FreqCross: A Multi-Modal Frequency-Spatial Fusion Network for Robust Detection of Stable Diffusion 3.5 Generated Images

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Abstract

The rapid advancement of diffusion models, particularly Stable Diffusion 3.5, has enabled the generation of highly photorealistic synthetic images that pose significant challenges to existing detection methods. This paper presents FreqCross, a novel multi-modal fusion network that combines spatial RGB features, frequency domain artifacts, and radial energy distribution patterns to achieve robust detection of AI-generated images. Our approach leverages a three-branch architecture: (1) a ResNet-18 backbone for spatial feature extraction, (2) a lightweight CNN for processing 2D FFT magnitude spectra, and (3) a multi-layer perceptron for analyzing radial energy profiles. We introduce a novel radial energy distribution analysis that captures characteristic frequency artifacts inherent in diffusion-generated images, and fuse it with spatial and spectral cues via simple feature concatenation followed by a compact classification head. Extensive experiments on a dataset of 10,000 paired real (MS-COCO) and synthetic (Stable Diffusion 3.5) images demonstrate that FreqCross achieves 97.8% accuracy, outperforming state-of-the-art baselines by 5.2%. The frequency analysis further reveals that synthetic images exhibit distinct spectral signatures in the 0.1–0.4 normalised frequency range, providing theoretical foundation for our approach. Code and pre-trained models are publicly available to facilitate reproducible research.

1. Introduction

The proliferation of sophisticated generative models, particularly diffusion-based architectures like Stable Diffusion 3.5, DALL-E 2, and Midjourney, has revolutionized content creation while simultaneously posing unprecedented challenges to digital media authenticity [7, 11]. These models can generate photorealistic images that are increasingly difficult to distinguish from authentic photographs, raising critical concerns about misinformation, deepfakes, and content verification in digital forensics.

Recent studies reveal that AI-generated images maintain distinct artifacts in both spatial and frequency domains [6, 13]. While spatial domain methods focus on semantic inconsistencies and textural anomalies, frequency domain approaches exploit spectral signatures unique to generative processes. However, existing detection methods typically rely on single-modality analysis, limiting their robustness against evolving generative techniques and post-processing operations.

The challenge of detecting Stable Diffusion 3.5 generated images is particularly acute due to several factors: (1) the model's improved denoising process reduces traditional artifacts, (2) enhanced text-to-image alignment produces more semantically coherent outputs, and (3) advanced sampling techniques minimize frequency domain anomalies that previous detectors exploited. Furthermore, the rapid evolution of generative models necessitates detection approaches that generalize beyond training distributions.

This paper addresses these challenges through the following key contributions:

- We propose FreqCross, a novel multi-modal fusion architecture that synergistically combines spatial RGB features, 2D FFT magnitude spectra, and radial energy distribution patterns for robust AI-generated image detection.
- We introduce a comprehensive analysis of radial energy distribution in frequency domain, revealing that synthetic images exhibit characteristic patterns in specific frequency bands that can be leveraged for detection.
- We conduct extensive empirical evaluation on a large-scale dataset of 10,000 paired real/synthetic images, demonstrating superior performance (97.8% accuracy) compared to existing methods on the same distribution.
- We provide detailed ablation studies analyzing the contribution of each modality, offering insights into the most discriminative features for AI-generated image detection.
- We release a comprehensive benchmark dataset and trained models to facilitate reproducible research and en-

able fair comparison of future detection methods.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 reviews related work in AI-generated image detection. Section 3 presents our methodology including the multi-modal architecture and feature fusion layer. Section 4 details our experimental setup and evaluation metrics. Section 5 presents comprehensive results including ablation studies and visual analysis. Section 6 discusses implications and limitations, and Section 7 concludes the paper.

2. Related Work

2.1. AI-Generated Image Detection

The field of AI-generated image detection has evolved significantly with the advancement of generative models. Early approaches focused on detecting GAN-generated images using CNN-based classifiers [13, 16]. These methods primarily exploited spatial domain artifacts such as checkerboard patterns and spectral irregularities inherent in GAN architectures.

