

507 **Supplementary material**

508 **A Proofs**

509 **A.1 Proof of Proposition 1**

510 *Proof.* Let  $(Q, R, g) \in \mathcal{C}(a, b, r, \alpha)$ ,  $P := Q \text{diag}(1/g)R^T$ . Remarks that for all  $i, j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\sum_{i',j'} |A_{i,i'} - B_{j,j'}|^2 P_{i',j'}} &\geq \left| \sqrt{\sum_{i',j'} |A_{i,i'}|^2 P_{i',j'}} - \sqrt{\sum_{i',j'} |B_{j,j'}|^2 P_{i',j'}} \right| \\ &\geq |\sqrt{\tilde{x}_i} - \sqrt{\tilde{y}_j}| \end{aligned}$$

511 Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\sum_{i,i',j,j'} |A_{i,i'} - B_{j,j'}|^2 P_{i',j'} P_{i,j}} &= \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} \sum_{i',j'} |A_{i,i'} - B_{j,j'}|^2 P_{i',j'} P_{i,j}} \\ &\geq \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |\sqrt{\tilde{x}_i} - \sqrt{\tilde{y}_j}|^2 P_{i,j}} \end{aligned}$$

512 Finally we obtain that

$$\sum_{i,i',j,j'} |A_{i,i'} - B_{j,j'}|^2 P_{i',j'} P_{i,j} - \varepsilon H(Q, R, g) \geq \sum_{i,j} |\sqrt{\tilde{x}_i} - \sqrt{\tilde{y}_j}|^2 P_{i,j} - \varepsilon H(Q, R, g)$$

513 and by taking the infimum over all  $(Q, R, g) \in \mathcal{C}(a, b, r, \alpha)$ , the results follows.  $\square$

514 **A.2 Proof of Proposition 2**

515 To show the result, we first need to recall some notions linked to the relative smoothness. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  a  
516 closed convex subset in a Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^q$ . Given a convex function  $H : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuously  
517 differentiable, one can define the *prox-function* associated to  $H$  as

$$D_H(x, z) := H(x) - H(z) - \langle \nabla H(z), x - z \rangle.$$

518 Let us now introduce the definition of the relative smoothness with respect the  $H$ .

519 **Definition 2** (Relative smoothness.). *Let  $L > 0$  and  $f$  continuously differentiable on  $\mathcal{X}$ .  $f$  is said to*  
520 *be  $L$ -smooth relatively to  $H$  if*

$$f(y) \leq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle + LD_H(y, x)$$

521 In [33], the authors show the following general result on the non-asymptotic stationary convergence  
522 of the mirror-descent scheme defined by the following recursion:

$$x_{k+1} = \underset{x \in \mathcal{X}}{\text{argmin}} \langle \nabla f(x_k), x \rangle + \frac{1}{\gamma_k} D_h(x, x_k)$$

523 where  $(\gamma_k)$  a sequence of positive step-size.

524 **Proposition 3** ([33]). *Let  $N \geq 1$ ,  $f$  continuously differentiable on  $\mathcal{X}$  which is  $L$ -smooth relatively to*  
525  *$H$ . By considering for all  $k = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\gamma_k = 1/2L$ , and by denoting  $D_0 = f(x_0) - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x)$ ,*  
526 *we have*

$$\min_{0 \leq k \leq N-1} \Delta_k \leq \frac{4LD_0}{N}.$$

527 where for all  $k = 1, \dots, N$

$$\Delta_k := \frac{1}{\gamma_k^2} (D_H(x_k, x_{k+1}) + D_H(x_{k+1}, x_k)).$$

Let us now show that our objective function is relatively smooth with respect to the KL divergence [26, 43]. The result of Proposition 2 will then follow from Proposition 3. Here  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{C}(a, b, r, \alpha)$ ,  $H$  is the negative entropy defined as

$$H(Q, R, g) := \sum_{i,j} Q_{i,j}(\log(Q_{i,j}) - 1) + \sum_{i,j} R_{i,j}(\log(R_{i,j}) - 1) + \sum_j g_j(\log(g_j) - 1),$$

