

# Properties of Discrete Sliced Wasserstein Losses

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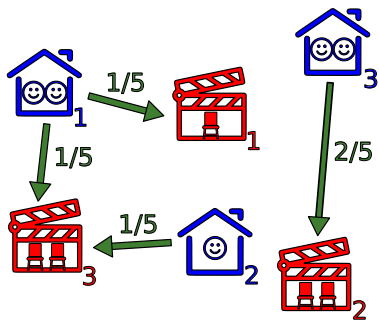
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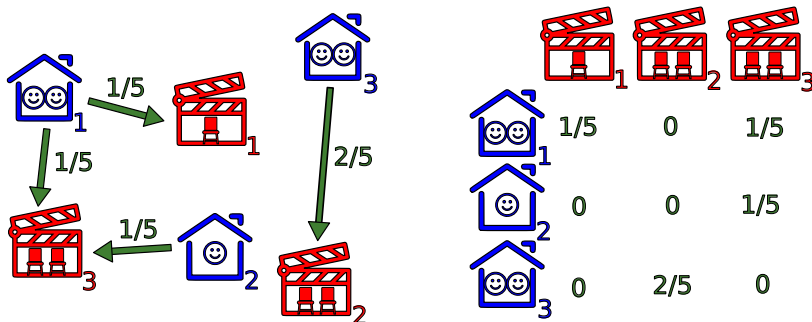
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Assignment Cost:

$$\frac{1}{5} \times c(x_1, y_1) + \frac{1}{5} \times c(x_1, y_3) + \frac{1}{5} \times c(x_2, y_3) + \frac{2}{5} \times c(x_3, y_2).$$

Constraints on  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}_+^{3 \times 3}$  :  $\pi \mathbf{1} = (2/5, 1/5, 2/5)$ ,  $\pi^\top \mathbf{1} = (1/5, 2/5, 2/5)$ .

$$\text{Optimal Transport Cost : } \min_{\pi} \sum_{i,j} c(x_i, y_j) \pi_{i,j}.$$

## 2-Wasserstein Distance: $c(x, y) = \|x - y\|_2^2$

Measures  $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$ ,  $\nu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_{y_j}$ .

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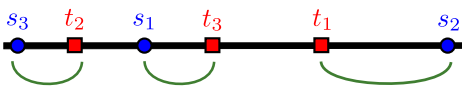
Continuous case:  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

$$W_2^2(\mu, \nu) = \min_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \|x - y\|_2^2 d\pi(x, y) = \min_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \mathbb{E}_{(X, Y) \sim \pi} [\|X - Y\|_2^2].$$

## 1D Wasserstein and Sliced Wasserstein

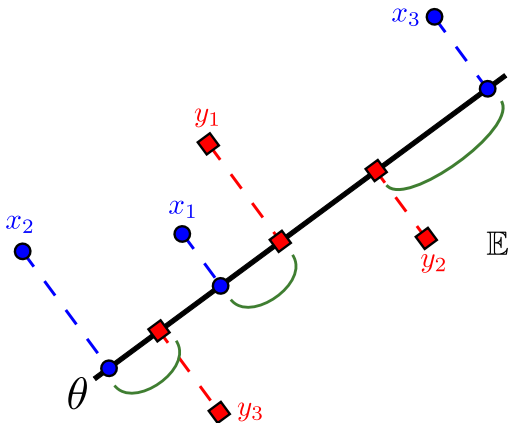
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# 1D Wasserstein and Sliced Wasserstein



A horizontal line representing the real line. Points are marked with blue circles and red squares. From left to right: blue circle \$s\_3\$, red square \$t\_2\$, blue circle \$s\_1\$, red square \$t\_3\$, red square \$t\_1\$, blue circle \$s\_2\$. Green arcs connect \$s\_3\$ to \$t\_2\$, \$s\_1\$ to \$t\_3\$, and \$s\_2\$ to \$t\_1\$.

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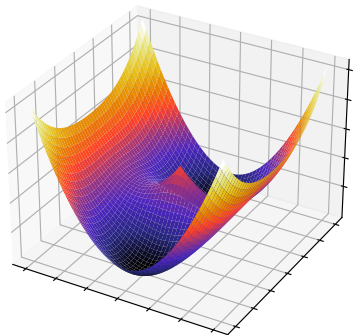


$$SW_2^2(\gamma_X, \gamma_Y) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \mathcal{U}(S^d)} [W_2^2(\theta \# \gamma_X, \theta \# \gamma_Y)]$$

