in which case the left-hand side

$$\exp \left\{ \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} = 0.$$

As such, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)})) &= Z^l(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)})) - \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}, J_{ij}^{(d)} = 0} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \\ &= Z^l(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)})) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

We can therefore derive a closed form expression for  $Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))$  via a closed form expression for  $Z^l(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))$ . This can be done by looking at the probability of the zero vector under the

logistic-Bernoulli model:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\exp\left\{\sum_{j \neq i, J_{ij}^{(d)}=0}(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))J_{ij}^{(d)}\right\}}{Z^l(\delta, \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))} &= \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \frac{\exp\{-(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))\}}{\exp\{-(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))\} + 1}, \\ \frac{1}{Z^l(\delta, \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))} &= \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \frac{\exp(-(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})))}{\exp(-(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))) + 1}, \\ Z^l(\delta, \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) &= \frac{1}{\prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \frac{\exp(-(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})))}{\exp(-(\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}))) + 1}}. \end{aligned}$$

The closed form expression for the normalizing constant under the non-empty Gibbs measure is therefore

$$Z(\delta, \lambda_i^{(d)}) = \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1) \right) - 1.$$

## B Sampling Equations

### B.1 Joint distribution of latent and observed tie variables

As mentioned earlier in Section 2.4, we use data augmentation in the tie generating process. Since we should include both the observed and augmented data to make inferences on the related latent variables, the derivation steps for the contribution of tie data is not as simple as other variables. Therefore, here we provide the detailed derivation steps for the last term of joint posterior distribution in Equation (8), starting from the likelihood before integrating out the latent time  $\mathcal{T}_a$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{T}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ = \prod_{d=1}^D P(\mathcal{J}_a^{(d)}, \mathcal{T}_a^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(-d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(-d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(-d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ = \prod_{d=1}^D P(\mathcal{J}_a^{(d)}, \mathcal{T}_a^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Note that the conditional probability only depends on the past documents  $(\mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)})$ , but not on the future ones  $(\mathcal{I}_o^{(>d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(>d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(>d)})$ , since the network covariates  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}$  is calculated only based on the past interaction history.

Now we tackle the problem by deriving  $P(\mathcal{J}_a^{(d)}, \mathcal{T}_a^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta)$  for  $d^{th}$  document. There are three steps involved. First is the generation of the latent receivers  $J_i$  for each  $i$ ; second is the generation of the observed time increment  $\Delta T^{(d)} = t^{(d)} - t^{(d-1)}$  from the observed sender-receiver pairs  $(i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)})$ ; and the last part is the simultaneous selection process of the observed sender, receivers, and timestamp, implying that the latent time increments generated from the latent sender-receiver pairs were greater than the observed time increment. Reflecting the three steps, the joint distribution is:

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\mathcal{J}_a^{(d)}, \mathcal{T}_a^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\
&= P(\text{latent receivers generation}) \times P(\text{latent time generation}) \times P(\text{choose the observed}) \\
&= \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( J_i^{(d)} \sim \text{Gibbs measure}(\{\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}\}_{j=1}^A, \delta) \right) \times \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}) \right) \times \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}} P(\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} > \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}) \\
&= \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))} \exp \left\{ \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)} e^{-\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right) \times \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}} e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right) \\
&\propto \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}} \right) \times \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)} e^{-(\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} + \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}) \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right), \tag{10}
\end{aligned}$$

We can simplify this further by integrating out the latent time  $\mathcal{T}_a^{(d)} = \{\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)}\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}}$  in the last term:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)} e^{-(\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} + \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}) \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right) d\Delta T_{1J_1}^{(d)} \cdots d\Delta T_{AJ_A}^{(d)} \\
&= \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}} e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)} e^{-\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} d\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \right) \\
&= \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}} e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \left( \left[ -e^{-\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right]_{\Delta T_{iJ_i}^{(d)}=0}^\infty \right) \\
&= e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}}, \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}$  is the observed time difference between  $d^{th}$  and  $(d-1)^{th}$  document. Therefore, we can simplify Equation (11) as below:

