

# FashionViL: Fashion-Focused Vision-and-Language Representation Learning

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## Introduction

**Background:** A powerful fashion product search system can improve product discoverability, accessibility, buyer and seller engagement, and conversion rates in e-commerce.

**Motivation:** Existing V+L methods are inadequate for fashion domain as they overlook the unique characteristics of both the fashion V+L data (fine-grained + multiple images) and downstream tasks (more flexible and diverse).

**Contributions:** (1) A novel V+L pre-training framework with two fashion-tailored pretext tasks (Multi-View Contrastive Learning & Pseudo-Attributes Classification); (2) A flexible architecture design with a shared text encoder and fusion encoder, which can be easily adapted to diverse fashion tasks;



**Title:** Strappy floral tiered maxi dress

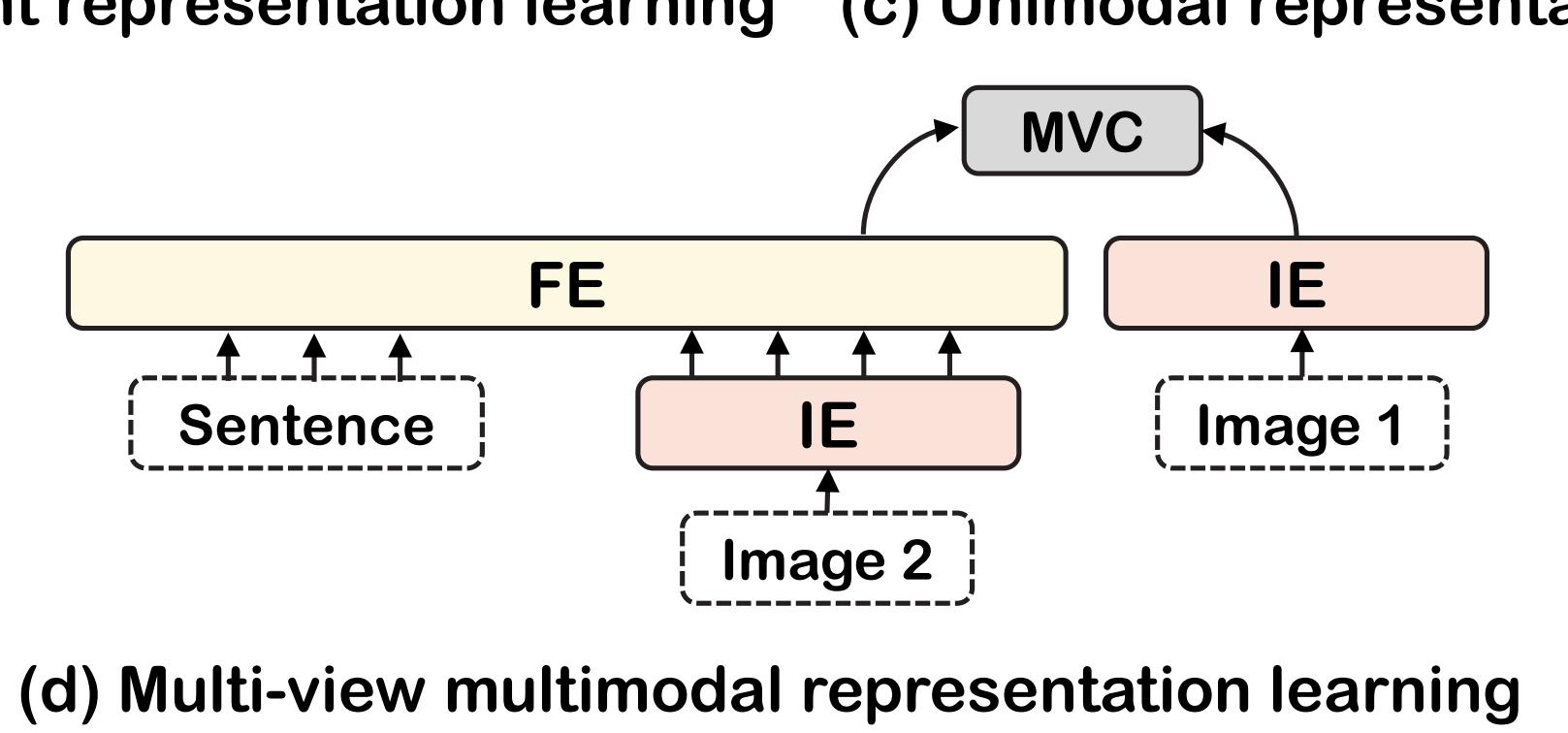
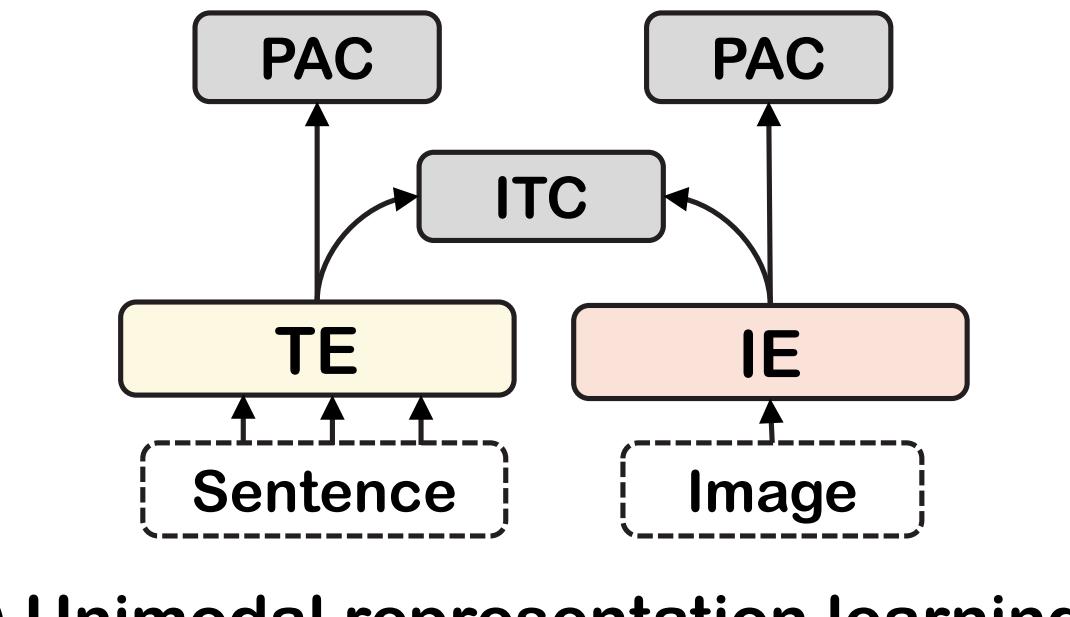
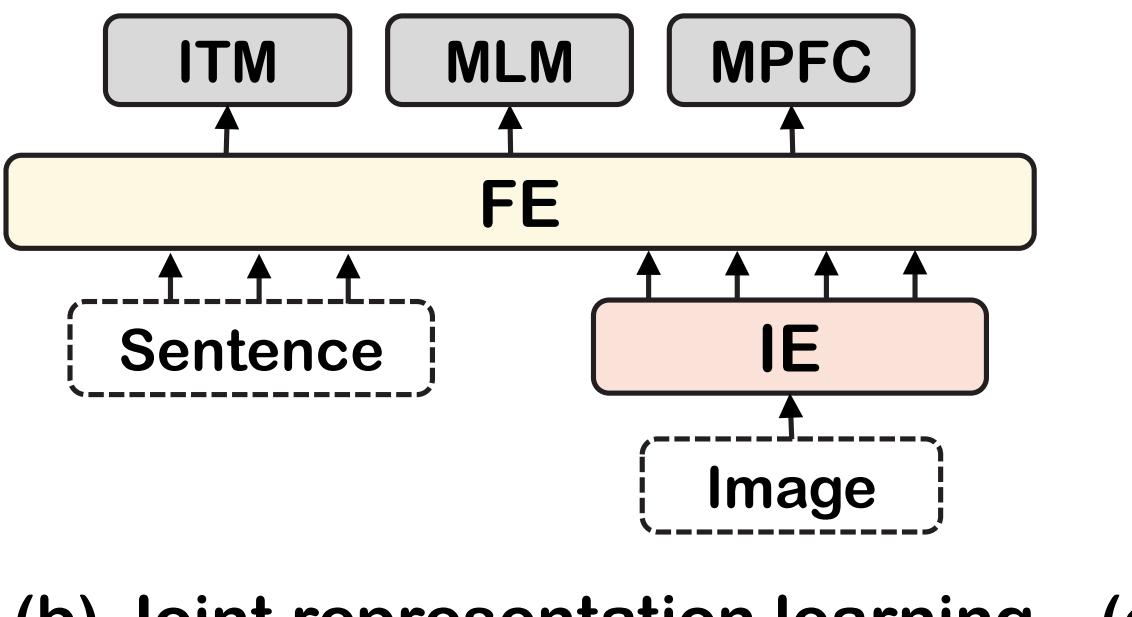
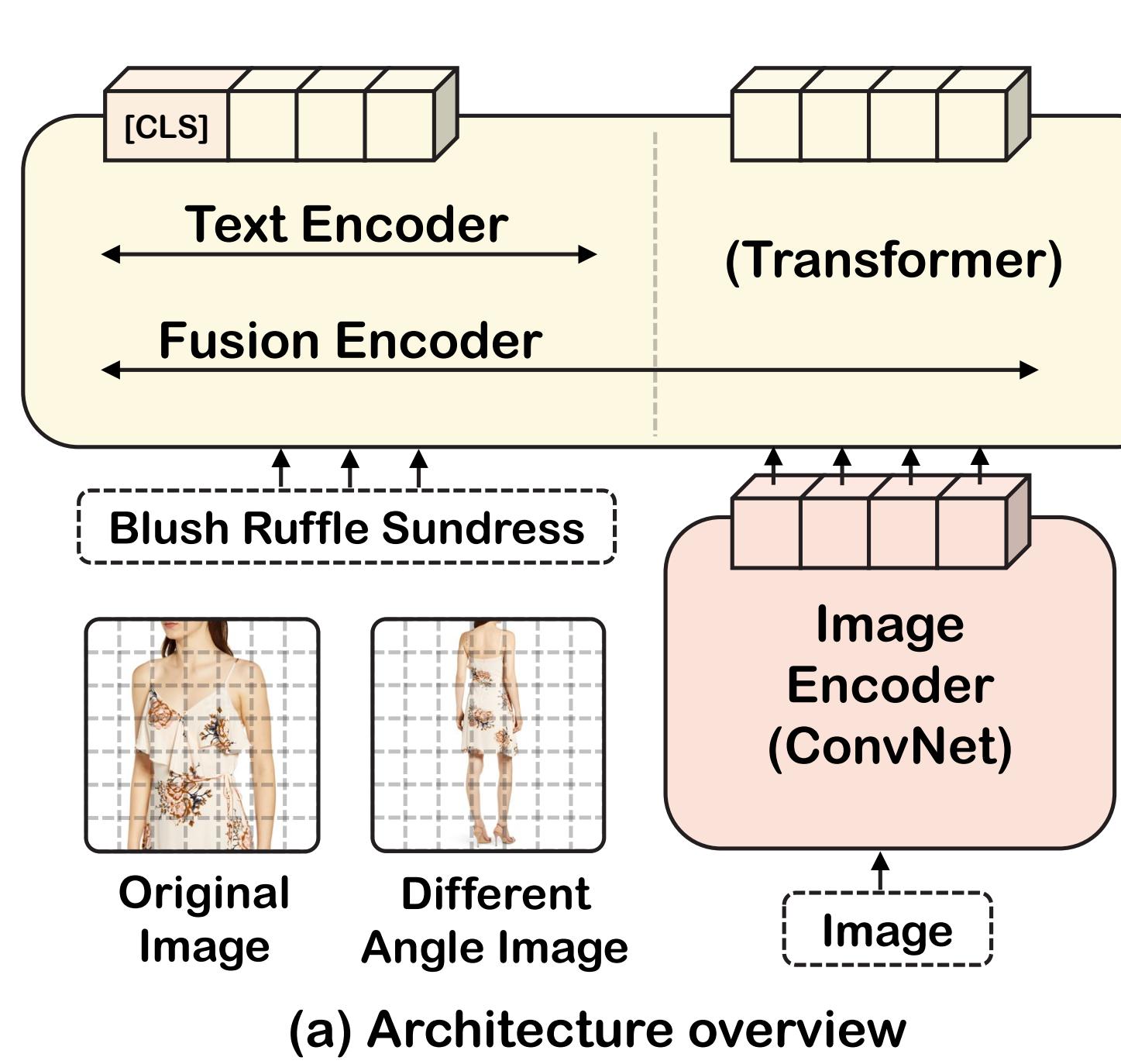
**Style:** Ivory sunrise

