Curvature and the continuity of optimal transportation maps

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Monge-Kantorovich Problem

Mass Transportation

- $M^n, \bar{M}^n$ bounded domains in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
  compact manifolds (e.g. S^n, $T^n = \mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$)
- $0 \le \rho \in Prob(M), 0 \le \bar{\rho} \in Prob(\bar{M})$, Borel probability measures

"**weighted multi-valued maps γ**"

$$\Gamma(\rho, \bar{\rho}) := \{\gamma \in Prob(M \times \bar{M}) \mid [\pi_M]_\# \gamma = \rho,\ [\pi_{\bar{M}}]_\# \gamma = \bar{\rho}\}$$

Push-forward: $f : X \to Y$

$$f_\# \gamma(U) = \gamma(f^{-1}(U))\ \ \forall U \subset Y$$

- $c : M \times \bar{M} \to \mathbb{R} \cup \infty$ **transportation cost function**
  lower-semi continuous
- **Transport Cost**
  for the weighted multi-valued map $\gamma \in \Gamma(\rho, \bar{\rho})$

$$\mathcal{C}(\gamma) := \int_{M \times \bar{M}} c(x, \bar{x}) d\gamma(x, \bar{x}).$$

Minimize ?

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\rho, \bar{\rho})} \mathcal{C}(\gamma) \ ?$$

Well-known [Kantorovitch 1942]:

$\exists$ optimal γ. **(Kantorovitch solution)**

- [Brenier 87, McCann-Gangbo 95, Caffarelli 96, McCann 01, ...]
  $M, \bar{M}$ a smooth manifold, $\rho \ll d\,\mathrm{vol}$
  Twisted **(A1)** cost c (e.g. $c(x,y) = |x-y|^2$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$)
  THEN

$$\exists\ !\ \text{optimal } \gamma$$

and **(Monge-Kantorovitch map)**

$$\exists\ !\ \text{Borel measurable } F : M \longrightarrow \bar{M}$$

such that

$$1) F_{\#}\rho = \bar{\rho},$$
$$2)\ \mathrm{spt}\gamma\ \subset_{a.e} \mathrm{Graph}(F) := \{(x,\bar{x}) \in M \times \bar{M} \mid \bar{x} = F(x)\}$$

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- $c(x, \bar{x}) = |x - \bar{x}|^2/2$,
  - Delanoë (91) for $n = 2$
  - Caffarelli (92)(96) using geometric ideas
  - Urbas, (97) continuity method in PDE.

  Under $\bar{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex.
- For general cost c,
  - Ma, Trudinger & Wang (05)(07p)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{(A0) (A1) (A2) (A3w) on } c \\ & + \\ & \text{geometric conditions ("}c\text{-convexity") on } M, \bar{M} \\ \Rightarrow\ & \text{continuity and smoothness of optimal maps} \end{aligned}$$

  - Loeper (07p):
    (A3w) is necessary for the continuity of F,
  - ([Loeper 07p]
    + a key technical lemma [K-M] ([Trudinger & Wang 07p-2])
    - (A3s) $\Rightarrow$ Hölder continuity of F even for very rough ρ (ρ not absolutely continuous w.r.t *Lebesgue*).

Regularity of F

$M, \bar{M} = S^n$

- (Reflector Antenna Problem, Oliker, Wang, ...)
  $c(x, y) = -\log|x - y|$, for $S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$
  Wang (96, 04) Caffarelli, Gutierrez & Huang (07) Loeper (07p) $+$ a key technical lemma [K-M] ([Trudinger & Wang 07p-2])
  - Hölder continuity of F when $\rho, \bar{\rho} \in L^1$
- (Distance squared) $c = dist^2$
  [Loeper 07p]
  $+$ either a key technical lemma [K-M] ([Trudinger & Wang 07p-2])
  {Or $+$ [Delanoë 04] & [Ma, Trudinger, & Wang 05] }
  - Hölder continuity of F with rough mass ρ

Note: c is not differentiable on $S^n \times S^n$

When do we have continuity and smoothness results? Conditions (A0) (A1) (A2) (A3w) (A3s)

Originally for

$$N = M \times \bar{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

[Ma, Trudinger, Wang05][Trudinger, Wang07p]

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- $c(x, y) = -\log|x - y|$ on $S^n \times S^n \setminus \Delta \subset \mathbf{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ "Reflector Antenna Problem"
- $c(x, y) = \sqrt{1 + |x - y|^2}$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$, ...
- [Loeper 07p] $c(x, y) = dist^2(x, y)$ on $S^n \times S^n \setminus \{(x, \hat{x})\}$

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$t \in \mathbf{R} \to (x, \bar{x}(t)) \in M \times \bar{M}$ a h-geodesic:

$\Longleftrightarrow$

$\bar{x}(t) = \exp_x((1 - t)p + tq)$, for some $p, q \in T_x M$.

