

Compositional Visual Generation via LoRA-Enhanced Stable Diffusion with Depth Conditioning

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1 Introduction

Text-to-image diffusion models can synthesize visually compelling images from natural language, yet they remain unreliable on compositional prompts that require simultaneously grounding multiple objects, their attributes, and their spatial relationships. Typical failure modes include incorrect attribute binding (e.g., swapping colors between objects), omitted entities, and inconsistent spatial arrangements. In this work, we target these errors with parameter-efficient adaptation rather than inference-time model composition: we combine Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) with depth-conditioned Stable Diffusion trained on LAION-SG’s structured scene-graph supervision, and evaluate improvements on T2I-CompBench across attribute binding, object relations, numeracy, and complex composition.

2 Dataset and Task

2.1 Dataset

We use the LAION-SG dataset [Li et al., 2024], which contains approximately 20 million image-text pairs from LAION-5B augmented with scene graph annotations. For the use of this project, 100,000 images-text pair were extracted from the dataset for fine-tuning and evaluation. Each image includes structured representations of objects, attributes (color, size, material), and relationships (spatial relations like “left of,” “above,” “inside”). This structured supervision provides explicit signals for compositional understanding.

2.2 Task

Our goal is to fine-tune Stable Diffusion to handle complex compositional prompts. The model must correctly capture:

- **Attribute binding:** Assign correct attributes to objects (e.g., “red car and blue truck” should not produce a blue car)

- **Object relationships:** Generate correct spatial arrangements (e.g., “cat on table”)
- **Multiple object generation:** Include all mentioned objects
- **Spatial reasoning:** Handle directional relationships (left/right, above/below, inside/outside)

2.3 Evaluation Metrics

We evaluate using T2I-CompBench [Huang et al., 2023], which provides compositional quality metrics:

- **Attribute Binding Accuracy:** Measures correct attribute-object associations. This is our primary metric as attribute binding is a major failure mode.
- **Object Relationship Score:** Evaluates spatial and relational accuracy between objects.
- **Generative Numeracy:** Assesses correct generation of specified object counts.
- **Complex Composition Score:** Evaluates performance on multi-element compositional prompts.

T2I-CompBench uses detection-based metrics for quantitative evaluation. If budget permits, we will also leverage MLLM-based evaluation (GPT-4V or open-source alternatives) for nuanced compositional assessment. Otherwise, we will rely on CLIP-based verification, which correlates well with human judgments for attribute binding tasks.

3 Related Work

Our project targets a recurring limitation of text-to-image diffusion models: faithfully following *compositional* prompts that specify multiple objects, attributes, and spatial relationships. Prior work improves compositionality through three main directions—(i) inference-time composition of multiple models, (ii) training-free attention control, and (iii) explicit spatial/structured conditioning—while recent parameter-efficient tuning methods make it feasible to adapt large diffusion backbones under limited compute. Below we synthesize these threads and position our approach: a

73 *single-model* Stable Diffusion fine-tuned with *scene-*
74 *graph-derived supervision* and *depth conditioning* via
75 *LoRA*. 123
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76 3.1 Composable Diffusion 125

77 Composable diffusion methods build complex gener-
78 ations by combining independently trained models at
79 inference. The energy-based formulation of compo-
80 sitional diffusion composes score functions through
81 conjunction/negation, enabling Boolean-style concept
82 composition without retraining for every combination
83 [Liu et al., 2022]. Expert-based approaches such
84 as eDiff-I train specialized diffusion experts (e.g.,
85 style/content/layout) and optionally distill them into a
86 unified model, but still incur substantial training cost
87 due to the expert ensemble stage [Balaji et al., 2022].
88 These methods motivate our design goal: instead of
89 paying multi-model overhead at training or inference,
90 we aim to *internalize* compositional reasoning into a
91 *single* SD backbone using lightweight fine-tuning.

