

# Numerical Methods for Multi-Marginal optimal transport and Density Functional Theory

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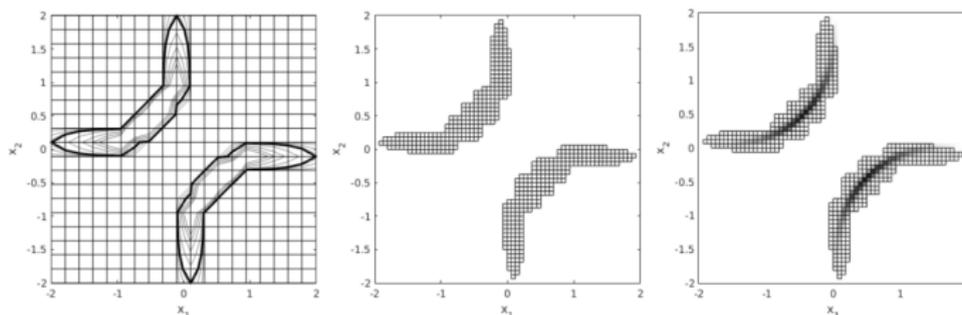


Figure: Support of the optimal  $\mathbb{P}$  for 2 marginals and the Coulomb cost

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We present a numerical method to solve the regularized ((**Jean-David Benamou, Guillaume Carlier, Marco Cuturi, Luca Nenna, and Gabriel Peyré 2015; M. Cuturi 2013; Galichon and Salanié 2009**)) optimal transport problem (let us consider, for simplicity, 2 marginals)

$$\min_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{C}} \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \mathbb{P}_{ij} + \begin{cases} \epsilon \sum_{ij} \mathbb{P}_{ij} \log \left( \frac{\mathbb{P}_{ij}}{\mu_i \nu_j} \right) & \mathbb{P} \geq 0 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} . \quad (6)$$

where  $C$  is the matrix associated to the cost,  $\mathbb{P}$  is the discrete transport plan and  $\mathcal{C}$  is the intersection between  $\mathcal{C}_1 = \{\mathbb{P} \mid \sum_j \mathbb{P}_{ij} = \mu_i\}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2 = \{\mathbb{P} \mid \sum_i \mathbb{P}_{ij} = \nu_j\}$ .

**Remark:** Think at  $\epsilon$  as the temperature, then entropic OT is just OT at positive temperature.

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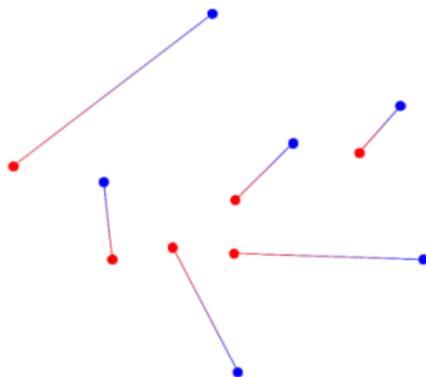
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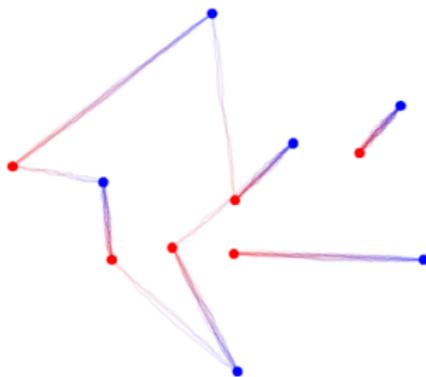


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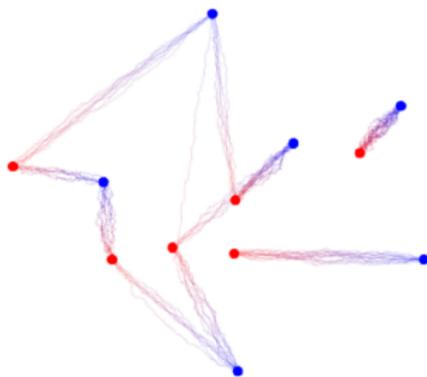