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\mathcal{J}_a^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\
&\propto \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \times \left( e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right), \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

where this joint distribution can be interpreted as 'probability of latent and observed edges from non-empty Gibbs measure  $\times$  probability of the observed time-increment comes from Exponential distribution  $\times$  probability of all latent time greater than the observed time, given that the latent time-increments also come from Exponential distribution.' Finally for implementation, we need to compute these equations in log space to prevent underflow:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log \left( P(\mathcal{J}_a^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \right) \\
&\propto \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( -\log \left( \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1) \right) - 1 \right) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \left( \log(\lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}) \right) - \left( \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \right). \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

## B.2 Resampling $\mathcal{J}_a$

First of all, for each document  $d$ , we sample the latent sender-receiver(s) pairs as in pseudocode (Algorithm 6). That is, given the observed sender of the document  $i_o^{(d)}$ , we sample the latent receivers for each sender  $i \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i_o^{(d)}}$ . Here we illustrate how each sender-receiver pair in the document  $d$  is updated.

Define  $\mathcal{J}_i^{(d)}$  be the  $(A - 1)$  length random vector of indicators with its realization being  $J_i^{(d)}$ , representing the latent receivers corresponding to the sender  $i$  in the document  $d$ . For each latent sender  $i$ , we are going to resample  $J_{ij}^{(d)}$ , which is the  $j^{th}$  element of the receiver vector  $J_i^{(d)}$ , one at a time with random order. The full conditional probability of  $J_{ij}^{(d)}$  is:

$$P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)} = J_{ij}^{(d)} | \mathcal{J}_{i \setminus j}^{(d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_{a,-i}, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2), \quad (14)$$

which we can drop some independent terms and move to

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)} = J_{ij}^{(d)} | \mathcal{J}_{i \setminus j}^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)}, \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ & \propto P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)} = J_{ij}^{(d)}, \mathcal{J}_{i \setminus j}^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ & \propto \left( \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \\ & \quad \times \left( \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \times \left( e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}} \lambda_{i J_i^{(d)}}^{(d)}} \right) \\ & \propto \left( \exp \left\{ \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \times \left( e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}} \lambda_{i J_i^{(d)}}^{(d)}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where we replace typical use of  $(-d)$  to  $(< d)$  on the right hand side, due to the fact that  $d^{(th)}$  document only depends on the past documents. The last line of Equation (16) is obtained by dropping the terms that do not include  $J_{ij}^{(d)}$ , such as the normalizing constant of Gibbs measure.

To be more specific, since  $J_{ij}^{(d)}$  could be either 1 or 0, we divide into two cases as below:

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)} = 1 | \mathcal{J}_{i \setminus j}^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)}, \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ & \propto \exp \left( \log(1) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{i[+j]}^{(d)} - \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}} \lambda_{i J_{i[+j]}^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \\ & \propto \exp \left( \delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}) - \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}} \lambda_{i J_{i[+j]}^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $J_{i[+j]}^{(d)}$  meaning that the  $j^{th}$  element of  $J_i^{(d)}$  is fixed as 1 (thus making  $\log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0)) = 0$  for sure). On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)} = 0 | \mathcal{J}_{i \setminus j}^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)}, \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ & \propto \exp \left( \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{i[-j]}^{(d)} > 0)) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{i[-j]}^{(d)} - \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}} \lambda_{i J_{i[-j]}^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \\ & \propto \exp \left( \log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{i[-j]}^{(d)} > 0)) - \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}} \lambda_{i J_{i[-j]}^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where  $J_{i[-j]}^{(d)}$  meaning similarly that the  $j^{th}$  element of  $J_i^{(d)}$  is fixed as 0. In this case, we cannot guarantee that  $I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0)$  is 0 or 1, so we have to leave the term. When it is zero,  $\exp\{\log(I(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} J_{ij}^{(d)} > 0))\} = 0$ , thus we will sample 1 with probability 1. From this property of non-empty Gibbs measure, we prevent from the instances where the sender has no recipients to send the document. Now we can use multinomial sampling using the two probabilities, Equation (17) and

Equation (18), which is equivalent to Bernoulli sampling with probability  $\frac{P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)}=1)}{P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)}=0)+P(\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{(d)}=0)}$ .

