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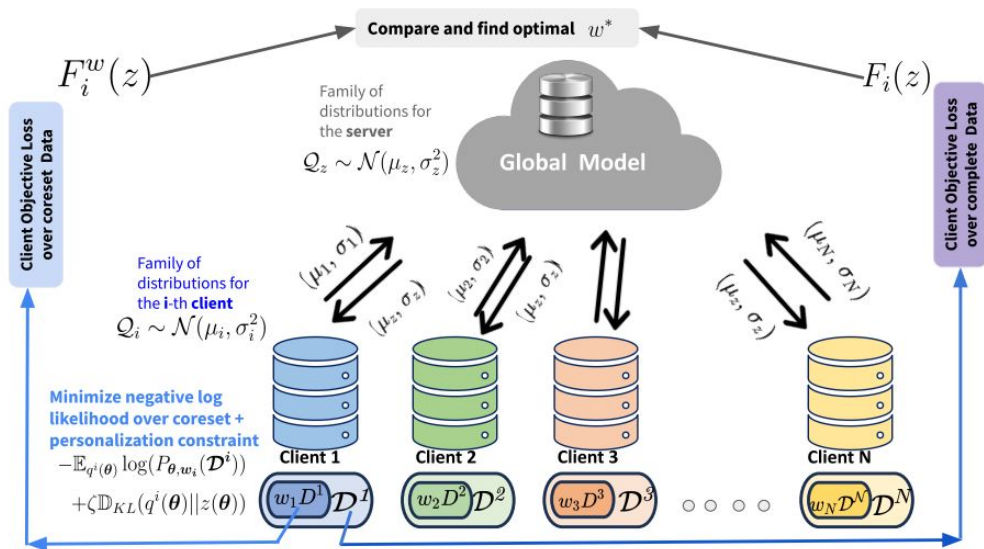
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# Problem Setting: Personalized Federated Learning (PFL)



1 Server, **N** clients. Each client has individual data  $\mathcal{D}_j^i = (\mathbf{x}_j^i, \mathbf{y}_j^i)$

Further  $i^{\text{th}}$  client satisfy a regression model

$$\mathbf{y}_j^i = f^i(\mathbf{x}_j^i) + \epsilon_j^i$$

$f^i(\bullet) \Rightarrow \beta$ -Hölder-smooth functions



# Personalized Federated Learning Objectives

## Client Side Objective

find the closest distribution from the family of distributions  $\mathcal{Q}_i$  to match the posterior distribution via minimizing the KL-divergence as follows

$$\mathcal{F}_i(z) := \min_{q^i(\theta) \in \mathcal{Q}_i} \mathbb{D}_{KL}(q^i(\theta) \parallel \pi(\theta | \mathcal{D}^i)) \Leftrightarrow \min_{q^i(\theta) \in \mathcal{Q}_i} \underbrace{-\mathbb{E}_{q^i(\theta)}[\log P_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}^i)]}_{\text{reconstruction error over } \mathcal{D}} + \underbrace{\zeta \mathbb{D}_{KL}(q^i(\theta) \parallel \pi(\theta))}_{\text{regularization term}}$$

## Server Side Objective

the global model tries to find the closest distribution in  $\mathcal{Q}_z$  to the client's distribution by minimizing the aggregate KL divergence from all the clients as follows

$$\min_{z(\theta) \sim \mathcal{Q}_z} \mathcal{F}(z) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1} \mathcal{F}_i(z)$$



# Bayesian Coreset Objectives

Assign to each client's data a weight vector that will act as the corresponding **coreset weight** for the  $i$ -th client.

