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Research Interests

My research is focused on applying tools from the optimal transport theory to machine learning. More specifically, I have a particular interest in leveraging particular cases of optimal transport that admit closed form expressions to design scalable tools for machine learning.

Keywords: Machine Learning, Optimal Transport.

Education

- 2017–2020 **ENSAE**, *PhD in Mathematics*, Paris.
Leveraging Regularization, Projections and Elliptical Distributions in Optimal Transport.
Supervised by Marco Cuturi.
- 2016–2017 **Université Paris-Saclay**, *MSc Data Science*, Paris.
- 2013–2016 **École polytechnique**, *Engineering Degree, Data Science Track*, Paris.
Applied mathematics and computer science.

Work Experience

- Nov. 2020 – **INRIA & ENS Paris – SIERRA Team**, *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Paris.
Optimal transport and machine learning.
- Sept.–Nov. 2019 **Riken AIP/U. of Tokyo**, *Research Intern*, Tokyo, Japan. Supervisor: T. Suzuki.
Gradient Langevin dynamics for non-convex optimization in RKHS. Work with K. Sato, M. Massias and T. Suzuki.
- Mar.–Jul. 2016 **Data61, CSIRO**, *Research Intern*, Sydney, Australia. Supervisor: R. Nock.
Regularized optimal transport for joint distribution inference. Publication in AAAI 2017.

Publications and Preprints

- H. Janati, B. Muzellec, G. Peyré, and M. Cuturi. “Entropic Optimal Transport between (Unbalanced) Gaussian Measures has a Closed Form.” In: *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33* (oral). 2020.
- B. Muzellec, K. Sato, M. Massias and T. Suzuki. “Dimension-Free Convergence Rates for Gradient Langevin Dynamics in RKHS.” In: *arXiv:2003.00306*. (2020)
- B. Muzellec, J. Josse, C. Boyer and M. Cuturi. “Missing Data Imputation using Optimal Transport.” In: *Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning*. 2020.
- B. Muzellec and M. Cuturi. “Subspace Detours: Building Transport Plans that are Optimal on Subspace Projections.” In: *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 32*. 2019.
- B. Muzellec and M. Cuturi. “Generalizing Point Embeddings Using the Wasserstein Space of Elliptical Distributions.” In: *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 31*. 2018.
- B. Muzellec, R. Nock, G. Patrini and F. Nielsen. “Tsallis Regularized Optimal Transport and Ecological Inference.” In: *Proceedings of the Thirty-First AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*. 2017.

Teaching Experience

- Oct. 2017–present **ENSAE**, *Teaching Assistant*, Paris.
- Functional and Convex Analysis.
 - Numerical Analysis.
 - Introduction to Machine Learning.
- Sept. 2016 **École polytechnique**, *Student Tutor*, Paris.
- Aug. 2017
- INF311: Introduction to Computer Science.
 - INF557: Introduction to Concurrent and Communicating Systems.

Talks

- Dec. 2020 **Séminaire Palaisien**, *Inria Saclay*.
“The Bures-Wasserstein Geometry for Machine Learning” (30 minute talk).
- July. 2020 **Simpas Group Meeting**, *CMAP, IP Paris*.
“Imputing Missing Values using Optimal Transport.” (20 minute talk).
- Feb. 2020 **Sierra Seminar**, *Inria Paris*.
“The Bures-Wasserstein Distance for Machine Learning.” (1h talk).
- Sept. 2019 **Riken Deep Learning Theory Team Seminar**, *University of Tokyo*.
“Subspace Detours: Building Transport Plans that are Optimal on Subspace Projections.” (30 minute talk).
- Sept. 2018 **Junior Conference on Data Science and Engineering (JDSE)**, *Orsay*.
“Generalizing Point Embeddings Using the Wasserstein Space of Elliptical Distributions.” (20 minute talk, best presentation award).

Awards

- 2020 *DIM Math Innov* Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2018 *Best Talk Award*, Junior Conference on Data Science and Engineering 2018.
- 2016 *Computer Science Dpt. Research Internship Award*, École polytechnique.

Service to the community

Conference reviewer: AISTATS 2019, ICML 2019, NeurIPS 2020.
Ad-hoc journal reviewer: JMLR, Physica A.

Programming skills

- Advanced Python (numpy, scikit-learn, Pytorch, cython).
Notions C++, R, SQL.

Languages

Native French, fluent English, Spanish basics.