Weakly Supervised High-Fidelity Clothing Model Generation

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Abstract

The development of online economics arouses the demand of generating images of models on product clothes, to display new clothes and promote sales. However, the expensive proprietary model images challenge the existing image virtual try-on methods in this scenario, as most of them need to be trained on considerable amounts of model images accompanied with paired clothes images. In this paper, we propose a cheap yet scalable weakly-supervised method called Deep Generative Projection (DGP) to address this specific scenario. Lying in the heart of the proposed method is to imitate the process of human predicting the wearing effect, which is an unsupervised imagination based on life experience rather than computation rules learned from supervisions. Here a pretrained StyleGAN is used to capture the practical experience of wearing. Experiments show that projecting the rough alignment of clothing and body onto the StyleGAN space can yield photo-realistic wearing results. Experiments on real scene proprietary model images demonstrate the superiority of DGP over several state-of-the-art supervised methods when generating clothing model images.

1. Introduction

Taking pictures of models on product clothes is an essential demand for online apparel retails to display clothes and promote sales. However, it is highly expensive to hire models and professional studios to actually take those pictures of wearing each clothing. Thus image virtual try-on [12, 13, 15, 23, 24, 30, 45, 50, 57, 60], the technique that generates wearing results from clothing and model images, has rapidly aroused broad academic and industrial interests.

A practical algorithm, however, must consider the cost to apply it in industrial scenarios. Existing image virtual try-on (VTO) methods are highly expensive to train. Most of them [23, 28, 30, 44, 57, 60] are trained on paired image data of clothing and a person on that clothing. Such paired data consume considerable labor cost thus is infeasible to collect at scale. Also, the testing data of clothing model generation should be proprietary model images as only they can be legally used in the final display on e-shop websites. Those images are highly expensive due to hiring commercial models and buying all necessary rights. Thus algorithms should avoid relying on those proprietary model images during training, while managing to bear the non-negligible performance drop incurred by discrepancy in testing and training.

In response to those challenges, we propose Deep Generative Projection (DGP), a powerful weakly-supervised method to yield realistic try-on results while training on cheap unpaired data collected from the Web, which is motivated by the procedure of people predicting how they will look like while picking clothes. It is an imagination based on life experience rather than rules learned from paired annotations.
People may pick up the clothes and align the clothes to their shoulders or necks, from which they then imagine the picture of wearing those clothes. Following this idea, the DGP method reproduces this process in the clothing model generation scenario. Given a clothing image and a proprietary model image, we first align the clothing to the model’s body dominated by a simple perspective transformation [43] of four body key points. Then we project this rough alignment onto the synthesis space of a pretrained StyleGAN [33,34]. The StyleGAN is trained on abundant unsupervised fashion images collected from the Web. Thus, it represents real-world knowledge of wearing. A couple of semantic and pattern searches will then yield the realistic clothing model image, as is shown in Fig. 1. The whole algorithm needs no paired data or proprietary model images during training, thus it is practical for the industrial scenario.

In conclusion, the contributions of this paper include:

- We propose the first framework to generate clothing model images for online clothing shops, which has not received enough attention in the virtual try-on community;
- The proposed method consumes only unpaired data, and no proprietary model images during the training, which is more practical for industrial applications than most existing methods;
- Our weakly-supervised method significantly outperforms some state-of-the-art supervised competitors in both numerical and visual quality, and demonstrates good robustness under preprocessing mistakes.

2. Related Works

Virtual Try-on Virtual try-on methods can be broadly divided into 3D-based methods [6, 20, 46, 46, 47, 49] and 2D image-based [8, 12, 22, 23, 30, 57, 60, 62] methods. As 3D methods often induce extra resources in collecting data or physical simulation, 2D methods are generally more popular. Many existing 2D methods [8, 13, 16, 22, 23, 30] split the try-on procedure into a warping procedure and a synthesis procedure. The warping procedure learns to deform the target garment to fit the figure of the model image, while the synthesis procedure tries to merge the warped garment image with the model image. Such methodology demands paired data [23] to supervise the training of warping modules. While recent advances in GAN image synthesis also inspire 2D methods based on pretrained GANs. VOGUE [39, 40] adopts interpolation to search a latent code that can generate the target clothing in the latent space of a pretrained StyleGAN. StylePoseGAN [51] and pose with style [3] explore the rich style space of pretrained StyleGANs to manipulate the poses of synthesis images. Those works often omit the discussion of encoder or inversion technique to send the original images to StyleGANs. They also often have trouble in precisely reconstructing the pattern of clothes, and lose certain semantic information of the person or target clothing images.

StyleGAN StyleGAN [31, 33, 34] is the dominating method in unconditional image synthesis. Since it is proposed, broad interests have been attracted to use StyleGANs in various domains of image manipulations [52, 55, 59, 60]. Most previous works find that the style space [52, 55], a feature layer after the first 8-layer MLP of the StyleGAN generator, reveals fascinating semantic controlling over synthesis images. Subsequent studies [48, 59] also confirm deeper layers of StyleGAN generator owning similar or even stronger ability. As the preprocessing of manipulating real images by StyleGAN, inverting real images to the style space of StyleGAN also receives special attention. Image2StyleGAN [1, 2] finds the inverted style code through solving an optimization problem based on distance metrics. While pSp [48] and e4e [56] train explicit encoders to obtain the style code, and claim that explicit encoders can acquire more meaningful semantics for subsequent manipulations.

