# UNSUPERVISED POINT CLOUD COMPLETION THROUGH UNBALANCED OPTIMAL TRANSPORT

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# ABSTRACT

Unpaired point cloud completion explores methods for learning a completion map from unpaired incomplete and complete point cloud data. In this paper, we propose a novel approach for unpaired point cloud completion using the unbalanced optimal transport map, called Unbalanced Optimal Transport Map for Unpaired Point Cloud Completion (UOT-UPC). We demonstrate that the unpaired point cloud completion can be naturally interpreted as the Optimal Transport (OT) problem and introduce the Unbalanced Optimal Transport (UOT) approach to address the class imbalance problem, which is prevalent in unpaired point cloud completion datasets. Moreover, we analyze the appropriate cost function for unpaired completion tasks. This analysis shows that the InfoCD cost function is particularly well-suited for this task. Our model is the first attempt to leverage UOT for unpaired point cloud completion, achieving competitive or superior results on both single-category and multi-category datasets. In particular, our model is especially effective in scenarios with class imbalance, where the proportions of categories are different between the incomplete and complete point cloud datasets.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

029 The three-dimensional (3D) point cloud is a fundamental representation of 3D geometry processing (Guo et al., 2020). However, obtaining complete point cloud data is challenging because of the limitations of the scanning process (Yuan et al., 2018). In this respect, many methods have been 031 proposed for point cloud completion, which aims to recover a complete point cloud from incomplete (partial) data (Yu et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2022; Tchapmi et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2020; Hong 033 et al., 2023). These previous approaches can be categorized into paired (supervised) and unpaired 034 (unsupervised) methods. In the paired approach, the completion model is trained using paired data, which consists of incomplete point clouds and their corresponding completions (Yu et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2022; Tchapmi et al., 2019; Xia et al., 2021; Zhou et al., 2021). However, acquiring this 037 paired training data is often difficult in practice. Therefore, the unpaired point cloud completion aims 038 to train a completion model from the independently sampled incomplete and complete point clouds, leveraging shared semantic information, such as object class (Ma et al., 2023; Chen et al., 2020; Wen et al., 2021), or through domain adaptation using paired synthetic data (Liu et al., 2024).. In this 040 regard, the unpaired point cloud completion is a challenging task of significant practical importance. 041

042 Optimal Transport problem (OT) problem (Villani et al., 2009; Peyré et al., 2017) investigates the 043 cost-minimizing transport map that bridges two probability distributions. Since the introduction of 044 WGAN (Arjovsky et al., 2017), the OT-based Wasserstein distance has been widely adopted as a loss function in various machine learning tasks, including unpaired point cloud completion (Chen et al., 2020; Wu et al., 2020). Recently, several works introduced alternative approaches based on OT (Rout 046 et al., 2022; Fan et al., 2022). Instead of estimating the Wasserstein distance, these works focus on 047 learning the optimal transport map (OT Map) from the source distribution to the target distribution 048 using neural networks. Intuitively, the optimal transport map T serves as a generator of the target distributions which minimizes the given cost function. In this respect, this cost function plays a crucial role for T, because it determines how each input x is transported to T(x). 051

In this paper, we introduce a novel unpaired point cloud completion model based on the unbalanced optimal transport map. We refer to our model as the *Unbalanced Optimal Transport Map for Unpaird Point Cloud Completion (UOT-UPC)*. We formulate the unpaired point cloud completion

054 task as the optimal transport problem and investigate the suitable cost function for this task. Note that the completion model is required to generate the correct complete point cloud corresponding 056 to each incomplete point cloud, not an arbitrary complete one. Therefore, identifying the proper 057 cost function is crucial for UOT-UPC. Moreover, we demonstrate that the class imbalance problem 058 exists in unpaired point cloud completion. Then, we verify that the Unbalanced Optimal Transport (UOT) framework presents favorable properties for addressing this class imbalance. Our experiments demonstrate that UOT-UPC achieves state-of-the-art performance in unpaired point cloud completion 060 in both single-category and multi-category settings. Furthermore, UOT-UPC exhibits particularly 061 robust performance when handling the class imbalance. Our contributions are summarized as follows: 062

- To the best of our knowledge, UOT-UPC is the first unpaired point cloud completion model based on the Unbalanced Optimal Transport map.
- We formulate unpaired point cloud completion as the task of finding the optimal transport map (OT Map) and analyze the most suitable transport cost function for this task.
- UOT-UPC attains state-of-the-art performance in unpaired point cloud completion in both single-category and multi-category settings.
- We demonstrate that UOT-UPC exhibits significant robustness to class imbalance. This robustness is induced by its UOT formulation.

073 **Notations and Assumptions** Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  be two compact complete metric spaces,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be 074 probability distributions on  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$ , respectively.  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are assumed to be absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure. Throughout this paper, we denote the source distribution as  $\mu$ 075 and the target distribution as  $\nu$ . Since the focus of this paper is on point cloud completion,  $\mu$  and 076  $\nu$  represent the distributions of the incomplete and complete point clouds, respectively. For a 077 measurable map T,  $T_{\#\mu}$  represents the pushforward distribution of  $\mu$ .  $\Pi(\mu,\nu)$  denote the set of 078 joint probability distributions on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  whose marginals are  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , respectively. Additionally,  $f^*$ 079 indicates the convex conjugate of a function f, i.e.,  $f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \{\langle x, y \rangle - f(x)\}$  for  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  $[-\infty,\infty].$ 081

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## 2 BACKGROUND

**Optimal Transport** The *Optimal Transport (OT)* problem investigates the task of transporting the source distribution  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$  to the target distribution  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Y})$ . This problem was initially formulated by Monge (1781) using a deterministic transport map  $T : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $T_{\#}\mu = \nu$ :

$$C_{ot}(\mu,\nu) := \inf_{T \neq \mu = \nu} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X}} c(x,T(x)) d\mu(x) \right].$$
(1)

Intuitively, Monge's OT problem explores the optimal transport map  $T^*$  that connects two distributions while minimizing the given cost function c(x, T(x)). Although Monge's OT problem offers an intuitive understanding, it has theoretical limitations: this formulation is non-convex and the optimal transport map  $T^*$  may not exist depending on the conditions on  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  (Villani et al., 2009). To overcome these issues, Kantorovich introduced a relaxed formulation of the OT problem (Kantorovich, 1948). Formally, this Kantorovich formulation is expressed in terms of a coupling  $\pi$ rather than a transport map T, as follows:

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$$C_{ot}(\mu,\nu) := \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu,\nu)} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}} c(x,y) d\pi(x,y) \right].$$
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where c is a cost function and  $\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)$  is a coupling of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ . In contrast to the Monge problem, the minimizer  $\pi^*$  of Eq 2 always exists under some mild assumptions on  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu), (\mathcal{Y}, \nu)$  and the cost function c (Villani et al., 2009). Note that under our assumptions that  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure, the deterministic optimal transport map  $T^*$  exists and the optimal coupling is given by  $\pi^* = (Id \times T^*)_{\#}\mu$  (Villani et al., 2009).

