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# Preface

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# Notation Table.

$\emptyset$	Empty set
$\mathbb{R}$	Real numbers field.
$\bar{\mathbb{R}}$	$\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ . That is $[-\infty, \infty]$
$\mathbb{R}_+$	The set of nonnegative real numbers, that is the interval $[0, \infty)$ .
$\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$	The set of nonnegative extended real numbers, that is the interval $[0, \infty]$
$\delta_x$	The Dirac mass at point $x$ .
$\mathbb{R}^d$	The $d$ -dimensional Euclidean space.
$\text{id}$	Identity map.
$\mathcal{P}(X)$	Space of probabilities on $X$ .
$\mu \ll \nu$	The measure is absolutely continuous with respect to $\nu$ .
$\mathbb{1}_\Omega$	Indicator function of a set $\Omega$ . If $x \in \Omega$ then $\mathbb{1}_\Omega(x) = 1$ . If $x \in \Omega^c$ , we have $\mathbb{1}_\Omega(x) = 0$ .
$\mu \llcorner A$	A measure $\mu$ restricted to a set $A$ .
$\omega_d$	The Measure of the unite ball in $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
$\wedge$	The min operator, that is $a \wedge b := \min\{a, b\}$ .
$\vee$	The max operator, that is $a \vee b := \max\{a, b\}$ .
$DT(x)$	Jacobian matrix of a map $T(x)$ .
$T_\# \mu$	The image measure of $\mu$ through the map $T$ .
$f _\Omega$	The restriction of a function $f$ to a set $\Omega$ .
$\Pi(\mu, \nu)$	The set of transport plans from $\mu$ to $\nu$ .
$\frac{\delta F}{\delta \rho}$	First variation of $F : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , that is $\left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} F(\rho + \epsilon \chi) \right _{\epsilon=0} = \int \frac{\delta F}{\delta \rho} d\chi$
$W_p$	Wasserstein distance of order $p$ .
$\mathbb{W}_p$	Wasserstein space of order $p$ .
$\gamma_T$	The transport plan in $\Pi(\mu, \nu)$ induced by a map $T$ . That is $\gamma_T = (\text{id}, T)_\# \mu$ and $T_\# \mu = \nu$ .
$M(T)$	Monge cost of a map $T$ .
$K(\gamma)$	Kantorovich cost of a plan $\gamma$ .
$\mu \otimes \nu$	The product measure of $\mu$ and $\nu$ such that $\mu \otimes \nu(A \times B) = \mu(A)\nu(B)$ .
$M^{k \times h}$	The set of real matrices with $k$ rows and $h$ columns.
$M^T$	Transpose of a matrix $M$ .
i.i.d.	Independent and identical probability distributions.
l.s.c.	Lower semicontinuous.



# 1

## Preliminaries.

### Definitions and important theorems to remember.

We start this chapter reminding the basic definitions and theorems in topology and measure theory, since they are needed to have a suitable framework to discuss the optimal transport problem and its applications.

We start with the definition of topology that is needed to introduce a notion of continuity. We refer to [1] for more details.

**Definition 1.1** (Topology). *A topology on a set  $X$  is a collection  $\mathcal{T}$  of subsets of  $X$  having the following properties*

- *The space  $X$  itself and  $\emptyset$  are in  $\mathcal{T}$ .*
- *The union of the elements of any sub-collection of  $\mathcal{T}$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ .*
- *The intersection of the elements of any finite sub-collection of  $\mathcal{T}$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ .*

A pair  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called a topological space. The elements of  $\mathcal{T}$  are called open sets. The complements of the sets of  $\mathcal{T}$  are called closed sets. We call a neighborhood of  $x$  an element of  $\mathcal{T}$  containing  $x$ .

