

A CPHD approximation based on a discrete-Gamma cardinality model

– Supplementary Material –

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APPENDIX

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1

Proof of Proposition 1: Consider the p.g.fl. of the prior state RFS,

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k|k-1}[h] &= \int h^X p_{\Xi_{k|k-1}}(X|Z_{1:k-1}) \delta X \\ &= \int h^X \left\{ \int p_{\Xi|k-1}(X|X') p_{\Xi_{k-1}}(X'|Z_{1:k-1}) \delta X' \right\} \delta X \\ &= \int G_t[h|X'] p_{\Xi_{k-1}}(X'|Z_{1:k-1}) \delta X', \end{aligned}$$

where $G_t[h|X']$ is the p.g.fl. of the multi-target transition kernel. Because targets are assumed to move independently (*Assumption 1*) and new targets are born independently (*Assumption 3*), we know that $G_t[h|X'] = G_b[h] \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n G_t[h|x'_i]$ where $G_t[h|x'] = q_s(x') + p_s(x')p_{t,h}(x')$ (using *Assumption 2*), with $p_{t,h}(x') \triangleq \int_{\mathcal{X}} h(x)p_t(x|x')dx$, and $p_t(\cdot|x')$ is the single-target transition kernel. Since the birth RFS is assumed to be a Poisson point process (*Assumption 3*) with mean $\mu_b = \hat{N}_b$ and intensity $D_b(x) = \mu_b b(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k|k-1}[h] &= G_b[h] \int (q_s + p_s p_{t,h})^{X'} p_{\Xi_{k-1}}(X'|Z_{1:k-1}) \delta X' \\ &= e^{\mu_b b_h - \mu_b} G_{k-1}[q_s + p_s p_{t,h}], \end{aligned}$$

where $b_h \triangleq \int_{\mathcal{X}} h(x)b(x)dx$. By *Assumption 8*, both the posterior and prior state random finite sets follow multi-object discrete-Gamma i.i.d. cluster processes, i.e., their p.g.fl. take the form of (30). Obtaining the first functional derivative of the prior p.g.fl.:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta}{\delta X} G_{k|k-1}[h] &= \frac{\delta}{\delta X} (e^{\mu_b b_h - \mu_b} G_{k-1}[q_s + p_s p_{t,h}]) \\ &= e^{\mu_b b_h - \mu_b} G_{k-1}[q_s + p_s p_{t,h}] \mu_b \frac{\delta b_h}{\delta X} \\ &\quad + e^{\mu_b b_h - \mu_b} G_{k-1}^{(1)}[q_s + p_s p_{t,h}] \frac{\delta \langle q_s + p_s p_{t,h}, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle}{\delta X} \\ &= e^{\mu_b b_h - \mu_b} G_{k-1}[q_s + p_s p_{t,h}] \mu_b b(x) \\ &\quad + e^{\mu_b b_h - \mu_b} G_{k-1}^{(1)}[q_s + p_s p_{t,h}] \langle p_s p_t(x|\cdot), \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

where $\langle f, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle = \int_{\mathcal{X}'} f(x') \varsigma(x') dx'$ and $D_{k-1}(x) = G_{k-1}^{(1)}[1] \varsigma_{k-1}(x)$. Set $f(x') := q_s + p_s p_{t,h}$ and recall that

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k-1}[f] &= \frac{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}} \langle f, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle)}{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})}, \\ G_{k-1}^{(1)}[f] &= \frac{\langle f, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle^{-1} \text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}} \langle f, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle)}{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})}. \end{aligned}$$

For $f = 1$, $\langle 1, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle = 1$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k-1}[1] &= \frac{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})}{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})} = 1, \\ G_{k-1}^{(1)}[1] &= \frac{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})}{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})} \approx \alpha_{k-1} \beta_{k-1}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

By noticing that $b_h|_{h=1} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} b(x) dx = 1$ and $p_{t,h}|_{h=1} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p_t(x|x') dx = 1$, then the prior intensity function, $D_{k|k-1}(x) = \frac{\delta}{\delta x} G_{k|k-1}[1]$, can be obtained from (A.1) as

$$\begin{aligned} D_{k|k-1}(x) &= e^{\mu_b 1 - \mu_b} G_{k-1}[1] \mu_b b(x) \\ &\quad + e^{\mu_b 1 - \mu_b} G_{k-1}^{(1)}[1] \langle p_s p_t(x|\cdot), \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle \\ &\approx 1 \cdot \mu_b b(x) + 1 \cdot \alpha_{k-1} \beta_{k-1}^{-1} \langle p_s p_t(x|\cdot), \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle, \\ D_{k|k-1}(x) &= D_b(x) + \int_{\mathcal{X}'} p_s(x') p_t(x|x') D_{k-1}(x') dx'. \end{aligned}$$

