

Denoising Diffusion Implicit Models

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Background

DDPMs suffer from the problem of randomness.

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1:  $\mathbf{x}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ 
2: for  $t = T, \dots, 1$  do
3:    $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$  if  $t > 1$ , else  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$ 
4:    $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left( \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1-\alpha_t}{\sqrt{1-\alpha_t}} \epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) \right) + \sigma_t \mathbf{z}$ 
5: end for
6: return  $\mathbf{x}_0$ 
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Such randomness leads to two problems:

- Instability.
- Long sampling time.

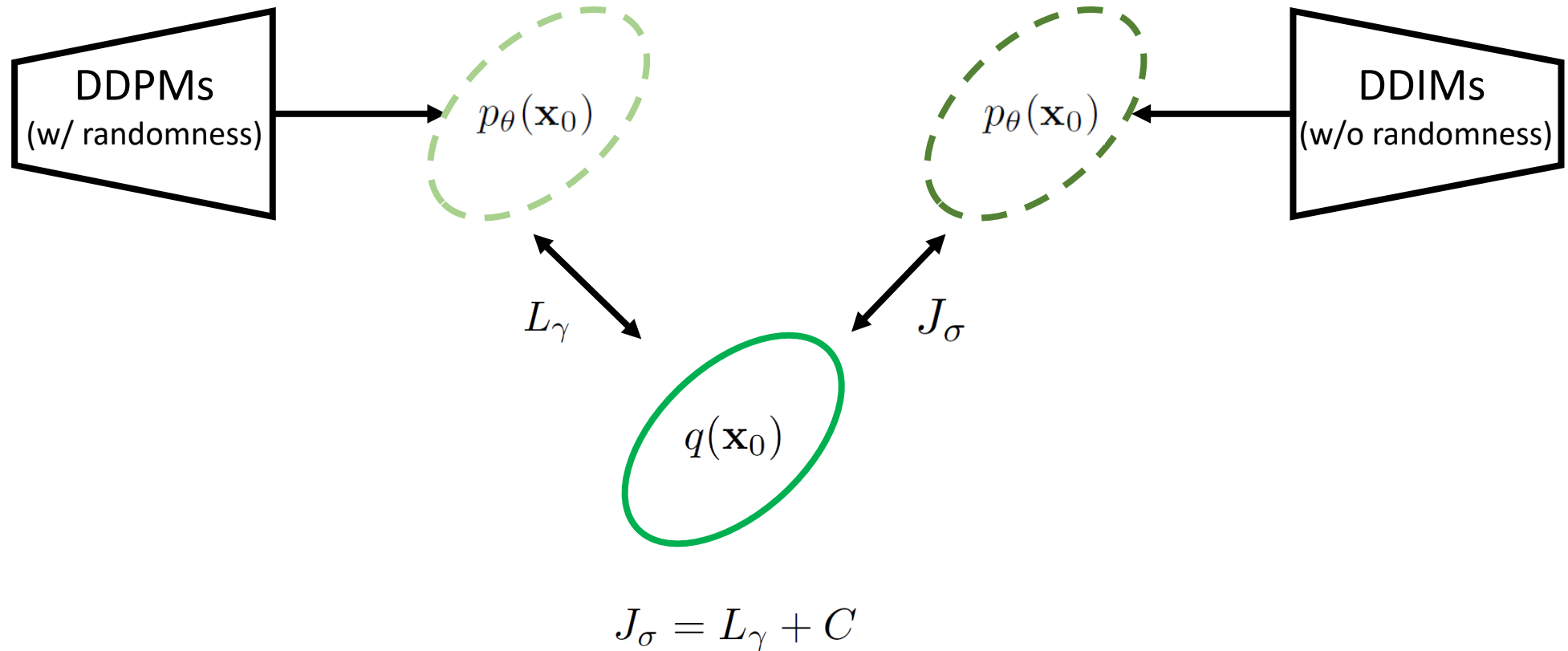
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Algorithm

DDIMs aim to model a deterministic sampling process of diffusion models.

The core idea of DDIMs:



Algorithm

Build a set of reverse processes:

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0) := q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=2}^T q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \quad (1)$$

where

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_T}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \alpha_T)\mathbf{I}) \quad (2)$$

and

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}\left(\sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1} - \sigma_t^2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_t}}, \sigma_t^2\mathbf{I}\right) \quad (3)$$

The above distribution is **CHOSEN** to ensure (the proof refers to [Pg. 17](#)):

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \alpha_t)\mathbf{I}) \quad (4)$$

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By predicting the noise in the t -th state, we can reconstruct a pseudo clean image through:

$$f_{\theta}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t) := (\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \cdot \epsilon_{\theta}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)) / \sqrt{\alpha_t} \quad (5)$$

Thus, we can build the corresponding reverse processes:

$$p_{\theta}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(f_{\theta}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_1), \sigma_1^2 \mathbf{I}) & \text{if } t = 1 \\ q_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, f_{\theta}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

The model is called DDIM.