**Definition 1.2** (Topological Basis.). *Give a set  $X$  endowed with a topology  $\mathcal{T}$ . We call a basis for  $\mathcal{T}$  is a collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $X$  (called basis elements), such that,*

1. *For each  $x \in X$ , there is at least one basis element  $B$  containing  $x$ .*
2. *If  $x$  belongs to the intersection of two basis elements  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , then there is a basis element  $B_3$  containing  $x$  such that  $B_3 \in B_1 \cap B_2$ .*

**Definition 1.3** (Dense set). *A subset  $D$  of a topological space  $X$  is dense in  $X$  if for any point  $x$  in  $X$ , any neighborhood of  $x$  contains at least one point from  $D$ .*

**Definition 1.4** (Separable space). *A topological space is called separable if it contains a countable, dense subset.*

**Definition 1.5.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. Let  $\mathcal{V}(x_0)$  be a topological basis of  $X$ , such that all  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  contains  $x_0$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a functional valued in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We define,*

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \sup_{V \in \mathcal{V}(x_0)} \inf_{s \in V} f(s)$$

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \inf_{V \in \mathcal{V}(x_0)} \sup_{s \in V} f(s)$$

The above definitions can be expressed in terms of sequences of real numbers. Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$ , the above formulation is equivalent to say.

$$\liminf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \inf_{m \geq n} x_m \right)$$

Equivalently for  $\limsup$ ,

$$\limsup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sup_{m \geq n} x_m \right)$$

Please note that the convergence to some point  $x_0$ ,  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rightarrow x_0$  is not required in the last definitions.

**Definition 1.6** (Lower Semicontinuity). On a complete metric space  $X$ , a function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be lower semi-continuous (l.s.c.) if for every sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converging to  $x \in X$ , we have

$$f(x) \leq \liminf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f(x_n)$$

**Definition 1.7** (Sequentially compact). A subset  $K$  of a metric space  $X$  is said to be compact if from any sequence  $x_n$ , we can extract a converging subsequence  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \in K$ .

We can see from the above definition that any continuous function is lower-semicontinuous.

**Definition 1.8** (Compactness). A subset  $K$  of a metric space  $X$  is compact if every open cover of  $K$  has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 1.1.** A subset of a metric space is compact if and only if it is sequentially compact.

**Theorem 1.2** (Maxima and Minima). Let  $X$  be a compact metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, real-valued function. Then  $f$  is bounded on  $X$  and attains its maximum and minimum. That is, there are  $x, y$  belonging to  $X$  such that,

$$f(x) = \inf_{z \in X} f(z) \quad \text{and} \quad f(y) = \sup_{z \in X} f(z)$$

Continuity is a strong requirement. Luckily we can assure the existence of a minimizer on lower-semicontinuous functions (or maximizer on upper-semicontinuous). The usual procedure to prove existence of a minimizer is making use of Weierstrass' criterion. We take a minimizing sequence and then we prove that the space in which we are trying to find a minimizer element is compact.

**Theorem 1.3** (Weierstrass' criterion for existence of minimizers). If  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is lower semi-continuous and  $X$  is compact, then there exists  $\hat{x} \in X$ .

*Proof.* Define  $l := \inf\{f(x) : x \in X\} \in \mathbb{R}$ , notice that  $l = +\infty$  only if  $f$  is identically  $+\infty$ , then this case is trivial since any point minimizes  $f$ . By compactness there exists a minimizing sequence  $x_n$ , that is  $f(x_n) \rightarrow l$ . By compactness we can extract a subsequence converging to some  $\hat{x}$  such that  $\hat{x} \in X$ . By lower-semicontinuity of  $f$ , we have that  $f(\hat{x}) \liminf_n f(x_n) = l$ . Since  $l$  is the infimum  $l \leq f(\hat{x})$ . This proves that  $l = f(\hat{x}) \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

We can apply the above analysis using a notion of upper-semicontinuity and compactness to find the maximum. Explanation about notions of convergence with bounded functionals and vanishing in infinity functions. If  $X$  is compact we have  $C_0(X) = C_b(X) = C(X)$  if  $X$  and both notions of convergence coincide.