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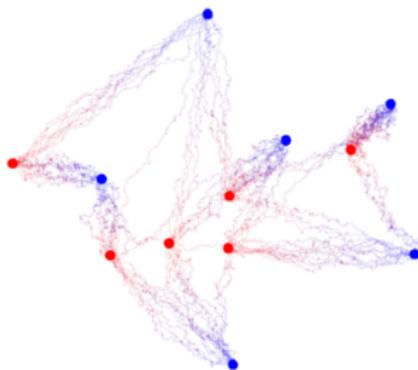


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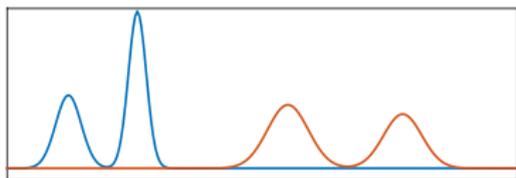


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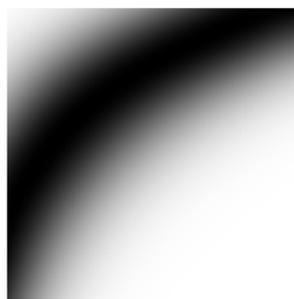


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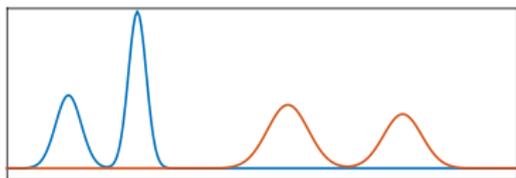


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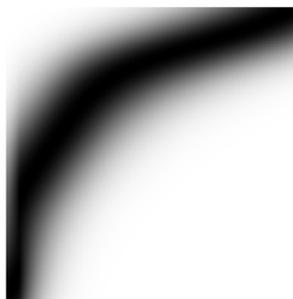


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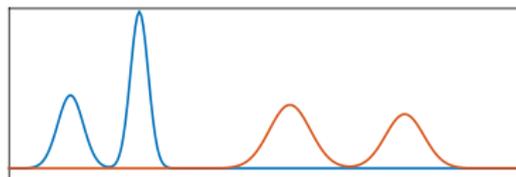


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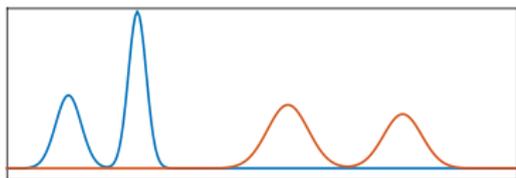


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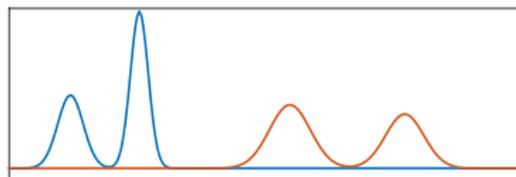


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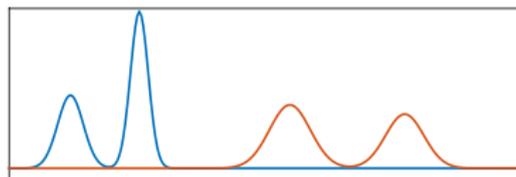


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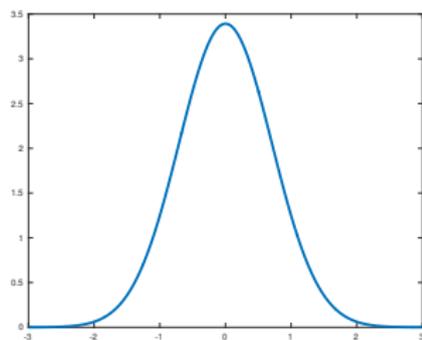


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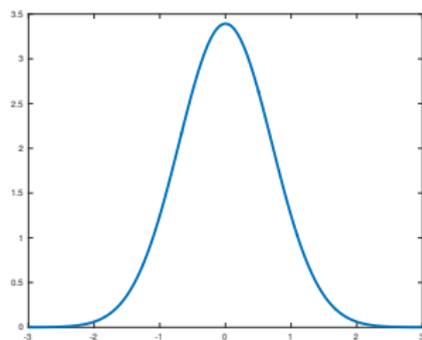


