

# DiffusionPID: Interpreting Diffusion via Partial Information Decomposition

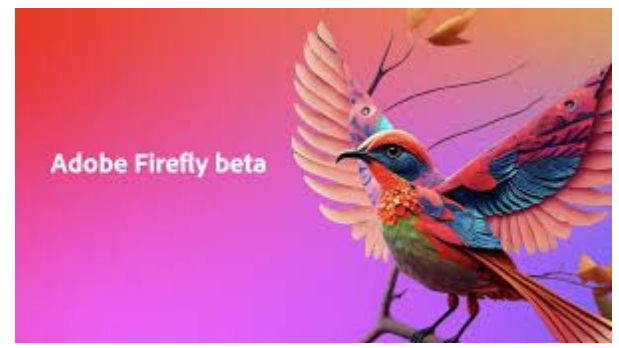
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## Rapid Advancements in Image Generation Models

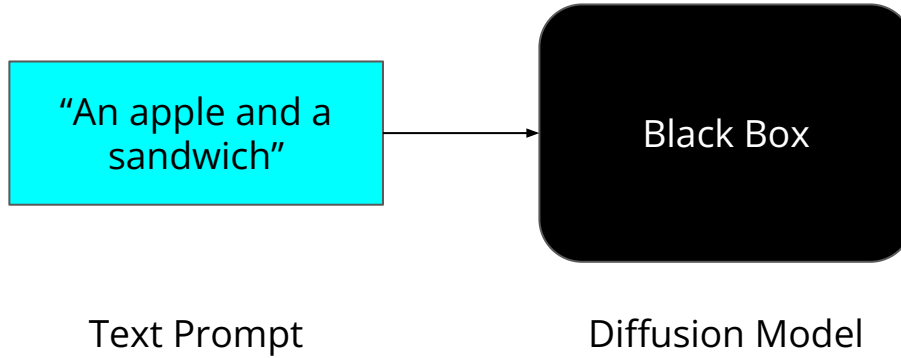


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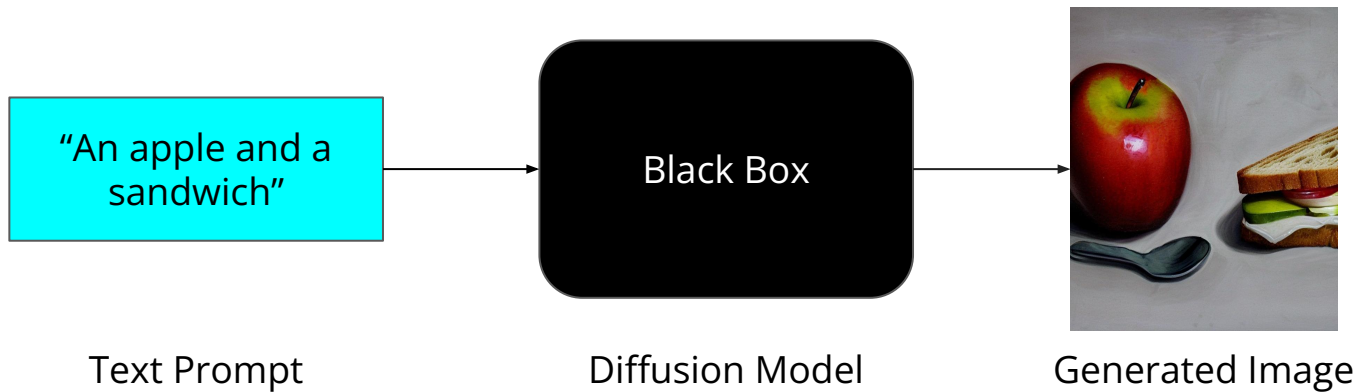
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Text Prompt

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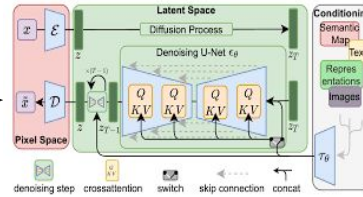


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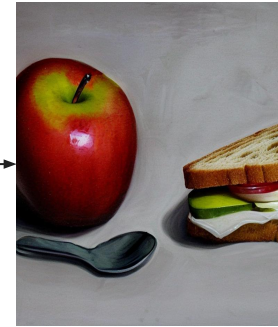


