# Disentangling entropy and suboptimality in Entropic optimal transport

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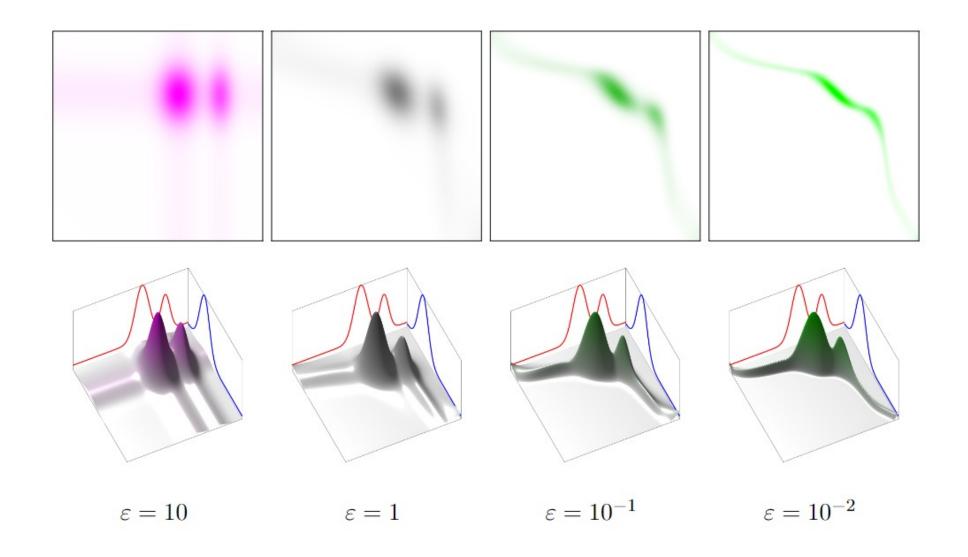
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#### **Prior Works**

Qualitative convergence results.

• Γ-convergence : [Mik04],[MT08],[Lé13],[CDPS15]

Quantitative convergence results.

- Discrete optimal transport : [CM94]
- Semi-discrete optimal transport : [ANWS21],[Del21]
- Finite Fisher information : [ADPZ11],[EMR15],[Con19]
- Finite entropy: [Pal19],[EN22],[CPT22]
- Multimarginal : [NP23]
- Sinkhorn divergence: [FSV<sup>+</sup>18, CRL<sup>+</sup>20]

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#### Proposition [EN22, CPT22]

Assume c is infinitesimally twisted and  $Supp(\mu_i)$  compact then

$$\left(-\frac{d}{2}\varepsilon\ln(\varepsilon) + C'\varepsilon \le \right)OT_{\varepsilon} - OT_{0} \le -\frac{d}{2}\varepsilon\ln(\varepsilon) + C\varepsilon \tag{2}$$