Rout et al. (2022); Fan et al. (2022) proposed a method for learning the optimal transport map  $T^*$  using the semi-dual formulation of OT. This neural network-based approach for learning the optimal transport map is referred to as *Neural Optimal Transport (Neural OT)*. These works applied

Neural OT to generative modeling and image-to-image translation tasks. In specific, these models parametrize the potential function v and the transport map T as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}_{v_{\phi},T_{\theta}} = \sup_{v_{\phi}} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \inf_{T_{\theta}} \left[ c\left(x, T_{\theta}(x)\right) - v_{\phi}\left(T_{\theta}(x)\right) \right] d\mu(x) + \int_{\mathcal{X}} v_{\phi}(y) d\nu(y) \right].$$
(3)

Unbalanced Optimal Transport The classical OT problem assumes an exact transport between two distributions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , i.e.,  $\pi_0 = \mu$ ,  $\pi_1 = \nu$ . However, this exact matching constraint results in sensitivity to outliers (Balaji et al., 2020; Séjourné et al., 2022) and vulnerability to class imbalance in the classical OT problem (Eyring et al., 2024). To mitigate this issue, a new variation of the optimal transport problem is introduced, called *Unbalanced Optimal Transport (UOT)* (Chizat et al., 2018; Liero et al., 2018). Formally, the UOT problem is expressed as follows:

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$$C_{uot}(\mu,\nu) = \inf_{\pi \in \mathcal{M}_+(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}} c(x,y) d\pi(x,y) + D_{\Psi_1}(\pi_0|\mu) + D_{\Psi_2}(\pi_1|\nu) \right], \tag{4}$$

where  $\mathcal{M}_+(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})$  denotes the set of positive Radon measures on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ .  $D_{\Psi_1}$  and  $D_{\Psi_2}$  rep-123 resents two f-divergences generated by convex functions  $\Psi_i$ , and are defined as  $D_{\Psi_i}(\pi_i|\eta) =$ 124  $\int \Psi_i\left(\frac{d\pi_i(x)}{d\eta(x)}\right) d\eta(x)$ . These f-divergences penalize the discrepancies between the marginal distribu-125 126 tions  $\hat{\pi}_0, \pi_1$  and  $\mu, \nu$ , respectively. Hence, in the UOT problem, the two marginal distributions 127 are softly matched to  $\mu, \nu$ , i.e.,  $\pi_0 \approx \mu$  and  $\pi_1 \approx \nu$ . Intuitively, the UOT problem can be seen as 128 the OT problem between  $\pi_0 \approx \mu$  and  $\pi_1 \approx \nu$ , rather than between the exact distributions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ (Choi et al., 2023). This flexibility offers robustness to outliers (Balaji et al., 2020) and adaptability 129 to class imbalance problem between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  (Eyring et al., 2024) to the UOT problem (See Sec 130 3.2 for details). We refer to the optimal transport map  $T^*$  from  $\pi_0$  to  $\pi_1$  as the *unbalanced optimal* 131 transport map. 132

133 Choi et al. (2023) introduced a Neural OT model for the UOT problem into generative modeling, 134 called UOTM (See Sec 3.2 for details). In this paper, we introduce the unbalanced optimal transport 135 map to unpaired point cloud completion. Unlike generative modeling, in unpaired point cloud 136 completion, each incomplete source sample x should be transported to its corresponding complete 137 target sample y. Therefore, it is important to set an appropriate cost function c(x, y) in Eq 4, because 138 this cost determines how each x is transported to y in the optimal transport map. In Sec 3.1, we 139 investigate the optimal cost function for unpaired point cloud completion.

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# 3 UNPAIRED POINT COMPLETION THROUGH UNBALANCED OPTIMAL TRANSPORT MAP

In this paper, our key idea is to **train our model to learn the unbalanced optimal transport map** from the incomplete point cloud distribution  $\mu$  to the complete point cloud distribution  $\nu$ . In Sec 3.1, we demonstrate that this optimal transport approach is appropriate for the unpaired point cloud completion task. In particular, we investigate the most appropriate cost function for this application. In Sec 3.2, we present our max-min learning objective. In Sec 3.3, we provide implementation details, such as neural network parametrization and training algorithm.

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### 3.1 MOTIVATION

152 **Task Formulation as Optimal Transport Map** We begin by formulating our target task: Unpaired 153 *point cloud completion*. Assume that we are given two sets of point cloud data: the incomplete point 154 cloud  $X = \{x_i \mid x_i \in \mathcal{X}, i = 1, \dots, N\}$  and the complete point cloud  $Y = \{y_j \mid y_j \in \mathcal{Y}, j = N\}$ 155  $1, \dots, M$ . Note that X and Y are not paired, i.e., X and Y are independently sampled from the 156 incomplete point cloud distribution  $\mu$  and the complete point cloud distribution  $\nu$ , respectively. In 157 practice, obtaining complete point clouds for real-world scene data is often prohibitively expensive, 158 making this unsupervised approach essential (Ma et al., 2023). Formally, our goal is to train a point 159 completion model T using the unpaired datasets:

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 $T: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}, \quad x \text{ (Incomplete point cloud)} \mapsto T(x) \text{ (Point cloud completion)}.$  (5)

This point cloud completion model T must satisfy the following two conditions.



Figure 1: Visualization of the incomplete point cloud x, the ground-truth completion  $y^{gt}(x)$ , and the three complete point clouds  $y_i^c(x)$  that minimize the cost  $c(x, y_i^c(x))$  for two cost functions:  $cd^{l2}$  and InfoCD, in the **multi-category setting**.

Table 1: Comparison between the cost-minimizer  $g_1^c(x)$  and the ground-truth completion  $y^{gt}(x)$ for each incomplete point cloud x across diverse cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$ . We evaluate the optimality of each cost function by measuring the L1 Chamfer distance  $cd^{l1} \times 10^2$  (1) between  $g_1^c(x)$  and  $y^{gt}(x)$ .

