

Attributing Fake Images to GANs: Learning and Analyzing GAN Fingerprints

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Fingerprint Visualization



ProGAN1



Motivations

- GAN challenges to visual forensics due to its increasingly appealing quality.
- > GAN challenges to **intellectual property protection** due to the difficult task of attributing generated images to their GAN sources.

Problem Statement

We address the two GAN challenges simultaneously by learning GAN fingerprints for image attribution: We introduce GAN fingerprints and use them to classify an image as real or GAN-generated. For GAN-generated images, we further identify their sources.

Fingerprints

- Model fingerprints: We define the model fingerprint per GAN instance as a reference vector, such that it consistently interacts with all its generated images. E.g., parameters of the final fully-connected layer in an attribution classifier network.
- ➤ **Image fingerprints**: We define the fingerprint per image as a feature vector encoded from that image. E.g., features ahead of the final fully-connected layer in an attribution classifier network.

Insights

- Existence: GANs carry distinct model fingerprints and leave stable fingerprints in their generated images, which support image attribution.
- Uniqueness: Even minor differences in GAN training can result in different fingerprints, which enables fine-grained model authentication.
- Persistence: Fingerprints persist across different image frequencies and patches and are not biased by GAN artifacts
- > **Immunizability**: Fingerprint finetuning is effective in defending against five types of image perturbation attacks.
- Visualization: We propose an alternative classifier variant to explicitly visualize GAN fingerprints in the image domain, so as to better interpret the effectiveness of attribution.
- Superiority: Comparisons also show our learned fingerprints consistently outperform several baselines in a variety of setups.