528 and let us define for all  $(Q, R, g) \in \mathcal{C}(a, b, r, \alpha)$

$$F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g) := -2\langle AQ \operatorname{diag}(1/g)R^T B, Q \operatorname{diag}(1/g)R^T \rangle + \varepsilon H(Q, R, g).$$

529 Let us now show the following proposition.

530 **Proposition 4.** *Let  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{r} \geq \alpha > 0$  and let us denote  $L_{\varepsilon, \alpha} := 27(\|A\|_2 \|B\|_2 / \alpha^4 + \varepsilon)$ . Then for*  
 531 *all  $(Q_1, R_1, g_1), (Q_2, R_2, g_2) \in \mathcal{C}(a, b, r, \alpha)$ , we have*

$$\|\nabla F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2 \leq L_{\varepsilon, \alpha} \|H(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - H(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2$$

532 *Proof.* Let  $(Q, R, g) \in \mathcal{C}(a, b, r, \alpha)$  and let us denote  $P = Q \operatorname{diag}(1/g)R^T$ . We first have that

$$\nabla F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g) = (\nabla_Q F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g), \nabla_R F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g), \nabla_g F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g))$$

533 where

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_Q F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g) &:= -4APBR \operatorname{diag}(1/g) + \varepsilon \log Q \\ \nabla_R F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g) &:= -4BP^T A Q \operatorname{diag}(1/g) + \varepsilon \log R \\ \nabla_g F_\varepsilon(Q, R, g) &:= -4\mathcal{D}(Q^T APBR)/g^2 + \varepsilon \log g \end{aligned}$$

534 First remarks that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_Q F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla_Q F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2 &\leq 4\|AP_1BR_1 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) - AP_2BR_2 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_2)\|_2 \\ &\quad + \varepsilon \|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

535 Moreover we have

$$AP_1BR_1 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) - AP_2BR_2 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_2) = A((P_1 - P_2)BR_1 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) + P_2B(R_1 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) - R_2 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_2)))$$

536 where

$$P_1 - P_2 = (Q_1 - Q_2) \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1)R_1^T + Q_2(\operatorname{diag}(1/g_1)R_1^T - \operatorname{diag}(1/g_2)R_2^T)$$

537 and

$$R_1 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) - R_2 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_2) = (R_1 - R_2) \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) + R_2(\operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) - \operatorname{diag}(1/g_2))$$

538 Finally we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|AP_1BR_1 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_1) - AP_2BR_2 \operatorname{diag}(1/g_2)\| &\leq \frac{\|A\| \|B\|}{\alpha} \left( \frac{\|Q_1 - Q_2\|}{\alpha} + \frac{\|R_1 - R_2\|}{\alpha} + \|1/g_1 - 1/g_2\| \right) \\ &\quad + \|A\| \|B\| \left( \frac{\|R_1 - R_2\|}{\alpha} + \|1/g_1 - 1/g_2\| \right). \end{aligned}$$

539 As  $Q \rightarrow H(Q)$  is 1-strongly convex w.r.t to the  $\ell_2$ -norm on  $\Delta_{n \times r}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_1 - Q_2\|_2^2 &\leq \langle \log Q_1 - \log Q_2, Q_1 - Q_2 \rangle \\ &\leq \|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\|_2 \|Q_1 - Q_2\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

540 from which follows that

$$\|Q_1 - Q_2\|_2 \leq \|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\|_2.$$

541 Moreover we have

$$\|1/g_1 - 1/g_2\|_2 \leq \frac{\|g_1 - g_2\|_2}{\alpha^2} \leq \frac{\|\log g_1 - \log g_2\|_2}{\alpha^2}$$