3. Task Setting

In this paper, the new proposed clothing model generation task is different from typical VTO scenarios. Differences are elaborated as follows.

Gaps Between Training and Testing Environments The proprietary model images are too costly to construct a sufficiently large training set. Thus algorithms should avoid relying on those images during training. However, they need to test performance on those images, as only proprietary model images can be legally used in the product display. Generally, the solution to the clothing model generation task should be stable under such a dilemma.

Original Clothes of Models Models wearing thick long sleeve clothes can perturb the image generation process. While the task here is irrelevant to the original clothes of models, we only consider cases on simple sleeveless clothes like underwear or vest.

Benchmark The Commercial Model Image dataset (CMI) is collected to serve as a benchmark for real scene applications. The CMI dataset includes 2,348 images of models on underwear, including different genders, ages, body shapes, and poses. All model images are taken in professional studios and granted portrait rights. In addition, we also collect 1,881 clothing images with clean backgrounds from e-commerce platforms, evenly containing 16 categories, and corresponding category annotations. There are no paired
relations between the clothing images and model images, and both those images are unavailable during the training phase. Please consult the supplementary materials for details of this dataset.

4. Deep Generative Projection

Overview Given a model image and a clothing image, we follow the procedure that people predict try-on results, and decompose it as a fast first impression, and a further mulling over the impression. To imitate the first impression, a novel projection operator is employed on the StyleGAN space. It projects a rough alignment of clothing and body onto the synthesis space of a pretrained StyleGAN. Different from typical literature in encoding GANs, here we do not pursue an exact reconstruction of the rough alignment, but a domain that preserves similar semantics yet maintains synthesis fidelity. The ‘warping’ of the proposed method is actually accomplished in this step, as realistic synthesis always yields realistic wearing. The further mulling of impression is conducted by two fine-grained information searches in the neighborhood of the encoder projection. One is the semantic search in the feature space of the StyleGAN. It recovers semantic information lost in the projection phase. The other is the pattern search in the parameter space of the StyleGAN to reconstruct the pattern of clothing. By strictly constraining these two steps in the neighborhood of the encoder projection, we can precisely reconstruct the target clothing while preserving the fidelity of the usual StyleGAN synthesis. A simple review of the proposed method is provided in Fig. 2.

Figure 2. Framework of the proposed DGP method. A rough alignment $x_a$ (a) of model and clothing images is fed into a novel projection operator (b), which truncates flaws of the aligned image, and transfers it into a projection code $w_0$ that yields realistic synthesis and similar semantics on the StyleGAN synthesis space $G_\theta$. This process is implemented by projecting the encoding code $E(x_a)$ of a pretrained encoder $E$ onto the high-density region of style space. A semantic search (c) then solves a constraint optimization problem on the synthesis space of StyleGAN to find the semantic code $w_1$ that recovers missing semantics. A pattern search (d) further adjusts parts of the StyleGAN parameters from $\theta$ to $\theta + \Delta \theta$. The new synthesis space $G_{\theta + \Delta \theta}$ then precisely reconstructs patterns of the original clothing in $G_{\theta + \Delta \theta}(w_1)$. $G_{\theta + \Delta \theta}(w_1)$ is the final output of the DGP method.

4.1. Projection

The projection is the key to the success of the DGP method, as it offers a compact and rich domain for the subsequent mulling of details. This section gives a theoretical
perspective of good projection in our task.

**High-density Region of Style Space** Following previous studies on StyleGAN synthesis [1, 52, 55], we focus on projecting images to the style space $W^+$ of the StyleGAN generator $G$. The style space $W^+$ is the feature layer produced by the first 8-layer MLP of the StyleGAN generator. It reveals fascinating disentanglement of semantic features [34, 52]. Different from GAN inversion [1, 2, 48, 56] techniques focusing on the exact reconstruction of input, here we care more about synthesis fidelity instead of reconstruction accuracy. This is because the exact reconstruction of rough alignment is useless for our task. As a feature space, points in the style space $W^+$ are not uniformly distributed. Previous works [1, 34, 52] have demonstrated that regions of higher sampling probability density can yield much more plausible synthesis than those of lower density. To strike a good balance between fidelity and similarity, the projection should always land on the high-density region of style space $W^+$, and give reasonable strength to each semantic component.

Thus, instead of projecting the rough alignment onto $W^+$ directly, we propose to project it onto each of the principal components of $W^+$ space. The projection on each component is further truncated if it far exceeds the average strength of $W^+$ space on that component. We will prove later how this operation can help anchor the projection inside the high-density region.

**The Projector** Rigorously, we sample five million points on the $W^+$ space of the StyleGAN, and compute the PCA decomposition [58] of those points. We then get the mean value $\mu$ of $W^+$, covariance matrix $\Sigma$, and a set of principal components of $W^+$ space. The projection on each component is further truncated if it far exceeds the average strength of $W^+$ space on that component. We will prove later how this operation can help anchor the projection inside the high-density region.

