

# A new class of costs for optimal transport problems

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## Classical optimal transport problem

- ▶  $X, Y$  convex, compact sets (in some  $\mathbb{R}^d$ )
- ▶ cost function  $c : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ , lower semicontinuous
- ▶  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X), \nu \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$  Borel probabilities on  $X, Y$

The **classical Monge-Kantorovich problem** associated to  $c$  :

$$(MK) \quad \inf \left\{ \int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\gamma(x, y) : \gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu) \right\}$$

$\Pi(\mu, \nu)$  : set of **transport plans** from  $\mu$  to  $\nu$

$$\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall A, & \gamma(A \times Y) = \mu(A) \\ \forall B, & \gamma(X \times B) = \nu(B) \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \phi, \psi, \quad \int_{X \times Y} \phi(x) + \psi(y) d\gamma = \int_X \phi d\mu + \int_Y \psi d\nu$$

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$$\text{and } (id \times T)_{\#}\mu = \sum_i \mu_i \delta_{(x_i, T(x_i))}$$

(MK) is the relaxed version of the **Monge problem**

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

References (MK)-(M): Villani (2003,2009), Santambrogio (2015)

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Continuous : if  $\nu = \nu(y)dy$  and  $\gamma^x = \gamma^x(y)dy$  for a.e.  $x$

then  $\int_X \gamma^x(y) d\mu(x) = \nu(y)$  for a.e.  $x$ .

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can be rewritten

$$(MK) \quad \inf \left\{ \int_X G(x, \gamma^x) d\mu(x) : \int_X \gamma^x d\mu(x) = \nu \right\}$$

with  $G : (x, p) \in X \times \mathcal{P}(Y) \mapsto G(x, p) = \int_Y c(x, y) dp(y)$

Note :  $G$  is linear in  $p$ .

## New class of costs

In this talk, we are interested in the generalization of (MK) :

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = \inf \left\{ \int_X G(x, \gamma^x) d\mu(x) : \int_X \gamma^x d\mu(x) = \nu \right\}$$

with

$$G : (x, p) \in X \times \mathcal{P}(Y) \mapsto G(x, p) = \int_Y c(x, y) dp(y) + H(x, p)$$

where  $H : X \times \mathcal{P}(Y) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is a **entropy / perturbation cost**.

## New class of costs

- ▶ **Cardinal cost**  $H(x, p) = \#(\text{support}(p)) - 1$ .

Note :

$$H(x, \gamma^x) = 0 \text{ a.e.} \Leftrightarrow \gamma^x = \delta_{T(x)} \text{ a.e.} \Leftrightarrow \gamma = (id \times T)\#\mu$$

so that  $\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = \inf(M) = \min(MK)$  when  $\mu$  has no atoms.

Then  $\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu)$  may have no solution despite  $H$  is l.s.c. on  $\mathcal{P}(Y)$ .

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- ▶ **“Variance” cost**  $H(x, p) = \text{var}(p) = \int_Y |y|^2 d\rho(y) - |[p]|^2$

where  $[p] = \int_Y y d\rho(y)$  denotes the barycenter of  $p$ . Note

$$\int_X H(x, \gamma^x) d\mu(x) = \int_Y |y|^2 d\nu(y) - \int_X |[\gamma^x]|^2 d\mu(x)$$

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- ▶ **Variance cost**  $H(x, p) = -\text{var}(p)$  or  $H(x, p) = |[p]|^2$ .

Then  $H$  is l.s.c. and convex on  $\mathcal{P}(Y)$ .

$H$  favours the spreading of  $p$  (max. of variance).

## New class of costs

- ▶ **Barycenter constraint**

$$H(x, \rho) = \chi_{[\rho]=x} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [\rho] = x \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For the cost  $c(x, y) = -|y - x|$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu)$  is related to model-independent pricing in mathematical finance [Hobson Neuberger 2012] and [Beiglböck Henry-Labordère Penkner 2013].

Existence of a particular solution  $\gamma$  : [Beiglböck Juillet –]

Note :  $\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) < +\infty \Leftrightarrow \mu \preceq \nu$  for convex order

# Existence result

Main hypotheses

$(H_1)$   $c : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is lower semicontinuous,

$(H_2)$   $H : X \times \mathcal{P}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  satisfies

- ▶  $H$  is lower semicontinuous on  $X \times \mathcal{P}(Y)$ .
- ▶ for every  $x \in X$ ,  $p \mapsto H(x, p)$  is **convex**.

## Theorem

Assume  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$ , and recall

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = \inf \left\{ \int_X G(x, \gamma^x) d\mu(x) : \int_X \gamma^x d\mu(x) = \nu \right\}$$

then  $\mathcal{F}$  is lower semicontinuous on  $\mathcal{M}_b^+(X) \times \mathcal{M}_b^+(Y)$ .

Moreover, if  $\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) < +\infty$  then there is at least one minimizer.

