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Metrises weak convergence: $\mu_{n} \rightarrow \mu$ iff $\mathcal{W}_{2}\left(\mu_{n}, \mu\right) \rightarrow 0$.

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E.g. Acciaio, Aldous, Backhoff-Veraguas, Bartl, Beiglböck, Bion-Nadal, Eder, Hellwig, Lassalle, Pammer, Pflug, Pichler, Posch, Talay, among others ...

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- generalisation of monotone rearrangement



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Theorem [Rüschendorf '85] [Posch '23+]
Under a monotonicity condition, the unique optimiser is the Knothe-Rosenblatt map $T^{\mathrm{KR}}$. This induces the adapted weak toology.

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& \rightsquigarrow \\
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- Stability in finance [Backhoff-Veraguas at al. '20]
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Theorem 1 [Backhoff-Veraguas, Källblad, R. '22]
Optimising over adapted maps $T$
$\Leftrightarrow$
Optimising over correlations between $W, \bar{W}$.

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## Example

Product coupling — $W, \bar{W}$ independent


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Choose the same driving Brownian motion $W=\bar{W}$.


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## Theorem 3 [R., Szölgyenyi '23+]

Under very mild conditions, the synchronous coupling is optimal, and we have an efficient method to compute $\mathcal{A W}_{p}(\mu, \nu)$.

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## Summary

- We prove optimality of the synchronous coupling;
- We show a stability result for bi-causal transport;
- Equivalence of topologies on a compact set;
- Introduce a numerical method to compute the value;


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