# DEBIASING GUIDANCE FOR DISCRETE DIFFUSION WITH SEQUENTIAL MONTE CARLO

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#### ABSTRACT

Discrete diffusion models are a class of generative models that produce samples from an approximated data distribution within a discrete state space. Often, there is a need to target specific regions of the data distribution. Current guidance methods aim to sample from a distribution with mass proportional to  $p_0(x_0)p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$  but fail to achieve this in practice. We introduce a Sequential Monte Carlo algorithm that generates unbiasedly from this target distribution, utilising the learnt unconditional and guided process. We validate our approach on low-dimensional distributions, controlled images and text generations. Our method provides strong control for text generation while maintaining low perplexity compared to guidance-based approaches.

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

024 Discrete Diffusion models generate approximate samples from a data distribution  $p_0(x_0)$  by gradually 025 evolving samples from a simple base distribution  $p_1(x_1)$  through a Continuous-Time Markov Chain 026 (CTMC) (Shi et al., 2024; Campbell et al., 2022; Lou et al., 2024). While these models learn unconditional distributions, practical applications such as graph generation (Vignac et al., 2023), 027 protein co-design (Campbell et al., 2024) or text generation (Lou et al., 2024) require controlled 028 generation. For a conditioning variable  $\zeta$  and temperature parameter  $\alpha$ , we aim to sample from 029 a tempered conditional distribution proportional to  $p_0(x_0)p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$ . When  $\alpha = 1$ , this recovers the conditional  $p_0(x_0|\zeta)$ . Higher values ( $\alpha > 1$ ) biases sampling toward the conditioning signal  $\zeta$ , 031 while lower values ( $\alpha < 1$ ) promotes diversity. To sample from this tempered distribution, guidance methods modify the unconditional diffusion transition rates (Nisonoff et al., 2024). However, 033 guidance fails to sample from the intended distribution (Chidambaram et al., 2024; Bradley & 034 Nakkiran, 2024), producing corrupted samples at high  $\alpha$  values. Recent works propose finetuning approaches using reinforcement learning to sample from tempered distributions (Domingo-Enrich et al., 2025; Venkatraman et al., 2024; Fan et al., 2023; Black et al., 2024; Clark et al., 2024; Uehara 037 et al., 2025). In this work, we address the theoretical and practical challenges of sampling from tempered distributions in discrete diffusion models. This work makes the following contributions: 038

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047 048 1. We derive the exact transition rates required to sample from the tempered distribution with unnormalised mass  $p_0(x_0)p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$  in discrete diffusion.

- 2. We propose an algorithm based on Sequential Monte Carlo, that asymptotically samples from the intended tempered distribution by exploiting previously forgone properties of the guided transition rate matrix, without any additional learning.
- 3. We validate our approach through low-dimensional experiments and demonstrate its effectiveness on controlled image and text generation, achieving strong conditional control with low perplexity on text dataset.

#### 2 BACKGROUND WORK

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2.1 CONTINUOUS TIME MARKOV CHAINS

A Continuous Time Markov Chain (CTMC)  $\{X_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  is a Markov process on a finite state space  $\mathcal{X} = \{1, \dots, S\}$ . The evolution of  $X_t$  is governed by a time-dependent rate matrix  $R_t : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$ ,

which defines infinitesimal transition probabilities  $p_{t+\Delta t|t}(x_{t+\Delta t}|x_t)$  given by 055

$$\delta_{x_{t+\Delta t},x_t} + R_t(x_t, x_{t+\Delta t})\Delta t + o(\Delta t), \tag{1}$$

where  $\delta_{a,b}$  is 1 if a = b and 0 otherwise.

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The probability mass  $p_t$  of  $X_t$  evolves according to the Kolmogorov Forward Equation (KFE):

$$\partial_t p_t(x) = \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{y \neq x \\ \text{incoming mass}}} p_t(y) R_t(y, x)}_{\text{incoming mass}} - \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{y \neq x \\ y \neq x \\ \text{outgoing mass}}} p_t(x) R_t(x, y), \tag{2}$$

which can be written in vector form (Eq. (3)), where  $R_t$  satisfies mass conservation (Eq. (4)). For simplicity we define  $R_t(x) := R_t(x, x)$ .

$$\partial_t p_t = R_t^{\mathsf{T}} p_t,$$
 (3)  $R_t(x, x) = -\sum R_t(x, y) \text{ for } y \neq x$  (4)

To obtain approximate samples  $\tilde{X}_t$ , one may use the Euler sampling algorithm (Campbell et al., 2024), initialising  $\tilde{X}_0 \sim p_0$  and updating subsequent samples in intervals of  $\Delta t$  following:

$$\tilde{X}_{t+\Delta t} \sim \tilde{p}_{t+\Delta t|t}^{\text{Euler}}(\cdot|\tilde{x}_t), \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{p}_{t+\Delta t|t}^{\text{Euler}}(\tilde{x}_{t+\Delta t}|\tilde{x}_t) \propto \delta_{\tilde{x}_{t+\Delta t},\tilde{x}_t} + R_t(\tilde{x}_t, \tilde{x}_{t+\Delta t})\Delta t.$$

A more comprehensive overview including the treatment of reverse-time CTMC can be found in Appendix **B**.

#### 2.2 DISCRETE DIFFUSION MODEL

079 Discrete diffusion models are generative models that rely on a pair of stochastic processes formulated 080 as Continuous Time Markov Chains on finite state spaces  $\mathcal{X}$  with  $|\mathcal{X}| = S$ : a forward process corrupt-081 ing the data distribution  $p_0$  into a base distribution  $p_1$ , and a learned reverse process reconstructing from  $p_0$  to  $p_1$ . Campbell et al. (2022) learn the reverse rate matrix through likelihood objectives, 082 while Lou et al. (2024) instead learn the reverse rate matrix using a score entropy objective. In their 083 work, Lou et al. (2024) propose the masking diffusion model, which extends the state space  $\mathcal{X}$  with a 084 masking state m = S + 1 to form an extended state space  $\mathcal{X} = \{1, \ldots, S, m\}$ . At time t, the masking 085 process sends the current state to the masking state m according to a time-dependent noise schedule  $\sigma: [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}^+$ , with transition probability  $p_{t|0}^{\text{mask}}$ : 087

$$p_{t|0}^{\max}(x_t|x_0) = \delta_{x_t,x_0} e^{-\sigma(t)} + \delta_{x_t,m}(1 - e^{-\sigma(t)})$$
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For sufficiently large  $\sigma(1)$ , the masking process mixes to a point mass at m at time t = 1. To sample from a masking diffusion model, we start at the masking state m at t = 1 and apply Euler sampling in reverse time with learned rate matrix  $\tilde{R}_t$ . For high-dimensional data like text, the process extends to  $\mathcal{X}^d$  by corrupting each dimension independently (Shi et al., 2024).

#### 3 GUIDANCE

Let  $\{X_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  be a reverse-time CTMC with probability mass  $p_t$  and rate matrix  $R_t$ . For a condi-097 tioning variable  $\zeta$ , we write  $p_t(\zeta|x_t)$  and  $p_t(x_t|\zeta)$  as the conditioned probability desnity of  $\zeta$  given 098  $X_t = x_t$  and the conditioned probability mass of  $x_t$  given  $\zeta$  respectively. With guidance scale  $\alpha$ , 099 we aim to sample from the tempered distribution  $p_0(x_0)p_0(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}/\mathcal{Z}_{\alpha}$ , where  $\mathcal{Z}_{\alpha}$  is a normalis-100 ing constant. When  $\alpha = 1$ , this recovers  $p_0(x_0|\zeta)$ . Higher values ( $\alpha > 1$ ) bias sampling toward 101 high likelihood regions of  $\zeta$ , while lower values promote diversity. Guidance modifies  $R_t$  to  $R_t^{\alpha}$ 102 (Definition 3.1) under the premise that it samples correctly from the intended tempered distribution. 103 However, guidance fails to do so when  $\alpha \neq 1$  as shown in Figure 1. 104

**Definition 3.1.** The guided rate matrix  $R_t^{\alpha}$  is defined as,

$$\forall x \neq y. \ R_t^{\alpha}(x, y|\zeta) = R_t(x, y) \left[\frac{p_t(\zeta|y)}{p_t(\zeta|x)}\right]^{\alpha} (6) \qquad \forall x. \ R_t^{\alpha}(x, x|\zeta) = -R_t^{\alpha}(x|\zeta) \tag{7}$$

We defer the learning of guided rate matrix to Section 6.1. One might expect the guided rate matrix  $R_t^{\alpha}$  to represent the time-reversal corrupting process starting at the tempered distribution  $p_0(x_0)p_0(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}/\mathcal{Z}_{\alpha}$ . However, as shown in Proposition 3.2, this is not the case.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $M_t[\cdot]$  denote the evolution of probability mass at time t under the corrupting process  $p_{t|0}^{corrupt}$  of  $X_t$ , the unconditional diffusion model. Define  $p_t^{\alpha,true}$  as:

$$p_t^{\alpha,true} = M_t \left[ p_0(\cdot) \, p_0(\zeta | \cdot)^{\alpha} / \mathcal{Z}_{\alpha} \right]$$

Then,

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$$p_t^{\alpha,true}(x_t) \propto p_t(x_t) \mathbb{E} \left[ p_0(\zeta | X_0)^{\alpha} | X_t = x_t \right]$$

The true tempered rate matrix  $R_t^{\alpha,true}$  given by

$$\forall x \neq y, \ R_t^{\alpha, true}(x, y|\zeta) = R_t(x, y) \frac{\mathbb{E}[p_0(\zeta|X_0)^{\alpha}|X_t=y]}{\mathbb{E}[p_0(\zeta|X_0)^{\alpha}|X_t=x]},$$
$$\forall x, \ R_t^{\alpha, true}(x, x|\zeta) = -\sum_{y \neq x} R_t^{\alpha, true}(x, y|\zeta),$$

satisfies the reverse-time Kolmogorov Forward Equation:

$$\partial_t p_t^{\alpha, true} = - \left[ R_t^{\alpha, true} \right]^{\mathsf{T}} p_t^{\alpha, true}$$

From Proposition 3.2, it follows that  $R_t^{\alpha} = R_t^{\alpha,\text{true}}$  holds only for  $\alpha = 1$ . Furthermore, for  $\alpha = 1$ , guidance requires that the base distribution  $p_1$  is independent of the conditioning variable  $\zeta$  to correctly sample from the conditioned distribution  $p_0(X_0|\zeta)$ , as shown in Corollary 3.3.

132 **Corollary 3.3.** If  $p_1(x_1|\zeta) = p_1(x_1)$ , then guidance samples correctly from the conditioned distribu-133 tion  $p_0(x_0|\zeta)$ .

While (Nisonoff et al., 2024) presents similar results to Corollary 3.3, our lemma establishes that the independence condition is necessary.

Learning  $R_t^{\alpha,true}$  most often requires expensive simulation-based objectives to estimate the gradients of a reverse path-wise KL divergence (Domingo-Enrich et al., 2025; Denker et al., 2024; Uehara et al., 2025). Therefore, we focus instead on sampling from  $p_t^{\alpha}(x_t) \propto p_t(x)p_t(\zeta|x_t)^{\alpha}$ .

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#### 4 DEBIASING GUIDANCE WITH SEQUENTIAL MONTE CARLO

Our objective is to sample from the tempered distribution  $\frac{1}{Z_0^{\alpha}}p_0(x_0)p_0(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$ . To that end, we first introduce an importance sampling method, which we later leverage through resampling.

#### 4.1 IMPORTANCE SAMPLING THE TEMPERED DISTRIBUTION

We consider the importance sampling method to compute the expectation of a function h under the distribution of probability mass  $p_t^{\alpha}(x_t) = \frac{1}{Z_t^{\alpha}} p_t(x_t) p_t(\zeta | x_t)^{\alpha}$  where  $Z_t^{\alpha}$  is the normalising constant. We write the expectation as:

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_t^{\alpha}}[h(x)] = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_t^{\alpha}} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} h(x) p_t(x) p_t(\zeta | x_t)^{\alpha},\tag{8}$$

For importance sampling, we consider a proposal in the form of a reverse time CTMC  $\{Y_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$ , with rate matrix  $Q_t$  and initial distribution  $p_1$ . We construct unnormalised importance weight  $\{W_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  such that:

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_t^{\alpha}}[h(x)] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[W_t \cdot h(Y_t)]}{\mathbb{E}[W_t]}$$
(9)

160 where  $\mathbb{E}$  is an expectation over the joint distribution Law $(W_t, Y_t)$ .

