

1 We would like to thank the reviewers for their clear and thorough reviews. In addition to the positive feedback, we are  
2 also grateful for the valuable comments and suggestions for improving the paper. Below, we answer the reviewers’  
3 questions and discuss how we will incorporate the suggested improvements and changes.

4 **Classification accuracy.** We agree with the reviewers that reporting classification accuracy is important. We have  
5 updated the paper to include this information and confirm that both train and test accuracy are significantly improved  
6 when using Augmented Neural ODEs (ANODEs) on all the datasets we have considered. For example, test accuracy  
7 improves by 2% on MNIST and by 6% on CIFAR10. We also note that ANODEs achieve these accuracies in about  $5\times$   
8 fewer iterations than Neural ODEs (NODEs).

9 **Connection to known ODE results.** As mentioned by the reviewers, the fact that ODE trajectories cannot cross and  
10 the fact that ODE flows are homeomorphisms are quite well known results. However, to the best of our knowledge,  
11 and in agreement with Reviewers 2 and 3, interpreting these results from a modeling perspective and showing the  
12 connection between them and the representational power of NODEs is a novel contribution. Further, the consequences  
13 of these results, including the increased computational cost, higher losses and poorer generalization of NODEs are also,  
14 to the best of our knowledge, original contributions. In addition, the empirical results showing that the representational  
15 limitations make a considerable difference in practice are also novel. However, we agree with Reviewer 1 that we could  
16 have made the novelty our of results clearer and we will update the paper to describe our contributions in more detail.

17 **Combining NODEs with convolutional layers.** As noted by Reviewer 1, since regular convolutional (non-ODE)  
18 layers do not have the representational limitations of ODE layers, combining them with ODE layers results in models  
19 that (in a similar way to ANODEs) can represent functions NODEs cannot. However, combining NODEs with standard  
20 convolutional layers also means that most of the attractive properties of NODEs are lost (including invertibility, ability  
21 to query hidden state at any timestep, cheap Jacobian computations in normalizing flows and reduced number of  
22 parameters). In contrast, ANODEs overcome the representational weaknesses of NODEs while maintaining all their  
23 attractive properties. Indeed, identifying and overcoming the representational limitations and slow computation of  
24 NODEs, while maintaining all the advantages of an ODE framework is, in our eyes, one of the main contributions of  
25 the paper.

26 **Augmentation in ResNets.** As described in the paper and as noted by Reviewer 1, augmentation by adding more  
27 channels has been used in the context of ResNets (e.g. in Wide Residual Networks). However, these changes were  
28 empirically motivated and we believe our work provides a novel perspective on why using wider networks may be  
29 useful in the context of ResNets. More importantly, in the case of NODEs, which are the main focus of our work, we  
30 are not aware of any work using augmentation. Further, an important consequence of using augmentation for NODEs is  
31 the reduced computational cost, which does not have an analogy in ResNets. We will add a more detailed discussion of  
32 this. We also thank Reviewer 1 for pointing us to Wide Residual Networks which we will cite in the updated paper.

33 **Number of parameters in ANODEs.** We welcome the feedback from Reviewer 1 on including more results comparing  
34 NODEs and ANODEs with the same number of parameters. In all our experiments, we found that ANODEs consistently  
35 and significantly outperform NODEs even with the same number of parameters. We will update the paper so every  
36 comparison between NODEs and ANODEs is done on models with the same number of parameters.

37 **Generalization.** We confirm that the improved generalization of ANODEs holds not only for CIFAR10 (which was  
38 included in the paper) but also for all the other datasets we have considered. This is true both in terms of test loss and  
39 test accuracy. We will include additional results on this in the updated paper. To respond to Reviewer 1’s question on  
40 overfitting, we note that while ANODEs get better test accuracy than NODEs, they also tend to overfit the data more.  
41 This is because ANODEs are more powerful function approximators and are (empirically) easier to optimize. Using  
42 standard regularization techniques mitigates this effect. We will update the paper to include a discussion of this.

43 **Augmented channels.** We agree with Reviewer 2 that using the expression augmented channels is more appropriate  
44 than augmented dimensions (since there are indeed  $10^{hw}$  augmented dimensions in the image case) and we will update  
45 the paper to reflect this.

46 **Forward and backward NFEs.** We confirm that both forward and backward NFEs are reduced when using ANODEs.  
47 We will include plots of this in the updated paper and thank Reviewer 2 for pointing this out.

48 **Notation for functions.** We agree with Reviewer 2 that using the notation  $\phi_{1d}(x)$  instead of  $g_{1d}(x)$  in Section 3 is more  
49 appropriate, since this function is indeed a flow.

50 **Bigger datasets.** We welcome the feedback from Reviewer 3 on running experiments on more datasets and will include  
51 results on SVHN (in addition to the already included MNIST, CIFAR10 and tiny ImageNet) in the updated paper.

52 We would like to thank the reviewers again for their positive comments and feedback. We are excited to incorporate the  
53 suggested changes which will definitely improve the quality of the paper.