

Let  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) = \{ \mu \text{ Borel measure } \mu(\mathbb{R}) = 1 \}$

Let  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$   $p \in [1, +\infty)$

Monge OPTIMAL TRANSPORT PROBLEM:

Among all maps  $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which transport  $\mu$  to  $\nu$

that is  $\psi \# \mu = \nu$ , i.e.  $\nu(A) = \mu\{x : \psi(x) \in A\}$

find the one which has minimal cost

inf  
 $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\psi \# \mu = \nu$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{|x - \psi(x)|^p}_{||} d\mu(x)$$

cost of moving  $x$  to  $\psi(x)$  is  
given by  $|x - \psi(x)|^p$

$$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \longrightarrow \psi(x)$$



$$\nu = \psi \# \mu$$

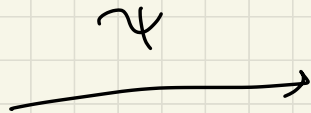
$$\nu(A) = \mu \{ x \in \mathbb{R}, \psi(x) \in A \}$$

$$\boxed{\nu(A) = \mu(\psi^{-1}(A))}$$

$$\nu(\psi(B)) = \mu(B)$$



$$\mu(B)$$



$$\nu(\psi(B))$$

We may also restate the problem as follows

Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\bar{\psi} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  GIVEN

It is possible to find  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \psi \# \mu = \bar{\psi} \# \mu$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \psi(x)|^p dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \bar{\psi}(x)|^p dx$$

(Among all possible transport maps  $\gamma$  such that

$\psi \# \mu$  is the same ( $= \bar{\psi} \# \mu = \nu$ )

there is one which is associated to minimal cost?)

① First case in which this problem can be solved

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_1} + \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_N} \quad N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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$$\nu = \frac{1}{N} \delta_{y_1} + \frac{1}{N} \delta_{y_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} \delta_{y_N}$$

all possible  $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfy  $\gamma\# \mu = \nu$

are

$$\gamma(x_i) = y_j$$

$$\begin{matrix} i = 1 \dots N \\ j = 1 \dots N \end{matrix}$$

(BIJECTIVE)

$$\gamma: \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \rightarrow \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$$

Monge problem

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_1} + \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_N}$$

inf

$$\psi: \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \rightarrow \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$$

BIJECTION

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \psi(x)|^p d\mu(x)$$

↙ //

= min

$$\left[ |x_1 - \psi(x_1)|^p + |x_2 - \psi(x_2)|^p + \dots + |x_N - \psi(x_N)|^p \right]$$

$$\psi: \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \rightarrow \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$$

BIJECTION

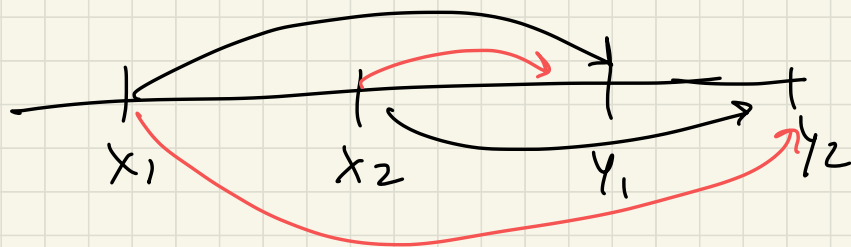
the solution EXISTS since I am  
minimizing on a finite set  
(the set of all bijections  $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \rightarrow \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$  is FINITE)

# UNIQUENESS.

example  $\{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}$

$$\psi_1: \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow y_1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow y_2 \end{array}$$

$$\psi_2: \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow y_2 \\ x_2 \rightarrow y_1 \end{array}$$



