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The ODE Form of the Generate Diffusion Model

A new direction for generative models



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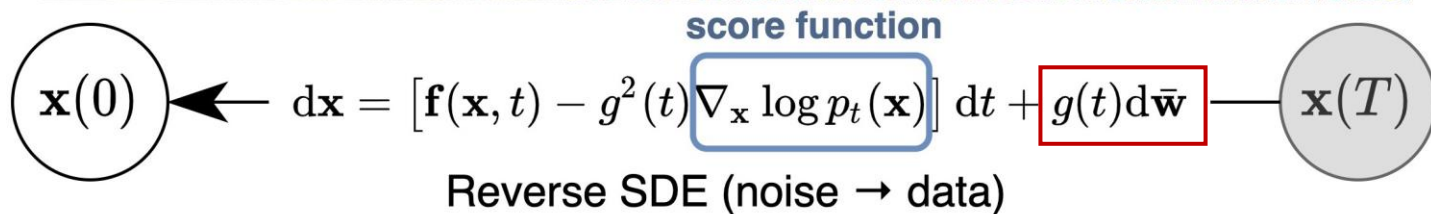
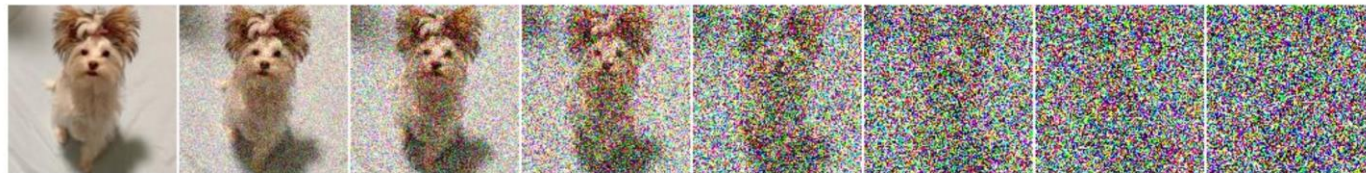
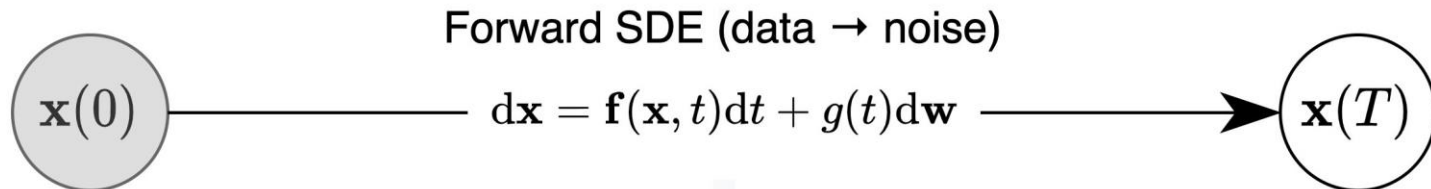
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Background

1. Background

- Generative Model
 - SDE form of Diffusion Model



There is a **noise** term.



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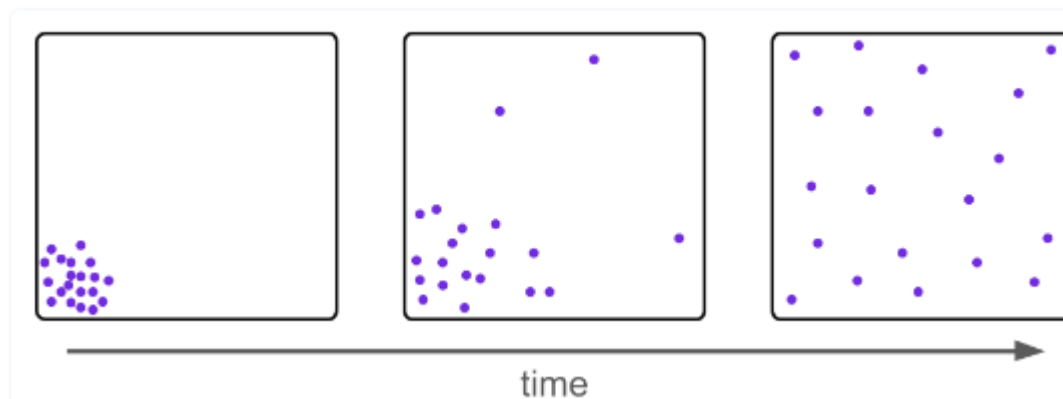
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inspired generative models**[J]. arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.04265, 2023

2. PFGM



- Overview
- Over the past couple of years, significant research efforts have been undertaken to develop **Diffusion Models**. Diffusion Models draw inspiration from physics.

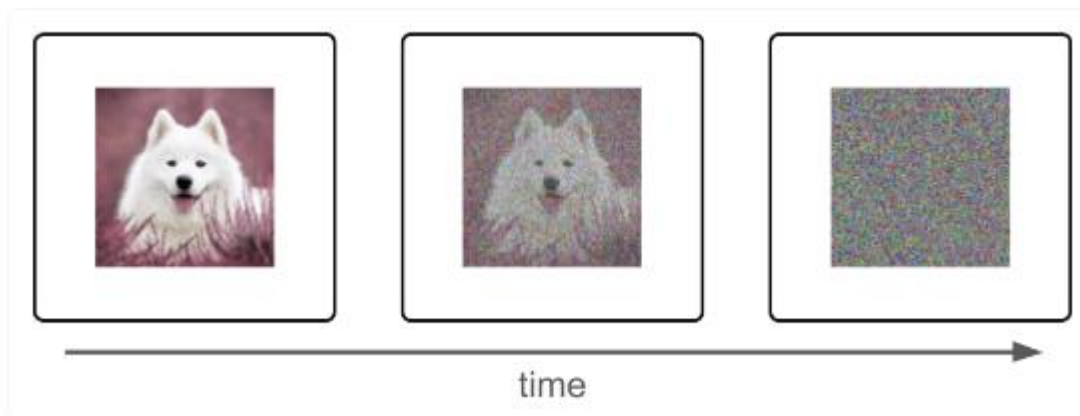


A localized gas (purple particles) will spread out to evenly fill a room over time simply through random motion

