ReVersion: Diffusion-Based Relation Inversion from Images

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"cat <R> cat" "panda <R> panda" "otter <R> otter" "rabbit <R> child" "Batman <R> Batman"

"Spiderman <R>

basket" "hamster <R> paper bag"

"sea <R> cup" "panda <R> pot" "rabbit <R> cup"

Fig. 1. We propose a new task, Relation Inversion: Given a few exemplar images, where a relation co-exists in every image, we aim to find a relation prompt $\langle R \rangle$ to capture this interaction, and apply the relation to new entities to synthesize new scenes. The above images are generated by our ReVersion Framework.

Diffusion models gain increasing popularity for their generative capabilities. Recently, there have been surging needs to generate customized images by inverting diffusion models from exemplar images, and existing inversion methods mainly focus on capturing object **appearances** (i.e., the "look"). However, how to invert object relations, another important pillar in the visual world, remains unexplored. In this work, we propose the Relation

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Inversion task, which aims to learn a specific relation (represented as "relation prompt") from exemplar images. Specifically, we learn a relation prompt with a frozen pre-trained text-to-image diffusion model. The learned relation prompt can then be applied to generate relation-specific images with new objects, backgrounds, and styles. To tackle the Relation Inversion task, we propose the ReVersion Framework. Specifically, we propose a novel "relation-steering contrastive learning" scheme to steer the relation prompt towards relation-dense regions, and disentangle it away from object appearances. We further devise "relation-focal importance sampling" to emphasize high-level interactions over low-level appearances (e.g., texture, color). To comprehensively evaluate this new task, we contribute the ReVersion Benchmark, which provides various exemplar images with diverse relations. Extensive experiments validate the superiority of our approach over existing methods across a wide range of visual relations. Our proposed task and method could be good inspirations for future research in various domains like generative inversion, few-shot learning, and visual relation detection.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Recently, text-to-image (T2I) diffusion models [\[Ramesh et al.](#page-10-0) [2022;](#page-10-0) [Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022;](#page-10-1) [Saharia et al.](#page-10-2) [2022a\]](#page-10-2) have shown promising results and enabled subsequent explorations of various generative tasks. There have been several explorations [\[Chen et al.](#page-10-3) [2023a;](#page-10-3) [Gal et al.](#page-10-4) [2022;](#page-10-4) [Jia et al.](#page-10-5) [2023;](#page-10-5) [Kumari et al.](#page-10-6) [2022;](#page-10-6) [Li et al.](#page-10-7) [2023a;](#page-10-7) [Ruiz et al.](#page-10-8) [2022;](#page-10-8) [Wei et al.](#page-11-0) [2023\]](#page-11-0) on the appearance inversion task. Specifically, given a few images of a specific object (e.g., a cat statue), appearance inversion learns to map a "new word" to this concept via the text-to-image model. The "new word" can then be used in prompts to generate new images that contain this concept. While existing methods have made substantial progress in capturing object appearances, such exploration for relations between objects is rare.

In this paper, we study the Relation Inversion task, whose objective is to learn a relation that co-exists in the given exemplar images. Specifically, with objects in each exemplar image following a specific relation, we aim to obtain a relation prompt in the text embedding space of the pre-trained text-to-image diffusion model. By composing the relation prompt with user-devised text prompts, users are able to synthesize images using the corresponding relation, with new objects, styles, and backgrounds, etc. Studying Relation Inversion not only addresses a critical gap in text-to-image model inversion tasks but also paves the way for deeper understanding and generation of relation-rich visual content.

The Relation Inversion task is intrinsically different from existing appearance inversion tasks, and thus poses unique challenges. Appearance inversion [\[Chen et al.](#page-10-3) [2023a;](#page-10-3) [Gal et al.](#page-10-4) [2022;](#page-10-4) [Jia et al.](#page-10-5) [2023;](#page-10-5) [Kumari et al.](#page-10-6) [2022;](#page-10-6) [Li et al.](#page-10-7) [2023a;](#page-10-7) [Ruiz et al.](#page-10-8) [2022;](#page-10-8) [Wei et al.](#page-11-0) [2023\]](#page-11-0) focuses on capturing the look of a specific entity, thus the commonly used pixel-level reconstruction loss is typically adequate to learn a prompt that encapsulates the shared information among exemplar images. In contrast, relation is a more abstract visual concept, and a pixel-wise loss alone is insufficient for precise extraction of the intended relation. Consequently, linguistic and visual priors are needed to accurately represent these high-level relation concepts.

To this end, we propose the ReVersion Framework to tackle the Relation Inversion problem. First, we exploit linguistic priors to steer the relation prompt in the text embedding space. Specifically, we found that in the text embedding space of Stable Diffusion, embeddings are generally clustered according to their Part-of-Speech (POS), as shown in Figure [2.](#page-1-0) Also, the concept of "relation" is related to prepositional words. For example, the relation "rides on" is semantically related to the prepositions "atop", "above", and "below";

Fig. 2. Part-of-Speech (POS) Clustering. We use t-SNE [\[Van der Maaten](#page-11-1) [and Hinton 2008\]](#page-11-1) to visualize word distribution in CLIP's input text embedding space, where $\langle R \rangle$ is optimized in our ReVersion framework. We observe that words of the same Part-of-Speech (POS) are closely clustered together, while words of different POS are generally at a distance from each other.

the relation "being contained within" is semantically related to "inside", "around", "in", and "including". This together with the POS clustering observation motivate us to steer the relation prompts towards the prepositional word cluster. Notably, we design a novel relation-steering contrastive learning scheme to steer the relation prompt towards a relatively relation-dense region in the text embedding space. A set of basis prepositions are used as positive samples to pull the relation prompt, while words of other POS (e.g., nouns, adjectives) in text descriptions are regarded as negatives so that the semantics related to object appearances are disentangled away.

Second, to encourage attention on object interactions, we devise a relation-focal importance sampling strategy. During the optimization process, we emphasize high-level interactions over relatively lowerlevel details (e.g., color and texture of objects), effectively leading to better Relation Inversion results.

As the first attempt in this direction, we further contribute the ReVersion Benchmark, which provides various exemplar images with diverse relations, from simple spatial arrangements to complex interactive behaviours. The benchmark serves as an evaluation tool for future research in Relation Inversion. Results on a variety of relations demonstrate the effectiveness of our ReVersion Framework. Our contributions are summarized as follows:

- We study a new problem, Relation Inversion, which requires learning a relation prompt for a relation that co-exists in several exemplar images. While existing T2I inversion works mainly focus on capturing appearances, we take the initiative to explore relation, an under-explored yet important pillar in the visual world.
- We propose the **ReVersion Framework**, where the *relation*steering contrastive learning scheme steers relation prompt using linguistic priors, and effectively disentangles the learned relation away from object appearances. The relation-focal importance sampling further emphasizes high-level relations over low-level details.
- We contribute the ReVersion Benchmark, which serves as a diagnostic and benchmarking tool for the new task of Relation Inversion.

