# High-Fidelity and Arbitrary Face Editing - Supplementary Material

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In this supplementary material, we elaborate on the implementation details, some attempts to address the steganography problem of cycle consistency, comparison of different frequency domains for skip-connection in the Generator and more results on wild faces.

### **1. Implementation Details**

**Dataset Details.** We use CelebA-HQ [4] as the labeled dataset, which contains 30,000 images with 40 binary attribute annotations for each image. We randomly select 28,000 images as the training set to train the attribute classifier C, the remaining 2,000 images are used as the testing set. For the unlabelled dataset FFHQ [5], we use the first 66,000 images to train the G,  $D_H$  and  $D_I$  and the remaining 4,000 images for testing. The image resolution is chosen as  $256 \times 256$  in our experiments.

**Model Details.** The detailed architectures of the Generator, Discriminators are shown in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 respectively.

**Hyper-Parameters Details.** The exponential moving average [13] is applied to the Generator G. We use Adam optimizer [6] with  $\beta_1 = 0.0$  and  $\beta_2 = 0.999$ , and utilize TTUR [2] with  $lr_G = 5e - 4$ ,  $lr_{D_I} = 2e - 3$  and  $lr_{D_H} = 2e - 3$ . The loss weights are  $\lambda_{GAN}^I = 1.0, \lambda_{GAN}^H = 1.0, \lambda_{ar} = 1.0, \lambda_{ac} = 1.0$  and  $\lambda_{cyc} = 10.0$ . We train the model for 100 epochs and another 100 epochs training with learning rate decaying, where the decaying rate is set to 0.999 for every 10 epochs.

### 2. Attempts to Address the Steganography

To alleviate the steganography problem caused by cycle consistency, we first tried a few data augmentation techniques to prevent the network from encoding hidden information to satisfy the cycle consistency. Specifically, we update the cycle consistency to

$$\mathcal{L}_{cyc} = \mathbb{E}[\|A(\boldsymbol{x}) - G(A(G(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{\Delta})), -\boldsymbol{\Delta})\|_{1}], \quad (1)$$

where A stands for data augmentation operations. Horizontal flip, random noise, color jitter (*i.e.*, contrast, saturation, brightness) and affine transformation (*i.e.*, rotation, translation, scaling) are investigated.

As shown in Figure 1 and Table 4, even with data augmentations (*e.g.*, horizontal flip, color jitter and affine transformation), the model can still find a way to hide the information, it still fails to synthesize rich details in the output image. Although adding noise can somehow alleviate the steganography problem, the quality of generated images is far from satisfactory, especially the rich details are missing. On the contrary, our results are high-fidelity keeping all the rich details from the input image. This validates that our proposed approach is effective to solve the steganography problem.

Methods	$FID\downarrow$	Acc. $\uparrow$	$QS\uparrow$	$\text{SRE} \downarrow$
H-flip	5.49	95.6	0.668	0.078
Noise	6.06	94.4	0.667	0.122
ColorJitter	5.15	95.9	0.703	0.059
Affine	5.34	95.8	0.681	0.071
HifaFace	4.04	97.5	0.803	0.021

Table 4: Quantitative comparison of using different data augmentation techniques and our method to solve the steganography problem in cycle consistency.

#### 3. Ablation Studies for the Generator

To validate that the combination of LH, HL and HH frequency components are essential for the *wavelet-based skip-connection*, we perform a few variants of different combinations of frequency components in *wavelet-based* 

