

# Improving Relational Regularized Autoencoders with Spherical Sliced Fused Gromov Wasserstein

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# 1 Introduction

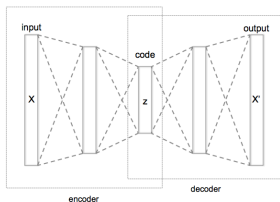
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# Autoencoder

- An autoencoder is a type of artificial neural network used to learn efficient data codings in an unsupervised manner.
- Autoencoders consist of two components, namely, an encoder  $E_\phi$  and a decoder  $G_\theta$ .
- Major task: to obtain a decoder  $G$  such that its induced distribution  $p_G$  and the data distribution are very close under some discrepancies.
- Two popular instances of autoencoders
  - variational autoencoder(VAE): KL divergence
  - Wasserstein autoencoder(WAE): Wasserstein distance



$$\min_{\theta, \phi} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{p_d(x)} \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} [d(x, G_\theta(z))]}_{\text{reconstruction loss}} + \underbrace{\lambda D(q_\phi(z) \| p(z))}_{\text{distance}(\text{posterior}, \text{prior})} \quad (1)$$

$d$ : the ground metric of Wasserstein distance.

$D$ : a discrepancy between distributions.

$q_\phi(z|x)$ : a distribution for encoder  $E_\phi : X \rightarrow Z$ , parameterized by  $\phi$ .

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- WAE

$D$ : MMD/GAN,  $p(z)$ : Gaussian.

Cons: WAE suffers from either over-regularization or under-regularization problem.

- Relational regularized AutoEncoder(RAE)

$p(z)$ : mixture of Gaussian  $p_{\mu_{1:k}, \Sigma_{1:k}}(z)$ .

The state-of-the-art version of RAE: deterministic relational regularized autoencoder(DRAE).

# Notations

- $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ : d-dimensional hypersphere.
- $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ : uniform distribution on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ .
- $\Pi(\mu, v)$ : the set of all transport plans between  $\mu$  and  $v$ .
- $\theta\#\mu$ : the pushforward measure of  $\mu$  through the mapping  $\mathcal{R}_\theta$  where  $\mathcal{R}_\theta(x) = \theta^T x$  for all  $x$ .



# Deterministic Relational Regularized Autoencoder (DRAE)

Object function:

$$\min_{\theta, \phi, \mu_{1:k}, \Sigma_{1:k}} \mathbb{E}_{p_d(x)} \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} [d(x, G_\theta(z))] + \lambda \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z), p_{\mu_{1:k}, \Sigma_{1:k}}(z)} SFG[(\hat{q}_N(z) \| \hat{p}_N(z))]. \quad (2)$$

where  $\hat{q}_N(z)$  and  $\hat{p}_N(z)$  are the empirical distributions of  $q_\phi(z)$  and  $p_{\mu_{1:k}, \Sigma_{1:k}}(z)$  respectively.

# Sliced Fused Gromov Wasserstein(SFG)

Let  $\mu, v \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be two probability distributions,  $\beta$  be a constant in  $[0,1]$ , and  $d_1 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a pseudo-metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The sliced fused Gromov Wasserstein (SFG) between  $\mu$  and  $v$  is defined as:

$$SFG(\mu, v; \beta) := \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})} [D_{fgw}(\theta \# \mu, \theta \# v; \beta, d_1)] \quad (3)$$

where the fused Gromov Wasserstein  $D_{fgw}$  is given by:

$$D_{fgw}(\theta \# \mu, \theta \# v; \beta, d_1) := \min_{\pi \in \Pi(\theta \# \mu, \theta \# v)} \left\{ (1 - \beta) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} d_1(\theta^T x, \theta^T y) d\pi(x, y) + \right. \\ \left. \beta \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^4} [d_1(\theta^T x, \theta^T x') - d_1(\theta^T y, \theta^T y')]^2 d\pi(x, y) d\pi(x', y') \right\}. \quad (4)$$

# Sliced Fused Gromov Wasserstein(SFG)

- relational regularization: sliced fused Gromov Wasserstein(SFG).
- Cons: SFG uses the uniform distribution over the unit sphere ( $\theta \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ ) to sample projecting directions, which leads to the underestimation of the discrepancy between the two distributions.
- Pros:
  - SFG is a linear combination of sliced Wasserstein (SW) and sliced Gromov Wasserstein (SG), so takes advantages of both of them.
  - If  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  have  $n$  supports and uniform weights and  $d_1(x, y) = (x - y)^2$ , SFG has good computational complexity ( $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ ).

