

# Flowing Datasets with Wasserstein over Wasserstein Gradient Flows

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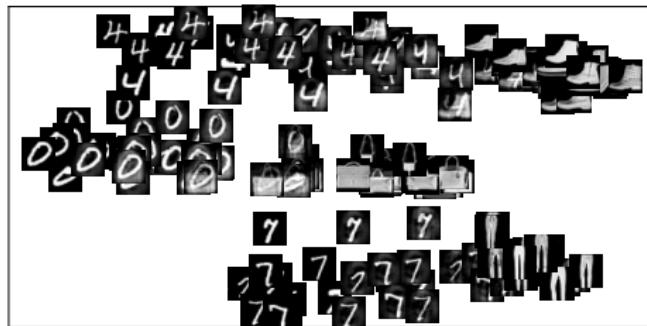
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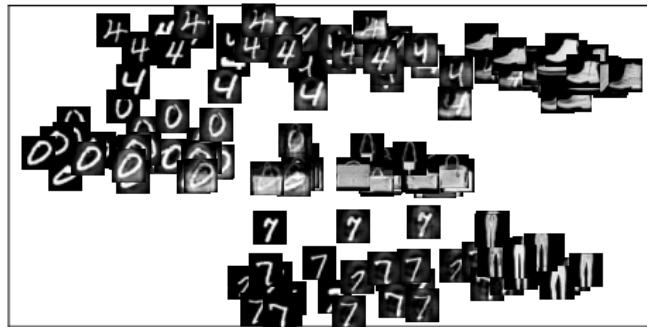
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## Applications:

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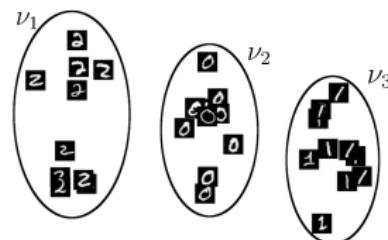
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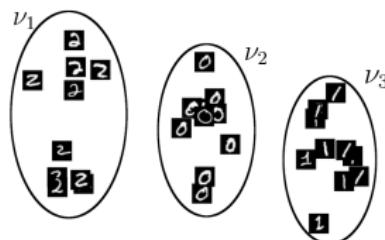
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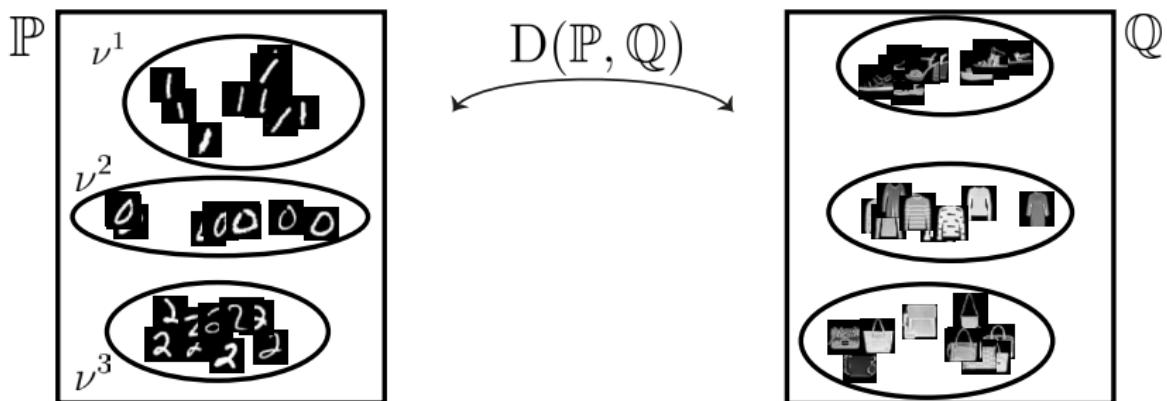
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- Cost:  $d((x, y), (x', y'))^2 = \|x - x'\|_2^2 + W_2^2(\nu_y, \nu_{y'})$
- Optimal transport distance: approximated in  $O(\textcolor{green}{n}^2 \textcolor{red}{C}^2 \log(\textcolor{green}{n}C))$

