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Domain Enhanced Arbitrary Image Style Transfer via Contrastive Learning

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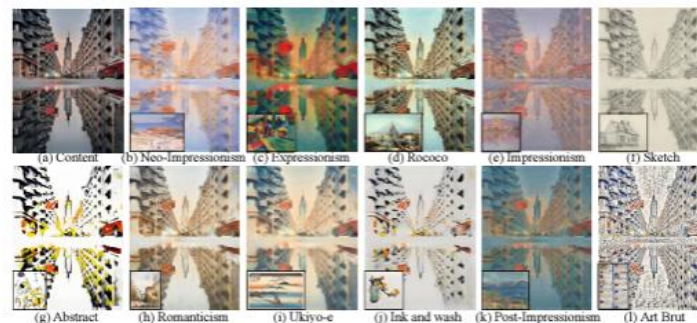


Figure 1: Style transfer results using our method, which can robustly and effectively handle various painting styles. The input content image is in the top-left corner and the style reference is shown as the inset for each result. Our method can faithfully capture the style of each painting and generate a result with a unique artistic visual appearance. Style image credits: (b) Henri Edmond Cross, (c) Vasily Kandinsky, (d) Michele Marieschi, (e) Claude Monet, (h) Richard Parkes Bonington, (i) Utagawa Hiroshige, (k) Paul Cezanne/The Art Institute of Chicago (CC0), (f) Vincent van Gogh/National Gallery of Art (CC0).

ABSTRACT

In this work, we tackle the challenging problem of arbitrary image style transfer using a novel style feature representation learning

method. A suitable style representation, as a key component in image stylization tasks, is essential to achieve satisfactory results. Existing deep neural network based approaches achieve reasonable results with the guidance from second-order statistics such as

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Background & Goal

▶ Previous research limitation

- Methods that utilize secondary statistics fail to utilize sufficient style information, resulting in artifacts such as local distortions or style inconsistencies

▶ Goal

- To learn style representation directly from image features, by analyzing the similarities and differences between multiple styles and considering the style distribution



