

Supplementary Material for  
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# 1 Proposition 1

In the limit as  $C, K, R \rightarrow \infty$ , the expected sum of the core tensor elements is finite and equal to

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left( \lambda_{c \circlearrowleft^k}^{(r)} + \sum_{d \neq c} \lambda_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0^3}{\zeta^3} + \frac{\gamma_0^4}{\zeta^4} \right).$$

The proof is very similar to that of Zhou (2015, Lemma 1). By the law of total expectation,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left( \lambda_{c \circlearrowleft^k}^{(r)} + \sum_{d \neq c} \lambda_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \right) \right] &= \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \lambda_{c \circlearrowleft^k}^{(r)} \right] + \sum_{d \neq c} \mathbb{E} \left[ \lambda_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \right] \right) \\ &= \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \nu_k \rho_r}{\delta} \right] + \sum_{d \neq c} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \nu_k \rho_r}{\delta} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \nu_k \rho_r \right] + \sum_{d \neq c} \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \nu_k \rho_r \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \nu_k \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \rho_r \right] \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right] + \sum_{d \neq c} \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right) \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right) \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right] + \sum_{d \neq c} \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{d \neq c} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

The marks  $\eta_c^{\circlearrowleft}$  are gamma distributed with mean 1, so

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{d \neq c} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} + \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{d \neq c} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} + \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} + \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right) \left( \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \right) \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using  $\mathbb{E}[(\sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow})(\sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow})] = \frac{\gamma_0^2}{\zeta^2} + \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta^2}$ , we can write

$$= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} + \frac{\gamma_0^2}{\zeta^2} + \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta^2} - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right] \right).$$

Finally, using Campbell's Theorem (Kingman, 1972), we know that  $\mathbb{E}[\sum_{c=1}^{\infty} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow}] = \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta^2}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} + \frac{\gamma_0^2}{\zeta^2} + \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta^2} - \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{\zeta} + \frac{\gamma_0^2}{\zeta^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\gamma_0^3}{\zeta^3} + \frac{\gamma_0^4}{\zeta^4} \right). \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Proposition 2

For an  $M$ -dimensional core tensor with  $D_1 \times \dots \times D_M$  elements, computing the normalizing constant using non-compositional allocation requires  $1 \leq \pi < \infty$  times the number of operations required by compositional allocation. When  $D_1 = \dots = D_M = 1$ ,  $\pi = 1$ . As  $D_m, D_{m'} \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $m$  and  $m' \neq m$ ,  $\pi \rightarrow \infty$ .

Each event token occurs in an  $M$ -dimensional discrete coordinate space—i.e.,  $e_n = \mathbf{p}$ , where  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_M)$  is a multi-index. Similarly, each event token's latent class assignment also occurs in an  $M$ -dimensional discrete coordinate space—i.e.,  $z_n = \mathbf{q}$ , where  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_M)$  is a multi-index.

Assuming  $M$  factor matrices  $\Theta^{(1)}, \dots, \Theta^{(M)}$  and an  $M$ -dimensional core tensor  $\Lambda$ ,

$$P(z_n = \mathbf{q} | e_n = \mathbf{p}) \propto \lambda_{\mathbf{q}} \prod_{m=1}^M \theta_{p_m q_m}^{(m)}.$$

The computational bottleneck in MCMC inference is computing the normalizing constant

$$Z_{\mathbf{p}} = \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \lambda_{\mathbf{q}} \prod_{m=1}^M \theta_{p_m q_m}^{(m)}.$$

If we use a naïve non-compositional approach, then (assuming each latent dimension  $m$  has cardinality  $D_m$ ) the sum over  $\mathbf{q}$  involves  $\prod_{m=1}^M D_m$  terms and each term requires  $M$  multiplications. Thus, computing  $Z_{\mathbf{p}}$  requires a total of  $M \prod_{m=1}^M D_m$  multiplications and  $\prod_{m=1}^M D_m$  additions.<sup>1</sup>

However, we can also compute  $Z_{\mathbf{p}}$  using a compositional approach—i.e.,

$$Z_{\mathbf{p}} = \sum_{q_1=1}^{D_1} \theta_{p_1 q_1}^{(1)} \sum_{q_2=1}^{D_2} \theta_{p_2 q_2}^{(2)} \dots \sum_{q_M=1}^{D_M} \theta_{p_M q_M}^{(M)} \lambda_{\mathbf{q}}.$$

<sup>1</sup>Computing a sum of  $N$  terms requires either  $N$  or  $N - 1$  additions, depending on whether or not you add the first term to zero. We assume the former definition and say that computing a sum of  $N$  terms requires  $N$  additions.

This approach requires a total of  $\sum_{m=1}^M D_m$  multiplications and  $1 + \sum_{m=1}^M (D_m - 1)$  additions.

