

# Pattern Analogies

## Learning to Perform Programmatic Image Edits by Analogy

### Supplementary

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## 1. Introduction

In this document, we present additional details regarding our system. First, we provide a brief overview of the videos included in the supplemental material. Next, in section 3, we provide details of the proposed Domain Specific Language (DSL), SPLITWEAVE, including the design of the two pattern-style specific program samplers. Section 5 provides additional details regarding *Analogue Quartet Sampling*, detailing the *programmatic* pattern edits employed. This is followed by details of our test dataset and the three applications enabled by our approach in Section 6. Finally, Sections 7, 8, 9 presents additional experiments and results, including qualitative examples and failure cases. The code for our system — the DSL, program samplers, and model training — will be open sourced if and when the paper is accepted.

## 2. Video Results

We provide the following videos in the supplemental materials:

1. A video titled `editing.mp4` which demonstrates the use of SPLITWEAVE for editing real-world patterns with simple pattern analogies.
2. A video titled `pattern_animation.mp4` which presents our results for pattern animation transfer. Please refer to section 6.2 for more details on transferring pattern animations.

## 3. A language for visual patterns

In the main paper, we introduced SPLITWEAVE, a DSL designed for creating visual patterns. As described previously,

we use SPLITWEAVE to (a) generate a large dataset of high-quality synthetic patterns for training an analogical editor and (b) to define parametric analogy pairs  $(A, A')$  at test-time to guide transformation in target pattern  $B$ . Further, we constructed two custom SPLITWEAVE program samplers which aid the sampling of high-quality synthetic patterns in two domains, namely *Motif Tiling Patterns* (MTP), and *Split Filling Patterns* (SFP).

SPLITWEAVE is designed specifically for generating patterns that exhibit structured partitioning of a 2D canvas. Programs in SPLITWEAVE define a process to map each spatial location on the canvas to an RGBA value, resulting in a visual pattern. This process is achieved through two core mappings: (1) spatial locations  $(x, y)$  are first mapped to 2D UV coordinates and (2) UV coordinates are then mapped to outputs such as RGBA values or other signals. SPLITWEAVE provides operators to abstract and simplify these mappings.

### 3.1. UVExpr and SExpr

UVExpr and SExpr are the two key types of expressions used in SPLITWEAVE programs to define these mappings:

**UVExpr** A UVExpr defines a function

$$\text{UVExpr} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2,$$

which maps each spatial location  $(x, y)$  on the canvas to a corresponding UV coordinate  $(u, v)$ . This provides a spatial framework for pattern generation, enabling operations such as distortions, tiling, or structured partitioning (e.g., `BrickSplit`, `HexagonalSplit`). Evaluating a UVExpr generates a UV grid which serves as the basis for further evaluating SExprs.

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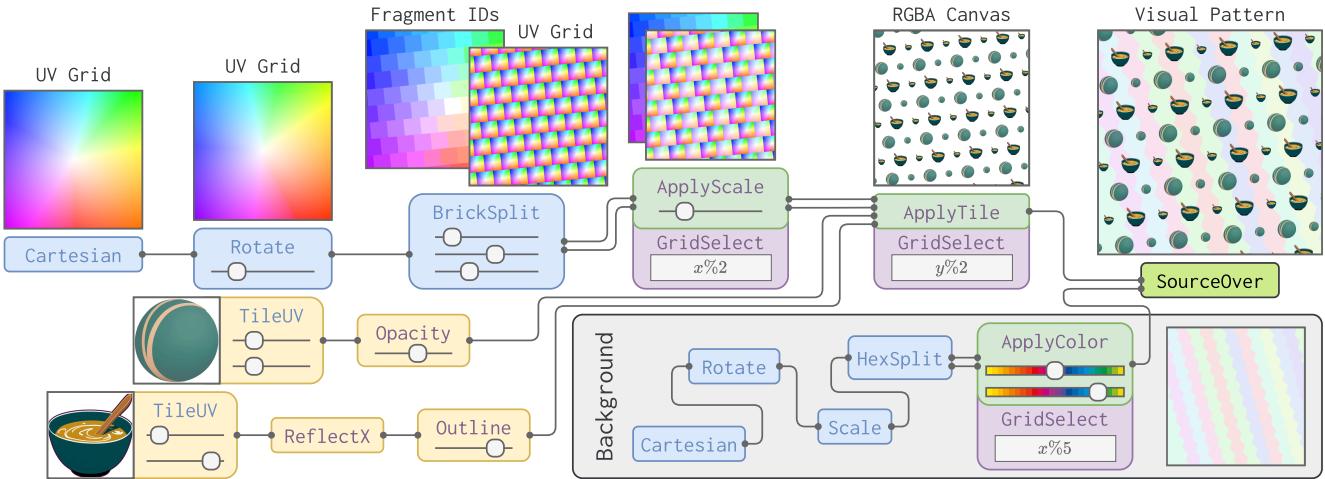


Figure 1. **Program evaluation** We illustrate the evaluation of a SPLITWEAVE program. SPLITWEAVE is used to create directed acyclic graphs representing data flow between different operators. The *UV Grid Operators* are used to define UVExprs, which map spatial coordinate to UV grids. *Signal Operators* are used to define SExprs which map UV-Grids to single or multi-channel spatial maps (such as RGBA canvases). *Spatially Varying Operators* take inputs such as UV-Grids and Fragment IDs to apply spatially varying transforms. Finally, *Utility Operators* perform tasks such as composing multiple RGBA canvases together.

**SExpr** A SExpr defines a function

$$\text{SExpr} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N,$$

which maps each UV coordinate  $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  to an  $N$ -dimensional output. The value of  $N$  depends on the type of output being generated. SExprs that evaluate to 4-channel outputs ( $N = 4$ ) are typically used to generate RGBA canvases. Alternatively, SExprs which evaluate to single-channel outputs ( $N = 1$ ) are used to generate single-channel buffers used to represent spatial masks, distortion fields, or other intermediate signals.

UVExprs are primarily used to generate structured partitions of the canvas through partitioning operators (e.g., *BrickSplit*). Evaluating these operators produce not only a corresponding UV grid, but also a **fragment ID buffer**, where each spatial location is assigned a fragment identifier corresponding to its partition. As operators are composed, the fragment ID buffers are updated and stacked, enabling hierarchical partitioning and fragment-aware transformations. This mechanism is critical for supporting *Spatially Varying Transformations*, used in *Motif Tiling Patterns* (MTP), where operations vary based on partitioning, and *Fragment Grouping*, essential for *Split-Filling Patterns* (SFP), where fragments are grouped together for applying color fills.

SExprs typically contain analytical functions defining SVG objects, such as 2D circles, Bezier curves etc, and Texture-Mapping operators, which map UV coordinates to samples on pre-defined 2D maps. Texture mapping operators are primarily used for mapping RGBA tiles on UV grids. Evaluating SExpr on different UV-grids results in

different outputs. These outputs are used to generate RGBA canvases or auxiliary data buffers for generating the visual pattern image.

### 3.2. Operator Categories

SPLITWEAVE provides four broad categories of operators to support the construction of UVExprs, SExprs, and their transformations:

1. *~ 50 UV Grid Operators*: Used to define UVExprs.
2. *~ 70 Signal Operators*: Used to define SExprs.
3. *10 Spatially Varying Operators*: Used to define transformations in a partition-aware manner using fragment IDs (e.g., resizing alternate rows or applying per-fragment coloring).
4. *Utility Operators*: Used for remaining purposes such as combining multiple canvases (*SourceOver*) or generating auxiliary spatial signals used in fragment-aware operations.

