On Label Shift in Domain Adaptation via Wasserstein Distance

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Abstract

We study the label shift problem between the source and target domains in general domain adaptation (DA) settings. We consider transformations transporting the target to source domains, which enable us to align the source and target examples. Through those transformations, we define the label shift between two domains via optimal transport and develop theory to investigate the properties of DA under various DA settings (e.g., closed-set, partial-set, open-set, and universal settings). Inspired from the developed theory, we propose *Label and Data Shift Reduction* via *Optimal Transport* (LDROT) which can mitigate the data and label shifts simultaneously. Finally, we conduct comprehensive experiments to verify our theoretical findings and compare LDROT with state-of-the-art baselines.

1 Introduction

The remarkable success of deep learning can be largely attributed to computational power advancement and large-scale annotated datasets. However, in many real-world applications such as medicine and autonomous driving, labeling a sufficient amount of high-quality data to train accurate deep models is often prohibitively labor-expensive, error-prone, and time-consuming. Domain adaptation (DA) or transfer learning has emerged as a vital solution for this issue by transferring knowledge from a label-rich domain (a.k.a. source domain) to a label-scarce domain (a.k.a. target domain). Along with practical DA methods [14, 43, 32, 40, 13] which have achieved impressive performance on real-world datasets, the theoretical results [34, 3, 38, 50, 8] are abundant to provide rigorous and insightful understanding of various aspects of transfer learning.

For domain adaptation, the source domain consists of the data distribution \mathbb{P}^{S} with the density p^{S} , and the unknown ground-truth labeling function f^{S} assigning label y to source data x, whilst these are \mathbb{P}^{T} , p^{T} , and f^{T} for the target domain, respectively. Moreover, while the data shift can be characterized as a divergence between \mathbb{P}^{S} and \mathbb{P}^{T} [34, 3, 38, 50, 8], the label shift in these works is commonly characterized as $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[\left|f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) - f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right|\right]$ or $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}}\left[\left|f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) - f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right|\right]$ in which the binary classification with deterministic labeling functions $f^{S}(\cdot)$, $f^{T}(\cdot) \in \{0,1\}$ was examined. Additionally, although this label shift term has occurred in the theoretical analysis of [34, 3, 38, 50, 8], it is restricted in considering the shift between $f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)$ and $f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)$ at the same data \boldsymbol{x} , which ignores the data shift between \mathbb{P}^{S} and \mathbb{P}^{T} . This limitation is illustrated in Figure 1. In particular, for a white/square point \boldsymbol{x} drawn from the target domain as in $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[\left|f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) - f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right|\right]$, the source labeling function f^{S} cannot give reasonable prediction probabilities for \boldsymbol{x} , hence leading to inaccurate $|f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) - f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)|$.

Label shift has also been examined in an anti-causal setting [31, 16], wherein an intervention on p(y) induces the shift, but the process generating \boldsymbol{x} given y is fixed, i.e., $p^{S}(\boldsymbol{x} \mid y) = p^{T}(\boldsymbol{x} \mid y)$. Although this setting is useful in some specific scenarios (e.g., a diagnostic problem in which diseases cause symptoms), it is not sufficiently powerful to cope with a general DA setting. Particularly, in an anti-causal setting, the source and target data distributions (i.e., $p^{S}(\boldsymbol{x})$ and $p^{T}(\boldsymbol{x})$) are just simply two different mixtures of the class conditional distributions $p^{S}(\boldsymbol{x} \mid y) = p^{T}(\boldsymbol{x} \mid y)$, hence sharing the same support set. This is certainly far from a general DA setting in which both data shift: $p^{S}(\boldsymbol{x}) \neq p^{T}(\boldsymbol{x})$ with arbitrarily separated support sets and non-covariate shift: $p^{S}(\boldsymbol{y} \mid \boldsymbol{x}) \neq p^{T}(\boldsymbol{y} \mid \boldsymbol{x})$ appear.

Contribution. In this paper, we study the label shift for a general domain adaptation setting in which we have both data shift: $p^{S}(\mathbf{x}) \neq p^{T}(\mathbf{x})$ with arbitrarily separated support sets and non-covariate shift: $p^{S}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) \neq p^{T}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})$. More specifically, our developed label shift is applicable to a general DA setting with a data shift between two domains and two totally different labeling functions (i.e., we cannot use f^{S} to predict accurately target examples and vice versa). To define the label shift between two given domains, we utilize transformation L to transport the target to the source data distributions (i.e., $L \# \mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}$). This transformation allows us to align the data of two domains. Subsequently, the label shift between two domains is defined as the infimum of the label shift induced by such a transformation with respect to all feasible transformations. This viewpoint of label shift has a connection to optimal transport [39, 46, 37], which enables us to develop theory to quantify the label shift for various DA settings, e.g., anti-causal, closed-set, partial-set, open-set, and universal settings. Overall, our contributions can be summarized as follows:

1. We characterize the label shift for a general DA setting via optimal transport. From that, we develop a theory to estimate the label shift for various DA settings and study the trade-off of learning domain-invariant representations and WS label shift.

2. Inspired from the theoretical development, we propose *Label and Data Shift Reductions* via *Optimal Transport* (LDROT) which aims to mitigate both data and label shifts. We conduct comprehensive experiments to verify our theoretical findings and compare the proposed LDROT with the baselines to demonstrate the favorable performance of our method.

Related works. Several attempts have been proposed to characterize the gap between general losses of source and target domains in DA, notably [34, 3, 38, 50, 8]. [5, 4, 50] study the impossibility theorems for DA, attempting to characterize the conditions under which it is nearly impossible to perform transferability between domains. PAC-Bayesian view on DA using weighted majority vote learning has been rigorously studied in [19, 20]. Meanwhile, [52, 23] interestingly indicate the insufficiency of learning domain-invariant representation for successful adaptation. Specifically, [52] points out the degradation in target predictive performance if forcing domain invariant representations to be learned while two marginal label distributions of the source and target domains are overly divergent. [23] analyzes the information loss of non-invertible transformations and proposes a generalization upper bound that directly takes it into account. [25] employed a transformation to align two domains and developed theories based on this assumption. Moreover, label shift has been examined for the anti-causal setting [31, 16], which seems not sufficiently realistic for a general DA setting. Optimal transport theory has been theoretically leveraged with domain adaptation [9]. We compare our proposed LDROT to DeepJDOT [10] (a deep DA approach based on the theory of [9]). and other OT-based DDA approaches, including SWD [26], DASPOT [47], ETD [27], RWOT [49]. Finally, in [42], a generator q is said to produce generalized label shift (GLS) representations if it transports source class conditional distributions to corresponding target ones. Further theories

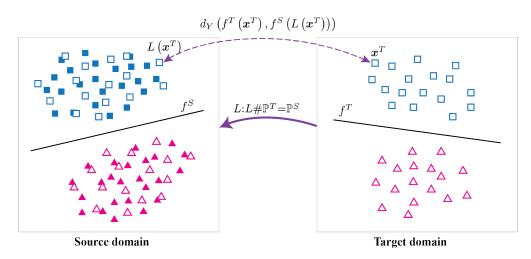


Figure 1: An illustration of our label shift definition. We employ a transformation $L : L\#\mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S$ to align two domains. The white/square points $L(\mathbf{x}^T)$ on the source domain correspond to the white/square points \mathbf{x}^T on the target domain. We measure $d_Y(d_Y(f^T(\mathbf{x}^T), f^S(L(\mathbf{x}^T))))$ and define the label shift w.r.t. L as $LS(S, T; L) := \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T}[d_Y(f^T(\mathbf{x}^T), f^S(L(\mathbf{x}^T)))]$. Finally, we take infimum over all valid L to define the label shift between two domains.

were developed to indicate that GLR representations are satisfied if we enforce clustering structure assumption assisting us in training a perfect classifier. Evidently, our work which focuses on how to quantify the label shift between two different domains taking into account the inherent data shift via optimal transport theory is totally different form that work in terms of motivation and developed theory.

2 Label Shift with Wasserstein Distance

2.1 Preliminaries

Notation. For a positive integer n and a real number $p \in [1, \infty)$, [n] indicates the set $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ while $||x||_p$ denotes the l_p -norm of a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Let \mathcal{Y}^S and \mathcal{Y}^T be the label sets of the source and target domains that have $M^S := |\mathcal{Y}^S|$ and $M^T := |\mathcal{Y}^T|$ elements, respectively. Meanwhile, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Y}^S \cup \mathcal{Y}^T$ stands for the label set of both domains which has the cardinality of $M := |\mathcal{Y}|$. Subsequently, we denote \mathcal{Y}_Δ , \mathcal{Y}^S_Δ , and \mathcal{Y}^T_Δ as the simplices corresponding to $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y}^S$, and \mathcal{Y}^T respectively. Finally, let $f^S(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$ and $f^T(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$ be the labeling functions of the source and target domains, respectively, by filling zeros for the missing labels.

We now examine a general supervised learning setting. Consider a hypothesis $h(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_{\Delta}$ in a hypothesis class \mathcal{H} and a labeling function $f(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_{\Delta}$ where $\mathcal{Y}_{\Delta} := \{ \boldsymbol{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}^M : \|\boldsymbol{\pi}\|_1 = 1 \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\pi} \ge \mathbf{0} \}$. Let d_Y be a metric over \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} , we further define a general loss of the hypothesis h with respect to the labeling function f and the data distribution \mathbb{P} as: $\mathcal{L}(h, f, \mathbb{P}) := \int d_Y(h(\boldsymbol{x}), f(\boldsymbol{x})) d\mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{x})$.

Next, we consider a domain adaptation setting in which we have source space \mathcal{X}^S endowed with a distribution \mathbb{P}^S and the density function $p^S(\boldsymbol{x})$, and a target space \mathcal{X}^T endowed with a distribution \mathbb{P}^T and the density function $p^T(\boldsymbol{x})$. We examine various DA settings based on the labels of source and target domains including (1) closed-set DA: $\mathcal{Y}^S = \mathcal{Y}^T$, (2) open-set DA: $\mathcal{Y}^S \subset \mathcal{Y}^T$, (3) partial-set DA: $\mathcal{Y}^T \subset \mathcal{Y}^S$, and (4) universal DA: $\mathcal{Y}^S \subsetneq \mathcal{Y}^T$ and $\mathcal{Y}^T \subsetneq \mathcal{Y}^S$.

2.2Background on label shift

Together with data shift, the study of label shift is important for a general DA problem. However, due to the occurrence of data shift, it is challenging to formulate label shift in a general DA setting. Recent works [31, 16] have studied label shift for the anti-causal setting in which an intervention on p(y) induces the shift, but the process generating **x** given y is fixed, i.e., $p^{S}(\mathbf{x} \mid y) = p^{T}(\mathbf{x} \mid y)$. In spite of being useful in some specific cases, the anti-causal setting is restricted and cannot represent data shift broadly because the source data distribution $p^{S}(\boldsymbol{x})$ and the target data distribution $p^{T}(\boldsymbol{x})$ are simply just two different mixtures of identical class conditional distributions. Furthermore, the label shift framework from these works is non-trivial to generalize to all settings of DA.

In this paper, we address the issues of the previous works by defining a novel label shift framework via Wasserstein (WS) distance for a general DA setting that takes into account the data shift between two domains. We then develop a theory for our proposed label shift based on useful properties of WS distance, such as its horizontal view, numeric stability, and continuity [2]. We refer readers to [39, 46, 37] for a comprehensive knowledge body of optimal transport theory and WS distance, and Appendix A for necessary backgrounds of WS for this work.

Label Shift via Wasserstein Distance 2.3

To facilitate our ensuing discussion, we assume that the source (S) and target (T) distributions \mathbb{P}^{S} and \mathbb{P}^{T} are atomless distributions on Polish spaces. Therefore, there exists a transformation $L: \mathcal{X}^T \to \mathcal{X}^S$ such that $L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S$ [46]. Given that mapping L, a data example $\mathbf{x}^T \sim \mathbb{P}^T$ with the ground-truth prediction probability $f^{T}(\mathbf{x}^{T})$ corresponds to another data example $\mathbf{x}^{S} = L(\mathbf{x}^{T}) \sim \mathbb{P}^{S}$ with the ground-truth prediction probability $f^{S}(\mathbf{x}^{S})$. Hence, it induces a label mismatch loss

$$d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right),f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right)\right)=d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right),f^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right)\right),$$

where d_Y is a given metric over \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} . Based on that concept, the label shift between the source and target domains induced by the transformation L can be defined as

$$LS(S,T;L) := \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \left[d_Y \left(f^T \left(\boldsymbol{x}^T \right), f^S \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x}^T \right) \right) \right) \right].$$
(1)

By finding the optimal mapping L, the label shift between two domains is defined as follows.

Definition 1. Let d_Y be a metric over the simplex \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} . The label shift between the source and the target domains is defined as the infimum of the label shift induced by all valid transformations L:

$$LS(S,T) := \inf_{L:L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S} LS(S,T;L) = \inf_{L:L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \left[d_Y\left(f^T\left(\boldsymbol{x}^T\right), f^S\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}^T\right)\right)\right) \right].$$
(2)

We give an illustration for Definition 1 in Figure 1. The label shift in Eq. (2) suggests finding the optimal transformation L^* to optimally align the source and target domains with a minimal label mismatch.

Properties of label shift via Wasserstein distance: To show the connection between the aforementioned label shift and optimal transport, we introduce two ways of calculating the label shift via Wasserstein distance.

Proposition 2. (i) Denote by $\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S$ the joint distribution of $(\boldsymbol{x}, f^S(\boldsymbol{x}))$, where $\boldsymbol{x} \sim \mathbb{P}^S$, and $\mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T$ the joint distribution of $(\boldsymbol{x}, f^T(\boldsymbol{x}))$, where $\boldsymbol{x} \sim \mathbb{P}^T$. Then, we have: $LS(S,T) = \mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$. (ii) Let \mathbb{P}_{f^S} and \mathbb{P}_{f^T} be the push-forward measures of \mathbb{P}^S and \mathbb{P}^T via f^S and f^T respectively, i.e.,

 $\mathbb{P}_{f^S} = f^S \# \mathbb{P}^S \text{ and } \mathbb{P}_{f^T} = f^T \# \mathbb{P}^T. \text{ Then, we have: } LS(S,T) = \mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}\right).$

The results of Proposition 2 indicate that we can compute the label shift via the Wasserstein distance on the simplex. For example, when $d_Y(y, y') = ||y - y'||_p^p$, the label shift can be computed via the familiar \mathcal{W}_p distance between \mathbb{P}_{f^S} and \mathbb{P}_{f^T} , i.e., $LS(S,T) = \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{P}_{f^S},\mathbb{P}_{f^T})$. Note that $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$ with $d = \lambda d_X + d_Y$ was studied in [9] for proposing a DA method that can mitigate both label and data shifts. However, the concept label shift was not characterized and defined explicitly in that work. Moreover, our motivation and theory development in this work are different and independent from [9].