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- Overview
- Images in a "high dimensional room", corrupting them with random noise in a similar way

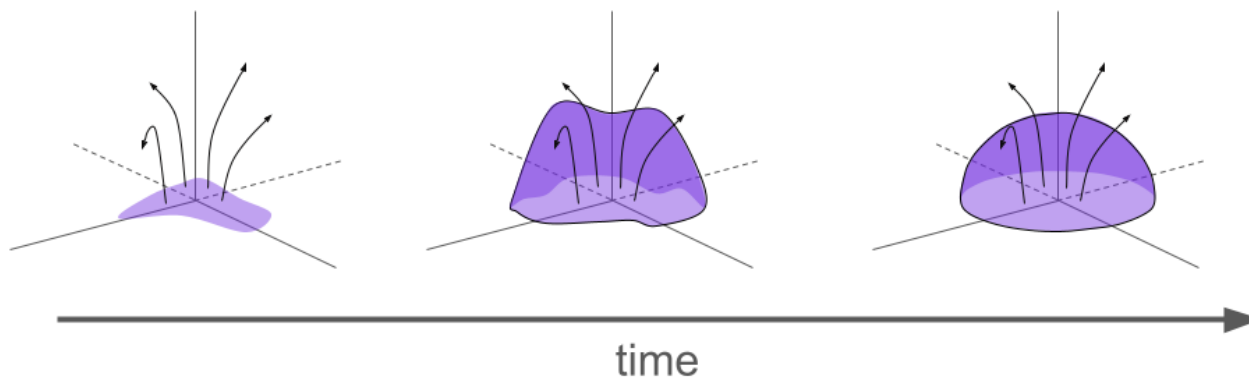


The pixels in an image can be viewed as a localized cloud of **particles** that we "diffuse" into random noise over time

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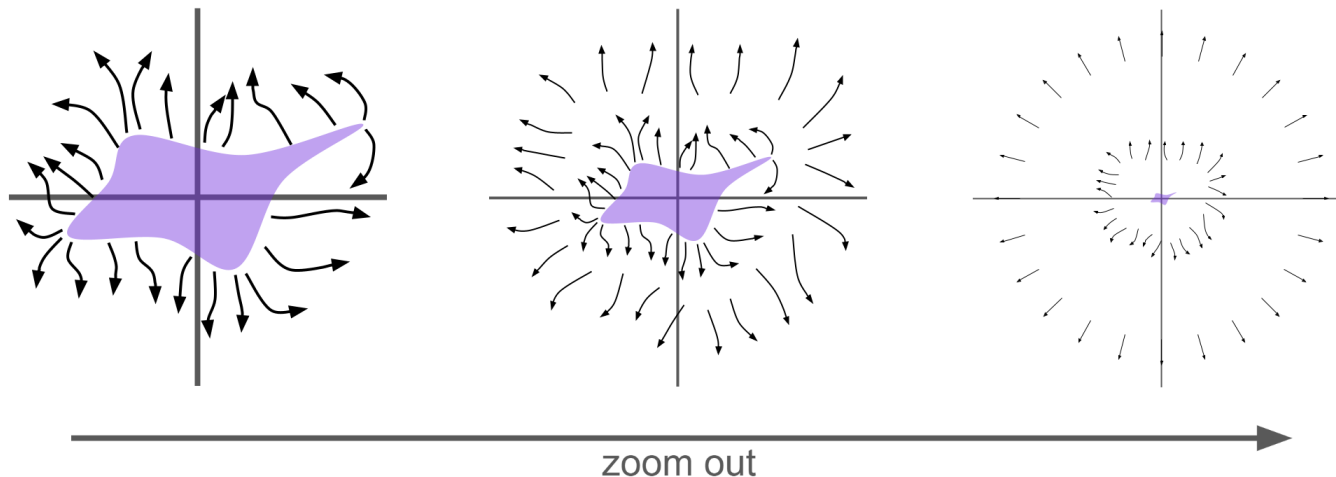
- Overview
- **Poisson Flow Generative Models** are inspired in a very similar manner to Diffusion Models,



Treating a data distribution as a **charge distribution** defines an **electric field** that transforms the distribution into a uniform hemisphere over time

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- Overview
- Poisson field generated by (almost) any distribution in a hyperplane results in **a uniform angular distribution** at a far enough distance

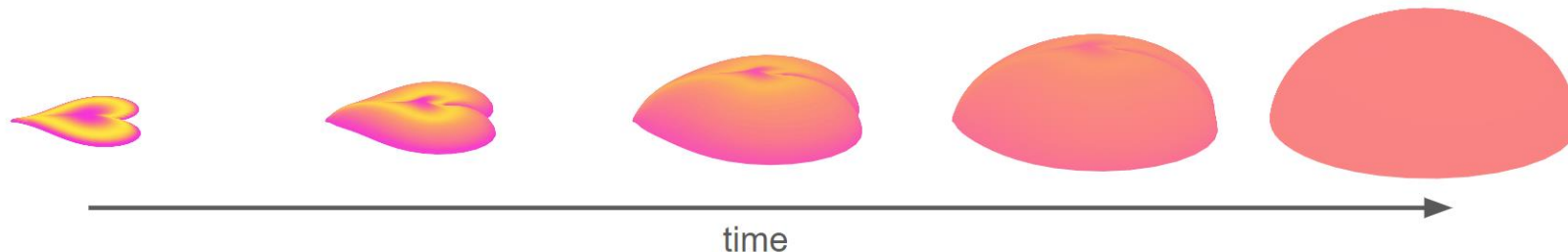


The multi-source gravitational field at infinity is equivalent to the gravitational field of a particle located at the center of mass and superposition of mass.