The ratio  $\pi$  of the number of operations (i.e., multiplications and additions) required by the non-compositional approach to the number of operations required by the compositional approach is

$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= \frac{\left(M \prod_{m=1}^M D_m\right) + \left(\prod_{m=1}^M D_m\right)}{\left(\sum_{m=1}^M D_m\right) + \left(1 + \sum_{m=1}^M (D_m - 1)\right)} \\ &= \frac{(M+1) \prod_{m=1}^M D_m}{\left(2 \sum_{m=1}^M D_m\right) - M + 1}.\end{aligned}$$

As the cardinalities  $D_1, \dots, D_M$  of the latent dimensions grow, the numerator grows at a faster rate than the denominator. Therefore  $\pi$  achieves its lower bound when  $D_1 = \dots = D_M = 1$ :

$$\Omega(\pi) = \frac{(M+1)}{(2M) - M + 1}.$$

Because the numerator grows at a faster rate than the denominator, we can find the upper bound by taking the limit as one or more cardinalities tend to infinity. We work with the inverse ratio

$$\begin{aligned}\pi^{-1} &= \frac{\left(2 \sum_{m=1}^M D_m\right) - M + 1}{(M+1) \prod_{m=1}^M D_m} \\ &= \frac{2}{M+1} \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{D_m}{\prod_{m=1}^M D_m}\right) - \frac{M-1}{M+1} \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{m=1}^M D_m}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{M+1} \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{1}{\prod_{m' \neq m} D_{m'}}\right) - \frac{M-1}{M+1} \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{m=1}^M D_m}\right).\end{aligned}$$

First, we take the limit of  $\pi^{-1}$  as a single cardinality  $D_m \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{D_m \rightarrow \infty} \pi^{-1} &= \lim_{D_m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{M+1} \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{1}{\prod_{n \neq m} D_n}\right) - \lim_{D_m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M-1}{M+1} \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{m=1}^M D_m}\right) \\ &= \lim_{D_m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{M+1} \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{1}{\prod_{n \neq m} D_n}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{M+1} \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{n \neq m} D_n}\right).\end{aligned}$$

However, as any second cardinality  $D_{m'} \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{D_m, D_{m'} \rightarrow \infty} \pi^{-1} = \lim_{D_{m'} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{M+1} \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{n \neq m} D_n}\right) \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore,  $\pi \rightarrow \infty$  as any two (or more) cardinalities tend to infinity.

### 3 Inference

Gibbs sampling repeatedly resamples the value of each latent variable from its conditional posterior. In this section, we provide the conditional posterior for each latent variable in BPTD.

We start by defining the Chinese restaurant table (CRT) distribution (Zhou & Carin, 2015): If  $l \sim \text{CRT}(m, r)$  is a CRT-distributed random variable, then, we can equivalently say that

$$l \sim \sum_{n=1}^m \text{Bern} \left( \frac{r}{r+n-1} \right).$$

We also define  $g(x) \equiv \ln(1+x)$ .

Throughout this section, we use, e.g.,  $(\theta_{ic} | -)$  to denote  $\theta_{ic}$  conditioned on  $\mathbf{Y}$ ,  $\epsilon_0$ ,  $\gamma_0$ , and the current values of the other latent variables. We assume that  $\mathbf{Y}$  is partially observed and include a binary mask  $\mathbf{B}$ , where  $b_{i \rightarrow j}^{(t)} = 0$  means that  $y_{i \rightarrow j}^{(t)} = 0$  is unobserved, not an observed zero.

**Action–Topic Factors:**

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\cdot \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{j \neq i}^C \sum_{d=1}^C \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{r=1}^R y_{ic \rightarrow dj}^{(tr)} \\ \xi_{ak} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j \neq i}^C \sum_{t=1}^T b_{i \rightarrow j}^{(t)} \sum_{c=1}^C \theta_{ic} \sum_{d=1}^C \theta_{jd} \sum_{r=1}^R \psi_{tr} \lambda_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \\ (\phi_{ak} | -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \epsilon_0 + y_{\cdot \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)}, \epsilon_0 + \xi_{ak} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Time-Step–Regime Factors:**

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\cdot \rightarrow \cdot}^{(tr)} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{j \neq i}^C \sum_{d=1}^C \sum_{a=1}^A \sum_{k=1}^K y_{ic \rightarrow dj}^{(tr)} \\ \xi_{tr} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j \neq i}^C \sum_{a=1}^A b_{i \rightarrow j}^{(t)} \sum_{c=1}^C \theta_{ic} \sum_{d=1}^C \theta_{jd} \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_{ak} \lambda_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \\ (\psi_{tr} | -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \epsilon_0 + y_{\cdot \rightarrow \cdot}^{(tr)}, \epsilon_0 + \xi_{tr} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Country–Community Factors:**

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{ic\leftrightarrow}^{(\cdot)} &\equiv \sum_{j \neq i}^C \sum_{d=1}^A \sum_{a=1}^K \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{r=1}^R \left( y_{ic \xrightarrow{ak} dj}^{(tr)} + y_{jd \xrightarrow{ak} ci}^{(tr)} \right) \\
\xi_{ic} &\equiv \sum_{j \neq i}^A \sum_{a=1}^T \left( b_{i \xrightarrow{a} j}^{(t)} \sum_{d=1}^C \theta_{jd} \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_{ak} \sum_{r=1}^R \psi_{tr} \lambda_{c \xrightarrow{k} d}^{(r)} + b_{j \xrightarrow{a} i}^{(t)} \sum_{d=1}^C \theta_{jd} \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_{ak} \sum_{r=1}^R \psi_{tr} \lambda_{d \xrightarrow{k} c}^{(r)} \right) \\
(\theta_{ic} | -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \alpha_i + y_{ic\leftrightarrow}^{(\cdot)}, \beta_i + \xi_{ic} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

**Auxiliary Latent Country–Community Counts:**

$$(\ell_{ic} | -) \sim \text{CRT} \left( y_{ic\leftrightarrow}^{(\cdot)}, \alpha_i \right)$$

**Per-Country Shape Parameters:**

$$(\alpha_i | -) \sim \Gamma \left( \epsilon_0 + \sum_{c=1}^C \ell_{ic}, \epsilon_0 + \sum_{c=1}^C g \left( \xi_{ic} \beta_i^{-1} \right) \right)$$