In Figure 1, we illustrate the evaluation of a SPLITWEAVE program used to create a MTP pattern. This program uses all the four different types of operators, each associated with a separate color. To create the pattern, we separately create a background canvas and a foreground canvas. To create the foreground canvas, we first convert the pixel-space canvas to a UV cartesian grid ( $\in [-1, 1]^2$ ) using *Cartesian*. This grid is subsequently rotated using the *Rotate* operator. Next, by using the *BrickSplit* operator, we create two outputs, a transformed UV-grid, which now consists of brick-style spatial partitions, and a 2D fragment-ID buffer containing integers

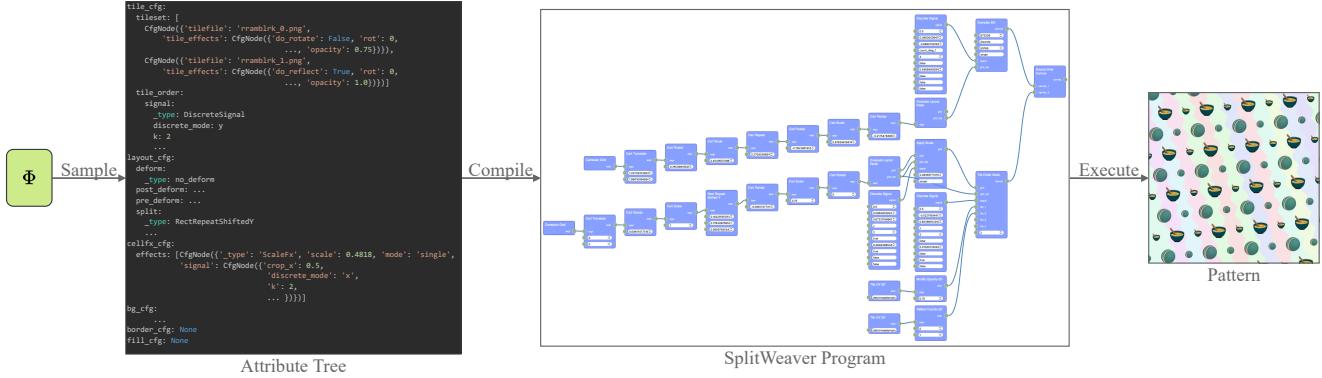


Figure 2. Our Custom program samplers  $\Phi$  generates attribute trees  $AT$ , a hierarchical data structure that encodes patterns structure specification. The attribute trees are then compiled into SPLITWEAVE programs. Finally, we generate visual patterns by evaluating SPLITWEAVE program. The use of  $\Phi$  and  $AT$  help generate high-quality synthetic patterns.

that corresponds to fragment IDs. Using the fragment-ID buffer, we apply spatially-varying scaling to decrease the size of tiles in alternate columns. This is followed by a `ApplyTile` operator to create the foreground canvas. Internally, `ApplyTile` evaluates the `SEExprs` corresponding to each tile on the transformed UV-grid, and merges alternate rows of the resulting two RGBA canvases using the fragment-ids from `BrickSplit`. A similar process is followed for the background to obtain the background canvas. Finally, we combine the background and foreground with the `SourceOver` operator to obtain the final MTP pattern.

### 3.3. Implementation

SPLITWEAVE is implemented in Python, making it accessible to a wide range of users, including those with limited programming experience. This lowers the learning curve for novice users and facilitates integration with emerging tools, such as large language models (LLMs), for programmatic generation and manipulation of visual patterns. The core operators in SPLITWEAVE are implemented using PyTorch [10], which allows many of the operators to be automatically differentiable. This opens up exciting possibilities for future work in using automatic differentiation for visual program inference, enabling the recovery of programmatic structures directly from visual patterns.

We have also developed a front-end application using *Rete.js* [3] to support visual programming with SPLITWEAVE. This tool simplifies the creation and manipulation of SPLITWEAVE programs by providing an intuitive, node-based interface. Manipulation of SPLITWEAVE programs using this interface is demonstrated in the supplemental videos. Currently implemented as a proof of concept, it is primarily intended for inspecting SPLITWEAVE programs and performing parametric analogical edits on real-world patterns. Future work will focus on refining the application to make it more user-friendly and suitable for

broader usage. We hope that SPLITWEAVE serves as a stepping stone for further research in visual pattern generation and manipulation, inspiring new methodologies and applications in this domain.

## 4. Custom Program Samplers

As discussed in the main paper, random sampling of the SPLITWEAVE grammar often produces poor-quality patterns that are incoherent or irrelevant for training. To address this limitation, we construct custom program samplers designed to generate high-quality SPLITWEAVE programs through a structured, hierarchical process.

The custom program samplers work by generating an *attribute tree*, a hierarchical data structure that encodes the specification for a pattern. This attribute tree is then compiled into a valid SPLITWEAVE program, which, when executed, produces the final visual pattern. The pipeline can be formalized as:

$$\Phi \xrightarrow{\text{Sample}} AT \xrightarrow{\text{Compile}} P_{SW} \xrightarrow{\text{Execute}} \text{Pattern},$$

where  $\Phi$  is a high-level process specification that defines the abstract structure of the pattern,  $AT$  is the attribute tree that instantiates this structure with specific parameters, and the resulting SPLITWEAVE program, represented as  $P_{SW}$ , defines the procedural steps to produce the pattern. Figure 2 illustrates this workflow with an example, showing the attribute tree, its compilation into a SPLITWEAVE program, and the resulting visual pattern.

The attribute tree  $AT$  is constructed by first designing an abstract process specification  $\Phi$  that represents the steps involved in creating a pattern. For example, in Motif Tiling Patterns (MTP),  $\Phi$  includes stages such as sampling tiles, sampling layout parameters, and sampling effects like background elements. Each stage in  $\Phi$  corresponds to a node or sub-tree in  $AT$ , where the nodes represent specific compo-

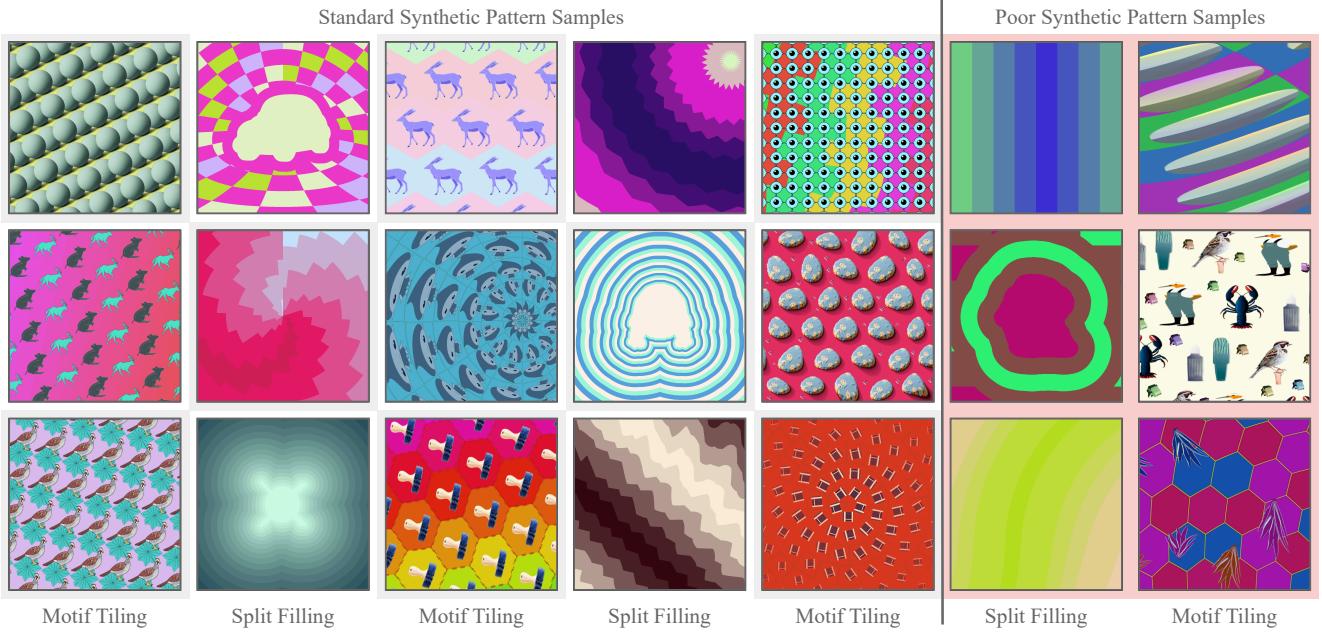


Figure 3. We present synthetic samples generated by our custom program samplers for two pattern styles, namely, Motif Tiling Patterns (MTP) and Split Filling Pattern (SFP). The custom program sampler can still produce poor quality patterns as depicted in the rightmost two columns.

