# Bounds on Derivatives and Martingale Optimal Transportation

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# Analytic formulation (Monge 1781)

- Initial distribution : probability measure  $\mu$
- $\bullet$  Final distribution : probability measure  $\nu$

**Problem** : find an optimal transference plan  $T^*$ 

$$P_2^M := \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}(\mu,\nu)} \int c(x, T(x)) \mu(dx)$$

where  $\mathcal{T}(\mu, \nu)$  of all maps  $T: x \mapsto y = T(x)$  such that

$$\nu = \mu \circ T^{-1}$$

### Probabilistic formulation (Kantorovich 1942)

Randomization of transference plans :

$$\overline{P}_2^{\mathcal{K}} := \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mu,\nu)} \int c(x,y) \mathbb{P}(dx,dy)$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mu,\nu)$  is the collection of all joint probability measures with marginals  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ 

**Example :**  $c(x, y) = -|x - y|^2 \implies$  maximization of correlations :

$$\sup_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_{2}(\mu,\nu)}\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[XY]$$

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#### Kantorovich duality

Duality in linear programming, Legendre-Fenchel duality...

$$\begin{array}{lll} D_2^0 & := & \inf_{(\varphi,\psi)\in\mathcal{D}_2^0} \int \varphi(x)\mu(dx) + \int \psi(y)\nu(dy) \\ \mathcal{D}_2^0 & := & \left\{(\varphi,\psi): \varphi^+\in\mathbb{L}^1(\mu), \psi^+\in\mathbb{L}^1(\nu), \varphi\oplus\psi\leq c\right\} \end{array}$$

where  $\varphi \oplus \psi(x, y) := \varphi(x) + \psi(y)$ 

- Inequality  $P_2^K \ge D_2^0$  obvious
- Reverse inequality needs Hahn-Banach theorem



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Consequently  $P_2^M = P_2^K$ , and  $T^*$  solves both problems.

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## On the Spence Mirrlees condition

The solution of the Kantorovitch optimal transportation problem

$$\overline{P}_2^{\mathcal{K}} := \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mu,\nu)} \int c(x,y) \mathbb{P}(dx,dy)$$

is not modified by the change of performance criterion :

$$c(x,y) \longrightarrow \hat{c}(x,y) := c(x,y) + a(x) + b(y)$$

Notice that the Spence Mirrlees condition  $c_{xy} > 0$  is stable by this transformation



#### Financial interpretation

- $X \sim \mu$  and  $Y \sim \nu$  prices of two assets at time 1
- $\bullet~\mu$  and  $\nu$  identified from market prices of call options :

$$C_{\mu}(K) = \int (x - K)^+ \mu(dx), \qquad C_{\nu}(K) = \int (y - K)^+ \nu(dy)$$

(Breeden-Litzenberger 1978)

- c(X, Y) payoff of derivative security
- Robust bounds on dervative's price :

$$\inf_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_2(\mu,\nu)}\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[c(X,Y)] \text{ and } \sup_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_2(\mu,\nu)}\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[c(X,Y)]$$



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## Financial interpretation of the dual problem

- $\varphi(X), \psi(Y)$  : optimal Vanilla position in Assets X and Y
- Can be expressed as a combination of calls/puts (Carr-Madan) :

$$g(s) = g(s^{*}) + (s - s^{*})g'(s^{*}) + \int_{0}^{s^{*}} (K - s)^{+}g''(K)dK + \int_{s^{*}}^{\infty} (s - K)^{+}g''(K)dK$$

so their market market prices are  $\int \varphi d\mu$  and  $\int \psi d\nu$ 

• Then

$$D_2^0 = \inf_{(\varphi,\psi)\in\mathcal{D}_2^0}\int \varphi(x)\mu(dx) + \int \psi(y)
u(dy)$$

is the cheapest static position in X and Y so as to superhedge c(X, Y)



#### Lower bound

Set 
$$\bar{c}(\bar{x}, y) := -c(-\bar{x}, y)$$
. Then

$$\inf_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_{2}(\mu,\nu)}\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[c(X,Y)] = -\sup_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_{2}(\mu,\nu)}\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{c}(-\bar{X},Y)]$$

where

• 
$$\bar{X} := -X \sim \bar{\mu}$$
 with c.d.f.  $F_{\bar{\mu}}(\bar{x}) := 1 - F_{\mu}(-\bar{x})$ 