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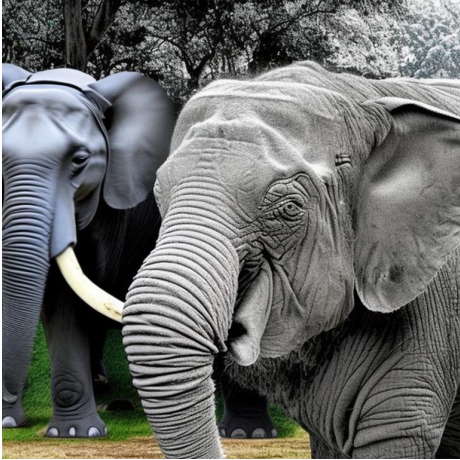


Diffusion Model



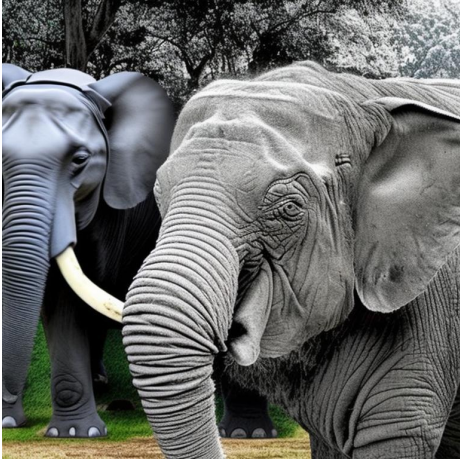
Generated Image

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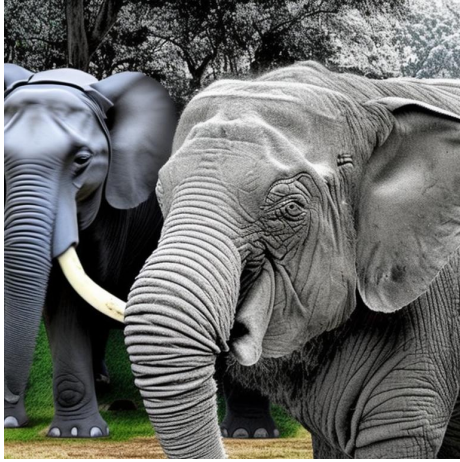
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“Pink Clock and Brown Chair”  
(Attribution Binding)



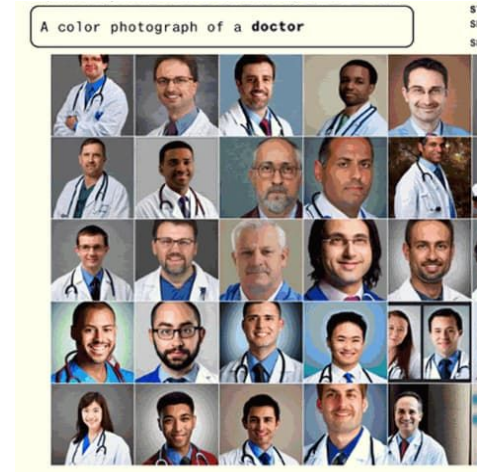
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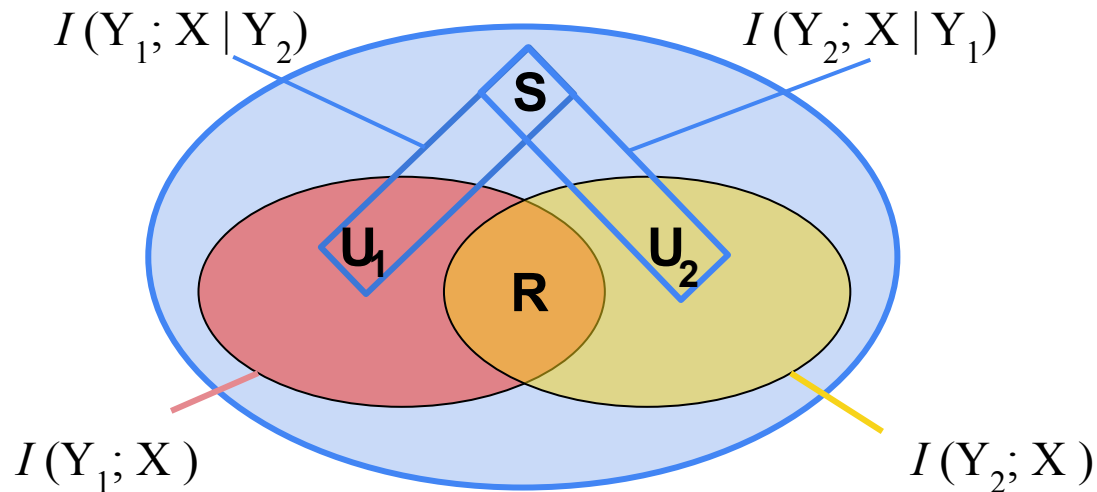