2 RELATED WORK

Diffusion Models. Diffusion models [\[Gu et al.](#page-10-9) [2022;](#page-10-9) [Ho et al.](#page-10-10) [2020;](#page-10-10) [Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022;](#page-10-1) [Sohl-Dickstein et al.](#page-11-2) [2015;](#page-11-2) [Song et al.](#page-11-3) [2021a,](#page-11-3)[b\]](#page-11-4) have become a mainstream approach for image synthesis [\[Dhariwal](#page-10-11) [and Nichol 2021;](#page-10-11) [Esser et al.](#page-10-12) [2021;](#page-10-12) [Meng et al.](#page-10-13) [2022\]](#page-10-13) apart from GANs [\[Goodfellow et al.](#page-10-14) [2014\]](#page-10-14), and have shown success in various domains such as video generation [\[Blattmann et al.](#page-10-15) [2023;](#page-10-15) [Harvey](#page-10-16) [et al.](#page-10-16) [2022;](#page-10-16) [He et al.](#page-10-17) [2022;](#page-10-17) [Ho et al.](#page-10-18) [2022b;](#page-10-18) [Singer et al.](#page-11-5) [2022;](#page-11-5) [Ville](#page-11-6)[gas et al.](#page-11-6) [2022;](#page-11-6) [Wu et al.](#page-11-7) [2022\]](#page-11-7), image restoration [\[Ho et al.](#page-10-19) [2022a;](#page-10-19) [Saharia et al.](#page-10-20) [2022b\]](#page-10-20), and many more [\[Amit et al.](#page-10-21) [2021;](#page-10-21) [Austin et al.](#page-10-22) [2021;](#page-10-22) [Baranchuk et al.](#page-10-23) [2022;](#page-10-23) [Graikos et al.](#page-10-24) [2022\]](#page-10-24). Diffusion models are usually trained using score-matching objectives [\[Hyvärinen](#page-10-25) [and Dayan 2005;](#page-10-25) [Vincent 2011\]](#page-11-8) at various noise levels, and sampling is done via iterative denoising. Text-to-Image (T2I) diffusion models [\[Esser et al.](#page-10-12) [2021;](#page-10-12) [Gu et al.](#page-10-9) [2022;](#page-10-9) [Jiang et al.](#page-10-26) [2022;](#page-10-26) [Nichol](#page-10-27) [et al.](#page-10-27) [2021;](#page-10-27) [Ramesh et al.](#page-10-0) [2022;](#page-10-0) [Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022;](#page-10-1) [Saharia et al.](#page-10-2) [2022a\]](#page-10-2) demonstrated impressive results in converting user-provided text descriptions into images. Motivated by their success, we build our framework on a state-of-the-art T2I diffusion model, Stable Diffusion [\[Rombach et al. 2022\]](#page-10-1).

Relation Modeling. Relation modeling has been explored in discriminative tasks such as scene graph generation [\[Ji et al.](#page-10-28) [2020;](#page-10-28) [Krishna et al.](#page-10-29) [2017;](#page-10-29) [Shang et al.](#page-11-9) [2017;](#page-11-9) [Xu et al.](#page-11-10) [2017;](#page-11-10) [Yang et al.](#page-11-11) [2022,](#page-11-11) [2023\]](#page-11-12) and visual relationship detection [\[Lu et al.](#page-10-30) [2016;](#page-10-30) [Yu et al.](#page-11-13) [2017;](#page-11-13) [Zhuang et al.](#page-11-14) [2017\]](#page-11-14). These works aim to detect visual relations between objects in given images and classify them into a predefined, closed-set of relations. However, the finite relation category set intrinsically limits the diversity of captured relations. In contrast, Relation Inversion regards relation modeling as a generative task, aiming to capture arbitrary, open-world relations from exemplar images and apply the resulting relation for content creation.

Diffusion-Based Inversion. Given a pre-trained T2I diffusion model, inversion aims to find a text embedding vector to express the concepts in the given exemplar images, via optimization-based [\[Alalu](#page-10-31)f [et al.](#page-10-31) [2023;](#page-10-31) [Choi et al.](#page-10-32) [2023;](#page-10-32) [Gal et al.](#page-10-4) [2022;](#page-10-4) [Han et al.](#page-10-33) [2023;](#page-10-33) [Hu et al.](#page-10-34) [2022;](#page-10-34) [Kawar et al.](#page-10-35) [2022;](#page-10-35) [Kumari et al.](#page-10-6) [2022;](#page-10-6) [Li et al.](#page-10-36) [2023b;](#page-10-36) [Ruiz et al.](#page-10-8) [2022;](#page-10-8) [Voynov et al.](#page-11-15) [2023\]](#page-11-15), encoder-based [\[Jia et al.](#page-10-5) [2023;](#page-10-5) [Ma et al.](#page-10-37) [2023;](#page-10-37) [Wei et al.](#page-11-0) [2023;](#page-11-0) [Xu et al.](#page-11-16) [2023;](#page-11-16) [Ye et al.](#page-11-17) [2023;](#page-11-17) [Zhou et al.](#page-11-18) [2023\]](#page-11-18), or hybrid [\[Arar et al.](#page-10-38) [2023;](#page-10-38) [Chen et al.](#page-10-39) [2023b;](#page-10-39) [Gal et al.](#page-10-40) [2023;](#page-10-40) [Gong et al.](#page-10-41) [2023;](#page-10-41) [Li et al.](#page-10-7) [2023a;](#page-10-7) [Ruiz et al.](#page-10-42) [2024\]](#page-10-42) approaches. For example, given several images of a particular "cat statue", Textual Inversion [\[Gal](#page-10-4) [et al.](#page-10-4) [2022\]](#page-10-4) learns a new word to describe its appearance - finding a vector in Latent Diffusion Model (LDM) [\[Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022\]](#page-10-1)'s text embedding space, so that the new word can be composed into new sentences to achieve personalized creation. Rather than inverting the appearance information (e.g., color, texture), our proposed Relation Inversion task extracts high-level object relations from exemplar images, which can be harder as it requires comprehending image compositions and object relationships.

3 THE RELATION INVERSION TASK

Relation Inversion aims to extract the common relation $\langle R \rangle$ from several exemplar images. Let $\mathcal{I} = \{I_1, I_2, \ldots, I_n\}$ be a set of exemplar images, and $E_{i,A}$ and $E_{i,B}$ be two dominant entities in image I_i . In Relation Inversion, we assume that the entities in each exemplar image interacts with each other through a common relation *. A set* of coarse descriptions $C = \{c_1, c_2, ... c_n\}$ is associated to the exemplar images, where " $c_i = E_{i,A} \langle R \rangle E_{i,B}$ " denotes the caption corresponding to image I_i . Our objective is to optimize the relation prompt $\langle R \rangle$ such that the co-existing relation can be accurately represented by the optimized prompt.

An immediate application of Relation Inversion is relation-specific text-to-image synthesis. Once the prompt is acquired, one can generate images with novel objects interacting with each other following the specified relation. More generally, this task reveals a new direction of inferring relations from a set of exemplar images. This could potentially inspire future research in representation learning, few-shot learning, visual relation detection, scene graph generation, and many more.

4 THE REVERSION FRAMEWORK

Preliminaries

Stable Diffusion. Diffusion models are a class of generative models that gradually denoise the Gaussian prior x_T to the data x_0 (e.g., a natural image). The commonly used training objective $L_{\rm DM}$ [\[Ho](#page-10-10) [et al. 2020\]](#page-10-10) is:

$$
L_{\text{DM}}(\theta) \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{t, \mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon} \left[\| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t) \|^2 \right], \tag{1}
$$

where \mathbf{x}_t is an noisy image constructed by adding noise $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$ to the natural image \mathbf{x}_0 , and the network $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\cdot)$ is trained to predict the added noise. To sample data x_0 from a trained diffusion model $\epsilon_{\theta}(\cdot)$, we iteratively denoise x_t from $t = T$ to $t = 0$ using the predicted noise $\epsilon_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)$ at each timestep t.

