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HandCraft: Anatomically Correct Restoration of Malformed Hands in Diffusion Generated Images

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Abstract

Generative text-to-image models, such as Stable Diffusion, have demonstrated a remarkable ability to generate diverse, high-quality images. However, they are surprisingly inept when it comes to rendering human hands, which are often anatomically incorrect or reside in the “uncanny valley”. This paper proposes a method—HandCraft—for restoring such malformed hands. This is achieved by automatically constructing masks and depth images for hands as conditioning signals using a parametric model, allowing a diffusion-based image editor to fix the hand’s anatomy and adjust its pose while seamlessly integrating the changes into the original image, preserving pose, color, and style. Our plug-and-play hand restoration solution is compatible with existing diffusion models, and the restoration process facilitates adoption by eschewing any fine-tuning or training requirements. We also contribute MalHand datasets that contain generated images with a wide variety of malformed hands in several styles for training and benchmarking, and demonstrate through qualitative and quantitative evaluation that HandCraft not only restores anatomical correctness but also maintains the integrity of the overall image.

1. Introduction

Text-to-image diffusion models, such as Stable Diffusion [25], have gained wide popularity due to their remarkable capability to generate diverse, high-quality images across a wide range of styles [23, 27]. However, they struggle to accurately render human hands, often producing anatomically incorrect or highly unusual forms [22]. These errors can include hands with supernumerary or missing digits, atypical relative finger lengths, and other distortions. Fig. 1 illustrates two cases of such malformed hands, with a missing finger in the top row and abnormal relative finger lengths in the bottom row. These examples highlight the discrepancy between the generated depictions and human anatomy.

Due to humans’ high sensitivity to deviations from the

expected human form, generating malformed hands often leads to an “uncanny valley” [21] effect, which affects the realism of these images. This in turn hinders the use of these models as artistic tools. We note here that we do not use the term “malformed” in the pejorative sense, since we recognize that a wide variety of hand shapes are naturally present in the human population or may arise from misadventure. That is, the model is inadvertently forming the hands atypically, rather than intentionally depicting the difference that exists in the human population.

Diffusion models’ propensity for generating malformed hands has been widely recognized [3, 19, 22]. There has been growing interest for techniques to repair these malformed hands, reflected by a large number of tutorials across various languages for this purpose [1, 2, 7, 15]. However, the restoration methods proposed in these tutorials often necessitate human intervention. For instance, repeatedly inpainting the manually-annotated affected areas until a satisfactory outcome is achieved [12]. The requirement for human involvement makes the correction process laborious. Prompt engineering has also emerged as a popular strategy to mitigate the issue of malformed hands in images generated by diffusion models [17, 26]. By meticulously designing and refining text prompts, users attempt to guide the model towards generating more anatomically accurate hands [5]. Despite these efforts, even well-crafted prompts often fail to prevent the occurrence of malformed hands [4].

We introduce an end-to-end framework designed to repair malformed hands in generated images while minimizing the need for human intervention. To achieve this, we propose an approach for generating a hand shape as a conditioning image to guide ControlNet [29], a diffusion-based image editing method, in correcting malformed hands. Our method is capable of responsively adjusting the size and angle of the hand shape, ensuring that the restored hand seamlessly integrates with the original human figure, while preserving the surrounding regions of the image unaltered. Experimental results demonstrate the robustness of our approach. Furthermore, our restoration process is designed to

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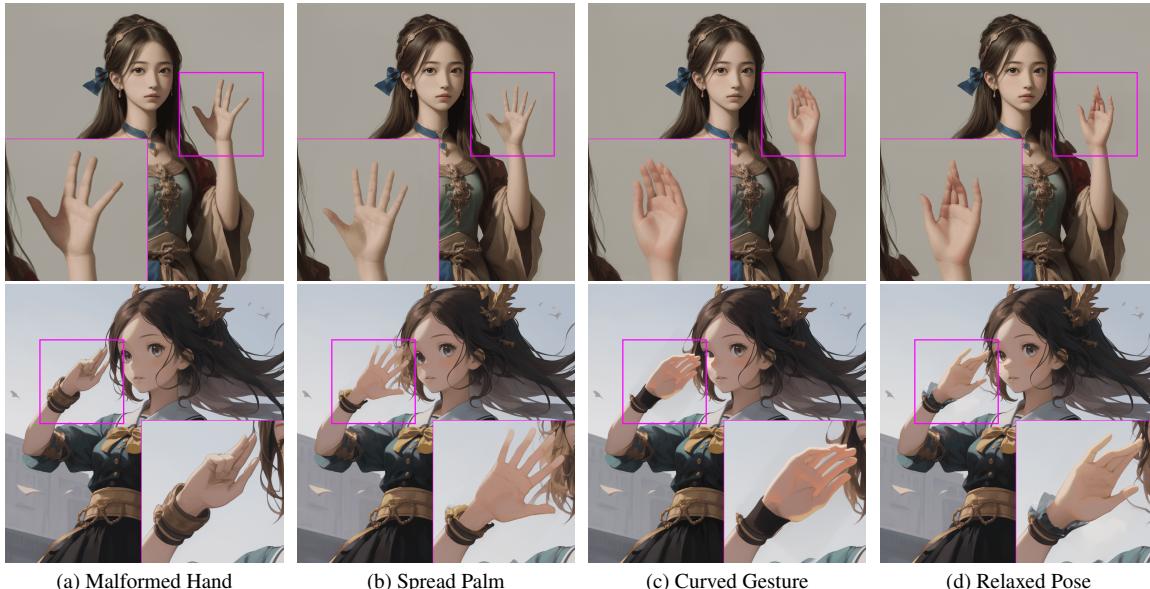


