Constrained Optimal Transport Maps

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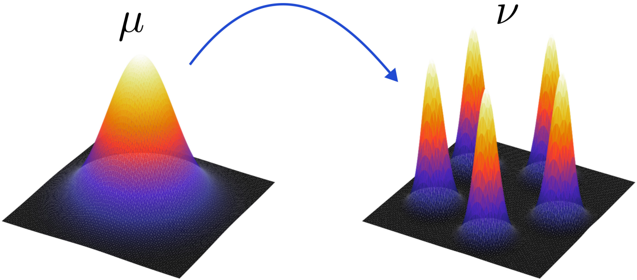

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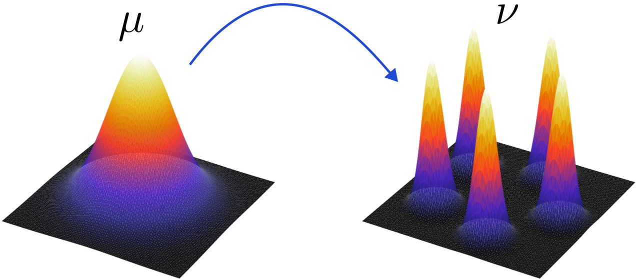

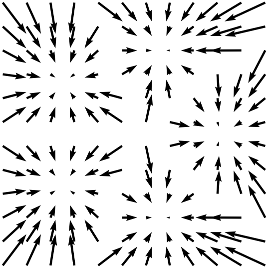

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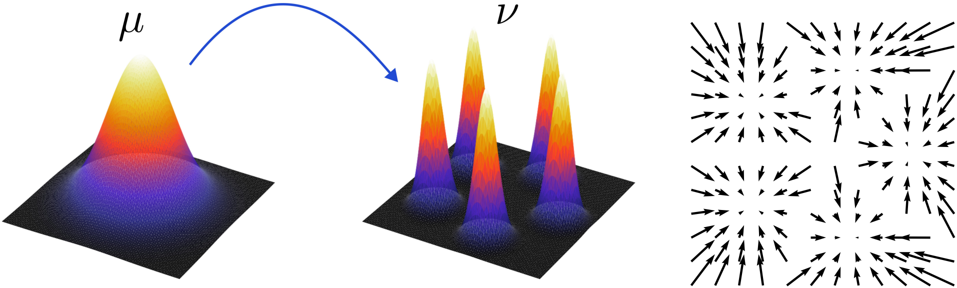

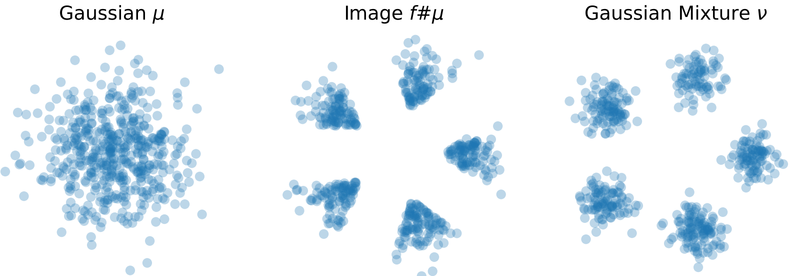

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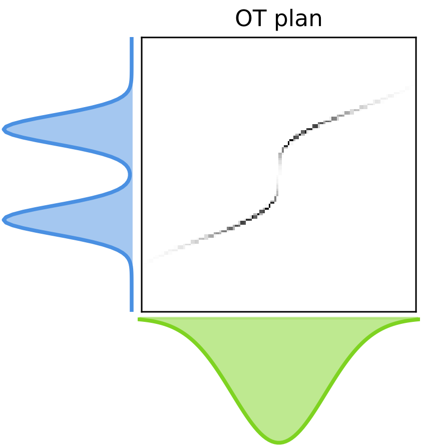

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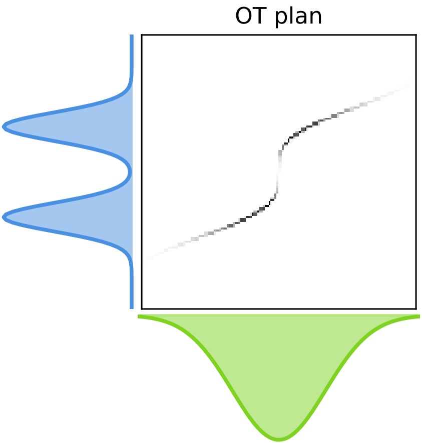

Kantorovich relaxation: $\mathcal{T}_c(\mu,\nu) := \min_{\pi\in\Pi(\mu,\nu)} \int c(x,y)\mathrm{d}\pi(x,y).$

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Problem statement

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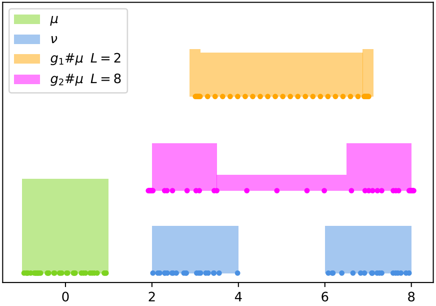