92 3.2 Attention Manipulation

93 A complementary line of work improves compositional
94 prompt following without updating model weights
95 by manipulating attention during sampling. Struc-
96 tured Diffusion Guidance decomposes prompts and
97 steers cross-attention maps to strengthen attribute-
98 object alignment [Feng et al., 2023]. Attend-and-
99 Excite addresses catastrophic neglect (missing entities)
100 by optimizing latent variables to increase attention on
101 under-attended tokens during generation [Chefer et al.,
102 2023]. These approaches highlight that compositional
103 failures are often mediated by attention and token
104 grounding, which motivates our use of *structured su-*
105 *pervision* (scene graphs) during training to teach more
106 reliable binding and coverage, while keeping inference
107 identical to standard text-to-image usage.

108 3.3 Spatial Conditioning with Depth

109 Explicit spatial conditioning provides another route
110 to reduce relational errors by injecting geometric or
111 layout signals into diffusion models. ControlNet in-
112 troduces a parallel branch to process control sig-
113 nals (e.g., depth/edges/segmentation) and inject them
114 into the original U-Net via zero-initialized layers, im-
115 proving geometric consistency while preserving pre-
116 trained knowledge [Zhang et al., 2023]. T2I-Adapter
117 achieves similar controllability with smaller adapters
118 injected into selected U-Net layers, substantially re-
119 ducing trainable parameters and making spatial control
120 more budget-friendly [Mou et al., 2023]. These meth-
121 ods directly motivate our *depth-conditioned* design: we
122 use depth as a compact spatial prior to stabilize lay-

123 out and relations, but avoid adding heavy auxiliary net-
124 works by fine-tuning with LoRA. 125
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127 3.4 Scene Graph Supervision for Composi- 128 tional Generation 129

130 Scene graphs provide structured representations of ob-
131 jects, attributes, and relationships, making them a nat-
132 ural supervision signal for compositional generation.
133 Early work demonstrated that structured scene rep-
134 resentations can improve controllable image genera-
135 tion [Johnson et al., 2018]. More recent diffusion-
136 based methods show that conditioning on scene graphs
137 can reduce hallucination and improve relational fi-
138 delity by strengthening object-level grounding [Herzig
139 et al., 2023]. DisCo further argues that complex
140 scenes require stronger modeling of relationships and
141 attributes, proposing specialized mechanisms to inject
142 object-level graph information [Wang et al., 2024].
143 In our project, we adopt the core insight—*structured
144 supervision improves compositionality*—but prioritize
145 compatibility with standard text-to-image pipelines by
146 translating scene graphs into compositional prompts
147 and pairing them with depth signals during training.

148 3.5 Parameter Efficient Fine-Tuning

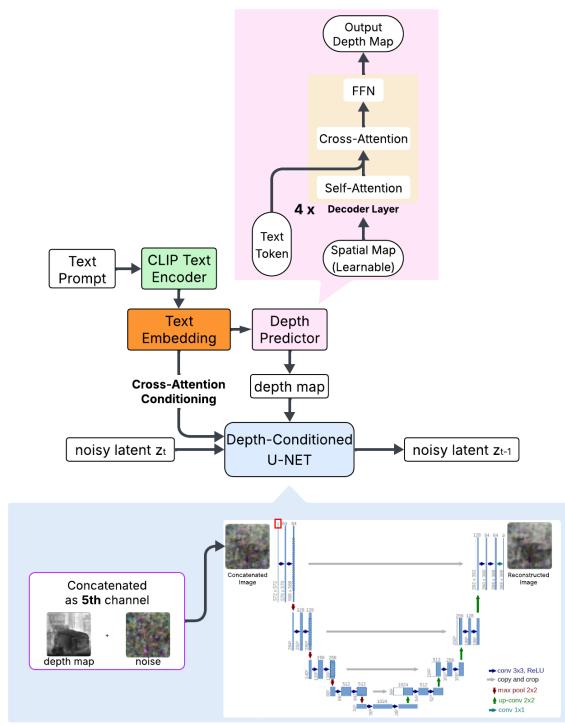
149 Finally, LoRA provides a practical mechanism to adapt
150 large diffusion models under limited compute by learn-
151 ing low-rank updates to selected weight matrices [Hu
152 et al., 2021]. Empirical studies show that the opti-
153 mal rank depends on task complexity and capacity re-
154 quirements [Lialin et al., 2023], motivating our sys-
155 tematic exploration of LoRA ranks. Concretely, we apply
156 LoRA to U-Net attention layers and (in some configura-
157 tions) to the CLIP text encoder, enabling controlled
158 ablations of where adaptation helps or harms compo-
159 sitional performance under a fixed training budget.