Figure 1. Images generated by Stable Diffusion [25] often exhibit anatomically incorrect hands (a), for example, a missing finger (top) or abnormal relative finger lengths (bottom). Our method—HandCraft—is able to correct the hands in a controllable manner, allowing for a variety of output gestures while following the style of the original image (b–d). The resulting images feature naturally-posed hands, improving the quality of the AI-generated portraits and restoring the illusion of reality.

be plug-and-play, requiring no further fine-tuning or training, and is therefore easy to integrate into various diffusion models. Our contributions are

1. HandCraft, a framework for detecting and restoring malformed hands generated by diffusion models while minimizing alterations to other image regions;
2. a simple yet robust control image generation method to construct a mask and an aligned depth image for the hand region as condition signals, enabling a diffusion-based image editor to restore malformed hands; and
3. the MalHand datasets, comprising portraits with malformed hands across diverse styles, that can be used to train a malformed hand detector and thoroughly evaluate baseline models.

HandCraft achieves state-of-the-art performance on both the MalHand-realistic and MalHand-artistic datasets.

2. Related Work

In this section, we provide a brief overview of image synthesis and editing techniques before discussing approaches for restoring malformed hands in generated images.

Image Synthesis. After earlier successes with Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) [14] and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) [8], diffusion models [9] have emerged as a powerful new class of generative models. They are characterized by their ability to map noise into complex images through a gradual denoising process. This technique was refined by the development of Latent Diffusion Models

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(LDMs) [25], which tackle the computational challenges by operating in a latent space, significantly improving both efficiency and the quality of generated images. By leveraging pretrained autoencoders, LDMs offer a versatile and flexible architecture that supports a wide range of conditioning inputs, such as text descriptions. This advance enables efficient and adaptable image synthesis models like Stable Diffusion [25]. However, despite the impressive capabilities of these models, generated images of humans often exhibit malformed hands. The complex structure and fine details of hands pose a challenge for these models, often resulting in anatomically incorrect hand representations [22].

Image Editing has emerged as an application of generative models, enabling users to modify existing images according to their preferences. Early deep learning-based image editing methods employed encoder-decoder architectures, where the input image is encoded into a latent representation, manipulated, and then decoded to produce the edited output [11, 28]. More recent techniques have explored the use of GANs [8] for image editing [10, 30]. ControlNet [29] is a recent work that leverages diffusion models for image editing by incorporating spatially-localized conditioning controls. The primary objective of ControlNet is to provide users with a means of introducing conditions, such as Canny edges and human poses, to guide the generation and editing of images from pretrained diffusion models.

Malformed Hand Restoration. Contemporary work has also tackled the issue of correcting malformed hands in

216 images generated by Stable Diffusion. HandDiffuser [22] 270
 217 focuses on generating humans with non-malformed hands 271
 218 from text, instead of restoring existing images. Hand 272
 219 Refiner [19], in contrast, has a more similar objective 273
 220 to our work, albeit with a diverging approach. It modifies 274
 221 the entire image to rectify the malformed hands, affecting 275
 222 the overall composition and potentially altering unintended 276
 223 aspects of the image. In contrast, our research focuses 277
 224 specifically on the malformed hand area, aiming to correct 278
 225 these imperfections with minimal impact on the rest of the 279
 226 image. This targeted approach allows for precise corrections 280
 227 that maintain the integrity and originality of the generated 281
 228 artwork, distinguishing our work from existing solutions. 282
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230 3. Detecting and Restoring Malformed Hands 231

232 In this section, we detail the proposed HandCraft frame- 287
 233 work. We begin by establishing the notation and providing 288
 234 an overview of the framework’s pipeline. Subsequently, 289
 235 we delve into the generation of a conditional hand shape 290
 236 that ensures anatomical plausibility and accurate position- 291
 237 ing. This is followed by a discussion on defining the restoration 292
 238 region within the image for localized correction while 293
 239 preserving the overall image integrity. 294

240 3.1. The HandCraft Framework 295

241 Our HandCraft framework is designed to address restoring 296
 242 malformed hands in images generated by diffusion 297
 243 models, which is illustrated in Fig. 2. This framework 298
 244 consists of three stages: malformed hand detection, control 299
 245 image generation, and hand restoration. 300