Proposition 4.1 provides one form of the unnormalised importance weights  $\{W_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** Let proposal  $\{Y_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  be a reverse-time CTMC with rate matrix  $Q_t$  and initial distribution  $p_1(\cdot)$ . Define  $\{W_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  by

$$W_t = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha=1}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}\right)^{\alpha},$$

where we have path space measures  $\mathbb{P}_t^{base} = \operatorname{Law}\{X_\tau\}_{\tau \in [t,1]}, \mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha=1} = \operatorname{Law}\{X_\tau \mid \zeta\}_{\tau \in [t,1]}$ and  $\mathbb{Q}_t = \operatorname{Law}\{Y_\tau\}_{\tau \in [t,1]}$ . Then the Radon-Nikodym derivatives can be written

$$\ln \frac{d\mathbb{P}_{t}}{d\mathbb{Q}_{t}}^{\text{base}} = \sum_{\substack{\tau \ge t \\ Y_{\tau} + \neq Y_{\tau}}} \ln R_{t}(Y_{\tau^{+}}, Y_{\tau}) \qquad \qquad \ln \frac{d\mathbb{P}_{t}^{\alpha=1}}{d\mathbb{P}_{t}^{\text{base}}} = \sum_{\substack{\tau \ge t \\ Y_{\tau} + \neq Y_{\tau}}} \ln R_{t}^{\alpha=1}(Y_{\tau^{+}}, Y_{\tau}|\zeta) \\ + \int_{1}^{t} Q_{\tau}(Y_{t}) - R_{\tau}(Y_{t}) \, \mathrm{d}\tau \qquad \qquad + \int_{1}^{t} R_{\tau}(Y_{\tau}) - R_{\tau}^{\alpha=1}(Y_{\tau}|\zeta) \, \mathrm{d}\tau,$$

such that for any  $p_t^{\alpha}$ -integrable function h and time  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_t^{\alpha}}[h(x)] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[W_t \cdot h(Y_t)]}{\mathbb{E}[W_t]}$$

where the expectation is taken over  $Law(W_t, Y_t)$ 

The proof is in Appendix **D**. The result extends to stochastic differential equations (Appendix **D**.1).

For practical implementation, we approximate the CTMC by discretising time into T steps. For times t < s, we denote the transitions derived from rate matrices  $Q_t$ ,  $R_t$ , and  $R_t^{\alpha=1}$  as  $q_{t|s}(x_t|x_s)$ ,  $p_{t|s}(x_t|x_s)$ , and  $p_{t|s}(x_t|x_s, \zeta)$  respectively. To this end, we consider a discretisation of Proposition 4.1 in Appendix E. We also present Algorithm 1 in Section 4.2, a pseudo-code of the discretised version of the proposed sampling method.

#### 4.2 RESAMPLING AND SEQUENTIAL MONTE CARLO

To approximate samples from the tempered distribution  $p_0^{\alpha}$ , we leverage resampling. Given a set of *K* weights and samples  $(w_t^{(i)}, y_t^{(i)}) \sim \text{Law}(W_t, Y_t)$ , resampling yields approximate samples from  $p_t^{\alpha}$  by sampling the categorical distribution,

$$\operatorname{Cat}\left(\left\{\frac{w_{t}^{(i)}}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} w_{t}^{(j)}}\right\}_{i=1}^{K}, y_{t}^{(i)}\right),\tag{10}$$

where  $y_t^{(i)}$  is sampled with probability  $\frac{w_t^{(i)}}{\sum_{j=1}^K w_t^{(j)}}$ .

This suggests an algorithm to obtain samples from the tempered distribution  $p_0(x_0)p_0(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$  by resampling at time t = 0. However, this approach suffers from a significant challenge: weight degeneracy. As t approaches 0, the variance of weights  $W_t$  increases dramatically, requiring an impractical number of samples. Sequential Monte Carlo (SMC) addresses this challenge by per-forming resampling steps at intermediate times 0 < t < 1, obtaining approximate samples of  $p_t^{\alpha}$ while resetting the weights to maintain the importance sampling equality. Effectively, this eliminates samples from low-likelihood regions and duplicates those in high-likelihood regions. The resampling step is flexible in both algorithm choice and timing. In Section 6.3, we explore partial resampling where only a subset of samples participate. Resampling is typically triggered when the effective sample size (ESS) falls below a threshold, where ESS is defined as: 

$$\mathrm{ESS}_{t}^{K} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{K} w_{t}^{(i)}\right)^{2} / \sum_{i=1}^{K} (w_{t}^{(i)})^{2} \in [1, K]$$
(11)

We emphasize that the resampling procedure allows us to leverage importance sampling to generate
 asymptotically unbiased samples rather than purely computing expectations. The full algorithm to
 sample from the tempered distribution can be found in Algorithm 1 detailed in Algo. 2 (App. F) for
 our experiments.

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Algorithm 1 Main Algorithm **Require:** Number of particles K; Proposal Rate Matrix Proposal Transition  $Q_t$ ; Unconditional rate matrix  $R_t$ ; Time grid  $\{t_l\}_{l=1}^T$  for potential resampling; ESS threshold ESS\_THRESHOLD; Resampling algorithm resample. 1: Initialisation: 2: Sample  $\{y_1^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^K$  i.i.d. from  $p_1$ . 3: Set  $\hat{w}_1^{(i)} \leftarrow 1$  for i = 1, ..., K. 4: **for** l = 1 to *T* **do** 5: for i = 1 to K do  $\triangleright \text{ Step 1: Evolve samples and weights}$  Obtain  $(y_{l+1}^{(i)}, \hat{w}_{l+1}^{(i)})$  by evolving joint system  $(Y_t, W_t)$  from  $(y_l^{(i)}, \hat{w}_l^{(i)})$  at time  $t_l$ 6: 7: 8: end for > Step 3: Resample; see Appendix **G** for other resampling algorithms Set ESS  $\leftarrow \left(\sum_{i=1}^{K} \hat{w}_{l}^{(i)}\right)^{2} / \sum_{i=1}^{K} (\hat{w}_{l}^{(i)})^{2}$ 9: 10: if ESS < ESS\_THRESHOLD then 11:  $\textbf{Set} \; y_{l+1}^{(i)}, \hat{w}_{l+1}^{(i)} \gets \texttt{resample}(\{y_l^{(i)}\}, \{\hat{w}_l^{(i)}\})$ 12: end if 13: 14: end for 15: Output: 16: Particles  $\{x_T^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^K$ CMC C-

D	$ \mathcal{V} $	$KL(\pi    \sigma_{SMC})$	$\mathrm{KL}(\pi    \sigma_{\mathrm{Guided}})$
1	50	$0.002\pm0.001$	$0.004 \pm 0.003$
2	3	$0.035 \pm 0.179$	$0.074\pm0.082$
2	10	$0.013 \pm 0.012$	$0.081\pm0.052$
2	100	$1.725 \pm 0.743$	$6.690 \pm 1.194$
2	200	$5.948 \pm 1.042$	$12.906 \pm 0.542$

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Table 1: Forward KL divergence between the target tempered distribution  $\pi$  and the empirical distribution of samples from the guided process and SMC algorithm. Method with a lower KL divergence is highlighted.

Figure 1: Visualization of 1D (left) and 2D (right) discrete distributions. Orange circles: target distribution; green: SMC approximation; red: standard guidance. Left: six states (A-F) with probability mass shown by disk size. Right: nine states at  $\alpha = 2$  (top) and  $\alpha = 4$  (bottom).

#### 5 NUMERICAL VERIFICATION

We validate our algorithm's ability to sample from the tempered distribution  $p_0(x_0)p_0(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}/\mathcal{Z}_{\alpha}$ using low-dimensional examples. These experiments use explicitly specified probability mass  $p_0(x_0)$ and conditional likelihood  $p_0(\zeta|x_0)$ , enabling direct computation of the guided ratio matrix. This setup verifies algorithmic correctness independent of learning effects and allows evaluation of the KL divergence between sampled and target distributions.

262 **Experimental setup** We evaluate on state spaces of dimension one ( $\mathcal{V}$ ) and two ( $\mathcal{V}^2$ ), where  $\mathcal{V}$ 263 is a finite vocabulary. Our proposal uses per-dimension Euler sampling (Campbell et al., 2024) 264 with 100 discretization steps and 50,000 samples. For each dimension, we generate 30 different 265 tempered target distributions  $\pi \propto p_0(x_0)p_0(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$  by combining different choices of  $p_0(x_0)$ , 266  $p_0(\zeta | x_0)$ , and temperature  $\alpha$ . We sample from each target using both guidance and SMC, then compute KL divergences between the true tempered distribution and the empirical distributions  $\sigma^{SMC}$ 267 and  $\sigma_{\text{Guided}}$ . Results in Table 1 show that guided processes significantly deviate from targets while 268 SMC achieves approximate sampling, demonstrating superior sampling across all combinations. 269 Qualitative examples are shown in Figure 1.

# <sup>270</sup> 6 EXPERIMENTS

Section 5 demonstrated SMC's ability to sample tempered distributions with sufficient particles and discretisation steps. In practice, for image and text generation tasks, computing rate matrices is computationally intensive, limiting feasible particle counts and step sizes. For these practical settings, we use the guided rate matrix as our proposal in SMC, with guidance temperature  $\beta$  distinct from the SMC temperature  $\alpha$ , and provide guidance on resampling strategies.

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# 278 6.1 LEARNING THE GUIDANCE TERM279

280 We consider two approaches to obtain the guided rate matrix  $R_t^{\alpha}$ , **DEFT** and **CFG**.

**DEFT** For discrete diffusion models, we extend Doob's h-transform Efficient FineTuning (DEFT, Denker et al. (2024)) by showing that the conditional rate matrix  $R_t^{\alpha=1}$  decomposes into an unconditional rate matrix  $R_t$  and a guidance term  $p_t(\zeta|y)/p_t(\zeta|x)$ :  $R_t^{\alpha=1}(x,y) = R_t(x,y) \times$  $p_t(\zeta|y)/p_t(\zeta|x)$ . We model the guidance term with a neural network g and parameterize the conditional rate matrix as  $R_t^{\alpha=1}(x,y|\zeta) = R_t(x,y)g(x,y,t)$  while keeping the unconditional rate parameters fixed. We use this guidance term in both pixel-level image generation and controlled text generation.

**CFG** In text generation, we extend classifier-free guidance (Ho & Salimans, 2022a). We obtain the conditional rate matrix  $R_t^{\alpha=1}(x, y|\zeta)$  by finetuning the learned unconditional rate matrix  $R_t(x, y|\zeta)$ , concatenating conditions to the inputs. For  $\alpha > 1$ , the guided rate matrix follows  $[p_t(\zeta|y)/p_t(\zeta|x)]^{\alpha} = [R_t^{\alpha=1}(x, y|\zeta)/R_t(x, y)]^{\alpha}$ 

There are other ways of finding a guided rate matrix (Nisonoff et al., 2024) Vignac et al. (2023) considers a first-order Taylor approximation of the guidance term; Kerby & Moon (2024); Li et al. (2024) consider a training-free approach by Monte Carlo estimates of the guidance term.

We present results using the CFG approach for text experiments and the DEFT approach for image experiments. For DEFT results on text, see Appendix J. We begin by discussing partial resampling, a key component of our SMC implementation, followed by a detailed account of our experiments and findings.

299 300 6.2 PARTIAL RESAMPLING

301 SMC methods suffer from mode collapse in high dimensions when using few particles. In this 302 scenario, most particle weights decay rapidly, leaving only a small subset with significant weights. 303 During resampling, particles with low weights are discarded, often resulting in only one or two 304 unique particles. Figure 3 (middle) demonstrates this effect: a batch of 16 particles collapses into 305 identical images. We adopt a partial resampling scheme which effectively mitigates mode collapse 306 by resampling only a subset of particles. We select the K most and least weighted samples for 307 resampling, which preserves sample diversity and maintains unbiased sampling from the target distribution as shown in Figure 3 (right). We detail partial resampling algorithms in Appendix G. In 308 our experiments, we use Algorithm 4, set  $K = \lfloor N/4 \rfloor$ , resampling half of all generated samples. 309

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#### 6.3 CLASS-CONDITIONAL PIXEL-LEVEL IMAGE GENERATION

We evaluate our method on MNIST class-conditional generation using  $28 \times 28$  grayscale images with pixel values in  $\{0, ..., 255\}$ . We first detail the experimental setup; we then study partial resampling for mitigating mode collapse in SMC and analyze its impact on generation control.

