# Wasserstein gradient flow of two-layers ReLU networks

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## 1 Implemented descents

We only update the first layer  $W^{(0)} \in \Theta = \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  for simplicity.  $F : \Theta \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is the objective to minimize.

$$\min_{W \in \Theta} F(W)$$

#### 1.1 Gradient descent

$$W^{(t+1)} = W^{(t)} - \gamma \nabla F(W^{(t)})$$

#### 1.2 Proximal point

 $d: \Theta \times \Theta \to \mathbb{R}^+$  a distance between two parameters

$$W^{(t+1)} = \underset{V \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \ F(V) + \frac{1}{2 \, \gamma} \ d(V, W^{(t)})$$

To solve each arg min, we use a gradient descent on V.  $V^{(0)} = W^{(t)}$ 

$$V^{(k+1)} = V^{(k)} - \beta \left( \nabla F(V^{(k)}) - \frac{1}{\gamma} \nabla d(V^{(k)}, W^{(t)}) \right)$$

#### 1.2.1 DIST = L2 SQ, FROBENIUS

Frobenius norm  $(L_{2,2})$ :  $||W||_{2,2}^2 = ||W||_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^d W_{i,j}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m ||W_i||_2^2$ 

$$d: (V, W) \in \Theta \times \Theta \to \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||V_i - W_i||_2^2$$

To sum up, we're solving this

$$W^{(t+1)} = \underset{V \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} F(V) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||V_i - W_i||_2^2$$

Using gradient descent for arg min, one inner step (with inner step size  $\beta$ ) on V with  $V^{(0)} = W^{(t)}$  is

$$V^{(k+1)} = V^{(k)} - \beta \left( \nabla F(V^{(k)}) + \frac{1}{m \gamma} (V^k - W^{(t)}) \right)$$

$$V^{(k+1)} = V^{(k)} \left( 1 - \frac{\beta}{m \gamma} \right) + \frac{\beta}{m \gamma} W^{(t)} - \beta \nabla F(V^{(k)})$$

which is kinda the same thing as this? (trust region problem equivalence with proximal problem)  $V^{(0)} = W^{(t)}$ 

$$V^{(k+1)} = W^{(t)} - \gamma \nabla F(V^{(k)})$$

#### 1.2.2 dist = wasserstein2 sq

distance definition.

$$W^{(t+1)} = \underset{V \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \ F(V) + \frac{1}{2 \, \gamma} \, d(V, W^{(t)})$$

With  $V, W \in \mathbb{R}^d$  parameters.

p-Wasserstein distance between two measures  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ :

$$W_p(\mu,\nu)^p = \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu,\nu)} \int |y-x|^p d\gamma(x,y)$$

 $\Pi$  set of probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with marginals  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ .

We take two sum of diracs measures  $\mu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \delta_{V_i}$  and  $\nu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \delta_{W_i}$ . Then in that case  $W_2$  is

$$W_2(V, W)^2 = \min_{\sigma \in S_n} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m ||V_i - W_{\sigma(i)}||_2^2$$

With  $\sigma$  a permutation. This is the linear assignment problem which can be solved by the hungarian algorithm. It always has a solution so inf=min

This is equivalent to what OT.emd(d=squareeuclidian) solves:

$$W_2^2(W; W^t) = \min_{\gamma} \langle \gamma, M \rangle_F$$
s.t.  $\gamma \mathbf{1} = W$ 

$$\gamma^\top \mathbf{1} = W^t$$

$$\gamma \ge 0$$

$$M_{i,j} = \|w_i - w_j\|_2^2$$

## Small stepsize.

To sum up, for wasserstein descent we have this step

$$W^{(t+1)} = \underset{V \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \ F(V) + \frac{1}{2 \ \gamma \ m} \ \underset{\sigma \in S_n}{\min} \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||V_i - W_{\sigma(i)}||_2^2$$

If  $\gamma$  is small, the candidate V will be close to  $W^{(t)}$ , and each  $V_i$  will be close to  $W_i^{(t)}$ . Therefore the optimal assignment is the identity.

$$W^{(t+1)} = \underset{V \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} F(V) + \frac{1}{2 \ \gamma \ m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||V_i - W_i||_2^2$$

Which is exactly the proximal point. Additionnaly, as the step size gets smmaler, proximal point converges to the gradient flow (just like gradient descent).