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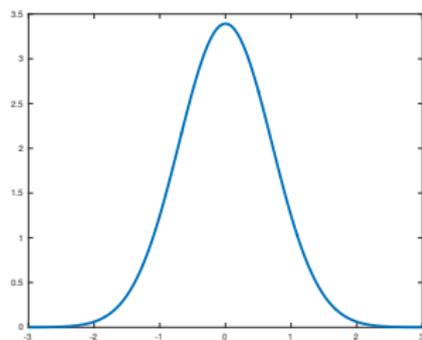


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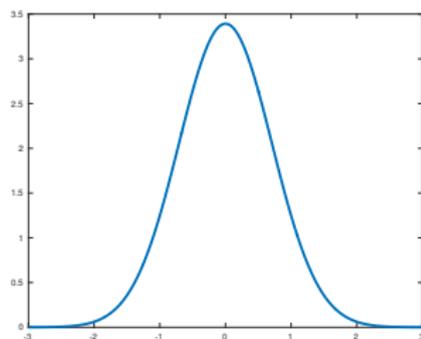


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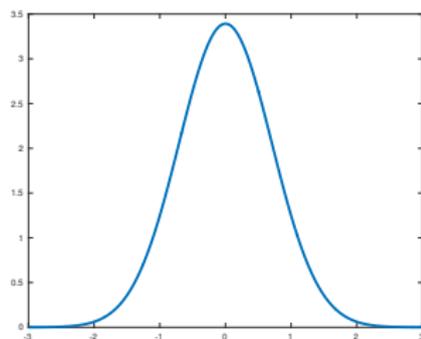


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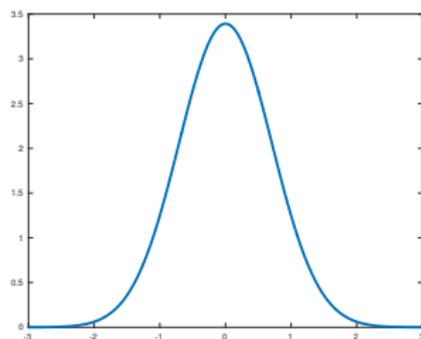


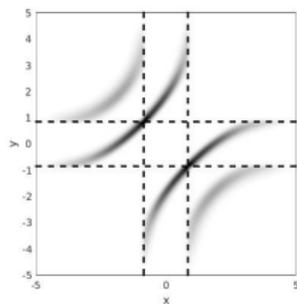
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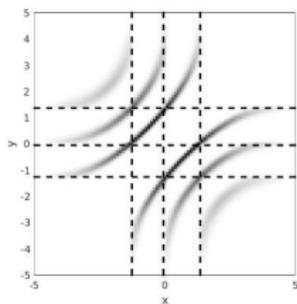
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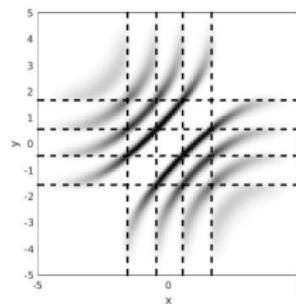
We take the density  $\rho(x) = \frac{N}{10}(1 + \cos(\frac{\pi}{5}x))$  and...



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Figure: Support of the projected plan  $\pi_{12}(\mathbb{P})$

