

# Unbalanced minibatch Optimal Transport

Applications to Domain Adaptation

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# Unbalanced Optimal Transport Introduction

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# Unbalanced Optimal Transport

## Definition

Unbalanced Optimal Transport measures the distance between probability distributions, but with relaxed marginals.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{UOT}^{\tau, \varepsilon}(\alpha, \beta, c) = & \min_{\pi \in \mathcal{M}_+(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})} \int cd\pi + \varepsilon \text{KL}(\pi | \alpha \otimes \beta) \\ & + \tau(\text{KL}(\pi_1 \| \alpha) + \text{KL}(\pi_2 \| \beta)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\pi$  is the transport plan,  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  the plan's marginals,  $\tau \geq 0$  is the marginal penalization and  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  is the regularization coefficient.

# Robustness of UOT

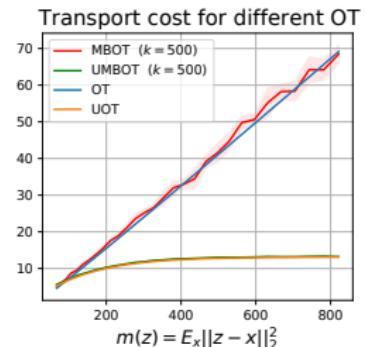
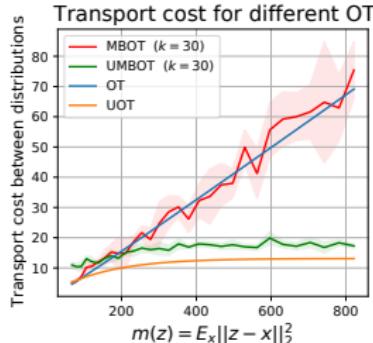
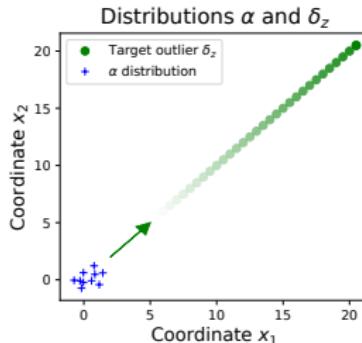
## Lemma

Take  $(\alpha, \beta)$  two probability distributions. For  $\zeta \in [0, 1]$ , write  $\tilde{\alpha} = \zeta\alpha + (1 - \zeta)\delta_z$ . Write  $m(\mathbf{z}) = \int C(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})d\beta(\mathbf{y})$ .

$$\text{UOT}^{\tau, 0}(\tilde{\alpha}, \beta, C) \lesssim \zeta \text{UOT}^{\tau, 0}(\alpha, \beta, C) + 2\tau(1 - \zeta)(1 - e^{-m(\mathbf{z})/2\tau})$$

Let  $(f, g)$  be the optimal dual potentials of  $\text{OT}(\alpha, \beta)$ , and  $y^*$  in  $\beta$ 's support.

$$\text{OT}(\tilde{\alpha}, \beta) \geq \zeta \text{OT}(\alpha, \beta) + (1 - \zeta) \left( C(\mathbf{z}, y^*) - g(y^*) + \int g d\beta \right)$$



# Minibatch Optimal Transport

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# Minibatch Optimal Transport definition

Idea : Compute OT between the minibatches from domains

## Expectation of minibatches

$$E_h(\alpha, \beta, C) := \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \alpha^{\otimes m} \otimes \beta^{\otimes m}} [h(\mu_m, \mu_m, C(X, Y))]$$

- Can be defined for OT variants  $h$
- Studied in [Fatras et al., 2020, Fatras et al., 2021]

# Estimate minibatch OT distance

## Definition (Estimators)

$$\overline{h}^m(X, Y) := \binom{n}{m}^{-2} \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{P}_m} h(\mu_m, \mu_m, C_{I,J})$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_m$  is the set of all  $m$ -tuples without replacement and ordered.  
Pick an integer  $k > 0$  and let  $D_k$  be a set of cardinality  $k$  whose elements are minibatches drawn uniformly at random. Then,