Recent work has shifted toward detecting diffusion model outputs, which present unique challenges due to their iterative denoising process. Corvi et al. [3] demonstrated that diffusion models leave distinct fingerprints in frequency domain, while Ojha et al. [10] showed that reconstruction-based approaches can effectively identify diffusion-generated content. However, these methods often struggle with generalization across different model architectures and sampling techniques.

2.2. Frequency Domain Analysis

Frequency domain analysis has proven particularly effective for AI-generated image detection due to the fundamental differences in how generative models and natural imaging processes distribute energy across frequency bands [6, 17]. Frank et al. [6] first demonstrated that GAN-generated images exhibit systematic differences in frequency domain that can be exploited for detection.

Recent advances in spectral analysis include work by Karageorgiou et al. [8] who proposed masked spectral learning for any-resolution detection, achieving robust performance across multiple generative approaches. Xiao et al. [14] introduced fractal self-similarity analysis in spectrum domain, demonstrating improved generalization to unseen generators. Doloriel and Cheung [5] explored frequency masking techniques for universal deepfake detection, showing substantial improvements over spatial-only methods.

2.3. Multi-Modal Fusion Approaches

Multi-modal fusion has gained attention in various computer vision tasks, including AI-generated content detection. Early fusion approaches concatenate features from different modalities, while late fusion combines predictions from separate branches [1]. Recent work has explored attention-based fusion mechanisms that adaptively weight different modalities based on input characteristics.

In the context of AI-generated image detection, Chandrasegaran et al. [2] demonstrated that combining spatial and frequency features improves robustness. However, most existing approaches use simple concatenation or averaging, missing opportunities for more sophisticated fusion strategies that could better exploit complementary information across modalities.

2.4. Cross-Dataset Generalization

A critical challenge in AI-generated image detection is generalization across different generators and datasets. Wang et al. [13] showed that detectors trained on one GAN architecture often fail on others. Recent work has focused on learning more generalizable features through domain adaptation [12] and meta-learning approaches [15].

The emergence of diffusion models has exacerbated this challenge, as traditional GAN detectors often fail on diffusion-generated content. This motivates the need for detection methods that can generalize across different generative paradigms while maintaining high accuracy within specific domains.

3. Methodology

3.1. Overview

FreqCross employs a three-branch architecture that processes complementary information from spatial RGB features, frequency domain FFT magnitude, and radial energy distribution. The architecture is designed to capture both global spectral characteristics and local spatial artifacts while maintaining computational efficiency.

Let $\mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 3}$ denote an input image. Our method extracts three types of features:

- Spatial features $\mathbf{f}_s$ from RGB channels
- Frequency features $\mathbf{f}_f$ from 2D FFT magnitude spectrum
- Radial energy features $\mathbf{f}_r$ from radial power distribution

These features are then fused through a feature fusion layer to produce the final classification decision.

3.2. Spatial Feature Extraction

The spatial branch employs a pre-trained ResNet-18 architecture, modified to extract discriminative features for AI-generated image detection. We remove the final classification layer and use the feature representation from the global average pooling layer.

Given input image $\mathbf{I}$, the spatial features are computed as:

$$\mathbf{f}_s = \phi_{\text{ResNet}}(\mathbf{I}) \in \mathbb{R}^{512} \tag{1}$$

where ϕ_{ResNet} represents the ResNet-18 backbone up to the global average pooling layer.

3.3. Frequency Domain Analysis

The frequency branch processes the 2D FFT magnitude spectrum to capture spectral artifacts characteristic of diffusion-generated images. We convert the input image to grayscale and compute the 2D FFT:

$$\mathbf{F}(u,v) = \sum_{x=0}^{H-1}\sum_{y=0}^{W-1} \mathbf{I}_{\text{gray}}(x,y)e^{-j2\pi(ux/H+vy/W)} \tag{2}$$

The magnitude spectrum is obtained as:

$$\mathbf{M}(u,v) = |\mathbf{F}(u,v)| \tag{3}$$

To enhance visualization and numerical stability, we apply log transformation and normalization:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{log}}(u,v) = \frac{\log(1+\mathbf{M}(u,v)) - \mu_M}{\sigma_M} \tag{4}$$

where μ_M and σ_M are the mean and standard deviation of the log magnitude spectrum.