Cost of  $\psi_1$   $|x_1 - y_1|^p + |x_2 - y_2|^p$

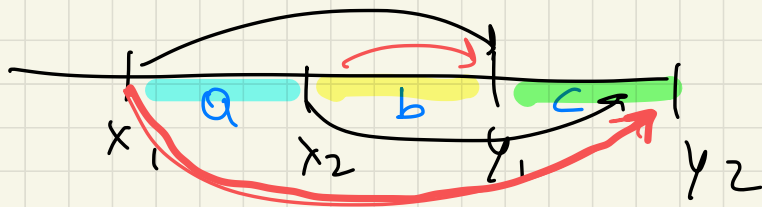
Cost of  $\psi_2$   $|x_1 - y_2|^p + |x_2 - y_1|^p$

$p=1$

Cost of  $\psi_1 = \text{Cost of } \psi_2$

$$|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = |x_1 - y_2| + |x_2 - y_1|$$

$$p=2$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost of } \gamma_2 &= |x_1 - y_1|^2 + |x_2 - y_2|^2 = \\ &= \underbrace{(a+b)^2} + \underbrace{(b+c)^2} = \underline{a^2 + 2b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost of } \gamma_2 &= |x_1 - y_2|^2 + \underbrace{|x_2 - y_1|^2} = \\ &= (a+b+c)^2 + b^2 = \underline{a^2 + 2b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc +} \\ &\quad \underline{\underline{2ac}} \end{aligned}$$

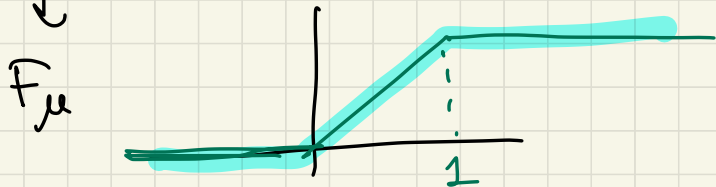
Cost of  $\gamma_1 < \text{Cost of } \gamma_2$   
 $\gamma_1$  is the MONOTONE TRANSPORT MAP  $x_1 < x_2 \quad \gamma(x_1) < \gamma(x_2)$

Ex (BOOK SHIFT)

$$\psi_1 \# \mu = \nu \quad \psi_2 \# \mu = \nu$$

$\mu = \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}$  (Lebesgue measure restricted to  $[0,1]$ )

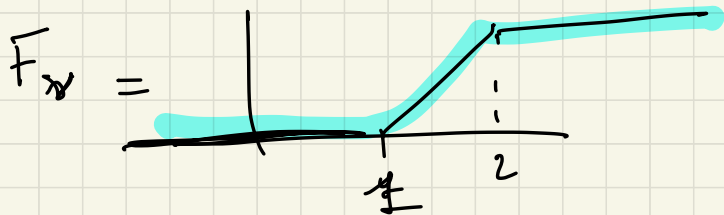
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$$F_\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

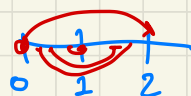
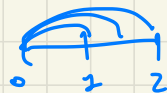
$$\nu = \mathcal{L}_{[1,2]}$$

Lebesgue measure restricted to  $[1,2]$



$$\psi_1: x \rightarrow 1+x$$

$$\psi_2: x \rightarrow 2-x$$





cost of  $\psi_1$

$$p=1$$

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

$$\mu = \chi_{[0,1]} dx$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \psi_1(x)|^p d\mu(x) =$$

$$= \int_0^1 |x - \psi_1(x)|^p dx = \quad \psi_1(x) = x+1$$

$$= \int_0^1 |x - x - 1|^p dx = 1$$

cost of  $\psi_2$

$$\psi_2(x) = 2-x$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \psi_2(x)| d\mu = \int_0^1 |x - \psi_2(x)| dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 |x - 2 + x| dx = \int_0^1 \underbrace{2 - 2x} dx$$

$$= 2 - \left[ x^2 \right]_0^1 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$p=1 \quad \text{cost } \psi_2 = \text{cost } \psi_1$$

$$p=2 \quad \text{cost } \psi_1 = 1$$

$$\text{cost } \psi_2 = \int_0^1 (2-2x)^2 dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 4 - 4x + 4x^2 dx = 4 - 2[x^2]_0^1 + \frac{4}{3}[x^3]_0^1 =$$

$$= 4 - 2 + \frac{4}{3} \geq 1$$

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So a solution to the Monge problem may not be unique

