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Generative Diffusion Prior for Unified Image Restoration and Enhancement

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1. Linear Inverse Image Restoration [Denoising Diffusion Restoration Models](#)

image deblurring, super-resolution, and compressive sensing, inpainting, colorization

2. Non-linear Image Restoration.

image low-light enhancement, HDR image recovery, JPEG Artifact Correction

3. Blind Image Restoration



噪声采样 $\xrightleftharpoons[\text{加噪}]{\text{去噪}}$ 生成图像

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \alpha_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{1}{\alpha_t} (\mathbf{x}_t - \beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t))$$

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \underbrace{(\alpha_t \cdots \alpha_1)}_{\text{记为 } \bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \underbrace{\sqrt{1 - (\alpha_t \cdots \alpha_1)^2}}_{\text{记为 } \bar{\beta}_t} \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_t, \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\bar{\alpha}_t \mathbf{x}_0 + \alpha_t \bar{\beta}_{t-1} \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{t-1} + \beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, t)\|^2$$

$$\alpha_t \bar{\beta}_{t-1} \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{t-1} + \beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$$

$$\beta_t \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{t-1} - \alpha_t \bar{\beta}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{\omega}^\top] = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t = \frac{(\beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \alpha_t \bar{\beta}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\omega}) \bar{\beta}_t}{\beta_t^2 + \alpha_t^2 \bar{\beta}_{t-1}^2} = \frac{\beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \alpha_t \bar{\beta}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\bar{\beta}_t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})} \left[\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\bar{\alpha}_t \mathbf{x}_0 + \alpha_t \bar{\beta}_{t-1} \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{t-1} + \beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, t)\|^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})} \left[\left\| \frac{\beta_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \alpha_t \bar{\beta}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\bar{\beta}_t} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\bar{\alpha}_t \mathbf{x}_0 + \bar{\beta}_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, t) \right\|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left\| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \frac{\bar{\beta}_t}{\beta_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\bar{\alpha}_t \mathbf{x}_0 + \bar{\beta}_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, t) \right\|^2$$



$$q(x_1, \dots, x_T | x_0) = \prod_{t=1}^T q(x_t | x_{t-1}), \quad (1)$$

$$x_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon, \quad (2)$$

$$p_{\theta}(x_0, \dots, x_{T-1} | x_T) = \prod_{t=1}^T p_{\theta}(x_{t-1} | x_t), \quad (3)$$

$$p_{\theta}(x_{t-1} | x_t) = \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}; \mu_{\theta}(x_t, t), \Sigma_{\theta} I)$$

$$\mu_{\theta}(x_t, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}} \left(x_t - \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \epsilon_{\theta}(x_t, t) \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\tilde{x}_0 = \frac{x_t}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}} - \frac{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon_{\theta}(x_t, t)}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}} \quad (5)$$

$$q(x_{t-1} | x_t, \tilde{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}; \tilde{\mu}_t(x_t, \tilde{x}_0), \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{I}),$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\mu}_t(x_t, \tilde{x}_0) = \frac{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}} \beta_t}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \tilde{x}_0 + \frac{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} (1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} x_t$$

$$\text{and } \tilde{\beta}_t = \frac{1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \beta_t \quad (6)$$

$$y = \mathcal{D}(x).$$

$$p_{\theta}(x_{t-1} | x_t, y).$$

$$\log p_{\theta}(x_{t-1} | x_t, y) = \log(p_{\theta}(x_{t-1} | x_t) p(y | x_t)) + K_1$$

$$\approx \log p(r) + K_2, \quad (7)$$

$$r \sim \mathcal{N}(r; \mu_{\theta}(x_t, t) + \Sigma g, \Sigma)$$

$$g = \nabla_{x_t} \log p(y | x_t), \quad \tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma_{\theta}(x_t)$$