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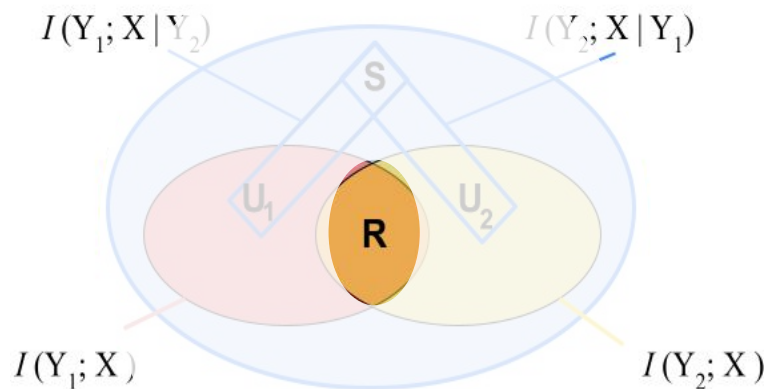
“Doctor”  
(Gender Bias)

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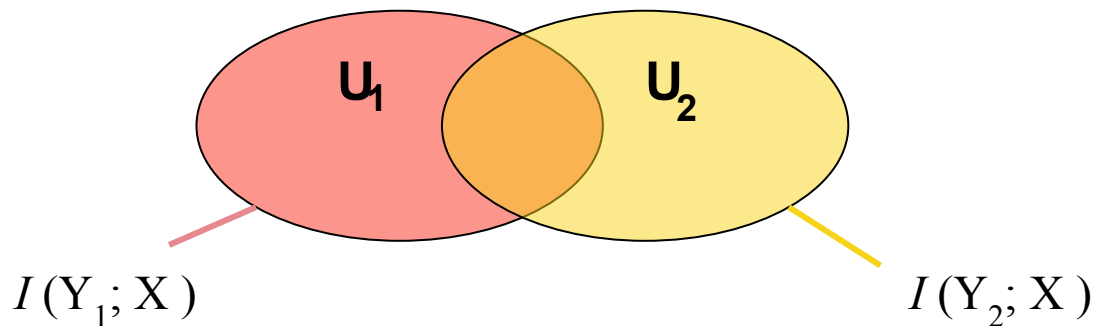


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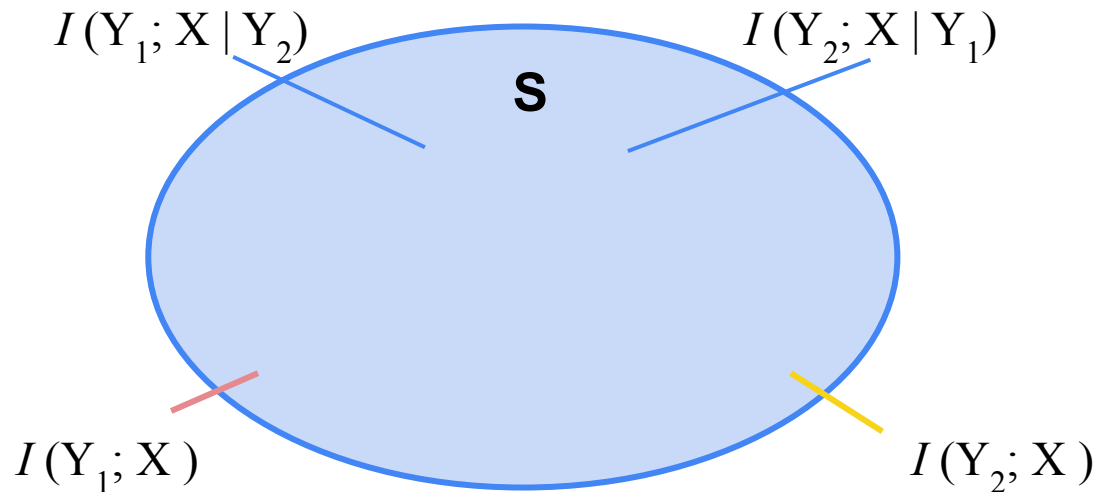
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He swung the bat

“Effect of Synergy”



