

# Lecture 13

## Reminders

- Solutions for 2-3 exercises
- First wiki article due Fri Feb 14
- Select article to revise by Fri, Feb 21

Recall:

Thm (Brenier): Given  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  
suppose  $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}^d$ .

① If  $\gamma_*$  is an OT plan,  $\exists t$  means  
s.t.  $\gamma_* = (\text{id} \times t) \# \mu$ .

"Any OT plan is induced by a transport map"

②  $t$  is an OT map  $\iff (\text{id} \times t) \# \mu$  is an OT plan

③ Given  $t$  s.t.  $t \# \mu = \nu$ ,  
 $t$  is optimal  $\iff t = \nabla \varphi$  ( $\mu$ -a.e.) for  $\varphi \in L^1(\mu)$   
convex, lsc

④ the OT map from  $\mu$  to  $\nu$  is unique ( $\mu$ -a.e.)

More generally...

Thm: Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  compact,  
 $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $c(x, y) = h(|x - y|)$  for  
 $h$  strictly convex...

- $\exists$  OT plan  $\gamma_*$
- if  $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}^d$ , then  $\gamma_*$  is unique  
and  $\gamma_* = (\text{id} \times t) \# \mu$  for  
 $\swarrow$  OT map

$$t(x) = x - \nabla h^{-1}(\nabla \varphi(x))$$

Pf: Santambrogio, Thm 1.17

One last important application of Kantorovich duality...

$$K_{\varphi}(\mu, \nu) := \int d(x, y)^{\varphi} d\gamma(x, y)$$

Thm: Given  $X$  cpt Polish,  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  
 $c(x, y) = d(x, y)$

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} K_1(\gamma) = \sup_{\varphi \in C(X)} \int \varphi d(\mu - \nu)$$

$$\|\varphi\|_{\text{Lip}} \leq 1$$

and  $\exists \varphi^*$  that achieves max on RHS.

Remark: The first part of the theorem continues to hold on any Polish space  $X$ , under the additional constraint  $\varphi \in L^1(|\mu - \nu|)$

Pf: By Kantorovich duality, it suffices to show

$$\sup_{\varphi \in C(X)} \int \varphi d(\mu - \nu) = \sup_{\varphi, \psi \in C(X)} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu$$

$$\|\varphi\|_{\text{Lip}} \leq 1$$

$$\varphi(x) + \psi(y) \leq d(x, y)$$

Last time " $\leq$ ". Now show " $\geq$ ".

Take  $(\varphi_*, \psi_*)$  that attain max on RHS.

Define  $\tilde{\psi}(y) = \inf_x d(x, y) - \varphi_*(x)$ .

$$\bullet \tilde{\psi} \geq \psi_*$$

$$\bullet \varphi_*(x) + \tilde{\psi}(y) \leq d(x, y)$$

$\bullet \tilde{\psi}$  is Moreau-Yosida regularization of  $-\varphi_*$ , so Exercise 9 ensures  $\|\tilde{\psi}\|_{\text{Lip}} \leq 1$ .

Thus,  $(\varphi_*, \tilde{\Psi})$  is a maximizer.

Define  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) = \inf_y d(x, y) - \tilde{\Psi}(y)$ .

Then, as before,  $(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\Psi})$  is a maximizer.

In particular,  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) + \tilde{\Psi}(y) \leq d(x, y) \forall x, y$ ,  
so  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) \leq -\tilde{\Psi}(x)$ .

Since  $\|\tilde{\Psi}\|_{\text{Lip}} \leq 1$ ,  $d(x, y) - \tilde{\Psi}(y) \geq -\tilde{\Psi}(x)$ ,  
so  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) \geq -\tilde{\Psi}(x)$ . Thus  $\tilde{\varphi} = -\tilde{\Psi}$ .

This shows " $\geq$ " and that an optimizer of LHS exist.  $\square$

$p$ -Wasserstein metrics

Def: Given  $(X, d)$  Polish,  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  
 $p \geq 1$ ,

$$W_p(\mu, \nu) := \min_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} (K_p(\gamma))^{1/p}.$$

Rmk:

◦ By Jensen's inequality, for  $p \leq q$ ,

$$K_p(\gamma)^{1/p} = K_p(\gamma)^{1/p \cdot \frac{q}{q}} \leq \left( \int d^p(x, y) d\gamma \right)^{1/q} = K_q(\gamma)^{1/q}$$

Thus,  $W_p(\mu, \nu) \leq W_q(\mu, \nu)$ .

