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Text-Adaptive Generative Adversarial Networks: Manipulating Images with Natural Language

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Related Work

- Existing methods rely heavily on sentence embedding vectors
- They fail to preserve text-irrelevant contents (e.g. background)
- Coarse multi-modal modeling is not enough for the disentanglement

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This small bird has a **blue crown** and **white** belly.





Original [Reed et al.,

2016]

[Dong et al., 2017]

Contribution

- Our key idea is word-level local discriminators for fine-grained training
- Our method effectively changes visual attributes while preserving text-irrelevant contents

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2017]

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Overview of TAGAN



Generator



This flower has petals that are *yellow* and are *very stringy*.

To preserve original contents, we add a reconstruction loss: $L_{rec} = \|\mathbf{x} - G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})\|$

Discriminator



The discriminator consists of

- 1. Unconditional discriminator \rightarrow Make image realistic
- 2. Text-adaptive discriminator \rightarrow Make image match the text

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3. Aggregate the scores with attentions $D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \prod_{i=1}^{T} [\sum_{j} \beta_{ij} f_{\mathbf{w}_{i}, j}(\mathbf{v}_{j})]^{\alpha_{i}}$

Manipulation Results on CUB-200

Original

This particular bird with a **red head and breast** and features **grey wings**.

This bird has **wings that are blue** and has a **white belly**.

A small bird with **white base** and **black stripes** throughout its belly, head, and feathers.



Manipulation Results on Oxford-102

Original

The petals are **white** and the stamens are **light yellow**.

The petals of the flower have **yellow** and red stripes.

This flower has petals of **pink and** white color with yellow stamens.



Qualitative Comparison

Original

[Dong et al., 2017]

[Xu et al., 2018]

Ours

This is a **black bird** with **gray and white wings** and a **bright yellow belly and chest**. This flower has **petals that are** white and has **patches of yellow**.



Conclusion

- We propose a Text-Adaptive Generative Adversarial Network (TAGAN)
- Our method disentangles and manipulates fine-grained visual attributes
- Our method outperforms existing methods on CUB-200 and Oxford-102

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