## L<sup>2</sup> Optimal Transport via Dual Convex Programming

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**Main ingredient for a** 3**D version**: compute the  $L^2$  optimal transport between the uniform measures  $\nu$  on N points in the plane and  $\mu$  on a triangle.

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#### Source with density, discrete target:

Aurenhammer, Hoffmann, Aronov '98

linear programming

McCann, Gangbo 98



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#### f = 1: Power diagram, Fast intersection of polygons

CGAL

O'Rourke, Chien, Olson, Naddor '82

f = grayscale image:

#### Piecewise constant on pixels

Modification of Bresenham algorithm to compute exact pixel coverage



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    L-BFGS: low-storage version of the BFGS quasi-Newton scheme

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⇒ Need to recompute completely the Power diagram at every step



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**Convex potential:** 

$$\begin{split} \phi_P^w(x) &= \|x\|^2 - \min_{p \in P}(\|x - p\|^2 - w(p)) \\ &= \max_{p \in P} \langle x | p \rangle + \frac{1}{2}(w(p) - \|p\|^2) \\ \nabla \phi_P^w(x) &= T_S^w \\ \text{we assume w.l.o.g. that } \int_{\Omega} \phi_S^w(x) \,\mathrm{d}\,\mu(x) = 0 \end{split}$$

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k-means / Lloyd's algorithm (local minimum)



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**Remark:** If the target measure is not discrete, one can obtain a first discretisation by an application of Lloyd's algorithm.

# 3. Experiments

## Multiscale vs Original — Convergence Speed



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## Multiscale vs Original — Wasserstein



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"Displacement interpolation" McCann '97

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#### 4. Assignment problem

ongoing work with Édouard Oudet

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Dual formulation yields a non-smooth convex function

 $\Phi$  is smooth at  $w \iff \min_{p \in P}(\|q - p\|^2 + w(p))$  is unique for every  $q \in Q$ 

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 $\longrightarrow$  Efficient evaluation of  $\Phi(w)$ ,  $\nabla \Phi(w)$  and  $\partial \Phi(w)$  (equality cases)

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Many improvements since Bertsekas' original Auction algorithm. We use the fastest to date: Bus-Tvrdik '11

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- Proposal: when this happens, turn to a *local linearization* of  $\Psi$  and use a LP solver.

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**Data:** P and Q are two random sample of N points in the cube  $[0, 10^5]^3 \cap \mathbb{Z}^3$ , for  $N = 1k, \ldots, 30k$ .

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**Data:** P is a random sample of N points in the cube  $[0, 10^5]^3 \cap \mathbb{Z}^3$ , Q is obtained from a mixture of 15 isotropic Gaussian distributions for  $N = 1k, \ldots, 20k$ .

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