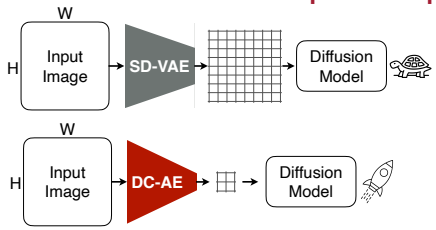
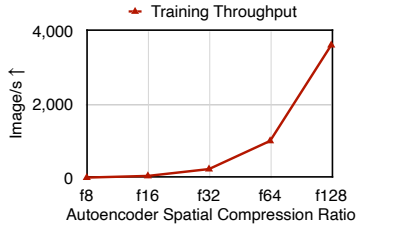
Deep Compression Autoencoder for Efficient High-Resolution Diffusion Models

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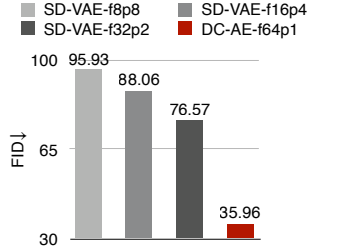
DC-AE: Latent Space Compression for Accelerating Latent Diffusion Models



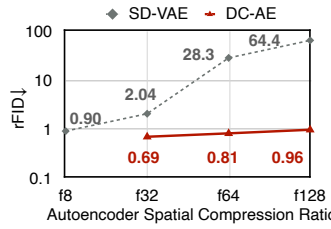
- Previous diffusion model acceleration techniques focus on compressing the diffusion models.
- DC-AE introduces a new direction for diffusion model acceleration: latent space compression.



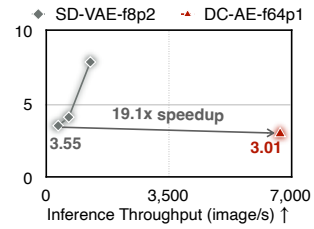
- Increasing the autoencoder's spatial compression ratio effectively improves diffusion models' training efficiency by producing a latent space with fewer tokens.



- Shifting the spatial compression from the diffusion model to the autoencoder leads to better image generation quality.



- Challenge: Accuracy Degradation of High Spatial-Compression Autoencoders.



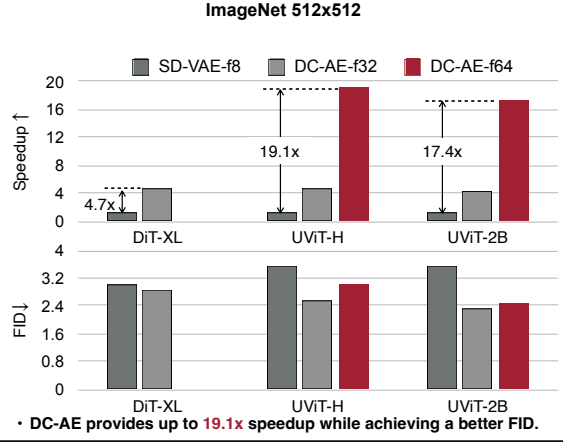
- DC-AE delivers a significant speedup by compressing the latent space.

Better Reconstruction Performance

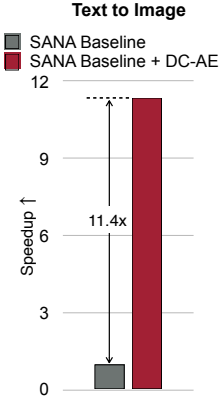


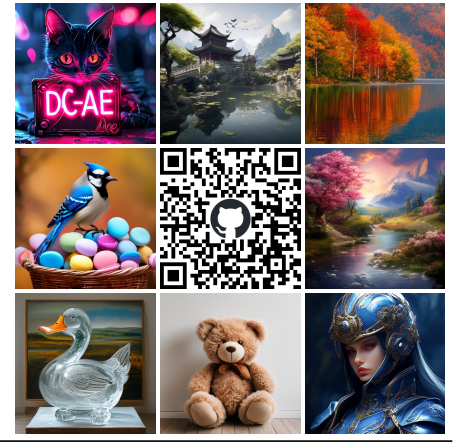
- DC-AE-f64 provides significantly better reconstruction quality than SD-VAE-f64.

Latent Diffusion Generation Speedup

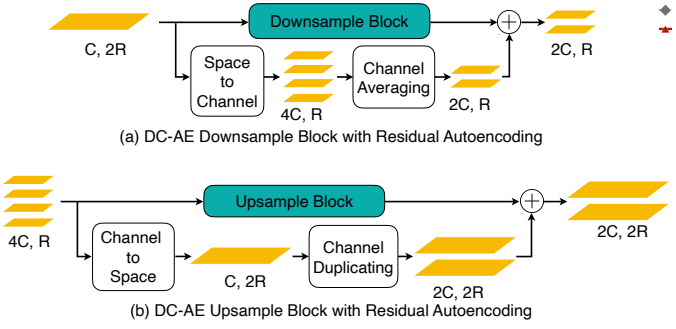


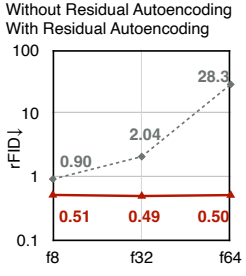
- DC-AE provides up to 19.1x speedup while achieving a better FID.





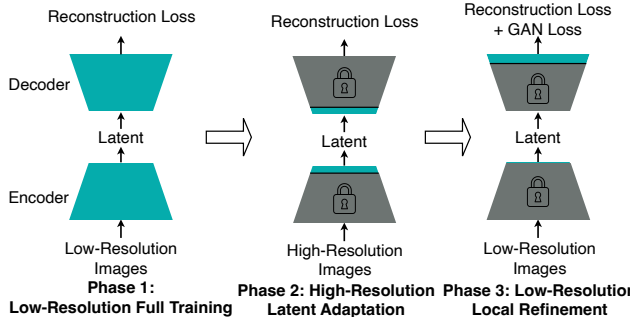
Residual Autoencoding



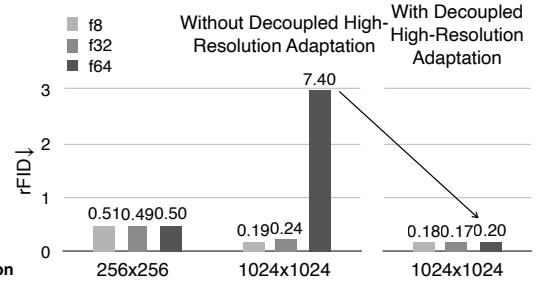


- DC-AE introduces residual autoencoding to address degradation of reconstruction accuracy. It lets the downsample (or upsample) blocks learn residuals based on space-to-channel (or channel-to-space).

Decoupled High-Resolution Adaptation



- A three-stage training pipeline to efficiently fine-tune high spatial-compression autoencoders to adapt to high-resolution images.



- It effectively reduces the generalization gap from low-resolution to high-resolution.