

## B Global update for $q(u)$

Here, we derive the results needed to perform numerical optimization of  $\hat{\rho}$  and  $\hat{\omega}$ , the variational beta parameters of the top-level stick-breaking weights  $q(u_k) = \text{Beta}(\hat{\rho}_k \hat{\omega}_k, (1 - \hat{\rho}_k) \hat{\omega}_k)$ . We only show the results with the sticky hyperparameter; optimization for the case of  $\kappa = 0$  and for the HDP-aMMSB is identical to the case for the HDP topic model presented in [11]. For all equations from that paper, you need only substitute in  $K + 1$  or  $N$ , respectively, for the number of documents  $D$ .

To begin our derivation, we collect terms in  $\mathcal{L}_{HDP}$  that depend on  $\hat{\rho}$  and  $\hat{\omega}$ . Note that we have dropped any additive terms constant with respect to  $\hat{\rho}, \hat{\omega}$  in this expression, since they have no bearing on our numerical optimization problem.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{obj}(\hat{\rho}, \hat{\omega}) = & \sum_{k=1}^K \left( -c_B(\hat{\rho}_k \hat{\omega}_k, (1 - \hat{\rho}_k) \hat{\omega}_k) \right. \\ & + (K + 1 - \hat{\rho}_k \hat{\omega}_k) (\psi(\hat{\rho}_k \hat{\omega}_k) - \psi(\hat{\omega}_k)) \\ & \left. + (K(K + 1 - k) + 1 + \gamma - (1 - \hat{\rho}_k) \hat{\omega}_k) (\psi((1 - \hat{\rho}_k) \hat{\omega}_k) - \psi(\hat{\omega}_k)) \right) \\ & + \sum_{\ell=1}^K \mathbb{E}_q[\beta_\ell] \left( \log(\alpha + \kappa) - \log \kappa + \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_{k\ell}(\hat{\theta}) \right) \\ & + \mathbb{E}_q[\beta_{K+1}] \left( \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_{k,K+1}(\hat{\theta}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

### B.1 Constrained Optimization Problem

Our goal is to find the  $\hat{\rho}, \hat{\omega}$  that maximize  $\mathcal{L}_{obj}$ . Remember that  $\hat{\rho}, \hat{\omega}$  parameterize  $K$  Beta distributions, and so have certain positivity constraints. Thus, we need to solve a *constrained* optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{argmax}_{\hat{\rho}, \hat{\omega}} \quad & \mathcal{L}_{obj}(\hat{\rho}, \hat{\omega}) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 0 < \hat{\rho}_k < 1 \quad \hat{\omega}_k > 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, K \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

We now give the expressions for the gradient of the objective  $\nabla \mathcal{L}_{obj}$ , with respect to each entry of  $\hat{\omega}$  and  $\hat{\rho}$ .

**Gradient for  $\hat{\omega}$**  Taking the derivative of Eq. 44 with respect to each entry  $\hat{\omega}_m$  of  $\hat{\omega}$ , for  $m \in 1, 2, \dots, K$ , is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{obj}}{\partial \hat{\omega}_m} = & (K + 1 - \hat{\rho}_m \hat{\omega}_m) (\hat{\rho}_m \psi_1(\hat{\rho}_m \hat{\omega}_m) - \psi_1(\hat{\omega}_m)) \\ & + (K(K + 1 - m) + 1 + \gamma - (1 - \hat{\rho}_m) \hat{\omega}_m) ((1 - \hat{\rho}_m) \psi_1((1 - \hat{\rho}_m) \hat{\omega}_m) - \psi_1(\hat{\omega}_m)) \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

where  $\psi_1 \triangleq \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \log \Gamma(x)$  is the trigamma function.

**Gradient for  $\hat{\rho}$**  We first define  $\Delta$  as a  $K \times K + 1$  matrix of partial derivatives of  $\mathbb{E}_q[\beta_k]$  with respect to  $\hat{\rho}$ :

$$\Delta_{mk} \triangleq \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\rho}_m} \mathbb{E}_q[\beta_k] = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{1 - \hat{\rho}_m} \mathbb{E}_q[\beta_k] & m < k \\ \frac{1}{\hat{\rho}_m} \mathbb{E}_q[\beta_k] & m = k \\ 0 & m > k \end{cases} \quad (47)$$