(无穷远处的多源引力场，等价于位于质心、质量叠加的质点引力场。)

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- Overview



By following the electric field lines it generates, a heart-shaped distribution evolves into a **uniform angular distribution** over time



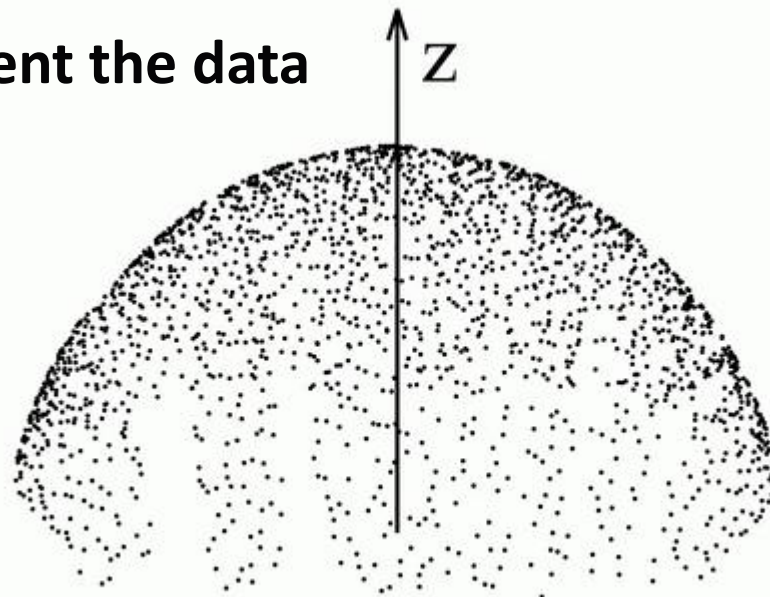
Uniformly sampled points on the hemisphere can be transformed into samples from the data distribution by evolving them **backwards through the Poisson field** generated by the data distribution

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- Learning the Poisson field

Step 1 - Augment the data



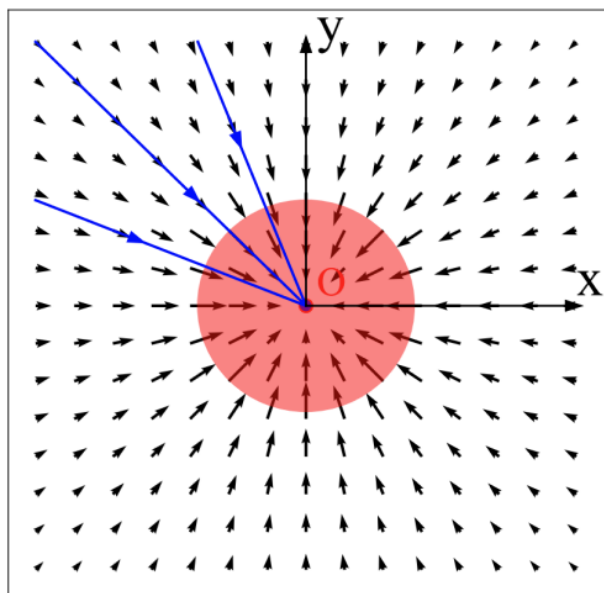
N-dimensional data are **augmented with an additional dimension** z and placed in the $z=0$ hyperplane of the new $(N+1)$ -dimensional space. The data are then mapped to an $(N+1)$ -dimensional hemisphere

The reason for this spatial augmentation is to avoid **mode collapse**

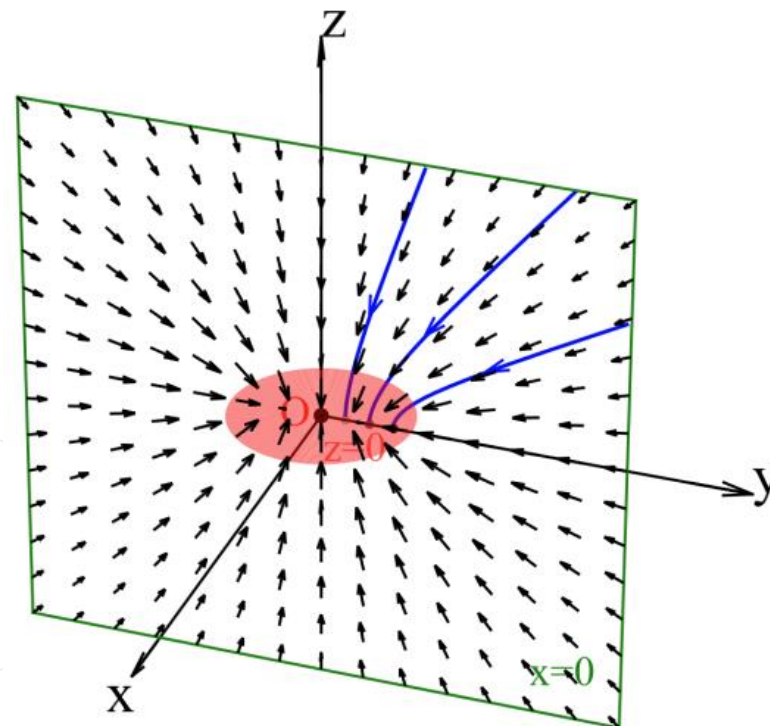
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- Learning the Poisson field



