

Metric extrapolation in the Wasserstein space

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This talk: A variational (convex) notion of extrapolation

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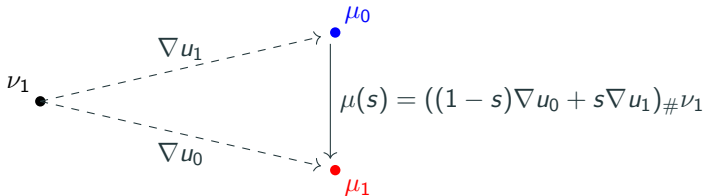
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- **Time discretization of W_2 -gradient flows** [Gallouët, N, Todeschi '23];
other variants [Turinici, Legendre '17], **BDF2** [Matthes, Plazotta '19],
Runge Kutta [Han, Esedoglu, Garikipati '23]

Well-posedness/convexity

- (\mathcal{P}) **not convex** wrt linear interpolations $s \mapsto (1-s)\mu_0 + s\mu_1$
- Generalized geodesics:



- $+W_2^2(\cdot, \nu_1)$ is 2-convex along generalized geodesics based at ν_1 (*)
- $-W_2^2(\cdot, \nu_0)$ is (-2)-convex along **any** generalized geodesic

$$\mu \mapsto \frac{W_2^2(\mu, \nu_1)}{2(t-1)} - \frac{W_2^2(\mu, \nu_0)}{2t} \quad \text{is } \frac{1}{t(t-1)} \text{ - convex along (*)}$$

\implies *existence and uniqueness minimizers*

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Kantorovich duality:

$$\frac{W_2^2(\mu, \nu_0)}{2t} = \sup_{\phi \in C_b} \langle \phi, \mu \rangle + \int \phi^{c_t} d\nu_0, \quad \phi^{c_t}(y) = \inf_x \frac{|x - y|^2}{2t} - \phi(x).$$

$$F^*(\phi) = - \int \phi^{c_{t-1}} d\nu_1, \quad G^*(\phi) = - \int \phi^{c_t} d\nu_0$$

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Equivalence with problem (\mathcal{P}) :

$$(\mathcal{P}) = (\mathcal{P}^*) - \int \frac{|x|^2}{2} d\nu_0(x) - \int \frac{|x|^2}{2} d\nu_1(x)$$

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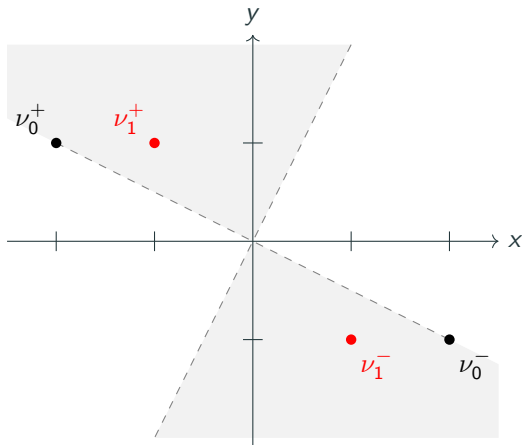
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Link between minimizers

$$\nu_t \text{ solves } (\mathcal{P}) \iff \nu_t = [\nabla u^* + t(\text{Id} - \nabla u^*)]_{\#} \nu_1, \quad u \text{ solves } (\mathcal{P}^*)$$

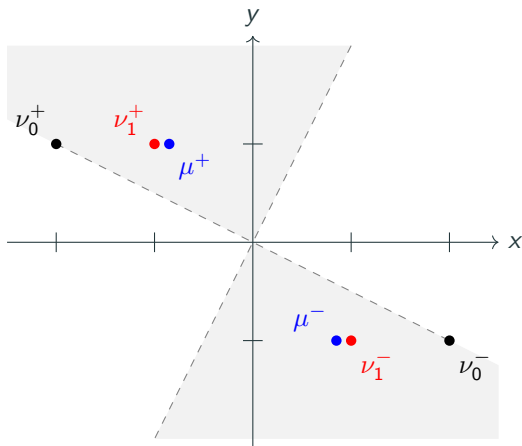
$$\text{NB. If } \bar{\nu}_0 \text{ a.c., } \nu_t = \underbrace{[\text{Id} + t(\nabla u - \text{Id})]}_{\text{optimal transport map}} \# \bar{\nu}_0$$