Fig 1. Compared with models which rely on second-order statistic

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Network Architecture

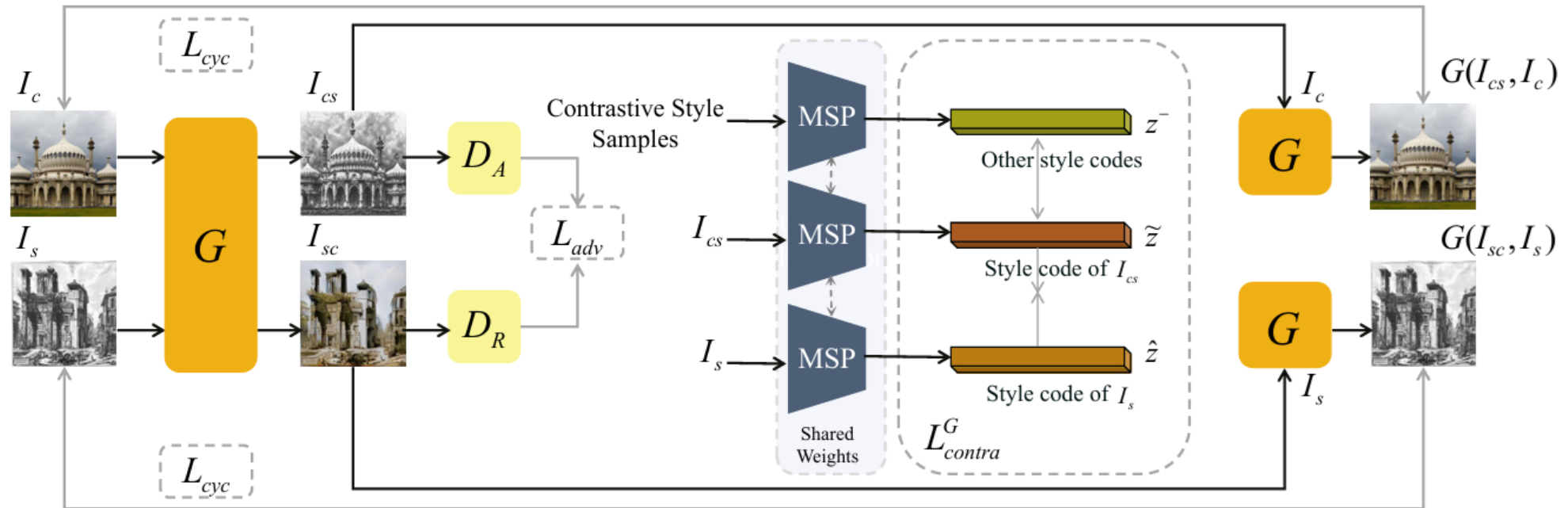


Fig 2. Overview of Network Architecture

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Loss functions

► Multi-layer style projector

- MSP projects features of different layers into separate latent style spaces to encode local and global style cues

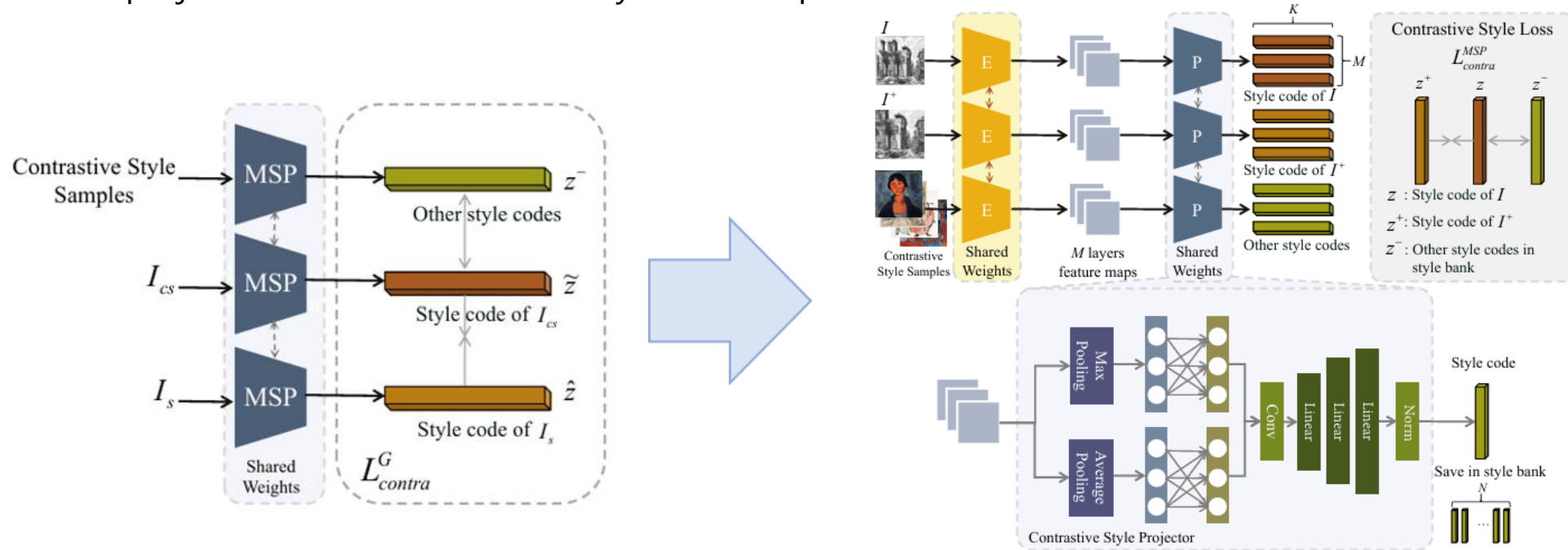


Fig 3. Overview of MSP Module

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Loss functions

► Contrastive Style Learning

- Contrastive learning learns to encode images in a low-dimensional space so that similar images are close together and dissimilar images are far apart