Without augmenting the data with an additional dimension, all trajectories **converge to the origin** resulting in mode collapse

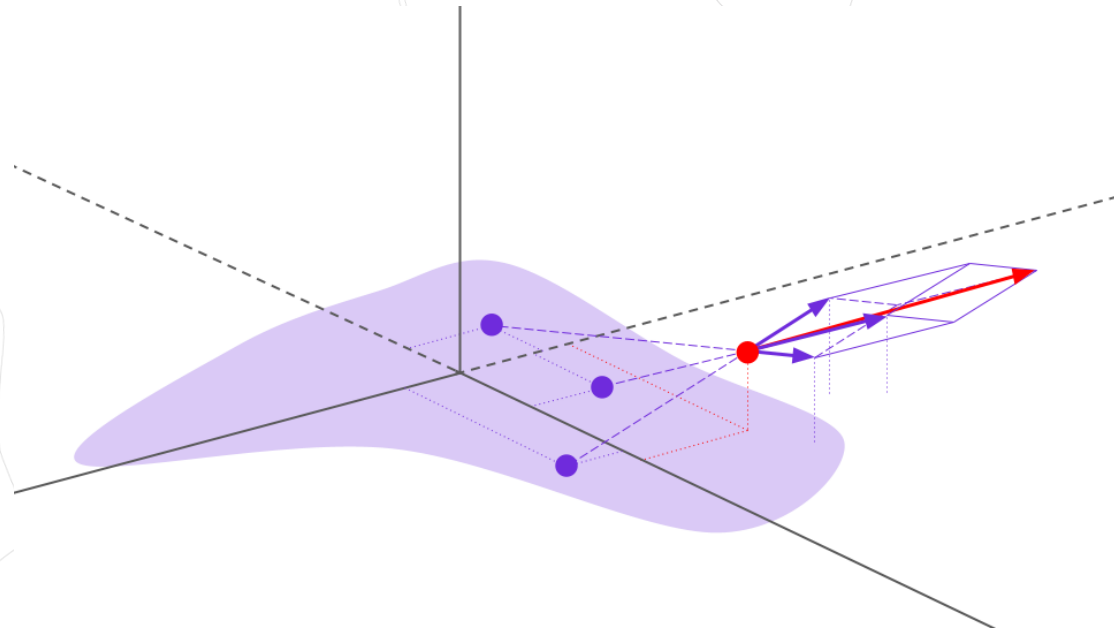


After augmenting the data with an additional dimension, many more trajectories are available that intersect with **different points in the distribution**, therefore avoiding mode

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- Learning the Poisson field

Step 2 - Calculate the empirical field



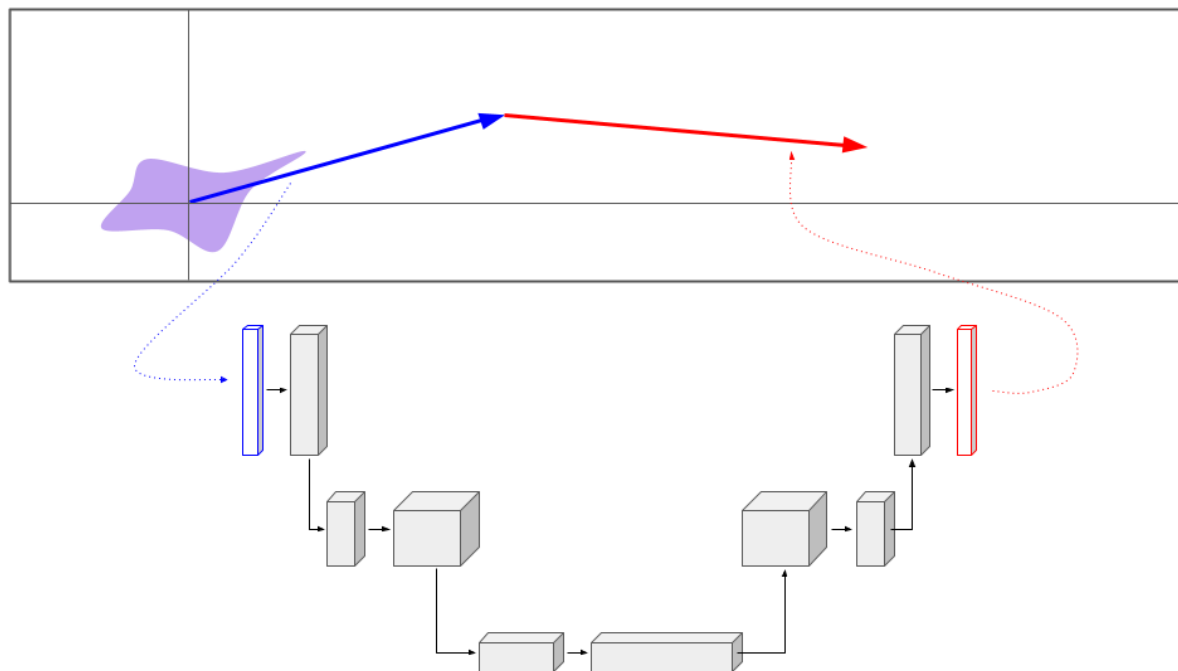
Due to the **superposition principle**, We calculate the empirical field for many randomly sampled points in the space

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- Learning the Poisson field

Step 3 - Calculate the loss and update the function approximator



A U-Net (block diagram) accepts a point in space (blue vector) and returns the **approximate empirical field at that point** (red vector) generated by data points sampled from the data/charge distribution (purple)

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- Sampling with PFGMs

Sample points from a **uniform angular distribution**, and then make them travel backwards along the Poisson field until we reach the $z=0$ hyperplane in which the data distribution sits.

