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Wilfrid D. Gangbo* (wgangbo@math.ucla.edu), Mathematics Department, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA CA 90095-1, and **Bernard Dacorogna** and **Olivier Kneuss**. *Paths of minimal lengths on the set of exact differential k -forms.*

We initiate the study of optimal transportation of exact differential k -forms and introduce various distances as minimal actions. Our study involves dual maximization problems with constraints on the codifferential of k -forms. When $k < n$, only some directional derivatives of a vector field are controlled. This is in contrast with prior studies of optimal transportation of volume forms ($k = n$), where the full gradient of a scalar function is controlled. Furthermore, our study involves paths of bounded variations on the set of k -currents. (Received September 21, 2016)