160 **Positioning.** In summary, inference-time composition
161 [Liu et al., 2022, Balaji et al., 2022] and training-
162 free attention steering [Feng et al., 2023, Chefer et al.,
163 2023] demonstrate that compositional failures are ad-
164 dressable but can be costly or fragile. Spatial con-
165 ditioning [Zhang et al., 2023, Mou et al., 2023] and
166 scene-graph supervision [Johnson et al., 2018, Herzig
167 et al., 2023, Wang et al., 2024] suggest that explicit
168 structure (geometry + relations) improves grounding.
169 Our contribution lies at the intersection: we combine
170 *depth-based spatial priors* with *scene-graph-derived
171 training signals* and *LoRA-based* fine-tuning to im-
172 prove compositional generation in a *single* Stable Dif-
173 fusion model with standard inference.

171 4 Approach

172 4.1 Model Overview

173 Our approach builds upon Stable Diffusion v2.1, specifically the SagiPolaczek/
 174 stable-diffusion-2-1-base model from
 175 HuggingFace, mirroring the official Stable Diffusion
 176 2.1 release. We augment it with (i) a text-guided depth
 177 predictor and (ii) depth-conditioned denoising with
 178 parameter-efficient fine-tuning. Our goal is to improve
 179 compositional prompt following (attributes, relations,
 180 numeracy, and complex compositions) while keeping
 181 standard text-to-image inference.
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209 **Figure 1: One denoising step with text-to-depth condition-
 210 ing.** (1) A CLIP text encoder maps the prompt
 211 to token embeddings. (2) A *text-to-depth* predictor
 212 uses learnable 64×64 spatial queries and a transformer-
 213 decoder (self-attention + cross-attention to text + FFN,
 214 repeated for 4 layers) followed by a convolutional
 215 head to produce a normalized 64×64 depth map. (3)
 216 The Stable Diffusion U-Net is modified to accept a 5-
 217 channel input by concatenating the depth map with the
 218 4-channel noisy latent, and predicts the noise residual
 219 to update $z_t \rightarrow z_{t-1}$. The extra input channel is ini-
 220 tialized to preserve pretrained behavior.

183 4.2 Text-Guided Spatial Depth Encoding

184 We condition the SD2.1 U-Net on depth by extending
 185 its latent input from 4 channels to 5 channels. Con-
 186 cretely, we concatenate a 64×64 depth map (broad-

187 cast to latent resolution) with the noisy latent along
 188 the channel dimension and replace the first convolution
 189 (conv_in) to accept 5 channels, initializing the added
 190 channel to zero.

191 To obtain depth without requiring an external depth
 192 image at inference, we train a *text-to-depth* predictor.
 193 The predictor is a transformer-decoder that takes CLIP
 194 text token embeddings as keys/values and uses learn-
 195 able spatial queries on a 64×64 grid. Its output fea-
 196 tures are projected by a lightweight convolutional head
 197 to a single-channel depth map with sigmoid normaliza-
 198 tion. For supervision, we precompute pseudo ground-
 199 truth depth maps from training images using MiDaS
 200 and downsample them to 64×64 .

201 **Training vs. inference usage.** During LoRA fine-
 202 tuning of SD2.1, we condition the U-Net using the *pre-
 203 computed* MiDaS depth maps from the dataset for sta-
 204 bility. During image generation, we instead use the
 205 trained text-to-depth predictor to produce depth maps
 206 from the prompt, enabling *text-only* depth-conditioned
 207 sampling.

208 4.3 Training and Scene-Graph Prompt

209 We leverage LAION-SG scene-graph annotations as
 210 structured supervision by converting graphs into com-
 211 positional prompts using templates that explicitly in-
 212 clude objects, attributes, and relations. For example, a
 213 scene graph describing a *large red tree* next to a *small*
 214 *wooden bench* is rendered as: “*a large red tree next to*
 215 *a small wooden bench.*” This increases the frequency
 216 of multi-object, attribute-rich, relation-heavy prompts
 217 during training.