542 Then we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_Q F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla_Q F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2 &\leq \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} + \varepsilon \right) \|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\|_2 \\ &\quad + (1 + 1/\alpha) \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha} \|\log R_1 - \log R_2\|_2 \\ &\quad (1 + 1/\alpha) \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} \|\log g_1 - \log g_2\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_R F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla_R F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2 &\leq \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} + \varepsilon \right) \|\log R_1 - \log R_2\|_2 \\ &\quad + (1 + 1/\alpha) \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha} \|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\|_2 \\ &\quad (1 + 1/\alpha) \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} \|\log g_1 - \log g_2\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

544 Moreover we have

$$\|\nabla_g F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla_g F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2 \leq 4\|\mathcal{D}(Q_1^T AP_1 BR_1)/g_1^2 - \mathcal{D}(Q_2^T AP_2 BR_2)/g_2^2\| + \varepsilon\|\log g_1 - \log g_2\|$$

545 and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(Q_1^T AP_1 BR_1)/g_1^2 - \mathcal{D}(Q_2^T AP_2 BR_2)/g_2^2 &= (1/g_1^2 - 1/g_2^2)\mathcal{D}(Q_1^T AP_1 BR_1) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{g_2^2}(\mathcal{D}(Q_1^T AP_1 BR_1) - \mathcal{D}(Q_2^T AP_2 BR_2)); \end{aligned}$$

546 Note also that

$$\|(1/g_1^2 - 1/g_2^2)\mathcal{D}(Q_1^T AP_1 BR_1)\| \leq \frac{2\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^3} \|\log g_1 - \log g_2\|$$

547 and

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1^T AP_1 BR_1 - Q_2^T AP_2 BR_2 &= (Q_1^T - Q_2^T)AP_1 BR_1 + Q_2^T A(P_1 BR_1 - P_2 BR_2) \\ &= (Q_1^T - Q_2^T)AP_1 BR_1 + Q_2^T A((P_1 - P_2)BR_1 + P_2 B(R_1 - R_2)) \end{aligned}$$

548 from which follows that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{g_2^2}(\mathcal{D}(Q_1^T AP_1 BR_1) - \mathcal{D}(Q_2^T AP_2 BR_2)) \right\| \leq \frac{\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} (\|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\| + \|\log R_1 - \log R_2\| + \|P_1 - P_2\|)$$

549 and we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_g F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla_g F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2 &\leq \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\| \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \|\log R_1 - \log R_2\| \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^4} + \frac{8\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^3} + \varepsilon \right) \|\log g_1 - \log g_2\| \end{aligned}$$

550 Finally we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2^2 &\leq 3 \left[ \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} + \varepsilon \right)^2 + (1 + 1/\alpha)^2 \frac{16\|A\|^2\|B\|^2}{\alpha^2} + \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad (\|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\|^2 + \|\log R_1 - \log R_2\|^2) \\ &\quad + 3 \left[ 2(1 + 1/\alpha)^2 \frac{16\|A\|\|^2\|B\|^2}{\alpha^4} + \left( \frac{4\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^4} + \frac{8\|A\|\|B\|}{\alpha^3} + \varepsilon \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad \|\log g_1 - \log g_2\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

551 from which we obtain that

$$\|\nabla F_\varepsilon(Q_1, R_1, g_1) - \nabla F_\varepsilon(Q_2, R_2, g_2)\|_2^2 \leq L_{\varepsilon, \alpha}^2 (\|\log Q_1 - \log Q_2\|^2 + \|\log R_1 - \log R_2\|^2 + \|\log g_1 - \log g_2\|^2)$$

552 and the result follows.  $\square$

## 553 B Low-rank Approximation of Distance Matrices

554 Here we recall the algorithm used to perform a low-rank approximation of a distance matrix [5, 21].  
 555 We use the implementation of [33].

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**Algorithm 4** LR-Distance( $X, Y, r, \gamma$ ) [5, 21]

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**Inputs:**  $X, Y, r, \gamma$

Choose  $i^* \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and  $j^* \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  uniformly at random.

For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $p_i \leftarrow d(x_i, y_{j^*})^2 + d(x_i^*, y_{j^*}^*)^2 + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m d(x_i^*, y_j)^2$ .