LDM [\[Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022\]](#page-10-1), the predecessor of Stable Diffusion, mainly introduced two changes to the vanilla diffusion model [\[Ho](#page-10-10) [et al.](#page-10-10) [2020\]](#page-10-10). First, instead of directly modeling the natural image distribution, LDM models images' projections in autoencoder's compressed latent space. Second, LDM enables text-to-image generation by feeding encoded text input to the UNet [\[Ronneberger et al.](#page-10-43) [2015\]](#page-10-43) $\epsilon_{\theta}(\cdot)$. The LDM loss is:

$$
L_{\text{LDM}}(\theta) \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{t, \mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon} \left[\| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t, \tau_{\theta}(c)) \|^2 \right], \tag{2}
$$

where **x** is the autoencoder latents for images, and $\tau_{\theta}(\cdot)$ is the text encoder that encodes the text descriptions c into the text embedding space. Stable Diffusion extends LDM by training on the larger LAION dataset [\[Schuhmann et al.](#page-10-44) [2022\]](#page-10-44), with some architectural and training changes.

Inversion on Text-to-Image Diffusion Models. Existing inversion methods focus on appearance inversion. Given several images that all contain a specific entity, they [\[Gal et al.](#page-10-4) [2022;](#page-10-4) [Kumari et al.](#page-10-6) [2022;](#page-10-6) [Ruiz et al.](#page-10-8) [2022\]](#page-10-8) find a text embedding V^* for the pre-trained T2I model. The obtained V* can then be used as a new word to generate this entity in different scenarios.

In this work, we aim to capture object relations instead. Given several exemplar images which share a common relation *, we aim* to find a relation prompt $\langle R \rangle$ to capture this relation, such that " $E_A \langle R \rangle E_B$ " can be used to generate an image where E_A and E_B interact via relation R.

Fig. 3. ReVersion Framework. Given exemplar images and their entities' coarse descriptions, our ReVersion framework optimizes the relation prompt (R) to capture the relation that co-exists in all the exemplar images. During optmization, the relation-focal importance sampling strategy encourages (R) to focus on high-level relations, and the relation-steering contrastive learning scheme induces the relation prompt $\langle R \rangle$ towards relation-dense regions and away from entities or appearances. Upon optimization, $\langle R \rangle$ can be used as a word in new sentences to make novel entities interact via the relation in exemplar images.

4.2 Relation-Steering Contrastive Learning

Recall that our goal is to acquire a relation prompt $\langle R \rangle$ that accurately captures the co-existing relation in the exemplar images. A basic objective is to reconstruct the exemplar images using (R) :

$$
\langle R \rangle = \underset{\langle r \rangle}{\arg\min} \mathbb{E}_{t,\mathbf{x}_0,\epsilon} \left[\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t,t,\tau_{\theta}(c))\|^2 \right], \text{c contains } \langle r \rangle \quad (3)
$$

where $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$, $\langle R \rangle$ is the optimized text embedding, and $\epsilon_{\theta}(\cdot)$ is a pre-trained text-to-image diffusion model whose weights are frozen throughout optimization. $\langle r \rangle$ is the relation prompt being optimized, and is fed into the pre-trained T2I model as part of the text description c .

However, this pixel-level reconstruction loss mainly focus on reconstructing visual details, without emphasis on object relations. Consequently, we find that directly optimizing with Equation [3](#page-3-0) could lead the relation prompt $\langle R \rangle$ to be more associated with the look of objects rather than the relation between them, undesirably leaking entity appearance from exemplar images into the generated images, and also causing wrong object relations.

To mitigate this problem, we propose the "relation-steering contrastive learning" scheme, leveraging linguistic priors discussed in Section [1](#page-1-1) to emphasis more on object relation during the optimization of $\langle R \rangle$. Specifically, we sample a set of prepositions as positives and use other Part-of-Speech (POS)' words (e.g., nouns, adjectives) in the text descriptions as negatives to steer the relation prompt towards a relation-dense text embedding subspace, and push it away from appearance-related semantics. Following InfoNCE [\[Miech et al.](#page-10-45) [2020;](#page-10-45) [Oord et al. 2018\]](#page-10-46), we formulate the Steering Loss by:

$$
L_{\text{steer}} = -\log \frac{\sum_{l=1}^{L} e^{\langle r \rangle^{\top} \cdot P_i^l / \gamma}}{\sum_{l=1}^{L} e^{\langle r \rangle^{\top} \cdot P_i^l / \gamma} + \sum_{m=1}^{M} e^{\langle r \rangle^{\top} \cdot N_i^m / \gamma}},\tag{4}
$$

where $\langle r \rangle$ is the relation embedding, and γ is the temperature parameter. $P_i = \{P_i^1, ..., P_i^L\}$ (i.e., positive samples) refers to a set of a randomly sampled preposition embeddings from basis prepositions

(more details provided in Supplementary File) at the i -th optimization iteration, and $N_i = \{N_i^1, ..., N_i^M\}$ (i.e., negative samples) are the embeddings of all other POS' words (e.g., nouns, adjectives) in the exemplars' text descriptions in the current batch. All embeddings are normalized to unit length. We find that our relation-steering contrastive learning scheme can effectively help $\langle r \rangle$ to focus on relation and mitigate the appearance leakage problem (see Figure [7](#page-7-0) and Section [6.5\)](#page-7-1).

4.3 Relation-Focal Importance Sampling

In the sampling process of diffusion models, high-level semantics usually appear first, and fine details emerge at later stages [\[Huang](#page-10-47) [et al.](#page-10-47) [2023;](#page-10-47) [Liew et al.](#page-10-48) [2022;](#page-10-48) [Patashnik et al.](#page-10-49) [2023;](#page-10-49) [Wang and Vas](#page-11-19)[tola 2023\]](#page-11-19). As our objective is to capture the relation (a high-level concept) in exemplar images, it is undesirable to focus too much on fine-grained visual details (e.g., color, texture) during optimization. Therefore, we further conduct an importance sampling strategy to encourage the learning of high-level relations. Specifically, unlike previous reconstruction objectives, which samples the timestep from a uniform distribution, we skew the sampling distribution so that a higher probability is assigned to a larger t . The Denoising Loss for "relation-focal importance sampling" becomes:

$$
L_{\text{denoise}} = \mathbb{E}_{t \sim f(t), \mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon} \left[\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t, \tau_{\theta}(c))\|^2 \right],
$$

$$
f(t) = \frac{1}{T} (1 - \alpha \cos \frac{\pi t}{T}),
$$
 (5)

where $f(t)$ is the importance sampling function, which characterizes the probability density function to sample t from. The skewness of $f(t)$ increases with $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. We set $\alpha = 0.5$ throughout our experiments. The overall optimization objective of the ReVersion Framework is:

$$
\langle R \rangle = \underset{\langle r \rangle}{\arg \min} (\lambda_{\text{steer}} L_{\text{steer}} + \lambda_{\text{denoise}} L_{\text{denoise}}), \tag{6}
$$

where λ_{steer} and λ_{denoise} are the weighting factors.

Fig. 4. Qualitative Results. Our ReVersion Framework successfully captures the relation that co-exists in the exemplar images, and applies the extracted relation prompt $\langle R \rangle$ to compose novel entities.

