

InstructIR: High-Quality Image Restoration Following Human Instructions

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Introduction

- Introduce the **first** approach that **utilizes real human-written instructions** to solve multi-task image restoration.
- Our comprehensive experiments demonstrate the potential of using text guidance for image restoration and enhancement by **achieving state-of-the-art performance** on various image restoration tasks

Introduction



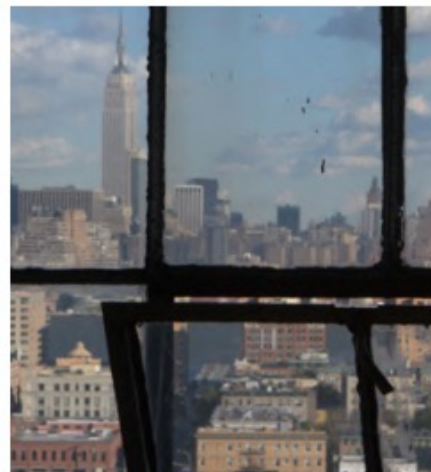
Can you stabilize this pic?
I was running...



My image has tiny dots,
doesn't look great, fix it



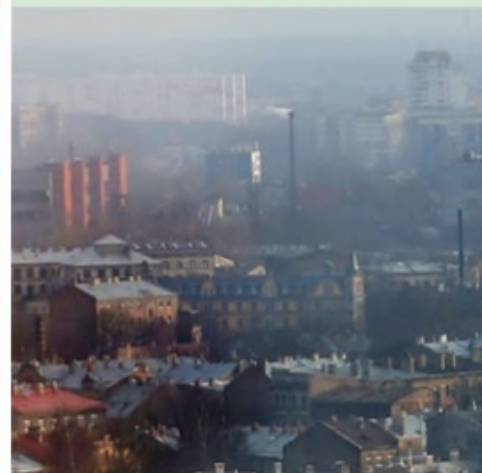
My photo is too dark,
I cannot see anything



Retouch my picture like
a photographer



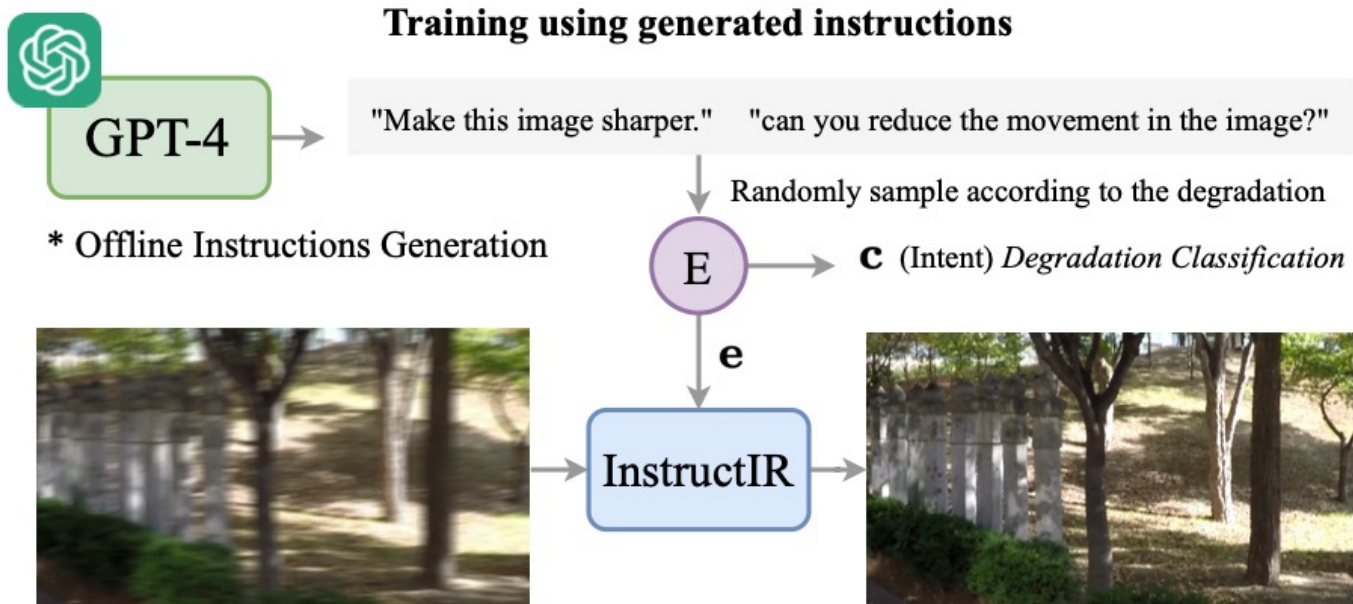
It is a foggy day, can you
make it clearer?