### B.3 Resampling $\mathcal{Z}$

Second, we resample the topic assignments, one words in a document at a time. The new values of  $z_n^{(d)}$  are sampled using the conditional posterior probability of being topic  $k$ , and we derive the sampling equation by starting from the conditional distribution used in Latent Dirichlet allocation (Blei et al., 2003):

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathbf{w}^{(d)}, \mathbf{z}^{(d)} | \mathcal{W}_{\setminus d}, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d}, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}) \\ & \propto \prod_{n=1}^{N^{(d)}} P(z_n^{(d)} = k, w_n^{(d)} = w | \mathcal{W}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

To obtain the Gibbs sampling equation, we need to obtain an expression for  $P(z_n^{(d)} = k, w_n^{(d)} = w | \mathcal{W}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m})$ . From Bayes' theorem and Gamma identity  $\Gamma(k+1) = k\Gamma(k)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & P(z_n^{(d)} = k, w_n^{(d)} = w | \mathcal{W}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}) \\ & \propto \frac{P(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{Z} | \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m})}{P(\mathcal{W}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n} | \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m})} \\ & \propto \frac{\prod_{k=1}^K \frac{\prod_{w=1}^W \Gamma(N_{wk}^{WK} + \beta u_w)}{\Gamma(\sum_{w=1}^W N_{wk}^{WK} + \beta)} \times \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{\Gamma(N_{k|d} + \alpha m_k)}{\Gamma(N_{\cdot|d} + \alpha)}}{\prod_{k=1}^K \frac{\prod_{w=1}^W \Gamma(N_{wk, \setminus d, n}^{WK} + \beta u_w)}{\Gamma(\sum_{w=1}^W N_{wk, \setminus d, n}^{WK} + \beta)} \times \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{\Gamma(N_{k|d, \setminus d, n} + \alpha m_k)}{\Gamma(N_{\cdot|d, \setminus d, n} + \alpha)}} \\ & \propto \frac{N_{wk, \setminus d, n}^{WK} + \frac{\beta}{W}}{\sum_{w=1}^W N_{wk, \setminus d, n}^{WK} + \beta} \times \frac{N_{k|d, \setminus d, n} + \alpha m_k}{N^{(d)} - 1 + \alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Now, considering the modeling framework of IPTM, we re-derive the sampling equation reflecting the network effects as well:

$$\begin{aligned} & P(z_n^{(d)} = k | \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_A, \mathcal{I}_O, \mathcal{J}_O, \mathcal{T}_O, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) \\ & \propto P(z_n^{(d)} = k, w_n^{(d)}, \mathcal{J}_A^{(\geq d)}, i_O^{(\geq d)}, J_O^{(\geq d)}, t_O^{(\geq d)} | \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{I}_O^{(< d)}, \mathcal{J}_O^{(< d)}, \mathcal{T}_O^{(< d)}, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}) \\ & \propto P(z_n^{(d)} = k | \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}) P(w_n^{(d)} | z_n^{(d)} = k, \mathcal{W}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \beta, \mathbf{u}) \times \prod_{d=d}^D P(\mathcal{J}_A^{(d)}, i_O^{(d)}, J_O^{(d)}, t_O^{(d)} | z_n^{(d)} = k, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where the subscript “ $\setminus d, n$ ” denotes the exclusion of position  $n$  in  $d^{th}$  document. Note that since selecting a topic for any token influences the histories acting on all documents from  $d$  on, we use the product from  $d$  through  $D$  for the tie contribution part. From Equation (20), we know that:

$$P(z_n^{(d)} = k | \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}) = \frac{N_{\setminus d, n}^{(k|d)} + \alpha m_k}{N^{(d)} - 1 + \alpha} \quad (21)$$

which is the well-known form of collapsed Gibbs sampling equation for LDA. We also know that