# SGS vs Entropic: the uniform density on the ball ( $N = 3$ )

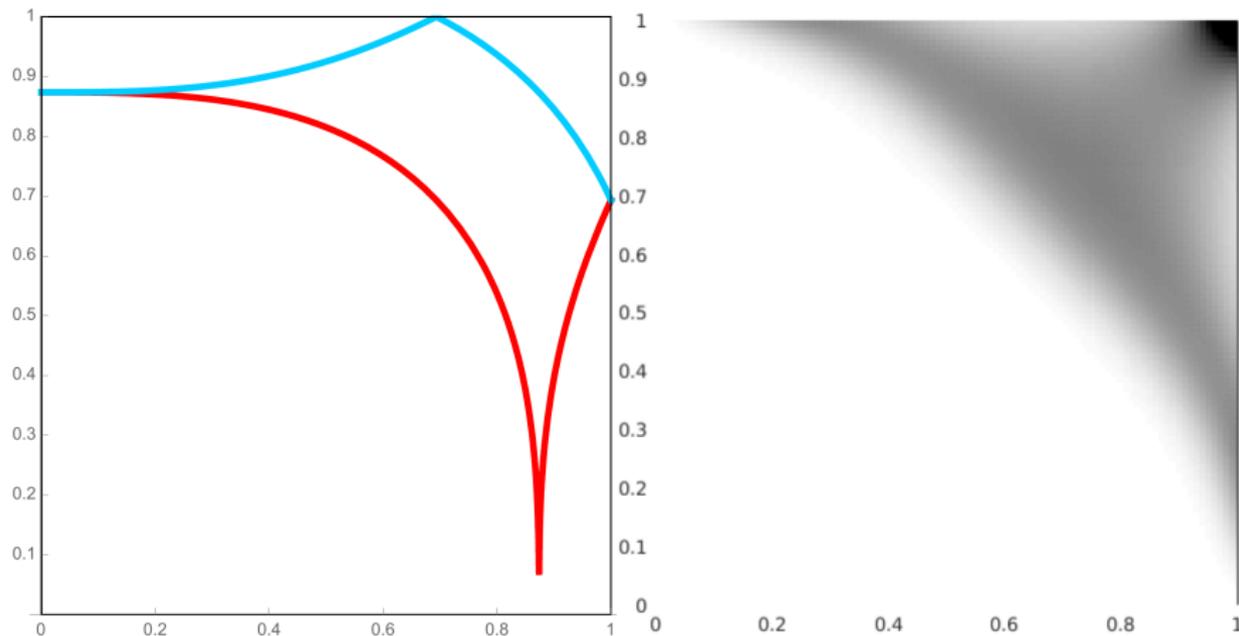


Figure: SGS maps (left)  $\mathcal{MK}_{SGS} = 2.32682$  and entropic plan (right)  $\mathcal{MK}_\epsilon = 2.31721$

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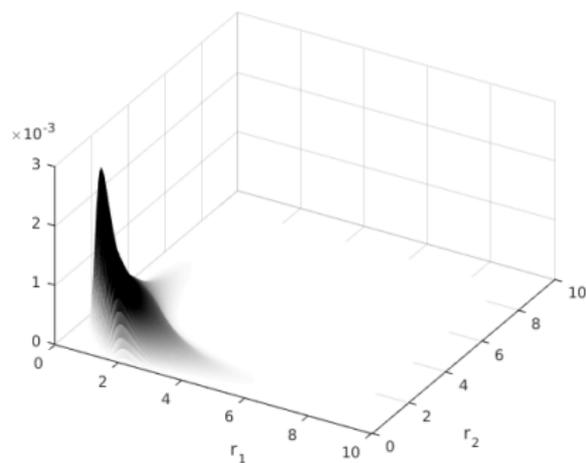
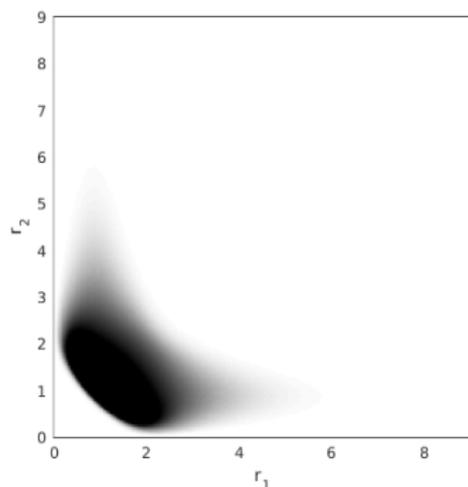