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

# 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

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

# Wasserstein over Wasserstein (WoW) Space

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

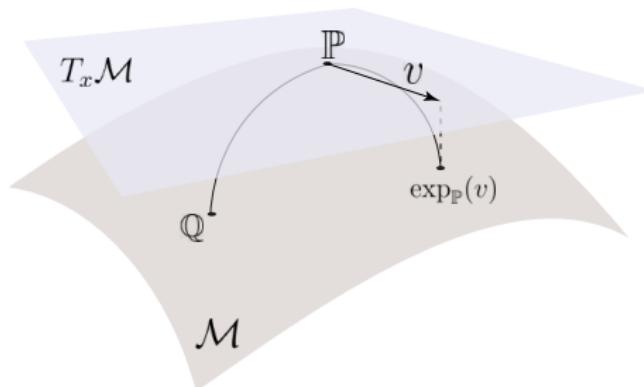
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**WoW space**  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)), W_{W_2})$ : Riemannian structure

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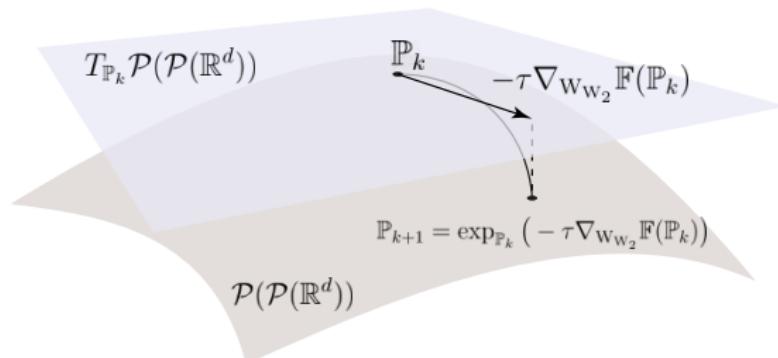
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Minimization of  $\mathbb{F} : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

→ **WoW Gradient Descent**

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



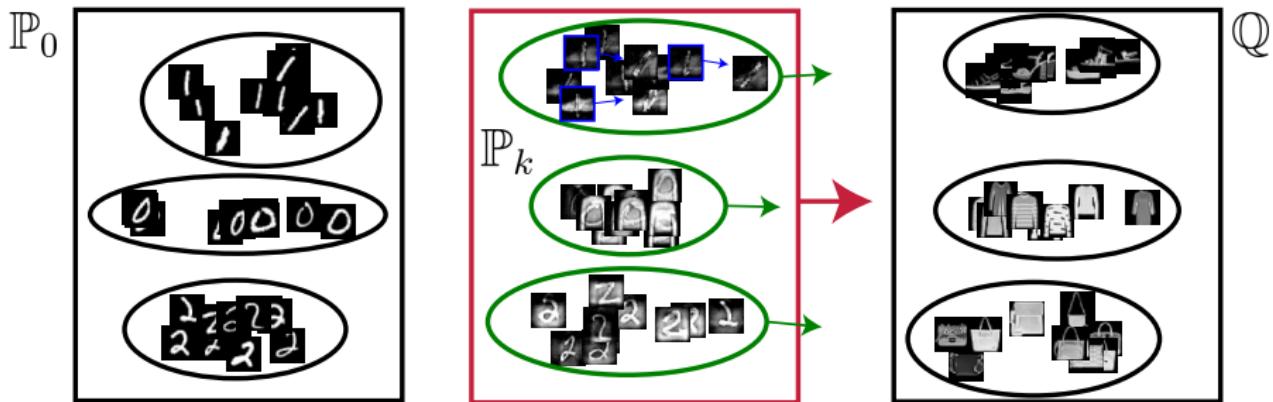
# WoW Gradient Flow

**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  $\mu_k^{c,n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_{i,k}^c}$ :