$$P(w_n^{(d)} | z_n^{(d)} = k, \mathcal{W}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \beta, \mathbf{u}) = \frac{N_{\setminus d, n}^{(w_n^{(d)}|k)} + \frac{\beta}{W}}{N_{\setminus d, n}^{(k)} + \beta}, \quad (22)$$

where  $N^{(w_n^{(d)}|k)}$  is the number of tokens assigned to topic  $k$  whose type is the same as that of  $w_n^{(d)}$ , excluding  $w_n^{(d)}$  itself, and  $N_{\setminus d, n}^{(k)} = \sum_{w=1}^W N_{\setminus d, n}^{(w^{(d)}|k)}$ . We already have shown in Section B.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathcal{J}_A^{(d)}, i_O^{(d)}, J_O^{(d)}, t_O^{(d)} | z_n^{(d)} = k, \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d, n}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ & = \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \times \left( \lambda_{i_O^{(d)} J_O^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \times \left( e^{-\Delta T_{i_O^{(d)} J_O^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{i_O^{(d)} J_O^{(d)}}^{(d)}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where every part includes  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}$  such that we cannot simplify any further.

Therefore, if  $N^{(d)} > 0$ , the conditional probability of  $n^{th}$  word in document  $d$  being topic  $k$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(z_n^{(d)} = k | \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d,n}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) \\ \propto (N_{\setminus d,n}^{(k|d)} + \alpha \mathbf{m}_k) \times \frac{N_{\setminus d,n}^{(w_n^{(d)}|k)} + \frac{\beta}{W}}{N_{\setminus d,n}^{(k)} + \beta} \times \\ \prod_{d=1}^D \left( \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \times \left( \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{i J_i^{(d)}}^{(d)}} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

and if  $N^{(d)} = 0$ , then the first term becomes  $\alpha \mathbf{m}_k$  and disappears because it is a constant. The second term disappears since there are no tokens, thus we just have the term remaining as below.

$$\begin{aligned} P(z_1^{(d)} = k | \mathcal{Z}_{\setminus d,1} = \emptyset, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) \\ \propto \prod_{d=1}^D \left( \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \times \left( \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{i J_i^{(d)}}^{(d)}} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

#### B.4 Resampling $\mathcal{C}$

The next variable to resample is the topic-interaction pattern assignments, one topic at a time. We derive the posterior conditional probability for the interaction pattern  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $k^{th}$  topic as below:

$$\begin{aligned} P(c_k = c | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}_{\setminus k}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) \\ \propto P(c_k = c, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}_{\setminus k}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ \propto P(c_k = c) P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, c_k = c, \mathcal{C}_{\setminus k}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where  $P(c_k = c) = \frac{1}{C}$  so this term disappears. Therefore, throughout  $c_k = c$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(c_k = c | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}_{\setminus k}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2) \\ \propto P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, c_k = c, \mathcal{C}_{\setminus k}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\ = \prod_{d=1}^D \left( \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \times \left( \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \times \left( e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \lambda_{i J_i^{(d)}}^{(d)}} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

#### B.5 Resampling $\mathcal{B}$

Next, we update  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}^{(c)}\}_{c=1}^C$ . For this, we use the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with a proposal density  $Q$  being the multivariate Gaussian distribution, with a diagonal covariance matrix multiplied by  $\sigma_Q^2$  (proposal distribution variance parameters set by the user), centered on the current values of  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}^{(c)}\}_{c=1}^C$ . Under the symmetric proposal distribution, we cancel out Q-ratio and then accept the new proposed value  $\mathcal{B}' = \{\mathbf{b}'^{(c)}\}_{c=1}^C$  with probability equal to:

$$\text{Acceptance Probability} = \begin{cases} \frac{P(\mathcal{B}' | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)}{P(\mathcal{B} | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{J}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)} & \text{if } < 1 \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

