

6 Appendix

6.1 Prime optimization problem

In the following, we will derive a constrained optimization problem whose solution minimizes the Bethe free energy (Eq. (13)) under moment matching constraint and additional regularization constraint. The Bethe free energy is convex over \hat{p}_t and concave over q_t . Hence it could have multiple minima in the domain of \hat{p}_t and q_t . To address this issue, we first introduce the Legendre-Fenchel dual (also called convex conjugate) of $-\int dx_t q_t(x_t) \log q_t(x_t)$ and reformulate the objective function.

We start from minimizing the Bethe free energy F_{Bethe} subject to the expectation propagation constraints.

minimize over $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}), q_t(x_t)$:

$$F_{\text{Bethe}} = \sum_t \int dx_{t-1,t} \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) \log \frac{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})}{P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1})} - \sum_t \int dx_t q_t(x_t) \log q_t(x_t) \quad (10)$$

subject to :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} &= \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{q_t(x_t)} = \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}(x_{t,t+1})}, \\ \int dx_t q_t(x) &= 1 = \int dx_{t-1,t} \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}). \end{aligned}$$

Formally, the convex conjugate of a function $f(x)$ is defined as $f^*(y) = \max_x \{y^T x - f(x)\}$, where the domain of y is restricted so that the maximum value is finite. This is also known as the Legendre-Fenchel transformation. For each valid distribution $q_t(x_t)$ in the exponential family, the entropy function $-\int dx_t q_t(x_t) \log q_t(x_t)$ can be interpreted as the conjugate function of the log partition:

$$-\int dx_t q_t(x_t) \log q_t(x_t) = \min_{\gamma_t} \left\{ -\gamma_t^\top \cdot \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{q_t} + \log \int dx_t \exp(\gamma_t^\top \cdot f(x_t)) \right\} \quad (11)$$

The form can be also verified by checking the derivatives over γ_t . We in essence exploit the Legendre-Fenchel duality between the log partition and the entropy.

We thereafter arrive at

minimize over \hat{p}_t, q_t, γ_t for all t :

$$F_{\text{Bethe}'} = \sum_t \int dx_{t-1,t} \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) \log \frac{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})}{P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1})} - \sum_t \gamma_t^\top \cdot \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{q_t} + \sum_t \log \int dx_t \exp(\gamma_t^\top \cdot f(x_t)) \quad (12)$$

subject to :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} &= \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{q_t(x_t)} = \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}(x_{t,t+1})}, \\ \int dx_t q_t(x) &= 1 = \int dx_{t-1,t} \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}). \end{aligned}$$

To get rid of the dependence over $q(x_t)$, we replace $\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{q(x_t)}$ in the target with $\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})}$ by utilizing the constraint $\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} = \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{q_t(x_t)}$. Instead of searching γ_t over the over-complete whole space, we further add a regularization constraint to bound the prime variable γ_t and

will later see how this constraint helps us to build a concave dual function.

minimize over $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}), \gamma_t$:

$$F_{\text{Primal}} = \sum_t \int dx_{t-1,t} \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) \log \frac{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})}{P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1})} - \sum_t \gamma_t^\top \cdot \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} + \sum_t \log \int dx_t \exp(\gamma_t^\top \cdot f(x_t)) \quad (13)$$

subject to :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} &= \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}(x_t, t+1)} \\ \gamma_t^\top \gamma_t &\leq \eta_t \\ \int dx_{t-1,t} \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

6.2 Solving the primal problem with Lagrange duality

We solve this problem with Lagrange duality theorem. First, we define the Lagrangian function \mathcal{L} by introducing the Lagrange multipliers α_t , λ_t and ξ_t to incorporate those constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = F_{\text{Primal}} &+ \sum_t \alpha_t^\top \left(\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} - \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}(x_t, t+1)} \right) + \sum_t \frac{\lambda_t}{2} (\gamma_t^\top \gamma_t - \eta_t) \\ &+ \sum_t \xi_t \left(\int dx_{t-1,t} \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) - 1 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where the inequality multiplier $\lambda_t \geq 0$. The Lagrange duality theorem implies that $F_{\text{Dual}}(\alpha_t, \lambda_t, \xi_t) = \inf_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}), \gamma_t} \mathcal{L}(\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}), \gamma_t, \alpha_t, \lambda_t, \xi_t)$. To find the infimum of Lagrangian given dual variables, we need first find extreme point of Lagrangian. Set the derivative of \mathcal{L} over $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}), \gamma_t$ to zero, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} &= \log \frac{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})}{P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1})} + 1 + \gamma_t^\top \cdot f(x_t) - \alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1}) + \alpha_t^\top \cdot f(x_t) + \xi_t \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) &= \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}} \exp(\alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1})) P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1}) \exp((\gamma_t^\top - \alpha_t^\top) \cdot f(x_t)) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\text{where } Z_{t-1,t} = \exp(\xi_t + 1) = \int dx_{t-1,t} \exp(\alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1})) P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1}) \exp((\gamma_t^\top - \alpha_t^\top) \cdot f(x_t))$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \gamma_t} = -\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\gamma_t} + \lambda_t \gamma_t = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$\text{where } \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\gamma_t} = \frac{\int dx_t f(x_t) \exp(\gamma_t^\top f(x_t))}{\int dx_t \exp(\gamma_t^\top f(x_t))}$$