In addition, [25] uses a transformation L with the aim to reduce the data shift between the source and target domains. The variance of general losses of a source classifier when predicting on the source domain and that of the corresponding target classifier when predicting on the target domain is inspected, which introduces the label shift via this transformation (cf. Theorem 1 in that paper). However, the definition of the label shift is totally dependent on the transformation L. It is worth noting that in this work, we do not consider an arbitrary transformation L as in [25]. Instead, we look in $L : L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S$ and define the label shift as the infimum of the label shifts induced by valid transformations. To give a better understanding of our label shift definition, we now present some bounds for it in general and specific cases.

Proposition 3. Denote by $p_Y^S = (p_Y^S(y))_{y=1}^M$ and $p_Y^T = (p_Y^T(y))_{y=1}^M$ the marginal distributions of the source and target domain labels, i.e., $p_Y^S(y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}^S} p^S(x, y) dx$ and $p_Y^T(y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}^T} p^T(x, y) dx$. For $d_Y(y, y') = \|y - y'\|_p^p$ when $p \ge 1$, the following holds:

 $(i) \mathcal{L} \left(h^{T}, f^{T}, \mathbb{P}^{T} \right) \leq LS \left(S, T \right) + \mathcal{L} \left(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S} \right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}} \left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S}, \mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}^{T} \right) + const \text{ where the constant can be viewed as a reconstruction term: } \sup_{L,K:L \# \mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}, K \# \mathbb{P}^{S} = \mathbb{P}^{T}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{T} \left(K \left(L \left(x \right) \right) \right), f^{T} \left(x \right) \right) \right];$

 $\begin{array}{l} (ii) \ LS(S,T) \geq \|p_Y^S - p_Y^T\|_p^p; \\ (iii) \ In \ the \ setting \ that \ \mathbb{P}^S \ and \ \mathbb{P}^T \ are \ mixtures \ of \ well-separated \ Gaussian \ distributions, \ i.e., \\ p^a(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{y=1}^M p^a(y) \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}|\mu_y^a, \Sigma_y^a) \ with \ \|\mu_y^a - \mu_{y'}^a\|_2 \geq D \times \max\{\|\Sigma_y^a\|_{op}^{1/2}, \|\Sigma_{y'}^a\|_{op}^{1/2}\} \ \forall \ a \in \{S,T\}, y \neq y', \\ in \ which \ \|\cdot\|_{op} \ denotes \ the \ operator \ norm \ and \ D \ is \ sufficiently \ large, \ we \ have \end{array}$

$$\left| LS(S,T) - \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{P}_Y^S, \mathbb{P}_Y^T) \right| \le \epsilon(D), \tag{3}$$

where $\epsilon(D)$ is a small constant depending on $D, p_Y^S, p_Y^T, (\Sigma_y^S, \Sigma_y^T)_{y=1}^M$, and it goes to 0 as $D \to \infty$.

A few comments on Proposition 3 are in order. The *inequality in* (i) bounds the target loss by the source loss and the label shift. Though this inequality has the same form as those in [34, 3, 38, 50, 8]. the label shift in our inequality is more reasonably expressed. The *inequality in (ii)* reads that the marginal label shift $||p_Y^S - p_Y^T||_p^p$ is a lower bound of our label shift. Therefore, the label shift induced by the best transformation L^* can not be less than this quantity. A direct consequence is that LS(S,T) = 0 implies $p^{S}(y) = p^{T}(y)$, for all $y \in [M]$ (no label shift). Finally, the *inequality in (iii)* shows that when the classes are well-separated, the label shift will almost achieve the lower bound in the first inequality, which implies its tightness. The key step in the proof is proving that \mathbb{P}_{f^S} and \mathbb{P}_{f^T} will be concentrated around the vertices and it is also provable for sub-Gaussian distributions with some extra work. The bound gives a simple way to estimate the label shift in this scenario: instead of measuring the Wasserstein distance $\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T})$ on the simplex \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} , we only need to measure the Wasserstein distance between the vertices equipped with the masses p_V^S and p_V^T . The first experiment in Section 4.1 also supports this finding.

Our label shift formulation can also serve as a tool to elaborate other aspects of DA, as we will see below.

Minimizing data shift while ignoring label shift can hurt the prediction on test set: Consider two classifiers on the source and target domains $h^S = h \circ g^S$ and $h^T = h \circ g^T$ where $g^S : \mathcal{X}^S \to \mathcal{Z}, g^T : \mathcal{X}^T \to \mathcal{Z}$ are the source and target feature extractors, and $h : \mathcal{Z} \to \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$ with $h \in \mathcal{H}$. We define a new metric d_Z with respect to the family \mathcal{H} as follows:

$$d_{Z}(\boldsymbol{z}_{1},\boldsymbol{z}_{2}) = \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} d_{Y}(h(\boldsymbol{z}_{1}),h(\boldsymbol{z}_{2})),$$

where z_1 and z_2 lie on the latent space \mathcal{Z} . The necessary (also sufficient) condition under which d_Z is a proper metric on the latent space (see the proof in Appendix B) is realistic and not hard to be satisfied (e.g., the family \mathcal{H} contains any bijection). We now can define a Wasserstein distance W_{d_Z} that will be used in the development of Theorem 4.

Theorem 4. With regard to the latent space \mathcal{Z} , we can upper-bound the label shift as

$$LS(S,T) \leq \mathcal{L}\left(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}\right) + \mathcal{L}\left(h^{T}, f^{T}, \mathbb{P}^{T}\right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Z}}\left(g^{S} \# \mathbb{P}^{S}, g^{T} \# \mathbb{P}^{T}\right)$$

Theorem 4 indicates a trade-off of learning domain-invariant representation by forcing $g^S \# \mathbb{P}^S = g^T \# \mathbb{P}^T$ (e.g., min $\mathcal{W}_{d_Z} (g^S \# \mathbb{P}^S, g^T \# \mathbb{P}^T)$). It is evident that if the label shift between domains is significant, because $\mathcal{L} (h^S, f^S, \mathbb{P}^S)$ can be trained to be sufficiently small, learning domain-invariant representation by minimizing $\mathcal{W}_{d_Z} (g^S \# \mathbb{P}^S, g^T \# \mathbb{P}^T)$ leads to a hurt in the performance of the target classifier h^T on the target domain. Similar theoretical result was discovered in [52] for the binary classification (see Theorem 4.9 in that paper). However, our theory is developed based on our label shift formulation in a more general multi-class classification setting and uses WS distance rather than Jensen-Shannon (JS) distance [12] as in [52] for which the advantages of WS distance over JS distance have been thoughtfully discussed in [2].

Label shift under different settings of DA: An advantage of our method is that it can measure the label shift under various DA settings (i.e., open-set, partial-set, and universal DA). Doing this task is not straight-forward using other label shift methods. For example, if there is a label that appears in a domain but not in the other, it is not meaningful to measure the ratio between the marginal distribution of this label as in [17].

In what follows, we elaborate our label shift in those settings. Particularly, we provide some lower bounds for it, implying that the label shift is higher if there is label mismatch between two domains. Recall that when the source and target domains do not have the same number of labels, we can extend f^S and f^T to be functions taking values on \mathcal{Y}_Δ by filling 0 for the missing labels. For the sake of presenting the results, let $\mathcal{Y}_S \cap \mathcal{Y}_T = \{1, \ldots, C\}$ be the common labels of two domains, \mathbb{Q}_S the marginal of \mathbb{P}_{f_S} and \mathbb{Q}_T the marginal of \mathbb{P}_{f_T} on the first (C-1) dimensions. $\mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T}$ denotes the marginal of \mathbb{P}_{f_S} in the space of variables having labels $\mathcal{Y}_S \setminus \mathcal{Y}_T$ and $\mathbb{Q}_{T\setminus S}$ denotes the marginal of \mathbb{P}_{f_T} in the space of variables having labels $\mathcal{Y}_T \setminus \mathcal{Y}_S$.

Theorem 5. Assume that $d_Y(y, y') = ||y - y'||_p^p$. Then, the following holds: i) For the partial-set setting (i.e., $\mathcal{Y}^T \subset \mathcal{Y}^S$), we obtain

$$LS(S,T) \ge W_p^p(\mathbb{Q}_S,\mathbb{Q}_T) + \mathbb{E}_{X \sim \mathbb{Q}_{S \setminus T}} \left[\|X\|_p^p \right].$$
(4)

ii) For the open-set setting (i.e., $\mathcal{Y}^S \subset \mathcal{Y}^T$), we obtain

$$LS(S,T) \ge W_p^p(\mathbb{Q}_S,\mathbb{Q}_T) + \mathbb{E}_{X \sim \mathbb{Q}_T \setminus S} \left[\|X\|_p^p \right].$$
(5)

iii) For the universal setting (i.e., $\mathcal{Y}^T \subsetneq \mathcal{Y}^S$ and $\mathcal{Y}^S \subsetneq \mathcal{Y}^T$), we have

$$LS(S,T) \ge W_p^p(\mathbb{Q}_S,\mathbb{Q}_T) + \mathbb{E}_{X \sim \mathbb{Q}_T \setminus S} \left[\|X\|_p^p \right] + \mathbb{E}_{Y \sim \mathbb{Q}_S \setminus T} \left[\|Y\|_p^p \right].$$
(6)

Theorem 5 reveals that the label shifts for the partial-set, open-set, or universal DA settings are higher than the vanilla closed-set setting due to the missing and unmatching labels of two domains (see Section 4.1). Our theory also implicitly indicates that by setting appropriate weights for source and target examples (i.e., low weights for the examples with missing and unmatching labels), we can deduct label shift by reducing the second term of lower-bounds in Eqs. (4), (5), and (6) to mitigate the negative transfer [6]. We leave this interesting investigation to our future work. Moreover, further analysis can be found in Appendix C.

3 Label and Data Shift Reductions via Optimal Transport

3.1 Motivation theorem for our approach

We consider the source classifier $h^S = \bar{h}^S \circ g$ and the target classifier $h^T = \bar{h}^T \circ g$. Given a decreasing function $\phi : \mathbb{R} \to [0, 1]$, a classifier h is said to be ϕ -Lipschitz transferable [9] w.r.t a joint distribution $\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)$, the metric d_X on the data space, and the metric d_Y on the \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} if for all $\delta > 0$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{(x^S, x^T) \sim \gamma} \Big[d_Y \big(h(x^S), h(x^T) \big) > \delta d_X(x^S, x^T) \Big] \le \phi(\delta).$$

Theorem 6. Assume that $\mathcal{X}^T = \mathcal{X}^S = \mathcal{X}$, the target classifier h^T is ϕ -Lipschitz transferable w.r.t the optimal joint distribution $\gamma^* \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)$ of $W_{d_X}(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)$ with the metric d_X on the data space \mathcal{X} and d_Y on the simplex \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} , we have

$$LS(h^{T}, f^{T}, \mathbb{P}^{T}) \leq LS(S, T) + \mathcal{L}(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}) + \frac{1}{2} \delta W_{d_{X}}(\mathbb{P}^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{T}) + \frac{1}{2} W_{d_{Y}}(\mathbb{P}^{S}_{h^{S}}, \mathbb{P}^{T}_{h^{T}}) + \frac{[1 + \phi(\delta)]N}{2},$$

$$(7)$$

where $N = \sup_{\pi,\pi' \in \mathcal{Y}_{\Delta}} d_Y(\pi,\pi')$ and the label shift $LS(h^T, f^T, \mathbb{P}^T)$ is defined as

$$\inf_{L:L \neq \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^T} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \Big[d_Y \big(h^T(x), f^T(L(x)) \big) \Big],$$

representing how accurate the target classifier imitates its ground-truth labeling function on the target domain.

Theorem 6 hints us how to devise our *Label and D ata Shift Reductions via Optimal Transport* (LDROT), aiming to reduce both data and label shifts simultaneously. First, we train the source classifier to work well on the source domain by minimizing $\mathcal{L}(h^S, f^S, \mathbb{P}^S)$. Second, we minimize the shifting loss $W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T})$ to encourage h^T to imitate h^S . We will later explain how minimizing this shifting loss helps to reduce both data and label shifts simultaneously. Third, we encourage the target classifier h^T to atisfy the Lipschitz condition or become smoother by making δ and $\phi(\delta)$ as small as possible.

3.2 Objective function of LDROT

Our LDROT consists of three losses which are as follows:

(i) Standard loss \mathcal{L}^S : We train the source classifier h^S on the labeled source data by minimizing the loss $\mathcal{L}^S := \mathcal{L}(h^S, f^S, \mathbb{P}^S);$

(ii) Shifting loss \mathcal{L}^{shift} : Furthermore, to mitigate both label and data shifts, we propose to further regularize the loss \mathcal{L}^S by $\mathcal{L}^{shift} := \mathcal{W}_d \left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T} \right)$, where the ground metric d is defined as

$$d\left(\boldsymbol{z}^{S}, \boldsymbol{z}^{T}\right) = \lambda \cdot d_{X}\left(g\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right), g\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right) + d_{Y}\left(h^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right), h^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right),\tag{8}$$

where $\boldsymbol{z}^{S} = (\boldsymbol{x}^{S}, h^{S}(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}))$ with $\boldsymbol{x}^{S} \sim \mathbb{P}^{S}$ and $\boldsymbol{z}^{T} = (\boldsymbol{x}^{T}, h^{T}(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}))$ with $\boldsymbol{x}^{T} \sim \mathbb{P}^{T}$;

(iii) Clustering loss \mathcal{L}^{clus} : Finally, to enhance the smoothness of h^T , we enforce the clustering assumption [7] to enable h^T giving the same prediction for source and target examples on the same cluster. To employ the clustering assumption [40], we use Virtual Adversarial Training (VAT) [35] in conjunction with minimizing the entropy of prediction [21]: $\mathcal{L}^{clus} := \mathcal{L}^{ent} + \mathcal{L}^{vat}$ with

$$\mathcal{L}^{ent} = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[\mathbb{H} \left(h^{T} \left(g \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right],$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{vat} = \mathbb{E}_{0.5\mathbb{P}^{S}+0.5\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[\max_{\boldsymbol{x}' \in B_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x})} D_{KL} \left(h^{T} \left(g \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right), h^{T} \left(g \left(\boldsymbol{x}' \right) \right) \right) \right],$$

where D_{KL} represents a Kullback-Leibler divergence, θ is a very small positive number, $B_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x}) := \{\boldsymbol{x}' : \|\boldsymbol{x}' - \boldsymbol{x}\|_2 < \theta\}$, and \mathbb{H} specifies the entropy.