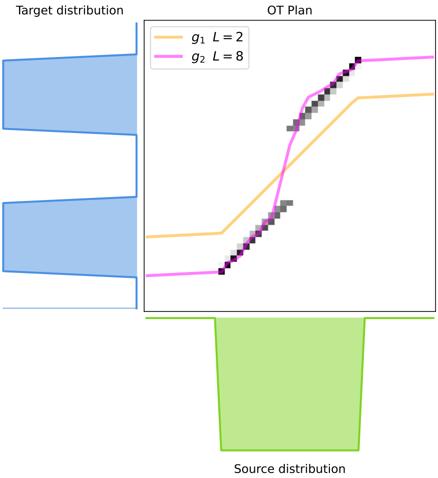

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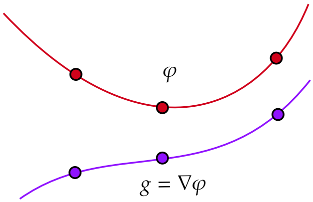

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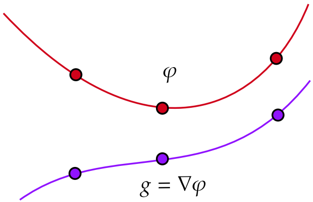

$$\underset{g\in G_{\ell,L}}{\operatorname{argmin}}\ \mathrm{W}_2^2(g\#\mu,\nu) \longleftrightarrow \underset{\substack{\pi\in\mathbb{R}^{n\times m},\ \varphi\in\mathbb{R}^n,\ g\in\mathbb{R}^{n\times d}\\ \pi\geq 0,\ \pi\mathbf{1}=a,\ \pi^T\mathbf{1}=b\\ Q_{\ell,L}(x_i,x_j,\varphi_i,\varphi_j,g_i,g_j)\geq 0}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i,j}\|g_i-y_j\|_2^2\pi_{i,j}.$$

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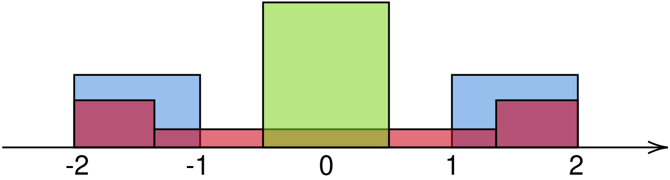

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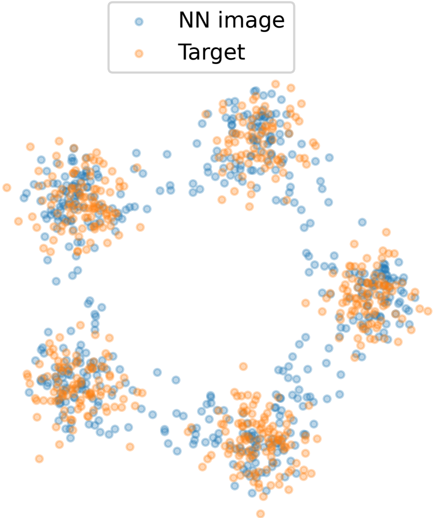
SGD Convergence, using Bolte-Le-Pauwels [1]

For c and g semi-algebraic and μ, ν discrete or AC with semi-algebraic density, almost-surely accumulation points of (θ_t) are Clarke critical points of $\theta \longmapsto \mathcal{T}_c(g_\theta \# \mu, \nu)$.

Illustration: Neural Network Vector Fields



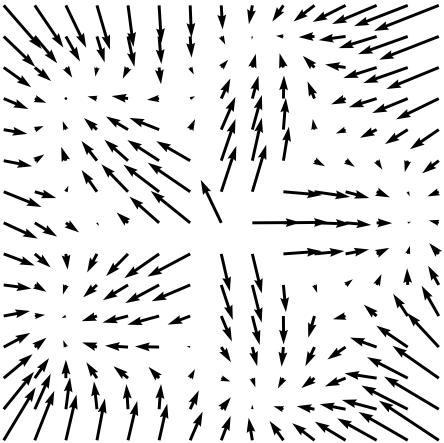
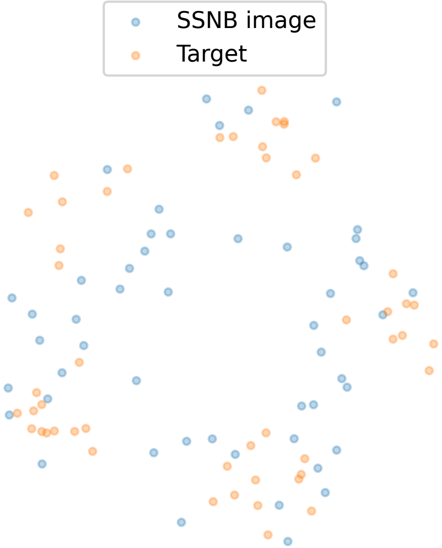
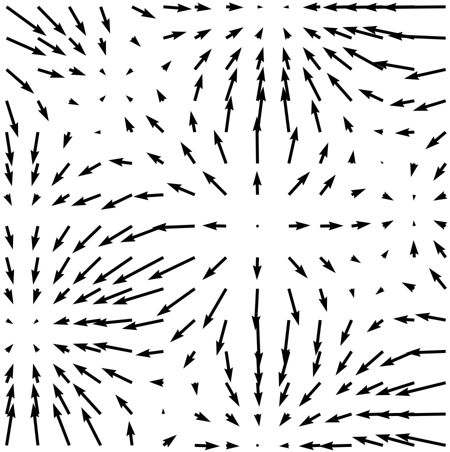


