

# Sinkhorn Divergences for Unbalanced Optimal Transport

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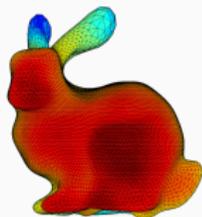
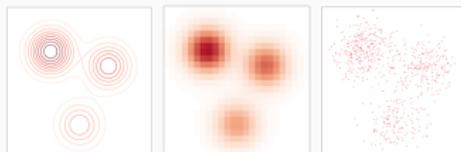
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# Introduction

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# Machine Learning setting

- Given an empirical measure  $\beta$ ,
- And a model  $\alpha_\theta$  parametrized by  $\theta$ .



Shape registration

Supervised Learning

Unsupervised Learning

- Then we optimize via GD & backpropagation a loss  $\mathcal{L}$

$$\theta^* \in \arg \min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\alpha_\theta, \beta).$$

Which loss  $\mathcal{L}$  should we use to compare probability measures ?

Desired properties of  $\mathcal{L}$ :

- Positive, definite and convex
- Metrizes the weak\* convergence

$$\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha \Leftrightarrow \forall f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}), \int f d\alpha_n \rightarrow \int f d\alpha.$$

- Differentiable

Possible losses between measures:

- Csiszar divergences (KL, TV, Hellinger, etc...)
- Maximum mean discrepancies / kernel norms
- Optimal transport distances

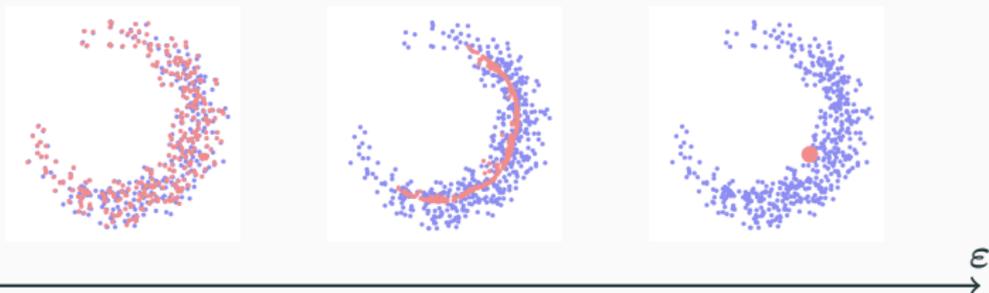
# Entropic bias

OT issues: non-smooth + complexity + curse of dimensionality

$$\text{OT}_\varepsilon(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \inf_{\pi \in \mathcal{U}(\alpha, \beta)} \langle \pi, C \rangle + \varepsilon \text{KL}(\pi, \alpha \otimes \beta)$$

Problem:  $\text{OT}_\varepsilon$  does not metrize weak\* convergence for  $\varepsilon > 0$ . 😞

$$\exists \alpha \in \mathcal{M}_1^+(\mathcal{X}), \text{OT}_\varepsilon(\alpha, \beta) < \text{OT}_\varepsilon(\beta, \beta).$$



$$\Rightarrow \text{Debias: } S_\varepsilon(\alpha, \beta) = \text{OT}_\varepsilon(\alpha, \beta) - \frac{1}{2}\text{OT}_\varepsilon(\alpha, \alpha) - \frac{1}{2}\text{OT}_\varepsilon(\beta, \beta)$$

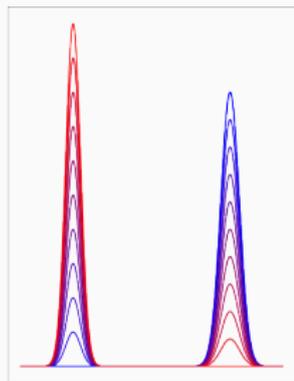
## Unbalanced OT

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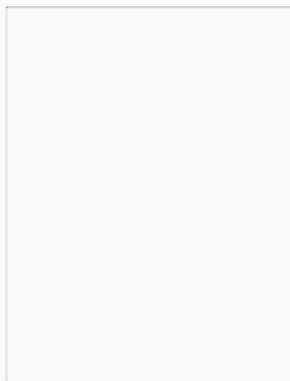
# Goal of Unbalanced OT