	(a) Single-category										
Cost Function	AVG	chair	table	trash bin	TV	cabinet	bookshelf	sofa	lamp	bed	tub
USSPA	7.18	7.44	7.15	6.98	6.08	10.02	7.00	6.12	8.35	7.90	4.79
$l_2$	14.88	11.21	12.52	22.37	8.29	20.46	17.87	8.69	11.57	19.55	7.07
$cd^{l2}$	6.65	7.17	7.35	8.35	5.46	10.59	5.77	6.39	3.70	6.46	5.28
$cd^{l2}_{fwd}$	6.12	7.29	7.41	7.23	5.18	9.03	6.45	4.64	2.82	6.75	4.44
InfoCD	5.58	6.84	5.90	6.91	5.29	7.86	4.37	5.75	2.72	5.78	4.51
	(b) Multi-category										
Cost Function	AVG	chair	table	trash bin	TV	cabinet	bookshelf	sofa	lamp	bed	tub
USSPA	8.64	7.40	8.88	9.13	8.70	11.48	7.61	6.52	10.01	8.72	8.30
$l_2$	23.97	12.52	31.21	29.17	26.65	22.29	22.96	20.51	24.64	27.03	21.80
$cd^{l2}$	9.78	8.07	7.69	14.00	5.91	18.86	7.88	7.34	6.23	8.76	7.07
$cd^{l2}_{fwd}$	8.87	9.48	8.62	9.38	7.80	10.55	7.73	5.63	14.59	10.32	7.28
InfoCD	8.46	7.43	6.41	11.69	5.69	17.35	6.52	6.25	2.70	6.91	4.92

(i) T should generate a complete point cloud sample, i.e.,  $y = T(x) \sim \nu$ .

(ii) T should transport each incomplete point cloud to its corresponding complete point cloud y, rather than to any arbitrary complete point cloud.

In this regard, the optimal transport map (Eq. 1) is suitable for the point completion model. By definition, the optimal transport map  $T^{\star}$  is (1) a generator of the complete point cloud samples, i.e.,  $T(x) \sim \nu$  for  $x \sim \mu$  that (2) optimally minimizes the given cost function c(x, T(x)). Thus, the first condition (i) is naturally satisfied. If we can identify a suitable cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$  that induces an explicit bias in  $T^{\star}$  to satisfy (ii), then  $T^{\star}$  can serve as the point cloud completion model. Specifically, this suitable cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$  should assign a lower cost to c(x, T(x))when T(x) is the correct completion of x and a higher cost to c(x, y) when y is not the correct corresponding completion. 

**Cost Function Comparison** We conducted the following experiments to evaluate whether the cost-minimizing pair of each cost function is appropriate for the unpaired point cloud completion tasks. We test various cost function candidates, including  $l_2$ , L2-Chamfer distance ( $cd^{l_2}$ ) (Fan et al., 2017), one-directional L2-Chamfer distance  $(cd_{fwd}^{l2})$ , and InfoCD (Lin et al., 2024). Each cost

Table 2: Class imbalance in the benchmark dataset from (Ma et al., 2023). The Incomplete and Complete rows indicate the proportion of each class in the respective datasets. The Ratio represents the proportion ratio (incomplete/complete). A Ratio  $\neq 1$  indicates the presence of class imbalance.

class	chair	table	trash bin	TV	cabinet	bookshelf	sofa	lamp	bed	tub
Incomplete Complete	43% 22.2%	21.3% 22.2%	8.0% 1.9%	6.4% 6.1%	6.0% 8.7%	6.1% 2.5%	3.9% 17.6%	1.1% 12.9%	2.9% 1.3%	1.2% 4.7%
Ratio	1.94	0.96	4.21	1.05	0.69	2.44	0.22	0.09	2.23	0.26

function is defined as follows for an incomplete (partial) point cloud  $x_i = \{x_{im} \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$  and complete point cloud  $y_i = \{y_{in} \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$ .

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•  $l_2(x_i, y_j) = \sum_m ||x_{im} - y_{im}||_2^2$ .

•  $cd^{l_2}(x_i, y_j) = \sum_m \min_n \|x_{im} - y_{in}\|_2^2 + \sum_n \min_m \|x_{im} - y_{in}\|_2^2$ .

•  $cd_{fwd}^{l2}(x_i, y_j) = \sum_m \min_n ||x_{im} - y_{in}||_2^2$ .

• InfoCD
$$(x_i, y_j) = \ell_{\text{InfoCD}}(x_i, y_j) + \ell_{\text{InfoCD}}(y_j, x_i).$$
  
where  $\ell_{\text{InfoCD}}(x_i, y_i) = -\frac{1}{|y_i|} \sum_n \log \left\{ \frac{\exp\{-\frac{1}{\tau'} \min_m d(x_{im}, y_{in})\}}{\sum_n \exp\{-\frac{1}{\tau} \min_m d(x_{im}, y_{in})\}} \right\}$ 

236 For each partial point cloud x and a given cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$ , we select k-nearest complete samples 237  $y_i^c(x)$  for  $1 \le i \le k$  based on  $c(x, \cdot)$  on the target dataset. Then, we compare them with the 238 ground-truth completion  $y^{gt}(x)$ . Our goal is to evaluate each cost function by testing whether the 239 k-nearest neighbor  $y_i^c(x)$  is indeed similar to the ground-truth completion  $y^{gt}(x)$ . If so, this suitable 240 cost function can be exploited to train our OT-based completion model via the optimal transport map. 241 The experiment is conducted on paired completion data from ShapeNet (Chang et al., 2015). In the 242 single-category setting,  $y_i^c(x)$  is selected from the set of ground-truth completions within the same category. In the multi-category setting,  $y_i^c(x)$  is selected from a mixture of ground-truth completions 243 from the ten categories, such as chairs, tables, trash bins, etc. For comparison, we also trained and 244 evaluated the competitive USSPA model (Ma et al., 2023) on each dataset. 245

246 Fig. 1 visualize the incomplete point cloud x, the ground-truth completion  $y^{gt}(x)$ , and the 3-nearest 247 neighbor  $y_3^c(x)$  for the  $cd^{l2}$  and InfoCD cost functions. Fig. 1 show that selecting the cost-minimizing 248 pair based on InfoCD retrieves an appropriate  $y_3^2(x)$ , which closely resembles  $y^{gt}(x)$ , in the multicategory setting (See Appendix B for additional results for other cost functions and the single-category 249 setting). Table 1 presents similar results. Table 1 reports the L1 chamfer distance between  $y^{gt}(x)$  and 250 the nearest neighbor  $y_1^c(x)$  for each cost function. The results indicate that the l2 cost performs the 251 worst. This result shows that  $l_2$  cost is unsuitable for the point cloud completion task. In contrast, the 252 InfoCD achieves competitive results, performing comparably or better than USSPA on the majority 253 of datasets. Therefore, in Sec 3.2, we propose an OT Map approach using the InfoCD cost 254 function for the point cloud completion task, based on our investigation of the most suitable cost 255 function. Furthermore, we conduct an ablation study on the cost function in Sec 5.3 to demonstrate 256 how this cost function comparison closely aligns with the completion performance of UOT-UPC.