Since the previous posterior and prior state random finite sets are i.i.d. cluster processes, then the probability generating functions of their cardinality distributions are given by $G_{k-1}(y) = G_{k-1}[y]$ and $G_{k|k-1}(y) = G_{k|k-1}[y]$, for $y \in \mathbb{R}$, $|y| \leq 1$. Take the first two derivatives of $G_{k|k-1}(y)$,

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k|k-1}^{(1)}(y) &= e^{\mu_b y - \mu_b} G_{k-1}[q_s + p_s y] \mu_b \\ &\quad + e^{\mu_b y - \mu_b} G_{k-1}^{(1)}[q_s + p_s y] \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k|k-1}^{(2)}(y) &= e^{\mu_b y - \mu_b} G_{k-1}[q_s + p_s y] \mu_b^2 \\ &\quad + 2e^{\mu_b y - \mu_b} G_{k-1}^{(1)}[q_s + p_s y] \mu_b \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle \\ &\quad + e^{\mu_b y - \mu_b} G_{k-1}^{(2)}[q_s + p_s y] \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k-1}^{(2)}[q_s + p_s y] &= \frac{\langle q_s + p_s y, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle^{-2} \text{Li}_{1-\alpha_{k-1}-1}(e^{-\beta_{k-1} \langle q_s + p_s y, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle})}{\text{Li}_{1-\alpha_{k-1}}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})} \\ &\quad - \frac{\langle q_s + p_s y, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle^{-1} \text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k-1}}(e^{-\beta_{k-1} \langle q_s + p_s y, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle})}{\text{Li}_{1-\alpha_{k-1}}(e^{-\beta_{k-1}})}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Evaluate (A.2) and (A.3) at $y = 1$, and notice that $G_{k-1}^{(2)}[1] \approx \alpha_{k-1}(\alpha_{k-1} + 1)\beta_{k-1}^{-2} - \alpha_{k-1}\beta_{k-1}^{-1}$ to compose the first two cardinality moments:

$$\mu_{N,k|k-1} = G_{k|k-1}^{(1)}(1) \approx \underbrace{\mu_b}_{N_b} + \underbrace{\alpha_{k-1}\beta_{k-1}^{-1} \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle}_{N_s},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{N,k|k-1}^2 &= G_{k|k-1}^{(2)}(1) - \mu_{N,k|k-1}^2 + \mu_{N,k|k-1} \\ &\approx \mu_b^2 + 2\mu_b \alpha_{k-1} \beta_{k-1}^{-1} \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle \\ &\quad + [\alpha_{k-1}(\alpha_{k-1} + 1)\beta_{k-1}^{-2} - \alpha_{k-1}\beta_{k-1}^{-1}] \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle^2 \\ &\quad - [\mu_b + \alpha_{k-1}\beta_{k-1}^{-1} \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle]^2 + \mu_{N,k|k-1} \\ &= \mu_{N,k|k-1} + \alpha_{k-1}\beta_{k-1}^{-1} (\beta_{k-1}^{-1} - 1) \langle p_s, \varsigma_{k-1} \rangle^2. \end{aligned}$$

The prior state RFS is assumed to follow a multi-object discrete-Gamma process with $\mu_{N,k|k-1} \approx \alpha_{k|k-1}\beta_{k|k-1}^{-1}$ and $\sigma_{N,k|k-1}^2 \approx \alpha_{k|k-1}\beta_{k|k-1}^{-2}$, for $\alpha_{k|k-1}, \beta_{k|k-1} \in \mathbb{R}$, therefore

$$\alpha_{k|k-1} \approx \frac{\mu_{N,k|k-1}^2}{\sigma_{N,k|k-1}^2}, \quad \beta_{k|k-1} \approx \frac{\mu_{N,k|k-1}}{\sigma_{N,k|k-1}^2}.$$

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PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2