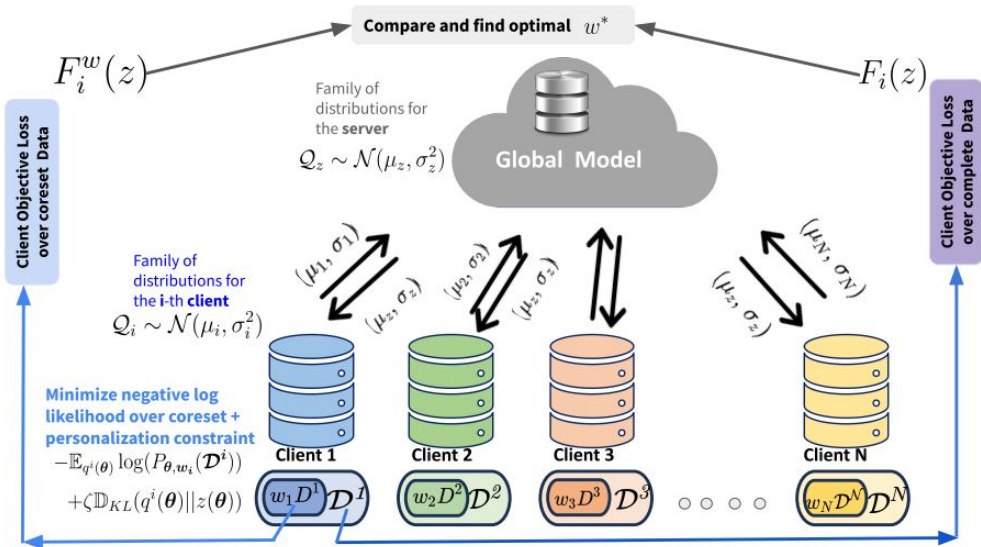
Goal : to control the **deviation of coreset log-likelihood from the true log-likelihood via sparsity**

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{w}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{G}^i(\mathbf{w}_i) := \left\| \mathcal{P}_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}^i) - \mathcal{P}_{\theta, \mathbf{w}_i}(\mathcal{D}^i) \right\|_{\hat{\pi}, 2}^2 \quad s.t. \quad \|\mathbf{w}_i\|_0 \leq k, \quad \forall i \in [N] \quad (3)$$

where the coreset weights  $\mathbf{w}_i$  are considered over the data points for client  $i$  and  $L^2(\hat{\pi})$ -norm as the distance metric is considered in the embedding Hilbert Space. Specifically,  $\hat{\pi}$  is the weighting distribution that has the same support as true posterior  $\pi$ . The above equation can be further approximated



# Combining Coreset Optimization with PFL



$$+ \arg \min_{w_i \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{G}^i(w_i) := \left\| \mathcal{P}_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}^i) - \mathcal{P}_{\theta, w_i}(\mathcal{D}^i) \right\|_{\hat{\pi}, 2}^2 \quad s.t. \quad \|w_i\|_0 \leq k$$

## Bayesian Coreset Optimization

Connecting two optimization frameworks

New Theoretical Bounds on Convergence Error Rate

Better Efficient Performance w.r.t Random and Submodular based Subset selection strategies

## Personalized Federated Learning Objectives

# Client Side Modifications

## Client Side Objective

$$F_i(z) \triangleq \min_{q^i(\theta) \in \mathcal{Q}_i} \mathbb{D}_{KL}(q^i(\theta) || \pi(\theta | \mathcal{D}^i)) \Leftrightarrow \min_{q^i(\theta) \in \mathcal{Q}_i} \underbrace{-\mathbb{E}_{q^i(\theta)}[\log P_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}^i)]}_{\text{reconstruction error over } \mathcal{D}} + \underbrace{\zeta \mathbb{D}_{KL}(q^i(\theta) || \pi(\theta))}_{\text{regularization term}} \quad (1)$$

Here  $\pi(\theta)$  denotes the prior distribution and  $P_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}^i)$  denotes the likelihood and  $\zeta$  is a personalization constant which we include in our objective (Zhang et al., 2022b).