**Definition 1.9** (Topological Dual). If  $X$  is a normed space, the dual space  $X^* = \mathcal{B}(X, \mathbb{R})$ . Consists of all linear and bounded functionals mapping from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 1.10** (Weak compactness in dual spaces). A sequence  $x_n$  in a Banach space  $X$  is said to be weakly converging to  $x$ , and we write  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , if for every  $\xi \in X^*$ . We have  $\langle \xi, x_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle \xi, x \rangle$ . A sequence  $\xi_n \in X^*$  is said to be weakly-\* converging to  $\xi$ , and we write  $\xi_n \rightharpoonup^* \xi$ , if for every  $x \in X$  we have  $\langle \xi_n, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle \xi, x \rangle$ .

**Theorem 1.4** (Banach-Alaouglu). *If  $X$  is separable and  $\xi_n$  is a bounded sequence in  $X^*$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\xi_{n_k}$  weakly converging to some  $\xi \in X^*$ .*

The Banach-Alaouglu's theorem is a well known result in functional analysis, an equivalent formulation is saying the closed unit ball in  $X^*$  is weak-\* compact.

**Definition 1.11.** A sequence  $\mu_n$  probability measures over  $X$  is said to be tight if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a compact subset  $K \subset X$  such that  $\mu_n(X \setminus K) < \epsilon$  for every  $n$ .

**Definition 1.12** (Tightness). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  a topological space, and let  $\mathcal{A}$  a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  that contains the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ . Let  $M$  be a collection of measures defined on  $\mathcal{A}$ . The collection  $M$  is called tight if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a compact subset  $K_\epsilon$  of  $X$  such that, for all measures  $\mu \in M$  we have,

$$|\mu|(X \setminus K_\epsilon) < \epsilon$$

**Theorem 1.5** (Prokhorov). Suppose that  $\mu_n$  is a tight sequence of probability measures over a Polish space  $X$ . Then there exists  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  and a subsequence  $\mu_{n_k}$  such that  $\mu_{n_k} \rightarrow \mu$ , in duality with  $C_b(X)$ . Conversely, every sequence  $\mu_{n_k} \rightarrow \mu$  is tight.

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  be a given functional bounded from below on a metric space  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the set of lower semicontinuous functions  $G : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ , such that  $G \leq F$ . We call a relaxation the supremum of  $\mathcal{G}$ . This functional does exist since the supremum of an arbitrary family of lower semicontinuous functions is also lower semicontinuous. It is possible to have a representation formula as follows:

$$\bar{F}(x) = \inf \left\{ \liminf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F(x_n) : x_n \rightarrow x \right\}. \quad (1.1)$$

As consequence of this definition we see that  $F \geq \bar{F}$  implies  $\inf F \geq \inf \bar{F}$ . Let  $l = \inf F$  then  $F \geq l$ . A constant function is lower semicontinuous. Therefore,  $\bar{F} \geq l$  and  $\inf \bar{F} \geq \inf F$ . Implying that the infimum of both  $F$  and its regularization  $\bar{F}$  coincide, i.e.  $\inf \bar{F} = \inf F$ .

**Definition 1.14.** A measure over a set  $\Omega$  is atomless if  $\forall x \in \Omega$ , we have  $\mu(\{x\}) = 0$ .

**Definition 1.15** (Proper convex function). Let  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ , a function taking values in the extended real number line. We call it proper convex function if  $\exists x \in X$  such that

$$f(x) < \infty$$

And  $\forall x \in X$ ,

$$f(x) > -\infty \quad (1.2)$$



# 2

## Basics in Convex Analysis.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  be a convex and lower-semicontinuous function. Assume that there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $f(x_0) = -\infty$ . Then  $f$  is nowhere finite on  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $f_\alpha$  is an arbitrary family of lower semi-continuous functions on  $X$ , then  $f = \sup_\alpha f_\alpha$  is also lower-semicontinuous.

**Definition 2.1** (Convex conjugate function). Let  $X$  be a Banach space, let  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  be a functional over  $X$ . We call the convex conjugate to the function  $f^* : X^* \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ , defined as

$$f^*(x^*) = \sup_{x \in X} \{ \langle x^*, x \rangle - f(x) \}$$

**Proposition 2.2.** The convex conjugate  $f^* : X^* \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  of a function  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is convex.