**Per-Country Rate Parameters:**

$$(\beta_i | -) \sim \Gamma \left( \epsilon_0 + C \alpha_i, \epsilon_0 + \sum_{c=1}^C \theta_{ic} \right)$$

**Diagonal Elements of the Core Tensor:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} &\equiv \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \nu_k \rho_r \\
y_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j \neq i}^A \sum_{a=1}^T \sum_{t=1}^T y_{ic \xrightarrow{ak} cj}^{(tr)} \\
\xi_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \theta_{ic} \sum_{j \neq i}^A \theta_{jc} \sum_{a=1}^A \phi_{ak} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{tr} b_{i \xrightarrow{a} j}^{(t)} \\
(\lambda_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} | -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \omega_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} + y_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)}, \delta + \xi_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

**Off-Diagonal Elements of the Core Tensor:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} &\equiv \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \nu_k \rho_r & c \neq d \\
y_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{a=1}^A \sum_{t=1}^T y_{ic \rightarrow dj}^{(tr)} & c \neq d \\
\xi_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^V \theta_{ic} \sum_{j \neq i} \theta_{jd} \sum_{a=1}^A \phi_{ak} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{tr} b_{i \rightarrow j}^{(t)} & c \neq d \\
\left( \lambda_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \mid - \right) &\sim \Gamma \left( \omega_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} + y_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)}, \delta + \xi_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \right) & c \neq d
\end{aligned}$$

**Core Rate Parameter:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_{\cdot \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)} &\equiv \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \omega_{c \circlearrowleft k}^{(r)} + \sum_{d \neq c} \omega_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \right) \\
\lambda_{\cdot \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)} &\equiv \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \lambda_{c \circlearrowleft k}^{(r)} + \sum_{d \neq c} \lambda_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \right) \\
(\delta \mid -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \epsilon_0 + \omega_{\cdot \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)}, \epsilon_0 + \lambda_{\cdot \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

**Diagonal Auxiliary Latent Core Counts:**

$$\ell_{c \circlearrowleft k}^{(r)} \sim \text{CRT} \left( y_{c \circlearrowleft k}^{(r)}, \omega_{c \circlearrowleft k}^{(r)} \right)$$

**Off-Diagonal Auxiliary Latent Core Counts:**

$$\ell_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \sim \text{CRT} \left( y_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)}, \omega_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \right) \quad c \neq d$$

**Within-Community Weights:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_{c \circlearrowleft \cdot}^{(\cdot)} &\equiv \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{r=1}^R \ell_{c \circlearrowleft k}^{(r)} \\
\xi_c^{\circlearrowleft} &\equiv \sum_{r=1}^R \rho_r \sum_{k=1}^K \nu_k \sum_{d \neq c} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \left( g \left( \xi_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) + g \left( \xi_{d \rightarrow c}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) \right) \\
(\eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} \mid -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{C} + \ell_{c \circlearrowleft \cdot}^{(\cdot)}, \zeta + \xi_c^{\circlearrowleft} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

**Between-Community Weights:**

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{c \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)} &\equiv \ell_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(\cdot)} + \sum_{d \neq c} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \ell_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} + \ell_{d \rightarrow c}^{(r)} \right) \\ \xi_c^{\leftrightarrow} &\equiv \sum_{r=1}^R \rho_r \sum_{k=1}^K \nu_k \left[ \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} g \left( \xi_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) + \sum_{d \neq c} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \left( g \left( \xi_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) + g \left( \xi_{d \rightarrow c}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) \right) \right] \\ (\eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} | -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{C} + \ell_{c \leftrightarrow \cdot}^{(\cdot)}, \zeta + \xi_c^{\leftrightarrow} \right)\end{aligned}$$

**Topic Weights:**

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{\cdot \rightarrow k}^{(\cdot)} &\equiv \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{d=1}^C \sum_{r=1}^R \ell_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \\ \xi_k &\equiv \sum_{r=1}^R \rho_r \sum_{c=1}^C \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \left[ \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} g \left( \xi_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) + \sum_{d \neq c} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \left( g \left( \xi_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) + g \left( \xi_{d \rightarrow c}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) \right) \right] \\ (\nu_k | -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{K} + \ell_{\cdot \rightarrow k}^{(\cdot)}, \zeta + \xi_k \right)\end{aligned}$$

**Regime Weights:**

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{\cdot \rightarrow \cdot}^{(r)} &\equiv \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{d=1}^C \sum_{k=1}^K \ell_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \\ \xi_r &\equiv \sum_{k=1}^K \nu_k \sum_{c=1}^C \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} \left[ \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} g \left( \xi_{c \circlearrowleft}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) + \sum_{d \neq c} \eta_d^{\leftrightarrow} \left( g \left( \xi_{c \rightarrow d}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) + g \left( \xi_{d \rightarrow c}^{(r)} \delta^{-1} \right) \right) \right] \\ (\rho_r | -) &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{R} + \ell_{\cdot \rightarrow \cdot}^{(r)}, \zeta + \xi_r \right)\end{aligned}$$

**Weights Rate Parameter:**

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &\equiv \sum_{c=1}^C \eta_c^{\circlearrowleft} + \sum_{c=1}^C \eta_c^{\leftrightarrow} + \sum_{k=1}^K \nu_k + \sum_{r=1}^R \rho_r \\ (\zeta | -) &\sim \Gamma (\epsilon_0 + 4\gamma_0, \epsilon_0 + \omega)\end{aligned}$$