$\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu)$  extended by  $\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = +\infty$  whenever  $\mu(X) \neq \nu(Y)$

## Lower semicontinuity property

Set  $E(\gamma) = \int_X G(x, \gamma^x) d\mu$  whenever  $\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)$

### Lemma – Lower semicontinuity of $E$

Assume  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$ ,  $(\gamma_n)_n = (\gamma_n^x \otimes \mu_n)_n$  weakly converges in  $\mathcal{M}_b(X \times Y)$  to  $\gamma = \gamma^x \otimes \mu$ ,

$$\text{then } \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_X G(x, \gamma_n^x) d\mu_n \geq \int_X G(x, \gamma^x) d\mu.$$

Note : convexity of  $p \mapsto H(x, p)$  is necessary  
counterexamples follow for cardinal cost

$$H(x, p) = \#(\text{support}(p)) - 1$$

when  $\inf(M) = \min(MK)$  and  $(M)$  not attained

## Lower semicontinuity property

Let  $G^*(x, \cdot)$  denote the Fenchel conjugate of the convex  $G(x, \cdot)$  :

$$\forall \psi \in \mathcal{C}(Y) \quad G^*(x, \psi) = \sup \left\{ \int_Y \psi dp - G(x, p) : p \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \right\}.$$

Then one has :

- ▶ *Upper semicontinuity* : if  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}(Y)$  then

$$x \mapsto G^*(x, \psi) \quad \text{is upper semicontinuous}$$

- ▶ *bounds* : denote  $m_G = \inf G$  then

$$\inf_Y \psi - m_G \leq G^*(x, \psi) \leq \sup_Y \psi - m_G$$

- ▶ *Lipschitz property* For every  $x \in X$ ,  $G^*(x, \cdot)$  satisfies

$$|G^*(x, \psi_1) - G^*(x, \psi_2)| \leq \sup_Y |\psi_1 - \psi_2|.$$

## Lower semicontinuity property

Let  $(\psi_k)_k$  a dense sequence in  $\mathcal{C}(Y)$ .

Since  $G(x, \cdot)$  convex l.s.c. :

$$\forall p \in \mathcal{P}(Y), \quad G(x, p) = \sup_k \int \psi_k dp - G^*(x, \psi_k) = \sup_k G_k(x, p)$$

Then for  $(\Omega_k)_{1 \leq k \leq m}$  disjoint open sets

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X G(x, \gamma_n^x) d\mu_n(x) &\geq \sum_{k=0}^m \int_{\Omega_k} G_k(x, \gamma_n^x) d\mu_n(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m \left[ \int_{\Omega_k \times Y} \psi_k(y) d\gamma_n(x, y) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\Omega_k} -G^*(x, \psi_k) d\mu_n(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Taking the sup on  $m$  and the open partitions yields :

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_X G(x, \gamma_n^x) d\mu_n(x) \geq \int_X G(x, \gamma^x) d\mu(x).$$

## Dual problem and optimality conditions

Recall

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = \inf \left\{ \int_X G(x, \gamma^x) d\mu(x) : \int_X \gamma^x d\mu(x) = \nu \right\}$$

extended by 1-homogeneity on  $\mathcal{M}_b^+(X) \times \mathcal{M}_b^+(Y)$ .

From convexity and lower-semicontinuity it comes

Assume  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = \sup \left\{ \int_Y \psi(y) d\nu - \int_X G^*(x, \psi) d\mu(x) : \psi \in \mathcal{C}^0(Y) \right\}$$

and equality holds in  $[0, +\infty]$ .

Moreover the dual pair  $(\gamma, \psi)$  is optimal whenever

$$\psi \in \partial G(x, \gamma^x) \quad \mu - a.e.$$



## Dual problem and optimality conditions

► if  $H = 0$ , then  $G(x, p) = \int_Y c(x, y) dp(y)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} G^*(x, \psi) &= \sup_{p \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \int_Y \psi(y) - c(x, y) dp \\ &= \sup_{y \in Y} \psi(y) - c(x, y) = -\psi^c(x) \end{aligned}$$

so that one recovers the classical Kantorovich dual problem

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = \sup \left\{ \int_Y \psi(y) d\nu + \int_X \psi^c(x) d\mu(x) : \psi \in \mathcal{C}^0(Y) \right\}$$

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so that (here  $X = Y$ ) :

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and then we recover [Strassen 1965]

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) < +\infty \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \int \psi d\mu \leq \int \psi d\nu \quad \forall \psi \text{ convex}$$

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then  $G^*(x, \psi) = -(|\cdot| - \psi)^{**} \nabla |\cdot|(\lambda x) - \lambda(1 - \lambda)|x|^2$

## Existence of a solution $\psi$ for dual problem

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**back to classical dual case** :

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup \left\{ \int_Y \psi(y) d\nu + \int_X \psi^c(x) d\mu(x) : \psi \in \mathcal{C}^0(Y) \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \int_Y (\psi^c)^c(y) d\nu + \int_X \psi^c(x) d\mu(x) : \psi \in \mathcal{C}^0(Y) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with  $\psi^c(x) = \sup_{y \in Y} \{\psi(y) - c(x, y)\}$  and  $((\psi^c)^c)^c = \psi^c$ .