He swung the bat



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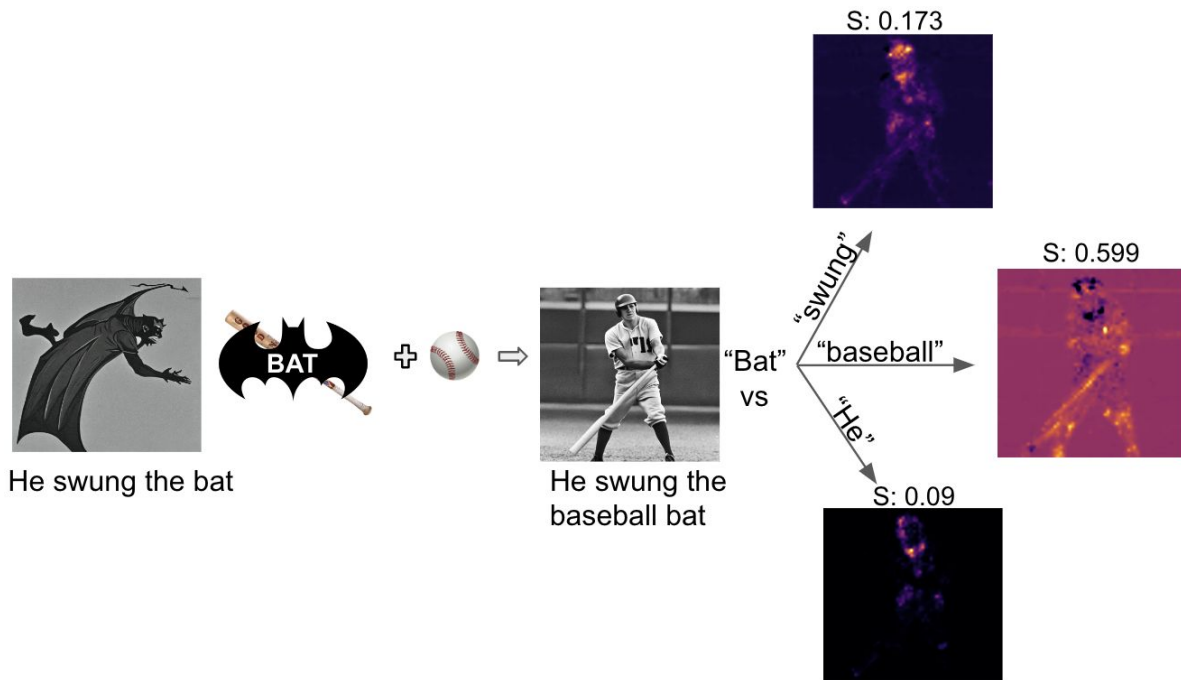


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He swung the  
baseball bat

“Effect of Synergy”



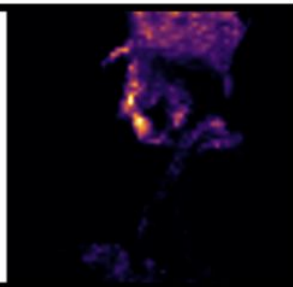
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Image



Redundancy

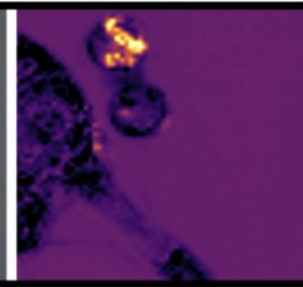


The **queen** wore a **crown**

Image



Uniqueness



A **baseball** glove and a  
**tennis** racket

Uniqueness and Redundancy

## Gender Bias



Carpenter

Male Carpenter

Female Carpenter



Makeup Artist

Male Makeup Artist

Female Makeup Artist

Occupation	Male	Female
Surgeon	<b>0.539</b>	0.055
Soldier	<b>0.250</b>	0.136
Judge	<b>0.304</b>	0.286
Doctor	<b>0.871</b>	0.090
Plumber	<b>0.605</b>	0.038
Carpenter	<b>0.365</b>	0.093
Police Officer	<b>0.390</b>	0.091
Babysitter	0.240	<b>0.531</b>
Teacher	0.098	<b>0.419</b>
Average	0.286	0.194