## 4 Baseline Models

**BPTF (Schein et al., 2015):**

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{i \xrightarrow{a} j}^{(t)} &\sim \text{Po} \left( \sum_{q=1}^Q \theta_{iq}^{\rightarrow} \theta_{jq}^{\leftarrow} \phi_{aq} \psi_{tq} \lambda_q \right) \\
 \theta_{iq}^{\rightarrow} &\sim \Gamma(\epsilon_0, \beta_1) \\
 \theta_{jq}^{\leftarrow} &\sim \Gamma(\epsilon_0, \beta_2) \\
 \phi_{aq} &\sim \Gamma(\epsilon_0, \beta_3) \\
 \psi_{tq} &\sim \Gamma(\epsilon_0, \beta_4) \\
 \lambda_q &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{Q}, \delta \right) \\
 \beta_1, \dots, \beta_4, \delta &\sim \Gamma(\epsilon_0, \epsilon_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

**GPIRM (Schmidt & Mørup, 2013):**

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{i \xrightarrow{a} j}^{(t)} &\sim \text{Po} \left( \lambda_{z_i \xrightarrow{z_a} z_j}^{(z_t)} \right) \\
 z_i &\sim \text{Cat} \left( \frac{\eta_1}{\sum_c \eta_c}, \dots, \frac{\eta_C}{\sum_c \eta_c} \right) \\
 z_a &\sim \text{Cat} \left( \frac{\nu_1}{\sum_k \nu_k}, \dots, \frac{\nu_K}{\sum_k \nu_k} \right) \\
 z_t &\sim \text{Cat} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\sum_r \rho_r}, \dots, \frac{\rho_R}{\sum_r \rho_r} \right) \\
 \eta_c &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{C}, \zeta \right) \\
 \nu_k &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{K}, \zeta \right) \\
 \rho_r &\sim \Gamma \left( \frac{\gamma_0}{R}, \zeta \right) \\
 \lambda_{c \xrightarrow{k} d}^{(r)}, \zeta &\sim \Gamma(\epsilon_0, \epsilon_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

**DCGPIRM:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{i \xrightarrow{a} j}^{(t)} &\sim \text{Po} \left( \theta_i \theta_j \phi_a \psi_t \lambda_{z_i \xrightarrow{z_a} z_j}^{(z_t)} \right) \\
 \theta_i, \phi_a, \psi_t &\sim \Gamma(\epsilon_0, \epsilon_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the generative process is the same as that of the GPIRM.

## 5 Supplementary Plots

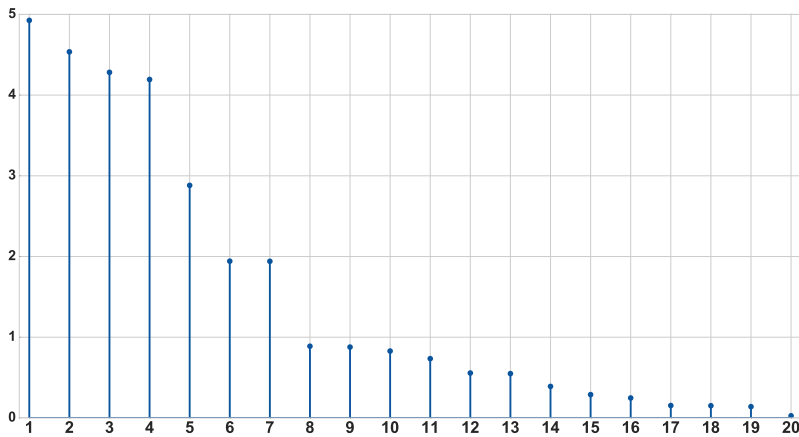


Figure 1: Inferred community weights  $\eta_1^{\leftrightarrow}, \dots, \eta_C^{\leftrightarrow}$ . We use the between-community weights to interpret shrinkage because they are used for the on- and off-diagonal elements of the core tensor.