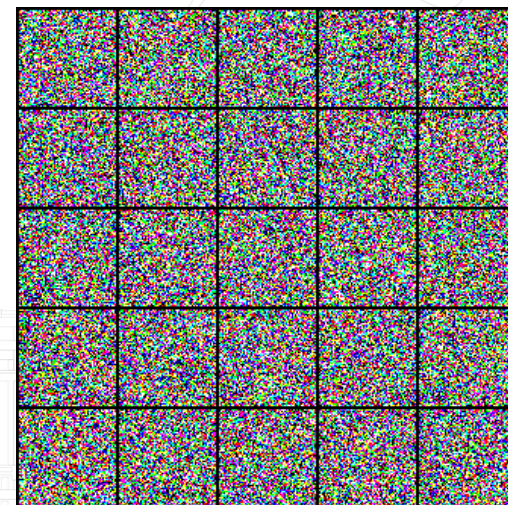
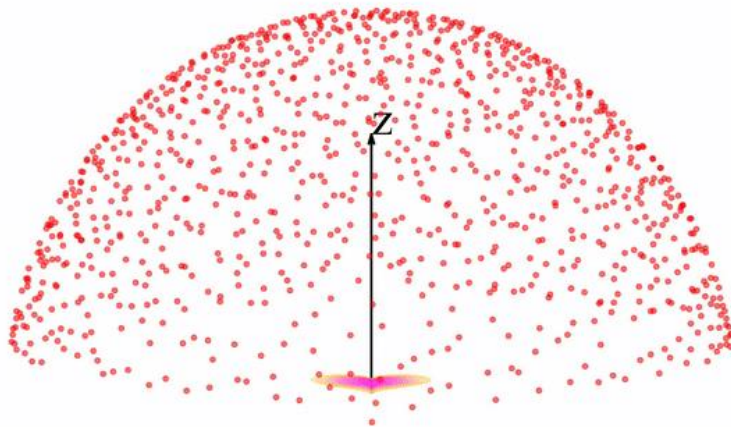
The corresponding differential equation is:

$$d\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})dt$$

At each moment in time, the point should be displaced in the **direction of the negative** Poisson field.

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- Sampling with PFGMs
 1. **Uniformly sample** data on a large hemisphere
 2. Use an **ODE solver** to evolve the points backwards along the Poisson field
 3. **Evolve backwards** until we reach $z=0$, at which point we have generated novel data from the training distribution



2. PFGM



- A deep dive - Anchoring the Backwards ODE

We use the following backward ODE for sampling:

$$d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})dt$$

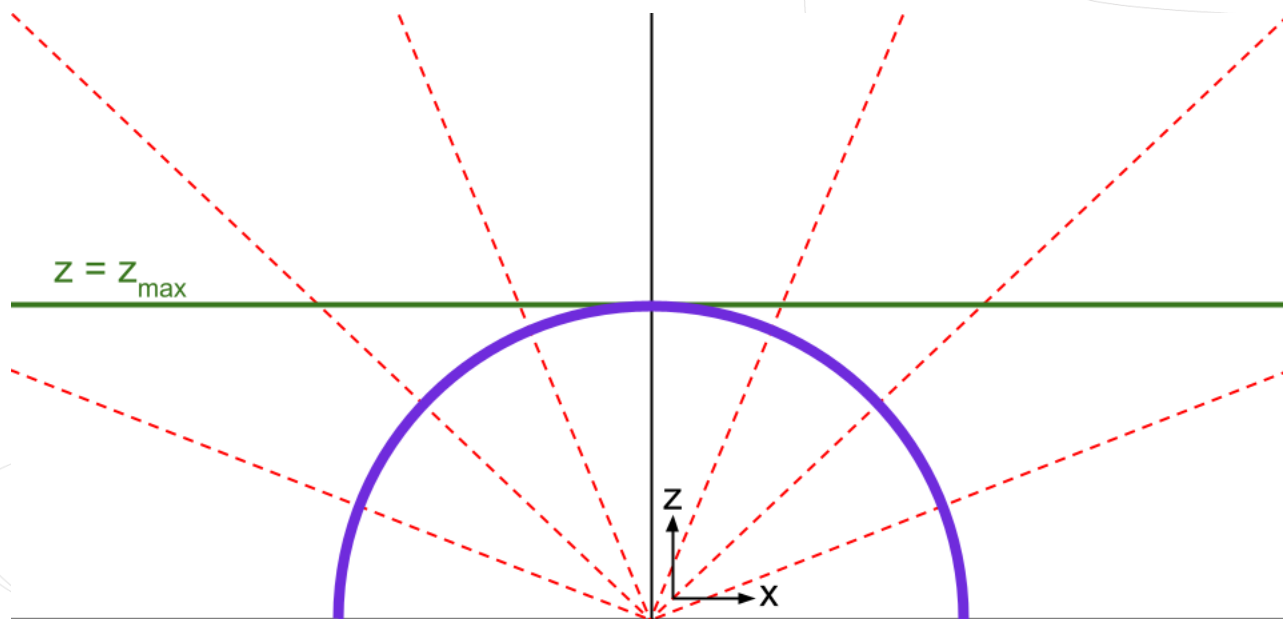
We do not know **the starting and ending times** of each trajectory.

$$d(\mathbf{x}, z) = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \frac{dt}{dz} dz, dz \right) = \left(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})_z^{-1}, 1 \right) dz$$

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- A deep dive - Determining the prior distribution



The uniform distribution on the hemisphere is **projected** to the hyperplane that coincides with the top of the hemisphere, z_{\max} . The projection is a simple **radial** one given that the Poisson field is purely radial as x approaches infinity. We can see a schematic in 2D below, where the red lines connect purple points on the sphere to their projection points on the green line.