246 At the malformed hand detection stage, a hand detector 301
 247 is applied to the input image I to identify the region of 302
 248 interest, producing a bounding box mask M_d for the 303
 249 malformed hand. Any pretrained hand detection model, 304
 250 such as YOLOv8 [18], can be used as the hand detector, but 305
 251 both standard and malformed hands will be detected. By 306
 252 fine-tuning the malformed hand detector on stylized images 307
 253 with standard and malformed hands, our HandCraft framework 308
 254 can accommodate diverse image styles, such as anime, and 309
 255 avoid modifying the images when the generated hand is not 310
 256 malformed. In addition to the malformed hand detector, a 311
 257 body pose estimator (Mediapipe [20]) is also used to 312
 258 predict the body pose S , which facilitates the correct position- 313
 259 ing and orientation of the hand template T . This is used 314
 260 instead of a hand pose estimator, since the latter regularly 315
 261 fails when applied to malformed hands. 316

262 At the control image generation stage, the primary ob- 317
 263 jective is to create a control image I_c and a corresponding 318
 264 control mask M that will guide the hand restoration process. 319
 265 To this end, a control image generator aligns a pre-defined 320
 266 hand template T , which is a depth map of a hand, using the 321
 267 extracted body pose S to create the control image I_c , as well 322
 268 as a template mask M_t . The control mask M is obtained by 323
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270 the union of the bounding box mask M_d extracted from the 271 original image and the hand template mask M_t , to precisely 272 localize the hand. The depth image I_c and the mask M for 273 hand are crucial conditioning signals for the editing process 274 to achieve a seamless integration of the restored hand. 275

276 The final stage is hand restoration. A pretrained Con- 277 trolNet [29] model with frozen weights is provided with the 278 control image I_c and mask M to adjust the input image I , 279 given text prompt P that describes the shape of the hand 280 template T . This restoration process focuses only on the 281 hand region, while preserving the integrity of the rest of the 282 image. The output of this stage is the restored image I' , 283 where the malformed hand has been restored to match the 284 desired shape and pose specified by the hand template and 285 text prompt. The restored hand blends with the original image’s 286 style and aesthetics, resulting in a more realistic and 287 anatomically correct representation. 288

289 Our framework’s versatility is evidenced by its success- 290 ful application to various instances of Stable Diffusion mod- 291 els, demonstrating its efficacy across diverse image styles. 292

293 3.2. Control Image Generation 294

295 The two main challenges when generating the condition- 296 ing signals for hand restoration are (1) ensuring the hand 297 template T is anatomically plausible for the body pose; and 298 (2) accurately positioning T in the input image to make a 299 seamless generation, inclusive of its rotation and handed- 300 ness (left or right hand). Our detailed solutions to address 301 these two challenges are provided below. 302

303 **Ensuring Anatomical Plausibility.** To guarantee the 304 anatomical plausibility of T , we utilize a predefined lib- 305 rary [12] to randomly select an appropriate hand template. 306 While relying on predefined templates might constrain di- 307 versity, it significantly enhances the restoration’s anatomical 308 accuracy—a critical factor since methods like mesh fit- 309 ting (e.g., using MeshFormer [16]) for severely deformed 310 hands in M_d can lead to unnatural hand shapes that deviate 311 from typical human anatomy. Such deviations are evi- 312 dent when observing inputs with malformed hands in which 313 fingers may appear unnaturally bent or fused, as shown in 314 Fig. 3. In contrast, the template-based approach of aligning 315 T within the region defined by M_d and subsequently adjusting 316 within the union mask $M = M_d \cup M_t$ ensures a more 317 faithful restoration, demonstrating the method’s efficacy in 318 maintaining anatomical fidelity. 319

320 In addition to the default random selection method, we 321 also propose a silhouette-based method to select the hand 322 template. Although the goal of HandCraft is to ensure 323 anatomical correctness of hand renders and seamless integra- 324 tion with the original image, not consistency with the 325 original (corrupt) hand render, we also provide an option to 326 encourage consistency between the malformed and restored 327 hand renders. We do so by generating multiple renders with 328

