

# Optimal transport mapping via input convex neural networks

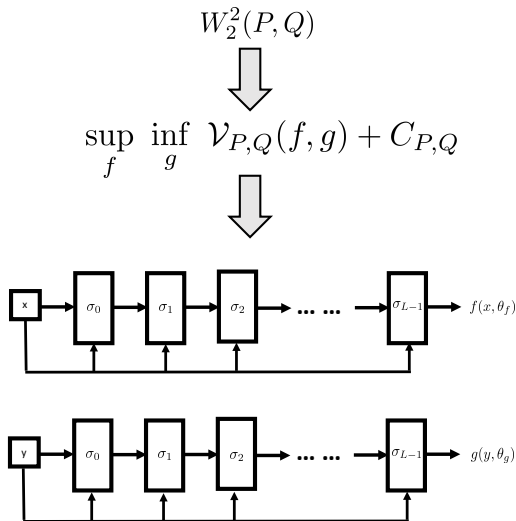
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- $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ , the set of probability measures on a Polish space  $\mathcal{X}$ .  
 $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$
- $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$ , the Borel subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$
- $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , the measurable map,  
 $(T\#Q)(A) = Q(T^{-1}(A)), \forall A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y})$
- $L^1(P) := \{f \text{ is measurable} \ \& \ \int f \, dP < \infty\}$ .
- $CVX(P)$ , the set of all convex functions in  $L^1(P)$ .

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# Formulation of 2-Wasserstein distance

This part builds on the work in<sup>1</sup>, which restricts the optimization problem to the variants of convex functions and leverages the input-convex neural networks to approximate 2-Wasserstein distance.

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<sup>1</sup>Amirhossein Taghvaei and Amin Jalali. “2-wasserstein approximation via restricted convex potentials with application to improved training for gans”. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.07197* (2019).

# Formulation of 2-Wasserstein distance

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where  $\Phi_c := \{(f, g) \in L^1(P) \times L^1(Q) : f(x) + g(y) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|_2^2, \forall (x, y) \text{d}P \otimes \text{d}Q\}$



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$$W_2^2(P, Q) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|X\|_2^2 + \|Y\|_2^2] + \sup_{(f, g) \in \tilde{\Phi}_c} [-\mathbb{E}_P[f(X)] - \mathbb{E}_Q[g(Y)]]$$

**Theorem 2.9 (Existence of an optimal pair of convex conjugate functions)**<sup>2</sup> Let  $P, Q$  be two probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , with finite second order moments. There exists a pair  $(f, f^*)$  of lower semi-continuous proper conjugate convex functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then we can get

$$W_2^2(P, Q) = C_{P, Q} + \sup_{f \in CVX(P)} [-\mathbb{E}_P[f(X)] - \mathbb{E}_Q[f^*(Y)]] \quad (4)$$

where  $C_{P, Q} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}[\|X\|_2^2 + \|Y\|_2^2]$ , and  $f^*(y) = \sup_x \langle x, y \rangle - f(x)$  is the convex conjugate of  $f(\cdot)$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Cédric Villani. *Topics in optimal transportation*. 58. American Mathematical Soc., 2003.

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Using a minimax formulation,

$$W_2^2(P, Q) = C_{P, Q} + \sup_{f \in CVX(P)} \inf_{g \in CVX(Q)} \mathcal{V}_{P, Q}(f, g) \quad (5)$$

where

$$\mathcal{V}_{P, Q} = -\mathbb{E}_P[f(X)] - \mathbb{E}_Q[\langle Y, \nabla g(Y) \rangle - f(\nabla g(Y))] \quad (6)$$

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# Minimax formulation

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla g(y) &= \nabla \left( \frac{1}{2} \|y\|_2^2 - g_o(y) \right) \\ &= y - \nabla g_o(y)\end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $T$  is the optimal transport map, then  $\nabla g_o(y) = \nabla_y \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|_2^2 = y - x$ , plugging it into above, we can get  $\nabla g(y) = x$ .