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

$\mathbb{P}_k$ : inter-class interaction,  $\mu_k^{c,n}$ : intra-class interaction,  $\mathbf{x}_{i,k}^c$  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:**  $O(C^2 L n \log n)$

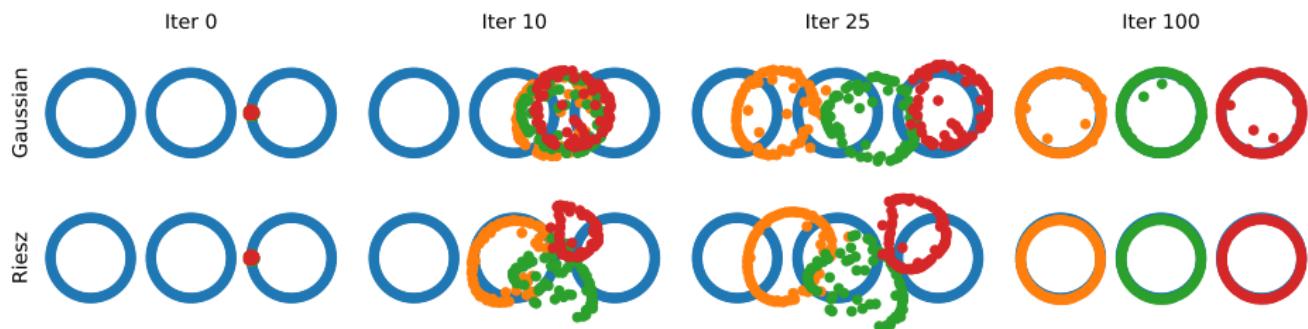
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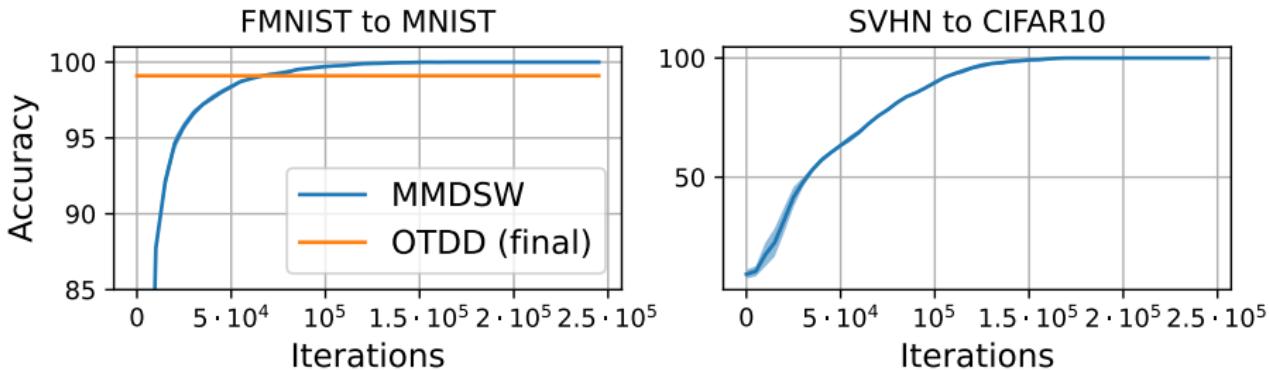


→ The flow is **preserving the class (ring) structure**.