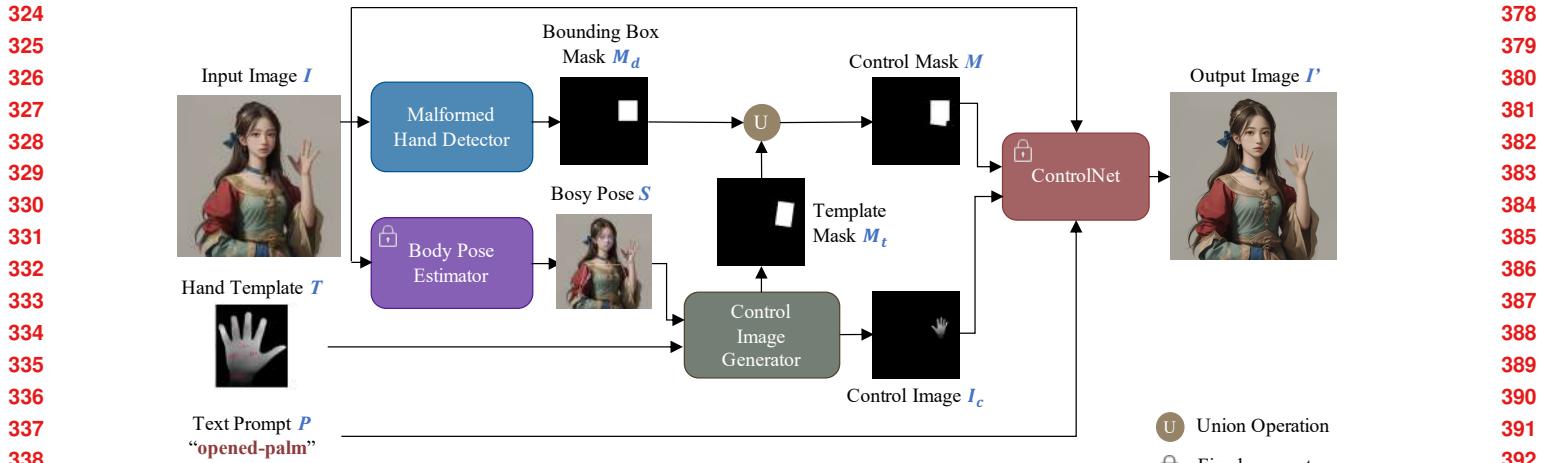


Figure 2. HandCraft flowchart. The framework has three stages for correcting malformed hands in images. (1) Hand detection. A malformed hand detector is employed to detect the bounding box of the hand and a body pose estimator is used to predict the landmarks on hands with the prior of the whole body pose. (2) Control image generation. The extracted body pose and a parametric hand template are given to a control image generator to obtain a control image I_c and a template mask M_t . The final control mask M is obtained by doing a union operation between the bounding box mask M_d and the template mask M_t . (3) Hand restoration. The final output image with corrected hand is generated using ControlNet given the input image, a text prompt, control mask and control image as the conditioning.

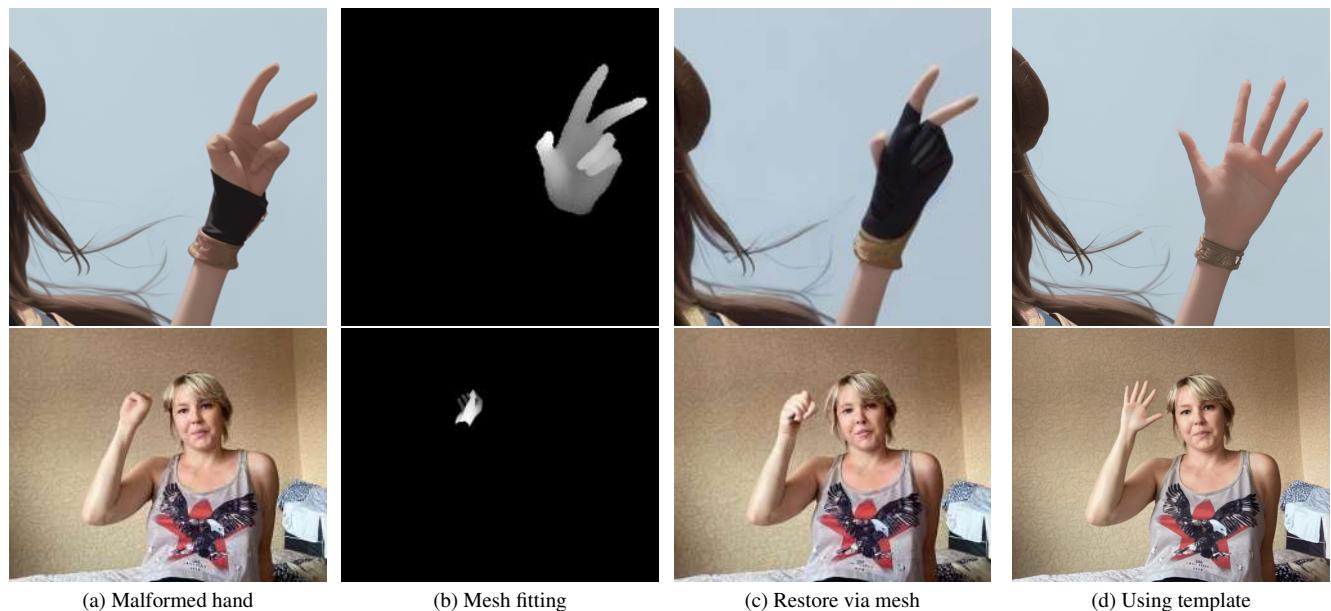
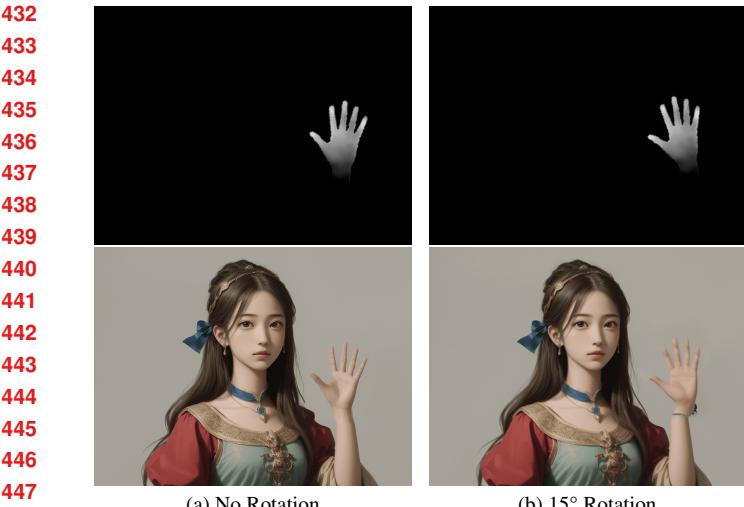


