

# Weights2Weights++: Constructing the Weight Space for Customized Diffusion Models with VAE

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#### Introduction

Background: Recent methods like DreamBooth [2] can fine-tune diffusion models to only output images of a specific identity. [1] proposed to use PCA to build a latent space called Weights2Weights (*w2w*) from a set of weights of fine-tuned diffusion models. Users can manipulate, interpolate or sample weights from *w2w* space to generate new diffusion models which that encodes novel and consistent identifies. Motivation: PCA is a *linear method* and may not capture the complex relationships between the weights. Our Insight is *VAEs can be used to con*-struct a more expressive, informative latent space.

**Task statement:** Given a set of LoRA weights from different identity-specific diffusion models fine-tuned using DreamBooth [2], we aim to learn a latent space representation of the weights using a VAE.

**Dataset:** 60k+ fine-tuned LoRA weights used in [1]. **Evaluation Metric:** Quantitative comparison with [1] in *subject inversion* task using ID scores.

### Method

**Construct weights manifold:** [1] applies PCA on a LoRA weights dataset and models w2w as a linear combination of PCA bases. In comparison, we propose to train a VAE model on the same dataset and use its latent space as w2w++.

**W2W++ VAE:** Encodes an 1-d weight vector into a latent distribution, then decodes model weights from samples drawn from this latent distribution. We apply KL Weight Annealing [3] to stabilize the training.

# Downstream tasks benefited by w2w++ space

- **Sampling:** Sample a latent vector from N(0,I) and pass it through the decoder, yielding a new model.
- **Interpolation**: Interpolation between two latent embeddings can blend two different subjects, resulting in fancy visualizations.
- **Subject Inversion:** Given an identity image, invert it into w2w++ space. Motivated by [1], we fine-tune a diffusion model by only optimizing the latent vector that is passed into VAE decoder to generate the inverted model.

# **Pipeline** Model Weights Space **Identities Dataset** Fine-Tuning Old Ours **PCA** VAE reduction encoder √2w++ space w2w space **PCA** decoder projection Diffusion **Subject-Consistent** Projecting back to weights space Image generation References

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#### Results

#### Reconstruction



#### Sampling



#### Interpolation



w2w++ Inversion:

#### Baseline Inversion:



# Visualizing latent w2w++ space



