Supplementary Material for Frequency-Guided Diffusion for Training-Free Text-Driven Image Translation

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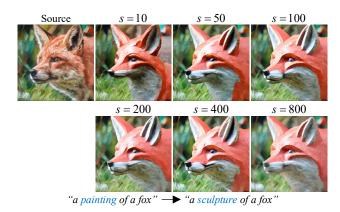


Figure 1. Ablation on high-frequency alignment scale s.

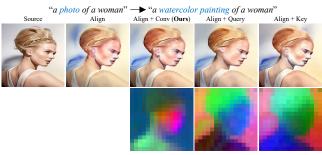
1. Additional ablation study

1.1. Effect of high-frequency alignment scale

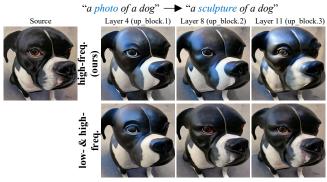
In Fig. 1, we study the effect of high-frequency scale s. As s increases, the high-frequency guidance starts to take effect by aligning structure with source (e.g., mouth). Further increasing could result in large gradient and affect structure preservation and image quality (e.g., blurred generation in the rightmost column). We empirically find that it works well within the range of [100, 200]. These discussions are also observed in Tab. 1a, suggesting our high-frequency guidance is robust to the choice of scale.

1.2. Effect of feature and layer choice

In Fig. 2, we ablate the choice of feature and layer in high-frequency injection. Since prior work [19] observes that decoder features provide better cues for structure preservation than encoder, we use the decoder features for high-frequency injection. In Fig. 2a, the comparison of generated images between convolution and self-attention features shows that convolution features are preferable for structure preservation, which is aligned with the observation in [19]. The quantitative results in Tab. 1b also indicate the convolution feature is a better choice for structure preservation. In Fig. 2b, we compare the convolution features from differ-



(a) Feature choice. **Align** denotes high-frequency alignment. **Conv** denotes high-frequency injection with convolution features. **Query/Key** denotes high-frequency injection with self-attention features query/key, respectively. PCA visualization of convolution and attention features are provided below the image, showing that convolution features have better disentanglement of object parts (*e.g.*, face and hair). Therefore, convolution features are more suitable for compensating our high-frequency alignment.



(b) Layer choice. The convolution features from decoder upsample block up_block.[1,2,3] are used. First row only injects high-frequency components of features (*i.e.*, ours) while second row injects both low- and high-frequency components (*i.e.*, direct replacement of features used by prior works).

Figure 2. Ablation on feature and layer choice in high-frequency injection.

ent decoder blocks. Along with our high-frequency alignment, the high-frequency injection at commonly-used layer 4 is enough for structure preservation. Deeper layers with higher resolutions (*e.g.*, layer 11) incorporates more appearance information and form the final prediction. This might cause appearance leakage (*e.g.*, eyes and mouth), which is consistent with the observations in [19]. Note that as we

s	DINO ↓	Edge ↑	CLIP↑	HPS ↑			
0	0.037	0.915	0.270	27.76			
100	0.034	0.930	0.271	27.64			
200	0.035	0.931	0.271	27.56			
800	0.031	0.928	0.269	27.25			
(a) High-frequency alignment scale s.							

Variant	DINO ↓	Edge ↑	CLIP ↑	HPS ↑
Query	0.042	0.921	0.265	27.14
Key	0.038	0.929	0.272	27.48
Conv (Ours)	0.035	0.931	0.271	27.56

(b) Feature choice in high-frequency injection.

r_{lp} CSD \uparrow CLIP \uparrow HPS \uparrow							
0	0.554	0.259	27.27				
3	0.637	0.262	27.38				
5	0.649	0.260	27.34				
20	0.701	0.249	26.91				

(c) Threshold r_{lp} for low-frequency guidance.

r_{hp}	r_{hp}^{pix}	DINO ↓	Edge ↑	CLIP↑	HPS ↑
0	20	0.031	0.935	0.266	27.61
3	10	0.033	0.933	0.273	27.54
3	20	0.035	0.931	0.271	27.56
3	30	0.036	0.927	0.271	27.62
3	50	0.038	0.913	0.270	27.70
5	20	0.038	0.929	0.270	27.65
10	20	0.041	0.926	0.269	27.68

(d) Threshold r_{hp}^{pix}/r_{hp} for high-frequency guidance.