The attribute similarity is captured by a pretrained clothing attribute classifier $R$, which is trained on the FashionAI [63] dataset. It is a simple ResNet50 [25] architecture that identifies seven different attributes of clothing, like types of the sleeve and neckline. The final convolution layer is taken as the feature space to compute the similarity:

$$L_{attr} = \min_P \lambda_p L_p + \lambda_f L_f + \lambda_{attr} L_{attr} + \lambda_{adv} L_{adv},$$

where $\lambda_p, \lambda_f, \lambda_{attr}, \lambda_{adv}$ are hyperparameters. The pixel similarity is directly captured by $l_2$ distance in the pixel space:

$$L_p = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} [\|G(P(x)) - x\|_2^2].$$

The perceptual similarity is captured by a pretrained VGG16 network $V$. The VGG16 [53] network $V$ is trained on ImageNet [10], and the final convolution layer is taken as the feature space to compute the similarity:

$$L_f = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} [\|V(G(P(x))) - V(x)\|_2^2].$$

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the feature space to compute the similarity: (see supplementary materials for the detail of the attribute classifier)
\[
L_{attr} = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}}[\| R(G(E(x))) - R(x) \|_2^2].
\] (12)
The adversarial fidelity loss is computed through carrying on the adversarial game of pretrained StyleGAN generator \( G \) and discriminator \( D \). The discriminator \( D \) is asked to distinguish the projected images \( G(P(x)) \) from real images, and the projector to try to fool the discriminator by projecting images to regions of higher fidelity. The generator network \( G \) is frozen during training, while \( P \) and \( D \) are alternatively optimized as in training a typical GAN [19]:
\[
L_{adv} = \max_{D} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}}[\log(1 - D(G(P(x))))] + \log(D(x)).
\] (13)

**Imagination Ability of the Projector** The projector can serve as a fascinating feature extractor of arbitrary image input. Though it is only trained to reconstruct real images, it can also extract semantic features from unreal images produced by splicing, scrabling, or warping. The extracted features can then be sent to the generator to reproduce those semantics in a plausible way. Fig. 3 illustrates this ability of the projector. This ability is endowed by forcing the output of the encoder to stay inside the high-density domain of the generator during training. Thus whatever inputs will be projected to a suitable domain of the generator knowledge that only produces plausible images.

**Projector vs. the SOTA Encoder** As we have explained, the projector is designed to encourage fidelity rather than accuracy of reconstruction. Here we compare its reconstruction with the stat-of-the-art StyleGAN encoder pSp [48]. The results are reported in Fig. 4. When handling unrealistic rough alignment results, the projector produces far more plausible results than pSp. On the other hand, pSp is faithful to the rough alignment, thus can inherit the unrealistic effects and generate images of low fidelity.

**4.2. Semantic Search**

The style code \( w \) discovered by the projector can only reproduce some high-level semantics (such as the style and category of the garment, pose of the model). To obtain fine-grained semantics, we need an optimization-guided search inside the neighborhood of the projection. The optimization problem is
\[
\min_{w \in \mathcal{C}} \eta_p l_p + \eta_f l_f + \eta_{attr} l_{attr} + \eta_{adv} l_{adv},
\] (14)
\[
l_p = \| W * G(w) - W * x_a \|_2^2,
\] (15)
\[
l_f = \| V(W * G(w)) - V(W * x_a) \|_2^2,
\] (16)
\[
l_{attr} = \| R(W * G(w)) - R(W * x_a) \|_2^2,
\] (17)
\[
l_{adv} = \log[1 - D(G(w))].
\] (18)

where \( \mathcal{C} \) is the neighborhood of \( w \), \( R \) and \( V \) are pretrained clothing attribute classifier and VGG16 network introduced in the Sec. 4.1 respectively, \( x_a \) is the rough alignment of clothing and model, \( \eta_p, \eta_f, \eta_{attr}, \eta_{adv} \) are hyperparameters, and \( W \) is a dynamic spatial weight matrix to adjust the strength of optimization among different regions. Central regions of the body and clothing have higher weights, while marginal regions have tiny weights. This design allows the generator to adjust the marginal contents of synthesis according to central regions. We enforce the limitation of \( w \) staying in \( \mathcal{C} \) to maintain the whole optimization inside the StyleGAN domain of high synthesis fidelity.

**Dynamic Spatial Weight \( W \)** The dynamic spatial weight matrix is an exponential function over the intersection of the model body and the aligned clothing. Let \( I \) denote the identity function for intersection of body and clothing, \( \partial I \) denote its boundary, and \( d((i, j), \partial I) \) denote the distance of pixel position \((i, j)\) to the boundary of \( I \), then \( W \) is computed as
\[
W_{ij} = \begin{cases} 
1 - \exp(-d((i, j), \partial I)^2), & I(ij) = 1, \\
0, & I(ij) = 0.
\end{cases}
\] (19)
Without PGD, the result of pattern search will tend to overfit the original rough alignment image, which is what we do not want in this phase, as the warping of rough alignment is usually wrong.

More detailed instructions on computing $W$ can be found in the supplementary materials.

Solve the Constrain $\mathcal{C}$ To make sure that the semantic search stays in the high-density region of StyleGAN knowledge space, we use a constraint optimization strategy that has been widely used in the field of adversarial attacks [14, 21, 42]. Given a convex optimization problem [5]

$$\min_w f(w) \text{ s.t. } w \in \mathcal{C},$$

(20)

where $\mathcal{C}$ is a convex set, we can solve it by projecting the updated parameter onto $\mathcal{C}$ after each iteration of gradient descent, as shown in Algorithm 1 [42].

