

# Convergence theorems for barycentric maps

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<sup>1</sup>F.H. and Y. Lim, Convergence theorems for contractive barycentric maps, arXiv:1805.08558 [math.PR].

## Idea

- When  $(M, d)$  is a global NPC = CAT(0) space, martingale convergence, strong law of large numbers and ergodic theorem were developed for  $M$ -valued random variables by [Es-Sahib and Heinich](#), [Sturm](#), [Austin](#), [Navas](#), .....
- By using the disintegration theorem, we develop those stochastic convergence theorems when  $(M, d)$  is a general complete metric space with a contractive barycentric map  $\beta$ .
- E.g.,  $M = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H})$  is the positive invertible operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $d = d_T$  is the Thompson metric, and  $\beta$  is the Cartan barycenter (Karcher mean).

## Plan

- Conditional expectations
- Martingale convergence theorem
- Ergodic theorem
- Large deviation principle

## Preliminaries

- $(M, d)$  is a complete metric space with the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}(M)$ .
- $\mathcal{P}(M)$  is the set of probability measures on  $\mathcal{B}(M)$  with full support.
- For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{P}^p(M)$  is the set of  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(M)$  such that  $\int_M d^p(x, y) d\mu(y) < \infty$  for some (hence, all)  $x \in M$ .

$$\mathcal{P}^1(M) \supset \mathcal{P}^p(M) \supset \mathcal{P}^q(M), \quad 1 < p < q < \infty.$$

- For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the  $p$ -Wasserstein distance is

$$d_p^W(\mu, \nu) := \left[ \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{M \times M} d^p(x, y) d\pi(x, y) \right]^{1/p}, \quad \mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(M),$$

where  $\Pi(\mu, \nu)$  is the set of  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}(M \times M)$  whose marginals are  $\mu, \nu$ .

$$d_1^W \leq d_p^W \leq d_q^W, \quad 1 < p < q < \infty,$$

and  $(\mathcal{P}^p(M), d_p^W)$  is a complete metric space.

- $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$  is a probability space.
- For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $L^p(\Omega; M) = L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P}; M)$  is the set of **strongly measurable** functions  $f : \Omega \rightarrow M$  such that  $\int_{\Omega} d^p(x, f(\omega)) d\mathbf{P}(\omega) < \infty$  for some (hence, all)  $x \in M$ .

$$L^1(\Omega; M) \supset L^p(\Omega; M) \supset L^q(\Omega; M) \quad 1 < p < q < \infty.$$

## Lemma

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

- $L^p(\Omega; M)$  is a complete metric space with the  $L^p$ -distance

$$\mathbf{d}_p(\varphi, \psi) := \left[ \int_{\Omega} d^p(\varphi(\omega), \psi(\omega)) d\mathbf{P}(\omega) \right]^{1/p}.$$

- If  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ , then the push-forward measure  $\varphi_*\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{P}^p(M)$ .
- If  $\varphi, \psi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ , then  $d_p^W(\varphi_*\mathbf{P}, \psi_*\mathbf{P}) \leq \mathbf{d}_p(\varphi, \psi)$ .

## Conditional expectations

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  be fixed, and assume that  $\beta : \mathcal{P}^p(M) \rightarrow M$  is a  **$p$ -contractive barycentric map**, i.e.,  $\beta(\delta_x) = x$  for all  $x \in M$  and

$$d(\beta(\mu), \beta(\nu)) \leq d_p^W(\mu, \nu), \quad \mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}^p(M).$$

### Definition

The  **$\beta$ -expectation**  $E^\beta(\varphi)$  of  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$  is defined by

$$E^\beta(\varphi) := \beta(\varphi_* P) \in M.$$

### Proposition

- $d(E^\beta(\varphi), E^\beta(\psi)) \leq d_p(\varphi, \psi)$  for  $\varphi, \psi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ .
- $E^\beta(\mathbf{1}_\Omega x) = x$  for  $x \in M$ .