Our notation with γ_t as subscript means the statistics over the exponential family distribution parameterized by γ_t . Substituting Eq. (16) into our Lagrangian function (Eq. (15)), we get the following dual form, which is concave over α_t, λ_t for all t . This is an concave maximization problem whose solution is the global maximum.

maximize over α_t, λ_t for all t :

$$F_{\text{Dual}} = - \sum_t \log Z_{t-1,t} + \sum_t \log \int dx_t \exp(\gamma_t^\top f(x_t)) + \sum_t \frac{\lambda_t}{2} (\gamma_t^\top \gamma_t - \eta_t) \quad (18)$$

subject to : $\lambda_t \geq 0$

$$\text{where } Z_{t-1,t} = \int dx_{t-1,t} \exp(\alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1})) P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1}) \exp((\gamma_t^\top - \alpha_t^\top) \cdot f(x_t)) \quad (19)$$

$$- \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\gamma_t} + \lambda_t \gamma_t = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) = \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}} \exp(\alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1})) P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1}) \exp((\gamma_t^\top - \alpha_t^\top) \cdot f(x_t)) \quad (21)$$

In the dual problem, we have dropped the dual variable ξ_t since it takes value to normalize $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})$ as a valid primal probability. For any dual variable α_t, λ_t , we have mapped primal variables $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})$ and γ_t as implicit functions defined by the extreme point conditions Eq. (16),(17). We have the following theoretic guarantee.

Proposition 1: The Lagrangian function has positive definite Hessian matrix when
 $\text{cov}_{\gamma_t}(f(x_t), f(x_t)) + \lambda_t I - \langle f(x_t) \cdot f(x_t)^\top \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} \succ 0$.

Proof : The hessian matrix is defined as a square matrix of second-order partial derivatives over variables. Since the variables are all indexed by time t and there is no correlation term between two variables indexed with t and t' . It's suffice to check the positive definiteness of Hessian over one time slice, i.e. over $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}), \gamma_t$. We can finally claim overall positive definiteness by noticing that a sum of positive semi-definite matrix with non-intersect column vectors z to make $z^T M z = 0$ will be a positive definite matrix.

With the form of Lagrangian in Eq. (15), the hessian matrix over $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}), \gamma_t$ becomes

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} & -f(x_t) \\ -f(x_t)^\top & \text{cov}_{\gamma_t}(f(x_t), f(x_t)) + \lambda_t I \end{bmatrix}$$

Using Schur complements, we have the equivalence condition of above hessian matrix to be positive definite as:

$$\mathbf{H} \succ 0 \iff \text{cov}_{\gamma_t}(f(x_t), f(x_t)) + \lambda_t I - \langle f(x_t) \cdot f(x_t)^\top \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} \succ 0$$

Thus the proof is done. \square

The Proposition 1 ensures the dual function as infimum of Lagrangian function given dual variable. Since the dual function is the point wise infimum of a family of affine functions of $\alpha_t, \lambda_t, \xi_t$, it is concave. We name $\text{cov}_{\gamma_t}(f(x_t), f(x_t)) + \lambda_t I - \langle f(x_t) \cdot f(x_t)^\top \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} \succ 0$ as dual feasible constraint. Instead of a whole space of dual variables α_t, λ_t , now we only consider constrained domain by dual feasible constraint.

Proposition 2: The implicit function of $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})$ and γ_t defined by Eq. (16), (17) has unique solution under dual feasible constraint.