◦ If  $\text{diam}(X) = \sup_{x, y} d(x, y) < +\infty$ , then  
for all  $p \leq q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_q(\gamma) &= \int d^q(x,y) d\gamma \\
 &\leq \int d^p(x,y) \text{diam}(X)^{q-p} d\gamma
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } W_q(\mu, \nu) \leq \text{diam}(X)^{1-p/q} W_p(\mu, \nu)^{p/q}$$

**Goal:** Prove  $(W_p, \mathcal{P}_p(X))$  is a metric space.

$$\mathcal{P}_p(X) := \{ \mu \in \mathcal{P}(X) : \underbrace{\int d^p(x, x_0) d\mu(x)}_{=: M_p(\mu)} < +\infty \text{ for some } x_0 \in X \}$$

To prove our goal, we recall...

Thm (Disintegration): Given Polish spaces  $X, Y$  and  $\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(X \times Y)$ , let  $\mu := \pi_X \# \gamma$ . Then there exists unique ( $\mu$ -a.e.)

$$\{ \gamma_x \}_{x \in X} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(Y)$$

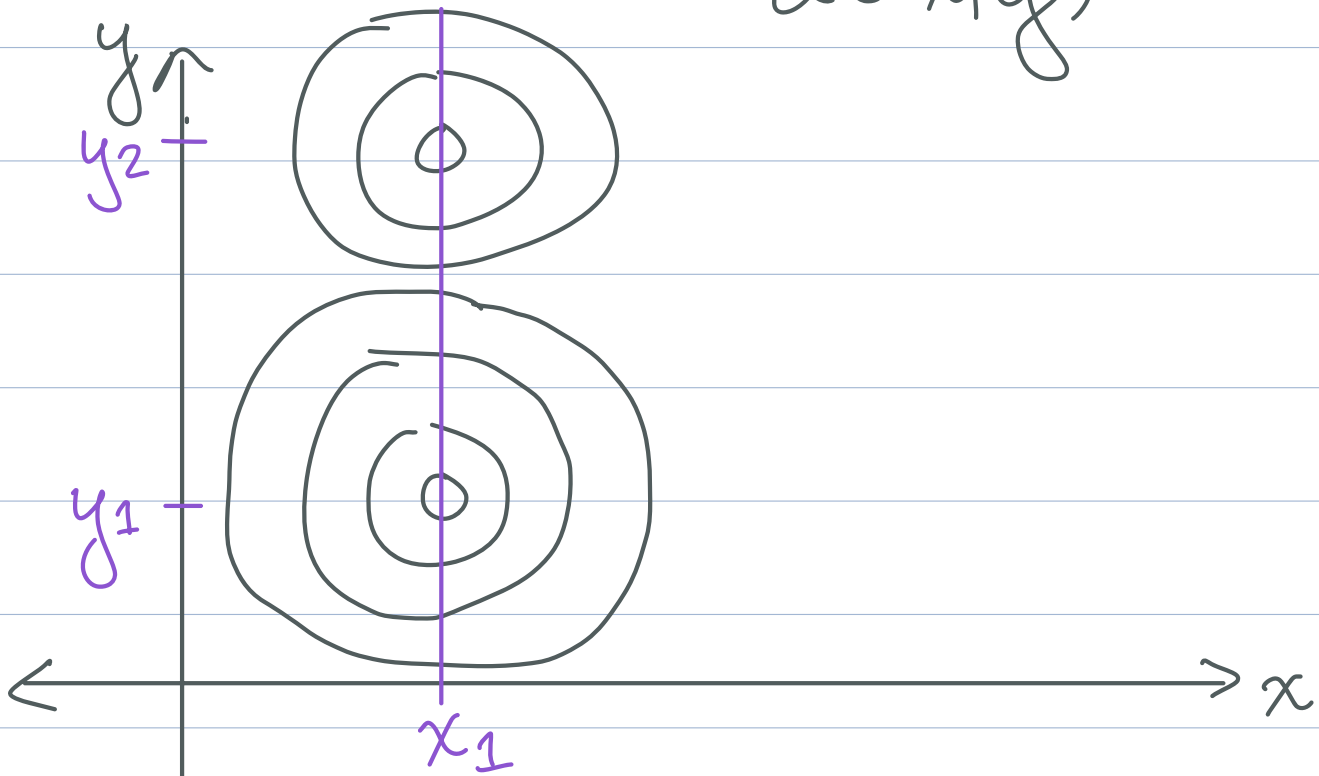
s.t.,  $\forall$  meas  $f: X \times Y \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ ,

