

# SMOOTH OPTIMAL TRANSPORTATION ON HYPERBOLIC SPACE

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we will show that the cost  $-\cosh \circ d_{\mathbb{H}^n}$  is a regular cost, meaning that minimizing this cost on hyperbolic space yields a smooth optimal map between two given distributions of mass which satisfies suitable hypotheses. We show this by proving this cost satisfies Ma-Trudinger-Wang's conditions and by investigating notions of convexity under this cost.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $M^+$  and  $M^-$  be Borel subsets of compact separable metric spaces that are equipped with Borel probability measures  $\rho^+$  and  $\rho^-$ . Let  $c : \text{cl}(M^+ \times M^-) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  be a lower semicontinuous transport cost. The Kantorovich problem [1] is to find measure  $\gamma \geq 0$  on  $M^+ \times M^-$  whose total cost is minimal among  $\Gamma(\rho^+, \rho^-)$ . Here total cost is

$$\int_{M^+ \times M^-} c(x, y) d\gamma(x, y)$$

and  $\Gamma(\rho^+, \rho^-)$  denotes the set of joint probability measures having the same left and right marginals as  $\rho^+ \otimes \rho^-$ . It can be shown that such a minimizer exists; such  $\gamma$  is called *optimal*.

The Monge problem of optimal transport is to find a Borel map  $F : M^+ \rightarrow M^-$  and optimal measure  $\gamma$  vanishing outside  $\text{Graph}(F) = \{(x, y) \in M^+ \times M^- : y = F(x)\}$ . If such  $F$  exists, it is called an *optimal map*. When  $M^+$  and  $M^-$  are subsets of a smooth manifold and  $\rho^+$  vanishes on Lipschitz submanifolds of lower dimension and the cost function  $c(x, y)$  satisfies the twist condition (see (A1) below), an optimal map  $F$  exists and is unique; see Gangbo [3] or Levin [4]. Then one can study the regularity of the optimal map  $F$  and how it is influenced by the choice of the cost function. Caffarelli [5] [6] [7] studied the smoothness of optimal map under the cost of Euclidean distance squared  $c(x, y) = |x - y|^2/2$ . This cost is also studied by Delan oe [8] in the case of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and Urbas [9] in higher dimensions. Ma, Trudinger and Wang [10] used analytic methods in partial differential equations to give a

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sufficient condition (known as Ma-Trudinger-Wang's conditions) on the cost function and the domain for its optimal map to be smooth, that is,

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $\rho^+$  and  $\rho^-$  are smooth densities that have positive upper and lower bounds on bounded subsets  $M^+$  and  $M^-$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  respectively, and  $c \in C^4(M^+ \times M^-)$  with (A1)-(A3) satisfied, then the optimal map  $F$  is smooth.*

(A1) (Twist condition):

$$\begin{aligned} x \in M^+ &\hookrightarrow -D_y c(x, y_0) \in T_{y_0}^* M^- \\ y \in M^- &\hookrightarrow -D_x c(x_0, y) \in T_{x_0}^* M^+ \end{aligned}$$

are smooth embeddings for all  $x_0 \in M^+$  and  $y_0 \in M^-$ .

(A2) (Convexity condition):

$-D_y c(M^+, y_0) \subset T_{y_0}^* M^-$  and  $-D_x c(x_0, M^-) \subset T_{x_0}^* M^+$  are convex for all  $x_0 \in M^+$  and  $y_0 \in M^-$ .

(A3): There exists  $C_0 \geq 0$  such that for  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p^i c_{ij} q^j = 0$ ,

$$(c^{k,l} c_{ij,k} c_{l,st} - c_{ij,st}) p^i p^j q^s q^t \geq C_0 |p|^2 |q|^2,$$

where  $c_{ij,st}$  denotes  $D_{x^i x^j y^s y^t} c$ , and  $c^{k,l}$  denotes the  $k, l$  entry of the inverse matrix of  $D_{xy} c$ .

The above condition was first linked to curvature by Loeper [13], who observed that when it is satisfied by the Riemannian distance square  $c := d_g^2/2$  on  $M^+ = M^-$ , then the underlying manifold must have non-negative sectional curvature. Subsequently Kim and McCann [11] gave a geometric interpretation by putting a pseudo-Riemannian metric induced by the cost on  $M^+ \times M^-$ , and then (A2) turns into geodesic convexity condition of the product manifold, and (A3) into positivity condition of certain sectional curvature on  $M^+ \times M^-$ .

**Definition 1.2.** We call a smooth cost function which satisfies (A1) and (A3) *regular*.

As for example of weakly regular cost functions, Loeper [13] has shown the Riemannian distance squared on sphere is regular. Riemannian distance squared on other positively curved manifolds were studied by Delonöne and Ge [14], Figalli and Rifford [15], Loeper and Villani [16], and Kim [17]. Lee and McCann [18] have found examples that arise from mechanics. However, in [13], Loeper showed that Riemannian distance squared is not regular for manifold that is negatively curved somewhere. Consequently, for a while the negatively curved spaces were considered incompatible with regularity. However, it could be the case that Riemannian distance squared is not always the most appropriate cost to consider; for more general spaces, we need to study more general cost functions.