In the experiments, we find that the spherical neighborhood is good enough to constrain the optimization inside the high-density region of StyleGAN knowledge space. Thus we set $\mathcal{C}$ as a ball $B(w_0, 4)$ centered at the projector output $w_0$ with radius 4. Note that problem (22) then has a closed-form solution:

$$w_{k+1} = \arg \min_{w \in \mathcal{C}} \|w_{k+1} - w\|$$

(23)

$$= \begin{cases} w_0 + 4 \frac{w_{k+1} - w}{\|w_{k+1} - w\|_2}, & \|w_{k+1} - w\|_2 > 4, \\ w_{k+1}, & \|w_{k+1} - w\|_2 \leq 4. \end{cases}$$

(24)

Problem (14) then can be solved efficiently by Algorithm 1.

Necessity of Neighborhood Constraint $w \in \mathcal{C}$ The neighborhood constraint $w \in \mathcal{C}$ is very important in the semantic search. Fig. 5 reports the results with and without it. Without this constraint and the Projected Gradient Descent (PGD), the optimization quickly runs out of the high-density region of the generator and produces implausible details.

4.3. Pattern Search

The pretrained generator contains rich semantic information. However, for a specific pattern like characters, we may not be able to reconstruct it accurately by semantic search. Our strategy here turns to optimizing some key parameters $\theta$ of the generator to ‘overfit’ such pattern. We find that optimizing the side-way noise injection parameters $\theta$ in the StyleGAN Network is a good choice. Those parameters are proven to decide the local details and stochastic variations of generated images, as is carefully studied in the original paper of StyleGAN [33, 34]. As our purpose is to ‘overfit’ the pattern, here we do not need a feature or attribute loss to close the semantics. The optimization only involves pixel loss and adversarial loss to preserve fidelity:

$$\min_{\theta \in B(\theta_0, 4)} \eta_b \|W \ast G_\theta(w) - W \ast x_a\|_2$$

$$+ \log(1 - D(G_\theta(w))),$$

(25)

where $\theta_0$ is the initial value of those parameters in the pretrained StyleGAN, and $B(\theta_0, 4)$ is a ball centered at it with radius 4. We again solve the problem with Algorithm 1. The result is the final output of the DGP pipeline.
5. Experiments

In this section we evaluate the proposed weakly-supervised DGP method from four different aspects, and compare it with several supervised state-of-the-art competitors. Sec. 5.1 justifies the effect of the optimization components of the DGP method. Sec. 5.2 evaluates the performance on clothing model generation of the DGP method against some supervised competitors trained on paired image data. Here we focus on three state-of-the-art supervised methods, VITON-HD [8], PF-AFN [16, 22], and ACGPN [60]. For experiments on all of those supervised methods, we use the pretrained models provided in their official repositories [7, 17, 61]. Sec. 5.3 further evaluates the performance on the MPV [12] dataset which is very similar to the training dataset we can find for the competitor methods. Sec. 5.4 evaluates the robustness of the proposed method against mistakes in the preprocessing. Throughout this paper, the optimizations of both semantic and pattern searches are terminated after 1,000 steps of projected gradient descent. Supplementary materials include table recording hyper-parameter selection of training and optimization objectives.

### 5.1. Ablation Study

In this section we conduct extensive experiments to verify the two optimization components of the DGP method. As shown in Fig. 6, optimizing $\theta$ alone recovers better texture details, but is less effective in reconstructing semantic information. Optimizing $w$ alone, on the contrary, recovers better semantic information such as the overall color and shape, but poorer details of patterns and letters. Optimizing $\theta$ and $w$ at the same time yields the optimal results.

#### 5.2. Clothing Model Generation

The real scene clothing model generation task demands algorithms to handle unseen model and clothing images from unknown distributions. To evaluate algorithms under this scenario, we conduct experiments on the CMI benchmark dataset introduced in Sec. 3, which is unavailable for all methods during training. For each model image of the CMI dataset, we randomly pick up a garment image from the 1,881 clothing images of CMI. It yields a testing set of 2,348 model and clothing pairs. All qualitative and quantitative evaluations are conducted on the 2,348 image pairs. The results are reported in Fig. 7, 8, and Tab. 1.

### Table 1. Numerical metrics of DGP, ACGPN, PF-AFN, and VITON-HD on CMI and MPV datasets. ↓ indicates lower is better.

| Methods      | CMI   | MPV   |
|--------------|-------|-------|
|              | FID↓  | SWD↓  | FID↓  | SWD↓  |
| ACGPN        | 137.9 | 121.3 | 81.1  | 90.4  |
| PF-AFN       | 97.3  | 76.7  | 67.8  | 67.1  |
| VITON-HD     | 87.5  | 56.1  | 40.6  | 52.7  |
| DGP (Ours)   | 51.6  | 22.4  | 48.4  | 36.7  |

Qualitative Comparison Fig. 8 reports the qualitative comparison on the CMI dataset. The results reflect the advantages of the proposed method from three aspects. First, while not trained on the CMI dataset, the proposed method still works properly, with realistic synthesis. The competitors are overall less satisfactory, and work poorly in cases of complicated unseen clothes. Second, the proposed method synthesizes much clear patterns, while competitor methods often blur the patterns. Third, the proposed method can handle complicated clothing like coats, but competitor methods often fail in these cases.

