

DreamRelation: Relation-Centric Video Customization

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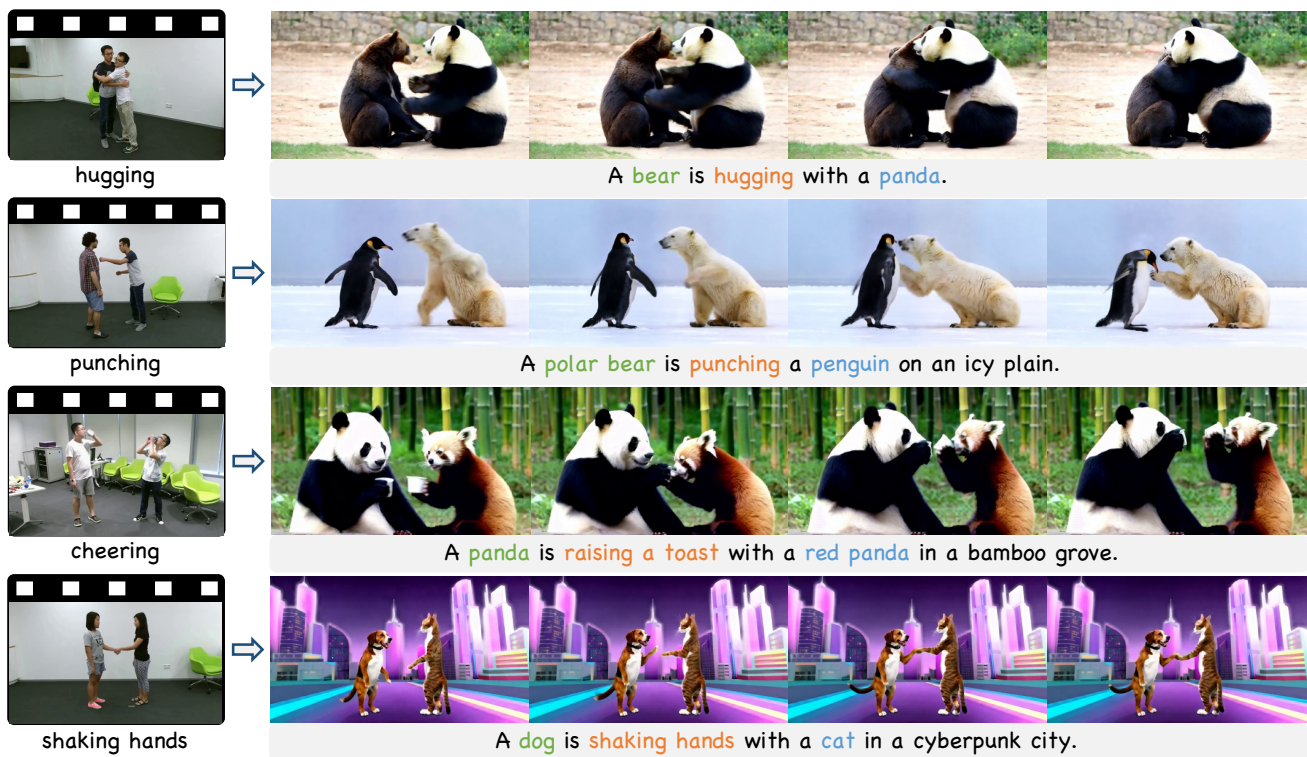


Figure 1. **Relational video customization results of DreamRelation.** Given a few exemplar videos, our method can customize specific relations and generalize them to novel domains, where animals mimic human interactions.

Abstract

Relational video customization refers to the creation of personalized videos that depict user-specified relations between two subjects, a crucial task for comprehending real-

*world visual content. While existing methods can personalize subject appearances and motions, they still struggle with complex relational video customization, where precise relational modeling and high generalization across subject categories are essential. The primary challenge arises from the intricate spatial arrangements, layout variations, and nuanced temporal dynamics inherent in relations; consequently, current models tend to overemphasize irrelevant visual details rather than capturing meaningful interactions. To address these challenges, we propose **DreamRelation**, a novel approach that personalizes relations through a small*

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set of exemplar videos, leveraging two key components: *Relational Decoupling Learning* and *Relational Dynamics Enhancement*. First, in *Relational Decoupling Learning*, we disentangle relations from subject appearances using relation LoRA triplet and hybrid mask training strategy, ensuring better generalization across diverse relationships. Furthermore, we determine the optimal design of relation LoRA triplet by analyzing the distinct roles of the query, key, and value features within MM-DiT’s attention mechanism, making DreamRelation the first relational video generation framework with explainable components. Second, in *Relational Dynamics Enhancement*, we introduce space-time relational contrastive loss, which prioritizes relational dynamics while minimizing the reliance on detailed subject appearances. Extensive experiments demonstrate that DreamRelation outperforms state-of-the-art methods in relational video customization.

1. Introduction

Recent advancements in text-to-video (T2V) generation, particularly through powerful video diffusion transformers (DiT) [5, 65, 104], have significantly propelled customized video generation [38, 93, 108]. While existing methods succeed in customizing subject appearances and single-object motions [85, 97, 112], the challenging task of customizing higher-order interactions between subjects (*i.e.*, Relational Video Customization) remains under-explored due to its intrinsic complexity. Enhancing video generation through customized relations is crucial for real-world applications such as filmmaking, enabling a more profound comprehension and production of complex relational visual content.

