

An Invitation to Statistics in Wasserstein Space

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Convergence Rates

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Lemma 4.6.1 (Number of Points Grows Linearly)

Let $N_i^n = \Pi_i^n(\mathcal{X})$ denote the total number of observed points. If $\tau_n / \log n \rightarrow \infty$, then there exists a constant $C_\Pi > 0$, depending only on the distribution of Π , such that almost surely

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} N_i^n}{\tau_n} \geq C_\Pi$$

Hint: The Chernoff bound

$$\mathbb{P}(X - \mathbb{E}(X) > t) \leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}(e^{\lambda(X - \mathbb{E}(X))})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X - \mathbb{E}(X) > t) = \mathbb{P}(e^{\lambda(X - \mathbb{E}(X))} > e^{\lambda t})$$

$$\inf_{\lambda > 0} e^{-\lambda t} \int_{e^{\lambda(X - \mathbb{E}(X))} > e^{\lambda t}} e^{\lambda(X - \mathbb{E}(X))} d\mathbb{P}$$

Convergence Rates

The sketch of proof

A poisson point process.

$$N_1^{(n)}, N_2^{(n)}, \dots, N_n^{(n)} \sim N$$

$$\circ \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} N_i^{(n)}}{z_n} > 1, \text{ d.s.}$$

$$c > 1, t > 0$$

$$P(N > z/c) \leq \inf_{t > 0} \frac{\mathbb{E} e^{-Nt}}{e^{-t/c}} = \inf_{t > 0} \exp\left[-z\left(e^{-t} + \frac{t}{c} - 1\right)\right]$$

$$\Sigma \quad t = \log c$$

$$P(N > z/c) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{z}{c}\right), \text{ as } z = c^{-1} [c - 1 - \log c] > 0$$

$$P\left(\frac{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} N_i^{(n)}}{z_n} > 1, \right) = 1 \quad \Leftarrow \text{B.C}$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} N_i^{(n)}}{z_n} > 1, \text{ d.s.}$$

$$\frac{z_n}{\log z_n} \rightarrow \infty \cdot \frac{\sum \exp(-z_n/c)}{< \infty}$$

Convergence Rates

$$\sqrt{n} (F - F_n) \rightarrow$$

As in the consistency proof, the idea is to write

$$F - \hat{F}_n = (F - F_n) + (F_n - \tilde{F}_n) + (\tilde{F}_n - \hat{F}_n)$$

The standard $O_{\mathbb{P}}$ terminology:

if X_n and Y_n are random variables, then $X_n = O_{\mathbb{P}}(Y_n)$ means that the sequence (X_n/Y_n) is bounded in probability, which by the definition is the condition

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists M : \sup_n \mathbb{P}(|X_n/Y_n| > M) < \epsilon.$$

$X_n = o_{\mathbb{P}}(Y_n)$ means that $X_n/Y_n \rightarrow 0$ in probability.

$o(Y_n)$ dis.
 $O(Y_n)$ ds

$$\limsup_n \mathbb{P}(|X_n/Y_n| > n) = 0$$

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- $\prod_i (1/n)$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{X_i}{\hat{X}_i}$
- $\hat{X}_1 \dots \hat{X}_n$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{X}_n}{\prod_{i \neq n} \hat{X}_i} = \hat{X}_n$
- $\frac{X_i}{\hat{X}_i} = \hat{X}_i$
- $\frac{X_i}{\hat{X}_i} \cdot \hat{X}_i$

Convergence Rates

$$T_n = n.$$

Theorem 4.6.3 (Convergence Rates on \mathbb{R})

Suppose in addition to Assumptions 3 that $d = 1, T_n / \log n \rightarrow \infty$ and that Π is either a Poisson process or a binomial process. Then

$$W_2(\hat{\lambda}_n, \lambda) \leq O_P\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) + O_P\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{T_n}}\right) + O_P\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T_n}}\right), \quad \sigma_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{(n)},$$

where all the constants in the O_P terms are explicit.

$$\frac{\sqrt{n} \left(\hat{\lambda}_n - \lambda \right)}{\sigma} \rightarrow \text{Law } \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$W(\hat{\lambda}_n, \lambda) = O_P\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Convergence Rates

The sketch of proof

$$X = \mathbb{R}, \quad w_2(\gamma, \theta) = \|F_0^{-1} - \bar{F}_\gamma^{-1}\|_{L_2(0,1)},$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

$$F_{\lambda_n}^{-1} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F_{\lambda_i}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{n} (F_{\lambda_n}^{-1} - \bar{F}_\lambda^{-1}) = \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F_{\lambda_i}^{-1} - \bar{F}_\lambda^{-1} \right)$$