nents, and the edges encode relationships or contextual parameters. To populate  $AT$ , we implement domain-specific random samplers for each node in the tree. These samplers generate valid and diverse configurations for their respective components. At the top level, a hierarchical sampler integrates these components to form a complete attribute tree. For instance, the MTP sampler samples specification for canvas partitioning, tiles and their transformations and spatially varying effects, combining them into a unified representation.

The hierarchical nature of the attribute tree allows modular control over each component, enabling flexibility and extensibility. By sampling each node independently, the custom samplers ensure that the resulting patterns are both diverse and semantically meaningful, addressing the challenges of random grammar sampling. Once the attribute tree  $AT$  is constructed, it is compiled into a SPLITWEAVE program. This compilation step translates the hierarchical structure and parameters encoded in  $AT$  into valid SPLITWEAVE code, adhering to the syntax and semantics of the DSL. Executing the compiled SPLITWEAVE program produces the final visual pattern. This structured workflow provides a controlled and flexible framework for generating patterns. The combination of a process-driven attribute tree design and creation of pattern style-specific samplers ensures the generation of high-quality visual patterns.

In figure 3, we present synthetic samples of both MTP and SFP styles generated by this process. We also show fail-



Figure 4. We generate tiles for MTP patterns using LayerDiffuse [16]. We present both good quality tiles (top 3 rows) and poor quality tiles (bottom row).

ure cases in the two right-most columns. The custom sampler for MTP patterns sometimes generates samples with a high amount of stretching, too much visual complexity, or sparse tiling. Similarly, SFP pattern sampler can fail due to trivial grid partitioning, over-zooming, or poor random color section.

To create the MTP patterns we also generate a large

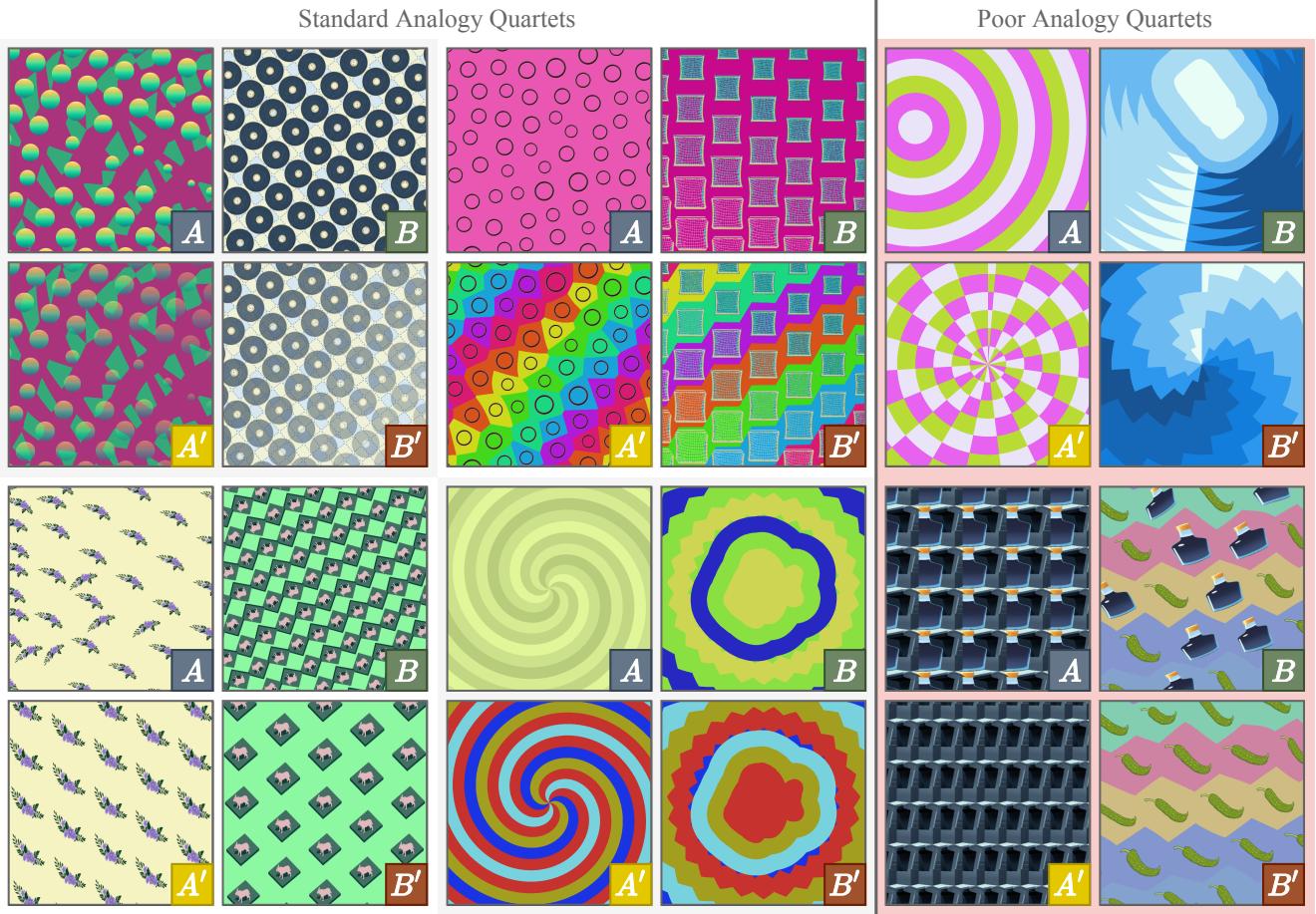


Figure 5. We present analogical quartets created using our approach. While many analogical quarters are of good quality, our synthetic sampling process can also result in poor quality quartets, as shown in the right-most column.

dataset of 100,000 RGBA tiles. Earlier experiments with fewer tiles showed that having a diverse and large set of tiles is essential to generalize to ‘in-the-wild’ real-world patterns. To create tiles on a large variety of subjects, we first extract a subset of nouns from wordnet-synset [8]. First, we prune the nouns by type (avoiding types such as ‘event’, ‘process’), followed by rejection based on keyword match (to avoid different forms of ‘bacteria’, ‘virus’ etc.). Finally, we use SigLIP [15] text-encoding of prompts in the form of ‘‘A photo of a/an \$item’’ to cluster the nouns and extract  $\sim 10,000$  distinct nouns. These nouns are then used to create text-prompts using a template of the form ‘‘A minimal \$style \$second\\_term of a \$noun \$minimalism on a \$color\\_scheme background.’’ where the variables such as \$style and \$second\\_term are filled with random samples from list of keywords. Then, we generate RGBA images for each prompt using LayerDiffuse [16], which generates images with alpha maps. Finally, tiles are created by extracting a tight bounding box subset of the generated image, with

simple thresholds to reject samples in case of too high and too low complexity (measured using JPEG [14] compression). Figure 4 presents a few samples of tiles generated by this process. We note a few recurring failure cases: a) Extremely simple tiles, b) tiles with multiple objects, c) Tiles with poor cropping, and d) realistic rendering effects on tiles. Despite these flaws, a majority of the tiles seem to be useful, particularly to help to model avoid overfitting to training tiles.