## Ethnic Bias



A hispanic environmentalist



A hispanic archaeologist



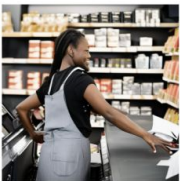
A caucasian farmer



A caucasian barista



A black data analyst



A black cashier



A asian athlete



A asian airline pilot

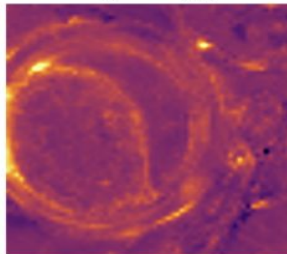
Occupation	Black	Asian	Caucasian	Hispanic
Athlete	<b>0.321</b>	0.132	0.167	0.156
Artist	<b>0.106</b>	0.069	0.062	0.045
Engineer	0.126	<b>0.156</b>	0.080	0.097
Physicist	0.109	<b>0.209</b>	0.162	0.064
Butcher	0.110	0.179	<b>0.474</b>	0.396
Coach	0.118	0.107	<b>0.433</b>	0.128
Nurse	0.106	0.106	0.127	<b>0.219</b>
Agriculturist	0.046	0.117	0.337	<b>0.450</b>
Average	0.133	0.233	0.255	0.236

## Homonyms

Image



Synergy

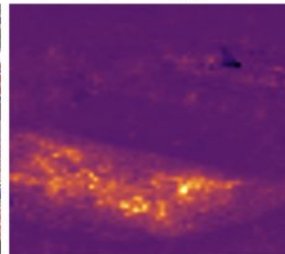


c = she served soup in a ceramic bowl  
y = 'bowl' vs 'ceramic'

Image



Synergy

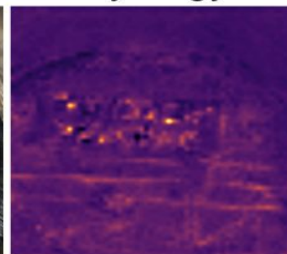


c = the football game was held at the  
rose bowl stadium  
y = 'bowl' vs 'game'

Image



Synergy

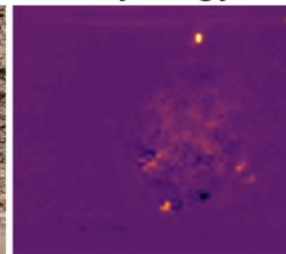


c = he suspected his coworker might be a  
mole leaking information to competitors  
y = 'mole' vs 'coworker'

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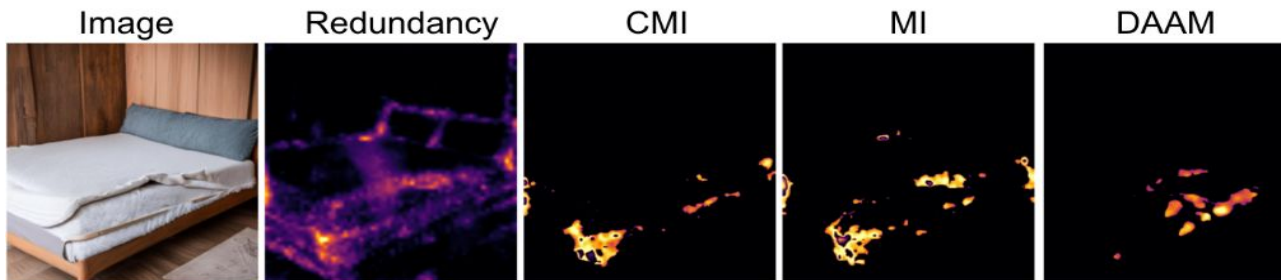


Synergy

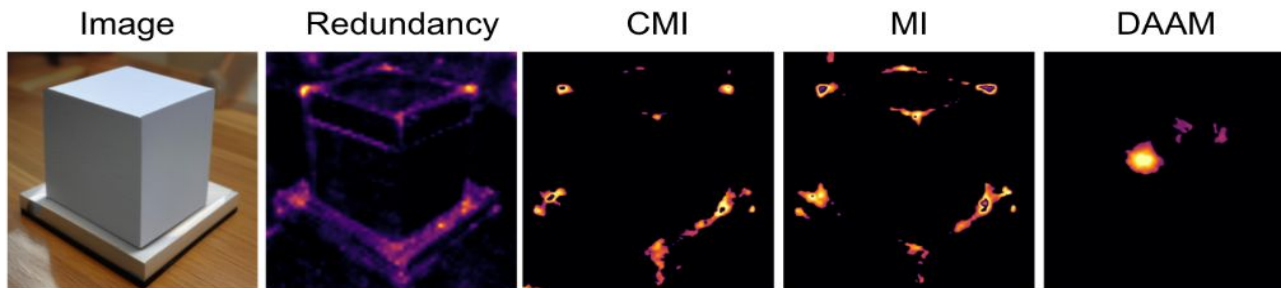


c = the mole burrowed underground  
searching for insects  
y = 'mole' vs 'searching'