GP: $X_t, (t \in T)$
 $\triangleright t_1, \dots, t_n \in T$
 $(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n}) \sim \text{Multinomial}$
 $T = L_2(0,1)$

→ GP

$$w_2(\lambda_1, \lambda) = \|\bar{F}_{\lambda_n}^{-1} - \bar{F}_\lambda^{-1}\|$$

$$\bar{F}_{\lambda_n}^{-1} - \bar{F}_\lambda^{-1} = O_p(n^{-1/2})$$

$$\bar{F}_{\lambda_n}^{-1} - \bar{F}_{\lambda_n}^{-1}$$

$$(X_{f_1}, \dots, X_{f_n}), \quad f_1, \dots, f_n \in L_2(0,1)$$

$$\|\bar{F}_{\lambda_n}^{-1} - \bar{F}_{\hat{\lambda}_n}^{-1}\| = \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F_{\lambda_i}^{-1} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{F}_{\hat{\lambda}_i}^{-1} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|F_{\lambda_i}^{-1} - \bar{F}_{\hat{\lambda}_i}^{-1}\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_2(\lambda_i, \hat{\lambda}_i)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_2(\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_2(\tilde{\lambda}_i, \hat{\lambda}_i) \leq \sqrt{C_{fit}} \sigma_h$$

Central Limit Theorem

Theorem 4.6.5 (Asymptotic Normality)

In addition to the conditions of Theorem 4.6.3, assume that $\tau_n/n^2 \rightarrow \infty$, $\sigma_n = o_P(n^{-1/2})$ and λ possesses an invertible distribution function F_λ on K . Then

$$\sqrt{n}(t_{\hat{\lambda}_n} - i) \rightarrow Z \text{ weakly in } L_2(\lambda)$$

for a zero-mean Gaussian process Z with the same covariance operator of T (the latter viewed as a random element in $L_2(\lambda)$, namely with covariance kernel

$$\kappa(x, y) = \text{cov}(T(x), T(y)).$$

If the density f_λ exists and is (piecewise) continuous and bounded below on K , then the weak convergence also holds in $L_2(K)$.

Convergence Rates

The sketch of proof

$$G_n = \sqrt{n} (\underline{P}_n(f) - \underline{P}(f))$$

$f \in \mathcal{F}$.

$$T(\underline{f}_1, \underline{f}_2) = \text{Cov}(f_1, f_2)$$

$$G_n \rightarrow G_P \text{ in } \mathcal{F}$$

$$T(\underline{f}_1, \underline{f}_2) = \text{Cov}(f_1, f_2)$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{x} - \mu) \rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$X_n \rightarrow x \uparrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x) \cdot G_P \rightarrow G_P \circ F_X$$

$f(x)$ i.i.d. continuous

$$\textcircled{1} \sqrt{n} (\bar{F}_{X_n}^{-1} - F_X^{-1}) = o_p(1)$$

$\textcircled{2}$ Slutsky, Thm.

$$\sqrt{n} (\bar{F}_{X_n}^{-1} - F_X^{-1})$$

$$= \sqrt{n} (\bar{F}_{X_n}^{-1} - F_X^{-1}) + \sqrt{n} (\bar{F}_{X_n}^{-1} - F_X^{-1})$$
$$\rightarrow G_P \text{ in } L_2(\mathbb{R}) \quad o_p(1)$$

$$\sqrt{n} (\hat{t}_{X_n}^{-1} - t) = \sqrt{n} (\bar{F}_{X_n}^{-1} \circ F_X - F_X^{-1} \circ F_X)$$

$$= \sqrt{n} (\bar{F}_{X_n}^{-1} - F_X^{-1}) \circ F_X \rightarrow G_P \circ F_X$$
$$G_P \rightarrow G_P \circ F_X$$

$\textcircled{3}$ continuous mapping Thm

$$f(G_P) = G_P \circ F_X$$

Content

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F_{\lambda_i}^{-1} \circ \bar{F}_\lambda - \underline{F_\lambda^{-1} \circ \bar{F}_\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{t_{\lambda_i}^{\wedge i}}{T_i} - i \right) = \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i - i \right) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \rightarrow Z \end{aligned}$$

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Convergence of the Empirical Measure and Optimality

Π : binomial $Z_n = n$.

