

# Interval analysis and Optimal Transport

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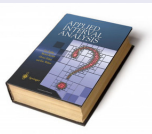
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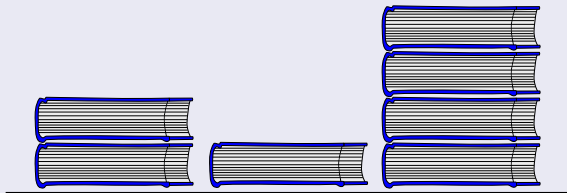
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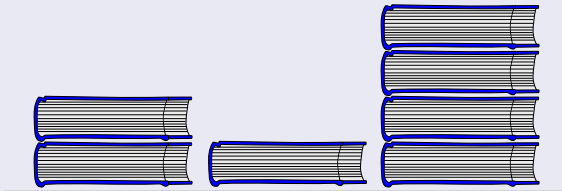
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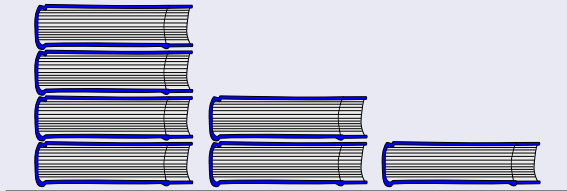
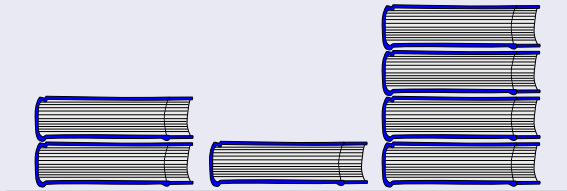
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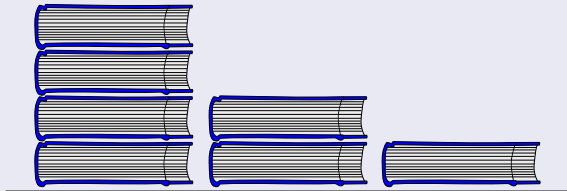
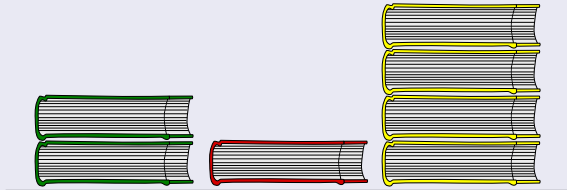
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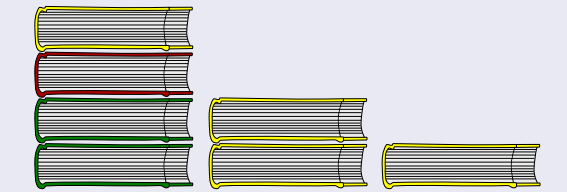
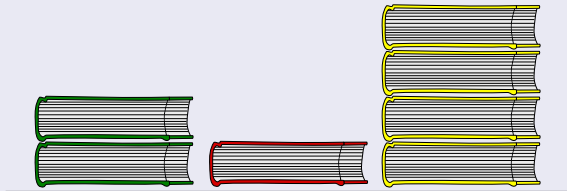
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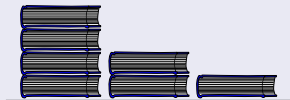




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$$\mu = (2, 1, 4)$$



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A plan transference  $\pi$ 

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2	2	0	0	
1	1	0	0	,
4	1	2	1	

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Plan transference problem

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## Solutions

$$\pi = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array}, \quad \tilde{\pi} = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{array}.$$

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## Comparing two plan transferences

Transportation  $\pi$ 

$$I(\pi) = 0 + 0 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 0 = 5$$

Transportation  $\tilde{\pi}$ 

$$I(\tilde{\pi}) = 0 + 2 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 9$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{\pi \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes \mathbb{R}^m} \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \pi_{ij} \\
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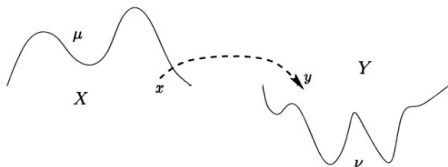
where  $c_{ij}$  are non negative real numbers which tells how much it costs to transport one unit of mass from location  $i$  to location  $j$ .