218 We fine-tune Stable Diffusion using the standard diffu-
 219 sion denoising objective (MSE between predicted and
 220 target noise/velocity), with depth provided as an addi-
 221 tional conditioning channel. We study three parameter-
 222 efficient configurations: (i) frozen text encoder +
 223 LoRA on U-Net attention, (ii) fully fine-tuned text
 224 encoder + LoRA on U-Net, and (iii) LoRA on text-
 225 encoder FFN + LoRA on U-Net attention.

226 4.4 Evaluation

227 We evaluate on the T2I-CompBench validation
 228 prompts (**2400 prompts**: 900 attribute binding, 1200
 229 object relations, 300 complex), generating 2 images per
 230 prompt. For automatic scoring, we report CLIP simi-
 231 larity (OpenAI CLIP ViT-B/32) and summarize results
 232 by category (Attr/Rel/Complex). We additionally eval-
 233 uate numeracy on a 300-prompt numeracy subset using
 234 a BLIP-VQA based metric that checks pairwise count-
 235 ing correctness. All results are reported consistently
 236 across baselines, configurations, and LoRA ranks.

237 5 Experiments

238 **Research questions and hypotheses.** Our experiments
 239 are designed to answer two questions: (Q1)
 240 *Where should we adapt Stable Diffusion to improve
 241 compositional prompt following under limited compute?* In particular, we test whether adapting only the
 242 U-Net (while keeping the CLIP text encoder frozen) is
 243 sufficient, or whether modifying the text encoder helps.
 244 (Q2) *How much LoRA capacity is needed?* We sweep
 245 LoRA ranks to study the trade-off between parameter
 246 efficiency and compositional performance. Our hy-
 247 pothesis is that (H1) freezing the CLIP text encoder
 248 preserves its pretrained semantic space and yields the
 249 most reliable gains on attribute binding and relations,
 250 while (H2) text-encoder adaptation can overfit on 100k
 251 LAION-SG pairs and harm general compositionality,
 252 but may improve numeracy by increasing sensitivity to
 253 number words.

255 **Data, training, and hardware.** We use a 9:1
 256 train/validation split from LAION-SG with 100,000
 257 image-text pairs (90k train / 10k val). All models
 258 are trained on an AWS g5.xlarge instance (single
 259 NVIDIA A10G, 24 GB). We use mixed precision
 260 and gradient checkpointing, AdamW with learning rate
 261 1×10^{-4} and cosine annealing. For each configura-
 262 tion and rank, we train for one epoch on the 90k sub-
 263 set (runtime varies by configuration/rank; see compute
 264 section).

265 **Evaluation protocol.** We evaluate on T2I-
 266 CompBench using its standard detection-based
 267 metrics: BLIP-VQA for attribute-related questions
 268 and UniDet for relationship detection. We report
 269 four metrics: Attribute Binding, Object Relationships,
 270 Generative Numeracy, and Complex Composition (all
 271 higher is better). Our baseline is the unmodified SD
 272 v2.1 model (same sampler settings as our models),
 273 which isolates the effect of depth conditioning and
 274 LoRA adaptation.

275 5.1 Fine-tuning configurations

276 We compare three parameter-efficient fine-tuning con-
 277 figurations, all trained with Dual-Stream Depth Encod-
 278 ing and scene-graph-derived prompts:

- 279 **Config 1:** Frozen CLIP text encoder; LoRA on
 280 U-Net attention layers; trained text-to-depth pre-
 281 dictor.
- 282 **Config 2:** Fully fine-tuned CLIP text encoder;
 283 LoRA on U-Net attention layers; trained text-to-
 284 depth predictor.
- 285 **Config 3:** LoRA on CLIP text encoder FFN layers
 286 and U-Net attention layers; trained text-to-depth
 287 predictor.

