Deep Learning for 3D Toward Surface Generation

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Why learn ?

1. Get rid of hand crafted priors - Manhattan world assumption [Furukawa2009]



2. Discover complex prior from data itself - Discovering 3D from sketch [Delanoy2017]







b) 3D prediction c) New drawing seen from another viewpoint and updated prediction



d) 3D printed objects

Data types What kind of data/sensor is relevant as input for 3d reconstruction ?

RGB Image(s)



RGBD Image(s)

PointCloud





Typical learning framework based on synthetic data









Representations

Obvious in 2D...



Not so obvious in 3D !



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L(D(E(X)),Y)

Encoders for RGB & RGBD images

Do not reinvent the wheel : Use state-of-the-art 2D networks

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Error Rate in ILSVRC 2015 (%)



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- Resnet [He2015] -> Skip connections
- BatchNorm [loffe2015]





Resnet 34 [He2015]

Encoder

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Input pointcloud $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$



 $\mathbf{E}((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) = x_1, \dots, x_n$







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Results : Unified framework for various tasks

Encoder

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Credit [Qi2017]

PointNet Limitations Credit [Qi2017]

Encoder

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- Hierarchical Feature Learning
- Increasing receptive field



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3D CNN (Wu et al.)

Global Feature Learning Receptive field: one point OR all points



PointNet (vanilla) (Qi et al.) 25

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A number of (good) alternatives exists

→ KD-Trees : [Klokov2017]

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- → PCPNet [Guerrero2017]
- → Large-scale PointClouds : SuperPointGraph [Landrieu2018]
- → Build a graph on your pointcloud and apply Graph Neural Networks : SyncSpecNet [Yi2016]
- → Projection on enclosing sphere and equivariant convolutions from SO(3) [Esteves2018, Cohen2018]

Training setup for 3D reconstruction



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Loss

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VOXELS 3d-r2n2 [Choy2016], Voxnet [Maturana2015], [Qi2016], [Wu2015] Encoder

→ A 3D regular grid which subdivides a bounding box in the 3D space

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- → Allows direct generalization of the 2D methods (convolutions, pooling)
- → Subject to the curse of dimensionality : memory inefficient





Hybrid Grid-Octree Data Structure

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Octnet [**Riegler2017**], OGN [**Tatarchenko2017**]

- → Grid of octrees with fixed small depth : typically 3
- → Computationally more effective
- → Good compression rate



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OctNet input

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- → If a cell contains data from the mesh, it takes value 1 and it is subdivided
- → Otherwise, it takes the value 0
- → Easy to compare with the L2 distance over voxels



Figure 8: Voxelized 3D Shapes from ModelNet10.

Convolutions on Grid-Octree Data Structure

→ Improvement : Inside a given cell the convolution result is the same. We can compute it once.

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→ Convolution is computed on the boundaries



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Pooling on Grid-Octree Data Structure

→ Voxels at maximum resolution are pulled

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→ Voxels at higher resolutions are halved in size



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Decoding towards an octree

Objective : Predicting the occupancy value of each cell in the octree

Issue : Contrarily to voxels, the octree structure is specific to each sample

→ We need to predict the octree structure

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Unpooling on Grid-Octree Data Structure

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- \rightarrow If autoencoder, we can subdivide according to the input octree's structure.
- In the case of single image \rightarrow reconstruction, there is a need to know whether terminal voxels can be splitted in 8 to capture finer details [Tatarchenko2017]



Decode



Octree generating networks - results

Subdivision is predicted as a classification task. [Tatarchenko2017]



This can be supervised at each layer of the network because we know whether a subdivision occurs or not in the ground truth.

The red cell can either be

- full or empty: we don't subdivide
- mixed: we subdivide

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Octree generating networks - results

OGN [Tatarchenko2017]



Figure 8. Single-image 3D reconstruction on the ShapeNet-cars dataset using OGN in different resolutions.

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Octree-based reconstruction

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- → Gives insights regarding the extension of network operations to 3D data structures
- → Important improvement in the fight against the curse of dimensionality
- → Gives quantitative results regarding the **need for higher resolutions**

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Generating points PointSetGen[Fan2017]

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Latent shape representation Generated 3D points



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EMD





	Complexity
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Chamfer	n ²

Find the **optimal assignement** and compute **Earth Mover Distance (EMD)**

- → Hungarian Algorithm [Kuhn1955] ~O(n³)
- → Simplex based solver through LP formulation ~O(Hungarian)
- → Sinkhorn regularization [Cuturi2013] in near linear time [Altschuler2017]
- → (1+ε) approximation [Bertsekas1988] in ~O(n³)

L(,) = L(,)	
	d_3	$= \frac{1}{5} \cdot (d_1^2 + d_2^2 + d_3^2 + d_4^2 + d_5^2)$	² ₅)
2	d		65

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Loss on pointclouds : the mean shape carries characteristics of the distance metric



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Reconstructing the mesh from a pointcloud : Poisson Surface Reconstruction [Kazhdan2013]

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Deform a surface : space mapping trick [Groueix2018]



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Results : Single View Reconstruction



Direct application : mesh parametrization





State-of-the-art correspondences of FAUST [Groueix2018b]



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Can the space mapping trick be applied to volumetric representations ?

