

PART III : GRADIENT FLOWS IN $\mathcal{P}_2(H)$

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- Convexity properties of $\frac{1}{2} W_2^2(\cdot, \sigma)$
- Convex functionals in $\mathcal{P}_2(H)$
- Examples of Gradient flows

$\mathcal{P}_2(H)$ is a Positively Curved metric space, i.e.

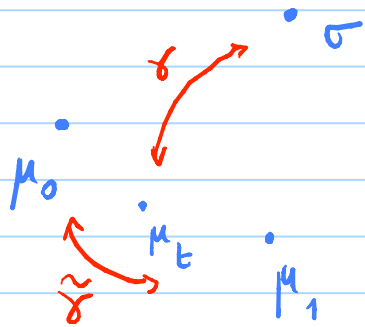
$$\frac{1}{2} W_2^2(\mu_t, \sigma) \geq \frac{1}{2} (1-t) W_2^2(\mu_0, \sigma) + \frac{t}{2} W_2^2(\mu_1, \sigma) - \frac{t(1-t)}{2} W_2^2(\mu_0, \mu_1)$$

for all constant speed geodesics $\mu_t: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2(H)$.

PROOF. We use the following lemma: $\forall t \in [0, 1] \quad \forall \tilde{\sigma} \in \Gamma_0(\mu_0, \mu_1)$

$\forall \sigma \in \Gamma_0(\mu_t, \sigma)$ there exists $\eta \in \mathcal{D}_2(\underbrace{H}_{\mu_0} \times \underbrace{H}_{\mu_1} \times \underbrace{H}_{\sigma})$ with

$$(\pi^1, \pi^2)_{\#} \eta = \tilde{\sigma}, \quad ((1-t)\pi^1 + t\pi^2, \pi^3)_{\#} \eta = \sigma$$



We use also the Hilbertian identity

$$\frac{1}{2} |(1-t)x_1 + tx_2 - x_3|^2 = \frac{(1-t)}{2} |x_1 - x_3|^2 + \frac{t}{2} |x_2 - x_3|^2 - \frac{t(1-t)}{2} |x_1 - x_2|^2$$

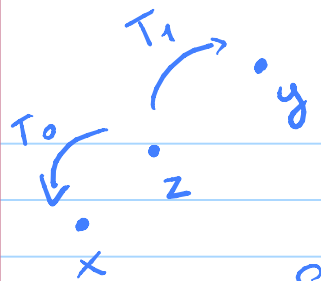
to get:

$$\begin{aligned}
W_2^2(\mu_t, \sigma) &= \int |x_1 - x_2|^2 d\tilde{\gamma} = \int |(1-t)x_1 + tx_2 - x_3|^2 d\eta = \\
&= \int (1-t)|x_1 - x_3|^2 d\eta + \int t|x_2 - x_3|^2 d\eta - t(1-t) \int |x_1 - x_2|^2 d\eta \\
&\geq \geq = \\
&(1-t)W_2^2(\mu_0, \sigma) + tW_2^2(\mu_1, \sigma) - t(1-t)W_2^2(\mu_0, \mu_1) \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

To prove the lemma, remember that $\Gamma_0(\mu_t, \mu_0) = \{(\text{Id} \times T_0)_\# \mu_t\}$
 $\Gamma_0(\mu_t, \mu_1) = \{(\text{Id} \times T_1)_\# \mu_t\}$

injection!

$(x, y) \in \text{supp } \tilde{\gamma} \xrightarrow{\quad} z = (1-t)x + ty \xrightarrow{\quad} (x, y) =: (T_0(z), T_1(z))$
 $z \rightarrow (x, y)$ is well-defined \checkmark by $\text{on } \text{supp } \mu_t$ cyclical monotonicity of $\text{supp } \tilde{\gamma}$



$$(**) \quad (T_0, T_1)_\# \mu_t = \gamma$$

$$(*) \quad (1-t) T_0(z) + t T_1(z) = z \quad \text{on } \text{supp } \mu_t.$$

Set now $\chi(z, x_3) := (T_0(z), T_1(z), x_3)$ and

$$\eta := \chi_\#(\gamma)$$

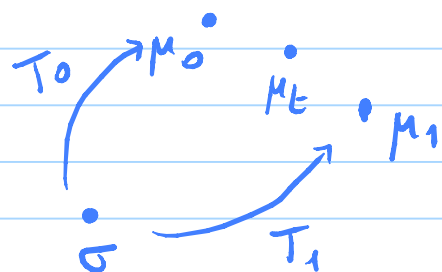
$$((1-t)\pi^1 + t\pi^2, \pi^3)_\# \eta = ((1-t)T_0 + tT_1, x_3)_\# \gamma = \gamma \quad \text{by } (*)$$

$$(\pi^1, \pi^2)_\# \eta = (T_0, T_1)_\# \gamma = (T_0, T_1)_\# \mu_t = \gamma \quad \text{by } (**)$$