## Kantorovich formulation

The *optimal transportation cost* between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  is the value :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_c(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\pi \in \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)} & \int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y) \\ \text{subject to} & \pi_X = \mu, \\ & \pi_Y = \nu \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The optimal  $\pi$ 's, i.e. those such that  $I(\pi) = \mathcal{T}_c(\mu, \nu)$ , if they exist, will be called *optimal transference plans*.



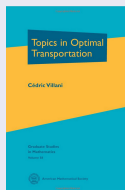
## Remark

The *optimal transportation problem* is an infinite dimensional linear programming problem.  
i.e.  $I$  is a linear cost function, and constraints are linear.

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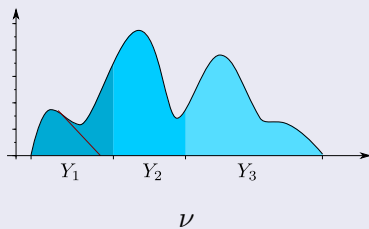
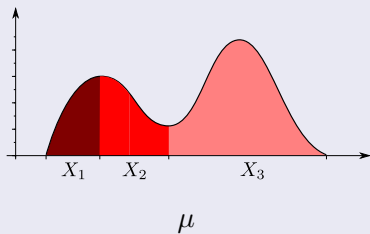
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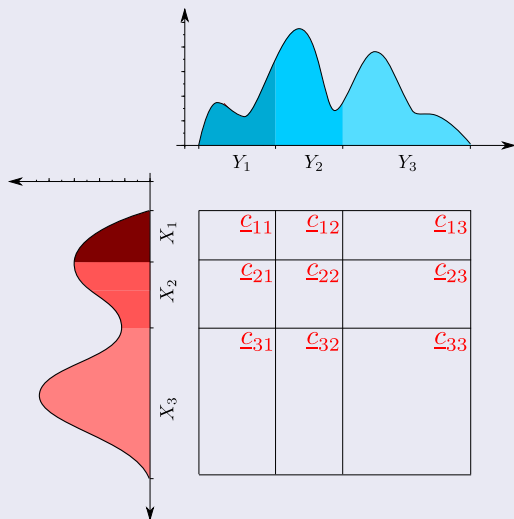
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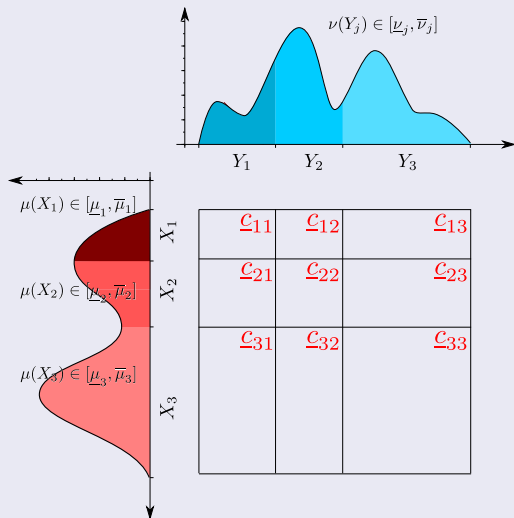
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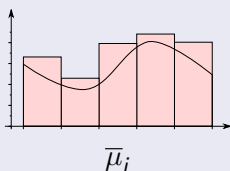
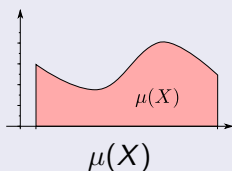
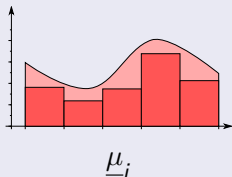
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## Enclosing

If  $\mu = f(x)dx$ , and  $[f]$  an inclusion function for  $f$  then

$$\int_X f(x)dx \in \sum_i [f](X_i)\lambda(X_i)$$



$$\sum_i \underline{f}(X_i)\lambda(X_i) \leq$$

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$$\leq \sum_i \bar{f}(X_i)\lambda(X_i)$$