We formulate the task of Relational Video Customization as follows: given exemplar videos representing a relational pattern $\langle \text{subject}, \text{relation}, \text{subject} \rangle$, the model aims to generate videos that exhibit the specified relation within the pattern, as shown in Fig. 1. While general text-to-video DiTs like Mochi [79] can generate videos depicting certain relational concepts, they often fail to: (1) produce unconventional or counter-intuitive interactions, such as animals engaging in human-like relationships as illustrated in Figs. 2, even when provided with detailed prompts; (2) generate videos that adhere to precise relational dynamics, such as “two people approaching each other from predefined positions.” These issues highlight the need for a novel video generation method to precisely customize desired relations.

A straightforward approach involves adapting existing video subject or motion customization methods to customize relations between subjects. However, while subject customization techniques like Dreamix [62] capture detailed appearances using low-level reconstruction loss, they may hinder high-level relation learning due to severe appearance leakage. Similarly, motion customization methods

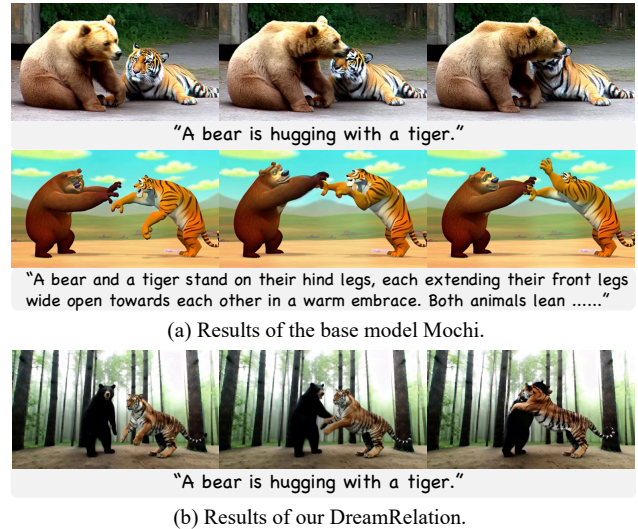


Figure 2. (a) General Video DiT models like Mochi [79] often struggle to generate unconventional or counter-intuitive interactions, even with detailed descriptions. (b) Our method can customize a specific relation to generate videos on new subjects.

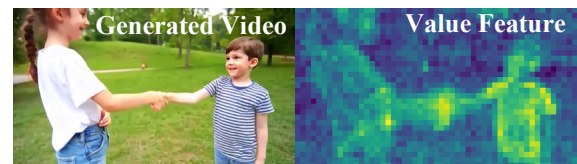


Figure 3. Averaged value feature across all layers and frames in Mochi. We identify that the relations encompass intricate spatial arrangements, layout variations, and nuanced temporal dynamics, presenting challenges in relational video customization.

such as MotionInversion [85] excel in transferring single-object motions but struggle to precisely capture relational dynamics between two subjects. We identify that the key challenge stems from the complexity inherent in the relations, which involve intricate *spatial arrangements*, *layout variations*, and *nuanced temporal dynamics*. To illustrate this, we visualize the Value features in Fig. 3 and provide detailed analysis in Sec. 3.3. This tangled nature may prevent accurate modeling of relations and cause models to focus on irrelevant subject appearances. This raises a critical research question: *How can we decouple relations and subject appearances while accurately modeling relational dynamics to enhance generalizability?*

To that end, we propose **DreamRelation**, a relational video customization method that personalizes user-specified relations from exemplar videos through two concurrent processes: relational decoupling learning and relational dynamics enhancement. In relational decoupling learning, we decompose the relational pattern from input videos into relational and appearance information using devised relation LoRA triplet, a composite LoRA [32] set comprising relation LoRA sets and subject LoRA sets. To facilitate this decoupling, we introduce hybrid mask train-

ing strategy that guides the two types of LoRAs to focus on designated regions with corresponding masks, achieved by a LoRA selection strategy and an enhanced diffusion loss based on masks to amplify the learning in target areas.

Furthermore, building on the MM-DiT [18] architecture, we analyze the query, key, and value features within the full attention, and empirically identify that the query, key, and value matrices serve distinct roles in the relation customization task. This insight motivates our design of relation LoRA triplet, particularly in determining the optimal placement of LoRA components within the model architecture to maximize relational customization effectiveness.

To explicitly enhance relational dynamics learning, we propose a novel space-time relational contrastive loss, which emphasizes relational dynamics while reducing the focus on detailed appearances during training. Concretely, we pull relational dynamics representations closer through frame differences in model outputs of videos depicting the same relation, while distancing them from appearance representations derived from single-frame outputs.

We curate a dataset comprising 26 human interactions from publicly available action recognition datasets [49, 71] to comprehensively evaluate relational video customization. Each video is annotated with a textual prompt, and approximately 20 videos per relation type are randomly selected for training. The evaluation is conducted on diverse subjects using 40 designed textual prompts. Extensive experimental results demonstrate that our DreamRelation outperforms state-of-the-art methods in this task.