Since $\mathcal{B}_2(H)$ is (PC), we have to find different curves along which $\frac{1}{2} W_2^2(\cdot, \sigma)$ is 1-convex

(INTERPOLATING CURVE WITH BASE σ)



When $H = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\sigma \ll \mathcal{L}^n$, we set

$$\mu_t := ((1-t)T_0 + tT_1)_{\#} \sigma$$

T_0 optimal from σ to μ_0 , T_1 optimal from σ to μ_1

In general, given $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma_0(\sigma, \mu_0)$, $\gamma_1 \in \Gamma_0(\sigma, \mu_1)$, find

$\eta \in \mathcal{O}(H \times H \times H)$ with $(\pi^1, \pi^2)_{\#} \eta = \gamma_0$, $(\pi^1, \pi^3)_{\#} \eta = \gamma_1$ and set

$$\mu_t := ((1-t)x_2 + tx_3)_{\#} \sigma \quad \left[\eta = \int (\gamma_0)_{x_1} (dx_2) \times (\gamma_1)_{x_1} (dx_3) d\sigma(x_1) \right]$$

$\frac{1}{2} W_2^2(\cdot, \sigma)$ is 1-convex along the interpolating curves with base σ .

PROOF Since $(x_1, (1-t)x_2 + tx_3)_{\#} \eta \in \Gamma(\sigma, \mu_t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_2^2(\mu_t, \sigma) &\leq \int |(1-t)x_2 + tx_3 - x_1|^2 d\eta \\ &= \underbrace{(1-t) \int |x_2 - x_1|^2 d\eta}_{\parallel} + \underbrace{t \int |x_3 - x_1|^2 d\eta}_{\parallel} - t(1-t) \int |x_1 - x_2|^2 d\eta \leq \\ &(1-t) W_2^2(\sigma, \mu_0) + t W_2^2(\sigma, \mu_1) - t(1-t) W_2^2(\mu_0, \mu_1). \end{aligned}$$

CONVEX FUNCTIONALS IN $\mathcal{S}_2(H)$

- POTENTIAL ENERGY $V: H \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ ($\inf V > -\infty$)

$$\Phi(\mu) = \int V d\mu$$

(1) V λ -convex, $\lambda \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Phi$ λ -convex along all interpolating curves

(2) V λ -convex $\Leftrightarrow \Phi$ is λ -convex along constant speed geodesics

Proof of (1):

$$\Phi(\mu_t) = \int V d\mu_t = \int V((1-t)x_2 + tx_3) d\eta(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\leq (1-t) \int v(x_2) d\eta + t \int v(x_3) d\eta - \frac{\lambda}{2} t(1-t) \int |x_2 - x_3|^2 d\eta$$

$$\leq (1-t) \Phi(\mu_0) + t \Phi(\mu_1) - \frac{\lambda}{2} t(1-t) W_2^2(\mu_0, \mu_1).$$

The proof of (2) is analogous.

• INTERACTION ENERGY $W: H^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ ($\inf W > -\infty$)

$$\Phi(\mu) := \int W(x_1, \dots, x_k) d\mu \overset{k \text{ times}}{x_1 \dots x_k} \mu$$

W λ -convex in H^k , $\lambda \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Phi$ $k\lambda$ -convex

W λ -convex in $H^k \Rightarrow \Phi$ $k\lambda$ -convex along geodesics

$$(K=2): \int W((1-t)x_1 + ty_1, (1-t)x_2 + ty_2) d\delta(x_1, y_1) d\delta(x_2, y_2) \leq$$

$$(1-t) \int W(x_1, x_2) d\delta(x_1, y_1) d\delta(x_2, y_2) + t \int W(y_1, y_2) d\delta(x_1, y_1) d\delta(x_2, y_2)$$

$$-\frac{\lambda}{2} t(1-t) \int |y_1, y_2 - x_1, x_2|^2 d\delta(x_1, y_1) d\delta(x_2, y_2)$$