Next, assume that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is a **standard Borel space**, i.e., isomorphic to  $(X, \mathcal{B}(X))$  of a Polish space  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a sub- $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then there exists a **disintegration**  $(\mathbf{P}_\omega)_{\omega \in \Omega}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$ , a family of probability measures on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$ , such that for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

- (i)  $\omega \in \Omega \mapsto \mathbf{P}_\omega(A)$  is  $\mathcal{B}$ -measurable,
- (ii)  $\omega \mapsto \mathbf{P}_\omega(A)$  is a conditional expectation  $E_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{1}_A)$  of  $\mathbf{1}_A$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$ ,

Such a family  $(\mathbf{P}_\omega)_{\omega \in \Omega}$  is unique up to a  $\mathbf{P}$ -null set, and moreover

- (iii) for every  $f \in L^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $f \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P}_\omega; \mathbb{R})$  for  $\mathbf{P}$ -a.e.  $\omega$  and  $\omega \mapsto \int_{\Omega} f(\tau) d\mathbf{P}_\omega(\tau)$  is a conditional expectation  $E_{\mathcal{B}}(f)$  of  $f$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$ . In particular,

$$\int_{\Omega} f d\mathbf{P} = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \int_{\Omega} f(\tau) d\mathbf{P}_\omega(\tau) \right] d\mathbf{P}(\omega).$$

## Definition

The  $\beta$ -conditional expectation  $E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi)$  of  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$  is defined by

$$E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi) := \beta(\varphi * \mathbf{P}_{\omega}), \quad \omega \in \Omega.$$

## Theorem

Let  $\varphi, \psi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ .

- (1)  $E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi) \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mathbf{P}; M)$ .
- (2)  $\mathbf{d}_p(E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi), E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\psi)) \leq \mathbf{d}_p(\varphi, \psi)$ .
- (3)  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mathbf{P}; M)$  if and only if  $E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi) = \varphi$ . Hence  $E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi)) = E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi)$ .
- (4) When  $\mathcal{B} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ ,  $E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi) = E^{\beta}(\varphi)$ .

When  $(M, d)$  is a **global NPC space** or **CAT(0) space**, (i.e., for any  $x_0, x_1 \in M$  there exists a  $y \in M$  such that

$$d^2(y, z) \leq \frac{d^2(x_0, z) + d^2(x_1, z)}{2} - \frac{d^2(x_0, x_1)}{4} \quad \text{for all } z \in M),$$

the **canonical barycentric map**  $\lambda$  on  $\mathcal{P}^1(M)$  is


$$\lambda(\mu) := \arg \min_{z \in M} \int_M [d^2(z, x) - d^2(y, x)] d\mu(x), \quad \mu \in \mathcal{P}^1(M),$$

independently of the choice of  $y \in M$ .

**Sturm's**<sup>2</sup> definition in the case of a global NPC space is

$$\mathbf{E}_{\mathcal{B}}(\varphi) := \arg \min_{\psi \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mathbf{P}; M)} \mathbf{d}_2(\varphi, \psi)$$

for  $\varphi \in L^2(\Omega; M)$ , and  $\mathbf{E}_{\mathcal{B}}$  extends continuously to  $L^1(\Omega; M)$ .

<sup>2</sup>K.-T. Sturm, Nonlinear martingale theory for processes with values in metric spaces of nonpositive curvature, *Ann. Probab.* **30** (2002), 1195–1222. 



## Theorem

Assume that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is a standard Borel space and  $(M, d)$  is a global NPC space. Then for every  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ ,

$$\mathbf{E}_{\mathcal{B}}(\varphi) = E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\lambda}(\varphi).$$

## Remark

Unlike the usual conditional expectation, the  $\beta$ -conditional expectation is not associative in general, that is, for sub- $\sigma$ -algebras  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$E_{\mathcal{C}}^{\beta}(E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\beta}(\varphi)) \neq E_{\mathcal{C}}^{\beta}(\varphi).$$

# Martingale convergence theorem

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$  be a standard Borel probability space, and  $\{\mathcal{B}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of sub- $\sigma$ -algebras of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\mathcal{B}_1 \subset \mathcal{B}_2 \subset \cdots \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{B}_1 \supset \mathcal{B}_2 \supset \cdots .$$

Let  $\mathcal{B}_{\infty}$  be the sub- $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_n$  or  
 $\mathcal{B}_{\infty} := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_n$ .

