# Generative Models and Optimal Transport 

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> We collect data
> $\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text {data }}=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta_{\boldsymbol{x}_{i}}$

We fit a parametric family of densities

$$
\left\{p_{\theta}, \theta \in \Theta\right\}
$$

$$
\text { e.g. } \theta=(m, \Sigma) ; p_{\theta}=\mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma)
$$

## Density Fitting

$\boldsymbol{p}_{\theta_{1}}$
$\nu_{\text {data }}$
$\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{2}}$

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$\log 0=-\infty$
$p_{\theta}\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{i}}\right)$ must be $>0$

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latent
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Push-forward: $\forall B \subset \Omega, f_{\sharp} \mu(B):=\mu\left(f^{-1}(B)\right)$

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Difference between fitting a push forward measure $f_{\theta \sharp} \mu$ vs. a density $p_{\theta}$ ?

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## Generative Models



Need a more flexible discrepancy function to compare $\nu_{\text {data }}$ and $\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \boldsymbol{\mu}$

## Workarounds?

- Formulation as adversarial problem [GPM...'14]
$\min _{\theta \in \Theta \text { classifiers }} \max$ Accuracy $_{g}\left(\left(f_{\theta \sharp} \mu,+1\right),\left(\nu_{\text {data }},-1\right)\right)$
- Use a richer metric $\Delta$ for probability measures, able to handle measures with non-overlapping supports:
$\min _{\theta \in \Theta} \Delta\left(\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text {data }}, \boldsymbol{p}_{\theta}\right), \quad \operatorname{not} \min _{\theta \in \Theta} \mathrm{KL}\left(\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text {data }} \| \boldsymbol{p}_{\theta}\right)$


## Minimum $\Delta$ Estimation

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# Minimur Hellinger listance estimation for Poisson mixtures 

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## Minimum Kantorovich Estimation

- Use optimal transport theory, namely Wasserstein distances to define discrepancy $\Delta$.

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} W\left(\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text {data }}, f_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sharp} \boldsymbol{\mu}\right)
$$

- Optimal transport? fertile field in mathematics.


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[SDPC..'15]

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\begin{aligned}
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& \text { SUR LA } \\
& \text { THEORIE DES DÉBLAIS } \\
& \text { ET DES REMBLAIS. } \\
& \text { Par M. M o N G e. }
\end{aligned}
$$

T orsqu'on doit tranfporter des terres d'un lieu dans un 1 autre, on a coutume de donner le nom de Déblai au volume des terres que l'on doit tranfporter, \& le nom de Remblai à l'efpace qu'elles doivent occuper après le tranfport.

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## [Kantorovich'42] Relaxation

- Instead of maps $T: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$, consider probabilistic maps, i.e. couplings $P \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega \times \Omega)$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
\Pi(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}\{\boldsymbol{P} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega \times \Omega) \mid \forall \boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{B} \subset \Omega \\
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## Wasserstein Distances

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF A PRODUCT FROM SEVERAL SOURCES TO NUMEROUS LOCALITIES

By Frank L. Hitchcock

1. Statement of the problem. When several factories supply a product to a number of cities we desire the least costly manner of distribution. Due to freight rates and other matters the cost of a ton of product to a particular city will vary according to which factory supplies it, and will also vary from city to city.

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$$
W_{p}^{p}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})=\sup _{\substack{\varphi \in L_{1}(\mu), \boldsymbol{\psi} \in L_{1}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) \\ \varphi(x)+\boldsymbol{\psi}(y) \leq D^{p}(x, y)}} \int \varphi d \mu+\int \boldsymbol{\psi} d \boldsymbol{\nu}
$$

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## Minimum Kantorovich Estimators

$$
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[Bassetti'06] 1st reference discussing this approach.

- [MMC'16] use regularization in a finite setting. - [ACB'17] (WGAN) [BJGR'17] (Wasserstein ABC). Hot topics: approximate \& differentiate $W$ efficiently - Today: ideas from our recent preprint [GPC'17]


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Def. Optimal Transport Problem

$$
W_{p}^{p}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})=\min _{P \in U(a, b)}\left\langle\boldsymbol{P}, M_{X \boldsymbol{Y}}\right\rangle
$$

## Discrete OT Problem



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Note: flow/PDE formulations [Beckman'61]/[Benamou'98] can be used for $p=1 / p=2$ for a sparse-graph metric/Euclidean metric.

