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APPENDIX 1:

Proof of lemma 1: Since $g(p_{k+1})$ is a valid beta probability density, as in (2), its integration with respect to p_{k+1} will be one:

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}} g(p_{k+1}) dp_{k+1} =$$

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}} \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} p_{k+1}^{a-1} (1-p_{k+1})^{b-1} dp_{k+1} = 1.$$
(A1)

Hence,

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}} p_{k+1}^{a-1} (1 - p_{k+1})^{b-1} dp_{k+1} = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}.$$
 (A2)

After replacing $g(p_{k+1})$ in (17),

$$K_{1} = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_{\mathbf{P}} p_{k+1}^{\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{X}_{k+1}, \mathbf{f}_{s}(\mathbf{X}_{k})) + a - 1}$$

$$\times (1 - p_{k+1})^{n - \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{X}_{k+1}, \mathbf{f}_{s}(\mathbf{X}_{k})) + b - 1} dp_{k+1}.$$
(A3)

Using (A2) and (A3), K_1 is derived as in (17).

APPENDIX 2:

Proof of lemma 2: It is well-known that the steady-state distribution of a time-homogeneous TPM is obtained from (18). The conditional TPM $\mathbf{A^{(s)}}(k+1)$ in (15) is time-inhomogeneous, since each time has its own perturbation probability p_{k+1} . Since the prior distribution of p_{k+1} in (2) is the same for every k, integrating the conditional TPM $\mathbf{A^{(s)}}(k+1)$, for every k, over the prior distribution of p_{k+1} yields a time-homogeneous TPM with the (i,j)-th entry as

$$\mathbf{M}_{i,j}^{(s)} = \int_{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{(s)}(k+1)g(p_{k+1})dp_{k+1} =$$

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}} g(p_{k+1})p_{k+1}^{\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}^{j},\mathbf{f}_{s}(\mathbf{x}^{i}))}(1-p_{k+1})^{n-\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}^{j},\mathbf{f}_{s}(\mathbf{x}^{i}))}dp_{k+1}.$$
(A4)

Lemma 1 and (A4) result in (19).

APPENDIX 3:

Proof of lemma 3: From (5), the normal-gamma prior for $\theta_j(k)$ and $\lambda_j(k)$ is

$$p(\theta_j(k), \lambda_j(k)|x_j(k)) = p(\theta_j(k)|\lambda_j(k), x_j(k)) \ p(\lambda_j(k))$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_0} \lambda_j(k)^{\alpha_0 - \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_j(k)}{2} \left[\kappa_0(\theta_j(k) - \mu_j(k))^2 + 2\beta_0\right]\right), \tag{A5}$$

where

$$Z_0 = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\kappa_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0)}{\beta_0^{\alpha_0}}.$$
 (A6)

The likelihood from (4) is

$$p(y_j(k)|\theta_j(k), \lambda_j(k)) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \lambda_j(k)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_j(k)}{2} (y_j(k) - \theta_j(k))^2\right).$$

Therefore, for the posterior,

$$p(\theta_{j}(k), \lambda_{j}(k)|y_{j}(k), x_{j}(k)) \propto p(y_{j}(k)|\theta_{j}(k), \lambda_{j}(k))p(\theta_{j}(k), \lambda_{j}(k)|x_{j}(k))$$

$$\propto \lambda_{j}(k)^{\alpha_{0}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_{j}(k)}{2} \left[\kappa_{0}(\theta_{j}(k) - \mu_{j}(k))^{2} + 2\beta_{0} + (y_{j}(k) - \theta_{j}(k))^{2}\right]\right)$$

$$\propto \lambda_{j}(k)^{\alpha_{1} - \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_{j}(k)}{2} \left[\kappa_{1}(\theta_{j}(k) - \eta_{j}(k))^{2} + 2\beta_{1}\right]\right),$$

where κ_1 , α_1 , and β_1 are given in (21), and $\eta_j(k)$ is defined by

$$\eta_j(k) = \frac{\kappa_0 \mu_j(k) + y_j(k)}{\kappa_0 + 1}.$$
(A7)

Comparing (A7) with (A5), we see that the posterior also has the following normal-gamma density:

$$p(\theta_j(k), \lambda_j(k)|y_j(k), x_j(k)) = \frac{1}{Z_1} \lambda_j(k)^{\alpha_1 - \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_j(k)}{2} \left[\kappa_1(\theta_j(k) - \eta_j(k))^2 + 2\beta_1\right]\right),$$
(A8)

where

$$Z_1 = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\kappa_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1)}{\beta_1^{\alpha_1}}.$$
 (A9)

Since the posterior density in (A8) integrates to 1,

$$\int_{\Omega} \int_{\Lambda} \lambda_j(k)^{\alpha_1 - \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_j(k)}{2} \left[\kappa_1(\theta_j(k) - \eta_j(k))^2 + 2\beta_1\right]\right) d\theta_j(k) d\lambda_j(k) = Z_1.$$

Finally, K_2 in (20) can be written as

$$K_{2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{1}{Z_{0}} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Lambda} \lambda_{j}(k)^{\alpha_{1} - \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_{j}(k)}{2} \left[\kappa_{1}(\theta_{j}(k) - \eta_{j}(k))^{2} + 2\beta_{1}\right]\right) d\theta_{j}(k) d\lambda_{j}(k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{Z_{1}}{Z_{0}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left(\frac{\kappa_{0}}{\kappa_{1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_{1})}{\Gamma(\alpha_{0})} \frac{\beta_{0}^{\alpha_{0}}}{\beta_{1}^{\alpha_{1}}},$$

which finishes the proof.