## 2 Small vs Big initialization in ReLU

Why is it that as the scale gets smaller, the training dynamic consist of an alignment phase and then a convergence phase?

Notation: Take a neuron  $w \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The norm of the neuron is  $||w||_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d w_i^2}$ , the direction of a neuron is a vector of norm 1:  $\frac{w}{||w||_2}$ .

A training step is approximately  $w^{(t+1)} = w^{(t)} + \gamma \mathbf{v}$  with  $\gamma$  a coefficient correlated with the current (t) output, labels, error and step size. However, it is not directly correlated to the norm of the neuron.

 $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a partial sum of training examples. It has its own norm and direction.

If  $||w^{(0)}||$  is large,  $w^{(1)}$  will be close to  $w^{(0)} + \gamma \mathbf{v}$ .

If  $||w^{(0)}||$  is close to 0,  $w^{(1)}$  will be close to equal to  $\gamma$  **v** as every coefficient of w is negligible compared to the update. Therefore, its direction will (after some updates) be dominated by **v**. The same for every neuron that activate the same data points. (Since activation pattern is entirely decided by direction, activation pattern will all converge to extremal vectors..)

Refs: (expés, some results) (Maennel et al., 2018), (the orthogonal paper) (Boursier et al., 2022). (incremental learning) (Berthier, 2022), (scaling path) (Neumayer et al., 2023).

#### 3 DIRECT RESULT

Minimization of a linear combination of ('neurons'  $\{\phi(\theta)\}_{\theta\in\Theta}$ ) through an unknown measure  $\mu$ :  $J^* = \min_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\Theta)} J(\mu) = R(\int \phi d\mu) + G(\mu)$ 

With R a convex loss function and G a convex regularizer,  $\mathcal{M}(\Theta)$  the set of signed measures on the parameter space  $\Theta$ .

Discretize the measure into m particles:  $\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^m} J_m(w, \theta) = J(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \delta_{\theta_i})$ 

Proved: if WGF cvg, it cvg to global minimizer. If  $(w^{(m)}(t), \theta^{(m)}(t))_{t>0}$  are gradient flows for  $J_m$  then, with the corresponding measure  $\mu_{m,t} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w_i^{(m)}(t) \sigma_{\theta_i^{(m)}(t)}$  (a WGF),  $J(\mu_{m,t})$  cvg (with  $m,t \to \inf$ ) to global minimizer of J.

p-Wasserstein distance between two measures  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ :  $W_p(\mu, \nu)^p = \min_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int |y - x|^p \mathrm{d}\gamma(x, y)$ 

## 4 SIMPLE RESULT

Cast the parameters  $w \in \mathcal{W}^{d+1}$  into  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\eta \in \mathcal{S}^d = w \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ ,  $||w||_2 = 1$  with  $w = r \eta$ . The two flows will have exactly the same dynamics.

Then measure  $v = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} r_j^2 \sigma_v$  satisfy this PDE :  $\partial_t v_t(\eta) = -4J(\eta|v_t) + \text{div}(v_t(\eta)\nabla J(\eta|v_t))$  (so it's a WGF)

Prediction functions :  $h = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \psi(w_j) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} r_j^2 \psi(v_j)$ 

Theorem 1: if by taking  $m \leftarrow \inf$  at t = 0,  $\nu$  converges to  $\nu_0$ , then for any t,  $\nu_{m,t}$  cvg to the unique WGF  $\nu_t$ .

Theorem 2: Take a  $v_0$  with a support that includes all directions at initialization, if WGF  $v_t$  cvg, it's to a global optimum.

