### Optimal Transport

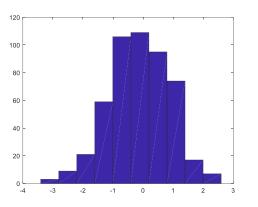
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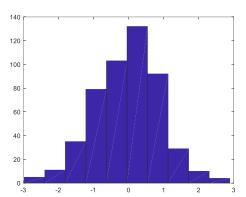
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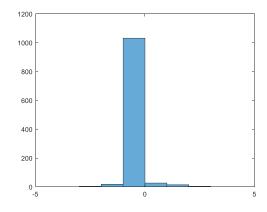
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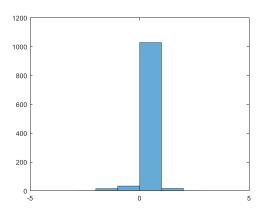


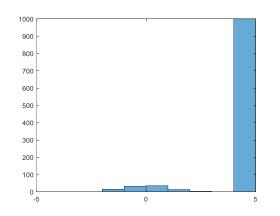




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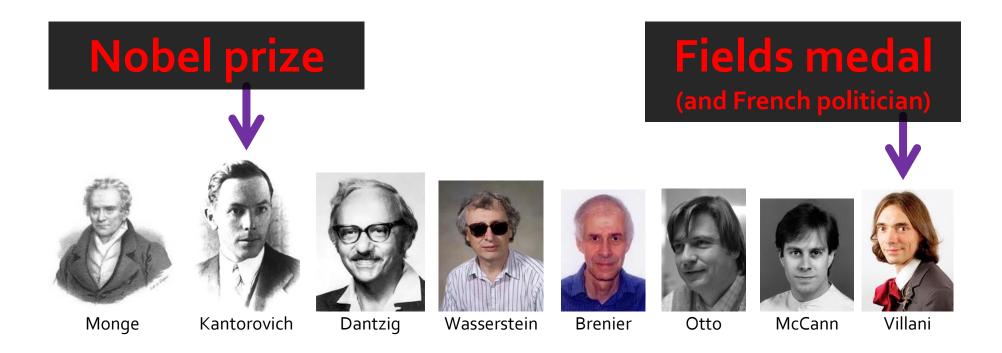






#### What is Optimal Transport?

A geometric way to compare probability measures.

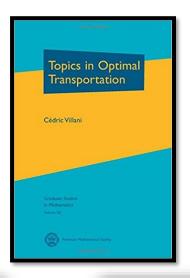


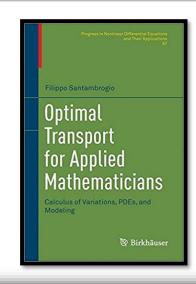
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#### **Useful References**







Snapshots of modern mathematics from Oberwolfach

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Computational Optimal Transport

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Optimal transport is the mathematical discipline of matching supply to demand while minimizing shipping costs. This matching problem becomes extremely challenging as the quantity of supply and demand points increases; modern applications must cope with thousands or millions of these at a time. Here, we introduce the computational optimal transport prob-

#### Optimal Transport on Discrete Domains

Notes for AMS Short Course on Discrete Differential Geometry

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#### 1 Introduction

Many tools from discrete differential geometry (DDG) were inspired by practical considerations in areas like computer graphics and vision. Disciplines like these require fine-grained understanding of geometric structure and the relationships between different shapes—problems for which the toolbox from smooth geometry can provide substantial insight. Indeed, a triumph of discrete differential geometry is its incorporation into a wide array of computational pipelines, affecting the way artists, engineers, and scientists approach problem-solving across geometry-adjacent disciplines.

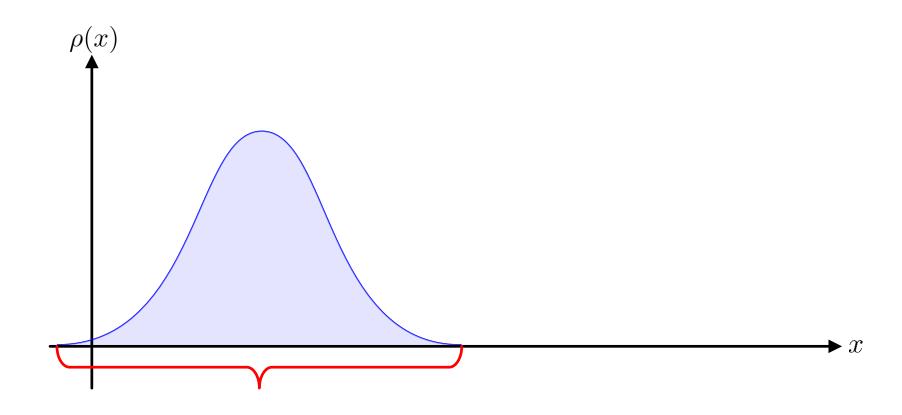
A key but neglected consideration hampering adoption of ideas in DDG in fields like computer vision and machine learning, however, is resilience to noise and uncertainty. The view of the world provided by video cameras, depth sensors, and other equipment is extremely unreliable. Shapes do not necessarily come to a computer as complete, manifold meshes but rather may be scattered clouds of points that represent e.g. only those features visible from a single position. Similarly, it may be impossible to pinpoint a feature on a shape exactly; rather, we may receive only a fuzzy signal indicating where a point or feature of interest may be located. Such uncertainty only increases in high-dimensional statistical contexts, where the presence of geometric structure in a given dataset is itself not a given. Rather than regarding this messiness as an "implementation issue" to be coped with by engineers adapting DDG to imperfect data, however, the challenge of developing principled yet noise-resilient discrete theories of shape motivates new frontiers in

# Shameless self-promotion:

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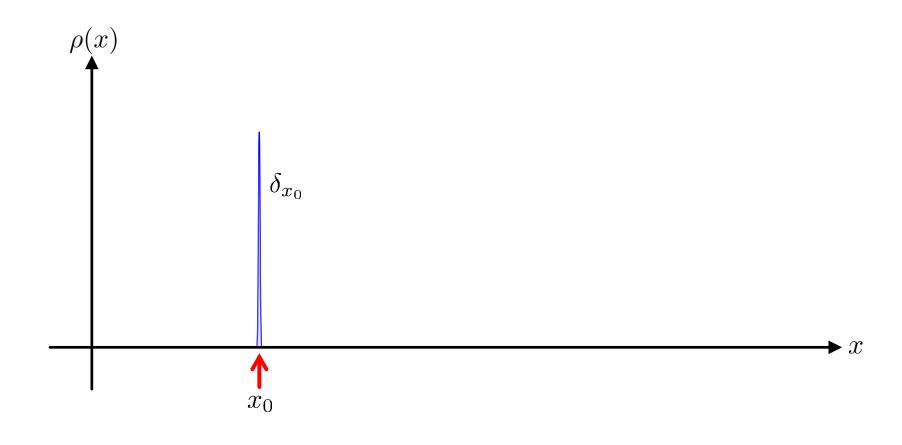
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#### Probability as Geometry



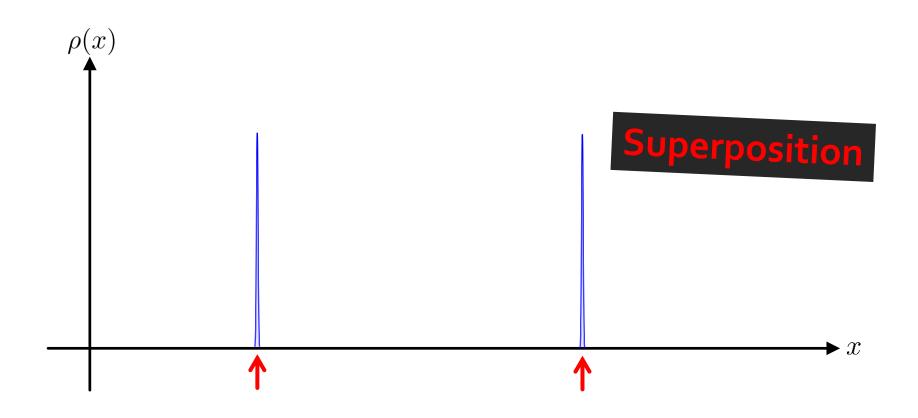
"Somewhere over here."