The main purpose of this paper is to show

**Theorem 1.3.** *–cosh  $\circ d_{\mathbb{H}^n}$  on hyperbolic space is regular.*

The proof is provided in section 2. In section 3 we discuss (A2) condition with respect to this cost.

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## 2. HYPERBOLIC SPACE VIEWED AS A GRAPH

In this section we prove Theorem 1.3. By Lemma 4.4 of [12] and the fact that the hyperbolic space has no cut locus, we conclude  $\cosh \circ d_{\mathbb{H}^n}$  satisfies (A1) twist condition. Then it follows that  $-\cosh \circ d_{\mathbb{H}^n}$  satisfies (A1). Therefore it suffices to show  $-\cosh \circ d_{\mathbb{H}^n}$  satisfies condition (A3).

One particular example discussed by Ma, Trudinger and Wang [10] corresponds to the cost function determined by the distance squared between points on graphs of functions over  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In this case, a simple sufficient condition for (A3) is found. Here we view hyperbolic space as the graph of hyperbola in Minkowski space, and derive a similar result in this setting.

Minkowski space  $\mathbb{M}^{n+1}$  is the space of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  equipped with inner product

$$\langle (x, x_{n+1}), (y, y_{n+1}) \rangle_m = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - x_{n+1} y_{n+1}$$

In the hyperboloid model, hyperbolic space can be viewed as the graph of hyperbola:  $\mathbb{H}^n = \{u \in \mathbb{M}^{n+1} : \|u\|_m^2 = -1, u_{n+1} > 0\} = \{(x, \sqrt{1 + |x|^2}) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ , with its metric induced from Minkowski space. Even though the Minkowski metric is not positive definite, its restriction to  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is, which makes hyperbolic space a Riemannian manifold. Also there is a nice relation between hyperbolic distance and (ambient) Minkowski inner product, that is:  $-\cosh(d_{\mathbb{H}^n}(u, v)) = \langle u, v \rangle_m$ . (For this identity, see [19].)

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* We start with a general case. Let  $M^+ = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in \Omega^+ \subset \mathbb{R}^n\}$ ,  $M^- = \{(y, g(y)) : y \in \Omega^- \subset \mathbb{R}^n\}$  be two graphs in  $\mathbb{M}^{n+1}$ . Consider the cost function determined by the Minkowski inner product

$$c(x, y) := \langle (x, f(x)), (y, g(y)) \rangle_m = x \cdot y - f(x)g(y).$$

We can carry out a direct computation similar to that of page 22 of [10]:

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{i,j} &= \delta_{i,j} - f_i g_j, \\
c^{i,j} &= \delta_{i,j} + \frac{f_i g_j}{1 - \nabla f \cdot \nabla g} \quad \text{if } \nabla f \cdot \nabla g \neq 1, \\
c_{ij,k} &= -f_{ij} g_k, \\
c_{l,st} &= -f_l g_{st}, \\
c_{ij,st} &= -f_{ij} g_{st}, \\
\sum_{k,l} c^{k,l} c_{ij,k} c_{l,st} - c_{ij,st} &= \frac{f_{ij} g_{st}}{1 - \nabla f \cdot \nabla g}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence if  $f$  and  $g$  are convex, with gradients satisfying  $\nabla f \cdot \nabla g < 1$ , then  $c$  will satisfy (A3).

In the problem of optimal transportation on hyperbolic space,  $f(x) = g(x) = \sqrt{1 + |x|^2}$  and  $c(x, y) = x \cdot y - \sqrt{1 + |x|^2} \sqrt{1 + |y|^2}$ . Since the hyperbola is a strongly convex function,  $f_{ij}$  is positive definite. Also it can be easily checked by using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality that  $1 - \nabla f \cdot \nabla g = 1 - \frac{x \cdot y}{\sqrt{1 + |x|^2} \sqrt{1 + |y|^2}} > 0$ . Therefore  $-\cosh \circ d_{\mathbb{H}^n}$  is regular.  $\square$

### 3. NOTION OF CONVEXITY

In this section we investigate the convexity requirement (A2) for the compact domains  $M^+$  and  $M^-$ .

**Definition 3.1** (cost exponential). For cost functions satisfying (A1), the map  $x \in M^+ \hookrightarrow -D_y c(x, y_0) \in T_{y_0}^* M^-$  is a smooth embedding. We call its inverse *the c-exponential map based at  $y_0$*  and denote it by  $\text{c-exp}_{y_0}$ . If  $U \subset M^+$  is the image of a convex set in  $T_{y_0}^* M^-$  under  $\text{c-exp}_{y_0}$ , then  $U$  is said to be *c-convex with respect to  $y_0$* . Notions of  $\text{c-exp}_{x_0}$  and c-convex with respect to  $x_0$  can be defined similarly.