Algorithm

Thus, we can build the ELBO of DDIMs (which has the same form of DDPMs’):

$$J_\sigma(\epsilon_\theta) := \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_{0:T} \sim q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} [\log q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} | \mathbf{x}_0) - \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})] \quad (7)$$

which can be expanded as:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_{0:T} \sim q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \left[\log q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_T | \mathbf{x}_0) + \sum_{t=2}^T \log q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) - \sum_{t=1}^T \log p_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) - \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) \right] \quad (8)$$

We provide the ELBO of DDPMs here:

$$\mathbb{E}_q \left[-\log p(\mathbf{x}_T) - \sum_{t \geq 1} \log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] =: L \quad (9)$$

It can be proven that (proof refers to [Pg. 19](#)):

$$J_\sigma = L_\gamma + C \quad (10)$$

where γ is the set of weights of items in L .

Algorithm

The standard deviations of the proposed reverse processes are not limited.

$$q_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}\left(\sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1} - \sigma_t^2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_t}}, \sigma_t^2 \mathbf{I}\right) \quad (3)$$

Thus, if we set all the $\sigma_t = 0$, we can obtain a deterministic reverse process.

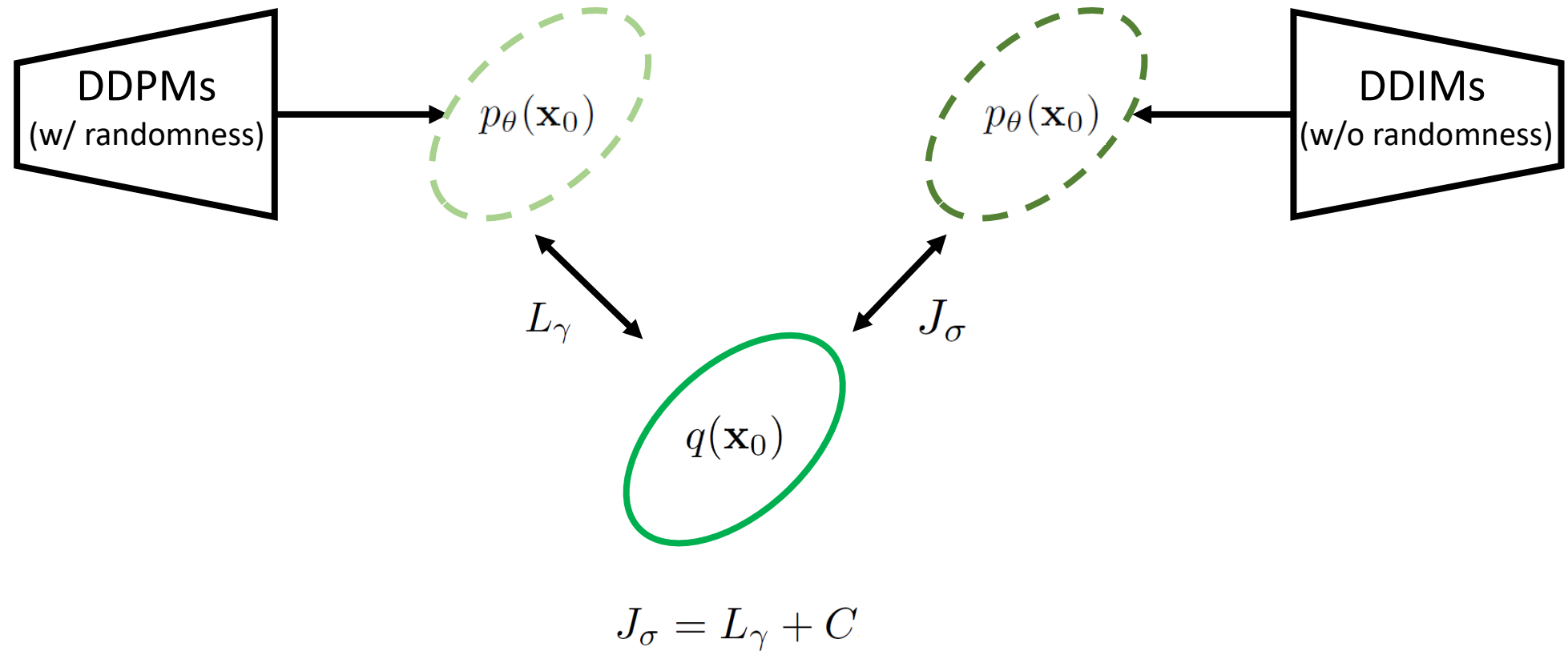
Recall that:

$$J_{\sigma} = L_{\gamma} + C \quad (10)$$

which means we can directly employ a pre-trained noise-prediction model by DDPM in the reverse process of DDIM without any additional training.