Dataset and Training Details We train an unconditional SEDD model (Lou et al., 2024) parameterized by a U-Net (Ronneberger et al., 2015) for 20k steps. Using 20% of MNIST, we finetune a guidance network for 4k steps with DEFT using the SEDD denoising score entropy loss. The guidance network is a U-Net with learned condition embeddings added to each layer, at 50% parameters of the unconditional network.

**Does SMC improve conditional control?** For class-conditioned generation, we evaluate sample consistency with target conditions using a pre-trained digit classifier. Figure 2 shows accuracy for various SMC temperatures  $\alpha$  and number of particle N, using  $R_t^{\alpha=1}$  as the proposal. We compute accuracies within each SMC run and confidence intervals across 10 independent runs. Higher SMC temperatures yield better accuracy across all particle counts. Partial resampling achieves higher accuracy with lower variance, which indicates that it effectively reduces mode collapse. We further investigate mode collapse for MNIST in Appendix H



Figure 2: Accuracy on Class-Conditioned Image generation. SMC classification accuracy versus particle count for different twist temperatures ( $\alpha$ ), with and without partial resampling. Partial resampling and higher  $\alpha$  achieve better peak accuracy. Dotted lines show baseline accuracy without SMC. Values averaged over 50 runs.

Experiments on MNIST demonstrate that our method successfully addresses two key challenges in conditional generation. Partial resampling effectively mitigates mode collapse while maintaining sample diversity, and higher SMC temperatures improve conditional control across all particle counts. These results validate our theoretical framework for a standard image generation task.

#### 6.4 CONTROLLED TEXT GENERATION

We validate the approach on three controlled text generation: Sentiment Controlled Generation, Toxicity Controlled Generation, and Text Infilling. These high-dimensional experiments demonstrate the algorithm's practicality.

#### 6.4.1 DATASET AND TRAINING DETAILS

355 In all experiments, we use the pre-trained 320M non-embedding parameters sedd-medium, a Score 356 Entropy Discrete Diffusion (SEDD) model (Lou et al., 2024). When guiding with CFG we finetune 357 sedd-medium and when guiding with DEFT we finetune sedd-small for 2k steps to serve as 358 the guidance term  $p_t(\zeta|y)/p_t(\zeta|x)$  for the large sedd-medium model, on task-specific datasets:

359 Toxicity Controlled Generation Following (Liu et al., 2021), we use human-annotated comments 360 from the Jigsaw Unintended Bias in Toxicity Classification challenge<sup>1</sup>, with texts labelled toxic when 361 50% or more annotators mark them as such. A prompt The generated text is toxic is 362 concatenated to the transformer input as the condition.

363 Sentiment Controlled Generation. We follow the setup in (Amini et al., 2024), using the Stanford 364 Sentiment Treebank, a dataset of movie reviews, as the finetuning dataset. A prompt "The generated text is of positive sentiment" or "The generated text is of negative sentiment" is concatenated to the transformer input as the condition. 366

**Text Infilling.** We finetune on 10% of the OpenWebText training dataset. For each sentence, 367 randomly sampled indices (START, END) define the token range to mask. The masked sentence 368  $\zeta$  is concatenated to the model input throughout generation. The entire partial masked sentence 369 [PREFIX] [MASK] [SUFFIX] is passed to the network as the condition 370

We evaluate samples using fluency and conditional control metrics, averaging across 5 runs and 50 371 particles for SMC or 250 particles for guidance, with 100 discretization steps and partial resampling. 372 For fluency, we compute generative perplexity (Liu et al., 2021) using GPT2-XL as the reference 373 model. For sentiment and toxicity tasks, we use a LoRA-finetuned GPT2-XL to account for stylistic 374 differences. For conditional metrics, we use a pre-trained classifier for sentiment accuracy, the 375 Perspective API for toxicity scores, and measure the success rate of generating unmasked tokens. 376

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## 3786.4.2Ablating Guidance and SMC temperature

We study how guidance temperature  $\beta$  and SMC temperature  $\alpha$  impact both conditional control and fluency metrics across toxicity, sentiment, and infilling tasks.

**Our findings:** SMC-based methods improve considerably on conditional control metrics for low-to-mid guidance temperature  $\beta$  and with high SMC temperature  $\alpha$ . For high guidance temperature, the guidance baseline improves conditional metrics but at the cost of higher perplexity. This implies that guidance-generated samples drift from the distribution of the fine-tuning dataset. Hence, we conclude that the optimal approach is to combine SMC with high SMC temperature and mid-to-low guidance temperature (see Appendix I for more results).

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Method Temperature		Sentiment Control		Toxicity Control		Text Infilling				
	α	$\beta$	Perplexity	Accuracy $\uparrow$	Perplexity	Toxicity $\uparrow$	Perplexity	BERT $\uparrow$	$\text{GLEU}\uparrow$	Accuracy
SMC	1.0	1.0 1.2	$84.410 \pm 8.647$ $93.225 \pm 7.281$	$\substack{0.839 \pm 0.047 \\ 0.840 \pm 0.065}$	$\begin{array}{c} 66.558 {\pm} 9.085 \\ 58.913 {\pm} 1.945 \end{array}$	$\substack{0.451 \pm 0.244 \\ 0.384 \pm 0.231}$	65.048±30.951 -	0.583±0.038 -	0.701±0.021 -	0.992±0.0
SMC	2.0	1.0 1.2	$\begin{array}{c c} 80.500{\pm}3.554\\ 83.767{\pm}7.457\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.882 {\pm} 0.048 \\ 0.877 {\pm} 0.050 \end{array}$	$\substack{62.192 \pm 6.998 \\ 88.650 \pm 3.325}$	$\substack{0.577 \pm 0.232 \\ 0.547 \pm 0.222}$	67.062±42.959 -	0.584±0.032	0.703±0.022	0.996±0.0
SMC	4.0	1.0 1.2	$\begin{array}{c} 77.538 {\pm} 11.209 \\ 85.170 {\pm} 7.253 \end{array}$	$\substack{0.875 \pm 0.048 \\ 0.872 \pm 0.057}$	$\substack{89.125 \pm 4.062 \\ 109.200 \pm 3.518}$	$\substack{0.595 \pm 0.231 \\ 0.611 \pm 0.208}$	73.562±26.980 -	0.587±0.029 -	0.708±0.019 -	0.998±0.0
SMC	8.0	1.0 1.2	$\begin{array}{c} 80.283 {\pm} 6.825 \\ 78.388 {\pm} 6.606 \end{array}$	$\substack{0.868 \pm 0.059 \\ 0.875 \pm 0.060}$	$\begin{array}{c} 77.000{\pm}3.420\\ 88.800{\pm}1.549 \end{array}$	$\substack{0.561 \pm 0.252 \\ 0.558 \pm 0.230}$	80.583±45.478 -	0.576±0.038	0.699±0.022	0.998±0.0
Guidance	-	1.0 1.2	$\begin{array}{c} 80.283 {\pm} 6.825 \\ 78.388 {\pm} 6.606 \end{array}$	$\substack{0.837 \pm 0.056 \\ 0.837 \pm 0.006}$	$67.475 {\pm} 8.467$ $70.525 {\pm} 10.079$	$\substack{0.455 \pm 0.244 \\ 0.505 \pm 0.246}$	63.915±31.375 -	0.583±0.037 -	0.701±0.021	0.991±0.0
Reconstruction	-	-	$44.673 \pm 11.687$	$0.548 {\pm} 0.105$	$44.319 \pm 13.885$	$0.130{\scriptstyle \pm 0.123}$	$53.697 \pm 26.543$	$0.595{\scriptstyle\pm0.038}$	$0.706 {\pm} 0.021$	$1.000 \pm 0.0$

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Table 2: Performance comparison of Sequential Monte Carlo, Guidance, and Reconstruction across three tasks: sentiment control, toxicity control, and text infilling. Results show mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.  $\alpha$  is the SMC temperature and  $\beta$  the guidance temperature. Light blue marks the best

overall result per metric, while light purple marks the best result between Guidance and SMC for text infilling. Text infilling results (grey columns) have been run for 1000 steps.

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#### 6.4.3 SCALING UP DISCRETISATION STEP

409 We further investigate sample qualities by increasing discretization steps to 1000, effectively allocating 10x compute. For text infilling, we employ two additional metrics: BERTScore (Zhang\* et al., 410 2020) with the DeBERTa model (He et al., 2021), and GLEU-4 (Wu et al., 2016). For sentiment 411 and toxicity-controlled generation, we compare against a baseline prompting method, while for 412 infilling, we evaluate against a reconstruction method that overwrites the sampling trajectory with 413 the partially masked sentence. Table 2 summarises our results. SMC with a high SMC temperature 414 significantly outperforms the base guidance method across all tasks. Notably, for toxicity and 415 sentiment-controlled generation our SMC-based method significantly outperforms a simple prompting 416 strategy in generating strong conditions. However, for infilling and despite their theoretical guarantees, 417 guidance and SMC approaches underperform compared to the reconstruction method, even though 418 it is known to be biased (Wu et al., 2024). This indicates an inadequate learning of the guided rate 419 matrix. While SMC can strengthen the base guidance method, it cannot fully compensate for an imperfectly learned guided rate matrix. 420

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#### 7 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

424 This work addresses a fundamental challenge in diffusion models: accurate sampling from tempered 425 distribution. We make three key contributions. First, we derive the exact transition rate to sample from 426 the tempered distribution; second, we propose an SMC-based algorithm that asymptotically samples 427 from the tempered distribution; third, we demonstrate its practicality in controlled generation. Our 428 empirical results validate the practicality of our theoretically correct algorithm. In low dimensions, 429 it significantly outperforms standard guidance methods. In high dimensions, our method achieves superior control while maintaining sample quality. However, our experiments also reveal that the 430 effectiveness depends on the quality of the learned guided rate matrix. 431

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#### A RELATED WORK

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Diffusion models have emerged as a powerful class of generative models that can be interpreted 601 through various theoretical frameworks, including score-based modeling (Song & Ermon, 2020; Song 602 et al., 2021), flow matching (Lipman et al., 2023; 2024), variational methods (Ho et al., 2020) and 603 stochastic interpolant (Albergo & Vanden-Eijnden, 2023; Albergo et al., 2023). Their versatility has 604 led to successful applications across diverse domains, from image and video generation (Rombach 605 et al., 2022; Podell et al., 2023; Blattmann et al., 2023) to molecular design (Cornet et al., 2024; 606 Vignac et al., 2023; Hoogeboom et al., 2022), protein design (Watson et al., 2023), and text generation 607 (Shi et al., 2024; Lou et al., 2024; Gulrajani & Hashimoto, 2023), where controlled generation is 608 often crucial.

609 Two primary approaches have been developed for controlled generation: classifier guidance (Dhariwal 610 & Nichol, 2021) and classifier-free guidance (Ho & Salimans, 2022b). Classifier guidance incorpo-611 rates gradients from a trained classifier to steer the generation process, while CFG eliminates the need for a separate classifier by jointly training conditional and unconditional models. For scenarios 612 with limited data where training classifiers or conditional models is impractical, DEFT (Denker et al., 613 2024) demonstrates that fine-tuning a small network can learn classifier scores directly, enabling 614 guidance of unconditional models. However, recent theoretical analyses (Chidambaram et al., 2024; 615 Bradley & Nakkiran, 2024) have revealed fundamental limitations of guidance methods. Specifically, 616 as the guidance temperature parameter increases to strengthen conditioning, these methods fail to 617 sample from their intended tilted target distributions. This limitation is particularly relevant for 618 applications requiring precise control over generated samples.

In the discrete setting, several approaches have been proposed to adapt guidance methods. Nisonoff
et al. (2024) adapt Classifier Free Guidance, Vignac et al. (2023) use Taylor expansions to approximate
guidance terms with a property-predicting regressor. Li et al. (2024) introduce SVDD, integrating
value functions for reward-based sampling without fine-tuning. Kerby & Moon (2024) develop a
training-free guidance framework for discrete data generation.

