

# Bicausal optimal transport for SDEs with irregular coefficients

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*Adapted Wasserstein distance between the laws of SDEs*

(with J. Backhoff-Veraguas and S. Källblad) — <http://arxiv.org/abs/2209.03243>

*Bicausal optimal transport for SDEs with irregular coefficients*

(with M. Szölgényi) — <https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.09941>

# Comparing stochastic models

**Aim:** Compute a measure of model uncertainty

E.g.

$$\mathbb{P} \mapsto v(\mathbb{P}) = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\mathcal{J}(\omega, \alpha)]$$

**Want:**

- Appropriate topology on laws of stochastic processes
- Distance we can actually compute

**SDEs:**

- Good computational methods available
- Rich class of models, beyond Lipschitz coefficients

## Main result

$b, \bar{b}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma, \bar{\sigma}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $X_0 = \bar{X}_0 = x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

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### Theorem [R., Szölgényi '24+]

Under “weak assumptions” on the coefficients, we can compute an “appropriate distance” by

$$d(\mu, \nu)^2 = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T |X_t - \bar{X}_t|^2 dt \right], \quad \text{with } B = W.$$

## Auxiliary result

$b: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $X_0 = x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$dX_t = b(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t)dB_t. \quad (\text{SDE})$$

### Assumption (A)

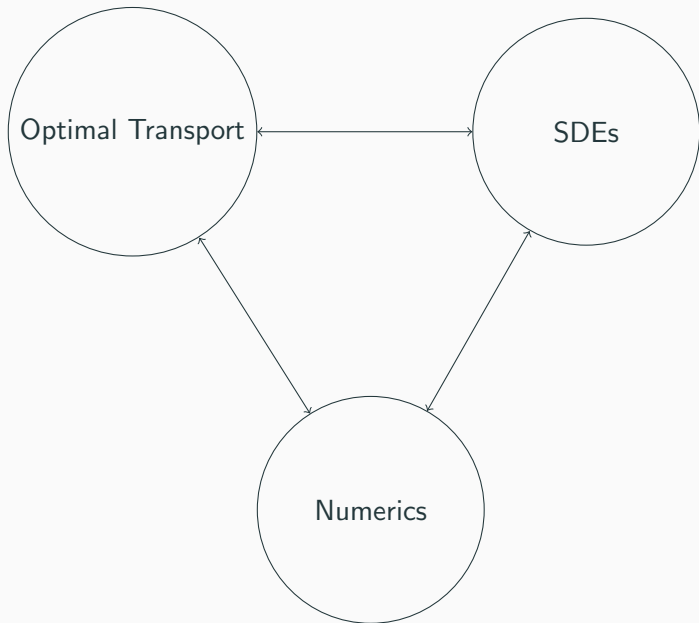
$b$  satisfies **piecewise** regularity conditions and **exponential growth** condition,

$\sigma$  is Lipschitz and non-zero **at the discontinuity points of  $b$** .

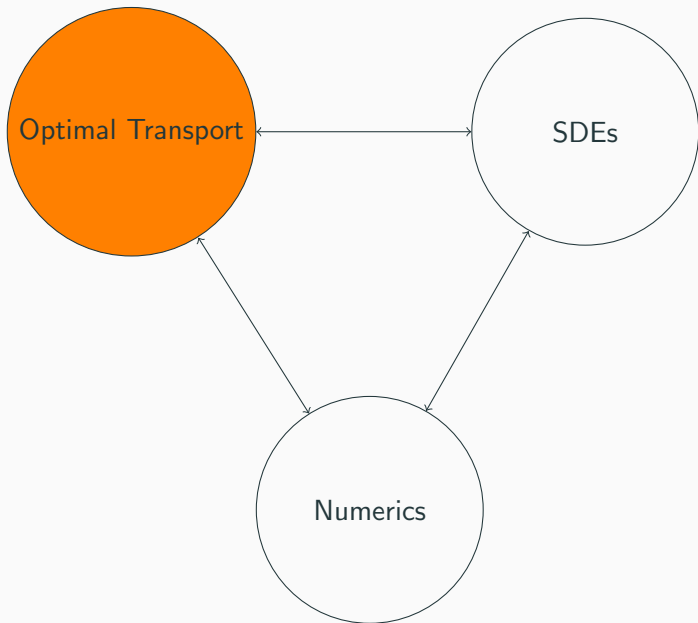
### Theorem [R., Szölgényi '24+]

