

Meet the Team!



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Project Description

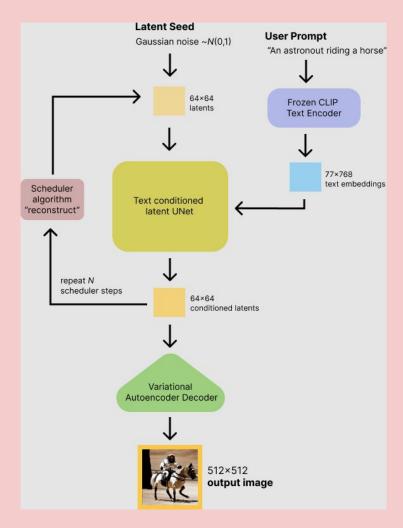
Stable Diffusion is a category of machine learning model that is trained **to denoise a random gaussian noise to get an image**. This model is based on a **Latent Diffusion model**.

- Autoencoder (VAE)
- U-Net
- Text-encoder

Language: Python

Framework: PyTorch

Research: Determine what aspects the model takes into consideration when a prompt is inputted.



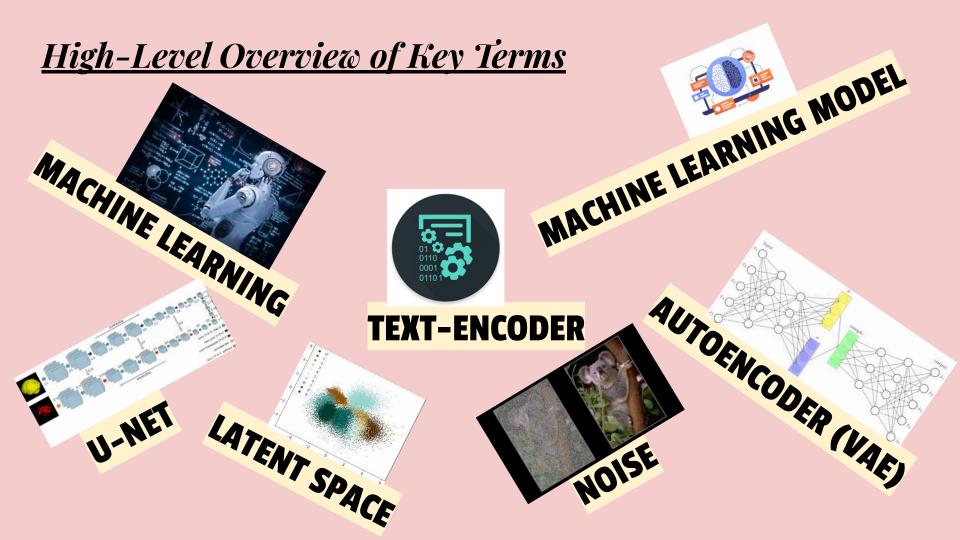
Model in Action

The Stable Diffusion pipeline generates images from text - a new image is outputted every time code is run. It formats the outputs into a grid-like structure.

There are many factors that result in a biased ML model.

- (1) <u>Human factor</u>: ML tries to mimic human behavior, and humans are often biased
- (2) <u>Poor quality of training data</u>: If training data has a uneven distribution of a certain gender/race/etc, it can cause bias
- (3) <u>Model performance mismatch</u>: When training data does not match the test data





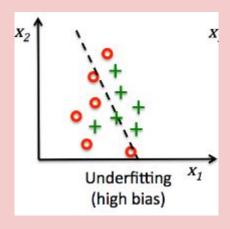
Goals and Methodologies

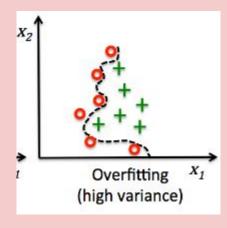


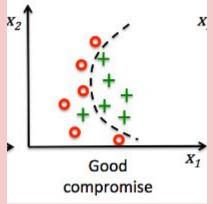
- Understanding bias in stable diffusion machine learning algorithms with respect to common human-related diversity factors such as:
 - Race
 - Gender
 - Facial Expressions
 - Color of Clothing
- Understand and interpret steps and decisions ML models take to make predictions for image classification

What is Bias?

