## Optimal design of transport networks

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#### "Monge's problem"





"Urban planning" "Branched transport"



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**sought:** 1D pipe network  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  for transport from  $\mu_0$  to  $\mu_1$ 



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requires computation of d<sub>Σ</sub> or dual formulation
 variation with respect to Σ nontrivial











Near-optimal networks



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**Thm.** 
$$cf(\varepsilon, a) \leq \min_{\Sigma} \mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon, a}[\Sigma] - \mathcal{J}^* \leq Cf(\varepsilon, a)$$

$$f(\varepsilon, a) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ \sqrt{\varepsilon}(\sqrt{a} + |\log \frac{a-1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}|) \\ \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{n-1}}\sqrt{a}\sqrt{a-1}^{\frac{n-3}{n-1}} \\ \varepsilon |\log \varepsilon| \end{cases}$$

urban planning 2D  $(\mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon,a} = \mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon,a})$ urban planning 3D  $(\mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon,a} = \mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon,a})$ urban planning *n*D  $(\mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon,a} = \mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon,a})$ branched transport  $(\mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon,a} = \mathcal{M}^{\varepsilon})$ 



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#### Step 2: Upper bound by construction



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$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathcal{J}} &\geq \mathcal{J}_{\mu_{0},\mu_{\frac{1}{2}}}^{*} + \mathcal{J}_{\mu_{\frac{1}{2}},\mu_{1}}^{*} \geq \sum_{\hat{x} \in \mathsf{supp}\mu_{0}} \left[ \hat{x}_{2}F(\hat{x}) + c\frac{F(\hat{x})^{3}}{\hat{x}_{2}} \right] + \left[ (1 - \hat{x}_{2})F(\hat{x}) + c\frac{F(\hat{x})^{3}}{1 - \hat{x}_{2}} \right] \\ &\geq \ell + \sum_{\hat{x} \in \mathsf{supp}\mu_{0}} c\frac{F(\hat{x})^{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \mathcal{J}_{\mu_{0},\mu_{1}}^{*} + 2c\ell(\frac{\ell}{N})^{2} \geq \mathcal{J}_{\mu_{0},\mu_{1}}^{*} + 2c\ell(\frac{\varepsilon\ell}{\Delta\mathcal{J}})^{2} \end{split}$$

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One-to-one relation fluxes  $\leftrightarrow$  images:  $\mathcal{F}_u = \nabla u^{\perp}$ ,  $\Sigma = S_u$ 

$$\int_{\Omega} \phi \,\mathrm{d}(\operatorname{div}\mathcal{F}_{u}) = -\int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi \cdot \mathrm{d}\mathcal{F}_{u} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi^{\perp} \cdot \mathrm{d}\nabla u = -\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\nabla \phi^{\perp}) u \,\mathrm{d}x = 0 \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}_{c}(\Omega)$$
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By now a classic: Functional lifting for MS  

$$1_{u}: \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \to \{0,1\}, (x,s) \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u(x) > s \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

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$$\lim_{u \in \mathrm{BV}(\Omega)} \mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon,a}[u] \geq \inf_{v \in \mathcal{C}} \sup_{\phi \in \mathcal{K}} \int_{\Omega \times \mathbb{R}} \phi \cdot \mathrm{d}Dv$$

$$\mathrm{with} \ \mathcal{C} = \left\{ v \in \mathrm{BV}(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}; [0, 1]) : \lim_{s \to -\infty} v(x, s) = 1, \lim_{s \to \infty} v(x, s) = 0 \right\}$$

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# Construction for $\phi$

#### expected optimal image



$$\min_{\mathrm{div}\mathcal{F}=\mu_0-\mu_1} \mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon,a}[\mathcal{F}] = \min_{u|_{\partial\Omega}(x)=x_1} \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^{\varepsilon,a}[u]$$

corresponding lifting  

$$\min_{\text{div}\mathcal{F}=\mu_{0}-\mu_{1}} \mathcal{J}^{\varepsilon,a}[\mathcal{F}] \ge \sup_{\substack{\text{div}^{x}\phi^{x}=0, |\phi^{x}| \le a}} \int_{\partial\Omega} \int_{-\infty}^{x_{1}} \phi^{x} \cdot \nu^{x} dx ds$$

$$|\int_{s_{1}}^{s_{2}} \phi^{x}(x,s) ds| \le h(|s_{2}-s_{1}|)$$

$$h(s) = \begin{cases} s+\varepsilon \text{ urb. pl.} \\ s^{1-\varepsilon} \text{ br. tpt.} \end{cases}$$

test field  $\phi$ 



# Numerical solution

$$\begin{cases} 2\mathsf{D} \text{ network} \\ \mathsf{optimization} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} "\mathsf{Mumford-Shah"} \\ \mathsf{image segmentation} \end{cases} \stackrel{\mathsf{functional lifting}}{\longrightarrow} \begin{cases} \mathsf{convex} \\ \mathsf{opt. problem} \end{cases}$$

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