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258 Unbalanced Optimal Transport Map for Class Imbalance Problem In this paragraph, we clarify 259 the motivation for considering the unbalanced optimal transport map, instead of the classical optimal 260 transport map. Our goal in this paper is unpaired point cloud completion. Since the training data X and Y are not given as pairs, there may be a *class imbalance problem*. For instance, consider 261 point cloud data consisting of 'Chair' and 'Table' classes. The ratio of these two classes may differ 262 between the incomplete point cloud distribution  $\mu$  and the complete point cloud distribution  $\nu$ . While 263 the incomplete point cloud data might consist of 50% 'Chair' and 50% 'Table,' the complete point 264 cloud data could be composed of 70% 'Chair' and 30% 'Table.' 265

266 Unfortunately, the standard optimal transport problem (Eq. 1) is susceptible to this class imbalance 267 problem (Eyring et al., 2024). The standard optimal transport map transports each source sample 268  $x \sim \mu$  to a target sample  $y \sim \nu$  without any rescaling. Consequently, in this class imbalance case, 269 20% of the 'Table' incomplete point cloud data would be transported to 20% of the 'Chair' complete 269 point cloud. This behavior is undesirable for a point cloud completion model. In practice, **this** 

Rec	<b>uire:</b> The mixture of the incomplete and complete point cloud distribution $\mu$ . The complete
	point cloud distribution $\nu$ . $\Psi_i^*(x) = \text{Softplus}(x)$ . Generator network $T_{\theta}$ and the discriminator
	network $v_{\phi}$ . dl is density loss. Total iteration number K.
1:	for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, K$ do
2:	Sample a batch $X \sim \mu, Y \sim \nu$ .
3:	$\mathcal{L}_{v,T} = \frac{1}{ X } \sum_{x \in X} \Psi_1^* \left( -c \left( x, T_{\theta}(x) \right) + v_{\phi} \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) - dl \left( T_{\theta}(x) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y } \sum_{y \in Y} \Psi_2^* \left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) + \frac{1}{ Y }$
4:	Update $\theta$ by maximizing the loss $\mathcal{L}_{v,T}$ .
5:	Update $\phi$ by minimizing the loss $\mathcal{L}_{v,T}$ .
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class imbalance problem occurs in the unpaired point cloud completion benchmark (Table 2). In the multi-category case, the proportion of some categories, e.g., 'lamp' and 'trash bin' classes, significantly differs by more than threefold between the incomplete and complete point cloud distributions. To address this issue, we suggest the unbalanced optimal transport map as our point cloud completion model. The robustness of UOT to class imbalance will be explained in Sec 3.2 and empirically demonstrated through experiments in Sec 5.2.

#### 3.2 ESTIMATION OF UNBALANCED OPTIMAL TRANSPORT MAP

In this section, we propose our point cloud completion model, which is based on the unbalanced optimal transport map, called UOT-UPC. Our goal is to learn the unbalanced optimal transport map  $T^*$  from the incomplete point cloud distribution  $\mu$  to the complete point cloud distribution  $\nu$  using a neural network  $T_{\theta}$ . To this end, we adopt the UOTM framework (Choi et al., 2023). This approach is based on the following semi-dual formulation of the UOT problem (Eq. 4, Vacher & Vialard (2023)).

$$C_{uot}(\mu,\nu) = \sup_{v\in\mathcal{C}} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X}} -\Psi_1^* \left( -v^c(x) \right) \right) d\mu(x) + \int_{\mathcal{Y}} -\Psi_2^* (-v(y)) d\nu(y) \right],$$
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where the *c*-transform of *v* is defined as  $v^c(x) = \inf_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (c(x, y) - v(y))$ . We refer to the optimal maximizer  $v^*$  of Eq. 6 as the optimal potential function for the UOT problem. Following previous approaches for learning the optimal maps (Korotin et al., 2021; Fan et al., 2022; Rout et al., 2022; Choi et al., 2023), we introduce  $T_\theta$  to approximate the unbalanced optimal transport map  $T^*$  as follows:

$$T_{\theta}(x) \in \operatorname{arginf}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left[ c(x,y) - v(y) \right] \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad v^{c}(x) = c\left( x, T_{\theta}(x) \right) - v\left( T_{\theta}(x) \right), \tag{7}$$

Note that the unbalanced optimal transport map  $T^*$  satisfies the above conditions (Eq. 7) with the optimal potential  $v^*$  (Choi et al., 2023). By parametrizing the optimal potential  $v^*$  with a neural network  $v_{\phi}$  and substituting  $v^c$  using the right-hand side of Eq. 6, we arrive at the following learning objective  $\mathcal{L}_{v_{\phi},T_{\theta}}$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{v_{\phi},T_{\theta}} = \inf_{v_{\phi}} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \Psi_{1}^{*} \left( -\inf_{T_{\theta}} \left[ c\left(x, T_{\theta}(x)\right) - v_{\phi}\left(T_{\theta}(x)\right) \right] \right) d\mu(x) + \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \Psi_{2}^{*}\left( -v_{\phi}(y) \right) d\nu(y) \right].$$
(8)

311 Note that the learning objective  $\mathcal{L}_{v_{\phi},T_{\theta}}$  becomes the standard optimal transport map when the 312 generator functions of f-divegence  $\Psi_i$  are the convex indicator function at  $\{1\}$ , which means that 313 its convex conjugate  $\Psi_i^*$  is the identity function. Moreover, when the optimal potential  $v^*$  is given, 314 the unbalanced optimal transport map can be interpreted as the optimal transport map between 315  $\pi_0(x) = \Psi_1^{\star'}(-v^{\star c}(x))\mu(x)$  and  $\pi_1(y) = \Psi_2^{\star'}(-v^{\star}(y))\nu(y)$  (Choi et al., 2023). These rescaling factors  $\Psi_i^{\star'}(\cdot)$  offer the flexibility of the UOT map to handle the class imbalance problem 316 317 (Eyring et al., 2024). Our main contribution lies in formulating unpaired point cloud completion as 318 the optimal transport problem, investigating the optimal cost function for this task, and applying this 319 cost function within the UOTM framework.

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- As described in Algorithm 1,  $\mathcal{L}_{v_{\phi},T_{\theta}}$  can be computed by the Monte Carlo approximation with mini-batch samples from the incomplete point cloud x and the complete point cloud y. Intuitively,

our learning objective is similar to the adversarial training in GANs (Goodfellow et al., 2020). Our potential  $v_{\phi}$  and completion model  $T_{\theta}$  play similar roles as the discriminator and generator in GANs, respectively. This is because the minimization with respect to  $T_{\theta}$  in Eq 8 is equivalent to the maximization of  $\mathcal{L}_{v_{\phi}, T_{\theta}}^{-1}$ .

