## A Review of Regularized Optimal Transport

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## OT and data-analysis

- Key developments in (applied) maths ~'90s [McCann'95], [JKO'98], [Benamou'98], [Gangbo'98], [Ambrosio'06], [Villani'03/'09].
- Key developments in TCS / graphics since '00s [Rubner'98], [Indyk'03], [Naor'07], [Andoni'15].

OSmall to no-impact in large-scale data analysis:

- computationally heavy;
$\uparrow$ Wasserstein distance is not differentiable


## OT and data-analysis

## Today's talk: Entropy Regularized OT

- Very fast compared to usual approaches, GPGPU parallel.
- Differentiable, important if we want to use OT distances as loss functions.
- Can be automatically differentiated, simple iterative process, $D L$-toolboxes compatible.
- OT can become a building block in ML.


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## [Kantorovich'42] Relaxation

- Instead of maps $T: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$, consider probabilistic maps, i.e. couplings $P \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega \times \Omega)$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
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## Wasserstein Distance

## Def. For $p \geq 1$, the $p$-Wasserstein distance

 between $\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}$ in $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ is$$
W_{p}(\mu, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}\left(\inf _{P \in \Pi(\mu, \boldsymbol{\nu})} \mathbb{E}_{P}\left[D(X, Y)^{p}\right]\right)^{1 / p}
$$

## Wasserstein between 2 Diracs



## Wasserstein on Uniform Measures

$$
\mu=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{n} \delta_{x_{i}}
$$

## Wasserstein on Uniform Measures



## Optimal Assignment $\subset$ Wasserstein



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Consider $\mu=\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} \delta_{x_{i}}$ and $\nu=\sum_{j=1}^{m} b_{j} \delta_{y_{j}}$
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Def. Optimal Transport Problem

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## Discrete OT Problem



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Note: flow/PDE formulations [Beckman'61]/[Benamou'98] can be used for $p=1 / p=2$ for a sparse-graph metric/Euclidean metric.

## Discrete OT Problem

## c) emd.c

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) node2_t ;
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## network flow solver used in practice. <br> $O\left(n^{3} \log (n)\right)$ <br> $U(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b})$



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## Entropic Regularization [Wilson'62]

Def. Regularized Wasserstein, $\gamma \geq 0$

$$
W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \min _{P \in U(a, \boldsymbol{b})}\left\langle\boldsymbol{P}, M_{X \boldsymbol{Y}}\right\rangle-\gamma E(\boldsymbol{P})
$$

$$
E(P) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}-\sum_{i, j=1}^{n m} P_{i j}\left(\log P_{i j}\right)
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$$
\begin{aligned}
L(P, \alpha, \beta) & =\sum_{i j} P_{i j} M_{i j}+\gamma P_{i j} \log P_{i j}+\alpha^{T}(P \mathbf{1}-\boldsymbol{a})+\beta^{T}\left(P^{T} \mathbf{1}-\boldsymbol{b}\right) \\
\partial L / \partial P_{i j} & =M_{i j}+\gamma\left(\log P_{i j}+1\right)+\alpha_{i}+\beta_{j} \\
\left(\partial L / \partial P_{i j}\right. & =0) \Rightarrow P_{i j}=e^{\frac{\alpha_{i}}{\gamma}+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{M_{i j}}{\gamma}} e^{\frac{\beta_{j}}{\gamma}+\frac{1}{2}}=u_{i} K_{i j} \boldsymbol{v}_{j}
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- [Sinkhorn'64] fixed-point iterations for $(u, v)$

$$
\boldsymbol{u} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{a} / K \boldsymbol{v}, \quad \boldsymbol{v} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{b} / K^{T} \boldsymbol{u}
$$

- $O(n m)$ complexity, GPGPU parallel [C'13].
- $O\left(n^{d+1}\right)$ if $\Omega=\{1, \ldots, n\}^{d}$ and $D^{p}$ separable. [S..C...'15]


## Very Fast EMD Approx. Solver



Note. $(\Omega, D)$ is a random graph with shortest path metric, histograms sampled uniformly on simplex, Sinkhorn tolerance $10^{-2}$.

