# 1 Model

Stochastic Block Model (SBM)

- Choose the community proportions  $\pi \sim \text{Dir}(\gamma)$ , where  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}^C$  with C latent communities
- $\bullet$  For each representative u
  - 1. Choose a community membership assignment  $M_u \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \operatorname{Cat}(\pi)$
- For each pair of communities  $k, l \in \{1, ..., C\}$ , draw coexpression rate  $P_{kl} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1)$
- For each pair of representatives  $u, v \in \{1, \dots, U\}$ , draw  $R_{uv} \mid P, M_u = k, M_v = l \sim \text{Poisson}(P_{kl})$

Ideal Point Model (IPM)

- $\bullet$  For each document d
  - 1. Choose a discrimination  $a_d \sim \mathcal{N}(\eta_a, \sigma_d^2)$
  - 2. Choose a difficulty  $b_d \sim \mathcal{N}(\eta_b, \sigma_d^2)$
- $\bullet$  For each representative u
  - 1. Choose a position  $x_u \mid \nu \sim \mathcal{N}(\nu, \sigma_x^2)$
- Draw representative u's vote on document d as  $V_{ud} \mid x_u, a_d, b_d \sim \text{Bern}(\sigma(a_d \cdot (x_u b_d)))$ Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)
  - Draw a topic  $\varphi_k \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Dir}(\beta), \varphi_k \in \mathbb{R}^V$  as a distribution over words, for each  $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$
  - For each document, draw the topic proportions  $\theta_d \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Dir}(\alpha)$ , where  $\theta_d \in \mathbb{R}^K$
  - For each document  $d \in \{1, ..., D\}$  and each word  $n \in \{1, ..., N_d\}$  in the document
    - 1. Choose a topic  $z_{dn} \mid \theta_d \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Mult}(\theta_d)$
    - 2. Choose a word  $W_{dn} \mid z_{dn} = k, \varphi_k \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Mult}(\varphi_k)$

#### 1.1 Frankenstein Model

The ideal point model (IPM) is useful to us as a baseline model for the roll call voting data  $(V_{ud})$  for a couple of reasons. For one, using it alone we can attempt to predict missing votes, a problem of interest in political science. Another problem of more qualitative interest is analyzing and interpreting the factors  $a_d, b_d$  specific to a document and those  $x_u$  specific to the representative. All are assumed to reside in some latent space  $\mathbb{R}^S$  and so depending on how we set up the model, we might be able to interpret quantities like  $x_u$  as u's political stance or ideological position or  $x_u - b_d$  as representative u's propensity for the bill/document d. There are a number of problems we cannot address in IPM. A major problem is predicting on heldout documents (the 'cold start'), which is a potentially useful performance measure. Similarly if we have relatively junior representatives, they may not have had enough votes for the inferred  $x_u$  to represent something (1) meaningful / interpretable or (2) reliable. We want to incorporate more information to inform the choices of  $a_d, b_d$  and  $x_u$ .

#### Ideal Point Allocator (IPA)

- Run the generative processes for SBM and LDA as described above. Then,
- $\bullet$  For each document d
  - 1. Calculate the empirical topic proportions  $\overline{z}_d = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} z_d$  (a  $K \times 1$  vector)
  - 2. Generate  $S \times K$  matrices  $\eta_a, \eta_b$  with iid normal entries
  - 3. Choose a discrimination  $a_d \sim \mathcal{N}(\eta_a' \overline{z}_d, \sigma_d^2)$
  - 4. Choose a difficulty  $b_d \sim \mathcal{N}(\eta_b' \overline{z}_d, \sigma_d^2)$
- For each representative u
  - 1. Generate the community means  $\nu_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\tau, \sigma_x^2)$
  - 2. Choose a position  $x_u \mid M_u = k, \nu \sim \mathcal{N}(\nu_k, \sigma_x^2)$
- Draw representative u's vote on document d as  $V_{ud} \mid x_u, a_d, b_d \sim \text{Bern}(\sigma(a_d \cdot (x_u b_d)))$