Recent works propose finetuning approaches using reinforcement learning to sample from tempered 624 distributions (Domingo-Enrich et al., 2025; Venkatraman et al., 2024; Fan et al., 2023; Black et al., 625 2024; Clark et al., 2024; Uehara et al., 2025). Black et al. (2024) introduce Denoising Diffusion Policy 626 Optimization (DDPO), which reformulates the denoising process as a multi-step decision problem. 627 Clark et al. (2024) propose Direct Reward Fine-tuning (DRaFT), demonstrating that backpropagation 628 through the entire sampling procedure can effectively optimize differentiable reward functions. Fan 629 et al. (2023) develop DPOK, which combines policy optimization with KL regularization for fine-630 tuning text-to-image models, showing improvements in both image-text alignment and image quality 631 compared to supervised fine-tuning approaches. 632

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#### B A PRIMER ON CONTINUOUS-TIME MARKOV CHAINS

#### **B.1** DEFINITION

A Continuous-Time Markov Chain  $\{X_t\}_{t\in[0,1]}$  on finite state space  $\mathcal{X} = \{1, \ldots, |\mathcal{X}|\}$  is collection of time-indexed random variables taking values on  $\mathcal{X}$ . A CTMC  $\{X_t\}_{t\in[0,1]}$  obeys the Markov property, that is, for all  $A \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in [0,1]$ , and  $0 \le x_1 < \cdots < x_n \le 1 \in \mathcal{X}$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(X_t \in A | X_{t_1} = x_1, \dots, X_{t_n} = x_n) = \mathbb{P}(X_t \in A | X_{t_n} = x_n).$$
(12)

642 The initial distribution  $p_0(x_0)$  and transition probability  $p_{t|s}(x_t|x_s)$  are defined as,

$$p_0(x_0) = \mathbb{P}(X_0 = x_0) \qquad \qquad p_{t|s}(x_t|x_s) = \mathbb{P}(X_t = x_t, X_s = x_s). \tag{13}$$

645 Notably, a CTMC is **càdlàg** by convention, that is for every  $t \ge 0$ :

1.  $\lim_{s \to t^+} X(s) = X(t)$  (right-continuous at t),

2.  $\lim_{s \to t^-} X(s)$  exists (finite left-hand limit at *t*).

#### 648 B.2 THE TRANSITION RATE MATRIX

One way to characterise a CTMC is through the time-dependent **transition rate matrix**  $R_t$  (also known as the **generator**), defined as,

$$\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}. \ R_t(x, y) = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{p_{t+\Delta t|t}(x_{t+\Delta t}|x_t) - \delta_{x,y}}{\Delta t}$$
(14)

655 where  $\delta_{a,b}$  is 1 if a = b and 0 if otherwise.

By definition, a first-order approximation of the transition probability is:

$$p_{t+\Delta t|t}(x_{t+\Delta t|t}|x_t) = \delta_{x_{t+\Delta t,x_t}} + R_t(x_t, x_{t+\Delta t})\Delta t + o(\Delta t).$$
(15)

By noticing that  $\sum_{y \in \mathcal{X}} p_{t+\Delta t|t}(y|x) = 1$ , we derive the mass conservation property of  $R_t$ ,

$$R_t(x,x) = -\sum_{y \in \mathcal{X}: x \neq x} R_t(x,y)$$
(16)

By convention, we define  $R_t(x)$  as,

$$R_t(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{X}: x \neq x} R_t(x, y).$$
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#### **B.3** THE KOLMOGOROV EQUATIONS

In this section, we outline both Kolmogorov Forward and Backward Equation that govern respectively
 the change of the probability mass, and expectations of some function over time.

**Kolmogorov-Forward Equation.** The Kolmogorov Forward Equation (or the continuity equation) 674 governs the change of probability mass over time. It states that the probability mass  $p_t$  satisfies the 675 following equation:

$$\forall 0 \le t \le 1. \ \partial_t p_t(x_t) = \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{y \in \mathcal{X}: x_t \neq y \\ \text{incoming probability mass}}} R_t(y, x_t) p_t(y) - \sum_{\substack{y \in \mathcal{X}: x_t \neq y \\ \text{outgoing probability mass}}} R_t(x_t, y) p_t(x_t) \tag{18}$$

In other words, the rate of change of probability mass equals the difference between incoming and outgoing probability flows. In matrix notation, this equation is:

$$\partial_t p_t = R_t^{\mathsf{T}} p_t \tag{19}$$

**Kolmogorov Backward Equation** Given a function  $h : \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$ , the Kolmogorov Backward Equation states that the function  $u_t(x)$  defined as,

$$u_t(x) = \mathbb{E}[h(X_1)|X_t = x], \tag{20}$$

satisfies the ordinary differential equation,

$$\partial_t u_t(x) = -\sum_y R_t(x, y) u_t(y), \tag{21}$$

writing  $u_t$  as a column vector, this can be written in matrix form,

$$\partial_t u_t = -R_t^\mathsf{T} u_t. \tag{22}$$

697 B.4 REVERSE-TIME CTMC

Time-reversed CTMC is a core concept of diffusion model. A reverse-time CTMC  $\{Y_t\}_{\in[0,1]}$  with time-dependent rate  $R_t$  is defined as  $Y_t = \hat{Y}_{1-t}$  where  $\{\hat{Y}_t\}_{t\in[0,1]}$  is a forward-time CTMC with transition rate  $R_{1-t}$ . The reverse-time Kolmogorov Equations are then obtained by applying a change of variable  $t \mapsto 1 - t$ .

# <sup>702</sup> C PROOF FOR SECTION 3

In this section, we prove Proposition 3.2.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $M_t[q]$  denote the evolution of probability mass q up to time t under the corrupting process. Define  $p_t^{\alpha,\text{true}}$  as:

$$p_t^{\alpha, \text{true}} = M_t \left[ p_0(\cdot) \, p_0(\zeta | \cdot)^{\alpha} / \mathcal{Z}_{\alpha} \right]$$

Then,

$$p_t^{\alpha, \text{true}}(x_t) \propto p_t(x_t) \mathbb{E}\left[p_0(\zeta | X_0)^{\alpha} | X_t = x_t\right]$$

The true tempered rate matrix  $R_t^{\alpha,\text{true}}$  given by:

$$\begin{split} \forall x \neq y, \ R_t^{\alpha, \operatorname{true}}(x, y | \zeta) &= R_t(x, y) \frac{\mathbb{E}[p_0(\zeta | X_0)^{\alpha} | X_t = y]}{\mathbb{E}[p_0(\zeta | X_0)^{\alpha} | X_t = x]}, \\ \forall x, \ R_t^{\alpha, \operatorname{true}}(x, x | \zeta) &= -\sum_{y \neq x} R_t^{\alpha, \operatorname{true}}(x, y | \zeta), \end{split}$$

satisfies the reverse-time Kolmogorov Forward Equation:

 $\partial_t p_t^{\alpha, \text{true}} = - \left[ R_t^{\alpha, \text{true}} \right]^{\mathsf{T}} p_t^{\alpha, \text{true}}.$ 

*Proof.* Recall that  $\{X_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  is a reversed-time CTMC corresponding to the unconditonal discrete 729 diffusion model. Let  $\{p_{t|s}^{\text{corrupt}}(x_t|x_s)\}_{t>s}$  and  $\{p_{t|s}(x_t|x_s)\}_{t<s}$  be the transition probability of the 730 forward-time corrupting process and reverse-time generative process. We first show  $p_t^{\alpha}(x_t) \propto p_t(x_t)\mathbb{E}[p_0(\zeta|X_0)^{\alpha}|X_t = x_t]$ . By definition,

$$p_t^{\alpha,\text{true}}(x_t) = M_t[p_0(\cdot)p(\zeta|\cdot)^{\alpha}/\mathcal{Z}_{\alpha}]$$
(23)

$$\propto \sum_{x_0} p_{t|0}^{\text{corrupt}}(x_t|x_0) p_0(x_0) p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$$
(24)

$$\sum_{x_0} p_{0|t}(x_0|x_t) \frac{p_t(x_t)}{p_0(x_0)} p_0(x_0) p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$$
(25)

$$= p_t(x_t) \sum_{x_0} p_{0|t}(x_0|x_t) p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha}$$
(26)

$$= p_t(x_t) \mathbb{E}[p(\zeta | X_0)^{\alpha} | X_t = x_t].$$
(27)

We denote  $Z_{t,\alpha}$  the normalising constant of  $p_t^{\alpha}$  such that:

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$$p_t^{\alpha, \text{true}}(x_t) = \frac{1}{Z_{t,\alpha}} p_t(x_t) \mathbb{E}[p(\zeta | X_0)^{\alpha} | X_t = x_t]$$
(28)

An other intermediate result that we need is to show that the normalising constant  $Z_{t,\alpha}$  is independent of the time t

 $Z_{t,\alpha} = \sum_{y} p_t^{\alpha}(y) \tag{29}$ 

$$=\sum_{y}^{\sigma} p_t(y) \mathbb{E}[p(\zeta|X_0)^{\alpha}|X_t = y]$$
(30)

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$$= \sum_{y} \sum_{x_0} p_t(y) p(\zeta | x_0)^{\alpha} p_{0|t}(x_0 | y)$$
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(31)

$$=\sum_{y}\sum_{x_{0}}p(\zeta|x_{0})^{\alpha}p_{t|0}(y|x_{o})p_{0}(x_{0})$$
(32)

$$=\sum_{x_0} p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha} p_0(x_0) \left(\sum_{y} p_{t|0}(y|x_0)\right)$$
(33)

$$=\sum_{x_0} p(\zeta|x_0)^{\alpha} p_0(x_0)$$
(34)

$$=\mathbb{E}[p(\zeta|X_0)^{\alpha}] \tag{35}$$

We see that  $Z_{t,\alpha}$  equals  $\mathbb{E}[p(\zeta|X_0)^{\alpha}]$  which is independent of t and as a consequence  $\partial_t Z_{t,\alpha} = 0$ . We also denote the normalising constant as  $Z_{\alpha} := Z_{t,\alpha}$ . We now prove the main result of the proposition with the following derivation:

We first introduce the following notation to make derivation lighter:

$$w_{t,\alpha}(x_t) = \mathbb{E}[p(\zeta|X_0)^{\alpha}|X_t = x_t]$$
(36)

Noticing w satisfies a reverse-time Kolmogorov Backward Equation, we have:

$$\partial_t p_t^{\alpha}(x_t) = \partial_t \left[\frac{1}{Z_{\alpha}} p_t(x_t) w_{t,\alpha}(x_t)\right] \tag{37}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_{\alpha}} \left[ p_t(x_t) \partial_t w_{t,\alpha}(x_t) + w_{t,\alpha}(x_t) \partial_t p_t(x_t) \right]$$
(38)

$$= \frac{1}{Z_{\alpha}} \left[ \sum_{y} w_{t,\alpha}(y) p_t(x_t) R_t(x_t, y) - \sum_{y} w_{t,\alpha}(x_t) p_t(y) R_t(y, x_t) \right]$$
(39)

$$= \frac{1}{Z_{\alpha}} \left[ \sum_{y \neq x_t} w_{t,\alpha}(y) p_t(x_t) R_t(x_t, y) - \sum_{y \neq x_t} w_{t,\alpha}(x_t) p_t(y) R_t(y, x_t) \right]$$
(40)

$$=\frac{1}{Z_{\alpha}}\left[\sum_{y\neq x_{t}}p_{t}(x_{t})w_{t,\alpha}(x_{t})R_{t}(x_{t},y)\frac{w_{t,\alpha}(y)}{w_{t,\alpha}(x_{t})}-\sum_{y\neq x_{t}}p_{t}(y)w_{t,\alpha}(y)R_{t}(y,x_{t})\frac{w_{t,\alpha}(x_{t})}{w_{t,\alpha}(y)}\right]$$
(41)

$$=\sum_{y\neq x_t} p_t^{\alpha,\operatorname{true}}(x_t) R_t^{\alpha}(x_t, y) - \sum_{y\neq x_t} p_t^{\alpha,\operatorname{true}}(y) R_t^{\alpha}(y, x_t)$$
(42)
(43)

and the last equation is the reverse time Forward Kolmogorov Equation which concludes the proof.