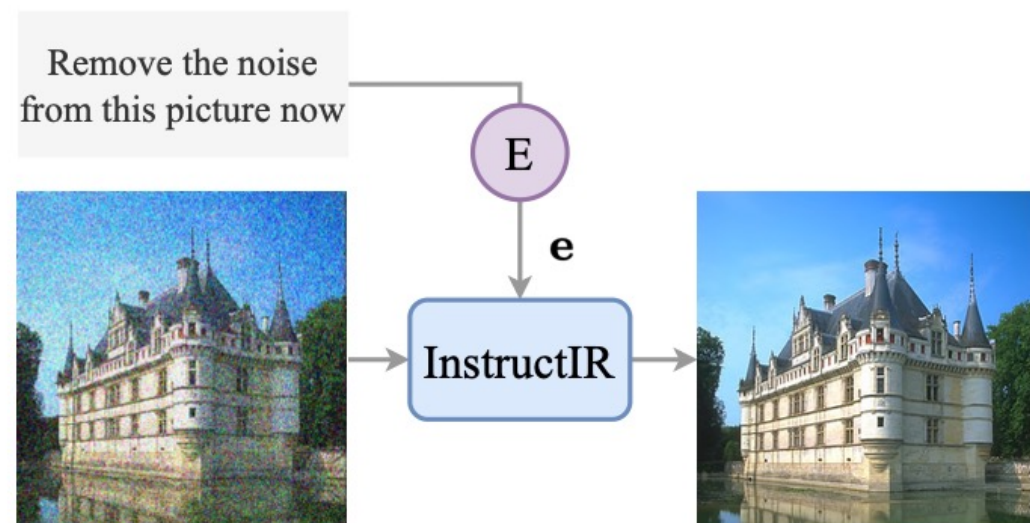
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Framework