Proof : The extreme point equations define implicit function of $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})$ and γ_t . Consider $-\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\gamma_t} + \lambda_t \gamma_t = 0$ and plug in Eq. (16), we have γ_t as root of function $F(\gamma_t) = -\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\gamma_t} + \lambda_t \gamma_t$. Check the derivative, we have $\frac{\partial F(\gamma_t)}{\partial \gamma_t} = -\text{Var}_{\hat{p}_t}(f(x_t)) + \text{cov}_{\gamma_t}(f(x_t), f(x_t)) + \lambda_t I$. The dual feasible constraint is $\text{cov}_{\gamma_t}(f(x_t), f(x_t)) + \lambda_t I - \langle f(x_t) \cdot f(x_t)^\top \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} \succ 0$. Therefore we have $\text{cov}_{\gamma_t}(f(x_t), f(x_t)) + \lambda_t I \succ \langle f(x_t) \cdot f(x_t)^\top \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} \succ \text{Var}_{\hat{p}_t}(f(x_t))$ and $\frac{\partial F(\gamma_t)}{\partial \gamma_t} \succ 0$.

For monotonic functional $F(\gamma_t)$, it has at most one root. Since $F(\gamma_t)$ could achieve negative/positive infinity when γ_t takes negative/positive infinity, we have the root of $F(\gamma_t) = 0$ has unique solution. \square

The Lagrange dual problem is a concave maximization problem with bounded domain. Hence it has a unique global optima. A gradient ascent algorithm or a converging fixed point algorithm should converge to the solution. The partial derivatives of the dual function over the dual variables are the following.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F_{\text{Dual}}}{\partial \alpha_t} &= -\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}(x_{t,t+1})} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} + \frac{\partial \gamma_t}{\partial \alpha_t} \cdot \left(-\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\gamma_t} + \lambda_t \gamma_t \right) \\ &= -\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}(x_{t,t+1})} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} \\ \frac{\partial F_{\text{Dual}}}{\partial \lambda_t} &= \frac{1}{2} (\gamma_t^\top \gamma_t - \eta_t) + \frac{\partial \gamma_t}{\partial \lambda_t} \cdot \left(-\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} + \langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\gamma_t} + \lambda_t \gamma_t \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\gamma_t^\top \gamma_t - \eta_t)\end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})$ and γ_t are implicit functions defined by the extreme point conditions Eq. (16),(17). Hence we can get a fixed point iteration through the first derivatives over α_t to zero. Empirically, the fixed point iteration converges even without the dual feasible constraint ($\lambda_t = 0$); Since the dual feasible constraint bound the λ_t , we should not set the derivative over λ_t to zero.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F_{\text{Dual}}}{\partial \alpha_t} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 &\Rightarrow \text{forward: } \alpha_t^{(\text{new})} = \alpha_t^{(\text{old})} + \gamma \left(\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})} \right) - \gamma_t^{(\text{old})} \\ &\text{backward: } \gamma_t^{(\text{new})} = \gamma \left(\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}(x_{t,t+1})} \right)\end{aligned}$$

6.3 Inference with SKM

In the SKM, we have the event based kernel as Eq. (3) and the form of $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t})$ as Eq. 16. We write $\gamma_t - \alpha_t$ as β_t and make mean field assumption that $\alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1}) = \sum_m \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)T} \cdot f(x_{t-1}^{(m)})$, $\beta_t^\top \cdot f(x_t) = \sum_m \beta_t^{(m)T} \cdot f(x_t^{(m)})$, where the parameter $\alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}$, $\beta_t^{(m)}$, the statistics $f(x_{t-1}^{(m)})$, $f(x_t^{(m)})$ only involve one specific species m and there is no correlation terms. Substitute the $P(x_t, v_t | x_{t-1})$ explicitly and , i.e. , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}, v_t) &= \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}} \prod_m \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \prod_m \beta_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)}) \cdot P(y_t | x_t) \cdot I(x_t \in (x_{\min}, x_{\max})) \\ &\cdot \begin{cases} \tau \cdot c_v \prod_{m=1}^M g_v^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \cdot \prod_{m=1}^M I(x_t^{(m)} - x_{t-1}^{(m)} = \Delta_v^{(m)}) & \text{if } v_t = v \\ (1 - \tau) \sum_v c_v \prod_{m=1}^M g_v^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \cdot \prod_{m=1}^M I(x_t^{(m)} - x_{t-1}^{(m)} = 0) & \text{if } v_t = \emptyset \end{cases}\end{aligned}\tag{22}$$