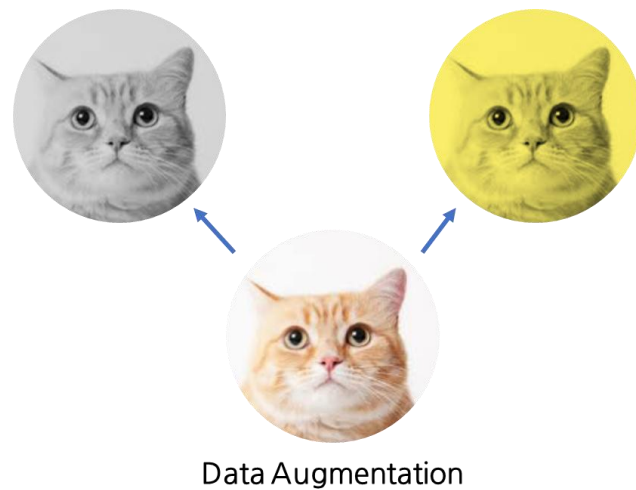
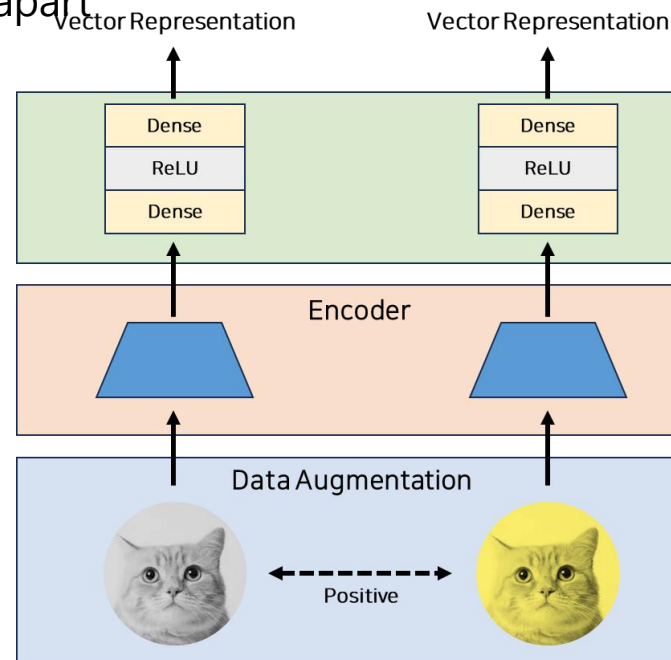


Fig 4. Contrastive learning



$$-\log \frac{\exp(z_0 \cdot z_1)}{\sum_{i=1}^K \exp(z_0 \cdot z_i)}$$

Eq 1. Contrastive loss function

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Loss functions

► Contrastive Style Learning

- Because of the lack of ground truth style code, adopt contrastive learning & design a novel contrastive style loss
- Eq 2: Learn how to distinguish different styles well with style codes
- Eq 3: Learn to make the style of the converted image similar to the style of the original style image

$$\mathcal{L}_{contra}^{MSP} = - \sum_{i=1}^M \log \frac{\exp(\mathbf{z}_i \cdot \mathbf{z}_i^+ / \tau)}{\exp(\mathbf{z}_i \cdot \mathbf{z}_i^+ / \tau) + \sum_{j=1}^N \exp(\mathbf{z}_i \cdot \mathbf{z}_{i_j}^- / \tau)}$$

Eq 2. Contrastive loss function to train MSP module

$$\mathcal{L}_{contra}^G = - \sum_{i=1}^M \log \frac{\exp(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}}_i / \tau)}{\exp(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}}_i / \tau) + \sum_{j=1}^N \exp(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_i \cdot \mathbf{z}_{i_j}^- / \tau)}$$

