

Symbiotic Adversarial Learning for Attribute-based Person Search



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Problem – Attribute-based person search

Query attribute descriptions

- Teenager
- Backpack
- Pants
- Short bottom wear
- Short top wear
- Long hair
- Female
- Top white
- Bottom blue



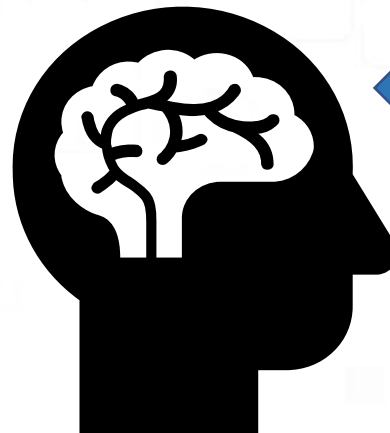
Ranked retrieval results

Gallery images



Images source: Market-1501 dataset.

Model






Differences with zero-shot learning




1. No class prototypes for unseen classes
2. Large intra-class variations and inter-class similarities

**Attribute-based
person search
(Market-1501)**

508 training categories

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No bag • Long hair • Female 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handbag • Long hair • Female 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No bag • Short hair • Male
...		
<u>Category: 0</u>		<u>Category: 1</u>		<u>Category: 2</u>	




40 training categories

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown • Black • Small 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange • Black • Big 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown • Yellow • Big
...		
<u>Category: Siamese cat</u>		<u>Category: tiger</u>		<u>Category: Lion</u>	




Inter-class similarity

**Zero-shot
learning (AWA2)**

~26 images per category

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenager • Short top • Bottom black
...		...	
<u>Category: 3</u>			

~609 images per

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black • White • Big
...		...	
<u>Category: giant panda</u>			

Intra-class variation

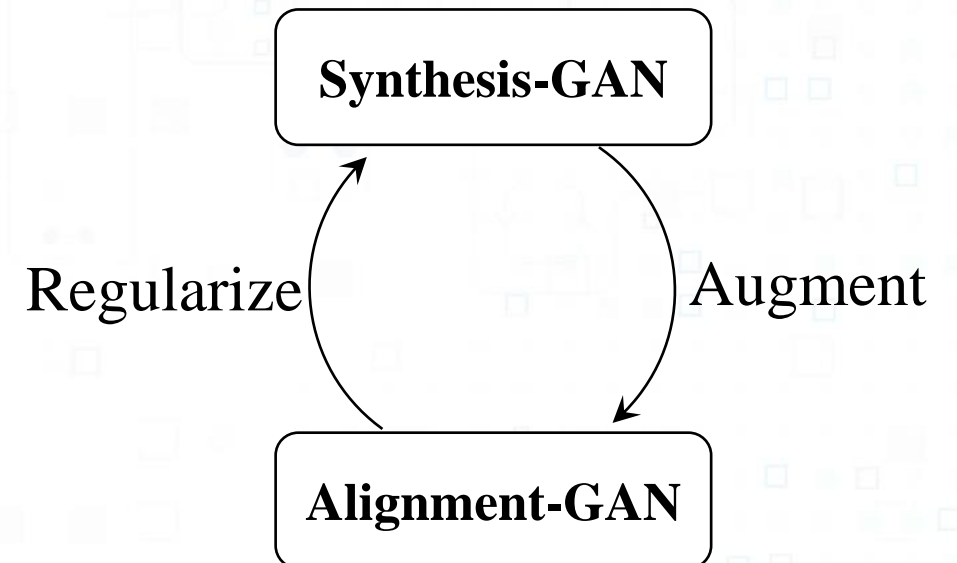
Motivation – Symbiosis

- A close and long-term biological interaction
- Mutualistic symbiosis relationship