328 We parametrize the generator and discriminator using the similar backbone network as USSPA (Ma 329 et al., 2023) (See Appendix A for the implementation details). The InfoCD cost function InfoCD( $\cdot, \cdot$ ) 330 (Lin et al., 2024) is adopted as the cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$  in the learning objective  $\mathcal{L}_{v_{\phi}, T_{\theta}}$ . Moreover, in 331 practice, we set the source distribution  $\tilde{\mu}$  as a mixture of the incomplete point cloud distribution  $\mu$ 332 and complete point cloud distribution  $\nu$ , with a mixing probability of 50%, i.e.,  $\tilde{\mu} = 0.5\mu + 0.5\nu$ . 333 Then, we train the unbalanced optimal transport map between  $\tilde{\mu}$  and  $\nu$ . This mixture trick helps our 334 generator to produce high-fidelity complete point clouds. We conducted ablation studies on the mixture trick and the cost function in Sec 5.3. 335

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# 4 RELATED WORKS

339 **Unpaired Point Completion Model** Unpaired point completion models have developed following 340 recent advancements in unsupervised learning. Unpaired (Chen et al., 2020) is one of the first 341 approaches for unpaired point completion. This model introduces a GAN-based model that maps 342 the latent features of the incomplete point cloud to the latent features of the complete point cloud. 343 Wu et al. (2020) proposes a conditional GAN model that generates multiple plausible complete 344 point clouds conditioned on the incomplete point cloud. ShapeInv (Zhang et al., 2021) employs an optimization-based GAN-inversion approach (Xia et al., 2022). ShapeInv finds the optimal generator 345 input noise to reconstruct the complete point cloud from the given incomplete point cloud. This 346 is conducted by minimizing the distance between the input incomplete point cloud, which is for 347 completion, and the partial point cloud, which is obtained by degrading the generator's output. Cycle4 348 (Wen et al., 2021) proposes two simultaneous cyclic transformations between the latent spaces of 349 incomplete point cloud and complete one through missing region coding. USSPA (Ma et al., 2023) 350 proposes a symmetric shape-preserving method based on GAN. This method utilizes a two-part 351 generator. The first part is a coarse predictor with a symmetry learning module. The second part is an 352 autoencoder with local feature grouping and an upsampling module. In this paper, we propose an 353 unbalanced optimal transport approach for point cloud completion. To the best of our knowledge, this 354 is the first attempt to introduce the optimal transport map for the unpaired point cloud completion.

# 5 EXPERIMENTS

In this section, we evaluate our model from various perspectives. For implementation details of experiments, please refer to Appendix A.

- In Sec 5.1, we evaluate our model on the unpaired point cloud completion benchmark, considering both single-category and multi-category settings.
- In Sec 5.2, we demonstrate the advantages of the UOT framework over the standard OT approach and the other point cloud completion model by testing under the class imbalance problem.
- In Sec 5.3, we conduct various ablations studies to investigate the effects of different cost functions, the source mixture trick, and the cost-intensity hyperparameters *τ*.
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# 5.1 UNPAIRED POINT COMPLETION PERFORMANCE

Experimental Settings In this section, we present both qualitative and quantitative results for unpaired point cloud completion using our model. We train and evaluate our model on the dataset proposed in Ma et al. (2023), which comprises ten categories, including chairs, trash bins, lamps, etc. To ensure a reliable and comprehensive comparison, we evaluate our model on (i) individual categories (*Single-category*) and (ii) all categories combined (*Multi-category*). In the single-category experiments, each model is trained and evaluated exclusively on data from a single class. In contrast,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Since we assume  $\Psi_i$  to be convex and non-negative, its convex conjugate  $\Psi_i^*$  is an increasing function.



Figure 2: **Comparison of generated samples** from UOT-UPC and USSPA in the single-category.

Table 3: Point cloud completion comparison in the single-category setting, assessed by L1 Chamfer Distance  $cd^{l1} \times 10^2$  ( $\downarrow$ ). The boldface denotes the best performance among unpaired methods.

Method		AVG	chair	table	trash bin	TV	cabinet	bookshelf	sofa	lamp	bed	tub
Paired	PoinTr (Yu et al., 2021)	14.37	13.65	12.52	15.26	12.69	17.32	13.99	12.36	17.05	15.13	13.77
	Disp3D (Wang et al., 2022)	7.78	6.24	8.20	7.12	7.12	10.36	6.94	5.60	14.03	6.90	5.32
	TopNet (Tchapmi et al., 2019)	7.07	6.39	5.79	7.40	6.26	8.37	7.02	5.94	8.50	7.81	7.25
Unpaired	ShapeInv (Zhang et al., 2021)	21.39	17.97	17.28	33.51	15.69	26.26	25.51	14.28	16.69	32.33	14.43
	Unpaired (Chen et al., 2020)	10.47	8.41	7.52	12.08	6.72	17.45	9.95	6.92	19.36	10.04	6.22
	Cycle4 (Wen et al., 2021)	11.53	9.11	11.35	11.93	8.40	15.47	12.51	10.63	12.25	15.73	7.92
	USSPA (Ma et al., 2023)	8.56	8.22	7.68	10.36	7.66	<b>10.77</b>	7.84	<b>6.14</b>	11.93	<b>8.20</b>	6.75
	UOT-UPC (Ours)	7.62	7.88	6.44	8.83	6.00	11.84	7.32	6.65	7.30	8.69	5.49

the multi-category experiments use data from all classes for both training and evaluation. The multi-category setting is particularly challenging, as the model should learn to complete partial point clouds from diverse categories. For quantitative evaluation, we utilize the L1 Chamfer distance (Fan et al., 2017) ( $cd^{l_1}$ ) and F-scores (Tatarchenko et al., 2019) ( $F_{score}^{0.1\%}$ ,  $F_{score}^{1\%}$ ). These scores evaluate our completion results against the ground-truth completion on the test data. Further details on training procedures and evaluation metrics are provided in Appendix A.

**Single-category** In the single-category setting, we compare our model against existing point cloud completion models, including paired (supervised) and unpaired models. Fig. 2 illustrates the generated samples and Table 3 presents the L1 Chamfer distance  $(cd^{l_1})$  results (See Appendix B.2 for generated samples in the multi-category and Table 9 in the Appendix for results on the PCN dataset). Our model outperforms other unpaired models in seven out of ten categories in terms of  $cd^{l1}$ . The average column (AVG) indicates the average  $cd^{l1}$  scores across all ten categories. In the AVG column, our model surpasses the second-best unpaired approach, USSPA (Ma et al., 2023), by more than 10% and even outperforms two paired approaches, PoinTr (Yu et al., 2021) and Disp3D (Wang et al., 2022). In particular, our model outperforms all other models, including the supervised ones, on TV and lamp datasets. Moreover, Table 4 reports the average of F-scores across all ten categories, following the evaluation scheme of Ma et al. (2023). Our model attains  $F_{\text{score}}^{0.1\%}$  and  $F_{\text{score}}^{1\%}$ scores of 19.55 and 76.83, respectively, surpassing all other unpaired methods. To sum up, our model consistently outperforms other unpaired point cloud models on most of the single-category datasets. 

