I2AM: Interpreting Image-to-Image Latent Diffusion Models via Attribution Maps

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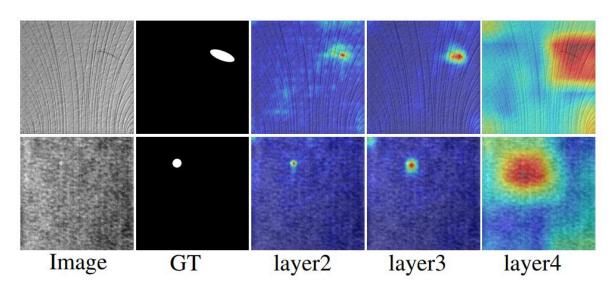




Motivation

- Interpreting models using attribution map
 - Explainability is essential for enhancing trust and accountability by making
 AI decision-making transparent
 - Earlier efforts leveraged CNN-based image classifiers to highlight areas of interest
 - Recently, the emergence of transformers has shifted the focus towards

using **attention**

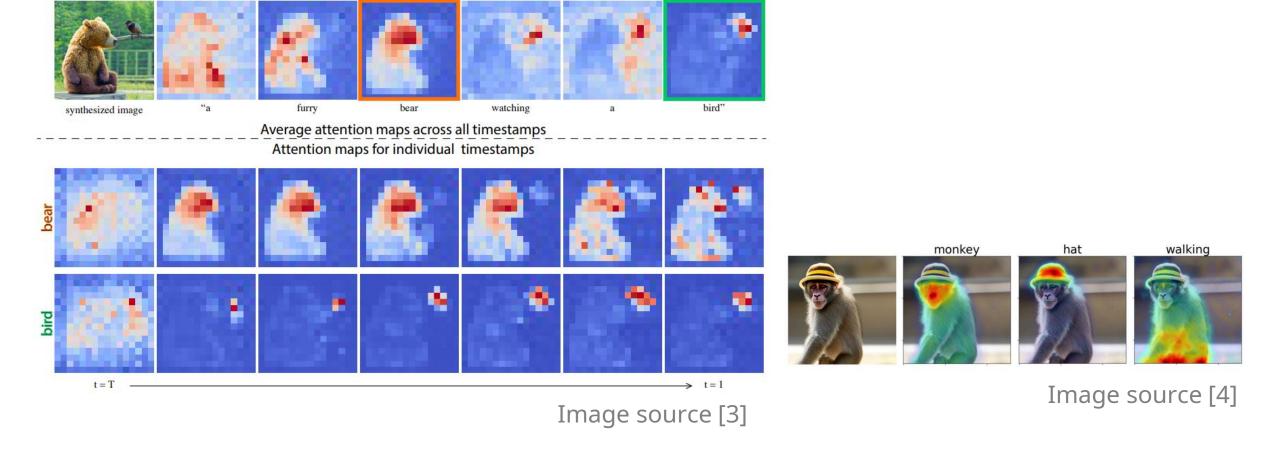


 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Input} & \text{Ours} \\ \\ \text{Dog} \rightarrow \\ \\ \\ \text{Cat} \rightarrow \\ \end{array}$

CNN-based: class activation map [1]

Transformer-based: attention map [2]

- Interpreting latent diffusion models (LDMs)
 - Analysis of text-to-image LDMs using attribution maps have advanced recently
 - There is currently a shortage of studies on image-to-image (I2I) LDM

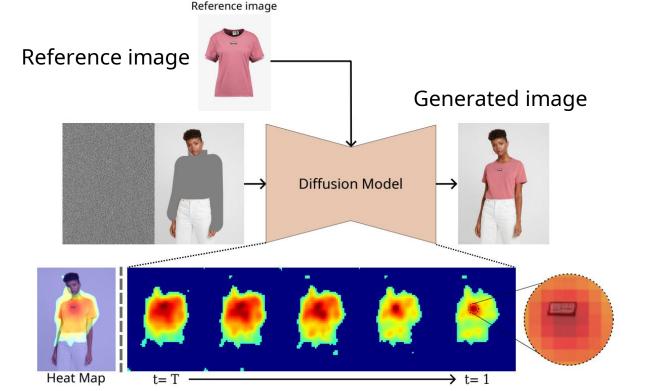


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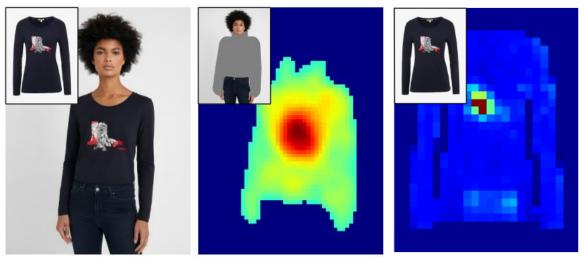
- Differences between text-to-image and image-to-image
 - Text-conditioned models
 - ✓ generate images that visually interpret provided text descriptions
 - ✓ Token-wise interpretation is practical
 - ✓ Etc.
 - Image-conditioned models
 - ✓ transform a reference image into a different visual form of the image
 - ✓ Patch-wise interpretation is less practical due to the spatial and contextual continuity
 - ✓ Etc.