Lemma 4.7.1

Let $\mu \in P(\mathcal{X})$ be any measure. Then

$$\mathbb{E}W_p(\mu, \mu_n) = \begin{cases} = \infty & \mu \notin \mathcal{W}_p(\mathcal{X}) \\ \rightarrow 0 & \mu \in \mathcal{W}_p(\mathcal{X}) \end{cases}$$

$O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$
 $\mu_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(x_i)$

Proof

We already know that $Y_n = W_p^p(\mu, \mu_n) \rightarrow 0$ almost surely if and only if $\mu \in \mathcal{W}_p(\mathcal{X})$ in Proposition 2.2.6.

$Y_n \rightarrow 0$ a.s.
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} Y_n = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n = 0$

$$0 \leq Y_n \leq \int_{\mathcal{X}^2} \|x - y\|^p d\mu \otimes \mu_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\mathcal{X}} \|x - X_i\|^p d\mu := Z_n$$

Let $V = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \|x - X_1\|^p d\mu$

$Z_1, \dots, Z_n \sim V$. $\mathbb{E} Z_n \rightarrow \mathbb{E} Z$

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Continued

$$\mathbb{E}[V] = \int_{\mathcal{X}^2} \underbrace{\|x - y\|^p}_{Z_n} d\mu \otimes \mu \leq 2^p \int_{\mathcal{X}^2} \underbrace{\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p}_{\mu \in W_p^1(\mathcal{X})} d\mu \otimes \mu < \infty$$

It follows that $\mathbb{E}[Z_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[V]$. By the General Dominated Convergence Theorem, $\mathbb{E}[Y_n] = 0$. Jensen's inequality yields

$$EW_p(\mu, \mu_n) \leq [EW_p^p(\mu, \mu_n)]^{1/p} = [\mathbb{E}Y_n]^{1/p} \rightarrow 0$$

Convergence of the Empirical Measure and Optimality

Lemma 4.7.3 (\sqrt{n} Lower Bound)

Let $\mu \in P(\mathcal{X})$ be nondegenerate. Then there exists a constant $c(\mu) > 0$ such that for all $p > 1$ and all n

$$\mathbb{E}W_p(\mu_n, \mu) \geq \frac{c(\mu)}{\sqrt{n}}$$

proof

Let $X \sim \mu$, and let $a \neq b$ be two points in the support μ . Consider $f(x) = \min\{1, \|x - a\|\}$.

The Kantorovich–Rubinstein Theorem:

$$W_1(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathcal{X}^2} d(x, y) d\pi(x, y) = \sup_{\|\varphi\|_{Lip} \leq 1} \left| \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi d\mu - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi d\nu \right|$$

Using the Kantorovich–Rubinstein Theorem gives

Convergence of the Empirical Measure and Optimality

Continued

$$X_n := n^{-1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) - \mathbb{E}f(X) \right) \rightarrow N(0, \text{Var} f(X))$$

$$\sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}W_p(\mu_n, \mu) \geq \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}W_1(\mu_n, \mu) \geq \mathbb{E} \left| n^{-1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \mathbb{E}f(X) \right) \right|$$

$$\mathbb{E} |X_n| \rightarrow \mathbb{E} |X|$$

$$|X_n| \stackrel{D}{\rightarrow} |X|$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2 \text{Var} f(X)}{\pi}}$$

Lemma 4.7.4 (Separated Support)

Suppose that there exist Borel sets $A, B \subset \mathcal{X}$ such that $\mu(A \cup B) = 1$,

$$\mu(A)\mu(B) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad d_{\min} = \inf_{x \in A, y \in B} \|x - y\| > 0$$

$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$

Then, for any $p \geq 1$ there exists $c_p(\mu) > 0$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}W_p(\mu_n, \mu) \geq c_p(\mu) n^{-1/2p}$$

$$n^{-1/2p} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Convergence of the Empirical Measure and Optimality

On the real line, it is easy to obtain a sufficient condition for the optimal rate $n^{-1/2}$ to be attained for W_1 :

$$\mathbb{E}W_1(\mu_n, \mu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}|F_n(t) - F(t)| dt \leq n^{-1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{F(t)(1-F(t))} dt$$

so that $W_1(\mu_n, \mu)$ is of the optimal order $n^{-1/2}$ if

$$J_1(\mu) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{F(t)(1-F(t))} dt < \infty$$

For any $\epsilon > 0$, we have for $X \sim \mu$ that
 $\mathbb{E}(|X|^{2+\epsilon}) < \infty \Rightarrow J_1(\mu) < \infty \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}|X|^2 < \infty$
 $X \in L_2(\mu)$