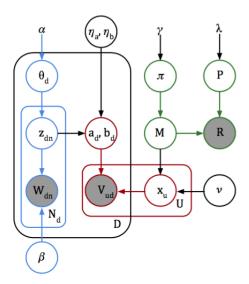


Figure 1: IPA graphical model

## 2 Variational Inference

### 2.1 For SBM.

After observing the symmetric matrix  $R = (R_{uv})$ , where  $R_{uv}$  is the number of caucuses that representatives u and v have in common, we see to find a distribution q over the latent community assignments  $M = (M_u)$ , the community coexpression rates  $P = (P_{kl})$ , and the community proportions  $\pi = (\pi_k)$  which is close in relative entropy to the true posterior and lies in the factorized family  $q(M)q(P)q(\pi)$ . Each factor has free parameters described below and denoted with hats. The approximation q is equivalently scored by the ELBO objective  $\mathcal{L}$ , which we break down as:

$$\mathcal{L}(q) = \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log \frac{p(R, M, P, \pi)}{q(M, P, \pi)} \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log p(R \mid M, P) + \log \frac{p(P)}{q(P)} \right]}_{\mathcal{L}_{data}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ -\log q(M) \right]}_{\mathcal{L}_{ent}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log p(M \mid \pi) \right]}_{\mathcal{L}_{local}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log \frac{p(\pi)}{q(\pi)} \right]}_{\mathcal{L}_{global}}$$
(1)

**Variational Factors.** To each u we associate variational parameters  $\hat{r}_u = (\hat{r}_{uk})_{k=1}^C$ , so

$$q(M) = \prod_{u=1}^{U} q(M_u \mid \hat{r}_u) = \prod_{u=1}^{U} \prod_{k=1}^{C} \hat{r}_{uk}^{\delta_k(M_u)}.$$
 (2)

We define  $q(\pi) \triangleq \text{Dir}(\widehat{\gamma}_1, \dots, \widehat{\gamma}_C)$  and  $q(P) = \prod_{kl} q(P_{kl} \mid \widehat{\lambda}_{kl})$  where  $q(P_{kl} \mid \widehat{\lambda}_{kl}) \triangleq \text{Gamma}(\widehat{\lambda}_{0kl}, \widehat{\lambda}_{1kl})$ .

Computing the ELBO. Now we can write out the component terms of the ELBO more explicitly:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}} = \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log p(R \mid M, P) + \log \frac{p(P)}{q(P)} \right] = \sum_{kl} \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \sum_{u,v} \delta_{k}(M_{u}) \delta_{l}(M_{v}) \log p(R_{uv} \mid P_{kl}) + \log \frac{p(P_{kl})}{q(P_{kl})} \right]$$

$$= -\sum_{u,v} \log R_{uv}! + \sum_{k,l} \left( \lambda_{0} \log \lambda_{1} - \widehat{\lambda}_{0kl} \log \widehat{\lambda}_{1kl} - \log \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_{0})}{\Gamma(\widehat{\lambda}_{0kl})} \right) + \sum_{k,l} \mathcal{L}_{kl}(R)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ent}} = \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ -\log q(M) \right] = -\sum_{u,k} \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \delta_{k}(M_{u}) \log \widehat{r}_{uk} \right] = -\sum_{u,k} \widehat{r}_{uk} \log \widehat{r}_{uk}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{local}} = \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log p(M \mid \pi) \right] = \sum_{u,k} \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \delta_{k}(M_{u}) \log \pi_{k} \right] = \sum_{k} N_{k} \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log \pi_{k} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{global}} = \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log \frac{p(\pi)}{q(\pi)} \right] = \log \Gamma(C\gamma) - C \log \Gamma(\gamma) - \log \Gamma \left( \sum_{k} \widehat{\gamma}_{k} \right) + \sum_{k} \left\{ \log \Gamma(\widehat{\gamma}_{k}) + (\gamma - \widehat{\gamma}_{k}) \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \log \pi_{k} \right] \right\}$$

$$(3)$$

where 
$$N_k = \sum_u \hat{r}_{uk}$$
,  $S_{uk} = \sum_v \hat{r}_{vk} R_{uv}$ ,  $N_{kl} = \sum_{uv} \hat{r}_{uk} \hat{r}_{vl}$ ,  $S_{kl} = \sum_{uv} \hat{r}_{uk} \hat{r}_{vl} R_{uv}$ , and 
$$\mathcal{L}_{kl}(R) = (S_{kl} + \lambda_0 - \hat{\lambda}_{0kl}) \mathbb{E}_q[\log P_{kl}] - (N_{kl} + \lambda_1 - \hat{\lambda}_{1kl}) \mathbb{E}_q[P_{kl}],$$

and the posterior expectations can also be computed explicitly as

$$\mathbb{E}_{q}[P_{kl}] = \frac{\widehat{\lambda}_{0kl}}{\widehat{\lambda}_{1kl}}, \ \mathbb{E}_{q}[\log P_{kl}] = \psi(\widehat{\lambda}_{0kl}) - \log \widehat{\lambda}_{1kl}, \ \mathbb{E}_{q}[\log \pi_{k}] = \psi(\widehat{\gamma}_{k}) - \psi\left(\sum_{l} \widehat{\gamma}_{l}\right)$$