#### D PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.1

**Proposition 4.1.** Let proposal  $\{Y_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  be a reverse-time CTMC with rate matrix  $Q_t$  and initial distribution  $p_1(\cdot)$ . Define  $\{W_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  by

$$W_t = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha=1}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}\right)^{\alpha},$$

where we have  $\mathbb{P}_t^{\text{base}} = \text{Law}\{X_\tau\}_{\tau \in [t,1]}, \mathbb{P}^{\alpha=1} = \text{Law}\{X_\tau \mid \zeta\}_{\tau \in [t,1]}, \mathbb{Q} = \text{Law}\{Y_\tau\}_{\tau \in [t,1]}.$  Then,

$$\ln \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t}^{\mathrm{base}} = \sum_{\substack{\tau \ge t \\ Y_\tau + \neq Y_\tau}} \ln R_t(Y_{\tau^+}, Y_{\tau}) - \ln Q_t(Y_{\tau^+}, Ys_\tau) + \int_1^t Q_\tau(Y_t) - R_\tau(Y_t) \,\mathrm{d}\tau$$

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$$\ln \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_{t}^{\alpha=1}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_{t}^{\mathrm{base}}} = \sum_{\substack{\tau \ge t \\ Y_{\tau^{+}} \neq Y_{\tau}}} \ln R_{t}^{\alpha=1}(Y_{\tau^{+}}, Y_{\tau}|\zeta) - \ln R_{t}(Y_{\tau^{+}}, Y_{\tau}) + \int_{1}^{t} R_{\tau}(Y_{\tau}) - R_{\tau}^{\alpha=1}(Y_{\tau}|\zeta) \mathrm{d}\tau$$

For any  $p_t^{\alpha}$ -integrable function h and time  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_t^{\alpha}}[h(x)] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[W_t \cdot h(Y_t)]}{\mathbb{E}[W_t]}$$

*Proof.* Via the Radon-Nikodym Theorem, we seek to compute the importance weight (i.e. the Radon-Nikodym derivative<sup>2</sup>)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} \cdot p_t(\zeta|Y_t)^{\alpha},\tag{44}$$

where  $\frac{d\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha}}{d\mathbb{P}_t^{\text{base}}} = p_t(\zeta|Y_t)^{\alpha}$  follows by construction of  $\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha}$  and a direct application of the disintegration theorem (Léonard, 2014) (i.e. the product rule), then considering  $\alpha = 1$  it follows that  $p_t(\zeta|Y_t)^{\alpha} = \left(\frac{d\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha=1}}{d\mathbb{P}_t^{\text{base}}}\right)^{\alpha}$ , and thus the importance weights between our proposal and the tilted path measure reduce to:

$$W_t = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha=1}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}^{\mathrm{base}_t}}\right)^{\alpha},\tag{45}$$

Finally, the Radon-Nikodym derivative between two arbitrary reverse-time CTMC path measures  $\mathbb{P}'_t$ and  $\mathbb{Q}'_t$  with transition rate matrix  $R'_{\tau}$  and  $Q'_{\tau}$  evaluated at the path Y, is known to be the following Appendix C.1 of (Campbell et al., 2024), that is,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}'_t}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}'_t} = \frac{\exp(-\int_1^t R'_\tau(Y_t) \,\mathrm{d}\tau)}{\exp(-\int_1^t Q'_\tau(Y_t) \,\mathrm{d}\tau)} \prod_{\substack{\tau \ge t \\ Y_\tau + \neq Y_\tau}} \frac{R'_t(Y_{\tau^+}, Y_{\tau})}{Q'_t(Y_{\tau^+}, Y_{\tau})}$$
(46)

We refer the readers to (Campbell et al., 2024) for an accessible sketch of this result, which follows (Del Moral & Penev, 2017). Then, substituting Equation 46 into the RNDs of Equation 45 concludes the proof.  $\Box$ 

#### D.1 ITÔ PROCESS COUNTERPART

The core result in Proposition Proposition 4.1 is in noticing that  $p_t(\zeta|Y_t)^{\alpha} = \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha=1}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}\right)^{\alpha}$  and decomposing the IS weight via the chain rule and applying Girsanovs Theorem.

B55 Due to the very modular nature of our result our proposition seamlessly extends to Stochastic
 Differential Equations.

**Proposition D.1.** Let proposal  $\{Y_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  be a reverse-time SDE with drift  $b_t(x)$ , diffusion coeficient g<sub>t</sub> and initial distribution  $p_1(\cdot)$  and  $X_t$  also be a reverse-time SDE with drift  $f_t$ , diffusion coeficient g<sub>t</sub> and initial distribution  $p_1(\cdot)$ . Define  $\{W_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  by

$$W_t = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\alpha=1}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\mathrm{base}}}\right)^{\alpha},\tag{47}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>We consider all RND's evaluated at  $Y_t$  that is when we write  $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}'_t}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}'_t}$  it is short for  $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}'_t}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}'_t}(Y_t)$ .

$$\ln \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_t^{\text{base}}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}_t} = \int_t^1 \frac{1}{g_\tau^2} (f_\tau(Y_\tau) - b_\tau(Y_\tau))^\top \overleftarrow{\mathrm{d}} Y_\tau + \int_t^1 \frac{1}{2g_\tau^2} (||^2 f_\tau(Y_\tau)||^2 - ||b_\tau(Y_\tau)||^2) \mathrm{d}\tau$$

and

$$\ln \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_{t}^{\alpha=1}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_{t}^{\mathrm{base}}} = \int_{t}^{1} \frac{1}{g_{\tau}^{2}} (f_{\tau}^{\cdot|\zeta}(Y_{\tau}) - f_{\tau}(Y_{\tau}))^{\top} \overleftarrow{\mathrm{d}} Y_{\tau} + \int_{t}^{1} \frac{1}{2g_{\tau}^{2}} (||f_{\tau}^{\cdot|\zeta}(Y_{\tau})||^{2} - ||f_{\tau}(Y_{\tau})||^{2}) \mathrm{d}\tau$$

Where  $f_{\tau}^{\cdot|\zeta}(y_{\tau}) = f_{\tau}(y_{\tau}) - g_{\tau}^2 \nabla \ln p_{\tau}(\zeta|y_{\tau})$  as per (Denker et al., 2024, Proposition 2.2). For any  $p_t^{\alpha}$ -integrable function h and time  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_t^{\alpha}}[h(x)] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[W_t \cdot h(Y_t)]}{\mathbb{E}[W_t]}$$

**Proof.** Equation 47 follows directly from Proposition 4.1. Then, for the RNDs between two reverse time SDEs, we use Equation 64 in Vargas et al. (2024). Note for the VP-SDE case; these expressions can be simplified further as done in (Vargas et al., 2023, Equation 9). Note as with the rest of our results, we require that  $p_1(y_1|\zeta) = p_1(y_1)$  which is approximately true in the limit for VP-SDE as  $p_1(\cdot|\zeta) \approx \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ .

#### D.2 ALTERNATIVE PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.1 WITHOUT RADON-NIKODYM THEOREM

In this appendix, we present an equivalent statement of Proposition 4.1 and a proof that does not rely on the Radon-Nikodym Theorem.

**Proposition 4.1.** Let proposal  $\{Y_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  be a reverse-time CTMC with rate matrix  $Q_t$  and initial distribution  $p_1(\cdot)$ . Define  $\{W_t\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  by,

$$\begin{split} W_t &= \exp(A_t), \\ A_0 &= 0, \\ A_t &= \sum_{\substack{t \leq \tau \\ Y_{\tau^+} \neq Y_{\tau}}} \left[ \ln R_{\tau}(Y_{\tau^+}, Y_{\tau}) - \ln Q_{\tau}(Y_{\tau^+}, Y_{\tau}) \right] + \sum_{\substack{t \leq \tau \\ Y_{\tau^+} \neq Y_{\tau}}} \alpha \ln(R_{\tau}^{\alpha=1}(Y_{\tau^+}, Y_{\tau}|\zeta) / R_{\tau}(Y_{\tau^+}, Y_{\tau})) \\ &+ \int_1^t \left[ Q_{\tau}(Y_t) - R_{\tau}(Y_t) + \alpha R_{\tau}(Y_{\tau}|\zeta) - \alpha R_{\tau}^{\alpha=1}(Y_{\tau}|\zeta) \right] \, \mathrm{d}\tau. \end{split}$$

For any  $p_t$ -integrable function h and time  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_t^{\alpha}}[h(x)] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[W_t \cdot h(Y_t)]}{\mathbb{E}[W_t]}.$$

where the expectation is taken over the law of  $(Y_t, W_t)$ .

*Proof.* We closely follow the sketches of (Carbone et al., 2023; Albergo & Vanden-Eijnden, 2024). Assume  $p_1(x_1) = p_1(x_1|\zeta)$ . We first show that the coupled system  $(Y_t, A_t)$  with  $A_t$  defined as,

$$W_0 = 0$$
(48)

$$A_{t} = \sum_{\substack{t \le \tau \\ Y_{\tau^{+}} \neq Y_{\tau}}} \left[ \ln R_{t}(Y_{\tau^{+}}, Y_{\tau}) - \ln Q_{t}(Y_{\tau^{+}}, Y_{\tau}) \right] + \sum_{\substack{t \le \tau \\ Y_{\tau^{+}} \neq Y_{\tau}}} \alpha \left[ \ln p_{t}(\zeta | Y_{\tau}) - \ln p_{t}(\zeta | Y_{\tau^{+}}) \right]$$
(49)

$$+ \int_{1}^{t} \left[ R_{\tau}(Y_t) - Q_{\tau}(Y_t) - \alpha \partial_t \ln p_t(\zeta | Y_t) \right] \,\mathrm{d}\tau, \tag{50}$$

915 satisfies,

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_t^{\alpha}}[h(x)] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{A_t}h(Y_t)]}{\mathbb{E}[e^{A_t}]},$$
(51)

Write  $\Delta A_t(x,y) = \ln R_t(x,y) - \ln Q_t(x,y) + \alpha (\ln p_t(\zeta|y) - \ln p_t(\zeta|x))$ . Define  $f_t(y,a)$  to be the joint density of  $(Y_t, A_t)$ , the joint density is governed by the (reverse-time) continuity equation, 

$$\partial_{t} f_{t}(y,a) = -\left[\sum_{z \neq y} Q_{t}(z,y) f_{t}(z,a - \Delta A(z,y)) - f_{t}(y,a) Q_{t}(y) + [Q_{t}(y) - R_{t}(y) - \alpha \partial_{t} \ln p_{t}(\zeta|y)] \partial_{a} f_{t}(y,a)\right] f_{1}(y,a) = \delta(a) p_{1}(x_{1})$$
(52)

Define  $g_t(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a f_t(y, a) da$ . Then, via dominated convergence theorem (i.e.  $\partial_t g_t(y) =$  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a \partial_t f_t(y, a) da$ ) and substituting  $\partial_t f_t(y, a)$  from Equation 52, it follows that

$$\partial_t g_t(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a \sum_{z \neq y} Q_t(z, y) f_t(z, a - \Delta A(z, y)) da$$
(53)

By a change of variable  $a' = a - \Delta A(z, y)$ , then,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a \sum_{z \neq y} Q_t(z, y) f_t(z, a - \Delta A(z, y)) da = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{a'} \sum_{z \neq y} e^{\Delta A(z, y)} Q_t(z, y) f_t(z, a') da'$$
(54)

$$= \sum_{z \neq y} R_t(z, y) \cdot \frac{p_t(\zeta|y)^{\alpha}}{p_t(\zeta|z)^{\alpha}} \cdot g_t(z)$$
(55)

And finally, by integration by parts, and noting that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a f_t(y, a) da = Q_t(y) g_t(y)$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a \left[ Q_t(y) - R_t(y) + \alpha \partial_t \ln p_t(\zeta|y) \right] \partial_a f_t(y, a) da = \left[ Q_t(y) - R_t(y) - \alpha \partial_t \ln p_t(\zeta|y) \right] g_t(y).$$
(56)

Combining the three cases, we have:

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$$g_{1}(y) = p_{1}(y)$$

$$\partial_{t}g_{t}(y) = -\left[\sum_{z \neq y} R_{t}(z, y) \cdot \frac{p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha}}{p_{t}(\zeta|z)^{\alpha}} \cdot g_{t}(z) - Q_{t}(y)g_{t}(y) + [Q_{t}(y) - R_{t}(y) - \alpha\partial_{t}\ln p_{t}(\zeta|y)]g_{t}(y)\right]$$
(57)
(57)