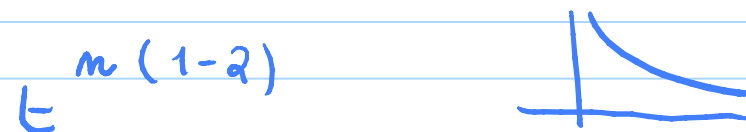
$$\lambda \in (1-t) W_2^2(\mu_0, \mu_1)$$

- (INTERNAL ENERGY)

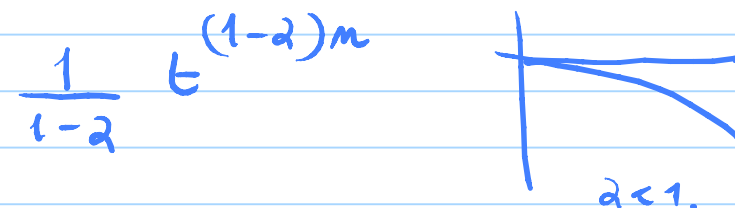
$$\Phi(p) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(p) dx \quad \text{with } u(0) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$t \rightarrow t^m \vee (t^{-m})$ convex \searrow in $(0, +\infty)$ (*)

Examples • $z^2, 2 \geq 1$



• $\frac{1}{2-1} z^2$ $2 \geq 1 - \frac{1}{m}$



• $\frac{1}{2-1} (z^2 - z) \rightarrow z \ln z$

THEOREM 3. If (*) holds, Φ is convex along all interpolating curves.

PROOF. • Explicit formula for the interpolated densities

- Concavity of

$$A \longrightarrow (\det A)^{1/m}$$

$$\text{in } \{A \in \text{Sym}^{m \times m} \mid A \geq 0\} \quad (\text{see CAFFARELLI - CABRE'})$$

$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mu_0 \bullet & \\ \nearrow T_0 & & \\ \bullet & \xrightarrow{T_1} & \bullet \\ \sigma \ll \mathcal{L}^m & & \mu_1 \end{array}$

$\sigma = \rho \mathcal{L}^m$

$$T_0 = \nabla \varphi_0 \quad \text{optimal from } \sigma \text{ to } \mu_0$$

$$T_1 = \nabla \varphi_1 \quad \text{optimal from } \sigma \text{ to } \mu_1$$

$$T_t = ((1-t) T_0 + t T_1), \quad \mu_t = (T_t)_\# (\rho \mathcal{L}^m)$$

$$\mu_t = \frac{\rho}{\det \nabla T_t} \circ (T_t|_{\Sigma^c})^{-1} \mathcal{L}^m \quad (**)$$

$$\Phi(\mu_t) = \int \det \nabla T_t \, U\left(\frac{\rho}{\det \nabla T_t}\right) dx$$

"y = T_t(x)"

$A \rightarrow \det A \, U\left(\frac{\rho(x)}{\det A}\right)$ is convex, being the composition

of the concave map $A \rightarrow (\det A)^{1/m}$ and the convex \searrow

map $z \rightarrow z^m \, U(\rho(x)/z^m)$.

Let $\Gamma(x)$ be a monotone operator. Then:

(1) for \mathbb{L}^m -a.e. x $\Gamma(x) = \{p(x)\}$ is single-valued;

(2) for \mathbb{L}^m -a.e. x $\exists A(x)$, $n \times n$ matrix, with

$$\lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow x \\ q \in \Gamma(y)}} \frac{|q - p(x) - A(x)(y - x)|}{|y - x|} = 0.$$

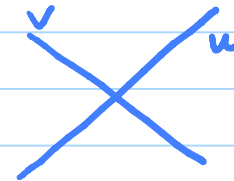
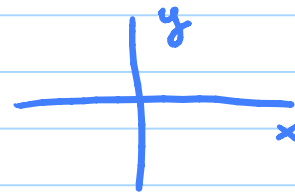
If $\Gamma(x) = \partial\varphi(x)$, $A(x) \in \text{Sym}^{n \times n}$ for a.e. x $\left(A = D^2\varphi / \mathbb{L}^m \right)$

PROOF Monotone functions $\stackrel{(\text{MINTY})}{\iff}$ 1-lipschitz maps

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See A. - ALBERTI, '88

$$\begin{cases} u = (y+x)/\sqrt{2} \\ v = (y-x)/\sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

All these examples can be combined

$$\Phi(\mu) = \int U(\rho) + V\rho \, dx + \int W \rho(x) \rho(y) \, dx dy$$
$$\mu = \rho \, \mathcal{L}^n$$

and we get, by the general theory, existence, uniqueness, stability, error estimates,

Since $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ has a differentiable structure, we can go back to a differentiable description of all these results.