•  $\bar{c}$  satisfies the Spence Mirrlees condition, whenever c does. So, the lower bound is attained by the anti-monotone transference plan :

$$\mathbb{P}_*(dx, dy) := \mu(dx) \delta_{\{\mathcal{T}_*(x)\}}(dy), \qquad \mathcal{T}_*(x) := F_{
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#### Multimarginals Optimal transportation problem

• Gangbo and Święch 1998, Carlier 2003, Pass 2011

 $\sup_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_n(\mu)}\mathbb{E}[c(X)]$ 

where  $X = (X_1, ..., X_n)$ ,  $\mu = (\mu_1, ..., \mu_n)$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_n(\mu) = ...$ • Pass 2012

$$\sup_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mu)}\mathbb{E}\Big[c\Big(\int_{0}^{1}X_{t}dt\Big)\Big]$$

where  $X = (X_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ ,  $\mu = (\mu_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mu) = \dots$ 

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#### One asset observed at two future dates

Our interest now is on the case where

 $X = X_0$  and  $Y = X_1$ 

are the prices of the same asset at two future dates 0 and 1  $\,$ 

Interest rate is reduced to zero

This setting introduces a new feature :

- the possibility of dynamic trading the asset between times 0 and 1
- duality converts this possibility into the martingale condition  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[Y|X] = X$



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### The superhedging problem

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## Superhedging $\equiv$ Kantorovitch dual problem

#### Equivalently :

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{v}_0 &= D_2(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{(\varphi, \psi, h) \in \mathcal{D}_2} \left\{ \mu(\varphi) + \nu(\psi) \right\} \\ \text{where } \mu(\varphi) &= \int \varphi d\mu, \ \mu(\psi) = \int \psi d\nu, \text{ and} \\ \mathcal{D}_2 &:= \left\{ (\varphi, \psi, h) : \varphi^+ \in \mathbb{L}^1(\mu), \psi^+ \in \mathbb{L}^1(\nu), h \in \mathbb{L}^0 \\ \varphi \oplus \psi + h^{\otimes} \geq c \right\} \end{split}$$

$$h^{\otimes}(x,y) := h(x)(y-x)$$



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#### The Martingale Optimal Transportation Problem

The corresponding dual problem is :

$$P_2(\mu, 
u)$$
 :=  $\sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mu, 
u)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[c(X, Y)]$ 

where 
$$\mathcal{M}_2(\mu, \nu) := \left\{ \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mu, \nu) : \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[Y|X] = X \right\}$$

and we recall 
$$\mathcal{P}_2(\mu,
u):=ig\{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{R}^2}:X\sim_{\mathbb{P}}\mu,Y\sim_{\mathbb{P}}
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#### Implication of the convex ordering

Kellerer 1972 :  $\mathcal{M}_2(\mu, \nu) \neq \emptyset$  iff  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  have same mean and  $\mu \preceq \nu$  (convex), i.e. with  $\delta F := F_{\nu} - F_{\mu}$ 

$$\int \delta F(\xi) d\xi = 0 \quad \text{and for all } k \quad \int_{(-\infty,k)} \delta F(\xi) d\xi \ge 0$$



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# Duality

Assume c(x, y) USC with linear growth, and recall

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#### Theorem (Beiglbock, Henry-Labordère, Penkner 2011)

 $P_2(\mu, \nu) = D_2(\mu, \nu)$ . Moreover existence holds for the Martingale Transportation Problem  $P_2(\mu, \nu)$ 

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#### Worst Case Financial Market - Brenier Theorem

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• Question 1 : Is there a transference plan, i.e. optimal transportation of  $\mu$  to  $\nu$  through a map  $T^*$ ? (Brenier Theorem)

#### Can not be a map, unless $\mu = \nu$ !

• Question 2 : Is there a transference plan along a minimal randomization

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#### Previous literature

Hobson and Neuberger (MF 2012) :