Proof of Proposition 2: From [1] we invoke the expression for the p.g.fl. of a CPHD posterior process, which is generally valid for *Assumptions 4–7* and i.i.d. cluster processes, and reads

$$\begin{aligned} G_k[h] &= \frac{\delta F[0,h]}{\delta Z_k} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m G_c^{(m-j)}(0) \cdot G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(\langle h q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_j(Z_k, h)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_c^{(m-i)}(0) \cdot G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_i(Z_k, 1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $m = |Z_k|$, $G_{k|k-1}(\cdot)$ is the p.g.f. of the prior cardinality distribution,

$$\sigma_i(Z_k, h) = \sigma_{m,i} \left(\frac{\langle h p_d \ell_{z_1}, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle}{c(z_1)}, \dots, \frac{\langle h p_d \ell_{z_m}, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle}{c(z_m)} \right)$$

is the elementary symmetric function of degree i in $\frac{\langle hp_d \ell_{z_1}, s_{k|k-1} \rangle}{c(z_1)}, \dots, \frac{\langle hp_d \ell_{z_m}, s_{k|k-1} \rangle}{c(z_m)}$, and

$$F[g, h] = \int \int h^X g^Z p_\Psi(Z_k | X) p_{\Xi, k|k-1}(X | Z_{1:k-1}) \delta X \delta Z$$

is the joint p.g.fl. on the state and observation random finite sets. First, we invoke another result from [1], the posterior intensity function estimated by the CPHD filter according to:

$$\begin{aligned} D_k(x) &= \frac{q_d(x)}{G_{k|k-1}^{(1)}(1)} \Upsilon_k[Z_k] D_{k|k-1}(x) \\ &+ \frac{p_d(x)}{G_{k|k-1}^{(1)}(1)} \sum_{z \in Z_k} \frac{\ell_z(x)}{c(z)} \Upsilon_k[Z_k \setminus \{z\}] D_{k|k-1}(x), \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\Upsilon_k[Z] = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{|Z|} G_c^{(|Z|-j)}(0) G_{k|k-1}^{(j+1)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_j(Z, 1)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_c^{(m-i)}(0) G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_i(Z_k, 1)}, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

whose proof follows from evaluating $D_k(x) = \frac{\delta}{\delta x} G_k[1]$ (see [1]). In the DG-CPHD context, we use *Assumptions 5* (clutter RFS follows a Poisson point process) and δ to further simplify (A.5). The p.g.fl. of the clutter process is given by $G_c[g] = \exp(\lambda \int_{\mathcal{Z}} g(z) c(z) dz - \lambda)$. Set $G_c^{(i)}(y) := e^{\lambda y - \lambda}$ and notice that $G_c^{(\ell)}(0) = \lambda^\ell e^{-\lambda}$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_k[Z] &= \frac{\lambda^{|Z|} \sum_{j=0}^{|Z|} \lambda^{-j} G_{k|k-1}^{(j+1)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_j(Z, 1)}{\lambda^m \sum_{i=0}^m \lambda^{-i} G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_i(Z_k, 1)} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{|Z|} \sum_{j=0}^{|Z|} G_{k|k-1}^{(j+1)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(Z)}{\lambda^m \sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(Z_k)} \\ &\triangleq \lambda^{|Z|-m} \Theta_k[Z], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where

$$\bar{\sigma}_i(Z) \triangleq \sigma_{m=|Z|, i} \left(\frac{\langle p_d \ell_{z_1}, s \rangle}{\lambda c(z_1)}, \dots, \frac{\langle p_d \ell_{z_m}, s \rangle}{\lambda c(z_m)} \right). \quad (\text{A.7})$$

From (A.6), (A.7), and observing that $\Upsilon_k[Z_k] = \Theta_k[Z_k]$ and $\Upsilon_k[Z_k \setminus \{z\}] = \lambda^{-1} \Theta_k[Z_k \setminus \{z\}]$, the posterior intensity for the DG-CPHD, according to (35), follows straightforwardly.