Independently choose  $i^{(1)}, \dots, i^{(t)}$  according  $(p_1, \dots, p_n)$ .

$X^{(t)} \leftarrow [x_{i^{(1)}}^{(t)}, \dots, x_{i^{(t)}}^{(t)}]$ ,  $P^{(t)} \leftarrow [\sqrt{tp_{i^{(1)}}}, \dots, \sqrt{tp_{i^{(t)}}}]$ ,  $S \leftarrow d(X^{(t)}, Y)/P^{(t)}$

Denote  $S = [S^{(1)}, \dots, S^{(m)}]$ ,

For  $j = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $q_j \leftarrow \|S^{(j)}\|_2^2 / \|S\|_F^2$

Independently choose  $j^{(1)}, \dots, j^{(t)}$  according  $(q_1, \dots, q_m)$ .

$S^{(t)} \leftarrow [S^{j^{(1)}}^{(1)}, \dots, S^{j^{(t)}}^{(t)}]$ ,  $Q^{(t)} \leftarrow [\sqrt{tq_{j^{(1)}}}, \dots, \sqrt{tq_{j^{(t)}}}]$ ,  $W \leftarrow S^{(t)}/Q^{(t)}$

$U_1, D_1, V_1 \leftarrow \text{SVD}(W)$  (decreasing order of singular values).

$N \leftarrow [U_1(1), \dots, U_1(r)]$ ,  $N \leftarrow S^T N / \|W^T N\|_F$

Choose  $j^{(1)}, \dots, j^{(t)}$  uniformly at random in  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ .

$Y^{(t)} \leftarrow [y_{j^{(1)}}^{(1)}, \dots, y_{j^{(t)}}^{(t)}]$ ,  $D^{(t)} \leftarrow d(X, Y^{(t)})/\sqrt{t}$ .

$U_2, D_2, V_2 = \text{SVD}(N^T N)$ ,  $U_2 \leftarrow U_2/D_2$ ,  $N^{(t)} \leftarrow [(N^T)^{(j^{(1)})}, \dots, (N^T)^{(j^{(t)})}]$ ,  $B \leftarrow U_2^T N^{(t)}/\sqrt{t}$ ,  $A \leftarrow (BB^T)^{-1}$ .

$Z \leftarrow AB(D^{(t)})^T$ ,  $M \leftarrow Z^T U_2^T$

**Result:**  $M, N$

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## 556 C Nonnegative Low-rank Factorization of the Couplings

557 In this section, we recall the algorithm presented in [33] to solve problem (8) where we denote  
 558  $p_1 := a$  and  $p_2 := b$ .

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**Algorithm 5** LR-Dykstra( $(K^{(i)})_{1 \leq i \leq 3}, p_1, p_2, \alpha, \delta$ ) [33]

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**Inputs:**  $K^{(1)}, K^{(2)}, \tilde{g} := K^{(3)}, p_1, p_2, \alpha, \delta, q_1^{(3)} = q_2^{(3)} = \mathbf{1}_r, \forall i \in \{1, 2\}, \tilde{v}^{(i)} = \mathbf{1}_r, q^{(i)} = \mathbf{1}_r$

**repeat**

$u^{(i)} \leftarrow p_i / K^{(i)} \tilde{v}^{(i)} \forall i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,

$g \leftarrow \max(\alpha, \tilde{g} \odot q_1^{(3)})$ ,  $q_1^{(3)} \leftarrow (\tilde{g} \odot q_1^{(3)})/g$ ,  $\tilde{g} \leftarrow g$ ,

$g \leftarrow (\tilde{g} \odot q_2^{(3)})^{1/3} \prod_{i=1}^2 (v^{(i)} \odot q^{(i)} \odot (K^{(i)})^T u^{(i)})^{1/3}$ ,

$v^{(i)} \leftarrow g / (K^{(i)})^T u^{(i)} \forall i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,

$q^{(i)} \leftarrow (\tilde{v}^{(i)} \odot q^{(i)})/v^{(i)} \forall i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $q_2^{(3)} \leftarrow (\tilde{g} \odot q_2^{(3)})/g$ ,

