

# An optimal transport problem with bulk/interface interactions

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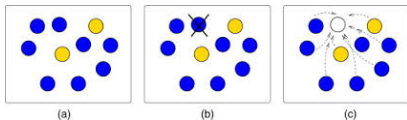


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Moran process  $i \in \llbracket 0, N \rrbracket$

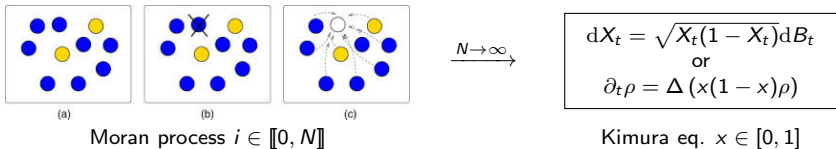
$N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= \sqrt{X_t(1-X_t)} dB_t \\ \text{or} \\ \partial_t \rho &= \Delta (x(1-x)\rho) \end{aligned}$$

Kimura eq.  $x \in [0, 1]$

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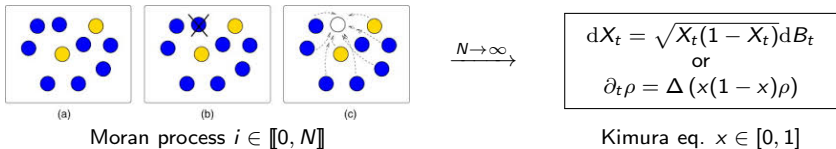
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Need for an adapted bulk/interface geometry!

(but failed in the end)

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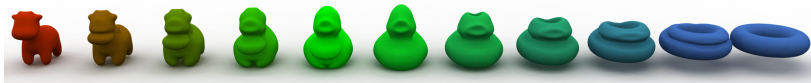
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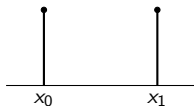
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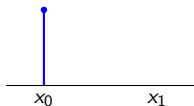
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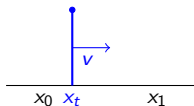
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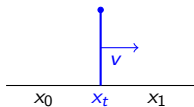
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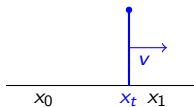
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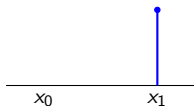
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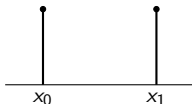
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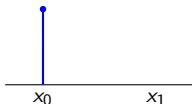
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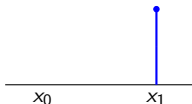
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## Unbalanced OT

### Definition/theorem (Wasserstein-Fisher-Rao)

For  $\rho_0, \rho_1 \in \mathcal{M}^+(\Omega)$  and  $\kappa > 0$

$$\mathcal{WFR}_\kappa^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) := \min_{\rho, v, r} \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_\Omega \frac{1}{2} (|v_t(x)|^2 + \kappa^2 |r_t(x)|^2) d\rho_t(x) dt \right. \\ \left. \text{s.t. } \partial_t \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho_t v_t) = \rho_t r_t \right\}$$

is a distance on  $\mathcal{M}^+(\Omega)$  with nice properties [KMV '16, LMS '18, CPSV '18]

**Infimal convolution** between **horizontal Wasserstein** and **vertical Fisher-Rao**

## Some convex analysis

$$\partial_t \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho_t v_t) = \rho_t r_t \quad \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} (|v_t(x)|^2 + \kappa^2 |r_t(x)|^2) d\rho_t(x) dt$$

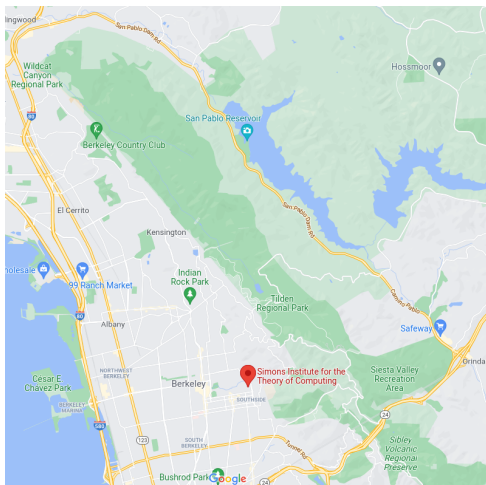
- **mass/momentum variables**, convex 1-homogeneous action

$$(\rho, G, f) = (\rho, \rho v, \rho r) \quad \text{and} \quad (|v|^2 + \kappa^2 r^2)\rho = \frac{|G|^2 + \kappa^2 |f|^2}{\rho}$$