Combining the above losses, we arrive at the following objective function of LDROT.

$$\inf_{g,\bar{h}^S,\bar{h}^T} \{ \mathcal{L}^S + \alpha \mathcal{L}^{shift} + \beta \mathcal{L}^{clus} \},$$
(9)

where $\alpha, \beta > 0$. In addition, we use the target classifier h^T to predict target examples.

Remark on the shifting term: We now explain why including the shifting term $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T\right)$ supports to reduce label and data shifts. First, we have the following inequality whose proof can be found in Appendix C:

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_X}\left(g \# \mathbb{P}^S, g \# \mathbb{P}^T\right) = \mathcal{W}_{d_X}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T\right) \le \mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T\right)$$
(10)

since $d_X \leq d$.

Therefore, by including the shifting term $\mathcal{W}_d(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T)$, we aim to reduce $\mathcal{W}_{d_X}(g\#\mathbb{P}^S, g\#\mathbb{P}^T)$, which is useful for reducing the data shift on the latent space.

Second, we find that $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right) \leq \mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ since $d_Y \leq d$. The inequality (i) in Proposition 3 suggests that reducing the label shift $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ helps to reduces the loss on the target domain, therefore increasing the quality of our DA method. Finally, by including $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$, we aim to simultaneously reduce both terms $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ and $\mathcal{W}_{d_X}\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$, which is equal to $\mathcal{W}_{d_X}\left(g\#\mathbb{P}^S, g\#\mathbb{P}^T\right)$. That step helps reduce the data shift between $g\#\mathbb{P}^S$ and $g\#\mathbb{P}^T$, while forcing h^T to mimic h^S for predicting well on the target domain via reducing the label shift $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$.

3.3 Training procedure of LDROT

We now discuss a few important aspects of the training procedure of LDROT.

Similarity-aware version of the ground metric d: The weight λ in the ground metric d in Eq. (8) represents the matching extent of $g(\mathbf{x}^T)$ and $g(\mathbf{x}^S)$. Ideally, we would like to replace this

fixed constant λ by varied weights $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}^S, \mathbf{x}^T)$ in such a way that $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}^S, \mathbf{x}^T)$ is high if \mathbf{x}^T and \mathbf{x}^S share the same label and low otherwise. However, it is not possible because the label of \mathbf{x}^T is unknown. As an alternative, it appears that if we can have a good way to estimate the pairwise similarity $s(\mathbf{x}^S, \mathbf{x}^T)$ of \mathbf{x}^T and \mathbf{x}^S , $s(\mathbf{x}^S, \mathbf{x}^T)$ seems to be high if \mathbf{x}^T and \mathbf{x}^S share the same label and low if otherwise. Based on this observation, we instead propose using a similarity-aware version of metric d as follows:

$$\bar{d}\left(\boldsymbol{z}^{S},\boldsymbol{z}^{T}\right) = \mathbf{w}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S},\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right) d_{X}\left(g\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right),g\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right) + d_{Y}\left(h^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right),h^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right),$$

where the weight $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}^{S}, \mathbf{x}^{T})$ is estimated based on $s(\mathbf{x}^{S}, \mathbf{x}^{T})$.

Entropic regularized version of shifting term: Since computing directly the shifting term $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ is expensive, we use the entropic regularized version of $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ instead, which we denote $\mathcal{W}^{\epsilon}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ where ϵ is a positive regularized term (Detailed definition and discussion of the entropic regularized Wasserstein metric is in Appendix A). The dual-form [18] of that entropic regularized term with respect to the ground metric \overline{d} admits the following form:

$$\max_{\phi} \left\{ \frac{1}{N_S} \sum_{i=1}^{N_S} \phi\left(g\left(\boldsymbol{x}_i^S\right)\right) - \frac{\epsilon}{N_T} \sum_{j=1}^{N_T} \left[\log\left(\frac{1}{N_S} \sum_{i=1}^{N_S} \exp\left\{\frac{\phi\left(g\left(\boldsymbol{x}_i^S\right)\right) - \bar{d}\left(\boldsymbol{z}_i^S, \boldsymbol{z}_j^T\right)}{\epsilon}\right\} \right) \right] \right\},\tag{11}$$

where ϕ is a neural net named the Kantorovich potential network, $\{(\boldsymbol{x}_i^S, y_i^S)\}_{i=1}^{N_S}$ and $\{\boldsymbol{x}_i^T\}_{i=1}^{N_T}$ are source and target data, $\boldsymbol{z}_i^S = (\boldsymbol{x}_i^S, h^S(\boldsymbol{x}_i^S)), \, \boldsymbol{z}_j^T = (\boldsymbol{x}_j^T, h^T(\boldsymbol{x}_j^T)), \text{ and } \mathbf{w}_{ij} = \mathbf{w} \left(\boldsymbol{x}_i^S, \boldsymbol{x}_j^T\right).$

Evaluating the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} : The weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} are evaluated based on the similarity scores $s_{ij} := s\left(\boldsymbol{x}_i^S, \boldsymbol{x}_j^T\right)$. Basically, we train from scratch or fine-tune a pre-trained deep net (e.g., ResNet [22]) using source dataset with labels and compute cosine similarity of latent representations \boldsymbol{r}_j^T and \boldsymbol{r}_i^S of \boldsymbol{x}_j^T and \boldsymbol{x}_i^S as $s_{ij} = s\left(\boldsymbol{x}_i^S, \boldsymbol{x}_j^T\right) = \operatorname{cosine-sim}\left(\boldsymbol{r}_i^S, \boldsymbol{r}_j^T\right)$. To ease the computation, we estimate the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} according to source and target batches.

To ease the computation, we estimate the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} according to source and target batches. Specifically, we consider a balanced source batch of Mb source examples (i.e., M is the number of classes and b is source batch size for each class). For a target example \mathbf{x}_j^T in the target batch, we sort the similarity array $[s_{ij}]_{i=1}^{Mb}$ in an ascending order. Ideally, we expect that the similarity scores of the target example \mathbf{x}_j^T and the source examples \mathbf{x}_i^S with the same class as \mathbf{x}_j^T (i.e., totally we have b of theirs) are higher than other similarity scores in the current source batch. Therefore, we find μ_i as the $\frac{M-1}{M}$ -percentile of the ascending similarity array $[s_{ij}]_{i=1}^{Mb}$ and compute the weights as $\mathbf{w}_{ij} = \exp\left\{\frac{s_{ij}-\mu_i}{\tau}\right\}$ with a temperature variable τ . It is worth noting that this weight evaluation strategy assists us in *sharpening* and *contrasting* the weights for the pairs in the similar and different classes. More specifically, for the pairs in the same classes tend to be higher than those for the pairs in different classes. More specifically, for the pairs in the same classes, s_{ij} tend to be smaller than μ_i . Hence, with the support of exponential form and temperature variable τ , \mathbf{w}_{ij} for the pairs in the same classes, s_{ij} tend to be bigger than μ_i . Hence, with the support of exponential form and temperature variable τ , \mathbf{w}_{ij} for the pairs in the same classes, s_{ij} tend to be bigger than μ_i . Hence, with the support of exponential form and temperature variable τ , \mathbf{w}_{ij} for the pairs in the same classes, s_{ij} tend to be bigger than μ_i . Hence, with the support of exponential form and temperature variable τ , w_{ij} for the pairs in the same classes tend to be higher than those for the pairs in different classes.

Comparing to DeepJDOT [10]: The $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ with $d = \lambda d_X + d_Y$ was investigated in DeepJDOT [10]. However, ours is different from that work in some aspects: (i) *similarity based*

Method	A→W	A→D	$\mathrm{D}{\rightarrow}\mathrm{W}$	W→D	D→A	W→A	Avg
ResNet-50 [22]	70.0	65.5	96.1	99.3	62.8	60.5	75.7
DeepCORAL $[41]$	83.0	71.5	97.9	98.0	63.7	64.5	79.8
DANN [15]	81.5	74.3	97.1	99.6	65.5	63.2	80.2
ADDA [44]	86.2	78.8	96.8	99.1	69.5	68.5	83.2
CDAN [33]	94.1	92.9	98.6	100.0	71.0	69.3	87.7
TPN [36]	91.2	89.9	97.7	99.5	70.5	73.5	87.1
SAFN [48]	90.1	90.7	98.6	99.8	73.0	70.2	87.1
${\rm rRevGrad}{+}{\rm CAT}~[11]$	94.4	90.8	98.0	100.0	72.2	70.2	87.6
DeepJDOT [10]	88.9	88.2	98.5	99.6	72.1	70.1	86.2
ETD [27]	92.1	88.0	100.0	100.0	71.0	67.8	86.2
RWOT [49]	95.1	94.5	99.5	100.0	77.5	77.9	90.8
LDROT	95.6	98.0	98.1	100.0	85.6	84.9	93.7

Table 1: Classification accuracy (%) on Office-31 dataset for unsupervised DA (ResNet-50).

dynamic weighting, (ii) *clustering loss* for enforcing clustering assumption for target classifier, and (iii) *entropic dual form* for training rather than Sinkhorn as in [10]. More analysis of LDROT can be found in Section D.1.

4 Experiments

4.1 Experiments of theoretical part

Label shift estimation: In this experiment, we show how to evaluate the label shift if we know the labeling mechanisms of the source and target domains. We consider SVHN as the source domain and MNIST as the target domain. These two datasets have ten categorical labels which stand for the digits in $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, ..., 9\}$. Additionally, for each source or target example \boldsymbol{x} , the ground-truth label of \boldsymbol{x} is a categorical label in $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, ..., 9\}$. Since these labels have good separation, from part (iii) of Proposition 3, we can choose $f^S(\boldsymbol{x})$ and $f^T(\boldsymbol{x})$ as one-hot vectors on the simplex \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} . Therefore, \mathbb{P}_{f^S} and \mathbb{P}_{f^T} are two discrete distributions over one-hot vectors representing the categorical labels, wherein each categorical label $\boldsymbol{y} \in \{0, ..., 9\}$ corresponds to the one-hot vector $\mathbf{1}_{y+1} = [0, ..., 0, 1_{y+1}, 0, ..., 0]$. The label shift between SVHN and MNIST is estimated by either $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$ or $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$, where d_Y is chosen as L^1 distance. More specifically, $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$ is evaluated accurately via linear programming¹, while estimating $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$ using the entropic regularized dual form $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}^\epsilon\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$ with $\epsilon = 0.1$ [18]. Moreover, to visualize the precision when using a probabilistic labeling mechanism to estimate the label shift, we train two probabilistic labeling functions h^S and h^T by minimizing the cross-entropy loss with respect to f^S and f^T respectively and subsequently estimate $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}\right)$ using the entropic regularized dual

¹https://pythonot.github.io/all.html

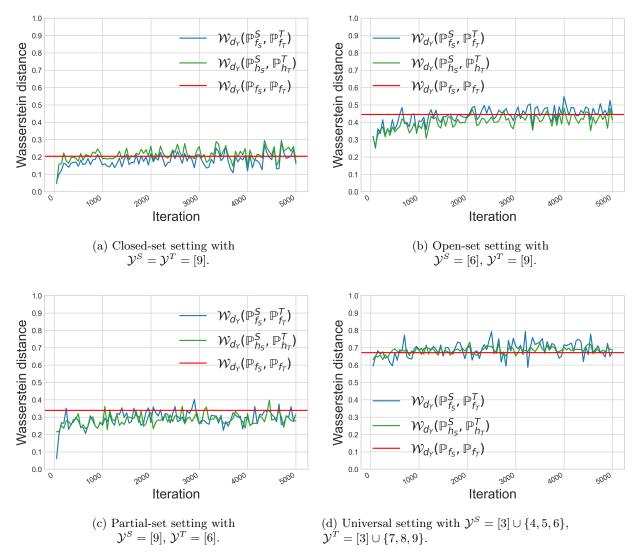


Figure 2: Label shift estimation for various settings of DA when the source data set SVHN and the target data set is MNIST. Here, we denote $[C] := \{0, 1, ..., C\}$ for a positive integer number C.

form $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}^{\epsilon}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T\right)$ with $\epsilon = 0.1$. Note that the prediction probabilities of h^S and h^T are now the points on the simplex \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} .

We compute the label shift for four DA settings including the closed-set, partial-set, open-set, and universal settings. As shown in Figure 2, for all DA settings, the blue lines estimating $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right)$ and the green lines estimating $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}\right)$ along with batches tend to approach the red lines evaluating $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}\right)$ accurately, which illustrates the result of part (iii) in Proposition 3. We also observe that the label shifts of partial-set, open-set, and universal settings are higher than the closed-set setting as discussed in Theorem 5.

Implication on target performance: In this experiment, we demonstrate that the theoretical finding of Theorem 4 indicating that forcing learning domain-invariant representations hurts the target

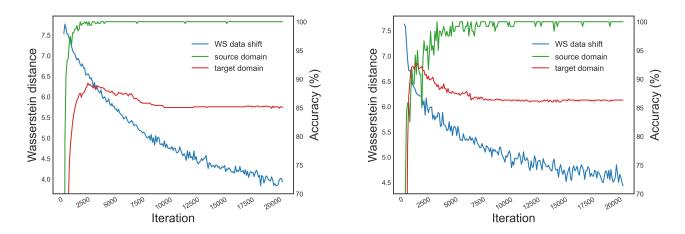


Figure 3: Illustration on target performance to show that forcing learning domain-invariant representations can hurt the target performance. Left: $A \rightarrow W$ (Office-31). Right: $P \rightarrow I$ (ImageCLEF-DA).

performance. We train a classifier $h^{ST} = g \circ h$, where g is a feature extractor and h is a classifier on top of latent representations by solving $\min_{g,h} \{\mathcal{L}(h^{ST}, f^S, \mathbb{P}^S) + 0.1 \times \mathcal{W}_{L^1}^{\epsilon}(g\#\mathbb{P}^S, g\#\mathbb{P}^T)\}$ where $\mathcal{W}_{L^1}^{\epsilon}(g\#\mathbb{P}^S, g\#\mathbb{P}^T)$ is used to estimate $\mathcal{W}_{L^1}(g\#\mathbb{P}^S, g\#\mathbb{P}^T)$ for learning domain-invariant representations on the latent space. We conduct the experiments on the pairs $A \to W$ (Office-31) and $P \to I$ (ImageCLEF-DA) in which we measure the WS data shift on the latent space $\mathcal{W}_{L^1}^{\epsilon}(g\#\mathbb{P}^S, g\#\mathbb{P}^T)$, and the source and target accuracies. As shown in Figure 3, along with the training process, while the WS data shift on the latent space consistently decreases (i.e., the latent representations become more domain-invariant), the source accuracies get saturated, but the target accuracies get hurt gradually.