Convergence of the Empirical Measure and Optimality

Let f denote the density of the absolutely continuous part of μ . $\mu = \underbrace{f}_{\text{absolutely continuous}} + \underbrace{g}_{\text{singular}}$

Theorem 4.7.5 (Rate of Convergence of Empirical Measures)

Let $p \geq 1$ and $\mu \in \mathcal{W}_p(\mathbb{R})$. The condition

$$J_p(\mu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{[F(t)(1 - F(t))]^{p/2}}{f(t)^{p-1}} dt < \infty$$

is necessary and sufficient for $\mathbb{E}W_p(\mu_n, \mu) = O(\underline{n^{-1/2}})$

Convergence of the Empirical Measure and Optimality

Proposition 4.7.7

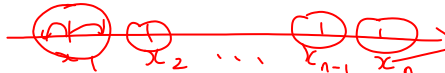
Let $\mu \in \mathcal{W}_1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ have an absolutely continuous part with respect to Lebesgue measure, and let ν_n be any discrete measure supported on n points (or less). Then there exists a constant $C(\mu) > 0$ such that

$$W_p(\mu, \nu_n) \geq W_1(\mu, \nu_n) \geq C(\mu)n^{-1/d}.$$

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Proof

f , density of $\mu \leftarrow \mu$
 $\sigma > 0$. m. $2\sigma = \mu(\{x = f(x) \leq \sigma\})$
 x_1, \dots, x_n support points of ν_n
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\mu_{C, M}$

$< \varepsilon$


$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_{C, M} \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_\varepsilon(x_i) \right) &\leq M \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Leb} (B_\varepsilon(x_i)) \\
 &= M \cdot n \varepsilon^d \underbrace{\text{Leb}_d(B_1(0))}_{C_d} \\
 &= \sigma (n M C_d)^{-1} \leq \sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

$W_1(\nu_n, \mu) \geq \sigma \varepsilon$
 $= O(\sigma / M C_d)^{1/d} \cdot n^{-1/d}$

if $\varepsilon = \sigma (n M C_d)^{-1}$
 $\mu_{C, M} \leq \sigma$

Convergence of the Empirical Measure and Optimality

if μ supported on compact set $\Rightarrow N(\mu, \epsilon, 0) \leq K \epsilon^{-d}$

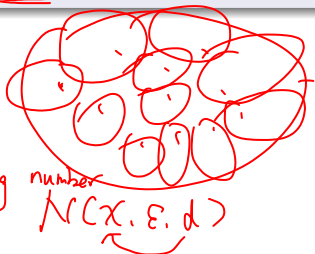
Theorem 4.7.8

If for some $d > 2p$, $N(\mu, \epsilon, \epsilon^{dp/(d-2p)}) \leq K \epsilon^{-d}$, then $\mathbb{E} W_p \leq C_p n^{-1/d}$.

where

$$d > 2, \mathbb{E} W_p(\mu_n, \mu) \leq n^{-1/d}$$

$N(\mu, \epsilon, \tau)$ = minimal number of balls whose union has μ mass $\geq 1 - \tau$



covering number

$$N(X, \epsilon, d)$$

$$X \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(x_i)$$

$$P(X \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(x_i)) = 1$$

$$P(X \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(x_i)) > 1 - \tau$$

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A Steepest Descent Algorithm

\mathbb{R}^d

We assume that N is a fixed integer and consider a fixed collection $\mu^1, \mu^2, \dots, \mu^N \in \mathcal{W}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with μ^1 absolutely continuous with bounded density, which has unique Frechet mean by Proposition 3.1.8.

Theorem 3.1.14 shows that if γ is absolutely continuous then the associated Frechet functional

$$F(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N W_2^2(\mu^i, \gamma)$$

$\bar{\mu} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu \in \mathcal{U}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)} F(\mu)$

has Frechet derivative

$$F'(\gamma) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log_{\gamma}(\mu^i) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_{\gamma}^{\mu^i} - i)$$

$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_{\gamma}^{\mu^i} - i)$

A Steepest Descent Algorithm

We use $\gamma_j \in \mathcal{W}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ to represent our estimate of the Frechet mean at step j . If we introduce a step size $\tau_j > 0$, and to follow the steepest descent of F given by the negative of the gradient:

$$\underline{\gamma_{j+1}} = \underline{[i - \tau_j F'(\gamma_j)]}_{\# \gamma_j} = \underline{[i + \tau_j \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_{\gamma_j}^{\mu_i} - i)]}_{\# \gamma_j}$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \tau_i F'(x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{j+1} &= [i - F'(\gamma_j)]_{\# \gamma_j} \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N t_{\gamma_j}^{\mu_i} \right]_{\# \gamma_j} = \bar{T}_j \# \gamma_j \end{aligned}$$

A Steepest Descent Algorithm

$\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots$

Lemma 5.1.1 (Regularity of the Iterates)

If γ_0 is absolutely continuous and $\tau = \tau_0 \in [0, 1]$, then $\gamma_1 = \exp(-\tau_0 F'(\gamma_0))$ is also absolutely continuous.