Algorithm

The core idea of DDIMs:



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Proofs

Lemma 1. With $q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)$ and $q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$ defined in $q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)$, we

have:

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \alpha_t)\mathbf{I}) \quad (4)$$

Proof. Assume for all $t \leq T$, $q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \alpha_t)\mathbf{I})$ holds. If:

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0, \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{I}) \quad (11)$$

then lemma is proven, since case at $t = T$ already holds:

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_T}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \alpha_T)\mathbf{I}) \quad (2)$$

We have:

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}\left(\sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1} - \sigma_t^2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_t}}, \sigma_t^2\mathbf{I}\right) \quad (3)$$

Proofs

We have:

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}\left(\sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1} - \sigma_t^2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_t}}, \sigma_t^2\mathbf{I}\right) \quad (3)$$

Thus, the mean and variance of $q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)] &= \sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1} - \sigma_t^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0 - \sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_0}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_t}} \\ &= \sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

and:

$$\text{Cov}[q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)] = \sigma_t^2\mathbf{I} + \frac{1 - \alpha_{t-1} - \sigma_t^2}{1 - \alpha_t}(1 - \alpha_t)\mathbf{I} = (1 - \alpha_{t-1})\mathbf{I} \quad (13)$$

Thus, we have

$$q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0, \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1}}\mathbf{I}) \quad (11)$$

□

Proofs

Lemma 2. $J_\sigma = L_\gamma + C$

Proof. The definition of J_σ is:

$$\begin{aligned} J_\sigma(\epsilon_\theta) &:= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_{0:T} \sim q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \left[\log q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_T | \mathbf{x}_0) + \sum_{t=2}^T \log q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) - \sum_{t=1}^T \log p_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) \right] \\ &\equiv \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_{0:T} \sim q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \left[\sum_{t=2}^T D_{\text{KL}}(q_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t)) - \log p_\theta^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_0 | \mathbf{x}_1) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Proofs

For $t > 1$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_t \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_t)} [D_{\text{KL}}(q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t))] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_t \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_t)} [D_{\text{KL}}(q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| q_\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, f_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)))] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_t \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_t)} \left[\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_0 - f_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)\|_2^2}{2\sigma_t^2} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0), \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}), \mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \epsilon} \left[\frac{\|(\mathbf{x}_t - \epsilon) / \sqrt{\alpha_t} - (\mathbf{x}_t - \epsilon_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)) / \sqrt{\alpha_t}\|_2^2}{2\sigma_t^2} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0), \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}), \mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \epsilon} \left[\frac{\|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)\|_2^2}{2d\sigma_t^2\alpha_t} \right] \tag{15}
\end{aligned}$$

where d is the dimension of \mathbf{x}_0 (which seems a typo?).

Proofs

For $t = 1$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1)} \left[-\log p_{\theta}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_0 | \mathbf{x}_1) \right] &\equiv \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1)} \left[\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_0 - f_{\theta}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_1)\|_2^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0), \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}), \mathbf{x}_1 = \sqrt{\alpha_1} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_1} \epsilon} \left[\frac{\|\epsilon - \epsilon_{\theta}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_1)\|_2^2}{2d\sigma_1^2 \alpha_1} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

With $\gamma_t = 1/(2d\sigma_t^2 \alpha_t)$, we have:

$$J_{\sigma}(\epsilon_{\theta}) \equiv \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{2d\sigma_t^2 \alpha_t} \mathbb{E} \left[\|\epsilon_{\theta}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t) - \epsilon_t\|_2^2 \right] = L_{\gamma}(\epsilon_{\theta}) \quad (17)$$

Thus, we have:

$$J_{\sigma} = L_{\gamma} + C \quad (10)$$

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For:

$$\sigma_{\tau_i}(\eta) = \eta \sqrt{(1 - \alpha_{\tau_{i-1}})/(1 - \alpha_{\tau_i})} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\tau_i}/\alpha_{\tau_{i-1}}} \quad (18)$$