**Description:** Sun baked flower fall around the tiered skirt of a romantic maxi dress fashioned with ruffled trim at the neckline and an adjustable tie belt at the waist.



**Caption:** A man is standing in front of a brick storefront wearing a black jacket.

## Architectures



## Learning Objectives

### Multi-view contrastive learning (MVC)

pulling closer the visual representation of one image to the fused multimodal representation of another image+text

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MVC}} = \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{L}_{\text{InfoNCE}}([\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{d}], \mathbf{v}) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{InfoNCE}}(\mathbf{v}, [\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{d}])]$$

### Pseudo-attribute classification (PAC)

predicting pseudo-attributes extracted from fashion corpus

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PAC}} = -\mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) \sim D} \mathbb{E}_{a \sim A} [a \log P_{\theta}(a|\mathbf{w}) + a \log P_{\theta}(a|\mathbf{v})]$$

### Masked patch feature classification (MPFC)

predicting patch labels generated by pre-trained VQVAE

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MPFC}} = -\mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) \sim D} \log P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}_m^t | \mathbf{v}_{\setminus m}, \mathbf{w})$$

### Image-text contrastive learning (ITC)

pulling closer the visual representation and textual representation in a CLIP-like manner

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ITC}} = \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{L}_{\text{InfoNCE}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{InfoNCE}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})]$$

### Masked language modeling (MLM)

predicting masked words in a BERT-like manner

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MLM}} = -\mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) \sim D} \log P_{\theta}(\mathbf{w}_m | \mathbf{w}_{\setminus m}, \mathbf{v})$$

### Image-text matching (ITM)

verifying input pair in an ALBEF-like manner

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ITM}} = -\mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) \sim H} \log P_{\theta}(z | \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v})$$

## Main Results

### Cross-modal retrieval on FashionGen

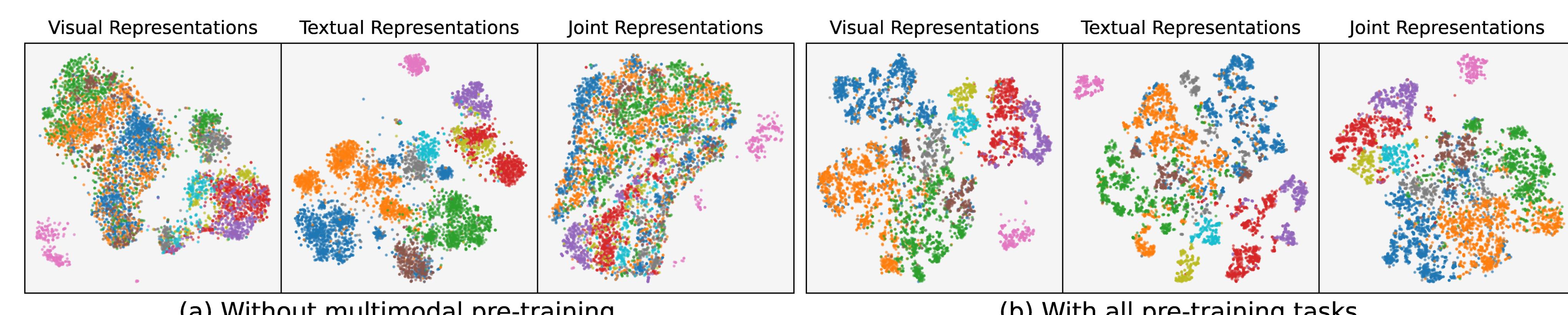
Methods	VSE++	ViLBERT	VLBERT	Image-BERT	Fashion-BERT	OSCAR	Kaleido-BERT	-e2e-pt	-pt	Ours
ITR	R@1	4.59	20.97	19.26	22.76	23.96	23.39	27.99	21.13	58.84 <b>65.54</b>
	R@5	14.99	40.49	39.90	41.89	46.31	44.67	60.09	46.82	89.46 <b>91.34</b>
	R@10	24.10	48.21	46.05	50.77	52.12	52.55	68.37	58.71	95.84 <b>96.30</b>
TIR	R@1	4.60	21.12	22.63	24.78	26.75	25.10	33.88	25.83	57.16 <b>61.88</b>
	R@5	16.89	37.23	36.48	45.20	46.48	49.14	60.60	51.54	84.34 <b>87.32</b>
	R@10	28.99	50.11	48.52	55.90	55.74	56.68	68.59	63.53	91.90 <b>93.22</b>
Mean	15.69	36.36	35.47	40.22	41.89	41.92	53.25	44.59	79.59	<b>82.60</b>