2. PFGM

- A deep dive - Training

Algorithm 1 Learning the normalized Poisson Field

Input: Training iteration T , Initial model f_θ , dataset \mathcal{D} , constant γ , learning rate η .

for $t = 1 \dots T$ **do**

Sample a large batch \mathcal{B}_L from \mathcal{D} and subsample a batch of datapoints $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{B}|}$ from \mathcal{B}_L

Simulate the ODE: $\{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i = \text{perturb}(\mathbf{x}_i)\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{B}|}$

Calculate the normalized field by \mathcal{B}_L : $\mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{B}_L}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i) = -\sqrt{N} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{\mathcal{B}_L}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i) / (\|\hat{\mathbf{E}}_{\mathcal{B}_L}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)\|_2 + \gamma), \forall i$

Calculate the loss: $\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{B}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{B}|} \|f_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i) - \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{B}_L}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)\|_2^2$

Update the model parameter: $\theta = \theta - \eta \nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta)$

end for

return f_θ

Algorithm 2 $\text{perturb}(\mathbf{x})$

Sample the power $m \sim \mathcal{U}[0, M]$

Sample the initial noise $(\epsilon_{\mathbf{x}}, \epsilon_z) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_{(N+1) \times (N+1)})$

Uniformly sample the vector from the unit ball $\mathbf{u} \sim \mathcal{U}(S_N(1))$

Construct training point $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \|\epsilon_{\mathbf{x}}\| (1 + \tau)^m \mathbf{u}$, $z = |\epsilon_z| (1 + \tau)^m$

return $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{y}, z)$



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- A deep dive - Others
- What is the **connection** between the continuous data distribution $p(x)$ and the continuous charge source and electric field?
- How to establish a mathematical model for the motion process along the field line?
- How to **randomly sample from infinity**?
- Why physically moving along the field line to a point source corresponds to mathematically sampling the distribution?

<https://zhuanlan.zhihu.com/p/630848560>

<https://www.assemblyai.com/blog/an-introduction-to-poisson-flow-generative-models/>

2. PFGM

- Highlights from applying PFGMs
- PFGMs attain the **best Inception scores (9.68)** and **best FID scores (2.35)** among [normalizing flow models](#) for CIFAR-10.
- PFGMs enjoy a **10-20x faster inference speed** than SDE methods that utilize similar architectures, while retaining **comparable sample quality**.
- The backward ODE if PFGM accommodates **many different architectures**.
- PFGMs demonstrate **scalability** to higher resolution image generation



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Rectified Flow

Liu X, Gong C, Liu Q. **Flow straight and fast: Learning to generate and transfer data with rectified flow**[J]. arXiv preprint arXiv:2209.03003, 2022.



3 Rectified Flow

- Extremely simple, one step generation
- Instead of complex derivation of the general diffusion model, a simple idea of "generating along a straight line" is used
- Through a method called "reflow", we can achieve the dream of "one-step generation"
- The method can convert any kind of data or noise (such as a photo of a cat's face) into another kind of data (such as a photo of a face).

3 Rectified Flow



- Extremely simple, one step generation

DDPM

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{\text{VLB}} &= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \left[\log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log \frac{\prod_{t=1}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_q \left[-\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) + \sum_{t=1}^T \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_q \left[-\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) + \sum_{t=2}^T \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)} + \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_q \left[-\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) + \sum_{t=2}^T \log \left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)} \cdot \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \right) + \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_q \left[-\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) + \sum_{t=2}^T \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)} + \sum_{t=2}^T \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} + \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)} \right] \\
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 &= \mathbb{E}_q \left[\underbrace{\log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T)}}_{L_T} + \sum_{t=2}^T \underbrace{\log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}}_{L_{t-1}} - \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Rectified Flow

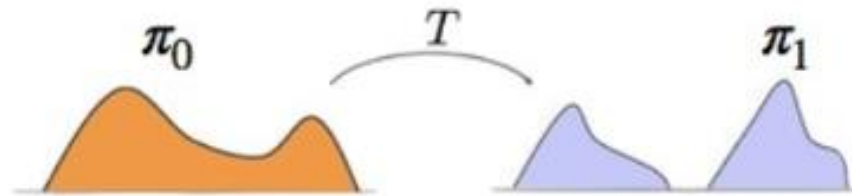
$$L = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}_{X_0 \sim \text{noise}, X_1 \sim \text{data}} [\| (X_1 - X_0) - v(X_t, t) \|^2] dt,$$

$$\text{with } X_t = t X_1 + (1 - t) X_0$$

3 Rectified Flow



- Distribution Transformation



Given samples from the two distributions π_0 and π_1 . we want to find a transport mapping T such that when $Z_0 \sim \pi_0$, $Z_1 = T(Z_0) \sim \pi_1$

Mappings T are implicitly defined by the following system of continuous motion, an ordinary differential equation (ODE), or flow model