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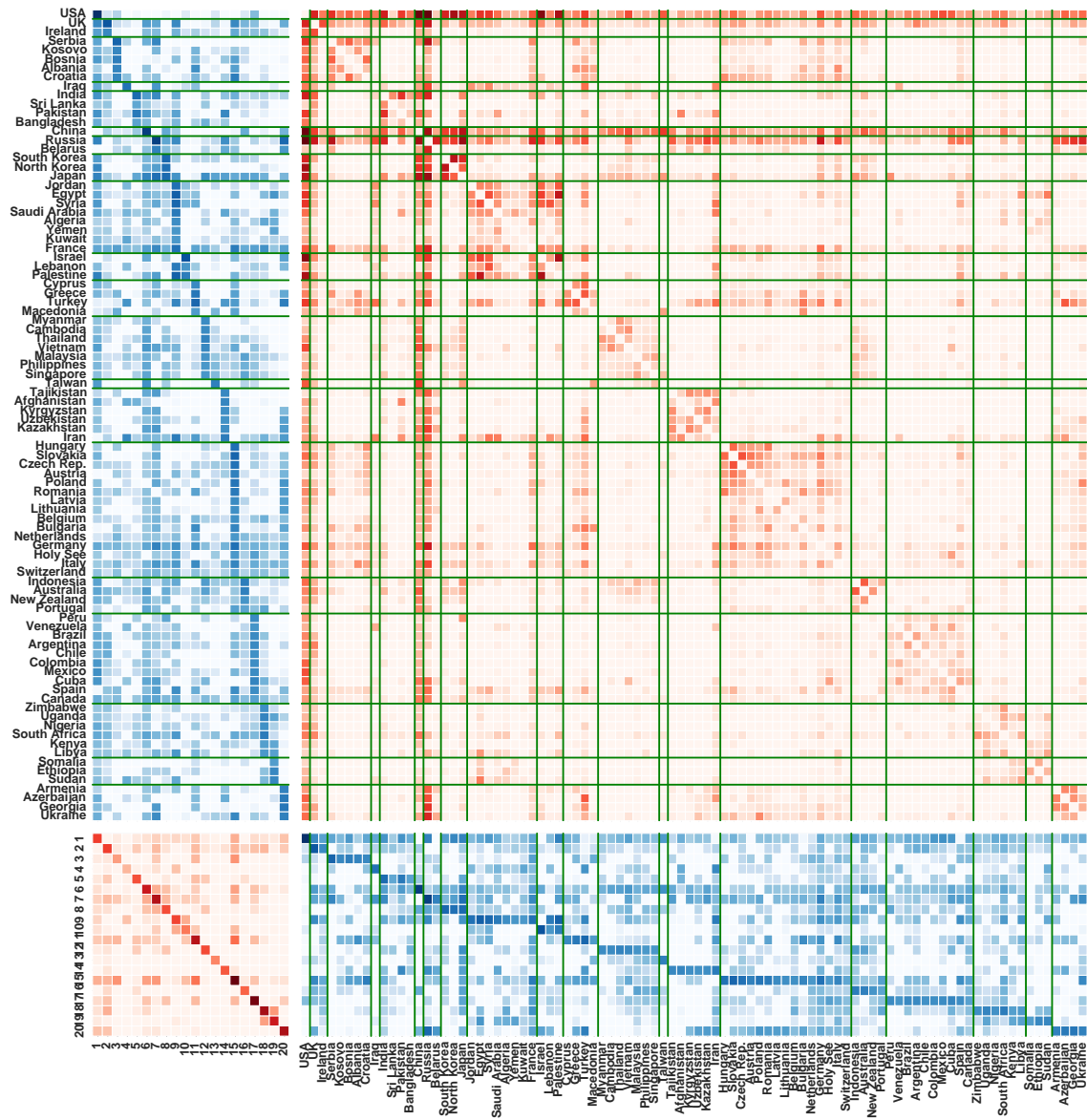


Figure 2: Latent structure discovered by BPTD for topic  $k = 1$  (mostly Verbal Cooperation action types) and the most active regime, including the community–community interaction network (bottom left), the rate at which each country acts as a sender (top left) and a receiver (bottom right) in each community, and the number of times each country  $i$  took an action associated with topic  $k$  toward each country  $j$  during regime  $r$  (top right). We show only the most active 100 countries.

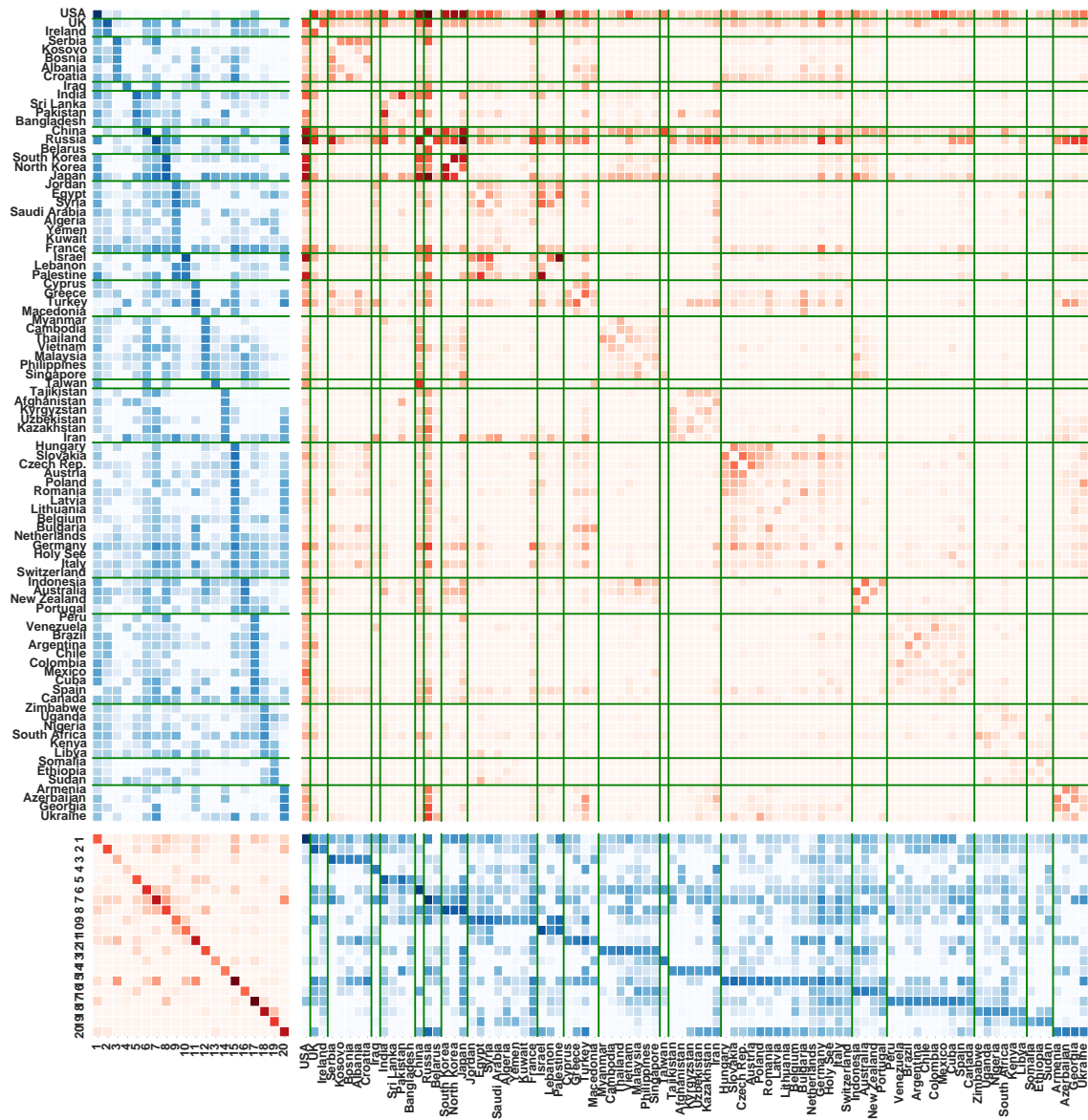


Figure 3: Latent structure discovered by BPTD for topic  $k = 2$  (Verbal Cooperation).