$\tilde{v}^{(i)} \leftarrow v^{(i)} \forall i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\tilde{g} \leftarrow g$

**until**  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \|u^{(i)} \odot K^{(i)} v^{(i)} - p_i\|_1 < \delta$ ;

$Q \leftarrow \text{diag}(u^{(1)}) K^{(1)} \text{diag}(v^{(1)})$

$R \leftarrow \text{diag}(u^{(2)}) K^{(2)} \text{diag}(v^{(2)})$

**Result:**  $Q, R, g$

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## 559 D Additional Experiements

### 560 D.1 Illustration

561 In Fig. 7, we show the time-accuracy tradeoffs of the two methods presented in Figure 1 on the  
 562 same example. We see that our method, **Lin GW-LR**, manages to obtain similar accuracy as the  
 563 one obtained by **Quad Entropic-GW** even when the rank  $r = n/1000$  while being much faster with  
 564 order of magnitude.

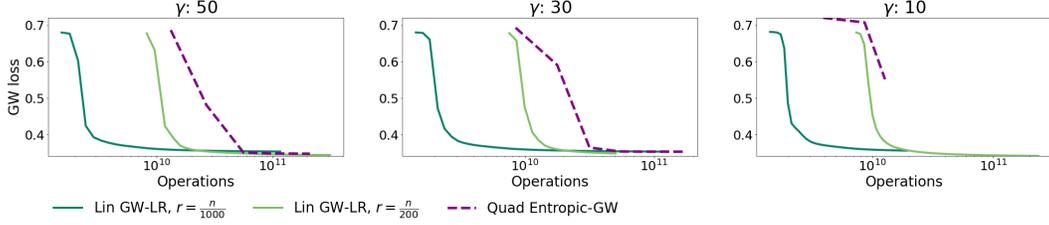


Figure 7: Here  $n = m = 10000$ , and the ground cost considered is the squared Euclidean distance. Note that for in that case we have an exact low-rank factorization of the cost. Therefore we compare only **Quad Entropic-GW** and **Lin GW-LR**. We plot the time-accuracy tradeoff when varying  $\gamma$  for multiple ranks  $r$ .  $\varepsilon = 1/\gamma$  for **Quad Entropic-GW** and  $\varepsilon = 0$  for **Lin GW-LR**.

## 565 D.2 Effect of $\varepsilon$ and $\gamma$

566 In Fig. 2, we consider two Gaussian mixture densities samples with  $n = m = 5000$  points in  
 567 respectively 5D and 10D where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\mathcal{X}}^{(1)} &= [0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^5, \quad \mu_{\mathcal{X}}^{(2)} = [0, 1, 0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^5, \quad \mu_{\mathcal{X}}^{(3)} = [1, 1, 0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^5, \\ \nu_{\mathcal{Y}}^{(1)} &= [0.5, 0.5, 0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^{10}, \quad \nu_{\mathcal{Y}}^{(2)} = [-0.5, 0.5, 0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^{10}, \\ \Sigma_{\mathcal{X}} &= 0.05 \times \text{Id}_5 \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_{\mathcal{Y}} = 0.05 \times \text{Id}_{10}. \end{aligned}$$

568 In Figure 8, we compare the time-accuracy tradeoff when varying  $\varepsilon$  and  $\gamma$ . We show that when  $\varepsilon = 0$ ,  
 569 the proposed method manage to consistently obtain the smallest GW loss whatever  $\gamma$  is. By allowing  
 570  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the algorithm is able to obtain a better time-accuracy tradeoff. However the choice of  $\varepsilon$  for the  
 best time-accuracy tradeoff depends highly on  $\gamma$ .