Figure 3. Comparison of hand restoration methods: (a) The original image with a deformed hand where fingers are bent in an unnatural manner or are missing. (b) The result of mesh fitting, mimicking the incorrect finger alignment and positioning from the original, resulting in a hand orientation that does not match the natural pose. (c) The outcome of attempting restoration with the flawed mesh, maintaining the unnatural bending of the fingers, or resulting in a malformed hand inconsistent with the mesh condition. (d) The hand restored using a predefined template, which achieves a natural-looking hand pose and maintains anatomical accuracy.

different hand template parameters, and automatically selecting the render that most closely matches the silhouette, as shown in Fig. 6.

Accurate Positioning and Orientation. The restoration of deformed hands necessitates that the hand is not only

anatomically accurate but also precisely positioned and oriented. This means that the hand template T should align correctly in terms of location, rotation, and handedness (left or right hand), corresponding to the detected deformation. Fig. 4 illustrates that an inaccurate rotation will result in misalignment between the hand and the wrist, and that the



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(c) 30° Rotation

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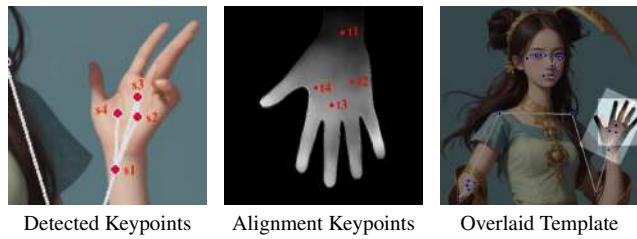


Figure 5. **Alignment of Hand Keypoints.** The left image illustrates a real hand with keypoints s_1, s_2, s_3 and s_4 detected by a pose estimation algorithm. These points correspond to critical anatomical landmarks necessary for accurate hand posing. The right image displays a hand template with annotated keypoints t_1, t_2, t_3 , and t_4 , which are intended to align with the keypoints of the real hand after correcting for scale, position, and rotation. The process involves scaling the template based on vector lengths, moving it to match the keypoint positions, and rotating it accordingly.

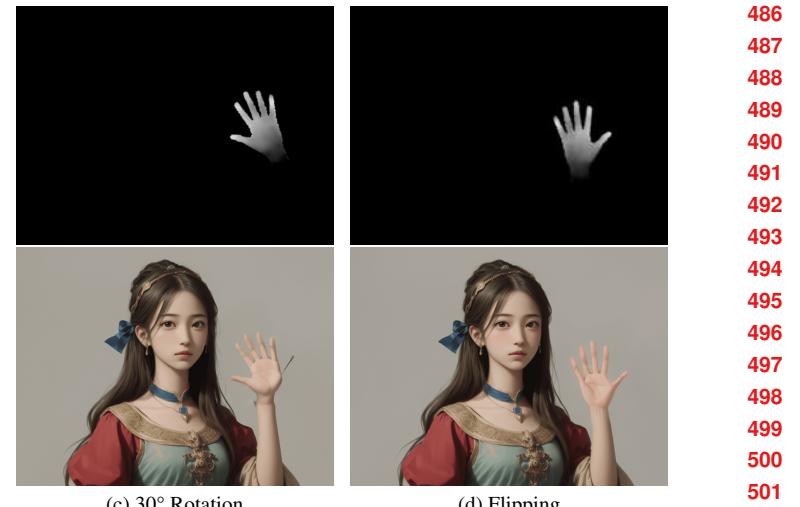


Figure 6. Silhouette-guided consistent hand restoration.

wrong handedness (chirality) leads to generation errors.

As shown in Fig. 5, the procedure is as follows.

- 1. Identification of Keypoints:** Utilizing pose estimation (e.g., MediaPipe [20]), we identify keypoints $S_h = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\} \subset S$ on the deformed hand



(a) No Rotation

(b) 15° Rotation

(c) 30° Rotation

(d) Flipping

within M_d . Corresponding keypoints are also defined on the hand template T , denoted as $T_h = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$.

- 2. Scaling:** The template T is scaled to match the size of the detected hand, based on the ratio of distances between key pairs in S_h and T_h , ensuring T fits the size of the deformation in M_d .
- 3. Translation:** T is then translated such that its reference point (e.g., the base of the palm) aligns with the equivalent point in S .
- 4. Rotation:** To correct for orientation, a rotation matrix $R(\theta)$ is applied to T , where θ is the angle calculated from the orientation discrepancy between S_h and T_h . For handedness correction, a conditional mirroring transformation may also be applied if necessary.

This ensures that the transformed template T aligns accurately with the orientation and position of the detected hand within the image I , effectively correcting the deformation within the region defined by $M = M_d \cup M_t$. This procedure highlights the significance of precise alignment in hand restoration, where even minor deviations can lead to an unnatural appearance. By applying these steps, we ensure that the restored hand is correctly aligned and integrated within the input image, maintains anatomical accuracy and seamlessly blends into the original scene, thus preserving the overall authenticity of the image.