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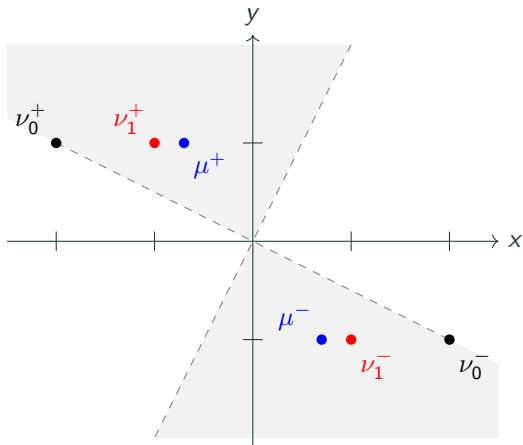
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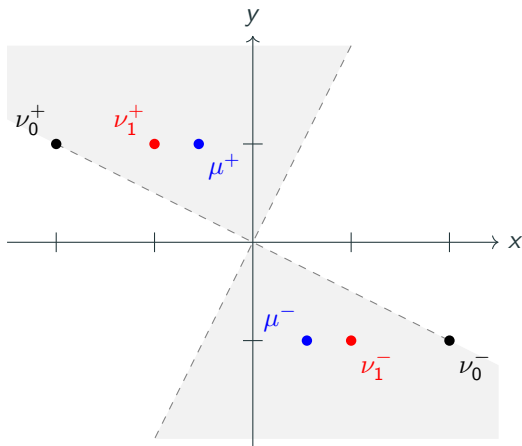
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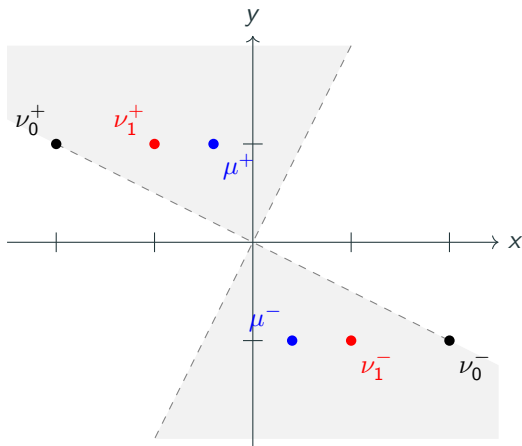
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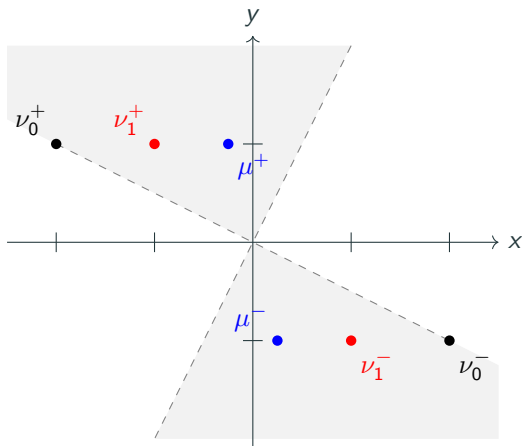
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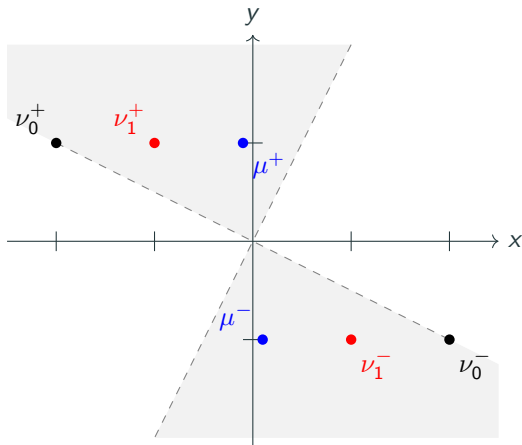