#### Probability as Geometry



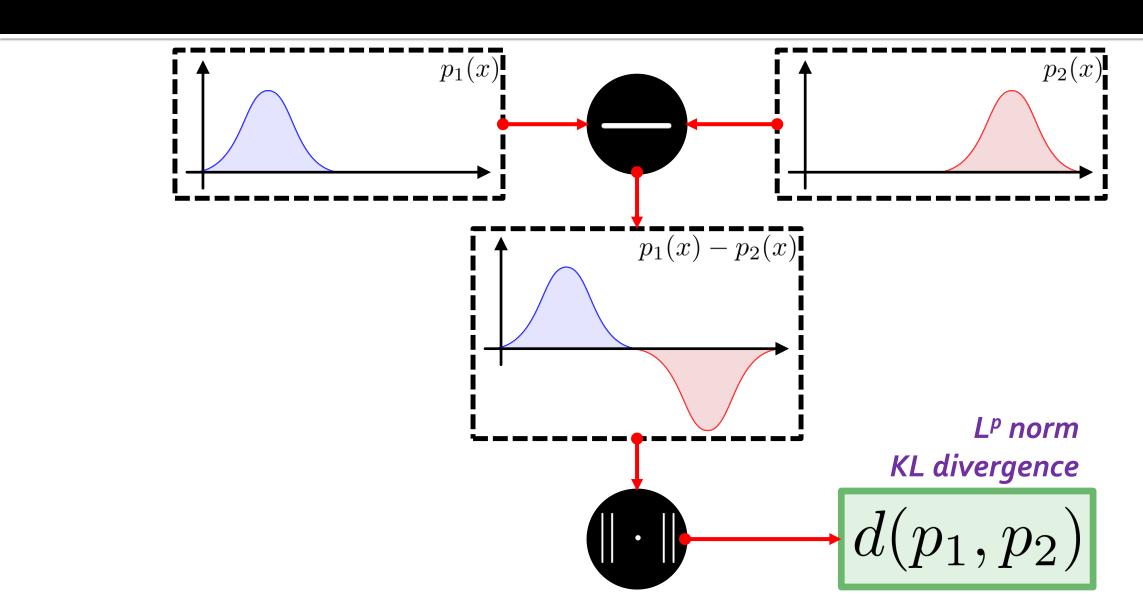
#### "Exactly here."

#### Probability as Geometry

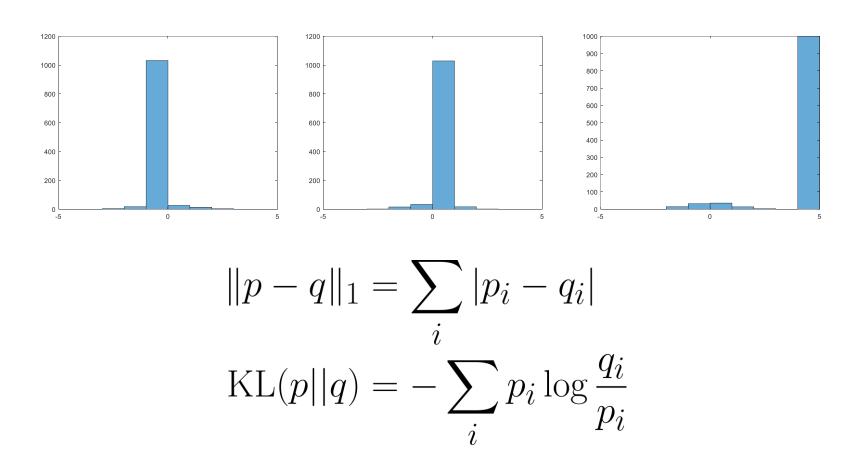


#### "One of these two places."

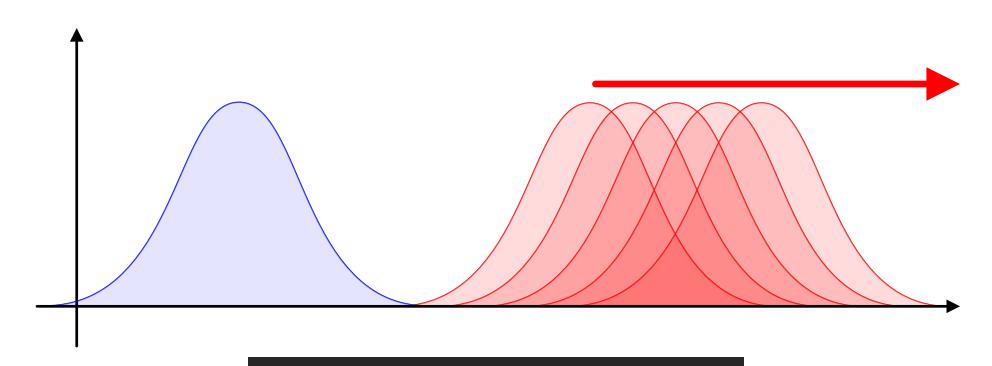
#### **How We Compute Distances**



#### **Equidistant!**

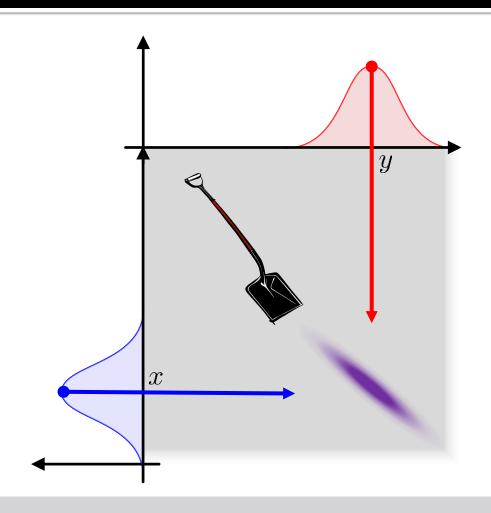


#### What's Wrong?



Measured overlap, not displacement.

#### **Alternative Idea**



Cost to move mass m from x to y:

 $m \cdot d(x, y)$ 

Match mass from the distributions

#### Observation

# Even the laziest shoveler must do some work.

Property of the distributions themselves!



My house!

#### **Measure Coupling**

$$\pi(x,y) := \text{Amount moved from } x \text{ to } y$$

$$\pi(x,y) \geq 0 \ \forall x \in X, y \in Y \text{ mass is positive}$$

$$\int_{V} \pi(x,y) \, dy = \rho_0(x) \; \forall x \in X \qquad \text{ Must scoop everything up}$$

$$\int_{X}^{T} \pi(x,y) \, dx = \rho_1(y) \, \forall y \in Y$$

Must cover the target

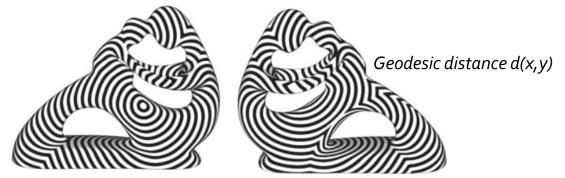
#### Kantorovich Problem

$$\mathrm{OT}(\mu, \nu; c) := \min_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \iint_{X \times Y} c(x, y) \, d\pi(x, y)$$