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$$p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-[s\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}_t), \mathbf{y}) + \lambda\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}_t)]) \quad (8)$$

a heuristic approximation

\mathcal{L} : image distance metric

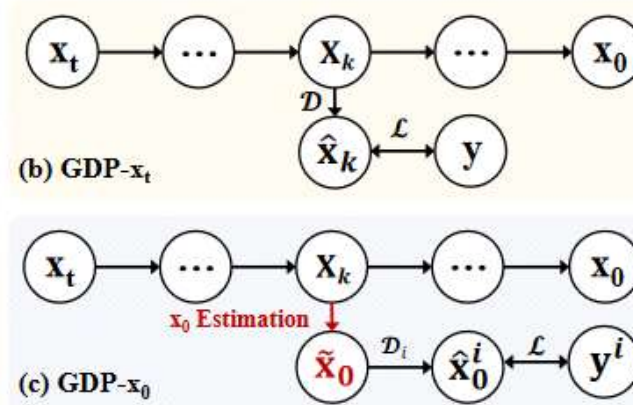
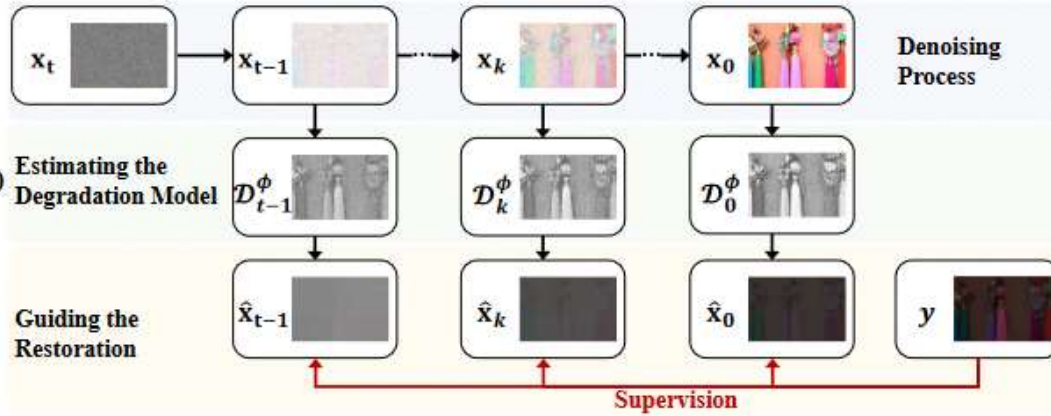
Z : normalization factor

s : a scaling factor controlling the magnitude of guidance

\mathcal{Q} : the optional quality enhancement loss

λ : scale factor for adjusting the quality of images

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_t) &= -\log Z - s\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}_t), \mathbf{y}) - \lambda\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}_t) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_t) &= -s\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}_t), \mathbf{y}) - \lambda\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}_t). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$



Denoising Process

y : Guidance image

y^i : i^{th} Guidance image

\hat{x}_n : n^{th} noisy image + degradation

\hat{x}_0^i : $\tilde{x}_0 + i^{\text{th}}$ degradation

\mathcal{D} : Degradation model

\mathcal{D}^i : i^{th} Degradation model

\mathcal{L} : Loss function



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the way of adding guidance and the variance Σ negatively influence the reconstructed images.

The Influence of Variance Σ on the Guidance.

Guidance on x_t

Algorithm 1: GDP- x_t with fixed degradation model: Conditioner guided diffusion sampling on x_t , given a diffusion model $(\mu_\theta(x_t), \Sigma_\theta(x_t))$, corrupted image conditioner y .

Input: Corrupted image y , gradient scale s , degradation model \mathcal{D} , distance measure \mathcal{L} , optional quality enhancement loss \mathcal{Q} , quality enhancement scale λ .

Output: Output image x_0 conditioned on y

Sample x_T from $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$

for t from T to 1 do

$\mu, \Sigma = \mu_\theta(x_t), \Sigma_\theta(x_t)$

$\mathcal{L}_{x_t}^{total} = \mathcal{L}(y, \mathcal{D}(x_t)) + \mathcal{Q}(x_t)$

 Sample x_{t-1} by $\mathcal{N}(\mu + s \nabla_{x_t} \mathcal{L}_{x_t}^{total}, \Sigma)$

end

return x_0

Guidance on \tilde{x}_0 .

