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Details

This paper proposes Diffusion-RainbowPA, a novel method for aligning diffusion-based text-to-image (T2I) models with human preference. It builds upon Diffusion-DPO (Direct Preference Optimization) and introduces six key improvements aimed at addressing text-image misalignment, aesthetic overfitting, and low-quality image generation. The proposed method integrates:

- Step-aware Preference Alignment - a refined step-wise preference modeling approach.
- Calibration Enhancement (CEPA) - a correction term to mitigate preference misalignment.
- Overfitting Mitigation:
- Identical Preference Alignment (IPA) - avoiding bias from Bradley-Terry modeling assumptions.
- Jensen-Shannon Divergence Constraint - stabilizing preference-based training.
- Performance Optimization
- Margin Strengthened Preference Alignment (MSPA) - improving contrastive learning for stronger preference signals.

SFT-like Regularization - enhancing the model's ability to generate preferred samples.

The paper extensively evaluates Diffusion-RainbowPA on multiple benchmarks (GenEval, T2I-CompBench++, GenAI-Bench, DPG-Bench) and demonstrates state-of-the-art performance. The ablation study confirms that each proposed component contributes positively to alignment quality.

However, the primary contributions focus on image generation quality improvements rather than text processing or natural language understanding. The paper does not introduce substantial advancements in text representation, multimodal alignment techniques, or linguistic modeling, which are core areas of interest for ACL venues.

- Summary Of Strengths:
- Well-structured and rigorous methodology - The paper systematically improves upon existing preference-based alignment strategies (Diffusion-DPO and SPO) with clear theoretical justifications.
 - Strong empirical validation - The proposed approach outperforms previous SOTA methods across four major benchmarks, demonstrating improvements in alignment quality.
 - Comprehensive ablation studies - The impact of each component is thoroughly analyzed, confirming their effectiveness in improving model alignment.

Mathematically well-grounded - The theoretical motivations and constraints (e.g., Jensen-Shannon divergence vs. KL divergence) provide a strong foundation for the proposed approach.

Relevant to the T2I research community - Preference-based alignment is an important topic for text-to-image generation, and the study contributes meaningfully to this area.

- Summary Of Weaknesses:
- Limited focus on text processing and linguistic aspects

The paper primarily improves image generation quality (reducing aesthetic overfitting, improving color rendering, and better aligning user preferences), rather than text representation or textual grounding.

The modifications to DPO training loss, preference functions, and contrastive objectives do not contribute significantly to text understanding or multimodal fusion.

Not aligned with ACL's primary research focus

The main audience of ACL conferences is NLP researchers, but this paper is better suited for computer vision and generative AI conferences (e.g., CVPR, ICCV, NeurIPS, ICLR). If the paper were focused on improving text encoding, retrieval-augmented generation for prompts, or multimodal text-image representation learning, it would be more relevant for ACL.

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Lack of novelty in the NLP domain

Preference alignment techniques such as DPO and RLHF variants have been widely studied in both LLMs and generative AI. The paper applies existing alignment paradigms (e.g., step-aware preference, divergence constraints) rather than introducing fundamentally new linguistic techniques.

Benchmark choice favors image-centric evaluation

While the paper uses multiple benchmarks, they primarily evaluate image quality and text-image alignment rather than language understanding or compositionality in text prompts.

There is no detailed **analysis of how the** model handles linguistic complexity, ambiguity, or multi-**modal** reasoning, **which are key concerns in** ACL venues.

Comments Suggestions And Typos:

Clarify the contribution to text modeling - If the paper aims to remain in the ACL track, **the authors should** explicitly discuss how the preference alignment improves the handling of textual semantics in T2I generation.

Expand discussion on linguistic complexity - The study would benefit from analyzing cases where text prompts contain syntactic ambiguity, multiple attributes, or negation to assess how alignment affects textual understanding.

Comparison with LLM-based T2I methods - Given **that many modern T2I models** leverage language models for better text **understanding (e.g., DALL-E 3, Parti)**, a discussion on how Diffusion-RainbowPA compares **to LLM-based** multimodal approaches would strengthen the positioning of the work.

Alternative venue recommendation - Given the paper's **focus on** image generation rather than **NLP**, **the** authors should consider submitting to CVPR, ICCV, NeurIPS, **or ICLR, where the contributions would be more directly appreciated.**

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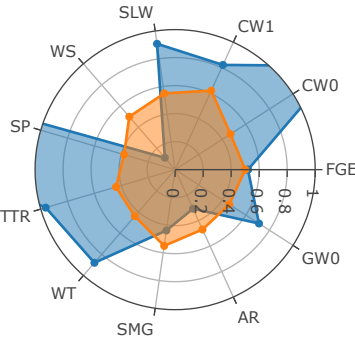
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