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Since  $\underline{c}_{ij} \leq c(\xi_{ij})$  and  $\pi_{ij} \geq 0$ , then  
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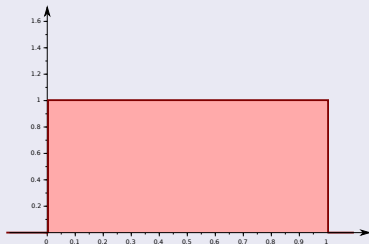
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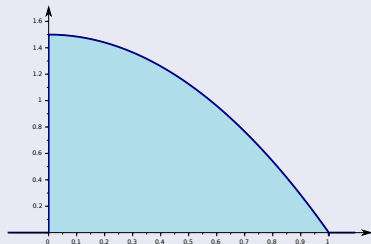
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## Example

$$X = Y = [0, 1]$$



$$\mu = 1 dx$$



$$\nu = 1.5(1 - y^2) dy$$

$$c(x, y) = \|x - y\|^2$$

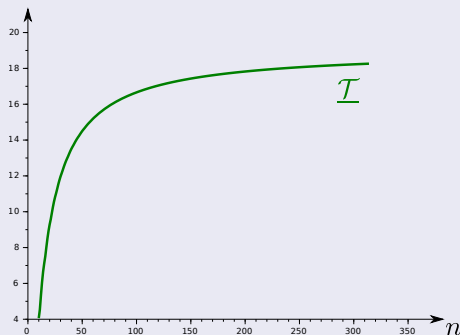


Figure : Guaranteed lower bounds of  $\mathcal{T}_c(\mu, \nu)$  where  $n = \text{Card}\{X_i\}_i$

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# Linear programming - Duality

## Primal problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} \quad & Ax = b, \\ & x \geq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

## Dual problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad & b^T y \\ \text{subject to} \quad & y_i \in \mathbb{R}, \\ & A^T y \leq c. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

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If  $X$  is compact and Hausdorff,  $\mathcal{C}_b(X)^* = \{\text{Radon measure}\}$



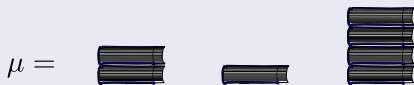
## Kantorovich Duality

The minimum of the Kantorovich problem is equal to

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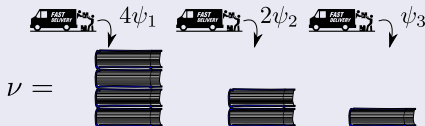
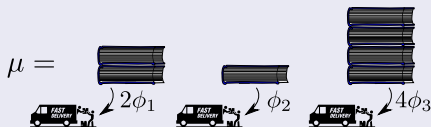
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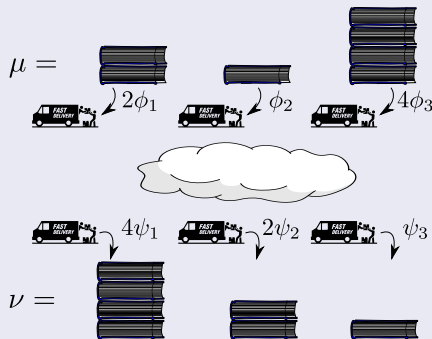
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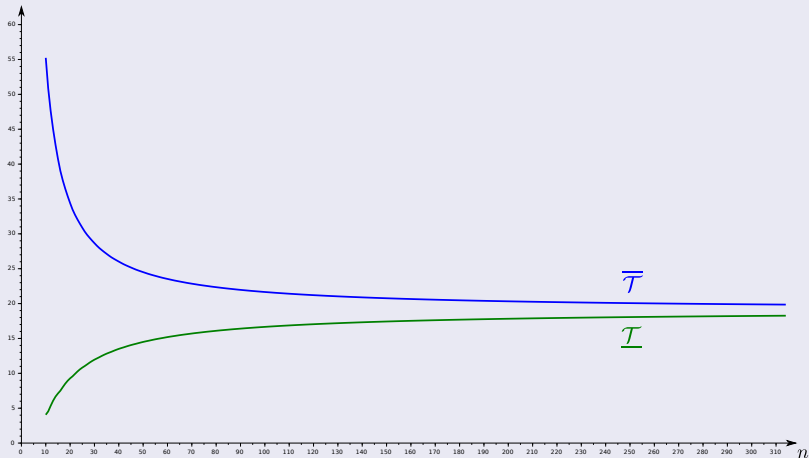


Figure : Guaranteed upper bounds of  $\mathcal{T}_c(\mu, \nu)$  where  $n = \text{Card}\{X_i\}_i$



## Software

- filib - FI\_LIB - A fast interval library,  
<http://www2.math.uni-wuppertal.de/~xsc/software/filib.html>
- GLPK - GNU Linear Programming Kit (GLPK),  
<http://www.gnu.org/software/glpk/>
- GMP - GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library,  
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- Source code is available on my webpage.

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