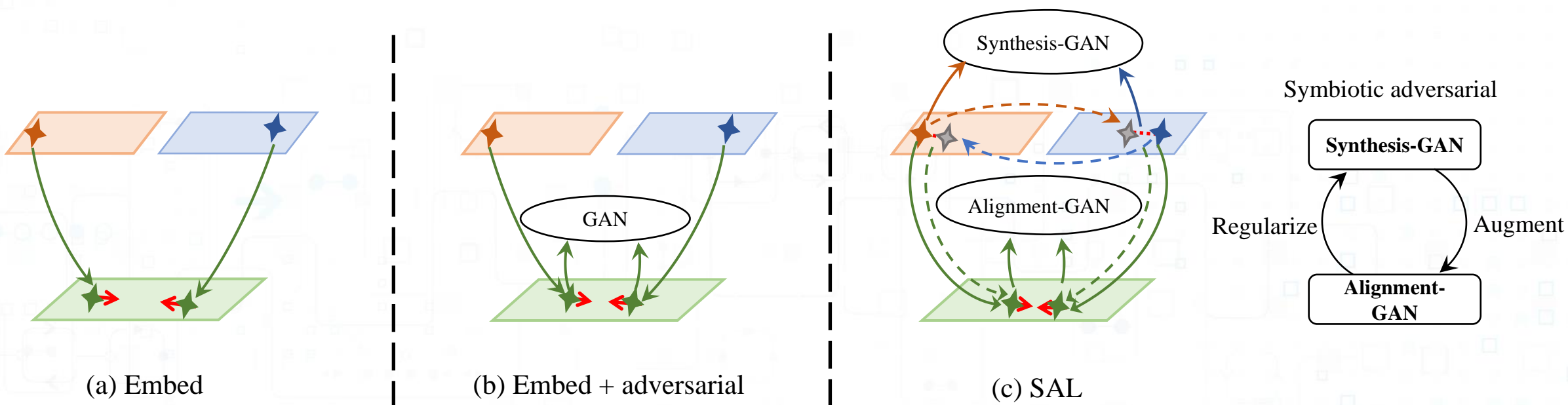


Image source: <https://icanhas.cheezburger.com/tag/Symbiosis>

Symbiotic adversarial



Method – Symbiotic Adversarial Learning



★ ★ : Real features
 ★ : Synthetic features
 ★ : Common space features
 : Semantic space
 : Visual space
 : Common space

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- ✓ Teenager
- ✓ Crossbody bag
- ✓ Pants
- ✓ Female
- ✓ Top white
- ✓ Bottom black