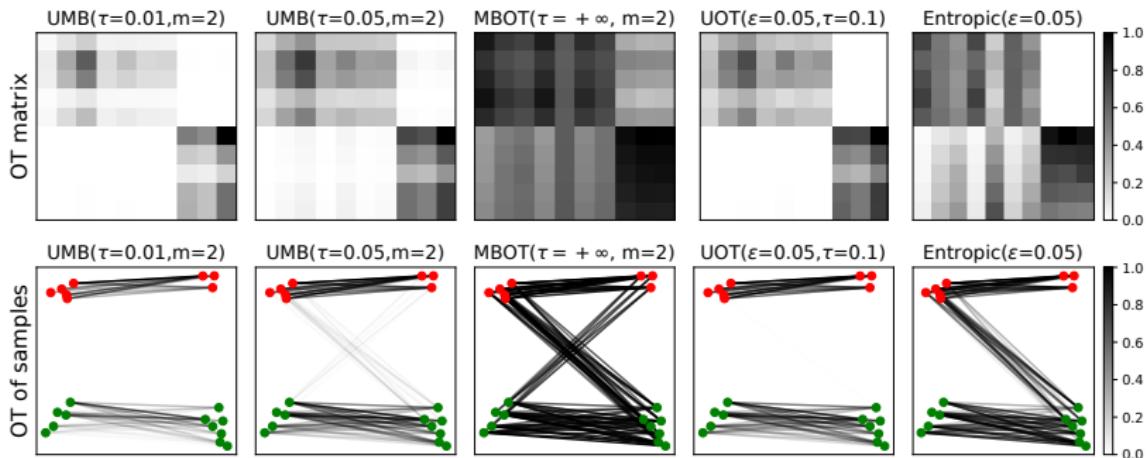
$$\widetilde{h}_k(X, Y) := k^{-1} \sum_{(I, J) \in D_k} h(\mu_m, \mu_m, C_{I,J})$$

## Proposition

We have the following properties:

- $\widetilde{\text{UOT}}_k, \overline{\text{UOT}}^m$  are unbiased estimators of  $E_{\text{UOT}}$
- Strictly positive losses:  $\widetilde{\text{UOT}}_k(X, Y) > 0, \overline{\text{UOT}}^m(X, Y) > 0$

# Unbalanced minibatch OT plan



## Limits of unbalanced UOT

- Find the correct  $\tau$
- Lazy gradients for too small  $\tau$

# Statistical and optimization properties

## Theorem (Maximal deviation bound)

With probability at least  $1 - \delta$  on the draw of  $X, Y$  and  $D_k$  we have:

$$|\widetilde{\text{UOT}}^{\tau, \varepsilon}_k(X, Y) - E_{\text{UOT}}| \leq \mathcal{O} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\log(\frac{2}{\delta})}{2 \lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor}} + \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(\frac{2}{\delta})}{k}} \right),$$

SGD converges [Majewski et al., 2018, Davis et al., 2020] if:

- $\overline{\text{UOT}}^m$  is an unbiased estimator of  $E_{\text{UOT}}$
- Exchange Clarke gradients and expectations

## Theorem

Let  $\hat{X}, \{\hat{Y}_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$  be two  $m$ -tuples of random vectors compactly supported and  $C^m$  a  $\mathbf{C}^1$  cost. We have:

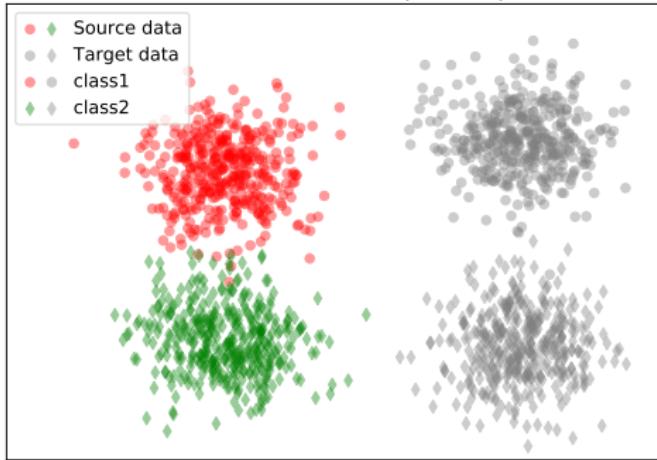
$$\partial_\theta \mathbb{E}[\text{UOT}^{\tau, \varepsilon}(\mu_m, \mu_m, C^m(\hat{X}, \hat{Y}_\theta))] = \mathbb{E}[\partial_\theta \text{UOT}^{\tau, \varepsilon}(\mu_m, \mu_m, C^m(\hat{X}, \hat{Y}_\theta))],$$