**CAVI Updates.** The simplest approach to variational inference maximizes the ELBO  $\mathcal{L}$  via coordinate-ascent, i.e. choosing the best value of a variational parameter with all others fixed. Iteratively applying these updates, the variational approximation q improves at every step toward some local optimum. Conditional conjugacy yields closed form updates for the global variational parameters.

- Global Update to  $q(\pi)$ . We have  $\widehat{\gamma}_k = \gamma + N_k$ .
- Global Update to q(P). We have  $\widehat{\lambda}_{0kl} = \lambda_0 + S_{kl}$  and  $\widehat{\lambda}_{1kl} = \lambda_1 + N_{kl}$ .
- Local Update to q(M). First note

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{kl}}{\partial \hat{r}_{uk}} = \begin{cases} 2S_{uk} \mathbb{E}_q[\log P_{kk}] - 2N_k \mathbb{E}_q[P_{kk}], & k = l\\ S_{ul} \mathbb{E}_q[\log P_{kl}] - N_l \mathbb{E}_q[P_{kl}] & k \neq l \end{cases}$$

We want to update  $\hat{r}_{uk}$  subject to the constraint that  $\sum_{k} \hat{r}_{uk} = 1$ , so augment  $\mathcal{L}$  with Lagrange multipliers  $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L} + \sum_{u} \kappa_{u} \left( \sum_{k} \widehat{r}_{uk} - 1 \right)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{r}_{uk}} = -\log \hat{r}_{uk} - 1 + \mathbb{E}_q \left[ \log \pi_k \right] + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{kk}}{\partial \hat{r}_{uk}} + \sum_{l \neq k} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{kl}}{\partial \hat{r}_{uk}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{lk}}{\partial \hat{r}_{uk}} \\ &= -\log \hat{r}_{uk} - 1 + \mathbb{E}_q \left[ \log \pi_k \right] + \sum_{l} S_{ul} \left( \mathbb{E}_q [\log P_{kl}] + \mathbb{E}_q [\log P_{lk}] \right) - N_l \left( \mathbb{E}_q [P_{kl}] + \mathbb{E}_q [P_{lk}] \right) \end{aligned}$$

For a particular document d, the posterior distribution for its topic distribution  $\theta_d$  and the latent topics  $\{z_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d}$  for the  $N_d$  words is given by

$$p(\theta_d, \{z_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d} | \{w_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d}, \alpha, \beta, a_d, b_d) = \frac{p(\theta_d | \alpha) \Big( \prod_{n=1}^{N_d} p(z_{dn} | \theta_d) p(w_{dn} | z_{dn}, \beta) \Big) p(a_d, b_d | \{z_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d}, \eta, \sigma^2)}{\int p(\theta_d | \alpha) \sum_{z_{\cdot d}} \Big( \prod_{n=1}^{N_d} p(z_{dn} | \theta_d) p(w_{dn} | z_{dn}, \beta) \Big) p(a_d, b_d | \{z_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d}, \eta, \sigma^2) \ d\theta_d}$$

In particular, the normalizer gives us the likelihood of the observed words  $\{w_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d}$  and the response  $a_d$  and  $b_d$ . This is computationally intractable, so we apply a variational method in which we assume a fully factorized posterior distribution for  $\theta_d$  and  $z_{dn}$  of the form

$$q(\theta_d, \{z_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d} | \gamma, \{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{N_d}) = q(\theta_d | \gamma) \prod_{n=1}^{N} q(z_{dn} | \phi_n)$$

where  $\phi_n$  is a vector on the symplex that gives the multinoulli probabilities of  $z_{dn}$ , and  $\gamma$  is the K dimensional Dirichlet parameter for  $\theta_d$ . With respect to these two variational parameters, we seek to maximize the evidence lower bound (ELBO) given by

$$\mathcal{L}(\gamma, \phi; \alpha, \beta, \eta, \sigma) = E_q[\log p(\theta_d | \alpha)] + \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} E_q[\log p(z_{dn} | \theta)] + \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} E_q[\log p(w_{dn} | z_{dn}, \beta)] + \dots$$

$$+ E[\log p(a_d, b_d | \{z_{dn}\}_{n=1}^{N_d}, \eta, \sigma^2)] - E_q[\log q(\theta_d | \gamma)] - \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} E([\log q(z_{dn} | \phi_n)])$$