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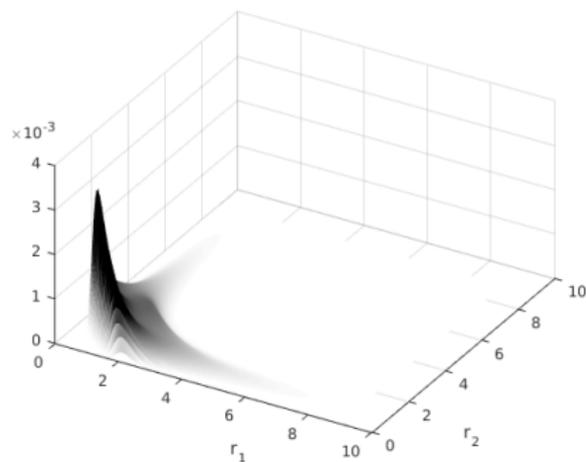
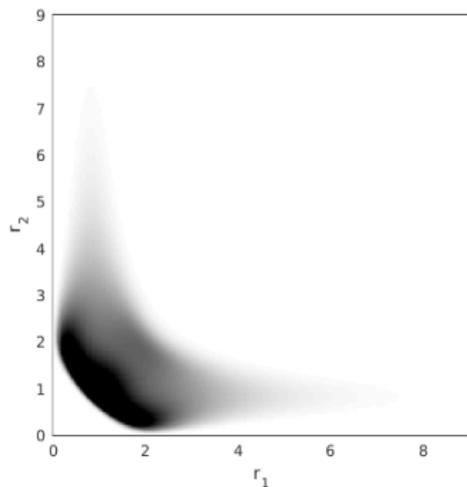


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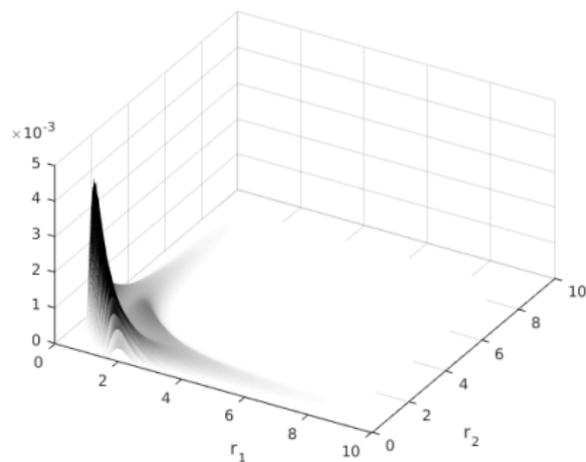
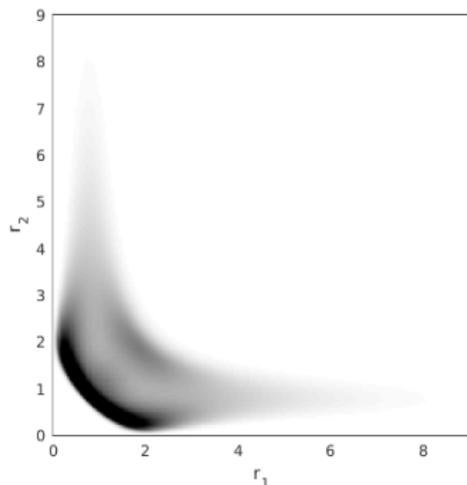


