ViTAA: Visual-Textual Attributes Alignment in Person Search by Natural Language Supplementary Material

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This supplementary material includes implementation details of proposed methods and more qualitative results that are not presented in the main paper to demonstrate the performances of our Visual-Textual Attributes Alignment (ViTAA) model.

1 Implementation Details

Human parsing network. Our human parsing network is constructed based on HRNet [3]. The detailed information about the model is released in this project¹. Due to the low resolution of pedestrian images captured in surveillance scenes, we slightly modify the network by changing the strides in the third transition layer to double the feature scale of the last resolution path. More parsing results are shown in Figure 1.

The network is first trained on the largest human parsing dataset MHPv2 [5], and then trained on ATR [1] which is one of the largest clothes parsing dataset. Lastly, the network is finetuned on the VIPeR [4] dataset. In this paper, the human parsing network works as a teacher network that distills the attribute knowledge to the lightweight segmentation layer in ViTTA though the generated attribute category annotations. We argue that these annotations could be also widely used on other tasks like re-id and pedestrian attribute analysis.

2 Experiments

More qualitative analysis. We provide more visual examination on the performance of ViTAA (as shown in Figure 2). Among all cases, ViTAA captures the attribute-phrases in queries and precisely locates them in the galleries. **Details of attribute retrieval.** In order to validate our model's ability in visual attribute association, we conduct an extension experiment on attribute

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¹ https://github.com/JarrOd/Human-Parsing-Network



Fig. 1. Attribute annotation of different datasets generated by our human parsing network.

retrieval implemented on Market-1501 [6] and DukeMTMC [2]. In specific, we test only on the *upper-body clothing* attribute category, which is the attribute that existed in every data samples. To get the attribute retrieval accuracy, we label all the person images containing the target attribute with an identical ID for simple computation, then, we also remove the samples in queries that does not contain the target attribute during inference. We repeat this process for all the colors in *upper-body clothing* and report the retrieval results in Table 4 in the main paper.

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Fig. 2. Examples of person search results on CUHK-PEDES. We indicate the true/false matching results in green/red boxes.

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