Mitigate between vertical and horizontal geometries on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

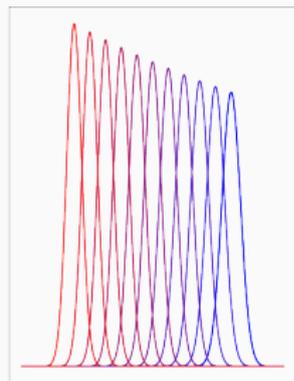
+ avoids normalizing data and geometric outliers.



Vertical (Csiszar)



In between ?



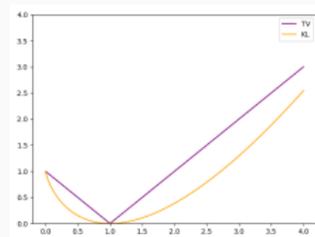
Horizontal (OT)

## Definitions [Csiszàr'67]

- Entropy  $\varphi$ : nonnegative, l.s.c., convex on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  s.t.  $\varphi(1) = 0$
- Recession constant:  $\varphi'^{\infty} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x)/x$
- Lebesgue decomposition:  $\forall(\alpha, \beta), \alpha = \frac{d\alpha}{d\beta}\beta + \alpha^{\top}$
- $\varphi$ -divergence:  $D_{\varphi}(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi\left(\frac{d\alpha}{d\beta}\right)d\beta + \varphi'^{\infty} \int_{\mathcal{X}} d\alpha^{\top}$

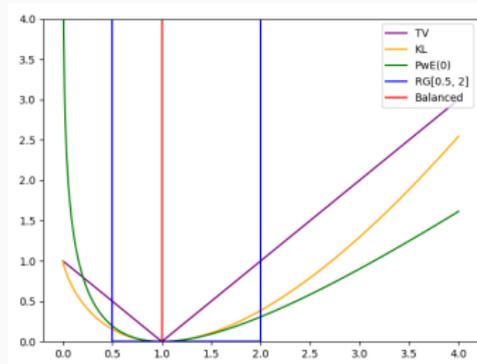
## Examples:

- KL:  $\varphi(x) = x \log x - x + 1, \varphi'^{\infty} = +\infty,$
- TV:  $\varphi(x) = |x - 1|$  and  $\varphi'^{\infty} = 1.$



## Examples of entropies

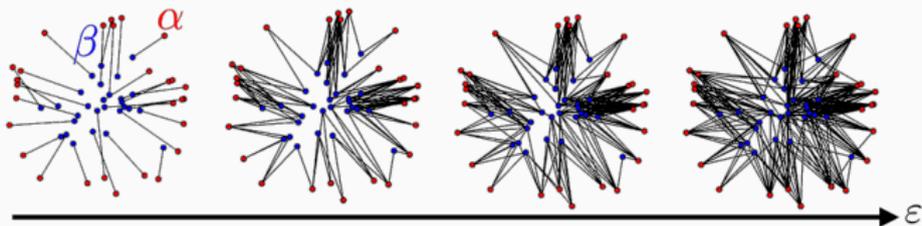
- **Balanced**:  $\varphi(x) = \iota_{\{1\}}(x)$  with  $D_\varphi(\pi_1, \alpha) = \iota_{(=)}(\pi_1, \alpha)$ .
- **TV**:  $\varphi(x) = |x - 1|$
- **KL**:  $\varphi(x) = x \log x - x + 1$
- **Power entropy**:  $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{p(p-1)}(x^p - p(x-1) - 1)$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- **Range**:  $\varphi(x) = \iota_{[a,b]}(x)$  ( $a \leq 1 \leq b$ ), i.e.  $a\alpha \leq \pi_1 \leq b\alpha$ .