#### 5 Math introduction

#### 5.1 Gradient Flow

Given a smooth function  $a \to F(a)$ , the gradient flow is gradient descent algorithm  $a^{l+1} = a^l - \gamma \nabla F(a^l)$ 

with a small enough  $\gamma$ . If F is not smooth, the gradient flow is the proximal-point algorithm

$$a^{l+1} = \text{Prox}_{\gamma F}^{\|\cdot\|}(a^{(l)} = \arg\min_{a} \frac{1}{2} \|a - a^{(l)}\|^2 + \gamma F(a)$$

with a small enough  $\gamma$ .

If F is defined on histograms, it makes sense to use the wasserstein distance  $W^p$ 

# 6 Gradient Flow vs Wasserstein GF

Take a two layer ReLU network with m neurons. Each neuron has a trainable parameter  $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and and a fixed output sign  $\alpha_i \in \{-1,1\}$ . Each of the n data points of dimension d-1 are augmented with a 1, so each sample is of dimension n. Each sample  $x_j$  is stored as a row  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and is associated with a scalar label  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The output of one neuron is:  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \to \max(0, \langle w_i, x \rangle) \alpha_i$ , shorthand  $\langle w_i, x \rangle_+ \alpha_i$ .

The output of a network of *m* neurons on one data point is  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \max(0, \langle w_i, x \rangle) \alpha_i$ 

We store the neuron trainable parameter  $w_i$  as the columns of  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$ . The loss for n data points

$$F(W) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (f(x_j) - y_j)^2$$

Discretized, unregularized gradient descent with  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$  stepsize: (resolving the non differentiable points max(0,0) with 0 as gradient)

$$W^{t+1} = W^t - \lambda \nabla F(W^t)$$

Taking  $\lambda \to 0$ , we get the gradient flow.

Explicit discret gradient:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}_{i}^{t}} = \frac{\alpha_{i}^{t}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{j}^{t} s_{i,j}^{t} \boldsymbol{x}_{j}$$

With real  $e_j^t = f(W^t) - y_j$  the "signed error on input j"

With boolean  $s_{i,j}^t = \mathbb{1}_{\langle w_i^t, x_j \rangle > 0}$  the "is neuron *i* activating on datapoint *j*. The vector  $s_i^t \in \{0,1\}^n$  would be the activation pattern of neuron *i* at time *t*.

Remark: the gradient of a neuron is a linear combination of the data points it activates.

Discretized wasserstein prox step:

$$W^{t+1} = \underset{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}}{\arg\min} F(W) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} W_p(W; W^t))$$

EMD(POT library), d=squareeuclidian

$$W_2^2(W; W^t) = \min_{\gamma} \langle \gamma, M \rangle_F$$
s.t.  $\gamma \mathbf{1} = W$ 

$$\gamma^{\top} \mathbf{1} = W^t$$

$$\gamma \ge 0$$

$$M_{i,j} = ||w_i - w_j||_2^2$$

## 3 POINTS EXAMPLE

• Data: slope : a = 2

• Data: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
,  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax_1^1 \\ ax_2^1 \\ ax_3^1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

- Loss:  $F(W) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \max(0, \langle w_1, X_j \rangle \alpha_1 y_j)^2 \right)$  Gradient:  $\nabla F(W) = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w_1} \right) = \frac{\alpha_1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} e_j s_{1,j} X_j$  Algo:  $W^{t+1} = W^t \nabla F(W^t)$

- Initialization:  $W^0 = (w_1) = (1 \ 0), \alpha = (\alpha_1) = (1)$

Run gradient descent:

• Iteration 0:  

$$-W^{0} = (1 \quad 0)$$

$$-s_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-e = \begin{pmatrix} \langle w_{1}, x_{1} \rangle \alpha_{1} - y_{1} \\ \langle w_{1}, x_{2} \rangle \alpha_{1} - y_{2} \\ \langle w_{1}, x_{3} \rangle \alpha_{1} - y_{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle (1 \quad 0), (1 \quad 1) \rangle - 2 \\ \langle (1 \quad 0), (2 \quad 1) \rangle - 4 \\ \langle (1 \quad 0), (4 \quad 1) \rangle - 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2 \\ 2 - 4 \\ 4 - 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-e_{j} = \langle w_{1}, X_{j} \rangle \alpha_{1} - y_{j} = w_{1}^{1} x_{j} + w_{1}^{2} - a x_{j} = x_{j} (w_{1}^{1} - a) + w_{1}^{2}$$

$$-W^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1}^{1} & w_{1}^{2} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{3} (x_{j} (w_{1}^{1} - a) + w_{1}^{2}) X_{j}$$

$$-W^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1}^{1} & w_{1}^{2} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{3} (x_{j}^{2} (w_{1}^{1} - a) + x_{j} w_{1}^{2} - x_{j} (w_{1}^{1} - a) + w_{1}^{2})$$

$$-W^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1}^{1} - \frac{w_{1}^{2}}{n} (x_{1} + x_{2} + x_{3}) - \frac{(w_{1}^{1} - a)}{n} (x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} + x_{3}^{2}) & ok \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-b = \frac{x_{1} + x_{2} + x_{3}}{n} = 7/3, c = \frac{x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} + x_{3}^{2}}{n} = 21/3 = 7$$

$$-W^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1}^{1} - w_{1}^{2} b - (w_{1}^{1} - a)c - w_{1}^{2} - (w_{1}^{1} - a)b + w_{1}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-W^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1}^{1} - w_{1}^{2} b - w_{1}^{1} c + ac - w_{1}^{2} - w_{1}^{1} b + w_{1}^{2} + ab \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-W^{1} = (1 - 0 - 7 + 14 - 0 - 7/3 + 0 + 14/3) = (8 \quad 7/3)$$

$$-W^{1} = W^{0} + 7 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-X_{1} + 2X_{2} + 4X_{3} = (1 + 4 + 16 - 1 + 2 + 4) = (21 \quad 7) = 7 \times 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Simple example 2D setting, grid iko

From one dimensional data, we add a dimension filled with ones to act as a bias for the first layer. The output of one ReLU neuron for one data point  $(x, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$w, b, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \to \max(0, wx + b)\alpha$$

The loss against labels  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  using squared loss of the whole network of neurons is the double sum:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} \max(0, w_i x_j + b_i) \alpha_i \right) - y_j \right)^2$$

The mean-field limit of this network requires taking an infinite-width ReLU network where parameters are described by a measure  $\mu$ , and its output by an integral:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} m((w,b);x) \, \mathrm{d}\mu((w,b))$$

To simplify things, we restrict  $\alpha_i$  to  $\{-1,1\}$  and to not be a trainable parameter anymore. We keep the same expressivity(as long as we provide both a positive( $\alpha_i = 1$ ) and negative( $\alpha_i = -1$ ) version of the neuron) but this change will slightly alter the training dynamic in some cases. For example , we can match the output of one neuron (of the original network) by simply scaling the first layer by the seconder layer ( $\alpha$ ):

$$\max(0, w_i x + b_i)\alpha_i = \max(0, |\alpha_i|(w_i x + b_i)) \operatorname{sign}(\alpha_i)$$

Our network with restricted  $\alpha_i$  would describe this neuron using only two trainable parameters:  $(|alpha_i|w_i, |\alpha_i|b_i)$  and fix its sign in the output.