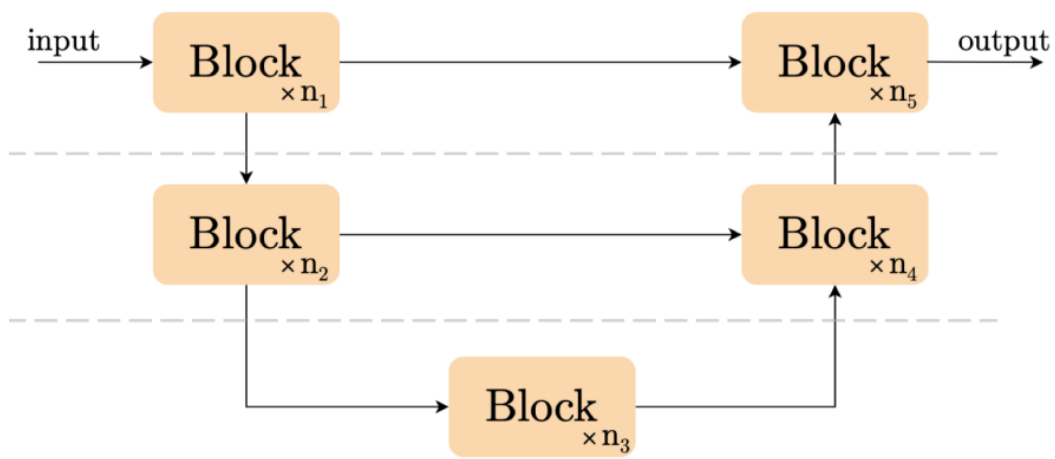
Inference using user instructions



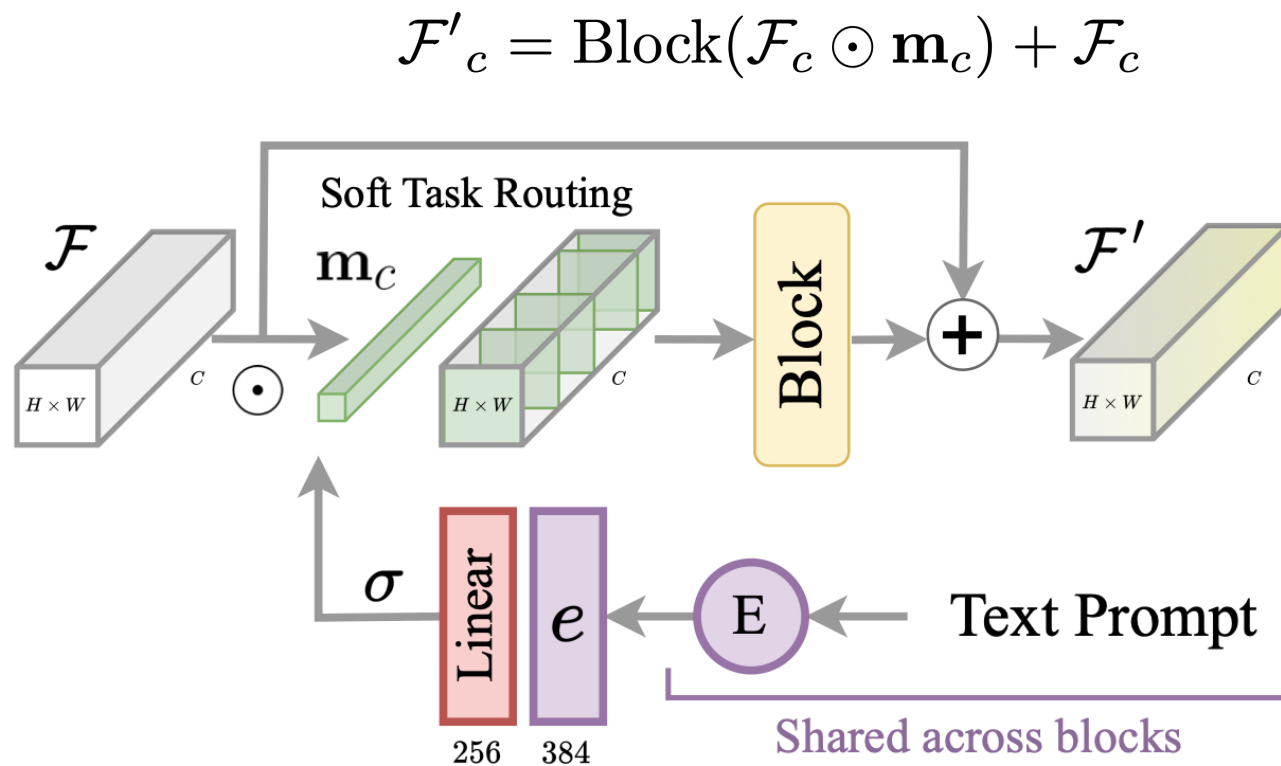
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Instruction Condition Block