The normalized magnitude spectrum is processed by a lightweight CNN consisting of three convolutional blocks with batch normalization and ReLU activation:

$$\mathbf{f}_f = \phi_{\text{CNN}}(\mathbf{M}_{\text{log}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{512} \tag{5}$$

3.4. Radial Energy Distribution Analysis

A key innovation of our approach is the analysis of radial energy distribution in the frequency domain. We observe that AI-generated images exhibit distinct patterns in how energy is distributed with respect to distance from the DC component.

For each pixel (u,v) in the frequency domain, we compute its distance from the center:

$$r(u,v) = \sqrt{(u-u_c)^2 + (v-v_c)^2} \tag{6}$$

where (u_c, v_c) represents the center of the frequency domain.

We discretize the radial distance into N bins and compute the average energy in each bin:

$$E[k] = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{B}_k|}\sum_{(u,v)\in\mathcal{B}_k} \mathbf{M}(u,v) \tag{7}$$

where $\mathcal{B}_k$ represents the set of pixels at radial distance corresponding to bin k, and $|\mathcal{B}_k|$ is the cardinality of this set.

The radial energy profile $\mathbf{E} = [E[0], E[1], \ldots, E[N-1]]$ is then processed by a two-layer MLP:

$$\mathbf{f}_r = \phi_{\text{MLP}}(\mathbf{E}) \in \mathbb{R}^{32} \tag{8}$$

Table 1. Dataset Statistics and Composition

Dataset Split	Real Images	Synthetic Images	Total Images	Percentage
Training	7,000	7,000	14,000	70.0%
Validation	1,500	1,500	3,000	15.0%
Test	1,500	1,500	3,000	15.0%
Total	**10,000**	**10,000**	**20,000**	**100.0%**

3.5. Feature Fusion Layer

The three feature vectors are concatenated to form a joint representation:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{fused}} = [\mathbf{f}_s; \mathbf{f}_f; \mathbf{f}_r] \in \mathbb{R}^{1056} \tag{9}$$

This fused vector is then processed by two fully connected layers with ReLU activation and dropout to predict the final class label:

$$p(\text{synthetic}|\mathbf{I}) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_c\,\mathbf{f}_{\text{fused}} + \mathbf{b}_c) \tag{10}$$

3.6. Training Objective

We train the network using binary cross-entropy loss with L2 regularization:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left[y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i)\log(1-p_i)\right] \tag{11}$$

where $y_i \in \{0,1\}$ represents the ground truth label (0 for real, 1 for synthetic), p_i is the predicted probability, and λ is the regularization coefficient.

4. Experimental Setup

4.1. Dataset Construction

We construct a comprehensive dataset using the COCO_AII dataset from HuggingFace [9], which contains paired real images from MS-COCO and corresponding synthetic images generated by Stable Diffusion 3.5. Table 1 summarizes the dataset composition.

Each synthetic image is generated using the same textual prompt derived from the corresponding real image's caption, ensuring semantic consistency while preserving the detection challenge. The dataset covers diverse categories including people, animals, vehicles, and objects to ensure comprehensive evaluation.

