

## Week 5

Recall: We introduced  $c$ -convexity,  $c$ -subdifferential,  $c$ -transform.

- $\varphi(x) + \varphi^c(y) + c(x,y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y.$
- $\varphi(x) + \varphi^c(y) + c(x,y) = 0 \iff y \in \partial^c \varphi(x).$

Kantorovich duality  $c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous, bounded below.

If  $\inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)} \int c d\gamma = (KP) < +\infty$ , then

$$(KP) = \max_{\substack{\varphi, \psi: \\ \varphi(x) + \psi(y) + c(x,y) \geq 0}} \int_X -\varphi d\mu + \int_Y -\psi d\nu = (DP)$$

Remark: to show  $\subseteq$  we actually prove that  $\text{supp } \bar{\gamma}$   $c$ -cycl. monotone  $\Rightarrow$

$$\exists \varphi \text{ } c\text{-convex} : \int c(x,y) d\bar{\gamma}(x,y) = \int -\varphi d\mu + \int -\varphi^c d\nu \leq (DP) = (KP).$$

We conclude that:  $\bar{\gamma}$  has  $c$ -cyclic monotone  $\text{supp} \iff \bar{\gamma}$  is optimal in (KP)

Corollary: let  $c$  be continuous, bounded below. Then, it is equivalent:

- $\bar{\gamma}$  is optimal in (KP).
- $\text{supp } \bar{\gamma}$  is  $c$ -cycl. monotone.
- $\exists \varphi$   $c$ -convex s.t.  $\text{supp } \bar{\gamma} \subseteq \partial^c \varphi$

Corollary: if  $c$  l.s.c. bounded below, then  $(KP) = (DP)$  still holds

(but maybe the max. in (DP) is a sup).

Proof:  $\supseteq$  it is easy, from the same proof.

$\subseteq$  wlog  $c \geq 0$ . Take  $c_n \geq 0$ ,  $c_n \uparrow c$ ,  $c_n$  continuous.

From theorem,

$$\underbrace{\min_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)} \int c_n d\gamma}_{\int c_n d\bar{\gamma}_n} = \sup_{\varphi(x) + \psi(y) \geq -c_n(x,y)} \int -\varphi d\mu + \int -\psi d\nu$$
$$\stackrel{!!}{=} \int c_n d\bar{\gamma}_n \leq \sup_{\varphi(x) + \psi(y) \geq -c(x,y)} \int -\varphi d\mu + \int -\psi d\nu$$

$\bar{\gamma}_n \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)$ , up to subsequences.  $\bar{\gamma}_n \rightarrow \bar{\gamma}$  narrowly.

So,  $\forall n_0$

$$\int C_{n_0} d\bar{\gamma} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int C_{n_0} d\bar{\gamma}_n \leq \overbrace{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int C_n d\bar{\gamma}_n}^{\text{independent of } n_0}.$$

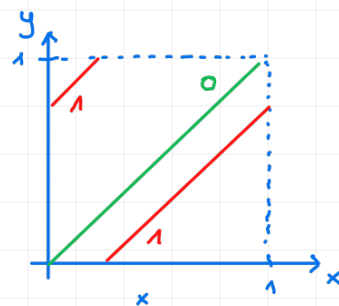
Take sup in  $n_0$  and use monotone convergence theorem:

$$(KP) \leq \int C d\bar{\gamma} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int C_n d\bar{\gamma}_n \leq (DP).$$

Example: let  $\alpha \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ .  $C(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y \\ 1 & \text{if } y = x - \alpha \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\mu = \nu = \mathcal{L}_{[0, 1]}^1$$

is l.s.c. but not continuous



Then: (A)  $T_0(x) = x$  is optimal in (KP)?

(B)  $T_1(x) = \begin{cases} x - \alpha & \text{if } 1 > x > \alpha \\ x + 1 - \alpha & \text{if } 0 < x < \alpha \end{cases}$  is optimal in (KP)?

(C)  $\text{supp}(Id, T_0) \# \mathcal{L}_{[0, 1]}^1$  is c-cycl. monotone?

(D)  $\text{supp}(Id, T_1) \# \mathcal{L}_{[0, 1]}^1$  is c-cycl. monotone?

Real life problems involving optimal transport (Santambrogio's Section 1.7.3)  
(Villani, old & new, Section 5).

① (KP):  $X$  = skills of the employees

$\mu$  = (number of) distribution of employees with skill  $x$

$Y$  = tasks to distribute

$\nu$  = distribution of tasks

$P(x, y)$  productivity of employee with skill  $x$  when performing task  $y$ .

Goal of the company:  $\max \left\{ \int P(x, y) d\gamma : \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mu, \nu) \right\}$ .

② Kantorovich duality:  $(X, \mu)$  distribution of bakeries

$(Y, \nu)$  distribution of coffee shops

Bakery  $x$  sells bread to coffee shop  $y$  at cost  $c(x, y)$ .

A consortium wants to organize the market.