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**classical dual case,  $c$  subadditive** ( $c(x, z) \leq c(x, y) + c(y, z)$ ):

$$\sup \left\{ \int_Y (\psi^c)^c(y) d\nu + \int_X \psi^c(x) d\mu(x) : \psi \in \mathcal{C}^0(Y) \right\}$$
$$\sup \left\{ \int_Y \psi^c(y) d\nu - \int_X \psi^c(x) d\mu(x) : \psi \in \mathcal{C}^0(Y) \right\}$$

i.e.  $(\psi^c)^c = \psi^c \quad \rightarrow$  look for a solution of the form  $\psi^c$ .

**framework** :  $X = Y$ ,  **$c$  subadditive** ( $c(x, z) \leq c(x, y) + c(y, z)$ )

**goal** : find conditions for which  $G^*(\cdot, G^*(\cdot, \psi)) = G^*(\cdot, \psi)$ .

First : if  $c(x, x) = 0$  and  $H(x, \delta_x) = 0$  then  $G(x, \delta_x) = 0$

so that  $G^*(x, \psi) \geq \psi(x)$  for all  $x, \psi$



## Existence of a solution $\psi$ for dual problem

### Proposition

if  $c$  subadditive, and

$$H(x, p) = h([p]) \quad \text{with } h \text{ l.s.c. convex, } h(0) = 0, h \geq 0,$$

**or**  $H(x, p) = h([p] - x)$   $h$  as above + subadditive,

**then**  $G^*(\cdot, G^*(\cdot, \psi)) = G^*(\cdot, \psi)$  for any  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ .

Applies in particular to  $H(p) = |[p]|^2$  and  $H(x, p) = \chi_{[p]=x}$ .

## Example : barycenter constraint

Take  $c(x, y) = |y - x|$  and  $H(x, p) = \chi_{[p]=x}$

set  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}dx_{[-1,1]}$  and  $\nu = \frac{1}{4}\delta_{-1} + \frac{1}{2}\delta_0 + \frac{1}{4}\delta_1$ .

Then  $\gamma^x = \frac{|x|-x}{2}\delta_{-1} + (1 - |x|)\delta_0 + \frac{|x|+x}{2}\delta_1$

and  $\mathcal{F}(\mu, \nu) = \frac{1}{3}$  while  $\inf(M) = \frac{1}{4}$

Set  $\psi(0) = 0$ , then

$$\int_{\Omega} (c(x, y) - \psi(y))\gamma^x(dy) = (c(x, \cdot) - \psi)^{**}([\gamma^x]) = -G^*(x, \psi)$$

implies

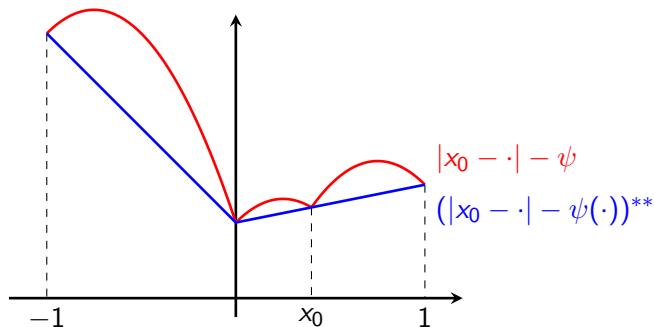
$$\psi(y) = -(|y - \cdot| - \psi)^{**}(x) = 2x(1 + x) - \psi(-1)x \text{ if } x \leq 0,$$

$$\psi(y) = -(|y - \cdot| - \psi)^{**}(x) = 2x(x - 1) + \psi(1)x \text{ if } x \geq 0.$$

## Example : barycenter constraint

Set  $\psi(1) = \psi(-1) = 0$  then a solution of the dual problem is

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} 2x(x+1) & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 2x(x-1) & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$



$$\int_{\Omega} (c(x_0, y) - \psi(y)) \gamma^{x_0}(dy) = (c(x_0, \cdot) - \psi)^{**}(x_0) = -G^*(x_0, \psi)$$

## Example : variance cost

Take  $c(x, y) = \lambda|y - x|^2$  and  $H(x, p) = |[p]|^2$

set  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}\delta_0 + \frac{1}{2}\delta_1$  and  $\nu = dx_{[[0,1]}$ .

Then for  $\lambda \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\gamma^0 = dx_{[[0, \frac{1}{2}]}$  and  $\gamma^1 = dx_{[[\frac{1}{2}, 1]}$