Attributes \mathbf{a}_i

Attribute
Feature
Extractor

Semantic
space

f_a

f_v Visual
space

Image
Feature
Extractor



Image \mathbf{x}_i

Common
Embedding
Space

$$L_{\text{embed}} = L_{\text{cat}} + L_{\text{att}}.$$

→ Data flow for paired images and attributes



Synthesis adversarial learning

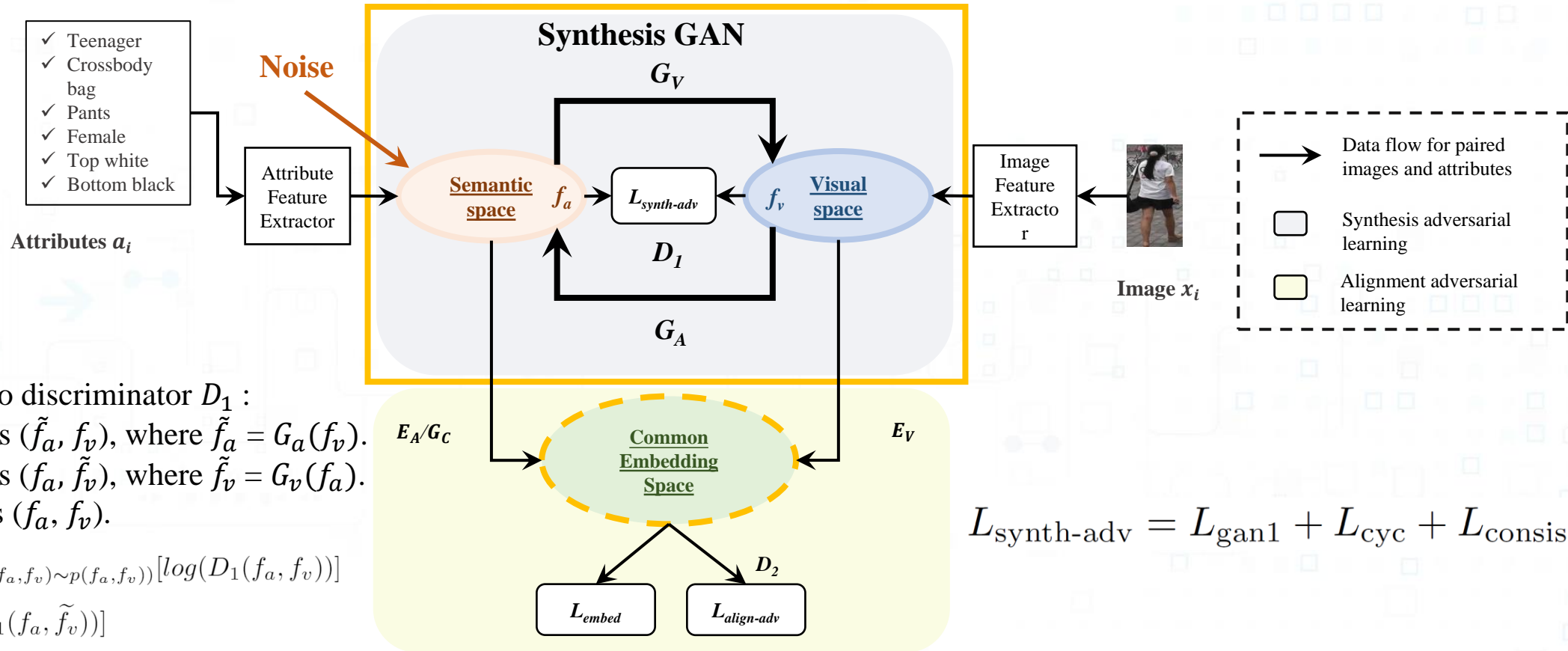


Alignment adversarial learning

$$L_{\text{cat}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left(p_{\text{cat}}(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \right),$$

$$L_{\text{att}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^m \left(a_{(i,j)} \log \left(p_{\text{att}}^{(j)}(\mathbf{x}_i) \right) + \right. \\ \left. (1 - a_{(i,j)}) \log \left(1 - p_{\text{att}}^{(j)}(\mathbf{x}_i) \right) \right),$$

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Three types of inputs to discriminator D_1 :

- (1) The fake input pairs (\tilde{f}_a, f_v) , where $\tilde{f}_a = G_a(f_v)$.
- (2) The fake input pairs (f_a, \tilde{f}_v) , where $\tilde{f}_v = G_v(f_a)$.
- (3) The real input pairs (f_a, f_v) .