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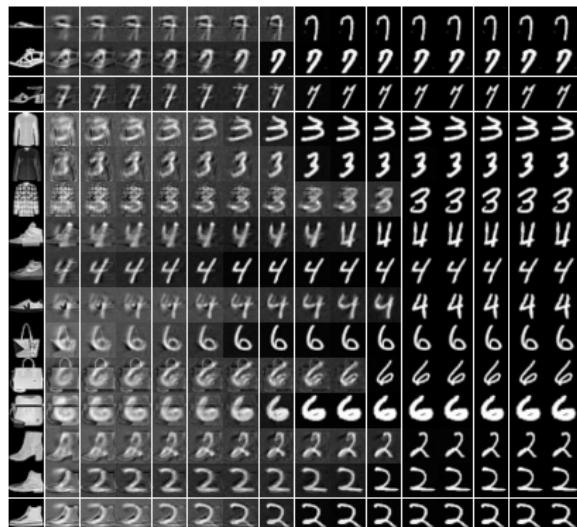
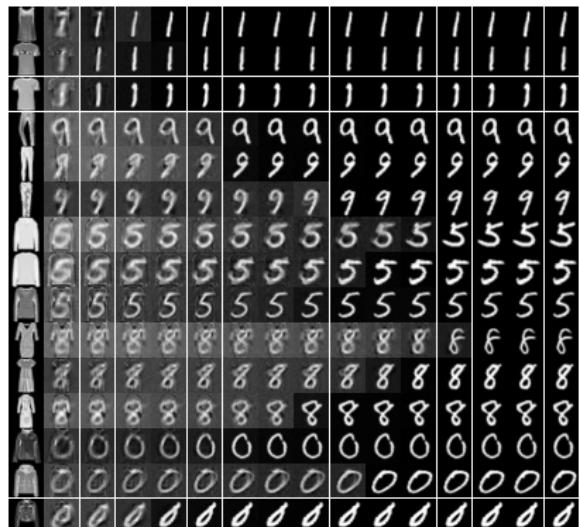


→ reach 100% accuracy: flowed data are well classified

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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><math>66.5 \pm 5.5</math></b>	-	<b><math>66.8 \pm 5.3</math></b>	<b><math>87.8 \pm 0.6</math></b>	$60.3 \pm 3.4$	<b><math>87.7 \pm 0.5</math></b>	$60.9 \pm 3.3$	$55.8 \pm 2.0$	
	10	$88.2 \pm 2.8$	<b><math>93.2 \pm 0.7</math></b>	$88.7 \pm 3.3$	<b><math>93.8 \pm 0.7</math></b>	<b><math>97.0 \pm 0.1</math></b>	$96.4 \pm 0.2$	<b><math>97.0 \pm 0.1</math></b>	$96.4 \pm 0.3$	$92.2 \pm 1.1$	99.4
	50	$95.9 \pm 0.9$	$97.0 \pm 0.2$	$95.3 \pm 1.4$	$97.5 \pm 0.1$	<b><math>98.4 \pm 0.1</math></b>	<b><math>98.4 \pm 0.1</math></b>	<b><math>98.4 \pm 0.1</math></b>	<b><math>98.4 \pm 0.1</math></b>	$97.6 \pm 0.2$	
FMNIST	1	$54.4 \pm 3.2$	<b><math>60.0 \pm 4.1</math></b>	-	<b><math>60.6 \pm 3.6</math></b>	$58.7 \pm 0.4$	<b><math>60.9 \pm 2.6</math></b>	$58.7 \pm 0.5$	<b><math>60.8 \pm 2.2</math></b>	$49.0 \pm 7.5$	
	10	$74.6 \pm 1.0$	<b><math>76.7 \pm 1.0</math></b>	$74.7 \pm 0.8$	<b><math>76.6 \pm 1.1</math></b>	<b><math>81.2 \pm 2.3</math></b>	$78.0 \pm 0.9$	<b><math>82.5 \pm 0.3</math></b>	$78.9 \pm 1.2$	$75.3 \pm 0.7$	92.4
	50	$81.3 \pm 0.5$	<b><math>84.2 \pm 0.1</math></b>	$81.4 \pm 1.0$	<b><math>85.0 \pm 0.2</math></b>	<b><math>87.6 \pm 0.2</math></b>	<b><math>87.6 \pm 0.2</math></b>	$87.5 \pm 0.1$	<b><math>87.6 \pm 0.2</math></b>	$83.2 \pm 0.2$	

→ 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

## Conclusion

Thank you!



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