The updates for  $\phi_j$   $(j \in \{1, ..., N_d\})$  and  $\gamma$  were derived in (Blei & McAuliffe, 2008) and given by

$$\phi_j^{new} \propto \exp\left\{E[\log \theta_d | \gamma] + E[\log p(w_{dn} | \beta)] + \left(\frac{y}{N_d \sigma^2}\right) \eta - \frac{[2(\eta^T \phi_{-j})\eta + (\eta \circ \eta)]}{2N_d^2 \sigma^2}\right\}$$

where  $\phi_{-j} := \sum_{n \neq j} \phi_n$ ; and  $E(\log \theta_i | \gamma] = \Psi(\gamma_i) - \Psi(\sum \gamma_j)$ , where  $\Psi$  is the digamma function. Now the updates for  $\gamma$  is:

$$\gamma^{new} \to \alpha + \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \phi_n$$

These give the updates for a single document response pair. Having updated  $\gamma_d$  and  $\phi_d$  for each document, the updates for  $\beta$  are given by examing the entire corpus (Blei et al, 2003):

$$\beta_{k,w}^{new} \propto \sum_{d=1}^{D} \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} 1\{(w_{dn} = w)\} \phi_{d,n}^k$$

### 2.2 For Ideal Point Model

We observe the votes matrix  $V=(V_{ud})$  where  $V_{ud}$  is the vote of congressperson u on bill d. We have the ideal point for congressperson u,  $x_u \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , and the discrimination and difficulty for bill d,  $a_d, b_d \in \mathbb{R}^s$ . The variational distribution is the fully factorized family  $\prod_{u=1}^U \prod_{d=1}^D q(x_u)q(a_D)q(b_d)$  where  $q(x_u) \triangleq \text{Normal}(\hat{\tau}_u, \hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^2 I_S)$ ,  $q(x_u) \triangleq \text{Normal}(\hat{\kappa}_{au}, \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_a}^2 I_S)$ , and  $q(x_u) \triangleq \text{Normal}(\hat{\kappa}_{bu}, \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_b}^2 I_S)$ 

Computing the ELBO. We can write the ELBO as

$$\mathcal{L}(q) = \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ -\sum_{u=1}^{U} \log q(x_{u}) - \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log q(a_{d}) - \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log q(b_{d}) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \sum_{u=1}^{U} \log p(X_{u}) + \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log p(a_{d}) + \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log p(b_{d}) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{q} [\log p(V|x, a, b)]$$

$$= H(q) + \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \sum_{u=1}^{U} \log p(X_{u}) + \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log p(a_{d}) + \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log p(b_{d}) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{q} [\log p(V|x, a, b)]$$

We can break this up into

$$H(q) = U \frac{S}{2} \log 2\pi e \hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} + D \frac{S}{2} \log 2\pi e \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{a}}^{2} + D \frac{S}{2} \log 2\pi e \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \sum_{u=1}^{U} \log p(X_{u}) \right] = \sum_{u=1}^{U} \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ -\frac{S}{2} \log 2\pi \sigma_{x}^{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{x}^{2}} \|x_{u} - \nu\|_{2}^{2} \right]$$

$$= -U \frac{S}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{x}^{2}} \sum_{u=1}^{U} \hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} S + \|\hat{\tau}_{u} - \nu\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log p(a_{d}) \right] = \sum_{d=1}^{D} \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ -\frac{S}{2} \log 2\pi \sigma_{a}^{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{a}^{2}} \|a_{d} - \eta_{a}\|_{2}^{2} \right]$$

$$= -D \frac{S}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{a}^{2}} \sum_{d=1}^{D} \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{a}}^{2} S + \|\hat{\kappa}_{ad} - \eta_{a}\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ \sum_{d=1}^{D} \log p(b_{d}) \right] = \sum_{d=1}^{D} \mathbb{E}_{q} \left[ -\frac{S}{2} \log 2\pi \sigma_{b}^{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{b}^{2}} \|b_{d} - \eta_{b}\|_{2}^{2} \right]$$

$$= -D \frac{S}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{b}^{2}} \sum_{d=1}^{D} \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2} S + \|\hat{\kappa}_{bd} - \eta_{b}\|_{2}^{2}$$