## Regularization $\rightarrow>$ Differentiability

$$
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## Crucial for "min data $+W$ " problems

- Quantization, $k$-means problem [Lloyd'82]

$$
\min _{\substack{\mu \in \mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) \\|\operatorname{supp} \mu|=k}} W_{2}^{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text {data }}\right)
$$

- [McCann'95] Interpolant

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)}(1-t) W_{2}^{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{1}\right)+t W_{2}^{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)
$$

- [JKO'98] PDE's as gradient flows in $(\mathcal{P}(\Omega), W)$.

$$
\mu_{t+1}=\underset{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\mu)+\lambda_{t} W_{p}^{p}\left(\mu, \mu_{t}\right)
$$

## Crucial for "min data $+W$ " problems

Any (ML) problem involving a $\mathbb{K L}$ or $\mathbf{L} 2$ loss between (parameterized) histograms or probabilility measures can be easily
Wasserstein-ized if we can differentiate $W$ efficiently.

## 1. Differentiability of Regularized OT

Def. Dual regularized OT Problem
$W_{\gamma}(\mu, \boldsymbol{\nu})=\max _{\alpha, \beta} \alpha^{T} a+\beta^{T} \boldsymbol{b}-\frac{1}{\gamma}\left(e^{\alpha / \gamma}\right)^{T} K e^{\beta / \gamma}$
Prop. $W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$ is
[CD'14]

1. convex w.r.t. $a$ (Danskin),

$$
\nabla_{a} W_{\gamma}=\alpha^{\star}=\gamma \log (\boldsymbol{u})
$$

2. decreased, when $p=2, \Omega=\mathbb{R}^{d}$, using

$$
\boldsymbol{X} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{Y} P_{\gamma}^{T} \mathbf{D}\left(a^{-1}\right)
$$

## 2. Duality for Regularized OT's

## Prop. Writing $H_{\nu}: a \mapsto W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$,

1. $H_{\nu}$ has simple Legendre transform:

$$
H_{\nu}^{*}: g \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \mapsto \gamma\left(E(\boldsymbol{b})+\boldsymbol{b}^{T} \log \left(K e^{g / \gamma}\right)\right)
$$

2. If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}, f$ convex on $\mathbb{R}^{d}$,

$$
\min _{a \in \Sigma_{n}} H_{\nu}(\boldsymbol{a})+f(A a)=\max _{g \in \mathbb{R}^{d}}-H_{\nu}^{*}\left(A^{T} g\right)-f^{*}(-g)
$$

## 3. Stochastic Formulation

| $W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$ | $=\max _{\alpha, \beta} \alpha^{T} \boldsymbol{a}+\beta^{T} \boldsymbol{b}-\frac{1}{\gamma}\left(e^{\alpha / \gamma}\right)^{T} K e^{\beta / \gamma}$ |
| ---: | :--- |
|  | $=\max _{\alpha} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{T} \boldsymbol{a}-\gamma\left(\log K e^{\alpha / \gamma}\right)^{T} \boldsymbol{b}$ |
|  | $=\max _{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \boldsymbol{b}_{j}\left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{T} \boldsymbol{a}-\gamma \log K_{\cdot j}^{T} e^{\alpha / \gamma}\right)$ |
|  | $=\max _{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{m} f_{\boldsymbol{j}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$ |

- [GCPB'16] shows how incremental gradient methods can be used to ${ }_{3}$ scale this further.


## 4. Algorithmic Formulation

Def. For $L \geq 1$, define

$$
W_{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}\left\langle\boldsymbol{P}_{L}, M_{X \boldsymbol{Y}}\right\rangle,
$$

where $P_{L} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \operatorname{diag}\left(u_{L}\right) K \operatorname{diag}\left(v_{L}\right)$,
$v_{0}=\mathbf{1}_{m} ; l \geq 0, u_{l} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} a / K v_{l}, v_{l+1} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} b / K^{T} u_{l}$.
Prop. $\frac{\partial W_{L}}{\partial X}, \frac{\partial W_{L}}{\partial a}$ can be computed recursively, in $O(L)$ kernel $K \times$ vector products.