*Proof.* Let  $x^*, y^*$  elements of the dual space  $X^*$ , and  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(tx^* + (1-t)y^*) &= \sup_{x \in X} \{ \langle tx^* + (1-t)y^*, x \rangle - f(x) \} \\ &= \sup_{x \in X} \{ \langle tx^* + (1-t)y^*, x \rangle - tf(x) - (1-t)f(x) \} \\ &= \sup_{x \in X} \{ t \langle x^*, x \rangle + (1-t) \langle y^*, x \rangle - tf(x) - (1-t)f(x) \} \\ &\leq \sup_{x, y \in X} \{ t \langle x^*, x \rangle + (1-t) \langle y^*, y \rangle - tf(x) - (1-t)f(y) \} \\ &= t \sup_{x \in X} \{ \langle x^*, x \rangle - f(x) \} + (1-t) \sup_{y \in X} \{ \langle y^*, y \rangle - f(y) \} \\ &= tf^*(x^*) + (1-t)f^*(y^*). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f^*$  is convex regardless the convexity of  $f$ . □

**Theorem 2.2.** A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is convex and lower-semicontinuous if and only if  $f^{**} = f$ .

**Lemma 2.1** (Convex envelope theorem). Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach Space. Then the convex conjugate function  $f^*$  is the maximum convex functional below  $f$  (also called convex envelope), i.e. if  $q$  is convex functional and  $q(x) \leq f(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ . Then,  $f^{**}(x) \leq f(x)$ , and  $q(x) \leq f^{**}(u)$ ,  $\forall x \in U$ . In particular  $f^{**} = f$  if and only if  $f$  is convex.

**Definition 2.2** (Legendre Transform). Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  be a convex function, we call the Legendre transform  $f^*$

$$f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \{ x \cdot y - f(x) \}$$

**Corollary 2.1.** A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is convex and l.s.c. if and only if  $f^{**} = f$ .

**Definition 2.3** (Subdifferential). *Given a proper convex function  $f : X \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ , the subdifferential of such a function is the mapping  $\partial f : X \rightarrow X^*$  defined by,*

$$\partial f(x) = \{x^* \in X^*; f(x) - f(y) \leq \langle x^*, x - y \rangle, \forall y \in X\}$$

**Theorem 2.3** (Geometrical version of Hahn-Banach Theorem). *Let  $M$  be a vector subspace of the topological vector space  $X$ . Suppose  $K$  is a non-empty convex open subset of  $X$  with  $K \cap M = \emptyset$ . Then there is a closed hyperplane  $N \in X$  containing  $M$  with  $K \cap N = \emptyset$ .*

**Theorem 2.4.** *The epigraph of a convex and lower semicontinuous function is a closed convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}$ , and can be written as the intersection of the half-spaces which contain it.*



# 3

## Linear Programming

Linear programming is a well studied branch of the mathematics that studies the optimization of linear functions under linear constraints. The study of linear programming started during the second part of the 1940s, as a technique military oriented problems.

We can formulate the problem in its general form as follows:

**Problem 1.** Given a cost vector  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , a linear operator  $\mathbf{A} \in M^{m \times n}$

$$\min \quad \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \quad (3.1)$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \geq 0 \quad (3.3)$$

Where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{b}$  is an  $m$ -dimensional column vector. The vector inequality means  $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$  means that each component is nonnegative. This problem has a solution if  $n > m$ .