•  $x \mapsto \int f(x, y) d\gamma_x(y)$  is meas

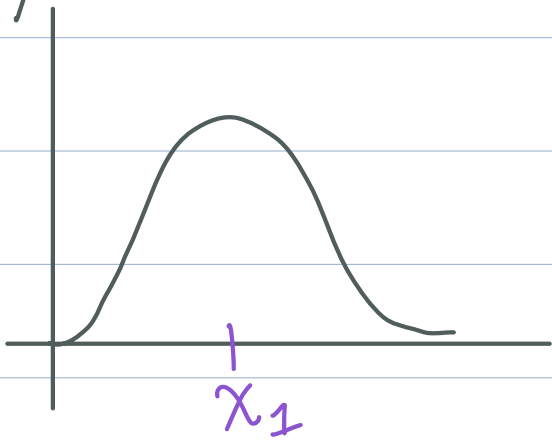
$$\int_{X \times Y} f(x, y) d\gamma(x, y) = \int_X \int_Y f(x, y) d\gamma_x(y) d\mu(x)$$

Pf: Bogachev, section 10.6.

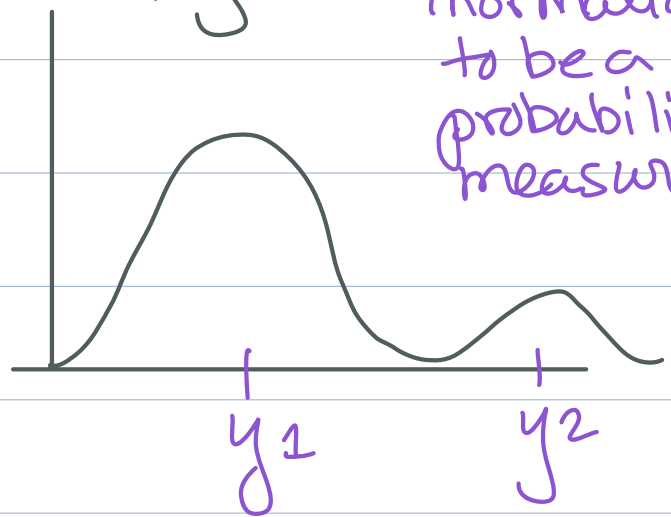
$d\delta(x, y)$



$d\mu(x)$



$d\delta_{x_1}(y)$



(normalized to be a probability measure)



Pf: Bogachev, section 10.6.

Ex: If  $d\delta(x,y) = f(x,y) dL^m(x) dL^n(y)$ ,  
then  $d\mu(x) = g(x) dL^m(x)$  for  
 $g(x) := \int f(x,y) dL^n(y)$

and

$$d\delta_x(y) = \frac{f(x,y) dL^n(y)}{g(x)}$$

(well-defined  $\mu$ -a.e.)

Cor: Given Polish space  $X$ ,  
 $\gamma^{12} \in \mathcal{P}(X \times X)$ ,  $\gamma^{23} \in \mathcal{P}(X \times X)$  s.t.  
 $\pi_2 \# \gamma^{12} = \pi_1 \# \gamma^{23} =: \mu$ .

Then  $\exists \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(X \times X \times X)$  s.t.

$$\pi_{1,2} \# \gamma = \gamma^{12}, \quad \pi_{2,3} \# \gamma = \gamma^{23}.$$

Pf: let

$$d\gamma(x_1, x_2, x_3) := \left( d\gamma_{x_2}^{12}(x_1) \otimes d\gamma_{x_2}^{23}(x_3) \right) d\mu(x_2)$$

Then  $\forall f(x_1, x_2) \geq 0$ , meas,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{X \times X \times X} f(x_1, x_2) d\gamma(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ &= \int_X \left( \int_{X \times X} f(x_1, x_2) d\gamma_{x_2}^{12}(x_1) \otimes d\gamma_{x_2}^{23}(x_3) \right) d\mu(x_2) \\ &= \int_X \left( \int_X f(x_1, x_2) d\gamma_{x_2}^{12}(x_1) \cdot \int_X \overbrace{1}^1 d\gamma_{x_2}^{23}(x_3) \right) d\mu(x_2) \\ &= \int_{X \times X} f(x_1, x_2) d\gamma^{12}(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\pi_{1,2} \# \gamma = \gamma^{12}$ . Likewise  $\pi_{2,3} \# \gamma = \gamma^{2,3}$ .  $\square$

Thm: Suppose  $(X, d)$  is a Polish space.  
Then  $\forall p \geq 1$ ,  $(W_p, P_p(X))$  is a metric space.