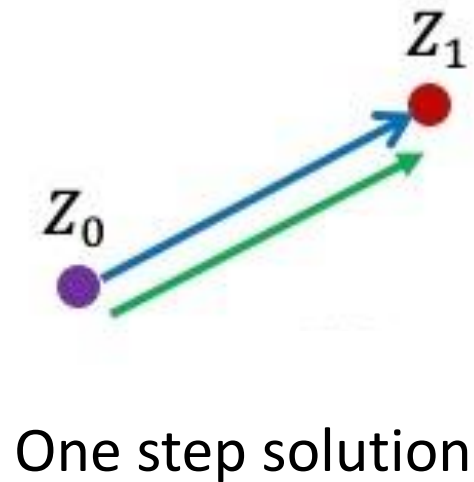
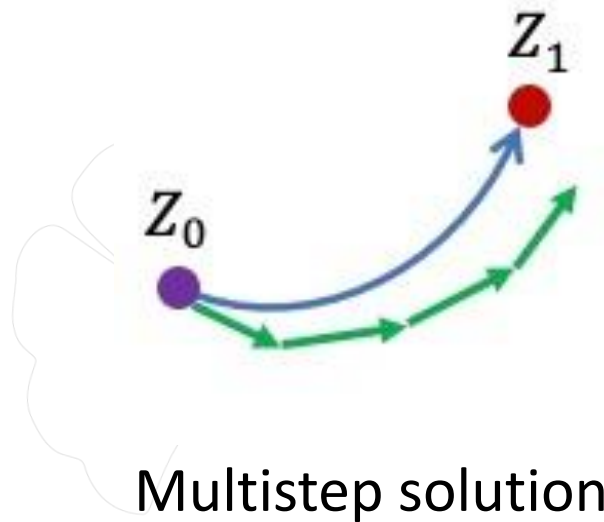
$$\frac{d}{dt} Z_t = v(Z_t, t), \quad Z_0 \sim \pi_0, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1].$$

3 Rectified Flow



- Walk fast in a straight line

Euler solution $Z_{t+\epsilon} = Z_t + \epsilon v(Z_t, t)$



3 Rectified Flow



- Learning generation model based on linear ODE

Connect X_0 and X_1 with a **linear interpolation**

$$X_t = tX_1 + (1 - t)X_0, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} X_t = X_1 - X_0, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1].$$

$$\min_v \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}_{X_0 \sim \pi_0, X_1 \sim \pi_1} \left[\|(X_1 - X_0) - v(X_t, t)\|^2 \right] dt, \quad \text{where } X_t = tX_1 + (1 - t)X_0.$$

3 Rectified Flow



- Learning generation model based on linear ODE

Connect X_0 and X_1 with a **linear interpolation**

Algorithm 2 Train (Data)

```
# Input: Data={x0, x1}
# Output: Model v(x,t) for the rectified flow
initialize Model
for x0, x1 in Data: # x0, x1: samples from  $\pi_0, \pi_1$ 
    Optimizer.zero_grad()
    t = torch.rand(batchsize) # Randomly sample  $t \in [0, 1]$ 
    Loss = ( Model(t*x1+(1-t)*x0, t) - (x1-x0) ).pow(2).mean()
    Loss.backward()
    Optimizer.step()
return Model
```

3 Rectified Flow



- Learning generation model based on linear ODE

Connect X_0 and X_1 with a **linear interpolation**

Algorithm 3 Sample(Model, Data)

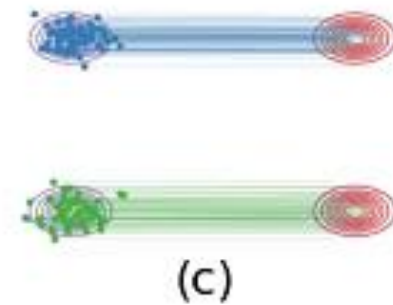
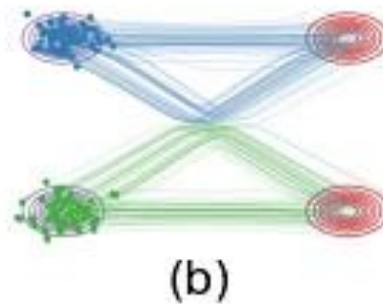
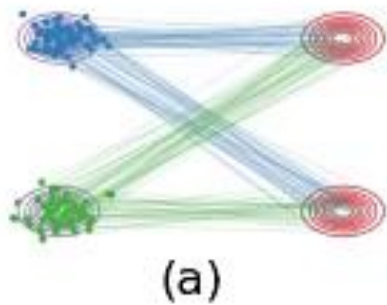
```
# Input: Model  $v(x,t)$  of the rectified flow
# Output: draws of the rectified coupling  $(Z_0, Z_1)$ 
coupling = []
for x0, _ in Data: # x0: samples from  $\pi_0$  (batchsize $\times$ dim)
    x1 = model.ODE_solver(x0)
    coupling.append((x0, x1))
return coupling
```

3 Rectified Flow



- Learning generation model based on linear ODE

Connect X_0 and X_1 with a **linear interpolation**



$$\min_v \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}_{X_0 \sim \pi_0, X_1 = \text{Flow}_1(X_0)} \left[\|(X_1 - X_0) - v(X_t, t)\|^2 \right] dt, \quad \text{with } X_t = tX_1 + (1-t)X_0.$$

3 Rectified Flow



- Learning generation model based on linear ODE

Connect A and B with a **linear interpolation**

Algorithm 4 Reflow(Data)

Input: Data={x0, x1}

Output: draws of the K -th rectified coupling

Coupling = Data

for $k = 1, \dots, K$:

 Model = Train(Coupling)

 Coupling = sample(Model, Data)

return Coupling

3 Rectified Flow



- Reflow and Distillation

Optimization of the square error below **appears** to be possible with a direct "distillation" of a one-step model

Distillation $\min_v \mathbb{E} \left[\|X_1 - X_0 - v(X_0, 0)\|^2 \right]$. Is that WORK?

$$\min_v \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}_{X_0 \sim \pi_0, X_1 \sim \pi_1} \left[\|(X_1 - X_0) - v(X_t, t)\|^2 \right] dt, \quad \text{where } X_t = tX_1 + (1-t)X_0.$$

Reflow

Distillation alone does not improve pairing, which is the essential difference between Reflow and distillation.