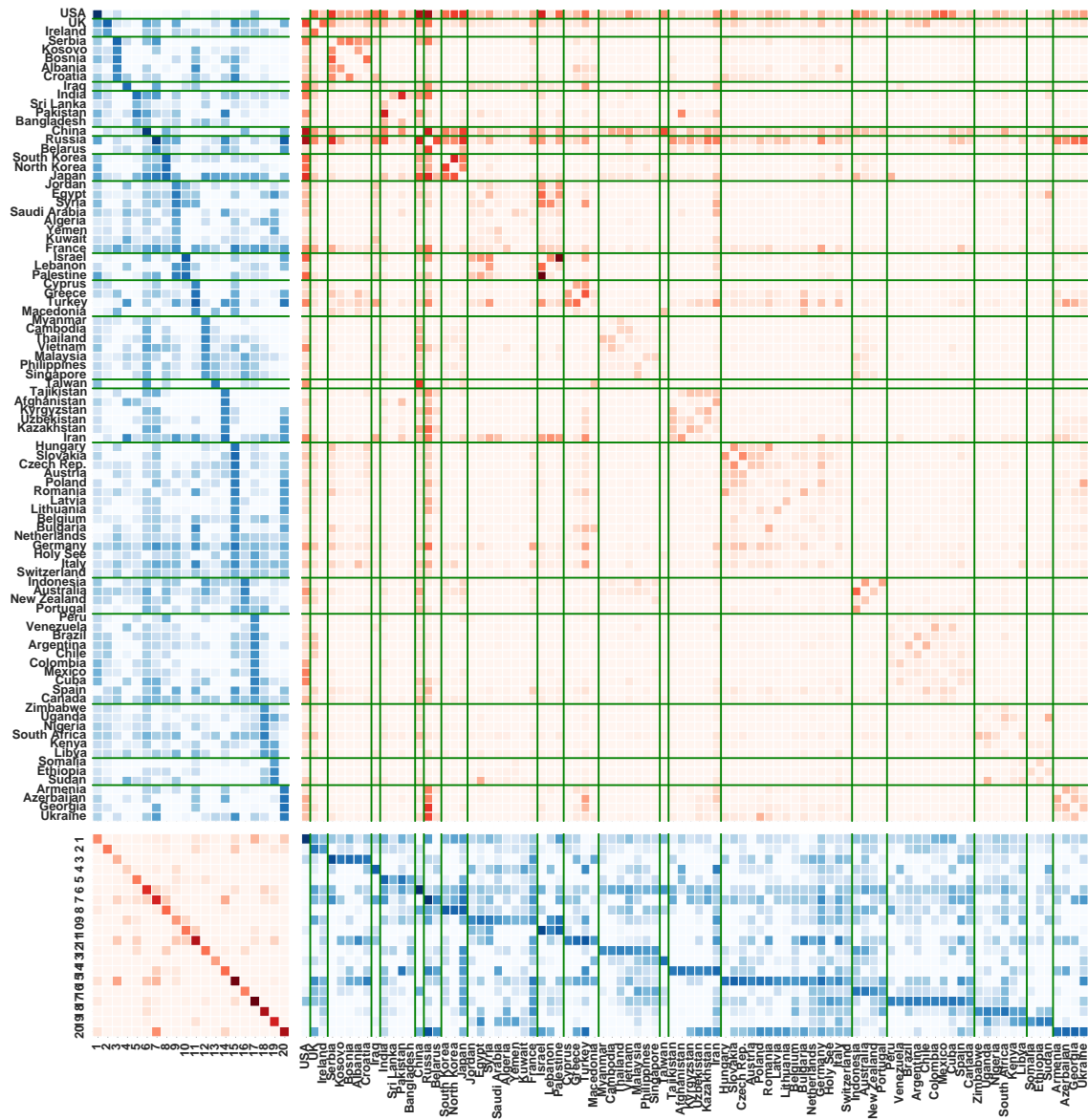


Figure 4: Latent structure discovered by BPTD for topic  $k=3$  (Material Cooperation).