## 5. Sampling Analogical Quartet

In the main paper, we introduced analogical quartets  $(A, A', B, B')$  that are used to train analogical editing model. These quartets are grounded in Structure Mapping Theory [6], which defines analogies as mappings of relational structure from a base to a target domain. The relationship  $R$  between program pairs  $(z_A, z_{A'})$  and  $(z_B, z_{B'})$  remains consistent:

$$R(z_A, z_{A'}) = R(z_B, z_{B'}). \quad (1)$$

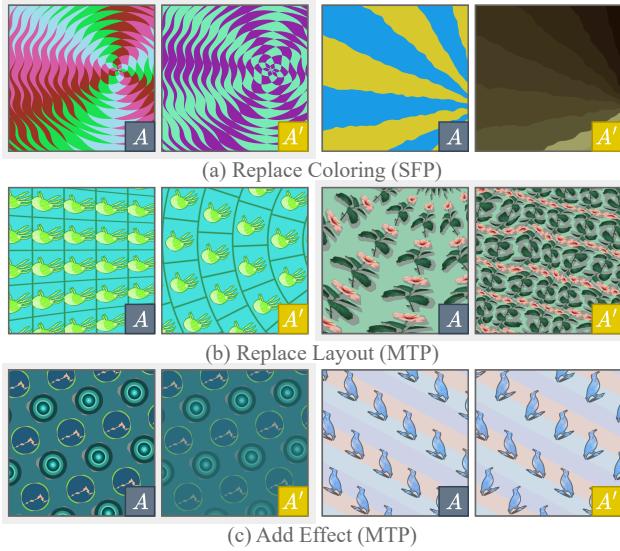


Figure 6. We present examples of editing synthetic patterns  $A$  with different edits to generate edited pattern  $A'$ .

Here, we provide additional details on how edits are defined, sampled, and applied to construct these quartets, along with examples and a discussion of failure cases.

Edits in our framework operate directly on the attribute tree  $AT$ , rather than on SPLITWEAVE programs. This approach ensures semantic validity and allows for efficient resampling of components. Each edit targets a node just below the root of the tree, corresponding to high-level components in the pattern creation process. For Motif Tiling Patterns (MTP), the editable components include:

1. *Tiles*: Add, remove, or replace tiles in the pattern.
2. *Layout*: Replace the layout structure.
3. *Cell Effects*: Add or remove specific spatially varying effects applied to cells.
4. *Background and Border*: Replace background or border styles.

For Split-Filling Patterns (SFP), the editable components include:

1. *Foreground Layout and Background Layout*: Replace the layout for either foreground, background or both elements.
2. *Fill Specifications*: Replace the specifications for filling regions.

Edits are applied by resampling or modifying nodes in the attribute tree. To perform a *replace* edit, the target node is resampled to produce a new specification, such as a new layout or tile configuration, and this new specification is used to create both  $A'$  and  $B'$ . To perform a *add* edit, a new node is created and inserted into the appropriate list (e.g., adding a tile or effect). Finally, to perform a *remove*



Figure 7. Our model enables users to mix aspects of different patterns to create novel patterns. In this example, The layout of  $X$  is mixed with the tiles of  $Y$  to generate the pattern  $Y'$ .

edit, a node is added, and the order of the quartet is flipped (e.g., swapping  $A \leftrightarrow A'$  and  $B \leftrightarrow B'$ ). Applying random edits to randomly sampled pattern sets  $(A, B)$  can generate invalid new pattern  $(A', B')$ . Therefore, we instead first sample an edit  $e$  and, perform rejection sampling of  $(A, B)$  pairs to generate valid analogical quartets.

In Figure 6, we present some examples of pattern pairs generated by editing a pattern  $A$  to create  $A'$ , of both MTP and SFP styles. Figure 5 provides examples of generated analogical quartets, demonstrating consistent transformations between  $(A, A')$  and  $(B, B')$ . Despite its robustness, our approach can encounter failure cases. For instance, despite the pattern programs satisfying equation 1, visually salient relation between  $(A, A')$  and  $(B, B')$  may not be analogical. Furthermore, sometimes  $(A, A')$  pair may not clearly demonstrate the desired change.

## 6. Additional Details

We now provide additional details regarding our test set consisting of real-world patterns, and

### 6.1. Test Set Creation

To evaluate our method, we created a test set by collecting 116 patterns from Adobe Stock. Based on visual inspection, we annotated desirable edits for 50 patterns in text. For each annotated edit, we manually constructed input analogies using SPLITWEAVE. These analogies were not always designed to be simple, as we aimed to test the model’s ability to interpret non-trivial analogies effectively. The test set, along with annotated edits, is included in the supplementary material.

### 6.2. Application: Pattern Mixing

The goal of pattern mixing is to transfer aspects of one real-world pattern  $X$  to another real-world pattern  $Y$ . This approach makes it easier to create novel variations of patterns and to transfer specific aspects of patterns that may not be present in our synthetic dataset. To achieve this, we construct an analogy pair  $(X, X')$ , which is used as input to edit  $Y$ . This sequential process, referred to as “chaining,”

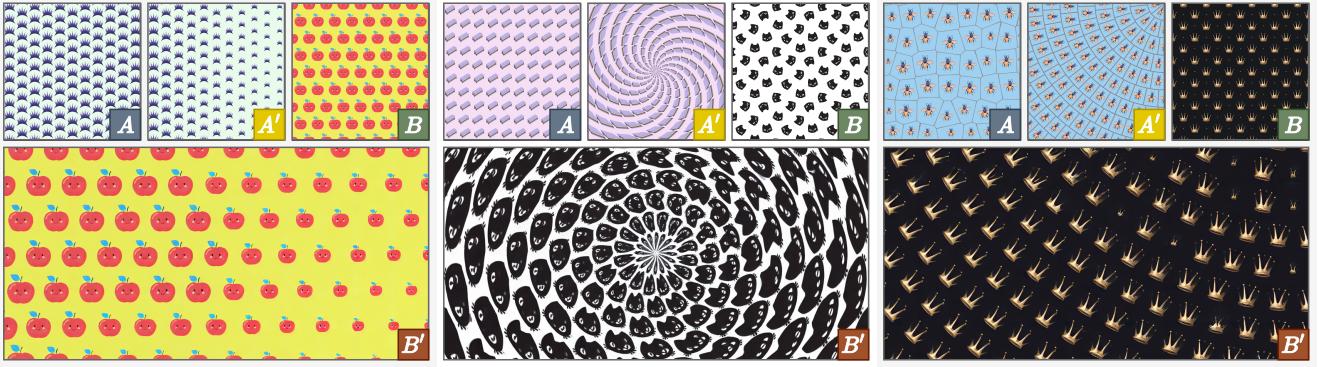


Figure 8. Our model can also be used to create wide canvases of non-stationary patterns by adapting MultiDiffusion [2] for spatially-conditioned generation. In these examples, we generate patterns of size  $1536 \times 1536$  pixels and show a vertically centered crop.

allows edits to build upon the outputs of previous steps.

Our model’s ability to use real-world patterns as analogy inputs enables chaining, which is critical for pattern mixing. This capability is attributed to the scale and diversity of the synthetic dataset used during training. Figure 7 illustrates this process for a pair  $(X, Y)$  where we mix the layout of  $X$  with the tiles of  $Y$ .