After factorization, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{P(\mathcal{B}'|\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)}{P(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o, \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)} \\
&= \frac{P(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}', \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)}{P(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \beta, \mathbf{u}, \alpha, \mathbf{m}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b, \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)} \\
&= \frac{P(\mathcal{B}'|\mathcal{C}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b)P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}', \delta)}{P(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{C}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b)P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta)}, \tag{29}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $P(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{C}, \mu_b, \Sigma_b)$  is calculated from the product of  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)} \sim \text{Multivariate Normal}(\mu_b, \Sigma_b)$  over the interaction patterns  $c \in \{1, \dots, C\}$  (as defined in Section 2) and  $P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta)$  is the same as Equation (28). Again, we take the log and obtain the log of acceptance ratio:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{c=1}^C \log(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{b}'^{(c)}; \mu_b, \Sigma_b)) - \sum_{c=1}^C \log(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{b}^{(c)}; \mu_b, \Sigma_b)) \\
&+ \sum_{d=1}^D \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( -\log \left( \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1 \right) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \log(\lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}) - \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{i J_i^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \text{ given } \mathbf{b}' \right) \right) \tag{30} \\
&- \sum_{d=1}^D \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( -\log \left( \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1 \right) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \log(\lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}) - \Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{i J_i^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \text{ given } \mathbf{b} \right) \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{N}$  is the multivariate normal density. Then the log of acceptance ratio we have is:

$$\log(\text{Acceptance Probability}) = \min(\text{Equation (31)}, 0). \tag{31}$$

Use the log of acceptance ratio, if the log of a sample from Uniform(0,1) is less than the log-acceptance probability (31), we accept the proposal  $\mathbf{b}'$ . Otherwise, we reject.

## B.6 Resampling $\delta$

Finally we move on to the updates of  $\delta$ , which is very similar to the steps illustrated in Section B.5. Again we use Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with Normal proposal distribution such that we can cancel out the Q-ratio. We may change the proposal variance  $\sigma_\delta^2$  to ensure appropriate level of acceptance rate. Then, it follows that the simplified version of acceptance probability is

$$\text{Acceptance Probability} = \begin{cases} \frac{P(\delta'|\mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta')}{P(\delta|\mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)P(\mathcal{J}_a, \mathcal{I}_o, \mathcal{T}_o | \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta)} & \text{if } < 1 \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases} \tag{32}$$

By taking the log, we obtain the log of acceptance ratio:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log(\mathcal{N}(\delta'; \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)) - \log(\mathcal{N}(\delta; \mu_\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)) \\
&+ \sum_{d=1}^D \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( -\log \left( \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta' + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1 \right) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta' + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( -\log \left( \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} \left( \exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1 \right) \right) - 1 \right) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right) \right), \tag{33}
\end{aligned}$$

and determine whether to accept or reject using the log of acceptance ratio

$$\log(\text{Acceptance Probability}) = \min(\text{Equation (34)}, 0). \tag{34}$$

## C Details on Getting It Right Test

### C.1 Collapsed-time Tie Generating Process

Considering that we integrated out latent time  $\mathcal{T}_a$  in the inference, we develop the new generative process for tie data with the latent time variable integrated out. Note that this is built upon the property of the minimum of independent Exponential random variables, where the probability  $\Delta T_{iJ_i}$  being the minimum is  $\frac{\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}}{\sum_{i=1}^A \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}}$ . Details are illustrated in Algorithm 8.

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**Algorithm 8** Collapsed-time Tie Generating Process

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for  $d=1$  to  $D$  do
    for  $i=1$  to  $A$  do
        for  $j=1$  to  $A$  do
            if  $j \neq i$  then
                calculate  $\mathbf{x}_{t_+^{(d-1)}}^{(c)}(i, j)$ , the network statistics evaluated at time  $t_+^{(d-1)}$ 
                set  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)} = \sum_{c=1}^C p_c^{(d)} \cdot \exp\left\{ \lambda_0^{(c)} + \mathbf{b}^{(c)T} \mathbf{x}_{t_+^{(d-1)}}^{(c)}(i, j) \right\} \cdot 1\{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}\}$ 
            end
        end
        draw  $J_i^{(d)} \sim \text{Gibbs measure}(\{\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}\}_{j=1}^A, \delta)$ 
    end
    draw  $i^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\{\frac{\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}}\}_{i=1}^A)$ 
    set  $J^{(d)} = J_{i^{(d)}}$ 
    draw  $\Delta T_{i^{(d)} J^{(d)}} \sim \text{Exponential}(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)})$ 
    set  $t^{(d)} = t^{(d-1)} + \Delta T_{i^{(d)} J^{(d)}}$ 
end