**Multi-category** Table 4 presents the  $cd^{l1}$  and F-scores in the multi-category setting. Note that 427 since this setting considers the entire dataset at once, the reported scores can be understood as a 428 weighted sum of scores for each category, where the weights correspond to the ratio of training 429 data in Table 2. Our model achieves  $F^{0.1\%}$  score of 17.84, outperforming all other unsupervised 430 benchmarks. Additionally, our model attains  $cd^{l1} = 8.96$  and  $F_{\text{score}}^{1\%} = 71.23$ , which are comparable 431 to the best-performing unpaired model, USSPA. In summary, our model shows comparable or better 435 performance than the state-of-the-art model in multi-category point cloud completion. 432 Table 4: Point cloud completion comparison in the single-category setting and the multi-category setting, assessed by L1 Chamfer Distance  $cd^{l1} \times 10^2$  ( $\downarrow$ ) and F-scores  $F_{\text{score}}^{0.1\%} \times 10^2$ ,  $F_{\text{score}}^{1\%} \times 10^2$  ( $\uparrow$ ). 433

	Method	Single-c	ategory	Multi-category		
	Method	$F_{ m score}^{0.1\%}\uparrow$	$F_{ m score}^{1\%}$ $\uparrow$	$cd^{l1}\downarrow$	$F_{ m score}^{0.1\%}\uparrow$	$F_{ m score}^{1\%}$ $\uparrow$
	PoinTr (Yu et al., 2021)	-	-	14.37	18.35	80.41
Paired	Disp3D (Wang et al., 2022)	-	-	7.78	30.29	78.26
	TopNet (Tchapmi et al., 2019)	-	-	7.07	12.33	80.37
	ShapeInv (Zhang et al., 2021)	15.58	66.53	19.35	16.98	69.66
	Unpaired (Chen et al., 2020)	12.20	64.33	10.12	10.86	66.68
Unpaired	Cycle4 (Wen et al., 2021)	9.98	60.14	12.00	8.61	56.57
-	USSPA (Ma et al., 2023)	17.49	73.41	8.96	16.88	72.31
	UOT-UPC (Ours)	19.55	76.83	8.96	17.84	71.23

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#### 5.2 **ROBUSTNESS TO CLASS IMBALANCE OF UOT APPROACH**

446 In this section, we explore the robustness of our model in class-imbalanced settings. As described in Sec 3.2, a key advantage of the UOT framework is its robustness and stability in handling class 448 imbalance scenarios (Eyring et al., 2024). When the proportions of data classes between the source 449 and target distributions differ, UOT can rescale the mass to compensate for this imbalance, ensuring 450 that the learned transport map remains meaningful and accurate. Furthermore, note that this class imbalance is neither an unusual nor a contrived scenario. As we observed in Table 2, this class 452 imbalance exists in even our multi-category experiment in Sec. 5.1.

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454 **Experimental Settings** To explore the effects of class imbalance, we observe how the performance 455 of existing point cloud completion models changes with different class imbalance ratios. To be more specific, we select two categories of datasets: Data1 (category: TV) and Data2 (category: Table). 456 These categories are selected because of their relatively abundant training samples and the distinct 457 differences in their shape. For the incomplete point cloud samples, we use the entire training data 458 for both Data 1 and Data2, maintaining their ratio of 6.4 : 21.3 in Table 2. For the complete point 459 cloud samples, we manipulate the imbalance ratio r, i.e., Data1 and Data2 are sampled at a ratio of 460  $6.4:21.3 \times r$ . Then, each model is evaluated across diverse values of r to explore the effects of class 461 imbalance. We compare our model to (i) the standard OT counterpart of our model (OT-UPC) and 462 (ii) USSPA, the state-of-the-art method for unpaired point cloud completion. Note that, as discussed 463 in Sec. 3.2, our model corresponds to the standard OT counterpart when  $\Psi_i^* = Id$ . For detailed 464 hyperparameter settings, please refer to Appendix A.

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466 **Discussion** As shown in Table 5, our model outperforms the two alternative models across various 467 class imbalance settings. (See Table 8 in the Appendix for results on other class combinations.) Note 468 that we tested  $r \leq 1$ , because Data2 has a significantly larger total number of training samples, more than three times that of Data1 (Table 2). Hence, setting r > 1 would result in discarding too many 469 training data samples. Our model consistently demonstrates stable performance, ranging between 470 6.65 and 6.78 across various class imbalance ratios r, while USSPA shows considerably greater 471 variance. In contrast, the standard OT generally performs poorly, with its best result appearing in the 472 balanced case (1:1 ratio). We hypothesize that this phenomenon occurs due to the unstable training 473 dynamics of the standard OT. The stable training dynamics in learning the transport map is also 474 another advantage of the UOT over OT (Choi et al., 2024). In summary, these results indicate that our 475 UOT-UPC offers strong robustness to class imbalance problem.

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5.3 ABLATION STUDY 478

479 Effect of Appropriate Cost Functional We validate our motivation experiments (Table 1) for 480 selecting InfoCD (Lin et al., 2024) as the cost function. In the (unbalanced) optimal transport 481 map approach, the cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$  in Eq. 8 determines how each input x is transported to the 482  $y = T^{\star}(x)$  by the optimal transport map  $T^{\star}$ . Thus, setting an appropriate cost function is crucial. In this regard, as a reminder, we assessed various cost function options to determine whether their 483 cost-minimizing pairs are suitable for the point cloud completion in Sec 3.1. Here, we conduct an 484 ablation study by modifying the cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$  in our model (Eq. 8). Each model is evaluated 485 on the multi-category setting and the single-category settings for the 'trash bin' and 'TV' classes.

Table 5:	Comparison of class imbalance ro-
bustness	$(cd^{l1} \times 10^2 (\downarrow))$ on (Data1, Data2) =
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r	0.3	0.5	0.7	1
USSPA OT-UPC	7.60 25.12	6.97 25.72	8.08 24.30	7.97 21.49
Ours	6.71	6.65	6.70	6.78

Table 7: Ablation study on the source mixture
trick, i.e., the complete input.

Category	Complete Input	$cd^{l1}\downarrow$	$F_{\rm score}^{0.1\%}\uparrow$	$F_{ m score}^{1\%}$ $\uparrow$
Single	$\checkmark$	7.90 <b>7.62</b>	17.40 <b>19.55</b>	74.11 <b>76.83</b>
Multi	$\checkmark$	9.00 <b>8.96</b>	16.66 <b>17.84</b>	70.86 <b>71.23</b>



Table 6: Ablation study on the cost function

 $c(\cdot, \cdot) (cd^{l1} \times 10^2 (\downarrow)).$ 

Figure 3: Ablation study on the cost intensity  $\tau (cd^{l1} \times 10^2 (\downarrow))$ .