# Entropically regularized Unbalanced OT

Entropic Unbalanced OT [Chizat'18]

$$\text{OT}_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \inf_{\pi \geq 0} \langle \pi, C \rangle + \rho D_{\varphi}(\pi_1, \alpha) + \rho D_{\varphi}(\pi_2, \beta) \\ + \varepsilon \text{KL}(\pi, \alpha \otimes \beta)$$

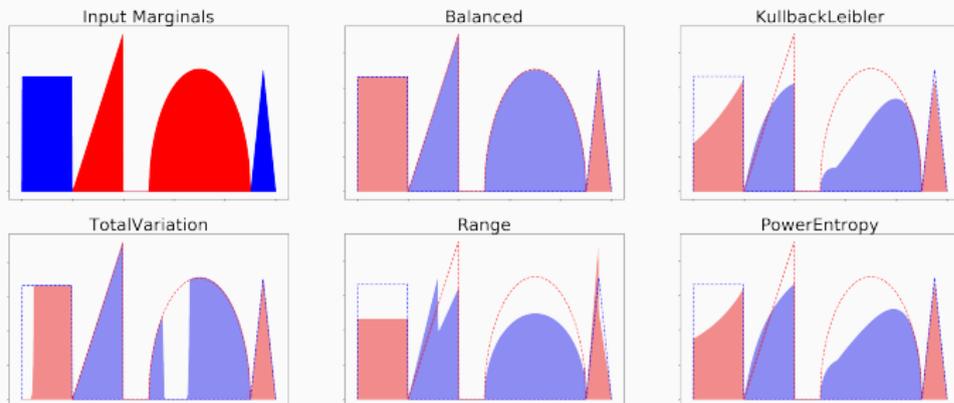


choice of  $C$  and  $D_{\varphi}$  = priors on geometry and mass dynamics

## Numerical examples ( $\varepsilon = 0$ )

Reminder: Local mass creation and destruction is allowed

- Shows how  $\alpha$  is matched onto  $\beta$  and vice versa through  $\pi$ .
- Plots  $\pi_1 \approx \alpha$  and  $\pi_2 \approx \beta$
- Input marginals are dashed.



# Sinkhorn divergence

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## Definition

Setting  $m(\mu)$  to be the total mass of the measure  $\mu$ , we define

$$S_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \text{OT}_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\alpha, \beta) - \frac{1}{2} \text{OT}_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\alpha, \alpha) - \frac{1}{2} \text{OT}_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\beta, \beta) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (m(\alpha) - m(\beta))^2.$$

It extends the balanced case from [Ramdas '15][Genevay '18].

Impact of KL: entropic bias + mass bias ( $m(\pi) \rightarrow m(\alpha \otimes \beta)$ ).

## Proposition

Assuming  $\varphi^*$  strictly convex, denoting  $k_\varepsilon \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} e^{-\frac{C}{\varepsilon}}$  and  $f_\alpha$  and  $g_\beta$  the optimal symmetric potentials of  $\text{OT}_\varepsilon(\alpha, \alpha)$  and  $\text{OT}_\varepsilon(\beta, \beta)$  respectively, one has

$$S_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\alpha, \beta) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left\| \alpha e^{\frac{f_\alpha}{\varepsilon}} - \beta e^{\frac{g_\beta}{\varepsilon}} \right\|_{k_\varepsilon}^2.$$

Theorem [S., Feydy, Vialard, Trounev, Peyre '19]

For any Lipschitz cost  $C$  s.t.  $k_\varepsilon \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} e^{-\frac{C}{\varepsilon}}$  is a positive universal kernel, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and strictly convex  $\varphi^*$

- $S_{\varepsilon, \rho}$  is convex, positive, definite.
- It is (weakly) differentiable.
- $S_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ .

Berg's Theorem:  $e^{-C/\varepsilon}$  positive kernel  $\Leftrightarrow -C$  positive kernel.

# Sinkhorn algorithm

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# Duality of regularized OT

Writing  $\varphi^*(x) = \sup_{y \geq 0} xy - \varphi(y)$ , the dual reads

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OT}_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\alpha, \beta) = \sup_{f, g \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})} & \langle \alpha, -(\rho\varphi)^*(-f) \rangle + \langle \beta, -(\rho\varphi)^*(-g) \rangle \\ & - \varepsilon \langle \alpha \otimes \beta, e^{\frac{f(x)+g(y)-C(x,y)}{\varepsilon}} - 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Proposition - Unbalanced Sinkhorn algorithm

Define the following operators

- (Softmin / LogSumExp)  $\text{Smin}_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon}(f) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -\varepsilon \log \langle \alpha, e^{-f/\varepsilon} \rangle$
- (Anisotropic Prox)  $\text{aprox}(p) = \arg \min_{q \in \mathbb{R}} \varepsilon e^{(p-q)/\varepsilon} + \varphi^*(q)$

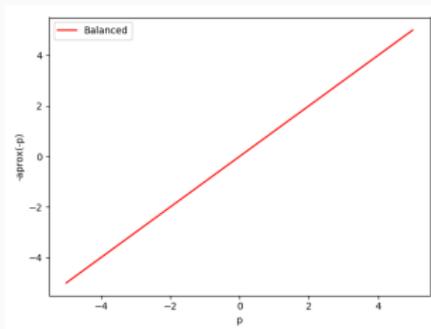
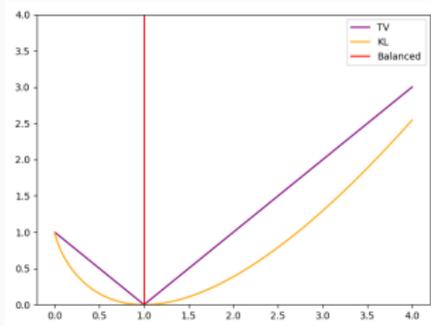
The optimality condition defines the Sinkhorn algorithm

$$g_{t+1}(y) = -\text{aprox}(-\text{Smin}_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon}(C(\cdot, y) - f_t))$$

$$f_{t+1}(x) = -\text{aprox}(-\text{Smin}_{\beta}^{\varepsilon}(C(x, \cdot) - g_{t+1})).$$

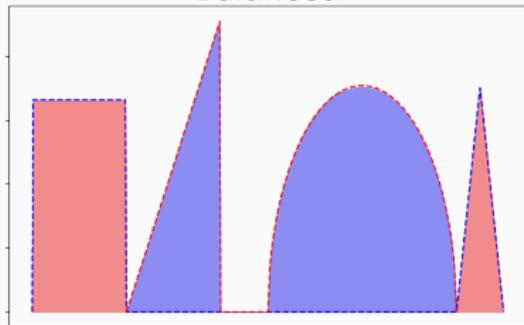
# Examples of Anisotropic prox - Balanced

## Entropy and Aprox



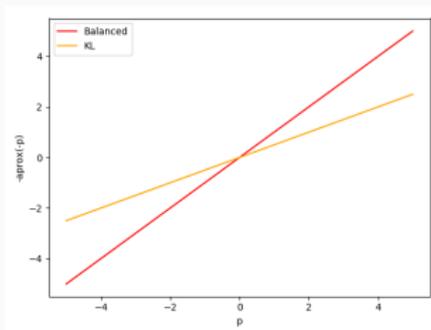
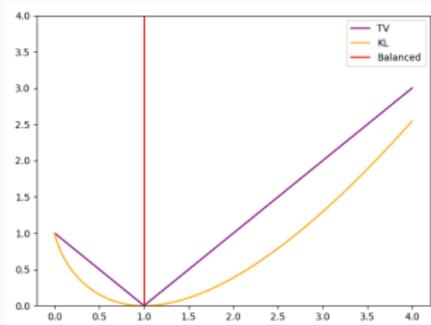
$$D_\varphi = \iota_{\{=\}}$$
$$\varphi(x) = \iota_{\{1\}}(x)$$
$$\text{approx}(x) = x$$