Our contributions are summarized as follows:

- We make the first attempt at the Relational Video Customization task by presenting **DreamRelation**, a method that generates videos depicting customized relations based on the MM-DiT architecture.
- We devise relation LoRA triplet with hybrid mask training strategy to explicitly decouple relation and subject appearances. To determine the optimal model design of our method, we further analyze the roles of query, key, and value features in MM-DiT full attention.
- We propose a novel space-time relational contrastive loss to enhance relation learning by emphasizing relational dynamics while reducing focus on appearances.
- Extensive experimental results demonstrate that DreamRelation achieves state-of-the-art performance on relational video customization.

2. Related Work

Text-to-video diffusion models. Text-to-video generative models have achieved breakthroughs in generating high-quality and controllable videos using textual prompts and diverse conditions [1, 3, 4, 7, 17, 24, 29, 41, 48, 56–59, 67, 74–77, 86–90, 98, 103, 107, 109]. VDM [30] introduces diffusion models into video generation by modeling

video distribution in pixel space. ModelScopeT2V [84] and VideoCrafter [11, 13] integrate spatiotemporal blocks for text-to-video generation. With the success of DiT [65] that introduces Transformers [82] as the backbone of diffusion models, the generated video quality has improved with increased parameters [5, 19, 43, 55, 113]. CogVideoX [104] incorporates 3D VAE and expert transformers, enhancing video coherence. Mochi [79] proposes an Asymmetric Diffusion Transformer architecture to scale parameters. HunyuanVideo [42] enhances architecture design and model training, achieving leading performance. These advancements pave the way for relational video customization.

Customized video generation. Building upon achievements in image generation and personalization [8, 15, 16, 21, 28, 35, 44, 66, 69, 70, 92, 99, 110, 115], customized video generation has garnered growing attention [9, 26, 46, 60, 62]. Many studies focus on generating personalized videos using a few subject or facial images [45, 72, 93–97, 108, 111, 114], while others tackle the challenging multi-subject video customization [10, 12, 14, 34, 91]. Besides subject customization, motion customization or motion transfer have also gained significant interest [37, 38, 68, 80, 81, 100, 105, 112]. For example, MotionInversion [85] integrates motion embeddings into the temporal attention of video diffusion models to learn motion dynamics. While these methods effectively capture the subject appearances or single-object motions, the challenging task of customizing interactions between two subjects remains underexplored due to its inherent complexity. In this work, we pioneer this relational video customization task by presenting DreamRelation, which can personalize specific relations and generate diverse videos aligned with text prompts.

Relation generation. Early works on relational image generation focus on human-object interactions using additional conditions like bounding boxes [22, 31, 33]. Recently, inspired by image customization methods, several works have explored relational image customization to personalize user-specific interactions from a few relational images [23, 36, 73]. For instance, ReVersion [36] utilizes inversion techniques to capture relational information in the text embedding space. Despite these advancements, existing methods are confined to the relatively simple relations depicted in images. Direct adaptation of these image-based methods for relational video customization often leads to inaccurate relation modeling since dynamic and sequential interactions cannot be fully represented in a single image. In contrast, we design our method based on Video DiT architecture and precisely model relations through relational decoupling learning and relational dynamics enhancement.

3. DreamRelation

Our DreamRelation aims to generate videos depicting a specified relation expressed in a few exemplar videos while

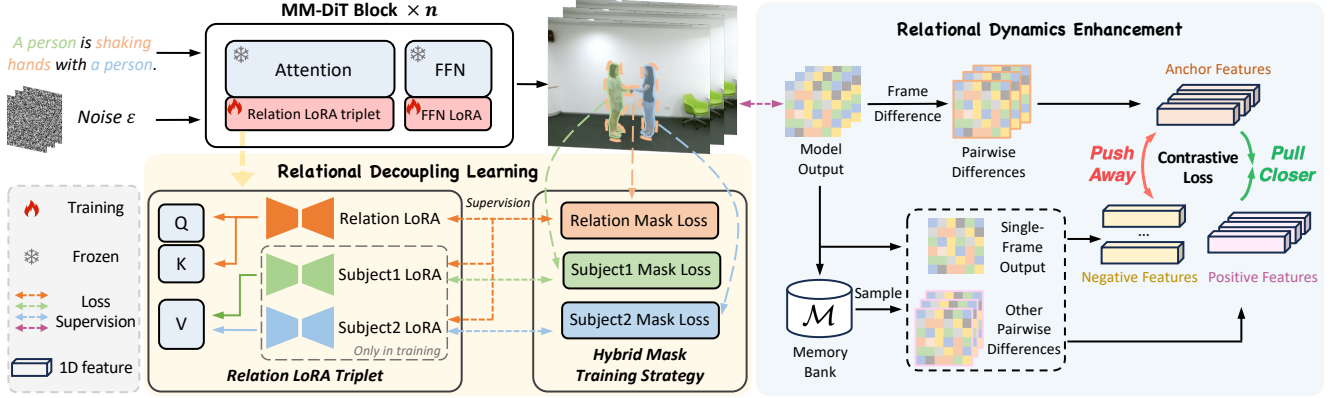


Figure 4. **Overall framework of DreamRelation.** Our method decomposes relational video customization into two concurrent processes. (1) In Relational Decoupling Learning, Relation LoRAs in relation LoRA triplet capture relational information, while Subject LoRAs focus on subject appearances. This decoupling process is guided by hybrid mask training strategy based on their corresponding masks. (2) In Relational Dynamics Enhancement, the proposed space-time relational contrastive loss pulls relational dynamics features (anchor and positive features) from pairwise differences closer, while pushing them away from appearance features (negative features) of single-frame outputs. During inference, subject LoRAs are excluded to prevent introducing undesired appearances and enhance generalization.

aligning with textual prompts, as illustrated in Fig. 4. We begin by introducing preliminaries in Sec. 3.1. We then detail relational decoupling learning and relational dynamics enhancement in Secs. 3.2 and 3.4, respectively, along with an analysis of the query, key, and value features in Sec. 3.3.