3.3. Hand Restoration

To ensure that the hand restoration process is targeted and does not inadvertently modify other parts of the im-

540 age, we introduce the concept of a restoration region. This
 541 guides ControlNet [29] to concentrate exclusively on the
 542 identified deformity. Such a strategy reflects our goal of
 543 maintaining the original image’s integrity, ensuring only the
 544 malformed hand is rectified.
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546 The restoration region should: (1) encompass the entire
 547 area of the malformed hand, ensuring comprehensive cor-
 548 rection, as represented by the mask M_d ; and (2) be suffi-
 549 ciently large to accommodate the corrected hand shape, *i.e.*,
 550 the hand template T , as represented by the template bound-
 551 ing box mask M_t . This ensures that the restoration does
 552 not introduce any spatial constraints that could compromise
 553 the correction’s effectiveness. The final restoration region,
 554 denoted as M , is then given by the union of M_d and M_t
 555 ($M = M_d \cup M_t$). This union ensures that the restoration
 556 region is optimally sized to cover both the detected de-
 557 formity and the area required for the corrected hand shape.
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559 This methodical definition of the restoration region is
 560 pivotal, as it directly influences the restoration’s quality and
 561 the preservation of the image’s overall composition. Experi-
 562 mental analyses affirm the efficacy of this dual-region ap-
 563 proach, highlighting its superiority in achieving precise and
 564 aesthetically cohesive hand restorations within the broader
 565 context of the original images.

566 4. Experiments

567 In this section, we present our experiments, where we
 568 evaluate the performance of HandCraft qualitatively and
 569 quantitatively and compare it to a baseline method.
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571 4.1. Dataset

572 We propose MalHand datasets, including training and
 573 evaluation datasets. The evaluation dataset is divided
 574 into photorealistic images (MalHand-realistic) and stylized
 575 artistic images (MalHand-artistic). Here, we outline the
 576 process of generating these datasets.
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578 **Training data.** While using a pretrained hand detection
 579 model, such as YOLOv8 [18], provides satisfactory perfor-
 580 mance to detect the malformed hands, greater accuracy can
 581 be achieved by finetuning the model. To do so, it is nec-
 582 essary to compile a training dataset with malformed hands
 583 and their locations. For this purpose, we utilize the HaGRID
 584 dataset [13], which contains portrait photos featuring hands,
 585 along with bounding boxes that mark the hand positions.
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587 To create instances of malformed hands for our train-
 588 ing data, we leveraged Stable Diffusion [25] to modify the
 589 hands within the provided bounding boxes, using “hands”
 590 as the guiding text prompt. This process aimed to generate
 591 a variety of hand abnormalities similar to those encountered
 592 in images produced by Stable Diffusion models. After gen-
 593 erating these modified hands, we manually selected images
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596 cess resulted in a dataset comprising 60,000 images, each
 597 featuring at least one malformed hand.
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599 Additionally, to ensure the model can distinguish be-
 600 tween malformed and normal hands, we also evaluate our
 601 metrics on the unaltered images from HaGRID [13]. The
 602 bounding boxes from the original dataset were preserved to
 603 provide the locations of both normal and malformed hands.
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605 **Evaluation data.** To assess the effectiveness of our algo-
 606 rithm in restoring malformed hands across various styles,
 607 we compiled a dataset comprising 1,500 portrait images
 608 featuring malformed hands. This dataset is divided into
 609 two categories: 1,000 images in a realistic style (MalHand-
 610 realistic) and 500 images in artistic styles (MalHand-
 611 artistic). By incorporating a mix of styles, we aim to eval-
 612 uate the algorithm’s robustness and adaptability to different
 613 visual representations. The realistic images consist of those
 614 sourced from the HaGRID dataset [13]. The generating pro-
 615 cess is similar to the training data, using a different set of
 616 images. These images are used for quantitative evaluation.
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618 We also generated artistic-style portrait images us-
 619 ing Stable Diffusion for qualitative evaluation, including
 620 Japanese anime and Disney cartoon styles, among others.
 621 Complete prompts and instructions for generation are pro-
 622 vided in the supplement. We then manually identified por-
 623 traits with malformed hands. Bounding boxes for these mal-
 624 formed hands were obtained via crowdsourcing, with de-
 625 tailed instructions provided to ensure consistency and accu-
 626 racy. These instructions are included in the supplement.
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628 4.2. Evaluation Metrics

629 **Mean hand pose confidence.** This metric assesses the nat-
 630 uralness of the hand’s anatomy by averaging the confidence
 631 scores predicted by Mediapipe [20] across all detected hand
 632 *keypoints*. Let c_{ij} denote the confidence of the j^{th} hand key-
 633 point out of the set of detected keypoint indices \mathcal{J}_i for hand
 634 i in a dataset containing N hands. Then the mean hand pose
 635 confidence is given by

$$\bar{c}_{\text{pose}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{|\mathcal{J}_i|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}_i} c_{ij}. \quad (1)$$