Lemma 5.1.2 (Optimal Stepsize)

If $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is absolutely continuous, then

$$F(\gamma_1) - F(\gamma_0) \leq -\|F'(\gamma_0)\|^2 \left[\tau - \frac{\tau^2}{2} \right]$$

Handwritten notes: $\in L_2(\gamma_0)$ above the norm, and underlines under the entire right-hand side.

and the bound on the right-hand side of the last display is minimised when $\tau = 1$.

A Steepest Descent Algorithm

Proof of Lemma 5.1.2

Let $S_i = t_{\gamma_0}^{\mu^i}$ and $W_i = S_i - i$. Then

$$2NF(\gamma_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_2^2(\gamma_0, \mu^i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|S_i - i\|^2 d\gamma_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|W_i\|^2.$$

We invoke the inequality (2.3)

$$W_p^p(t_{\#_\mu}, s_{\#_\mu}) \leq \int_{\mathcal{X}} \|t(x) - s(x)\|^p d\mu(x)$$

to get

$$W_2^2(\gamma_1, \mu^i) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|(1-\tau)i + \frac{\tau}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N S_j - S_i\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2 d\gamma_0 = \|-W_i + \frac{\tau}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N W_j\|^2$$

A Steepest Descent Algorithm

Proof of Lemma 5.1.2

$$\begin{aligned}
 2N F(\gamma_1) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| -W_i + \frac{\tau}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N W_j \right\|^2 \\
 2NF(\gamma_1) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \|W_i\|^2 - 2\frac{\tau}{N} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \langle W_i, W_j \rangle + N\tau^2 \left\| \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N} W_j \right\|^2 \\
 &= \underbrace{2NF(\gamma_0)}_{\text{circled}} - 2N\tau \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{N} W_i \right\|^2 + N\tau^2 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{N} W_i \right\|^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

$\left\langle -W_i + \frac{\tau}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N W_j, -W_j + \frac{\tau}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N W_j \right\rangle$

Recall that $F'(\gamma_0) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_{\gamma_0}^{\mu_i} - i) W_i$ yields

$$F(\gamma_1) - F(\gamma_0) \leq -\|F'(\gamma_0)\|^2 \left[\tau - \frac{\tau^2}{2} \right]$$

and it is obvious that $\tau - \frac{\tau^2}{2}$ is maximised at $\tau = 1$.

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$$F(\gamma_0) - F(\gamma_k) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|F'(\gamma_0)\|^2$$

A first step in the convergence analysis is that the sequence $F(\gamma_j)$ is nonincreasing and that for any integer k ,

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^k \|F'(\gamma_j)\|^2 \leq$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^k \|F'(\gamma_j)\|^2 \leq \sum_{j=0}^k [F(\gamma_j) - F(\gamma_{j+1})] = F(\gamma_0) - F(\gamma_{k+1}) \leq F(\gamma_0).$$

which implies $\|F'(\gamma_j)\|^2$ must vanish as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

A Steepest Descent Algorithm

The resulting iteration is summarised as Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1 Steepest descent via Procrustes analysis

- (A) Set a tolerance threshold $\varepsilon > 0$.
 - (B) For $j = 0$, let γ_j be an arbitrary absolutely continuous measure.
 - (C) For $i = 1, \dots, N$ solve the (pairwise) Monge problem and find the optimal transport map $\mathbf{t}_{\gamma_j}^{\mu^i}$ from γ_j to μ^i .
 - (D) Define the map $T_j = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{t}_{\gamma_j}^{\mu^i}$.
 - (E) Set $\gamma_{j+1} = T_j \# \gamma_j$, i.e. push-forward γ_j via T_j to obtain γ_{j+1} .
 - (F) If $\|F'(\gamma_{j+1})\| < \varepsilon$, stop, and output γ_{j+1} as the approximation of $\bar{\mu}$ and $\mathbf{t}_{\gamma_{j+1}}^{\mu^i}$ as the approximation of $\mathbf{t}_{\bar{\mu}}^{\mu^i}$, $i = 1, \dots, N$. Otherwise, return to step (C).
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