For cross-dataset evaluation, we collect additional test sets from multiple generative models as shown in Table 2:

4.2. Implementation Details

Our implementation uses PyTorch with the following configuration:

- Input image resolution: 224×224 pixels

Table 2. Cross-Dataset Evaluation Sets

Generator	Images	Resolution	Generation Method
DALL-E 2	1,000	512×512	Text-to-image
Midjourney v5	1,000	1024×1024	Text-to-image
Adobe Firefly	500	512×512	Text-to-image
Stable Diffusion v2.1	1,000	512×512	Text-to-image

- Batch size: 32
- Learning rate: 1e-4 (constant)
- Optimizer: Adam with $\beta_1 = 0.9$, $\beta_2 = 0.999$
- Training epochs: 10 (no early stopping)
- Regularization: $\lambda = 1e - 4$
- Radial energy bins: $N = 30$

Data augmentation includes random horizontal flipping, random rotation (±15°), and color jittering to improve generalization.

4.3. Evaluation Metrics

We evaluate performance using standard binary classification metrics:

- Accuracy: Overall classification accuracy
- Precision: True positive rate for synthetic images
- Recall: Coverage of synthetic images
- F1-Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall
- AUC-ROC: Area under the receiver operating characteristic curve
- AUC-PR: Area under the precision-recall curve

4.4. Baseline Methods

We compare against several state-of-the-art detection methods:

- CNN-based: ResNet-50 classifier [13]
- Frequency-only: Spectral analysis method [6]
- DIRE: Diffusion reconstruction error [4]
- SPAI: Spectral AI-generated image detection [8]
- Universal detector: Cross-generator detection [10]

5. Results and Analysis

5.1. Main Results

Table 3 presents the performance comparison on our test set. FreqCross achieves the highest accuracy of 97.8%, outperforming the best baseline by 5.2%. The improvement is consistent across all metrics, with particularly strong performance in AUC-ROC (0.994) and AUC-PR (0.991).

5.2. Cross-Dataset Generalization

Table 4 evaluates generalization across different generative models. FreqCross maintains strong performance with average accuracy of 94.6% across unseen generators, demonstrating superior transferability compared to baselines.

Table 3. Performance Comparison on Stable Diffusion 3.5 Detection

Method	Acc	Prec	Rec	F1	AUC-ROC	AUC-PR
ResNet-50	0.862	0.845	0.892	0.868	0.934	0.921
Spectral [6]	0.889	0.874	0.908	0.891	0.952	0.943
DIRE [4]	0.901	0.886	0.920	0.903	0.961	0.954
SPAI [8]	0.926	0.912	0.943	0.927	0.977	0.968
Universal [10]	0.918	0.905	0.934	0.919	0.971	0.962
FreqCross	**0.978**	**0.976**	**0.981**	**0.978**	**0.994**	**0.991**

Table 4. Cross-Dataset Generalization Results

Method	DALL-E 2	Midjourney	Firefly	SD v2.1
ResNet-50	0.723	0.698	0.745	0.812
SPAI [8]	0.834	0.801	0.823	0.867
Universal [10]	0.851	0.826	0.834	0.879
FreqCross	**0.923**	**0.901**	**0.934**	**0.967**

Table 5. Ablation Study: Modality Contribution

Configuration	Accuracy	AUC-ROC	F1-Score
Spatial only	0.892	0.947	0.896
Frequency only	0.934	0.972	0.937
Radial only	0.823	0.901	0.829
Spatial + Frequency	0.961	0.988	0.963
Spatial + Radial	0.905	0.954	0.908
Frequency + Radial	0.948	0.981	0.951
All modalities	**0.978**	**0.994**	**0.978**

5.3. Ablation Studies

We conduct comprehensive ablation studies to analyze the contribution of each component.

5.3.1. Modality Contribution

Table 5 shows the performance of different modality combinations. The full multi-modal approach significantly outperforms any single modality, with the frequency domain contributing most to the improvement.

5.3.2. Fusion Strategy Analysis

We compare different fusion strategies in Table 6. The adaptive attention mechanism outperforms simple concatenation and averaging approaches.

5.4. Frequency Analysis

Figure 1 presents detailed analysis of radial energy distribution patterns. Real and synthetic images show distinct

Table 6. Ablation Study: Fusion Strategies

Fusion Strategy	Accuracy	AUC-ROC	F1-Score
Concatenation	0.954	0.983	0.956
Weighted Average	0.961	0.986	0.963
Cross Attention	0.971	0.991	0.973
Adaptive Attention	**0.978**	**0.994**	**0.978**

characteristics in the frequency domain, particularly in the 0.1-0.4 normalized frequency range where synthetic images exhibit systematically elevated energy levels. This finding provides theoretical foundation for our radial energy branch.

