



**S**: cosine similarity between  $q(x)$  and  $h_k$ .  $-S$  represents **transportation cost**.

**N**: total  $q(x)$  samples in a mini-batch.

**K**: bits to encode each cluster centroid  $h_k$ .  $2^K$  are total clusters.

**r, c**: marginal distributions as constraints for uniform clustering.

**$P_{ji}^*$** : the probability that  $q(x_{ji})$  belongs to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  cluster. Represents **optimal transportation plan**

**$A_{ji}^*$** : assignment index. One-hot vector.