Notice that g reduces to a system of ODEs and thus, by the Picard-Lindelöf theorem, has a unique solution. Recall that  $\mathcal{Z}_1^{\alpha} = \sum_{x} p_1(x) p_1(\zeta | x)^{\alpha} = p(\zeta)^{\alpha}$ , writing  $p(\zeta)$  as the density of  $\zeta$ . Substituting  $g_t(y) = p_t(y) \cdot p_t(\zeta | y)^{\alpha} / \mathcal{Z}_1^{\alpha}$ , then,

$$L.H.S = \partial_t g(y) \tag{60}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{1}^{\alpha}} \left[ p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha} \partial_{t} p_{t}(y) + p_{t}(y) \partial_{t}(p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha}) \right]$$
(61)

$$\mathbf{R.H.S} = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{1}^{\alpha}} \left[ \sum_{z \neq y} R_{t}(z,y) \cdot \frac{p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha}}{p_{t}(\zeta|z)^{\alpha}} \cdot g_{t}(z) - Q_{t}(y)g_{t}(y) + \left[Q_{t}(y) - R_{t}(y) - \alpha\partial_{t}\ln p_{t}(\zeta|y)\right]g_{t}(y) \right] \right]$$

$$(62)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{1}^{\alpha}} \left[ p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha} \sum_{z \neq y} R_{t}(z,y) p_{t}(z) - p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha} \sum_{z \neq y} R_{t}(y,z) p_{t}(y) - \alpha \partial_{t} \ln p_{t}(\zeta|y) p_{t}(y) p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha} \right]$$

$$\tag{63}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{1}^{\alpha}} \left[ p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha} \partial_{t} p_{t}(y) + p_{t}(y) \partial_{t} (p_{t}(\zeta|y)^{\alpha}) \right]$$

$$= L.H.S$$
(64)
(65)

Since  $p_1(y) = p_1(y \mid \zeta)$ , it follows that the boundary condition  $g_1(y) = p_1(y)$  is fulfilled. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{A_t}] = \sum_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a f_t(x, a) \mathrm{d}a = \sum_x g_t(x) = \sum_x p_t(x) p_t(\zeta | x)^{\alpha} / \mathcal{Z}_1^{\alpha} = \mathcal{Z}_t^{\alpha} / \mathcal{Z}_1^{\alpha}$$
(66)

Similarly, for an arbitrary function h if we define  $g_t^h(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a h(x) f_t(x, a) da$ , we may show that

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{A_t}h(x)] = \sum_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^a h(x) f_t(x, a) \mathrm{d}a = \sum_x h(x) p_t(x) p_t(\zeta | x)^{\alpha} / \mathcal{Z}_1^{\alpha}.$$
 (67)

Combining the two equations, we have,

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{A_t}h(x)]}{\mathbb{E}[e^{A_t}]} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_t^{\alpha}} \sum_x h(x) p_t(x) p_t(\zeta|x)^{\alpha},\tag{68}$$

as desired.

To finish off the proof, we show that following:

1. 
$$\forall x \neq y$$
.  $\alpha(\ln p_t(\zeta|y) - \ln p_t(\zeta|x)) = \alpha(\ln R_t^{\alpha=1}(x,y) - \ln R_t(x,y))$   
2.  $\partial_t \ln p_t(\zeta|x_t) = \alpha R_t^{\alpha=1}(x) - \alpha R_t(x)$ 

The first equation follows from the definition of the guided ratio matrix  $R_t^{\alpha=1}(x)$ . To show that  $\partial_t \ln p_t(\zeta | x_t) = \alpha R_t(x) - \alpha R_t^{\alpha=1}(x)$ , recall,

$$p_t(\zeta|x_t) = \mathbb{E}[p_t(\zeta|X_0)|X_t = x_t],\tag{69}$$

Therefore,

$$\partial_t \ln p_t(\zeta | x_t) = \frac{1}{p_t(\zeta | x_t)} \partial_t p_t(\zeta | x_t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sum_{t \in \mathcal{L}} P_t(\zeta | x_t)} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{L}} P_t(\zeta | x_t) \quad (\text{Reverse Time}) \text{ Kolmogorov Backward Equation}$$
(70)

$$= \frac{1}{p_t(\zeta|x_t)} \sum_{y} R_t(x_t, y) p_t(\zeta|y) \quad \text{(Reverse-Time) Kolmogorov Backward Equation}$$
(71)

$$= R_t^{\alpha=1}(x_t) - R_t(x_t) \qquad \text{Definition of } R_t^{\alpha=1}$$
(72)

1005 This concludes the proof.

#### E STATEMENT AND DERIVATION OF DISCRETISED WEIGHTS

In this appendix, we show a discrete time version of Proposition 4.1 and the proof.

**Proposition E.1.** Define  $\{\hat{W}_{t_k}\}_{k \in \{1,...,T\}}$  as:

$$\hat{W}_0 = 1,$$
  
$$\hat{W}_{t_k} = \prod_{1 \le j < k} \frac{p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})}{q_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})}$$

$$\cdot \prod_{1 \le j < k} \left[ \frac{p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j},\zeta)}{p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})} \right]^{\alpha}$$

1020 If  $p_1(x_1) = p_1(x_1|\zeta)$ , then for any function  $h : \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ ,

where the expectation is taken over the law of  $(Y_t, \hat{W}_t)$ .

*Proof.* First note that,

$$p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j},\zeta) = p_{t_j|t_{j+1}}^{\text{corrupt}}(Y_{t_j}|Y_{t_{j+1}}) \frac{M_t[p_0(x_0|\zeta)](Y_{t_{j+1}})}{M_t[p_0(x_0|\zeta)](Y_{t_j})}$$
(73)

$$= p_{t_j|t_{j+1}}^{\text{corrupt}} (Y_{t_j}|Y_{t_{j+1}}) \frac{p_t(Y_{t_{j+1}})p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_{j+1}})}{p_t(Y_{t_j})p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_j})}$$
(74)

$$= p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})\frac{p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_{j+1}})}{p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_j})}.$$
(75)

Then it follows that,

$$\hat{W}_{t_k} = \prod_{1 \le j < k} \frac{p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})}{q_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})} \prod_{1 \le j < k} \left[ \frac{p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_{j+1}})}{p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_j})} \right]^{\alpha}$$

$$(76)$$

$$=\prod_{1\leq j< k} \frac{p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})}{q_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})} \left[\frac{p_{t_k}(\zeta|Y_{t_k})}{p_1(\zeta|Y_1)}\right]^{\alpha}$$
(77)

$$= \prod_{1 \le j < k} \frac{p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})}{q_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(Y_{t_{j+1}}|Y_{t_j})} \left[\frac{p_{t_k}(\zeta|Y_{t_k})}{p(\zeta)}\right]^{\alpha} \qquad Y_1 = X_1, \ \perp \zeta$$
(78)

<sup>1049</sup> Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{W}_{t_k} h(Y_{t_k}) \end{bmatrix} &= \sum_{Y_{t_k}} \hat{W}_{t_k} h(Y_{t_k}) q_{t_k}(Y_{t_k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_1^{\alpha}} \sum_{\{y_i\}_{i=1}^k : y_k = Y_{t_k}} \hat{W}_{t_k} h(Y_{t_k}) \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} q_1(y_1) q_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(y_{t_{j+1}}|y_{t_j}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_1^{\alpha}} \sum_{\{x_i\}_{i=1}^k : x_k = Y_{t_k}} h(Y_{t_k}) p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_k})^{\alpha} q_1(x_1) \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(x_{t_{j+1}}|x_{t_j}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_1^{\alpha}} \sum_{\{x_i\}_{i=1}^k : x_k = Y_{t_k}} h(Y_{t_k}) p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_k})^{\alpha} q_1(x_1) \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}(x_{t_{j+1}}|x_{t_j}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_1^{\alpha}} \sum_{Y_{t_k}} h(Y_{t_k}) p_t(\zeta|Y_{t_k})^{\alpha} p_t(Y_k) \end{aligned}$$
 Both  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  starts at  $p_1$ 

Similarly,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\hat{W}_{t_k}h(Y_{t_k})\right] = \mathcal{Z}_t^{\alpha}/\mathcal{Z}_1^{\alpha}.$$
(80)

Combining the two equation lends us to,

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{t_k}^{\alpha}} \sum_{x} h(x) p_{t_k}(x) p_{t_k}(\zeta | x)^{\alpha} = \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[\hat{W}_{t_k} h(Y_{t_k})\right]}{\mathbb{E}\left[\hat{W}_{t_k}\right]}$$
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1073 This concludes the proof.

# 1080FSAMPLING WITH APPROXIMATE TRANSITION DISCRETISED WEIGHT10811081

The exact transition probabilities  $p_{t_{j+1}|t_j}$  and  $q_{t_{j+1}|t_j}$  is typically unknown. In practice, we approximate these transitions using numerical methods such as Euler sampling. As the time step  $\Delta t$  approaches zero, these approximations converge to the true weights  $W_t$ . In Algorithm 2, we show the pseudocode of Algorithm 1 using the approximated transition probability  $\tilde{q}_{t|s}$  and  $\tilde{p}_{t|s}$ .

1087	Algorithm 2 Main Algorithm with Approximate Transition
1088	Number of particles K; Approximate Proposal Transition $\tilde{q}_{t s}$ ; Approximate transition $\tilde{p}_{t s}$ ;
1089	Temperature $\alpha$ ; Time-grid $\{t_l\}_{l=1}^T$ ; ESS threshold ESS_THRESHOLD; Resampling algorithm
1090	resample. Initialisation: Sample $\{x_1^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^K$ i.i.d. from $p_1$ . Set $\hat{w}_1^{(i)} \leftarrow 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, K$ .
1092	$l = 1$ to $T$ $i = 1$ to $K$ Step 1: Propagate Sample $x_{l+1}^{(i)} \sim \tilde{q}_{t_{l+1} t_l}(\cdot  x_l^{(i)})$ Step 2: Update and Nor-
1093 1094	malize Weights Set $\hat{w}_{l+1}^{(i)} \leftarrow \hat{w}_{l}^{(i)} \cdot \frac{\tilde{p}_{t_{l+1} t_{l}}(x_{l+1}^{(i)} x_{l}^{(i)})}{\tilde{q}_{t_{l+1} t_{l}}(x_{l+1}^{(i)} x_{l}^{(i)})} \cdot \left[\frac{\tilde{p}_{t_{l+1} t_{l}}(x_{l+1}^{(i)} x_{l}^{(i)},\zeta)}{\tilde{p}_{t_{l+1} t_{l}}(x_{l+1}^{(i)} x_{l}^{(i)})}\right]^{\alpha}$ Step 3: Resample; see
1095	Appendix <b>G</b> for other resampling algorithms Set ESS $\leftarrow \left(\sum_{i=1}^{K} w_i^{(i)}\right)^2 / \sum_{i=1}^{K} (w_i^{(i)})^2$ ESS $\leq$
1096	ESS THRESHOLD $\tilde{w}^{(i)}$ / $\tilde{w}^{(i)}$ / $\tilde{v}$ $\hat{w}^{(i)}$ Set $r^{(i)}$ $\hat{w}^{(i)}$ / $recomplete([ref[n]] [\tilde{w}^{(i)}])$ Out
1097	ESS_TIRESHOLD $w_l \leftarrow w_l / \sum_i w_l$ Set $x_{l+1}, w_{l+1} \leftarrow \text{resampre}(\{x_l\}, \{w_l\})$ Out
1099	put: Particles $\{x_T^{(\prime)}\}_{i=1}^{n}$
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# 1134 G PSEUDOCODE FOR RESAMPLING ALGORITHMS

<sup>1136</sup> In this section, we introduce various resampling strategies for Sequential Monte Carlo methods. <sup>1137</sup> Ultimately, the goal of resampling algorithm is to replace low weighted particles with high weighted <sup>1138</sup> particles to reduce the variance of weights such that the expectation of any function  $\phi$  remains <sup>1139</sup> unchanged.

1140 1141 More specifically, consider at iteration l of a SMC algorithm, given K particles  $\{x_l^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^K$  and 1142  $\{w_l^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^K$  from some joint distribution  $\mathbb{Q}$  induced by the SMC algorithm. A resampling algorithm 1143 returning  $\{\tilde{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^K$  and  $\{\tilde{w}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^K$  generates consistent samples as long as for any bounded and 1144 continuous function  $\phi$ ,  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[w^{(i)}\phi(x^{(i)})] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\tilde{w}^{(i)}\phi(\tilde{x}^{(i)})]$  where  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}$  notes an expectation on  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

1146 G.1 MULTINOMIAL RESAMPLING

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The simplest and most common resampling strategy is the multinomial resampling, which involves
 the particles in the next iteration independently following a categorical distributions distributed
 according to the normalised weights.