*Remark 3.2.* The convexity condition (A2) requires  $M^+$  and  $M^-$  to be c-convex with respect to every  $y_0$  in  $M^-$  and every  $x_0$  in  $M^+$  respectively. To understand (A2) condition geometrically, it is enough to understand the image of c-exponential map of a half space in the cotangent space of  $x_0$ , i.e,  $\{p \in T_{x_0}^* \mathbb{H}^n : a \cdot p \geq b\}$ , because every convex set in  $T_{x_0}^* \mathbb{H}^n$  is the intersection of half spaces.

We identify  $(x, \sqrt{1 + |x|^2}) \in \mathbb{H}^n$  with its coordinate  $x$ . In local coordinates, the cost function  $c = -\cosh \circ d_{\mathbb{H}^n}$  is  $c(x, y) = x \cdot y - \sqrt{1 + |x|^2} \sqrt{1 + |y|^2}$ . The inverse of  $\text{c-exp}_{x_0}$  is

$$-\partial_{x_i} c(x_0, y) = -y_i + \frac{\sqrt{1 + |y|^2}}{\sqrt{1 + |x_0|^2}} (x_0)_i.$$

Fix a hyperplane  $P = \{p \in T_{x_0}^* \mathbb{H}^n : a \cdot p = b\}$  of  $T_{x_0}^* \mathbb{H}^n$ . Then its image

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{c-exp}_{x_0}(P) &= \{(y, \sqrt{1+|y|^2}) : p = -y + \frac{\sqrt{1+|y|^2}}{\sqrt{1+|x_0|^2}}x_0, a \cdot p = b\} \\
&= \{(y, \sqrt{1+|y|^2}) : a \cdot y - \frac{a \cdot x_0}{\sqrt{1+|x_0|^2}}\sqrt{1+|y|^2} = -b\} \\
&= \{(y, \sqrt{1+|y|^2}) : a \cdot y - \frac{a \cdot x_0}{\sqrt{1+|x_0|^2}}y_{n+1} = -b\} \\
&= \mathbb{H}^n \cap \bar{P},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{P}$  is the hyperplane  $\{(y, y_{n+1}) : a \cdot y - \frac{a \cdot x_0}{\sqrt{1+|x_0|^2}}y_{n+1} = -b\}$  in the Minkowski space.

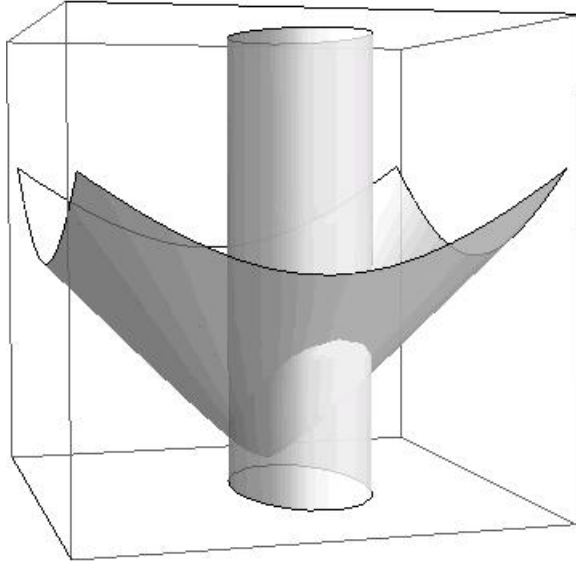
It is not hard too see how  $P \subset T_{x_0}^* \mathbb{H}^n$  and  $x_0$  geometrically determines  $\bar{P} \subset \mathbb{M}^{n+1}$ . First of all,  $\bar{P} \cap \{x_{n+1} = 0\} = \{(x, 0) : a \cdot x = -b\}$ , which is the reflection of  $P$ . Secondly, the normal of  $\bar{P}$  is  $(a, -\frac{a \cdot x_0}{\sqrt{1+|x_0|^2}})$  and it is perpendicular to  $(x_0, \sqrt{1+|x_0|^2})$ , so  $(x_0, \sqrt{1+|x_0|^2})$  is parallel to  $\bar{P}$ . These two features determine the hyperplane  $\bar{P}$ .

Therefore, if  $U$  is a convex set in  $T_{x_0}^* \mathbb{H}^n$ , then

$$\text{c-exp}_{x_0}(U) = \{(-U, 0) + t(x_0, \sqrt{1+|x_0|^2}) : t \in \mathbb{R}\} \cap \mathbb{H}^n,$$

which is a convex solid cylinder intersecting the hyperbolic space.

FIGURE 1. A c-convex set in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  with respect to  $(0, 0, 1)$



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