



Overview

The goal of this project is to explore diffusion models for image restoration. We compare the performance and speed of a supervised super resolution method SRLDM [2] with an unsupervised method DDRM [1]. We also merged the two methods by using a supervised fine-tuned SRLDM as a denoising diffusion generative model in the DDRM pipeline.

Method

Unsupervised method: DDRM

$$y = Hx$$

$$H = U\Sigma V^T$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x} = V^T x \\ \hat{y} = \Sigma^{-1} U^T y \end{cases}$$

$$p_{\theta}^{(T)}(\hat{x}_T | y) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(\hat{x}_T^{(0)}, \sigma_T^2 - \frac{\sigma_T^2}{s_T}) & s_T > 0 \\ \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_T^2) & s_T = 0 \end{cases}$$

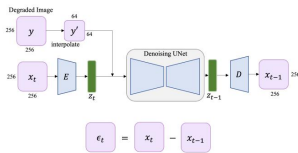
$$\hat{p}_{\theta}^{(t)}(\hat{x}_t^{(0)} | x_{t+1}, y) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(\hat{x}_t^{(0)} + \sqrt{1 - \eta_t^2} \sigma_t \frac{x_{t+1}^{(0)} - \hat{x}_t^{(0)}}{\sigma_{t+1}}, \eta_t^2 \sigma_t^2) & s_t = 0 \\ \mathcal{N}(\hat{x}_t^{(0)} + \sqrt{1 - \eta_t^2} \sigma_t \frac{y - \hat{x}_t^{(0)}}{\sigma_{t+1}}, \eta_t^2 \sigma_t^2) & \sigma_t < \frac{\sigma_x}{s_t} \\ \mathcal{N}((1 - \eta_t) \hat{x}_t^{(0)} + \eta_t y, \sigma_t^2 - \frac{\sigma_t^2}{s_t}) & \sigma_t \leq \frac{\sigma_x}{s_t} \end{cases}$$

$\hat{x}_t^{(0)}$: pre-trained denoising diffusion model.



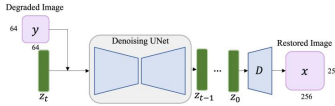
- Take SVD of degradation matrix H and perform diffusion in its spectral space
- Applicable to any linear inverse problems

SRLDM in DDRM Pipeline



- Use SRLDM as a denoising generative model in the DDRM pipeline.

Supervised method: SRLDM



- Perform denoising diffusion process in latent space.
- Supervised trained on super resolution task.

Experiment

Data

Random 2000 images from validation set of Imagenet-1K.

Baseline

The bicubic upscaled image for sr tasks and the degraded image for others.

Result

Quantitative result

- Super resolution (64 → 256)

Method	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	FID ↓	Throughput ↑
Baseline	25.8	0.745	66.3	-
LDM	23.7	0.686	29.9	1.6
DDRM	27.4	0.799	29.6	0.1
DDRM-LDM	14.68	0.141	135	0.1

- Deblur ($\sigma = 1$)

Method	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	FID ↓	Throughput ↑
Baseline	25.5	0.778	27.8	-
LDM	22.8	0.664	35.6	1.6
DDRM	20.1	0.384	34.5	0.1
DDRM-LDM	18.2	0.309	45.7	0.1

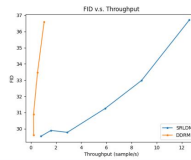
- Denoise ($\sigma = 0.1$)

Method	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	FID ↓	Throughput ↑
Baseline	26.3	0.634	17.47	-
LDM	23.7	0.657	29.9	1.6
DDRM	34.8	0.932	8.94	0.1
DDRM-LDM	22.1	0.588	36.5	0.1

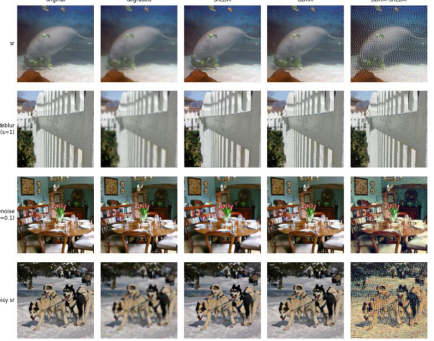
- Noisy super resolution (64 → 256, $\sigma = 0.05$)

Method	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	FID ↓	Throughput ↑
Baseline	24.9	0.6603	97.12	-
LDM	22.7	0.553	38.3	1.6
DDRM	26.6	0.759	36.66	0.1
DDRM-LDM	13.4	0.109	168	0.1

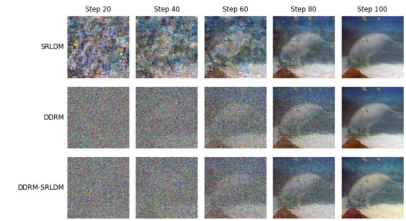
FID v.s. throughput



Generation result



Intermediate results



References

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