Table 6 demonstrates that our model achieves the best performance using the InfoCD cost function, followed by  $(cd_{fwd}^2, cd^2)$ , and  $l^2$ . (See Table 10 for the cost ablation results on the PCN dataset.) Note that this ranking closely aligns with the results of our cost function investigation in Table 1. This consistency suggests a strong correlation between our motivation experiments and actual model performance. Furthermore, these findings suggest that further exploration of alternative cost functions could potentially enhance our model's performance. We leave this exploration for future work.

511 Add Complete Sample to Source As described in Sec 3.3, we introduced the source mixture trick 512 to our model, i.e., the source distribution is given as a mixture of incomplete and complete point 513 cloud data with a mixing probability of 50%. Here, we conduct an ablation study to evaluate the 514 effect of this source mixture trick. The results are presented in Table 7. In both single-category and 515 multi-category experiments, our model exhibits consistent improvements in both  $cd^{l1}$  and F scores 516 with the source mixture trick. The purpose of this source mixture trick is to assist our transport 517 map in generating the target distribution better. For input complete data, the optimal transport map 518 should ideally learn the identity mapping, which is relatively easier compared to completing the input incomplete point cloud. We hypothesize this property encourages the training process, enabling the 519 model to generate complete point clouds more efficiently. Therefore, we empirically observed an 520 improvement in the fidelity of the point cloud completion when using this source mixture trick. 521

522  $\tau$  **Robustness** For the last ablation study, we evaluate the robustness of our model with respect 523 to the cost-intensity hyperparameter  $\tau$ , defined as  $c(x,y) = \tau \times \text{InfoCD}(x,y)$ . Specifically, we 524 tested our model on the multi-category setting and the single-category settings of the 'bookshelf' and 525 'lamp' classes, while changing  $\tau \in \{0.02, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.25\}$ . Note that we impose challenging 526 conditions by setting the maximum  $\tau$  to  $\tau_{max} = 0.25$  and the minimum  $\tau$  to  $\tau_{min} = 0.02$ , resulting in a ratio of  $\tau_{\rm max}/\tau_{\rm min} > 10$ . As depicted in Fig. 3, our model shows moderate performance 527 across various  $\tau$  values. In particular, the sweet spot of  $\tau$  lies roughly between 0.05 and 0.1. The 528 performance deteriorates by approximately 10% when  $\tau$  is either too large ( $\tau_{max}$ ) or too small ( $\tau_{min}$ ). 529

# 531 6 CONCLUSION

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In this paper, we introduce UOT-UPC, an unpaired point cloud completion model based on the UOT map. To the best of our knowledge, our work is the first attempt to introduce the unbalanced optimal transport map to the point cloud completion task. We formulated the unpaired point cloud completion task as an (unbalanced) optimal transport problem and investigated the optimal cost function for this task. Our experiments demonstrated a strong correlation between cost function selection and the model's point cloud completion performance. When combined with the InfoCD cost function, our UOT-UPC attains competitive performance compared to both unpaired and paired point cloud completion models. Moreover, our experiments showed that UOT-UPC presents robustness to the class imbalance problem, which is prevalent in the unpaired point cloud completion tasks.

#### 540 ETHICS STATEMENT 541

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The point cloud completion research contributes positively to various fields, including autonomous driving, robotics and virtual/augmented reality. Also, it is applicable to urban planning and cultural heritage preservation. Our research does not involve personal data or human subjects, and we have carefully addressed potential data bias issues. We also ensure that there are no risks related to illegal surveillance or privacy violations. As a result, we believe that this research is conducted ethically and poses no social or ethical concerns.

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# Reproducibility Statement

To ensure the reproducibility of our work, we submitted the anonymized source in the supplementary material and included the implementation and experiment details in Appendix A.

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# 702 A IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

Unless otherwise stated, our implementation follows the experimental settings and hyperparameters of USSPA Ma et al. (2023).

# A.1 NETWORK

We adopt the generator and discriminator architectures from the USSPA framework as completion model  $T_{\theta}$  and potential  $v_{\phi}$ . For the potential  $v_{\phi}$ , the final sigmoid layer of the discriminator is omitted to allow for the parameterization of the potential function, enabling outputs to assume any real values. Additionally, we remove the feature discriminator to streamline the architecture. In the potential  $v_{\phi}$ , we implement the encoder proposed by Yuan et al. (2018) in their Point Cloud Networks (PCN). Following the encoder, we employ an MLPConv layer specified as MLPConv $(C_{in}, [C_1, \ldots, C_n]) =$ MLPConv(1024, [256, 256, 128, 128, 1]), which indicates that the output y is computed as follows:

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 $y = \text{Conv1D}_{C_4 = 128, C_5 = 1}(\text{ReLU}(\dots \text{ReLU}(\text{Conv1D}_{C_{in} = 1024, C_1 = 256}(x))\dots))$ (9)

<sup>718</sup> <sup>719</sup> Here, Conv1D<sub> $C_{in}, C_{out}$ </sub> represents a 1D convolutional layer with  $C_{in}$  input channels and  $C_{out}$  output channels.

721 The completion model  $T_{\theta}$  receives as input a concatenation of the incomplete point cloud 722 and a complete point cloud. These inputs are processed independently to generate distinct complete 723 point cloud samples. The completion model  $T_{\theta}$  follows an Encoder-Decoder architecture, augmented 724 by an upsampling refinement module (upsampling module) in sequence. The upsampling module is 725 implemented using a 4-layer MLPConv network, where the final MLPConv layer is responsible for refining and adding detailed structures to the output (Ma et al., 2023). Specifically, the inputs to the 726 last MLPConv layer are composed of the skeleton point cloud produced by the Encoder-Decoder 727 structure and the features extracted from the third MLPConv layer. 728

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A.2 IMPLEMENTATION DETAIL

Motivation - Optimal Cost Function The incomplete and complete point clouds utilized in the optimal cost function outlined in Sec 3.1 are sourced from the dataset proposed by Ma et al. (2023). This dataset consists of paired incomplete and complete point clouds. For a fair comparison, we shuffle the complete point clouds to create an unpaired setting. We then use these shuffled point clouds as artificial complete data to train the USSPA model.