Quantitative Comparison To quantitatively compare DGP with its competitors, we also measure the Fréchet Inception Distance (FID) [26] and Sliced Wasserstein Distance (SWD) [11, 35, 36] of result images. While the CMI dataset does not contain ground-truth data, here the testing set of the previously mentioned E-Shop Fashion dataset is used as the reference images. All images are cropped to the same region and then resized to $512 \times 512$ resolution for a fair comparison. The results are reported in Tab. 1. A user study is further conducted on the visual quality of the wearing results from three aspects: 1) which method generates the clearest pattern; 2) which method generates the most realistic wearing; 3) and which method generates the...
best overall effect. The results are reported in Fig. 7. Both numerical metrics and user study confirm the superiority of the proposed method. Details of user study are presented in supplementary materials.

5.3. Comparison on MPV Dataset

To challenge the proposed DGP method in an unfair setting, we further compare the results of all those methods on the MPV dataset. The MPV dataset is collected from the same source as the VITON dataset, which is the training set of the competitor methods and is no longer available due to legal issues. While DGP is not trained on MPV or VITON, the superiority in this scenario can be even more attractive. We pick 1,476 image pairs of person and clothing from the MPV dataset to construct the testing set. We report qualitative comparison in Fig. 8, numerical metrics of FID and SWD in Tab. 1, and user study results in Fig. 7. Here an independent sampling of 1,476 images from MPV is used as the reference images to compute FID and SWD. The proposed method still maintains advantages in most aspects, and yields the same appealing results as in the CMI dataset.

5.4. Robustness of DGP

The imagination ability in Sec. 4.1 of the projector is very appealing for the clothing model generation. So this section further investigates how this ability can help the DGP method overcome mistakes in the preprocessing period. We deliberately feed the DGP method with flawed rough alignment images, such as missing parts of clothing, wrong key point alignments, and zigzag clothing boundaries. We then observe how the DGP method will perform with those mistakes. The results are reported in Fig. 9, which confirm that DGP can easily correct these tiny mistakes, and yield realistic synthesis in the final results.

6. Limitations

The major limitation of the DGP algorithm is the time cost of semantic and pattern searches. The current setting costs around 1 minute to finish the wearing of a single batch of data with one GTX 1080Ti GPU. Shortening the optimization steps may lower the overall performance, as reported in Fig. 10. It is acceptable for clothing model generation where we do not need real-time and interactive computation of results, but accelerating the computation can certainly benefit the method to apply on broader occasions. Also, the common difficulty of existing SOTA VTO methods in handling extremely complicated poses still remains in the

Figure 8. Comparison on the CMI and MPV datasets. The supervised competitor methods are basically less appealing, and perform especially poorly on complicated clothing like coats.

Figure 9. Robustness of the DGP method. The mistakes like missing parts of clothing, wrong key point alignments, and zigzag clothing boundaries are easily corrected in the final results.
7. Conclusion

This paper studies the clothing model generation problem for online clothing retails. We propose a weakly supervised method to ease the demands of paired training data in typical virtual try-on algorithms. The proposed method casts the problem of warping clothing images to models’ bodies into projecting a rough alignment of them onto the knowledge space of a pretrained StyleGAN. Extensive experiments demonstrate the superiority of our unpaired methods over several SOTA competitors trained with paired data. Future studies will focus on easing time consumption and increasing generality on extremely complicated poses of models.

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A Proof to Theorem 1

**Theorem 2** Assume that \( W^+ \) follows the multi-variable Gaussian distribution, then the output of the projector \( P \) will always fall in the high-density region of \( W^+ \), which is an \( n \)-dimensional ellipse \( E \) with axes \( q_1, \ldots, q_n \), and axis lengths \( \psi \sigma_{\frac{1}{2}} \), \ldots, \( \psi \sigma_{\frac{n}{2}} \).

Rigorously, let \( \omega_{n-1} \) denote the volume of the \( n-1 \) dimensional unit ball, for a random sample \( w \) from \( W^+ \), the possibility of it outside \( E \) is

\[
\mathbb{P}(w \notin E) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\psi}^{\infty} \omega_{n-1} r^{n-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\psi^2} r^2} dr,
\]

(S1)

which drops to zero drastically as \( \psi \) grows larger; and for an arbitrary input \( x \), we have

\[
P(x) \in E = \{ w : (w - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (w - \mu) \leq \psi^2 \}.
\]

(S2)

Proof to this theorem yields three parts: proving that the output of the projector \( P \) always falls in \( E \) (Eq. (S2)), proving Eq. (S1), and demonstrating that it decreases to zero as \( \psi \) grows.