- **convex constraint/functional** over measures  $(\rho, G, f) \in \mathcal{M}^+ \times \mathcal{M}^d \times \mathcal{M}$

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# The bulk/interface setup (AKA the ring-road )

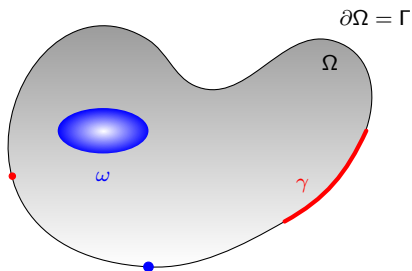


Key ingredients:

- ✓ transport in the city
- ✓ transport on the road
- ✓ a toll cost  $\kappa > 0$

$$\Omega = \text{downtown}, \Gamma = \partial\Omega = \text{ring-road}$$

## Bulk/interface interactions



Think  $\omega$  = cars in the city  $\Omega$ , and  $\gamma$  = cars on the road  $\Gamma$

$$\mathcal{P}^\oplus(\Omega) := \left\{ \rho = (\omega, \gamma) \in \mathcal{M}^+(\Omega) \times \mathcal{M}^+(\Gamma) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad |\omega| + |\gamma| = 1 \right\}$$

## The ring-road distance

### Definition/theorem [M '20]

For  $\rho_0, \rho_1 \in \mathcal{P}^\oplus(\Omega)$

$$\mathcal{W}_\kappa^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) = \min \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_\Omega \frac{|F_t|^2}{2\omega_t} dt + \int_0^1 \int_\Gamma \frac{|G_t|^2 + \kappa^2 |f_t|^2}{2\gamma_t} dt \right.$$

s.t.  $\left. \begin{array}{ll} \partial_t \omega_t + \operatorname{div}(F_t) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ F_t \cdot n = f_t & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right\}$  and  $\partial_t \gamma_t + \operatorname{div}(G_t) = f_t$  in  $\Gamma$

is a distance on  $\mathcal{P}^\oplus(\Omega)$ , and minimizing geodesics  $t \mapsto \rho_t$  always exist with

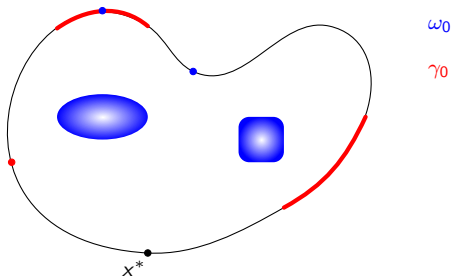
$$\rho_t = \omega_t + \gamma_t \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega).$$

- only coupled through the flux condition
- weak formulation allows  $f \neq 0$  even if  $F = 0$
- local stoichiometry  $\omega \rightleftharpoons \gamma$  with rate  $\partial_t \gamma = f = -\partial_t \omega$



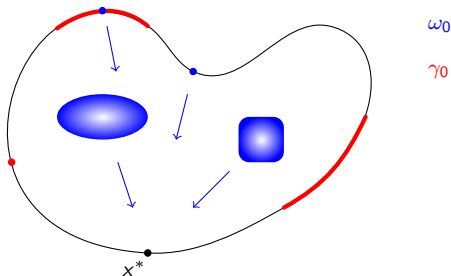
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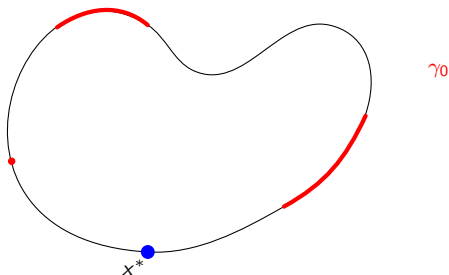


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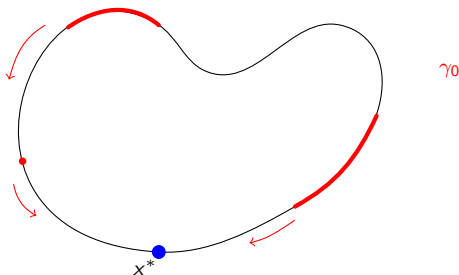


