

# Flowing Datasets with Wasserstein over Wasserstein Gradient Flows

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## Applications:

- Domain adaptation ([Courty et al., 2016](#))
- Transfer learning ([Alvarez-Melis and Fusi, 2021](#); [Hua et al., 2023](#))
- Dataset distillation ([Wang et al., 2018](#))

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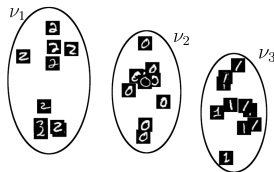
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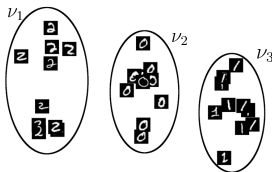
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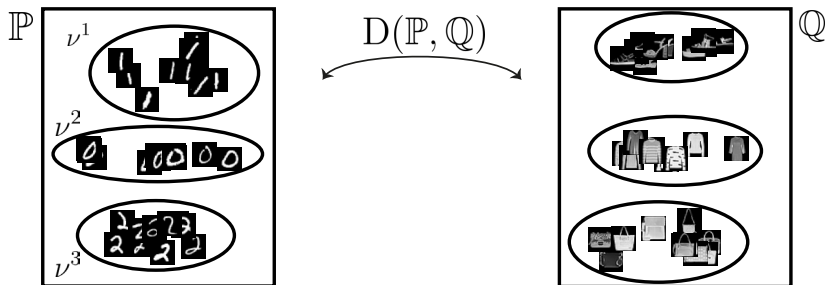
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- Cost:  $d((x, y), (x', y'))^2 = \|x - x'\|_2^2 + W_2^2(\nu_y, \nu_{y'})$
- Optimal transport distance: approximated in  $O(n^2 C^2 \log(nC))$

$$\text{OTDD}(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu_1, \mu_2)} \int d((x, y), (x', y'))^2 d\gamma((x, y), (x', y')).$$

# Contributions

- Model datasets as  $\mathbb{P} = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \delta_{\nu^c} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d))$  where  $\nu^c = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i^c}$
- Flow a dataset  $\mathbb{P}$  towards  $\mathbb{Q}$  by minimizing a discrepancy  $D$  on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d))$   
→ **minimization problem** on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d))$



## Example

$D(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) = \text{MMD}_K^2(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})$  with  $K : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



# Wasserstein over Wasserstein (WoW) Space

**Wasserstein over Wasserstein distance:** Let  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d))$ ,

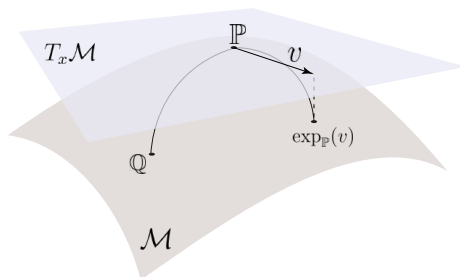
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**WoW space**  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)), W_{W_2})$ : Riemannian structure

→ Geodesics between  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d))$

→ Exponential map:  $\forall \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)), \exp_{\mathbb{P}} : T_{\mathbb{P}}\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$

→ Gradient of  $\mathbb{F} : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :  $\nabla_{W_{W_2}} \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{P}) \in T_{\mathbb{P}}\mathcal{M}$



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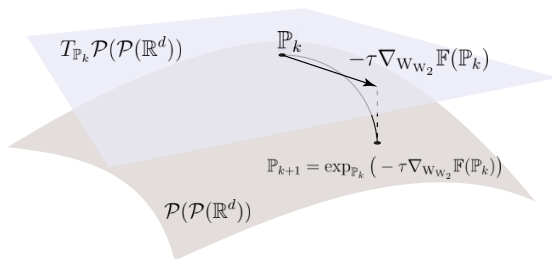
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Minimization of  $\mathbb{F} : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

→ **WoW Gradient Descent**

$$\forall k \geq 0, \mathbb{P}_{k+1} = \exp_{\mathbb{P}_k} \left( -\tau \nabla_{W_{W_2}} \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{P}_k) \right)$$



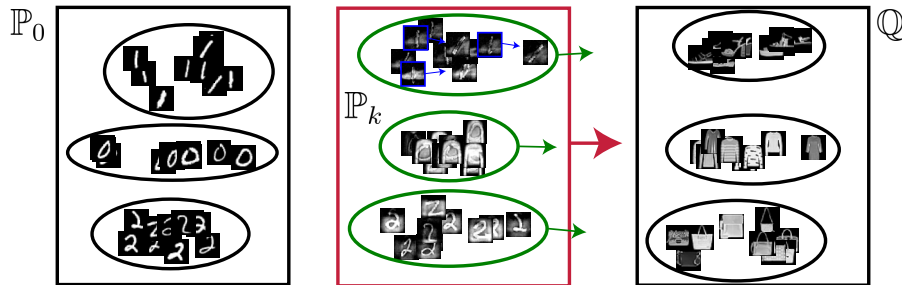
# WoW Gradient Flow

**Goal:** minimize  $\mathbb{F}(\mathbb{P}) = D(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})$

**In practice:** For  $\mathbb{P}_k = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \delta_{\mu_k^{c,n}}$  with  $\mu_k^{c,n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_{i,k}^c}$ :

$\forall k \geq 0$ , particle (image)  $i$ , class  $c$ ,  $x_{i,k+1}^c = x_{i,k}^c - \tau \nabla_{\mathbb{W}_2} \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{P}_k)(\mu_k^{c,n})(x_{i,k}^c)$ .