## Balanced



# Examples of Anisotropic prox - KL

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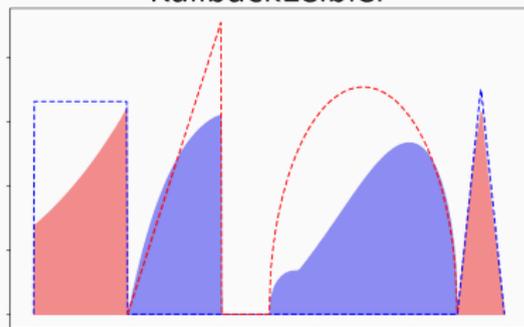


$$D_\varphi = \rho \text{KL}$$

$$\varphi(x) = \rho(x \log x - x + 1)$$

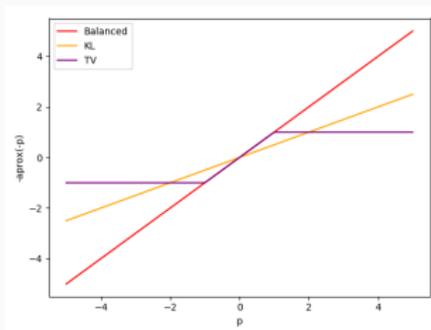
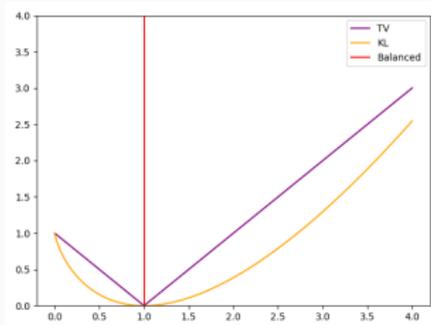
$$\text{aprox}(x) = \frac{\rho}{\rho + \varepsilon} x$$

## KullbackLeibler



# Examples of Anisotropic prox - TV

## Entropy and Aprox

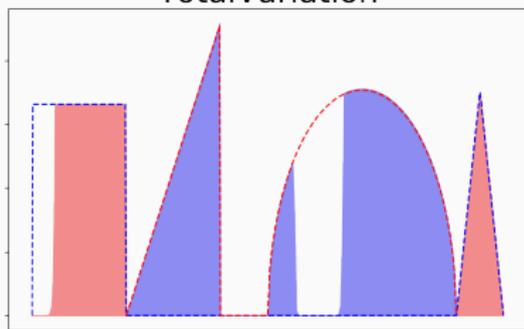


$$D_\varphi = \rho \text{TV}$$

$$\varphi(x) = \rho |x - 1|$$

$$\text{aprox}(x) = x \text{ if } x \in [-\rho, \rho], \rho \text{ if } x \geq \rho \text{ and } -\rho \text{ if } x \leq -\rho$$

## TotalVariation



## Proposition

One has for any  $(f, g) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})$

$$|\text{Smin}_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon}(f) - \text{Smin}_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon}(g)| \leq \|f - g\|_{\infty}. \quad (1)$$

$$\|\text{aprox}_{\varphi^*}^{\varepsilon}(f) - \text{aprox}_{\varphi^*}^{\varepsilon}(g)\|_{\infty} \leq \|f - g\|_{\infty}. \quad (2)$$

$\Rightarrow$  The algorithm is numerically stable. If there exists a fixed point and compactness, the algorithm then converges linearly towards it.