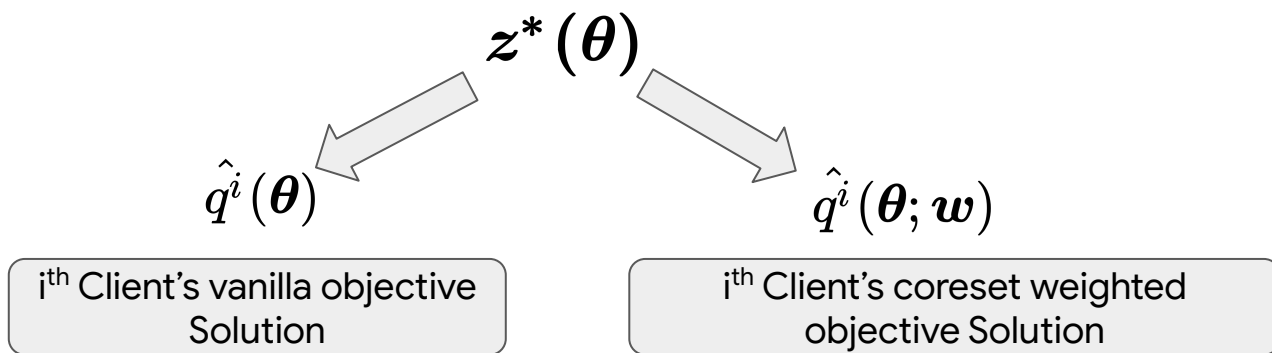
**Modified Client Side Objective** We now aim towards incorporating the coreset formulation in our federated learning setting from Eq: 1. Assuming the personalized bayesian coreset weights setup for each client  $i$ , we introduce a new modified client objective function

$$F_i^w(z) \triangleq \min_{q^i(\theta) \sim \mathcal{Q}_i} [-\mathbb{E}_{q^i(\theta)} \log(P_{\theta, w_i}(\mathcal{D}^i)) + \zeta \mathbb{D}_{KL}(q^i(\theta) || z(\theta))] \quad (5)$$

where  $z(\theta)$  and  $q^i(\theta)$  denote the global distribution and the local distribution for the  $i$ -the client that is to be optimized respectively.

# Optimal client distribution based on optimal coreset weights

$$\min_{z(\theta) \sim \mathcal{Q}_z} \mathcal{F}(z) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1} \mathcal{F}_i(z) \xrightarrow{\text{Optimal Solution}} z^*(\theta)$$



# Optimal client distribution based on optimal coreset weights

$$\{w_i^*\} := \arg \min_w \mathbb{D}_{KL}(\mathcal{F}_i^w(z)_{\arg} || \mathcal{F}_i(z)_{\arg}) \Leftrightarrow \arg \min_w \mathbb{D}_{KL}(\hat{q}^i(\theta, w) || \hat{q}^i(\theta)) \quad \|w_i\|_0 \leq n_k$$

So we want to formulate a new objective function such that for each client we minimize the divergence between the two optimal distributions resulting from the coreset and normal objective functions.





# Theoretical Results

$$\int_{\Theta} d^2(\mathcal{P}_{\theta,w}^i, \mathcal{P}^i) \hat{q}^i(\theta; w) d\theta$$

$f_{\theta}^i$

Denotes the DNN Model for the i'th client

$f_{\theta,w}^i$

Denotes the DNN Model for the coreset weighted i'th client

**Generalization  
Error Term**

we define the Hellinger Distance as follows:  $d^2(\mathcal{P}_{\theta}^i, \mathcal{P}^i) = \mathbb{E}_{X^i} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{[f_{\theta}^i(X^i) - f^i(X^i)]^2}{8\sigma_{\epsilon}^2}} \right)$



# Theoretical Results

**Theorem 1.** *The difference in the upper bound incurred in the overall generalization error of CORESET-PFEDBAYES as compared w.r.t that of PFEDBAYES is always upper bounded by a closed form positive function that depends on the coreset weights and coreset size-  $\mathfrak{S}(\mathbf{w}, n_k)$ . generalization error in the original full data setup*

$$\left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Theta} d^2(\mathcal{P}_{\theta}^i, \mathcal{P}^i) \hat{q}^i(\theta) d\theta \right]_{u.b.} - \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Theta} d^2(\mathcal{P}_{\theta, \mathbf{w}}^i, \mathcal{P}^i) \hat{q}^i(\theta; \mathbf{w}) d\theta \right]_{u.b.} \leq \mathfrak{S}(\mathbf{w}, n_k)$$

**Implies:** that the overall generalization error is in closed form of the coreset weights and coreset size and can be measured directly