Figure:  $\alpha = 0.2857$

# The transition from spread to deterministic plans for $N = 3$ and $d = 3$

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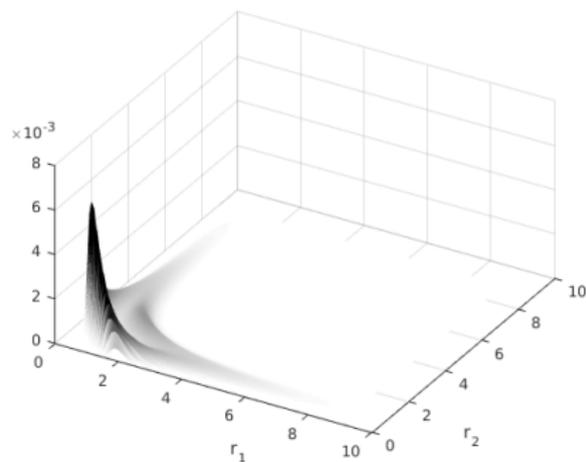
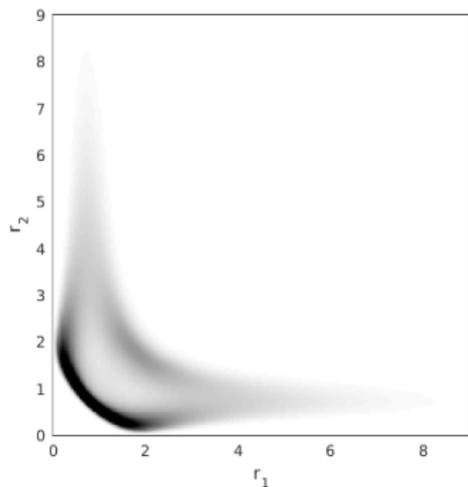


Figure:  $\alpha = 0.4286$

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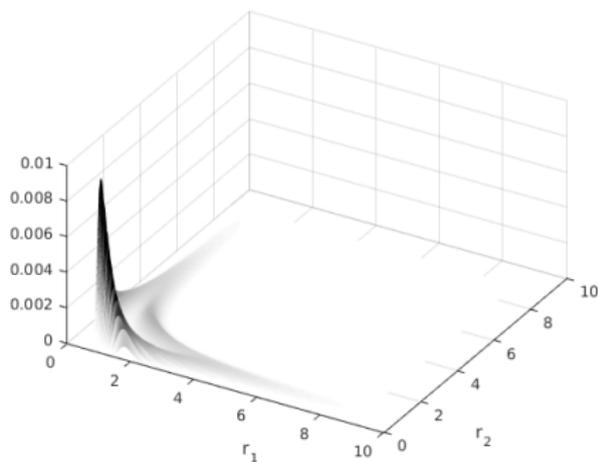
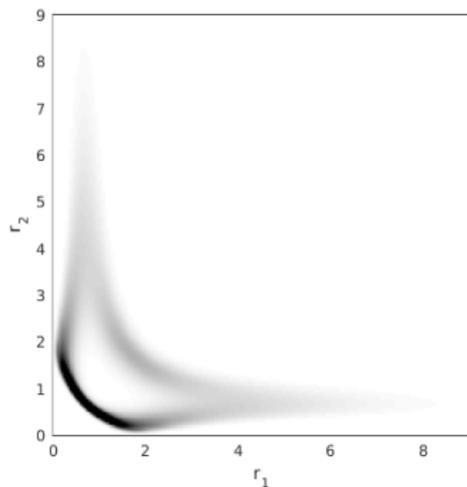


Figure:  $\alpha = 0.5714$

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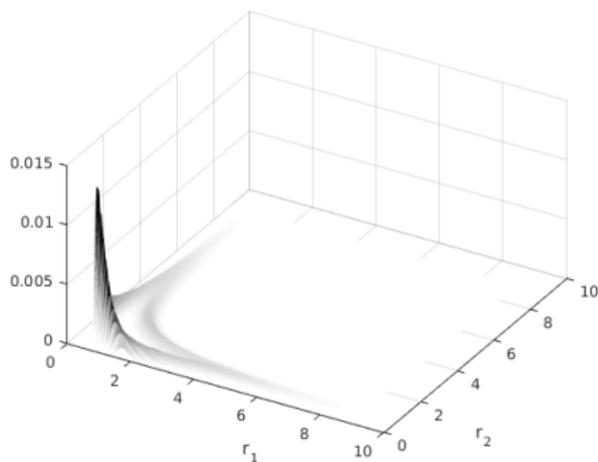
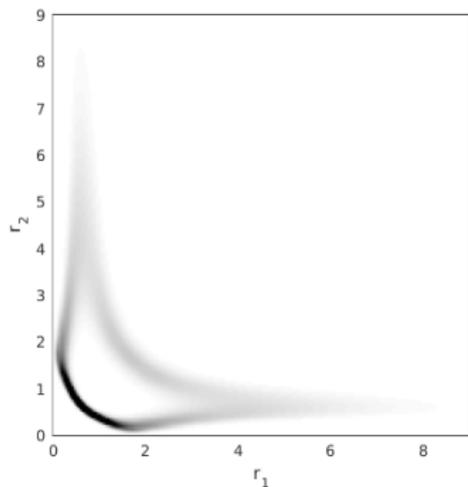