5 THE REVERSION BENCHMARK

To facilitate fair comparison for Relation Inversion, we present the ReVersion Benchmark. It consists of diverse relations and entities, along with a set of well-defined text descriptions. This benchmark can be used for conducting qualitative and quantitative evaluations. Additional details are in Supplementary File.

Relations and Entities. We define ten representative object relations with different abstraction levels, ranging from basic spatial relations (e.g., "on top of"), entity interactions (e.g., "shakes hands with"), to abstract concepts (e.g., "is carved by"). A wide range of entities, such as animals, human, household items, are involved to further increase the diversity of the benchmark.

Exemplar Images and Text Descriptions. For each relation, we collect four to ten exemplar images containing different entities. We further annotate several text templates for each exemplar image to describe them with different levels of details^{[1](#page-4-0)}. These training templates can be used for the optimization of the relation prompt. Benchmark Scenarios. To validate the robustness of the Relation Inversion methods, we design 100 inference templates composing of different object entities for each of the ten relations. This provides a total of 1,000 inference templates for performance evaluation.

¹ For example, a photo of a cat sitting on a box could be annotated as 1) "cat $\langle R \rangle$ box", 2) "an orange cat $\langle R \rangle$ a black box" and 3) "an orange cat $\langle R \rangle$ a black box, with trees in the background". Detailed examples will be in the Supplementary File.

Table 1. Comparisons via Objective Metrics. We compare our performance against existing methods and ablation variants using objective evaluation metrics.

Method	Relation Score 1	Entity Score 1
Text-to-Image [Rombach et al. 2022]	0.3516	0.2896
Textual Inversion [Gal et al. 2022]	0.3785	0.2679
DreamBooth [Ruiz et al. 2022]	0.3576	0.2902
Ours	0.3817	0.2820

(b) Ablation Study. Steering or importance sampling is removed.

6 EXPERIMENTS

We present qualitative and quantitative results in this section, and more experiments and analysis are in the Supplementary File. We adopt Stable Diffusion [\[Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022\]](#page-10-1) for all experiments since it achieves a good balance between quality and speed. We generate images at 512×512 resolution.

6.1 Comparison Methods

Text-to-Image Generation using Stable Diffusion [\[Rombach](#page-10-1) [et al.](#page-10-1) [2022\]](#page-10-1). We use the original Stable Diffusion 1.5 as the text-toimage generation baseline. Since there is no ground-truth textual description for the relation in each set of exemplar images, we use natural language that can best describe the relation to replace the ⟨R⟩ token. For example, in Figure [5](#page-6-0) (a), the co-existing relation in the reference images can be roughly described as "is painted on". Thus, we use it to replace the ⟨R⟩ token in the inference template "Spiderman $\langle R \rangle$ building", resulting in a sentence "Spiderman is painted on building", which is then used as the text prompt for generation.

Textual Inversion [\[Gal et al.](#page-10-4) [2022\]](#page-10-4). For fair comparison with our method developed on Stable Diffusion 1.5, we use the diffusers [\[Face](#page-10-50) [\[n. d.\]\]](#page-10-50) implementation of Textual Inversion [\[Gal et al.](#page-10-4) [2022\]](#page-10-4) on Stable Diffusion 1.5. Based on the default hyper-parameter settings, we tuned the learning rate and batch size for its optimal performance on our Relation Inversion task. We use Textual Inversion's LDM objective to optimize $\langle R \rangle$ for 3000 iterations, and generate images using the obtained $\langle R \rangle$.

DreamBooth [\[Ruiz et al.](#page-10-8) [2022\]](#page-10-8). We use diffusers implementation of DreamBooth on Stable Diffusion 1.5. To adapt DreamBooth to our Relation Inversion task for fair comparison, we made three modifications to the original implementation. First, instead of using the original training template like "A photo of V^* dog", we explicitly inject the word "relation" into the text template to help DreamBooth focus on relation instead of entity, thereby using "A photo of $\langle R \rangle$ relation" to fine-tune the model. Second, the class-specific prior preservation loss is implemented with a text prompt "A photo of relation" to avoid overfitting or language drift. Third, to align with fine-tuning stage's template, the template "Entity A is in $\langle R \rangle$ relation with Entity B" is used during inference.

Table 2. Comparison with Existing Methods (Human Preference). Percentage of votes where users favor our results vs. comparison methods. Our method outperforms the baselines under all metrics.

Table 3. Ablation Study (Human Preference). Suppressing relationsteering or importance sampling introduces performance drops, which shows the necessity of both relation-steering and importance sampling.

6.2 Qualitative Comparisons

Our Results. In Figure [4,](#page-4-1) we provide the generation results using ⟨R⟩ inverted by ReVersion. We observe that our framework is capable of 1) synthesizing the entities in the inference template and 2) ensuring that entities follow the relation co-existing in the exemplar images. We provide additional qualitative results in the Supplementary File due to space constraint.

Comparison of Relation Accuracy. Figure [5](#page-6-0) shows qualitative comparisons with existing methods. We compare our method with 1) Text-to-Image Generation via Stable Diffusion [\[Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022\]](#page-10-1), 2) Textual Inversion [\[Gal et al.](#page-10-4) [2022\]](#page-10-4), and 3) DreamBooth [\[Ruiz](#page-10-8) [et al.](#page-10-8) [2022\]](#page-10-8). In Figure [5](#page-6-0) (a), although "Text-to-Image Generation" and "DreamBooth" successfully generate both entities (Spiderman and building), they fail to paint Spiderman on the building as the exemplar images do. They severely rely on the bias between two entities: Spiderman usually climbs/jumps on the buildings, instead of being painted onto the buildings. Similarly, in Figure [5](#page-6-0) (b), although all methods in comparison can generate at least one monkey, the relation between generated monkeys does not follow the "back to back" relation in the exemplar images. In contrast, Our ReVersion Framework does not have this problem.

Entity Leakage in Existing Methods. In Textual Inversion, entities in the exemplar images like canvas are leaked to $\langle R \rangle$, such that the generated image shows a Spiderman on the canvas even when the word "canvas" is not in the inference prompt (see Figure [5](#page-6-0) (a)). In DreamBooth, the "basket" in exemplar images sometimes leak to the generated images (see Figure [9\)](#page-8-0). In Figure [6,](#page-6-1) we include comparisons with NeTI [\[Alaluf et al.](#page-10-31) [2023\]](#page-10-31) and also discuss its entity leakage problem.

6.3 Quantitative Comparisons via Human Evaluation

We conduct user studies with 68 human evaluators to assess the performance of our ReVersion Framework on the Relation Inversion task. We sampled 20 groups of images. Each group has images generated by different methods or ablation variants. For each group, apart from the generated images, the following information is presented: 1) exemplar images of a particular relation, 2) text description of the exemplar images. We then ask the evaluators to vote for the best generated image with respect to the following metrics.

Fig. 5. Qualitative Comparisons with Existing Methods. Our method can generate entity and relation accurately. "Text-to-Image Generation" and "DreamBooth" can correctly generate entities described in text prompt, but fail to compose them following the desired relation. "Textual Inversion" suffers from appearance leakage (e.g., $\langle R \rangle$ unexpectedly capturing the canvas in exemplar images), thus resulting in low entity accuracy (e.g., cannot generate spiderman and building simultaneously).