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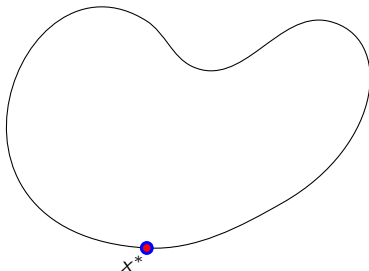


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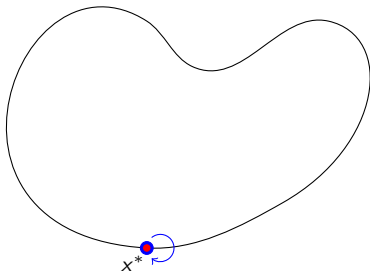


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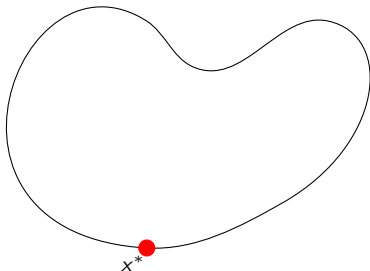


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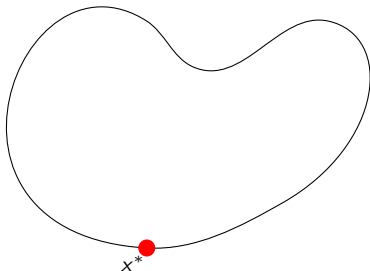


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### Corollary

For fixed  $\rho_0, \rho_1$  the map  $\kappa \mapsto \mathcal{W}_{\kappa}(\rho_0, \rho_1)$  is monotone  $\uparrow$

**Proof:**  $S_{\kappa'} \subset S_{\kappa}$  for  $\kappa' < \kappa$ .

□

## Optimality and geodesics

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Hopf-Lax monotonicity suggests saturating HJ inequalities

### Theorem (certification)

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} \partial_t \omega + \operatorname{div}(\omega \nabla \phi) = 0 \\ \partial_t \gamma + \operatorname{div}(\gamma \nabla \psi) = \gamma \frac{\psi - \phi}{\kappa^2} \end{cases} \quad \text{with } \begin{cases} \partial_t \phi + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi|^2 = 0 & \omega - \text{a.e.} \\ \partial_t \psi + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \psi|^2 + \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} |\psi - \phi|^2 = 0 & \gamma - \text{a.e.} \end{cases}$$

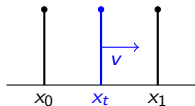
then  $t \mapsto \rho_t = (\omega_t, \gamma_t) \in \mathcal{P}^\oplus$  is a minimizing geodesic between  $\rho_0, \rho_1$ .

- allows to check optimality of possible ansatz
- determines the built-in Riemannian structure *à la Otto*

## One-point geodesics

In classical OT, Eulerian/Lagrangian duality  $d^2(x_0, x_1) = \mathcal{W}^2(\delta_{x_0}, \delta_{x_1})$

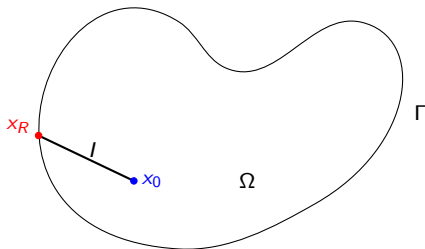
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minimizing  $\mathcal{W}$ -geodesics

constant-speed particles

## One-point geodesics



### Question

Compute the  $\mathcal{W}_\kappa$  distance and geodesic between  $\rho_0 = (\delta_{x_0}, 0)$  and  $\rho_1 = (0, \delta_{x_R})$ ?

