#### **Optimal Mass Transport**

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## **Optimal Mass Transport**

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#### Move mass from one distribution to the other

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#### Wasserstein Metric

$$\mathcal{W}_p(\mu,\nu) \equiv \min_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu,\nu)} \left( \iint_{M \times M} d(x,y)^p \, d\pi(x,y) \right)^{1/p}$$



#### Distance function on probability distributions

## Minimization

$$\min \mathcal{W}_{2}^{2} = \sum_{ij} \pi_{ij} ||x_{i} - y_{j}||^{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \forall \pi_{ij} \geq 0, \\ m_{i} = \sum_{j} \pi_{ij}, \\ n_{j} = \sum_{i} \pi_{ij}. \end{cases}$$

Mass-preserving constraints

O(n<sup>2</sup>) variables Linear Programming

## Minimization



Min weighted complete graph matching (restricted to binary transport plans)

# Degrees of Freedom

- Support of mass
- Transport cost
  - Wasserstein distance
- Transport plan -
  - Regularized
  - Relaxed (unbalanced)
  - Ramified





# Applications

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## Shape Reconstruction

# Approach in 2D

Given a point set S, find a coarse triangulation T such that S is well approximated by uniform measures on the O- and 1-simplices of T. **How to measure distance D(S,T)?** 

 $\Rightarrow$  optimal transport between measures

How to construct *T* that minimizes D(*S*,*T*)?

optimal location problem!  $\Rightarrow$  greedy decimation



#### Mass Transport on a Vertex

(assume given *binary* transport plan)



$$W_2(v,S_v) = \sqrt{\sum_{p_i \in S_v} m_i \|p_i - v\|^2}.$$

## Mass Transport on an Edge

(assume given binary transport plan)



# Overview

An Optimal Transport Approach to Robust Reconstruction and Simplification of 2D Shapes. De Goes, Cohen-Steiner, P.A., and Desbrun. Symposium on Geometry Processing, 2011.



input point set (potentially variable mass)

#### Delaunay triangulation

after decimation

output after edge filtering









# Robustness

## More Noise



## More Outliers



# Variable Mass



# Barycenters (Examples from G. Peyré)



Barycenters of measures 
$$(\mu_k)_k$$
:  $\sum_k \lambda_k = 1$   
 $\mu^* \in \operatorname{argmin} \sum_k \lambda_k W_2^2(\mu_k, \mu)$   
Generalizes Euclidean barycenter:  
If  $\mu_k = \delta_{x_k}$  then  $\mu^* = \delta_{\sum_k \lambda_k x_k}$   
 $\mu_1$   
Mc Cann's displacement interpolation.  
Theorem: [Agueh, Carlier, 2010]  
(for  $c(x, y) = ||x - y||^2$ )  
if  $\mu_1$  does not vanish on small sets,  
 $\mu^*$  exists and is unique.  
 $\mu_1$ 

#### **Regularized Barycenters**





#### **Barycenter on a Surface**



#### **Color Transfer**

Input images: (f,g) (chrominance components) Input measures:  $\mu(A) = \mathcal{U}(f^{-1}(A)), \nu(A) = \mathcal{U}(g^{-1}(A))$ 