It buys for price  $\overbrace{q_0(x)}^{\text{price per unit}}$  all bread of  $x$ , sells to  $y$  at price  $q_1(y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum profit: } \max_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mu, \nu) \\ -q_0(x) + q_1(y) \leq c(x, y)}} & \left\{ - \int q_0(x) d\mu(x) + \int q_1(y) d\nu(y) \right\} = \\ & \stackrel{\text{theorem}}{=} \min \left\{ \int c(x, y) d\gamma(x, y) : \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mu, \nu) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark: Another (formal) proof of  $(KP) = (DP)$ :   
  $\rightarrow$  Lagrange multiplier: it is 0 if  $\pi_1 \# \gamma = \mu$ ,  $+\infty$  otherwise.

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mu, \nu)} \int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\gamma = \inf_{\gamma \geq 0} \left\{ \int c d\gamma + \sup_{\varphi} \left( \int_{X \times Y} \varphi(x, y) d\gamma - \int_X \varphi(x) d\mu(x) \right) + \sup_{\psi} \left( \int_{X \times Y} \psi(y) d\gamma - \int_Y \psi(y) d\nu(y) \right) \right\}$$

$$= \inf_{\gamma} \sup_{\varphi, \psi} \left\{ \int c d\gamma + \int \varphi(x) d\gamma - \int \varphi(x) d\mu + \int \psi(y) d\gamma - \int \psi(y) d\nu \right\} = (*)$$

$\nwarrow$  we can exchange:

Lemma (Sion's minimax theorem):  $X$  compact, convex topological space,  $Y$  convex subset of linear space,  $f: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous, convex in  $x$ , concave in  $y$ ; then:

$$\min_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} f(x, y) = \sup_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} f(x, y).$$

take  $\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_{\bar{x}, \bar{y}}$   $\begin{cases} \equiv 0 & \text{if } c(x, y) + \varphi(x) + \psi(y) \geq 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in X \times Y \\ \equiv -\infty & \text{if } \exists \bar{x}, \bar{y} : c(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \varphi(\bar{x}) + \psi(\bar{y}) < 0 \end{cases}$

$$(*) = \sup_{\varphi, \psi} \left\{ -\int \varphi d\mu - \int \psi d\nu + \inf_{\gamma \geq 0} \int_{X \times Y} [c(x, y) + \varphi(x) + \psi(y)] d\gamma \right\}$$

$$= \sup_{\varphi(x) + \psi(y) + c(x, y) \geq 0} \int -\varphi d\mu + \int -\psi d\nu.$$

Exercise: Let  $c(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}|x - y|^2$ ,  $\varphi$  convex,  $\mu$ -a.e. differentiable.

Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Is  $\nabla \varphi$  optimal between  $\mu$  and  $(\nabla \varphi)_\# \mu$ ?

Graph  $\nabla \varphi$  is closed and  $\supp(\text{Id}, \nabla \varphi)_\# \mu \quad \forall \mu$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  c-cycl. monotone  $\equiv \partial \varphi$ .

By a previous Gromov, plan supported on a c-cycl. monotone set is optimal.

Brenier's theorem: Let  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $c(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}|x - y|^2$ , let  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

with  $\int |x|^2 d\mu + \int |y|^2 d\nu < +\infty$ ,  $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}^d$ .

Then, there exists a unique optimizer  $\bar{\gamma}$  in  $(KP)$ .

In addition,  $\exists T = \nabla \varphi$ ,  $\varphi$  convex, s.t.  $\bar{\gamma} = (\text{Id}, T)_\# \mu$ ,

$T = \nabla \varphi$  is the unique optimizer in  $(MP)$ .

Idea of the proof:

③ Let  $\bar{\gamma}$  be an optimizer in  $(KP)$ . By Gromov,  $\supp \bar{\gamma}$  is c-cycl. monotone,

$\supp \bar{\gamma} \subseteq \partial \varphi$ ,  $\varphi$  convex. If  $\varphi \in C^1 \Rightarrow \supp \bar{\gamma} \subseteq \text{graph } \nabla \varphi$ .

We claim  $\bar{\gamma} = (\text{Id}, \nabla \varphi)_\# \mu$ :  $\forall F$  measurable  $\geq 0$ ,

$$\int F(x, y) d\bar{\gamma}(x, y) = \int F(x, \nabla \varphi(x)) d\bar{\gamma}(x, y) = \int F(x, \nabla \varphi(x)) d\mu(x) = \int F(x, y) d(\text{Id}, \nabla \varphi)_\# \mu.$$

$\hookrightarrow F(x, y) = F(x, \nabla \varphi(x))$  a.e. on  $\supp \bar{\gamma} \subseteq \text{graph } \nabla \varphi$

① Let  $\gamma_1 \neq \gamma_2$  optimal in  $(KP)$ .

$\Rightarrow \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{2}$  also optimal  $\Rightarrow \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{2}$  are supported on the graph of a convex function.

This is a contradiction, because the union of two (different) graphs is not a graph.