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Components	Input $\rightarrow$ Output Shape	Layer Information
From RGB	$(3, H, W) \rightarrow (64, H, W)$	Conv(F64)
Downsample ResBlock	$(64, H, W) \rightarrow (128, H/2, W/2)$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F64)-Downsample-IN-LReLU-Conv(F128)
Downsample ResBlock	$(128, H/2, W/2) \rightarrow (256, H/4, W/4)$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F64)-Downsample-IN-LReLU-Conv(F128)
ResBlock	$(256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4}) \rightarrow (256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4})$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)-IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)
ResBlock	$(256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4}) \rightarrow (256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4})$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)-IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)
ResBlock	$(256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4}) \rightarrow (256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4})$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)-IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)
AdaIN ResBlock	$(256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4}) \rightarrow (256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4})$	AdaIN-LReLU-Conv(F256)-AdaIN-LReLU-Conv(F256)
ResBlock	$(256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4}) \rightarrow (256, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4})$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)-IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)
ResBlock	$(256, H/4, W/4) \rightarrow (256, H/4, W/4)$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)-IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)
Upsample ResBlock	$(256 \times 4, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4}) \rightarrow (128, \text{H/2}, \text{W/2})$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F256)-Upsample-IN-LReLU-Conv(F128)
Upsample ResBlock	$(128 \times 4, \text{H/2}, \text{W/2}) \rightarrow (64, \text{H}, \text{W})$	IN-LReLU-Conv(F64)-Upsample-IN-LReLU-Conv(F3)
To RGB	$(64 \times 4, H, W) \rightarrow (3, H, W)$	LReLU-Conv(F3)

Table 1: The network architecture of the generator G. For all convolution (Conv) layers, the kernel size, stride and padding are 3, 1, and 1, respectively, Fx is the channel number of feature maps. "IN" denotes the Instance Normalization [11], "LReLU" denotes the LeakyReLU activation function. "AdaIN" [3] is used to inject the attribute vector. Since we used the wavelet-base skip-connection in G, the number of input channels in decoding layers are multiplied by 4.

Components	Input $\rightarrow$ Output Shape	Layer Information
$D_{I0}$	$\begin{array}{c} (3, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{W}) \rightarrow (32, \mathrm{H/2}, \mathrm{W/2}) \\ (32, \mathrm{H/2}, \mathrm{W/2}) \rightarrow (64, \mathrm{H/4}, \mathrm{W/4}) \\ (64, \mathrm{H/4}, \mathrm{W/4}) \rightarrow (128, \mathrm{H/8}, \mathrm{W/8}) \\ (128, \mathrm{H/8}, \mathrm{W/8}) \rightarrow (256, \mathrm{H/16}, \mathrm{W/16}) \\ (256, \mathrm{H/16}, \mathrm{W/16}) \rightarrow (512, \mathrm{H/32}, \mathrm{W/32}) \\ (512, \mathrm{H/32}, \mathrm{W/32}) \rightarrow (512, \mathrm{H/64}, \mathrm{W/64}) \\ (512, \mathrm{H/64}, \mathrm{W/64}) \rightarrow (1, 1, 1) \end{array}$	Conv(F32, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F64, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F128, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F256, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F512, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F512, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F1, K=4, S=1)
$D_{I1}$	$\begin{array}{c} (3, \mathrm{H/2}, \mathrm{W/2}) \rightarrow (32, \mathrm{H/4}, \mathrm{W/4}) \\ (32, \mathrm{H/4}, \mathrm{W/4}) \rightarrow (64, \mathrm{H/8}, \mathrm{W/8}) \\ (64, \mathrm{H/8}, \mathrm{W/8}) \rightarrow (128, \mathrm{H/16}, \mathrm{W/16}) \\ (128, \mathrm{H/16}, \mathrm{W/16}) \rightarrow (256, \mathrm{H/32}, \mathrm{W/32}) \\ (256, \mathrm{H/32}, \mathrm{W/32}) \rightarrow (512, \mathrm{H/64}, \mathrm{W/64}) \\ (512, \mathrm{H/64}, \mathrm{W/64}) \rightarrow (1, 1, 1) \end{array}$	Conv(F32, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F64, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F128, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F256, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F512, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU Conv(F1, K=4, S=1)

Table 2: The network architecture of the multi-scale image-level Discriminators:  $D_{I0}$  and  $D_{I1}$ .