Table 1. Quantitative ablations on Aesthetics [18]. The default setting is highlighted.

only inject high-frequency components of convolution features, the color leakage is less apparent but there are still traces at layer 11. Therefore, we use convolution features from layer 4 of decoder for high-frequency injection.

1.3. Quantitative ablations on frequency threshold

In addition to the qualitative ablation on frequency threshold in main paper, we provide quantitative results in Tabs. 1c and 1d. For low-frequency guidance threshold (Tab. 1c), extremely large r_{lp} (e.g., 20) may have better style preservation but fails to follow target prompt. We empirically find that $r_{lp}=5$ has better balance between style preservation and image-text alignment. As for high-frequency guidance threshold (Tab. 1d), we find that it works well for $r_{hp} \leq 5$ and $r_{hp}^{pix} \leq 30$. In practice, as discussed in main paper, we choose $r_{hp}=3$ as it has better balance between fidelity to source image's content and imagetext alignment. For r_{hp}^{pix} , we choose $r_{hp}^{pix}=20$ as it has bet-

Method	Sty	/le-guid	led	Structure-guided					
Wedned	CSD↑	CLIP↑	HPS ↑	DINO ↓	.Edge ↑	CLIP ↑	HPS ↑		
Image editing method									
CycleDiff [20]	0.601	0.270	26.67	0.054	0.900	0.258	27.04		
DDPM-Edit [8]	0.644	0.271	26.85	0.038	0.925	0.265	27.51		
LEDITS++ [1]	0.715	0.254	26.70	0.031	0.937	0.240	27.13		
FlexiEdit [10]	0.663	0.260	26.11	0.094	0.882	0.230	25.89		
Image translation	on metl	od							
P2P+NT [5, 15]	0.662	0.244	26.14	0.025	0.942	0.238	26.66		
PnP [19]	0.543	0.265	26.39	0.052	0.915	0.259	26.94		
P2P-Zero [16]	0.617	0.243	25.94	0.059	0.886	0.218	24.37		
FreeControl [14]	0.512	0.270	27.01	0.063	0.907	0.267	27.45		
Ctrl-X [13]	0.354	0.271	26.60	0.144	0.843	0.275	27.09		
PIC [11]	0.507	0.251	25.96	0.049	0.903	0.243	26.56		
FCDDiff [4] [†]	0.538	0.252	26.30	0.036	0.928	0.252	26.67		
FBSDiff [3]	0.610	0.260	26.71	0.053	0.909	0.264	27.16		
FGD (Ours)	0.718	0.274	26.93	0.032	0.935	0.269	27.57		

Table 2. Additional quantitative results on ImageNet-R-TI2I [19]. †: training-based method.

ter balance between structure preservation and image-text alignment.

2. Additional experimental results

2.1. Additional quantitative results

Following [8, 19], in Tab. 2, we provide style- and structure-guided translation results on ImageNet-R-TI2I (IN-R) [19]. Our method achieves competitive results on both tasks. Note that although LEDITS++ [1] and P2P+NT [5, 15] have strong style/structure preservation performance, they have low CLIP score, suggesting these works struggle with following target prompt instruction to change the source image. FreeControl [14] and Ctrl-X [13] are able to generate high-quality images (high HPS score) with strong image-text alignment (high CLIP score). However, they are inferior with style preservation (low CSD score) and structure preservation (high DINO distance, low Edge similarity), which is also observed in Fig. 4 of main paper and in Figs. 4 and 5 of supplementary.