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# Von Mises-Fisher Distribution

The von Mises-Fisher distribution (vMF) is a probability distribution on the unit sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  where its density function is given by:

$$f(x|\epsilon, \kappa) := C_d(\kappa) \exp(\kappa \epsilon^T x), \quad (5)$$

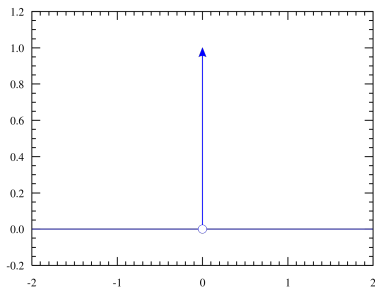
where  $\kappa \geq 0$  is the concentration parameter,  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  is the location vector, and  $C_d(\kappa) := \frac{\kappa^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d/2} I_{d/2-1}(\kappa)}$  is the normalization constant. Here,  $I_{d/2-1}$  is the modified Bessel function of the first kind at order  $d/2 - 1$ . It is possible to define the Bessel function by its series expansion around  $x = 0$  as:

$$I_{\frac{d}{2}-1}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m! \Gamma(m + \frac{d}{2})} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2m + \frac{d}{2} - 1} \quad (6)$$

The vMF concentrates around mode  $\epsilon$  and its density decreases when  $x$  goes away from  $\epsilon$ .

# Von Mises-Fisher Distribution

- By changing  $\kappa$  from 0 to infinity, the vMF family could interpolate from the uniform distribution to any Dirac distribution on the sphere.
- When  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ , vMF converges to the uniform distribution.
- When  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$ , vMF approaches to the Dirac distribution centered at  $\epsilon$ .



# Spherical Sliced Fused Gromov Wasserstein(SSFG)

**Definition 3.** (SSFG) Let  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be two probability distributions,  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $d_1 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a pseudo-metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The **spherical sliced fused Gromov Wasserstein** (SSFG) between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  is defined as follows:

$$SSFG(\mu, \nu; \beta, \kappa) := \max_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \text{vMF}(\cdot | \epsilon, \kappa)} [D_{fgw}(\theta^\# \mu, \theta^\# \nu; \beta, d_1)], \quad (6)$$

where the fused Gromov Wasserstein  $D_{fgw}$  is defined at equation (3).

Complexity:

- General case of  $d_1$ :  $O(n^4)$
- $d_1(x, y) = (x - y)^2$ :  $O(n \log n)$

# Key Properties of SSFG

SSFG is a pseudo-metric in the probability space and does not suffer from the curse of dimensionality.

**Theorem 1.** *For any  $\beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $SSFG(\cdot, \cdot; \beta, \kappa)$  is a pseudo-metric in the space of probability measures, namely, it is non-negative, symmetric, and satisfies the weak triangle inequality.*

**Theorem 2.** *For any probability measures  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , the following holds:*

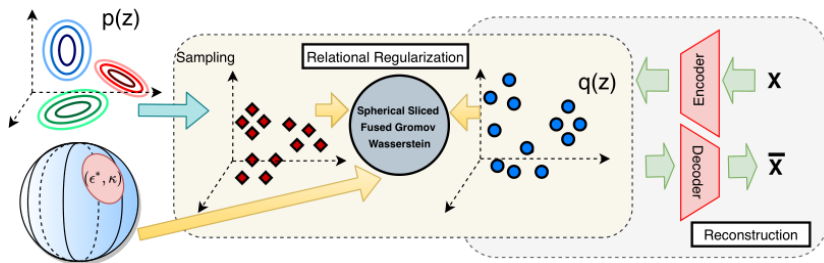
$$(a) \quad \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} SSFG(\mu, \nu; \beta, \kappa) = SFG(\mu, \nu; \beta),$$
$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow \infty} SSFG(\mu, \nu; \beta, \kappa) = \max_{\theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} D_{fgw}(\theta^\# \mu, \theta^\# \nu; \beta) := \max\text{-}SFG(\mu, \nu; \beta).$$

(b) *For any  $\kappa > 0$ , we find that*

$$\exp(-\kappa)C_d(\kappa)SFG(\mu, \nu; \beta) \leq SSFG(\mu, \nu; \beta, \kappa) \leq \exp(\kappa)C_d(\kappa)SFG(\mu, \nu; \beta),$$
$$SSFG(\mu, \nu; \beta, \kappa) \leq \max\text{-}SFG(\mu, \nu; \beta).$$



$$\min_{\theta, \phi, \mu_{1:k}, \Sigma_{1:k}} \mathbb{E}_{p_d(x)} \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} [d(x, G_\theta(z))] + \lambda \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z), p_{\mu_{1:k}, \Sigma_{1:k}}(z)} SSFG[(\hat{q}_N(z) \| \hat{p}_N(z))].$$