636 **Mean hand classifier confidence.** This metric assesses the
 637 model’s ability to generate hands that can be confidently
 638 classified as non-malformed by our YOLOv8-based hand
 639 detector [18]. Let c'_i denote the confidence of the hand clas-
 640 sifier for hand i in a dataset containing N hands. Then the
 641 mean hand classifier confidence is given by

$$\bar{c}_{\text{classifier}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N c'_i. \quad (2)$$

642 **Masked peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR) / masked**
 643 **structural similarity index measure (SSIM).** These met-
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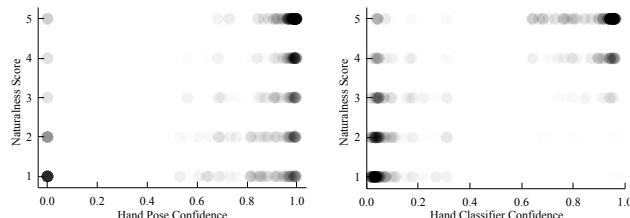


Figure 7. Human hand naturalness score has positive correlation with c_{pose} and $c_{\text{classifier}}$

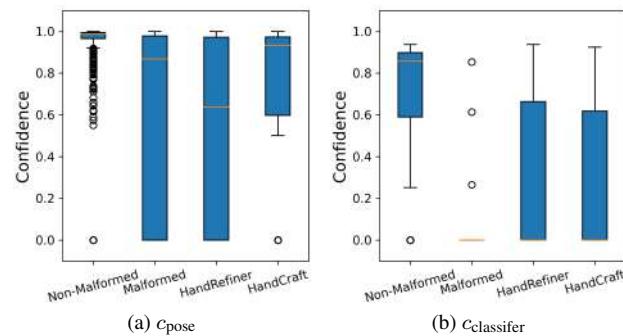


Figure 8. Box plots demonstrating the performance of different methods in restoring anatomical correctness to images with malformed hands. (a) The hand pose confidence c_{pose} , where HandCraft shows a notable improvement over HandRefiner, closely aligning with the non-malformed control group. (b) The hand classifier confidence $c_{\text{classifier}}$, where HandCraft's restorations achieve comparable confidence levels to HandRefiner.

preserved, at a per-pixel and structural level: whether the restoration has altered or corrupted the rest of the image.

Validation. User studies were conducted to investigate whether the confidence scores (*i.e.*, c_{pose} and $c_{\text{classifier}}$) correlated with naturalness. Seven unaffiliated individuals rated the naturalness of hands in each image, from a stratified random subset of 200 restored images, on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is least natural and 5 is most natural. As shown in Fig. 7 (opacity 1%), the hand pose confidence score (c_{pose}) and the hand classifier confidence score ($c_{\text{classifier}}$) correlates with perceived naturalness. The average Pearson's correlation coefficient between c_{pose} and human-rated naturalness scores is 0.44 and the average correlation for $c_{\text{classifier}}$ is 0.82.

4.3. Comparison with Control Images

We quantitatively compare the anatomical accuracy of HandCraft's restored images to a control group of images without malformed hands. Two sets are assembled for evaluation: a control set \mathcal{D}_C composed of the real images from the HaGRID dataset [13] and a set \mathcal{D}_R composed of realistic images with malformed hands from the MalHand-realistic dataset, which have undergone hand restoration with HandCraft. For each image, we calculate the hand pose confidence c_{pose} and hand classifier confidence $c_{\text{classifier}}$, reflecting

Table 1. Quantitative comparison of hand restoration methods on the MalHand-realistic dataset. We report the mean hand pose confidence (\bar{c}_{pose}) to assess the accuracy of the hand restoration, the mean hand classifier confidence ($\bar{c}_{\text{classifier}}$) to assess whether a classifier deems the hand as non-malformed, the masked peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR) to assess the visual fidelity outside of the hand region, and the masked structural similarity index measure (SSIM) to assess any change in structural content. The latter two are calculated between the input image I with malformed hands and restored images.