Fig. 6. Comparisons with Newer Method. NeTI [\[Alaluf et al.](#page-10-31) [2023\]](#page-10-31) demonstrates some degree of effectiveness for relation inversion, attributed to its adaptive adjustment at different network layers and denoising timesteps. For example, in (a) where ⟨R⟩ denotes "shaking hands", NeTI successfully rendered rabbits extending their hands, trying to engage in the "shake hands" behaviour. However, NeTI is still prone to texture leakage. For instance: (a) The striped patterns of cat fur from the exemplar images are unintentionally transferred to the rabbit fur in NeTI's outputs. (b) With the "carved by" relation, the metal dog appearance in the exemplar images is unintentionally captured by NeTI, resulting in images resembling a metal animal even when the text prompt is "bodhisattva ⟨R⟩ carrot". Our relation steering is essential to help ⟨R⟩ focus on the relation rather than the appearance, thereby producing results without texture leakage.

Fig. 7. Ablation Study (Qualitative). Without relation-steering, $\langle R \rangle$ suffers from appearance leak (e.g., white puppy in (a), gray background in (b)) and inaccurate relation capture (e.g., dog not being on top of plate in (b)). Without importance sampling, $\langle R \rangle$ focuses on lower-level visual details (e.g., rattan around puppy in (a)) and misses high-level relations.

Relation Accuracy. Human evaluators are asked to evaluate whether the relations of the two entities in the generated image are consistent with the relation co-existing in the exemplar images.

Entity Accuracy. Given an inference template in the form of " $\langle Entity A \rangle \langle R \rangle \langle Entity B \rangle$ ", we ask evaluators to determine whether ⟨Entity A⟩ and ⟨Entity B⟩ are both authentically generated in each image.

Overall Quality. Human evaluators are asked to assess the overall performance on the ReVersion task, considering both the alignment of relation and entity, and the image quality.

Table [2](#page-5-0) shows our method clearly obtains better results under all three metrics.

6.4 Quantitative Comparisons via Objective Metrics

We devise automatic metrics to objectively evaluate "relation accuracy" and "entity accuracy", which are briefly introduced below. More implementation details of the objective metrics will be detailed in the Supplementary File. For comparison experiments, we use the 1,000 inference templates in the ReVersion Benchmark for all relations, and generate 10 images using each template.

Relation Score. We use PSGFormer [\[Yang et al.](#page-11-11) [2022\]](#page-11-11), a pre-trained scene-graph generation network, to extract the relation features

for relation accuracy evaluation. Table [1a](#page-5-1) shows that our method outperforms all existing methods in comparison.

Entity Score. We use CLIP [\[Radford et al.](#page-10-51) [2021\]](#page-10-51) score to calculate the alignment between the entity types in the text prompt versus the generated entities. Table [1a](#page-5-1) shows that our method outperforms Textual Inversion in terms of entity accuracy. This is because the ⟨R⟩ learned by Textual Inversion contains leaked entity information, which distracts the model from generating the desired " E_A " and E_B ". Our steering loss effectively prevents entity information from leaking into ⟨R⟩, allowing for accurate entity synthesis. Furthermore, our approach achieves comparable entity score with "Text-to-Image Generation" and "DreamBooth", and significantly surpasses them in terms of relation score. It is worth mentioning that the CLIPbased metrics mainly focus on whether the correct class of object is generated, and does not fully take the pixel-level object quality into account. For example, as shown in Figure [9,](#page-8-0) the stripe textures of cat fur in exemplar images often leak to $\langle R \rangle$, resulting in unrealistic textures in generated rabbits.

6.5 Ablation Study

From both Table [3](#page-5-2) (human evaluation) and Table [1b](#page-5-1) (objective metrics), we observe that removing steering or importance sampling results in deterioration in both relation accuracy and entity accuracy.

Fig. 8. ReVersion for Complicated Relation. (a) Exemplar images. In each exemplar image, people exhibit the similar relation of "holding hands, leaning backwards". (b) Ours. ReVersion effectively captures this relation by $\langle R \rangle$ and successfully applies it to new entities. (c) Describe and T2I. The "first describe the relation, then use text-to-image" approach struggles to accurately represent such complex relation in newly synthesized images.

This corroborates our observations that 1) relation-steering effectively guides ⟨R⟩ towards the relation-dense regions and disentangles ⟨R⟩ away from exemplar entities, and 2) importance sampling emphasizes high-level relations over low-level details, aiding ⟨R⟩ to be relation-focal. We further show qualitatively the necessity of both modules in Figure [7.](#page-7-0)

Effectiveness of Relation-Steering. In "w/o Relation-Steering", we remove the Steering Loss L_{steer} in the optimization process. As shown in Figure [7](#page-7-0) (a), the appearance of the white puppy in the lower-left exemplar image is leaked into ⟨R⟩, resulting in similar puppies in the generated images. In Figure [7](#page-7-0) (b), many appearance elements are leaked into ⟨R⟩, such as the gray background, the black cube, and the husky dog. The dog and the plate also do not follow the relation of "being on top of" as shown in exemplar images. Consequently, the images generated via $\langle R \rangle$ do not present the correct relation and introduced unwanted leaked imageries. For the state of the state

Effectiveness of Importance Sampling. We replace our relationfocal importance sampling with uniform sampling, and observe that $\langle R \rangle$ pays too much attention to low-level details rather than high-level relations. For instance, in Figure [7](#page-7-0) (a) "w/o Importance Sampling", the basket rattan wraps around puppy's head in the same way as the exemplar image, instead of containing the puppy inside.

6.6 Further Analysis

Diverse Styles and Backgrounds. As shown in Figure [10,](#page-9-0) the $\langle R \rangle$ inverted by ReVersion can be applied robustly to relate entities in scenes with diverse backgrounds or styles.

More Comparisons on Complicated Relation. Some relations

Fig. 9. Appearance Leakage of DreamBooth. (a) Entity Leakage (Red Boxes): The basket from the exemplar images significantly leaks into images generated by DreamBooth. In contrast, our approach avoids this issue of entity leakage. (b) Texture Leakage (Green Boxes): While DreamBooth accurately generates the entity "rabbit", it encounters texture leakage from the exemplar images. That is, stripe patterns of cat fur texture (marked with green boxes) unintentionally transfer to the rabbit's fur in DreamBooth's outputs. Our method, in contrast, is free from such texture leakage.

relation may be complex and difficult for the text-to-image generation model to effectively comprehend. For the relation shown in Figure [8](#page-8-1) (a), our method (Figure [8](#page-8-1) (b)) effectively captures these relations using $\langle R \rangle$ and applies them to new entities. In Figure [8](#page-8-1) (c), we engage four human subjects to observe the exemplar images in (a) and describe scenes where these relations are applied to new entities (detailed process in Supplementary File). Subsequently, we utilize text-to-image (T2I) to synthesize images based on these human descriptions. The results demonstrate that this "describe and T2I" approach struggles to accurately represent such complex relations in the newly synthesized images.

6.7 Limitations and Potential Societal Impacts

Limitations. Our performance is dependent on the generative capabilities of Stable Diffusion. For instance, it might produce suboptimal synthesis results for entities that Stable Diffusion struggles at, such as human body and human face. We discuss limitations of "human synthesis" and "concept blending" in detail in the Supplementary File with qualitative examples.

Potential Negative Societal Impacts. The entity relational composition capabilities of ReVersion could be applied maliciously on real human figures. Additional potential impacts are discussed in the Supplmentary File in depth.