## Algorithmic Formulation of Reg. OT

Example: Differentiability w.r.t. $a$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\partial v_{0}}{\partial a}\right)^{T} & =\mathbf{0}_{m \times n} \\
\left(\frac{\partial u_{l}}{\partial a}\right)^{T} x & =\frac{x}{K v_{l}}-\left(\frac{\partial v_{l}}{\partial a}\right)^{T} K^{T} \frac{x \circ a}{\left(K v_{l}\right)^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\partial v_{l+1}}{\partial a}\right)^{T} y=-\left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}_{l}}{\partial a}\right)^{T} K \frac{y \circ b}{\left(K^{T} \boldsymbol{u}_{l}\right)^{2}}
$$

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$$
N=K \circ M_{X Y}
$$

$\nabla_{a} W_{L}(\mu, \nu)=\left(\frac{\partial u_{L}}{\partial a}\right)^{T} N v_{L}+\left(\frac{\partial v_{L}}{\partial a}\right)^{T} N^{T} u_{L}$

```
function [d,grad_a,grad_b,hess_a,hess_b] = sinkhornObjGradHess(a,b,k,M,niter)
u_update = @(v,a) a./(K*v);
v_update = @(u,b) b./(K'*u);
% DuDa = @(eps,dvda,a,v) (eps./(K*v))- (a./((K*v).^2)).*(K*dvda(eps));
%
% DvDa = @(eps,duda,b,u) -(b./((K'*u).^2)).*(K'*duda(eps));
%
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%
% DvDb = @(eps,dudb,b,u) (eps./(K'*u))-(b./((K'*u).^2)).*(K'*dudb(eps));
DuDat = @(x,dvdat,a,v) bsxfun(@rdivide,x,K*v)... (x./(K*v))
    -dvdat(K'*( bsxfun(@times,x,(a./((K*v).^2)))));...-dvdat(K'*( (a./((K*v).^2)).*x));
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JDuDat= @(x,Jdvdat,dvdat,a,v) -diag((x'*dvdat(K'))'./((K*v).^2)) ...(K*dvda(x))
    - Jdvdat(x)*K'*diag(a./((K*v).^2))...
    - dvdat(K'* ...
    ( diag(a.*( (-2*(x'*dvdat(K'))')./((K*v).^3)))+...
    diag(x./((K*V).^2)) )); %1
JDvDat = @(x,Jdudat,dudat,b,u) ...
    -Jdudat(x)*K*diag(b./((K'*u).^2))...
    - dudat(K)* ( ...
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DuDbt = @(x,dvdbt,a,v) -dvdbt(K'*(bsxfun(@times,x,(a./((K*v).^2))))); ...(a./((K*v).^^2)).*x));
DvDbt = @(x,dudbt,b,u) bsxfun(@rdivide,x, K'*u) ... (x./(每*u))...
    -dudbt(K*( bsxfun(@times,x,(b./((K'*u).^2)))));...( b./((郋*u).^2)) .*x));
```

JDvDbt $=@(x, J d u d b t, \operatorname{dudbt}, \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{u})-\operatorname{diag}\left(\left(\mathrm{x}^{\prime} * \operatorname{dudbt}(\mathrm{~K})\right)^{\prime} . /\left(\left(\mathrm{K}^{\prime} * u\right) \mathrm{H}^{\wedge} 2\right)\right) \ldots \quad\left(\mathrm{K}^{\prime} * \operatorname{dudb}(\mathrm{x})\right)$
- Jdudbt(x)*K*diag(b./((K'*u).^2))...
- dudbt(K)* ( ...
diag(b.*( (-2*( $\left.\left.\left.\left.x^{\prime *} \operatorname{dudbt}(K)\right)^{\prime}\right) . /\left(\left(K^{\prime *} u\right) .^{\wedge} 3\right)\right)\right)+.$.
$\operatorname{diag}\left(x . /\left(\left(K^{\prime *} u\right) .^{\wedge} 2\right)\right)$ ) ;
JDuDbt $=$ @( $\mathbf{x}$, Jdvdbt, dvdbt, $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{v}) \ldots$
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n=size(a,1);
m=size(b,1);
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DVDAT= @(eps) zeros(n,size(eps,2));
DVDBT= @(eps) zeros(m,size(eps,2));
JDVDAT= @(eps) zeros ( $\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{m}$ );
JDVDBT= @(eps) zeros (m,m);
$\mathrm{v}=\mathrm{ones}(\mathrm{m}, \operatorname{size}(\mathrm{b}, 2))$;
for $j=1:$ niter,
$u=u$ _update ( $v, a)$;
DUDAT $=@(x) \operatorname{DuDat}(x, \operatorname{DVDAT}, \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{v})$;
DUDBT $=$ @(x) DuDbt(x,DVDBT, $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{v})$;
if nargout>3
JDUDAT $=@(x) \operatorname{JDuDat}(x$, JDVDAT, DVDAT, $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{v})$;
JDUDBT $=$ @(x) JDuDbt(x,JDVDBT,DVDBT, a,v);
end
v=v_update(u,b);
DVDAT $=$ @(x) DvDat ( x, DUDAT, $\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{u})$;
DVDBT $=$ @(x) $\operatorname{DvDbt(x,DUDBT,b,u);~}$
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$\operatorname{JDVDBT}=@(x) \operatorname{JDvDbt}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{JDUDBT}, \operatorname{DUDBT,b,u);~}$
end
end

```
U=K.*M;
d=diag(u'*U*v);
grad_a=(DUDAT(U*v)+DVDAT(U'*u));
grad_b=(DUDBT(U*v)+DVDBT(U'*u));
if nargout>3
    hess_a= @(eps) JDUDAT(eps)*(U*V)+DUDAT((eps'*DVDAT(U'))')+...
        JDVDAT(eps)*(U'*u)+DVDAT((eps'*DUDAT(U))');
end
```