#### General transport problem

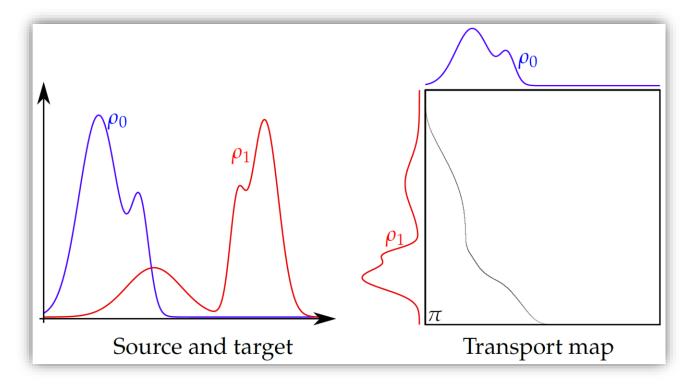
#### p-Wasserstein Distance

$$\mathcal{W}_p(\mu,\nu) \equiv \min_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu,\nu)} \left( \iint_{X \times X} d(x,y)^p \, d\pi(x,y) \right)^{1/p}$$
 Shortest path distance

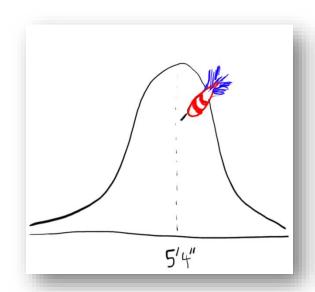


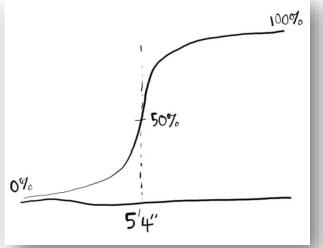
#### 1-Wasserstein in 1D

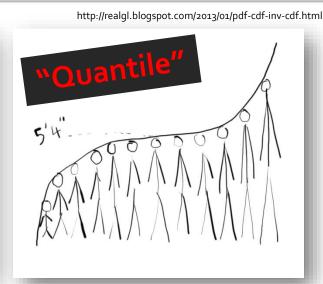
$$\mathcal{W}_{1}(\rho_{0},\rho_{1}):=\left\{\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\pi} & \iint_{\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R}}\pi(x,y)|x-y|\,dx\,dy & \text{Minimize total work} \\ \text{s.t.} & \pi\geq0\,\forall x,y\in\mathbb{R} & \text{Nonnegative mass} \\ & \int_{\mathbb{R}}\pi(x,y)\,dy=\rho_{0}(x)\,\forall x\in\mathbb{R} & \text{Starts from }\rho_{0} \\ & \int_{\mathbb{R}}\pi(x,y)\,dx=\rho_{1}(y)\,\forall y\in\mathbb{R} & \text{Ends at }\rho_{1} \end{array}\right.$$



#### In One Dimension: Closed-Form







#### PDF····· [CDF]····· CDF<sup>-1</sup>

$$\mathcal{W}_1(\mu, 
u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \mathrm{CDF}(\mu) - \mathrm{CDF}(
u) \right| d\ell$$
 Doesn't extend past 1d!

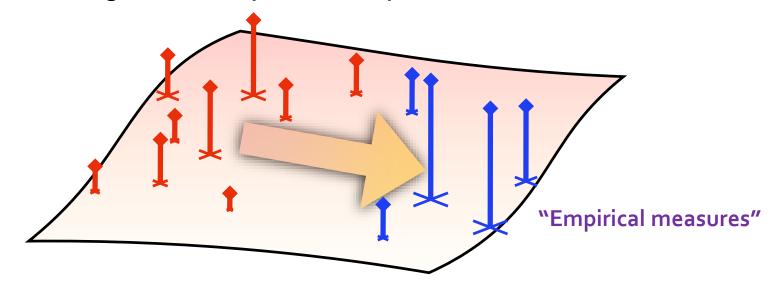
$$W_2^2(\mu,\nu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( CDF^{-1}(\mu) - CDF^{-1}(\nu) \right)^2 d\ell$$

#### Fully-Discrete Transport

$$[\mathcal{W}_p(\mu_0, \mu_1)]^p = \left\{egin{array}{ll} \min_{T \in \mathbb{R}^{k_0 imes k_1}} & \sum_{ij} T_{ij} |x_{0i} - x_{1j}|^p \ ext{s.t.} & T \geq 0 \ & \sum_j T_{ij} = a_{0i} \ & \sum_i T_{ij} = a_{1j} \end{array}
ight.$$

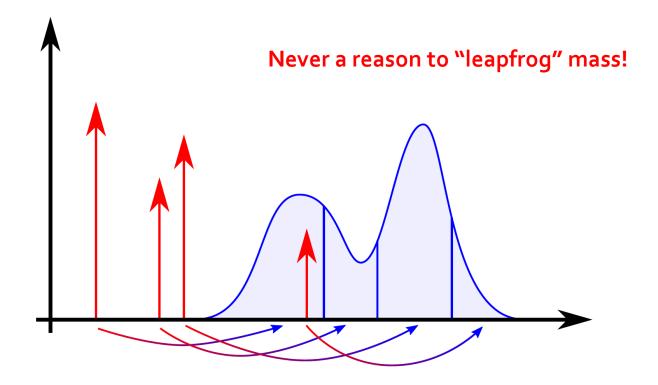
Linear program: Finite number of variables

Algorithms: Simplex, interior point, auction, ...



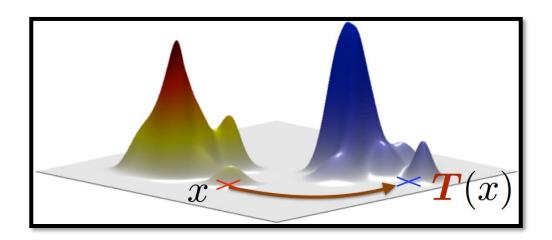
#### Semidiscrete Transport

$$\mu_0 := \sum_{i=1}^{k_0} a_{0i} \delta_{x_{0i}} \qquad \qquad \mu_1(S) := \int_S \rho_1(x) \, dx$$



#### Monge Formulation

$$\inf_{\phi_{\sharp}\rho_{0}=\rho_{1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(x,\phi(x))\rho_{0}(x) dx$$



[Monge 1781]; image courtesy Marco Cuturi

#### Not always well-posed!

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#### Example: Discrete Transport

$$X = \{1, 2, \dots, k_1\}, Y = \{1, 2, \dots, k_2\}$$

$$\mathrm{OT}(v,w;C) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \min_{T \in \mathbb{R}^{k_1 \times k_2}} & \sum_{ij} T_{ij} c_{ij} & \text{``Earth Mover's Distance''} \\ \mathrm{s.t.} & T \geq 0 \\ & \sum_{j} T_{ij} = v_i \ \forall i \in \{1,\dots,k_1\} \\ & \sum_{i} T_{ij} = w_j \ \forall j \in \{1,\dots,k_2\}. \end{array} \right.$$

# Metric when d(x,y) satisfies the triangle inequality.

"The Earth Mover's Distance as a Metric for Image Retrieval"

Rubner, Tomasi, and Guibas; IJCV 40.2 (2000): 99—121.

Revised in:

"Ground Metric Learning"

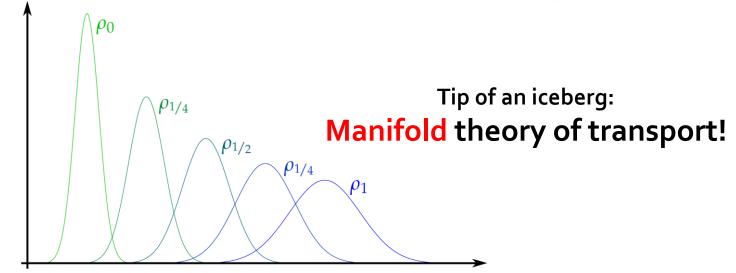
Cuturi and Avis; JMLR 15 (2014)

#### Kantorovich Duality

#### Flow-Based W<sub>2</sub>

$$\mathcal{W}_{2}^{2}(\rho_{0}, \rho_{1}) = \begin{cases}
\inf_{\rho, v} \iint_{M \times [0,1]} \frac{1}{2} \rho(x, t) \|v(x, t)\|^{2} dx dt \\
\text{s.t. } \nabla \cdot (\rho(x, t)v(x, t)) = \frac{\partial \rho(x, t)}{dt} \\
v(x, t) \cdot \hat{n}(x) = 0 \ \forall x \in \partial M \\
\rho(x, 0) = \rho_{0}(x) \\
\rho(x, 1) = \rho_{1}(x)
\end{cases}$$

#### [Benamou & Brenier 2000]



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## Wassersteinization

[wos-ur-stahyn-ahy-sey-shuh-n] noun.