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Fig. 10. ReVersion for Diverse Styles and Backgrounds. The (R) inverted by ReVersion can be applied robustly to relate entities under diverse backgrounds or styles.

7 CONCLUSION

In this work, we take the first step forward and propose the Relation Inversion task, which aims to learn a relation prompt to capture the relation that co-exists in multiple exemplar images. In our Re-Version Framework, we use relation-steering contrastive learning scheme to effectively guide the relation prompt towards relationdense regions in the text embedding space, and our relation-focal importance sampling scheme shift the focus from visual details to high-level relations. We also contribute the ReVersion Benchmark for performance evaluation. Our proposed Relation Inversion task would be a good inspiration for future works in various domains

such as generative model inversion, representation learning, fewshot learning, visual relation detection, and scene graph generation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY

In this supplementary file, we provide more experimental details in Section [A,](#page-12-0) and elaborate on the ReVersion Benchmark details in Section [B.](#page-12-1) We then provide further explanations on basis prepositions in Section [C.](#page-14-0) We also discuss our limitations in Section [D,](#page-14-1) and the potential societal impacts of our work in Section [E.](#page-15-0) At the end of the supplementary file, we show various qualitative results of ReVersion in Section [F.](#page-15-1)

A MORE EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

In this section, we provide more experimental details.

A.1 Implementation Details of ReVersion

We introduce the implementation details of the ReVersion Framework. Our framework is built on top of the diffusers [Face [n.d.]] implementation of Stable Diffusion [\[Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022\]](#page-10-1) 1.5. All experiments are conducted on 512×512 image resolution. In Equation 4, the temperature parameter γ in the steering loss L_{steer} is set as 0.07, following [\[He et al.](#page-10-52) [2020\]](#page-10-52). In each iteration, 8 positive samples are randomly selected from the basis preposition set (see Table [A4\)](#page-14-2). In Equation 6, to ensure that the numerical values $\lambda_{\rm denoise} L_{\rm denoise}$ and $\lambda_{\rm steer} L_{\rm steer}$ are in comparable order of magnitude, we set $\lambda_{\text{denoise}} = 1.0$ and $\lambda_{\text{steer}} = 0.01$. During the optimization process, we first initialize our relation prompt ⟨R⟩ using the word "and", then optimize the prompt using the AdamW [\[Loshchilov and](#page-10-53) [Hutter 2019\]](#page-10-53) optimizer for 3,000 steps, with learning rate 2.5×10^{-4} and batch size 2. During the inference process, we use classifier-free guidance for all experiments including the baselines and ablation variants, with a constant guidance weight 7.5.

A.2 Human Evaluation

We introduce the implementation details of the user studies in the main paper's Section 6.3.

Figure [A11](#page-13-0) is a screenshot of the user study form we distributed for main paper's Table 1, namely "Comparing with Existing Methods". We employ preference voting to differentiate the performance of different methods. To ensure unbiased responses, the order of different methods' results is randomized. That is, the orders of generated images A , B , C , and D are random and different in each question. For main paper's Table 1, "Comparison with Existing Methods", four methods are in comparison, so there are four choices: A , B , C , and . For main paper's Table 2, "Ablation Study", three methods are in comparison, so there are three choices: A , B , and C .

A.3 Objective Evaluation Metrics

We introduce the implementation details of the objective metrics used in the main paper's Section 6.4.

Relation Score. We devise an objective evaluation metric to measure the quality and accuracy of the inverted relation. To do this, we train relation classifiers that categorize the ten relations in our ReVersion benchmark. We then use these classifiers to determine whether the entities in the generated images follow the specified

relation. We employ PSGFormer [\[Yang et al.](#page-11-11) [2022\]](#page-11-11), a pre-trained scene-graph generation network, to extract the relation feature vectors from a given image. The feature vectors are averaged-pooled and fed into linear SVMs for classification. We calculate the Relation Score as the percentage of generated images that follow the relation class in the exemplar images.

Entity Score. To evaluate whether the generated image contains the entities specified by the text prompt, we compute the CLIP score [\[Radford et al.](#page-10-51) [2021\]](#page-10-51) between a revised text prompt and the generated image, which we refer to as the Entity Score. CLIP [\[Radford](#page-10-51) [et al.](#page-10-51) [2021\]](#page-10-51) is a vision-language model that has been trained on large-scale datasets. It uses an image encoder and a text encoder to project images and text into a common feature space. The CLIP score is calculated as the cosine similarity between the normalized image and text embeddings. A higher score usually indicates greater consistency between the output image and the text prompt. In our approach, we calculate the CLIP score between the generated image and the revised text prompt " E_A , E_B ", which only includes the entity information.

A.4 Implementation of "Describe and Text-to-Image"

In main paper's Section 6.6 and Figure 6, we compared our method against the "Describe and Text-to-Image (T2I)" approach. We provide detailed process in Figure [A12.](#page-13-1)

B REVERSION BENCHMARK DETAILS

In this section, we provide the details of our ReVersion Benchmark. The full benchmark will be publicly available.

B.1 Relations

To benchmark the Relation Inversion task, we define ten diverse and representative object relations as follows:

- E_A is painted on (the surface of) E_B
- E_A is carved by / is made of the material of E_B
- E_A shakes hands with E_B
- E_A hugs E_B
- E_A sits back to back with E_B
- E_A is contained inside E_B
- E_A on / is on top of E_B
- E_A is hanging from E_B
- E_A is wrapped in E_B
- E_A rides (on) E_B

where E_A and E_B are the two entities that follow the specified relation. It is worth mentioning that the relations can be best described by the exemplar images, and the text descriptions provided above are simply approximated summarizations of the true relations.

B.2 Exemplar Images

A wide range of entities, such as animals, human, household items, are involved to further increase the diversity of the benchmark. In Figure [A13,](#page-16-0) we show the exemplar images and text descriptions for the relation " E_A sits back to back with E_B ". The exemplar images

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Metrics:

- (1) Relation Accuracy: whether the generated relation is consistent with that in the exemplar images
- (1) **Entity Accuracy**: whether the generated entities are consistent with text prompt, and their realism
(2) Entity Accuracy: whether the generated entities are consistent with text prompt, and their realism
- ⽣成图像: * *Q3* (3) Overall Quality: overall performance, consider both *relation* and *entity*, and *image quality*

best generated image among A, B, C, and D, for the three metrics (i.e., Relation Accuracy / Entity Accuracy / Overall Quality) respectively. Fig. A11. Example of Human Evaluation. This is a screenshot of a user study question distributed to human evaluators. The order of different methods (i.e., A, B, C , and D) is randomized. Human evaluators are provided with the exemplar images, text prompt, and generated images. They are asked to vote for the

There are several images where the entities (i.e., people) in each image follow a common relation. Now, imagine some other entities (e.g. two rabbits) also follow this relation. Use English to best describe the new scenario.

You can say something like "One rabbit <TO BE FILLED BY YOU> one rabbit", or "Two rabbits <TO BE FILLED BY YOU>", depending on how you think can best describe it.

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Fig. A12. **Human Description of Relation**. This is a screenshot of a user study question distributed to human subjects. The human subjects are asked to observe the exemplar images and identify the co-existing relation in the exemplar images. They are then asked to use natural language to describe the relation. The description will then be used for the "Describe and T2I" baseline.