**Strong existence**, **pathwise uniqueness**, and **moment bounds** hold for (SDE) with coefficients satisfying (A). Moreover, for a **transformation-based semi-implicit Euler scheme**, we obtain **strong convergence rates**.

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# Optimal transport

Probability measures  $\mu, \nu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^N$

Find

$$\mathcal{W}_2^2(\mu, \nu) := \inf_{T: T\#\mu=\nu} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^N |T_n(X) - X_n|^2 \right].$$

$$T(X) = (T_1(X_1, \dots, X_N), \dots, T_N(X_1, \dots, X_N))$$

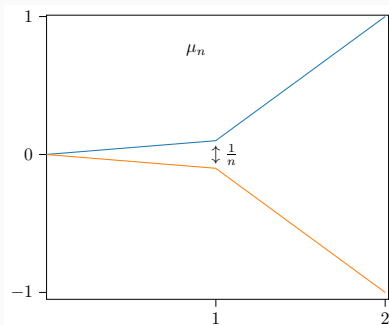
Monge (1781)

Kantorovich (1942)  $\rightsquigarrow$   $T$  random: replace  $(X, T(X))$  with coupling  $(X, Y)$ ,  $X \sim \mu$ ,  $Y \sim \nu$

**Wasserstein distance** metrises usual weak topology

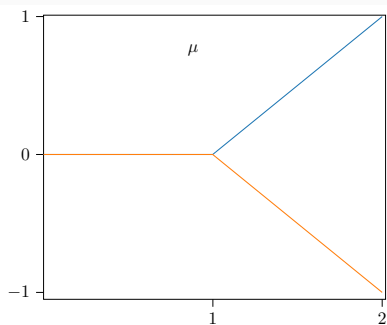
## Example

[Backhoff-Veraguas, Bartl, Beiglböck, Eder '20], [Aldous '81]



“Can get rich”

$$V_n := \sup_{\tau} \mathbb{E}^{\mu_n}[X_{\tau}] \approx \frac{1}{2}$$



“Cannot get rich”

$$V := \sup_{\tau} \mathbb{E}^{\mu}[X_{\tau}] = 0$$

$V_n \not\rightarrow V$  but  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$



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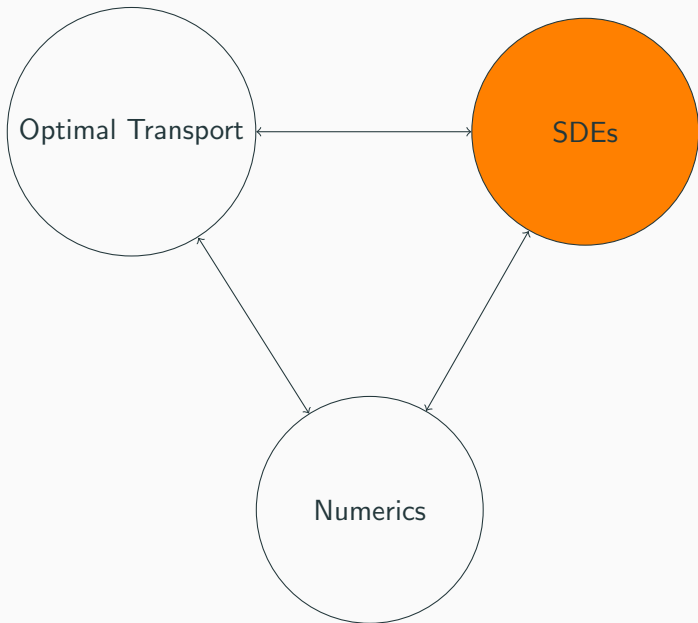
Similar definition of **adapted Wasserstein distance** in continuous time w.r.t.  $L^p$  norm on  $C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$

More general cost functions  $\rightsquigarrow$  **bicausal optimal transport**

[Aldous '81][Lasalle '18][Bion-Nadal, Talay '19]

Acciaio, Backhoff-Veraguas, Bartl, Beiglböck, Eder, Hellwig, Källblad, Pammer, Pflug, Pichler, Zalaschko, ...