Algorithm 2: GDP- x_0 : Conditioner guided diffusion sampling on \tilde{x}_0 , given a diffusion model $(\mu_\theta(x_t), \Sigma_\theta(x_t))$, corrupted image conditioner y .

Input: Corrupted image y , gradient scale s , degradation model \mathcal{D}_ϕ with randomly initiated parameters ϕ , learning rate l for optimizable degradation model, distance measure \mathcal{L} , optional quality enhancement loss \mathcal{Q} , quality enhancement scale λ .

Output: Output image x_0 conditioned on y

Sample x_T from $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$

for t from T to 1 do

$\mu, \Sigma = \mu_\theta(x_t), \Sigma_\theta(x_t)$

$\tilde{x}_0 = \frac{x_t}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} - \frac{\sqrt{1-\alpha_t} \epsilon_\theta(x_t, t)}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}$

$\mathcal{L}_{\phi, \tilde{x}_0}^{total} = \mathcal{L}(y, \mathcal{D}_\phi(\tilde{x}_0)) + \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{x}_0)$

$\phi \leftarrow \phi - l \nabla_\phi \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \tilde{x}_0}^{total}$

 Sample x_{t-1} by $\mathcal{N}(\mu + s \nabla_{\tilde{x}_0} \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \tilde{x}_0}^{total}, \Sigma)$

end

return x_0

$$y = fx + \mathcal{M},$$



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Reconstruction Loss.

MSE

structural similarity index measure

perceptual loss

Quality Enhancement Loss.

Exposure Control Loss

Color Constancy Loss

Illumination Smoothness Loss



Figure 3. **Qualitative comparison of colorization results on ImageNet validation images.** GDP- x_0 generates various samples on the same input.



Table 2. **Quantitative comparison of linear image restoration tasks on ImageNet 1k [62].** GDP outperforms other methods in terms of FID and Consistency across all tasks.

Method	4× Super-resolution				Deblur				25% Inpainting				Colorization			
	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓
DGP [62]	21.65	0.56	158.74	152.85	26.00	0.54	475.10	136.53	27.59	0.82	414.60	60.65	18.42	0.71	305.59	94.59
SNIPS [33]	22.38	0.66	21.38	154.43	24.73	0.69	60.11	17.11	17.55	0.74	587.90	103.50	-	-	-	-
RED [69]	24.18	0.71	27.57	98.30	21.30	0.58	63.20	69.55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DDRM [32]	26.53	0.78	19.39	40.75	35.64	0.98	50.24	4.78	34.28	0.95	4.08	24.09	22.12	0.91	37.33	47.05
GDP- x_t	24.27	0.67	80.32	64.67	25.86	0.75	54.08	5.00	31.06	0.93	8.80	20.24	21.30	0.86	75.24	66.43
GDP- x_0	24.42	0.68	6.49	38.24	25.98	0.75	41.27	2.44	34.40	0.96	5.29	16.58	21.41	0.92	36.92	37.60