$\mathbb{P}_k$ : inter-class interaction,  $\mu_k^{c,n}$ : intra-class interaction,  $x_{i,k}^c$  image



# Synthetic Data

$$\mathbb{F}(\mathbb{P}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{MMD}_K^2(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) = \frac{1}{2} \iint K(\mu, \nu) d(\mathbb{P} - \mathbb{Q})(\mu) d(\mathbb{P} - \mathbb{Q})(\nu)$$

- WoW gradient computed in **closed-form** or using **auto-differentiation**
- Kernel  $K$  based on the **Sliced-Wasserstein** distance

Sliced-Wasserstein distance ([Rabin et al., 2011](#); [Bonneel et al., 2015](#)):

$$\text{SW}_2^2(\mu, \nu) = \int_{S^{d-1}} W_2^2(P_{\#}^{\theta} \mu, P_{\#}^{\theta} \nu) d\sigma(\theta) \approx \frac{1}{L} \sum_{\ell=1}^L W_2^2(P_{\#}^{\theta_{\ell}} \mu, P_{\#}^{\theta_{\ell}} \nu),$$

with  $S^{d-1} = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|\theta\|_2 = 1\}$ ,  $P^{\theta}(x) = \langle x, \theta \rangle$ ,  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_L \sim \sigma = \text{Unif}(S^{d-1})$ .

- Gaussian SW kernel:  $K(\mu, \nu) = e^{-\text{SW}_2^2(\mu, \nu)/h}$  ([Kolouri et al., 2016](#))
- Riesz SW kernel:  $K(\mu, \nu) = -\text{SW}_2(\mu, \nu)$

**Complexity:**  $O(\textcolor{red}{C}^2 \textcolor{green}{L} n \log n)$

$\textcolor{red}{C}$ : number of classes of  $\mathbb{P}$ ,  $\textcolor{green}{n}$ : number of samples in each class,

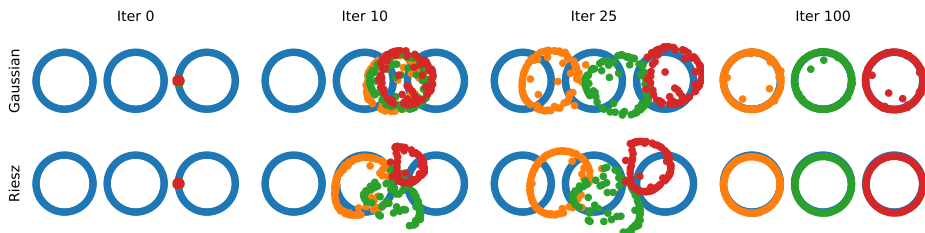
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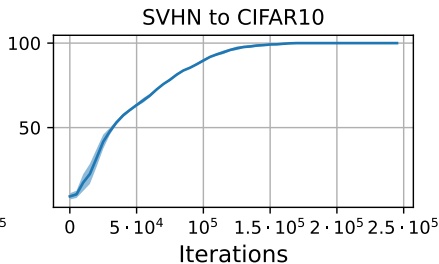
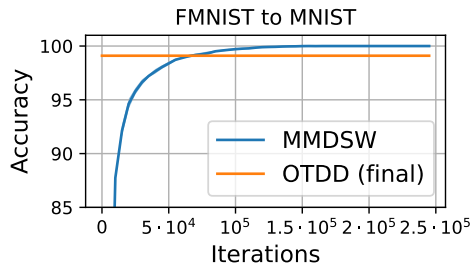


→ The flow is **preserving the class (ring) structure**.

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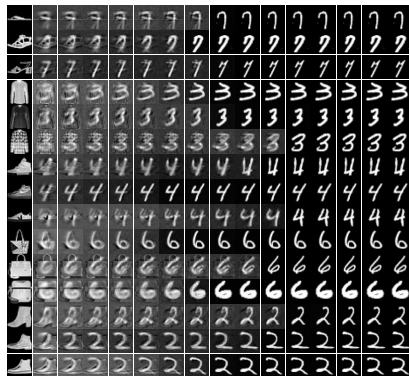
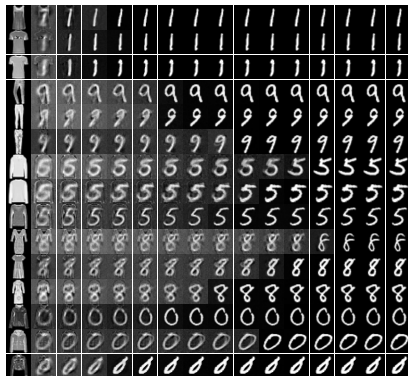