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**Theorem 1 [Backhoff-Veraguas, Källblad, R. '22]**

Optimising over **adapted maps**  $T$

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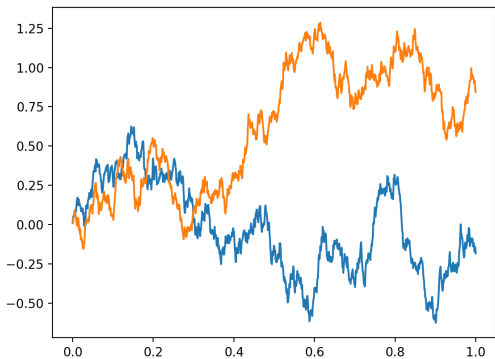
Optimising over **correlations** between  $B, W$ .

Cf. [Bion-Nadal, Talay '19]

# Coupling SDEs

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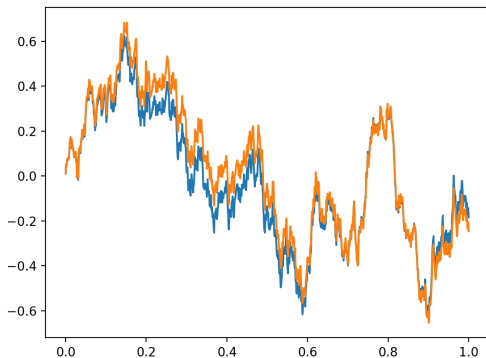
Product coupling —  $B, W$  independent



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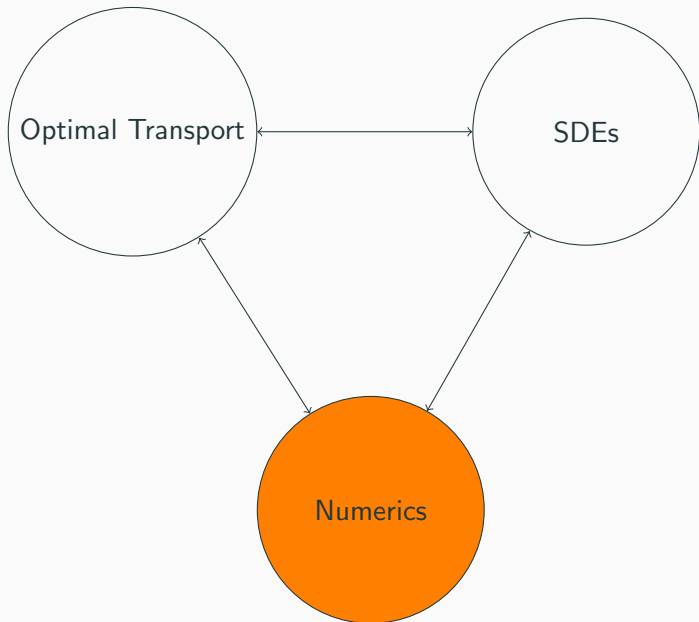
## Synchronous coupling

Choose the **same driving Brownian motion**  $B = W$ .





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## Proof of main result

$$dX_t = b(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t)dB_t, \quad X_0 = x \rightsquigarrow \text{Law}(X) = \mu$$

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1. Discretise SDEs;
2. Solve discrete-time bicausal optimal transport problem;
3. Pass to a limit.

## Key result in discrete time

$$\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^N) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{AW}_2^2(\mu, \nu) := \inf_{\substack{T: T_{\#}\mu = \nu \\ \text{biadapted}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^N |T_n(X) - X_n|^2 \right].$$

### Theorem [Rüschendorf '85]

For  $\mu, \nu$  **stochastically co-monotone**, the unique optimiser is the **Knothe–Rosenblatt rearrangement**.