The measure is on the parameter space. In order to do simulations we discretize the parameter space, by taking a uniform grid in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  centered on (0,0):  $(w_i,b_i)_{i=1,...m}$ 

We can see that we have the same output and expressivity as the regular ReLU network by taking a measure  $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i \delta_{\theta_i = w_i}$  with  $(\sum_i p_i = 1)$  and  $m((w_i, b_i); x) = \max(0, w_i x + b_i) \alpha_i$ , we have this equality:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} m((w,b);x) d\mu((w,b)) = \sum_{i=1}^m \max(0,w_i x_j + b_i) \alpha_i p_i$$

In this case, the first layer is fixed: the change of  $\operatorname{direction}(\frac{-b_i}{w_i})$  and slope  $(w_i)$  of a neuron is described by a mass displacement from point A to point B.

The movemement is described by a PDE and simulated on a grid. Each point i of the grid has a weight  $p_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , and as a whole  $p \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the discretized distribution.

The same wasserstein gradient flow can be computed by this step:

$$\mu(t+1) = \underset{\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\Theta)}{\arg\min} F(\mu) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} W_2(\mu; \mu(t))$$

We tried different ways of computing the Wasserstein Gradient Flow.

- JKO stepping: entropic approximation on a fixed grid. Pros: not very dependant on dimension *d*. Cons: add another loop and more parameters to fine tune, introduce diffusion.
- Sliced Wasserstein: Pros: midly dependant on *d* without diffusion. Differentiable with pytorch. Cons: Parameters to tune, distance to true WS distance has to be studied
- Direct EMD distance from POT library. Pros: differentiable with pytorch. Cons: Might be slow with d

Preliminary results using the EMD distance indicate no particular differences between the gradient flow and the wasserstein gradient flow.

#### 8.1 JKO STEPPING WITH DYKSTRA'S ALGORITHM

$$\begin{split} p_{t+1} &:= \operatorname{Prox}_{\tau f}^{W_{\gamma}}(p_t) \\ &= \underset{p \in \operatorname{simplex}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \ W_{\gamma}(p,q) + \tau f(p) \\ &= \underset{p \in \operatorname{simplex}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \left( \underset{\pi \in \Pi(p,q)}{\operatorname{min}} \langle c, \pi \rangle + \gamma E(\pi) \right) + \tau f(p) \end{split}$$

Where  $\pi$  is a mapping, c the ground cost for every point on the grid. When the ground cost between two points in the euclidian space is  $c_{i,j} = ||x_i - x_j||^2$ , (and  $\gamma = 0$ , f smooth...), this scheme formally discretize the above mentionned PDE.

To do the step above, we'll use a bregman splitting approach that replace the single implicit  $W_{\gamma}$  proximal step by many iterative KL implicit proximal steps. Specifically(?) Dykstra's algorithm for JKO stepping. This involve using the gibbs kernel: $\xi = e^{-\frac{c}{\gamma}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}_{+,*}$ 

## Algorithm 1 JKOstep

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1: p \leftarrow p_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m
 2: q_{\text{norm}} \leftarrow ||p||^2
 3: a, b \leftarrow 1, 1 \in \mathbb{R}^m
                                                                                                                   ▶ Initialize vectors with ones
 4: for i \leftarrow 1 to T_{\mathbf{do}}
           p \leftarrow \operatorname{prox}_{\tau/\gamma}^{\mathrm{KL}}(\xi b)
 6:
           a \leftarrow p/(\xi b)
            ConstrEven \leftarrow \frac{\|b \cdot (\xi a) - q\|}{2}
 7:
            b \leftarrow q/(\xi a)
 8:
            ConstrOdd \leftarrow \frac{\|a \cdot (\xi b) - p\|}{2}
 9:
            if ConstrOdd \leftarrow \frac{-q_{\text{norm}}}{q_{\text{norm}}}
10:
                   break
11:
             end if
12:
13: end for
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## 9 Classic setup

Data  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and labels  $y_j \in \mathbb{R}$ , j = 1,...,nFirst layer  $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , second layer  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , i = 1,...,m $\gamma > 0$  step-size,  $\beta$  regularization

$$\mathcal{L}(W,\alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{m} \max(0, w_i^{\top} x_j) \alpha_i - y_j}^{2} + \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{m} \|w_i\|_{2}^{2} + \alpha_i^{2}}_{\text{Weight Decay}} \right)$$