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With this generative process, the joint likelihood (comparable to Equation (10)) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\mathcal{J}_a^{(d)}, i_o^{(d)}, J_o^{(d)}, t_o^{(d)} | \mathcal{I}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{J}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{T}_o^{(<d)}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}, \delta) \\
&= P(\text{latent receivers generation}) \times P(\text{choose the sender}) \times P(\text{observed minimum time generation}) \\
&= \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( J_i^{(d)} \sim \text{Gibbs measure}(\{\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}\}_{j=1}^A, \delta) \right) \times \left( i_o^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinom}(\{\frac{\lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}}\}_{i=1}^A) \right) \times \left( \Delta T_{i^{(d)} J^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sim \text{Exp}(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}) \right) \\
&= \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \times \left( \frac{\lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right) \times \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \right) e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right) \\
&= \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{Z(\delta, \log(\lambda_i^{(d)}))} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \times \left( \frac{\lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)}}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right) \times \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)} \right) e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right) \\
&\propto \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\exp\{\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})\} + 1) \right) - 1} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}} (\delta + \log(\lambda_{ij}^{(d)})) J_{ij}^{(d)} \right\} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( \lambda_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \right) \times \left( e^{-\Delta T_{i_o^{(d)} J_o^{(d)}}^{(d)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{iJ_i}^{(d)}} \right), \tag{35}
\end{aligned}$$

which is exactly the same as Equation (12), thus we will use this collapsed-time generative process as a forward/backward generative process in Geweke's "Getting it Right" test in Section C.2.

## C.2 Backward Generating Process

For backward sampling, we let  $NKV$  be a  $V \times K$  dimensional matrix where each entry will record the count of the number of tokens of word-type  $v$  that are currently assigned to topic  $k$ . Also let  $NK$  be a  $K$  dimensional vector recording the total count of tokens currently assigned to topic  $k$ . Word-assignments are implemented via collapsed Gibbs sampling (Griffiths, 2002), while the generation of tie data directly follows the generating process in Section 2.4, only with the latent time integrated out as following Algorithm 8 (in order to save computing time). This “backward” version of the generative process is detailed below in Algorithm 9.

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**Algorithm 9** Generate data with backward sampling

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Input:

- 1) token topic assignments  $\{\{z_n^{(d)}\}_{n=1}^{N^{(d)}}\}_{d=1}^D$ ,
- 2) topic interaction pattern assignments,  $\{C_k\}_{k=1}^K$ ,
- 3) interaction pattern parameters  $\{\mathbf{b}^{(c)}\}_{c=1}^C$ ,
- 4) receiver size parameter  $\delta$ .

