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# Multi-Path Continuous Domain Adaptation with Wasserstein-based Transfer Curriculum

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# Introduction



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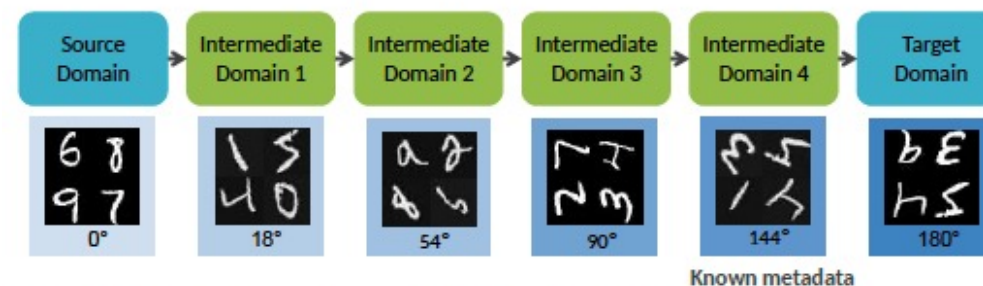
## ➤ Substantial domain shift

- Machine learning based models
- Continuous domain adaptation

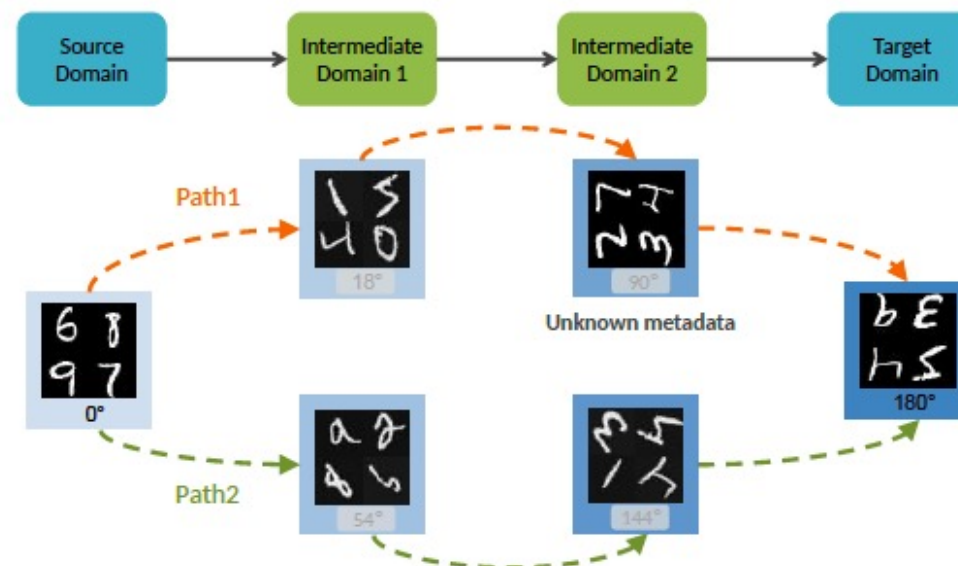
## ➤ Transfer order and Cumulative errors

- Missing metadata
- Progressively adaptation errors

Continuous Domain Adaptation (CDA)



Multi-Path Continuous Domain Adaptation (W-MPOT)



## ➤ **Related works**

- Unsupervised Domain Adaptation: learning domain-invariant representations by aligning the source and target distributions
- Continuous Domain Adaptation: self-training, adversarial algorithms, Optimal transport
- Intermediate Domain Selection: domain discriminator

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# Problem definition

## Known data

$\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ : feature space,  $\mathcal{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}$ : label space

- Source domain  $D_S = \{(\mathbf{x}_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^{N_S}$
- Target domain  $D_T = \{\mathbf{x}_j\}_{j=1}^{N_T}$
- Intermediate Domain set  $\mathcal{D}_I = \{D_{I_1}, D_{I_2}, D_{I_3}, \dots, D_{I_K}\}$   $k = 0, 1, \dots, K$ ; ordered sequence  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_I$
- Intermediate domain  $D_{I_k} = \{\mathbf{x}_j\}_{j=1}^{N_{I_k}}$
- $\mu_S, \mu_{I_k}, \mu_T \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ : probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}^d$