Illustration: Gradients of Strongly Convex Functions





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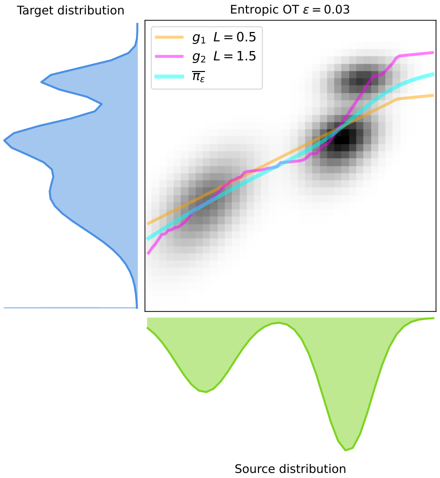

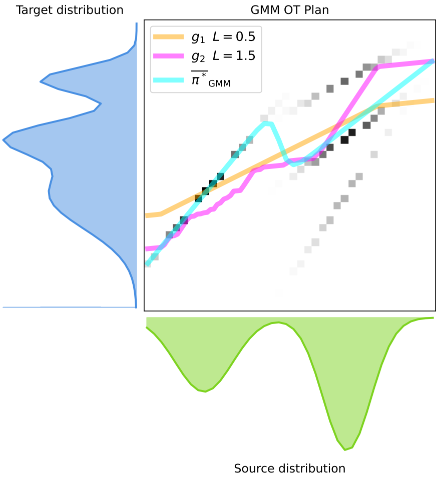

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Problem Equivalence

$$\mathcal{T}_C((I,g)\#\mu,\gamma) = \mathcal{T}_{c_2}(g\#\mu,\nu)$$

for $C((x_1,x_2),(y_1,y_2)) = h(c_1(x_1,y_1),c_2(x_2,y_2))$ if:

- $c_1(x,x) = 0$,
- $h(u,v) \geq v$,
- $h(0,v) = v$.

Ex: $C(\cdot,\cdot) = \| \cdot - \cdot \|_p^{qp}$, $p \in [1,+\infty]$, $q \geq 1$.

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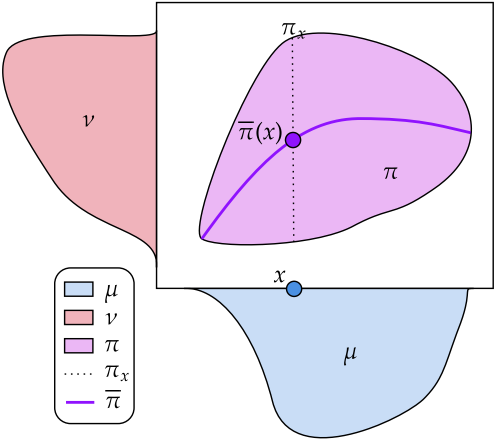

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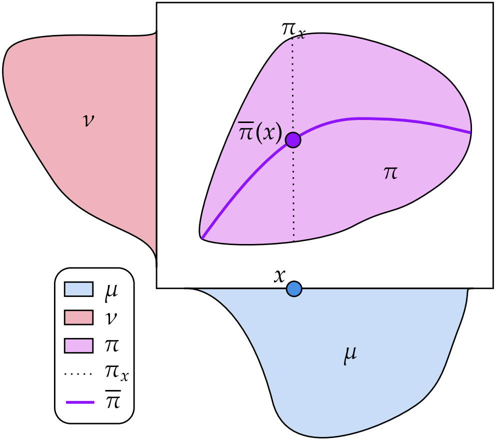

$$\overline{\pi}(x) = \int y \mathrm{d}\pi_x(y).$$

$$\overline{\pi}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y)\sim\pi}[Y|X = x].$$

$$\overline{\pi} = \underset{f\in L^2(\mu)}{\mathrm{argmin}} \int \|f(x) - y\|_2^2 \mathrm{d}\pi(x,y).$$

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Question: for $\pi \in \Pi^*(\mu,\nu)$, do we have

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Positive Answer in 1D

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Equivalence to L^2 projection in 1D for the L^2 cost

If all $g : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are non-decreasing and $\pi^* \in \Pi^*(\mu,\nu)$, then

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Counter-examples exist in higher dimensions. Generalises Paty 2020 [2].

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