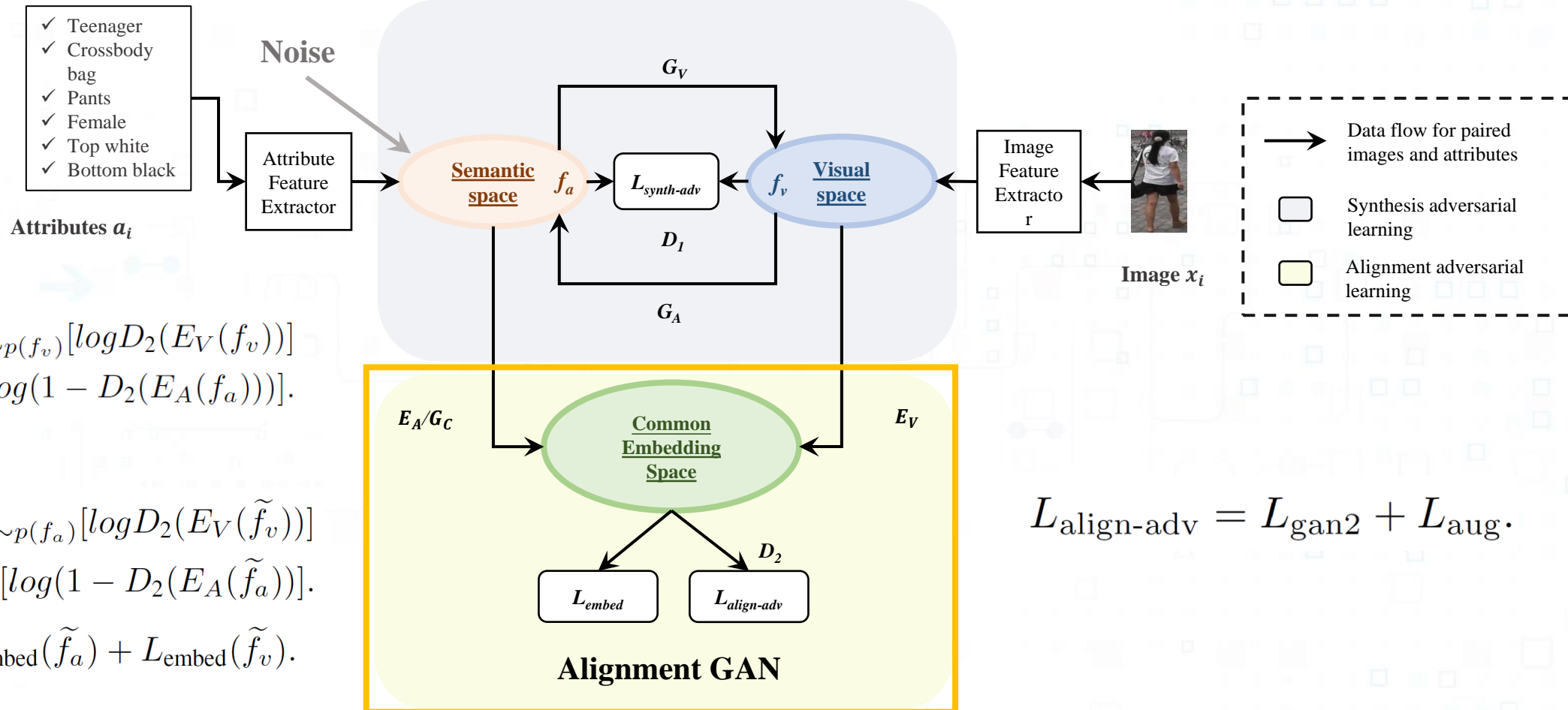
$$L_{gan1}(G_A, G_V, D_1) = \mathbb{E}_{(f_a, f_v) \sim p(f_a, f_v)} [\log(D_1(f_a, f_v))] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{f_a \sim p(f_a)} [\log(1 - D_1(f_a, \tilde{f}_v))] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{f_v \sim p(f_v)} [\log(1 - D_1(\tilde{f}_a, f_v))].$$

$$L_{cyc}(G_A, G_V) = \mathbb{E}_{f_a \sim p(f_a)} [\|G_A(G_V(f_a, z)) - f_a\|_2].$$

$$L_{consis}(G_A, G_V) = \mathbb{E}_{f_v \sim p(f_v)} [\|E_A(\tilde{f}_a) - E_V(f_v)\|_2] + \mathbb{E}_{f_a \sim p(f_a)} [\|E_V(\tilde{f}_v) - E_A(f_a)\|_2] + \mathbb{E}_{(f_a, f_v) \sim p(f_a, f_v)} [\|E_A(\tilde{f}_a) - E_A(f_a)\|_2] + \mathbb{E}_{(f_a, f_v) \sim p(f_a, f_v)} [\|E_V(\tilde{f}_v) - E_V(f_v)\|_2],$$

$$L_{synth-adv} = L_{gan1} + L_{cyc} + L_{consis}.$$

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$$L_{gan2}(G_C, D_2) = \mathbb{E}_{f_v \sim p(f_v)} [\log D_2(E_V(f_v))] + \mathbb{E}_{f_a \sim p(f_a)} [\log(1 - D_2(E_A(f_a)))].$$