- clearly a 1D problem along  $I$ , coordinate  $r \in [0, R]$  with  $R = |x_R - x_0|$
- cannot simply be a traveling Dirac ( $\infty$  cost)



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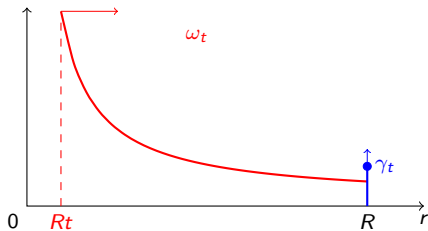
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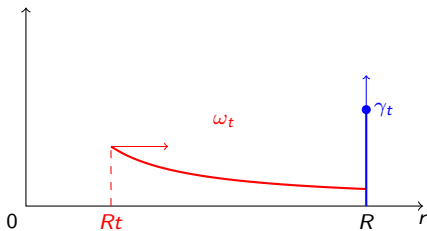
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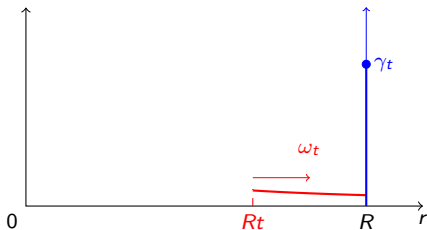
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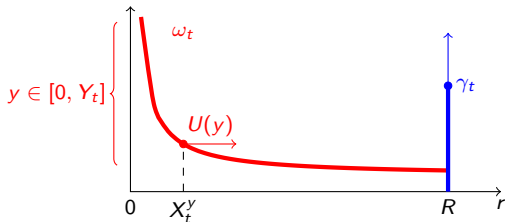
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- Mass splitting and unbounded speeds  $\neq$  classical OT
- $\mathcal{W}_\kappa^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) \xrightarrow{\kappa \rightarrow \infty} +\infty$  and  $\mathcal{W}_\kappa^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) \xrightarrow{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} R^2$

## Idea of proof

(clever ansatz + certification)



- 1 superposition of Lagrangian particles  $(X_t^y)_{y \in [0,1]}$  with mass  $dy$
- 2 constant speeds, only keep  $y \in [0, Y_t]$

$$\omega_t(\bullet) = \int_0^{Y_t} \delta_{X_t^y}(\bullet) dy \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dt} X_t^y = U(y)$$

- 3 optimize with respect to  $U(\cdot)$

$$\text{cost} = \int_0^1 \int_0^{\tau(y)} \frac{1}{2} dy |U(y)|^2 dt + \text{"reaction"}$$





## Geometrical/topological properties

### Theorem

Writing  $\varrho_i = \omega_i + \gamma_i \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , there holds

$$\mathcal{W}_\Omega^2(\varrho_0, \varrho_1) \leq \underbrace{\mathcal{W}_\kappa^2(\rho_0, \rho_1)}_{\uparrow \text{in } \kappa} \leq \mathcal{W}_\Omega^2(\omega_0, \omega_1) + \mathcal{W}_\Gamma^2(\gamma_0, \gamma_1) \quad (1)$$

Moreover

$$\mathcal{W}_\kappa(\rho_n, \rho) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad \omega_n \xrightarrow{*} \omega \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_n \xrightarrow{*} \gamma$$

and  $(\mathcal{P}^\oplus, \mathcal{W}_\kappa)$  is complete.

### Remarks:

- Completeness needed for the “Italian voodoo” [AGS '08]
- For fixed  $\kappa$  all inequalities are sharp but can be strict
- In (1) the r.h.s. can be  $+\infty$  if  $|\omega_0| \neq |\omega_1|$  or  $|\gamma_0| \neq |\gamma_1|$

## The small- and large-toll limits

### Theorem

There holds

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{W}_{\kappa}^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) = \mathcal{W}_{\Omega}^2(\varrho_0, \varrho_1) \quad \text{with} \quad \varrho = \omega + \gamma$$

and

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{W}_{\kappa}^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) = \mathcal{W}_{\Omega}^2(\omega_0, \omega_1) + \mathcal{W}_{\Gamma}^2(\gamma_0, \gamma_1) \quad \in [0, +\infty]$$

and geodesics converge as well (Gamma-limit).

### Interpretation:

- As  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$  the  $(\omega, \gamma)$  cars need not be distinguished and superpose into  $\varrho = \omega + \gamma$
- As  $\kappa \rightarrow +\infty$  transfer of mass becomes infinitely expensive, hence independent OT problems in  $\Omega, \Gamma$

## Perspectives

- static formulation ??
- gradient-flows and PDEs
- dynamical evolution of interfaces [Cancès-Merlet?]
- complex structures, different flux costs

$$\kappa^2 \frac{|f|^2}{\theta(\omega, \gamma)} \quad \text{e.g. } \theta(\omega, \gamma) = [\omega - \gamma]^+$$

- numerics, with T. Gallouët and M. Laborde (ALG2-JKO)

Thank you for listening