Table A4. Basis Preposition Set. We list the set of 56 basis prepositions.

aboard	astride	in	regarding
about	at	including	round
above	atop	inside	through
across	before	into	throughout
after	behind	near	to
against	below	of	toward
along	beneath	α ff	towards
alongside	beside	on	under
amid	between	onto	underneath
amidst	beyond	opposite	up
among	by	out	upon
amongst	down	outside	versus
anti	following	over	with
around	from	past	within

contain both human figures and animals to emphasize the invariant "back to back" relation in different scenarios.

B.3 Text Descriptions

As shown in Figure [A13,](#page-16-0) the text descriptions for each image contains several levels, from short sentences which only mention the class names, to complex and comprehensive sentences that describe each entity and the scene backgrounds. The $\langle R \rangle$ in each description will be replaced by the learnable relation prompt during optimization.

B.4 Inference Templates

To evaluate the performance of relation inversion methods, we devise 100 inference templates for each relation. The inference templates contains diverse entity combinations to test the robustness and generalizability of the inverted relation (R) . To quantitatively evaluate relation inversion performance, we use each inference template to synthesize 10 images, resulting in a total of 1,000 synthesized images for each inverted (R) .

Below, we show the 100 inference templates for the relation E_A sits back to back with E_B ":

- man $\langle R \rangle$ man, man $\langle R \rangle$ woman, man $\langle R \rangle$ child, man $\langle R \rangle$ cat, man $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, man $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, man $\langle R \rangle$ dog, man $\langle R \rangle$ hamster, man $\langle R \rangle$ kangaroo, man $\langle R \rangle$ panda,
- woman $\langle R \rangle$ man, woman $\langle R \rangle$ woman, woman $\langle R \rangle$ child, woman $\langle R \rangle$ cat, woman $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, woman $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, woman $\langle R \rangle$ dog, woman $\langle R \rangle$ hamster, woman $\langle R \rangle$ kangaroo, woman $\langle R \rangle$ panda,
- child $\langle R \rangle$ man, child $\langle R \rangle$ woman, child $\langle R \rangle$ child, child $\langle R \rangle$ cat, child $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, child $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, child $\langle R \rangle$ dog, child $\langle R \rangle$ hamster, child $\langle R \rangle$ kangaroo, child $\langle R \rangle$ panda,
- cat $\langle R \rangle$ man, cat $\langle R \rangle$ woman, cat $\langle R \rangle$ child, cat $\langle R \rangle$ cat, cat $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, cat $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, cat $\langle R \rangle$ dog, cat $\langle R \rangle$ hamster, cat $\langle R \rangle$ kangaroo, cat $\langle R \rangle$ panda,
- rabbit $\langle R \rangle$ man, rabbit $\langle R \rangle$ woman, rabbit $\langle R \rangle$ child, rabbit $\langle R \rangle$ cat, rabbit $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, rabbit $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, rabbit $\langle R \rangle$ dog, rabbit ⟨R⟩ hamster, rabbit ⟨R⟩ kangaroo, rabbit ⟨R⟩ panda,
- monkey $\langle R \rangle$ man, monkey $\langle R \rangle$ woman, monkey $\langle R \rangle$ child, monkey $\langle R \rangle$ cat, monkey $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, monkey $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, monkey

⟨R⟩ dog, monkey ⟨R⟩ hamster, monkey ⟨R⟩ kangaroo, monkey ⟨R⟩ panda,

- dog $\langle R \rangle$ man, dog $\langle R \rangle$ woman, dog $\langle R \rangle$ child, dog $\langle R \rangle$ cat, dog ⟨R⟩ rabbit, dog ⟨R⟩ monkey, dog ⟨R⟩ dog, dog ⟨R⟩ hamster, dog ⟨R⟩ kangaroo, dog ⟨R⟩ panda,
- hamster $\langle R \rangle$ man, hamster $\langle R \rangle$ woman, hamster $\langle R \rangle$ child, hamster $\langle R \rangle$ cat, hamster $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, hamster $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, hamster ⟨R⟩ dog, hamster ⟨R⟩ hamster, hamster ⟨R⟩ kangaroo, hamster $\langle R \rangle$ panda,
- kangaroo $\langle R \rangle$ man, kangaroo $\langle R \rangle$ woman, kangaroo $\langle R \rangle$ child, kangaroo $\langle R \rangle$ cat, kangaroo $\langle R \rangle$ rabbit, kangaroo $\langle R \rangle$ monkey, kangaroo ⟨R⟩ dog, kangaroo ⟨R⟩ hamster, kangaroo ⟨R⟩ kangaroo, kangaroo ⟨R⟩ panda,
- panda ⟨R⟩ man, panda ⟨R⟩ woman, panda ⟨R⟩ child, panda ⟨R⟩ cat, panda ⟨R⟩ rabbit, panda ⟨R⟩ monkey, panda ⟨R⟩ dog, panda ⟨R⟩ hamster, panda ⟨R⟩ kangaroo, panda ⟨R⟩ panda

C FURTHER EXPLANATIONS ON BASIS PREPOSITIONS

As stated in the manuscript, we devise a set of basis prepositions to steer the learning process of the relation prompt. Specifically, we collect a comprehensive list of ∼100 prepositions from [\[Stevenson](#page-11-20) [2010\]](#page-11-20), and drop the prepositions that describes non-visual relations (i.e., temporal relations, causal relations, etc.), while keep the ones that are related to visual relations. For example, the prepositional word "until" is discarded as a temporal preposition, while words like "above", "beneath", "toward" will be kept as plausible basis prepositions.

The basis preposition set contains a total of 56 words, listed in Table [A4.](#page-14-2)

D LIMITATIONS

Our performance is capped by the generative capabilities of the pretrained text-to-image model, Stable Diffusion (SD). This dependency might lead to suboptimal synthesis in scenarios where SD faces challenges, as shown in Figure [A14.](#page-17-0)

Concept Blending. SD suffers from the concept blending problem. This issue arises when the model generates multiple entities within a single scene, leading to a fusion of characteristics from different classes. For example, when tasked with depicting a "rabbit" and a "cat" together, SD creates entities that blend features of both - such as rabbit ears and cat-like fur color and texture. Consequently, when ReVersion applies the learned $\langle R \rangle$ on two entities of different classes, the same issue might occur.

Human. When SD attempts to render human faces and bodies, the outcomes are often less than ideal. Consequently, even though ReVersion effectively captures the relation, the quality of the faces and bodies of the human subjects might remain suboptimal.

Given that these limitations are inherent to the pre-trained textto-image model, exploring and developing better text-to-image diffusion models is an orthogonal direction for performance improvements.

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E POTENTIAL SOCIETAL IMPACTS

Although ReVersion can generate diverse entity combinations through inverted relations, this capability can also be exploited to synthesize real human figures interacting in ways they never did. As a result, we strongly advise users to only use ReVersion for proper recreational purposes.

The rapid advancement of generative models has unlocked new levels of creativity but has also introduced various societal concerns. First, it is easier to create false imagery or manipulate data maliciously, leading to the spread of misinformation. Second, data used to train these models might be revealed during the sampling process without explicit consent from the data owner [\[Tinsley et al.](#page-11-21) [2021\]](#page-11-21). Third, generative models can suffer from the biases present in the training data [\[Esser et al.](#page-10-54) [2020\]](#page-10-54). We used the pre-trained Stable Diffusion [\[Rombach et al.](#page-10-1) [2022\]](#page-10-1) for ReVersion, which has been shown to suffer from data bias in certain scenarios. For example, when prompted with the phrase "a professor", Stable Diffusion tends to generate human figures that are white-passing and male-passing. We hope that more research will be conducted to address the risks and biases associated with generative models, and we advise everyone to use these models with discretion.