## Theorem

Assume that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$  and  $\{\mathcal{B}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are as stated above. Let  $\beta : \mathcal{P}^p(M) \rightarrow M$  be as before. Then for every  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}_p(E_{\mathcal{B}_n}^{\beta}(\varphi), E_{\mathcal{B}_{\infty}}^{\beta}(\varphi)) &\longrightarrow 0, \\ d(E_{\mathcal{B}_n}^{\beta}(\varphi)(\omega), E_{\mathcal{B}_{\infty}}^{\beta}(\varphi)(\omega)) &\longrightarrow 0 \text{ a.e.} \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $\mathcal{B}_1 \subset \mathcal{B}_2 \subset \dots$ . Since  $E_{\mathcal{B}_m}^\beta (E_{\mathcal{B}_n}^\beta (\varphi)) = E_{\mathcal{B}_m}^\beta (\varphi)$  ( $m < n$ ) does not hold, we follow [Sturm's](#)<sup>2</sup> idea to define martingales of  $M$ -valued random variables.

### Definition

For  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$  and  $k \geq 1$ , we can define

$$\begin{aligned} E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}] &:= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} E_{\mathcal{B}_k}^\beta \circ \dots \circ E_{\mathcal{B}_m}^\beta (\varphi) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} E_{\mathcal{B}_k}^\beta \circ \dots \circ E_{\mathcal{B}_m}^\beta (E_{\mathcal{B}_\infty}^\beta \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

in metric  $\mathbf{d}_p$ . Call  $E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}]$  the **filtered  $\beta$ -conditional expectation** with respect to  $(\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}$ .

## Proposition

Let  $\varphi, \psi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ .

- (1)  $E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}] \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{B}_k, \mathbf{P}; M)$  for all  $k \geq 1$ .
- (2) For every  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{B}_k, \mathbf{P}; M)$  if and only if  $E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}] = \varphi$ .
- (3)  $\mathbf{d}_p(E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}], E^\beta[\psi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}]) \leq \mathbf{d}_p(\varphi, \psi)$  for all  $k \geq 1$ .
- (4) **Associativity**: For every  $l \geq k \geq 1$ ,

$$E^\beta[E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq l}] | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}] = E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}].$$

## Definition

A sequence  $\{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  in  $L^p(\Omega; M)$  is called a **filtered  $\beta$ -martingale** with respect to  $\{\mathcal{B}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  if  $\varphi_k \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{B}_k, \mathbf{P}; M)$  for every  $k \geq 1$  and

$$E^\beta[\varphi_{k+1} | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}] = \varphi_k, \quad k \geq 1,$$

equivalently,  $E^\beta[\varphi_l | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}] = \varphi_k$  for all  $l \geq k \geq 1$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be a filtered  $\beta$ -martingale with respect to  $\{\mathcal{B}_n\}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) there exists a  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$  such that  $\varphi_k = E^\beta[\varphi | (\mathcal{B}_n)_{n \geq k}]$  for all  $k \geq 1$ ;
- (ii)  $\varphi_k$  converges to some  $\varphi_\infty \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{B}_\infty, \mathbf{P}; M)$  in metric  $\mathbf{d}_p$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Remark

Assume that  $(M, d)$  is a global NPC space (or more generally, a complete **length space**) and it is locally compact. It is known <sup>2</sup> that if  $\{\varphi_k\}$  in  $L^p(\Omega; M)$  is a filtered martingale and  $\sup_k \mathbf{d}_p(z, \varphi_k) < \infty$  for some  $z \in M$ , then there exists a  $\mathcal{B}_\infty$ -measurable function  $\varphi_\infty : \Omega \rightarrow M$  such that  $\varphi_k(\omega) \rightarrow \varphi_\infty(\omega)$   $\mathbf{P}$ -a.e. But it is unknown that this holds in our general setting.

