

# VB nonparametric Poisson Regression with Cosine Basis Expansion

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## 1. Derivation

- Likelihood:

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}'\boldsymbol{\varphi}\boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{1}_n' \exp(\boldsymbol{\varphi}\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathbf{1}_n' \log \Gamma(\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{1}_n) \quad (1)$$

- $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \theta_{\ell} \varphi_{\ell}(x_i)$

- Priors

- $\theta_j | \sigma, \tau, \gamma \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \tau^2 e^{-j\gamma})$
  - $\sigma^2 \sim \text{InvGam}\left(\frac{r_{0,\sigma}}{2}, \frac{s_{0,\sigma}}{2}\right)$
  - $\tau^2 \sim \text{InvGam}\left(\frac{r_{0,\tau}}{2}, \frac{s_{0,\tau}}{2}\right)$
  - $\psi \sim \text{InvGam}(a, b)$
  - $\gamma \sim \text{Exp}(w_0)$

- Transformations:

- $\zeta = \log(\exp(\psi) - 1)$
  - $\alpha = \log(\exp(\sigma^2) - 1)$
  - $\eta = \log(\exp(\tau^2) - 1)$
  - $\xi = \log(\exp(\gamma) - 1)$

- Parameters:  $\Theta = (\boldsymbol{\beta}', \boldsymbol{\theta}_J', \zeta, \alpha, \eta, \xi)$

- Variational distribution:  $q(\Theta) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, LL')$

- Derivative of the transformation (Jacobian):

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log(\exp(x) + 1) = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} \quad (2)$$

- Derivative of the log-Jacobian:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \log \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} \right) = \frac{1}{1 + e^x} \quad (3)$$

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- Generating synthetic data

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{w}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i' \boldsymbol{\theta} + \epsilon_i > 0 \text{ where } \epsilon \sim \text{Logistic}(0, 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$