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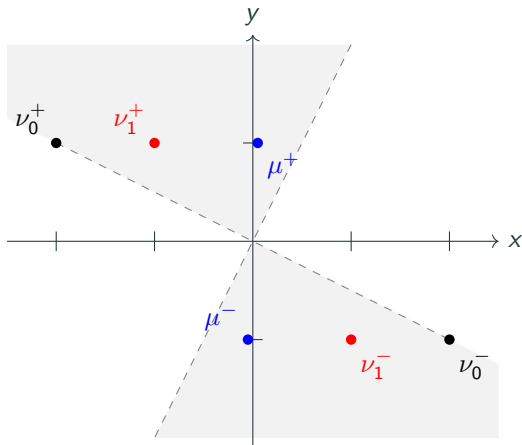
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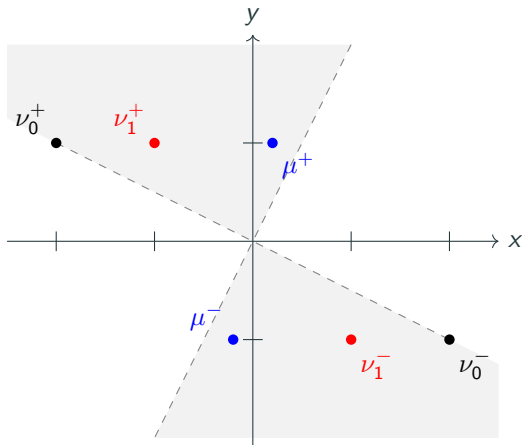
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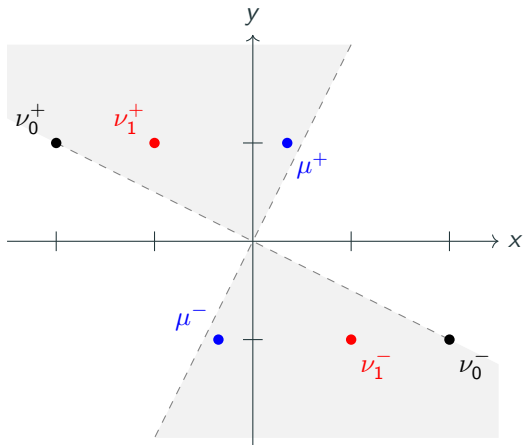
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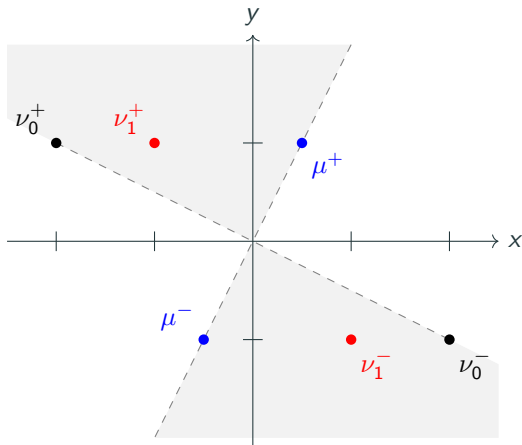
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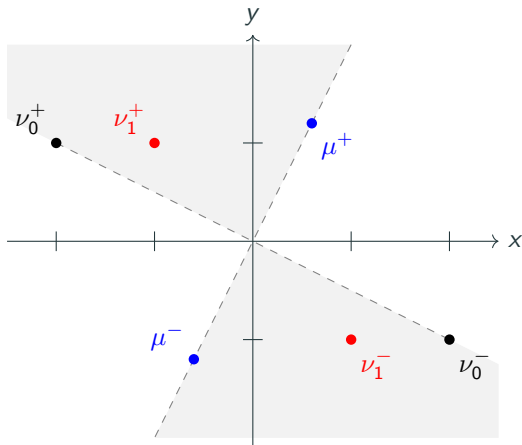
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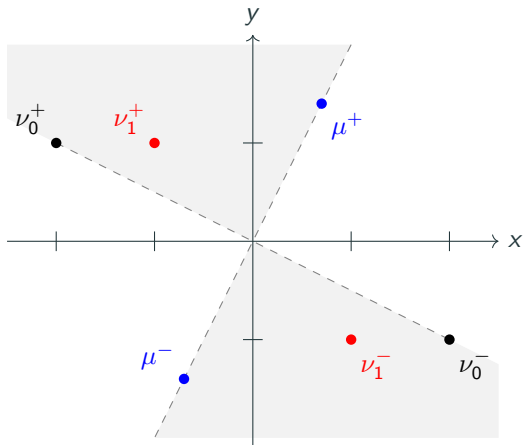