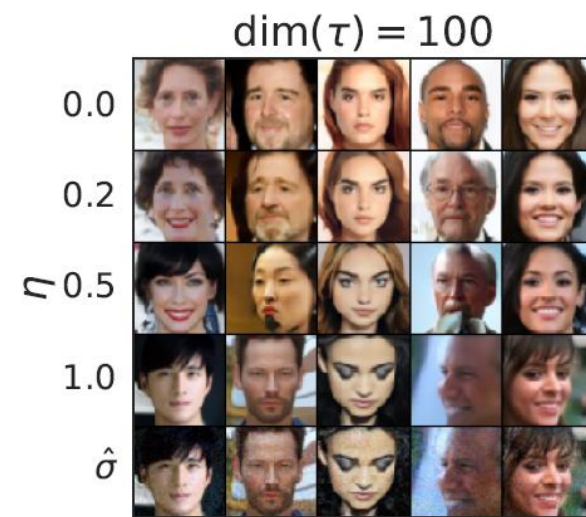
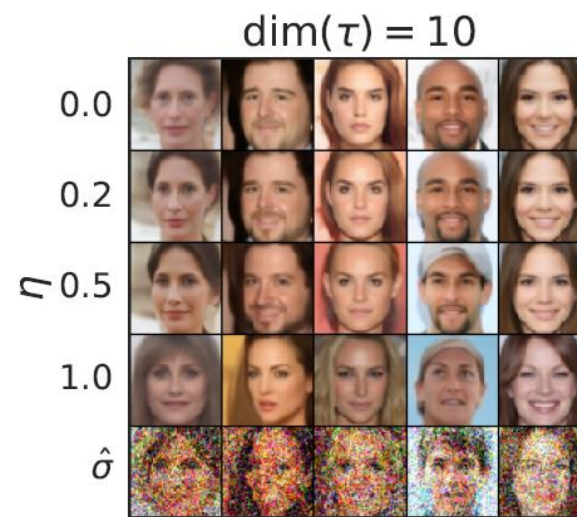
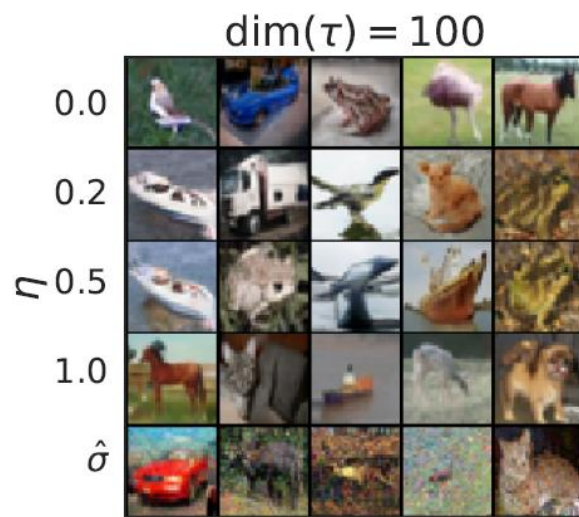
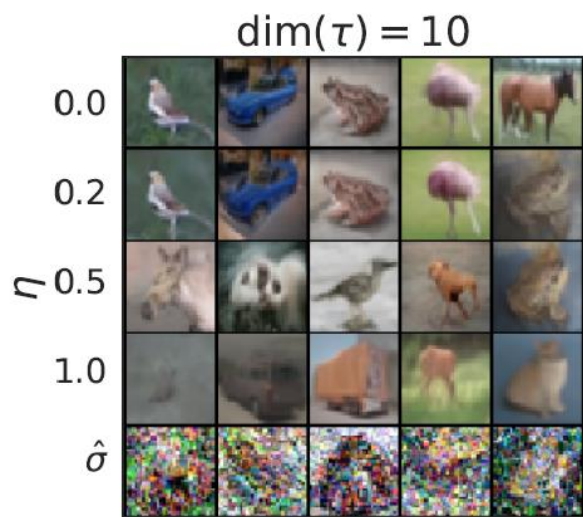
Experiment results

S	CIFAR10 (32 × 32)					CelebA (64 × 64)					
	10	20	50	100	1000	10	20	50	100	1000	
η	0.0	13.36	6.84	4.67	4.16	4.04	17.33	13.73	9.17	6.53	3.51
	0.2	14.04	7.11	4.77	4.25	4.09	17.66	14.11	9.51	6.79	3.64
	0.5	16.66	8.35	5.25	4.46	4.29	19.86	16.06	11.01	8.09	4.28
	1.0	41.07	18.36	8.01	5.78	4.73	33.12	26.03	18.48	13.93	5.98
$\hat{\sigma}$	367.43	133.37	32.72	9.99	3.17	299.71	183.83	71.71	45.20	3.26	

(σ refers to $\sigma_t^2 = \tilde{\beta}_t = \frac{1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \beta_t$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ refers to $\sigma_t^2 = \beta_t$ in DDPM)

Results

Visual results on CIFAR-10 and CelebA:



Discussion

DDIM? Diffusion ODE? DPM-Solver?

DDPM \rightarrow Diffusion SDE \rightarrow Diffusion ODE \rightarrow DPM-Solver

Surprisingly, DDIM is the first-order solution to Diffusion ODE, *i.e.*, a special case of DPM-Solver.

Thanks for watching.

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