*skip-connection*. For concreteness, we qualitatively and quantitatively compare the following three variants with different choices of frequency components in the *wavelet-based skip-connection*, we have three variants: (1) the **HifaFace**, skip-connecting **LH**, **HL** and **HH**; (2) the Low-Freq, which use the low-frequency **LL** in the skip-connection; (3) the All-Freq, skip-connecting all the four frequency components **LL**, **LH**, **HL** and **HH**. As shown in Figure 2 and Table 5, we observe that the model can not synthesize rich details well without explicitly knowing high-frequency domain information. And if we skip-connecting all the low and high-frequency information, the model can produce rich details. The overall performance is slightly worse than our proposed HifaFace.

Methods	$FID\downarrow$	Acc. $\uparrow$	$QS\uparrow$	$SRE \downarrow$
Low-Freq	5.37	95.9	0.707	0.060
All-Freq	4.18	97.4	0.792	0.022
HifaFace	4.04	97.5	0.803	0.021

Table 5: Quantitative comparison of results of using different frequency components in *wavelet-based skip-connection*.

Components	Input $\rightarrow$ Output Shape	Layer Information
$D_{H0}$	$(3 \times 3, \text{H/2}, \text{W/2}) \rightarrow (32, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4})$	Conv(F32, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(32, H/4, W/4) \rightarrow (64, H/8, W/8)$	Conv(F64, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(64, H/8, W/8) \rightarrow (128, H/16, W/16)$	Conv(F128, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(128, \text{H/16}, \text{W/16}) \rightarrow (256, \text{H/32}, \text{W/32})$	Conv(F256, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(256, H/32, W/32) \rightarrow (512, H/64, W/64)$	Conv(F512, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(512, \text{H/64}, \text{W/64}) \rightarrow (1, 1, 1)$	Conv(F1, K=4, S=1)
$D_{H1}$	$(3 \times 3, \text{H/4}, \text{W/4}) \rightarrow (64, \text{H/8}, \text{W/8})$	Conv(F64, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(64, H/8, W/8) \rightarrow (128, H/16, W/16)$	Conv(F128, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(128, \text{H/16}, \text{W/16}) \rightarrow (256, \text{H/32}, \text{W/32})$	Conv(F256, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(256, H/32, W/32) \rightarrow (512, H/64, W/64)$	Conv(F512, K=4, S=2, P=1)-LReLU
	$(512, H/64, W/64) \rightarrow (1, 1, 1)$	Conv(F1, K=4, S=1)

Table 3: The network architecture of the multi-scale high-frequency Discriminators:  $D_{H0}$  and  $D_{H1}$ .



Figure 1: Comparison of methods using different data augmentation techniques and our methods to solve the steganography problem in cycle consistency.

## 4. Additional Visual Results

In this section, more visual results are provided to demonstrate the superiority of our model. The figures to be presented and their corresponding subjects are listed as follows:

• In Figure 3, we present the comparison of attributebased face editing results obtained by our model and other existing methods, including GANimation [9], STGAN [8], RelGAN [12], InterFaceGAN [10] and StyleFlow [1]. We also provide the results by an industrial app, FaceApp [7].

- In Figure 4 and Figure 5, we show the comparison of arbitrary face editing results obtained by our HifaFace, our model without the attribute regression loss  $\mathcal{L}_{ar}$ , RelGAN [12] and InterFaceGAN [10].
- In Figure 6, we demonstrate that our method HifaFace can handle face images under various poses, races and expressions.



Input + Open mouth +Eyeglasses Hidden Input +Mustache +Eyeglasses Hidden Figure 2: Comparison of methods with different combinations of frequency components in the wavelet-based skipconnection.



Figure 3: Comparison of results obtained by our HifaFace and other state-of-the-art methods.

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Figure 4: Interpolation results on attribute "smile" obtained by RelGAN [12], InterFaceGAN(IFGAN) [10], HifaFace without the  $\mathcal{L}_{ar}$  and our HifaFace.



Figure 5: Interpolation results on attribute "eyeglasses" obtained by RelGAN [12], InterFaceGAN(IFGAN) [10], HifaFace without the  $\mathcal{L}_{ar}$  and our HifaFace.

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Figure 6: Face editing results obtained by our HifaFace on wild images.

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