# Introduction of optimal transport into a computational problem.

cf. least-squarification, L<sub>1</sub>ification, deep-netification, kernelization

#### **Key Ingredients**

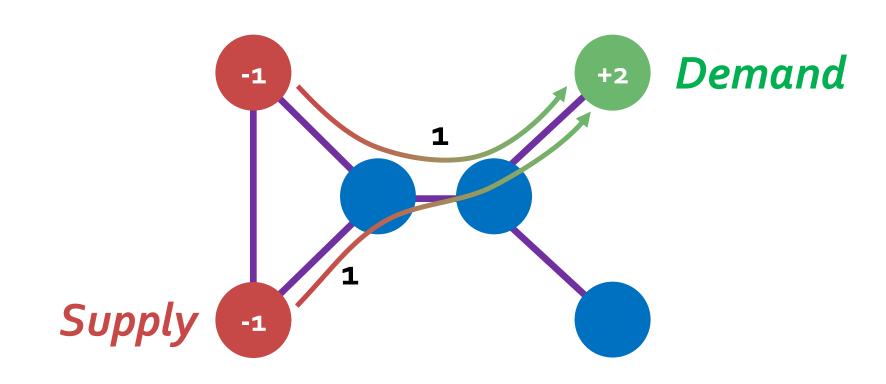
We have tools to

- Solve optimal transport problems numerically
- Differentiate transport distances in terms of their input distributions

#### **Bonus:**

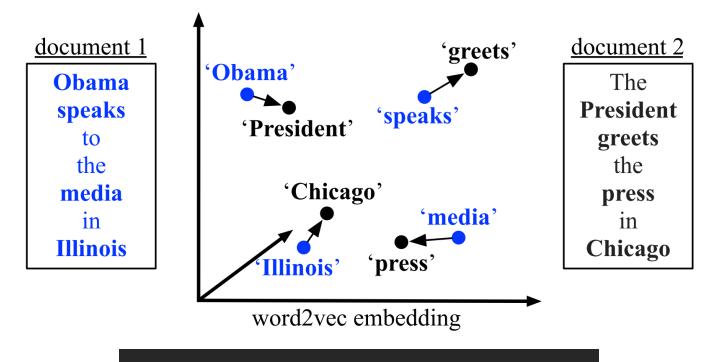
Transport cost from  $\mu$  to  $\nu$  is a convex function of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ .

#### **Operations and Logistics**



#### Minimum-cost flow

#### Histograms and Descriptors



Use word embeddings

[Kusner et al. 2015]

#### Word Mover's Distance (WMD)

#### Registration and Reconstruction

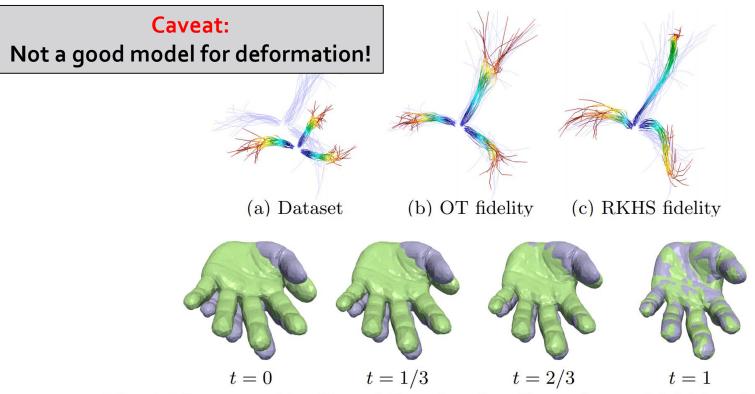


Fig. 2. First row: Matching of fibres bundles. Second row: Matching of two hand surfaces using a balanced OT fidelity. Target is in purple.

[Feydy, Charlier, Vialard, and Peyré 2017]

**Alignment** 

### **Engineering Design**







### Interpolation



Image from [Lavenant, Claici, Chien, & Solomon 2018]

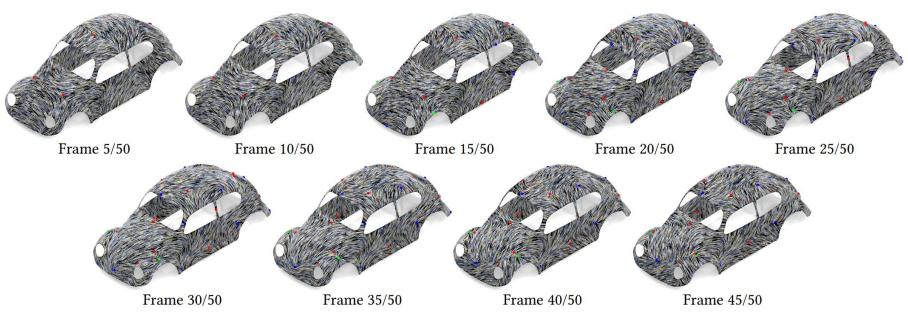
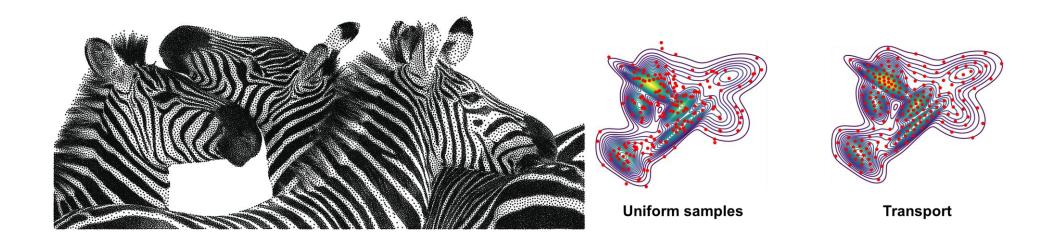


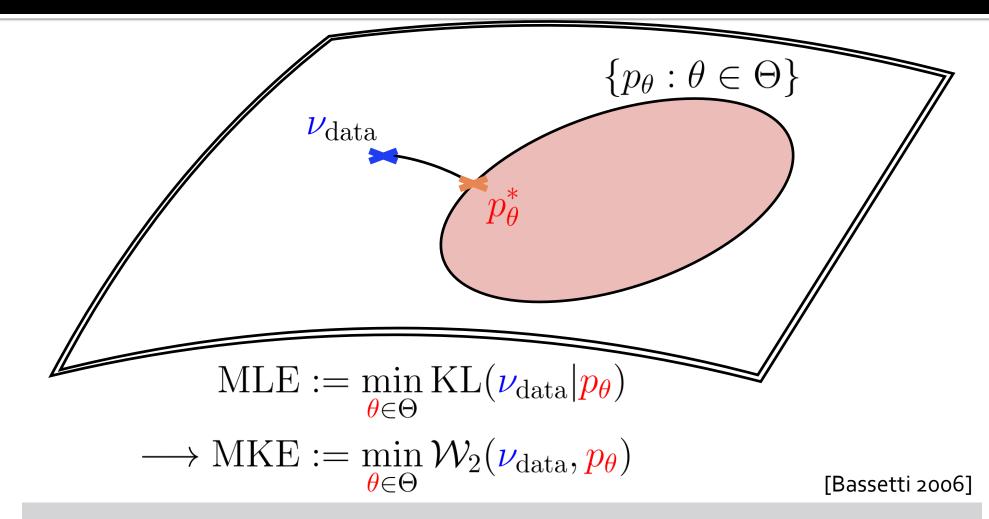
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# Blue Noise and Distribution Approximation



