Attribute-Preserving Face Dataset Anonymization via Latent Code Optimization

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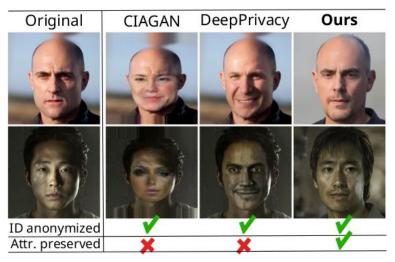






Goal of the work

- Anonymize the identity of face images
- Maintain the original face attributes



Background

Face obfuscation

- Naive masking methods [1]
- *k*-Same algorithm [2]

- Generative face anonymization
 - CIAGAN [3]
 - DeepPrivacy [4]







DeepPrivacy [4]

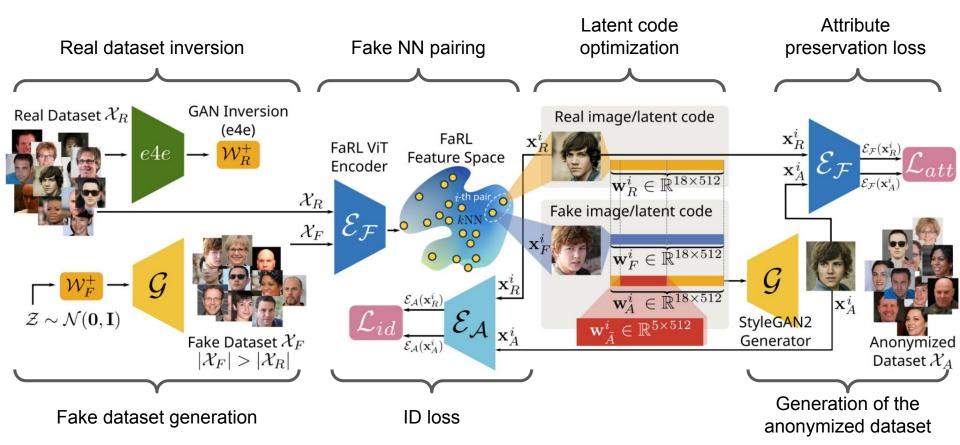
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Background

Challenges and proposed solution

- Costly and unstable training of additional neural networks
- Facial attributes and expression are not preserved
- Use only pre-trained models
 - Greatly reduces the computational cost
- Use a novel loss to retain fine-grained facial details
 - Meanwhile the identity is changed

Pipeline overview



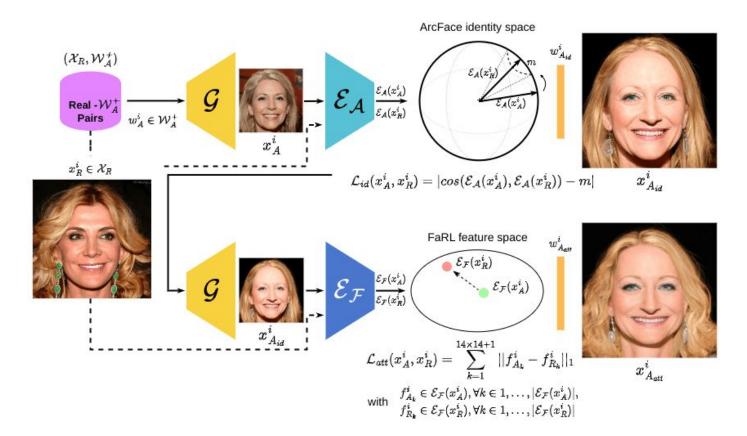
Anonymization process

- Proposed identity loss $\mathcal{L}_{id}(\mathbf{x}_A^i, \mathbf{x}_R^i) = \left|\cos\left(\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{x}_A^i), \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{x}_R^i)\right) m\right|$
 - \circ \mathcal{E}_{A} denotes the pre-trained ArcFace [1] encoder
 - Controls the similarity between the real and the anonymized faces via the hyperparameter *m*

- Proposed attribute preservation loss $\mathcal{L}_{att}(\mathbf{x}_A^i, \mathbf{x}_R^i) = \left\| \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{x}_A^i) \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{x}_R^i) \right\|_1$
 - \mathcal{E}_{F} denotes the pre-trained FaRL [2] visual encoder (ViT-based)
 - Imposes the preservation of the real images' facial features on the anonymized ones

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Anonymization process



Experiments

Datasets

- CelebA-HQ [1]
 - 30000 frontal-face images
 - 40 facial attribute annotations
 - Test the ability of the method to anonymize high quality images

- Labelled Faces in the Wild (LFW) [2]
 - 13000 in-the-wild images
 - No facial attribute annotation is provided
 - Test the ability of the method to anonymize images in-the-wild

