# Scalable Computations of Wasserstein Barycenter via Input Convex Neural Networks

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# Optimal transport

Monge formulation (1781)

$$\inf_{T \notin \nu = \mu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} c(x, T(x)) d\nu(x)$$

Kantorovich formulation (1940)

$$\inf_{\pi\in\Pi(\nu,\mu)}\int_{\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n}c(x,y)d\pi(x,y)$$

 $T \sharp \nu = \mu \Leftrightarrow \nu(T^{-1}(A)) = \mu(A)$  $\Pi(\nu, \mu): \text{ the set of joint distributions of } \nu, \mu$  Squared Wasserstein-2 distance between  $\nu$  and  $\mu$ :

$$W_2^2(\nu,\mu) := \min_{\pi \in \Pi(\nu,\mu)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n} \|x - y\|^2 d\pi(x,y)$$

Kantorovich dual problem:

$$\frac{1}{2}W_2^2(\nu,\mu) = \sup_{(\phi,\psi)\in\Phi} \mathbb{E}_{\nu}[\phi(X)] + \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[\psi(Y)]$$

$$\Phi := \{(\phi, \psi) \in L^{1}(\nu) \times L^{1}(\mu); \ \phi(x) + \psi(y) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|^{2}, \ \forall x, y\}$$

#### Wasserstein distance

• Let 
$$f(x) = \frac{\|x\|^2}{2} - \phi(x), \ f'(y) = \frac{\|y\|^2}{2} - \psi(y)$$
  
$$\frac{1}{2}W_2^2(\nu, \mu) = C_{\nu,\mu} - \inf_{(f,f') \in \Phi'} \{\mathbb{E}_{\nu}[f(X)] + \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[f'(Y)]\}$$

Semi-dual formulation of optimal transport

$$\frac{1}{2}W_2^2(\nu,\mu) = C_{\nu,\mu} - \inf_{f \in \mathbf{CVX}} \{\mathbb{E}_{\nu}[f(X)] + \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[f^*(Y)]\}$$

**CVX** stands for the set of convex functions,  $f^*$  is the convex conjugate function of f



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Dual problem over convex functions

Explicit form of f\*

 $f^*(y) = \sup_{g \in \mathsf{CVX}} \langle y, \nabla g(y) \rangle - f(\nabla g(y)) = \langle y, \nabla f^*(y) \rangle - f(\nabla f^*(y))$ 

Dual form of Wasserstein-2 distance<sup>1</sup>

$$\frac{1}{2}W_2^2(\nu,\mu) = \sup_{f \in \mathbf{CVX}} \inf_{g \in \mathbf{CVX}} \mathcal{V}_{\nu,\mu}(f,g) + C_{\nu,\mu}$$

where

$$\mathcal{V}_{\nu,\mu}(f,g) = -\mathbb{E}_{\nu}[f(X)] - \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[\langle Y, \nabla g(Y) \rangle - f(\nabla g(Y))]$$

<sup>1.</sup> Makkuva, A., Taghvaei, A., Oh, S., & Lee, J. "Optimal transport mapping via input convex neural networks." ICML 2020

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# Input Convex Neural Networks



This network defines a convex map  $x :\rightarrow f(x; \theta) = z_L$  and

$$z_{\ell+1} = \sigma_{\ell} \left( W_{\ell} z_{\ell} + A_{\ell} x + b_{\ell} \right).$$

This map  $f(x; \theta)$  is convex if 1)  $W_{1:L-1}$  are non-negative; 2)  $\sigma_{0:L-1}$  are convex; 3)  $\sigma_{1:L-1}$  are non-decreasing.

Amos, Brandon, Lei Xu, and J. Zico Kolter. "Input convex neural networks." ICML 2017.

# Wasserstein Barycenter

Wasserstein barycenter  $\tilde{\nu}$  is the minimizer of  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i W_2^2(\nu, \mu_i)$ .



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# Wasserstein Barycenter

Only require samples from marginal distributions 



# Cost function

Minimizing summed W-2 distances:

$$\min_{h} \sup_{f_i \in \mathsf{ICNN}} \inf_{g_i \in \mathsf{ICNN}} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\eta}[\|h(Z)\|^2] + \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i \overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\eta,\mu_i}(f_i, g_i)$$

where

$$\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\eta,\mu_i}(f,g) = -\mathbb{E}_{\eta}[f_i(h(Z))] - \mathbb{E}_{\mu_i}[\langle Y^i, \nabla g_i(Y^i) \rangle - f_i(\nabla g_i(Y^i))]$$
  
 $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I)$ 

# Algorithm



$$J(\theta_{f_{i}}, \theta_{g_{i}}, \theta_{h}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{M} f_{i} \left( \nabla g_{i} \left( Y_{j}^{i} \right) \right) - \left\langle Y_{j}^{i}, \nabla g_{i} \left( Y_{j}^{i} \right) \right\rangle - f_{i} \left( h(Z_{j}) \right)$$
$$R(\theta_{g_{i}}) = \lambda \sum_{W_{l} \in \theta_{g_{i}}} \left\| \max \left( -W_{l}, 0 \right) \right\|_{F}^{2}$$

#### Two methods to recover the barycenter



# $2d \ \text{and} \ 3d$



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# Color palette averaging



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# Sharp geometries



Claici, S., Chien, E., & Solomon, J. "Stochastic wasserstein barycenters." ICML 2018

# Scalability with Gaussian marginals



- CWB: continuous WB without minimax (Korotin et al., 2021)
- CDWB: fast free-support WB (Cuturi & Doucet, 2014)
- CRWB: continuous regularized WB (Li et al., 2020)

# $\mathsf{MNIST}\ 0$ and 1



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EXPERIMENT RESULTS High dimension

# MNIST and USPS



# Barycenter serving as GAN

• One marginal: the barycenter  $\tilde{\nu} =$  the marginal  $\mu_1$ 

$$h(Z) \sim \mu_1, \quad Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I)$$

Similar to Wasserstein GAN but with Wasserstein-2 metric

Multiple marginals:

$$h(Z) \sim \tilde{\nu} \Rightarrow \nabla f_i(h(Z)) \sim \mu_i, \quad Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I)$$

#### Generate multiple marginal distributions after one training

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# One marginal: Gaussian mixture



<sup>1.</sup> Korotin A, Egiazarian V, Asadulaev A, Safin A, Burnaev E. "Wasserstein-2 generative networks." ICLR 2021

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#### One marginal: MNIST



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#### Multiple marginals: 0 and 1



generated '0'

generated '1'

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# Multiple marginals: MNIST and USPS



generated  $\mu_1$ 

generated  $\mu_2$ 

Conclusions





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ArXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.04462

Code:

https://github.com/sbyebss/Scalable-Wasserstein-Barycenter