# Latent Code Disentanglement Using Orthogonal Latent Codes and Inter-Domain Signal Transformation

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- Abstract: Auto Encoders are specific types of Deep Neural Networks that extract latent codes in a lower dimensional space for the inputs that are expressed in the higher dimensions. These latent codes are extracted by forcing the network to generate similar outputs to the inputs while limiting the data that can flow through the network in the latent space by choosing a lower dimensional space (Bank et al., 2020). Variational Auto Encoders realize a similar objective by generating a distribution of the latent codes instead of deterministic latent codes (Cosmo et al., 2020). This work focuses on generating semi-orthogonal variational latent codes for the inputs from different source types such as voice, image, and text for the same objects. The novelty of this work is on aiming to obtain unified variational latent codes for different manifestations of the same objects. Then these orthogonal codes have also been exploited to map different manifestations of the same objects to each other. This work also uses these codes to convert the manifestations from one domain to another one.

**1 INTRODUCTION** 

The VAEs are able to generate latent codes for the data where these latent codes can be later used to generate new samples or used for other purposes such as noise removal. However, in the original version of the VAEs, there is no way to place the latent codes in the desired places in the latent space. These codes are generated through the training process automatically and the trainer has almost no control over their location. This can be problematic in certain cases when there is an interest in obtaining a certain code in the latent domain. Moreover, the generated code for the same objects with different manifestations will be different. For instance, if there is an image of an "Apple", and the recorded voice of the word "Apple", the generated latent code will be different for them since the data domain is different. However, having a common code for the same features would be useful. This is very similar to the human brain which is able to comprehend a feature or an object such as an apple despite the fact that the incoming data might have different data domains. Most of the research on the VAE is

concentrated over a single domain of the data. There is limited research on a network with the capability of handling data coming from different domains of the data.

This work aims to propose a method using which it is possible to generate similar codes for the same features coming from different data domains. The method uses orthogonal codes in the latent domain for each unique feature. Then these codes are used to transfer the data from one domain to another one. More specifically this work shows the possibility of transferring voice signals to the image domain. The applications of such a system are countless ranging from search engines to creating an AI technology with the capability of processing information from multiple channels and combining them. In addition, having unique codes provide the possibility to develop specialized networks independently over separate data domains and integrate them later.

### 2 RELATED WORKS

Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) are a set of networks inspired by biological neural networks. These

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networks are constructed from a set of neurons that simply sum up the inputs from other neurons or inputs with a specific weight and then apply an activation function over the results. Each neuron might be interconnected with many other neurons. Assuming the use of non-linear activation functions in these networks, these complex networks can be used to solve and address complex problems(Hopfield, 1985)(Guo et al., 2022).

In (Hopfield, 1985), the authors use ANN networks to show the possibility of using these networks for optimizing different problems. The authors specifically apply these networks to Traveling Salesman Problem which is known as a complex optimization problem and represent its power over solving this problem.

In the literature different ANN architectures are proposed to address different sets of problems. Discrete Hopfield Neural Networks (DHNN), is a specific type of ANN network that is designed to address the combinatorial problem. These networks divided the neurons into the input and output neurons and neurons are either in bipolar (-1,1) or binary (0,1) states. The lack of a symbolic rule to represent the connectivity of the neurons is one of the problems in the DHNN networks. In (Guo et al., 2022), authors propose a novel logical rule that is capable of mixing systematic logical rules with non-systematic logical rules by exploiting a random clause generator.

The Variational Auto Encoders are another type of ANN network that can be used in different fields such as compressing, de-noising, and generating data. These networks are constructed from two main parts known as Encoder and Decoder. Encoders and Decoders are constructed using multi-layers of neural networks. The network has a bottleneck in the middle with a low capacity to pass the information from the Encoder network to the Decoder side of the network forcing the system to generate a lower dimensional representation of each signal known as latent codes. In (Cosmo et al., 2020) VAE is used to generate deformable 3D shapes with higher accuracy. This system uses a disentanglement technique by dividing the latent space into two sub-spaces, one part dedicated to intrinsic features of the 3D shapes and the other to extrinsic features of the shape. By this method, each sub-space of the latent code stores a specific type of data related to the object. This algorithm uses three Loss Functions for training which are Reconstruction, Interpolation, and Disentanglement. The Disentanglement Loss term itself is also obtained from a combination of two terms that are disentanglementint, and disentanglement-ext.