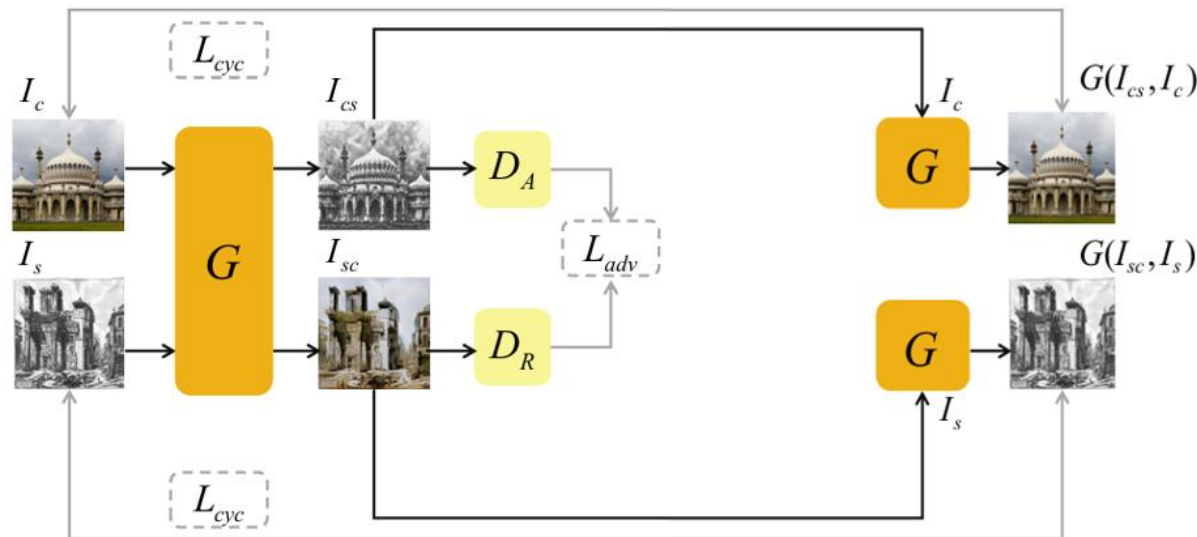
Eq 3. Contrast loss between $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$, which maps the style-transferred content image, and $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, which maps the style image

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Loss functions

► Domain Enhancement

- Domain Enhancement with adversarial loss to enable the network to learn the style distribution
- To maintain the content information of the content image, Add a Cycle consistency loss



$$\mathcal{L}_{adv} = \mathbb{E}[\log D_R(I_c)] + \mathbb{E}[\log(1 - D_R(I_{cs}))] \\ + \mathbb{E}[\log D_A(I_s)] + \mathbb{E}[\log(1 - D_A(I_{sc}))]$$

Eq 4. Adversarial loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{cyc} = \mathbb{E}[\|I_c - G(I_{cs}, I_c)\|_1] + \mathbb{E}[\|I_s - G(I_{sc}, I_s)\|_1]$$