Moreover if  $\mu, \nu$  are given

$$\{ \psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \psi_{\#} \mu = \nu \}$$

COULD ALSO BE EMPTY

$$\text{ex } \mu = \frac{1}{2}\delta_0 + \frac{1}{2}\delta_1, \quad \nu = \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}$$

WE RESTATE THE PROBLEM IN A MORE GENERAL SETTING

$$\psi \# \mu = \nu \Rightarrow (\text{id}, \psi) \# \mu = \pi$$

$$\nu(B) = \mu \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \psi(x) \in B \}$$

$\pi$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$(\text{id}, \psi) : \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\pi}$$

$x \mapsto (x, \psi(x))$

$$\pi(A \times B) = (\text{id}, \psi) \# \mu (A \times B) = \mu \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid (x, \psi(x)) \in A \times B \}$$

$$= \mu \{ x, \quad x \in A, \psi(x) \in B \}$$

$$\pi(A \times \mathbb{R}) = \mu \{ x, \quad x \in A, \underline{\psi(x) \in \mathbb{R}} \} = \mu(A)$$

$$\pi(\mathbb{R} \times B) = \mu \{ x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \psi(x) \in B \} = \nu(B)$$

So  $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\psi \# \mu = \nu$  is associated  
to a measure  $\pi$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\pi(A \times \mathbb{R}) = \mu(A)$   
 $\pi(\mathbb{R} \times B) = \nu(B)$

Instead of considering  $\{\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \psi \# \mu = \nu\}$   
(set which can be empty) I consider the set  
 $\{\pi: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, +\infty] \mid \pi(A \times \mathbb{R}) = \mu(A) \quad \pi(\mathbb{R} \times B) = \nu(B)\}$   
COUPLING BETWEEN  $\mu, \nu$

$\{\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \psi \# \mu = \nu\} \subseteq \{\pi \text{ coupling between } \mu, \nu\}$   
 $\uparrow$   
(indeed  $\pi = (\text{id}, \psi) \# \mu$  is a coupling.)

$\pi$  coupling between  $\mu$ , and  $\nu$  is also called a  
TRANSPORT PLAN (generalization of the transport  
map  $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )

$$\pi(A \times B) = \int_A \pi(\{x\} \times B) d\mu(x) = \int_B \pi(A \times \{y\}) d\nu(y)$$

$$A \times B = \bigcup_{x \in A} (\{x\} \times B)$$

("DISINTEGRATION OF MEASURES")

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MONGE PROBLEM

$$\inf_{\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \psi(x)|^p d\mu$$

$\psi \# \mu = \nu$

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$$\pi = (\text{id}, \psi) \# \mu$$

KANTOROVICH PROBLEM

$$\geq \inf_{\pi \text{ COUPLING}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - y|^p d\pi(x, y)$$

$\pi(A \times \mathbb{R}) = \mu(A)$   
 $\pi(\mathbb{R} \times B) = \nu(B)$

the set of all coupling is always NOT EMPTY

$\pi(A \times B) = \mu(A) \vee \nu(B)$  is always a possible coupling

$$\inf_{\pi \text{ coupling between } \mu, \nu} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |x-y|^p d\pi(x,y) = \inf_{\Omega \text{ prob. space}} \mathbb{E} |X-Y|^p$$

$\mathcal{L}X = \mu$   
 $\mathcal{L}Y = \nu$   
 $X, Y$  random variables

$\pi$  coupling between  $\mu, \nu \leadsto \pi$  joint law of some  $X, Y$   
 $\mathcal{L}X = \mu \quad \mathcal{L}Y = \nu$   
 $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  transport map  $\psi \# \mu = \nu \rightarrow \exists X, Y \quad \mathcal{L}X = \mu \quad \mathcal{L}Y = \nu \quad Y = \psi(X)$

