Nonparametric priors for covariate-dependent data

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Case d = 2 samples

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and Q_2 acts as a prior distribution on P_X^2

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- (2) Nested structure

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$$\mathsf{Prob}[\{\tilde{p}_1 = G_h\} \cap \{\tilde{p}_2 = G_\kappa\} \,|\, \tilde{p}_0] = \omega_h \,\omega_\kappa \qquad h, \kappa \ge 1$$

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(2) Shared component: discrete random probability measure on $\ensuremath{\mathbb{X}}$

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Points of Poisson processes that induce completely random measures (CRMs)

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Latent nested stable process (Camerlenghi et al., 2018)

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- In a partially exchangeable setting: ties
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 - between samples

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Partially exchangeable partition probability function (pEPPF)

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