(c) UNet Architecture(ours)



$$\mathbf{e} = \text{norm}(\mathbf{W} \cdot E(t))$$

$$F^{l+1} = \text{ICB}(\text{Block}(F^l))$$

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Degradation

Degradation Prompts	
Denoising	Can you clean the dots from my image?
	Fix the grainy parts of this photo
	Remove the noise from my picture
Deblurring	Can you reduce the movement in the image?
	My picture's not sharp, fix it
	Deblur my picture, it's too fuzzy
Dehazing	Can you make this picture clearer?
	Help, my picture is all cloudy
	Remove the fog from my photo
Deraining	I want my photo to be clear, not rainy
	Clear the rain from my picture
	Remove the raindrops from my photo
Super-Res.	Make my photo bigger and better
	Add details to this image
	Increase the resolution of this photo
Low-light	The photo is too dark, improve exposure
	Increase the illumination in this shot
	My shot has very low dynamic range
Enhancement	Make it pop!
	Adjust the color balance for a natural look
	Apply a cinematic color grade to the photo
General	Fix my image please
	make the image look better

Results

Methods	Deraining		Dehazing		Denoising		Deblurring		Low-light Enh.		Average		Params
	Rain100L [90]		SOTS [42]		BSD68 [53]		GoPro [58]		LOL [84]				
	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	(M)
HINet [10]	35.67	0.969	24.74	0.937	31.00	0.881	26.12	0.788	19.47	0.800	27.40	0.875	88.67
DGUNet [57]	36.62	0.971	24.78	0.940	31.10	0.883	27.25	0.837	21.87	0.823	28.32	0.891	17.33
MIRNetV2 [96]	33.89	0.954	24.03	0.927	30.97	0.881	26.30	0.799	21.52	0.815	27.34	0.875	5.86
SwinIR [45]	30.78	0.923	21.50	0.891	30.59	0.868	24.52	0.773	17.81	0.723	25.04	0.835	0.91
Restormer [95]	34.81	0.962	24.09	0.927	31.49	0.884	27.22	0.829	20.41	0.806	27.60	0.881	26.13
NAFNet [9]	35.56	0.967	25.23	0.939	31.02	0.883	26.53	0.808	20.49	0.809	27.76	0.881	17.11
DL [21]	21.96	0.762	20.54	0.826	23.09	0.745	19.86	0.672	19.83	0.712	21.05	0.743	2.09
Transweather [76]	29.43	0.905	21.32	0.885	29.00	0.841	25.12	0.757	21.21	0.792	25.22	0.836	37.93
TAPE [46]	29.67	0.904	22.16	0.861	30.18	0.855	24.47	0.763	18.97	0.621	25.09	0.801	1.07
AirNet [43]	32.98	0.951	21.04	0.884	30.91	0.882	24.35	0.781	18.18	0.735	25.49	0.846	8.93
<i>InstructIR</i> w/o text	35.58	0.967	25.20	0.938	31.09	0.883	26.65	0.810	20.70	0.820	27.84	0.884	17.11
IDR [102]	35.63	0.965	25.24	0.943	31.60	0.887	27.87	0.846	21.34	0.826	<u>28.34</u>	<u>0.893</u>	15.34
<i>InstructIR-5D</i>	36.84	0.973	27.10	0.956	31.40	0.887	29.40	0.886	23.00	0.836	29.55	0.907	15.8
<i>InstructIR-6D</i>	36.80	0.973	27.00	0.951	31.39	0.888	29.73	0.892	22.83	0.836	29.55	0.908	15.8
<i>InstructIR-7D</i>	36.75	0.972	26.90	0.952	31.37	0.887	29.70	0.892	22.81	0.836	29.50	0.907	15.8