Consider the system of equalities (3.2), the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Given the set of  $m$  simultaneous linear equations (3.2) with  $n$  unknowns, let  $\mathbf{B}$  be any nonsingular  $m \times m$  submatrix made up of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then if all  $n - m$

**Definition 3.2.** If one or more of the basic variables in a basic solution has value zero, that solution is said to be degenerate solution basic solution

**Theorem 3.1** (Fundamental theorem of linear programming.). Given a linear program in

**Simplex Method.**

**Interior Method.**

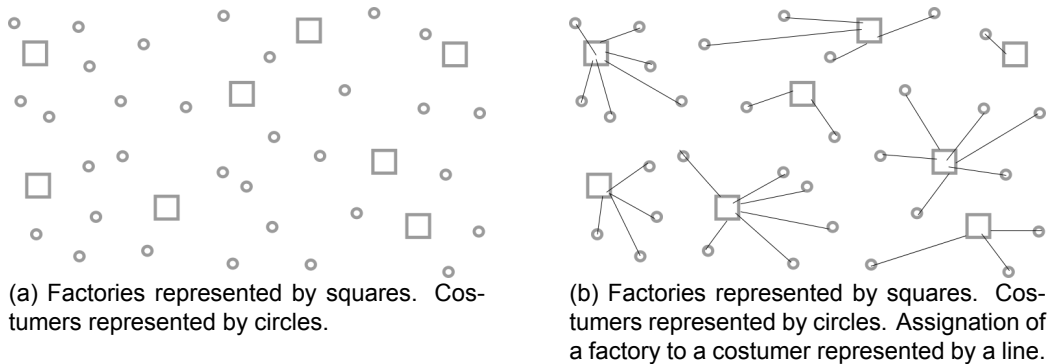


# Optimal Transport Theory

To introduce the optimal transport problem please imagine we are asked by a consortium of factories to design a plan for distributing their products among its many costumers in such a way that the transportation costs are minimal.

We can start the approach of this problem considering the costumers as members of the set  $X$  and the factories as members of a set  $Y$ . We want to know which factory  $y \in Y$  is going to supply a customer  $x \in X$ , i.e.  $y = T(x) \in Y$ . Therefore, we can estimate the transportation cost  $c(x, T(x))$  of supplying a customer  $x$  with a factory  $y = T(x)$ . We see that our problem is reduced to find an assigning map from the set of costumers to the set of factories in such a way that the total cost  $C(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in X} c(x, T(x))$  is minimal.

Figure 4.1: Illustration of the problem of Factories supplying Costumers.



Gaspard Monge was a French mathematician who introduced for the first time the optimal transport problem as *déblais et remblais* in 1781. Monge was interested in finding a map that distributes an amount of sand or soil extracted from the earth or a mine distributed according to a density  $f$ , onto a new construction whose density of mass is characterized by a density  $g$ , in such a way the average displacement is minimal. In order to give a more precise idea of the problem, we make use of modern mathematical language and notation to state it as follows: Given two densities of mass  $f$  and  $g$ , Monge was interested in finding a map  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  pushing the one onto the other,

$$\int_A g(y) dy = \int_{T^{-1}(A)} f(x) dx$$

For any Borel subset  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . And the transport also should minimize the quantity,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |x - T(x)| f(x) dx$$

We need to mention that given the context for which the problem was formulated, originally it was bind to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or  $\mathbb{R}^2$  but we can consider the general case in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Notice that the problem requires a notion of measure. Then we find convenient to consider the measures  $\mu$  on  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\nu$  on  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  induced by the densities  $f$  and  $g$  respectively. Therefore, we need to search for the optimum in the set of measurable maps  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the condition (4) is translated to,

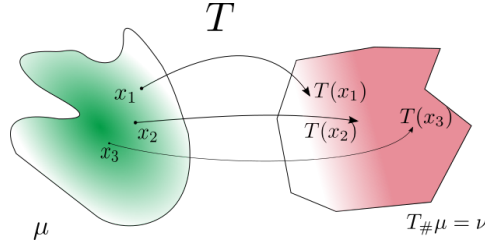
$$(T_{\#}\mu)(A) = \mu(T^{-1}(A)) \quad (4.1)$$

for every measurable set  $A$ . In other words, we need  $T_{\#}\mu = \nu$ . In the Euclidean frameworks if we assume  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $T$  regular enough and  $T$  also injective, this equality implies,

$$g(T(x)) \det(DT(x)) = f(x) \quad (4.2)$$

The equation (4.2) is nonlinear in  $T$  making difficult the analysis of the Monge Problem. Moreover, proving existence of a minimizer under this setting.