## Objective

- $\{\hat{y}_j\}_{j=1}^{N_T}$  in target domain

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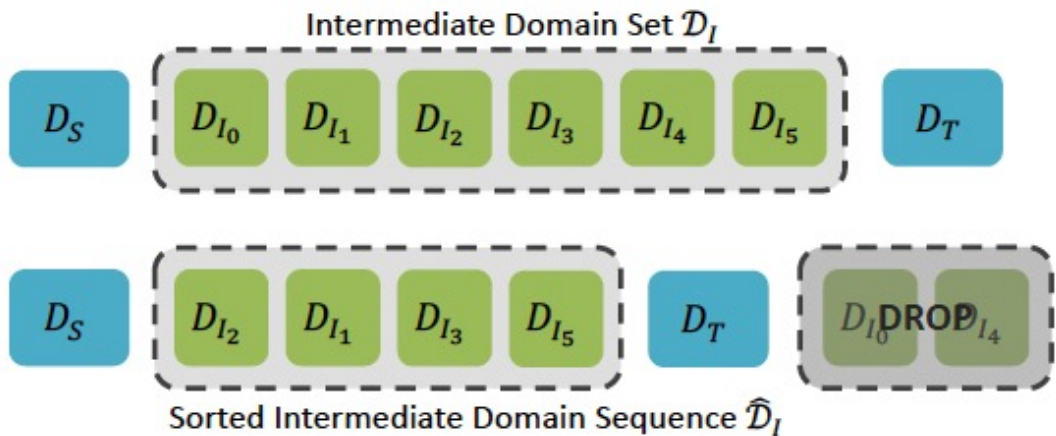
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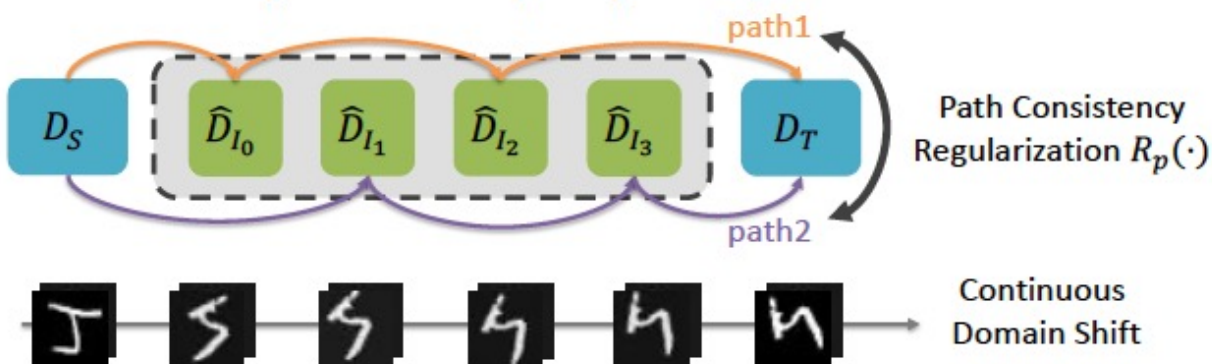
# Methodology

- Wasserstein based transfer curriculum
- Multi-path optimal transport

## Wasserstein based Transfer Curriculum



## Multi-Path Optimal Transport (MPOT)





## ➤ Wasserstein based transfer curriculum

- Wasserstein distance plays an important role in deriving the generalization bound in domain adaptation

- Two candidate intermediate domains  $D_{I_0}$  and  $D_{I_1}$
- Assume that the optimal transfer order  $D_S \rightarrow D_{I_0} \rightarrow D_{I_1} \rightarrow D_T$ ,
- Another possible transfer order  $D_S \rightarrow D_{I_1} \rightarrow D_{I_0} \rightarrow D_T$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\mu_T}(h, f) &\leq \epsilon_{\mu_S}(h, f) + 2A \cdot \mathcal{W}_1(\mu_S, \mu_{I_0}) \\ &\quad + 2A \cdot \mathcal{W}_1(\mu_{I_0}, \mu_{I_1}) + 2A \cdot \mathcal{W}_1(\mu_{I_1}, \mu_T) + \epsilon, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\mu_T}(h, f) &\leq \epsilon_{\mu_S}(h, f) + 2A \cdot \mathcal{W}_1(\mu_S, \mu_{I_1}) \\ &\quad + 2A \cdot \mathcal{W}_1(\mu_{I_1}, \mu_{I_0}) + 2A \cdot \mathcal{W}_1(\mu_{I_0}, \mu_T) + \epsilon, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

- **better domain transfer order  $D_S \rightarrow D_{I_0} \rightarrow D_{I_1} \rightarrow D_T$  will lead to tighter generalization bound**

## ➤ Wasserstein based transfer curriculum

- measure the closeness between each intermediate domain  $D_{I_k}$  and the source domain  $D_S$

$$W_k = \min_{\gamma} \langle \gamma_k, \mathbf{M}_k \rangle_F + \lambda \cdot \Omega(\gamma_k)$$
$$\text{s.t. } \gamma_k \mathbf{1} = \mu_S \quad \gamma_k^T \mathbf{1} = \mu_{I_k}, k = 1, \dots, K,$$