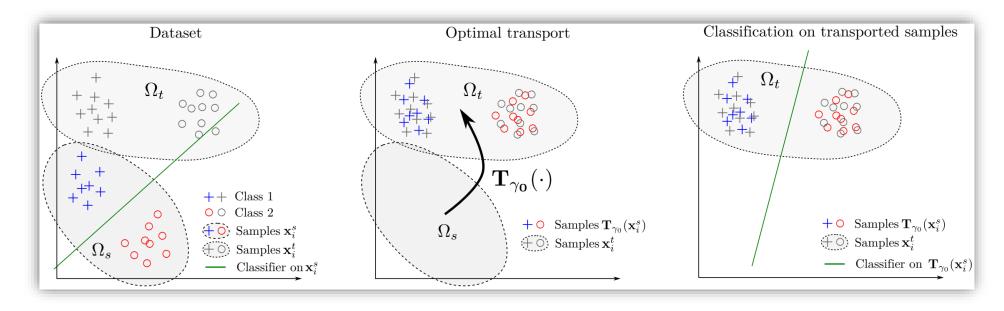
$$\min_{x_1, \dots, x_n} \mathcal{W}_2^2 \left( \mu, \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \delta_{x_i} \right)$$

#### **Statistical Estimation**



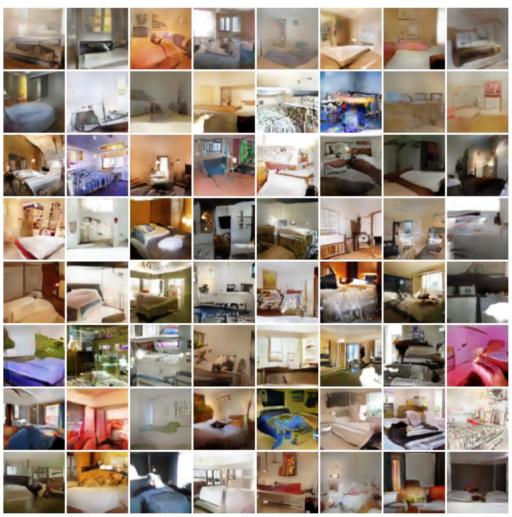
#### **Minimum Kantorovich Estimator**

### **Domain Adaptation**



- 1. Estimate transport map
- 2. Transport labeled samples to new domain
- 3. Train classifier on transported labeled samples

### Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)



Algorithm 1 WGAN, our proposed algorithm. All experiments in the paper used the default values  $\alpha = 0.00005$ , c = 0.01, m = 64,  $n_{\text{critic}} = 5$ .

**Require:** :  $\alpha$ , the learning rate. c, the clipping parameter. m, the batch size.  $n_{\text{critic}}$ , the number of iterations of the critic per generator iteration.

**Require:** :  $w_0$ , initial critic parameters.  $\theta_0$ , initial generator's parameters.

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1: while \theta has not converged do
                    for t = 0, ..., n_{\text{critic}} do
                           Sample \{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{m} \sim \mathbb{P}_r a batch from the real data.

Sample \{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{m} \sim p(z) a batch of prior samples.

g_w \leftarrow \nabla_w \left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} f_w(x^{(i)}) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} f_w(g_\theta(z^{(i)}))\right]

w \leftarrow w + \alpha \cdot \text{RMSProp}(w, g_w)
                             w \leftarrow \text{clip}(w, -c, c)
                   end for
                  Sample \{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m \sim p(z) a batch of prior samples. g_{\theta} \leftarrow -\nabla_{\theta} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f_w(g_{\theta}(z^{(i)}))
                  \theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \cdot \text{RMSProp}(\theta, g_{\theta})
12: end while
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### Theme in computation:

# Same in theory, but different in practice

- Choose one of each:
  - Formulation
  - Discretization

Engineering decision!

### Well-Known Theme

### "No Free Lunch"

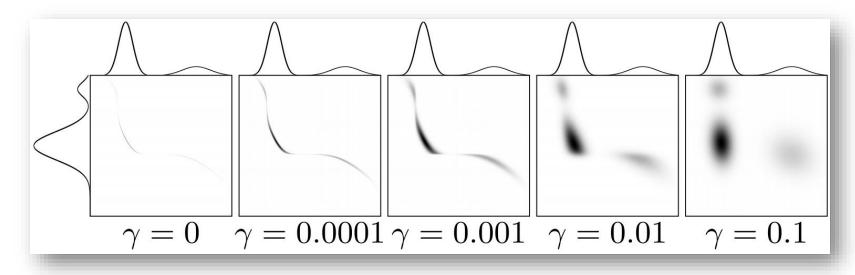
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INTRINSIC DEL	•	0	•	•	•	?
COMBINATORIAL	•	•	0	•	•	0
COTAN	•	•	•	0	•	•

Observe that none of the Laplacians considered in graphics fulfill *all* desired properties. Even more: none of them satisfy the first four properties.

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### **Entropic Regularization**



$$\min_{T} \sum_{ij} T_{ij} c_{ij} - lpha H(T)$$
 OK to drop nonnegative constraint!  $\sum_{j} T_{ij} = p_i$   $\sum_{i} T_{ij} = q_j$   $H(T) := -\sum_{ij} T_{ij} \log T_{ij}$ 

Cuturi. "Sinkhorn distances: Lightspeed computation of optimal transport" (NIPS 2013)

# Sinkhorn Algorithm

$$T = \operatorname{diag}(u) K_{lpha} \operatorname{diag}(v), \ ext{where } K_{lpha} := \exp(-C/lpha) \ u \leftarrow p \oslash (K_{lpha} v) \ v \leftarrow q \oslash (K_{lpha}^{ op} u)$$

Sinkhorn & Knopp. "Concerning nonnegative matrices and doubly stochastic matrices". Pacific J. Math. 21, 343–348 (1967).

### **Alternating projection**

### Ingredients for Sinkhorn

- Supply vector p
   Demand vector q
- 3. Multiplication by K





$$K_{ij} = e^{-c_{ij}/\alpha}$$

### Sinkhorn Divergences

$$\overline{\mathcal{W}}_{c,\varepsilon}(\mu,\nu) := 2\mathcal{W}_{c,\varepsilon}(\mu,\nu) - \mathcal{W}_{c,\varepsilon}(\mu,\mu) - \mathcal{W}_{c,\varepsilon}(\nu,\nu)$$

- Debiases entropy-regularized transport near zero
- Easy to compute: Three calls to Sinkhorn
- Links optimal transport to maximum mean discrepancy (MMD)

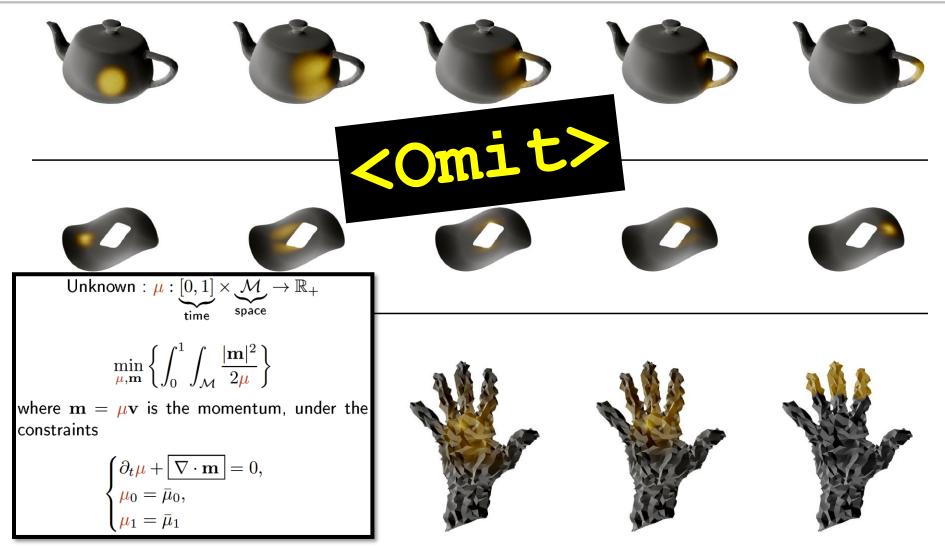
$$\frac{\overline{\mathcal{W}}_{c,\varepsilon}(\mu,\nu)}{\overline{\mathcal{W}}_{c,\varepsilon}(\mu,\nu)} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \to 0} 2\mathcal{W}_{c}(\mu,\nu)$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon \to 0}{\varepsilon \to \infty} \text{MMD}_{-c}(\mu,\nu)$$