A systematic error that occurs in the machine learning model itself due to incorrect assumptions in the ML process

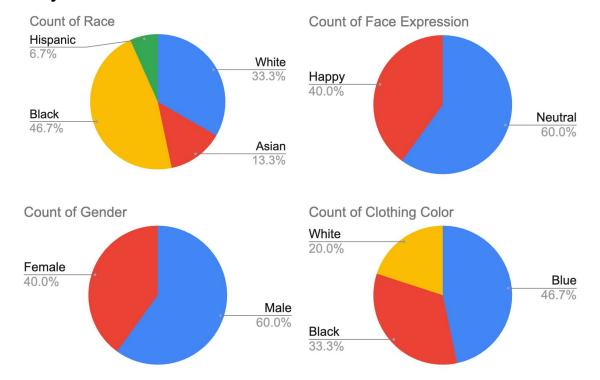


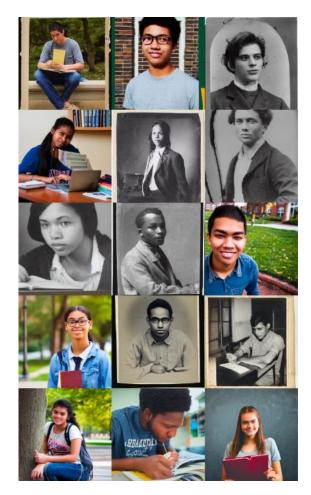




Findings

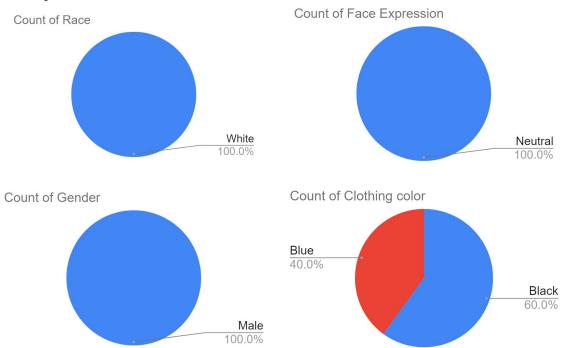
Sample images of "a college student" Key bias data:





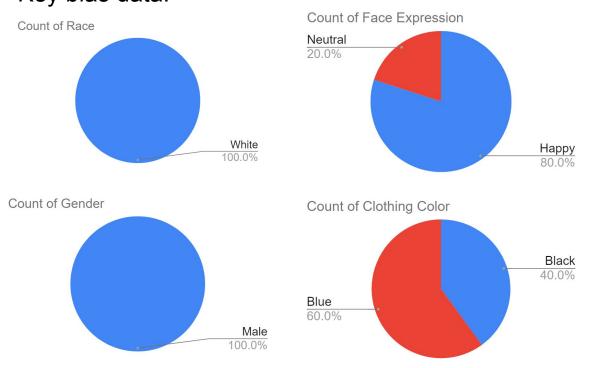
Sample images of "a hackathon"

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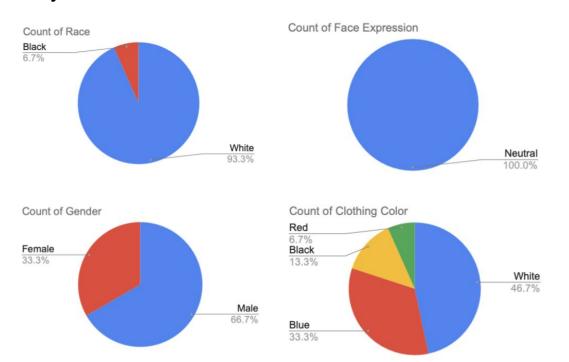


Sample images of "a pilot flying a plane" Key bias data:



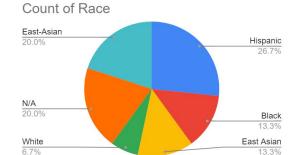


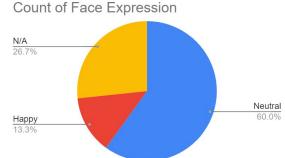
Sample images of "a doctor performing surgery" Key bias data:

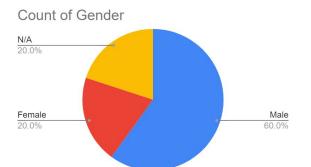


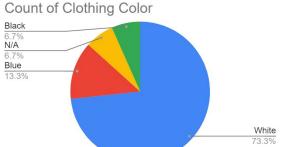


Sample images of "a cook preparing dinner" Key bias data:











How can we reduce bias?

- 1. Choose the correct learning model
- 2. Use the right training dataset
- 3. Perform data processing mindfully
- 4. Monitor real-world performance across the ML lifecycle
- 5. Make sure that there are no infrastructural issues

Conclusions

 Biases are inherent in our machine learning models, and they alter the conclusions of the datasets based on these biases.

 Understanding the existence and impact of these biases is significant because they have real-world implications and the result would be systems that are untrustworthy and potentially harmful.

What's next?

 Does the sentence structure inputted as the prompt change the way a model interprets it?

 Does the length and complexity of the sentence alter the way a model processes information?