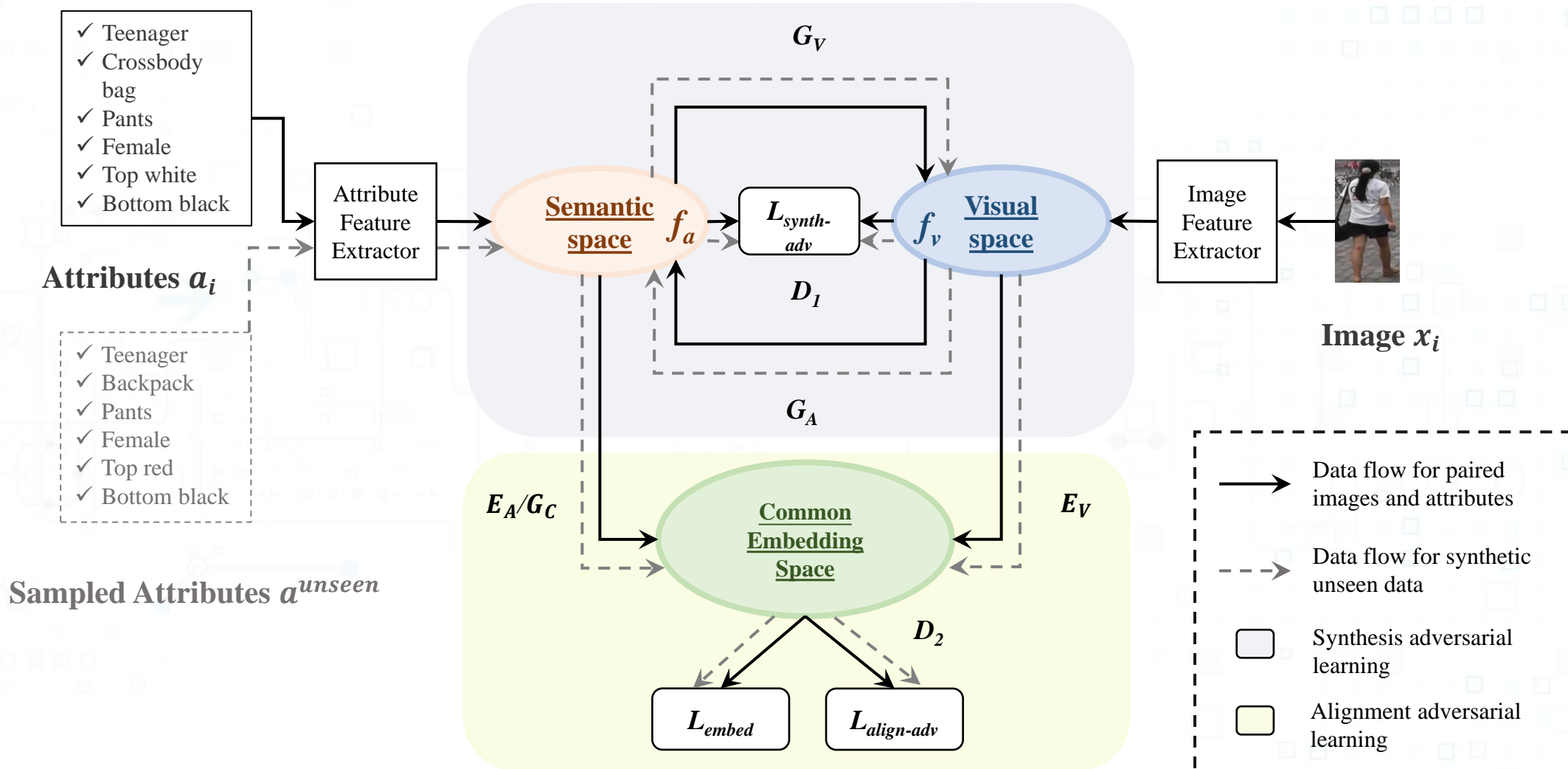
$$L_{aug1}(G_C, D_2) = \mathbb{E}_{f_a \sim p(f_a)} [\log D_2(E_V(\tilde{f}_v))] + \mathbb{E}_{f_v \sim p(f_v)} [\log(1 - D_2(E_A(\tilde{f}_a)))].$$