#### Discret time.

Full-batch gradient descent

$$(W,\alpha)_{t+1} = (W,\alpha)_t - \gamma \nabla \mathcal{L}((W,\alpha)_t)$$

**Implicit** 

$$\theta_{t+1} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \mathcal{L}(\theta) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|\theta - \theta_t\|$$

## Continuous time.

Taking  $\gamma \to 0$ , we get the gradient flow:  $\frac{\mathrm{d}\theta_t}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta_t)$ . We make ReLU differentiable with  $\sigma'(0) = 0$  as justified in (Boursier et al., 2022).

## 10 Infinite width, using a measure: mean-field

**Mean-field limit**(Chizat & Bach): For a sufficiently large width, the training dynamics of a NN can be coupled with the evolution of a probability distribution described by a PDE.

If [...] converges, with  $m \to \infty$  (many-particle limit), our particles of interest converges to a Wasserstein gradient flow of F:

$$\partial \mu_t = -\operatorname{div}(v_t \mu_t)$$
 where  $v_t \in -\partial F'(\mu_t)$ 

$$\int_{\Theta} m(\theta; x) d\mu(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \langle w_i, x_j \rangle_{+} \alpha_i$$

Different ways to use a measure to represent the neurons of a two layer network:

- $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}$ , measure  $\mu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_{\theta_i = (w_i, \alpha_i)}$ , output of one neuron  $m(\theta = (w, \alpha); x) = \langle x, w \rangle_+ \alpha$ : (works, output matches discrete)
- $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^d$ , measure  $\mu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \delta_{\theta_i = w_i}$  output of one neuron  $m(\theta = w; x) = \langle x, w \rangle_+$  (works)
- $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ , output of one neuron  $m(\tilde{w}_+, \tilde{w}_-, x) = \langle \tilde{w}_+, x \rangle \langle \tilde{w}_-, x \rangle$  (works, separate neg and positive)
- $\Theta = (S^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R})$ , output of one neuron  $m((d, \tilde{\alpha}); x) = \tilde{\alpha} \langle d, x \rangle = \tilde{\alpha} \mathbb{1}_{\langle d, x \rangle > 0}$  (works), mapping:  $d = \frac{w}{\|w\|}$  and  $\tilde{\alpha} = \|w\|\alpha$ . Gradient are not equal to discrete.

#### 10.1 Algorithm, discretize the measure's space

Take a grid of N points in  $\Theta$ , we can match the notation above by taking a neuron for each point of the grid m = N.

$$\mu(t+1) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\Theta)} F(\mu) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} W_2(\mu; \mu(t))$$

## 10.2 JKO

What we compute by using the entropic JKO flow iterations.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t > 0, p_{t+1} &:= \operatorname{Prox}_{\tau f}^{W_{\gamma}}(p_t) \\ &= \underset{p \in \operatorname{simplex}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \ W_{\gamma}(p,q) + \tau f(p) \\ &= \underset{p \in \operatorname{simplex}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \left( \underset{\pi \in \Pi(p,q)}{\operatorname{min}} \langle c, \pi \rangle + \gamma E(\pi) \right) + \tau f(p) \end{aligned}$$

Meta Optimal Transport (paper) and (code git): InputConvexNN to predict solution of OT problem

- JKOnet (paper) and (code git):
  - /models -> sinkhorn loss defined in loss.py, differentiable loop in fixed point.py
  - next step: trying to create the right Geometry object from OTT library, which is what's used for sinkhorn

#### 10.3 Papers

# The algo we try to implement

Paper with a specific case that doesn't match ours:

In the future, large-scale waserstein gradient flows

#### 10.3.1 Grid Problems

The grid currently dictate the neuron's scale, giving multiple choices. One solution: duplicate each neuron, make one with a small scale and one with a very big scale.

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