Research Topic

- Interpreting image-to-image latent diffusion models focusing on inpainting
- Basic image-to-image LDMs performing inpainting task (VITON)
 - Input clothing (reference image) condition utilizing cross-attention
 - Concatenate various conditions to noisy input
 - Model (U-Net) generates more clear image by predicting the noise



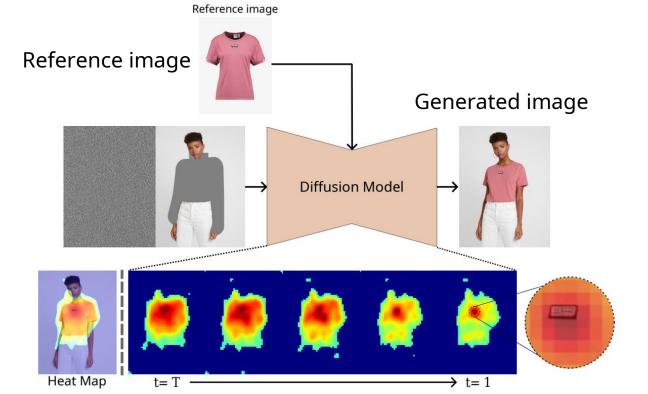
Attribution maps for generated/reference images



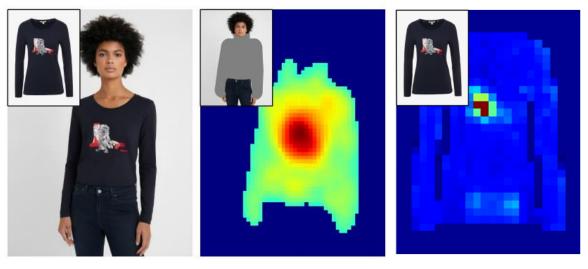
Generated image Forward direction Backward direction

Methodology

- I^2AM : Image-to-Image Attribution Maps method
 - Use cross-attention map (attribution map) to visualize generation process
 - Analyze generation process across time steps, attention heads
 - While text is abstract, image (e.g., clothes) maintains spatial information in latent space
 - So, we can facilitate clear visualization of the condition



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 - Attribution maps for generated/reference images
 - ✓ Time-and-head integrated attribution maps
 - ✓ Head/Time integrated attribution maps
 - ✓ Specific-reference attribution maps

Generated image

Softmax

Softmax

Reference image

K

Reference image

Reference image

t: [1, T], attention head: 8

f: pre-attention ouput vector

 W_q , W_k : projection metrics of key and queries c_l : embeddings of reference image

$$\operatorname{Softmax}(\frac{(\mathbf{W}_q^{(l)}\mathbf{f}_t^{(l)})(\mathbf{W}_k^{(l)}\mathbf{c}_I)^{\top}}{\sqrt{d}})$$

soft-max in forward direction

$$\operatorname{Softmax}(\frac{(\mathbf{W}_k^{(l)}\mathbf{c}_I)(\mathbf{W}_q^{(l)}\mathbf{f}_t^{(l)})^{\top}}{\sqrt{d}})$$

soft-max in backward direction

Experimental results

- *I*²*AM*: **I**mage-to-**I**mage **A**ttribution **M**aps method
 - Attribution maps for generated/reference images
 - ✓ Time-and-head integrated attribution maps
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- Models
 - Paint-by-example [5]
 - DCI-VTON [6]
 - StableVITON [7]
- Sampler
 - DDIM

