

Approximation of OT problems with marginal moments constraints

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Kantorovich problem with two marginal laws

For any (open or compact) subset $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ($d \in \mathbb{N}^*$), let us denote by $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ the set of probability measures on \mathcal{X} .

- Let $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $\mathcal{X}_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$ and $\mathcal{X}_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$ be open or compact subsets.
- For $\nu_1 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_1)$ and $\nu_2 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_2)$, let

$$\Pi(\nu_1, \nu_2) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_1 \times \mathcal{X}_2), \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}_2} d\gamma(x_1, x_2) = d\nu_1(x_1), \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} d\gamma(x_1, x_2) = d\nu_2(x_2) \end{array} \right\}$$

- Let $c : \mathcal{X}_1 \times \mathcal{X}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ be lower semi-continuous (l.s.c) cost function.

The Kantorovich optimal transport problem reads:

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\nu_1, \nu_2)} \int_{\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2} c(x_1, x_2) d\gamma(x_1, x_2).$$

Multi-marginal Kantorovich problem

- Let $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$, and for all $1 \leq i \leq N$, let $d_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $\mathcal{X}_i \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ be an open or compact subset.
- For all $1 \leq i \leq N$, let $\nu_i \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_i)$, and let

$$\Pi^N((\nu_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N}) := \{ \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_N), d\mu_\gamma^i(x_i) = d\nu_i(x_i), \forall 1 \leq i \leq N \},$$

where $\mu_\gamma^i \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ denotes the i^{th} marginal law of γ , defined by

$$d\mu_\gamma^i(x_i) := \int_{\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_{i-1} \times \mathcal{X}_{i+1} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_N} d\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N).$$

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discretization

Let $M \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we discretize the measure $\nu_i \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ on a fixed discretization grid of \mathcal{X}_i , $x_i^1, \dots, x_i^M \in \mathcal{X}_i$.

$$d\nu_i(x) \approx \sum_{j=1}^M \bar{\nu}_i^j \delta_{x_i^j},$$

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In the two marginal laws case, introduce

$$\Gamma := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{\gamma}^{j_1, j_2}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{M^2} \\ \forall 1 \leq j \leq M, \sum_{j_1=1}^M \bar{\gamma}^{j_1, j} = \bar{\nu}_2^j, \sum_{j_2=1}^M \bar{\gamma}^{j, j_2} = \bar{\nu}_1^j \end{array} \right\}$$

so that

$$\gamma \approx \sum_{j_1, j_2} \bar{\gamma}^{j_1, j_2} \delta_{x_1^{j_1}, x_2^{j_2}}$$

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In the multi-marginal case with N marginal laws, introduce

$$\Gamma := \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq j_1, \dots, j_{i-1}, j_{i+1}, \dots, j_N \leq M} (\bar{\gamma}^{j_1, \dots, j_N}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{M^N} \quad \bar{\gamma}^{j_1, \dots, j_{i-1}, j, j_{i+1}, \dots, j_N} = \bar{\nu}_i^j, \forall i, j \right\}$$

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Curse of dimensionality!

Several numerical methods have been introduced in the literature for the resolution of the multi-marginal optimal transport problems. We mention here two of them in the context of the symmetric multimarginal Kantorovich problem with Coulomb Cost:

- [Benamou, Carlier, Cuturi, Nenna, Peyre, 2015], [Nenna, 2016] : use of an **entropic regularization** (using the Kullback-Leibler entropy), together with an iterative algorithm called **Sinkhorn algorithm**.
- [Mendl, Lin, 2013]: **dual formulation** of the Kantorovich problem, and clever treatment of the (infinite-dimensional) inequality constraint.

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Alternative discretization: Moments Constrained Optimal Transport Problem

Let $M \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $\phi_1^i, \dots, \phi_M^i \in \mathcal{C}_b(\mathcal{X}_i)$ be some continuous bounded functions on \mathcal{X}_i . They will be called hereafter **test functions**.

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is then approximated by the M moment constraints: for all $1 \leq j \leq M$,

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and we consider the following approximate problem (**MCOT problem**)

$$I^M = \inf_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_N) \\ \forall 1 \leq i \leq N, \forall 1 \leq j \leq M, \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_N} \phi_j^i(x_i) d\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \bar{\nu}_i^j \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_N} \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_{\nu_i}(|x_i|) d\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N) \leq A_0}} \int_{\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_N} c d\gamma. \quad (1)$$

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Under appropriate conditions on the test functions,

Theorem ([Alfonsi, C., Ehrlicher, Lombardi, 2019])

For all $M \in \mathbb{N}^*$, it holds that $I^M \leq I$ and $I^M \xrightarrow{M \rightarrow +\infty} I$.

Besides, there exists an integer $1 \leq K \leq MN + 2$, and for all $1 \leq k \leq K$, points $z^k = (x_1^k, \dots, x_N^k) \in \mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_N$ and weights $w_k > 0$ such that

$$\gamma^M = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \delta_{x_1^k, \dots, x_N^k}$$

is a minimizer of the MCOT Problem (1).