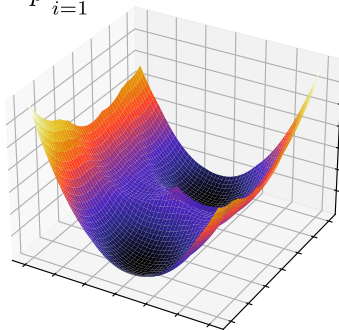


# Monte-Carlo Approximation

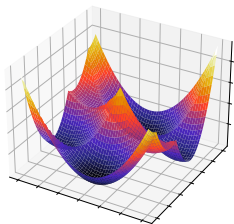
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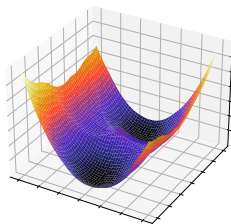
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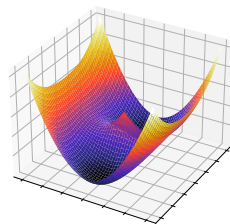
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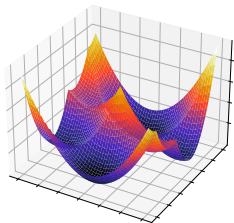


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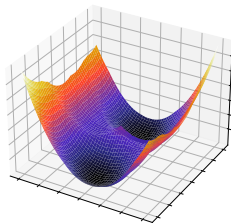


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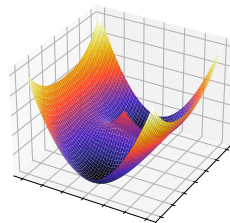
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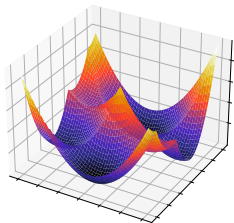
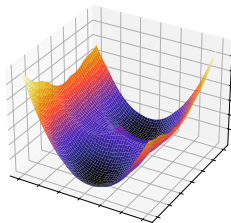
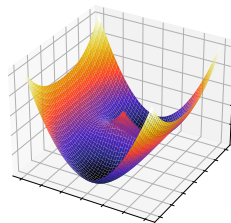


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## Uniform Convergence [5]

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## Uniform Central Limit Theorem [5]

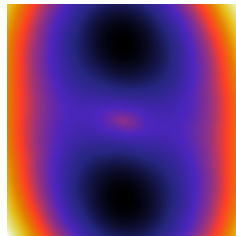
For  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  compact,  $\sqrt{p}(\mathcal{E}_p - \mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow[p \rightarrow +\infty]{\mathcal{L}, \ell^\infty(\mathcal{K})} G$ .

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# Global Optima

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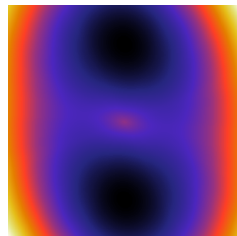
$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{argmin}_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \mathcal{E}(X) &= \operatorname{argmin}_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} SW_2^2(\gamma_X, \gamma_Y) \\ &= \{Y \text{ up to a permutation}\}\end{aligned}$$



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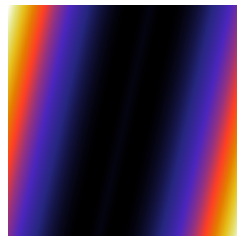
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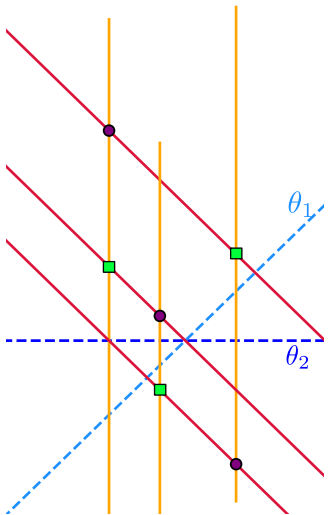
- $\widehat{\text{SW}}_{2,p}$  is **not** a distance:

$$\widehat{\text{SW}}_{2,p}(\gamma, \gamma_Y) = 0 \iff \forall i \in \llbracket 1, p \rrbracket, \theta_i \# \gamma = \theta_i \# \gamma_Y.$$



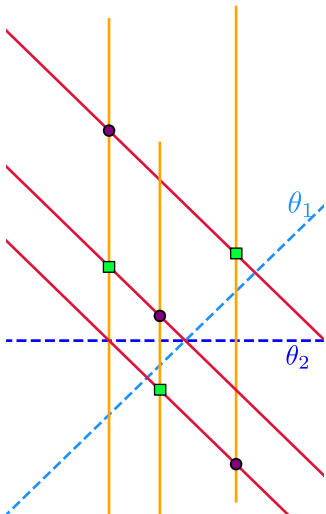
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For  $P_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ ,

(RP) :  $\forall i \in \llbracket 1, p \rrbracket, P_i \# \gamma = P_i \# \gamma_Y$ .

a.s. Reconstruction [4]

If  $\sum_i d_i > d$ , for  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$   
fixed,  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{RP}} = \{\gamma_Y\}$ ,  
almost-surely, for random  
 $(P_i)$ .