### 6.3. Application: Pattern Animation

This application allows users to transfer an animations created using simple synthetic pattern  $A$  to real-world patterns  $B$ . Traditionally, such transfers require inferring the program for  $B$  and applying the animation to it. In contrast, with our method, users can automatically create analogy pairs from  $A$ ’s animation sequence to generate corresponding variations in  $B$ . The user provides as input  $(A, A')$ , where  $A'$  represents the frames of the animation, and a real-world pattern  $B$ . We then employ TRIFUSER to generate variations of  $B$  that correspond to analogy pairs created for each frame as follows:

$$B' = \{B' = M(A, A', B) | A' \in A'\}. \quad (2)$$

To ensure temporal consistency, for each frame, we fix the initial latent noise, generate  $n = 5$  samples and select the one with the lowest PSNR relative to the preceding frame. This approach avoids program inference and enables automated animation transfer. A demonstration video is provided in the supplementary material. In future, we hope to enforce stronger priors to improve temporal consistency.

### 6.4. Application: Wide Non-stationary Canvas

Visual patterns often need to adapt to varying resolutions, such as for use in presentations or posters. This is commonly achieved for stationary patterns by making the pattern image seamlessly tileable. In fact, images generated using convolution-based diffusion models can also be made

	Analogy data	DSIM (↓)	DISTS (↓)	LPIPS (↓)	SSIM (↑)
<i>LatentMod</i> CATEGORICAL	✗	<b>0.242</b>	<b>0.320</b>	0.613	0.502
<i>LatentMod</i> TOKENWISE	✗	0.307	0.333	<b>0.581</b>	0.500
<i>LatentMod</i> ANALOGICAL	✓	0.273	0.330	0.620	<b>0.525</b>

Table 1. We compare different variations of *LatentMod* baselines. We observe that none of the variations are suitable for performing precise *programmatic* edits, indicating the unsuitability of latent-arithmetic based analogical editing for precise structure editing.

seamlessly tileable by employing circular padding in the convolution layers. However, no such solution exists for non-stationary patterns. We provide a novel solution by adapting Multi-Diffusion [2] to our settings.

Multi-Diffusion solves the task of generating large images with diffusion models. This is achieved by first generating model predictions on tiled crops of the canvas and using the average predicted noise across overlapping image crops at each denoising step. Applying this naively to our method fails as our model strongly depend on the conditioning input  $(A, A^*, B)$  for generating  $B'$ , i.e, they have strong dependence on the spatial orientation of the conditioning embeddings. To circumvent this issue, we adapt multi-diffusion for our model by performing consistent cropping across analogy inputs  $(A, A^*, B)$  and the latent code of  $B^*$  during generation. This adaptation enables the generation of wide, non-stationary canvases. Figure 8 illustrates three examples generated using this method, where we generated wide canvases which are  $1536 \times 1536$  pixels in size.

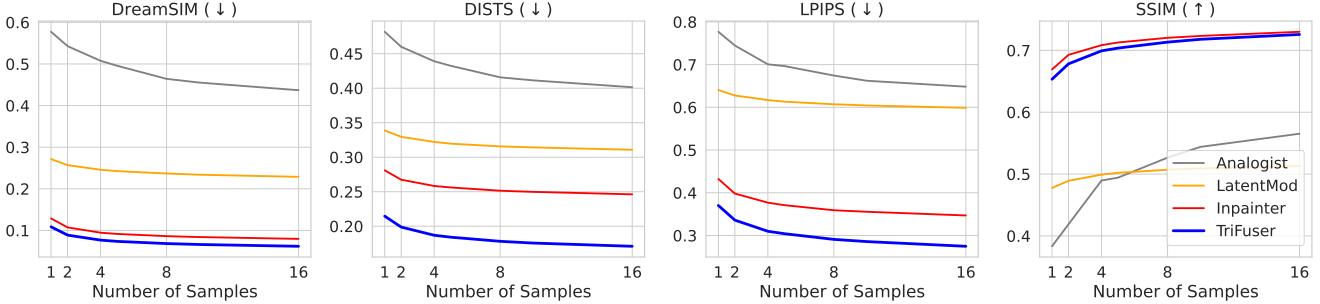


Figure 9. We compare our method, TRIFUSER, against the three baselines with four different metrics. The x-axis of each plot corresponds to the number of samples used for evaluation, demonstrating that TRIFUSER remains superior to the baselines across sample count.

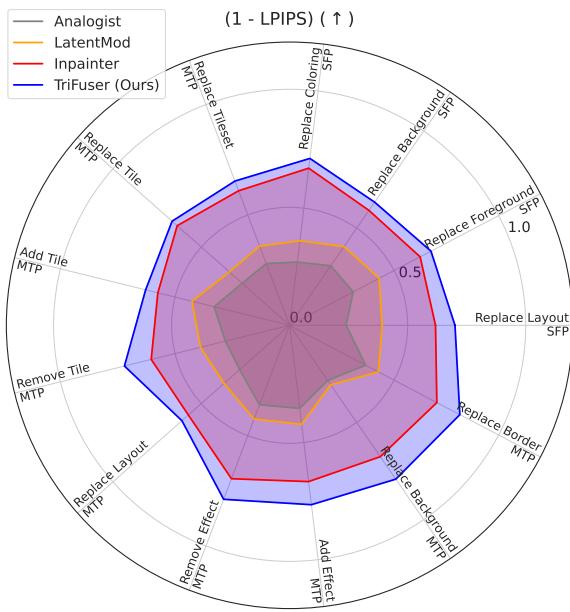


Figure 10. We compare our model against the baselines on a per-edit type basis. We observe that our model obtains higher perceptual similarity to the ground truth target across the edit types.

## 7. Quantitative Results

We now describe additional experiments conducted to further validate our system. First, we discuss quantitative evaluations in this section, followed by qualitative results in section 8.

### 7.1. LatentMod Ablation

An important baseline we considered is *LatentMod*, where first we train a model to learn a latent space for representing patterns, followed by deploying *latent-arithmetic* [13] to create analogical patterns. Specifically, we first train a Image Variation Latent Diffusion Model (LDM) on our pattern dataset (i.e. condition on tokens extracted from a pat-

tern image to denoise the same pattern image). Then, during test-time, given patterns  $(A, A', B)$  we infer the analogically edited pattern  $B'$  by using the LDM to denoise a Gaussian-initialized latent conditioned on the latent arithmetic tokens  $(E(B) + E(A') - E(A))$ . In this section we explore different variations of this model, demonstrating the superiority of the baseline used in the main paper over its alternatives.

First, we consider two architectures for the Image variation model. The first, referred to as **CATEGORICAL**, uses only a single pooled token (i.e. a  $1 \times 768$  size embedding) as the conditioning input  $E(A)$ . The second, referred to as **TOKENWISE**, uses all the 257 image tokens generated by the token extracted (i.e. a  $257 \times 768$  size embedding) as the conditioning input  $E(A)$ . Finally, we also consider an alternative of **CATEGORICAL**, as introduced in DeepVisualAnalogy [11]. This variation, referred to as **ANALOGICAL**, has the same architecture as **CATEGORICAL**, but has an alternate loss formulation which resembles the test-time usage. Essentially, this model is trained to denoise  $B'$  while being conditioned on  $E(B) + E(A') - E(A)$  explicitly. Note that **CATEGORICAL** and **TOKENWISE** only require a dataset of training patterns, whereas **ANALOGICAL** requires analogical quartets  $(A, A', B, B')$  during training as well (similar to conditional generative approaches like ImageBrush [12] and our approach, **TRIFUSER**).

