

# Denoising diffusion models without diffusions

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Denoising diffusion models have enabled remarkable advances in generative modeling across various domains. These methods rely on a two-step process: first, sampling a noisy version of the data—an easier computational task—and then denoising it, either in a single step or through a sequential procedure. Both stages hinge on the same key component: the score function, which is closely tied to the optimal denoiser mapping noisy inputs back to clean data. In this talk, I will introduce an alternative perspective on denoising-based sampling that bypasses the need for continuous-time diffusion processes. This framework not only offers a fresh conceptual angle but also naturally extends to discrete settings, such as binary data.

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