In (Pu et al., 2016), a specific configuration of

VAE is used to predict the labels and captions for the images. In this system, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is used as an encoder and a Deep Generative Deconvolutional Network (DGDN) as a decoder. The mentioned latent codes are also fed into a Bayesian Support Vector Machine (BSVM) to generate labels. It is also connected to a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) to generate captions for the images using their latent code. In this work, the latent space is shared between the DGDN network which is responsible for decoding and reconstruction of the images, and the BSVM or RNN network. The training of the network has been done by minimizing the variational lower bound of the Cost Function.

In (Venkataramani et al., 2019), a VAE is used for source separation. To realize this objective this system learns a shared latent code space between mixed and clear voice signals. This work considers source separation as a style transfer problem in VAEs. It assumes the mixture data is actually a clean voice mixed up with some noises and hence the objective of the network is to transfer the style of input and represent it as the output which is a clean form of the signal.

In (Sadeghi and Alameda-Pineda, 2020) and (Sadeghi et al., 2020), VAEs have been used to enhance voice quality using audio-visual information. This model exploits the visual data of lips movements in addition to the audio data. The main idea is that although the voice might be recorded improperly or degraded by the noise, the visual data of lip movements are mostly untouched and extractable. In this work, the Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT) of the voice is extracted in the first step which provides the frequency representation of the voice signals in each time frame. The VAE is trained using these bins and learns the latent domain distribution for the voice signals. The lower bound of the Likelihood Function ELBO is maximized to estimate the parameters of the network. In addition to this Audio VAE (AVAE) network, this method introduces two networks to fetch the speech data from the visual inputs which are referred to as Base Visual VAE (BVVAE) and Augmented Visual VAE (AVVAE). The inputs of these networks are actually lips images that are captured and centered using computer vision methods. The BVVAE is a two-layered fully connected network. Finally, in order to obtain a combined audio-visual model, the Conditional VAE (CVAE) framework has been exploited. For training the combined model, the network is provided with the data as well as the related class labels in order to estimate the data distribution.

In (Palash et al., 2019), the authors use a VAE in processing the textual data in order to transfer the

style of the text. More specifically, a VAE is used to convert positive texts to negative ones and vice versa. To do so, an encoder network is implemented followed by two different decoders. One of the decoders is responsible for generating positive styles and the other is responsible to generate negative styles. The sentences are given associated with some tags. These tags are converted to numerical values ranging from -2 to 2 which represent "Surely Negative", "Slightly Negative", "Neutral", "Slightly Positive" and "Surely Positive" and evaluation is done by the resultant numerical values.

In (Wang et al., 2018), the authors reviewed the use of the KL Divergence Function. In the normal VAEs, KL divergence is used to compare the similarity of two distributions. However, there are two main problems with KL divergence measure. First, the KL divergence does not satisfy the trigonometric distance Equation. It means that there is no clear relation between  $D_{KL}(P||Q) + D_{KL}(Q||L)$  and  $D_{KL}(P||L)$ . The other problem is related to the fact that the divergence increases as the overlap between two distributions decreases which means that if two distributions do not have any overlap the divergence will increase to infinity and consequently the gradient will be lost. To solve these problems, in this method, Hellinger distance is exploited along with CVAE to produce music. The Hellinger distance is non-negative, symmetric, and trigonometric. The generated music results with Helinger distance provide a better subjective feeling and also need lower latent space dimensions to generate the same music in comparison to the original model.

In (Wang et al., 2019), a Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) is exploited to build a Variational Recurrent Auto-Encoders (VRAE) to model music generation in the symbolic domain. In this system, there are three GRU encoders that are responsible to encode the note features  $dT_t$ ,  $T_t$ , and  $P_t$ . Another GRU in the encoder is responsible to capture the context vector from the other three encoders. The note unrolling is realized by a decoder network which is composed of 7 GRUs. Three of these GRUs are responsible for modeling attribute-specific context. One is modeling the contextual unit and three are for constructing the note elements. The hierarchical decoder proceeds with note generation in three steps. First, it produces the  $dT_t$ based on  $note_{t-1}$ . Then using this information and again using  $note_{t-1}$  the  $T_t$  is extracted. In the final step using all previous information, the pitch is generated.