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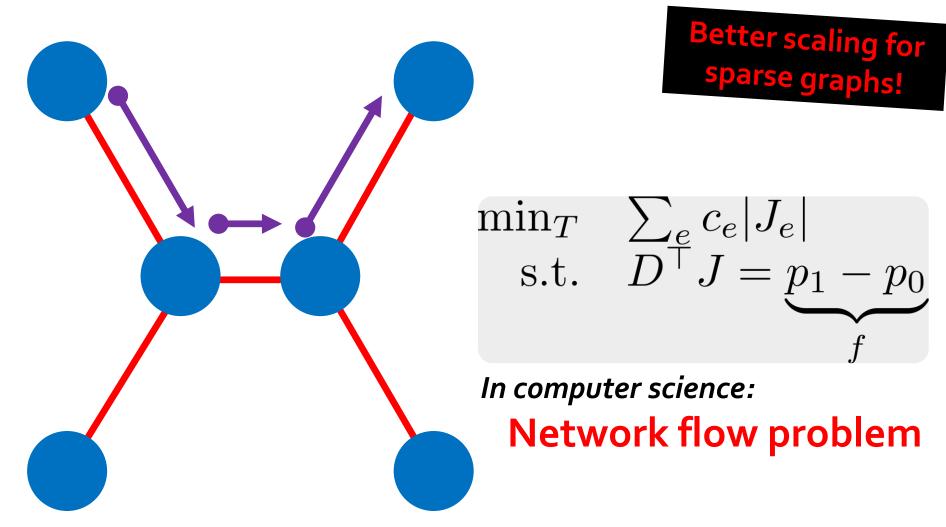
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### Discretization



Images/math from [Lavenant, Claici, Chien, and Solomon 2018]

### **Beckmann Formulation**



Smooth PDE analog: [Solomon et al. 2014]

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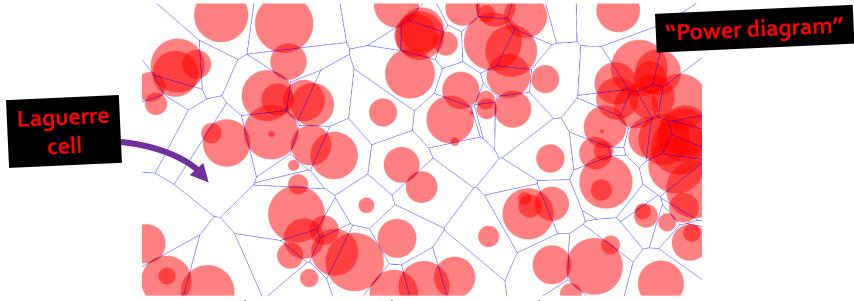
### Semidiscrete General Case

$$\mu_0 := \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \delta_{x_i} \qquad \qquad \nu(S) := \int_S \rho(x) \, dx$$

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$$\mathcal{W}_2^2(\mu,\nu) = \sup_{\phi \in \mathbb{R}^k} \sum_i \left[ a_i \phi_i + \int_{\operatorname{Lag}_{\phi}^c(x_i)} \rho(y) [c(x_i, y) - \phi_i] \, dA(y) \right]$$

$$\operatorname{Lag}_{\phi}^{c}(x_{i}) := \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{n} : c(x_{i}, y) - \phi_{i} \le c(x_{j}, y) - \phi_{j} \ \forall j \ne i \}$$



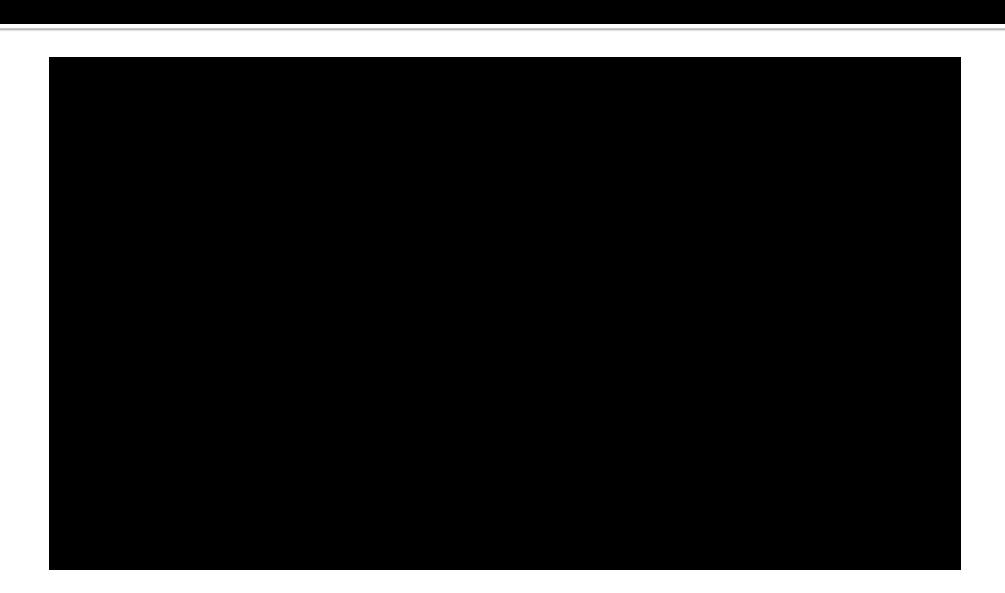
https://www.jasondavies.com/power-diagram/

### Semidiscrete Algorithm

$$\begin{split} F(\phi) := \sum_i \left[ a_i \phi_i + \int_{\mathrm{Lag}_\phi^c(x_i)} \rho(y) [c(x_i,y) - \phi_i] \, dA(y) \right] \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_i} = a_i - \int_{\mathrm{Lag}_\phi^c(x_i)} \rho(y) \, dA(y) \end{split}$$
 Concave in  $\phi$ !

- Simple algorithm: Gradient ascent Ingredients: Power diagram
- More complex: Newton's method Converges globally [de Goes et al. 2012; Kitagawa, Mérigot, & Thibert 2016]
- ML setting: Stochastic optimization [Genevay et al. 2016; Staib et al. 2017; Claici et al. 2018]

# Application



### Redux

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages	
Entropic regularization	<ul><li>Fast</li><li>Easy to implement</li><li>Works on mesh using heat kernel</li></ul>	• Blurry • Becomes singular as $\alpha \to 0$	
Eulerian optimization	<ul><li>Provides displacement interpolation</li><li>Connection to PDE</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hard to optimize</li><li>Triangle mesh formulation unclear</li></ul>	
Semidiscrete optimization	<ul><li>No regularization</li><li>Connection to "classical" geometry</li></ul>	<ul><li>Expensive computational geometry algorithms</li></ul>	

Many others:

Stochastic transport, dual ascent, Monge-Ampère PDE, ...