# Theoretical Results: Continued

**Theorem 2.** *The convergence rate of the generalization error under  $L^2$  norm of CORESET-PFEDBAYES is minimax optimal up to a logarithmic term (in order  $n_k$ ) for bounded functions ( $\beta$ -Hölder-smooth functions)  $\{f^i\}_{i=1}^N$ ,  $\{f_{\theta}^i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{f_{\theta,w}^i\}_{i=1}^N$  where  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$  and  $\delta'$  are constants and  $\Lambda$  being the intrinsic dimension of each client's data:*

$$\frac{C_F}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\theta} \|f_{\theta,w}^i(X^i) - f^i(X^i)\|_{L^2}^2 \hat{q}^i(\theta; w) d\theta \leq C_2 n_k^{-\frac{2\beta}{2\beta+\Lambda}} \log^{2\delta'}(n_k).$$

**Implies:** that the convergence rate of the generalization error is in logarithmic bounds of coreset size

# Theoretical Results: Continued

**Theorem 3.** The lower bound (l.b.) incurred for the deviation for the weighted coreset CORESET-PFEDBAYES (5) generalization error is always higher than the lower bound of that for the original PFEDBAYES objective (1) with a delta difference (**Error I - Error II**) as  $\mathcal{O}(n_k^{-\frac{2\beta}{2\beta+\Lambda}})$

$$\underbrace{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Theta} \|f_{\theta,w}^i(X^i) - f^i(X^i)\|_{L^2}^2 \hat{q}^i(\theta, w) d\theta \right]_{l.b.}}_{\text{Coreset weighted objective Generalization Error (Error I)}} > \underbrace{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Theta} \|f_{\theta}^i(X^i) - f^i(X^i)\|_{L^2}^2 \hat{q}^i(\theta) d\theta \right]_{l.b.}}_{\text{Vanilla objective Generalization Error (Error II)}}$$

**Implies:** that the generalization error suffers in the case due to limited coreset samples but that is bounded in closed form w.r.t. the coreset sample size.



# Results

Method (Percentage = sampling fraction)	MNIST		FashionMNIST		CIFAR	
	Personal Model	Global Model	Personal Model	Global Model	Personal Model	Global Model
<b>FedAvg (Full/ 50%)</b>	-	<b>92.39</b> (90.60)	-	85.42(83.90)	-	<b>79.05</b> (56.73)
<b>BNFed (Full / 50%)</b>	-	82.95(80.02)	-	70.1(69.68)	-	44.37(39.52)
<b>pFedMe (Full / 50%)</b>	-	91.25(89.67)	<b>92.02</b> (84.71)	84.41(83.45)	<b>77.13</b> (66.75)	<b>70.86</b> (51.18)
<b>perFedAvg (Full / 50%)</b>	<b>98.27</b>	-	88.51(84.90)	-	69.61(52.98)	-
<b>PFEDBAYES (Full / 50%)</b>	<b>98.79</b> (90.88)	<b>97.21</b> (92.33)	<b>93.01</b> (85.95)	<b>93.30</b> (82.33)	<b>83.46</b> (73.94)	64.40(60.84)
<b>RANDOMSUBSET (50%)</b>	80.2	88.4	87.12	<b>90.75</b>	48.31	61.35
<b>CORESET-PFEDBAYES (k = 50%)</b>	<b>92.48</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>89.55</b>	<b>92.7</b>	69.66	<b>71.5</b>

(a) We report accuracies on both global and personal model for the current set of proposed methods across major datasets like **MNIST**, **CIFAR**, **FashionMNIST**. **Red** indicates the highest accuracy column-wise. Similarly **Orange** and **Magenta** indicates the 2nd and 3rd best modelwise accuracy. (-) indicates no accuracy reported due to very slow convergence of the corresponding algorithm. **Full** indicates training on full dataset and **50%** is on using half the data size after randomly sampling 50% of the training set.



# Results : Continued

Table 3: Comparative results of test accuracies across different coreset sample complexity

Method (Percentage = sampling fraction)	MNIST		FashionMNIST		CIFAR	
	Test Accuracy	Communication Rounds	Test Accuracy	Communication Rounds	Test Accuracy	Communication Rounds
<b>PFEDBAYES (Full)</b>	98.79	194	93.01	215	83.46	266
<b>RANDOMSUBSET (50%)</b>	80.2	135	87.12	172	48.31	183
<b>CORESET-PFEDBAYES (k = 50%)</b>	92.48	98	89.55	93	69.66	112
<b>CORESET-PFEDBAYES (k = 30%)</b>	90.17	84	88.16	72	59.12	70
<b>CORESET-PFEDBAYES (k = 15%)</b>	88.75	62	85.15	38	55.66	32
<b>CORESET-PFEDBAYES (k = 10%)</b>	85.43	32	82.64	24	48.25	16

(a) We report test accuracies across different sample complexity for datasets like **MNIST, CIFAR, Fashion-MNIST**. **Full** indicates training on full dataset and **50%** is on using half the data size after randomly sampling 50% of the training set.