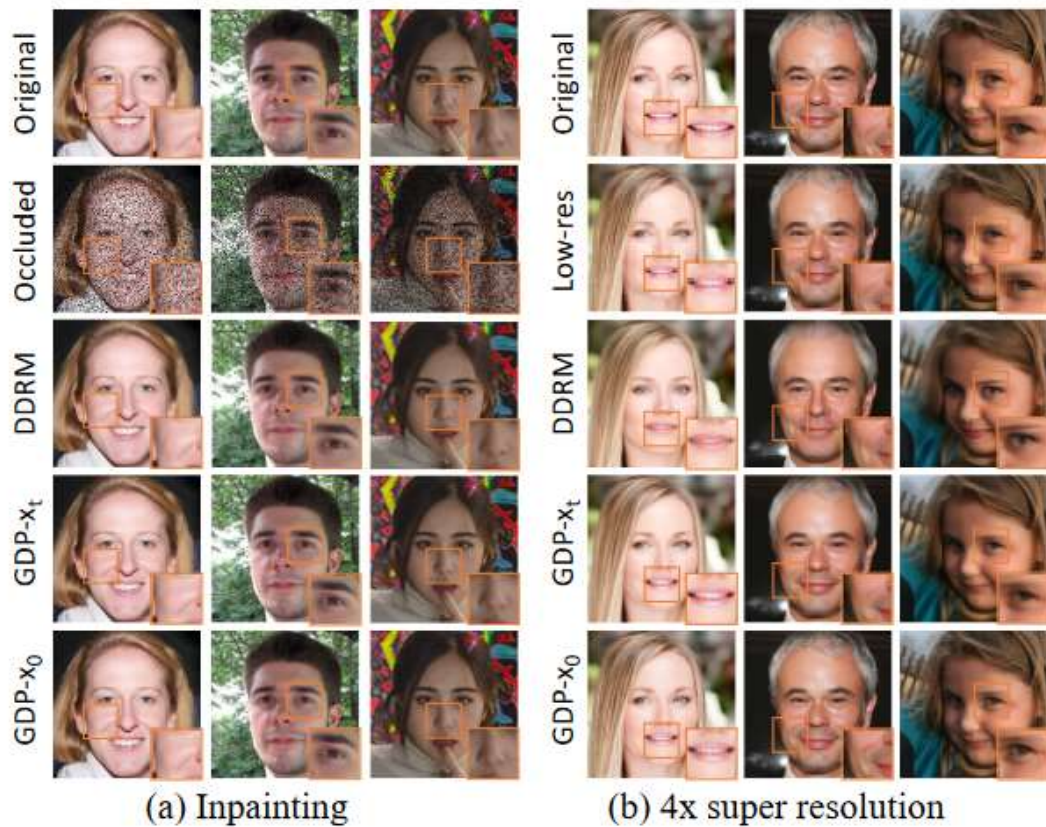


Figure 4. Qualitative results of (a) 25 % inpainting and (b) 4× super-resolution on CelebA [31].



Figure 5. Results of image deblurring task on 256×256 USC-SIPI images [87] using an ImageNet model.



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Figure 6. Qualitative results of low-light enhancement on the LOL [88], VE-LOL [47], and LoLi-Phone [41] datasets.