## 2 Variants of SSFG

- mixture spherical sliced fused Gromov Wasserstein(MSSFG)

$$\begin{aligned} MSSFG(\mu, \nu; \beta, \{\kappa_i\}_{i=1}^k, \{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^k) \\ := \max_{\epsilon_{1:k} \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim MovMF(\cdot | \epsilon_{1:k}, \{\kappa_i\}_{i=1}^k, \{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^k)} [D_{fgw}(\theta \sharp \mu, \theta \sharp \nu; \beta, d_1)], \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

where  $D_{fgw}$  is defined in equation (3) and the mixture of vMF distributions is defined as  $MovMF(\cdot | \epsilon_{1:k}, \{\kappa_i\}_{i=1}^k, \{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^k) := \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i vMF(\cdot | \epsilon_i, \kappa_i)$ .

- power SSFG (PSSFG)

PSSFG uses power spherical distribution instead of vMF and its mixtures as the slicing distribution to improve the computational time of (M)SSFG.

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# FID Score and Reconstruction Loss

Method	MNIST		CelebA	
	FID	Reconstruction	FID	Reconstruction
VAE	$71.55 \pm 26.65$	$18.59 \pm 2.22$	59.99(*)	96.36(*)
GMVAE	$75.68 \pm 11.95$	$18.19 \pm 0.14$	$212.59 \pm 18.15$	$97.77 \pm 0.19$
Vampprior	$138.03 \pm 34.09$	$29.98 \pm 4.09$	-	-
PRAE	$100.25 \pm 41.72$	$16.20 \pm 3.14$	52.20 (*)	<b>63.21(*)</b>
WAE	$80.77 \pm 11$	$11.53 \pm 0.33$	52.07 (*)	63.83(*)
SWAE	$80.28 \pm 19.22$	$14.12 \pm 2.06$	$86.53 \pm 2.49$	$89.71 \pm 2.15$
DRAE	$58.04 \pm 20.74$	$14.07 \pm 4.31$	$50.09 \pm 1.33$	$66.05 \pm 2.56$
m-DRAE (ours)	$52.92 \pm 13.81$	$13.13 \pm 0.33$	$49.05 \pm 0.93$	$66.30 \pm 0.22$
s-DRAE (ours)	$47.97 \pm 13.83$	$11.17 \pm 1.73$	$46.63 \pm 0.83$	$66.62 \pm 0.51$
ps-DRAE (ours)	$49.15 \pm 12.93$	$11.71 \pm 1.21$	$48.21 \pm 1.02$	$66.31 \pm 0.43$
mps-DRAE (ours)	$44.67 \pm 9.98$	$11.01 \pm 1.32$	$46.61 \pm 1.01$	$66.23 \pm 0.56$
ms-DRAE (ours)	<b><math>43.57 \pm 10.98</math></b>	<b><math>11.12 \pm 0.91</math></b>	<b><math>46.01 \pm 0.91</math></b>	$65.91 \pm 0.4$

# Computational Time

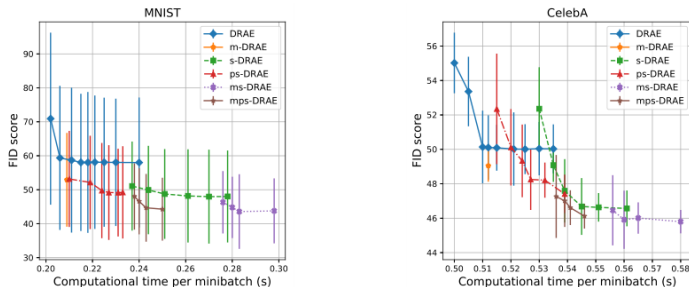


Figure 2: Each dot represents the computational time per minibatch and FID score. For DRAE, we vary the number of projections  $L \in \{1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000\}$ ; for s-DRAE we set  $\kappa = 10$ ,  $L \in \{1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100\}$ ; for ps-DRAE we set  $\kappa = 50$ ,  $L \in \{1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100\}$ ; and for m(p)s-DRAE we set  $L = 50$ , the number of vMF components  $k \in \{2, 5, 10, 50\}$  (for each  $k$ , we find the best  $\kappa \in \{1, 5, 10, 50, 100\}$ ).