4.2 Experiments of LDROT on real-world datasets

We conduct the experiments on the real-world datasets: Digits, Office-31, Office-Home, and ImageCLEF-DA to compare our LDROT to the state-of-the-art baselines, especially OT-based ones DeepJDOT [10], SWD [26], DASPOT [47], ETD [27], and RWOT [49]. Due to the space limit, we show the results for Office-31 and Office-Home in Tables 1 and 2, while other results, parameter settings, and network architectures can be found in Appendix D. The experimental results indicate that our proposed method outperforms the baselines.

4.3 Ablation Study for LDROT

This ablation study investigates the significant meanings of the shifting term $\mathcal{L}^{\text{shift}} = W_d(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T)$. We observe the values of $\mathcal{L}^{\text{shift}}$ together with training accuracy of the source (**CI**) and target (**Rw**) domains in Figure 4. During training, $\mathcal{L}^{\text{shift}}$ smoothly decreases, while the source and target training accuracies increases. This implies that h^S gradually improves on the source domain, while the label shift $\mathcal{L}^{\text{shift}}$ between h^T and h^S gradually reduces, guiding h^T to improve on the target domain. This observation demonstrates the rational of our label shift quantity $W_d(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T)$. Due to the space limitation, other ablation studies are presented in Appendix D.7.

Method	$\mathrm{Ar}{ ightarrow}\mathrm{Cl}$	Ar→Pr	$Ar \rightarrow Rw$	Cl→Ar	Cl→Pr	$\mathrm{Cl} \rightarrow \mathrm{Rw}$	Pr→Ar	Pr→Cl	Pr→Rw	Rw→Ar	Rw→Cl	Rw→Pı	Avg
ResNet-50 [22]	34.9	50.0	58.0	37.4	41.9	46.2	38.5	31.2	60.4	53.9	41.2	59.9	46.1
DANN [15]	43.6	57.0	67.9	45.8	56.5	60.4	44.0	43.6	67.7	63.1	51.5	74.3	56.3
CDAN [33]	50.7	70.6	76.0	57.6	70.0	70.0	57.4	50.9	77.3	70.9	56.7	81.6	65.8
TPN [36]	51.2	71.2	76.0	65.1	72.9	72.8	55.4	48.9	76.5	70.9	53.4	80.4	66.2
SAFN [48]	52.0	71.7	76.3	64.2	69.9	71.9	63.7	51.4	77.1	70.9	57.1	81.5	67.3
DeepJDOT [10]	48.2	69.2	74.5	58.5	69.1	71.1	56.3	46.0	76.5	68.0	52.7	80.9	64.3
ETD [27]	51.3	71.9	85.7	57.6	69.2	73.7	57.8	51.2	79.3	70.2	57.5	82.1	67.3
RWOT [49]	55.2	72.5	78.0	63.5	72.5	75.1	60.2	48.5	78.9	69.8	54.8	82.5	67.6
LDROT	57.4	79.6	82.5	67.2	79.8	80.7	66.5	53.3	82.5	70.9	57.4	84.8	71.9

Table 2: Classification accuracy (%) on Office-Home dataset for unsupervised DA (ResNet-50).

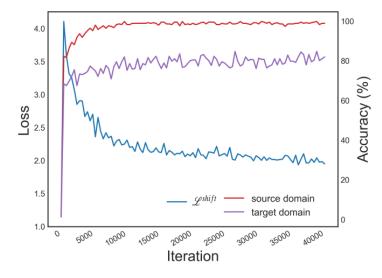


Figure 4: The shifting loss $\mathcal{L}^{\text{shift}}$ and accuracy (%) of transfer task $\mathbf{CI} \rightarrow \mathbf{Rw}$ of Office-Home during training.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we study label shift between the source and target domains in a general DA setting. Our main workaround is to consider valid transformations transporting the target to source domains allowing us to align the source and target examples and rigorously define the label shift between two domains. We then connect the proposed label shift to optimal transport theory and develop further theory to inspect the properties of DA under various DA settings (e.g., closed-set, partial-set, open-set, or universal setting). Furthermore inspired from theory development, we propose *Label and Data Shift Reduction via Optimal Transport* (LDROT) which can mitigate data and label shifts simultaneously. We conduct comprehensive experiments to verify our theoretical findings and compare LDROT against state-of-the-art baselines to demonstrate its merits.

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Supplement to "On Label Shift in Domain Adaptation via Wasserstein Distance"

In this appendix, we collect several proofs and remaining materials that are deferred from the main paper.

- In Appendix A, we present notations and definitions that are deferred from the main text including optimal transport and entropic regularized Wasserstein distance.
- In Appendix B, we present proofs of all the key results.
- In Appendix C, we present proofs of the remaining results, including the derivation of the dual form of entropic regularized optimal transport.
- In Appendix D, we provide training specification and additional experimental results.

A Notations and definitions

In this appendix, we provide notations, notions, and definitions that are used in the main text.

A.1 Optimal Transport

Given two probability measures $(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{P})$ and (\mathcal{Y}, Q) and a cost function or ground metric $d(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})$, under the conditions stated in the below theorem (cf. Theorems 1.32 and 1.33 [39]), the *primal form* of Wasserstein (WS) distance [39] is defined as:

$$\mathcal{W}_{d}\left(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q}\right) = \inf_{T:T \neq \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim \mathbb{P}}\left[d\left(\boldsymbol{x}, T\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right],\tag{12}$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{d}\left(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q}\right) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q})} \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) \sim \gamma} \left[d\left(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}\right)\right],\tag{13}$$

where $\Gamma(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})$ specifies the set of joint distributions over $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ which admits \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} as marginals. The first definition is known as Monge problem (MP), while the second one is known as Kantorovich problem (KP). We now restate the sufficient conditions for which (MP) and (KP) are equivalent (cf. Theorems 1.32 and 1.33 [39]).

Theorem 7. If \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} are compact, Polish metric spaces, \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} are atomless, and d is a lower semi-continuous function, then (KP) is equivalent to (MP) in the sense that two infima are equal.

In addition, under some mild conditions as stated in Theorem 5.10 in [46], we can replace the primal form by its corresponding dual form

$$\mathcal{W}_{d}\left(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q}\right) = \max_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{1}(\Omega,\mathbb{P})} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}\left[\phi^{c}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}\left[\phi\left(\boldsymbol{y}\right)\right] \right\},\tag{14}$$

where $\mathcal{L}_1(\Omega, \mathbb{P}) := \left\{ \psi : \int_{\Omega} |\psi(\boldsymbol{y})| \, \mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{y}) < \infty \right\}$ and ϕ^c is the *c*-transform of function ϕ defined as $\phi^c(\boldsymbol{x}) := \min_{\boldsymbol{y}} \left\{ d(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) - \phi(\boldsymbol{y}) \right\}.$

A.2 Entropic Regularized Duality

To enable the application of optimal transport in machine learning and deep learning, Genevay et al. [18]developed an entropic regularized dual form, which had been shown to have favorable computational complexities [29, 30, 28]. First, they proposed to add an entropic regularization term to the primal form in (13)

$$\mathcal{W}_{d}^{\epsilon}(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q}) := \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{Q},\mathbb{P})} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) \sim \gamma} \left[d\left(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}\right) \right] + \epsilon D_{KL}\left(\gamma \| \mathbb{P} \otimes \mathbb{Q}\right) \right\},\tag{15}$$

where ϵ is the regularization rate, $D_{KL}(\cdot \| \cdot)$ is the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence, and $\mathbb{P} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ represents the specific coupling in which \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{P} are independent. Note that when $\epsilon \to 0$, $\mathcal{W}_d^{\epsilon}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})$ approaches $\mathcal{W}_d(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})$ and the optimal transport plan γ_{ϵ}^* of (15) also weakly converges to the optimal transport plan γ^* of (13). In practice, we set ϵ to be a small positive number, hence γ_{ϵ}^* is very close to γ^* . Second, using the Fenchel-Rockafellar theorem, they obtained the following dual form w.r.t. the potential ϕ

$$\mathcal{W}_{d}^{\epsilon}(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q}) = \max_{\phi} \left\{ \int \phi_{\epsilon}^{c}(\boldsymbol{x}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbb{Q}(\boldsymbol{x}) + \int \phi(\boldsymbol{y}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{y}) \right\} = \max_{\phi} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\phi_{\epsilon}^{c}(\boldsymbol{x}) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\phi(\boldsymbol{y}) \right] \right\}, \quad (16)$$

where $\phi_{\epsilon}^{c}(\boldsymbol{x}) := -\epsilon \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left\{ \frac{-d(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) + \phi(\boldsymbol{y})}{\epsilon} \right\} \right] \right).$

A.3 Preliminaries

Notions. For a positive integer n and a real number $p \in [1, \infty)$, [n] indicates the set $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ while $||x||_p$ denotes the l_p -norm of a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Let \mathcal{Y}^S and \mathcal{Y}^T be the label sets of the source and target domains that have $M^S := |\mathcal{Y}^S|$ and $M^T := |\mathcal{Y}^T|$ elements, respectively. Meanwhile, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Y}^S \cup \mathcal{Y}^T$ stands for the label set of both domains which has the cardinality of $M := |\mathcal{Y}|$. Subsequently, we denote \mathcal{Y}_Δ , \mathcal{Y}^S_Δ , and \mathcal{Y}^T_Δ as the simplices corresponding to $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y}^S$, and \mathcal{Y}^T respectively. Finally, let $f^S(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$ and $f^T(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$ be the labeling functions of the source and target domains, respectively, by filling zeros for the missing labels.

We first examine a general supervised learning setting. Consider a hypothesis h in a hypothesis class \mathcal{H} and a labeling function f (i.e., $f(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_{\Delta}$ and $h(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_{\Delta}$ where $\mathcal{Y}_{\Delta} := \{\pi \in \mathbb{R}^M : \|\pi\|_1 = 1 \text{ and } \pi \geq \mathbf{0}\}$ with the number of classes M). Let $d_{\mathcal{Y}}$ be a metric over \mathcal{Y}_{Δ} . We further define the general loss of the hypothesis h w.r.t. the data distribution \mathbb{P} and the labeling function f as: $\mathcal{L}(h, f, \mathbb{P}) := \int d_{\mathcal{Y}}(h(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x})) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x})$.

Next we consider a domain adaptation setting in which we have a source space \mathcal{X}^S endowed with a distribution \mathbb{P}^S and the density function $p^s(\mathbf{x})$ and a target space \mathcal{X}^T endowed with a distribution \mathbb{P}^T and the density function $p^t(\mathbf{x})$. Let $f^S(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$ and $f^T(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$ be the labeling functions of the source and target domains respectively. It appears that $p^S(\mathbf{x}, y) = p^S(\mathbf{x}) f^S(\mathbf{x}, y)$ and $p^T(\mathbf{x}, y) = p^T(\mathbf{x}) f^T(\mathbf{x}, y)$ are the source and target joint distributions of pairs (\mathbf{x}, y) respectively. Note that for a categorical label $y \in \{1, ..., M\}$, $f^S(\mathbf{x}, y)$ and $f^T(\mathbf{x}, y)$ represent the y-th element of the prediction probabilities $f^S(\mathbf{x})$ and $f^T(\mathbf{x})$.

B Proofs of all the key results

In this appendix, we provide useful lemmas and proofs for main results in the paper.

B.1 Useful Lemmas

Lemma 8. If $\gamma \in \Gamma\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}\right)$, there exists $\gamma' \in \Gamma\left(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T\right)$ such that $\left(f^S, f^T\right)_{\#} \gamma' = \gamma$.

Proof. Let denote γ^S as the joint distribution of the samples $(\boldsymbol{x}^S, f^S(\boldsymbol{x}^S))$ where $\boldsymbol{x}^S \sim \mathbb{P}^S$ and γ^T as the joint distribution of the samples $(\boldsymbol{x}^T, f^T(\boldsymbol{x}^T))$ where $\boldsymbol{x}^T \sim \mathbb{P}^T$. It is obvious that γ^S is a joint distribution of \mathbb{P}^S and \mathbb{P}^{f^S} and γ^T is a joint distribution of \mathbb{P}^T and \mathbb{P}^{f^T} . According to the gluing lemma (see Lemma 5.5 in [39]), there exists a joint distribution μ such that for any draw $(\boldsymbol{x}^S, \boldsymbol{\tau}^S, \boldsymbol{\tau}^T, \boldsymbol{x}^T) \sim \mu$ then $(\boldsymbol{x}^S, \boldsymbol{\tau}^S, \boldsymbol{\tau}^T) \sim \gamma$, and $(\boldsymbol{x}^T, \boldsymbol{\tau}^T) \sim \gamma^T$.

Let γ' be the distribution of samples $(\boldsymbol{x}^S, \boldsymbol{x}^T)$ (i.e., the projection of μ onto the first and fourth dimensions). This follows that γ' is a joint distribution of \mathbb{P}^S and \mathbb{P}^T (i.e., $\gamma' \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)$). In addition, since $(\boldsymbol{x}^S, \boldsymbol{\tau}^S) \sim \gamma^S$, $\boldsymbol{\tau}^S = f^S(\boldsymbol{x}^S)$, since $(\boldsymbol{x}^T, \boldsymbol{\tau}^T) \sim \gamma^T$, $\boldsymbol{\tau}^T = f^T(\boldsymbol{x}^T)$, and $(\boldsymbol{\tau}^S, \boldsymbol{\tau}^T) \sim \gamma$. Therefore, we reach $(f^S, f^T)_{\#} \gamma' = \gamma$.