Fact:  $d^p(x, y) \leq (d(x, x_0) + d(x_0, y))^p$   
 $\leq 2^{p-1} (d^p(x, x_0) + d^p(x_0, y))$

Pl:

for any  $\delta \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)$

By Fact,  $W_p^p(\mu, \nu) \leq \int d^p(x, y) d\delta(x, y)$   
 $\leq 2^{p-1} \int d^p(x, x_0) + d^p(x_0, y) d\delta$   
 $= 2^{p-1} (m_p(\mu) + m_p(\nu)) < +\infty$

Thus,  $W_p: P_p(X) \times P_p(X) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ .

By defn, it is symmetric.

To see  $W_p$  is nondegenerate...

Suppose  $\mu = \nu$ . Then,  $\gamma := (\text{id} \times \text{id}) \# \mu$  is a plan from  $\mu$  to  $\nu$ , and

$$|K_p(\gamma)| = \int d^p(x, y) d\gamma = \int d^p(x, x) d\mu = 0.$$

Thus  $W_p(\mu, \nu) = 0$ .

For the converse, suppose  $W_p(\mu, \nu) = 0$ . Then, if  $\gamma$  is the OT from  $\mu$  to  $\nu$ ,

$$0 = |K_p(\gamma)| = \int d^p(x, y) d\gamma(x, y),$$

so  $x = y$   $\gamma$ -a.e. Hence,  $\forall f \geq 0$  meas,

$$\int f(x) d\mu(x) = \int f(y) d\nu(y)$$

Thus,  $\mu = \nu$ .

It remains to show triangle ineq.

Fix  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in \mathcal{P}_p(X)$ .

Suppose  $\gamma_{12}$  is an OT plan from  $\mu_1$  to  $\mu_2$   
 $\gamma_{23}$  " " "  $\mu_2$  to  $\mu_3$

By corollary,  $\exists \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(X \times X \times X)$  s.t.  
 $\pi_{1,2} \# \gamma = \gamma_{12}$  and  $\pi_{2,3} \# \gamma = \gamma_{2,3}$ .

By def  $\pi_1 \# \gamma = \pi_1 \# \gamma_{12} = \mu_1$   
 $\pi_3 \# \gamma = \pi_3 \# \gamma_{2,3} = \mu_3$ ,  
so  $\pi_{1,3} \# \gamma \in \Gamma(\mu_1, \mu_3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} W_p(\mu_1, \mu_3) &\leq \left( \int_{X \times X} d^p(x_1, x_3) d\pi_{1,3} \# \gamma \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \left( \int_{X \times X \times X} d^p(x_1, x_3) d\gamma \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \|d(\pi_1, \pi_3)\|_{L^p(\gamma)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \|d(\pi_1, \pi_2) + d(\pi_2, \pi_3)\|_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})} \\
&\leq \|d(\pi_1, \pi_2)\|_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})} + \|d(\pi_2, \pi_3)\|_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})} \\
&= (K_{\mathcal{P}}(\pi_{1,2} \# \delta))^{1/\mathcal{P}} + (K_{\mathcal{P}}(\pi_{2,3} \# \delta))^{1/\mathcal{P}} \\
&= W_{\mathcal{P}}(\mu_1, \mu_2) + W_{\mathcal{P}}(\mu_2, \mu_3) \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Next goal: characterize topology of  $W_{\mathcal{P}}$

Recall from Lectures 4 and 5:

Thm (Prokhorov): Given  $\mathcal{X}$  Polish,  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ ,  
 $\mathcal{K}$  is relatively narrowly cpt  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{K}$  tight.  
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K_{\varepsilon} \subset \mathcal{X}$  s.t.  
 $\mu(\mathcal{X} \setminus K_{\varepsilon}) \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall \mu \in \mathcal{K}$

Thm (Portmanteau): For  $g: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$   
 lsc and bdd below,  $\mu \mapsto \int g d\mu$   
 is lsc wrt narrow convergence.

Exercise 29: Suppose  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  and  $\nu_n \rightarrow \nu$  narrowly and  $\delta_n \in \Gamma(\mu_n, \nu_n)$ . Then  $\exists \delta_{n_k}$  s.t.  $\delta_{n_k} \rightarrow \delta \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)$  narrowly.