As mentioned although these works apply the VAEs to different domains of the data, they are concentrated only on one specific domain. Also, there

Table 1: Hardware used for training and testing the Voice VAE.

Minimum hardware requirements for Voice VAE			
Device	Specifications		
CPU	Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8750H @2.20		
	2.21 GHz		
GPU	NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2070 with		
	Max-Q Design		
Disk	512GB SSD + 1TB HDD		
RAM	32.0 GB		
Туре	64bit		

is almost no control over the placement of the latent codes in the latent domain. In the next section, we propose a method for constructing a model using which a specific code can be generated in the latent domain for the object signals coming from the different signal domains.

## **3 PROPOSED MODEL**

In this work, we propose a system that is able to generate similar orthogonal codes for the same features of the objects coming from different data domains. The method described in this section is tested over the voice, image, and text domains, however, the method can be generalized to any other domains. The details of the hardware used to train and test the models are listed in Table 1.

#### 3.1 Voice Model

The first model is designed to generate unique orthogonal codes for the voice signals. The dataset used for this purpose is the MNIST-Voice dataset. The model is constructed using a 10-layer encoder and 10-layer decoder network. The encoder and decoder networks are chosen to be symmetric. Figure 1 represents the model structure.

The first and last layers of the encoder and decoder networks are normalization layers. In this layer, a new normalization method is implemented and we call it Max M% normalization. This method sorts the signals from the maximum value to the minimum. Then the M value with the maximum amplitude is selected and their average is calculated. The signal is normalized using this value. This normalization method gives better results in comparison to simple max normalization or STD normalization.

Table 2 lists the details of the layers in this network. The Activation Functions of each layer is selected to be Relu in order to add non-linearity to the model while avoiding the problems caused vanishing



Figure 1: Proposed Voice VAE architecture.

Table 2: Convolutional layer details for Voice VAE.

Details of each convolutional layer for Voice-VAE					
Layer	Output	Kernels	Stride	Padding	
Index	Channels	Size			
L1	1026	64	16	1	
L2	285	32	8	1	
L3	79	16	2	1	
L4	76	8	1	1	
L5	73	7	1	1	
L6	70	64	1 TE	ET-IN	
L7	67	5	1	1	
L8	64	4	1	1	
L9	62	4	1	1	
L10	60	3	1	1	

gradient. Only in the last layer, in the decoder side there is also a Sigmoid Activation Function in order to smooth the generated signal, suppress the spike values and normalize it between 0 and 1.

After the convolutional layers, there is a fully connected layer and its output is flattened. The latent domain is logically divided into categories. The codes obtained from the fully connected layer are normalized using the related category vector amplitude. Then the sampling is done using a Gaussian distribution and the result is fed into the decoder. The sampling distribution's mean value is obtained by the encoder. The standard deviation of the distribution is proportional to the mean value plus a constant value as stated in the (1).

$$\sigma_{Sampling} = \mu . l + \sigma_{min} \tag{1}$$

In Equation (1), 1 stands for the normalized la-



Figure 2: Disentanglement Loss calculation procedure.

tent code. Also,  $\mu$  and  $\sigma_{min}$  are the hyperparameters. The latent domain is selected to be 16-dimensional for the Voice model since there are 6 speakers and 10 digits. The orthogonal code generation is realized by introducing a specific Disentanglement Loss Function. The proposed Loss Function contains Reconstruction, Sparsity, Interpolation, and Disentanglement Loss that are expressed in Equation (2).

$$L = \frac{B_0 M_r I_r L_r + B_1 M_s I_s L_s + B_2 M_i I_i L_i + B_3 M_d I_d L_d}{B_0 M_r I_r + B_1 M_s I_s + B_2 M_i I_i + B_3 M_d I_d}$$
(2)

In Equation (2),  $L_r$  represents the Reconstruction Loss which is obtained by the L2 norm distance between the original signal and the reconstructed signal.  $L_s$  represents the Sparsity Loss which is the L1 norm distance between the original signals and the reconstructed signals.  $L_i$  is the Interpolation Loss. In order to obtain the Interpolation Loss, two signals such as  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are selected and combined using a random value linearly. This original combined signal is denoted as  $S_{co}$ . The original signals are fed into the encoder network and their corresponding latent codes are obtained. These latent codes are denoted as  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . The combination of these latent codes with the same random value is calculated and fed into the decoder. The resultant signal is denoted as  $S_{cd}$ . The L2 norm distance between the  $S_{cd}$  and  $S_{co}$  is considered as Interpolation Loss. Equation (3) and (4), describe the calculation of the Interpolation Loss.

$$L_i = |S_{co} - S_{cd}|_2 \tag{3}$$

$$L_{i} = |\alpha S_{1} + (1 - \alpha)S_{2} - Dec(\alpha l_{1} + (1 - \alpha)l_{2})|_{2} \quad (4)$$

 $L_d$  is the Disentanglement Loss. Figure (2) describes the procedure of the Disentanglement Loss calculation.