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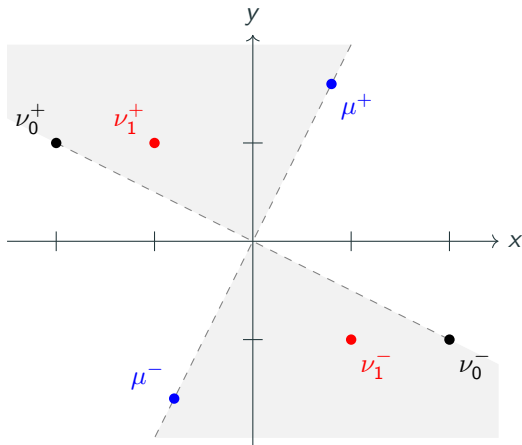
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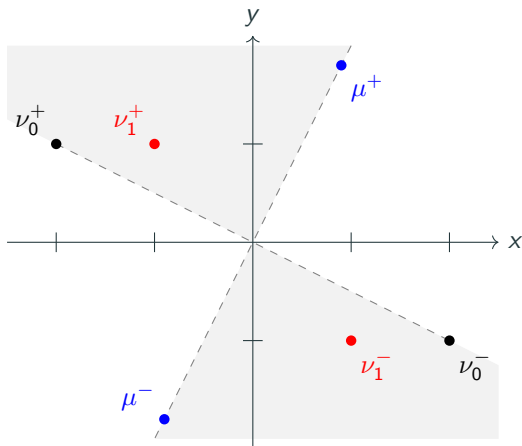
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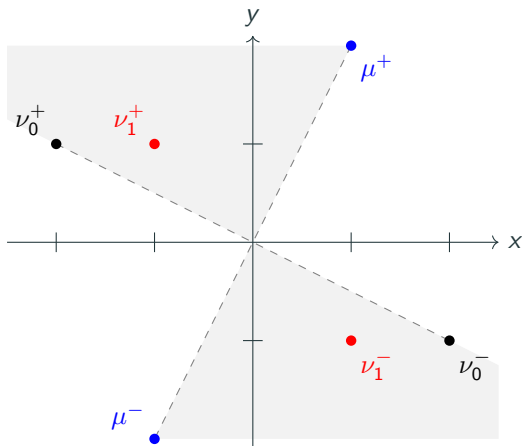
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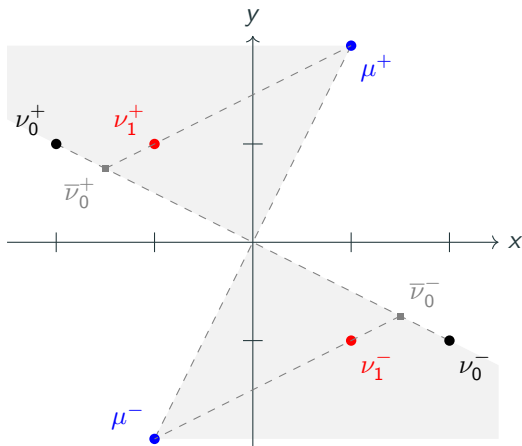
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A numerical scheme