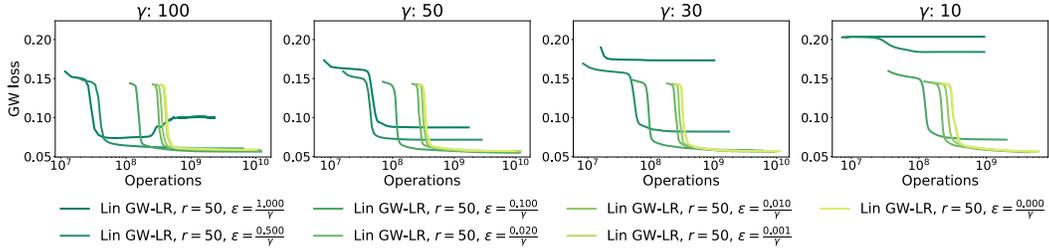


Figure 8: In this experiment, we consider the exact same setting as presented in Figure 2. The ground cost is the squared Euclidean distance. We consider only the linear version of our algorithm. The rank is fixed to be  $r = n/100$ . We plot the time-accuracy tradeoff when varying  $\varepsilon$  for multiple choices of  $\gamma$ .

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## 572 D.3 Low-rank Problem

573 In Fig. 3 and 4, we consider two distributions in respectively 10-D and 15-D where the support is a  
 574 concatenation of clusters of points. In Fig. 9, we show an illustration of the distributions considered  
 575 in smaller dimensions.

576 In Fig. 10, 11, 10, we compare the time-accuracy tradeoffs of our method with the entropic one  
 577 as proposed in [28] when the underlying cost is the Euclidean distance. The setting considered is  
 578 the same as the one presented in Fig. 3 but we consider different number of clusters. In Fig. 13,  
 579 14, 13, we also compare the time-accuracy tradeoffs of our method with the entropic one when the  
 580 underlying cost is the squared Euclidean distance. The setting is the same as the one presented in  
 581 Fig. 4 but we consider different number of clusters. We show that our method consistently manage to  
 582 obtain similar accuracy as the entropic method while being orders of magnitude faster.

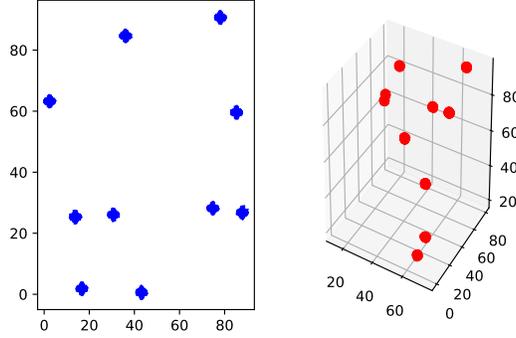


Figure 9: The source distribution and the target distribution live respectively in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Both distributions have the same number of samples  $n = m = 10000$ , the same number of clusters which is set to be 10 here, the same number of points in each cluster, and we force the distance between the centroids of the cluster to be larger than  $\beta = 10$  in each distribution.

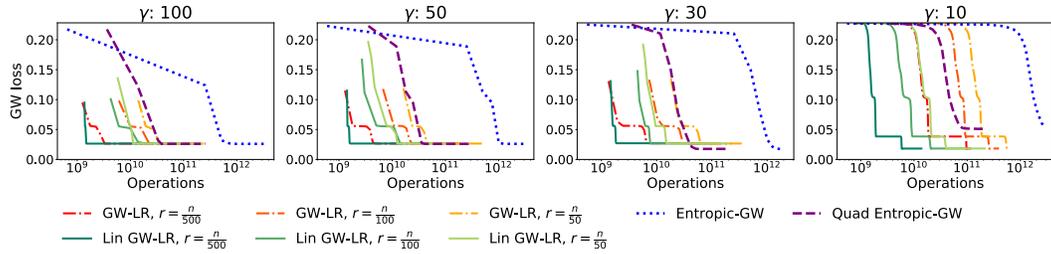


Figure 10: The number of clusters is set to be 5 and the underlying cost is the Euclidean distance.

