# **Fused Optimal Transport Plan**

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#### Abstract

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#### 1 Introduction

### 2 Fused Optimal Transport Plan

**Notations.** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space and  $(S, d_S)$  a compact metric space. A measurable map  $X:\Omega \to S$  is called a random element with distribution  $\mathbb{P}_X:=\mathbb{P}\circ X^{-1}$ . We also introduce a feature space  $M\subset \mathbb{R}^d$  which is compact, and call any one-to-one and continuous  $f:S\to M$  a feature function. Throughout this study, we assume that  $\operatorname{diam}(S)=\operatorname{diam}(M)=1$ , where  $\operatorname{diam}(A):=\sup_{x,x'\in A}d_A(x,x')$ . For two probability measures  $\mu,\nu$  on S, denote by

$$\Pi(\mu, \nu) = \{ \pi \text{ on } S \times S : \text{ the marginals are } \mu \text{ and } \nu \}$$

the set of all couplings between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ . Lastly, we say a measurable map  $T:S\to S$  pushes forward  $\mu$  to  $\nu$  if  $\mu(T^{-1}(A))=\nu(A)$  for all  $A\in\mathcal{B}(S)$ , where  $\mathcal{B}(S)$  is the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of S. We denote  $T_{\#}\mu=\nu$  if T pushes forward  $\mu$  to  $\nu$ .

**Fused optimal transport plan.** For  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$  and a feature function f, we consider

$$\inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mathbb{P}_{X}, \mathbb{P}_{Y})} (1 - \alpha) \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \pi} \left[ \| f(X) - f(Y) \|_{2}^{2} \right] + \alpha \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \pi} \left[ K_{h}(X,X') \left| d_{S}(X,X') - d_{S}(Y,Y') \right|^{2} \right], \tag{1}$$

where  $K_h: S \times S \to [0, \infty)$  is a bounded, continuous, and symmetric kernel with a bandwidth h > 0. We write  $S_{\alpha,h}$  for the set of minimizers of (1).

**Proposition 1** (Existence of a minimizer). For each  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$  and h > 0, the problem (1) admits at least one minimizer; that is,  $S_{\alpha,h} \ne \emptyset$ .

An equivalent formulation in feature space. Let Z := f(X) and W := f(Y), and consider the set of couplings  $\Pi(\mathbb{P}_Z, \mathbb{P}_W)$  on  $M \times M$ . Define  $K_h^g(z, z') := K_h(g(z), g(z'))$  with  $g := f^{-1}$  on f(S). Then, (1) is equivalent to

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mathbb{P}_{Z}, \mathbb{P}_{W})} (1 - \alpha) \mathbb{E}_{(Z, W) \sim \gamma} [\|Z - W\|_{2}^{2}] + \alpha \mathbb{E}_{(Z, W) \sim \gamma} \Big[ K_{h}^{g}(Z, Z') \Big| d_{S} \Big( g(Z), g(Z') \Big) - d_{S} \Big( g(W), g(W') \Big) \Big|^{2} \Big]. \quad (2)$$

<sup>\*</sup>https://junhyoung-chung.github.io/

Thus,  $\pi$  is feasible for (1) if and only if  $\gamma=(f\times f)_\#\pi$  is feasible for (2) with the same objective value. Let  $\mathcal{S}^f_\alpha$  be the solution set for (2), which is in fact  $\mathcal{S}^f_{\alpha,h}=\{(f\times f)_\#\pi:\ \pi\in\mathcal{S}_{\alpha,h}\}$ . In the sequel, we focus on analyzing (2) for mathematical simplicity.

## 3 Local Geometric Preserving Optimal Transport

It is important to study the role of  $K_h^g$  in (2). To this end, we state some technical assumptions. **Assumption 1.** We assume the followings:

- (A1) S is an m-dimensional compact Riemannian manifold.
- (A2) The density of X, denoted by  $p_X$ , is twice-differentiable  $(p_X \in C^2)$  and  $c \le p_X \le C$  for some constants c, C > 0.
- (A3) S and M are  $C^2$ -diffeomorphic, and f is a  $C^2$ -diffeomorphism.
- (A4)  $K_h(x,x') = h^{-(m+2)}\kappa(d_S(x,x')/h)$  for some  $\kappa:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$ , where  $\kappa$  is (i) continuous, (ii) bounded, (iii) non-increasing, (iv) compactly supported, and (v)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^m} \kappa(\|u\|)du=1$ .

## References

## A Appendix