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• Image quality evaluation

- Fréchet Inception Distance (FID)
- Face detection rate (MTCNN, dlib)

| | FID↓ | Detection [↑] | | Face re-ID↓ | |
|---------------------|-------|------------------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| | | dlib(%) | MTCNN(%) | CASIA(%) | VGG(%) |
| Randomly generated | 18,09 | 100 | 99.99 | 3.61 | 1.08 |
| CIAGAN [35] | 37,94 | 95.10 | 99.82 | 2.19 | 0.37 |
| DeepPrivacy [21] | 32.99 | 98.82 | 99.85 | 3.61 | 1.05 |
| Our (ID) | 44.12 | 98,58 | 97.99 | 3.28 | 0.58 |
| Our (ID+attributes) | 44.11 | 100 | 100 | 3.06 | 2.06 |
| Our | 29.93 | 100 | 100 | 2.80 | 1.67 |

- Face de-identification evaluation
 - Face re-identification

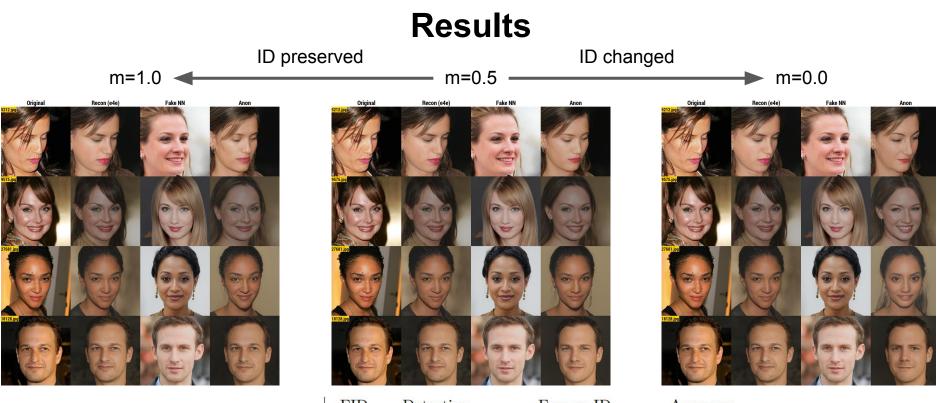
| | FID↓ | FID (C-HQ) \downarrow | Detection↑ | | Face re-ID↓ | |
|------------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| | | | dlib(%) | MTCNN(%) | CASIA(%) | VGG(%) |
| CIAGAN [35] | 22.07 | 85.23 | 98.14 | 99.89 | 0.17 | 0.91 |
| DeepPrivacy [21] | 23.46 | 123.67 | 96.7 | 99.57 | 2.74 | 1.52 |
| Our | 27.45 | 68.88 | 100 | 100 | 2.07 | 1.58 |

- Attribute preservation evaluation
 - Attribute classification approach
 - Accuracy of the trained classifier

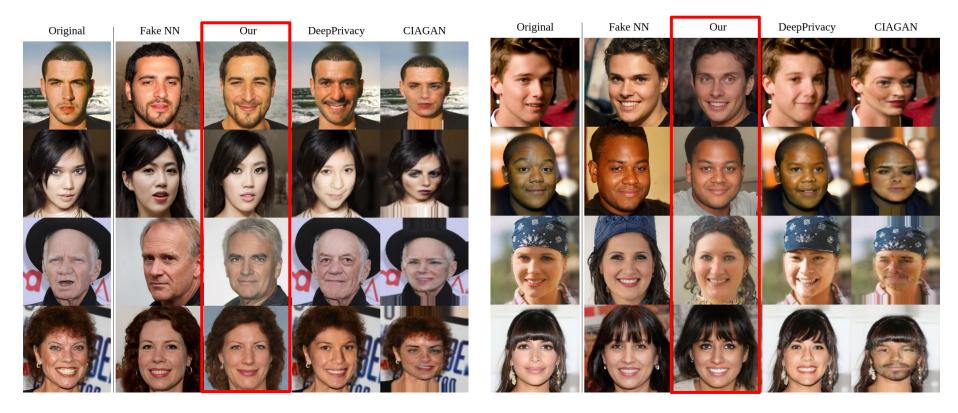
| | Inner face | Outer face | Combined |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Original | 0.8409 | 0.8683 | 0.8539 |
| CIAGAN[35] | 0.7277 | 0.8372 | 0.7852 |
| DeepPrivacy[21] | 0.7658 | 0.8511 | 0.8135 |
| Our | 0.7817 | 0.8518 | 0.8181 |

- Use pseudo-labels for LFW
 - Two pre-trained attribute classifiers
 - Lin et al. [30] predicts CelebA-HQ's attributes
 - Jiang et al. [22] predicts 5 facial attributes

| | CelebA-HQ (labels from $[30]$) | LFW (labels from $[30]$) | LFW (labels from $[22]$) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| CIAGAN [35] | 0.7721 | 0.9143 | 0.7045 |
| DeepPrivacy [21] | 0.7902 | 0.9133 | 0.7019 |
| Our | 0.8215 | 0.9157 | 0.7209 |



| | FID | Detection | Face re-ID | | Accuracy |
|-------------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| | | MTCNN(%) | CASIA(%) | VGG(%) | |
| Our (m=0.0) | 29.93 | 100 | 2.80 | 1.67 | 0.8181 |
| Our (m=0.9) | 27.58 | 100 | 3.41 | 1.76 | 0.83 |







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Code: https://github.com/chi0tzp/FALCO