We note that in the above proof, we employ a general form of the gluing lemma for 4 distributions and spaces. The proof is mainly based on the gluing lemma for 3 distributions and spaces and trivial. $\hfill\square$

Lemma 9. Let d_Z be defined with respect to the family \mathcal{H} as follows:

$$d_Z(z_1, z_2) = \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} d_Y(h(z_1), h(z_2)),$$

where z_1 and z_2 lie on the latent space \mathcal{Z} . For any z_1 and z_2 , if $h(z_1) = h(z_2)$, $\forall h \in \mathcal{H}$ leads to $z_1 = z_2$, then d_Z is a proper metric.

Proof. First, $d_Z(\boldsymbol{z}_1, \boldsymbol{z}_2) \geq 0$ and $d_Z(\boldsymbol{z}_1, \boldsymbol{z}_2) = 0$ means $h(\boldsymbol{z}_1) = h(\boldsymbol{z}_2), \forall h \in \mathcal{H}$, which leads to $\boldsymbol{z}_1 = \boldsymbol{z}_2$. Second, it is obvious that $d_Z(\boldsymbol{z}_1, \boldsymbol{z}_2) = d_Z(\boldsymbol{z}_2, \boldsymbol{z}_1), \forall \boldsymbol{z}_1, \boldsymbol{z}_2$.

Given any $\boldsymbol{z}_1, \boldsymbol{z}_2, \boldsymbol{z}_3$, we have

$$d_{Z}(\boldsymbol{z}_{1},\boldsymbol{z}_{3}) = \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} d_{Y}(h(\boldsymbol{z}_{1}), h(\boldsymbol{z}_{3})) \leq \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} (d_{Y}(h(\boldsymbol{z}_{1}), h(\boldsymbol{z}_{2})) + d_{Y}(h(\boldsymbol{z}_{2}), h(\boldsymbol{z}_{3})))$$

$$\leq \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} d_{Y}(h(\boldsymbol{z}_{1}), h(\boldsymbol{z}_{2})) + \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} d_{Y}(h(\boldsymbol{z}_{2}), h(\boldsymbol{z}_{3}))$$

$$= d_{Z}(\boldsymbol{z}_{1}, \boldsymbol{z}_{2}) + d_{Z}(\boldsymbol{z}_{2}, \boldsymbol{z}_{3}).$$

Therefore, d_Z is a proper metric.

B.2 Proof and Corollary of Proposition 2

Proof. (i) First, we will prove that $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right) \geq \mathcal{L}S\left(S, T\right)$. Let $H : \operatorname{supp}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right) \to \operatorname{supp}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S\right)$ be such that $H_{\#}\mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T = \mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S$ where supp indicates the support of a distribution. We can express H as

$$H\left(\boldsymbol{x}, f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right) := \left(H_{1}\left(\boldsymbol{x}, f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right), H_{2}\left(\boldsymbol{x}, f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right),$$

with $H_1(\boldsymbol{x}, f^T(\boldsymbol{x})) \in \mathcal{X}^S$ and $H_2(\boldsymbol{x}, f^T(\boldsymbol{x})) \in \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$. Define $K(\boldsymbol{x}) := H_1(\boldsymbol{x}, f^T(\boldsymbol{x}))$. We claim that $K_{\#}\mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S$. Observe first that for any $U_S \subset \mathcal{X}^S \times \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$, we have $\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S(U_S) = \mathbb{P}^S(V_S)$ where $V_S := \{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}^S \mid (\boldsymbol{x}, f^S(\boldsymbol{x})) \in U_S\}$. Next, let $V_S \subset \mathcal{X}^S$ be any measurable set and denote $U_S := V_S \times \mathcal{Y}_\Delta$. Then by using the observation above and the fact $H_{\#}\mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T = \mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S$, we obtain

$$\mathbb{P}^{S}(V_{S}) = \mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S}(U_{S}) = \mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}(H^{-1}(U_{S})) = \mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}(K^{-1}(V_{S}) \times \mathcal{Y}_{\triangle}) = \mathbb{P}^{T}(K^{-1}(V_{S})),$$

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or equivalently, $K_{\#}\mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}$. It follows from the fact $H_{\#}\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T} = \mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S}$ that $H_{2}\left(\boldsymbol{x}, f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right) = f^{S}\left(K\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)$, which gives

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}\right) = \inf_{\substack{H:H_{\#}\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T} = \mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S}}} \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x},f^{T}(\boldsymbol{x}))\sim\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}} \left[d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right),H_{2}\left(\boldsymbol{x},f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right]$$
$$\geq \inf_{\substack{K:K_{\#}\mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}}} \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x}\sim\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right),f^{S}\left(K\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right]$$
$$= \mathcal{L}S(S,T).$$

In order to prove the reverse inequality, let us consider any maps K satisfying $K_{\#}\mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}$. Define a map H : supp $(\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}) \to \text{supp} (\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S})$ as $H(\boldsymbol{x}, f^{T}(\boldsymbol{x})) \coloneqq (K(\boldsymbol{x}), f^{S}(K(\boldsymbol{x})))$, we will show that $H_{\#}\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T} = \mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S}$. Indeed, let $U_{S} \subset \mathcal{X}^{S} \times \mathcal{Y}_{\Delta}$ be any measurable sets and take $V_{S} \coloneqq \{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}^{S} \mid (\boldsymbol{x}, f^{S}(\boldsymbol{x})) \in U_{S}\}$. Then, as

$$H^{-1}(U_S) = \left\{ \left(\boldsymbol{x}, f^S\left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \mid K\left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \in V_S \right\} = \left\{ \left(\boldsymbol{x}, f^S\left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \mid \boldsymbol{x} \in K^{-1}\left(V_S \right) \right\},$$

we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}\left(H^{-1}\left(U_{S}\right)\right) = \mathbb{P}^{T}\left(K^{-1}\left(V_{S}\right)\right) = \mathbb{P}^{S}\left(V_{S}\right) = \mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S}\left(U_{S}\right),$$

which means $H_{\#}\mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T = \mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S$. As a result,

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}\right) \leq \inf_{K:K_{\#}\mathbb{P}^{T}=\mathbb{P}^{S}}\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x}\sim\mathbb{P}_{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right),f^{S}\left(K\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right] = \mathcal{L}S(S,T).$$

By combining the above two inequalities, we obtain the desired equality

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}^S, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T\right) = \mathcal{L}S(S, T).$$

(ii) First, let $\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T})$. According to Lemma 8, there exists $\gamma' \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)$ such that $(f^S, f^T)_{\#} \gamma' = \gamma$. Then, we find that

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T})\sim\gamma}\left[d_{Y}\left(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T}\right)\right] = \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}^{S},\boldsymbol{x}^{T})\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right),f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right)\right]$$

$$\geq \inf_{\gamma'\in\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^{S},\mathbb{P}^{T})}\mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}^{S},\boldsymbol{x}^{T})\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right),f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right)\right]$$

$$= \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}\right) = \mathcal{L}S\left(S,T\right).$$

Therefore, we arrive at

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}\right) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}\right)} \mathbb{E}_{\left(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T}\right) \sim \gamma}\left[d_{Y}\left(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T}\right)\right] \geq \mathcal{L}S\left(S,T\right)$$

Second, let $\gamma' \in \Gamma\left(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T\right)$, we denote $\gamma = \left(f^S, f^T\right)_{\#} \gamma'$. We then have

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}^{S},\boldsymbol{x}^{T})\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right),f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right)\right] = \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T})\sim\gamma}\left[d_{Y}\left(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T}\right)\right] \\ \geq \inf_{\gamma\in\Gamma\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}\right)}\mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T})\sim\gamma}\left[d_{Y}\left(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T}\right)\right] = \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}\right).$$

This follows that

$$\mathcal{L}S\left(S,T\right) = \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}\right) = \inf_{\gamma'\in\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^{S},\mathbb{P}^{T})}\mathbb{E}_{\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S},\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}\right),f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}\right)\right)\right]$$
$$\geq \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}\right).$$

Hence, the proof is completely done.

Corollary 10. The following inequality holds $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^S_{f^S}\right) \leq \mathcal{L}\left(h^S, f^S, \mathbb{P}^S\right)$. *Proof.* According to Proposition 1, we have:

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S}\right) = \inf_{L:L_{\#}\mathbb{P}^{S}=\mathbb{P}^{S}} \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x}\sim\mathbb{P}^{S}}\left[d_{Y}\left(h^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right),f^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right].$$

Then by choosing L as the identity map (i.e., $L(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$ for all \mathbf{x}), we obtain:

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S}\right) \leq \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x}\sim\mathbb{P}^{S}}\left[d_{Y}\left(h^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right),f^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right] = \mathcal{L}\left(h^{S},f^{S},\mathbb{P}^{S}\right).$$

B.3 Proof of Theorem 4

First, we will show that

$$\mathcal{L}S(S,T) \leq \mathcal{L}\left(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}\right) + \mathcal{L}\left(h^{T}, f^{T}, \mathbb{P}^{T}\right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}, \mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}\right).$$

By using the triangle inequality for the Wasserstein distance with respect to the metric d_Y , we have

$$\mathcal{L}S(S,T) = \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}\right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}\right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S}\right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}\right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}^{T},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}^{T}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \mathcal{L}\left(h^{S},f^{S},\mathbb{P}^{S}\right) + \mathcal{L}\left(h^{T},f^{T},\mathbb{P}^{T}\right) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}\right).$$

Here we note that for $\stackrel{(1)}{\leq}$, we use the triangle inequality and for $\stackrel{(2)}{\leq}$, we invoke Corollary 10.

It is sufficient to prove that

 $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S},\mathbb{P}_{h^T}\right) \leq \mathcal{W}_{d_Z}\left(g^S \# \mathbb{P}^S, g^T \# \mathbb{P}^T\right).$

Indeed, let $\gamma \in \Gamma\left(g^S \# \mathbb{P}^S, g^T \# \mathbb{P}^T\right)$ and denote $\gamma' = h \# \gamma$. Then, we have $\gamma' \in \Gamma\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}_{h^T}\right)$, and

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{y}_{1},\boldsymbol{y}_{2})\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{Y}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_{1},\boldsymbol{y}_{2}\right)\right] = \mathbb{E}_{(z_{1},z_{2})\sim\gamma}\left[d_{Y}\left(h\left(z_{1}\right),h\left(z_{2}\right)\right)\right] \leq \mathbb{E}_{(z_{1},z_{2})\sim\gamma}\left[d_{Z}\left(z_{1},z_{2}\right)\right]$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}\right) = \inf_{\gamma'\in\Gamma\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}\right)} \mathbb{E}_{\left(\boldsymbol{y}_{1},\boldsymbol{y}_{2}\right)\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{Y}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_{1},\boldsymbol{y}_{2}\right)\right]$$
$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{\left(\boldsymbol{y}_{1},\boldsymbol{y}_{2}\right)\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{Y}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_{1},\boldsymbol{y}_{2}\right)\right] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\left(z_{1},z_{2}\right)\sim\gamma}\left[d_{Z}\left(z_{1},z_{2}\right)\right].$$

Finally, we reach

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^S},\mathbb{P}_{h^T}\right) \leq \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma\left(g^S \# \mathbb{P}^S, g^T \# \mathbb{P}^T\right)} \mathbb{E}_{(z_1, z_2) \sim \gamma}\left[d_Z\left(z_1, z_2\right)\right] = \mathcal{W}_{d_Z}\left(g^S \# \mathbb{P}^S, g^T \# \mathbb{P}^T\right).$$

Hence, we have proved our claim.

B.4 Proof of Theorem 6

Using triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{split} LS(h^T, f^T, \mathbb{P}^T) &= W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}^T) = W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{h^T}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}) \\ &\leq W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{h^T}, \mathbb{P}_{h^S}) + W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^S}) + W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}) \\ &\leq W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T, \mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S) + \mathcal{L}(h^S, f^S, \mathbb{P}^S) + LS(S, T) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T, \mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S) + \mathcal{L}(h^S, f^S, \mathbb{P}^S) + LS(S, T) + \frac{1}{2}W_{d_Y}(\mathbb{P}_{h^T}^T, \mathbb{P}_{h^S}^S). \end{split}$$

We further derive

$$W_{d_{Y}}(\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}^{T},\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S}) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}^{T})} \mathbb{E}_{\gamma} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{S}(x^{S}), h^{T}(x^{T}) \right) \right]$$
$$= \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^{S},\mathbb{P}^{T})} \mathbb{E}_{\gamma} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{S}(x^{S}), h^{T}(x^{T}) \right) \right]$$
$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{\gamma^{*}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{S}(x^{S}), h^{T}(x^{T}) \right) \right]$$
$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{\gamma^{*}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{T}(x^{S}), h^{T}(x^{T}) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\gamma^{*}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{S}(x^{S}), h^{T}(x^{S}) \right) \right]$$
$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{\gamma^{*}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{T}(x^{S}), h^{T}(x^{T}) \right) \right] + N.$$

We denote $A = \{(x^S, x^T) : d_Y(h^T(x^S), h^T(x^T)) > \delta d_X(x^S, x^T)\}$. It appears that $\gamma^*(A) < \phi(\delta)$ and $\gamma^*(A^c) > 1 - \phi(\delta)$. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}_{\gamma^*} \Big[d_Y \big(h^T(x^S), h^T(x^T) \big) \Big] &= \int_A d_Y \big(h^T(x^S), h^T(x^T) \big) d\gamma^*(x^S, x^T) + \int_{A^c} d_Y \big(h^T(x^S), h^T(x^T) \big) d\gamma^*(x^S, x^T) \\ &\leq N \gamma^*(A) + \delta \int_{A^c} d_X (x^S, x^T) d\gamma^*(x^S, x^T) \\ &\leq N \phi(\delta) + \delta \int_{\mathcal{X}} d_X (x^S, x^T) d\gamma^*(x^S, x^T) \\ &\leq N \phi(\delta) + \delta W_{d_X} (\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T). \end{split}$$

Finally, we reach

$$LS(h^{T}, f^{T}, \mathbb{P}^{T}) \leq LS(S, T) + \mathcal{L}(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}) + \frac{1}{2}\delta W_{d_{X}}(\mathbb{P}^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{T}) + \frac{1}{2}W_{d_{Y}}(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S}, \mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}^{T}) + \frac{[1 + \phi(\delta)]N}{2}$$

As a consequence, we obtain the conclusion of the theorem.