# Convergence of Sinkhorn algorithm

Assume either:

- $\varphi^*$  strictly convex and  $\partial\varphi^*$  goes to zero or  $+\infty$  as  $x$  goes to 0 or  $+\infty$ .
- The entropy corresponds to Balanced, TV or Range.

Theorem - Existence and convergence

Assume  $C$  is Lipschitz on a compact space  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then:

1. The space of dual potentials can be restricted to a relatively compact set, thus there is existence of dual maximizers in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})$ .
2. The Sinkhorn algorithm converges towards fixed points which are dual maximizers.

## Numerical illustrations - Gradient flows

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Setting adapted from [Chizat '19].

- Position/mass parameterization  $\mathbf{x} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, r_i)_i\} \in (\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R})^n$
- Model measure  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i^n r_i^2 \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i}$
- Cone metric  $\langle (\mathbf{x}_1, r_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, r_2) \rangle_{(\mathbf{x}, r)} = \frac{\eta_x}{r^2} \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \rangle_x + \eta_r r_1 r_2$
- Flow  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} S_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\beta})$

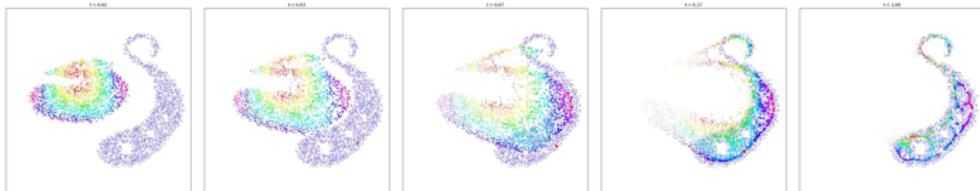
Updates of the coordinates

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{x}_i^{(t)} - \eta_x \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_i} S_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\beta}), \quad (3)$$

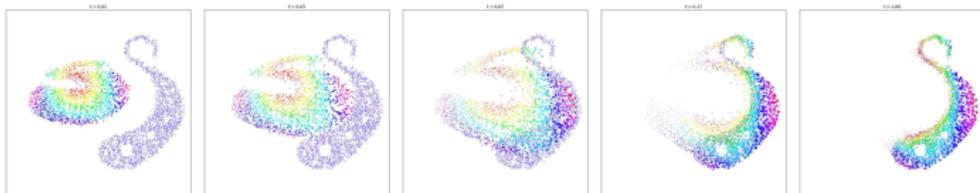
$$r_i^{(t+1)} = r_i^{(t)} \cdot \exp(-2\eta_x \nabla_{r_i} S_{\varepsilon, \rho}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\beta})) \quad (4)$$

# Plots - debiasing effect

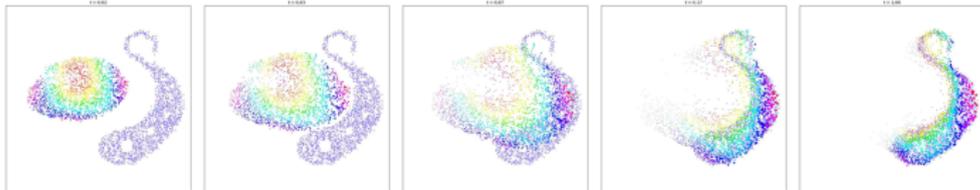
$OT_{\varepsilon}$ -KL  
( $10^{-3}, 0.3$ )



$S_{\varepsilon, \rho}$ -KL  
( $10^{-3}, 0.3$ )



$S_{\varepsilon, \rho}$ -KL  
( $10^{-2}, 0.3$ )





- Family of parametric losses with appealing properties (convexity, differentiability, positivity...)
- Algorithm with linear convergence, compatible with GPU
- Consistent behavior which allows to crossvalidate w.r.t.  $\varepsilon$
- Improvement of the statistical complexity, dampening of the curse of dimensionality (Not detailed here)

<http://www.kernel-operations.io/geomloss/>

<https://github.com/thibsej/unbalanced-ot-functionals>