- intermediate domain that is further from the source domain than the target domain is discarded
- The remaining  $N$  domains in the intermediate domain set are then sorted in order of  $W_k$
- Obtain a domain series  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_I = \hat{D}_{I_0} \rightarrow \hat{D}_{I_1} \rightarrow \hat{D}_{I_2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \hat{D}_{I_N}, \quad W_0 \leq W_1 \leq W_2 \dots \leq W_N.$
- By utilizing the w-distance to sort multiple intermediate domains, we eliminate the need for meta-information

## ➤ Multi-Path Optimal Transport

- Given the sorted sequence of intermediate domain series  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_I$ , the source domain is initially mapped to the first intermediate domain  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{I_0}$  using direct optimal transport
- For the following intermediate domains, the probabilistic coupling  $\gamma_n$  between the domain  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{I_{n-1}}$  and the subsequent domain  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{I_n}$  is calculated using continuous optimal transport

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_n = \underset{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{N_S \times N_T}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad & \left\langle \gamma, \mathbf{M}^{[n-1, n]} \right\rangle + \lambda \Omega(\gamma) + \eta_t R_t(\gamma) \\ \text{s.t. } & \gamma \mathbf{1} = \mu_{S I_{n-1}} \quad \gamma^T \mathbf{1} = \mu_{I_n} \quad \gamma \geq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_t(\gamma) &= \mathcal{B}_{I_n}(D_S^{I_{n-1}}) - \mathcal{B}_{I_{n-1}}(D_S^{I_{n-2}}) \\ &= \left\| N_S \cdot \gamma \cdot \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{I_n} - N_S \cdot \gamma_{n-1} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{I_{n-1}} \right\|_F^2, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

## ➤ Multi-Path Optimal Transport

- To address the challenge of accumulated errors in long transfer sequences, we further introduce a path consistency regularizer  $R_p(\cdot)$  by comparing it with another transfer path

$$R_p(\gamma, \gamma_{p_2}) = \left\| N_S \cdot \gamma \cdot \hat{D}_{I_n} - N_S \cdot \gamma_{p_2} \cdot \hat{D}_{I_n} \right\|_F^2, \quad (7)$$

- Where  $\gamma_{p_2}$  is the transport plan of the second possible path which is utilized to refine the  $\gamma$  of path 1
- From  $\hat{D}_{I_N}$  to the target domain  $D_T$  will be conducted using MPOT

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{N+1} = \underset{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{N_S \times N_T}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad & \left\langle \gamma, \mathbf{M}^{[N, N+1]} \right\rangle + \lambda \Omega(\gamma) \\ & + \eta_t R_t(\gamma) + \eta_p R_p(\gamma, \gamma_{p_2}) \\ \text{s.t. } & \gamma \mathbf{1} = \mu_{S I_N} \quad \gamma^T \mathbf{1} = \mu_T \quad \gamma \geq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

## ➤ Multi-Path Optimal Transport

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**Algorithm 1:** Bidirectional Optimization algorithm in MPOT

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**Input:** Transport matrix of Path 1  $\gamma_{p_1}$ , Transport matrix of Path 2  $\gamma_{p_2}$ , step size  $\alpha$ , cost matrix of Path 1  $\mathbf{M}^{[1]}$ , cost matrix of Path 2  $\mathbf{M}^{[2]}$ , weight of Path 1  $\lambda_1$  and Path 2  $\lambda_2$ , iteration times  $c$