3.1. Preliminaries of Video DiT

Text-to-video diffusion transformers (DiTs) show growing attention due to their capacity to generate high-fidelity, diverse, and long-duration video. Current Video DiTs [79, 104] predominantly adopt MM-DiT [18] architecture with full attention and employ diffusion processes [28] in latent space with a 3D VAE [39]. Given latent code $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{f \times h \times w \times c}$ from video data $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{F \times H \times W \times 3}$ with its textual prompt c , the optimization process is defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{z, \epsilon, c, t} [\|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(z_t, c, t)\|_2^2], \quad (1)$$

where $\epsilon \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ is random noise from a Gaussian distribution, and z_t is a noisy latent code at timestep t based on z_0 with the predefined noise schedule. In this work, we choose Mochi [79] as our base Video DiT model.

3.2. Relational Decoupling Learning

Relation LoRA triplet. To customize complex relations between subjects, we decompose the relational pattern from exemplar videos into distinct components emphasizing subject appearances and relations. Formally, given a few videos depicting interactions between two subjects, we represent their relational patterns as a triplet $\langle \text{subject}, \text{relation}, \text{subject} \rangle$, denoted as $\langle S_1, R, S_2 \rangle$ for brevity, where S_1 and S_2 are two subjects and R is the relation [106].

To differentiate relations and subject appearances in the relational pattern, we introduce relation LoRA triplet, a

composite LoRA set comprising Relation LoRAs to model relational information and two Subject LoRAs to capture appearance information, as depicted in Fig. 4. Specifically, we inject Relation LoRAs into the query and key matrices of the MM-DiT full attention. Concurrently, we design two Subject LoRAs corresponding to the two subjects involved in the relation and inject them into the value matrix. This design is motivated by our empirical findings that the query, key, and value matrices serve distinct roles within the MM-DiT full attention. More details on the analysis are provided in Sec. 3.3. Additionally, we devise an FFN LoRA to refine the outputs of the Relation and Subject LoRAs and inject it into the linear layers of full attention. Note that the two branches of text and vision tokens in MM-DiT are processed by different LoRA sets.

Hybrid mask training strategy. To achieve the decoupling of relational and appearance information in the introduced relation LoRA triplet, we propose hybrid mask training strategy (HMT) to guide Relation and Subject LoRAs to focus on designated regions using corresponding masks. We first employ Grounding DINO [50] and SAM [40] to derive masks for the two individuals in a video, indicated as Subject Masks M_{S_1} and M_{S_2} . Inspired by representative relation detection approaches [78, 101, 102] that utilize minimum enclosing rectangles to delineate subject-object interaction zones, we define the Relation Mask M_R as the union of the two Subject Masks to indicate the relation area. Since the 3D VAE in Video DiT compresses the video’s temporal dimensions by a factor of T_c , we average the masks over every T_c frame to represent the latent masks.

We then devise a LoRA selection strategy and an enhanced diffusion loss for better disentanglement during training. Specifically, we randomly select either the Relation LoRAs or one type of Subject LoRAs in relation

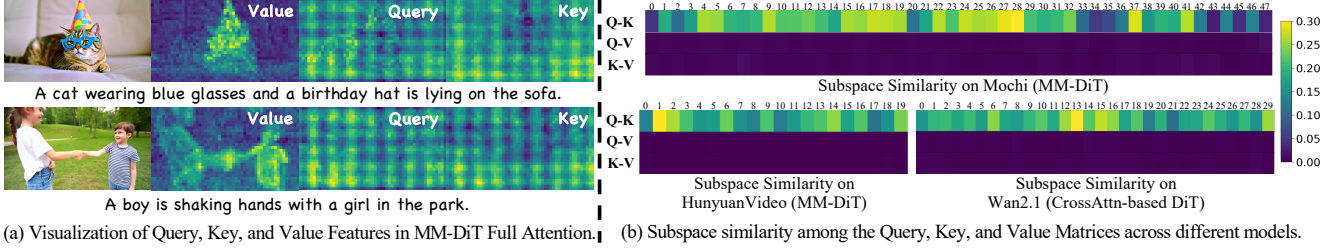


Figure 5. **Features and subspace similarity analysis of MM-DiT.** (a) Value features across different videos encapsulate rich appearance information, and relational information often intertwines with these appearance cues. Meanwhile, query and key features exhibit similar patterns that differ from those of value features. (b) We perform singular value decomposition on the query, key, and value matrices of each DiT block and compute the similarity of the subspaces spanned by their top- k left singular vectors, indicating query and key matrices share more common information while remaining independent of the value matrix. This observation holds for both MM-DiT (Mochi [79] and HunyuanVideo [42]) and CrossAttn-based DiT (Wan2.1 [83]) architectures.