Table 1 summarizes the best-performing rank for each configuration. Config 1 provides small but consistent gains over the SD v2.1 baseline across all four metrics, supporting (H1) that depth conditioning plus U-Net LoRA improves compositionality without disrupting CLIP semantics. Config 2 underperforms Config 1 across metrics, consistent with (H2) that fully adapting the text encoder on only 100k pairs can overfit and partially degrade the pretrained semantic space. Config 3 shows a clear trade-off: it slightly lags Config 1 on attribute binding, relations, and complex prompts, but yields the strongest numeracy performance, improving numeracy from 0.2375 (baseline) to 0.5114.

Config	Attr. Bind.	Obj. Rel.	Num.	Complex
1	0.3185	0.3128	0.2713	0.3094
2	0.2770	0.2695	0.1754	0.2841
3	0.2723	0.2691	0.5114	0.2805

Table 1: Best results under each fine-tuning configuration on T2I-CompBench. All configurations use Dual-Stream Depth Encoding and scene-graph-based training. Scores range from 0 to 1 (higher is better).

301 5.2 LoRA Rank Sweep

To understand capacity vs. efficiency, we sweep LoRA
 302 rank $r \in \{16, 32, 64, 128\}$ under each configuration
 303 (Table 2). Across Config 1/2, higher rank does not
 304 monotonically improve performance, suggesting di-
 305 minishing returns (and possible overfitting) on the 100k
 306 subset. In Config 3, numeracy varies substantially with
 307 rank and peaks at $r=64$, indicating that additional text-
 308 encoder capacity can disproportionately benefit count-
 309 ing, even when it does not help other compositional
 310 metrics.

Config	Rank	Attr. Bind.	Obj. Rel.	Num.	Complex
1	16	0.3185	0.3128	0.2713	0.3094
	32	0.3186	0.3135	0.2473	0.3090
	64	0.3181	0.3147	0.2524	0.3088
	128	0.3163	0.3129	0.2294	0.3074
2	16	0.2817	0.2700	0.1646	0.2875
	32	0.2781	0.2683	0.1700	0.2859
	64	0.2768	0.2690	0.1606	0.2841
	128	0.2770	0.2695	0.1754	0.2841
3	16	0.2765	0.2708	0.4716	0.2831
	32	0.2742	0.2677	0.4640	0.2818
	64	0.2723	0.2691	0.5114	0.2805
	128	0.2750	0.2681	0.4645	0.2786

Table 2: Rank sweep results under each configuration. Config 1 freezes the text encoder; Config 2 fully fine-tunes it; Config 3 applies LoRA to text-encoder FFN layers. All use Dual-Stream Depth Encoding and scene-graph-based training.

312 5.3 Baseline Comparison and Qualitative Re- 313 sults

Table 3 compares our best overall model (Config 1,
 314 $r=16$) to the SD v2.1 baseline. While gains are mod-
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est, they are consistent across metrics, suggesting that the added depth channel and lightweight U-Net adaptation can improve compositional faithfulness without large-scale retraining.

Model	Attr. Bind.	Obj. Rel.	Num.	Complex
SD v2.1 Baseline	0.3173	0.3110	0.2375	0.3082
Dual-Stream Depth + LoRA (best)	0.3185	0.3128	0.2713	0.3094

Table 3: Comparison of the SD v2.1 baseline vs. our best-performing model on T2I-CompBench (higher is better).

Figure A2 provides qualitative comparisons across the baseline and our three configurations. The baseline often captures only part of the prompt (e.g., weaker attribute binding or incorrect counts). Config 1 typically produces the most faithful compositions (e.g., stronger attribute binding and more consistent layouts), while Config 2/3 remain visually plausible but more frequently exhibit attribute or relation errors, aligning with the quantitative trends in Table 1.

Limitations. These results are data- and compute-limited: we train on 100k LAION-SG pairs (far below the full dataset) and run all experiments on a single A10G GPU, which restricts the number of seeds and longer training schedules we can afford. In addition, detection-based evaluation can miss fine-grained compositional errors, so qualitative inspection remains important when interpreting small metric differences.

6 Code Overview

We implemented an end-to-end pipeline for depth-aware LoRA training, inference, and evaluation on T2I-CompBench.