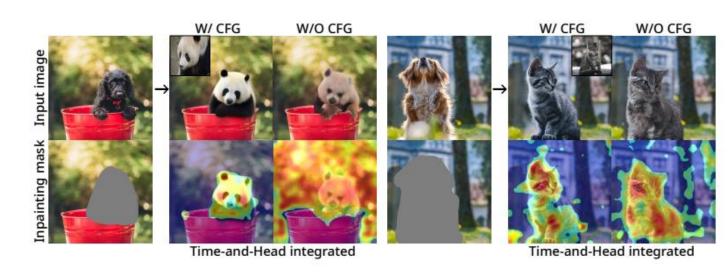
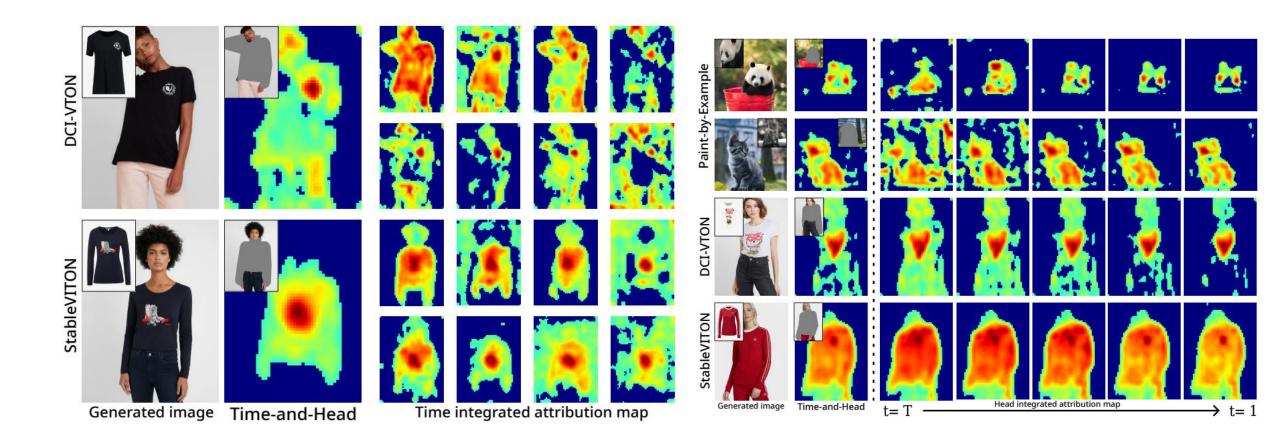


Figure 4: Time-and-Head integrated attribution map visualization, both with and without CFG. The dispersion of attention scores exceeded the inpainting mask's range when CFG was not used.

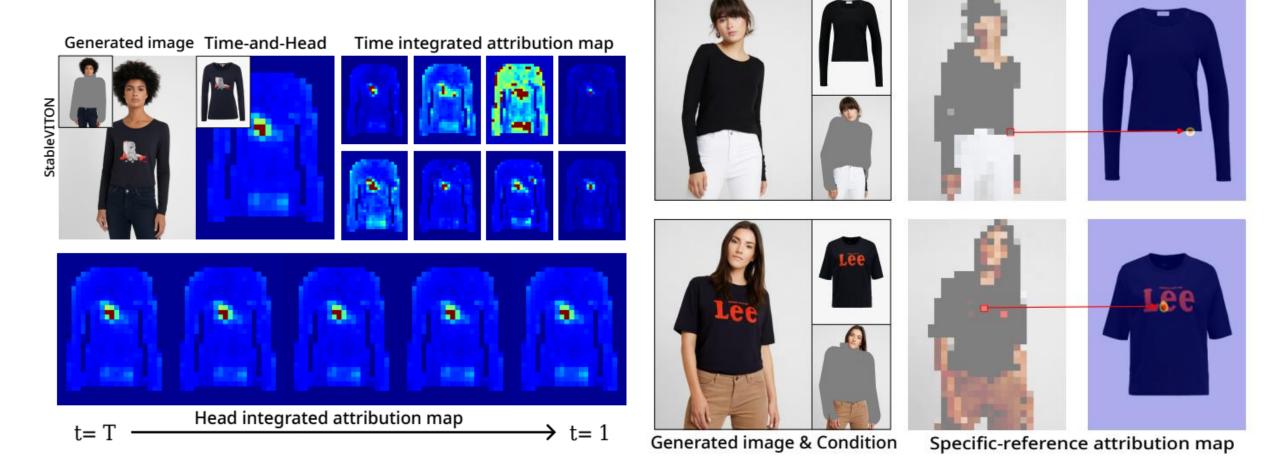
Experimental results

- Results of attribution maps for the generated image
 - The model gradually forms the object's structure, consistently assigning high attention scores to important features such as facial details or clothing logos.



Experimental results

- Results of attribution maps for the reference image
 - To confirm whether meaningful information is extracted from the reference image for image synthesis, one needs to examine the reference attribution map



- Our contributions
 - Propose analysis and visualization methods for I2I LDMs
 - Provide insights into generation process of I2I LDMs by analyzing attribution maps at each time and attention head
 - Present attribution maps for the generated and reference images using characteristics of I2I LDMs

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