F MORE QUALITATIVE RESULTS

We show various qualitative results in Figure [A15-](#page-17-1)[A21,](#page-23-1) which are located at the end of this Supplementary File.

F.1 ReVersion with Diverse Styles and Backgrounds

As shown in Figure [A15,](#page-17-1) we apply the ⟨R⟩ inverted by ReVersion in scenarios with diverse backgrounds and styles, and show that ⟨R⟩ robustly adapt these environments with impressive results.

F.2 ReVersion with Arbitrary Entity Combinations

In Figure [A16](#page-18-0) and [A17,](#page-19-0) we show that the $\langle \text{R}\rangle$ inverted by ReVersion can be applied to robustly relate arbitrary entity combinations. For example, in Figure [A16,](#page-18-0) for the $\langle R \rangle$ extracted from the exemplar images where one entity is "painted on" the other entity, we enumerate over all combinations among "{cat / flower / guitar / hamburger / Michael Jackson / Spiderman} $\langle R \rangle$ {building / canvas / paper / vase / wall}", and observe that $\langle R \rangle$ successfully links these entities together via exactly the same relation in the exemplar images.

F.3 Additional Qualitative Results

We show additional qualitative results of ReVersion in Figure [A18,](#page-20-0) [A19,](#page-21-0) [A20,](#page-22-0) and [A21.](#page-23-1)

"girl <R> boy",

"a girl with in white and green <R> a boy in white and light grey", "a girl wearing white T-shirt and green skirt <R> a boy in white T-shirt and grey shorts, white background"

"cat <R> cat",

"a long haired cat <R> a long haired cat", "a dark long haired cat <R> a grey long haired cat, white background",

"woman <R> man",

"a woman wearing in white trousers and blue shirt <R> a man in grey", "a woman wearing in white trousers and blue shirt <R> a man in khaki trousers and light grey shirt, white background"

"girl <R> boy",

"a girl with in pink top and jeans <R> a boy with striped t-shirt and jeans", "a girl with in pink top and jeans <R> a boy with striped t-shirt and jeans, grey sofa in background"

"boy <R> boy", "a boy with shirt and trousers <R> another boy with shirt and trousers", "a boy with shirt and trousers <R> another boy with shirt and trousers, white background",

"bear <R> bear", "a bear <R> a bear in wooded area", "a bear <R> a bear, bush in background"

"girl <R> boy", "a young girl in purple dress <R> a young boy in white", "a young girl in purple dress <R> a young boy in white, in the field"

"girl <R> boy", "a teenager girl <R> a teenager boy, white background", "a teenager girl wearing red shirt and jeans <R> a teenager boy in blue shirt and khaki trousers, white background"

"cat <R> cat",

"an orange cat <R> a brown and white cat", "an orange cat <R> a brown and white cat on a wooden bench, grasses in background"

"boy <R> boy", "a boy with shirt and jeans <R> a boy in shirt and jeans", "a boy wearing shirt and jeans <R> another boy wearing shirt and jeans, white background"

Fig. A13. Benchmark Sample. We present exemplar images and text descriptions that illustrate the relation where " E_A sits back to back with E_B ". The exemplar images feature both human figures and animals to demonstrate the invariant "back to back" relationship in various scenarios. The text descriptions are provided at several levels, ranging from simple class name mentions to detailed descriptions of the entities and their surroundings. During optimization, the $\langle R \rangle$ in each description will be replaced with the learnable relation prompt.

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Fig. A14. Limitations. Although the $\langle R \rangle$ inverted by ReVersion can be applied robustly to synthesize new scenes, the image quality is limited by the generative capability of the pre-trained text-to-image model. Left: when tasked with depicting a "rabbit" and a "cat" together, Stable Diffusion (SD) creates entities that blend features of both - such as rabbit ears and cat-like fur color and texture. Despite ReVersion's ability in capturing the "shake hand" relation through (R) , the resulting image still has the problem of concept blending. Right: when SD attempts to render human faces and bodies, the outcomes are often less than ideal. Therefore, even though ReVersion effectively captures the "sitting back to back" relation, the quality of the faces and bodies of the two children remains suboptimal.

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exemplar images sk> monkey <R> monkey, in sketch style" monkey <R> monkey, with sunset" monkey <R> monkey, in the snow" "monkey <R> monkey in the ocean

Fig. A15. ReVersion for Diverse Styles and Backgrounds. The (R) inverted by ReVersion can be applied robustly to relate entities in scenes with diverse backgrounds or styles.

Fig. A16. Arbitrary Entity Combinations. The ⟨R⟩ inverted by ReVersion can be robustly applied to arbitrary entity combinations. For example, for the ⟨R⟩ extracted from the exemplar images where one entity is "painted on" the other entity, we enumerate over all combinations among " $\frac{1}{2}$ (flower / guitar / hamburger / Michael Jackson / Spiderman} $\langle R \rangle$ {building / canvas / paper / vase / wall}", and observe that $\langle R \rangle$ successfully links these entities together via exactly the same relation in the exemplar images.

"rabbit <mark><R></mark> apple" "rabbit <<mark>R> carrot"</mark> "rabbit <<mark>R> clay"</mark> "rabbit <<mark>R> glass"</mark> "rabbit <<mark>R> jade" "rabbit <R> marble" "rabbit <R> metal" "rabbit <<mark>R> wood</mark></mark>

Fig. A17. Arbitrary Entity Combinations. The $\langle R \rangle$ inverted by ReVersion can be applied to arbitrary entity combinations. For example, for the $\langle R \rangle$ extracted from the exemplar images where one entity is "is made of the material of / is carved by" the other entity, we enumerate over all combinations among "{cat / swan / horse / lion / rose / rabbit} $\langle R \rangle$ {apple / carrot / clay / glass / jade / marble / metal / wood}", and observe that $\langle R \rangle$ successfully links these entities together via exactly the same relation in the exemplar images.

Fig. A18. More Qualitative Results.

Fig. A19. More Qualitative Results.

"cat <<mark>R></mark>>basket" "cat <<mark>R></mark>basket" "cat <<mark>R>basket" "cat <R>basket" "cat <R>paper bag" "cat <R>pot" "cat <<mark>R>pot" "child <R>paper bag"</mark></mark>

"dog <<mark>R></mark> basket" "dog <<mark>R> basket"</mark> "dog <<mark>R> paper bag" "dog <R> paper bag" "dog <R> paper bag" "dog <R> paper bag" "dog <R> pat" "dog <R> pot" "dog <R</mark>

"hamster <R> cup" = "rabbit <R> cup" = "rabbit

"hamster <R> basket" "hamster <R> basket" "hamster <R> basket" "hamster <R> basket" "hamster <R> vase" "hams

"rabbit <R> paper bag"

"rabbit <R>

paper bag"

"rabbit <R> paper bag"

Fig. A20. More Qualitative Results.

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"otter <R> otter" "otter <R> otter" "otter <R> otter" "otter <R> otter" "rabbit <R> rabbit" "rabbit" "dog <R> dog" "dog <R> dog"

Fig. A21. More Qualitative Results.