

# Package ‘approxOT’

October 12, 2022

**Type** Package

**Title** Approximate and Exact Optimal Transport Methods

**Version** 1.0.2

**Date** 2022-03-16

**Author** Eric Dunipace [aut, cre] (<<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8909-213X>>)

**Maintainer** Eric Dunipace <edunipace@mail.harvard.edu>

**Description** R and C++ functions to perform exact and approximate optimal transport. All C++ methods are linkable to other R packages via their header files.

**License** GPL (>= 3.0)

**Imports** Rcpp (>= 1.0.3), stats

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, RcppEigen, RcppCGAL, BH

**BugReports** <https://github.com/ericdunipace/approxOT/issues>

**Suggests** testthat (>= 2.1.0), transport

**RoxygenNote** 7.1.1

**NeedsCompilation** yes

**Repository** CRAN

**Date/Publication** 2022-03-17 11:40:12 UTC

## R topics documented:

approxOT . . . . .	2
cost_calc . . . . .	2
hilbert.projection . . . . .	3
transport_options . . . . .	3
transport_plan . . . . .	4
transport_plan_given_C . . . . .	5
transport_plan_multimarg . . . . .	7
wasserstein . . . . .	8

<b>Index</b>	<b>10</b>
--------------	-----------

---

approxOT

*An R package to perform exact and approximate optimal transport.*

---

### Description

R and C++ functions to perform exact and approximate optimal transport. All C++ methods are linkable to other R packages via their header files.

### Author(s)

Eric Dunipace

### See Also

Useful links:

- Report bugs at <https://github.com/ericdunipace/approxOT/issues>

---

cost\_calc

*Calculate cost matrix*

---

### Description

Calculate cost matrix

### Usage

```
cost_calc(X, Y, ground_p)
```

### Arguments

X                   matrix of values in first sample. Observations should be by column, not rows.  
Y                   matrix of Values in second sample. Observations should be by column, not rows.  
ground\_p           power of the Lp norm to use in cost calculation.

### Value

matrix of costs

### Examples

```
X <- matrix(rnorm(10*100), 10, 100)
Y <- matrix(rnorm(10*100), 10, 100)
# the Euclidean distance
cost <- cost_calc(X, Y, ground_p = 2)
```

---

hilbert.projection     *Get order along the Hilbert curve*

---

**Description**

Get order along the Hilbert curve

**Usage**

```
hilbert.projection(X, Sigma = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

**X**                    matrix of values. Observations are unique by rows.  
**Sigma**                Covariance of the data. If provided, uses a Mahalanobis distance.

**Value**

Index of orders

**Examples**

```
X <- matrix(rnorm(10*3), 3, 10)
idx <- hilbert.projection(X)
print(idx)
```

---

transport\_options     *Function returning supported optimal transportation methods.*

---

**Description**

Function returning supported optimal transportation methods.

**Usage**

```
transport_options()
```

**Details**

The currently supported methods are

- exact, networkflow: Utilize the networkflow algorithm to solve the exact optimal transport problem
- shortsimplex: Use the shortsimplex algorithm to solve the exact optimal transport problem
- sinkhorn: Use Sinkhorn's algorithm to solve the approximate optimal transport problem

- greenkhorn: Use the Greenkhorn algorithm to solve the approximate optimal transport problem
- randkhorn: (NOT CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED) Use the randkhorn algorithm to solve the approximate optimal transport problem
- grandkhorn: (NOT CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED) Use the grandkhorn algorithm to solve the approximate optimal transport problem
- hilbert: Use hilbert sorting to perform approximate optimal transport
- rank: use the average covariate ranks to perform approximate optimal transport
- univariate: Use appropriate optimal transport methods for univariate data
- swapping: Utilize the swapping algorithm to perform approximate optimal transport
- sliced: Use the sliced optimal transport distance

### Value

Returns a vector of supported transport methods

---

transport_plan	<i>Optimal transport plans</i>
----------------	--------------------------------

---

### Description

Optimal transport plans

### Usage

```
transport_plan(
  X,
  Y,
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  p = 2,
  ground_p = 2,
  observation.orientation = c("rowwise", "colwise"),
  method = transport_options(),
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

X	The covariate data of the first sample.
Y	The covariate data of the second sample.
a	Optional. Empirical measure of the first sample
b	Optional. Empirical measure of the second sample
p	The power of the Wasserstein distance

ground_p	The power of the Lp norm
observation.orientation	Are observations by row ("rowwise") or column ("colwise").
method	Which transportation method to use. See [transport_options][transport_options]
...	Additional arguments for various methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"niter": The number of iterations to use for the entropically penalized optimal transport distances</li> <li>"epsilon": The multiple of the median cost to use as a penalty in the entropically penalized optimal transport distances</li> <li>"unbiased": If using Sinkhorn distances, should the distance be de-biased? (TRUE/FALSE)</li> <li>"nboot": If using sliced Wasserstein distances, specify the number of Monte Carlo samples</li> </ul>

**Value**

a list with slots "tplan" and "cost". "tplan" is the optimal transport plan and "cost" is the optimal transport distance.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(203987)
n <- 100
d <- 10
x <- matrix(rnorm(d*n), nrow=d, ncol=n)
y <- matrix(rnorm(d*n), nrow=d, ncol=n)
#get hilbert sort orders for x in backwards way
transx <- transport_plan(X=x, Y=x, ground_p = 2, p = 2,
                        observation.orientation = "colwise",
                        method = "hilbert")
```

---

transport\_plan\_given\_C

*Optimal transport plans given a pre-specified cost*

---

**Description**

Optimal transport plans given a pre-specified cost

**Usage**