→ reach 100% accuracy: flowed data are well classified

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→ Data from a same class are flowed towards a same class

# Dataset Distillation

**Dataset distillation:** synthesize a big dataset  $\mathbb{Q} = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \delta_{\nu^c, n}$  with a small dataset  $\mathbb{P} = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \delta_{\mu^c, p}$ ,  $p$  **small**

- Distribution Matching (DM) (Zhao and Bilen, 2023): For  $k(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}((\mu^c)_c) = \sum_{c=1}^C \text{MMD}_k^2(\mu^c, \nu^c): \text{distillation per class}$$

- Our method (**MMDSW**): For  $K(\mu, \nu) = -\text{SW}_2(\mu, \nu)$ ,  $\mathbb{P} = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \delta_{\mu^c}$ ,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbb{P}) = \text{MMD}_K^2(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}): \text{distillation on the whole dataset}$$

A: with random augmentation, E: with random embeddings

| Dataset | $p$ | no A, no E     |                       | A              |                       | E                     |                       | A and E               |                       | Baselines      |           |
|---------|-----|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|
|         |     | DM             | MMDSW                 | DM             | MMDSW                 | DM                    | MMDSW                 | DM                    | MMDSW                 | Random         | Full data |
| MNIST   | 1   | 61.1 $\pm$ 6.5 | <b>66.5</b> $\pm$ 5.5 | -              | <b>66.8</b> $\pm$ 5.3 | <b>87.8</b> $\pm$ 0.6 | 60.3 $\pm$ 3.4        | <b>87.7</b> $\pm$ 0.5 | 60.9 $\pm$ 3.3        | 55.8 $\pm$ 2.0 | 99.4      |
|         | 10  | 88.2 $\pm$ 2.8 | <b>93.2</b> $\pm$ 0.7 | 88.7 $\pm$ 3.3 | <b>93.8</b> $\pm$ 0.7 | <b>97.0</b> $\pm$ 0.1 | 96.4 $\pm$ 0.2        | <b>97.0</b> $\pm$ 0.1 | 96.4 $\pm$ 0.3        | 92.2 $\pm$ 1.1 |           |
|         | 50  | 95.9 $\pm$ 0.9 | 97.0 $\pm$ 0.2        | 95.3 $\pm$ 1.4 | 97.5 $\pm$ 0.1        | <b>98.4</b> $\pm$ 0.1 | <b>98.4</b> $\pm$ 0.1 | <b>98.4</b> $\pm$ 0.1 | <b>98.4</b> $\pm$ 0.1 | 97.6 $\pm$ 0.2 |           |
| FMNIST  | 1   | 54.4 $\pm$ 3.2 | <b>60.0</b> $\pm$ 4.1 | -              | <b>60.6</b> $\pm$ 3.6 | 58.7 $\pm$ 0.4        | <b>60.9</b> $\pm$ 2.6 | 58.7 $\pm$ 0.5        | <b>60.8</b> $\pm$ 2.2 | 49.0 $\pm$ 7.5 | 92.4      |
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|         | 50  | 81.3 $\pm$ 0.5 | <b>84.2</b> $\pm$ 0.1 | 81.4 $\pm$ 1.0 | <b>85.0</b> $\pm$ 0.2 | <b>87.6</b> $\pm$ 0.2 | <b>87.6</b> $\pm$ 0.2 | 87.5 $\pm$ 0.1        | <b>87.6</b> $\pm$ 0.2 | 83.2 $\pm$ 0.2 |           |

→ Comparable performances between DM and MMDSW



# Transfer Learning

**Goal:** augment small dataset  $\mathbb{Q} = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \delta_{\nu^c, k}$  with  $k$  small

1. Flow a large source dataset  $\mathbb{P} = \text{MNIST}$  the small target one  $\mathbb{Q} = \text{KMnist}$
2. Concatenate the true samples of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and the synthetic ones (the source flowed) and train the classifier

| Dataset         | $k$ | Train on $\mathbb{Q}$ | MMDSW (ours)          | OTDD           | (Hua et al., 2023)    |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| MNIST to KMnist | 1   | 18.4 $\pm$ 3.1        | <b>20.9</b> $\pm$ 2.0 | 18.8 $\pm$ 2.1 | 19.4 $\pm$ 1.9        |
|                 | 5   | 25.9 $\pm$ 4.0        | 37.4 $\pm$ 2.2        | 31.3 $\pm$ 1.4 | <b>39.0</b> $\pm$ 1.0 |
|                 | 10  | 30.9 $\pm$ 4.6        | <b>44.7</b> $\pm$ 1.8 | 34.1 $\pm$ 0.9 | 44.1 $\pm$ 1.2        |
|                 | 100 | 60.1 $\pm$ 1.1        | <b>66.8</b> $\pm$ 0.8 | 66.3 $\pm$ 0.9 | 62.4 $\pm$ 1.2        |

→ **Better performances with smaller computational complexity**

Thank you!



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