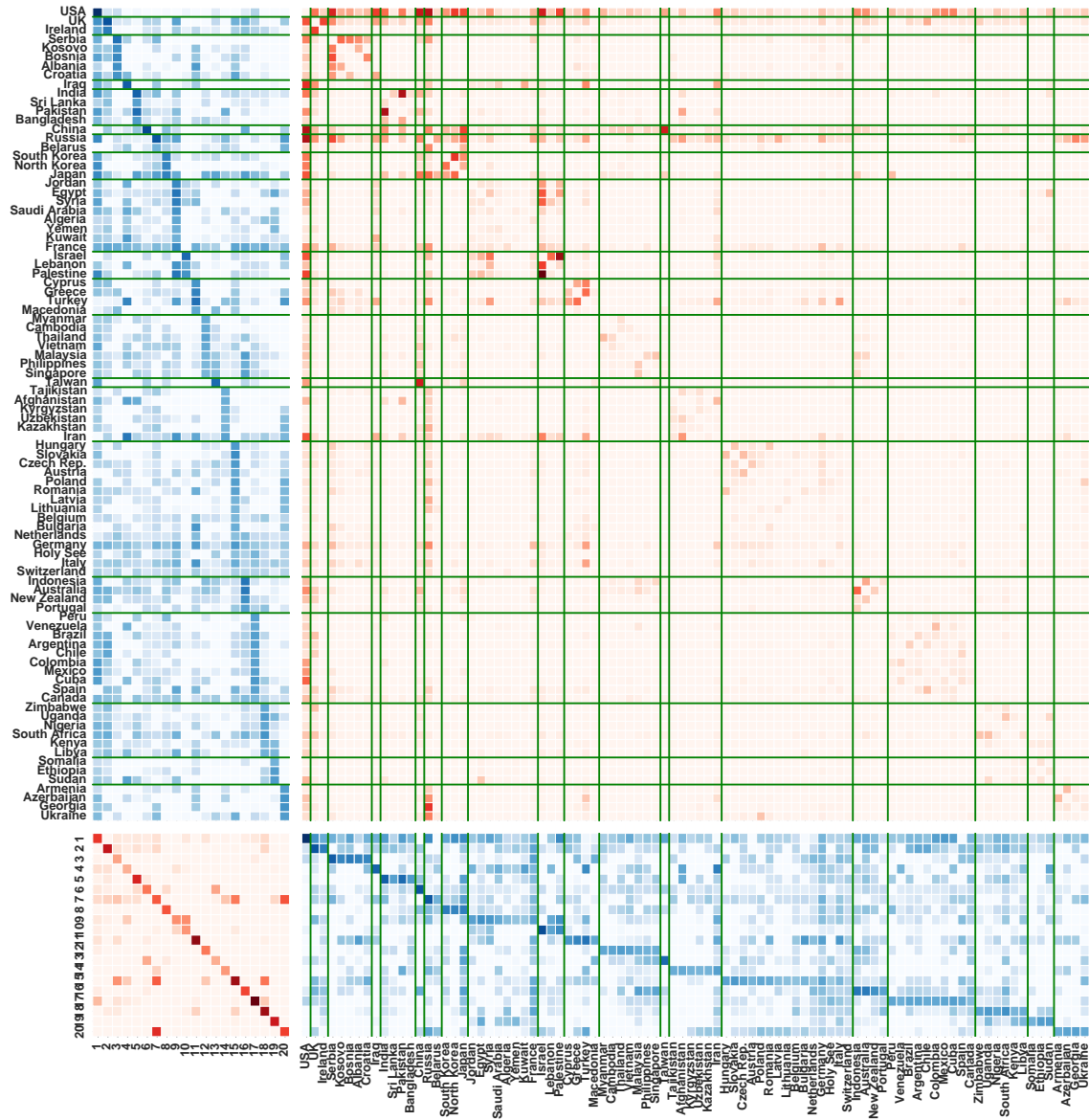


Figure 5: Latent structure discovered by BPTD for topic  $k=4$  (Verbal Conflict).