- Analyse the specific case c(x, y) = |x y|
- They characterize an optimal  $\mathbb{P}^\ast$  defined by a transference plan :

 $\mathbb{P}^{*}(dx, dy) = \mu(du) \big[ q(x) \delta_{\{T_{u}(x)\}}(dy) + (1-q)(x) \delta_{\{T_{d}(x)\}}(dy) \big]$ 

where

$$q(x) := rac{x - T_d(x)}{T_u(x) - T_d(x)}, \qquad T_d(x) \le x \le T_u(x)$$

and

 $T_u$  and  $T_d$  are non-decreasing



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## Previous literature : Beiglblock and Juillet (2012)

#### Definition

 $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mu, \nu)$  is left-monotone if  $\mathbb{P}[(X, Y) \in \Gamma] = 1$ , for some  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , and

for all  $(x, y_1), (x, y_2), (x', y') \in \Gamma$ :  $x < x' \implies y' \notin (y_1, y_2)$ 

#### Definition

 $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mu, \nu)$  is called a **left curtain** if  $\mathbb{P}$  is left-monotone and concentrated on two graphs

$$\mathbb{P} = \mu(dx) \big[ q(x) \delta_{\{T_u(x)\}}(dy)(1-q)(x) \delta_{\{T_d(x)\}}(dy) \big]$$



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# Previous literature : Beiglblock and Juillet (2012)

#### Theorem

 $\mu_2 \succeq \mu_1$ ,  $\mu_1$  without atoms. Then :

(i) there exists a unique left-monotone  $\mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mu, \nu)$ , and  $\mathbb{P}^*$  is a left-curtain

(ii)  $\mathbb{P}^*$  is a solution  $\mathsf{P}_2(\mu,\nu)$  in the following cases :

• 
$$c(x,y) = h(x - y)$$
 with h' strictly convex,

•  $c(x,y) = \varphi(x)\psi(y)$ ,  $\varphi, \psi \ge 0$ ,  $\psi$  strict convex,  $\varphi$  decreasing

#### Our objective :

- explicit derivation of  $\mathbb{P}^*$
- extend the class of couplings c for which  $\mathbb{P}^*$  is optimal
- extend to the multi-marginals case



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#### Explicit left-monotone transference plan

#### Theorem

Let  $\mu, \nu$  have finite first moment, same mean,  $\mu \leq \nu$ , and  $\mu$  without atoms. Then, the unique left-monotone transference plan is

$$\mathbb{P}^*(dx, dy) = \left[q(x)\delta_{\mathcal{T}_d(x)}(dx) + (1-q)(x)\delta_{\mathcal{T}_u(x)}(dx)\right]\mu(dx)$$

where  $T_u$ ,  $T_d$  are explicitly defined as follows... In particular, outside jumps,  $T_u$  and  $T_d$  solve the following ODEs :

$$d(\delta F \circ T_d) = (1-q)dF_{\mu}, \ \ d(F_{\nu} \circ T_u) = qdF_{\mu}$$



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# Duality and explicit Martingale Version of the Brenier Theorem

#### Theorem

Let  $\mu, \nu$  have finite first moment, same mean,  $\mu \leq \nu$ , and  $\mu$  without atoms. Assume that  $c_{xyy} > 0$ . Then

$$P_2 = D_2$$

and there is an explicit dual optimizer ( $\varphi^*,\psi^*,h^*)$  defined as follows...



#### The martingale version of the Spence-Mirrlees condition

... is  $c_{xyy} > 0$  :

• Notice that the solution of the Martingale Transport problem is not altered by the change of performance criterion :

$$c(x,y) \longrightarrow \hat{c}(x,y) := c(x,y) + a(x) + b(y) + h(x)(y-x)$$

•  $\hat{c}_{xyy} = c_{xyy}$ 

• The conditions of Beiglblock and Juillet :

• c(x,y) = h(x - y) with h' strictly convex,

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#### Lower bound

Suppose  $c_{xyy} > 0$ . Then

$$ar{c}(ar{x},ar{y}):=-c(-ar{x},-ar{y})$$
 satisfies  $ar{c}_{ar{x}ar{y}ar{y}}>0$ 