$MN + 2$ bound on the number of charged points

Theorem (Tchakaloff [Bayer & Teichmann, 2006])

Let $d \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and let γ be a measure on \mathbb{R}^d concentrated on a Borel set $A \in \mathcal{F}$, i.e. $\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d \setminus A) = 0$. Let $M_0 \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{M_0}$ a Borel measurable map. Assume that the first moments of $\Lambda \# \gamma$ exist, i.e.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{M_0}} \|u\| d\Lambda \# \gamma(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|\Lambda(z)\| d\gamma(z) < \infty,$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm of \mathbb{R}^{M_0} . Then, there exist an integer $1 \leq K \leq M_0$, points $z_1, \dots, z_K \in A$ and weights $w_1, \dots, w_K > 0$ such that

$$\forall 1 \leq j \leq M_0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \Lambda_j(z) d\gamma(z) = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \Lambda_j(z_k),$$

where Λ_j denotes the j -th component of Λ .

This suggests to consider the following problem (**particle problem**) as a numerical scheme

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\substack{w_1, \dots, w_{MN+2} \geq 0 \\ \sum_{k=1}^{MN+2} w_k = 1}} \sum_{k=1}^{MN+2} w_k C(x_1^k, \dots, x_N^k). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$
$$\begin{aligned} & (x_1^k, \dots, x_{MN+2}^k)_{1 \leq k \leq MN+2} \in (\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_N)^{MN+2} \\ & \forall 1 \leq i \leq N, \forall 1 \leq j \leq M, \sum_{k=1}^{MN+2} w_k \phi_j^i(x_i^k) = \bar{v}_i^j \end{aligned}$$

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 $\forall 1 \leq i \leq N, \forall 1 \leq j \leq M, \sum_{k=1}^{MN+2} w_k \phi_j^i(x_i^k) = \bar{\nu}_i^j$

Remark

The number of particles grows linearly with the number of marginal laws, as well as the number of coordinates of those particles.

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Symmetric multi-marginal OT problem with Coulomb Cost and DFT

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem : the ground state energy of a system can be obtained by minimizing

$$E[\rho] = F[\rho] + \int v_{\text{ext}}(x)\rho(x)dx, \quad (3)$$

where v_{ext} is an external potential and

$$F[\rho] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow \rho} \langle \Psi | -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \Delta_i + \sum_{i \neq j=1}^N \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|} | \Psi \rangle. \quad (4)$$

In the "strictly correlated electrons" limit,

$$F[\rho] \approx \min_{\Psi \rightarrow \rho} \langle \Psi | -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \Delta_i | \Psi \rangle + \underbrace{\min_{\Psi \rightarrow \rho} \langle \Psi | \sum_{i \neq j=1}^N \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|} | \Psi \rangle}_{V_{ee}^{\text{SCE}}[\rho]}. \quad (5)$$

Symmetric multi-marginal OT problem with Coulomb Cost

This problem arises in quantum chemistry applications [Seidl, 1999], [Seidl, Gori-Giorgi, Savin, 2007], [Cotar, Friesecke, Klüppelberg, 2011], [Lewin, 2017], [Cotar, Friesecke, Klüppelberg, 2018], where N is a number of electrons. (see M. Seidl, C. Cotar, G. Friesecke, M. Lewin, A. Gerolin and L. Nenna talks)

- Let $d = d_1 = \dots = d_N$ and $\mathcal{X}_1 = \dots = \mathcal{X}_N = \mathbb{R}^d$.
- Let $\rho = \nu_1 = \dots = \nu_N$, and $\Pi^N(\rho) := \Pi(\rho, \dots, \rho)$
- Let

$$c : \begin{cases} (\mathbb{R}^d)^N & \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\} \\ (x_1, \dots, x_N) & \mapsto \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|} \end{cases}$$

be the **Coulomb Cost**.

The problem considered is

$$I = \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi^N(\rho)} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^N} c d\gamma.$$

Symmetric multi-marginal OT problem with Coulomb Cost

Recall the associated MCOT Problem, where $\rho_j = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_j(x) d\rho(x)$

$$I_{A_0}^M = \inf_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}((\mathbb{R}^d)^N) \\ \forall 1 \leq i \leq N, \forall 1 \leq j \leq M, \\ \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^N} \phi_j(x_i) d\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \rho_j \\ \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^N} \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_\rho(|x_i|) d\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N) \leq A_0}} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^N} c d\gamma. \quad (6)$$

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And let us introduce

$$\tilde{I}_{A_0}^M = \inf_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}((\mathbb{R}^d)^N) \\ \forall 1 \leq j \leq M, \\ \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^N} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_j(x_i) \right) d\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \rho_j \\ \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^N} \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_\rho(|x_i|) d\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N) \leq A_0}} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^N} c d\gamma. \quad (7)$$

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Remark

To compute a minimizer of the MCOT problem, one only needs to find at most $M + 2$ scalars w_k and points $z^k = (x_1^k, \dots, x_N^k) \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^N$: $\mathcal{O}(3(M + 2)N)$.