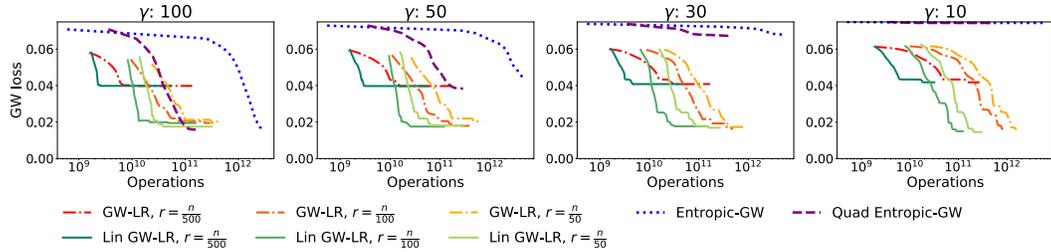


Figure 11: The number of clusters is set to be 20 and the underlying cost is the Euclidean distance.

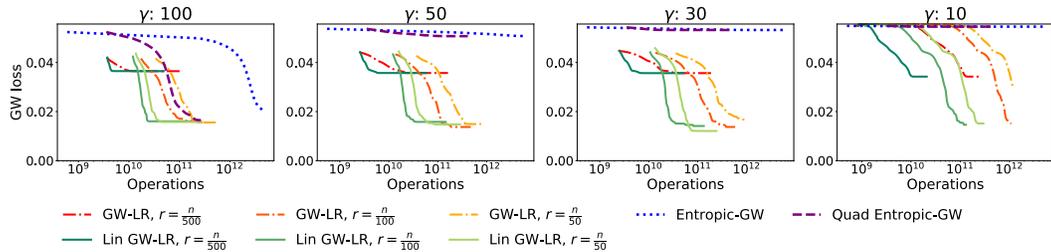


Figure 12: The number of clusters is set to be 30 and the underlying cost is the Euclidean distance.

#### 583 D.4 Ground Truth Experiment

584 In this experiment we aim at comparing the different methods when the optimal coupling solving the  
 585 GW problem has a full rank. For that purpose we consider a certain shape in 2-D which corresponds  
 586 to the support of the source distribution and we apply two isometric transformations to it, which are  
 587 a rotation and a translation to obtain the support of the target distribution. See Figure 16 (left) for an  
 588 illustration of the dataset. Here we set  $a$  and  $b$  to be uniform distributions and the underlying cost is

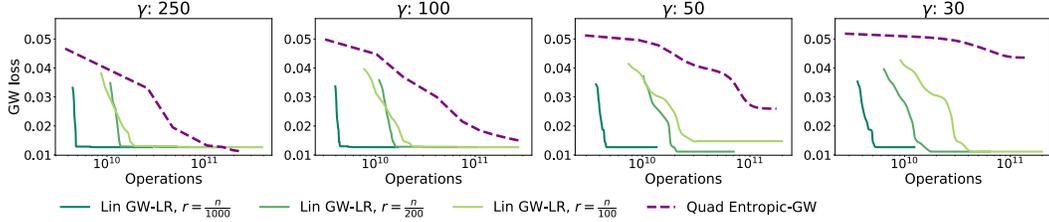


Figure 13: The number of clusters is set to be 10 and the underlying cost is the squared Euclidean distance.

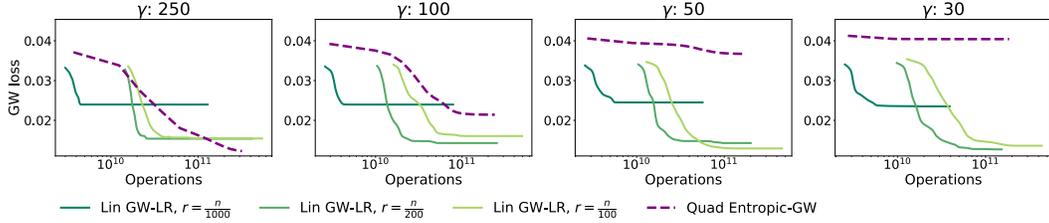


Figure 14: The number of clusters is set to be 20 and the underlying cost is the squared Euclidean distance.