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### Sinkhorn Autodiff

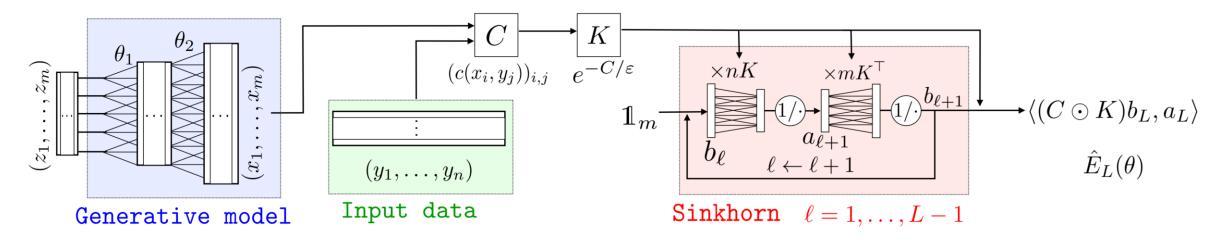


Figure 1: For a given fixed set of samples  $(z_1, \ldots, z_m)$ , and input data  $(y_1, \ldots, y_n)$ , flow diagram for the computation of Sinkhorn loss function  $\theta \mapsto \hat{E}_{\varepsilon}^{(L)}(\theta)$ . This function is the one on which automatic differentiation is applied to perform parameter learning. The display shows a simple 2-layer neural network  $g_{\theta}: z \mapsto x$ , but this applies to any generative model.

### **Smoothed Dual Formulations**

**Proposition 19.** The dual of entropy-regularized OT between two probability measures  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  can be rewritten as the maximization of an expectation over  $\alpha \otimes \beta$ :

$$W_{\varepsilon}^{c}(\alpha, \beta) = \max_{u, v \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Y})} \mathbb{E}_{\alpha \otimes \beta}[f_{\varepsilon}^{XY}(u, v)] + \varepsilon,$$

where

$$f_{\varepsilon}^{xy} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} u(x) + v(y) - \varepsilon \exp^{\frac{u(x) + v(y) - c(x,y)}{\varepsilon}} \quad \text{for } \varepsilon > 0.$$
 (2.2)

and when  $\beta \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \beta_j \delta_{y_j}$  is discrete, the potential v is a m-dimensional vector  $(\mathbf{v}_j)_j$ 

#### Algorithm 4 Averaged SGD for Semi-Discrete OT

**Input:** step size  $C \in \mathbb{R}_+$ 

**Output:** dual potential  $\bar{\mathbf{v}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 

 $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbb{O}_m$  (iterates for SGD)

 $\bar{\mathbf{v}} \leftarrow \mathbf{v}$  (dual potential obtained by averaging)

**for** k = 1, 2, ... **do** 

 $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbf{v} + \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}} \nabla_v g_{\varepsilon}^{x_k}(\mathbf{v})$  (gradient ascent step using  $\mathbf{v}$ )  $\bar{\mathbf{v}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{k} \mathbf{v} + \frac{k-1}{k} \bar{\mathbf{v}}$  (averaging step to get faster convergence of  $\mathbf{v}$ )

end for

Parameterize dual potentials:

- Using RKHS [Genevay et al. 2016]
- Using neural networks [Seguy et al. 2017]

### New Progress on the Monge Formulation

#### **Input Convex Neural Networks**

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#### Abstract

This paper presents the input convex neural network architecture. These are scalar-valued (potentially deep) neural networks with constraints on the network parameters such that the output of the network is a convex function of (some of) the inputs. The networks allow for efficient inference via optimization over some inputs to the network given others, and can be applied to settings including structured prediction, data imputation, reinforcement learning, and others. In this paper we lay the basic groundwork for these models, proposing methods for inference, optimization and learning, and analyze their representational power. We show that many existing neural network architectures can be made inputconvex with a minor modification, and develop specialized optimization algorithms tailored to this setting. Finally, we highlight the performance of the methods on multi-label prediction, image completion, and reinforcement learning problems, where we show improvement over the existing state of the art in many cases.

#### 1. Introduction

In this paper, we propose a new neural network architecture that we call the *input convex neural network* (ICNN). These are *scalar-valued* neural networks  $f(x, y; \theta)$  where x and y denotes inputs to the function and  $\theta$  denotes the parameters, built in such a way that the network is convex in (a subset of) *inputs*  $y^3$ . The fundamental benefit to these IC-

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#### Optimal transport mapping via input convex neural networks

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Data imputatio

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we present a novel and principled approach to learn the optimal transport between two distributions, from samples. Guided by the optimal transport theory, we learn the optimal

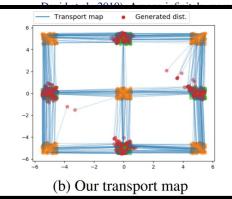
Kantorovich potential which induces the optimal

(a) Data samples

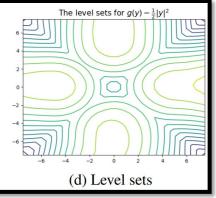
Target distribution

#### 1. Introduction

Finding a mapping that transports mass from one distribution Q to another distribution P is an important task in various machine learning applications, such as deep generative models (Goodfellow et al., 2014; Kingma & Welling, 2013) and domain adaptation (Gopalan et al., 2011; Ben-



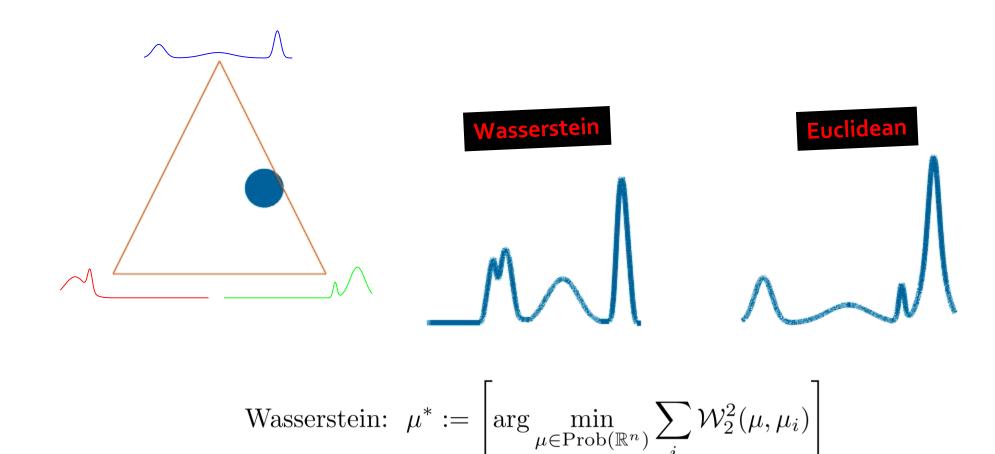
(c) Displacement vector field



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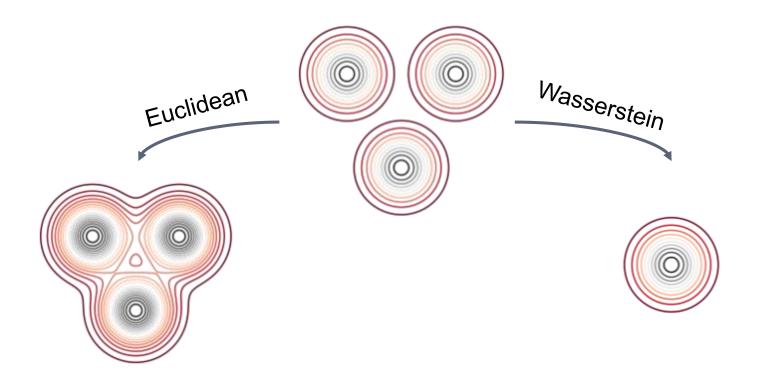
- 1. Introduction to optimal transport
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- 2. Applications
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- 4. Extensions & frontiers

### Wasserstein Barycenters



[Agueh and Carlier 2010]