Consequences of the Reconstruction Problem on  $\mathcal{E}_p$ 

If  $p \leq d$ ,

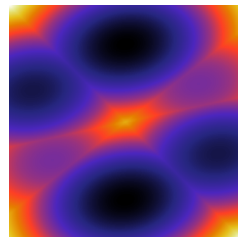
$$\mathcal{E}_p(X) = 0 \not\Rightarrow X \in \{Y \text{ up to a permutation}\}.$$

If  $p > d$ , almost-surely,

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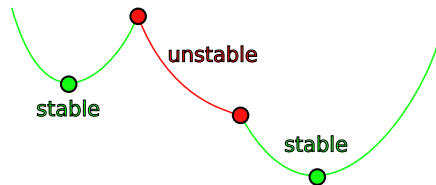
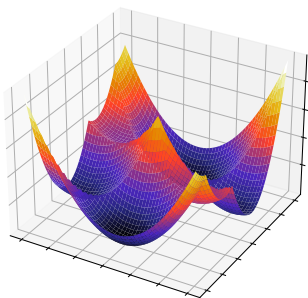
$\mathcal{E}_p$  with  $p = 3$ .

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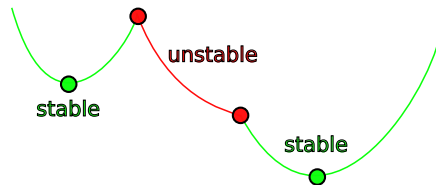
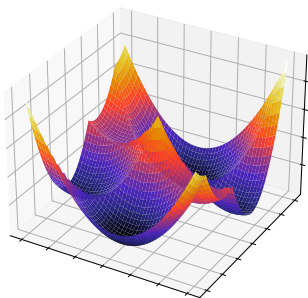
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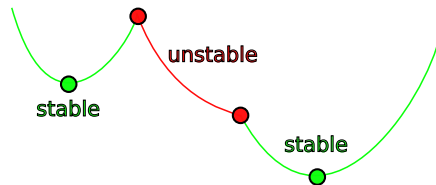
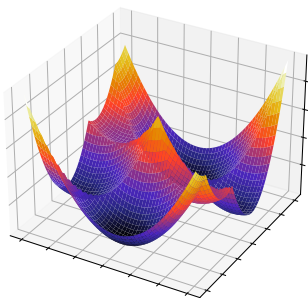


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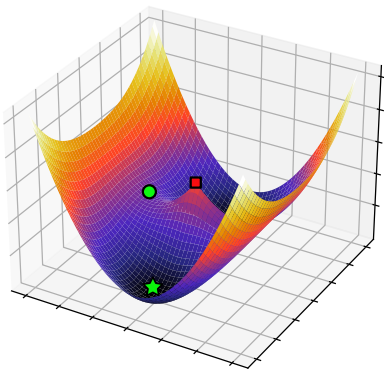
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As  $p \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_p \approx \mathcal{E}$ , more local optima but better optimisation.

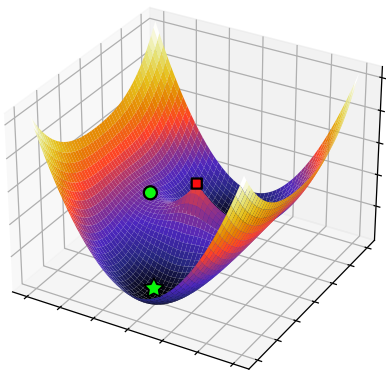
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## Critical Point Approximation [5]

$$\text{For } X_p \text{ critical points of } \mathcal{E}_p, \quad X_p - F(X_p) \xrightarrow[p \rightarrow +\infty]{\mathbb{P}} 0.$$



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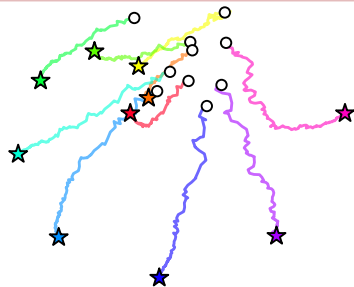
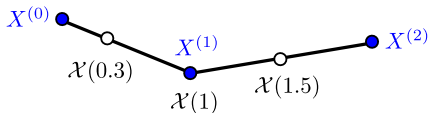
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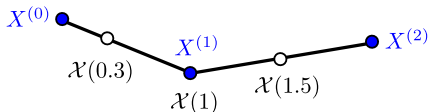
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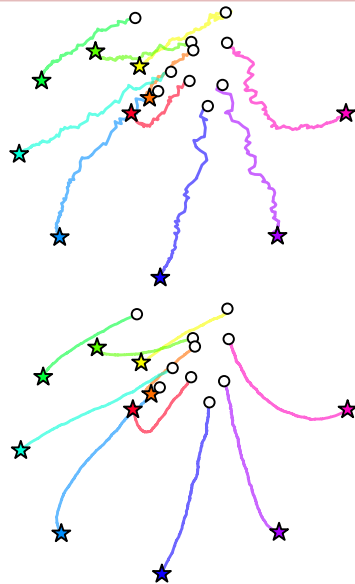