```
transport_plan_given_C(
  mass_x,
  mass_y,
  p = 2,
  cost = NULL,
```

```

method = "exact",
cost_a = NULL,
cost_b = NULL,
...
)

```

### Arguments

mass_x	The empirical measure of the first sample
mass_y	The empirical measure of the second sample.
p	The power of the Wasserstein distance
cost	Specify the cost matrix in advance.
method	The transportation method to use, one of "exact", "networkflow", "shortsimplex", "sinkhorn", "greenkhorn"
cost_a	The cost matrix for the first sample with itself. Only used for unbiased Sinkhorn
cost_b	The cost matrix for the second sample with itself. Only used for unbiased Sinkhorn
...	Additional arguments for various methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"niter": The number of iterations to use for the entropically penalized optimal transport distances</li> <li>"epsilon": The multiple of the median cost to use as a penalty in the entropically penalized optimal transport distances</li> <li>"unbiased": If using Sinkhorn distances, should the distance be de-biased? (TRUE/FALSE)</li> </ul>

### Value

A transportation plan as a list with slots "from", "to", and "mass".

### Examples

```

n <- 32
d <- 5
set.seed(293897)
A <- matrix(stats::rnorm(n*d), nrow=d, ncol=n)
B <- matrix(stats::rnorm(n*d), nrow=d, ncol=n)
transp.meth <- "sinkhorn"
niter <- 1e2
test <- transport_plan_given_C(rep(1/n,n),
rep(1/n,n), 2, cost = cost_calc(A,B,2),
"sinkhorn", niter = niter)

```

---

 transport\_plan\_multimarg

*Multimarginal optimal transport plans*


---

## Description

Multimarginal optimal transport plans

## Usage

```
transport_plan_multimarg(
  ...,
  p = 2,
  ground_p = 2,
  observation.orientation = c("rowwise", "colwise"),
  method = c("hilbert", "univariate", "sliced"),
  nsim = 1000
)
```

## Arguments

...	Either data matrices as separate arguments or a list of data matrices. Arguments after the data must be specified by name.
p	The power of the Wasserstein distance to use
ground_p	The power of the Euclidean distance to use
observation.orientation	Are observations by rows or columns
method	One of "hilbert", "univariate", or "sliced"
nsim	Number of simulations to use for the sliced method

## Value

transport plan

## Examples

```
set.seed(23423)
n <- 100
d <- 10
p <- ground_p <- 2 #euclidean cost, p = 2
x <- matrix(stats::rnorm((n + 11)*d), n + 11 , d)
y <- matrix(stats::rnorm(n*d), n, d)
z <- matrix(stats::rnorm((n +455)*d), n +455, d)

# make data a list
data <- list(x,y,z)
```

```
tplan <- transport_plan_multimarg(data, p = p, ground_p = ground_p,
observation.orientation = "rowwise", method = "hilbert")

#' #transpose data works too
datat <- lapply(data, t)

tplan2 <- transport_plan_multimarg(datat, p = p, ground_p = ground_p,
observation.orientation = "colwise",method = "hilbert")
```

---

wasserstein

*Calculate the Wasserstein distance*


---

## Description

Calculate the Wasserstein distance

## Usage

```
wasserstein(
  X = NULL,
  Y = NULL,
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  cost = NULL,
  tplan = NULL,
  p = 2,
  ground_p = 2,
  method = transport_options(),
  cost_a = NULL,
  cost_b = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

X	The covariate data of the first sample.
Y	The covariate data of the second sample.
a	Optional. Empirical measure of the first sample
b	Optional. Empirical measure of the second sample
cost	Specify the cost matrix in advance.
tplan	Give a transportation plan with slots "from", "to", and "mass", like that returned by the [transportation_plan][transportation_plan] function.
p	The power of the Wasserstein distance
ground_p	The power of the Lp norm
method	Which transportation method to use. See [transport_options][transport_options]

<code>cost_a</code>	The cost matrix for the first sample with itself. Only used for unbiased Sinkhorn
<code>cost_b</code>	The cost matrix for the second sample with itself. Only used for unbiased Sinkhorn
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments for various methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "niter": The number of iterations to use for the entropically penalized optimal transport distances</li><li>• "epsilon": The multiple of the median cost to use as a penalty in the entropically penalized optimal transport distances</li><li>• "unbiased": If using Sinkhorn distances, should the distance be de-biased? (TRUE/FALSE)</li><li>• "nboot": If using sliced Wasserstein distances, specify the number of Monte Carlo samples</li></ul>

### Value

The p-Wasserstein distance, a numeric value

### Examples

```
set.seed(11289374)
n <- 100
z <- stats::rnorm(n)
w <- stats::rnorm(n)
uni <- approxOT::wasserstein(X = z, Y = w,
p = 2, ground_p = 2,
observation.orientation = "colwise",
method = "univariate")
```

# Index

`approxOT`, [2](#)  
`approxOT-package` (`approxOT`), [2](#)  
  
`cost_calc`, [2](#)  
  
`hilbert.projection`, [3](#)  
  
`transport_options`, [3](#)  
`transport_plan`, [4](#)  
`transport_plan_given_C`, [5](#)  
`transport_plan_multimarg`, [7](#)  
  
`wasserstein`, [8](#)