

$f$  lsc bounded

$$Q_t f(x) = \inf_y \left\{ \frac{1}{2t} d^2(x, y) + f(y) \right\}$$

Th 1)  $Q_t f \uparrow f$  as  $t \downarrow 0$

$$2) Q_t(Q_s f) \geq Q_{t+s} f$$

$$3) \frac{d}{dt} Q_t f + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla Q_t|^2 \leq 0$$

with countably many exceptions

(everywhere if  $\frac{d^+}{dt} Q_t f$ )

$$4) Q_t f \Big|_{(\varepsilon, \infty) \times X} \text{ lip } \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

If  $(X, d)$  is geodesic, then  $= 0$

in 3) and  $Q_{t+s} = Q_t(Q_s)$

Proof  ~~$d_{t+s}$~~   $Q_t(Q_s f)(x)$

$$\inf_y \left( \inf_z f(z) + \frac{1}{2s} d^2(z, y) \right) + \frac{1}{2t} d^2(y, x)$$

$$\inf_z f(z) + \inf_y \left( \frac{1}{2s} d^2(z, y) + \frac{1}{2t} d^2(y, x) \right)$$

$$\geq \inf_z f(z) + \frac{1}{2(s+t)} d^2(z, x)$$

Proof of 3

$$\Delta^+(x, t) = \{ \max \{ d(x, y) \mid y \text{ minimizer} \} \}$$

$$\Delta^-(x, t) = \{ \min \{ d(x, y) \mid y \text{ minimizer} \} \}$$

$$\Delta^- \leq \Delta^+ \quad \Delta^+ \text{ is usc}$$

$\Delta^-$  is lsc

$$\Delta^-(x, \cdot) \text{ or } \nearrow$$

$$\Delta^+(x, t) \leq \Delta^-(x, s) \quad t < s$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta^+(x, \cdot) = \Delta^-(x, \cdot)$  out of a countable set.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Delta_t^\pm(x) = -\frac{1}{2t^2} (\Delta_t^\pm(x))^2$$

Proof for the right derivative.

$s > t$

$$Q \underset{\uparrow}{f(x)} - Q_t f(x)$$

$$\leq \cancel{f(x_t)} + \frac{1}{2s} d^2(x_t, x) - \cancel{f(x_t)} - \frac{1}{2t} d^2(x, x_t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2(x, x_t)}{(\Delta(x, t))^2} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{t} \right)$$

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$$\geq \frac{(\Delta^-(x, s))^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{t} \right)$$

$\Delta^-(x, s) \downarrow \Delta^+(x, t)$  as  $s \downarrow t$

To conclude 3), we need

$$|\nabla Q_t f|^2(x) \leq (\Delta^+(x, t))^2 / t^2$$

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$$\overline{\lim}_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{|Q_t f(y) - Q_t f(x)|^2}{d^2(y, x)}$$

$$Q_t f(x) - Q_t f(y) \leq d(x, y) \left( \frac{\Delta^-(y, t)}{t} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow d(x, y) \left( \frac{\Delta^-(y, t)}{t} + \frac{d(x, y)}{2t} \right)$$

Divide both sides by  $d(x, y)$  and use

$$\overline{\lim}_{y \rightarrow x} \Delta^-(y, \epsilon) \leq \overline{\lim}_{y \rightarrow x} \Delta^+(y, \epsilon) \\ \leq \Delta^+(x, \epsilon)$$

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Remark

$$|\nabla^+ f|(x) = \overline{\lim}_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{(f(y) - f(x))^+}{d(x, y)}$$

$$|\nabla^- f|(x) = \overline{\lim}_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{(f(x) - f(y))^+}{d(x, y)}$$

$$|\nabla^- f| = |\nabla^+(-f)|$$

$$|\nabla f| = \max \{ |\nabla^+ f|, |\nabla^- f| \}.$$

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If we keep  $y$  fixed and let  $x \rightarrow y$   
we get

$$|\nabla^+ \partial_t f|(y) \leq \Delta(y, t)/t.$$

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CONNECTION WITH OTT

$c = \text{cost function: } X \times Y \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

$\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$  is  $c$ -concave

if  $\varphi = \psi^c$  for some  $\psi : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ .

$c$  transform  $\psi^c$        $\psi : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$

$$\psi^c(x) = \inf_y c(x, y) - \psi(y)$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2}d^2 \Rightarrow \psi^c = \mathcal{Q}_1(-\psi)$$



# KANTOROVICH POTENTIAL

$$\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(X) \quad c = \frac{1}{2}d^2$$

Then  $\exists \varphi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $c$ -concave

(Lipschitz) satisfying

$$\varphi + \varphi^c = c \quad \gamma\text{-a.e. in } X \times X$$

for any optimal plan  $\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(X \times X)$ .

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$$\forall f \quad f + f^c \leq c \quad \text{by def.}$$

## OPTIMAL PLAN

$\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(X \times X)$  having  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  as marginals  $\Gamma(\mu, \nu)$

$$\gamma(A \times X) = \mu(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$$

$$\gamma(X \times B) = \nu(B) \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$$

$$\left(\pi_{X, X}^1\right)_{\#} \gamma = \mu$$

$$\left(\pi_{X, X}^2\right)_{\#} \gamma = \nu$$

$$\pi^1(x, y) = x,$$

$$\pi^2(x, y) = y$$

$$\min \left\{ \int d^2(x, y) d\gamma \mid \gamma \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu) \right\}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$W_2^2(\mu, \nu)$$


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Theorem  $\varphi$   $k$  potential.

$$\text{Then } \left( \int |\nabla^+ \varphi|^2 d\mu \leq W_2^2(\mu, \nu) \right)$$

$$|\nabla^+ \varphi|(x) \leq d(x, y) \quad \gamma\text{-e.e.}$$

for any optimal  $\gamma$ .

Proof  $\varphi = (\varphi^c)^c = Q_1(-\varphi^c)$

$$|\nabla^+ \varphi|(x) \leq \Delta^-(x, 1)$$

On the other hand  $(c = \frac{1}{2}d^2)$

$$\varphi + \varphi^c = c \quad \gamma\text{-e.e.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{D}(x, 1) \leq d(x, y) \quad \gamma\text{-e.e.}$$



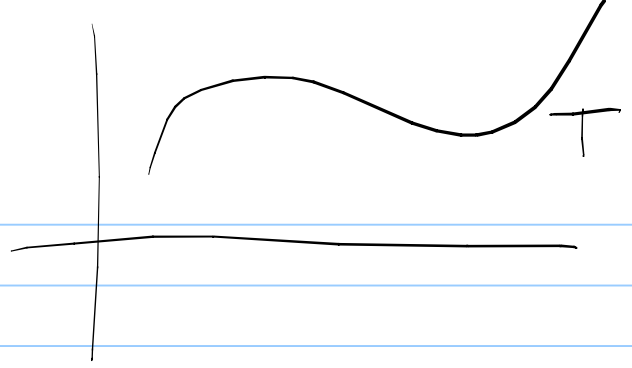
BRENIER THEOREM  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^m), \quad \mu \ll \mathcal{L}^m$$

Under this assumption, any optimal plan is induced by a

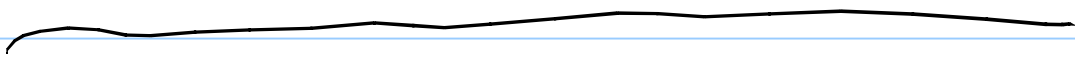
$$\text{map } T \quad y = T(x)$$

$$\gamma\text{-e.e.} \quad y = T(x)$$



$$T(x) = x - \nabla\varphi(x) \quad \mu\text{-e.e.}$$

$$|\nabla\varphi|^2 = |x - T(x)|^2 \quad \mu\text{-e.e.}$$



## METRIC BRENIER THEOREM

$$\varphi \quad |\nabla\varphi|^+(x) = d(x, y) \quad \gamma\text{-e.e.}$$

EXAMPLE  $X = [0, 1]$   $d = |x - y|$

$$\mu = \delta_0 \quad \nu = \mathcal{L}^1 \Big|_{[0, 1]}$$

$$\gamma = \delta_0 \times \nu = \mu \times \nu$$

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x$$

$$|\nabla^+ \varphi|(0) = 0$$

$$|\nabla^- \varphi|(0) = 1$$

$$W_2^2(\mu, \nu) = \int_0^1 s^2 ds = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\int_X |\nabla^+ \varphi|^2 d\mu < W_2^2(\mu, \nu)$$

$$\int_X |\nabla \varphi|^2 d\mu \leq W_2^2(\mu, \nu)$$

↑  
false.