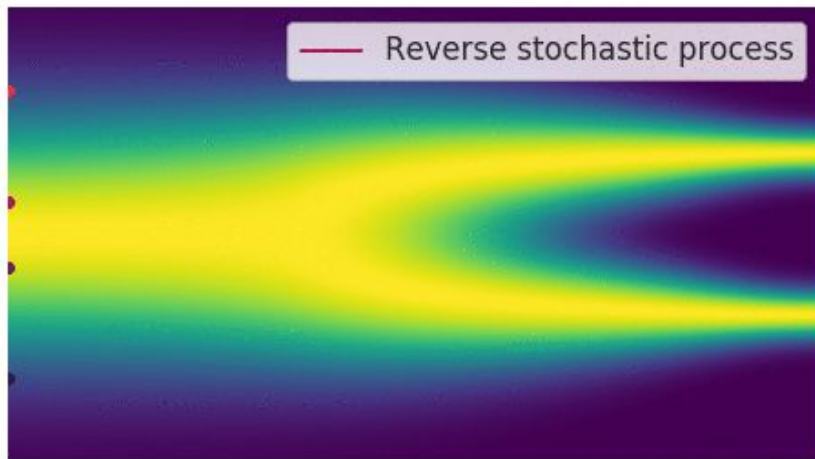
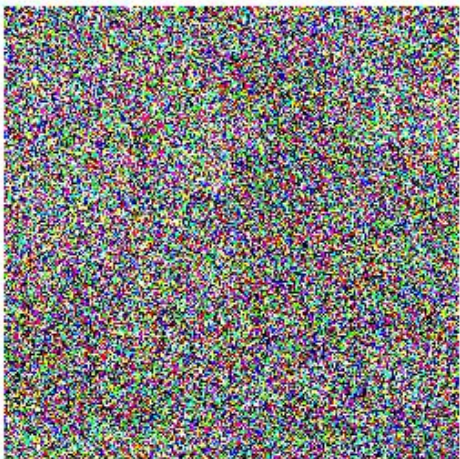


Reflected Diffusion Models

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Diffusion Models Recap



$$d\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - g^2(t) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})] dt + g(t) d\mathbf{B}_t$$

$$\text{Minimize } \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p_0, \mathbf{x} \sim p_t(\cdot | \mathbf{x}_0)} \|\mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x}, t) - \nabla_x \log p_t(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x}_0)\|^2$$

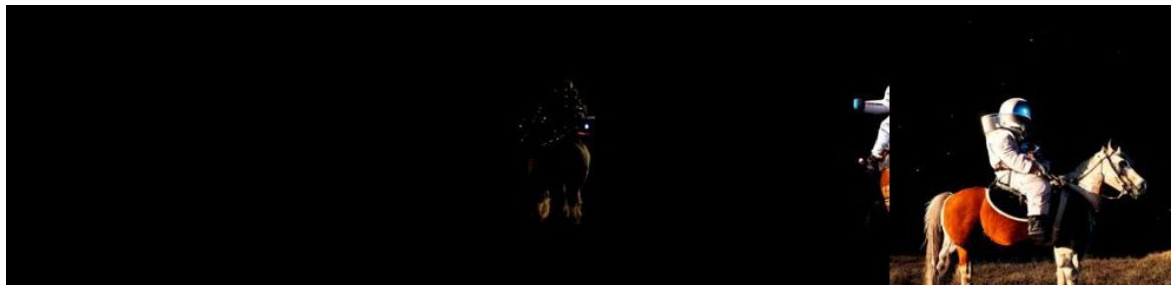
Divergent Sampling

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-\Delta t} = \mathbf{x}_t - \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t, t) - g(t)^2 \overset{\text{Not Learned Perfectly}}{s_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)} \right] \overset{\text{Discretized}}{\Delta t} + g(t) \overset{\text{Random Variable}}{\mathbf{B}_{\Delta t}^t}$$

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Thresholding

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-\Delta t} = \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_t - \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t, t) - g(t)^2 s_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) \right] \Delta t}_{\text{VAE Predicted Mean } \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t-\Delta t}} + \underbrace{g(t) \mathbf{B}_{\Delta t}^t}_{\text{VAE Noise}}$$

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172 x_recon = tf.clip_by_value(x_recon, -1., 1.)
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[diffusion_tf/diffusion_utils.py](#) delivered with ❤ by [emgithub](#)

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Reflected SDEs

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+\Delta t} = \text{proj}(\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\Delta t) + g(t)\mathbf{B}_{\Delta t}^t$$

