

# KAN CHEN

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## EDUCATION

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**PhD of Electrical Engineering** • University of Southern California, LA, CA, USA 2013-2018  
**Master of Computer Science** • University of Southern California, LA, CA, USA 2016-2017  
Major GPA: 4.00/4.00 • Rank: 1/300  
**Bachelor of Electronics Engineering** • Tsinghua University, Haidian, Beijing, China 2009-2013  
Major GPA: 3.94/4.00 (94.4/100) • Rank: 7/242

## INTERNSHIP

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**Research Intern, Facebook Research** (May - August.2018)

KNN-regression for large scale image classification

- Applied KNN regression method to explore non-parametric method for image classification task
- Trained a better image ranking model to improve retrieving performance using [PyTorch](#)
- Achieved state-of-the-art performance of KNN regression method and 20x faster speed in image classification
- Preparing a paper for CVPR 2019

**Research Intern, Adobe System Inc.** (May - August.2016)

Multimodal Image Ranking system

- Constructed a multimodal image ranking system for retrieving related images based on users' queries
- Improved the ranking performance over 5% using [Torch](#)
- Incorporated in [Adobe Stock](#) search engine
- A paper published in IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2017
- A patent for this technique (P6545-US/ADBS.263071)

**Research Intern, Institute of Deep Learning in Baidu USA LLC** (May - August.2015)

Visual Question Answering

- Proposed a configurable convolutional neural network to address visual question answering
- Realized *LSTM* model to extract semantic information from question sequence on [PaddlePaddle](#) platform
- Achieved 5% improvement on *Toronto-COCO-QA* dataset and 7% improvement on *DAQUAR* dataset
- A paper published in IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop 2016
- A patent for this technique (US Patent No. 9965705)

**Research Intern, Toyota Technological Institute in Chicago** (July.2012)

Recovering Layout of indoor Images

- Combined Kinect's data with Geometric context and orientation map to get a more accurate estimation of Layout of single indoor picture.
- Combined Geometric context and Normal vectors features to boost performance
- Developed a labeling tool to generate sufficient training data
- A paper published in International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2013

## PROJECT

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**Image Grounding, The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency** (September.2015 - Current)

Project: MEDIFOR image manipulation detection system

- In charge of image grounding part
- Developed a multimodal regression network for proposal generation in [TensorFlow](#)
- Applied reinforcement learning technique to leverage context information
- Achieved more than 14% and 17% improvement in accuracy on two academic datasets
- Two papers published for our system (*ICMR* 2017 and *ICCV* 2017)

**People Re-identification, The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency** (February.2017 - Current)

Project: MEDIFOR image manipulation detection system

- Applied people re-identification technique to detect potential manual image manipulation
- Applied a Domain Guided Dropout Network (CVPR 2016) to extract visual features
- Achieved 15% improvement in accuracy on a project re-identification dataset
- Apply metric learning technique to further boost performance

## SKILLS

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- Proficiency in software development in Python, C, C++, MATLAB,  $\LaTeX$ .
- Proficiency in deep learning platforms: [TensorFlow](#), [Torch](#), [PyTorch](#), [Caffe](#), [PaddlePaddle](#).
- Familiarity with Android, Swift, Database Design, SQL.

- **Poster:** **Kan Chen**<sup>\*</sup>, Jiyang Gao<sup>\*</sup>, Ram Nevatia: CTAP: Complementary Temporal Action Proposal Generation, *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2018
- **Best paper:** **Kan Chen**<sup>\*</sup>, Chuanxi Zhang<sup>\*</sup>, Chen Fang, Zhaowen Wang, Trung Bui, Ram Nevatia: Visually Indicated Sound Generation by Perceptually Optimized Classification, *European Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ECCVW)*, 2018
- **Poster:** **Kan Chen**, Jiyang Gao, Ram Nevatia: Knowledge Aided Consistency for Weakly Supervised Phrase Grounding, *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2018
- **Poster:** Jiyang Gao<sup>\*</sup>, Runzhou Ge<sup>\*</sup>, **Kan Chen**, Ram Nevatia: Motion-Appearance Co-Memory Networks for Video Question Answering, *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2018
- **Journal:** **Kan Chen**, Rama Kovvuri, Jiyang Gao, Ram Nevatia: MSRC: Multimodal Spatial Regression with Semantic Context for Phrase Grounding, *International Journal of Multimedia Information Retrieval (IJMIR)*, 2017
- **Spotlight:** **Kan Chen**<sup>\*</sup>, Rama Kovvuri<sup>\*</sup>, Ram Nevatia: Query-guided Regression Network with Context Policy for Phrase Grounding, *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2017
- **Spotlight:** Jiyang Gao<sup>\*</sup>, Zhenheng Yang<sup>\*</sup>, Chen Sun, **Kan Chen**, Ram Nevatia: TURN TAP: Temporal Unit Regression Network for Temporal Action Proposals, *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2017
- **Oral:** **Kan Chen**, Rama Kovvuri, Jiyang Gao, Ram Nevatia: MSRC: Multimodal Spatial Regression with Semantic Context for Phrase Grounding, *ACM International Conference on Multimedia Retrieval (ICMR)*, 2017
- **Poster:** **Kan Chen**, Trung Bui, Chen Fang, Zhaowen Wang, Ram Nevatia: AMC: Attention guided Multimodal Correlation Learning for Image Search, *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2017
- **Poster:** **Kan Chen**, Jiang Wang, Wei Xu, Liang-Chieh Chen, Haoyuan Gao, Ram Nevatia: ABC-CNN: An Attention Based Approach for Visual Question Answering, *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop (CVPRW)*, 2016
- **Poster:** Song Cao, **Kan Chen**, Ram Nevatia: Abstraction Hierarchy and Self Annotation Update for Fine Grained Activity Recognition, *WACV*, 2016
- **Poster:** Song Cao, **Kan Chen**, Ram Nevatia: Activity Recognition and Prediction with Pose based Discriminative Patch Model, *WACV*, 2016
- **Poster:** **Kan Chen**, Jiang Wang, Wei Xu: Attention Based Model in Visual Question Answering, *Bay Learn Forum*, 2015
- **Poster:** Jian Zhang, **Kan Chen**, Alexander G. Schwing, Raquel Urtasun: Estimating the 3D Layout of Indoor Scenes and its Clutter from Depth Sensors, *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2013
- **Journal:** Qiang Ning, **Kan Chen**, Li Yi, Chuchu Fan, Yao Lu, Jiangtao Wen: *Image super resolution via analysis sparse prior*, IEEE transaction of Signal Process, (2013) 1-1

- **Conference reviewer:** ICCV 2017, CVPR 2018, ECCV 2018, ACCV 2018, WACV 2019
- **Journal reviewer:** Visual Communication and Image Representation (JVCI), IEEE Transaction on Image Processing (TIP)