C Proof of the remaining results

C.1 Proof of Proposition 3

Denote by $p_Y^S = (p_Y^S(y))_{y=1}^M$ and $p_Y^T = (p_Y^T(y))_{y=1}^M$ the marginal distributions of the source and target domain labels, i.e., $p_Y^S(y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}^S} p^S(x, y) dx$ and $p_Y^T(y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}^T} p^T(x, y) dx$. Let \mathbb{P}_Y^a be the discrete measure on the vertices of Δ^{M-1} putting mass $P_Y^a(y)$ on the one-hot representation of y, $\forall y \in [M], a \in \{S, T\}$. For $d_Y(y, y') = ||y - y'||_p^p$ when $p \ge 1$, the following holds:

(i) $\mathcal{L}(h^{T}, f^{T}, \mathbb{P}^{T}) \leq \mathcal{L}S(S, T) + \mathcal{L}(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}) + \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S}, \mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}^{T}) + const$, where the constant can be viewed as a reconstruction term: $\sup_{L,K:L \neq \mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}, K \neq \mathbb{P}^{S} = \mathbb{P}^{T} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{T} \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right), f^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right];$

(ii) $\mathcal{LS}(S,T) \ge \|p_Y^S - p_Y^T\|_p^p;$

(iii) In the setting that \mathbb{P}^S and \mathbb{P}^T are mixtures of well-separated Gaussian distributions, i.e.,

$$p^{a}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{y=1}^{M} p^{a}(y) \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}|\mu_{y}^{a}, \Sigma_{y}^{a}), \quad \forall a \in \{S, T\}$$

with $\|\mu_y^a - \mu_{y'}^a\|_2 \ge D \times \max\{\|\Sigma_y^a\|_{op}^{1/2}, \|\Sigma_{y'}^a\|_{op}^{1/2}\} \forall a \in \{S, T\}, y \neq y'$, in which $\|\cdot\|_{op}$ denotes the operator norm and D is sufficiently large, we have

$$0 \le |\mathcal{LS}(S,T) - \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{P}_Y^S,\mathbb{P}_Y^T)| \le \epsilon(D),$$
(17)

where $\epsilon(D)$ is a small constant depending on $D, p_Y^S, p_Y^T, (\Sigma_y^S, \Sigma_y^T)_{y=1}^M$, and it goes to 0 as $D \to \infty$. (iv) In the anti-causal setting, where $p^S(x|y) = p^T(x|y)$ for all x, y,

$$\mathcal{LS}(S,T) \le M^p \| p_Y^S - p_Y^T \|_1 + \min\{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^S} \| f^S - f^T \|_p^p, \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \| f^S - f^T \|_p^p\};$$
(18)

Proof. (i) Let L and K be two arbitrary maps such that $L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S$ and $K \# \mathbb{P}^S = \mathbb{P}^T$. We have the following triangle inequality:

$$d_Y \left(h^T \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), f^T \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \le d_Y \left(h^T \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), h^S \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) + d_Y \left(h^S \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right), f^S \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) + d_Y \left(f^S \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right), f^T \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right) + d_Y \left(f^T \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right), f^T \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right).$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), f^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), h^{S} \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{S} \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{S} \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right), f^{T} \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{T} \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right), f^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right] \\ & \left[\stackrel{(1)}{=} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), h^{S} \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{S} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), f^{S} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{S} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), f^{T} \left(K \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{T} \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right), f^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(h^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), h^{S} \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{T} \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right), f^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{S} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right), f^{T} \left(K \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left[d_{Y} \left(f^{T} \left(K \left(L \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right), f^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{x} \right) \right) \right] . \end{split} \right]$$

Note that, the derivation in $\stackrel{(1)}{=}$ is due to $L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S$, hence gaining

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(h^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right),f^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right]=\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}}\left[d_{Y}\left(h^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right),f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right],\\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right),f^{T}\left(K\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right)\right]=\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right),f^{T}\left(K\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right]$$

As a consequence, we find that

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}\left(h^{T}, f^{T}, \mathbb{P}^{T}\right) &\leq \inf_{L,K:L \# \mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}, K \# \mathbb{P}^{S} = \mathbb{P}^{T}} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(h^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right), h^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right] + \mathcal{L}\left(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}\right) \\ &+ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right), f^{T}\left(K\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(K\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right), f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right] \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{L:L \# \mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(h^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right), h^{S}\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right] + \inf_{K:K \# \mathbb{P}^{S} = \mathbb{P}^{T}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{S}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right), f^{T}\left(K\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right)\right] \\ &+ \mathcal{L}\left(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}\right) + \sup_{L,K:L \# \mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}, K \# \mathbb{P}^{S} = \mathbb{P}^{T}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(K\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right), f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right] \\ &= \mathcal{W}_{d_{Y}}\left(\mathbb{P}_{h^{S}}^{S}, \mathbb{P}_{h^{T}}^{T}\right) + \mathcal{LS}\left(S, T\right) + \mathcal{L}\left(h^{S}, f^{S}, \mathbb{P}^{S}\right) \\ &+ \sup_{L,K:L \# \mathbb{P}^{T} = \mathbb{P}^{S}, K \# \mathbb{P}^{S} = \mathbb{P}^{T}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}}\left[d_{Y}\left(f^{T}\left(K\left(L\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right), f^{T}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right)\right]. \end{split}$$

(ii) We will show that for all transformation L satisfying $L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S$,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \left\| f^T(\boldsymbol{x}) - f^S(L(\boldsymbol{x})) \right\|_p^p \ge \left\| p_Y^S - p_Y^T \right\|_p^p, \tag{19}$$

and then take the infimum of the LHS, which directly leads to the conclusion. Indeed, by applying Jensen inequality, we find that

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \left\| f^T(\boldsymbol{x}) - f^S(L(\boldsymbol{x})) \right\|_p^p &= \sum_{y=1}^M \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} |p^T(y|\boldsymbol{x}) - p^S(y|L(\boldsymbol{x}))|^p \\ &\geq \sum_{y=1}^M \left| \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} (p^T(y|\boldsymbol{x}) - p^S(y|L(\boldsymbol{x}))) \right|^p \\ &= \sum_{y=1}^M \left| \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} p^T(y|\boldsymbol{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^S} p^S(y|\boldsymbol{x}) \right|^p \\ &= \sum_{y=1}^M \left| p_Y^T(y) - p_Y^S(y) \right|^p \\ &= \left\| p_Y^S - p_Y^T \right\|_p^p \end{split}$$

We have thus proved our claim.

(iii) Consider y's as one-hot vectors, i.e., vertices of the simplex. By the fact that Wasserstein distances on simplex are no greater than M, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}) - \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{T})| &= \left|\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \mathcal{W}_{p}^{i}(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}})\mathcal{W}_{p}^{p-1-i}(\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{T})\right| \left|\mathcal{W}_{p}(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}) - \mathcal{W}_{p}(\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{T})\right| \\ &\leq pM^{p-1}|\mathcal{W}_{p}(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}) - \mathcal{W}_{p}(\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{S},\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{T})|.\end{aligned}$$

Besides, by triangle inequalities,

$$|\mathcal{W}_p(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}) - \mathcal{W}_p(\mathbb{P}_Y^S, \mathbb{P}_Y^T)| \le \mathcal{W}_p(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_Y^S) + \mathcal{W}_p(\mathbb{P}_{f^T}, \mathbb{P}_Y^T).$$
(20)

Thus, we only need to prove the claimed bounds for $W_p(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_Y^S)$ and $W_p(\mathbb{P}_{f^T}, \mathbb{P}_Y^T)$. Because the proofs are similar for the source and target, in the followings, we drop the superscript S, T for the ease of notations. We first show that the mass of \mathbb{P}_f concentrates near the vertices, i.e., there exists $(\alpha_y, \epsilon_y)_{y \in [M]}$ being small numbers depends on D such that, for $Z \sim f(X)$,

$$0 \le p_Y(y) - \mathbb{P}_f(\|Z - y\|_p^p < \alpha_y) \le \epsilon_y \quad \forall y \in [M].$$
(21)

Indeed, for all y, let $B_y = \{x : \|\Sigma_y^{-1/2}(x - \mu_y)\| \le \sqrt{D}\}$. Denote the dimension of X to be d and χ_d^2 the Chi-square distribution with d degree of freedom. We have the following tail bound:

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B_y | y) = P(\chi_d^2 \le D) \ge 1 - e^{-(D - 2d)/4}.$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B_y) = \sum_{y=1}^M \mathbb{P}(X \in B_y | y) p_Y(y) \ge \mathbb{P}(\chi_d^2 \le D) p_Y(y) \ge p_Y(y) - \epsilon_y,$$

where $\epsilon_y = e^{-(D-2d)/4}$. Besides, if $x \in B_y$ then for any $y' \neq y$, by triangle inequalities and the definition of the operator norm,

$$\begin{split} \|\Sigma_{y'}^{-1/2}(x-\mu_{y'})\|_{2} &\geq \|\Sigma_{y'}\|_{op}^{-1/2}\|(x-\mu_{y'})\|_{2} \\ &\geq \|\Sigma_{y'}\|_{op}^{-1/2}(\|(\mu_{y}-\mu_{y'})\|_{2} - \|(x-\mu_{y})\|_{2}) \\ &\geq \|\Sigma_{y'}\|_{op}^{-1/2}(\|(\mu_{y}-\mu_{y'})\|_{2} - \|(\mu_{y}-\mu_{y'})\|_{2}/\sqrt{D}) \\ &\geq D - \sqrt{D}, \end{split}$$

where the above inequalities are due to our assumption and the fact that

$$\|x - \mu_y\|_2 \le \|\Sigma_y\|_{op}^{1/2} \|\Sigma_y^{-1/2} (x - \mu_y)\|_2 \le \|\Sigma_y\|_{op}^{1/2} \sqrt{D} \le \|\mu_y - \mu_{y'}\|_2 / \sqrt{D}.$$

Hence, for all $x \in B_y$ and $y' \neq y$, we have

$$\frac{p(x|y')}{p(x|y)} = \frac{|\Sigma_y|^{1/2}}{|\Sigma_{y'}|^{1/2}} e^{(\|\Sigma_y^{-1/2}(x-\mu_y)\|_2^2 - \|\Sigma_{y'}^{-1/2}(x-\mu_{y'})\|_2^2)/2} \lesssim e^{D - (D - \sqrt{D})^2}.$$

Combining the above inequality with Bayes' rule leads to

$$p(y|x) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{y' \neq y} \frac{p(y')p(x|y')}{p(y)p(x|y)}} \ge 1 - \sum_{y' \neq y} \frac{p(y')p(x|y')}{p(y)p(x|y)} \ge 1 - \gamma_y,$$

where $\gamma_y \leq e^{-D(D-2\sqrt{D})}$. This means the difference between labeling function at $x \in B_y$ and y is bounded as follows

$$\|f(x) - y\|_p^p = (1 - p(y|x))^p + \sum_{y' \neq y} p(y'|x)^p \le 2(1 - p(y|x))^p \le 2\gamma_y^p.$$

Choosing $\alpha_y = 2\gamma_y^p$, by the fact that $x \in B_y$ implies $||f(x) - y||_p^p \le \alpha_y$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}_f(\|Z-y\|_p^p \le \alpha_y) \ge \mathbb{P}(X \in B_y) \ge p_Y(y) - \epsilon_y$$

Putting the above results together, we find that

$$p_Y(y) - \mathbb{P}_f(||Z - y||_p^p \le \alpha_y) \le \epsilon_y.$$

Due to the continuity of \mathbb{P}_f , we can also shrink α_y such that the inequality still holds and the left-hand side is positive and we get our claim (21).

Now let $E_y = \{z : ||z - y||_p^p \leq \alpha_y\}$ and D_y be a set containing E_y for all $y \in [M]$ satisfying $\mathbb{P}_f(D_y) = p_Y(y)$ and $\{D_y\}_{y=1}^M$ is a partition of Δ^{M-1} . Let p_f be the density of \mathbb{P}_f . It can be seen that

$$\pi(z,y) = p_f(z)\mathbf{1}[z \in D_y]$$

is the density function of a coupling between \mathbb{P}_f and \mathbb{P}_Y . Hence, we have the following inequalities:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{P}_f, \mathbb{P}_Y) &\leq \sum_{y=1}^M \int_{z \in \Delta^{M-1}} \|y - z\|_p^p \pi(z, y) dz \\ &\leq \sum_{y=1}^M \int_{z \in D_y} \|y - z\|_p^p \pi(z, y) dz \\ &\leq \sum_{y=1}^M \left(\int_{z \in E_y} \|y - z\|_p^p \pi(z, y) + \int_{z \in D_y \setminus E_y} \|y - z\|_p^p \pi(z, y) \right) dz \\ &\leq \sum_{y=1}^M \left(\int_{z \in E_y} \alpha_y \pi(z, y) dz + \int_{z \in D_y \setminus E_y} M^p \pi(z, y) dz \right) dz \\ &\leq \sum_{y=1}^M \alpha_y + M^p \epsilon_y \lesssim e^{-pD(D - 2\sqrt{D})} + e^{-(D - 2d)/4}, \end{split}$$

which goes to 0 exponentially fast when D grows to infinity. Plugging the above inequality into equation (20), we obtain the conclusion of part (iii) of the proposition.