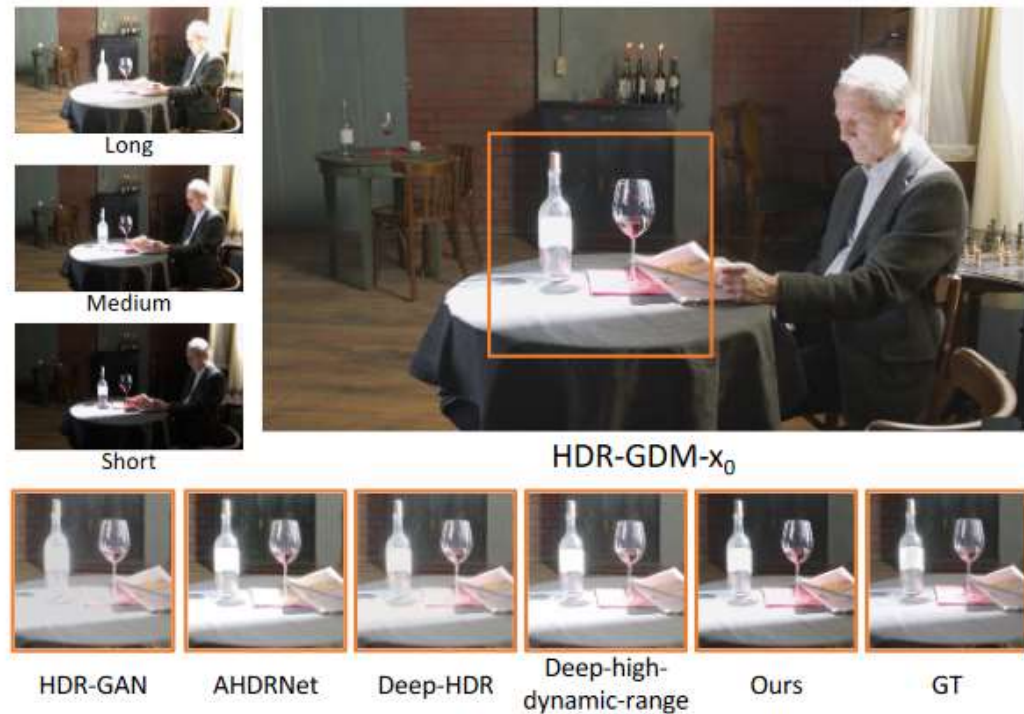


Figure 7. Example from the NTIRE dataset [63]. We compare a set of patches cropped from the tone-mapped HDR images generated by state-of-the-art methods.



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Table 4. Quantitative comparison on the NTIRE dataset [63].

Methods	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	LPIPS \downarrow	FID \downarrow
AHDRNet [91]	18.72	0.58	0.39	81.98
HDR-GAN [59]	21.67	0.74	0.26	52.71
Deep-HDR [90]	21.66	0.76	0.26	57.52
Deep-high-dyna mic-range [30]	21.33	0.71	0.26	51.92
GDP- x_t	19.36	0.65	0.30	63.89
GDP- x_0	24.88	0.86	0.13	50.05

Table 5. The ablation study on the variance Σ and the way of the guidance.

Task	4 \times Super resolution				Deblur			
	PSNR	SSIM	Consistency	FID	PSNR	SSIM	Consistency	FID
GDP- x_t with Σ	22.86	0.60	88.37	68.04	22.06	0.57	69.46	80.39
GDP- x_0 with Σ	22.09	0.58	93.19	41.22	23.49	0.65	68.67	50.29
GDP- x_t	24.27	0.67	80.32	64.67	25.86	0.73	54.08	5.00
GDP- x_0	24.42	0.68	6.49	38.24	25.98	0.75	41.27	2.44

Task	25% Inpainting				Colorization			
	PSNR	SSIM	Consistency	FID	PSNR	SSIM	Consistency	FID
GDP- x_t with Σ	25.28	0.70	171.44	73.32	17.67	0.70	246.26	145.20
GDP- x_0 with Σ	24.58	0.75	65.59	22.77	21.28	0.91	66.57	38.39
GDP- x_t	31.06	0.93	8.80	20.24	21.30	0.86	75.24	66.43
GDP- x_0	34.40	0.96	5.29	16.58	21.41	0.92	36.92	37.60



Table 6. The ablation study on the optimizable degradation and patch-based tactic.

Methods	LOL					NTIRE			
	PSNR	SSIM	FID	LOE	PI	PSNR	SSIM	LPIPS	FID
Model A	11.05	0.49	156.51	707.57	8.61	24.12	0.67	0.32	86.69
Model B	9.01	0.37	355.99	969.89	9.04	9.83	0.04	1.02	253.11
GDP- x_t	7.32	0.57	238.92	364.15	8.26	19.36	0.65	0.30	63.89
GDP- x_0	13.93	0.63	75.16	110.39	6.47	24.88	0.86	0.13	50.05



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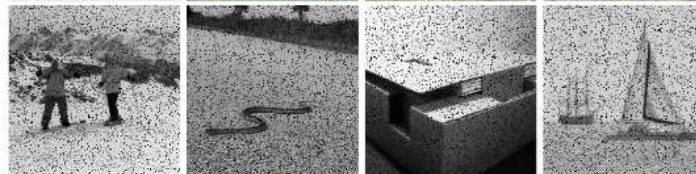
Gray + Blur (3)



Output



Gray +
10 % inpainting



Output



Gray +
2x Super resolution



Output





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