In [Friesecke, Vögler, 2018], a different result (but in the same spirit) was obtained by the authors in the case when the OT problem is discretized in a finite state space.

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1D example

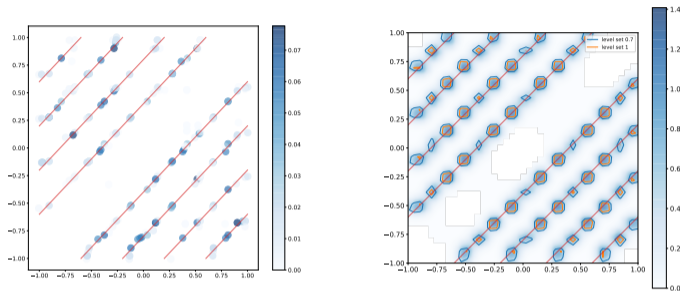


Figure: Optimal coupling measure for the MCOT problem $(\frac{1}{20} \sum_{k=1}^{60} \sum_{n \neq n'=1}^5 w_k \delta_{x_{k,n}, x_{k,n'}})$. The optimal OT coupling measure support is represented in red. On the left graph are represented the particles coordinates $(x_{k,n}, x_{k,n'})$, the color of which is indexed on their weight (w_k) . On the right graph is represented $\frac{1}{20} \sum_{k=1}^{60} \sum_{n \neq n'=1}^5 w_k g(x_{k,n}, x_{k,n'})$, where $g(x, y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \eta \text{Id}_2)$, with $\eta = 1.5e^{-3}$.

- $N = 5$ marginal laws (electrons) in 1D
- regularized Coulomb cost $c(y_1, \dots, y_5) = \sum_{i \neq j=1}^5 \frac{1}{\epsilon + |y_i - y_j|}$, $\epsilon = 1e^{-3}$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, 5, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$.
- The marginal law is uniform over $[-1, 1]$, $\rho \sim \mathcal{U}_{[-1,1]}$
- test functions : Legendre polynomials (that are orthogonal for ρ) up to degree $M = 30$.
- $K = 60$ particles $z^k = (x_1^k, \dots, x_5^k)$, $k = 1, \dots, 60$.
- Solved using a projected gradient algorithm.

3D example

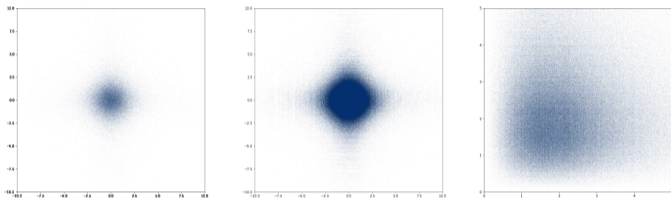


Figure: Projection of the optimal coupling measure for the MCOT problem at initialization and during optimization.

- left graph: $\frac{1}{10K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^{10} \delta_{x_{n,0}^k, x_{n,1}^k}$.
- middle graph: $\frac{1}{90K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \neq n'=1}^{10} \delta_{x_{n,0}^k, x_{n',0}^k}$.
- right graph: $\frac{1}{90K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n \neq n'=1}^{10} \delta_{|x_n^k|, |x_{n'}^k|}$, where $|x_n^k| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^3 (x_{n,i}^k)^2}$.

- $N = 10$ marginal laws (electrons) in 3D
- regularized Coulomb cost $c(y_1, \dots, y_{10}) = \sum_{i \neq j=1}^{10} \frac{1}{\epsilon + |y_i - y_j|}$, $\epsilon = 1e^{-3}$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, 10, y_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
- The marginal law is gaussian, $\rho \sim \mathcal{N}(0_3, \text{Id}_3)$
- test functions $M = 27$: polynomials $\phi_{a,b,c}(x) = P_a(x_0)P_b(x_1)P_c(x_2)$, where P_n are normalized Hermite polynomials, $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$, and $(a+1)(b+1)(c+1) \leq 6$ (hyperbolic cross).
- $K = 10000$ particles $z^k = (x_{1,1}^k, x_{1,2}^k, x_{1,3}^k, x_{2,1}^k, \dots, x_{10,3}^k)$, $k = 1, \dots, 10^4$.
- Solved using a projected gradient algorithm with fixed weights.

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- Alternative way of discretizing multi-marginal optimal transport problems, in particular for application in quantum chemistry, using test functions: MCOT problems;
- Convergence of MCOT problem towards the OT problem;
- Some minimizers of MCOT problems can be written as discrete measures charging a low number of points
- suggest the use of a particle numerical scheme for the resolution of the MCOT problem
- Preliminary results on simple OT problems on the rate of convergence of the MCOT problem towards the OT problem for piecewise constant and piecewise affine functions

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