737 **Training** Concerning the loss function  $L_{v,T}$ . We employ Infocd as the cost function c with a 738 coordinate value of  $\tau = 0.05$ . For the hyperparameters of InfoCD, we set  $\tau_{infocd}$  to 2 and  $\lambda_{InfoCD}$ 739 to  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ . The functions  $\Psi_1^*$  and  $\Psi_2^*$  are defined using the Softplus activation, SP(x) = 740  $2\log(1+e^x) - 2\log 2^2$  As a regularization term, we incorporate the density loss dl proposed by Ma et al. (2023), and we designate a coordinate value of 10.5 for dl. The objective of Potential  $v_{\phi}$  is to 741 assign high value to target sample y while assigning lower values to generated sample  $\hat{y}$ . We utilize 742 the Adam optimizer with  $\beta_1 = 0.95$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.999$  and learning rates of  $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  for 743 the potential  $v_{\phi}$  and completion model  $T_{\theta}$ , respectively. The training is conducted with a batch size 4. 744 The maximum epoch of training is 480. We report the final results based on the epoch that yields the 745 best performance. 746

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**Ablation study - Effect of Appropriate Cost Functional** We set cost function coordinate value  $\tau = 100$  for cost function  $cd^{l_2}{}_{fwd}, cd^{l_2}$  and  $l^2$ . All other parameters and settings, unless otherwise specified, are consistent with those used in our UOT-UPC model.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The softplus function is translated and scaled to satisfy SP(0) = 0 and SP'(0) = 1.

# Evaluation Metrics • L1-Chamfer Distance $cd^{l1}$ (Fan et al., 2017) $cd^{l1}(x_i, y_j) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{|x_i|} \sum_m \min_n ||x_{im} - y_{jn}||_2 + \frac{1}{|y_j|} \sum_n \min_m ||x_{im} - y_{jn}||_2 \right)$ where each of $x_i, y_j$ is point cloud • F score $F_{score}^{\alpha}$ (Tatarchenko et al., 2019) $F_{score}^{\alpha} = \frac{2 \times P(\alpha) \times R(\alpha)}{P(\alpha) + R(\alpha)}$

where  $P(\alpha) = \frac{|\{x_{im} \in x_i | \min_n(||x_{im} - y_{jn}||_2) < \alpha\}|}{|x_i|}$  measures the accuracy of  $x_i$ , and  $R(\alpha) = \frac{|\{y_{jn} \in y_j | \min_m(||x_{im} - y_{jn}||_2) < \alpha\}|}{|y_j|}$  measures the completeness of  $x_i$ . (10)

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#### 774 A.3 OT-UPC

For the completion model  $T_{\theta}$ , we implement MLPConv(512, [128, 128, 1]) following the PCN en-coder (Yuan et al., 2018). We incorporate R1 regularization (Roth et al., 2017) and R2 regularization (Mescheder et al., 2018) to the loss function  $L_{v,T}$ . Both regularization terms are assigned coordinate values r1 = r2 = 0.2. The density loss dl is excluded from the  $L_{v,T}$ . A gradient clipping value of 1.0 is applied. We use Adam optimizer with  $\beta_1 = 0.9, \beta_2 = 0.999$  and a learning rate  $lr_{T_{\theta}} = 5.0 \times 10^{-5}$ for the completion model  $T_{\theta}$ . In addition, we use Adam optimizer with  $\beta_1 = 0.9, \beta_2 = 0.999$  and learning rate  $lr_{v_{\phi}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  for the potential  $v_{\phi}$ . All other settings not explicitly mentioned follow those of our model, UOT-UPC. 

# **B** ADDITIONAL RESULTS

# B.1 Additional Visualization of the three-nearest neighbor of Various cost functions from Sec. 3.1



Figure 4: Visualization of the incomplete point cloud x, the ground-truth completion  $y^{gt}(x)$ , and the three complete point clouds  $y_i^c(x)$  that minimize the cost  $c(x, y_i^c(x)$  for two cost functions:  $cd^{l2}$  and InfoCD, in the single-category setting.





Figure 6: Visualization of the incomplete point cloud x, the ground-truth completion  $y^{gt}(x)$ , and the three complete point clouds  $y_i^c(x)$  that minimize the cost  $c(x, y_i^c(x))$  for two cost functions:  $cd^{l2}_{fwd}$  and l2, in the single-category setting.













# 1134 B.4 COMPARISON OF CLASS IMBALANCE ROBUSTNESS FOR DIVERSE CLASS COMBINATIONS.

1136Table 8: Comparison of class imbalance robustness  $(cd^{l1} \times 10^2 (\downarrow))$  between UOT-UPC (ours),1137USSPA, and OT-UPC on diverse class combinations (Data1, Data2). Our UOT-UPC consistently1138outperforms other models across a wide range of class imbalance ratios in both additional class1139settings.

(a) (Data1, Data2) = (Lamp, Trash bin) with sample count = (1.1 : 8.0 \* r).

r	0.3	0.5	0.7	1
USSPA OT	10.16 22.03	9.49 21.37	10.21 21.07	10.21 29.43
Ours	9.24	9.01	9.39	9.41

(b) (Data1, Data2) = (Lamp, Bed) with sample count = (1.1 : 2.9 \* r).

r	0.3	0.5	0.7	1
USSPA OT	9.64 22.68	9.78 20.18	9.27 22.91	9.79 22.75
Ours	8.65	8.83	8.87	9.04

## 1157 B.5 Additional experimental results on the PCN dataset

1158<br/>1159Table 9: Point cloud completion comparison on the PCN dataset in the single-category setting,<br/>assessed by L1 Chamfer Distance  $cd^{l1} \times 10^2$  ( $\downarrow$ ). All unpaired models are trained with ScanNet. The<br/>boldface denotes the best performance among unpaired methods. Our UOT-UPC outperforms all<br/>other unpaired point cloud completion models.

	Method	AVG	chair	table	cabinet	sofa	lamp
Paired	PoinTr (Yu et al., 2021) Disp3D (Wang et al., 2022) TopNet (Tchapmi et al., 2019)	5.49 2.51 5.92	5.61 2.42 6.34	5.68 2.30 5.45	6.08 2.38 6.06	5.67 2.44 5.80	4.44 3.00 5.95
	ShapeInv (Zhang et al., 2021) Unpaired (Chen et al., 2020)	19.05 14.87	23.18	15.66 8.14	17.14 14 30	22.85 18.23	16.40 20.82
Unpaired	Cycle4 (Wen et al., 2021)	17.60	14.25	15.73	21.06	21.54	15.40
	UOT-UPC (Ours)	<b>7.92</b>	13.52 10.22	9.00 <b>8.11</b>	6.41	<b>8.08</b>	<b>6.79</b>

**Table 10:** Ablation study on the cost function  $c(\cdot, \cdot)$  on the PCN dataset  $(cd^{l1} \times 10^2 (\downarrow))$ . The results are consistent with Table 6. InfoCD achieved the best performance, while the L2 distance yielded the worst results.

Cost function	cabinet	sofa	lamp
$l_2$	19.38	17.92	17.27
$cd^{l2}$	8.52	8.33	7.23
$cd^{l2}{}_{fwd}$	14.28	11.70	11.76
InfoCD	6.41	8.08	6.79