



# **Unsupervised Sketch-to-Photo Synthesis**

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## Challenge 1: Lack Colors and Details

Photo

Sketch





## Challenge 2: Shape Deformation & Style Variations

Photo



Sketch

more abstract



#### Unsupervised Sketch to Photo Synthesis



# Two-Stage Approach via Intermediate Grayscale Image





generated grayscale photo



# Stage 1: Shape Translation from Sketch to Grayscale



# Stage 2: Content Enrichment from Grayscale to Color



#### Input Sketch



Synthesized Photo



Synthesized Photo Given A Reference





## Sketch $\rightarrow$ Photo





Shape translation





#### Sketch ← Photo



Photo  $\rightarrow$  Sketch















#### Our Stage 1 Model is Built upon Basic CycleGAN



### CycleGAN Works Well for Simple Sketches





## CycleGAN Fails with Complex Stroke Patterns



## CycleGAN Fails with Noise Sketch



# Stage 1: Key Sketch-Specific Technical Novelties



## Noise Sketch Composition



#### Self-Supervised Objective



Cycle-consistency



input sketch

target



composed sketch

target

#### **Attention - Ignore Distractions**



Feature map A **before** re-weight

Attention mask Feature map **after** re-weight

Without attention

With attention

### Stage 1: Shape Translation



# Stage 1: Shape Translation





#### Stage 2: Content Enrichment without Reference



#### Stage 2: Content Enrichment with Reference



# Stage 2: Content Enrichment with Optional Reference



 $L_{it}$  – Intensity

#### Ours Are More Photo-Realistic, Sketch-Faithful, Diverse

		ShoeV2			ChairV2	
Model	$\mathrm{FID}\downarrow$	Quality $\uparrow$	LPIPS $\uparrow$	$\operatorname{FID}\downarrow$	Quality $\uparrow$	LPIPS $\uparrow$
$Pix2Pix^*$	65.09	27.0	0.071	177.79	13.0	0.096
CycleGAN	79.35	12.0	0.0	124.96	20.0	0.0
MUNIT	92.21	14.5	0.248	168.81	6.5	0.264
UGATIT	76.89	21.5	0.0	107.24	19.5	0.0
Ours	48.73	50.0	0.146	100.51	50.0	0.156

Quality: User study on forced choice per photo quality w.r.t. sketch

## 1. Trained on ShoeV2, Generalize to Other Datasets



# 2. Trained on ShoeV2, Test on Other Categories



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# Ablation Study: Three Insights

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Architecture Choice	One-Stage	Two-Stage	$\checkmark$



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Training Setting	Paired	Unpaired 🗸



#### Code / Model / Demo



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