LoRA triplet to update for each training iteration. When the Relation LoRAs are chosen, the two Subject LoRAs are trained simultaneously to provide appearance cues, assisting the Relation LoRAs in concentrating on relational information. This process facilitates the decoupling of relational and appearance information. The FFN LoRAs are consistently engaged throughout training to refine outputs from the selected Relation or Subject LoRAs.

Following LoRA selection, we apply the corresponding masks to amplify the loss weight within the focused area, which can be defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}} = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}, \epsilon, \mathbf{c}, t} (\lambda_m \mathbf{M}_l + 1) \cdot \|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, \mathbf{c}, t)\|_2^2, \quad (2)$$

where $l \in \{S_1, S_2, R\}$ indicates the selected mask type, and λ_m is the mask weight. By employing the LoRA selection strategy and the enhanced diffusion loss, Relation and Subject LoRAs are encouraged to concentrate on their designated area, facilitating effective relation customization and improving the generalization capacity.

Inference. During inference, we exclude Subject LoRAs to prevent undesired appearances and inject only Relation LoRAs and FFN LoRAs into the base Video DiT to maintain learned relations and enhance generalization.

3.3. Analysis on Query, Key, and Value Features

To determine the optimal model design, we analyze query, key, and value features and matrices in MM-DiT’s full attention via visualization and singular value decomposition, revealing their impacts on relational video customization.

Visualization analysis. We start with two types of videos: a single-subject video with multiple attributes, and a two-subject interaction video, as illustrated in Fig. 5(a). We compute the averaged query, key, and value features across all layers and attention heads at timestep 60, focusing solely on those associated with vision tokens. These features are then reshaped into an $f \times h \times w$ format, and we visualize the averaged features across all frames with shape $h \times w$. From the observations in Fig. 5(a), we draw two conclusions: 1) *Value features across different videos encapsulate*

rich appearance information, and relational information often intertwines with these appearance cues. For instance, in the single-subject video, high-value feature responses occur at locations like “blue glasses” and “birthday hat.” In the two-subject video, high values are observed both in regions of relations (e.g., handshakes) and appearances (e.g., human face and clothing), indicating the entanglement of relational and appearance information within the features. 2) *Query and key features exhibit highly abstract yet similar patterns, distinctly diverging from the value features.* Unlike the obvious appearance information in value features, query, and key features exhibit homogeneity across different videos, clearly differing from value features. To further validate this point, we analyze query, key, and value matrices from a quantitative perspective.

Subspace similarity analysis. We further analyze the similarity of the subspace spanned by the singular vectors of the query, key, and value matrix weights from the base Video DiT model Mochi. This similarity reflects the degree of overlap in contained information between two matrices. For the query and key matrices, we apply singular value decomposition to obtain left-singular unitary matrices U_Q and U_K . Following [32, 52], we select the top r singular vectors from U_Q and U_K , and measure their normalized subspace similarity based on the Grassmann distance [25] using $\frac{1}{r} \|U_Q^T U_K\|_F^2$. The other similarities are calculated in a similar way. The results in Fig. 5(b) demonstrate that the subspaces of the query and key matrices are highly similar, whereas their similarity to the value matrix is minimal. This suggests that *the query and key matrices in MM-DiT share more common information while remaining largely independent of the value matrix.* In other words, the query and key matrices exhibit a strongly non-overlapping relationship with the value matrix, which facilitates the design of our decoupling learning. This observation aligns with the visualization results in Fig. 5(a). To further verify the generalizability of this finding, we conduct similar analyses on various models, e.g. HunyuanVideo [42] and

Wan2.1 [83]. The results in Fig. 5(b) indicate that *the higher similarity between the query and key matrices remains consistent across different MM-DiT models and other DiT architectures (CrossAttn-based DiT)*.

Building on these observations, we empirically argue that the query, key, and value matrices serve distinct roles in relational video customization, motivating our design of relation LoRA triplet. Specifically, given that value features are rich in appearance information, we inject Subject LoRAs into the value matrix to focus on learning appearances. In contrast, due to the homogeneity observed in the query and key features and their non-overlapping nature with the value matrix, which facilitates decoupling learning, we inject Relation LoRAs into both query and key matrices to disentangle relations from appearances. The results in Tab. 3 confirm our analysis, showing this design achieves optimal performance. We believe our findings can advance video customization research based on DiT architecture.

3.4. Relational Dynamics Enhancement

To explicitly enhance relational dynamics learning, we propose a novel space-time relational contrastive loss (RCL), which emphasizes relational dynamics while reducing the focus on detailed appearance during training. Specifically, at each timestep t , we compute the pairwise differences of the model output along the frame dimension, denoted as $\bar{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}^{(f-1) \times h \times w \times c}$. We then reduce dependency on pixel-level information by averaging these differences across the spatial dimensions, resulting in 1D relational dynamics features $A \in \mathbb{R}^{(f-1) \times c}$, which serve as anchor features. Subsequently, we sample n_{pos} 1D relational dynamics features from other relation videos as positive samples $P \in \mathbb{R}^{(f-1) \times n_{\text{pos}} \times c}$. For each frame in A , we sample n_{neg} 1D features from single-frame model outputs $\epsilon_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times h \times w \times c}$ as negative samples $N \in \mathbb{R}^{(f-1) \times n_{\text{neg}} \times c}$, which capture appearance information while excluding relational dynamics.