By the definition of convex conjugate,  $f^*(y) = \sup_x \langle x, y \rangle - f(x)$ , then we can get  $f^*(y) = \langle y, \nabla g(y) \rangle - f(\nabla g(y))$

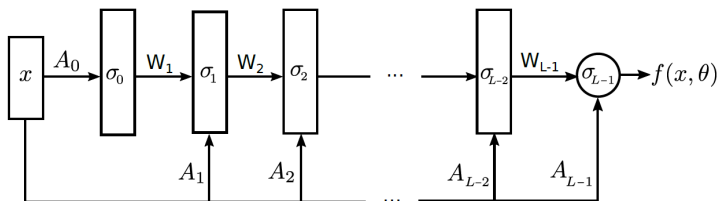


Figure 1: The input convex neural network (ICNN) architecture

$$z_{l+1} = \sigma_l(W_l z_l + A_l x + b_l), \quad f(x; \theta) = z_L \quad (7)$$

where  $\{W_l\}$ ,  $\{A_l\}$  are weight matrices, and  $\{b_l\}$  are the bias terms, and  $\theta = (\{W_l\}, \{A_l\}, \{b_l\})$ .



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To ensure that  $f(x; \theta)$  is convex,

- all entries of the weights  $W_l$  are non-negative
- activation function  $\sigma_0$  is convex
- $\sigma_l$  is convex and non-decreasing, for  $l = 1, \dots, L - 1$ .

# Minimax optimization over ICNNs

$$\max_{\theta_f} \min_{\theta_g} J(\theta_f, \theta_g) + R(\theta) \quad (9)$$

where  $R(\cdot)$  denotes the regularization term, and  $J(\theta_f, \theta_g) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M -f(X_i) - \langle Y_i, \nabla g(Y_i) \rangle + f(\nabla g(Y_i))$  corresponding to

$$\mathcal{V}_{P,Q} = -\mathbb{E}_P[f(X)] - \mathbb{E}_Q[\langle Y, \nabla g(Y) \rangle - f(\nabla g(Y))]$$

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**Algorithm 1** The numerical procedure to solve the optimization problem (9).

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**Input:** Source dist.  $Q$ , Target dist.  $P$ , Batch size  $M$ , Generator iterations  $K$ , Total iterations  $T$

**for**  $t = 1, \dots, T$  **do**

    Sample batch  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^M \sim P$

**for**  $k = 1, \dots, K$  **do**

        Sample batch  $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^M \sim Q$

        Update  $\theta_g$  to minimize (9) using Adam method

**end for**

    Update  $\theta_f$  to maximize (9) using Adam method

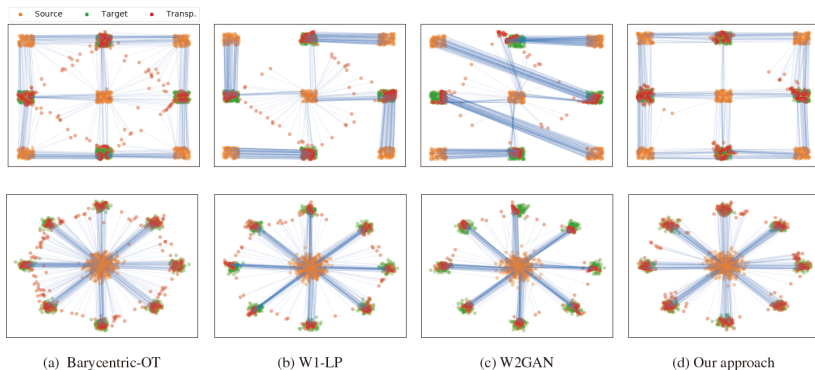
    Projection:  $w \leftarrow \max(w, 0)$ , for all  $w \in \{W^l\} \in \theta_f$

**end for**

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**Figure 2:** The transport maps learned by various approaches on ‘Checker board’ and ‘mixture of eight Gaussians’ datasets.