# DEFINITION

$$\text{let } \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R}) = \{ \mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| d\mu < +\infty \}$$

$$\text{let } \mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$$

$$W_1(\mu, \nu) = \text{WASSERSTEIN DISTANCE BETWEEN } \mu, \nu = \inf_{\pi \text{ COUPLING BETWEEN } \mu, \nu} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |x-y| d\pi(x, y)$$

$(\mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R}), W_1)$  is a complete METRIC SPACE

$$\text{Note that } W_1(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\substack{\Omega \\ \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P} \\ \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P} \\ \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P}}} \mathbb{E}[|X-Y|]$$

distance in  $M^1 = \{X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \mathbb{E}|X| < +\infty\}$

(distance between  $\mu, \nu$  is the minimal distance in  $M^1$  sense between random variables which have laws  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ ).

Let  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$W_2(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\substack{\pi \text{ coupling} \\ \pi(A \times \mathbb{R}) = \mu(A) \\ \pi(\mathbb{R} \times B) = \nu(B)}} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |x-y|^2 d\pi(x,y) \right]^{1/2}$$

distance  $(\mathcal{P}_2, W_2)$  is a COMPLETE metric space

$$= \inf_{\substack{\Omega \\ \mathcal{L}_X = \mu \\ \mathcal{L}_Y = \nu}} \left[ \mathbb{E} |X-Y|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_X = \mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = \nu$$

distance  
between  
 $X$  and  $Y$  in  $M^2$

$W_2(\mu, \nu)$  = infimum of  
all possible distances  $\mathbb{E}$   
in  $M^2$  sense of random  
variables  $X, Y$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_X = \mu$   
 $\mathcal{L}_Y = \nu$



## Theorem (BRENIER)

1)  $\forall \mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathbb{R})$   $\exists$  always at LEAST one  $\bar{\pi}$  coupling  
such that 
$$\int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |x-y|^p d\bar{\pi}(x,y) = \inf_{\pi \text{ coupling}} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |x-y|^p d\pi(x,y)$$

(for every  $p \geq 1$ )

( $\exists \bar{X}, \bar{Y}$  random variables

$$\mathcal{L}_{(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})} = \bar{\pi} \quad \begin{matrix} \mathcal{L}_{\bar{X}} = \mu \\ \mathcal{L}_{\bar{Y}} = \nu \end{matrix}$$

$$W_p(\mu, \nu) = \left[ \mathbb{E} |\bar{X} - \bar{Y}|^p \right]^{1/p}.$$

2)  $\bar{\pi}$  IS NOT UNIQUE for  $p=1$

$\bar{\pi}$  is UNIQUE for  $p=2$   
( $p>1$ )  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{either if } \mu < \infty \\ \text{or if } \mu, \nu \text{ are both supported on some compact} \end{array} \right.$

3) if  $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}$  the optimal  $\bar{\pi}$  is actually associated to a transport map

$\bar{\psi}$

$$(v = \bar{\psi} \# \mu) \quad \bar{Y} = \psi(X)$$

$$W_2(\mu, v) = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \bar{\psi}(x)|^2 d\mu(x) \right)^{1/2} = \left( \mathbb{E} |X - \psi(X)|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

where  $\bar{\psi}$  is MONOTONE

In dim 1 everything can be computed EXPLICITLY,  
by using cumulative DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS

$$\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$F_\mu: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$F_\mu(x) = \mu(-\infty, x]$$

Cumulative  
DISTR. FUNCTION

$F_\mu$  is nondecreasing, right cont.