DEFINITION let $F: \mathcal{C}_2(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be convex along geodesics.

$$\partial F(\mu) = \left\{ \gamma \in L^2(\mu; H) \mid F(\nu) \geq F(\mu) + \int \langle \gamma(x), y-x \rangle d\gamma \right. \\ \left. \forall \nu, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma_0(\mu, \nu) \right\}$$

When γ is induced by T , we have

$$F(\nu) \geq F(\mu) + \int \langle \gamma(x), T(x) - x \rangle d\mu(x)$$

DEFINITION μ_t is a (GF) if:

- (1) $\frac{d}{dt} \mu_t + \nabla \cdot (v_t \mu_t) = 0$, with $\|v_t\|_{L^2(\mu_t)} \in L^2_{loc}(0, +\infty)$
- (2) $-v_t \in \partial F(\mu_t)$ for a.e. t .

THEOREM 4. The (GF), (EVI) and (EDI) formulations are equivalent.

The proof uses, as in the Hilbertian case, the formula for the derivative of $\frac{1}{2} W_2^2(\cdot, \sigma)$ along a.c. curves:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{2} W_2^2(\mu_t, \sigma) = - \int \langle v_t(x), y - x \rangle d\sigma \quad \forall \sigma \in \Gamma_0(\mu_t, \sigma)$$

where v_t is the tangent velocity field to μ_t .

ENTROPY AND RELATIVE ENTROPY

$$F(\rho) = \int \rho \ln \rho + \rho V \, dx \quad \mu = \rho \mathcal{L}^n$$

Then $\nabla F(\rho) = \frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho} + V$, so that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_t + \operatorname{div} \left(- \nabla F(\rho_t) \rho_t \right) = 0 \quad \text{becomes}$$

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 V_t

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_t = \operatorname{div} \left(\nabla \rho_t + \rho_t \nabla V \right) \quad (\text{FP equation})$$

Proof of $\nabla F(\rho) = \frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho} + \nabla V$ ($T = \nabla \varphi$)

$$\frac{d}{dt} F((\text{Id} + tT)_{\#} \rho) \Big|_{t=0} = \int \left\langle \frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho} + \nabla V, T \right\rangle \rho \, dx$$

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$$\int \rho_t \ln \rho_t + \int V \rho_t = \int \rho \ln \frac{\rho}{\det(\text{Id} + t \nabla T)} + \int V \rho_t$$

$$= \int \rho \ln \rho + \int V \rho + t \left(- \int \rho \Delta T + \int \langle \nabla V, \nabla T \rangle \rho \right) + o(t)$$

A more intrinsic representation of F

Set $\delta = e^{-V} L^n$, so that $\mu = \rho L^n = u \delta$, $u = \rho e^V$

Then
$$\int \rho \ln \rho + \rho V \, dx = \int u \ln u \, d\delta =: \mathcal{H}(\mu | \delta)$$

↑
relative entropy w.r.t. δ

Once we take δ as reference measure, the whole picture works equally well in ∞ dimensions.

The convexity condition on V becomes

$$\ln \gamma((1-t)A + tB) \geq (1-t) \ln \gamma(A) + t \ln \gamma(B)$$

γ log-concave $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{H}(\cdot | \gamma)$ is convex along geodesics
 $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{H}(\cdot | \gamma)$ is convex along all
interpolating curves

\Rightarrow (EVI) solutions to $\mathcal{H}(\cdot | \gamma)$ exist and are stable.

Again, we can find a differential description, and connect this with the traditional viewpoint based on Dirichlet forms:

$$\mathcal{E}_\gamma(u, v) = \int \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle d\gamma$$

$P_t u = L^2$ semigroup generated by \mathcal{E}_γ

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle P_t u, v \rangle = \mathcal{E}_\gamma(P_t u, v) \quad \forall v$$

$$P_t u(x) = \int u dS_t \delta_x$$

$S_t \mu =$ WASSERSTEIN semigroup generated by $\mathcal{L}(\cdot | \sigma)$

(See A. - SAVARE' - ZAMBOTTI)