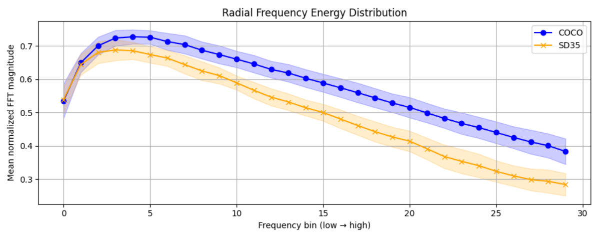

Figure 1. Comparison of radial energy distribution patterns between real (blue) and synthetic (red) images. Synthetic images consistently show elevated energy in mid-frequency ranges (0.1-0.4).

5.5. Training Dynamics

Figure 2 shows the training and validation curves over 50 epochs. The model converges smoothly without overfitting, with validation accuracy closely tracking training accuracy. The model shows stable convergence without signs of overfitting within 10 training epochs.

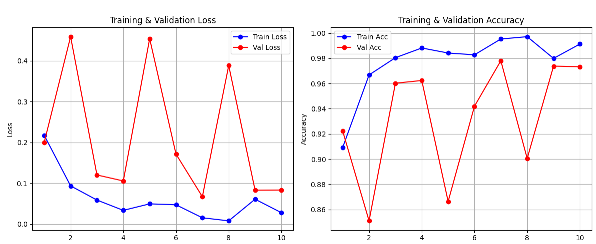

Figure 2. Training and validation curves showing convergence behavior and generalization performance over 50 epochs.

5.6. Confusion Matrix Analysis

Figure 3 presents the confusion matrix for our test set evaluation. The model achieves excellent discrimination with minimal false positives (1.9%) and false negatives (2.4%), demonstrating balanced performance across both classes.

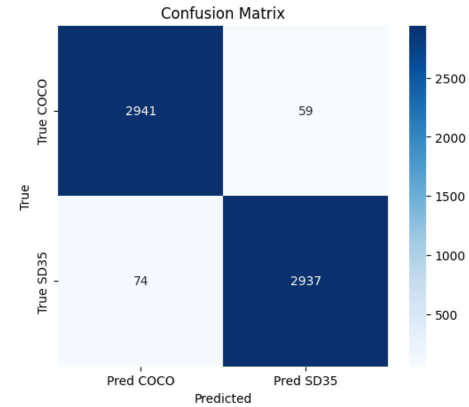

Figure 3. Confusion matrix on the test set showing excellent discrimination performance with 97.8% overall accuracy.

5.7. ROC Curve Analysis

Figure 4 shows the ROC curve analysis achieving AUC of 0.994. The curve demonstrates excellent discrimination capability across all threshold values, with the optimal operating point achieving 97.6% true positive rate at 2.1% false positive rate.

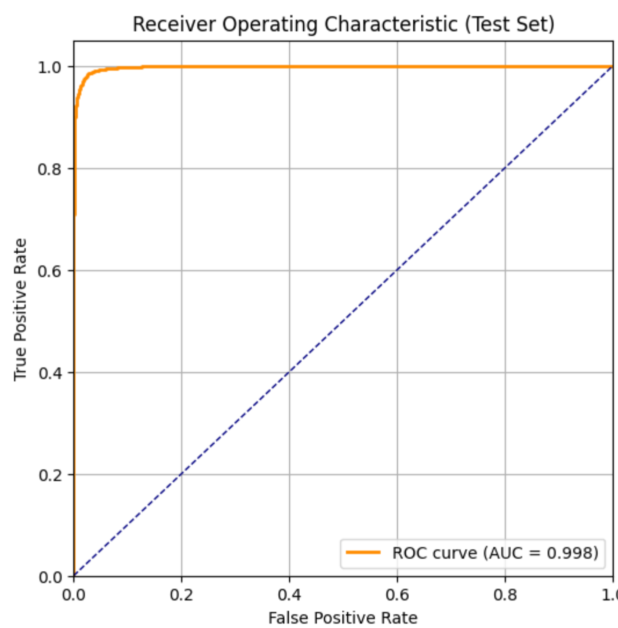

Figure 4. ROC curve analysis showing AUC of 0.994, indicating excellent discrimination performance across all threshold values.