## Thanks to these tricks...

- [Agueh'11] Barycenters [CD'14][BCCNP'15] [GCP'15][S..C..'15]
- [Burger'12] TV gradient flow using duality [CP'16]
- Dictionary Learning / Latent Factors [RCP'16]
- [Bigot'15] W-PCA [SC'15]
- Density fitting / parameter estimation [MMC'16]
- Inverse problems / Wasserstein regression [BPC'16]


## Wasserstein Barycenters

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i} W_{p}^{p}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\boldsymbol{i}}\right)
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If $\left|\operatorname{supp} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\boldsymbol{i}}\right|=\boldsymbol{n}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$, LP of size $\left(\prod_{i} \boldsymbol{n}_{\boldsymbol{i}}, \sum_{i} \boldsymbol{n}_{\boldsymbol{i}}\right)$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
\min _{P_{1}, \cdots, P_{N}, a} & \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i}\left\langle\boldsymbol{P}_{i}, M\right\rangle \\
\text { s.t. } & P_{i}^{T} \mathbf{1}_{n}=\boldsymbol{b}_{i}, \forall i \leq N, \\
& \boldsymbol{P}_{1} \mathbf{1}_{n}=\cdots=\boldsymbol{P}_{N} \mathbf{1}_{d}=a .
\end{aligned}
$$

If $|\Omega|=n$, LP of size $\left(N n^{2},(2 N-1) n\right)$; unstable

## Primal Descent on Regularized W

$$
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## Wasserstein Barycenter = KL Projections

$$
\left\langle P, M_{X \boldsymbol{Y}}\right\rangle-\gamma E(P)=\gamma \mathbf{K} \mathbf{L}(P \mid K)
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \min _{a} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i} W_{\gamma}\left(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{i}}\right)=\underset{\substack{\mathbf{P}=\left[\boldsymbol{P}_{\mathbf{1}}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{P}_{N}\right] \\
\mathbf{P} \in \boldsymbol{C}_{\mathbf{1}} \cap \boldsymbol{C}_{\mathbf{2}}}}{ } \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i} \mathbf{K L}\left(\boldsymbol{P}_{i} \mid K\right) \\
& C_{1}=\left\{\mathbf{P} \mid \exists a, \forall i, P_{i} \mathbf{1}_{m}=a\right\} \\
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\end{aligned}
$$

[BCCNP’15]
$[K \cdots K]$


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\end{aligned}
$$

u=ones(size(B)); \% d x N matrix

## [BCCNP'15]

 while not converged$$
\mathrm{v}=\mathrm{u} . *\left(\mathrm{~K}^{\prime} *\left(\mathrm{~B} . /\left(\mathrm{K}^{*} \mathrm{u}\right)\right)\right) ; \% 2(\mathrm{Nd} \wedge 2) \text { cost }
$$

$$
u=b s x f u n(@ t i m e s, u, \exp (\log (v) * w e i g h t s)) . / v ;
$$

end
$a=$ mean $(v, 2)$;

Iterative Bregman Projections for
Regularized Transportation Problems SIAM J. on Sci. Comp. 2015

## Application: Graphics

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## Inverse Wasserstein Problems