$$0 \leq F_\mu(x) \leq 1$$

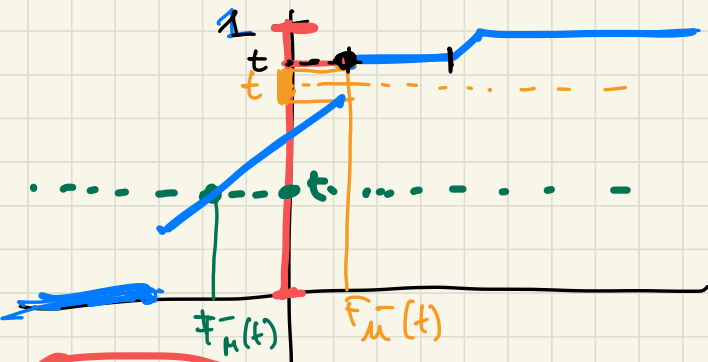
$$F_\mu(-\infty) = 0$$

$$F_\mu(+\infty) = 1$$

$$\mu(-\infty, +\infty) = 1$$

$t \in [0, 1]$  (PSEUDO INVERSE)

$$F_\mu^-(t) = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : F_\mu(x) \geq t\}$$

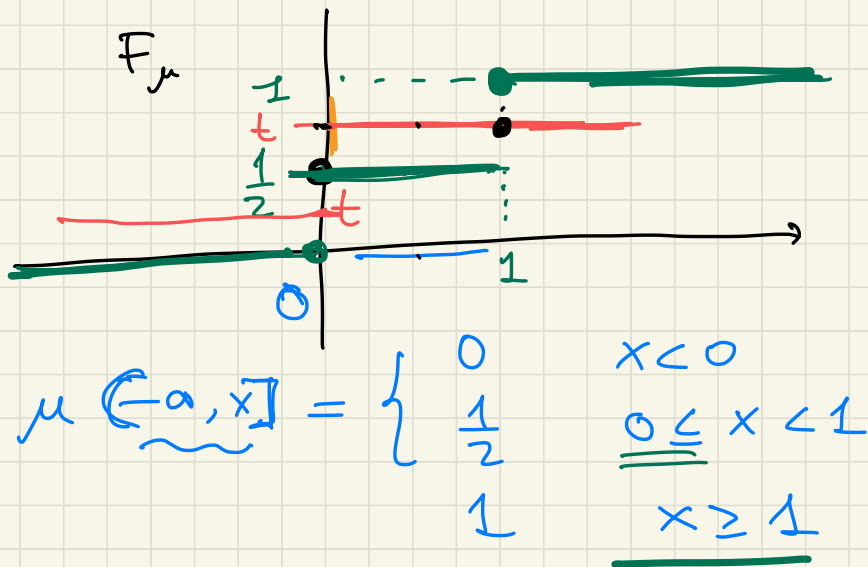


Ex 1

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2} \delta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \delta_1$$

$$\mu(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0, 1 \notin A \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \in A \text{ or } 1 \in A \\ 1 & 0, 1 \in A \end{cases}$$

$$F_{\mu}(x) = \mu(-\infty, x]$$

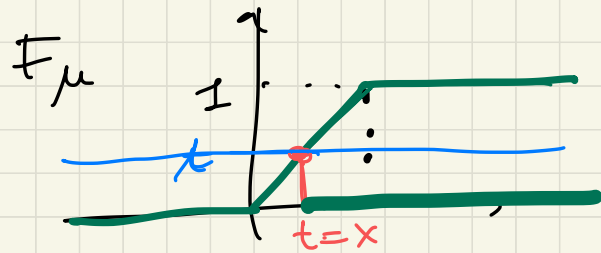


$$F_{\mu}^{-}(t) = \inf \{ x \mid \underline{F_{\mu}(x)} \geq t \}$$

$$F_{\mu}^{-}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} < t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$F_{\mu}(x) \geq t > 0$   
 $F_{\mu}(x) \geq t > \frac{1}{2}$

Ex 2  $\mu = \chi_{[0,1]} dx = \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}$