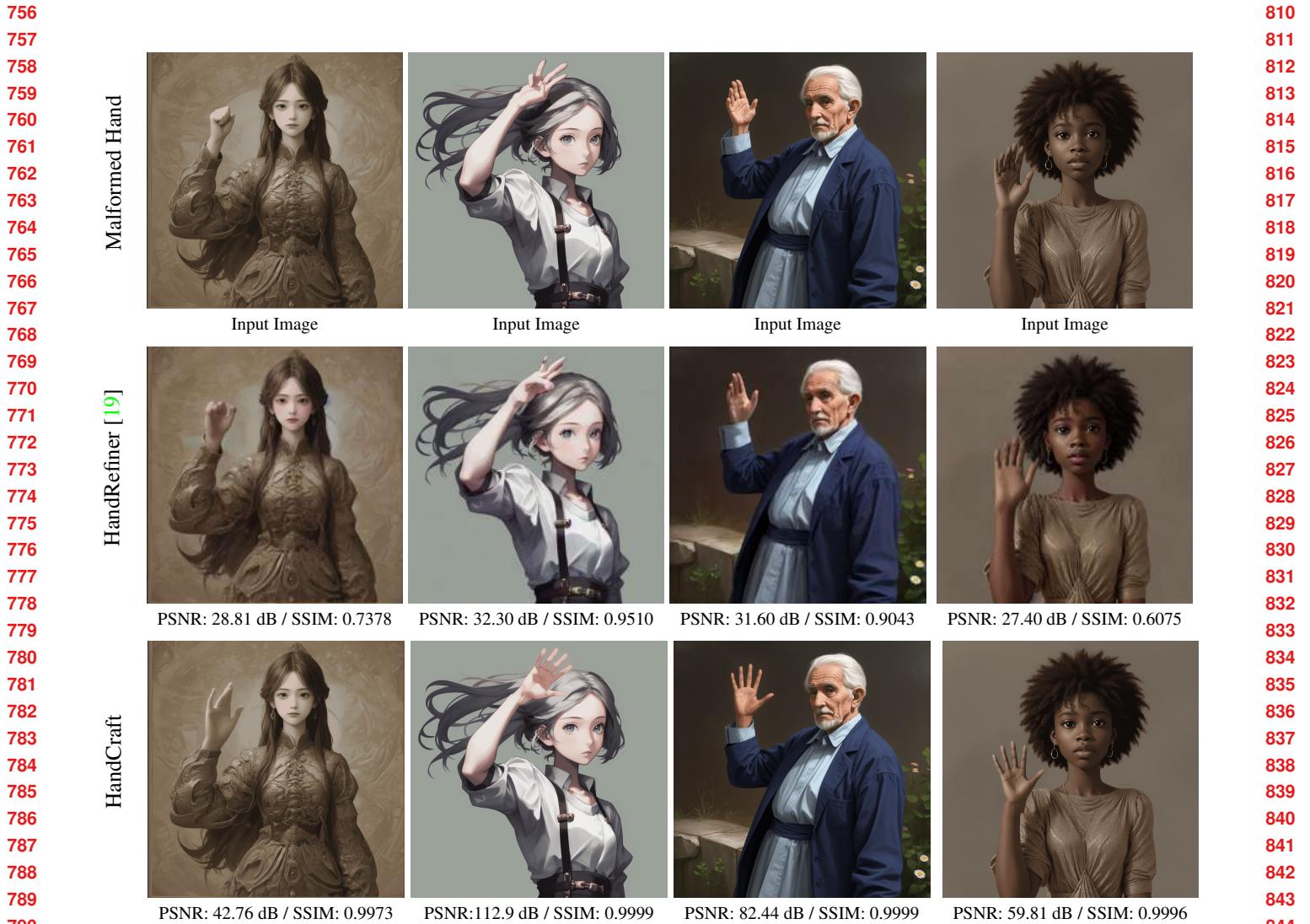
Method	$\bar{c}_{\text{pose}} \uparrow$	$\bar{c}_{\text{classifier}} \uparrow$	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow
Null Intervention	0.68	0.00	N/A	N/A
HandRefiner [19]	0.54	0.25	12.93	0.3839
HandCraft (Ours)	0.79	0.25	23.40	0.6462

anatomical correctness as perceived by hand detection and pose estimation algorithms, with higher scores indicating closer resemblance to authentic hand anatomy.

Fig. 8 shows overlapping hand pose confidence intervals between the restored and Non-Malformed images. While there is a statistically significant difference between the two groups, this is partly due to inherent differences between real and restored generated images. The overlap in mean hand pose confidence scores between HandCraft restorations and the Non-Malformed group indicates HandCraft's superior performance in restoring anatomical correctness compared to HandRefiner.

4.4. Comparison with HandRefiner

To demonstrate the effectiveness of HandCraft, we compare its performance with the current state-of-the-art, HandRefiner [19], on the MalHand-realistic dataset. The results in Tab. 1 indicate that HandCraft outperforms the null intervention (no restoration) and HandRefiner [19] in terms of hand pose confidence and is comparable in terms of hand classifier confidence. HandCraft also achieves a higher masked PSNR and SSIM in the non-hand regions, reflecting its ability to preserve the integrity of the image while correcting the hand anatomy. These results validate the efficacy of our method in generating realistic and natural-looking hand postures without compromising the quality of the original image. The results are further supported by qualitative comparisons conducted on the MalHand-artistic dataset, as shown in Fig. 9. These visual examples clearly demonstrates that HandCraft not only corrects the malformed hands but also does so with a seamless integration into the original portrait, surpassing the performance of HandRefiner [19]. As shown at the bottom right of Fig. 9, we infrequently observe artifacts at the border of the regenerated area. An algorithm to mitigate this is presented in the supplement, alongside more qualitative results, failure cases and a discussion of limitations.



Our HandCraft framework addresses the challenge of correcting malformed hands in images generated by text-to-image diffusion models. Through the use of a parametric hand model to guide a diffusion-based image editor, we achieve seamless anatomical corrections that integrate with the original image's aesthetics. Our approach is both effective and accessible, requiring no additional training. The accompanying Malhand datasets further enriches the field by providing resources for training and benchmarking. Furthermore, comparisons with a state-of-the-art method HandRefiner [19] showed that HandCraft not only surpassed it in restoring hand anatomy but also maintained the integrity of the rest of the image. We hope that the proposed HandCraft will be useful for artists, designers, and developers.

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