# Transport problems with gradient penalization 

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## The more general formulation

Let be $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ a bounded open set, $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega), \nu \in \mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$; we investigate the problem

$$
\inf \left\{\int_{\Omega} c(x, T(x), \nabla T(x)) \mathrm{d} \mu(x)\right\}
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among the functions $T: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d}, \nabla T$ being the Jacobian matrix of $T$, such that $T_{\#} \mu=\nu$.

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- link with the incompressible elasticity :
- minimization of the stress tensor, quatratic in $\nabla T$
- the constraint involves $|\operatorname{det} \nabla T|$, which is equivalent to conditions on the image measure $T_{\#} \mu$ for regular and injective $T$

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$\Rightarrow$ The problem (1) admits at least one solution.

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Then $\int_{I} f\left(T^{\prime}(x)\right) \mathrm{d} x<+\infty$ with the inequality

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\int_{I} f\left(\left|U^{\prime}(x)\right|\right) \mathrm{d} x \geq \int_{I} f\left(n(x) T^{\prime}(x)\right) \mathrm{d} x \tag{2}
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where $n(x)=\# U^{-1}(T(x)), x \in I$.

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We take the limit of the inequality at the rank $k$ by semi-continuity and $\Gamma$-convergence techniques.


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We take $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}^{1}$ with

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\frac{\mathrm{d} \mu}{\mathrm{~d} \mathcal{L}^{1}}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\alpha \text { on }[0,1 / 4] \cup[3 / 4,1] \\
1 \text { otherwise }
\end{array}\right.
$$

( $\alpha$ will be fixed later, and $\mu$ has to be renormalized)

We compute $\nu=U_{\#} \mu$ and $T$. This gives $T^{\prime}=\alpha$ on $\left[1-\frac{1}{2 \alpha}, 1\right]$, thus

$$
\int_{I} T^{\prime p} \mathrm{~d} \mu \geq \frac{\alpha^{p}}{2}
$$

while $\int_{I}\left|U^{\prime}\right|^{p} \mathrm{~d} \mu=2^{p}(\alpha+1)$. Taking $\alpha$ large enough, the inequality (2) becomes false.
(This stays true if we consider $U \mapsto \int_{I} f\left(\left|U^{\prime}\right|\right)$ with $f(x) / x \rightarrow+\infty)$.

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- If we do not assume $\mu$ to be regular, the condition $T \in L_{\mu}^{2}(I)$ does not guarantee the existence of $T^{\prime}$ even at the weak sense
- We should ideally get the implication

$$
\left(T_{n}\right)_{n} \text { bounded in } X \Rightarrow \exists T,\left(n_{k}\right)_{k}, T_{n_{k}} \rightarrow T \mu \text {-a.e. }
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Examples:

- if $\mu$ is uniform on $[0,1] \times\{0\}^{d-1}, \nabla_{\mu} u=\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_{1}}, 0, \ldots, 0\right)$
- if $M$ is a $k$-dimensional manifold and $\mu=\left.\mathcal{H}^{k}\right|_{M}$, then $T_{\mu}=T_{M}$.


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We show that :

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If $J$ verifies $\int_{J}(1 / f)<+\infty$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(J)$ :

$$
\left|\int_{J} u_{n}^{\prime} \phi\right| \leq\left(\int_{J} u_{n}^{2} f\right)^{1 / 2}\left(\int_{J} \frac{\left(\phi^{\prime}\right)^{2}}{f}\right)^{1 / 2} \rightarrow 0
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For any interval $J$ containing an element of $M$, we have $\int_{J} 1 / f=+\infty$ and the injection $L_{\mu}^{2} \hookrightarrow L^{1}$ is false; thus

$$
\inf \left\{\int_{J}\left|v^{\prime}\right|^{2} f: v=u \text { at the bounds of } J\right\}=0 ;
$$

we use this proprety to approach $u$ in $L_{\mu}^{2}$ by regular functions which the derivatives on $M$ are arbitrary small (for the $L_{\mu}^{2}$-norm).

## Corollary

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Idea : let $\left(T_{n}\right)_{n}$ be a minimizing sequence.

- Outside of $M \cup A$, we have the injection $L_{\mu}^{2} \hookrightarrow L_{\text {loc }}^{1}$ and thus $H_{\mu}^{1} \hookrightarrow B V \Rightarrow$ convergence $\mu$-a.e.
- On $M \cup A, \nabla_{\mu} T=0$. We substitute $T_{n}$ by the nondecreasing map which maps $\left.\mu\right|_{M \cup A}$ on the same measure.
- We verify that the limit function satisfies $T_{\#} \mu=\nu$.


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- We can build $f$ with $\int 1 / f=+\infty$ on any open set, but

$$
\inf \left\{\int_{\Omega}|\nabla u|^{2} f: u=\phi \text { on } \partial \Omega\right\}>0
$$

The construction that we performed in the one-dimensional case to get $T_{\mu}=0$ on $M$ does not work if $d \geq 2$ in that case

- However, it is possible to show that $T_{\mu}=\{0\}$ on each atom of the measure $\mu$


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More longer term :

- optimality conditions on $T$;
- behavior with respect to the measure $\mu$; link between

$$
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$$

and a "Benamou-Brenier" formulation

$$
\inf \left\{\int_{0}^{1}\left\|v_{t}\right\|_{H^{1}\left(\rho_{t}\right)}^{2} \mathrm{~d} t: \rho_{0}=\mu, \rho_{1}=\nu, \partial_{t} \rho_{t}+\operatorname{div}\left(\rho_{t} v_{t}\right)=0\right\}
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# Thank you for your attention! 

Спасибо за внимание!

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