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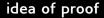
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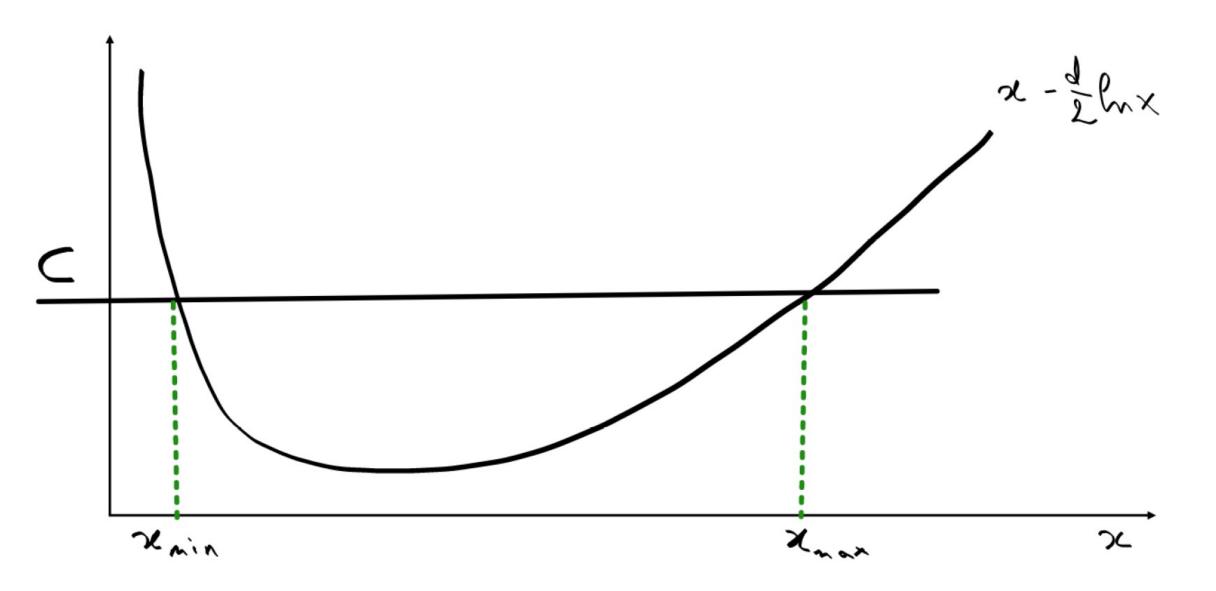
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$$C_1 \varepsilon \leq \int c d\gamma_{\varepsilon} - \int c d\gamma_0 \leq C_2 \varepsilon$$

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Infinitesimally twisted costs and

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#### Main result

# **Definition**

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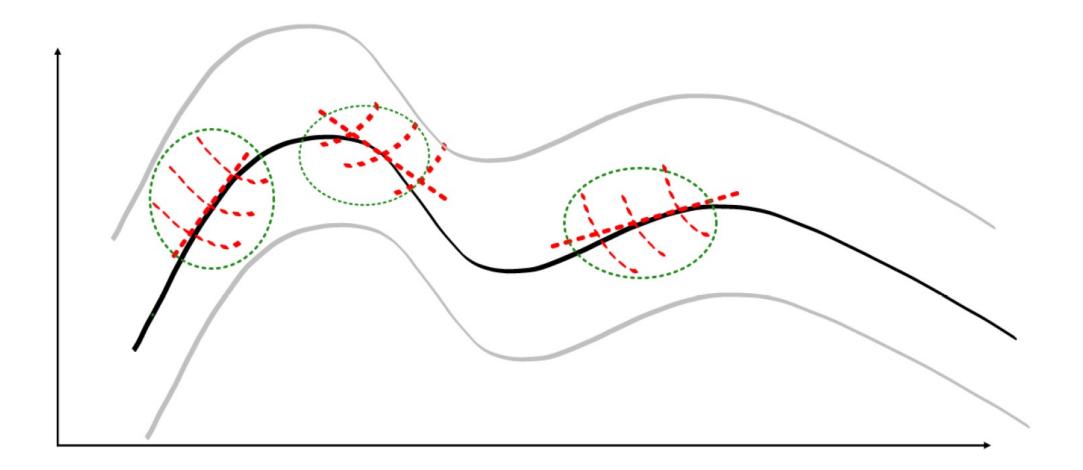
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### **Theorem**

Suppose that the cost is  $\mathcal{C}^2$  and infinitesimally twisted . Further assume that  $\mu_i$  is compactly supported then

$$(c, \gamma_{\varepsilon}) = OT_0 + \Theta(\varepsilon), \quad H(\gamma_{\varepsilon} \mid \mathcal{H}^{2d}) = -\frac{d}{2} \ln(\varepsilon) + O(1), \quad \sqrt{\varepsilon} = O(W_2(\gamma_{\varepsilon}, \gamma_0))$$
(16)

Note that here  $\gamma_0$  is any optimal transport plan.



Thank you!

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