- **Depth preprocessing (MiDaS) and robust data handling.** In

`midas_depthmapgeneration.py`, we (i) implement fault-tolerant LAION-SG downloading (sharding, skip/log failures, resumable runs) and (ii) generate and save 64×64 MiDaS depth maps as an offline preprocessing stage (lines 17–93, 45–91).

- **Text-to-depth predictor (Transformer decoder).**

In `text2depth_transformer_decoder.py`, we define a transformer-decoder predictor that maps frozen CLIP text embeddings to a dense 64×64 depth channel used for conditioning diffusion (lines 11–61).

- **Depth-aware Stable Diffusion modification and LoRA injection.** In

`train_depth_lora_config1.py`, we expand the SD2.1 U-Net input from 4 to 5 channels (latent + depth) and zero-initialize the added weights to preserve pretrained behavior. We then inject LoRA

into U-Net attention projections (`to_q/to_k/to_v/to_out`) and train `conv_in`; the training loop concatenates the depth channel before denoising (lines 1–31, 49–82).

- **Config-specific training regimes.** In `train_depth_lora_config2.py`, we fully fine-tune the CLIP text encoder in addition to U-Net LoRA (text encoder unfreezing: lines 55–59; optimizer: lines 40–44). In `train_depth_lora_config3.py`, we keep the base text encoder frozen but add LoRA to the text-encoder FFN layers (`fc1/fc2`), optimizing both U-Net LoRA and text LoRA (lines 55–58, 88–105).

- **Inference and reproducibility metadata.** In `generate_images_lora_text2depth_textencoder.py`, we load a configuration checkpoint, predict depth from text, concatenate depth with latents during sampling, and generate images from a prompt CSV. We also save metadata (prompt id/category/seed) for reproducibility (lines 23–47).

- **Evaluation utilities.** We provide BLIP-VQA numeracy evaluation in `eval_numeracy_blip.py` and aggregate CLIP similarities by category in `summarize_clip_by_category.py` to produce the final tables.

7 Timeline

Table 4 shows an overview of the approximate time spent on various project stages. The largest amount of time (96 hours) was spent training the model for all experiments. Preparing the dataset took 10 hours and was particularly time-consuming due to the processes of preparing depth map with MiDaS. Evaluation took 2036 hours, as it required first generating images for all test prompts across multiple configurations, followed by computing metrics (CLIP similarity, numeracy accuracy) on the large set of generated images.

Project Stage	Hours Spent
Background Literature Review	6
Understanding code from baseline methods	7
Understanding code from Stable Diffusion V2.1r implementation	4
Compiling/running existing code for baseline methods	8
Preparing dataset for our method	15
Modifying existing code and implementing our method	10
Writing scripts to run experiments	46
Training the model for all experiments	96
Evaluation for all experiments	36
Writing this document	8

Table 4: Time Spent on Various Project Stages

399 8 Research Log

400 8.1 Data Preprocessing on LAION-SG

401 Preprocessing LAION-SG was more difficult than ex-
402 pected. The HuggingFace release provides JSON en-
403 tries with HTTP URLs (not packaged images), and
404 a non-trivial portion failed due to 404s, SSL issues,
405 or truncated downloads. To make the pipeline reli-
406 able, we rewrote the downloader to process 10k-sized
407 shards, skip and log bad URLs, and export per-shard
408 CSV indices so runs could be resumed after failures.
409 Depth generation was also a bottleneck: Colab runs fre-
410 quently hit timeouts and quota limits, so we migrated
411 preprocessing to an AWS A10G instance and generated
412 MiDaS depth maps for $\sim 100k$ images as a one-time of-
413 fline stage.

414 8.2 Depth Predictors (Plan vs. Execution)

415 Our original plan was to benchmark several depth en-
416 coders and keep the best one. We implemented both
417 a single-scale and a multiscale text-to-depth predictor
418 (transformer decoder + convolutional head producing
419 64×64 depth). In practice, the multiscale model was
420 heavier and showed training instability when coupled
421 with diffusion fine-tuning under our compute budget.
422 To ensure stable full sweeps across settings, we final-
423 ized on the single-scale predictor and used the multi-
424 scale variant only for small pilots. This reduced ar-
425 chitectural comparison breadth, but improved repro-
426 ducibility and throughput.