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for  $d=1$  to  $D$  do
    set  $NKV = 0$  and  $NK = 0$ 
    for  $n=1$  to  $\bar{N}^{(d)}$  do
        for  $v=1$  to  $V$  do
            token-word-type-distribution $_n^{(d)}[v] = \frac{NKV_{v,z_n^{(d)}} + \beta u_v}{NK_{z_n^{(d)}} + \beta}$ 
        end
        draw  $w_n^{(d)} \sim (\text{token-word-type-distribution}_n^{(d)})$ 
         $NKV_{w_n^{(d)}, z_n^{(d)}} + = 1$ 
         $NK_{z_n^{(d)}} + = 1$ 
    end
    for  $i=1$  to  $A$  do
        for  $j=1$  to  $A$  do
            if  $j \neq i$  then
                calculate  $\mathbf{x}_{t_+^{(d-1)}}^{(c)}(i, j)$ , the network statistics evaluated at time  $t_+^{(d-1)}$ 
                set  $\lambda_{ij}^{(d)} = \sum_{c=1}^C p_c^{(d)} \cdot \exp\left\{\lambda_0^{(c)} + \mathbf{b}^{(c)T} \mathbf{x}_{t_+^{(d-1)}}^{(c)}(i, j)\right\} \cdot 1\{j \in \mathcal{A}_{\setminus i}\}$ 
            end
        end
        draw  $J_i^{(d)} \sim \text{Gibbs measure}(\{\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}\}_{j=1}^A, \delta)$ 
    end
    draw  $i^{(d)} \sim \text{Multinomial}\left(\left\{\frac{\lambda_{ij}^{(d)}}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{ij}^{(d)}}\right\}_{i=1}^A\right)$ 
    set  $J^{(d)} = J_{i^{(d)}}$ 
    draw  $\Delta T_{i^{(d)}, J^{(d)}} \sim \text{Exponential}\left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{ij}^{(d)}\right)$ 
    set  $t^{(d)} = t^{(d-1)} + \Delta T_{i^{(d)}, J^{(d)}}$ 
end

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## C.3 Initialization of History $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}$

Considering that our network statistics  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}$  are generated as a function of the network history, it is necessary to use the same initial value of  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}$  across the forward and backward samples. If not, when we generate fixed number of documents, we cannot guarantee the same number of documents

used for the inference, since only the documents with its timestamp greater than 384 hours are used in the inference. In the extreme cases, we may end up with two types of failure:

1. Zero document generated after 384 hours (i.e.  $t^{(10)} < 384$ ), making no documents to be used for inference,
2. Zero document generated before 384 hours (i.e.  $t^{(1)} > 384$ ), making the estimate of  $\mathcal{B}$  totally biased since  $\forall \mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}(i, j) = 0$ .

Therefore, we fix the initial state of  $\mathbf{x}_t^{(c)}$  over the entire GiR process. Specifically, we fix some baseline documents where the timestamps are all smaller than 384 and use as an input for forward sampling, backward sampling, and the inference. Then, in the forward and backward generative process, we set the starting point of the timestamp as  $t^{(0)} = 384$  and generate fixed number of documents given the initial  $\mathbf{x}_{t^{(0)}=384}^{(c)}$  so that we can achieve consistency in the generated number of documents with  $t^{(d)} > 384$ .

#### C.4 GiR Implementation Details

While we tried a number of different parameter combinations in the course of testing, we outline our standard setup. We selected the following parameter values:

- $D$  (number of documents) = 5
- $N^{(d)}$  (tokens per document) = 4
- $A$  (number of actors) = 4
- $W$  (unique word types) = 5
- $C$  (number of interaction patterns) = 2
- $K$  (number of topics) = 4
- $\alpha$  (Dirichlet concentration prior) = 2
- $\mathbf{m}$  (Dirichlet base prior) =  $\mathbf{u}$
- $\beta$  (Dirichlet concentration prior) = 2
- $\mathbf{n}$  (Dirichlet base prior) =  $\mathbf{u}$
- netstat = “intercept” and “dyadic”
- prior for  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)}$ :  $\mu_{\mathbf{b}^{(c)}} = (-3, \mathbf{0}_6)$ ,  $\Sigma_{\mathbf{b}^{(c)}} = 0.005 \times I_7$
- prior for  $\delta$ :  $\mu_\delta = 0$ ,  $\sigma_\delta^2 = 0.1$
- $I$  (outer iteration) = 3
- $n_1$  (hyperparameter optimization) = 0
- $n_2$  (M-H sampling iteration of  $\mathcal{B}$ ) = 330
- burn (M-H sampling burn-in of  $\mathcal{B}$ ) = 30
- thin (M-H sampling thinning of  $\mathcal{B}$ ) = 3
- $\sigma_{Q1}^2$  (proposal variance for  $\mathcal{B}$ ) = 0.04
- $n_3$  (M-H sampling iteration of  $\delta$ ) = 10
- $\sigma_{Q2}^2$  (proposal variance for  $\delta$ ) = 2