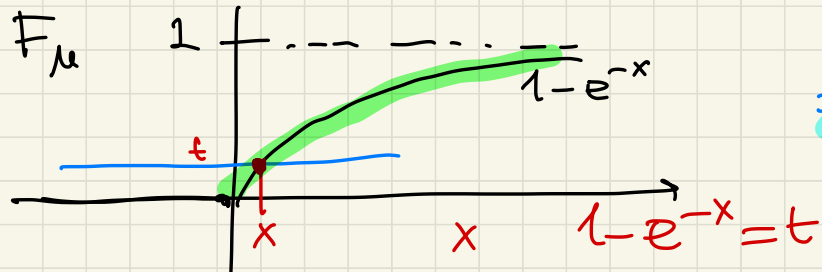


$$F_\mu^{-1}(t) = t = \inf \{x \mid F_\mu(x) \geq t\}$$

Ex 3  $\mu = e^{-x} \chi_{[0,+\infty)} dx$

$$F_\mu = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x} & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu(-\infty, x] = \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-y} \chi_{[0,+\infty)}(y) dy = \int_0^x e^{-y} dy$$



$$F_\mu^{-1}(t) = \log\left(\frac{1}{1-t}\right) \quad t \in [0,1)$$

$$1-t = e^{-x} \quad -x = \log(1-t)$$

Proposition  $\mu = F_{\mu}^{-} \# \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}$

(observe  $\mathcal{L}_{[0,1]} = \lambda_{[0,1]} dx$  Lebesgue measure restricted to  $[0,1]$ )

$$F_{\mu}^{-} : [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{[0,1]} \rightsquigarrow F_{\mu}^{-} \# \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}$$

proof. First of all recall that

$$F_{\mu}^{-}(t) = \inf \{x \mid \underbrace{F_{\mu}(x) \geq t}_{\text{red wavy line}}\}$$

then ①  $F_{\mu}^{-}(t) \leq a \Leftrightarrow \inf \{x \mid F_{\mu}(x) \geq t\} \leq a \Leftrightarrow \forall x \quad F_{\mu}(x) \leq t \Rightarrow x \leq a$   
 $\Rightarrow F_{\mu}(a) \geq t$

②  $F_{\mu}^{-}(t) > a \Leftrightarrow \inf \{x \mid F_{\mu}(x) \geq t\} > a \Leftrightarrow \forall x \quad F_{\mu}(x) \leq t \text{ it holds } x > a$   
 $\Rightarrow F_{\mu}(a) < t$

Let us fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mu} \# \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}(-\infty, x] &= \mathcal{L} \{t \in [0,1] \mid F_{\mu}^{-}(t) \in (-\infty, x]\} \\ &= \mathcal{L} \{t \in [0,1] \mid F_{\mu}^{-}(t) \leq x\} = \\ &= \mathcal{L} \{t \in [0,1] \mid F_{\mu}(x) \geq t\} = \mathcal{L} [0, F_{\mu}(x)] \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{\mu}^{-} \# \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}(-\infty, x] = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}([0, F_{\mu}(x)])}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{LENGTH OF THE INTERVAL } \mathcal{L}[0, a] = a}} = F_{\mu}(x) = \mu(-\infty, x]$$

therefore  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad F_{\mu}^{-} \# \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]}(-\infty, x] = \mu(-\infty, x]$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$F_{\mu}^{-} \# \mathcal{L}_{[0,1]} = \mu^{-}$$

Proposition Let  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $F_{\mu}$  is continuous  
(e.g.  $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}$ ) then it holds