**A.1 Proof to Eq. (S2)**

Recall the computation of the Projection in Sec. 4.1. Given a rough alignment image \( x_a \), we first train an encoder \( E \) to get the strength code \( s \)

\[
s = E(x_a).
\]

(S3)

Then we truncate the strength code \( s \) to an ellipse centered at \( \mu \) with radius \( \psi \):

\[
w_0 = Tr(q_1 s_1 \sqrt{\sigma_1} + \ldots + q_n s_n \sqrt{\sigma_n}) + \mu = Q \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} Tr(s) + \mu,
\]

(S4)

where \( Tr \) is a truncation operator with cutoff coefficient \( \psi > 0 \) such that

\[
Tr(v) = \begin{cases} v, & ||v||_2 < \psi, \\ \frac{v}{||v||_2} \psi, & ||v||_2 \geq \psi. \end{cases}
\]

(S5)

For any \( s \), it is then easy to see that

\[
(Q^{-1} \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} (w_0 - \mu))^T (Q^{-1} \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} (w_0 - \mu)) = (w - \mu)^T Q \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} Q^T (w - \mu) = Tr(s)^T Tr(s) \leq \psi^2.
\]

(S6)

As \( Q \) is computed from PCA decomposition, we have

\[
Q^T Q = I \Leftrightarrow Q^{-1} = Q^T,
\]

(S7)

\[
\Sigma = QAQ^T.
\]

(S8)

Take Eq. (S7) & (S8) to (S6), we then have

\[
(w_0 - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (w_0 - \mu) \leq \psi^2,
\]

(S9)

which verifies Eq. (S2).

**A.2 Proof to Eq. (S1)**

Let assume that \( w \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_w, \Sigma_w) \). The Law of Large Numbers [9] then tells that, for a collection of i.i.d sampling \( \{w_i\}_{i=1}^{N} \) from the \( W^+ \) space, we have

\[
\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \rightarrow \mu_w, \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty,
\]

(S10)

\[
\Sigma = \frac{1}{N-1} (w_1 - \mu, \ldots, w_n - \mu)^T (w_1 - \mu, \ldots, w_n - \mu) \rightarrow \Sigma_w, \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty.
\]

(S11)

Considering that we sample five million points to compute the \( \mu \) and \( \Sigma \), \( N \) is large enough to let us assume that

\[
\mu = \mu_w, \Sigma = \Sigma_w.
\]

(S12)
Thus we have \( w \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \). It is then easy to see that
\[
\hat{w} = \sqrt{\Sigma^{-1}}^T (w - \mu) \sim \mathcal{N}(O, I),
\]
where \( \sqrt{\Sigma^{-1}} \sqrt{\Sigma^{-1}}^T = \Sigma^{-1} \), \( \Sigma^{-1} \) is the inverse matrix of \( \Sigma \), and \( \mathcal{N}(O, I) \) is the Standard Gaussian distribution. Note that
\[
w \notin E \iff (w - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (w - \mu) > \psi^2 \iff \hat{w}^T \hat{w} > \psi^2 \iff \hat{w} \notin B(0, \psi).
\]
Thus we have
\[
P(w \notin E) = P(\hat{w} \notin B(0, \psi)).
\]
As \( \hat{w} \) follows the Standard Gaussian, we know that the sum of squares of all its elements follows the \( n \)-dimensional chi-square distribution [9, 37],
\[
\hat{w}^T \hat{w} \sim \chi^2_n.
\]
Thus we have
\[
P(w \notin E) = P(\hat{w} \notin B(0, \psi)) = P(\chi^2_n > \psi^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_\psi^\infty \omega_{n-1} r^{n-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2} r^2} dr.
\]

**A.3 Proof to Eq. (S1) Decreasing to Zero**

This is easy to see as it is well known that the tail of chi-square distribution falls to zero quickly. Here we quote the tail bound of chi-square distribution in [38] (Lemma 1 p1325), that
\[
P(\chi^2_n > n + 2\sqrt{n^2 + 2t}) < e^{-t}, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+.
\]
When \( \psi \) is large enough, we further have
\[
P(\chi^2_n > \psi^2) < e^{-\frac{\psi^2}{2\pi}}.
\]
Both the above two estimations verify that the tail of chi-square distribution falls to zero drastically.

**B Numerical Measurements of Each DGP Components**

Table S1. Numerical metrics of the Projection, Semantic Search, and Pattern Search steps of the DGP method on the CMI dataset, at the resolution of 512 x 512. \( \downarrow \) indicates lower is better.

| Metrics       | Projection | Semantic Search | Pattern Search | DGP (final output) |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| FID\(\downarrow\) | 54.2       | 52.9            | 58.9           | 58.9              |
| SWD\(\downarrow\) | 56.7       | 45.7            | 46.5           | 46.5              |

**C Rough Alignment**

The rough alignment step uses a collection of model key points together with a collection of clothes key points to compute the alignment. The collection of model key points include points of neck, shoulder, hip, elbow, and wrist. Among them, key points of elbow and wrist are inherited from the corresponding annotations in the COCO [41] dataset for human poses; key points of neck, shoulder, and hip are acquired from an API interface from an anonymous online AI platform. Fig. S1 and Tab. S2 demonstrate more details of those key points. We feed images from the COCO dataset to the anonymous API interface to obtain the labels for neck, shoulder, and hip, and merge them with the original labels in COCO to obtain the ground truth key point annotations for training. An HRNet [54] model is trained on those images to predict these key points. The HRNet model reaches 67.2 AP on the test set after convergence.