Our objective is to learn representations with relational dynamics by pulling together the pairwise differences from different videos depicting the same relation, while distancing them from spatial features of single-frame outputs to mitigate appearance and background leakage. Following InfoNCE [61, 64] loss, we formulate the proposed loss as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{RCL}} = -\log \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_{\text{pos}}} \exp(\frac{A_i^\top P_{ij}}{\tau})}{\sum_{j=1}^{n_{\text{pos}}} \exp(\frac{A_i^\top P_{ij}}{\tau}) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_{\text{neg}}} \exp(\frac{A_i^\top N_{ik}}{\tau})}, \quad (3)$$

where τ is the temperature hyper-parameter.

Additionally, we maintain a memory bank \mathcal{M} to store and update the positive and negative samples, both randomly selected from the 1D features of the current batch videos and previously seen videos. This online dynamic update strategy can enlarge the number of positive and neg-

ative samples, enhancing the contrastive learning effect and training stability. At each iteration, we store all current anchor features A and the 1D features of ϵ_i into \mathcal{M} . The memory bank is implemented as a First In, First Out queue.

Overall, the training loss $\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}}$ consists of both reconstruction and contrastive learning loss, defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}} + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{\text{RCL}}, \quad (4)$$

where λ_1 is the loss balancing weight.

4. Experiment

4.1. Experimental Setup

Datasets. We conduct experiments on the NTU RGB+D Action Recognition Dataset [49, 71]. We select 26 types of human relations, such as handshakes and hugs, each labeled with a text prompt like ‘‘A person is shaking hands with a person.’’ For evaluation, we design 10×26 prompts with uncommon subject interactions, such as ‘‘A dog is shaking hands with a cat’’, to assess generalization to novel domains. More details are provided in Appendix A.

Baselines. Given the absence of existing methods for relational video customization, we define four baseline categories: 1) The base model Mochi. 2) Direct LoRA finetuning. 3) Adapted relational image customization methods. We reproduce ReVersion [36] on Mochi for relational video customization. 4) Motion customization methods, which mostly rely on Temporal Attention Layers that are absent in MM-DiT, face challenges in direct adaptation. Thus, we choose the recent and adaptable MotionInversion [85] as a baseline, reproducing it on Mochi for comparison.

Evaluation metrics. We evaluate our method by focusing on four aspects: 1) Relation Accuracy. Instead of using biased classifiers trained on test sets with limited diversity like previous methods [23, 36], which hinders test accuracy and generalizability, we propose the Relation Accuracy metric to assess relations using *advanced Vision-Language Models (VLMs)*. Specifically, we input generated videos to Qwen-VL-Max [2], a leading VQA model [20, 53], asking if the video matches the specified relation, and converting yes/no responses into relation accuracy percentages. We repeat this process 10 times to calculate the average accuracy. 2) Text Alignment. We employ CLIP image-text similarity (CLIP-T) to measure alignment with text prompts. 3) Temporal Consistency, which computes the average cosine similarity across consecutive frames [17]. 4) Video Quality. We use FVD to evaluate the video quality. The reference videos are 800 videos from the AnimalKingdom test dataset [63].

Implementation details. We adopt Mochi [79] as our base model. We use AdamW [54] optimizer with a learning rate of $2e-4$ and weight decay of 0.01. The training iteration is 2400. We set LoRA rank to 16, λ_m to 50, and λ_1 to 0.01. Generated video resolution is $61 \times 480 \times 848$, and the