# Ergodic theorem

Let  $T$  be a  $\mathbf{P}$ -preserving measurable transformation on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$ . Let  $\beta : \mathcal{P}^p(M) \rightarrow M$  be as before. For each  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ , consider the **empirical measures** (random probability measures) of  $\varphi$

$$\mu_n^\varphi(\omega) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \delta_{\varphi(T^k \omega)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

i.e., for Borel sets  $B \subset M$ ,

$$\mu_n^\varphi(\omega)(B) = \frac{\#\{k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} : \varphi(T^k \omega) \in B\}}{n},$$

and consider the sequence of  $M$ -valued functions

$$\beta(\mu_n^\varphi) : \omega \in \Omega \mapsto \beta(\mu_n^\varphi(\omega)) \in M \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

## Lemma

For every  $\varphi, \psi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ ,  $\beta(\mu_n^\varphi) \in L^p(\Omega; M)$  and

$$\mathbf{d}_p(\beta(\mu_n^\varphi), \beta(\mu_n^\psi)) \leq \mathbf{d}_p(\varphi, \psi), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Extending the ergodic theorems in <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>,

<sup>3</sup>T. Austin, A  $CAT(0)$ -valued pointwise ergodic theorem, *J. Topol. Anal.* **3** (2011), 145–152.

<sup>4</sup>A. Navas, An  $L^1$  ergodic theorem with values in a non-positively curved space via a canonical barycenter map, *Ergod. Th. Dynam. Sys.*, **33** (2013), 609–623.

## Theorem

There exists a map

$$\Gamma : L^p(\Omega; M) \longrightarrow \{\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M) : \varphi \circ T = \varphi\}$$

such that for every  $\varphi, \psi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ ,

- (i)  $d(\beta(\mu_n^\varphi), \Gamma(\varphi)) \rightarrow 0$  a.e. as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathbf{d}_p(\beta(\mu_n^\varphi), \Gamma(\varphi)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- (iii)  $\mathbf{d}_p(\Gamma(\varphi), \Gamma(\psi)) \leq \mathbf{d}_p(\varphi, \psi)$ .

Furthermore, if  $T$  is ergodic, then  $\Gamma(\varphi)$  is a constant  $E^\beta(\varphi)$ , the  $\beta$ -expectation of  $\varphi$ .



## Theorem

Assume that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is a standard Borel space, and let  $\mathcal{I} := \{A \in \mathcal{A} : T^{-1}A = A\}$ , the sub- $\sigma$ -algebra consisting of  $T$ -invariant sets. Then for every  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; M)$ ,

$$\Gamma(\varphi) = E_{\mathcal{I}}^{\beta}(\varphi),$$

the  $\beta$ -conditional expectation of  $\varphi$  with respect to  $\mathcal{I}$ .

## Example

Let  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H})$  be the set of positive invertible operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , with the **Thompson metric**  $d_T(A, B) := \|\log A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2}\|$ . The **Karcher barycenter**  $G : \mathcal{P}^1(\mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$  determined by

$$X = G\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{A_i}\right) \iff \sum_{i=1}^n \log(X^{-1/2} A_i X^{-1/2}) = 0$$

is a contractive barycentric map and monotone for the Löwner order  $A \leq B$ . For  $\varphi \in L^p(\Omega; \mathbb{P})$  with  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , note that

$$G(\mu_n^\varphi(\omega)) = G\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \delta_{\varphi(T^k \omega)}\right) = G(\varphi(\omega), \varphi(T\omega), \dots, \varphi(T^{n-1}\omega)),$$

which is the **Karcher mean** of  $\varphi(T^k \omega)$  ( $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ ). We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(\varphi, \varphi \circ T, \dots, \varphi \circ T^{n-1}) = \Gamma(\varphi) \text{ a.e. and in metric } \mathbf{d}_p.$$

When  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is a standard Borel space,  $\Gamma(\varphi) = E_{\Gamma}^G(\varphi)$ . Moreover,  $\Gamma$  is monotone and  $\Gamma(\varphi^{-1}) = \Gamma(\varphi)^{-1}$  follows from  $G(\mu^{-1}) = G(\mu)^{-1}$ .

# Large deviation principle

A sequence  $(\mu_n)$  of Borel probability measures on a metric space  $\mathcal{X}$  is said to satisfy the **LDP** with a rate function  $I$  if for every  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$ ,

$$-\inf_{x \in \Gamma^\circ} I(x) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mu_n(\Gamma) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mu_n(\Gamma) \leq -\inf_{x \in \bar{\Gamma}} I(x),$$

where  $\Gamma^\circ$  and  $\bar{\Gamma}$  denote the interior and the closure of  $\Gamma$ .