2.2. Adaption to Stable Diffusion v1.5

By default, we use Stable Diffusion v2.1 (SDv2.1) [17] as pre-trained T2I model. In Tab. 3, we apply our method to Stable Diffusion v1.5 (SDv1.5) and show that it generalizes well on models with different capacities. In Fig. 3, we provide qualitative results and show that compared with SDv1.5 variant, SDv2.1 variant is able to generate images with better quality (*e.g.*, facial details in 4th row), more details (*e.g.*, hair in 2nd row) and better image-text alignment (*e.g.*, watercolor style in 5th row). However, despite the fact that SDv1.5 variant is less expressive, it still successfully follows the target prompt and preserves the essential

Method	Backbone	St	yle-guid	ed	Structure-guided				
	Duo ino ono		CLIP↑	HPS ↑	DINO ↓	Edge ↑	CLIP↑	HPS ↑	
DDPM-Edit [8]	SDv1.5	0.645	0.272	26.67	0.041	0.922	0.265	27.21	
FBSDiff [3]	SDv1.5	0.587	0.270	26.59	0.052	0.910	0.265	27.02	
Ours	SDv1.5	0.690	0.273	26.70	0.034	0.931	0.267	27.30	
DDPM-Edit [8]	SDv2.1	0.644	0.271	26.85	0.038	0.925	0.265	27.51	
FBSDiff [3]	SDv2.1	0.610	0.260	26.71	0.053	0.909	0.264	27.16	
Ours	SDv2.1	0.718	0.274	26.93	0.032	0.935	0.269	27.57	

Table 3. Comparison of results with SDv1.5 and SDv2.1 on ImageNet-R-TI2I [19].

Method	Style-guided			Structure-guided							
Wiemod	CSD↑	CLIP↑	HPS ↑	FID↓	Time ↓	DINO ↓	Edge ↑	CLIP↑	HPS ↑	FID ↓	Time↓
P2P+NT [5, 15]	0.669	0.236	26.41	136.8	144s	0.027	0.950	0.252	26.98	112.3	144s
PnP [19]	0.477	0.254	26.63	192.6	77s	0.044	0.919	0.270	26.99	192.6	77s
P2P-Zero [16]	0.426	0.237	26.09	219.9	76s	0.046	0.920	0.230	26.29	142.0	76s
FreeControl [14]	0.436	0.252	27.22	227.3	182s	0.045	0.913	0.270	27.42	179.1	182s
Ctrl-X [13]	0.230	0.264	26.94	263.8	17s	0.123	0.860	0.269	26.16	228.7	17s
PIC [11]	0.421	0.254	26.65	222.3	17s	0.053	0.909	0.243	26.32	184.1	17s
FCDDiff [4] [†]	0.434	0.261	26.39	239.62	8s	0.038	0.928	0.231	26.36	173.01	8s
FBSDiff [3]	0.436	0.257	26.38	253.1	86s	0.058	0.908	0.253	26.58	166.6	86s
FGD (Ours)	0.649	0.260	27.34	151.7	12s	0.035	0.931	0.271	27.56	160.4	25s

Table 4. Comparison of sampling time on LAION-Aesthetics 6.5+ [18]. The running time on one NVIDIA 3090 GPU is reported. We additionally report FID (Fréchet Inception Distance) [6]. However, because the translated image may not have the same distribution as the original input image, most baselines in the area of image translation don't use FID.

style/structure in the generation.

2.3. Additional qualitative results

In Figs. 4 and 5, we provide more qualitative results. As observed in main paper, compared with baselines, our method is able to generate images that preserve source image's style/structure and match target text prompt. In particular, for style-guided translation, our method has better detail preservation (*e.g.*, clothes and hair in 3rd row of Fig. 4) and color alignment with source image (*e.g.*, 4th row of Fig. 4). For structure-guided translation, our method has better ability of preserving edges and contour (*e.g.*, facial details in 2nd row, big and small boats in 4th row of Fig. 5).

2.4. Diverse sampling results

In Fig. 6, we show that our FGD is able to generate diverse sampling results for the fixed target prompt by applying DDPM inversion [8] to invert initial latent through adding Gaussian noise.