### Text-guided image retrieval on FashionIQ

Image Encoder	Fixed ResNet 152				ResNet 50				Ours-pt	Ours
	Fusion Module	Text Encoder	CIRR	Ours-pt	Ours	TIRG	VAL	CoSMo	TIRG	Ours
Dress	R@10	14.38	17.45	20.97	<b>22.66</b>	23.65	26.28	24.49	27.17	28.46 <b>33.47</b>
	R@50	34.66	40.41	42.64	<b>46.60</b>	49.93	50.25	51.01	53.25	54.24 <b>59.94</b>
Shirt	R@10	13.64	17.53	17.62	<b>18.74</b>	21.98	21.69	18.99	22.28	22.33 <b>25.17</b>
	R@50	33.56	38.31	41.32	<b>41.56</b>	46.61	45.53	43.57	45.58	46.07 <b>50.39</b>
Top tee	R@10	16.44	21.64	21.67	<b>25.29</b>	27.84	27.43	25.19	27.84	29.02 <b>34.98</b>
	R@50	38.34	45.38	46.46	<b>50.28</b>	55.07	56.25	54.00	57.11	57.93 <b>60.79</b>
Mean	25.17	30.20	31.78	<b>34.19</b>	37.51	37.91	36.21	38.87	39.67	<b>44.12</b>

### (Sub)category recognition on FashionGen

Methods	Fashion-BERT	OSCAR	Kaleido-BERT	Ours
CR	Acc	91.25	91.79	95.07
	MacroF	70.50	72.70	71.40
SCR	Acc	85.27	84.23	88.07
	MacroF	62.00	59.10	63.60
Mean	77.76	76.96	79.54	87.84 <b>90.33</b>



## Ablation Study

Pre-training Tasks	ITR	TIR	TGIR	SCR	OCIR	Meta-sum
None	62.50	68.09	39.67	84.79	9.90	265.04
MVC (use augmented image only)	62.85	68.58	40.50	84.86	9.53	266.32
MPFC	62.10	68.12	40.22	86.39	10.05	266.88
MLM (mask attribute words only)	62.32	67.93	40.46	85.83	10.38	266.92
MLM	62.15	67.43	40.29	86.72	10.38	266.97
PAC	63.15	69.30	40.68	86.36	9.58	269.07
MVC	63.30	68.32	40.94	85.99	10.83	269.38
ITC	64.63	<b>70.61</b>	43.13	86.25	10.69	275.31
ITC + MLM + MPFC	64.28	70.02	43.31	87.21	11.12	275.94
ITC + MLM + MPFC + ITM	64.37	70.44	43.56	87.17	11.08	276.62
ITC + MLM + MPFC + ITM + MVC	64.88	70.34	43.94	87.12	11.56	277.84
ITC + MLM + MPFC + ITM + MVC + PAC	65.00	70.63	44.12	87.63	11.98	279.36
same as (11) but w/o sharing TE and FE	64.16	69.15	42.87	86.22	11.31	273.71