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 Algorithm 3 Multinomial Resampling

Number of Particles K; Particles  $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$ ; Normalised Weights  $\{w^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$  i = 1 to K Sample  $\tilde{x}^{(i)} \sim \sum_{j=1}^{K} w^{(i)} \delta_{x^{(i)}}(\mathrm{d}x)$   $\tilde{w}^{(i)} = 1/K$  Output: Particles  $\{\tilde{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$  and Weights  $\{\tilde{w}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$ 

## 1158 G.2 PARTIAL RESAMPLING

We further consider employing a partial resampling strategy adapted from (Martino et al., 2016), which we found to prevent mode collapse of samples effectively.

1162 Algorithm 4 Partial Resampling 1163 Number of Particles K; Particles  $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$ ; Normalised Weights  $\{w^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$ ; Resample 1164 Size M Set Resample Indices  $I = \{i | w^{(i)} \text{ among the } \lfloor M/2 \rfloor \text{ highest or } \lceil M/2 \rceil \text{ lowest} \}$  i = 11165 to  $K i \in I$  Sample  $\tilde{x}^{(i)} \sim \sum_{j=1}^{K} w^{(i)} \delta_{x^{(i)}}(\mathrm{d}x)$  Set  $\tilde{w}^{(i)} \leftarrow 1/M \sum_{i \in I} w^{(i)}$  Set  $\tilde{x}^{(i)} \leftarrow x^{(i)}$  Set 1166 1167  $\tilde{w}^{(i)} \leftarrow w^{(i)}$  Output: Particles  $\{\tilde{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$  and Weights  $\{\tilde{w}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{K}$ 1168 1169 1170 1171 1172 1173 1174 1175 1176 1177 1178 1179

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# 1188 H DOES PARTIAL RESAMPLING MITIGATE MODE COLLAPSE?

1190 The MNIST dataset visually demonstrates mode collapse and the effectiveness of partial resampling (Section 6.2). Using SMC with guidance temperature  $\beta = 1$  and SMC temperature  $\alpha = 3$ , we observe mode collapse in Figure 3 (centre), where 16 particles converge to identical images. Partial resampling (Figure 3, right) maintains both diversity and stronger conditional control compared to naive guidance (Figure 3, left), which occasionally generates incorrect digits.

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Figure 3: Class-Conditioned Image Generation  $\zeta = 4$ : Left to right: Independent guidance, SMC without partial resampling, SMC with partial resampling. The latter produces high-quality digit 4 samples without mode collapse.

#### <sup>1242</sup> I FIGURES ON TEXT RESULTS

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Figures 4, 6, and 5 show how  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  affect perplexity and control metrics. With high  $\alpha$ , SMC outperforms guidance across tasks, with the gap narrowing at high  $\beta$  but at the cost of deteriorating perplexity, indicating that the proposal is unable to sample from high likelihood region. For toxicity, SMC achieves better control until  $\beta > 1.4$  with comparable perplexity. For sentiment, SMC improves accuracy until  $\beta > 1.2$  with slightly higher perplexity, while at  $\beta > 1.4$  and  $\alpha = 1$ , it achieves lower perplexity with equal accuracy. For infilling, SMC maintains superior or equal accuracy across all  $\beta$ , with better perplexity at  $\beta \in \{0.4, 0.6\}$  or at  $\alpha = 1, \beta > 1.4$ .



1263Figure 4: Toxicity controlled generation: SMC1264achieves better toxicity scores across all guid-1265ance temperatures  $\beta$ . While baseline methods1266match SMC's control at high  $\beta$ , perplexity dete-1267riorates.



Figure 5: **Text infilling**: SMC achieves higher accuracy across all guidance temperatures, with better perplexity at  $\beta \in 0.4, 0.6$  and at  $\beta \ge 1.6$  with  $\alpha = 1$ .



Figure 6: Sentiment control generation: For guidance temperatures  $\beta \in \{0.2, 0.4\}$ , SMC approaches achieve notably better accuracy compared to guidance, though at the cost of slightly higher perplexity. For guidance temperature greater than 1.4 and for  $\alpha = 1$ , SMC method achieves lower perplexity compared to guidance.

# <sup>1296</sup> J ADDITIONAL TEXT GENERATION RESULT

<sup>1298</sup> We display results on text generation control when using the DEFT guidance term. We find that:

For toxicity-controlled generation, SMC-based methods outperform guidance on control metrics across the guidance temperature range [0.0, 2.0], which is even more apparent for higher SMC temperature  $\alpha$ . This is at the expense of a slightly degraded perplexity compared to guidance. At high guidance temperature, the guidance method is on par with SMC-based methods on toxicity score, at the expense of a significantly deteriorated perplexity. This indicates that at high guidance temperatures, the samples deviate from the fine-tuned data distribution. In that scenario, a good balance between perplexity and control generation is in the mid-to-low range of guidance temperature.



Figure 7: Toxicity controlled generation: Guidance is performed with DEFT. SMC methods show improved toxicity scores across all proposal temperatures  $\beta$ , particularly for high  $\beta$ , demonstrating enhanced generation control.

For text infilling, SMC-based methods achieve superior accuracy for guidance temperatures  $\beta \in [0.2, 0.8]$ . However, at high guidance temperatures, both SMC and guidance methods attain comparable optimal accuracy and perplexity. In this specific scenario, despite lacking theoretical guarantees, the guidance method proves more practical due to its lower computational cost while maintaining equivalent performance.

For sentiment-controlled generation, SMC methods achieve higher accuracy for guidance temperatures  $\beta < 0.6$ , which comes at the cost of a slight increase in perplexity. At higher guidance temperatures ( $\beta > 1.2$ ), both SMC and standard guidance converge to similar accuracy levels around 0.85, with comparable perplexity until  $\beta = 1.6$ . Beyond this point, all methods show significant perplexity deterioration, with SMC methods exhibiting slightly higher perplexity than standard guidance.

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Figure 9: Sentiment controlled generation: Guidance is performed with DEFT. For guidance temperature lower than 0.6 SMC methods show improved accuracy while having higher perplexity. For larger guidance temperature accuracy and perplexity are relatively similar.

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#### K SAMPLES

ant EOT a very funny and rewarding small comedy . EOT a rather else altogether EOT genuinely 1409 sweet and EOT evokes its low-budget constraints fairly well EOT, evocative EOT 's spooky. EOT 1410 an interesting concept EOT here 's the treat . EOT a solidly entertaining film in its own right EOT 1411 supremely goofy pleasure EOT demonstrated extraordinary faith EOT an unflinching meditation on 1412 how business can change those who enter EOT love the film . EOT - deep down you 've a family EOT 1413 a fascinating glimpse EOT of place with its oscar-worthy predecessors EOT pounding, offering fine 1414 acting moments, EOT it is a surest bet EOT an engaging fantasy EOT, the material actually springs 1415 to life EOT director credit gyllen brings together caine and grant EOT star charisma EOT consistent 1416 EOT what 's best about dustin gondry 's sophisticated read my lips EOT EOT ... scotches . EOT 's 1417 surprisingly faithful EOT EOT dazzling EOT make up for the execution 's weak comic buttons . EOT 1418 curiously funny, intriguing, EOT just that satisfying exploration of love and companionship EOT 1419 EOT emotional sympathy EOT make it entertaining, EOT ungainly work EOT strongest films EOT funny EOT to sharp writing EOT make for a great director 's to make, everlasting EOT innocence 1420 EOT though not technically proficient or as EOT remark to ' believer ' in some time EOT sometimes 1421 insightful writer EOT mr. honorably EOT and unforgettable characters EOT cool, cocky, and - dare i 1422 say twice - hollywood-esque EOT powerful story EOT surprisingly sweet EOT engaging, compelling 1423 tale EOT beautiful EOT vibrant air EOT but ultimately winning film EOT its simple expressiveness 1424 EOT enriched than limited by its exceptional lead performances EOT of impressively challenging 1425 social drama EOT the rich formalism EOT EOT keep you EOT of laughs EOT quieter EOT the 1426 praises EOT some monster movie EOT as his penchant for documentaries EOT is latin star to young 1427 international hip-hop audiences EOT often funny romantic comedy EOT smoother EOT only enhance 1428 his good looks EOT immensely enjoyable EOT one of the most idiosyncratic comedies EOT oddly 1429 watchable EOT ambitious EOT directed personalities EOT interesting, i must say, EOT faithful, EOT 1430 well, EOT well lived EOT compelling and gripping EOT everyone 's comic relief EOT truly funny EOT enjoy EOT elegant delivery EOT idea EOT familiarity EOT to hold you well past its 90 minutes 1431 EOT find love EOT fresh sense EOT has spliceed together bits and pieces of hagney 's reign EOT 1432 for good, scary movies EOT gaining this movie EOT flaccid satire, EOT EOT respectable, sweetly 1433 adventurous EOT a film EOT smart and subtle EOT vibrant and EOT their fathers EOT her maternal 1434 fury of faith EOT EOT protagonists EOT is surprisingly insightful and fun and entertaining EOT that 1435 acts as if it never had any idea what EOT, originality and technical skill EOT argue EOT above all, 1436 blue crush is nothing to overlook . EOT sulky and beautiful rendering of an intense mystery about 1437 the world 's greatest teacher EOT daring teacher EOT cinematic stamp EOT warm, EOT its inviting 1438 EOT sexy EOT is realistically terrifying EOT a surprising entree EOT invigoratingly irresistible EOT 1439 action-power appeal EOT slyly debated film EOT mention, engaging premise EOT, there are enough 1440 laughs to keep on clicking through EOT puts us off-center in the unfolding of bielinsky 's clever 1441 scenario, EOT the local flavor and french musicmaking traditions EOT elegance EOT it has a real " story "EOT at least the funniest idea EOT works well on different levels, until it is actually funny. 1442 EOT, cleverly crafted and EOT scenes brimmed EOT allows you to forgive its basic humanity EOT 1443 that tickles the chills of EOT subtle EOT the film a stunning lesson in human-scale acting, EOT 's a 1444 film school exercise with dignity and wit that " should have been right to grow up EOT a riot like john 1445 ritter 's brothers ... 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EOT most good-hearted EOT a few good ideas EOT a feel-good thriller 1453 EOT, illuminating study EOT large metaphor EOT successful EOT fresh is "fresh" again EOT tell 1454 this tale EOT felt and affecting EOT 1455

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Figure 10: Sentiment control - positive samples - SMC  $\beta = 1.0, \alpha = 2.0$ . EOT indicates End Of Text