Figure 4.2: Monge problem. Finding a map.



**Problem 2.** Given two probability measures  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$  and a cost function  $c : X \times Y \rightarrow \{0, +\infty\}$ , the Monge's problem consists in finding a map  $T : X \rightarrow Y$

$$\inf \left\{ M(T) := \int_X c(x, T(x)) d\mu(x) : T_{\#}\mu = \nu \right\} \quad (\text{MP})$$

**Definition 4.1.** The space of Borel probability measures on  $X$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . The weak topology on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is induced by convergence against bounded continuous test functions on  $X$ , that is  $C_b(X)$ .

**Definition 4.2** (Coupling). Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \nu)$  be two probability spaces. Coupling  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  means constructing two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  on some probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{P})$  such that  $\text{law}(X) = \mu$ ,  $\text{law}(Y) = \nu$ . The couple  $(X, Y)$  is called a coupling of  $(\mu, \nu)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $(X_i, \mu_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , be Polish probability spaces. If  $(X_1, X_2)$  is a coupling of  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  and  $(Y_2, Y_3)$  is a coupling of  $(\mu_2, \mu_3)$ , then it is possible to construct a triple of random variables  $(Z_1, Z_2, Z_3)$  such that  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  has the same law as  $(X_1, X_2)$  and  $(Z_2, Z_3)$  has the same law as  $(Y_2, Y_3)$ .

**Problem 3.** Given  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$ , and  $c : X \times Y \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ , we consider the problem

$$\inf \left\{ K(\gamma) := \int_{X \times Y} c d\gamma : \gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu) \right\} \quad (\text{KP})$$

where  $\Pi(\mu, \nu)$  is the set of transport plans.

## Kantorovich formulation as relaxation

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be compact metric spaces,  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $c : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a continuous function. Then (KP) admits a solution.

## Cyclical Monotonicity.

**Definition 4.3** (c-transform). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets, and  $c : X \times Y \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ . A function  $\psi : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is said to be  $c$ -convex if it is not identically to  $+\infty$  and there exists  $\psi^c : Y \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$*

$$\psi^c(y) = \inf_{x \in X} c(x, y) - \psi(x). \quad (4.3)$$

**Definition 4.4.** *Let  $X, Y$  be arbitrary sets, and  $c : X \times Y \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$  be a cost function. A subset  $\Gamma \subset X \times Y$  is said to be  $c$ -cyclically monotone if, for any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , and any family of points  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$  of  $\Gamma$ , the inequality*

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c(x_i, y_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N c(x_i, y_{i+1})$$

considering  $N + 1 = 1$ .

Since any permutation  $\sigma$  over the set  $\{1, \dots, N\}$  can be written as a product of disjoint cycles, we have that this property satisfies,

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c(x_i, y_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N c(x_i, y_{\sigma(i)}) \quad (4.4)$$

**Definition 4.5** (Support of transport plan.). *Given a separable metric space  $X$ , the support of a measure  $\gamma$  is defined as the smallest closed set on which  $\gamma$  is concentrated,*

$$\text{spt}(\gamma) := \bigcap_{\substack{\gamma(X \setminus A) = 0 \\ A = \bar{A}}} A \quad (4.5)$$

We can fix a point  $(x_0, y_0) \in \text{spt}(\gamma)$ ,

**Theorem 4.3.**

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# 5

## Computation of an Optimal Transport

The approximation of an optimal transport is a challenging problem, computationally speaking. We have found a rich literature on it, and many recent advances in this topic have arisen in the very last years.

**Linear Programming Formulation.**

**Simplex Method Algorithm and Duality.**

**Sinkhorn-Knopp Algorithm.**

**Simulated Annealing.**

**Continuous Formulation.**

**Beckmann problem and**





# 6

## Applications

**Nash Equilibrium.**

**Track of a Dynamic.**

**Domain Adaptation.**

**Isoperimetric Inequality.**

**Dynamical Optimal transport.**

**Barycenter of a Fourier Power Spectrum.\*\*\*\***



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