To simplify the notation, we abbreviate $\exp(\alpha_{t-1}^{(m)T} \cdot f(x_{t-1}^{(m)}))$ as $\alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)})$ and $\exp(\beta_t^{(m)T} \cdot f(x_t^{(m)}))$ as $\beta_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)})$. We can marginalize the joint solution Eq. 22 over $x_{t-1}^{(m')}$, $x_t^{(m')}$ for all the other species $m' \neq m$ and get the marginal distribution for each particular species m :

For $v_t = v$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}, x_t^{(m)}, v_t) &= \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}^{(m)}} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) P(y_t^{(m)} | x_t^{(m)}) \beta_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)}) \cdot I\left(x_t^{(m)} \in (x_{\min}^{(m)}, x_{\max}^{(m)})\right) \\ &\cdot \tau c_v g_v^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) I(x_t^{(m)} - x_{t-1}^{(m)} = \Delta_v^{(m)}) \\ &\cdot \prod_{m' \neq m} \int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = \Delta_v^{(m')}} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) g_v^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right) \end{aligned}$$

For $v_t = \emptyset$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}, x_t^{(m)}, v_t) &= \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}^{(m)}} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) P(y_t^{(m)} | x_t^{(m)}) \beta_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)}) \cdot I\left(x_t^{(m)} \in (x_{\min}^{(m)}, x_{\max}^{(m)})\right) \\ &\cdot I(x_t^{(m)} - x_{t-1}^{(m)} = 0) \\ &\cdot \prod_{m' \neq m} \int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = 0} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right) \\ &- \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}^{(m)}} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) P(y_t^{(m)} | x_t^{(m)}) \beta_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)}) \cdot I\left(x_t^{(m)} \in (x_{\min}^{(m)}, x_{\max}^{(m)})\right) \\ &\cdot \tau c_v g_v^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) I(x_t^{(m)} - x_{t-1}^{(m)} = 0) \\ &\cdot \prod_{m' \neq m} \int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = 0} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) g_v^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right) \end{aligned}$$

Extract the term $\prod_{m' \neq m} \int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = 0} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right)$, we arrive

at

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}, x_t^{(m)}, v_t) &= \frac{1}{Z_t^{(m)}} \cdot \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) P(y_t^{(m)} | x_t^{(m)}) \beta_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)}) \cdot P(x_t^{(m)}, v_t | x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \\ \text{where } P(x_t^{(m)}, v_t | x_{t-1}^{(m)}) &= I\left(x_t^{(m)} \in (x_{\min}^{(m)}, x_{\max}^{(m)})\right) \cdot \\ &\begin{cases} c_v \tau g_v^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \prod_{m' \neq m} \tilde{g}_v^{(m')} \cdot I(x_t^{(m)} - x_{t-1}^{(m)} = \Delta_v^{(m)}) & v_t^{(m)} = v \\ \left(1 - \sum_v c_v \tau g_v^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \prod_{m' \neq m} \tilde{g}_v^{(m')}\right) I(x_t^{(m)} - x_{t-1}^{(m)} = 0) & v_t^{(m)} = \emptyset \end{cases} \\ \tilde{g}_v^{(m')} &= \frac{\int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = \Delta_v^{(m')}} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) g_v^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right)}{\int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = 0} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right)} \\ \hat{g}_v^{(m')} &= \frac{\int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = 0} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) g_v^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right)}{\int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = 0} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right)} \quad (23) \\ Z_t^{(m)} &= \frac{Z_t}{\prod_{m' \neq m} \int_{x_t^{(m')} - x_{t-1}^{(m')} = 0} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m')} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m')}(x_{t-1}^{(m')}) P(y_t^{(m')} | x_t^{(m')}) \beta_t^{(m')}(x_t^{(m')}) I\left(x_t^{(m')} \in (x_{\min}^{(m')}, x_{\max}^{(m')})\right)} \\ &= \int_{x_t^{(m)} = x_{t-1}^{(m)}} dx_{t-1,t}^{(m)} \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) P(y_t^{(m)} | x_t^{(m)}) \beta_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)}) I\left(x_t^{(m)} \in (x_{\min}^{(m)}, x_{\max}^{(m)})\right) \\ &\cdot \left(\sum_v c_v \tau \prod_{\text{all } m} \tilde{g}_v^{(m)} + 1 - \sum_v c_v \tau \prod_{\text{all } m} \hat{g}_v^{(m)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

, where $Z_t^{(m)}$, Z_t are respectively the normalization constant of $\xi_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}, x_t^{(m)}, v_t)$ and $\xi_t(x_{t-1}, x_t, v_t)$. In Eq. 23, $\hat{p}_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)}, x_t^{(m)}, v_t)$ takes the same form as the joint solution Eq. 22, except a marginalized transition kernel $P(x_t^{(m)}, v_t | x_{t-1}^{(m)})$ which sums over all the other species $m' \neq m$. Instead of coping with exploding joint state space, we can now cope with each marginalized Markov chain with kernel $P(x_t^{(m)}, v_t | x_{t-1}^{(m)})$. Moreover, $\tilde{g}_v^{(m')}$, $\hat{g}_v^{(m')}$ can be interpreted as expectation of g factor at species m' . This suggests that each species evolves their states marginally according to the average effects of the others.