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1461 having a difficult time telling what time in the past year . EOT a pale successor EOT an odd bit 1462 of an erratic EOT killing time EOT wobbly EOT mean-spirited EOT 's no energy EOT carries little 1463 insight on either end of the other EOT dangerous comedy EOT a slightly flat, EOT the little the seams 1464 EOT EOT it drags EOT perverse EOT this bland EOT the cheapness EOT poorly EOT any teen movie 1465 starring slackers or EOT succeeded EOT brain strain EOT ill writing EOT may also not have been 1466 the grossest american bike movie of 2002. EOT absurdities EOT it 's too simpleminded - EOT has 1467 the idea been sealed in a jar EOT this obvious rip-off EOT racist EOT is wit, or even good acting, EOT more like satire than illuminating examination EOT despite snow dogs, leaves us cold . EOT 1468 the action is predictable with many subplots and EOT very insecure EOT 's still flibbled together its 1469 clichés. EOT bad combination EOT particularly suspenseful at times EOT deep technical blues vs 1470 blues EOT are so smeary, blurry and jagged EOT form 51 is n't really scary enough for "midnight 1471 flick ", and EOT thought you or i were paying full price for this, and rent those instead EOT is a minor 1472 miracle EOT handbags in saving private ryan EOT like ' to suck ' EOT its clichéd scenes of war EOT 1473 poorly dubbed dialogue, and EOT 's hard to imagine a product more repellent than adam sandler 1474 's 2002 EOT EOT weighted a sci-fi story that 's bottom-heavy and tired EOT wrong things EOT 1475 stiflingly EOT EOT endless exposition EOT simply overcooked EOT evasive EOT call an " ambitious 1476 failure EOT EOT even less ambitious failure EOT ridiculous and sloppy EOT no air conditioning EOT 1477 the ragged pacing EOT a loud, crassly predictable rehash EOT how lame it all is EOT ends world 1478 traveler's lackluster title EOT have done with all the subtlety from earlier had taken in favor of more 1479 user-friendly computer tutorial EOT EOT mind settles into a irksome parade of human frailty and death . EOT smug and exploitative EOT the whining EOT this latest comedy tangents of pratfalls, 1480 injuries and pranks EOT to anyone who suffered through halfway through david rifkin 's sweet home 1481 ' alabama EOT old pickup EOT should have been ordered off the screen EOT like the plague EOT 1482 neges toward fuzziness EOT its skewed acting, EOT an odd, painful and obnoxious attempt at a 1483 documentary EOT, repetitious and contrived EOT lacks a moment of considerable poignancy. EOT 1484 chaos and EOT EOT cold, emotionally opaque EOT stands nowhere EOT frustrating EOT dull EOT 1485 suffered EOT characteristic quirks EOT half-step EOT, it is hopeless. EOT there is nothing new 1486 to be taken from ' fatal attraction ' 4ever EOT is painfully bad . EOT unfaithful hollywood fluff 1487 EOT have little interest in jez begley 's book EOT no foundation for disney EOT EOT , herzog is the 1488 director's logistically and EOT is it not hagiographic, though EOT need more than plot EOT rocks 1489 and holes EOT with lots of solips EOT ving EOT at times maddeningly repetitive . EOT rendered all round square edges, blurry images and murky and EOT 's cloying, manipulative EOT trial EOT on 1490 sub-zero animation EOT an annoying, EOT went to the restroom but want my money back. EOT 1491 water torture EOT pompous EOT rigid idea EOT insufferable EOT as boring and pedestrian EOT, 1492 heavy-handed EOT marginal insights EOT from lost ring to snatch on stage EOT hampered by a 1493 shabby script EOT gold is a real hollywood dog story EOT limpid and pretentious endeavor EOT is 1494 subtler than it might have been . EOT the film with relentlessly nasty situations EOT 's not handled 1495 well EOT wastes dialogue EOT sensible violence EOT of all the male junkie post-about obsessive 1496 relationships EOT is a testament to the author 's work EOT have had room for more creative action 1497 . EOT empty farce EOT liar zone EOT could call it tacky EOT painfully awful EOT forget about 1498 the fact that kennedy has nothing to offer up his act EOT the faintest hopefulness, EOT EOT flat 1499 EOT, spiteful idiots EOT is superficial and EOT describe characters ' frustrations EOT end zone 1500 EOT familiar and thoroughly recycled plot. EOT tired EOT aimless direction, pathetic acting, heavy dialogue, tissue-thin characters EOT EOT of inept filmmaking EOT last 15 years EOT the picture 1501 just EOT nothing except they can't – anything, really, seems to matter very much EOT a noticeable 1502 amount of its own EOT neat EOT best elsewhere EOT waste ; EOT human behavior, EOT too fancy 1503 EOT derivancy EOT distinct comic direction EOT this m-out-l lesbian comedy EOT does n't give a 1504 complete picture . EOT shallow plot EOT could have any interest in silly fluff EOT , tedious , EOT 's 1505 not clear what this turkey is 1506

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Figure 11: Sentiment control - negative samples - SMC  $\beta = 1.0$ ,  $\alpha = 2.0$ . EOT indicates End Of Text

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or it really costs that far to finish rail. EOT I always thought the part time NDP would be on the hook 1516 for this, but then they had to master the ndp's fiscal policies. EOT Fess up...... EOT He managed it 1517 brilliantly. EOT You are wrong in that regard. Harper suggested enough to leave the potential harm to 1518 children (and adults) to see. EOT Agreed. Further increasing the income of Quebec will likely lead to 1519 increased income tax charges for Ontario governments attempts to do same. EOT rumps.. the globe 1520 loses again.. its only readership is NK EOT once again putting alt lunatic whining over the real picture 1521 bud EOT Alaska hasn't cut the PF yet Walker over spent our PFD for the same 40 years. Walker 1522 has 3 more session to do some cuts cutting back PFD dividends not PFD raiding the new gas line. 1523 Enough Permanent fund cut already Walker and Governor Walker and Governor Walker. Time for 1524 legislature and real leadership in Alaska needing new taxes. EOT Yes Bravo Orange Pail! EOT Sorry 1525 son but don't look forward to Ducks game, it's always good to find out who has the better quarterback. 1526 EOT Trump is fleeing the Trump administration right now. EOT Sorry, you've undermined the whole point of your comment ... EOT How about everyone familiar with Dale Wright? EOT One less 1527 Hawaii Democrat. EOT Where's Cory Gardner. EOT Silly Senate. EOT Happy New Air Canada - what a touch of sweet irony. EOT Great comments! EOT Seems like your actions out in front of 1529 the world for all people to see. EOT there is no illegal world building EOT Trudeau ? EOT Not to 1530 fast.....tax Vancouver got it fair share. EOT LOL...... EOT Maybe our Senators Cory and Murkowski 1531 will vote for a repeal. EOT This is about criminal charges underway and emails continue to be the 1532 target. Mueller will investigate the names Hillary, let Mueller have his look and hopefully does find 1533 Hillary exists. EOT I'm sure snakes are the least human kind. EOT Great pleasant surprise. EOT 1534 I agree with you! EOT The problem is that guys like Meredith and Crapwell will just fade away. 1535 EOT Alceste three times is running as a republican. EOT Wrong case. Can't find a place right there. 1536 EOT http://JustPeace.org That's Fairbanks, Fairbanks EOT Yep. His opening rhinos ring louder every 1537 posting. EOT Not China nor NK. Neither have threatened NK. EOT Maybe they break the law along with other citizens who drive motorized vehicles. EOT What were you wearing? Wear the ladies 1538 locker? EOT Get a clue who play each string on the violin. EOT I have been discouraged about 1539 owning a home when rental prices have gone down significantly. It seems like there is only reason 1540 for gray market rentals any more. If I could find an area that had a small amount of rental units and 1541 never close it with no decision but rent, then I could buy in. EOT More Liberal tabloidism fleeced 1542 by paid leftist disinformation efforts. Good riddance! EOT Didn't happen to read your post either. 1543 EOT Wrong Old Spice.... EOT IRT Gary Crum, we don't need any new information when it comes to 1544 responding to the DP. EOT why? EOT Then why tax the PFD earnings when Anchorage borough and 1545 developers pay local property taxes with PFD earnings? EOT Agreed! Pay you to Netflix any network 1546 programming than you get in actual services you pay for. EOT You wanted Hillary is a lot different 1547 than wishing Hillary lost..... EOT Does every car require a plate handle or do democrats have ? EOT 1548 They have not given up anything re producing soft fishing. The dairy industry will not be on any side of the deal when NAFTA gets a bad looks up. First side to lose the deal is at risk. EOT Agreed. EOT 1549 I assume it isn't you Gary EOT Yeahhhh trump juice! EOT I remember long ago the Cons and the 1550 NDP were slamming each other behind the scenes. EOT Your tolerance must be getting really old. 1551 EOT Wouldn't say Amy hasn't heard here. EOT So Berkie and Caldwell belong in jail? EOT the big 1552 question is "which will they write it" EOT How was this deficit announced 6 months ago? EOT Very 1553 good article thanks for posting Vic. EOT Completely untrue. South America is producing the most 1554 efficient portion of the world's oil soon. BTW, if your planning on expanding pipelines, move ahead 1555 and avoid Alberta. EOT Wow. Can't even conceive of imagining how naïve trumpsters are. EOT Nah. 1556 It was a big one. EOT Prove it. Tax my dividend too. EOT Did't the letter writer say Lame County? 1557 EOT Yep! That's who you "democratic" voted into office. EOT EOT Agreed! Harper! Has to go. 1558 EOT Sorry but not quite. The data you are referencing is one game show. EOT So Alaska needs our 1559 own modern rail system? We don't need a modern system of satellites like the majority of lights on the nation. EOT I find it hilarious that idiot trump does nothing to mitigate 1560 1561

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Figure 12: Toxicity control - non toxic samples - SMC  $\beta = 1.2$ ,  $\alpha = 4.0$ . EOT indicates End Of Text

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1569 when commuters were most busy...... EOT Eh. Used that logic. EOT Better hope the coming 1570 recession never happens EOT Enough with your infomeration Bombing homes works better. EOT 1571 Just keep Trump in. It could be our destiny to get rid of all Obama's puppet masters EOT Here's 1572 my only thought regarding your comment: Keep up! EOT How did I need any further contribution 1573 to that? EOT Someone please refute my fact. EOT The phony Liberals who "thought" a love of 1574 country above party will have no spine. As always, the press will focus on facts and Republicans will relentlessly call out real Liberalism. EOT That's a fact. Comey's firing does have been the direct 1575 result of Comey's conduct acting inappropriately for US intelligence. Comey is not the person fired 1576 out of political motivation, but Trump was rejected as for the US Criminal Code but rather the federal 1577 judge has rejected him. EOT ": An extension for the appeal period or even an extension for each 1578 waiver signed may be all Kobachak's congressional breaks." As I pointed out in a Civil Comments 1579 form on behalf of Kobachak in 2016 there was nothing further to see in Kobachak's case. He picked 1580 a fight and all is well with his formerly a non-friend and ally. EOT So? The author is anonymous? 1581 at least he doesn't have a secret. BTW, you seem to assume that Kobachak doesn't share your own 1582 psychology. Darn it. EOT I am a retired member of the Sierra Club, although I am also a member of the California chapter at https://fight.org/ and the Northeast chapter at https://www.sanfrust.org/ 1584 The health issue in Puerto Rico is significant and I think about it from a personal perspective. Trump 1585 is really sparking passions in his comments so will face criticism. Aside from that aways, he needs to understand what actually took place in Texas City and events that resulted in this disaster there. EOT Our government is only better than you. EOT Now that Trudeau has been given free rein in 1587 unilateral withdrawal from the U.S., then why would we subject ourselves to further a significant 1588 trade relationship that the Chinese and Russians absolutely want? It can only work here if we remove 1589 big historical barriers such as the Suzuki's and tackle these for our benefit. The world is entering a 1590 new era of mutual respect. EOT This is more of exactly what's expected. EOT That's wording that 1591 selectively is used. Only a few extreme views dominate the discussion. These are only three of 10. 1592 EOT More that some people do disagree with the process as they may have alternative theories. I also 1593 suggest you get educated and understand the current science and the reality of climate change. EOT 1594 Aloha, go year long in different neighborhoods like season after year. I see day in and day out the 1595 exact same homeless; no different penalty for visiting Eugene; same as anywhere else. EOT Thanks 1596 for the linking C of B page to Quebec. Donna can't cut it. EOT The crime is not unusual, per say. They are allowed their privacy, but selectively. No tunnels to break, but it is a crime. EOT The IPCC 1597 failing to release public information regarding the case runs contrary to the article's recommendation. 1598 Quite clearly his fate is not to be ended in death as was indicated by the way he was raised when 1599 confronted with simply not being born. EOT Again, are you not proud of your experience and reach? EOT I agree. This analysis does not take into account that the content of most of our English-language newspapers is particularly bias. To what appears to be happening in Canada a few days, but every once in a while a Canadian newspaper is going to highlight certain facts because of the importance 1603 a story that few would know. It has also been said that many newspapers insist on showing all 1604 news every week and not just the stories that are the most important. EOT If i can looked at things differently and see more from the top - it emerges I see less as 'completely out of line' as others feel I have looked more towards the 'top'. EOT We are all doing the best we do, sometimes it takes the next thing. EOT Having a minimum wage for the smaller employees in Alaska must be expensive 1608 because the businesses have to do their work at home thru government, education and the overall economy. My monthly cost of organic food is \$10.71 per hour plus. So how can I go through the 1609 trouble and earn that many per hour rather than having a loss on these goods? I paid lucky so I will 1610 have to stock up while in retirement, but that is still very expensive. Remember you not only need the 1611 help with government but with income, earned through education, and the rest of the economy. EOT 1612 Sure, a lot of kids are taking hitches and missing their focus. The selection of character, athleticism 1613 and tougher focus is what determines the chance of success. EOT It's not everything. He did hate the 1614 west in his first election. EOT It's the First Amendment folks to blame ... I say to "vide wolf, flock" 1615

Figure 13: Toxicity control - non toxic samples - Guidance  $\beta = 1.2$ . EOT indicates End Of Text

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