427 8.3 LoRA Sweeps and Findings

428 We integrated depth into SD2.1 by expanding the U-
429 Net input from 4 to 5 channels and zero-initializing
430 the added weights to preserve pretrained behavior. We
431 then evaluated three regimes—**Config 1** (frozen text
432 encoder + LoRA on U-Net attention), **Config 2** (full
433 text-encoder fine-tuning + LoRA on U-Net), and **Con-**
434 **fig 3** (LoRA on text-encoder FFN + LoRA on U-
435 Net)—sweeping ranks $\{16, 32, 64, 128\}$. Running all
436 3×4 settings with T2I-CompBench plus numeracy
437 was more time-consuming than planned, and we had
438 to switch from T4 to A10G due to memory over-
439 flows. Consequently, we deprioritized some intended
440 ablations (e.g., depth-free LoRA and multi-seed varia-
441 nce) to complete one consistent, end-to-end evalua-
442 tion pipeline (generation \rightarrow CLIP scoring by category
443 \rightarrow BLIP-VQA numeracy).

444 The results revealed a clear pattern. **Config 1** pro-
445 duced small but consistent gains over the SD2.1 base-
446 line across all four metrics, suggesting that depth con-
447 ditioning helps compositional reasoning when the pre-
448 trained CLIP semantic space remains intact. **Config 2**

449 and **Config 3** did not beat Config 1 on attribute bind-
450 ing, relations, or complex prompts; we hypothesize that
451 adapting CLIP on only $\sim 100k$ LAION-SG pairs can
452 overfit and distort the original embedding geometry.
453 The main exception was **numeracy**: **Config 3** achieved
454 the best counting performance, indicating a trade-off
455 where text-encoder LoRA increases sensitivity to num-
456 ber words but can slightly weaken binding/relations.
457 Rank effects were not monotonic, consistent with ca-
458 pacity interacting with optimization stability under lim-
459 ited data/compute.

460 9 Conclusion and Future Work

461 Please see Appendix A.1 for details.

462 10 Thought-Experiment on Compute

463 10.1 Actual Compute Usage

464 All experiments were run on AWS **g5.xlarge** 464
465 ($1 \times$ NVIDIA **A10G**, 24 GB). We approximate the on-
466 demand cost as **\$1.0 per A10G GPU hour**. Total us-
467 age:

- **Baseline evaluation**: ~ 8 A10G GPU hours.
- **Depth preprocessing** (MiDaS for $\sim 100k$ im-
469 ages): ~ 16 A10G GPU hours.
- **Training** (3 configs \times 4 ranks, ~ 8 hours each):
 $3 \times 4 \times 8 = 96$ A10G GPU hours.
- **Evaluation** (3 configs \times 4 ranks, ~ 3 hours each):
 $3 \times 4 \times 3 = 36$ A10G GPU hours.

475 **Total**: $8 + 16 + 96 + 36 = 156$ A10G GPU hours \Rightarrow
476 \$155 – 160 estimated compute cost.

477 10.2 Hypothetical Additional \$450 Budget

478 At the same rate, **\$450 ≈ 450 A10G GPU hours**. We 478
479 would spend it to strengthen conclusions (scale, abla-
480 tions, and reliability):

1. **Scale best setting** (~ 200 A10G GPU hours):
train Config 1 on a larger LAION-SG subset
(200k–500k) and longer schedules to test whether
gains persist with more data/epochs.
2. **Ablations + variance** (~ 150 A10G GPU hours):
depth-free LoRA baselines (remove depth chan-
nel/predictor) and multi-seed reruns to report vari-
ance/confidence for CLIP + numeracy metrics.
3. **Stronger evaluation** (~ 100 A10G GPU hours):
more samples per prompt / more steps (and cu-
rated qualitative grids) to reduce metric noise and
better diagnose failure modes.

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561 A Appendix



Figure A1: Example of compositional failure. Generated using Stable Diffusion with prompt: “The sharp blue scissors cut through the thick white paper.”

