## Gaussian Mixture Reduction with Composite Transportation Divergence



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- Our proposed reduction mixture is

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- We proposed a class of methods for various choices of the divergence $c(\cdot, \cdot)$


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\text { Have closed-form solutions } \\
\text { for certain choices of } c(\cdot, \cdot) \\
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## Algorithm convergence

- For hard clustering $(\lambda=0)$, worst case $M^{N}$ iterations in theory and only 2-3 iterations in practice
- For soft clustering $(\lambda>0)$, analysis using mirror descent
- The MM update can be written as

$$
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- Linear convergence

$$
\min _{t \leq T} \sum_{n, m} \pi_{n m}^{\lambda}\left(G^{(t)}\right) D_{A}\left(\theta_{m}^{(t)}, \theta_{m}^{(t+1)}\right) \leq \frac{\mathscr{J}_{c}^{\lambda}\left(G^{(0)}\right)-\mathcal{J}_{c}^{*}}{T}
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## Summary of our contribution

- We connect the existing clustering algorithms with the MM algorithm
- Establish the theoretical guarantees for the existing approach
- Reduction performance: the ISE is the optimal cost function among several choices

