



Goal: Accurately and explicitly embed the label hierarchy into the representation space

Motivation

- ❑ Hierarchical label structures → widely exist in real world datasets - CIFAR100, Imagenet-1k, ... 🌲
- ❑ Most representation learning methods → ignore hierarchical semantic relationships between classes in the feature space ✗
- ❑ Structured Representation Learning → Hierarchy informed representations incorporating semantic context ✓ [Zeng et. al, 2023], but cannot embed some trees in the Euclidean (ℓ_2) space exactly ✗

ℓ_2 -Cophenetic Correlation Coefficient (CPCC)

- ❑ [Zeng et. al, 2023] → ℓ_2 -CPCC for structural regularization based on label hierarchy
- ❑ $CPCC(d_{\mathcal{T}}, \rho) := \frac{\sum_{i < j} (d_{\mathcal{T}}(v_i, v_j) - \bar{d}_{\mathcal{T}})(\rho(v_i, v_j) - \bar{\rho})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i < j} (d_{\mathcal{T}}(v_i, v_j) - \bar{d}_{\mathcal{T}})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i < j} (\rho(v_i, v_j) - \bar{\rho})^2}}$
- ❑ $\rho(v_i, v_j) :=$ Euclidean dist. b/w two **class centroids**
- ❑ $d_{\mathcal{T}}(v_i, v_j) :=$ **Shortest tree distance** in the hierarchy
- ❑ Loss: $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = \sum_{(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \ell_{\text{Flat}}(x, y, \theta, w) - \alpha \cdot CPCC(d_{\mathcal{T}}, \rho)$

Our Contribution: HypStructure

- ❑ label-hierarchy → structured learning in the hyperbolic space → interpretable *tree-like* features
- ❑ Combine with any loss, beneficial across tasks
- ❑ Formal analysis of hierarchical representations

KEY IDEAS

- ❑ **HypStructure**: Combination of two losses (1) Hyperbolic Cophenetic Correlation Coefficient Loss (**HypCPCC**) and (2) Hyperbolic Centering Loss (**HypCenter**)
- ❑ **HypCPCC**: extend ℓ_2 -CPCC [Zeng et. al, 2023] to the hyperbolic space
 1. map Euclidean vectors to Poincaré disk
 2. compute class prototypes
 3. use Poincaré distance for CPCC computation
- ❑ **HypCenter**: Inspired from Sarkar's construction
 - ❑ place root node at the origin [2012]
 - ❑ ℓ_{center} loss → minimize the norm of the hyperbolic representations of the root
- ❑ Learn hierarchy-informed representations by minimizing:

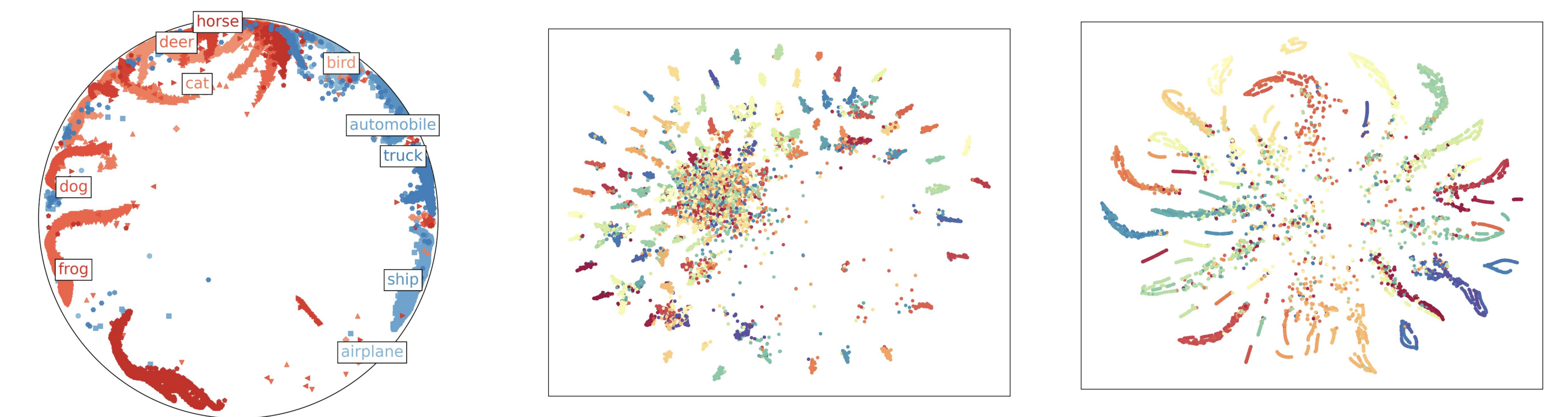
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = \sum_{(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \ell_{\text{Flat}}(x, y, \theta) - \alpha \cdot \text{HypCPCC}(d_{\mathcal{T}}, d_{\mathbb{B}_c}) + \beta \cdot \ell_{\text{center}}(x, \theta)$$