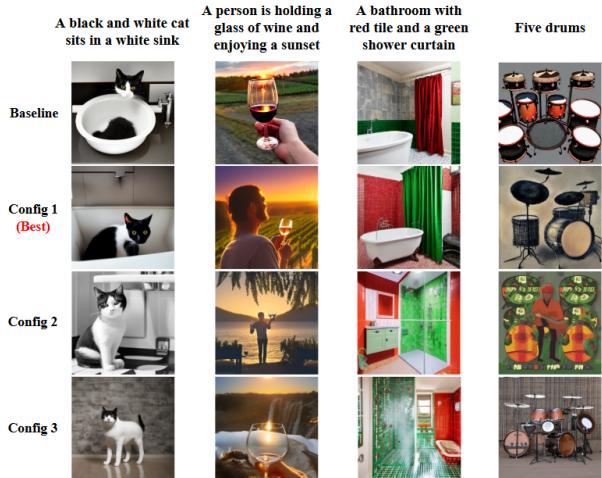


Figure A2: Qualitative comparison of the SD 2.1 baseline and our three fine-tuning configurations on four compositional prompts (columns). Each row shows images from the baseline model and Config 1–3 (top to bottom). Config 1 most consistently preserves object attributes, relations, and counts, while Config 2 and Config 3 often lose parts of the specified composition.

surfaces, and the baseline tends to swap the colors of tiles and curtain. Only Config 1 simultaneously produces red tiles and a green shower curtain as specified. Finally, for “*Five drums*”, the baseline and Config 2 often generate the wrong number of drums, while Config 1 and Config 3 more frequently match the requested count, in line with the numeracy metrics. Overall, these qualitative results are consistent with our quantitative scores: under our current setup, Config 1 provides the best trade-off across attribute binding, relational reasoning, and numeracy, and we therefore adopt it as our final configuration.

A.1 Conclusion and Future Work

We studied whether text-guided depth conditioning plus parameter-efficient LoRA can improve compositional generation in Stable Diffusion 2.1. Across three fine-tuning configurations and LoRA ranks {16, 32, 64, 128}, **Config 1** (frozen CLIP text encoder + LoRA on U-Net attention + depth channel) was the most reliable, delivering *small but consistent* gains over the baseline across attribute binding, object relations, numeracy, and complex prompts, suggesting depth can help composition when CLIP semantics are preserved. In contrast, adapting the CLIP text encoder (**Config 2** full fine-tuning; **Config 3** text-encoder LoRA) did not improve the CLIP-based compositional metrics, consistent with overfitting or semantic drift when tuning CLIP on only \sim 100k LAION-SG pairs; the main exception is **numeracy**, where **Config 3** performs best, indicating a trade-off where text-encoder adaptation helps counting but can hurt binding and relations. Limitations include the 100k data subset (vs. full LAION-SG), a smooth 64×64 text-to-depth predictor, and a single A10G GPU budget that prevented depth-free baselines and multi-seed variance estimates; future work should scale data/epochs for Config 1 while keeping CLIP frozen, explore higher-fidelity/multiscale depth conditioning, add depth-free and multi-seed ablations, and complement CLIP/BLIP metrics with targeted qualitative or MLLM-based assessment of compositional failures.

562 **Qualitative analysis of configurations.** Figure A2 il-
 563 lustrates the differences between the baseline and our
 564 three fine-tuning configurations on four representative
 565 prompts. For “*A black and white cat sits in a white*
 566 *sink*”, the baseline partially mixes the colors of the
 567 cat and the sink, and Config 2/3 essentially ignore the
 568 white sink and focus only on the cat. Only Config 1
 569 preserves both the black-and-white fur and a clearly
 570 white sink. For “*A person is holding a glass of wine*
 571 *and enjoying a sunset*”, the key relation is the *holding*
 572 action: the baseline and Config 3 rarely show a real-
 573 istic hand gripping the glass, and Config 2 sometimes
 574 produces a floating glass, whereas Config 1 reliably de-
 575 picts a person actually holding the glass. For “*A bath-
 576 room with red tile and a green shower curtain*”, Con-
 577 fig 2 and Config 3 smear red and green across multiple