Eq 5. Cycle consistency loss

Fig 5. Overview of Domain Enhancement

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Experiments

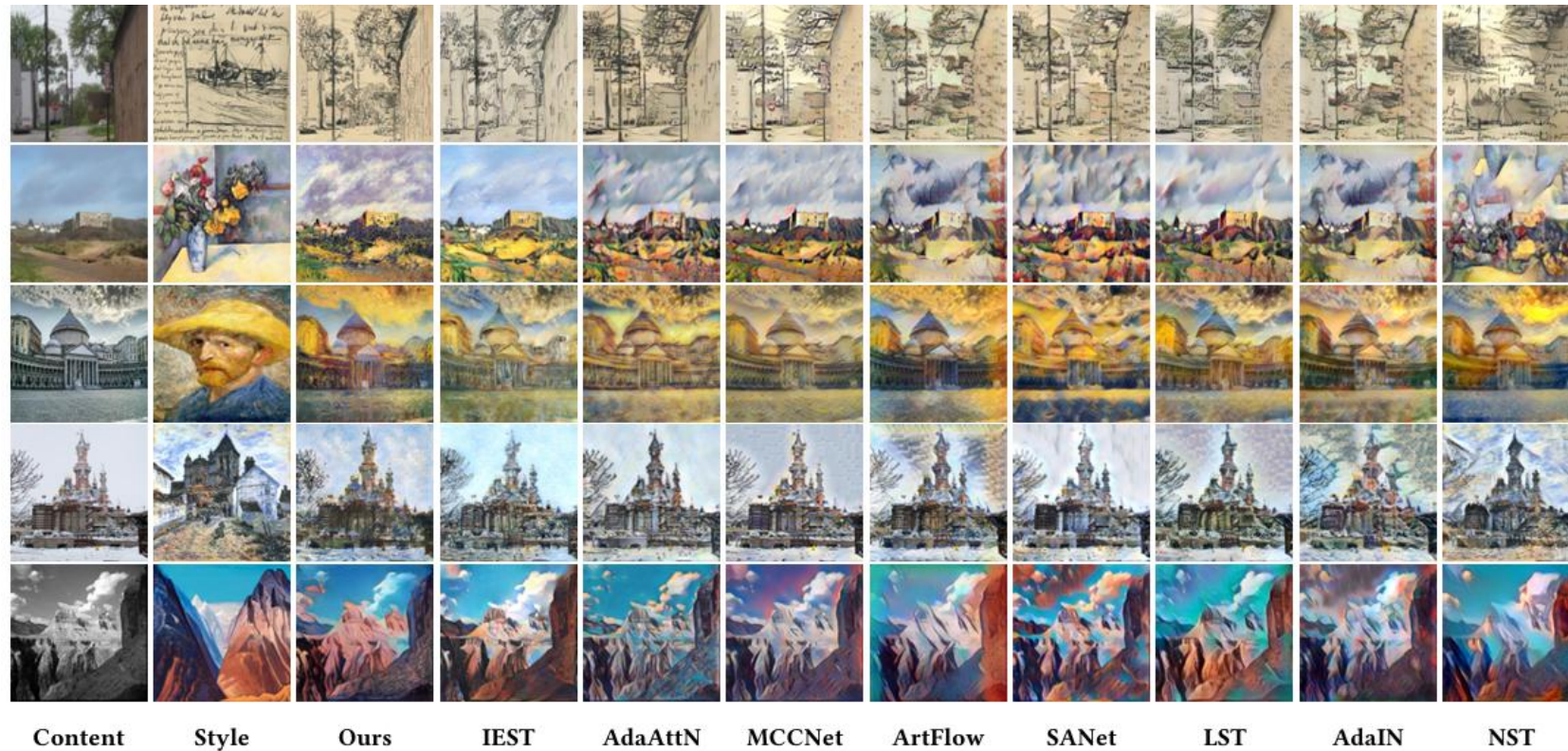


Fig 6. Qualitative comparisons with several SOTA style transfer methods

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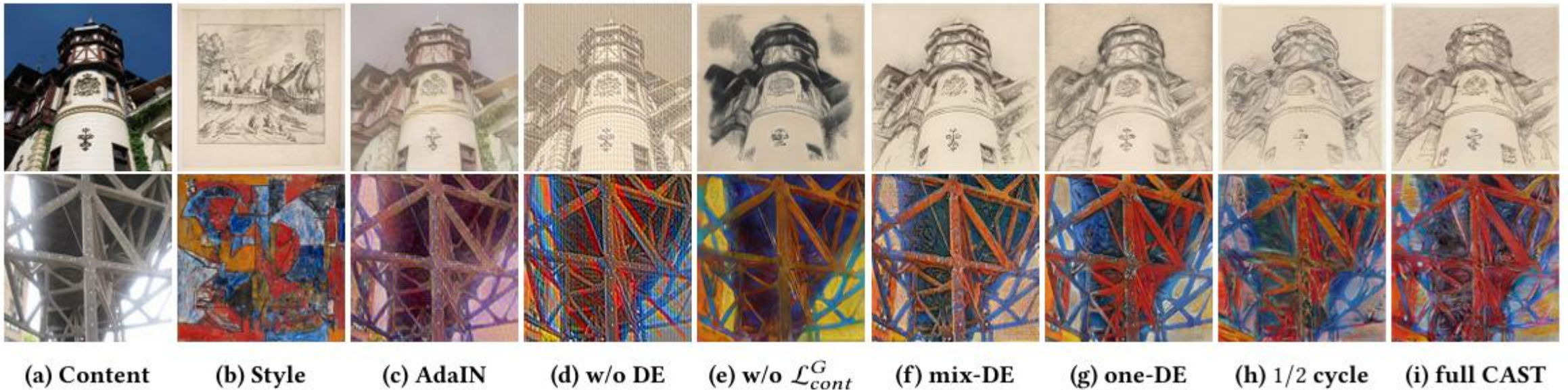


Fig 7. Ablation study results

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Implications & Limitations

► Implications

- Use image features directly by introducing an MSP module for style encoding
- Propose a DE scheme to effectively model the distribution of realistic and artistic image domains

► Limitations

- The patch-based discriminator has limitations, leading to inconsistencies in style uniformity.