3. Sampling time

In Tab. 4, we compare the sampling time of training-free image translation methods. Our method achieves compet-

itive results against prior works with relatively low cost. In particular, on style-guided translation, our time is much lower than prior works as we don't rely on long step inversion (*e.g.*, 50 *vs.* 1000 steps used by FBSDiff [3]). Although P2P+NT [5, 15] exhibits strong style and structure preservation performance, as discussed in main paper, it often fails to follow target prompt and leaves the source image unchanged, which is indicated by the low CLIP score (image-text alignment).

4. Additional implementation details

4.1. Implementation

We use layer 4 of decoder for high-frequency injection as prior work [19] observes that compared with deeper layers with higher resolution, it contains structure information without resulting in appearance leakage from source image. The spatial size of convolution features is 16×16 . Following common practice [3, 19], CFG [7] scale is 7.5 and DDIM sampling step is 50 with $\eta=1$.

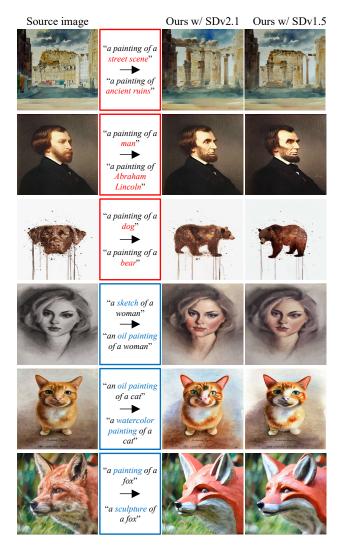


Figure 3. Qualitative results with SDv1.5 and SDv2.1.

4.2. Dataset

LAION-Aesthetics 6.5+ [18]. Following FBSDiff [3], we evaluate on LAION-Aesthetics 6.5+ [18], a subset of LAION-5B [18] containing high-quality images with aesthetic scores of 6.5 or higher. As the selected samples and adopted prompts used in the evaluation of FBSDiff [3] are not available, we create a benchmark by sampling 200 source images from Aesthetics, 100 for each task of style-/structure-guided translation. These images include paintings/photos of humans, animals and other objects (e.g., boat, flower, plane). For style-guided translation, 80% are paintings while the others are photos. For structure-guided translation, 60% are paintings while the others are photos. Samples of these images are provided in Fig. 7. We first use BLIP [12] to automatically generate source text prompts describing these images. Then we manually revisit the generated source prompts to ensure they accurately describe the source images. For each task of style-/structure-guided translation, we manually create 3 target prompts for each pair of source image and source prompt. For style-guided translation, we replace the object in source prompt by using target prompt to specify a different object class, *i.e.*, class that is semantically related to the class in source prompt (e.g., "a painting of a man" \rightarrow "a painting of a boy"). For structure-guided translation, we use target prompt to specify a different style (e.g., "a photo of a dog" \rightarrow "an oil painting of a dog"). The new style is randomly sampled from a list of style choices: oil painting, watercolor painting, pencil sketch, sculpture and origami.

PIE-Bench [9]. PIE-Bench [9] is a prompt-driven image editing benchmark. We use subset "1 Change Object" (i.e., change an object to another) for style-guided translation and subset "9 Change Style" (i.e., change the image style) for structure-guided translation. Each of the subset has 80 images, including paintings and photos of humans, animals and scenes.

ImageNet-R-TI2I [19]. ImageNet-R-TI2I [19] (IN-R) is a widely-used dataset in image translation and editing [8, 14, 19], with various renditions of 10 classes from ImageNet [2]. Each image has 5 target prompts. Among them, 3 prompts are structure-guided text instructions (e.g., "a sketch of a penguin" \rightarrow "a toy of a penguin") while the other 2 prompts modify both style and structure (e.g., "a sketch of a penguin" \rightarrow "a sculpture of a swan"). We directly use the 3 structure-guided instructions for our structure-guided translation, we keep the style unchanged in the prompt (e.g., "a sketch of a penguin" \rightarrow "a sketch of a swan").