Table 1 compares these approaches on our synthetic validation set, reporting perceptual metrics—DSim [5], DIST [4] and LPIPS [17]—along with SSIM to capture pixel-level structural similarity. We first note that **TOKENWISE** shows worse results than **CATEGORICAL**. Since **TOKENWISE** is conditioned on a large embedding of size  $257 \times 768$ , the latent embedding fails to aid analogical reasoning (i.e. compression is essential for learning a latent space capable of analogical latent arithmetic). Secondly, we notice a surprising result that **ANALOGICAL**, despite being trained explicitly trained for analogical editing, is in fact slightly weaker than **CATEGORICAL**. Visual inspection reveals that although **ANALOGICAL** and **CATEGORICAL** gen-

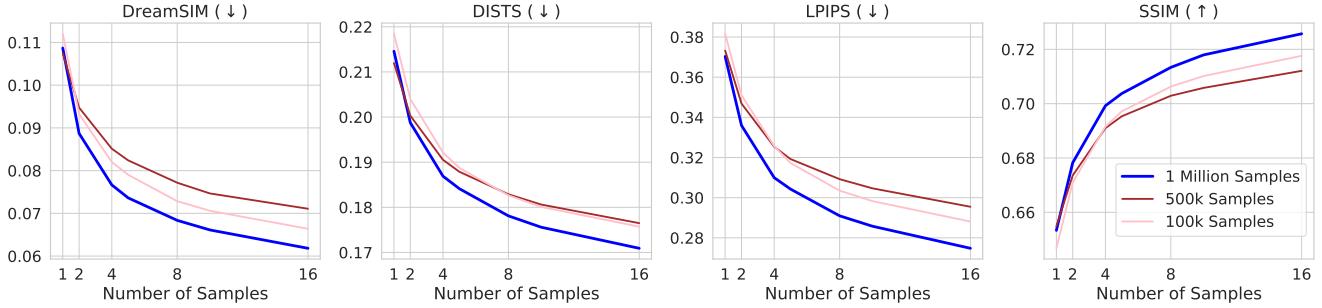


Figure 11. Training TRIFUSER with more analogical quartet samples improves its performance.

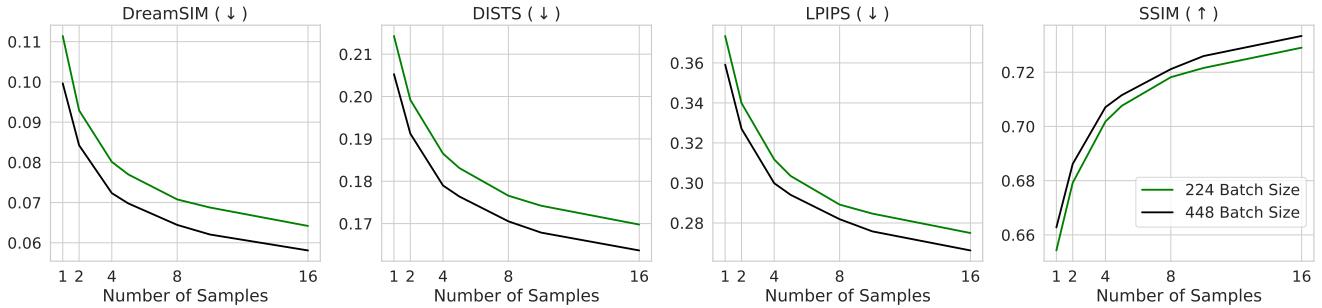


Figure 12. Training TRIFUSER with a larger batch size improves its performance.

erate similar results, CATEGORICAL often tends to retain more aspects of the input pattern  $B$  compared to ANALOGICAL, which consequently sometimes results in a higher perceptual similarity to the target  $B'$ .

Finally, we remark that all these variations remain significantly weaker than the conditional analogical editors. This indicates that Latent Arithmetic is perhaps not suitable for *precise* editing as there is a inherent tussle between (a) representing sufficient details of patterns in the latent space to recreate them with high fidelity and (b) having sufficient compression of the latent space to achieve analogical reasoning via latent arithmetic. Consequently, most image-editing methods in the diffusion-era have turned towards alternate strategies such as manipulation of attention map [1] and latent noise inversion [7] for enabling *precise* editing.

## 7.2. TRIFUSER Ablations

As described in the main paper, analogies can have multiple valid interpretations, and even a single interpretation may yield several visually-related variations. To account for this multiplicity, we generate  $k$  output patterns for each input set  $(A, A', B)$  and select the one that maximizes each metric. We first elucidate the relation between the number of generated sample  $k$  and the different metrics in Figure 9. We show four plots, one for each metric. Each plot has the number of samples  $k$  as the x-axis, and the metric (e.g. LPIPS, SSIM) on the y-axis. These plots reveal that for percep-

tual similarity metrics, TRIFUSER triumphs over the baselines across all values of  $k$ . Furthermore, as we increase  $k$ , TRIFUSER significantly closes the gap between itself and *Inpainter* when measuring SSIM. More importantly, these plot reveal that using a smaller number of samples ( $k = 5$  as used in the main paper) is sufficient, and performance does not drastically decrease as  $k$  is decreased from 16.

We also evaluate all the models separately for each type of edit in the synthetic validation set. We measure the average  $(1 - LPIPS$  with  $k = 5)$  (so that higher value indicates better performance) for each type of edit and visualize the results a radar plot as show in Figure 10. We observe that TRIFUSER surpasses all the baselines across the different types of edits. For more details regarding the edits, please refer to section 5.

## 7.3. TRIFUSER Scalability

Recent research has shown that scaling neural approaches, in terms of computational complexity and dataset size, is fundamental for achieving compelling results. Consequently, it is critical to investigate the *scalability* of novel models/methods. In this section, we study the scalability of TRIFUSER with respect to its training dataset size and its training compute budget.

First, we perform ablations to elicit the relation between training dataset size and TRIFUSER performance. We train three variations of TRIFUSER each with a dataset size of