# Results : Continued

Table 2: Comparative results of classwise global accuracies of all 9 methods on **3 different medical datasets** and **2 clients**

Method (Percentage = sampling fraction)	COVID-19 Radiography Database			APTOS 2019 Blindness Detection			OCTMNIST Dataset		
	Normal X-ray	COVID X-ray	Lung Opacity X-ray	Normal Retina	Mild Diabetic Retinopathy	Severe Diabetic Retinopathy	Normal Retina	DME	Drusen
Vanilla FedAvg (Full)	<b>0.914 ± 0.007</b>	<b>0.924 ± 0.005</b>	<b>0.898 ± 0.007</b>	<b>0.968 ± 0.023</b>	<b>0.927 ± 0.019</b>	<b>0.853 ± 0.004</b>	<b>0.908 ± 0.026</b>	0.837 ± 0.103	<b>0.855 ± 0.092</b>
PFEDBAYES(Full)	<b>0.953 ± 0.006</b>	<b>0.938 ± 0.004</b>	<b>0.902 ± 0.011</b>	<b>0.951 ± 0.057</b>	<b>0.941 ± 0.052</b>	<b>0.911 ± 0.028</b>	<b>0.926 ± 0.013</b>	0.851 ± 0.021	<b>0.874 ± 0.012</b>
Independent Learning (Full)	<b>0.898 ± 0.001</b>	<b>0.869 ± 0.002</b>	<b>0.884 ± 0.003</b>	<b>0.945 ± 0.025</b>	0.877 ± 0.049	0.830 ± 0.053	<b>0.890 ± 0.073</b>	0.798 ± 0.076	<b>0.890 ± 0.041</b>
RandomSub FedAvg (50%)	0.892 ± 0.024	0.670 ± 0.059	0.583 ± 0.033	0.918 ± 0.047	0.835 ± 0.091	0.832 ± 0.021	0.811 ± 0.070	0.753 ± 0.089	0.805 ± 0.068
LogDet FedAvg (50%)	0.887 ± 0.046	0.838 ± 0.086	0.810 ± 0.062	0.918 ± 0.027	<b>0.885 ± 0.082</b>	<b>0.850 ± 0.057</b>	<b>0.842 ± 0.046</b>	<b>0.897 ± 0.039</b>	0.845 ± 0.068
DispSum FedAvg (50%)	<b>0.907 ± 0.015</b>	<b>0.925 ± 0.049</b>	<b>0.812 ± 0.086</b>	<b>0.945 ± 0.043</b>	<b>0.890 ± 0.095</b>	<b>0.852 ± 0.061</b>	0.834 ± 0.044	<b>0.887 ± 0.082</b>	<b>0.863 ± 0.094</b>
DispMin FedAvg (50%)	0.866 ± 0.018	0.780 ± 0.045	0.751 ± 0.069	<b>0.963 ± 0.021</b>	0.851 ± 0.067	0.765 ± 0.033	0.831 ± 0.011	<b>0.892 ± 0.066</b>	0.835 ± 0.085
CORESET-PFEDBAYES (50%)	<b>0.932 ± 0.003</b>	<b>0.919 ± 0.013</b>	<b>0.871 ± 0.025</b>	0.921 ± 0.016	<b>0.894 ± 0.029</b>	<b>0.886 ± 0.017</b>	<b>0.916 ± 0.042</b>	0.805 ± 0.008	<b>0.816 ± 0.011</b>

(a) We report classwise accuracies for the current set of proposed methods for all 3 medical datasets. **Red** indicates the highest value in accuracy column-wise (i.e. for a particular class for a dataset across all 9 baselines). Similarly **Orange** and **Magenta** indicates the 2nd and 3rd best classwise accuracy. **Colors for Vanilla FedAvg, PFEDBAYES, CORESET-PFEDBAYES are grouped together** to primarily compare against subset selection strategies



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