We can deal with the last expectation by using the 2nd order delta method (Braun McAullife 2008) which is the approximation

$$\mathbb{E}[f(V)] \approx f(\mathbb{E}[V]) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{trace} \left( \nabla^2 \mathbb{E}[V] \operatorname{Cov}(V) \right)$$

Letting u(i), d(i) be the users and documents for data point i, and applying this gives the approximation to the ELBO contribution from the likelihood

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}_{q}[\log p(V|x,a,b)] &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}_{q}[V_{i}(a_{d(i)} \cdot (X_{u(i)} - b_{d(i)}))] + \mathbb{E}_{q}[\log(1 - \sigma(a_{d(i)} \cdot (X_{u(i)} - b_{d(i)})))] \\ &\approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} V_{i}(\hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}) - \log(1 + \exp(\hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)})) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \sigma''(\kappa_{a\hat{d}(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)})(\hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{a}}^{2} \|\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}\|_{2}^{2} + (\hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} + \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2}) \|\hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)}\|^{2}) \end{split}$$

Where  $\sigma(\cdot)$  is the sigmoid function.

**CAVI Updates.** There are no closed form updates for  $\hat{\tau}_u$ ,  $\hat{\kappa}_{ad}$ , and  $\hat{\kappa}_{bd}$ , so we have to maximize the ELBO with respect to these parameters numerically. Let V(u) be the set of votes for user u, and similarly let V(d) be the set of votes on bill d. Also let  $rho_{ud} = \sigma(\kappa_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)})$ . The gradients are

$$\nabla_{\hat{\tau}_{u}} \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{x}^{2}} (\hat{\tau}_{u} - \nu) + \sum_{i \in V(u)} (V_{i} - \rho_{ud(i)}) \hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \sigma'' (\hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}) (\hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{a}}^{2} \| \hat{\tau}_{u} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}) \|_{2}^{2} + (\hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} + \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2}) \| \hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)} \|^{2}) \hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)}$$

$$- \sigma' (\hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)})) \hat{\sigma}_{ka}^{2} (\hat{\tau}_{u} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)})$$

$$\nabla_{\hat{\kappa}_{ad}} \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{a}^{2}} (\hat{\kappa}_{ad} - \eta_{a}) + \sum_{i \in V(d)} (V_{i} - \rho_{u(i)d}) (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd})$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \sigma'' (\hat{\kappa}_{ad} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd}) (\hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{a}}^{2} \| \hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd}) \|_{2}^{2} + (\hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} + \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2}) \| \hat{\kappa}_{ad} \|^{2}) (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd})$$

$$- \sigma' (\hat{\kappa}_{ad} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd}) (\hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} + \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2}) \hat{\kappa}_{ad}$$

$$\nabla_{\hat{\kappa}_{bd}} \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{b}^{2}} (\hat{\kappa}_{bd} - \eta_{b}) - \sum_{i \in V(d)} (V_{i} - \rho_{u(i)d}) \hat{\kappa}_{ad}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sigma'' (\hat{\kappa}_{ad} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd}) (\hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{a}}^{2} \| \hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd}) \|_{2}^{2} + (\hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} + \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2}) \| \hat{\kappa}_{ad} \|^{2}) \hat{\kappa}_{ad}$$

$$+ \sigma' (\hat{\kappa}_{ad} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd}) \hat{\sigma}_{ka}^{2} (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd})$$

For each parameter we solve this optimization problem using L-BFGS. Finally, there are closed form updates for the variational variance parameters by taking the derivative and setting to zero

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} = \frac{US}{\frac{US}{\sigma_{x}^{2}} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma'(\kappa_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}))(S\hat{\sigma}^{2}_{\kappa_{a}} + \|\hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)}\|_{2}^{2})}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{a}}^{2} = \frac{DS}{\frac{DS}{\sigma_{a}^{2}} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma'(\kappa_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}))(S(\hat{\sigma}^{2}_{\tau} + \hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_{b}}^{2}) + \|\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}\|_{2}^{2})}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\tau}^{2} = \frac{DS}{\frac{DS}{\sigma_{a}^{2}} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma'(\kappa_{ad(i)} \cdot (\hat{\tau}_{u(i)} - \hat{\kappa}_{bd(i)}))(S\hat{\sigma}^{2}_{\kappa_{a}} + \|\hat{\kappa}_{ad(i)}\|_{2}^{2})}$$