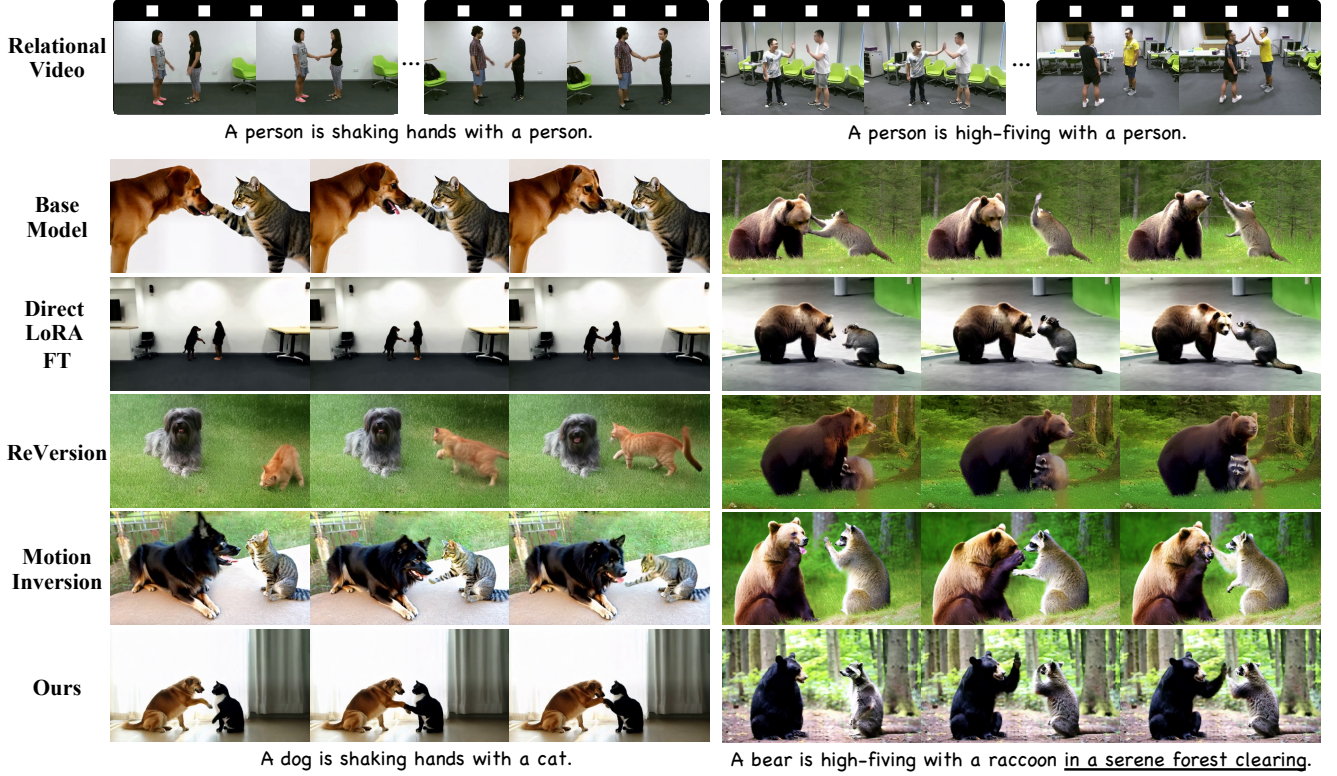


Figure 6. **Qualitative comparison results.** Our method outperforms all baselines in precisely capturing the intended relation and mitigating appearance and background leakage.

Table 1. **Quantitative comparison results.**

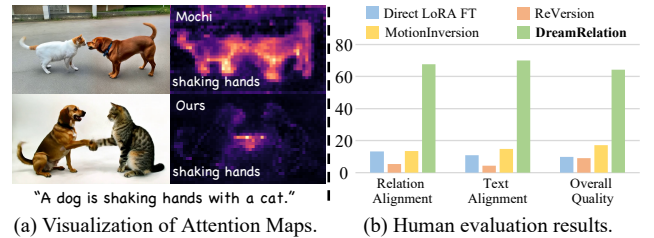
Method	Relation Accuracy	CLIP-T	Temporal Consistency	FVD↓
Mochi (base model) [79]	0.2623±0.04	0.3237	0.9888	2047.37
Direct LoRA finetuning	0.3258±0.05	0.2966	0.9945	2229.08
ReVersion [36]	0.2690±0.01	0.3013	0.9921	2682.69
MotionInversion [85]	0.3151±0.03	0.3217	0.9855	2084.51
DreamRelation	0.4452±0.01	0.3248	0.9954	2079.87

batch size is 1. We set n_{pos} to 4 and n_{neg} to 10. The memory bank size is 64, and τ is 0.07. During inference, we generate 30-fps videos using Euler Discrete method [47, 51] with 64 steps. The classifier-free guidance [27] scale is 6.0.

4.2. Main Results

Qualitative results. Qualitative comparisons in Fig. 6 reveal that all baseline methods, including the base model Mochi, fail to generate videos that match the relations defined in exemplar videos. For example, Direct LoRA finetuning struggles with appearance and background leakage, while other methods like MotionInversion cannot capture desired relational dynamics due to the complexity inherent in relations. In contrast, our DreamRelation precisely generates videos with intended relations and diverse subjects, effectively preventing appearance and background leakage.

Quantitative results. Tab. 1 presents the quantitative comparison results. Direct LoRA finetuning improves the base model’s Relation Accuracy but suffers from reduced CLIP-T and FVD due to appearance leakage. Inversion-



(a) Visualization of Attention Maps.

(b) Human evaluation results.

Figure 7. (a) Our method focuses on the desired relational region. (b) Our method is most preferred by users across all aspects.

based methods like ReVersion and MotionInversion achieve better CLIP-T than finetuning but fail to model desired relations accurately. In contrast, while comparable to the base model in FVD, our DreamRelation consistently surpasses baselines across other metrics, verifying its effectiveness.

Attention map analysis. To verify the effectiveness of our method, we compute averaged attention maps from all layers and heads, extracting values for text tokens of relations like “shaking hands” and all vision tokens [6]. These attention maps are reshaped and visualized in Fig. 7(a). We observe that the base model’s attention map for “shaking hands” is messy, leading to poor generation. In contrast, our method’s attention map effectively focuses on the relational area, producing more natural results and demonstrating its capability to capture relational information.

