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Attack-Resilient Image Watermarking Using Stable Diffusion



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Common Image Watermarking



Develop image watermarking method to inject **invisible and robust** watermark into the given image

Image Watermarking

Existing Methods (e.g., traditional frequency decomposition, NN-based methods)

Trade-off: Image quality ⇔ Watermark robustness

Invisibility	
Image quality after	
watermarking	
(e.g., SSIM, PSNR)	

Method	Image Quality SSIM	Post-Attack (JPEG) WDR
SSL	0.98	0.046
StegaStamp	0.91	1.0

Robustness

Watermark detection rate (i.e., WDR) after being attacked

[1] Xuandong Zhao, etc. Generative autoencoders as watermark attackers: Analyses of vulnerabilities and threats. ICML Workshop 2023.

New Challenge: Stable diffusion-based watermark removal^[1]



Image Watermarking

Proposed Method: ZoDiac



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Visual Examples



No significant visual influence after injecting watermark Can handle image with different domains



- A novel framework for embedding invisible watermarks into existing images using *any* pre-trained stable diffusion.
- Strong robustness against most watermark attacks with watermark detection rate above 98% and false positive rate below 6.4%.
- Resilient to generative-AI based image regeneration with WDR above 98% while baselines fails below 50%.

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