- $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$  is a probability space.
- $\Sigma$  is a Polish space.
- $\mathcal{P}(\Sigma)$  becomes a Polish space with the weak topology.
- $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots)$  is a sequence of **i.i.d.** random variables  $X_n : \Omega \rightarrow \Sigma$ , with distribution  $\mu_0 \in \mathcal{P}(\Sigma)$ .
- The **empirical measure** of  $\mathbf{X}$  is

$$\mu_n^{\mathbf{X}}(\omega) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i(\omega)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- The distribution  $\widehat{\mu}_n$  of  $\mu_n^X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Sigma)$  is

$$\widehat{\mu}_n(\Gamma) := \mathbf{P}(\mu_n^X \in \Gamma) = \mu_0^{\times n} \left( \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Sigma^n : \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i} \in \Gamma \right\} \right)$$

for Borel sets  $\Gamma \subset \mathcal{P}(\Sigma)$ .

## Sanov theorem

A sequence of the distributions  $\widehat{\mu}_n$  of the empirical measures  $\mu_n^X$  satisfies the LDP with the relative entropy functional  $S(\cdot || \mu_0)$  as the good rate function, where the **relative entropy** is

$$S(\mu || \mu_0) := \begin{cases} \int_{\Sigma} \log \frac{d\mu}{d\mu_0} d\mu & \text{if } \mu \ll \mu_0 \text{ (absolutely continuous),} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots)$  be a sequence of **i.i.d.**  $M$ -valued random variables such that the distribution  $\mu_0$  of  $X_n$  is in  $\mathcal{P}^\infty(M)$ , i.e.,  $X_n \in L^\infty(\Omega; M)$ . Then there is a bounded Polish subset  $\Sigma$  of  $M$  such that  $X_n$ 's are  $\Sigma$ -valued random variables.
- Let  $\beta : \mathcal{P}^p(M) \rightarrow M$  be as before. Then  $\mathcal{P}(\Sigma) \subset \mathcal{P}^p(M)$  and  $\beta|_{\mathcal{P}(\Sigma)} : \mathcal{P}(\Sigma) \rightarrow M$  is continuous in the weak topology.
- The push-forward of  $\widehat{\mu}_n$  by  $\beta|_{\mathcal{P}(\Sigma)}$  is the distribution of  $\beta(\mu_n^{\mathbf{X}})$ , i.e., for every  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}(M)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mu}_n(\{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\Sigma) : \beta(\mu) \in \Gamma\}) &= \mathbf{P}(\beta(\mu_n^{\mathbf{X}}) \in \Gamma) \\ &= \mathbf{P}\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \beta\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i(\omega)}\right) \in \Gamma\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Applying the **contraction principle** for LDP to the Sanov theorem and the continuous map  $\beta : \mathcal{P}(\Sigma) \rightarrow M$ ,

### Theorem

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of i.i.d.  $M$ -valued random variables having the distribution  $\mu_0 \in \mathcal{P}^\infty(M)$ . Then a sequence of the distributions of the  $\beta$ -values  $\beta(\mu_n^X) = \beta(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i})$  satisfies the LDP with the good rate function

$$I(x) := \inf\{S(\mu||\mu_0) : \mu \in \mathcal{P}(\Sigma), x = \beta(\mu)\}, \quad x \in M.$$

That is, for every  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}(M)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} - \inf_{x \in \Gamma^\circ} I(x) &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbf{P}(\beta(\mu_n^X) \in \Gamma) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbf{P}(\beta(\mu_n^X) \in \Gamma) \leq - \inf_{x \in \bar{\Gamma}} I(x). \end{aligned}$$

The above LDP implies the strong law of large numbers for  $X_n$ .<sup>5</sup>

### Corollary

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of i.i.d.  $M$ -valued random variables having the distribution  $\mu_0 \in \mathcal{P}^\infty(M)$ . Then

$$\beta\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i(\omega)}\right) \longrightarrow \beta(\mu_0) \text{ a.e. as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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<sup>5</sup>K.-T. Sturm, Probability measures on metric spaces of nonpositive curvature, Heat kernels and analysis on manifolds, graphs, and metric spaces (Paris, 2002), 357–390, *Contemporary Mathematics* **338**, Amer. Math. Soc., Providence, RI, 2003.

Thank you for your attention!