# Bayesian nonparametric comorbidity analysis of psychiatric disorders

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#### Introduction

- Individuals with multiple coexisting diseases.
- 80% of US Medicare spending devoted to patients with 4+ chronic conditions.
- Impact of comorbidity: mortality, quality of life, quality of health care, . . .
- Psychiatry: etiological and treatment implications.

### Introduction

#### Goal

Find out the latent relationship among psychiatric disorders.

#### Database

NESARC database (National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions):

- Samples the U.S. population.
- Around 3K questions and 43K subjects.
- Mainly yes-or-no questions, and some multiple-choice and questions with ordinal answers.

#### Our approach

Latent feature modeling and Indian buffet process (IBP).

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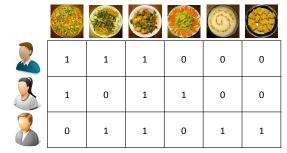




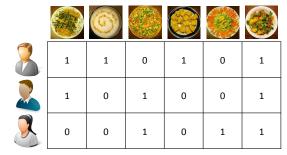




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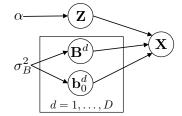


- Prior distribution over binary matrices.
- Number of columns (features)  $K \to \infty$ .
- Matrix  $\mathbf{Z}_{N \times K} \sim \mathrm{IBP}(\alpha)$ .
- Finite *N* implies finite number of non-zero columns  $K_+$ .

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## Observation Model

- Categorical observations:  $x_{nd} \in \{1, ..., R\}$  ('Yes', 'No', 'Unkown', 'Blank', ...).
- How to link latent features  $z_n$  and observations?



## Observation Model

• Multiple-logistic (softmax) function:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{nd} = \text{`yes'}|\mathbf{z}_{n}, \mathbf{b}_{0}^{d}, \mathbf{B}^{d}) \propto \exp(\mathbf{b}_{0\text{yes}}^{d} + \mathbf{z}_{n}, \mathbf{b}_{.\text{yes}}^{d}),$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{nd} = \text{`no'}|\mathbf{z}_{n}, \mathbf{b}_{0}^{d}, \mathbf{B}^{d}) \propto \exp(\mathbf{b}_{0\text{no}}^{d} + \mathbf{z}_{n}, \mathbf{b}_{.\text{no}}^{d}),$$

$$\dots$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{nd} = r | \mathbf{z}_{n \cdot}, \mathbf{b}_0^d, \mathbf{B}^d) = \frac{\exp\left(b_{0r}^d + \mathbf{z}_{n \cdot} \mathbf{b}_{\cdot r}^d\right)}{\sum_{r'=1}^R \exp\left(b_{0r'}^d + \mathbf{z}_{n \cdot} \mathbf{b}_{\cdot r'}^d\right)}, \quad r = 1, \dots, R.$$

• The weighting factors are placed Gaussian priors.

## Observation Model

Given the latent feature matrix  $\mathbf{Z}$  and the weighting factors  $\mathbf{B}^d$  and  $\mathbf{b}_0^d$ , the elements in  $\mathbf{X}$  are independent:

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{B}^1,\ldots,\mathbf{B}^D,\mathbf{b}_0^1,\ldots,\mathbf{b}_0^D) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{d=1}^D p(\mathbf{x}_{nd}|\mathbf{z}_{n\cdot},\mathbf{B}^d,\mathbf{b}_0^d).$$

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#### Inference

- The model is not conditionally conjugate.
- Posterior on the weighting factors:

$$\overbrace{p(\mathbf{B}^d, \mathbf{b}_0^d | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})}^{\text{Non Gauss}} = \underbrace{\frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{\cdot d} | \mathbf{B}^d, \mathbf{b}_0^d, \mathbf{Z}) p(\mathbf{B}^d) p(\mathbf{b}_0^d)}{p(\mathbf{x}_{\cdot d} | \mathbf{Z})}}_{\text{Non Gauss}}.$$

The integral in the denominator is intractable:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{\cdot d}|\mathbf{Z}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_{\cdot d}|\mathbf{B}^d, \mathbf{b}_0^d, \mathbf{Z})p(\mathbf{B}^d)p(\mathbf{b}_0^d)d\mathbf{B}^dd\mathbf{b}_0^d.$$

# Gibbs sampling

#### Gibbs sampling

- Iteratively sample each element of the IBP matrix.
- Integrate out all the weighting factors  $\Rightarrow$  Intractable.
- Gaussian approximation of the posterior:
  - Laplace approximation.
    - Expectation propagation.
      - Multinomial probit likelihood instead of softmax.

## Variational inference

#### Variational inference

- Computationally less expensive than MCMC.
- Solve a non-convex optimization problem.
- Coordinate ascent.
- Has to deal with non-conjugacy arising from:
  - Multiple-logistic likelihood.
    - Bound the ELBO through a first order Taylor series expansion.
  - Stick-breaking construction of the IBP.
    - Bound the ELBO applying Jensen's inequality.

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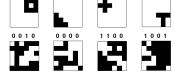


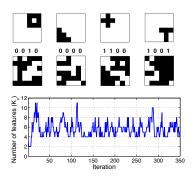


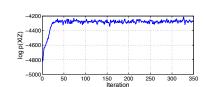


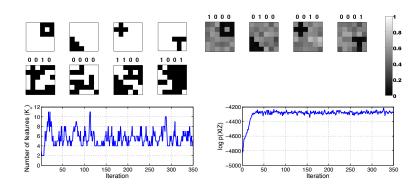


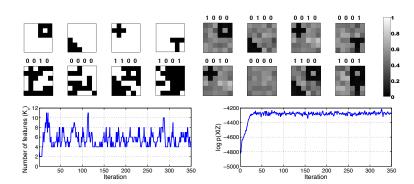










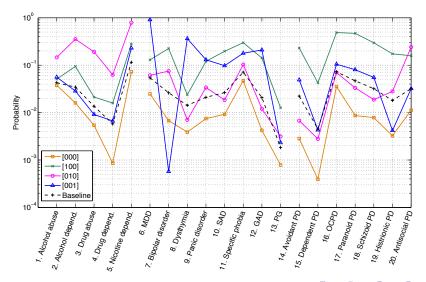


# Experiments on NESARC

#### Real data

- Inputs: Diagnoses of 20 common psychiatric disorders.
- Previous studies: Factor analysis.
  - Specify the number of factors.
  - Assume Gaussian observations.
  - 3 latent factors seem enough.

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#### Conclusions

#### Summary

• Likelihood model for the IBP with categorical observations.

Inference Algorithm	Likelihood
Gibbs sampling $+$ Laplace approximation	Softmax
Gibbs sampling $+$ Nested EP	Multinomial probit
Variational inference	Softmax

 Results are in agreement with previous work and also provide new information.

#### Ongoing work

Individual-specific severity terms:

$$p(x_{nd} = r | \mathbf{w}_{n \cdot}, \mathbf{b}_0^d, \mathbf{B}^d) \propto \exp(b_{0r}^d + \mathbf{w}_{n \cdot} \mathbf{b}_{\cdot r}^d), \quad r = 1, \dots, R.$$

• Instead of on/off features, each term in [0, 1].

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