

## 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 *w*2*w* 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.



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Interpolation **Baseline Inversion:** w2w++ Inversion: Visualizing latent w2w++ space (1) Distribution of First 10 atent Dimensio (3) Reconstruction Error