## Interpolations Converge [5]

$$d(\mathcal{X}_\alpha, \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow[\alpha \rightarrow 0]{\mathbb{P}} 0.$$

$$\text{With } \mathcal{S} = \left\{ \mathcal{X} \mid \frac{d\mathcal{X}}{dt}(t) \in -\partial_C \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X}(t)) \right\}.$$

Using results from Bianchi et al. [1]



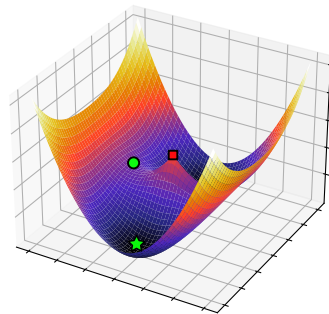
# Convergence of Noised Trajectories

$$\text{Noised SGD: } X^{(k+1)} = X^{(k)} - \alpha \nabla w_{\theta^{(k+1)}}(X^{(k)}) + \alpha \varepsilon^{(k+1)}.$$

## Convergence of Noised SGD [5]

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow +\infty} d(X_{\alpha}^{(k)}, \mathcal{Z}) \xrightarrow[\alpha \rightarrow 0]{\mathbb{P}} 0.$$

With  $\mathcal{Z} = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d} \mid 0 \in -\partial_C \mathcal{E}(X)\}$ .



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# Convergence of Decreasing-Step Noised Trajectories

$$X^{(k+1)} = X^{(k)} - \alpha^{(k)} \nabla w_{\theta^{(k+1)}}(X^{(k)}) + \alpha \varepsilon^{(k+1)}.$$

Steps  $\alpha^{(k)} \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \alpha^{(k)} = +\infty$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (\alpha^{(k)})^2 < +\infty$ .

## Convergence of Decreasing-Step Noised SGD [5]

If  $(X^{(k)})$  is a.s. bounded, then a.s.:

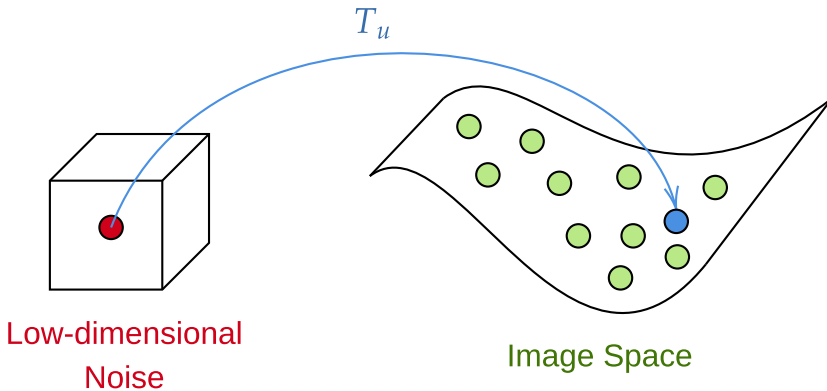
- $(\mathcal{E}(X^{(k)}))_k$  converges.
- If  $X^{(\varphi(k))} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow +\infty]{} X^\infty$ , then  $X^\infty \in \mathcal{Z}$ .

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Using results from Davis et al. [2]

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# Generative Modelling





## Problem Statement

**Goal:** approximate  $T_u \# \mathfrak{z} \approx y$ .

**Loss sample:**

$$f(u, X, Y, \theta) = W_2^2(\theta \# T_u \# \gamma_X, \theta \# \gamma_Y), \quad X \sim \mathfrak{z}^{\otimes n}, Y \sim y^{\otimes n}, \theta \sim \sigma.$$

**Population loss:**

$$F(u) = \mathbb{E}_{X, Y, \theta} \left[ W_2^2(\theta \# T_u \# \gamma_X, \theta \# \gamma_Y) \right] = \mathbb{E}_{X, Y} \left[ SW_2^2(T_u \# \gamma_X, \gamma_Y) \right].$$

### Convergence Results [3]

Under technical assumptions:

- Approximation of (Clarke) gradient flows
- Convergence in the parameters  $u^{(t)}$  for a modified SGD scheme

*Thank You*

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