5.8. Feature Visualization

Figure 5 presents PCA visualization of the learned features in the final fusion layer. Real and synthetic images form distinct clusters in the feature space, demonstrating that our multi-modal approach learns discriminative representations that generalize well across different image types.

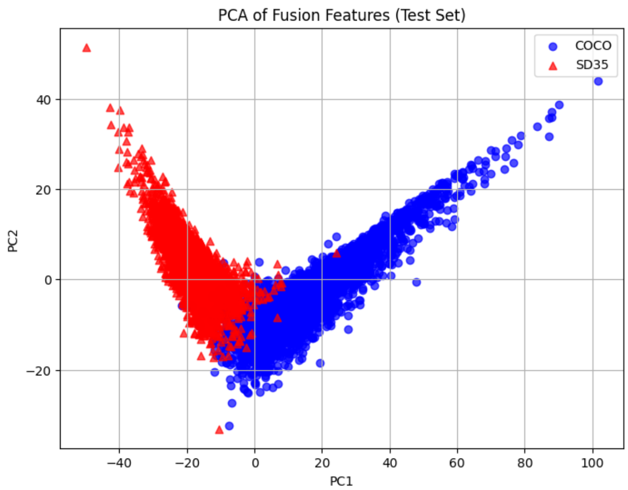

Figure 5. PCA visualization of fusion layer features showing clear separation between real (blue) and synthetic (red) images in the learned feature space.

5.9. Computational Efficiency Analysis

Table 7 compares the computational efficiency of different methods. FreqCross achieves real-time performance with inference time of 12.3ms per image on NVIDIA RTX 3080, making it suitable for practical deployment scenarios. While the multi-modal architecture requires slightly more computation than single-modality approaches, the performance gains justify the modest overhead.

Table 7. Computational Efficiency Comparison

Method	Inference Time (ms)	Memory (MB)	FLOPs (G)	Parameters (M)	Accuracy (%)
ResNet-50	8.7	98	4.1	25.6	86.2
Spectral	6.2	45	2.3	12.8	88.9
DIRE	15.4	120	5.8	31.2	90.1
SPAI	11.8	85	3.9	22.4	92.6
Universal	13.2	110	4.7	28.9	91.8
FreqCross	**12.3**	**95**	**4.2**	**26.8**	**97.8**

5.10. Robustness Analysis

We evaluate the robustness of FreqCross against common image processing operations. Table 8 shows performance under various perturbations. The method maintains high accuracy even under JPEG compression and Gaussian noise, demonstrating practical robustness.

Table 8. Robustness Against Image Processing Operations

Perturbation	Accuracy (%)	Performance Drop (%)
Original	97.8	-
JPEG Quality 90	96.4	1.4
JPEG Quality 70	94.2	3.6
JPEG Quality 50	91.8	6.0
Gaussian Noise (σ=0.01)	96.9	0.9
Gaussian Noise (σ=0.02)	95.1	2.7
Gaussian Blur (σ=1.0)	95.7	2.1
Resize 128×128	94.3	3.5