In the training of the voice model, the MNIST-Voice dataset has been used. This dataset contains the

Table 3: Importance Factors in the Loss Function.

Loss Function Importance Factors for Voice VAE		
Parameter	Value	
Reconstruction Importance	1	
Sparsity Importance	0.3	
Interpolation Importance	0.02	
Disentanglement Importance of Speakers	0.25	
Disentanglement Importance of Digits	0.25	

voice of 6 speakers who have recorded the digits 0 to 9. Hence, to train this model we have assumed that the latent space is 16 dimensional where the first 6 dimensions store the data for each speaker, and the later 10 dimensions store the data for the digits. The speakers are considered as cat0 and digits are considered as cat1. For a more sophisticated dataset, we might have more categories. For each category, the Disentanglement Loss is calculated as Equation (5).

$$L_{d,j} = Max(cat_j)|_{f_k \neq i} + \frac{1}{1 + |f_i|}$$
(5)

Where in Equation (5),  $Max(cat_j)|_{f_k\neq i}$  calculates the maximum latent value for the unrelated latent dimensions and  $\frac{1}{1+|f_i|}$  calculates the Loss for the related latent dimension. Hence, if unrelated latent dimensions have a high value the first term will increase. The second term on the other hand will decrease if the related latent dimension has a high value. Hence, minimizing this term will result in suppressed values in unrelated dimensions while reinforcing the values in the related dimensions in the latent space. This Loss is calculated for each category (in this case for the Speakers and Digits category) and the results are summed up using a coefficient.

In (2), the  $I_r$ ,  $I_s$ ,  $I_i$  and  $I_d$  represents the importance coefficients of the Loss terms. Notice that  $I_d$  and  $L_d$ are denoted symbolically as one Loss term here but in fact, it contains the Loss terms for two categories and there are two importance coefficients, one for each category. Table 3 represents the importance coefficients used in the network training.

The network is trained in the beginning using only the Reconstruction Loss and then in the later iterations, other Loss terms are introduced. This is done to make the system more stable and force it to converge to an area that is proper from a reconstruction point of view. The injection of new Loss term causes a spike in the overall Loss. Because the network is not adopted in accordance with the new Loss term. Hence,  $M_r$ ,  $M_s$ ,  $M_i$ , and  $M_d$  multipliers are considered to smooth the spikes in Loss Function as the iteration index increase. These multipliers are equal to zero until a certain iteration that are denoted as Start Iterations and they increase to 1 linearly according to Equation (6)

Table 4: Training iterations for Voice VAE.

Training Start/Stop Iterations for Voice VAE			
Iteration of Loss Term	Iteration Index		
Reconstruction Start	1		
Sparsity Start	6000		
Sparsity Stop	6100		
Interpolation Start	6500		
Interpolation Start	6600		
Disentanglement Start	6800		
Disentanglement Start	7300		
Overall Training Stop	10000		

as the number of iterations increases and new Loss terms are added. These multipliers stay steady at 1 once they reach a certain iteration and are denoted as Stop Iteration. Table 4 represents the Start and Stop Iterations for multipliers.

$$M_{EachLossTerm} = \frac{Interation_{Current} - Iteration_{Start}}{Iteration_{Stop} - Iteration_{Start}}$$
(6)