$$L_{aug2}(E_A, E_V) = L_{embed}(\tilde{f}_a) + L_{embed}(\tilde{f}_v).$$

$$L_{aug} = L_{aug1} + L_{aug2}.$$

$$L_{align-adv} = L_{gan2} + L_{aug}.$$

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Results

Table 1. Attribute-based person search performance evaluation. Best results are shown in **bold**. The second-best results are underlined.

Metric (%)		Market-1501 Attributes				PETA			
Model	Reference	mAP	rank1	rank5	rank10	mAP	rank1	rank5	rank10
DeepCCA [1]	ICML'13	17.5	30.0	50.7	58.1	11.5	14.4	20.8	26.3
DeepMAR [23]	ACPR'15	8.9	13.1	24.9	32.9	12.7	17.8	25.6	31.1
DeepCCAE [50]	ICML'15	9.7	8.1	24.0	34.6	14.5	14.2	22.1	30.0
2WayNet [8]	CVPR'17	7.8	11.3	24.4	31.5	15.4	23.7	38.5	41.9
CMCE [24]	ICCV'17	22.8	35.0	51.0	56.5	26.2	31.7	39.2	48.4
ReViSE [41]	ICCV'17	17.7	24.2	45.2	57.6	31.1	30.5	<u>57.0</u>	61.5
MMCC [9]	ECCV'18	22.2	34.9	<u>58.7</u>	<u>70.2</u>	<u>33.9</u>	33.5	<u>57.0</u>	<u>69.0</u>
AAIPR [53]	IJCAI'18	20.7	40.3	49.2	58.6	27.9	<u>39.0</u>	53.6	62.2
AIHM [7]	ICCV'19	<u>24.3</u>	<u>43.3</u>	56.7	64.5	-	-	-	-
SAL (Ours)		29.8	49.0	68.6	77.5	41.2	47.0	66.5	74.0

Ablation studies

Table 2. Component analysis of SAL on PETA dataset.

Metric (%)	mAP	rank1	rank5	rank10
<i>Embed</i>	31.3	34.0	57.0	64.5
<i>Embed + adv</i>	35.0	37.5	60.5	66.5
<i>Embed + symb-adv</i>	40.6	44.0	64.0	70.5
<i>Embed + symb-adv + unseen(SAL)</i>	41.2	47.0	66.5	74.0

Table 3. Effect of interactions between two GANs on PETA dataset.

Metric (%)	mAP	rank1	rank5	rank10
SAL - L_{aug}	35.4	38.0	60.0	69.0
SAL - L_{consis}	35.2	39.5	56.5	66.0
SAL (Full interaction)	41.2	47.0	66.5	74.0

Table 4. Comparing stage-wise training vs. symbiotic training scheme.

Metric (%)	mAP	rank1	rank5	rank10
SAL w/ stage-wise training	35.0	41.0	58.0	65.0
SAL w/ symbiotic training	41.2	47.0	66.5	74.0

Visualized retrieval results



The green/red border represents correct/wrong selections respectively.

Thank you!

Code at:



<https://github.com/ycao5602/SAL>