Figure:  $\alpha = 0.7143$

# The transition from spread to deterministic plans for $N = 3$ and $d = 3$

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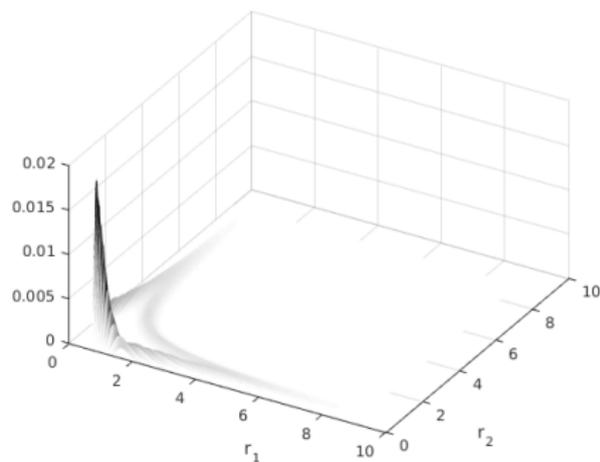
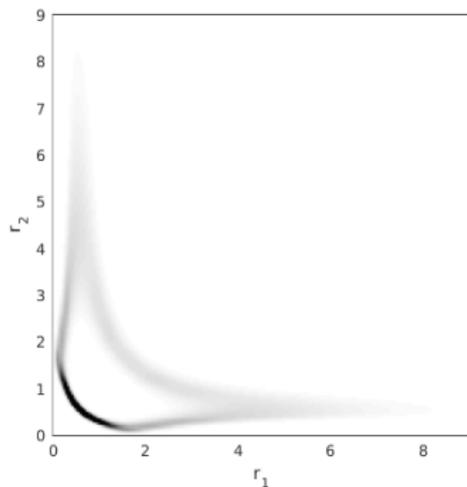


Figure:  $\alpha = 0.8571$

# The transition from spread to deterministic plans for $N = 3$ and $d = 3$

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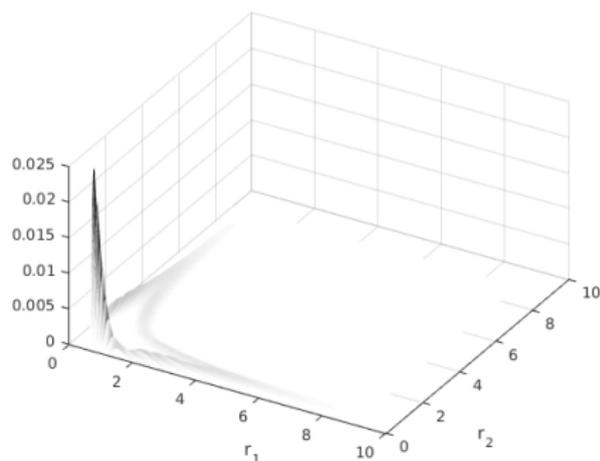
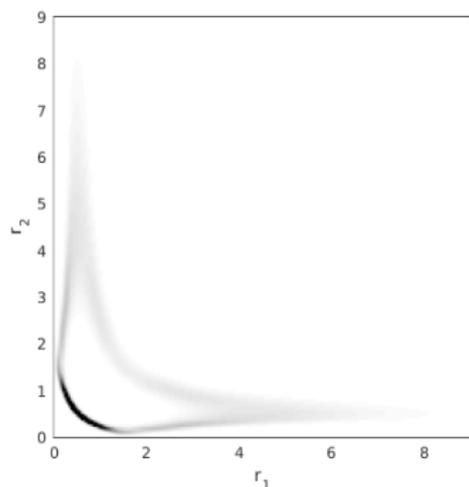


Figure:  $\alpha = 1$

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