**Output:** Refined transport matrix from  $N$ -th intermediate domain to target domain  $\gamma'_{N+1}$

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1 Initialize:  $\gamma_0 \in (0, +\infty)^{N_S \times N_T}$ 
2 for  $c \leftarrow 0, 1, \dots$  do
3    $\mathbf{M}_c^{[1]} = \alpha \mathbf{M}^{[N, N+1]} + \alpha \nabla \mathcal{J}(\gamma_c, \gamma_{p_2})$ 
4    $\mathbf{M}_c^{[2]} = \alpha \mathbf{M}^{[N, N+1]} + \alpha \nabla \mathcal{J}(\gamma_c, \gamma_{p_1})$ 
5    $\mathbf{M}_c = \lambda_1 \mathbf{M}_c^{[1]} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{M}_c^{[2]}$ 
6    $\gamma_{c+1} = \text{Sinkhorn}(\mathbf{M}_c, 1 + \alpha \lambda, \mu_{SI_N}, \mu_T)$ 
7  $\gamma'_{N+1} = \gamma_\infty$ 
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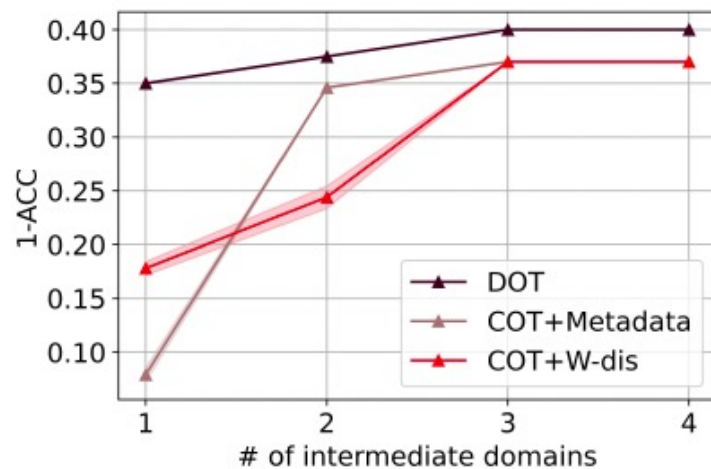
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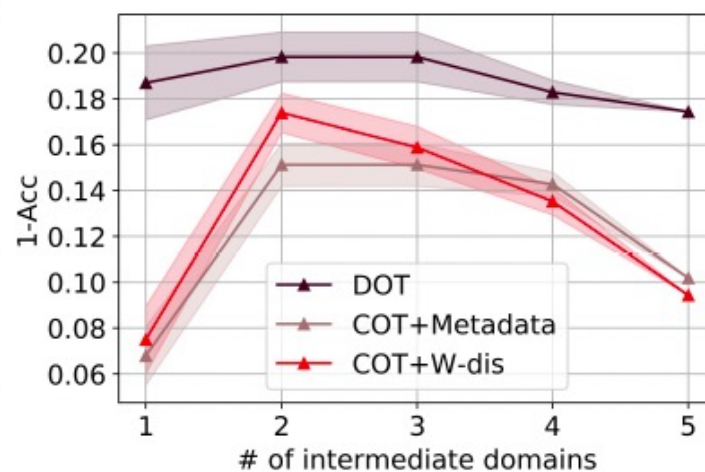
## ➤ Dataset

- ADNI: The Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, 2D MRI images, under different age
- Battery Charging-discharging Capacity: under different SoC
- Rotated MNIST: under different angle

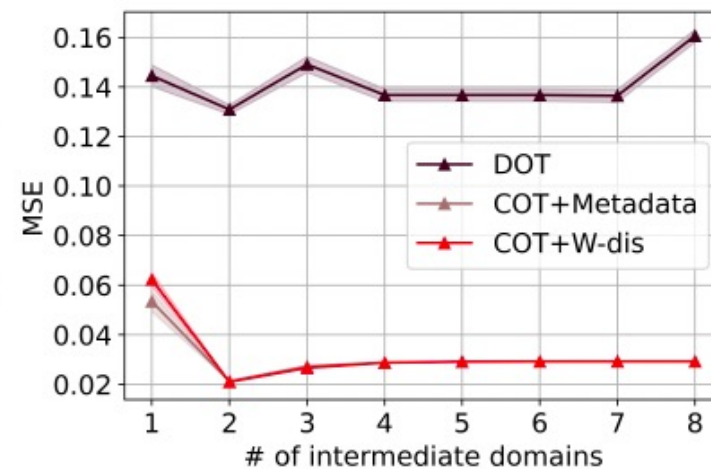
# Experiments



(a) Rotated MNIST



(b) ADNI



(c) Battery

TABLE I  
MSE OR ACCURACY FOR THREE DATASETS OF DIFFERENT ALGORITHMS

Method	ADNI ( $\uparrow$ )	Battery ( $\downarrow$ )	ROT MNIST ( $\uparrow$ )
AGST [43]	57.3	0.3534	76.2
Gradual ST [11]	64.5	0.1068	87.9
CDOT [15]	82.6	0.0209	75.6
<b>W-MPOT(p2<math>\rightarrow</math>p1)</b>	<u>86.7</u>	0.0199	<u>88.3</u>
<b>W-MPOT(p1<math>\rightarrow</math>p2)</b>	<u>86.5</u>	<u>0.0197</u>	87.2
<b>W-MPOT(p1 + p2)</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>0.0185</b>	<b>89.1</b>



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## ➤ Summary

- Present a comprehensive framework W-MPOT for Continuous Domain Adaptation (CDA), addressing the challenge of significant domain shift and missing metadata
- The Wasserstein-based Transfer Curriculum efficiently determines the order of intermediate domains in CDA
- By enforcing consistency along multiple adaptation paths, MPOT minimizes the impact of errors and enhances the overall robustness and stability of the adapted model

## ➤ Future work

- Deriving the generalization bound of error for W-MPOT
- Try other transfer algorithm like reinforcement learning



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