Results: Classification and Embedding Hierarchy

- ❑ Experiments: CIFAR10, CIFAR100, ImageNet100
- ❑ Compared to Flat and ℓ_2 -CPCC
 - ❑ Reduced distortion in embedding the hierarchy
 - ❑ Improved Coarse and Fine Classification Accuracies

| Dataset (Backbone) | Method | Distortion of Hierarchy | | Classification Accuracy | |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | $\delta_{\text{ret}} (\downarrow)$ | CPCC (\uparrow) | Fine (\uparrow) | Coarse (\uparrow) |
| CIFAR10 (ResNet-18) | Flat | 0.232 (0.001) | 0.573 (0.002) | 94.64 (0.12) | 99.16 (0.04) |
| | ℓ_2 -CPCC | 0.174 (0.002) | 0.966 (0.001) | 94.47 (0.13) | 98.91 (0.02) |
| | HypStructure | 0.094 (0.003) | 0.992 (0.001) | 94.79 (0.14) | 99.18 (0.04) |
| CIFAR100 (ResNet-34) | Flat | 0.209 (0.002) | 0.534 (0.119) | 74.96 (0.14) | 84.15 (0.19) |
| | ℓ_2 -CPCC | 0.213 (0.006) | 0.779 (0.002) | 76.07 (0.19) | 85.28 (0.32) |
| | HypStructure | 0.127 (0.016) | 0.766 (0.007) | 76.68 (0.22) | 86.01 (0.13) |
| ImageNet100 (ResNet-34) | Flat | 0.168 (0.003) | 0.429 (0.002) | 90.01 (0.07) | 90.77 (0.11) |
| | ℓ_2 -CPCC | 0.213 (0.009) | 0.834 (0.002) | 89.57 (0.38) | 90.34 (0.28) |
| | HypStructure | 0.134 (0.001) | 0.841 (0.001) | 90.12 (0.01) | 90.84 (0.02) |

Visualization: Learnt Representations

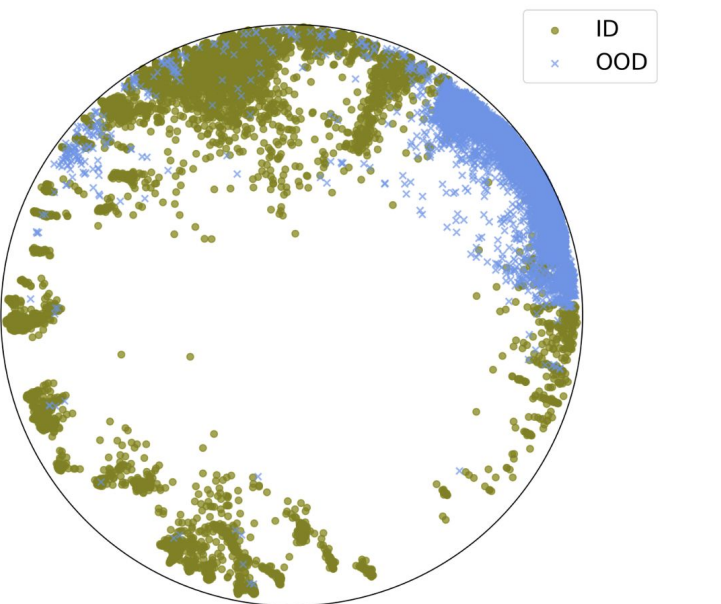


- ❑ **HypStructure**: Sharper and discriminative feats.
- ❑ Fine classes of the same coarse parent → closer

Results: OOD Detection

- ❑ Experiments: 3 ID datasets on 9 OOD datasets
- ❑ **HypStructure**:
 - ❑ Improvement in OOD detection AUROC
 - ❑ Improved ID vs OOD separation in Poincaré disk

| Method | AUROC | Method | AUROC | Method | AUROC |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| CIFAR10 | | | ImageNet100 | | |
| SSD+ | 97.38 | SSD+ | 85.90 | SSD+ | 92.46 |
| KNN+ | 97.22 | KNN+ | 86.14 | KNN+ | 92.74 |
| ℓ_2 -CPCC | 76.67 | ℓ_2 -CPCC | 85.26 | ℓ_2 -CPCC | 91.33 |
| HypStructure | 97.75 | HypStructure | 88.21 | HypStructure | 93.83 |



Theoretical Analysis

- ❑ **HypStructure** with Mahalanobis OOD Score

$$s(x) = (f(x) - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (f(x) - \mu)$$
- ❑ **Theorem 5.1**: Existence of eigenvalue gaps between each level of hierarchy with CPCC. Can be generalized to arbitrary label tree.
- ❑ Kernel Matrix $K = ZZ^\top$, eigenspectrum of K