The collection of clothes key points are inherited from the DeepFashion2 [18] dataset. Again, an HRNet model is trained on the DeepFashion2 dataset, with 56 AP on the test set after convergence. Key points such as neckline, shoulder, and bottom corner of the clothing are selected to perform the perspective transformation, the else are used to guide the As Rigid As Possible (ARAP) [4, 27] transformation. Fig. S1 and Tab. S3 illustrate this process.
After getting those key points, the rough alignment can be split into two phases: 1) a perspective transformation, followed by 2) an ARAP transformation. We use the OpenCV function `cv2.getPerspectiveTransform` to compute the transformation matrix $A$ that aligns the clothing key points at the left and right boundaries of the neckline and the bottom corner to the model key points at the left and right boundaries of the neck and the hip, correspondingly. Another OpenCV function `cv2.WarpPerspective` is used to carry out the alignment of clothing and model image under transformation $A$, and generate the result of the whole perspective transformation phase. Fig. S2 (a) illustrates this process. For different types of clothes, the key points we used admit subtle differences, Tab. S4 reports those differences. Specifically, we omit the ARAP transformation for sleeveless and short-sleeve tops, thus the result of the perspective transformation is the final result of the rough alignment. For the long-sleeve type, we further use ARAP to align limbs, as shown in Fig. S2 (b). ARAP offers an interface to compute an energy minimized isotropy deformation given the offsets of couples of control points. Here we use the four skeleton points of the elbows and wrists of the clothing as the control points, and the four skeleton points of the elbows and wrists of the model image mentioned above as their destinations, correspondingly. Key points of the neck and hip, which have been aligned in the previous perspective transformation phase, are also added to the pool of control points as the immovable control points, which will be fixed during the ARAP deformation. Then the ARAP will roughly align the sleeves of the clothing to the arms of the model, and keep the body part of the clothing fixed. We take this as the final output of the rough alignment for long-sleeve categories such as jackets and sweaters.
Table S4. Mapping rules of the perspective transformation.

| Clothing type       | Points mapping rules (clothing-model) |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sling               | 1-2, 2-6, 3-11, 4-15                  |
| Undershirt          | 1-2, 2-6, 3-11, 4-15                  |
| Short sleeve top    | 1-3, 2-6, 3-11, 4-14                  |
| Long sleeve top     | 1-1, 2-6, 3-11, 4-16                  |
| Long sleeve outwear | 1-1, 2-6, 3-11, 4-16                  |
| Windbreaker         | 1-1, 2-6, 3-11, 4-16                  |

Figure S2. Illustration of (a) the perspective transformation and (b) the ARAP, the index numbers of the corresponding key points on the model have been marked.

### D Attribute Classifier

The optimization process of inversion on human face images often uses identity loss to help in recovering detailed information of the face. Similarly, the training loss for the Encoder includes the attribute similarity loss $L_{\text{attr}}$, which is captured by a pretrained clothing attribute classifier $R$ trained on the FashionAI dataset [63]. We select 7 category dimensions (neck, collar, lapel, neckline, sleeves length, skirt length, top length), 49 tags in total, from the FashionAI dataset, and train an attribute classification model based on the ResNet50 architecture. The model is trained on 4 Tesla V100 GPUS, with an mAP score of 0.95 and an accuracy score of 0.84 after convergence. The final convolution layer is taken as the feature space to compute the similarity between the generated image and the rough alignment image.

Figure S3. Dynamic spatial weight $W$ in Semantic Search.

### E Dynamic Spatial Weight

Fig. S3 illustrates the isosurface of the Dynamic Spatial Weight $W$ in Semantic Search and Pattern Search, which is computed according to Eq. (18) of the paper context. Deeper red color denotes the higher weight, and the black background denotes zero weight. The distance function $d((i, j), \partial I)$ for an arbitrary pixel point in position $(i, j)$ is computed based on the erosion operation (cv2.erode) in OpenCV Library. We recurrently conduct erosion operation to the region $I$ with $3 \times 3$
In the $k$-th step, if the spatial position $(i, j)$ gets eroded, we set $d((i, j), \partial I) = k$. For spatial position $(i, j)$ at the boundary of the region $I$ or outside the region $I$, we set $d((i, j), \partial I) = 0$.

**F The E-Shop Fashion (ESF) Dataset**

The E-Shop Fashion (ESF) dataset contains 180,000 clothing model images collected from an anonymous e-commercial website under legal circumstances. To ensure the purity of the dataset, we filter out images with complex backgrounds and models holding bags or other items. Each image contains only one full-body, frontal standing pose model. A detection model is used to get the bounding box of the model, and are center aligned with resize and padding operations. The images are all cropped to the region between jaw and thigh, and resized to the resolution of $512 \times 512$. Fig. S4 gives the category names and the corresponding quantities, and Fig. S5 shows some examples of the ESF dataset. The whole dataset contains 180,000 images, which is further split into 170,000 training samples and 10,000 testing samples. This dataset will be open-sourced later.

![Figure S4. Number of each category on the ESF dataset. The total number is 180,000.](image)

![Figure S5. Examples of the ESF dataset.](image)
G The Commercial Model Image (CMI) Dataset

The Commercial Model Image (CMI) dataset contains 2,348 images taken by 200 models on underwear, including different genders, ages, body shapes, and poses. All model images are taken in professional studios, and all models signed the confidentiality and authorization statement file. Fig. S7 shows some models of the CMI dataset. Another part of the CMI dataset is 1,881 clothing images with clean backgrounds from an anonymous e-commercial website under legal circumstances, which evenly contains 16 categories of top clothing, including 10 categories of women’s tops and 6 categories of men’s tops. Each category contains 120 images, excepting woman’s leather jacket that only contains 81 images. Fig. S8 shows examples of these 16 categories.