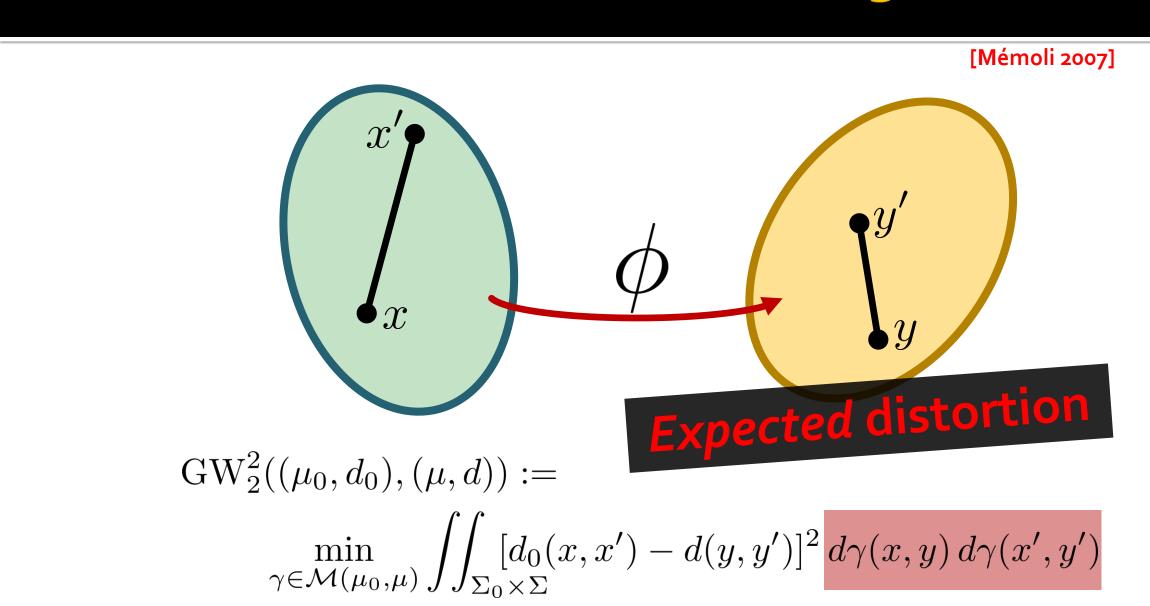
# **Barycenters in Bayesian Inference**



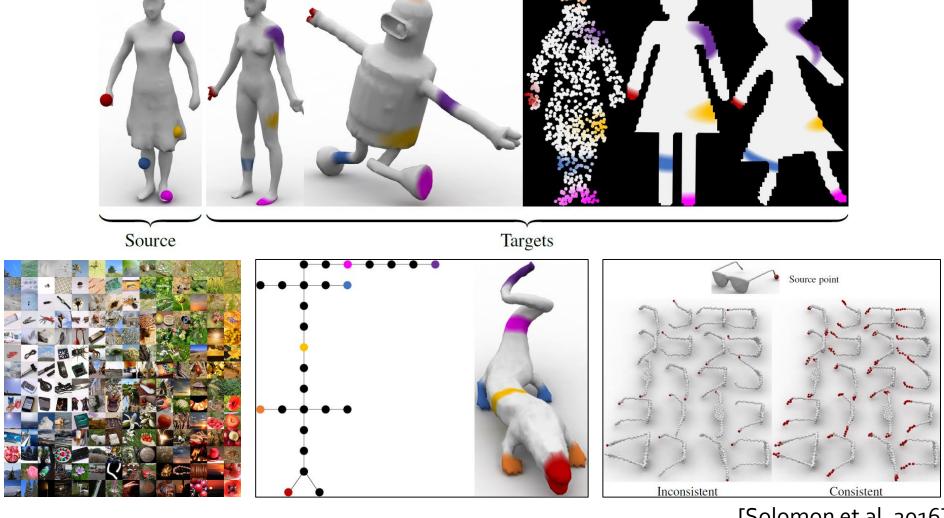
Wasserstein Subset Posterior (WASP)

[Srivastava et al. 2018]

### **Quadratic Matching**

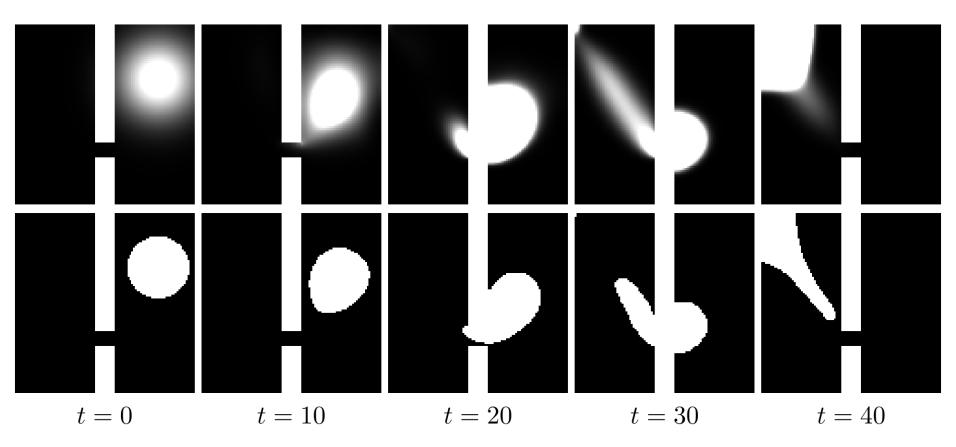


# Variety of Correspondence Tasks



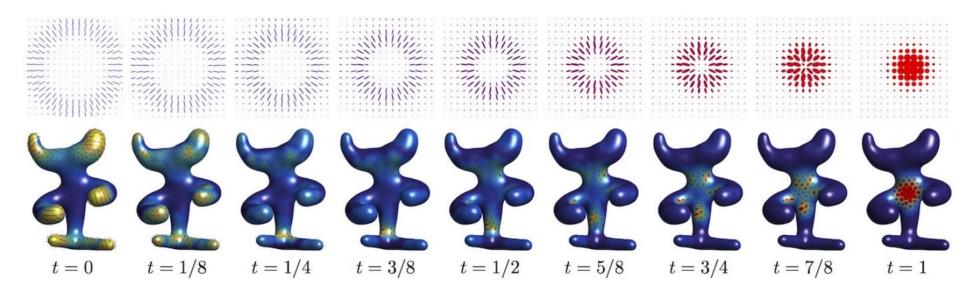
[Solomon et al. 2016]

### **Gradient Flows**



"Entropic Wasserstein Gradient Flows" [Peyré 2015]

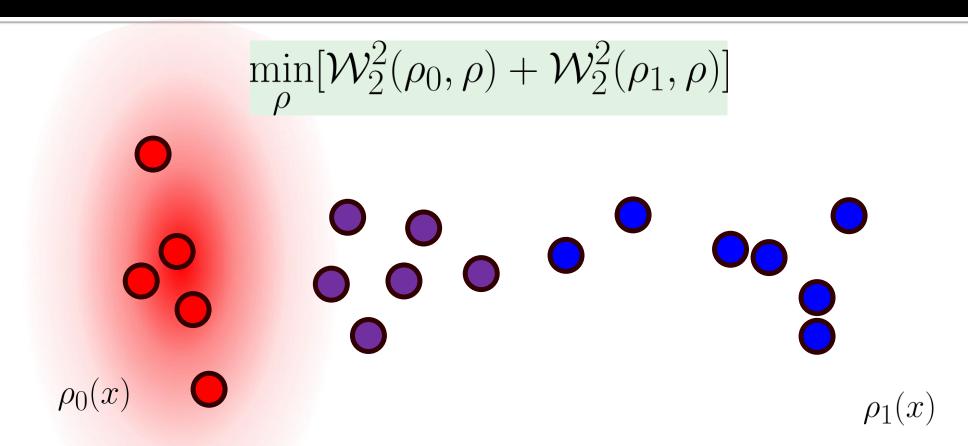
### Matrix Fields and Vector Measures



"Quantum Optimal Transport for Tensor Field Processing" [Peyré et al. 2017]

Open problem: Dynamical version? Curved surfaces?

# Sampling Problems



Somewhere between semidiscrete and smooth

### Wasserstein barycenter

# Optimal Transport

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