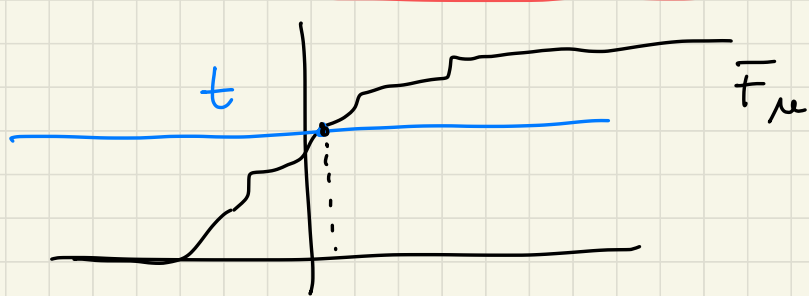
$$(F_{\nu}^{-} \circ F_{\mu}) \# \mu = \nu$$

and the map

$F_{\nu}^{-} \circ F_{\mu} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
is MONOTONE.

proof observation: if  $F_\mu$  is continuous it holds

$$\forall t \in [0,1] \quad \{x, F_\mu(x) \leq t\} = (-\infty, x_t] \quad \text{where } F_\mu(x_t) = t$$



$F_\mu$  is continuous  $\rightarrow$  it has no jumps and by the INTERMEDIATE VALUE THEOREM for continuous functions

$$\forall t \in [0,1] \quad \exists \text{ at least ONE } x_t \quad F_\mu(x_t) = t$$

(maybe more than one!)

$\downarrow$   
in any case  $\{x, F_\mu(x) \leq t\} = (-\infty, x_t]$   $x_t$  maximal  $x$  with  $F_\mu(x_t) = t$



$$F_v(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$F_v^- \circ F_\mu: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(F_v^- \circ F_\mu) \# \mu(-\infty, x] = \mu \{ y \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_v^- \circ F_\mu(y) \in (-\infty, x] \}$$

$$= \mu \{ y \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_v^-(F_\mu(y)) \leq x \}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} F_v^-(a) \leq t \\ \Leftrightarrow \\ F_v(t) \geq a \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \mu \{ y \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_v(x) \geq F_\mu(y) \}$$

by continuity of  $F_\mu$   $\{ y \mid F_\mu(y) \leq t \} = (-\infty, y_t]$   $F_\mu(y_t) = t$

$$= \mu(-\infty, y_{F_v(x)}] \quad \text{where } F_\mu(y_{F_v(x)}) = F_v(x)$$

$$= F_\mu(y_{F_v(x)}) = F_v(x) = v(-\infty, x]$$

$$\forall x \quad (F_v^- \circ F_\mu) \# \mu(-\infty, x] = v(-\infty, x] \Rightarrow (F_v^- \circ F_\mu) \# \mu = v$$

## COROLLARY of the BRENIER THEOREM.

If  $\mu \ll \nu$  then  $\forall \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\forall p \geq 1$

$$\inf_{\substack{\pi \text{ coupling} \\ \text{between } \mu, \nu}} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |x - y|^p d\pi(x, y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - \underbrace{F_\nu^{-1} \circ F_\mu(x)}|_p^p d\mu(x)$$

(this means that the TRANSPORT MAP - which is MONOTONE -  $\gamma = F_\nu^{-1} \circ F_\mu : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has minimal cost among all possible transport plans between  $\mu, \nu$  (also among all possible couplings).

For  $p=1$  it is not the UNIQUE one.

For  $p>1$  it is the UNIQUE ONE.

$$\mathbb{E}_X \quad \mu = e^{-x} \chi_{[0, +\infty)} dx$$

$$F_\mu(x) = \mu(-\infty, x] \stackrel{x \geq 0}{=} \int_0^x e^{-t} dt = 1 - e^{-x}$$

$$\lambda \in [0, 1]$$

$$V = \lambda \delta_{x_1} + (1-\lambda) \delta_{x_2}$$

$$\underbrace{x_1 < x_2}_{V(A)} = \begin{cases} 0 & x_1, x_2 \notin A \\ \lambda & x_1 \in A, x_2 \notin A \\ 1-\lambda & x_1 \notin A, x_2 \in A \\ 1 & x_1, x_2 \in A \end{cases}$$