H License of the CMI Dataset

Since the CMI dataset contains 2,348 images taken by 200 models on underwear, authorization and privacy issues must be considered. Each model is asked to sign a confidentiality and authorization statement file. The contents of the file include authorization, confidentiality and privacy statement. This file named CONFIDENTIALITY AND AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT.pdf can be found in the zip archive, please read this file for more details. In addition, to protect the models’ privacy, the face areas are blurred for all the images. We cropped the face part during the pre-processing step to ensure that all figures in the paper and the supplementary materials do not contain faces.

I User Study

We conduct user studies on our CMI benchmark and MPV [12] dataset by recruiting 50 volunteers. The proposed DGP method is compared with three state-of-the-art supervised methods, VITON-HD [8], PF-AFN [16, 22] and ACGPN [60]. For each model image of the CMI dataset, we randomly pick up a garment image from the 1,881 clothing images of CMI. It yields a testing set of 2,348 model and clothing pairs. For the MPV dataset, We pick 1,476 image pairs of person and clothing to construct the testing set. Each sample of the testing set contains six images, i.e., a target clothing, a reference person image, together with the try-on results of three compared methods and our DGP method. The order of the four try-on results is randomly shuffled. All 50 volunteers are required to mark all samples of the test set, and are asked to answer the following questions: 1) which method generates the clearest pattern; 2) which method generates the most realistic wearing; 3) and which method generates the best overall effect. For each sample, the method with the highest number of votes will be the winner.
Figure S7. Examples of model images on the CMI dataset.

Figure S8. Examples of 16 categories of clothing images on the CMI dataset.

J Hyper-parameter Table

Please refer to Tab. S5 for hyper-parameter selection of training and optimization objectives.

K Numerical Results on 128 and 512 Resolutions

Please refer to Tab. S6 for numerical metrics of DGP, ACGPN, PF-AFN, and VITON-HD on CMI and MPV datasets.
Table S5. Hyper-parameter selection of training and optimization objectives.

| Components       | Loss                      | Learning Rate | Terminating Condition |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| StyleGAN $G$     | The same as [32]          | $2.5e^{-3}$   | 1,250,000 iterations  |
| StyleGAN $D$     | The same as [32]          | $2.5e^{-3}$   | 1,250,000 iterations  |
| Projector $P$    | $\lambda_p = 1.0, \lambda_f = 5e-5, \lambda_{attr} = 5e-5, \lambda_{adv} = 0.1, \psi = 6$. | $2e^{-5}$     | 562,500 iterations    |
| Semantic Search  | $\eta_p = 1.0, \eta_f = 5e-5, \eta_{attr} = 5e-5, \eta_{adv} = 1.0$. | $1e^{-2}$     | 1,000 PGD iterations  |
| Pattern Search   | $\eta_p = 1.0$.           | $1e^{-2}$     | 1,000 PGD iterations  |

Table S6. Numerical metrics of DGP, ACGPN, PF-AFN, and VITON-HD on CMI and MPV datasets. ↓ indicates lower is better.

| Methods          | CMI | MPV |
|------------------|-----|-----|
|                  | FID↓ | SWD↓ | FID↓ | SWD↓ |
| 512 × 512 resolution |
| ACGPN            | 137.9 | 121.3 | 81.1 | 90.4 |
| PF-AFN           | 97.3  | 76.7  | 67.8 | 67.1 |
| VITON-HD         | 87.5  | 56.1  | 48.4 | 52.7 |
| DGP (Ours)       | 51.6  | 22.4  | 48.4 | 36.7 |
| 128 × 128 resolution |
| ACGPN            | 115.7 | 68.4  | 48.0 | 39.2 |
| PF-AFN           | 86.6  | 29.4  | 49.5 | 24.9 |
| VITON-HD         | 95.0  | 27.4  | 44.7 | 25.6 |
| DGP (Ours)       | 56.5  | 18.8  | 46.8 | 29.9 |

Figure S9. FID score during training.

I. Training Details of StyleGAN2

The official StyleGAN2-ADA [32] is used to train the StyleGAN2 model. We train StyleGAN2-ADA on 8 NVIDIA A100 Tensor Core GPUs, where we set the hyper-parameter batch size as 64, ema kimg as 20.0, and ema rampup as 0.05. The resolution of the generated images is 512 × 512, the ADA options of brightness, contrast, and saturation are turned on, and horizontal flipping is allowed. The optimizer of the generator is Adam, the learning rate is 0.0025, and the discriminator settings are the same. The loss function remains the same as in the official StyleGAN2-ADA. The training stops with 48,988,000 images, with an early stop strategy, and the final FID is 2.16. The FID score during training is shown in Fig. S9, and samples of generated images are shown in Fig. S6.
Figure S10. More visual results of qualitative comparison on the CMI dataset.
Figure S11. More visual results of qualitative comparison on the MPV dataset.
M Qualitative Comparison on CMI and MPV Dataset

More qualitative results on CMI and MPV datasets are reported of the proposed weakly supervised DGP method compared with the other three supervised competitors, VITON-HD, PF-AFN, and ACGPN. Please refer to Fig. S10 for more details on the CMI dataset and Fig. S11 on the MPV dataset.