### Theorem [Backhoff-Veraguas, Källblad, R. '22]

In the case of **Lipschitz coefficients**, the Euler–Maruyama scheme is stochastically increasing **when the Brownian increments are truncated**.

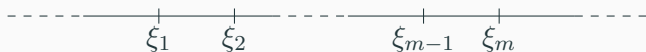
Cf. [Milstein, Repin, Tretyakov '02]

# Transformation-based semi-implicit Euler scheme

## Assumption (A)

Drift  $b: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the following conditions **piecewise**:

- absolute continuity
- one-sided Lipschitz condition
- two-sided local Lipschitz condition
- exponential growth



Diffusion  $\sigma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies

- global Lipschitz condition
- $\sigma(\xi_k) \neq 0$ , for  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  — **no uniform ellipticity**

# Transformation-based semi-implicit Euler scheme

Under assumption (A) , the scheme is constructed as follows:

1. Apply the **transformation** from [Leobacher, Szölgyenyi '17] to (SDE),
2. Apply a **semi-implicit Euler scheme** with **truncated Brownian increments** to the transformed SDE, [Hu '96][Higham, Mao, Stuart '02]
3. **Transform back**.

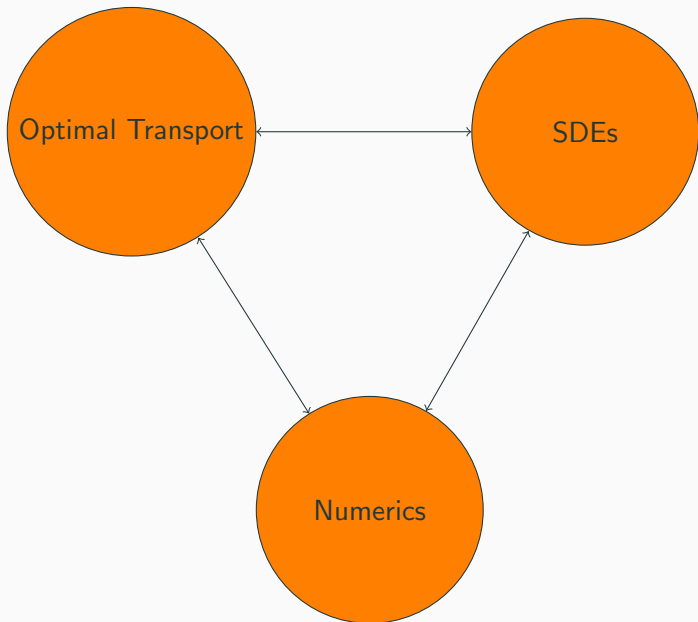
Denoting by  $X^h$  the scheme with step-size  $h$ , we obtain the result:

## **Theorem [R., Szölgyenyi '24]**

Let  $(b, \sigma)$  satisfy Assumption 1. Then for all  $p \geq 1$ , there exists  $C_p \geq 0$  such that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ |X_T - X_T^h|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \begin{cases} C_p h^{\frac{1}{2}}, & p \in [1, 2], \\ C_p h^{\frac{1}{p(p-1)}}, & p \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

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# Main result

## Assumptions

- (A) discontinuous drift with exponential growth;
- (B) bounded measurable drift,  $\alpha$ -Hölder and uniformly elliptic  $\sigma$ ;
- (C) “regular” coefficients.

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## Main Theorem [R., Szölgényi '24+]

Let  $(b, \sigma)$  and  $(\bar{b}, \bar{\sigma})$  each satisfy **one of assumptions** (A), (B), (C). Then, for  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , the adapted Wasserstein distance is given by

$$\mathcal{AW}_p^p(\mu, \nu) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T |X_t - \bar{X}_t|^p dt \right], \text{ with } B = W$$

**Synchronous coupling** solves general bicausal transport problem

# Summary

- We **compute adapted Wasserstein distance** between SDEs;
- We prove **strong convergence rates** for a new numerical scheme