As follows, we use *Assumption 8* to derive the posterior cardinality parameters. Under this assumption, the posterior state RFS follows an i.i.d. cluster process and so the posterior cardinality p.g.fl. is given by $G_k(y) = G_k[y]$, where $y \in \mathbb{R}$, $|y| \leq 1$, which results in

$$\begin{aligned} G_k(y) &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m \lambda^{-j} G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(y \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_j(Z_k, y)}{\sum_{i=0}^m \lambda^{-i} G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \sigma_i(Z_k, 1)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m y^j G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(y \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(Z_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(Z_k)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.8})$$

We compute the first two derivatives of $G_k(y)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} G_k^{(1)}(y) &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j \cdot y^{j-1} G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(y \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(Z_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(Z_k)} \\ &+ \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m y^j G_{k|k-1}^{(j+1)}(y \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(Z_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(Z_k)} \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.9})$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_k^{(2)}(y) &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j(j-1) \cdot y^{j-2} G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(y \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(Z_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(Z_k)} \\ &+ 2 \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j \cdot y^{j-1} G_{k|k-1}^{(j+1)}(y \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(Z_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(Z_k)} \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle \\ &+ \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m y^j G_{k|k-1}^{(j+2)}(y \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(Z_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(Z_k)} \langle q_d, s_{k|k-1} \rangle^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

Evaluate (A.9) and (A.10) at $y = 1$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
G_k^{(1)}(1) &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j \cdot G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{Z}_k)} \\
&\quad + \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(j+1)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{Z}_k)} \langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle, \\
G_k^{(2)}(1) &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j^2 G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{Z}_k)} \\
&\quad - \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j G_{k|k-1}^{(j)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{Z}_k)} \\
&\quad + 2 \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j G_{k|k-1}^{(j+1)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{Z}_k)} \langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(j+2)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^m G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{Z}_k)} \langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle^2.
\end{aligned}$$

By defining

$$\theta_{u,v} \triangleq \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{m_k} j^u G_{k|k-1}^{(j+v)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_j(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{\sum_{i=0}^{m_k} G_{k|k-1}^{(i)}(\langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle) \bar{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{Z}_k)},$$

one has

$$\begin{aligned}
G_k^{(1)}(1) &= \theta_{1,0} + \theta_{0,1} \cdot \langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle, \\
G_k^{(2)}(1) &= \theta_{2,0} - \theta_{1,0} + 2\theta_{1,1} \cdot \langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle + \theta_{0,2} \cdot \langle q_d, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle^2,
\end{aligned}$$

from which the posterior cardinality moments are obtained as given in (37) and (38). The posterior state RFS is assumed to follow a multi-object discrete-Gamma process with cardinality characterized by $\mu_{N,k} \approx \alpha_k \beta_k^{-1}$ and $\sigma_{N,k}^2 \approx \alpha_k \beta_k^{-2}$, therefore (36) holds. Since the prior cardinality distribution is also assumed to be a discrete-Gamma distribution, we write

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{k|k-1}^{(\ell)}(y) &= \frac{d^\ell}{dy^\ell} \left(\frac{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k|k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k|k-1}y})}{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k|k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k|k-1}})} \right) \\
G_{k|k-1}^{(\ell)}(y) &= \frac{\frac{d^\ell}{dy^\ell} (\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k|k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k|k-1}y}))}{\text{Li}_{-\alpha_{k|k-1}+1}(e^{-\beta_{k|k-1}})}, \\
&\triangleq \frac{\hat{G}_{k|k-1}^{(\ell)}(y)}{\hat{G}_{k|k-1}^{(0)}(1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete by noting that, in all terms of (A.9) and (A.10), $1/\hat{G}_{k|k-1}^{(0)}(1)$ appears both in the numerator and denominator and can be cancelled out to leave only terms depending on $\hat{G}_{k|k-1}^{(\ell)}(y)$. \blacksquare

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3

Lemma 1. Let $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a nonnegative increasing function, such that $0 < \sum_{\ell=0}^L f(\ell) < \infty$ for $L \in \mathbb{N}_0$. If there is a nonnegative function $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying $g(\ell) = \mathcal{O}(f(\ell))$ such that $\frac{f(\ell)}{\sum_{\ell=0}^L f(\ell)} \geq \frac{g(\ell)}{\sum_{\ell=0}^L g(\ell)}$ for $\ell \geq L_0$, $L_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$, then

$$\frac{\sum_{\ell=0}^L \ell \cdot f(\ell)}{\sum_{\ell=0}^L f(\ell)} \geq \frac{\sum_{\ell=0}^L \ell \cdot g(\ell)}{\sum_{\ell=0}^L g(\ell)}, \tag{A.11}$$

for $L \geq L_0 + \frac{L_0 - \lfloor L_0 \rfloor}{2}$.