## Experiments

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# Domain adaptation

Illustration of a domain adaptation problem



## Domain adaptation (DA) setting

- Two domains, only one with labels
- Share the same label distribution
- Goal: Classify unlabelled target data with source labelled data

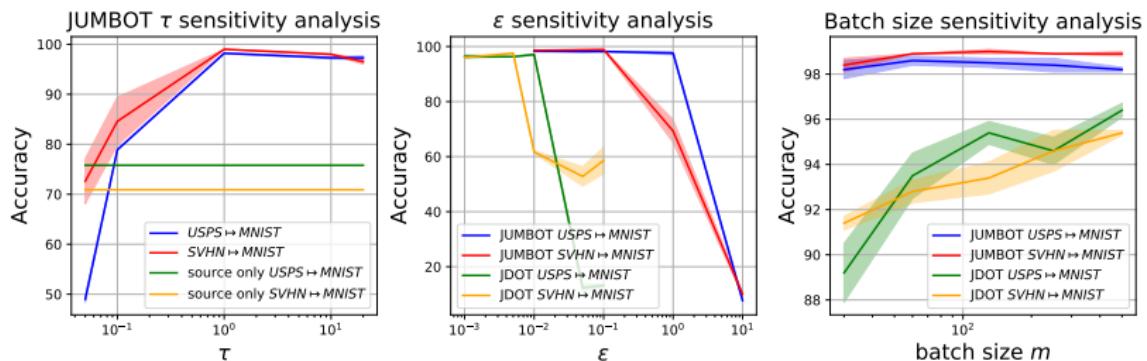
# Office Home experiments

We replace minibatch OT by unbalanced minibatch OT in the state of the art DEEPJDOT algorithm [Damodaran et al., 2018]. This allows to reduce the weight of non optimal connections between samples.  
Our method is called JUMBOT.

	Method	A-C	A-P	A-R	C-A	C-P	C-R	P-A	P-C	P-R	R-A	R-C	R-P	avg
DA	RESNET-50	34.9	50.0	58.0	37.4	41.9	46.2	38.5	31.2	60.4	53.9	41.2	59.9	46.1
	DANN (*)	44.3	59.8	69.8	48.0	58.3	63.0	49.7	42.7	70.6	64.0	51.7	78.3	58.3
	CDAN-E(*)	52.5	71.4	76.1	59.7	69.9	71.5	58.7	50.3	77.5	70.5	57.9	<b>83.5</b>	66.6
	DEEPJDOT (*)	50.7	68.6	74.4	59.9	65.8	68.1	55.2	46.3	73.8	66.0	54.9	78.3	63.5
	ALDA (*)	52.2	69.3	76.4	58.7	68.2	71.1	57.4	49.6	76.8	70.6	57.3	82.5	65.8
	ROT (*)	47.2	71.8	76.4	58.6	68.1	70.2	56.5	45.0	75.8	69.4	52.1	80.6	64.3
	JUMBOT	<b>55.2</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>59.9</b>	83.4	<b>70.0</b>
PDA	RESNET-50	46.3	67.5	75.9	59.1	59.9	62.7	58.2	41.8	74.9	67.4	48.2	74.2	61.4
	DEEPJDOT(*)	48.2	66.2	76.6	56.1	57.8	64.5	58.3	42.7	73.5	65.7	48.2	73.7	60.9
	PADA	51.9	67.0	78.7	52.2	53.8	59.0	52.6	43.2	78.8	73.7	56.6	77.1	62.1
	ETN	59.2	77.0	79.5	62.9	65.7	75.0	68.3	55.4	84.4	75.7	57.7	<b>84.5</b>	70.4
	BA3US(*)	56.7	76.0	<b>84.8</b>	73.9	67.8	<b>83.7</b>	72.7	56.5	84.9	77.8	64.5	83.8	73.6
	JUMBOT	<b>62.7</b>	<b>77.5</b>	84.4	<b>76.0</b>	<b>73.3</b>	80.5	<b>74.7</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>66.5</b>	83.9	<b>75.5</b>

# Analysis: Ablation and sensitivity

Methods	$U \rightarrow M$	$S \rightarrow M$
DEEPJDOT	$96.4 \pm 0.3$	$95.4 \pm 0.1$
ENTROPIC DEEPJDOT	$97.1 \pm 0.3$	$97.6 \pm 0.1$
JUMBOT	<b><math>98.2 \pm 0.1</math></b>	<b><math>98.9 \pm 0.1</math></b>



# Paper

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Full details in the paper !

Check it out : <https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.03606>



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