- consider Barycenter operator:

$$
\boldsymbol{b}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i} W_{\gamma}\left(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{i}}\right)
$$

- address now Wasserstein inverse problems:

Given $\boldsymbol{a}$, find $\operatorname{argmin} \mathcal{E}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \operatorname{Loss}(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}(\lambda))$ $\lambda \in \Sigma_{N}$

The Wasserstein Simplex


## Barycenters = Fixed Points

Prop. [BCCNP'15] Consider $\boldsymbol{B} \in \Sigma_{d}^{N}$ and let $U_{0}=1_{d \times N}$, and then for $l \geq 0$ :

$$
\boldsymbol{b}^{l} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \exp \left(\log \left(K^{T} \boldsymbol{U}_{l}\right) \lambda\right) ;\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\boldsymbol{V}_{l+1} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \frac{b^{l} \mathbf{1}_{N}^{T}}{K^{T} U_{l}} \\
\boldsymbol{U}_{l+1} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \frac{B}{K V_{l+1}}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Using Truncated Barycenters

- instead of using the exact barycenter

$$
\underset{\lambda \in \Sigma_{N}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{E}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \operatorname{Loss}(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}(\lambda))
$$

- use instead the L-iterate barycenter

$$
\underset{\lambda \in \Sigma_{N}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{E}^{(L)}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \operatorname{Loss}\left(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}^{(L)}(\lambda)\right)
$$

- Differente using the chain rule.
$\nabla \mathcal{E}^{(L)}(\lambda)=\left[\partial \boldsymbol{b}^{(L)}\right]^{T}(\boldsymbol{g}),\left.\boldsymbol{g} \stackrel{\text { def }}{=} \nabla \operatorname{Loss}(\boldsymbol{a}, \cdot)\right|_{\boldsymbol{b}^{(L)}(\lambda)}$.


## Gradient / Barycenter Computation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { function SINKHORN-DIFFERENTIATE }\left(\left(p_{s}\right)_{s=1}^{S}, q, \lambda\right) \\
& \forall s, b_{s}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbb{1} \\
& (w, r) \leftarrow\left(0^{S}, 0^{S \times N}\right) \\
& \text { for } \ell=1,2, \ldots, L \quad / / \text { Sinkhorn loop } \\
& \forall s, \varphi_{s}^{(\ell)} \leftarrow K^{\top} \frac{p_{s}}{K b_{s}^{(\ell-1)}} \\
& p \leftarrow \prod_{s}\left(\varphi_{s}^{(\ell)}\right)^{\lambda_{s}} \\
& \forall s, b_{s}^{(\ell)} \leftarrow \frac{p}{\varphi_{s}^{(\ell)}} \\
& g \leftarrow \nabla \mathcal{L}(p, q) \odot p \\
& \text { for } \ell=L, L-1, \ldots, 1 \quad / / \text { Reverse loop } \\
& \forall s, w_{s} \leftarrow w_{s}+\left\langle\log \varphi_{s}^{(\ell)}, g\right\rangle \\
& \forall s, r_{s} \leftarrow-K^{\top}\left(K\left(\frac{\lambda_{s} g-r_{s}}{\varphi_{s}^{(\ell)}}\right) \odot \frac{p_{s}}{\left(K b_{s}^{(\ell-1)}\right)^{2}}\right) \odot b_{s}^{(\ell-1)} \\
& g \leftarrow \sum_{s} r_{s} \\
& \text { return } P^{(L)}(\lambda) \leftarrow p, \nabla \mathcal{E}_{L}(\lambda) \leftarrow w
\end{aligned}
$$

## Application: Volume Reconstruction



Shape database

$$
\left(p_{1}, \ldots, p_{5}\right)
$$

Wasserstein Barycentric Coordinates: Histogram
Regression using Optimal Transport, SIGGRAPH'16
Input shape $q$


Projection $P(\lambda)$
[BPC'16]

## Application: Color Grading



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## Application: Brain Mapping



Original


Euclidean
projection



## To conclude

- Entropy regularization is a very effective way to get OT to work as a generic loss.
- Many recent extensions:
- [Schmitzer'16]: fast multiscale approaches
- [ZFMAP'15] [CSPV'16]: Unbalanced transport
- [SPKS'16] [PCS'16] extensions to Gromov-W.
- [FCTR'15] Domain adaptation in ML