User study. We conduct user studies to evaluate our DreamRelation, involving 15 annotators who rate 180 video

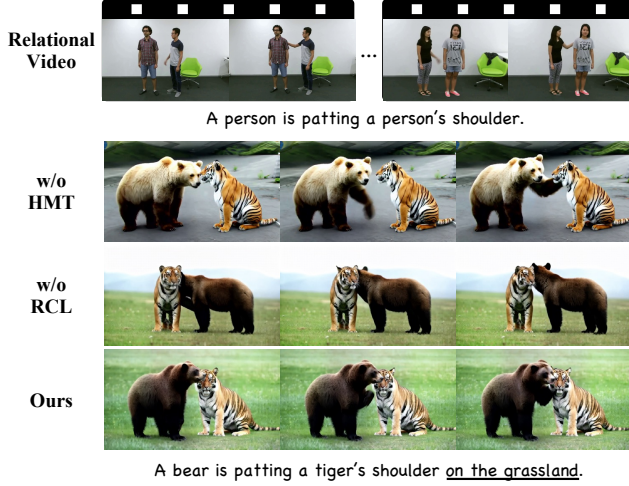


Figure 8. Qualitative ablation study on each component.

Table 2. Ablation studies on effects of hybrid mask training strategy (HMT), space-time relational contrastive loss (RCL), and each type of LoRA. Removing any of the above components significantly reduces the overall performance.

Method	Relation Accuracy	CLIP-T	Temporal Consistency	FVD↓
w/o HMT	0.3574±0.02	0.3244	0.9938	2248.52
w/o RCL	0.3416±0.03	0.3185	0.9953	2136.95
w/o Relation LoRAs	0.3626±0.02	0.3035	0.9950	2318.49
w/o Subject LoRAs	0.3769±0.04	0.3147	0.9949	2408.59
w/o FFN LoRAs	0.4021±0.03	0.3241	0.9914	2369.98
ours	0.4452±0.01	0.3248	0.9954	2079.87

groups generated by four methods. Each group contains four generated videos, a reference video, and a textual prompt. Evaluations are based on majority votes in three aspects: Relation Alignment, Text Alignment, and Overall Quality. Results in Fig. 7(b) indicate that our method is most preferred by users across all aspects. More details about the user study are provided in Appendix B.

4.3. Ablation Studies

Ablation on each component. We perform an ablation study on the effects of each component, as shown in Fig. 8. Without hybrid mask training strategy, the model generates the desired relations but experiences some background leakage due to incomplete decoupling of relational and appearance information. Omitting space-time relational contrastive loss reduces background leakage but results in videos exhibiting inaccurate relations.

Quantitative results in Tab. 2 show that removing hybrid mask training strategy or space-time relational contrastive loss degrades performance across all metrics, confirming that each component is crucial to overall performance; see Appendix C for more ablation studies.

Ablation on each LoRA in relation LoRA triplet. We conduct ablation studies to verify each LoRA’s effects. The results in Tab. 2 indicate that removing Relation LoRAs or Subject LoRAs significantly reduces Relation Accuracy and

Table 3. Ablation study of Relation LoRA position.

Relation LoRA	Subject LoRA	Relation Accuracy	CLIP-T	Temporal Consistency	FVD↓
V	Q, K	0.3444±0.02	0.3225	0.9953	2233.48
Q	K, V	0.3921±0.03	0.3301	0.9951	2284.65
K, V	Q	0.3937±0.04	0.3196	0.9954	2180.27
Q, K	V	0.4452±0.01	0.3248	0.9954	2079.87

Table 4. Effects of space-time relational contrastive loss on motion customization method (MotionInversion).

Method	Relation Accuracy	CLIP-T	Temporal Consistency	FVD↓
MotionInversion [85]	0.3151±0.03	0.3217	0.9855	2084.51
MotionInversion + RCL	0.3633±0.05	0.3181	0.9862	2063.30

CLIP-T due to insufficient decoupling of appearance and relational information. Excluding FFN LoRAs also lowers accuracy, highlighting the need for refinement.

Ablation on Relation LoRAs position. To determine the optimal position of Relation LoRAs, we experiment with different settings in the query (Q), key (K), and value (V) matrices, as shown in Tab. 3. Inserting Relation LoRAs to the V matrix results in the lowest Relation Accuracy, likely because V features predominantly exhibit appearance information, making it challenging to accurately capture the desired relations. Placing Relation LoRAs in the Q matrix or KV matrices is suboptimal since the overlapping nature of the QK matrices hinders their ability to process different information separately, which is not conducive to decoupling relations from appearances. In contrast, inserting Relation LoRAs to the QK matrices achieves the best Relation Accuracy, consistent with our analysis of full attention in Fig. 5.

Ablation on space-time relational contrastive loss (RCL). To verify the effectiveness of RCL among different methods, we integrate it with MotionInversion [85]. Results in Tab. 4 show that incorporating RCL enhances Relation Accuracy and Temporal Consistency while maintaining comparable CLIP-T, demonstrating its potential for generalization across different methods.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we present DreamRelation, a novel relational video customization method that accurately models complex relations defined in exemplar videos through relational decoupling learning and relational dynamics enhancement. We introduce relation LoRA triplet to decompose relations into appearance and relational information and further enhance this decoupling with hybrid mask training strategy. Our analysis of query, key, and value features in MM-DiT’s full attention motivates and offers interpretability for our model design. To further enhance relation dynamics learning, we propose space-time relational contrastive loss, which prioritizes relational dynamics over detailed appearances. Extensive experimental results demonstrate the superior customization capabilities of DreamRelation.

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