

Sinkhorn Algorithm as a Special Case of Stochastic Mirror Descent

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$$x^k \in x^0 + \text{Range}(A^\top)$$

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \eta \nabla f_i(x^k), \quad f_i(x) = \frac{1}{2\|a_i\|^2} (\langle a_i, x \rangle - b_i)^2$$

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