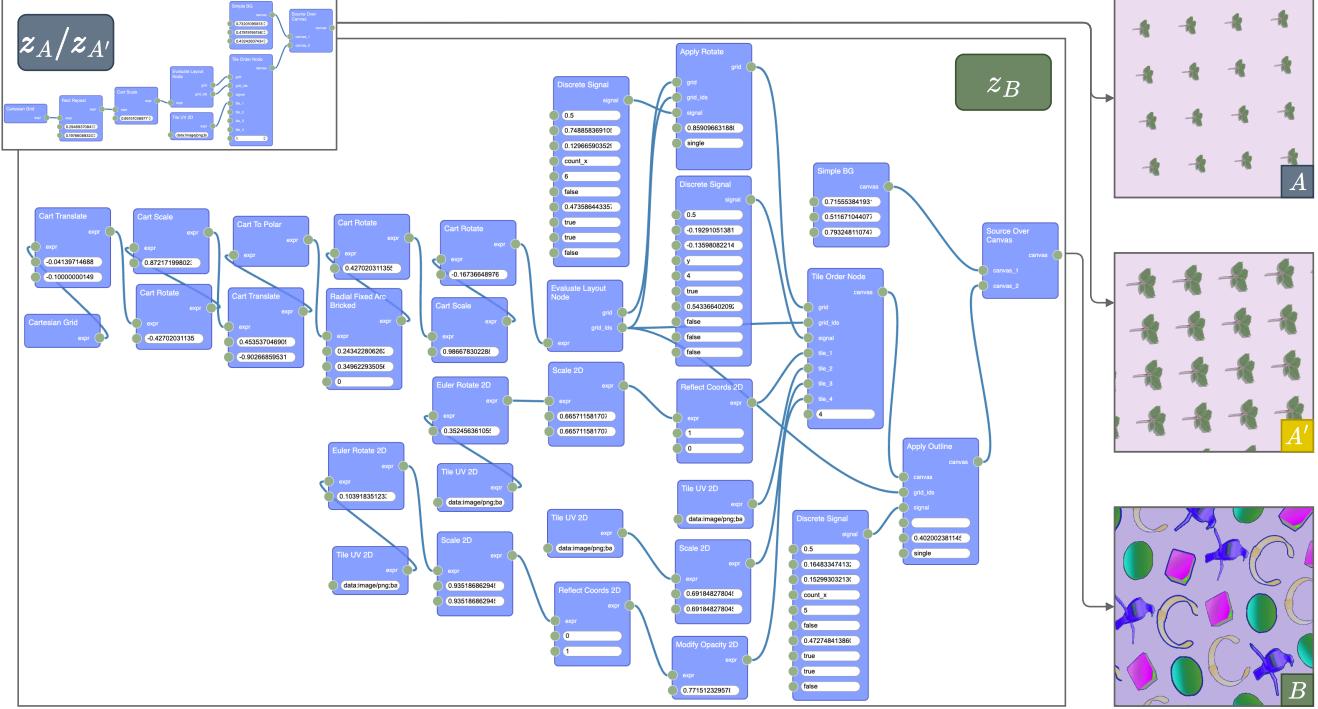


Figure 13. We show an example of a complex synthetic pattern  $B$  which has a SPLITWEAVE program  $z_B$  with 31 nodes. Inferring such programs automatically, i.e. VPI, is infeasible. Our approach, in contrast, allows to use to construct simple program  $z_A$ , and create analogical patterns ( $A, A'$ ) to parametrically edit  $B$ , without inferring  $z_B$ . The task of constructing  $z_A$  is significantly easier (in this example,  $z_A$  contains 8 nodes, only  $\sim 25\%$  of  $z_B$ 's size).

100,000 samples, 500,000 samples and 1 Million samples respectively. The performance of these three methods is then compared on the held-out synthetic validation set. The resulting metrics are visualized as line-plots in Figure 11. Here, we provide 4 plots, one for each metric, similar to the format in Figure 9. The x-axis corresponds to the number of samples ( $k$ ), and the y-axis corresponds to the respective metrics. We notice a meaningful increase in the performance across the different metrics, as we increase the scale of the training dataset. This indicates training the method in future with larger datasets containing even more pattern styles may result in further improvements.

Similarly, we study the effect of training compute budget on model performance. All our models are typically trained on 8 A100-40GB GPUs with a batch size of 224. To explore the relation between training budget and model performance, we train a variation of TRIFUSER on 8 A100-80GB GPUs with a batch size of 448. We report a comparison between these two models in Figure 12. As shown in this figure, increasing the batch-size results in further improvements to the model, indicating a positive correlation w.r.t. the training budget. In future, training TRIFUSER with a larger training budgets may lead to further improvements in the model's performance.

Preference Rate	
TRIFUSER vs. <i>Analogist</i>	92.09%
TRIFUSER vs. <i>LatentMod</i>	82.42%
TRIFUSER vs. <i>Inpainter</i>	66.66%

Table 2. Results of a two-alternative forced-choice perceptual study comparing single random sample from our model (TRIFUSER) against three baselines.

#### 7.4. Additional Human Preference study

In the main paper, we employed a *best-of-k* selection strategy (choosing the best of  $k=9$  generated outputs per method) to reflect real-world usage, where users generate multiple variations and select the most suitable one. This approach magnifies improvements, but it aligns with the intended use case of these models: their utility lies in whether at least one output meets user intent. Evaluating performance based on a single random sample would not accurately reflect practical deployment. However, manual selection does introduce potential bias.

To assess its effect, we conducted an additional user study where participants compared single random outputs from each method ( $k=1$ ). This study involved 12 participants, and the results, shown in Table ???. Despite the re-



Figure 14. TRIFUSER generates multiple *equally-valid* yet different edited images  $B'$ .

removal of best-of-k selection, our model continues to outperform baselines, demonstrating that its improvements are not an artifact of selection bias but reflect genuine user preference. While *Inpainter* achieves the closest preference to our method, it operates at quarter resolution, significantly limiting its practical applicability.

## 8. Qualitative Results

We now present qualitative results to emphasize the utility and impressive capabilities of our method. As discussed earlier, a primary motivator for our approach is that Visual Program Inference attempts to infer the a program that fully replicates the input pattern, which not only is a hard task, but also results in a tedious editing experience as the user often has to fiddle with various parameters to ascertain *which* parts of the program must be edited to attain the desired edit. In contrast, with our approach, the user only has to construct the program for  $(A, A')$  which demonstrate *which* property to edit and *how* to edit it. Particularly,  $A$  does not need to even be similar to  $B$ , making the task of constructing the programs  $(z_A, z_{A'})$  considerably simpler.

In Figure 13, we compare the program of a complex target pattern  $B$ , marked as  $z_B$ , with the simple program,  $z_A$  constructed to create a analogy pair  $(A, A')$  for editing the layout of  $B$ . While  $z_B$  contains 31 operator nodes,  $z_A$  contains only 8, which is  $\sim 25\%$  of the size of  $z_B$ . We make the following notes: (a) The task users need to perform — that of creating  $z_A$  — is significantly easier than the task

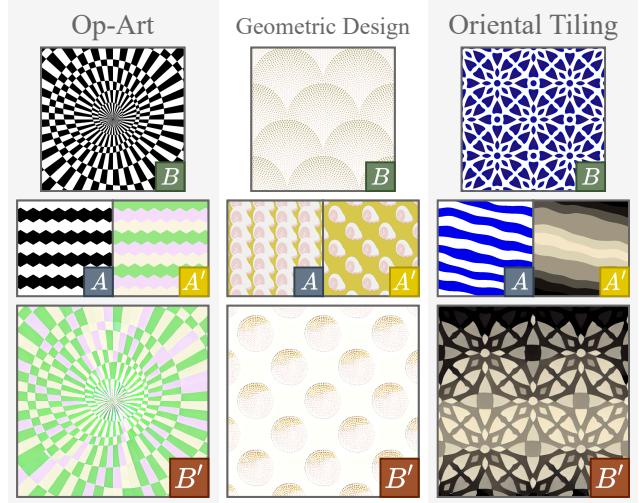


Figure 15. We present additional examples that show that TRIFUSER effectively edits patterns from novel pattern styles not present in the training dataset.

of inferring  $z_B$ , (b) Using the analogical editor inducing parametric control over pattern  $B$  based on the program  $z_A$ . Consequently, to perform simple edits of pattern  $B$ , the user only needs to specify a simple program  $z_A$ .

As mentioned previously, analogies can have multiple valid interpretations, and even a single interpretation may yield several visually-related variations. Consequently, a



Figure 16. Qualitative comparison of patterns generated by the proposed TRIFUSER architecture and its ablated variants. Removing positional encoding leads to a drastic drop in performance, as the model struggles to comprehend analogies without explicit spatial cues. Similarly, omitting lower-layer features or self-supervised features (from DINOv2 [9]) noticeably degrades output quality.

analogue editor must also be capable of producing multiple interpretations for any given input analogy pairs. Having such a one-to-many mapping, as our model has, is more suitable for editing as the user can select the edited pattern that matches their edit intent from multiple generations. In contrast, restricting to a singular interpretation may more easily lead to scenarios where the system’s and user’s interpretation of the input analogy differ.

In Figure 14, we present analogue edits performed on real-world patterns by our method, highlighting the generation of different *equally valid* analogy interpretations. The first row corresponds to an edit for removing a random coloring variation effect on the input pattern  $B$ . TRIFUSER produces two outcomes, both reasonable as pattern  $B$  does not make it clear what the tile’s original color is. The example presented in the second row corresponds to an edit to modify the background of the input pattern. However, its unclear if the muted ellipses behind the lion tiles are part of the tile, or part of the background. Consequently, some generations keep these ellipses updating their color accordingly, while other generations eschew them to provide a uni-

form colored background as shown in  $A'$ . Finally, the third example corresponds to an edit on the layout of the input pattern. We show two equally reasonable outputs generated by our model as the underlying orientation of the bone tile is ambiguous.