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Input



*"Clean up my image,
it's too fuzzy."*



*"Get rid of the grain
in my photo"*



*"Remove the strange
spots on my photo"*



*"Retouch this image
and improve colors"*



*"Reduce the motion
in this shot"*



*"Please get rid of
the raindrops"*



*"Reduce the fog in
this landmark"*

Results



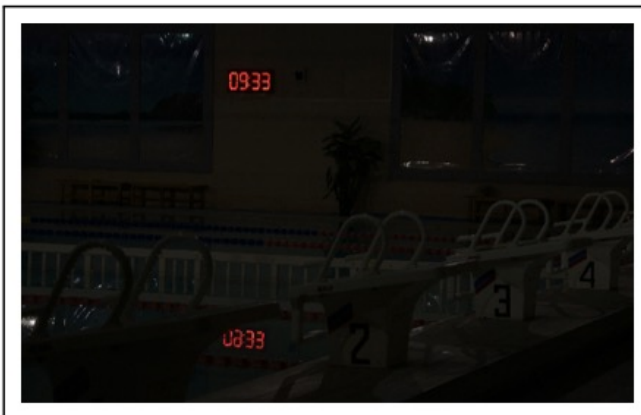
Input



(1) *"Clear the rain from my picture"* → (2) *"Make it pop"*



(1) *"Retouch it as a photographer"* → "Can you remove the raindrops?" → "Increase the resolution"



Input



(1) *"My image is too dark, fix it"* → (2) *"Apply a tonemap"*

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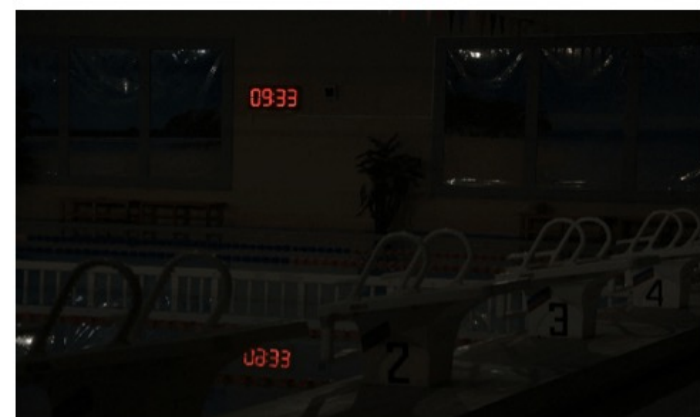
Input

AirNet [43]

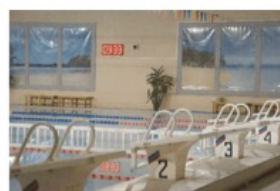
PromptIR [62]

InstructIR

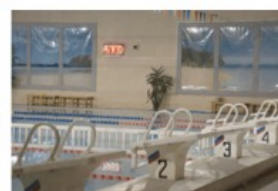
Reference



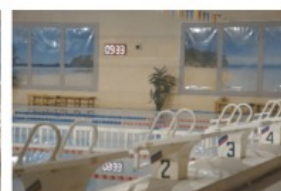
Low-light Image



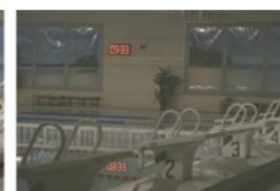
NAFNet



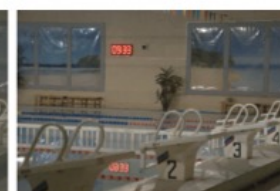
MPRNet



DGUNet



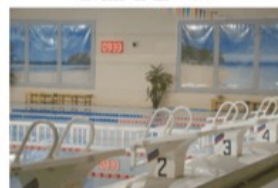
MIRNetV2



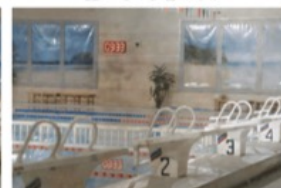
InstructIR



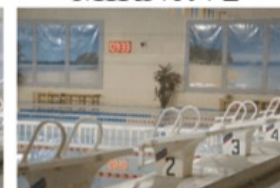
TAPE



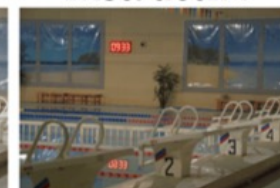
Restormer



AirNet



IDR



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- Present a novel approach that uses natural human-written instructions to guide the image restoration model
- We achieve state-of-the-art results on several restoration tasks, demonstrating the power and flexibility of instruction guidance.