Proof: Write $w_{f,\ell} := f(\ell)/\sum_{\ell=0}^L f(\ell)$ and $w_{g,\ell} := g(\ell)/\sum_{\ell=0}^L g(\ell)$. Note that $\sum_{\ell=0}^L w_{f,\ell} = \sum_{\ell=0}^L w_{g,\ell} = 1$ and so

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \sum_{\ell=\lceil L_0 \rceil}^L (w_{f,\ell} - w_{g,\ell}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\lfloor L_0 \rfloor} (w_{g,\ell} - w_{f,\ell}) < 1, \\
\sum_{\ell=\lceil L_0 \rceil}^L L_0 (w_{f,\ell} - w_{g,\ell}) &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\lfloor L_0 \rfloor} L_0 (w_{g,\ell} - w_{f,\ell}), \\
\sum_{\ell=\lceil L_0 \rceil}^L \ell (w_{f,\ell} - w_{g,\ell}) &\geq \sum_{\ell=0}^{\lfloor L_0 \rfloor} \ell (w_{g,\ell} - w_{f,\ell}). \tag{A.12}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\sum_{\ell=0}^L \ell \cdot w_{f,\ell} \geq \sum_{\ell=0}^L \ell \cdot w_{g,\ell}$, which corresponds to (A.11). The condition $L \geq L_0 + (L_0 - \lfloor L_0 \rfloor)/2$ must be met to ensure $2(L - L_0)M \geq (L_0 - \lfloor L_0 \rfloor)M$, where

$$M = \frac{(w_{f,L} - w_{g,L}) - (w_{f,\lfloor L_0 \rfloor} - w_{g,\lfloor L_0 \rfloor})}{L - \lfloor L_0 \rfloor},$$

so that $2(w_{f,2} - w_{g,2}) \geq 1(w_{g,1} - w_{f,1})$ in the particular case when $\lfloor L_0 \rfloor = 1$ and $L = 2$. \blacksquare

Proof of Proposition 3: We resort to a special type of Chebyshev's inequality that is appropriate for bounding the probabilities of non-symmetric intervals, [2], viz.

$$\varepsilon = \Pr\{0 < n < n_{\max}\} \geq 4 \frac{\mu_{N,k} n_{\max} - (\mu_{N,k}^2 + \sigma_{N,k}^2)}{n_{\max}^2}. \quad (\text{A.13})$$

where $0 < \sigma_{N,k}^2 \leq \mu_{N,k} n_{\max} - \mu_{N,k}^2$. Rearranging terms and solving the inequality for n_{\max} corresponding to the upper root:

$$n_{\max} \geq \frac{2\mu_{N,k}}{\varepsilon} \left(1 + \sqrt{(1 - \varepsilon) - \varepsilon \left(\frac{\sigma_{N,k}}{\mu_{N,k}} \right)^2} \right). \quad (\text{A.14})$$

As follows, we bound $\mu_{N,k}$ as per the moment update equation [3]:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{N,k} &= \frac{\sum_{n \geq 0} n \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{\min(m,n)} G_c^{(m-j)}(0) n^j q_d^{n-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z}) \cdot p_{k|k-1}(n)}{\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{j=0}^{\min(m,n)} G_c^{(m-j)}(0) n^j q_d^{n-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z}) \cdot p_{k|k-1}(n)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{n \geq 0} n \cdot \sum_{j=0}^m \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n} \lambda^{m-j} e^{-\lambda} n^j q_d^{n-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z}) \cdot p_{k|k-1}(n)}{\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{j=0}^m \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n} \lambda^{m-j} e^{-\lambda} n^j q_d^{n-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z}) \cdot p_{k|k-1}(n)} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{j=0}^m j \cdot \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n} \lambda^{m-j} e^{-\lambda} n^j q_d^{n-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z}) \cdot p_{k|k-1}(n)}{\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{j=0}^m \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n} \lambda^{m-j} e^{-\lambda} n^j q_d^{n-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z}) \cdot p_{k|k-1}(n)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j \cdot \mathbb{E}_{N,k|k-1} \left[\mathbb{1}_{m \leq N} \lambda^{-j} N^j q_d^{N-j} \right] \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})}{\sum_{j=0}^m \mathbb{E}_{N,k|k-1} \left[\mathbb{1}_{m \leq N} \lambda^{-j} N^j q_d^{N-j} \right] \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m j \cdot \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n^*} \lambda^{-j} \mu_{N,k|k-1}^j q_d^{\mu_{N,k|k-1}-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})}{\sum_{j=0}^m \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n^*} \lambda^{-j} \mu_{N,k|k-1}^j q_d^{\mu_{N,k|k-1}-j} \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

