# Computational Optimal Transport for Machine and Deep Learning

The Gromov-Wasserstein problem

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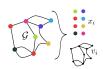
The Gromov-Wasserstein distance

**Applications** 

### Three aspects of optimal transport







#### Transporting with optimal transport

- ► Learn to map between distributions.
- Estimate a smooth mapping from discrete distributions.
- ► Applications in domain adaptation.

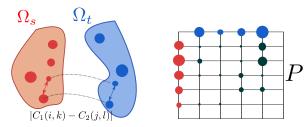
### Divergence between histograms

- Use the ground metric to encode complex relations between the bins of histograms for data fitting.
- OT losses are non-parametric divergences between non overlapping distributions.
- ▶ Used to train minimal Wasserstein estimators.

### Divergence between graphs

- Modeling of structured data and graphs as distribution.
- ▶ OT losses (Wass. or (F)GW) measure similarity between distributions/objects.

### **Gromov-Wasserstein and extensions**



Inspired from Gabriel Peyré

#### GW for discrete distributions Memoli 2011

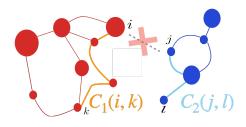
$$\mathcal{GW}_p^p(\alpha,\beta) = \min_{P \in U(a,b)} \sum_{i,j,k,l} |C_1(i,k) - C_2(j,l)|^p P_{i,j} P_{k,l}$$

with  $lpha = \sum_{i=1}^n {f a}_i \delta_{{f x}_i}$  and  $eta = \sum_{j=1}^m {f b}_j \delta_{y_j}$ 

- $ightharpoonup \mathbf{x}_i \in \Omega_s, \mathbf{y}_j \in \Omega_t \text{ with } \Omega_s \neq \Omega_t.$
- Distance between measures on different spaces w.r.t. isomorphism.
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- ► Entropy regularized GW proposed in Peyré, Cuturi, and Solomon 2016.



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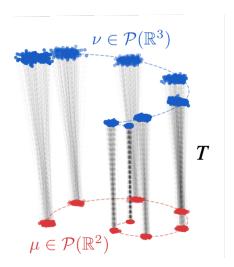
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with 
$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{a_i} \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i}$$
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### **Examples**



## Solving the Gromov Wasserstein optimization problem

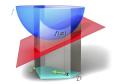
### Optimization problem

$$\mathcal{GW}_p^p(\alpha,\beta) = \min_{P \in U(\mathbf{a},b)} \sum_{i,j,k,l} |C_1(i,k) - C_2(j,l)|^p P_{i,j} P_{k,l}$$

- Quadratic Program (Wasserstein is a linear program).
- Nonconvex, NP-hard, related to Quadratic Assignment Problem.
- Large problem and non convexity forbid standard QP solvers.

#### Optimization algorithms

- Local solution with conditional gradient algorithm (Frank-Wolfe) Frank and Wolfe 1956.
- Each FW iteration requires solving an OT problems.
- ▶ With entropic regularization, one can use mirror descent Peyré, Cuturi, and Solomon 2016.





### The Frank-Wolfe algorithm

### Solving a constrained problem

$$\min_{x \in C} f(x)$$

- C is convex, f is differentiable.
- ▶ Starts with  $x_0 \in C$  and for  $k \ge 0$  iterates

$$s_k \leftarrow \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{s \in \mathcal{C}} \langle \nabla f(x_k), s \rangle$$
 (LMO step)  
 $x_{k+1} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma_k) x_k + \gamma_k s_k$ 

### Convergence guaranties

If f is convex and  $x^*$  is a minimizer then

$$f(x_k)-f(x^*)\leq \frac{2}{k+2}M,$$

where 
$$M = \sup_{\substack{\gamma \in [0,1] \\ x,s \in C}} f((1-\gamma)x + \gamma s) - f(x) - \gamma \langle \nabla f(x), s - x \rangle$$
.



### The Frank-Wolfe algorithm for GW

### Finding a local solution to the GW problem

$$\min_{P \in U(a,b)} \sum_{i,j,k,l} |C_1(i,k) - C_2(j,l)|^p P_{i,j} P_{k,l} = \langle L(C_1, C_2) \otimes P, P \rangle = f(P)$$

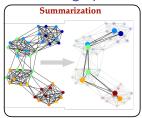
- V(a, b) is convex, f is differentiable.
- ▶ 4D-tensor  $L(C_1, C_2) = (|C_1(i, k) C_2(j, l)|^p)_{ijkl}$ .
- ▶ If L is a tensor  $L \otimes P = (\sum_{kl} L_{ijkl} P_{kl})_{ii}$ .
- ▶ Starts with  $P_0 \in U(a, b)$  and for  $k \ge 0$  iterates

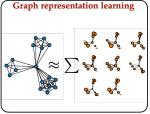
$$G_k = 2L(C_1, C_2) \otimes P_k$$
 (gradient of loss)  
 $S_k \leftarrow \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{S \in U(a,b)} \langle G_k, S \rangle$  (Linear OT problem)  
 $P_{k+1} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma_k) P_k + \gamma_k S_k$ 

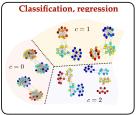
Can be computed in  $O(n^2m + m^2n)$  with p = 2.



### A tool for graphs

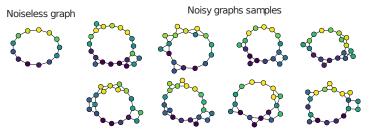




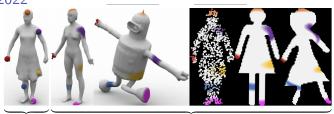


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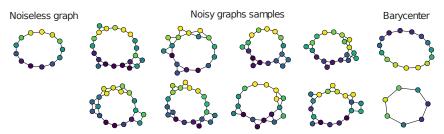
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Shape matching between surfaces Solomon et al. 2016; Thual et al. 2022



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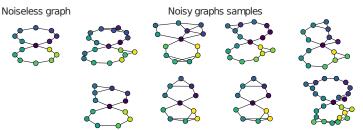


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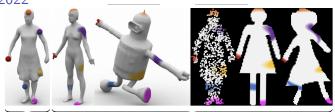


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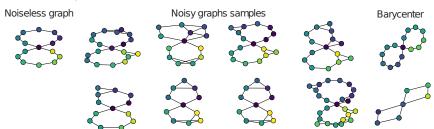


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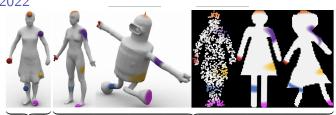


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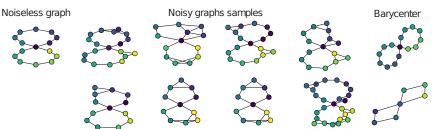
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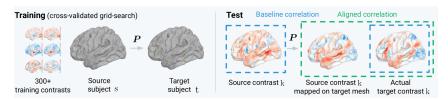
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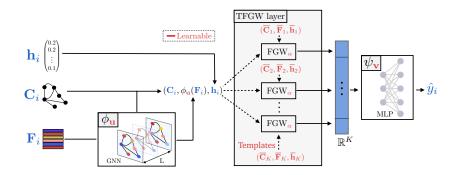
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### FGW for a pooling layer in GNN



### Template based FGW layer (TFGW) Vincent-Cuaz et al. 2022

- ▶ Principle: represent a graph through its distances to learned templates.
- Learnable parameters are illustrated in red above.
- New end-to-end GNN models for graph-level tasks.
- Sate-of-the-art (still!) on graph classification  $(1 \times #1, 3 \times #2 \text{ on paperwithcode})$ .



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