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- Reflow and Distillation

Reflow addresses these difficulties with Distillation:

- Given any (X_0, X_1) pairings, even random ones, it can learn a flow that gives **the correct marginal distribution**.
- Sampling from the ODE from Reflow, we can also get a **better pairing**, which gives a better flow
- **Reflow and "Distillation" may also be used in combination:**
Reflow will be used to yield a good pairing, and then "Distillation" will be used with an already good pairing

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- Result

Method	NFE(↓)	IS (↑)	FID (↓)	Recall (↑)
<i>ODE</i>	<i>One-Step Generation (Euler solver, N=1)</i>			
1-Rectified Flow (+Distill)	1	1.13 (9.08)	378 (6.18)	0.0 (0.45)
2-Rectified Flow (+Distill)	1	8.08 (9.01)	12.21 (4.85)	0.34 (0.50)
3-Rectified Flow (+Distill)	1	8.47 (8.79)	8.15 (5.21)	0.41 (0.51)
VP ODE [73] (+Distill)	1	1.20 (8.73)	451 (16.23)	0.0 (0.29)
sub-VP ODE [73] (+Distill)	1	1.21 (8.80)	451 (14.32)	0.0 (0.35)
<i>ODE</i>	<i>Full Simulation (Runge–Kutta (RK45), Adaptive N)</i>			
1-Rectified Flow	127	9.60	2.58	0.57
2-Rectified Flow	110	9.24	3.36	0.54
3-Rectified Flow	104	9.01	3.96	0.53
VP ODE [73]	140	9.37	3.93	0.51
sub-VP ODE [73]	146	9.46	3.16	0.55
<i>SDE</i>	<i>Full Simulation (Euler solver, N=2000)</i>			
VP SDE [73]	2000	9.58	2.55	0.58
sub-VP SDE [73]	2000	9.56	2.61	0.58



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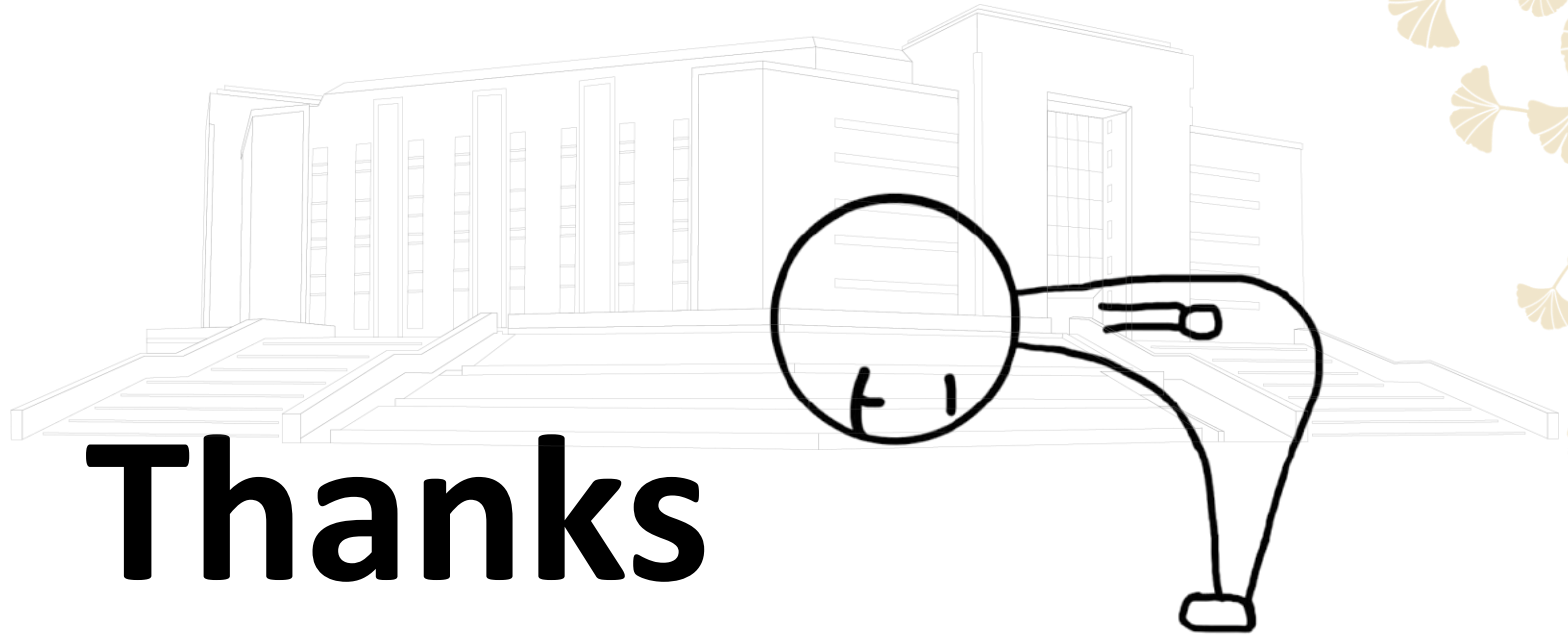
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Discussion



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