Finally, in figure 15, we provide additional examples of our model reasonably editing patterns in styles unseen during training. Additionally, we present additional qualitative results comparing our method to the other baselines in Figure 18, and to TRIFUSER architecture ablations in Figure 16. Note that images comparing the four approaches across the entire test set are also provided in the supplemental material.

## 9. Failure Cases

We present and discuss some recurring failure cases for our method. Figure 17 provides 6 examples from our test set of real-world patterns where our method fails to generate a reasonable analogue edit. When editing the layout of patterns, our model still sometimes struggles to retain the

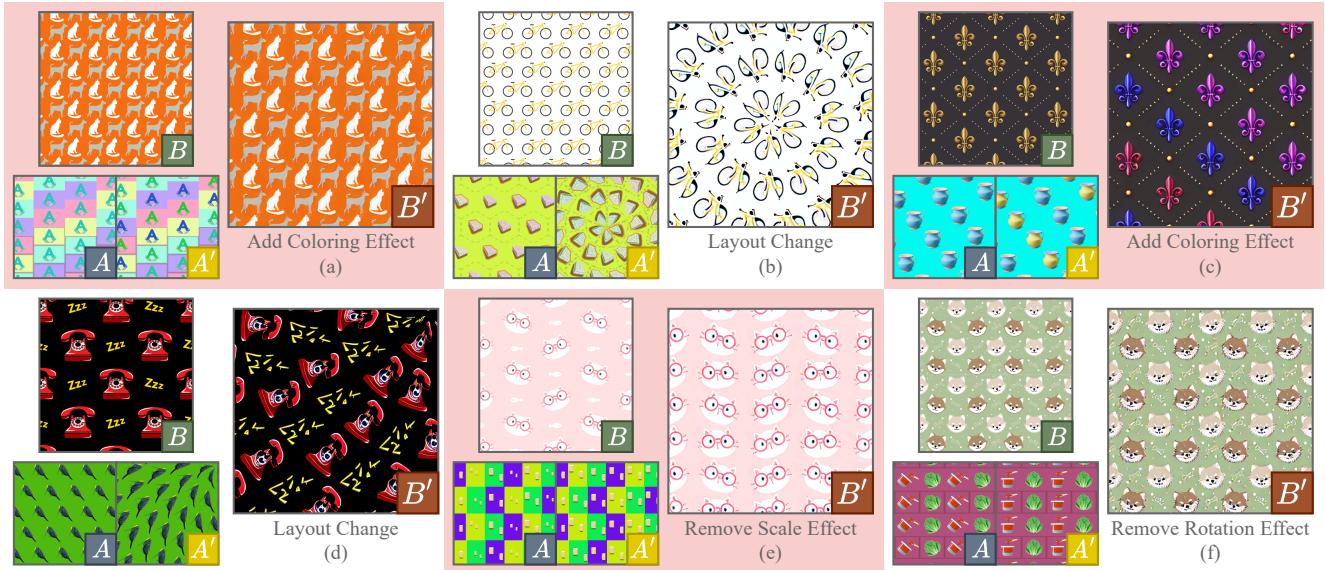


Figure 17. We present examples on the test-set where our method fails to produce a reasonable edit. Edits sometimes fail due to poor retention of tile-details ((b) and (d)), imperfectly applying the edit demonstrated with  $(A, A')$  ((c) and (e)) or failing to understand the input analogy ((a) and (f)).

fine-details of the input pattern’s tile, particularly when they contain text — this is demonstrated in example (b) and (d). Another mode of failure is when the edit does not *fully* perform the intended edit, as visible in example (c) and (e). In (c) though the model adds a color change effect on  $B$  as intended, it produces color variations that do not match the color variations shown in  $(A, A')$ . This is due to the usage of *relative* color shifts (with respect to a hue-wheel) in our synthetic patterns. Similarly, in (e), while the model correctly removes the tile scaling effect, it replaces the fish tile with the cat tile. Finally, a few failure cases also emerge due to the model failing to understand the input analogy pair, as shown in examples (a) and (f).

## 10. Limitations

While our method demonstrates robust performance and versatility, there are a few limitations that merit discussion.

The primary limitation lies in the reliance on a synthetic dataset of analogies. To extend this technique to other domains, users must construct a domain-specific language (DSL) and define editing functions. Furthermore, real-world applicability of our method depends on the coverage of the DSL and the editing functions. Although we demonstrate generalization to related pattern styles, the current scale of the dataset limits the model’s ability to handle entirely novel pattern styles or edits. However, this limitation may be addressed by automatic construction of analogical data from multiple domains such as ShaderToy which contains glsl programs for creating patterns, and p5.js which

contains javascript-like code for creative computing. Such a dataset could enable pretraining on a broader variety of analogical variations before fine-tuning for specific domains. Additionally, various visual domains such as Zentangle patterns, materials, Lego already contain well defined DSLs making it easier to extend our framework to other structured visual data domains.

A second drawback is that analogies, while universal in their ability to represent arbitrary edits, are not always the most efficient modality for conveying edit intent. For example, simple edits such as color changes might be more easily performed through direct recoloring of the canvas. Furthermore, the inherent flexibility of analogies, which allows multiple interpretations, can sometimes make it tedious to sample and select a desired output. This issue could be mitigated by coupling analogies with text-based guidance or other constraints to make the process more directed and user-friendly.

Finally, using the system requires constructing analogy pairs, which depends on the user’s familiarity with SPLITWEAVE and node-based programming. While this could pose a barrier to some users, the increasing adoption of node-based tools in visual programming provides a promising path forward. Future research into improving user interaction for visual programming and analogical editing could further lower this barrier and make the system more accessible.

Despite these limitations, our work provides a flexible framework for analogical pattern editing and highlights several avenues for future research, including extending ana-

logical datasets, improving edit specificity, and enhancing user interfaces.

## 11. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

During the review process, several insightful questions were raised about our approach. We present them here, as they may be of interest to other readers as well.

**Why not use *Inpainter* at higher resolution?** TRIFUSER’s primary advantage over *Inpainter* is resolution, which is a fundamental limitation rather than a minor detail. Higher-resolution inputs enable more precise analogical edits and better retention of unmodified features in  $B$ . While *Inpainter* could be trained at higher resolution, doing so typically requires a cascaded multi-step training process, which is computationally expensive. Given similar resources, TRIFUSER could also be trained at higher resolution, maintaining its advantage. Furthermore, *Inpainter* inefficiently utilizes compute, denoising every pixel but retaining only a quarter-resolution output.

**How can pattern analogies be made in practice?** Analogy pairs can be sourced from design repositories, iterative design workflows (e.g., variations created during the design process), editable vector patterns, or manual curation. Additionally, users can generate them with simple SPLITWEAVE programs to illustrate the desired edit (cf. Figure 13).

**Why condition on analogies instead of edit operators?** Conditioning on analogy images, rather than edit operators, allows the model to leverage  $(A, A')$  from real-world patterns. As shown in Figure 7, this enables edits beyond SPLITWEAVE’s domain, such as applying X’s spatial partitioning to Y.

**Why not have a Visual Program Inference baseline?** We do not compare against VPI methods because inferring semi-parametric pattern programs remains a challenge. Our programs blend rule-based layouts with non-parametric, highly detailed tiles, making joint inference infeasible for current VPI techniques. Even with VPI, users would still need to manually refine a poorly structured inferred program—precisely the issue our method avoids through analogy-based editing. Moreover, VPI is inherently limited to edits expressible in SPLITWEAVE, restricting its flexibility. A fair comparison would require a user study on *analogy-based* vs. *manual VPI-based* editing, which we leave for future work.



Figure 18. Qualitative comparison between patterns generated by our model, TRIFUSER, and the baselines. TRIFUSER generates higher quality patterns with greater fidelity to the input analogy.

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