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## Entropic Regularization [Wilson'62]

Def. Regularized Wasserstein, $\gamma \geq 0$

$$
W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \min _{\boldsymbol{P} \in U(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b})}\left\langle\boldsymbol{P}, M_{X \boldsymbol{Y}}\right\rangle-\gamma E(\boldsymbol{P})
$$

$$
E(P) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}-\sum_{i, j=1}^{n m} P_{i j}\left(\log P_{i j}\right)
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## Fast \& Scalable Algorithm

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$$
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then $\exists!u \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{n}, v \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{m}$, such that
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$$
\begin{aligned}
L(P, \alpha, \beta) & =\sum_{i j} P_{i j} M_{i j}+\gamma P_{i j} \log P_{i j}+\alpha^{T}(P \mathbf{1}-\boldsymbol{a})+\beta^{T}\left(P^{T} \mathbf{1}-\boldsymbol{b}\right) \\
\partial L / \partial P_{i j} & =M_{i j}+\gamma\left(\log P_{i j}+1\right)+\alpha_{i}+\beta_{j} \\
\left(\partial L / \partial \boldsymbol{P}_{i j}\right. & =0) \Rightarrow P_{i j}=e^{\frac{\alpha_{i}}{\gamma}+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{M_{i j}}{\gamma}} e^{\frac{\beta_{j}}{\gamma}+\frac{1}{2}}=u_{i} K_{i j} \boldsymbol{v}_{j}
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- [Sinkhorn'64] fixed-point iterations for $(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v})$

$$
u \leftarrow a / K \boldsymbol{v}, \quad \boldsymbol{v} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{b} / K^{T} \boldsymbol{u}
$$

- $O(n m)$ complexity, GPGPU parallel [C'13].
- $O\left(n^{d+1}\right)$ if $\Omega=\{1, \ldots, n\}^{d}$ and $D^{p}$ separable. [S..C... ${ }^{15]}$


## Sinkhorn Divergence

Def. For $\gamma>0$, let $W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}\left\langle\boldsymbol{P}_{\gamma}, M_{X Y}\right\rangle$

## Prop. $W_{\gamma}(\mu, \mu)>0$

Def. Normalized Sinkhorn Divergence
$\bar{W}_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})-\frac{1}{2}\left(W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\mu})+W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\nu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})\right)$

$$
\text { Prop. If } p=1, \bar{W}_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \underset{\gamma \rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow} \operatorname{ED}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})
$$

## Algorithmic Formulation

## Def. For $L \geq 1$, define

$$
W_{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}\left\langle\boldsymbol{P}_{L}, M_{X \boldsymbol{Y}}\right\rangle
$$

where $P_{L} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \operatorname{diag}\left(u_{L}\right) K \operatorname{diag}\left(v_{L}\right)$,

$$
v_{0}=\mathbf{1}_{m} ; l \geq 0, u_{l} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} a / K v_{l}, v_{l+1} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} b / K^{T} u_{l} .
$$

Prop. $\frac{\partial W_{L}}{\partial X}, \frac{\partial W_{L}}{\partial a}$ can be computed recursively, in $O(L)$ kernel $K \times$ vector products.

## Proposal: Autodiff OT using Sinkhorn

Approximate $W$ loss by the transport cost $\bar{W}_{L}$ after $L$ Sinkhorn iterations.


## Example: MNIST, Learning $f_{\theta}$

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|  | 55588888811111 |
|  | 5558888271111111111 |
|  | 5558882221111111111 |
|  | 555888222111111111 |
|  | 55588822211111 |
|  | $555583222+1111111$ |
|  | $355333222+1$ 1111111 |
|  | $333333222441\|1\| 1111$ |
|  | 333333644654111917 |
|  | 3333356666644777777 |
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## Example: Generation of Images



MMD-GAN

$T=1000$

$T=10$

- CIFAR 10 images
- In these examples the cost function is also learned adversarially, as a NN mapping onto feature vectors.


## Concluding Remarks

- Regularized OT is much faster than OT.
- Regularized OT can interpolate between $W$ and the MMD / Energy distance metrics.
- The solution of regularized OT is "auto-differentiable". - Many open problems remain!

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