(iv) Let $\pi_y = P(\cdot|y)$ be conditional measure of X given Y = y. By using the law of total probability, we have

$$\mathbb{P}^{S} = \sum_{y=1}^{M} p_{Y}^{S}(y)\pi_{y}, \quad \mathbb{P}^{T} = \sum_{y=1}^{M} p_{Y}^{T}(y)\pi_{y}.$$
(22)

Given the above equations, some simple algebraic transformations would lead to

$$\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}} = f^{S} \# \mathbb{P}^{S} = \sum_{y=1}^{M} p_{Y}^{S}(y) f^{S} \# \pi_{y}.$$
(23)

Now let $q_{yy} = \min\{p_Y^S(y), p_Y^T(y)\}$ and choose $(q_{yy'})_{y\neq y'}$ such that $(q_{yy'})_{y=\overline{1,M},y'=\overline{1,M}}$ is a valid coupling of p_Y^S and p_Y^T . By the convexity of Wasserstein distance, we have

$$W_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}}, \mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}) \leq \sum_{y,y'} q_{yy'} W_{p}^{p}(f^{S} \# \pi_{y}, f^{T} \# \pi_{y'}).$$
(24)

As the distance between two arbitrary points on the simplex Δ^{M-1} is not greater than M, neither is the Wasserstein distance between any two measures on Δ^{M-1} . Therefore,

$$\sum_{y \neq y'} q_{yy'} W_p^p(f^S \# \pi_y, f^T \# \pi_{y'}) \le M^p \sum_{y \neq y'} q_{yy'} \le M^p \| p_Y^S - p_Y^T \|_1.$$
(25)

Besides,

$$\begin{split} \sum_{y=1}^{M} q_{yy} W_{p}^{p}(f^{S} \# \pi_{y}, f^{T} \# \pi_{y}) &\leq \sum_{y=1}^{M} p_{Y}^{S}(y) \inf_{\pi \in \Gamma(\pi_{y}, \pi_{y})} \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} \left\| f^{S}(x) - f^{T}(x') \right\|_{p}^{p} d\pi(x, x') \\ &\leq \sum_{y=1}^{M} p_{Y}^{S}(y) \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left\| f^{S}(x) - f^{T}(x) \right\|_{p}^{p} d\pi_{y}(x) \\ &= \sum_{y=1}^{M} p_{Y}^{S}(y) \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left\| f^{S}(x) - f^{T}(x) \right\|_{p}^{p} p(x|y) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left\| f^{S}(x) - f^{T}(x) \right\|_{p}^{p} p^{S}(x) dx \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{S}} \left\| f^{S} - f^{T} \right\|_{p}^{p}, \end{split}$$

Similarly, since $q_{yy} \leq p^T(y)$ for all $y \in [M]$, we could also obtain

$$\sum_{y=1}^{M} q_{yy} W_{p}^{p}(f^{S} \# \pi_{y}, f^{T} \# \pi_{y}) \leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^{T}} \left\| f^{S} - f^{T} \right\|_{p}^{p}.$$

Consequently,

$$\sum_{y=1}^{M} q_{yy} W_p^p(f^S \# \pi_y, f^T \# \pi_y) \le \min\{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^S} \| f^S - f^T \|_p^p, \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \| f^S - f^T \|_p^p\}.$$
 (26)

Combining equations (25) and (26), we have the conclusion of part (iv).

C.2 Proof of Theorem 5

Before providing the proof of Theorem 5, we first introduce a lemma which facilitates our later arguments.

Lemma 11. Let μ and ν be two probability measures on \mathbb{R}^d . Denote by μ_1 (ν_1) and μ_2 (ν_2) the marginal distributions of μ (ν) on the first k dimensions and the last d - k dimensions, respectively, where $0 \le k \le d$. We have

$$\mathcal{W}_p^p(\mu,\nu) \ge \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mu_1,\nu_1) + \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mu_2,\nu_2) \tag{27}$$

Proof. Let π be the optimal coupling of μ and ν , and $(X_1, \ldots, X_d, Y_1, \ldots, Y_d)$ is a random vector having law π , we have $(X_1, \ldots, X_d) \sim \mu, (Y_1, \ldots, Y_d) \sim \nu$. Denote by π_1 and π_2 the marginal

distribution of $(X_1, \ldots, X_k, Y_1, \ldots, Y_k)$ and $(X_{k+1}, \ldots, X_d, Y_{k+1}, \ldots, Y_d)$, respectively. It can be seen that π_1 is a coupling of μ_1 and ν_1 while π_2 is a coupling of μ_2 and ν_2 . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mu,\nu) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}\times\mathbb{R}^{d}} \|x-y\|_{p}^{p} d\pi(x,y) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k}\times\mathbb{R}^{k}} \|x_{1}-y_{1}\|_{p}^{p} d\pi_{1}(x,y) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}\times\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} \|x_{2}-y_{2}\|_{p}^{p} d\pi_{2}(x,y) \\ &\geq \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mu_{1},\nu_{1}) + \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mu_{2},\nu_{2}), \end{aligned}$$

where $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is a vector including the first k coordinates of x, whereas $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d-k}$ contains the last d-k elements of x, and similar definitions apply for y_1 and y_2 .

Now, we come back to the proof of Theorem 2.

Proof of Theorem 5:

(i) We consider two random vectors $(X_1, \ldots, X_M) \sim \mathbb{P}_{f^S}$ and $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_M) \sim \mathbb{P}_{f^T}$. Recall that \mathbb{Q}_S and \mathbb{Q}_T are the marginal distributions of \mathbb{P}_{f^S} and \mathbb{P}_{f^T} on their first C-1 dimensions, respectively, while $\mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T}$ denotes the marginal of \mathbb{P}_{f_S} on the space of variables having labels in the set $\mathcal{Y}_S \setminus \mathcal{Y}_T$. Since $\mathcal{Y}_T \subset \mathcal{Y}_S$, we have

1. $(X_1, ..., X_{C-1}) \sim \mathbb{Q}_S, (Y_1, ..., Y_{C-1}) \sim \mathbb{Q}_T;$ 2. $(X_{C+1}, ..., X_M) \sim \mathbb{Q}_{S \setminus T}, (Y_{C+1}, ..., Y_M) \sim \delta_{\mathbf{0}_{M-C}},$

where $\mathbf{0}_m$ denotes the zero vector in \mathbb{R}^m for $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let μ be the distribution of $(X_1, \ldots, X_{C-1}, X_{C+1}, \ldots, X_M)$, ν the distribution of $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_{C-1}, Y_{C+1}, \ldots, Y_M)$. As the simplex Δ^{M-1} is an M-1 dimensional manifold in \mathbb{R}^M , the Wasserstein distance between \mathbb{P}_{f^S} and \mathbb{P}_{f^T} can be written as

$$\mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{C-1} \times \mathbb{R}^{C-1}} \sum_{i=1}^M |x_i - y_i|^p d\gamma(x_{\widehat{C}}, y_{\widehat{C}}),$$

where $x_{\widehat{C}} = (x_1, \dots, x_{C-1}, x_{C+1}, \dots, x_M), y_{\widehat{C}} = (y_1, \dots, y_{C-1}, y_{C+1}, \dots, y_M)$ and $x_C := 1 - \sum_{k \neq C} x_k$, $y_C := 1 - \sum_{k \neq C} y_k$. As $|x_C - y_C|^p \ge 0$, it can be deduced that

$$\mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}) \ge \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mu, \nu).$$

Besides, according to Lemma 11, we get

$$\mathcal{W}_p^p(\mu,\nu) \ge \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{Q}_S,\mathbb{Q}_T) + \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T},\delta_{\mathbf{0}_{M-C}}) = \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{Q}_S,\mathbb{Q}_T) + \mathbb{E}_{X\sim\mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T}}\left[\|X\|_p^p\right].$$

Putting the above two inequalities together, we obtain the conclusion that

$$\mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{P}_{f^{S}},\mathbb{P}_{f^{T}}) \geq \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{Q}_{S},\mathbb{Q}_{T}) + \mathbb{E}_{X \sim \mathbb{Q}_{S \setminus T}}\left[\|X\|_{p}^{p} \right].$$

$$(28)$$

(ii) Part (ii) is done similarly to part (i). Therefore, it is omitted.

(iii) Let $(X_1, \ldots, X_M) \sim \mathbb{P}_{f^S}$ and $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_M) \sim \mathbb{P}_{f^T}$. Assume that $\mathcal{Y}_S = \{1, \ldots, C, C+1, \ldots, D\}$ and $\mathcal{Y}_T = \{1, \ldots, C, D+1, \ldots, M\}$. It follows from the definitions of $\mathbb{Q}_S, \mathbb{Q}^T, \mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T}$ and $\mathbb{Q}_{T\setminus S}$ that

- 1. $(X_1, \ldots, X_{C-1}) \sim \mathbb{Q}_S, (Y_1, \ldots, Y_{C-1}) \sim \mathbb{Q}_T;$
- 2. $(X_{C+1},\ldots,X_D) \sim \mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T}, (Y_{C+1},\ldots,Y_D) \sim \delta_{\mathbf{0}_{D-C}};$
- 3. $(X_{D+1},\ldots,X_M) \sim \delta_{\mathbf{0}_{M-D}}, (Y_{D+1},\ldots,Y_M) \sim \mathbb{Q}_{T \setminus S}.$

Let μ be the distribution of $(X_1, \ldots, X_{C-1}, X_{C+1}, \ldots, X_M)$, and ν be the distribution of $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_{C-1}, Y_{C+1}, \ldots, Y_M)$. By using the same arguments as in part (i), we get $\mathcal{W}_p^p(\mathbb{P}_{f^S}, \mathbb{P}_{f^T}) \geq \mathcal{W}_p^p(\mu, \nu)$. Next, applying Lemma 11 twice, we obtain

$$\mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mu,\nu) \geq \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{Q}_{S},\mathbb{Q}_{T}) + \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T},\delta_{\mathbf{0}_{D-C}}) + \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\delta_{\mathbf{0}_{M-D}},\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\setminus\mathbb{S}})$$
$$= \mathcal{W}_{p}^{p}(\mathbb{Q}_{S},\mathbb{Q}_{T}) + \mathbb{E}_{Y\sim\mathbb{Q}_{S\setminus T}}\left[\|Y\|_{p}^{p}\right] + \mathbb{E}_{X\sim\mathbb{Q}_{T\setminus S}}\left[\|X\|_{p}^{p}\right].$$

As a consequence, we have proved our claim in part (iii).

C.3 Proofs of claims in paragraph "Remark on shifting term"

Lemma 12. The following holds:

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_X}(g \# \mathbb{P}^S, g \# \mathbb{P}^T) = \mathcal{W}_{d_X}(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T})$$

Proof. (i) Applying the same arguments as in Proposition 1, we have

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_X}(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}) = \inf_{H: H \# \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T} = \mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}} \left[d_X[g(\boldsymbol{x}), g(H_1(\boldsymbol{x}))] \right] = \inf_{L: L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \left[d_X(g(\boldsymbol{x}), g(L(\boldsymbol{x}))) \right],$$
(29)

where $H((\boldsymbol{x}, h^T(\boldsymbol{x}))) = (H_1((\boldsymbol{x}, h^T(\boldsymbol{x}))), H_2((\boldsymbol{x}, h^T(\boldsymbol{x}))))$ such that $H_1((\boldsymbol{x}, h^T(\boldsymbol{x}))) \in \mathcal{X}^S$. So now we only need to prove that

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_X}(g \# \mathbb{P}^S, g \# \mathbb{P}^T) = \inf_{L: L \# \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \left[d_X(g(\boldsymbol{x}), g(L(\boldsymbol{x}))) \right].$$
(30)

Due to the equivalence of Monge and Kantorovich problem, we can write the RHS as

$$\inf_{L:L \neq \mathbb{P}^T = \mathbb{P}^S} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}^T} \left[d_X(g(\boldsymbol{x}), g(L(\boldsymbol{x}))) \right] = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)} \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}^S, \boldsymbol{x}^T) \sim \gamma} \left[d_X(g(\boldsymbol{x}^S), g(\boldsymbol{x}^T)) \right].$$
(31)

To prove Eq. (30), we will show that RHS is not less than LHS and inversely. Indeed, for any coupling $\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)$, we have $\gamma' = (g, g) \# \gamma$ as a coupling of $(g \# \mathbb{P}^S, g \# \mathbb{P}^T)$, therefore

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}^{S},\boldsymbol{x}^{T})\sim\gamma}\left[d_{X}(g(\boldsymbol{x}^{S}),g(\boldsymbol{x}^{T}))\right] = \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T})\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{X}(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T})\right] \geq \inf_{\gamma'\in\Gamma(g\#\mathbb{P}^{S},g\#\mathbb{P}^{T})}\mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T})\sim\gamma'}\left[d_{X}(\boldsymbol{y}^{S},\boldsymbol{y}^{T})\right].$$

Taking the infimum with respect to γ ,

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)} \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}^S, \boldsymbol{x}^T) \sim \gamma} \left[d_X(g(\boldsymbol{x}^S), g(\boldsymbol{x}^T)) \ge \mathcal{W}_{d_X}(g \# \mathbb{P}^S, g \# \mathbb{P}^T) \right].$$
(32)

Conversely, thanks to Lemma 8, for each coupling γ' of $(g \# \mathbb{P}^S, g \# \mathbb{P}^S)$, there exists a coupling γ of $(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^S)$ such that $\gamma' = (g, g) \# \gamma$, which deduces that

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{y}^S, \mathbf{y}^T) \sim \gamma'} \left[d_X(\mathbf{y}^S, \mathbf{y}^T) \right] = \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}^S, \mathbf{x}^T) \sim \gamma} \left[d_X(g(\mathbf{x}^S), g(\mathbf{x}^T)) \right] \ge \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)} \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}^S, \mathbf{x}^T) \sim \gamma} \left[d_X(g(\mathbf{x}^S), g(\mathbf{x}^T)) \right]$$

Taking the infimum with respect to γ' ,

$$\mathcal{W}_{d_X}(g \# \mathbb{P}^S, g \# \mathbb{P}^T) \ge \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^S, \mathbb{P}^T)} \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}^S, \boldsymbol{x}^T) \sim \gamma} \left[d_X(g(\boldsymbol{x}^S), g(\boldsymbol{x}^T)) \right].$$
(33)

Inequalities (32) and (33) together imply equation (30) and finish the proof.

D Additional experiment results

D.1 More analysis about rationale of the terms used in the objective function of LDROT

Comparing to DeepJDOT [10]. The $\mathcal{W}_d(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T})$ with $d = \lambda d_X + d_Y$ was investigated in DeepJDOT [10]. However, ours is different from that work in some aspects: (i) similarity based dynamic weighting, (ii) clustering loss for enforcing clustering assumption for target classifier, and (iii) entropic dual form for training rather than Sinkhorn as in [10].