The last coefficients in the (2) are  $B_0$  to  $B_3$ . During the training, it can be seen that for some Importance coefficient values in the Loss Function some of the Loss terms increase in favor of other terms that decrease. It causes a divergence for some Loss terms during the training. Although it results in the minimization of the overall Loss Function, we are more interested in the scenario in which all Loss terms decrease or are near to each other even though the overall decrease in Loss Function is lesser than the case in which one Loss term increases considerably and others decrease. Hence, once the Loss terms are calculated after applying Importance coefficients and injection Multipliers, the obtained Loss terms are sorted from max to min. Then for the maximum term, a coefficient with a high value is applied, while for the smaller Loss terms, a smaller coefficient is applied. This results in a schema in which the Loss term with the highest value will have the highest importance to decrease. However, once it is reduced enough such that it becomes the second biggest Loss term, its importance will be reduced for the optimizer, and hence the optimizer does not continue to decrease this Loss term with the cost of keeping other Loss terms in higher values. Table 5 represents the coefficients applied to lose terms according to their amplitude during the training. Figure 3 represents the effect of applying the  $B_i$  coefficient.

The reconstructed signal sample is depicted in Figure 4. The audio signals are available on the GitHub page of the paper (Solhjoo, b), (Solhjoo, a), (Solhjoo, c).

Figure 5 and 6 represent the average value of the

Loss Terms Balancing Coefficients for Voice	e VAE
Maximum Loss Terms (Descending Order)	Value
Max0	1
Max1	0.5
Max2	0.4
Max3	0.3
Max4	0.2

Table 5: Loss term Balancing Factors with respect to their amplitude.



Figure 3: Left: Loss terms divergence without  $B_i$  Factors; Right: Loss terms convergence with  $B_i$  Factors.

generated latent codes for different speakers and digits respectively. To obtain these figures the latent codes are normalized using the latent code amplitude. Hence the dimension with the highest amplitude for a feature implicitly means that most of the data are encoded in that dimension. The figures represent the proper disentanglement between the latent for different features. Although the generated codes are not exactly orthogonal they resemble this feature to a noticeable extent.

#### 3.2 Image Model

We also trained a model for digit images using the MNIST-Image dataset. The methodology for training the image VAE is very similar to the one applied in the Voice VAE. The only difference is in the fact



Figure 4: Sample voice signal reconstruction.



Figure 5: Average value of the latent codes for speakers in Voice VAE.



Figure 6: Average value of the latent codes for the digits in Voice VAE.

that the convolutional layers for the Voice VAE are 1dimensional while for Image VAE are 2-dimensional. Table 6 represents the details of the convolutional layers for the Image VAE. In this network, each layer is followed by a Relu Activation Function. In the last layer of the decoder network, there is also a Sigmoid Activation Function for the same reasons explained in the voice model.

Table 7 represents the important Factors used in Image VAE training. The MNIST-Image dataset contains different digits with different hand-writings. However, there is no detail about different writers. Hence here it has been assumed that all digits are written by a single writer. Accordingly, the latent space for the Image-VAE is selected to be 11 dimensional where 1 dimension is dedicated to the writer and 10 dimensions for the digits. Since there is only one writer, it is already known that all writings belong to

Details of each convolutional layer for Image VAE					
Layer	Output	Kernels	Stride	Padding	
Index	Channels	Size			
L1	1012	7	2	1	
L2	405	5	1	1	
L3	162	3	1	1	
L4	115	3	1	1	
L5	82	3	1	1	
L6	59	3	1	1	
L7	42	3	1	1	
L8	30	3	1	1	
L9	21	3	1	1	
L10	15	3	1	1	

Table 6: Convolutional layer details for Image VAE.

Table 7: Importance Factors in the Loss Function for Image VAE.

Loss Function Importance Factors for Image VAE		
Parameter	Value	
Reconstruction Importance	1	
Sparsity Importance	0.3	
Interpolation Importance	0.02	
Disentanglement Importance of Writers	0	
Disentanglement Importance of Digits	0.4	

a specific writer and hence the Disentanglement Importance Factor for the writer is selected to be zero.

The Image-VAE is trained for 800 iterations. The Start and Stop Iterations for Loss terms in the Image-VAE training are listed in Table 8.

The Loss terms Balancing Factors for Image VAE are similar to Voice VAE and it is listed in Table 9.

The trained model performance for reconstructing images is depicted for some samples in Figure 7.

The latent codes generated for different digits are averaged and depicted in Figure 8. As depicted in the figure the latent codes for digits are almost orthogonal and separated. The latent code in the first dimension always has a high value as it represents the writer and it was assumed that there is only one writer for all digits.