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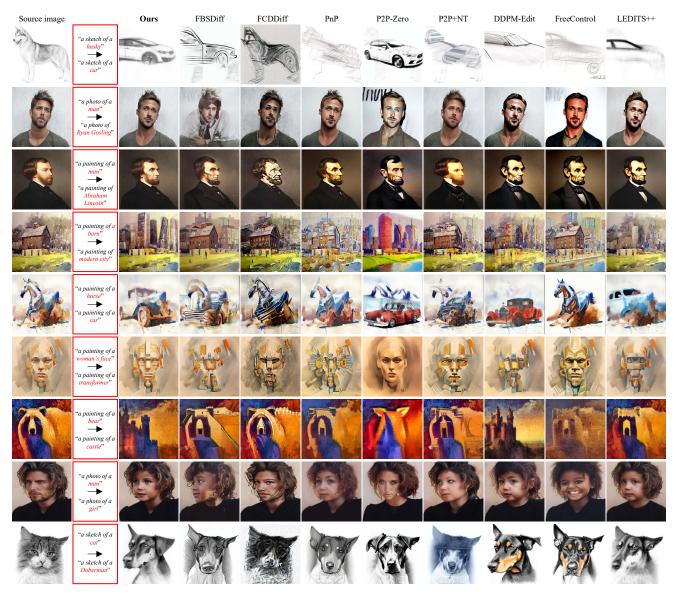


Figure 4. Additional qualitative results on style-guided translation (Low-frequency guidance for frequency-based models).

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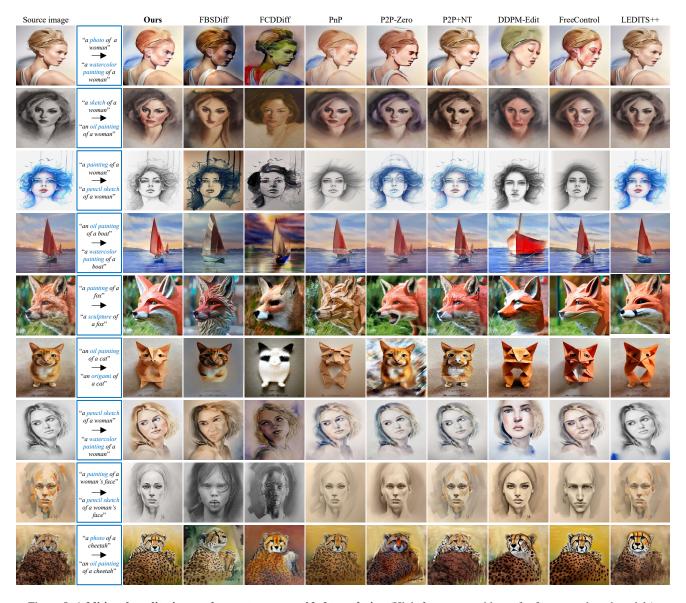


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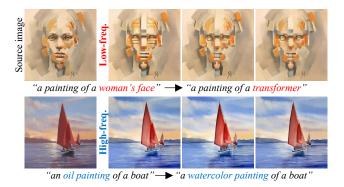


Figure 6. **Diverse sampling results with fixed target prompt**. Top: eyes are different. Bottom: sunset is different.

Source image	Source	Target prompt	Source image	Source	Target prompt
	"a painting of a boat in a harbour"	"a painting of a street scene" "a painting of ancient ruins" "a painting of factories"		"a digital painting of a woman"	"an oil painting of a woman" "a watercolor painting of a woman" "an image of a woman"
3	"a painting of a man"	"a painting of an elderly man" "a painting of a boy" "a painting of Mozart"		"a photo of flowers"	"a watercolor painting of flowers" "a pencil sketch of flowers" "origami of flowers"
	"a painting of a dog"	"a painting of a bear" "a painting of a monkey" "a painting of a car"		"a photo of a dog"	"an oil painting of a dog" "a sculpture of a dog" "an origami of a dog"
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