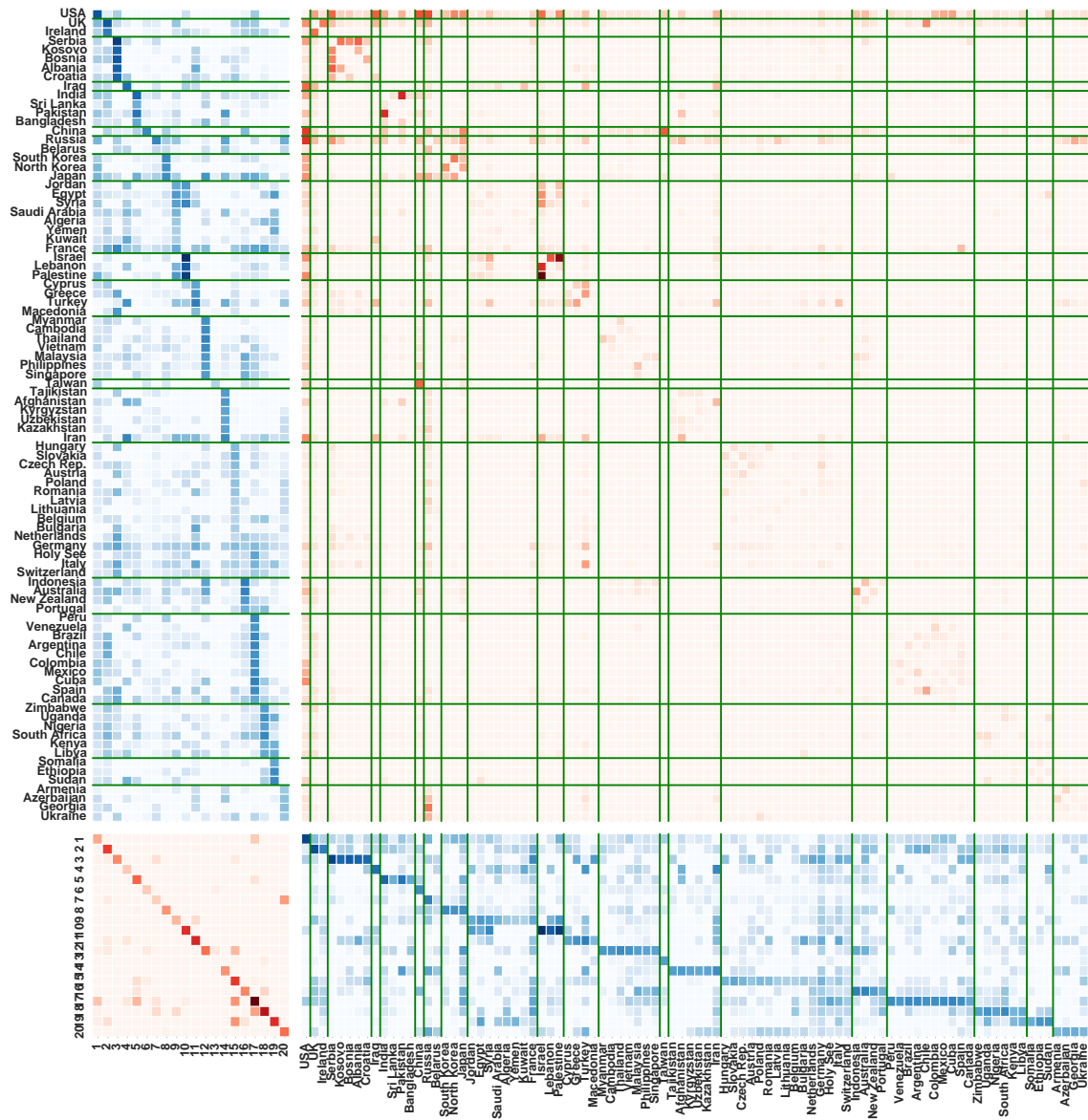


Figure 6: Latent structure discovered by BPTD for topic  $k = 5$  (Material Conflict).

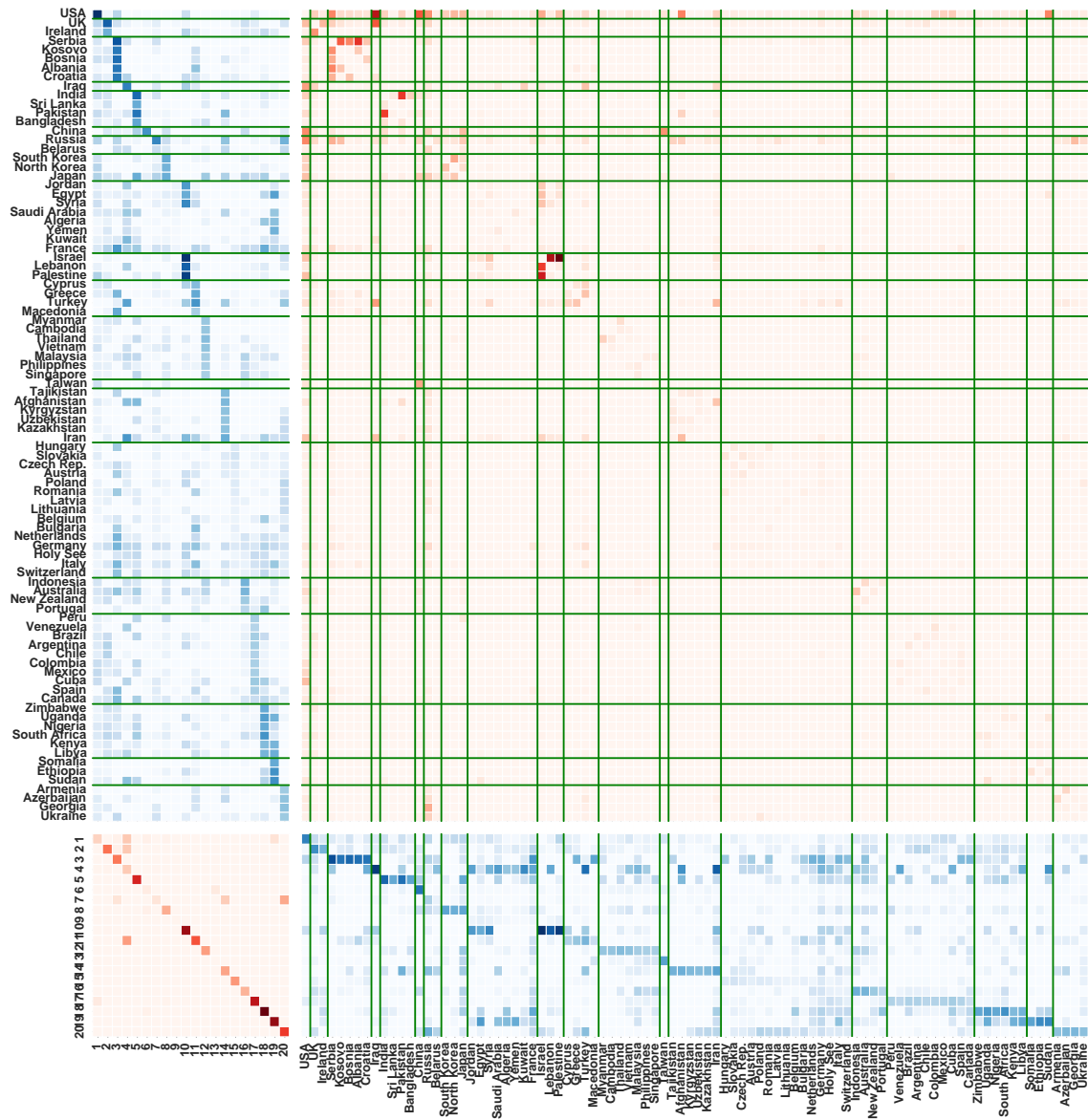


Figure 7: Latent structure discovered by BPTD for topic  $k = 6$  (Material Conflict).