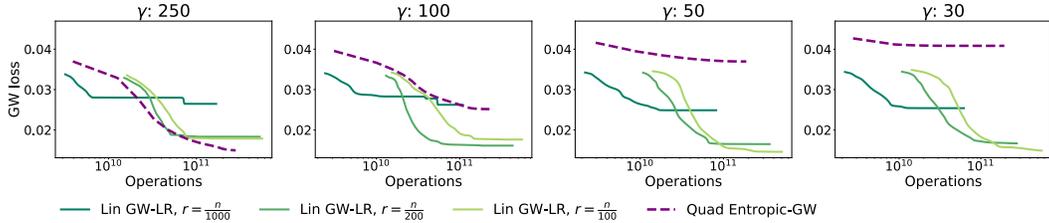


Figure 15: The number of clusters is set to be 30 and the underlying cost is the squared Euclidean distance.

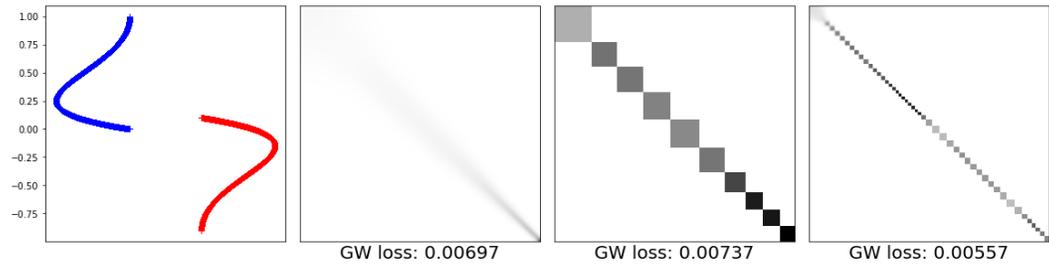


Figure 16: We compare the couplings obtained when the ground truth is the identity matrix in the same setting as in Figure 7. Here the comparison is done when  $\gamma = 250$ . *Left*: illustration of the dataset considered. *Middle left*: we show the coupling as well as the GW loss obtained by **Quad Entropic-GW**. *Middle right, right*: we show the couplings and the GW losses obtained by **Lin GW-LR** when the rank is respectively  $r = 10$  and  $r = 100$ .

589 the squared Euclidean distance. Therefore the optimal coupling solution of the GW problem is the  
 590 identity matrix and the GW loss must be 0. In Figure 17, we compare the time-accuracy tradeoffs,  
 591 and we show that even in that case, our methods obtain a better time-accuracy tradeoffs for all  $\gamma$ . See  
 592 also Figure 16 for a comparison of the couplings obtained by the different methods.

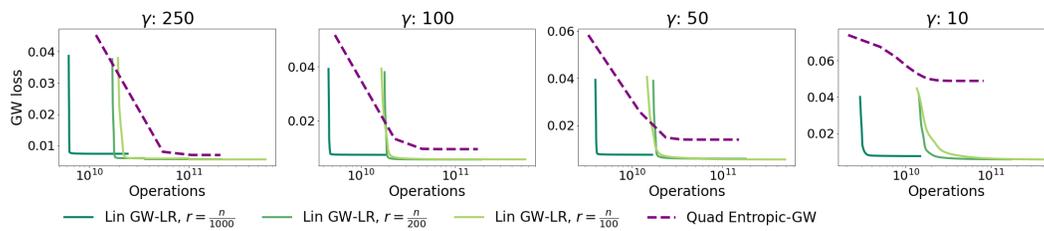


Figure 17: The ground truth here is the identity matrix and the true GW loss to achieve is 0. We set the number of samples to be  $n = m = 10000$ . As we consider the squared Euclidean distance, only **Quad Entropic-GW** and **Lin GW-LR** are compared. We plot the time-accuracy tradeoff when varying  $\gamma$  for multiple choices of rank  $r$ .  $\varepsilon = 1/\gamma$  for **Quad Entropic-GW** and  $\varepsilon = 0$  for **Lin GW-LR**.