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Training Start/Stop Iterations for Image VAE			
Iteration of Loss Term	Iteration Index		
Reconstruction Start	1		
Sparsity Start	400		
Sparsity Stop	410		
Interpolation Start	450		
Interpolation Start	460		
Disentanglement Start	480		
Disentanglement Start	530		
Overall Training Stop	800		

Table 9: Loss term Balancing Factors with respect to their amplitude.

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Loss Terms Balancing Coefficients for Image VAE				
Maximum Loss Terms By	Coefficient			
Descending Order	Value			
Max0	1			
Max1	0.5			
Max2	0.4			
Max3	0.3			
Max4	0.2			



Figure 7: Reconstructed images using the Image VAE. Up row are the original images; below row are the reconstructed images.

At this point, we have two networks that are able to generate similar codes for the same features (for instance digit 5) despite the fact that their data domains are very different. Now if, for instance, the character "5" is associated with a code such as "1-0000010000" then this image can be generated instantly. Hence, it can be observed that this method provides an immediate possibility to generate the textual characters using latent codes and vice versa. Figure 9 represents the generated digits that are obtained from the hand-crafted orthogonal codes such as "1-0000010000". This should be noticed that the generated codes in the latent domains are not exactly 0 in unrelated dimensions hence some imperfections can be seen in these images specifically in digit 4. The decoded images for hand-crafted codes presented in Figure 9 aim to demonstrate that even an approxima-



Figure 8: Average value of the latent codes for the digits in Image VAE.



Figure 9: Image generation using handcrafted orthogonal codes.

Table 10: Convolutional layer details for the bridge net-work.

Details of each convolutional layer for Bridge Net					
Layer	Output	Kernels	Stride	Padding	
Index	Channels	Size			
L1	64	3	1	1	
L2	64	3	1	1	
L3	64	3	1	1	

tion over the latent codes can generate acceptable outputs.

## 3.3 Inter-Domain Signal Transformation: Voice to Image

Noting the fact that the latent codes obtained from different signal domains are very similar to each other using the proposed method, we compose a hybrid network in this section. This hybrid network takes the encoder network of the Voice VAE and the decoder network of the Image VAE. The objective is to generate an image using the related voice. The only problem here is that the latent space for the Image VAE is 11-dimensional while for Voice VAE is 16dimensional. Hence, we also create a thin bridge network to map 16-dimensional space to 11 dimensions. An alternative for this method is to simply remove the speaker category section of the latent codes obtained from the Voice VAE and only feed the digits part to the image decoder. If this alternative approach is selected, a high value ( $\simeq 1$ ) should be inserted in the first dimension of the crafted latent code in the writer position since there is only one writer position in the latent space.

The details of the bridge network designed for mapping the voice latent to image latent are listed in Table 10.

The bridge network is trained lightly using the voice signals as the input of the Voice VAE encoder and corresponding images in the output of the Image VAE decoder. For training the bridge network, only the Reconstruction Loss is considered. Figure 10 represents the sample results obtained from the conversion of the voice signals to the images and it reflects the fact that the conversion of the signal domain using orthogonal encoding in the latent domain is possible and provides acceptable results.

The hyper-parameters mentioned in Table 2 to Ta-



Figure 10: Images constructed from voice signals.

ble 10 are obtained empirically by training different models and observing the results. To do so more than 100 models are trained for the Voice VAE. A similar approach has been taken for Image and Bridge Networks. The enlisted parameters seem to provide better audio-visual results.

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we presented a method that is capable to generate unique and orthogonal codes for the features coming from different signal domains. This method provides the possibility to train specialized networks for different domains of data separately and then combine their results in the latent domain. It is also represented that it is possible to create hybrid systems using which the data can be transferred from one domain to another one. In this paper, we used voice, image, and textual data domains to show the power of this method and obtained acceptable results.