To summarize, we give the general algorithms.

Algorithm 2 Fixed Point Algorithm

Input: The discrete time SKM model (Eq. 1, 2, 3); the observations $y_t^{(m)}$ for all t, m ; the observation model $P(y_t^{(m)} | x_t^{(m)})$; any initialization of $\alpha_t^{(m)}, \beta_t^{(m)}, \lambda_t^{(m)} > 0$

- 1: Define function: **ForwardTransition** $(\alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}, \beta_t^{(m)})$
 Find $\xi_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1,t}^{(m)})$ from Eq. 23; Find $\gamma_t^{(m)}$ from $\langle f(x_t^{(m)}) \rangle_{\gamma_t^{(m)}(x_t^{(m)})} = \langle f(x_t^{(m)}) \rangle_{\xi_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1,t}^{(m)})}$;
 Update $\alpha_t^{(m)} \leftarrow \gamma_t^{(m)} - \beta_t^{(m)}$. **Output** $\alpha_t^{(m)}, \gamma_t^{(m)}$
- 2: Define function: **BackwardTransition** $(\alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}, \beta_t^{(m)})$
 Find $\xi_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1,t}^{(m)})$ from Eq. 23; Find $\gamma_{t-1}^{(m)}$ from $\langle f(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \rangle_{\gamma_{t-1}^{(m)}(x_{t-1}^{(m)})} = \langle f(x_{t-1}^{(m)}) \rangle_{\xi_t^{(m)}(x_{t-1,t}^{(m)})}$;
 Update $\beta_{t-1}^{(m)} \leftarrow \gamma_{t-1}^{(m)} - \alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}$. **Output** $\beta_{t-1}^{(m)}, \gamma_{t-1}^{(m)}$
- 3: **repeat**
- 4: **for** $t=2$ to T **do**
- 5: $\alpha_t^{(m)}, \gamma_t^{(m)} \leftarrow$ **ForwardTransition** $(\alpha_{t-1}^{(m)}, \beta_t^{(m)})$
- 6: **end for**
- 7: **for** $t=T-1$ to 1 **do**
- 8: $\beta_t^{(m)}, \gamma_t^{(m)} \leftarrow$ **BackwardTransition** $(\alpha_t^{(m)}, \beta_{t+1}^{(m)})$
- 9: **end for**
- 10: **until** Convergence of $\gamma_t^{(m)}$
- 11: **Output** $\gamma_t^{(m)}$

Algorithm 3 Gradient Ascent Algorithm

Input: The discrete time SKM model (Eq. 1, 2, 3); the observations $y_t^{(m)}$ for all t, m ; the observation model $P(y_t^{(m)} | x_t^{(m)})$; any initialization of $\alpha_t^{(m)}, \beta_t^{(m)}, \gamma_t^{(m)} = \alpha_t^{(m)} + \beta_t^{(m)}$; Function **ForwardTransition**, **BackwardTransition** in algorithm 2

- 1: **repeat**
- 2: **for** $t=2$ to $T-1$ **do**
- 3: **repeat**
- 4: Update $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) = \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}} \exp(\alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1})) P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1}) \exp((\gamma_t^\top - \alpha_t^\top) \cdot f(x_t))$
 and $\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t}$ according to 7,8,9 under dual feasible constraint
- 5: **until** Convergence or enough number of iterations
- 6: **end for**
- 7: **for** $t=T-1$ to 2 **do**
- 8: Do the same as line 4 to 6
- 9: **end for**
- 10: **until** Convergence
- 11: **Output** $\hat{p}_t(x_{t-1,t}) = \frac{1}{Z_{t-1,t}} \exp(\alpha_{t-1}^\top \cdot f(x_{t-1})) P(x_t, y_t | x_{t-1}) \exp((\gamma_t^\top - \alpha_t^\top) \cdot f(x_t))$ and $\langle f(x_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t}$