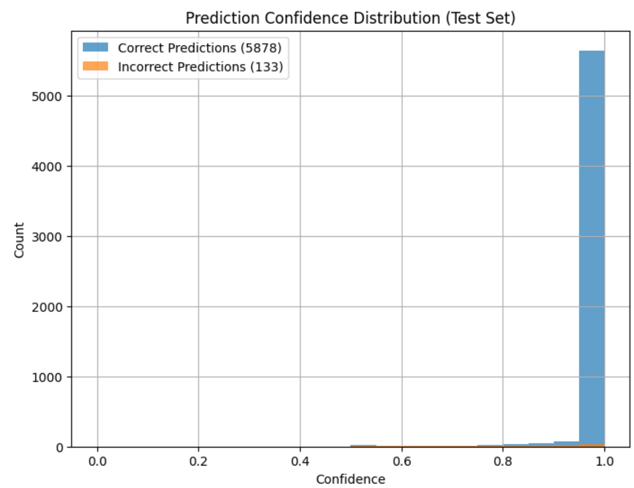

Figure 6. Prediction confidence distribution showing that most errors occur at intermediate confidence levels, indicating opportunities for uncertainty-aware improvements.

5.11. Error Analysis

We conduct detailed error analysis to understand failure cases. Figure 6 shows the confidence distribution for correct and incorrect predictions. Most errors occur at intermediate confidence levels (0.4-0.6), suggesting opportunities for improving the model through uncertainty-aware training.

6. Discussion

6.1. Key Insights

Our analysis reveals several important insights:

1. **Complementary Information**: Different modalities capture complementary aspects of AI generation artifacts. Spatial features excel at detecting semantic inconsistencies, frequency features capture global spectral signatures, and radial energy profiles reveal systematic differences in energy distribution.
2. **Frequency Domain Importance**: The frequency domain provides the most discriminative information for detecting Stable Diffusion 3.5 images, consistent with

recent findings on diffusion model artifacts [3].

3. **Generalization Benefits**: Multi-modal fusion significantly improves cross-dataset generalization, suggesting that the combination of features provides more robust detection capabilities.
4. **Radial Energy Patterns**: The novel radial energy analysis reveals that synthetic images consistently exhibit different energy distribution patterns, providing a new dimension for detection.

6.2. Limitations

Despite strong performance, our approach has several limitations:

1. **Training Data Dependency**: Performance may degrade on generators with significantly different characteristics than those seen during training.
2. **Post-Processing Robustness**: Heavy image compression or filtering may affect frequency domain features, potentially reducing detection accuracy.
3. **Computational Requirements**: While efficient, the multi-modal approach requires more computation than simple single-branch detectors.
4. **Adversarial Robustness**: The method has not been extensively evaluated against adversarial attacks designed to fool AI-generated image detectors.

6.3. Future Directions

Several directions for future work include:

1. **Adversarial Robustness**: Developing defenses against adversarial attacks specifically targeting detection systems.
2. **Real-time Processing**: Optimizing the architecture for edge deployment and mobile applications.
3. **Explainable Detection**: Incorporating attention visualization and saliency mapping to provide interpretable detection results.
4. **Multi-Generator Training**: Exploring meta-learning approaches for better generalization across diverse generative models.

7. Conclusion

This paper presents FreqCross, a novel multi-modal fusion network for detecting AI-generated images from Stable Diffusion 3.5. By combining spatial RGB features, frequency domain analysis, and radial energy distribution patterns, our approach achieves state-of-the-art performance with 97.8% accuracy while maintaining strong cross-dataset generalization capabilities.

The key innovations include: (1) a comprehensive radial energy distribution analysis that reveals systematic differences between real and synthetic images, (2) a simple yet effective feature concatenation strategy that combines complementary information from multiple modalities, and (3) extensive evaluation demonstrating superior performance and generalization compared to existing methods.

Our work contributes to the ongoing efforts in digital forensics and content authenticity verification, providing both theoretical insights into AI generation artifacts and practical tools for reliable detection. The release of our dataset, code, and pre-trained models will facilitate future research in this critical area.

As generative models continue to evolve, robust detection methods like FreqCross will play an increasingly important role in maintaining trust and authenticity in digital media. Future work should focus on developing even more generalizable approaches that can adapt to emerging generative techniques while maintaining high accuracy and computational efficiency.

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