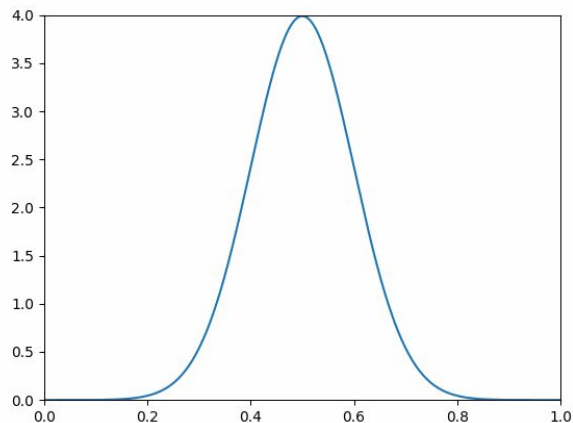
$\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$d\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{B}_t + \boxed{d\mathbf{L}_t}$$

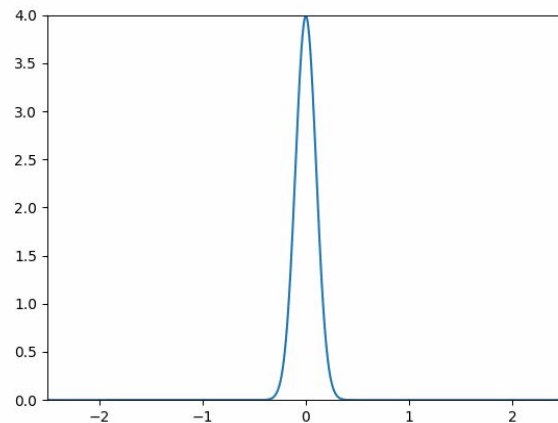
Reversing Reflected SDEs

$$d\mathbf{x}_t = \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t, t) - g(t)^2 \nabla_x \log p_t \right] dt + g(t) d\bar{\mathbf{B}}_t + d\bar{\mathbf{L}}_t$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p_0, \mathbf{x} \sim p_t(\cdot | \mathbf{x}_0)} \left\| \mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x}, t) - \nabla_x \log p_t(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x}_0) \right\|^2$$



New Kernel



Gaussian Kernel

Results

Method	Inception score (↑)
NCSN++ [3]	9.89
Subspace Diffusion [13]	9.99
Ours	10.42

Method	CIFAR-10 BPD (↓)	ImageNet-32 BPD (↓)
ScoreFlow [10]	2.86	3.83
<i>(with importance sampling)</i>	2.83	3.76
VDM [15]	2.70	---
<i>(with learned noise)</i>	2.65	3.72
Ours	2.68	3.74

Results (cont.)

Thresholding with high weight



Ours with high weight



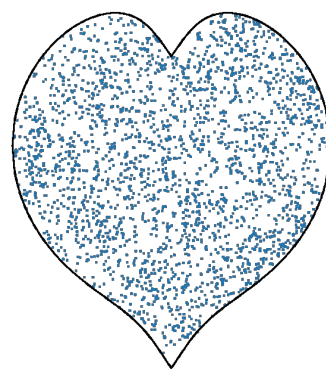
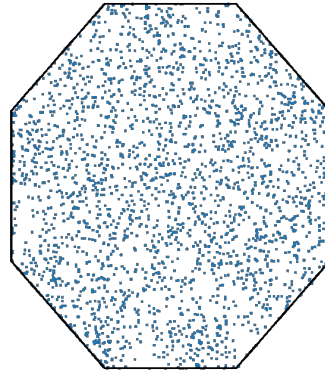
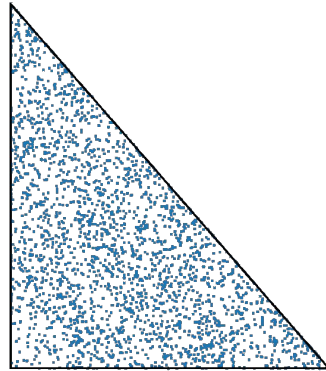
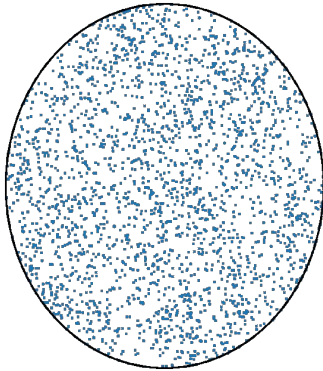
Results (cont.)



Sampled with far fewer steps. ~100 compared to ~1000

Generalizing Geometry

Our approach can generalize to other types of geometries, such as high dimensional simplices.



Takeaways and Conclusion

- Common sampling tricks have nice theoretical explanations.
- We can build a general framework that respects our data constraints.
- Method allows for further extensions (e.g. general geometries).

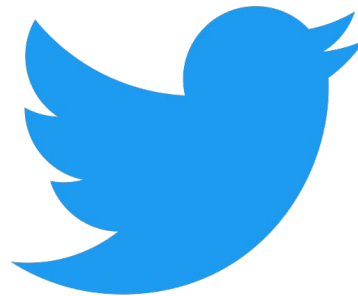
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