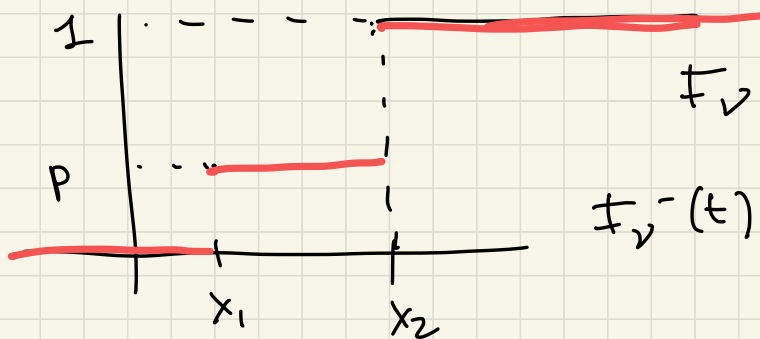
(EXPONENTIAL DISTRIBUTION)

$$F_\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

CONTINUOUS!

(BERNOULLI DISTRIBUTION)

$$F_V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < x_1 \\ \lambda & x_1 \leq x < x_2 \\ 1 & x_2 \leq x \end{cases}$$



$$F_v^-(t) = \inf \{x \mid F_\mu(x) \geq t\}$$

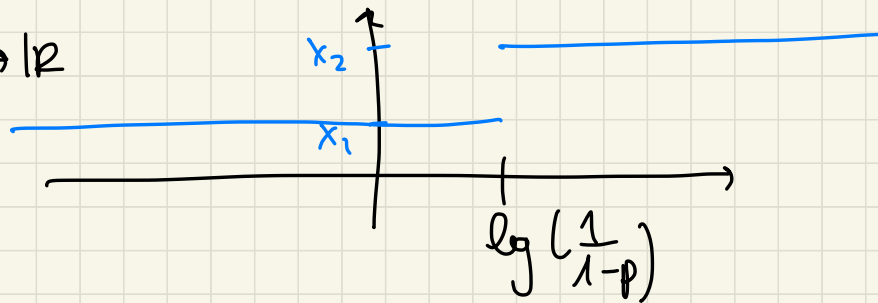
$$F_v^-(t) = \begin{cases} x_1 & 0 < t \leq p \\ x_2 & p < t \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} F_\mu(x) \geq t > 0 \\ F_\mu(x) \geq t > p \end{matrix}$$

$$F_v^- \circ F_\mu(x) = \begin{cases} x_1 & 0 < F_\mu(x) \leq p \Rightarrow x \leq \lg\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right) \\ x_2 & p < F_\mu(x) \Rightarrow x > \lg\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right) \end{cases}$$

$$F_\mu(x) = 1 - e^{-x} \leq p \Rightarrow 1 - p \leq e^{-x} \Rightarrow \lg(1-p) \leq -x$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lg\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right) \leq -x \Rightarrow \lg\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right) \geq x$$

$$F_\nu^- \circ F_\mu : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



$$(F_\nu^- \circ F_\mu) \# \mu = \nu$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_2(\mu, \nu)^2 &= \inf_{\pi \text{ coupling}} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |x - y|^2 d\pi(x, y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - F_\nu^- \circ F_\mu x|^2 d\mu(x) \\
 &= \int_0^{+\infty} |x - F_\nu^- \circ F_\mu(x)|^2 e^{-x} dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\lg(\frac{1}{1-p})} |x - x_1|^2 e^{-x} dx + \int_{\lg(\frac{1}{1-p})}^{+\infty} |x - x_2|^2 e^{-x} dx = \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$\mu = \chi_{[0, +\infty)} e^{-x} dx$

= (can be computed explicitly)

Note that  $W_2(\mu, \nu) = W_2(\nu, \mu)$  since  $W_2$  is a distance!

(so it is also the optimal cost to transport  $\nu$  to  $\mu$   
- even if the transport is a transport plan  
not a transport map!)