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- N is ***forward convex*** if $\{x\} \times \bar{N}(x)$ is h-geodesically convex $\forall x \in M$.
- N is ***backward convex*** if $N(\bar{x}) \times \{\bar{x}\}$ is h-geodesically convex $\forall \bar{x} \in \bar{M}$.
- N is ***bi-convex*** if N is forward and backward convex.

Example

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A basic lemma in *h*-geometry

Lemma ([K-M])

h the pseudo-Riemannian metric on $N \subset M \times \bar{M}$.
$\sigma(s) = (x(s), \bar{x}(0))$,
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Suppose $s \in [-1, 1] \longrightarrow \sigma(s) \in N$ ***h*-geodesic.**
THEN

$$-\frac{\partial^4}{\partial s^2 \partial t^2}\bigg|_{s=0=t} c(x(s), \bar{x}(t)) = \sec_{(x(0),\bar{x}(0))} \frac{d\sigma}{ds} \wedge \frac{d\tau}{dt}.$$

A Geometric Result in h-geometry **("DASM": Double Mountain Above Sliding Mountain)**

Theorem ([K-M])

$c \in C^4(N) \cap C(M \times \bar{M})$.
The pseudo-Riem. metric h has **non-negative cross-curvature** *on* $N \subset M \times \bar{M}$. *(A0, A1, A2, A3w).*
N *is* **backward-convex**.
$t \in [0,1] \longrightarrow (x, \bar{x}(t)) \in N$ *be a h-***geodesic** *in* N.
Suppose $\bigcap_{0<t<1} N(\bar{x}(t))$ *dense in* M. *(e.g.* $N = M \times \bar{M}$*)*
THEN
The function $f_t(\cdot) = -c(\cdot, \bar{x}(t)) + c(x, \bar{x}(t))$ *on* M *satisfies*

$$\textbf{"DASM"} \quad f_t \leq \max\{f_0, f_1\} \text{ on } 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Proof of DASM

For simplicity suppose (A3s): Cross-Curvature > 0.

Let $x \neq y \in \bigcap_{0<t<1} N(\bar{x}(t))$.

Claim: Given t, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_t(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} f_t(y) > 0$.

- $f_\tau(x) = 0, \forall \tau$. Thus $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_t(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} f_t(x) = 0$.
- By backward-convexity of N
  $\exists$ ***h*-geodesic** $s \in [0,1] \longrightarrow (x(s), \bar{x}(t))$ in $N(\bar{x}(t)) \times \{\bar{x}(t)\}$,
    - $x(0) = x$ and $x(1) = y$;
    - $x(s) \in \{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_t = 0\}$, $\forall s \in [0,1]$;
    - $\frac{d}{dt}\bar{x}(t) \oplus \frac{d}{ds} x(s)$ is **null** $\forall s \in [0,1]$
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$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2}\Big[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} f_t\Big](x(s)) = \sec_{(x(s),\bar{x}(t))}\Big(\frac{d}{ds}x(s) \oplus 0\Big) \wedge \Big(0 \oplus \frac{d}{dt}\bar{x}(t)\Big)$$
$$> 0 \quad \text{(by A3s)},$$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\Big|_{s=0} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} f_t(x(s)) = 0$ ($\Leftarrow$ *h*-geodesic equation of $(x, \bar{x}(t))$)

$\Rightarrow\Rightarrow$ $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} f_t(y) > 0$.

Economic interpretation of "DASM"

- **Supply**: ρ **Demand**: $\bar{\rho} = \epsilon\delta_{\bar{y}} + (1-\epsilon)\delta_{\bar{z}}$
  $c(x, \bar{x})$: the cost of transportation
  $\lambda = Price(\bar{y}) - Price(\bar{z})$
- **Economic equilibrium**: $\exists\ \lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$u(x) = \max\{\lambda - c(x,\bar{y}), -c(x,\bar{z})\}$$
$$\text{yields} \quad \epsilon = \rho\big[\{x \in M \mid u(x) = \lambda - c(x,\bar{z})\}\big]$$

- **valley of indifference**: $V = \{x \in M \mid c(x,\bar{y}) - c(x,\bar{z}) = \lambda\}$
- **"DASM"** $x_0 \in V \Rightarrow x_0$ indifferent to $\bar{x}(t)$, $\bar{y} = \bar{x}(0)$ to $\bar{z} = \bar{x}(1)$; i.e. $\exists\ \lambda(t)$, such that

$$u(x) \geq \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \lambda(t) - c(x, \bar{x}(t)) \quad \text{with } " = " \text{at } \ x_0$$
$$\lambda(t) = c(x_0, \bar{x}(t)) - c(x_0, \bar{z});$$
$$t \in [0,1] \longrightarrow (x_0, \bar{x}(t)) \text{ is a } h\text{-geodesic}$$

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