## Synonyms



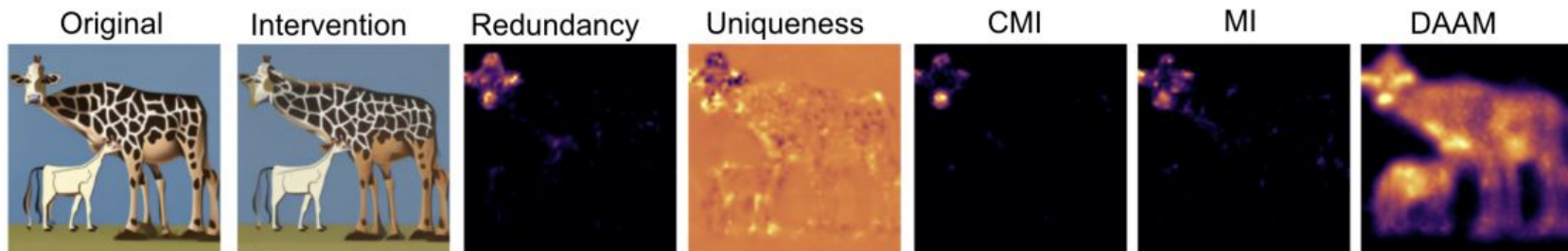
c = the bed was covered in a soft mattress with a plush blanket  
y = 'bed' vs 'mattress'



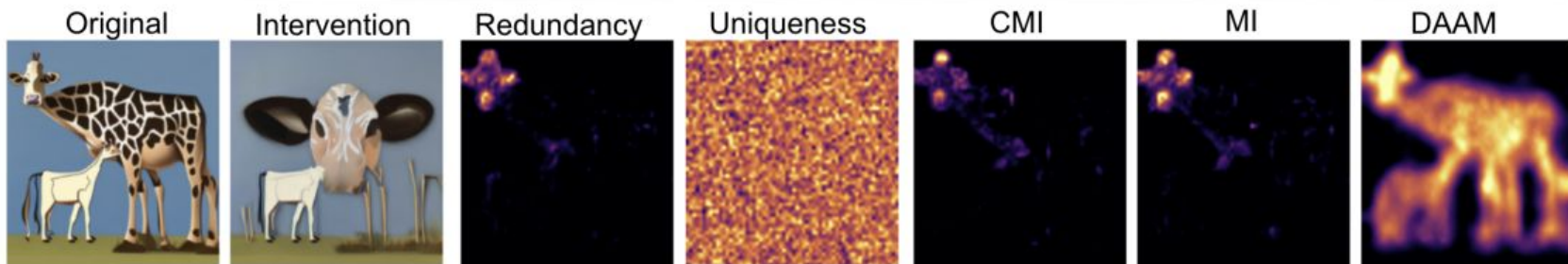
c = the cube was a perfect cuboid with equal sides and angles  
y = 'cube' vs 'cuboid'



## Prompt Intervention



c = a cow and a giraffe  
y = 'cow'

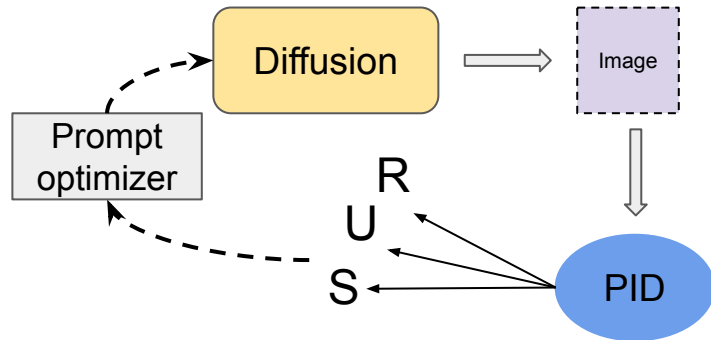


c = a cow and a giraffe  
y = 'giraffe'

# Applications



Prompt Engineering



Model Improvement

## Future Works

1. PID gives a detailed breakdown about the Mutual Information between 2 concepts. This can be leveraged to better model uncertainty and can find applications in fields like Active learning.
2. PID can be extended to multiple modalities and other models.



Thank You