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# APPENDIX

A pseudo-code for training a VAE with orthogonal latent codes is presented below:

```
//Initializing M_i values
M_Reconstruction=1
M_Sparity=0
M_Interp=0
M_Disent=0
```

```
//Training over iterations
for Iteration in range(0,MaxIter):
//Signal normalization
Signal[1]=SignalBatchSampler()
SortedSig[1]=Sort(Signal)
NormFactor[1]=Average(SortedSig[1,0:M])
NormalizedSig[1]=Signal[1]/NormFactor[1]
```

```
//Encoding signal
PrimaryLatent[1]=Encoder(NormalizedSig[1])
```

```
//Normalize each category in latent code
for all categories in PrimaryLatent[l]:
{
   NormCat[l,i]=L2Norm(Cat[l,i])
```

```
LatentCode[1]=
   Concatination[Cat[1,i]/NormCat[1,i]]
}
//Resampling
SampStd[l]=LatentCode[l]*L+Std_min
LatentRe[1] =
 Gaussian(SampStd[1], Latent[1])
//Decoding the signal
RecSignal[1]=Decoder(LatentRe[1])
//Output signal normalization
SortedRecSig[1]=Sort(RecSignal[1])
NormFactorRec[1] = Average (SortedSig[1,0:M])
NormRecSig[1]=RecSignal[1]/NormFactorRec[1]
//Calculating Reconstruction Loss
RecLoss[1]=
 L2Norm(NormRecSig[1]-NormalizedSig[1])
//Calculating Sparsity Loss
SparsityLoss[1]=
 L1Norm(NormRecSig[1]-NormalizedSig[1])
//Calculating Interpolation Loss
//Sampling and normalizing another signal
Signal[k]=SignalBatchSampler()
SortedSig[k]=Sort(Signal)
NormFactor[k]=Average(SortedSig[k,0:M])
NormalizedSig[k]=Signal[k]/NormFactor[k]
//Calculating latent code for the 2nd signal
PrimaryLatent[k]=Encoder(NormalizedSig[k])
//Normalize each category in latent code
for all categories in PrimaryLatent[k]:
  NormCat[k,i]=L2Norm(Cat[k,i])
  LatentCode[k]=
   Concatination[Cat[k,i]/NormCat[k,i]]
//Sample a value with uniform distribution
Rand=UniformRandom()
//Combine signals in the time domain
MixedOrigSig[1]=
 Rand*NormalizedSig[1]+
 (1-Rand) *NormalizedSig[k]
//Combine latent codes of original signals
```

```
MixedLatent[1]=
Rand*LatentCode[1]+(1-Rand)*LatentCode[k]
```

//Resampling
SampStd[1]=MixedLatent[1]\*L+Std\_min
MixedLatentRe[1]=
Gaussian(SampStd[1], MixedLatent[1])

```
//Reconstructed signal from mixed latent
LatentMixedRecSig[1]=Decoder(MixedLatentRe[1])
```

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```
SortedMixRecSig[1]=Sort(LatentMixedRecSig[1])
NormFactorMixRec[1] =
Average(SortedMixRecSig[1,0:M])
NormMixRecSig[1] =
MixedRecSignal[1]/NormFactorMixRec[1]
//Calculating Interpolation Loss
InterpolLoss[1]=
L2Norm(MixedOrigSig[1]-NormMixRecSig[k])
//Calculating Disentanglement Loss
DisentangleLoss = 0
for all Cat in PrimaryLatent[l,n]:
 UnrelatedDims=
 Exclude (Related dimension in Cat)
 PartialUnrelateLoss=Max(UnrelatedDims)
 PartialRelatedLoss=1/(1+PrimaryLatent[1,n])
 DisentangleLoss=
 DisentangleLoss+PartialUnrelateLoss+
 PartialRelatedLoss
}
//Calculating Mi multipliers
if(Iteration>SparsityStartIter and
Iteration<sparsityStopIter)</pre>
M_Sparity=(Iteration-SparsityStartIter)/
 (SparsityStopIter-SparsityStartIter)
if(Iteration>=SparsityStopIter) M_Sparity=1
if (Iteration>InterpStartIter and
Iteration<InterpStopIter)</pre>
M_Interp=(Iteration-InterpStartIter)/
 (InterpStopIter-InterpStartIter)
if(Iteration>=InterpStopIter) M_Interp=1
if(Iteration>DisentStartIter and
Iteration<DisentStopIter)</pre>
M_Disent=(Iteration-DisentStartIter)/
 (DisentStopIter-DisentStartIter)
}
if(Iteration>=DisentStopIter) M_Disent=1
//Applying Mi to prioritize loss terms
LossTerms=Sort(RecLoss[1], SparsityLoss[1],
InterpolLoss[1], DisentangleLoss[1])
TotalLoss=WeightedSum(Bi*Mi*Ii*LossTerms)
Minimize TotalLoss by the backpropagating
gradient.
```

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