where $n^j \triangleq n(n-1)\dots(n-j+1)$ is the falling factorial (Pochhammer's symbol), $n^* \triangleq \min(\mu_{N,k|k-1}, \arg \max_j \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z}))$, and the first inequality holds because $\sum_{j=0}^{\min(m,n)} j \cdot f(j) \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\min(m,n)} n \cdot f(j)$ for any function $f: \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(j) \geq 0$. Per Jensen's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{N,k|k-1} [\mathbb{1}_{m \leq N} \varphi_j(N)] &\geq \mathbb{E}_{N,k|k-1} [\mathbb{1}_{m \leq n^*} \varphi_j(N)] \\ &\geq \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n^*} \varphi_j(\mu_{N,k|k-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi_j(n) := \lambda^{-j} n^j q_d^{n-j}$ is convex in n , and Lemma 1 is applied in (A.15) with $f(j) = \mathbb{E}_{N,k|k-1} [\mathbb{1}_{m \leq n^*} \varphi_j(N)] \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})$ and $g(j) = \mathbb{1}_{m \leq n^*} \varphi_j(\mu_{N,k|k-1}) \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})$ for $j \in [0..n^*]$. This bound can be simplified by applying Lemma 1 once more as $\varphi_j(\mu_{N,k|k-1}) \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})$ is a nonnegative increasing function in the interval $j \in [0..n^*]$ to give

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n^*} j \cdot \varphi_j(\mu_{N,k|k-1}) \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})}{\sum_{j=0}^{n^*} \varphi_j(\mu_{N,k|k-1}) \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})} &\geq \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\mu_{N,k|k-1}} j \cdot \inf_j [\varphi_j(\mu_{N,k|k-1}) \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})]}{\sum_{j=0}^{\mu_{N,k|k-1}} \inf_j [\varphi_j(\mu_{N,k|k-1}) \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})]} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\mu_{N,k|k-1}} j}{\sum_{j=0}^{\mu_{N,k|k-1}} 1} = \frac{\mu_{N,k|k-1}}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.16})$$

Substituting this bound in (A.14) we conclude that there exists a $K \geq 1$ such that $n_{\max} \geq K \cdot \mu_{N,k|k-1}$. \blacksquare

Remark 2. Note that for a certain $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 - \frac{\langle p_d \ell_{z_j}, \varsigma_{k|k-1} \rangle}{c(z_j)} \right) = (1-x)^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} x^j,$$

$j_{\max} \approx \arg \max_j \sigma_j(\mathbf{Z})$ can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dj} \left[\binom{m}{j} x^j \right] &= 0, \\ \left[\frac{d}{dj} \binom{m}{j} \right] x^j + \binom{m}{j} x^j \log x &= 0, \\ -\binom{m}{j} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^j \ell^{-1} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{m-j} \ell^{-1} \right) + \binom{m}{j} \log x &= 0, \\ \sum_{\ell=2}^j \ell^{-1} - \sum_{\ell=2}^{m-j} \ell^{-1} &= \log x, \\ \log j - \log(m-j) &\approx \log x, \\ j_{\max} &\approx m \frac{x}{1+x}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dj} \binom{m}{j} &= m! \frac{-D_j(j!) \cdot (m-j)! - (j!) D_j((m-j)!)}{[j!(m-j)!]^2} \\ &= -\binom{m}{j} \frac{j! \left(-\gamma + \sum_{\ell=1}^j \ell^{-1} \right) (m-j)!}{j!(m-j)!} \\ &\quad - \binom{m}{j} \frac{-j!(m-j)! \left(-\gamma + \sum_{\ell=1}^{m-j} \ell^{-1} \right)}{j!(m-j)!} \\ &= -\binom{m}{j} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^j \ell^{-1} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{m-j} \ell^{-1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and γ is the Euler–Mascheroni constant.

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