We exploit this symmetry to derive the lower bound :

$$\inf_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{M}_{2}(\mu,\nu)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[c(X,Y)] = -\sup_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{M}_{2}(\mu,\nu)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{c}(\bar{X},\bar{Y})]$$
$$= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}*}[c(X,Y)]$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_\ast$  is the left-monotone transference plan constructed from

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#### Construction : One local maximizer of $\delta F$

**Easy case** :  $T_u \nearrow$  and  $T_d \searrow$  after  $m_1$ , and

 $\mathbb{P}^{*}(dx, dy) = \mu_{0}(dx) \big[ q(x) \delta_{\{T_{u}(x)\}}(dy) + (1 - q(x)) \delta_{\{T_{d}(x)\}}(dy) \big]$ 





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#### Martingale transportation constraints

• First marginal is  $\mu_0$ , Martingale condition holds if  $q \in [0,1]$ 

#### • Second marginal :

• either  $y \leq m_1$ , then  $\mathbb{P}_*[Y \in dy] = dF_{\mu}(y) + \mathbb{E}[(1-q)(X)\mathbb{1}_{\{T_d(X) \in dy\}}]$ . So  $Y \sim_{\mathbb{P}_*} \nu$  with decreasing  $T_d$  implies

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#### Martingale transportation constraints

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# Characterizing $T_u$ and $T_d$

By direct integration :

$$T_u(x) = g(x, T_d(x))$$

and  $T_d(x)$  is the unique solution in  $(-\infty, m_1)$  of

$$\int_{-\infty}^{F_{\nu}^{-1} \circ F_{\mu}(x)} \xi dF_{\nu}(\xi) - \int_{-\infty}^{x} \xi dF_{\mu}(\xi) + \int_{-\infty}^{T_{d}(x)} (g(x,\xi) - \xi) d\delta F(\xi) = 0$$

where

$$g(x,y)$$
 :=  $F_{\nu}^{-1}(F_{\mu}(x)+\delta F(y))$ 

(compare to Fréchet-Hoeffding coupling!)



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## $T_u$ and $T_d$ as solutions of ODEs

• Assume  $F_0$  and  $F_1$  are differentiable. Then

$$T'_d = -\frac{(1-q)F'_0}{\delta F' \circ T_d}, \quad T'_u = \frac{qF'_0}{F'_1 \circ T_u} \quad \text{on} \quad (-\infty, m_1)$$
  
where  $q = (x - T_d)/(T_u - T_d)$ 

• If in addition  $m_1$  is a global maximizer of  $\delta F$ , and  $F_0$ ,  $F_1$  are twice differentiable near  $m_1$ ,

 $T_d(m_1+) = m_1, \ T_d'(m_1+) = -1/2 \ \text{and} \ T_d''(m_1) = +\infty$ 



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#### Explicit Dual Optimizers

• Dynamic hedging strategy :

$$\begin{aligned} h'_{*} &= \frac{c_{x}(.,T_{d}) - c_{x}(.,T_{d})}{T_{u} - T_{d}} \text{ on } (m_{1},\infty) \\ h_{*} &= h_{*} \circ T_{d}^{-1} + c_{y}(.,.) - c_{y}(T_{d}^{-1},.) \text{ on } (-\infty,m_{1}) \end{aligned}$$

• Static hedging in Y :

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## Multiple local maxima of $\delta F$



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#### Finitely many marginals martingale transportation

- Extension to finite discrete-time is immediate :
  - $\mu_i$  have same mean, and  $\mu_n \succeq \ldots \succeq \mu_0$
  - Optimal transportation with *n* marginals constraint :

$$P_n(\mu) = \sup_{\mathbb{P}\in\mathcal{M}_n(\mu)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[c(X)], \qquad c(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c^i(x_i,x_{i+1})$$

• The dual problem :

$$D_n(\mu) := \inf_{(u,h)\in\mathcal{D}_n}\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(u_i),$$

where

 $\mathcal{D}_n := \{(u, h) : (u_i)^+ \in \mathbb{L}^1(\mu_i) \text{ and } \oplus_{i=1}^n u_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} h_i^{\otimes i} \ge c\}.$ 



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• point of view 2 : Fokker-Planck equation for the density f

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