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\nu_0, \nu_1)} \int \left[\sup_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^d} \int c(Z; x_0, x_1) d\gamma_{x_1}(x_0) \right] d\nu_1(x_1) + \varepsilon \text{KL}(\gamma | \nu_0 \otimes \nu_1)$$

NB. Without regularization $Z(x_1)$ is the optimal transport map from ν_1 to ν_0

A two-step algorithm (on point clouds): Given ϕ^0, ψ^0, z^0 , for $n \geq 0$

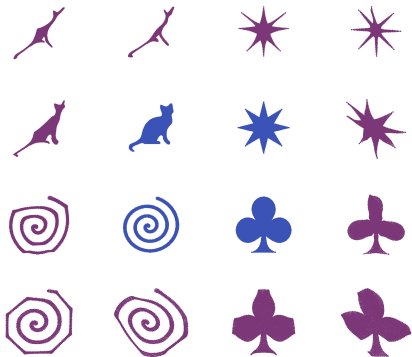
1. Compute ϕ^{n+1}, ψ^{n+1} by maximization (1 Sinkhorn cycle)
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- First order convergence as for Sinkhorn (see SISTA, [Carlier et al '20])

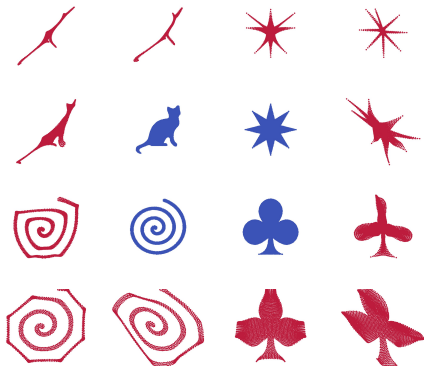
$$f(y^{n+1}) - f(y^*) \leq \eta(f(y^n) - f(y^*)), \quad \eta \leq \frac{1}{1 + C_1 \exp(-C_2/\varepsilon)}$$

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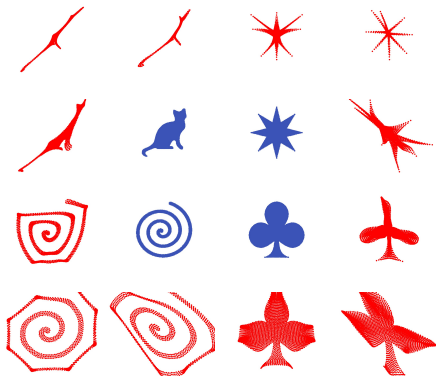
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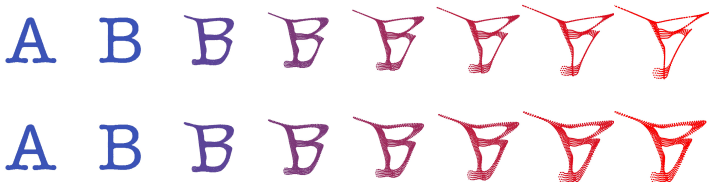
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Gradient flow of $-W_2^2$



Gradient flow (top) vs **Metric extrapolation** (bottom)

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Time discretization. Given $\rho_0, \rho_1 \in \mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)$,

$$\begin{cases} \rho_{n-1}^e = E_\alpha(\rho_{n-2}, \rho_{n-1}) \\ \rho_n \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\rho \in \mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)} \frac{W_2^2(\rho, \rho_{n-1}^e)}{2(2-\alpha)\tau} + \mathcal{E}(\rho) \end{cases} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

NB. $\alpha = 4/3$ to get $\mathcal{O}(\tau^3)$ consistency for an ODE

Theorem. *For the metric extrap., \mathcal{E} λ -convex along gen. geod., $\lambda > 0$, piecewise constant reconstruction $t \mapsto \rho_\tau(t)$ converges in W_2 to an a.c. curve $t \mapsto \rho(t)$ s.t. $\rho(0) = \rho_0$, and satisfying (EVI).*

Some more remarks

- **General costs:** $c : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (*non-negative cross curvature*)
- **Multiple measures:** $\nu_i^+, \nu_j^- \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\lambda_i^+, \lambda_j^- > 0$, $\sum_i \lambda_i^+ = \sum_i \lambda_j^-$

$$\inf_{\mu} \left\{ \sum_i \lambda_i^+ W_2^2(\mu, \nu_i^+) - \sum_j \lambda_j^- W_2^2(\mu, \nu_j^-) \right\}$$

For only one positive coefficient \rightsquigarrow multi-marginal WOT

- **Applications:** higher order JKO, reduced order models [Dalery et al 23]

Thank you!