This objective function consists of three losses: (i) standard loss \mathcal{L}^S , (ii) shifting loss \mathcal{L}^{shift} , and (iii) clustering loss \mathcal{L}^{clus} . The standard loss \mathcal{L}^S is trained on the labeled source domain. The shifting loss aims to reduce both data and label shift simultaneously on the latent space by minimizing $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S},\mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$ where $d = \lambda d_X + d_Y$ for which d_X is data distance on the latent space and d_Y is distance on the label simplex. Based on the theory developed, we demonstrate that minimizing this term helps to reduce both data shift (i.e., $\mathcal{W}_{d_X}\left(g_{\#}\mathbb{P}^S, g_{\#}\mathbb{P}^T\right)$ and label shift (i.e., $\mathcal{W}_{d_Y}\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S}, \mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$). Finally, the \mathcal{L}^{clus} assists us in enforcing the clustering assumption to boost the generalization of the target classifier \bar{h}^T . By enforcing the clustering assumption, classifiers are encouraged to preserve the cluster structure and give the same predictions for data representations in the same cluster. It appears that when pushing target latent toward source representations via minimizing $\mathcal{W}_d\left(\mathbb{P}^S_{h^S},\mathbb{P}^T_{h^T}\right)$, source and target representations tend to group in clusters, hence we can strengthen and boost generalization of target classifier \bar{h}^T by enforcing it to preserve the predictions in the same clusters.

In addition, we propose a dynamic weighting for λ using similarities of pairs between source and target examples. For our similarity-based weighting distance, we base on pre-trained similarities to decide if we push more or fewer pairs of source and target latent representations together to reduce data and label shifts more efficiently. Definitely, if we can push groups of source and target representations with the same labels together more efficiently, we can certainly reduce both data and label shifts simultaneously.

D.2 Data preparation and pre-processing

Digits. We resize the resolution of each sample in the dataset to 32×32 , and normalize the value of each pixel to the range of [-1, 1].

Office-31, Office-Home, and ImageCLEF-DA. We use 2048-dimensional features extracted from ResNet-50 [22] pretrained on ImageNet.

D.3 Algorithm of LDROT

We present peusocode of LDROT in Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1 Pseudocode for training our LDROT. Input: A source batch $\mathcal{B}^{S} = \{(\boldsymbol{x}_{i}^{S}, y_{i}^{S})\}_{i=1}^{Mb}$, a target batch $\mathcal{B}^{T} = \{(\boldsymbol{x}_{j}^{T}, y_{j}^{T})\}_{j=1}^{b}$, b is the batch size. Output: Classifier $\bar{h^{*}}^{S}\bar{h^{*}}^{T}$, generator g^{*} . Evaluate $\{\boldsymbol{r}_{i}^{S}\}_{i=1}^{Mb}$ and $\{\boldsymbol{r}_{j}^{T}\}_{j=1}^{b}$ based on \mathcal{B}^{S} and \mathcal{B}^{T} respectively. Compute the weights \boldsymbol{w}_{ij} ibased on $\{\boldsymbol{r}_{i}^{S}\}_{i=1}^{Mb}$ and $\{\boldsymbol{r}_{j}^{T}\}_{j=1}^{b}$. for number of training iterations do for k steps do Update ϕ according to Eq. (13). end for Update \bar{h}^{S}, \bar{h}^{T} and g according to Eq. (10). end for

D.4 Network architecture

There are 2 types of the architecture described in Table 3, which are small (S) and large (L) networks. We use L network for *Digits* and S network for the other datasets. Additionally, excluding dense layers in the ϕ network, we add the batch normalization layers on top of convolutional and dense layers to reduce the overfitting problem. Finally, we implement our LDROT in Python using TensorFlow (version 1.9.0) [1], an open-source software library for Machine Intelligence developed by the Google Brain Team. All experiments are run on a computer with an NVIDIA Tesla V100 SXM2 with 16 GB memory.

D.5 Implementation details

We first present our procedure to compute the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} , which derives from the feature extraction process. For *Digits*, we design a network to train from scratch on labeled source examples. Then source and target features are extracted via this pretrained model. For the other datasets, we use extracted ResNet-50 features [22] and design a small network to train LDROT. During training, the features are used for first computing pairwise similarity scores and the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} after that.

For LDROT, we find that some hyper-parameters contributes substantially to the model performance, namely τ and ϵ . The temperature parameter τ , which contributes to sharpening and contrasting the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} , is fixed to 0.5. Tweaking the regularization rate ϵ is vital for scaling $\phi_{\epsilon}^{c}(\mathbf{x})$ and we select $\epsilon = 0.1$. For trade-off parameters α, β , we choose $\alpha = 0.1$ and $\beta = 0.5$ for all settings. We apply Adam optimizer [24] ($\beta_1 = 0.5, \beta_2 = 0.999$) with Polyak averaging. The learning rate is set to 0.001 and 0.0001 for Digits and the other datasets respectively. Additionally, in nature, our model solves the minimax optimization problem (see Eq. (13) in the main paper) in which ϕ and \bar{h}^S, \bar{h}^T, g are updated sequentially in each iteration with five times for ϕ and one time for \bar{h}^S, \bar{h}^T, g . Finally, we use the cosine distance for d_X and Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence for d_Y .

Architecture	S	L
Input size	2048	$32 \times 32 \times 3$
Generator g		instance normalization
	256 dense, ReLU	3×3 conv. 64 lReLU
	dropout, $p = 0.5$	3×3 conv. 64 lReLU
	Gaussian noise, $\sigma = 1$	3×3 conv. 64 lReLU
		2×2 max-pool, stride 2
		dropout, $p = 0.5$
		Gaussian noise, $\sigma = 1$
		3×3 conv. 64 lReLU
		3×3 conv. 64 lReLU
		3×3 conv. 64 lReLU
		2×2 max-pool, stride 2
		dropout, $p = 0.5$
		Gaussian noise, $\sigma = 1$
		3×3 conv. 8 lReLU
		2×2 max-pool, stride 2
Classifier \bar{h}^S, \bar{h}^T	#classes dense, softmax	3×3 conv. 8 lReLU
		3×3 conv. 8 lReLU
		3×3 conv. 8 lReLU
		global average pool
		# classes dense, softmax
ϕ	1 dense, linear	100 dense, ReLU
		1 dense, linear

Table 3: Small and large networks for LDROT. The Leaky ReLU (lReLU) parameter a is set to 0.1.

Method	$S {\rightarrow} M$	$M{\rightarrow} U$	U→M	Avg
DANN [14]	85.5	84.9	86.3	85.6
ADDA [44]	89.2	85.4	96.5	90.4
DeepCORAL [41]	88.3	84.1	93.6	88.7
CDAN [33]	89.2	95.6	98.0	94.3
TPN [36]	93.0	92.1	94.1	93.1
${\rm rRevGrad}{+}{\rm CAT}~[11]$	98.8	94.0	96.0	96.3
SWD [26]	98.9	98.1	97.1	98.0
DeepJDOT [10]	96.7	95.7	96.4	96.3
DASPOT [47]	96.2	97.5	96.5	96.7
ETD [27]	97.9	96.4	96.3	96.9
RWOT [49]	98.8	98.5	97.5	98.3
LDROT	99.0	98.2	99.1	98.8

Table 4: Classification accuracy (%) on Digits dataset for unsupervised domain adaptation.

D.6 Additional results for Digits and ImageCLEF-DA

We additionally present the experimental results for Digits and ImageCLEF-DA datasets in Tables 4 and 5. It can be observed that LDROT also outperforms the baselines on these datasets.

D.7 Ablation studies

Effects of the label shift term d_Y and the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} : To answer the question of how will the model performance be affected when the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} or d_Y in Eq. (11) is removed?, we evaluate our model on four different settings: LDROT without both the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} and the label shift $d_Y(\cdot, \cdot)$ (LDROT-wd), without the weights \mathbf{w}_{ij} (LDROT-w), without minimizing the label shift $d_Y(\cdot, \cdot)$ (LDROT-d) and a complete model (LDROT+wd). The results on Office-Home in Table 6 dedicate the significance of \mathbf{w}_{ij} and $d_Y(\cdot, \cdot)$, where these components remarkably contribute to reducing the data and label shifts with 4.1% improvements on average.

Rationale of weigh strategy. In Figure 6, we visualize the similarity scores of a randomly selected target example x_j^T in a batch w.r.t. source examples x_i^S using the source and target domains *Amazon* and *Dslr* of *Office-31* dataset, respectively. The orange points represent the similarity scores for the same class, while the blue points represent those for different classes. It is evident that the orange values tend to bigger than the blue ones except in some outlier cases, hence if we choose μ_i as indicated, we can separate well the orange and blue values.

Method	I→P	P→I	$\mathrm{I}{\rightarrow}\mathrm{C}$	$\mathrm{C}{\rightarrow}\mathrm{I}$	$C {\rightarrow} P$	$P \rightarrow C$	Avg
ResNet-50 [22]	74.8	83.9	91.5	78.0	65.5	91.2	80.7
DeepCORAL [41]	75.1	85.5	92.0	85.5	69.0	91.7	83.1
DANN [15]	75.0	86.0	96.2	87.0	74.3	91.5	85.0
ADDA [44]	75.5	88.2	96.5	89.1	75.1	92.0	86.0
CDAN [33]	77.7	90.7	97.7	91.3	74.2	94.3	87.7
TPN [36]	78.2	92.1	96.1	90.8	76.2	95.1	88.1
SymNets [51]	80.2	93.6	97.0	93.4	78.7	96.4	89.9
SAFN [48]	79.3	93.3	96.3	91.7	77.6	95.3	88.9
${\rm rRevGrad}{+}{\rm CAT}~[11]$	77.2	91.0	95.5	91.3	75.3	93.6	87.3
DeepJDOT [10]	77.5	90.5	95.0	88.3	74.9	94.2	86.7
ETD [27]	81.0	91.7	97.9	93.3	79.5	95.0	89.7
RWOT [49]	81.3	92.9	97.9	92.7	79.1	96.5	90.0
LDROT	81.7	96.7	97.5	94.2	80.4	96.7	91.2

Table 5: Classification accuracy (%) on ImageCLEF-DA dataset for unsupervised domain adaptation (ResNet-50).

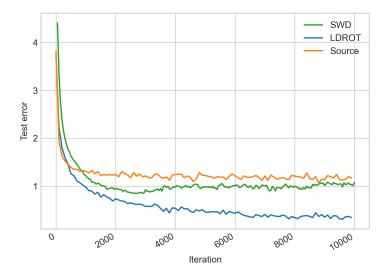


Figure 5: Comparison of convergence performance between LDROT and other approaches on the transfer task $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$.

Feature visualization. We visualize the features of ResNet-50 and our methods on $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ (*Office-31*) and $\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ (*ImageCLEF-DA*) tasks by *t*-SNE [45] in Figure 7. The visualizations in Figure 7a and 8a show that ResNet-50 classifies quite well on source domains (**A** and **P**) but poorly on target domains (**D** and **C**). While the representation in Figure 7b and 8b is generated by our

Table 6: Accuracy (%) of ablation study on Office-Home.

Method	Ar→Cl	$\mathrm{Cl}{\rightarrow}\mathrm{Ar}$	$\mathrm{Cl}{\rightarrow}\mathrm{Rw}$	Pr→Ar	${\rm Rw}{\rightarrow}{\rm Ar}$	Avg
LDROT-wd	51.7	62.6	78.5	63.3	66.1	64.4
LDROT-w	56.7	62.3	79.3	64.0	66.8	65.8
LDROT-d	55.4	65.5	80.1	65.0	68.4	66.9
LDROT+wd	57.4	67.2	80.7	66.5	70.9	68.5

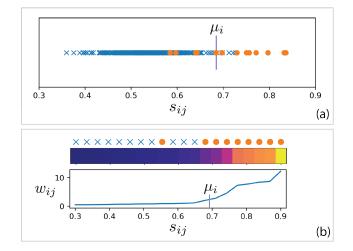


Figure 6: (a) 1D visualization of finding an appropriate μ_i . It is able to split same-label pairs (orange points) and different-label pairs (blue points) if μ_i is set to $\frac{M-1}{M}$ -percentile of this array. (b) To observe the weight values w_{ij} of those pairs, we randomly picked a target example to compute similarity scores with 20 representative source points in a batch, and then sort them in ascending order. After computing the weights, the figures for the same-label pairs tend to be much higher than that for different-label pairs. A heat-map color is used to represent the weights magnitude (the brighter means higher value).

method with better alignment. LDROT achieves exactly 31 and 12 clusters corresponding to 31 and 12 classes of *Office-31* and *ImageCLEF-DA*, which represents generalization ability of our model in which the classifier generalizes well not only on the source domain but also on the target domain.

Convergence. We testify the convergence of our LDROT with the test errors on $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ task, as shown in Figure 5. We conduct experiments on three methods including *Source* (test error is achieved with classifier trained on source data without adaptation), *SWD* [26], and our *LDROT*. For fair comparison, the methods are applied the same optimizer (Adam with learning rate of 0.0001) and batch size. The results show that the error of *LDROT* on the target domain is remarkably lower, which illustrates better generalization capability of the source classifier. During training, our method encourages a target sample to actively moving to a suitable group or cluster of source examples in a similarity-aware manner. This phenomenon implies that *LDROT* enjoys faster and stable convergence than the other settings.

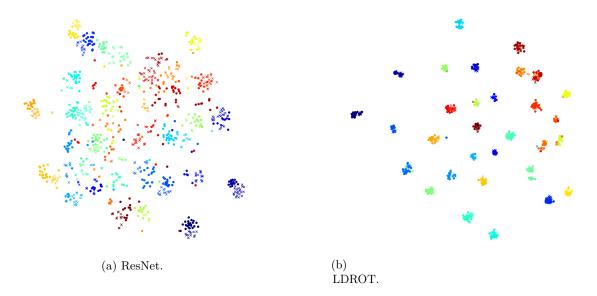


Figure 7: The t-SNE visualization of $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ (Figure a, b) tasks with label and domain information. Each color denotes a class while the circle and cross markers represent the source and target data respectively.

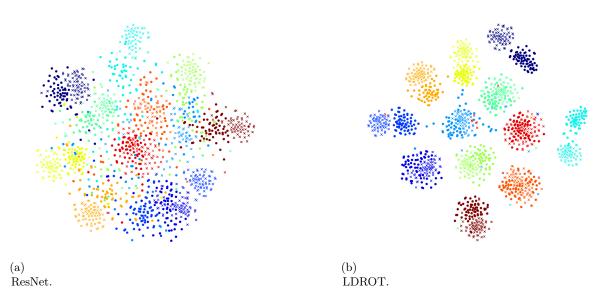


Figure 8: The t-SNE visualization of and $\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ (Figure a, b) tasks with label and domain information. Each color denotes a class while the circle and cross markers represent the source and target data respectively.