-> yes, through the Signed Distance Function (SDF) ! [Mescheder2018], [Park2019], [Chen2019]



Deform a surface : space mapping trick [Groueix2018]



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Deform a volume [Mescheder2018]



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From the SDF to a mesh : marching cubes [Liao2018, Lorensen1987]

Core idea : the surface of the object corresponds to the 0-level set of the SDF.



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++ Get a voxel based representation at infinite granularity

- ++ Get analytic normals : dSDF(x)/dx
- ++ Topology is no longer an issue
- -- need only one assumption : there is an interior and an exterior

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Single View Reconstruction Results [Mescheder2018]



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Test on Real Images [Mescheder2018]



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Interpolation Results [Park2019]



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Potential fix : non uniform sampling



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Fitting geometric primitives to a 3D shape

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Motivations :

- Parsimony of description
- Helps finding structures in images for abstraction or animation
- In the case of geometric object, helps capturing details (sharp angles)



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Unsupervised method for fitting cuboid primitives



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Challenges :

- 1. Position the cuboids
- 2. Estimating the amount of cuboids to predict

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 \rightarrow Points sampled on _____ increase the Chamfer distance

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Designing a loss : Chamfer ?



Problem !

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\rightarrow Solution :

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 Monte-Carlo sampling

This approximation is good when the dimension of x is not too high.

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Learn 3D reconstruction with cuboids [Tulsiani2017]

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Notice that different shapes are reconstructed with different sets of cuboids

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Learn 3D reconstruction with <u>superquadrics</u> [Paschalidou2019]

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Are there alternatives to REINFORCE ?

- The Reparameterization trick
 : cf [MohamedSlides]
- Direct analytical computation in the particular case of the Chamfer Distance











Inverse Rendering - Issues

→ Rasterization is not differentiable





Inverse Rendering - Issues

→ Z-buffering is not differentiable



Differentiating the rasterization process - silhouette case ${\scriptstyle [K_{ato2018}]}$

→ Avoid the z-buffering process by just rendering sillouhettes



Differentiating the rasterization process - silhouette case ${\scriptstyle [K_{ato2018}]}$

→ Get a differentiable process through blurring



Figure 2. Illustration of our method. $v_i = \{x_i, y_i\}$ is one vertex of the face. I_j is the color of pixel P_j . The current position of x_i is x_0 . x_1 is the location of x_i where an edge of the face collides with the center of P_j when x_i moves to the right. I_j becomes I_{ij} when $x_i = x_1$.



Figure 3. Illustration of our method in the case where P_j is inside the face. I_j changes when x_i moves to the right or left.

Differentiating the rasterization process - silhouette case [Kato2018]

→ Direct application, render a sphere and optimize its rendering to the silhouette of an input image



Differentiating the rasterization process - silhouette case ${\scriptstyle [K_{ato2018}]}$

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Problem:

→ Requires strong regularization to work !



Figure 5. Generation of the back side of a CRT monitor with/without smoothness regularizer. Left: input image. Center: prediction without regularizer. Right: prediction with regularizer.

Differentiating the rasterization process - silhouette case ${\scriptstyle [K_{ato2018}]}$

Problem:

→ Requires strong regularization to work !

ldeas:

- → Use multiple views [Petersen2019]
- → Improve the rendering process [Nguyen-Phuoc2018], [Petersen2019], [Yang2018]



Very Modular Framework ! [Tulsiani2017]



Very Modular Framework ! [Groueix2018]



Very Modular Framework ! [Choy2016, Tatarchenko2017]



Limitations of learned approaches

- → Hard to add geometric constraints in the design of a neural net architecture e.g. Watertight reconstruction. cf <u>http://imagine.enpc.fr/~groueixt/atlasnet/viewer-svr/</u>
- → Hard to scale to large scenes and/or very high level of details.
- → Biased by data
- → ...

What was not covered today

Traditional methods : Shape from X

Graph Based methods : Spectral and spatial methods

Equivariant methods : SphericalCNNs

Other Point Based Methods : PCPNet, Kd-Trees

Differential rendering for inverse graphics : Neural renderer, rendernet

2.5D and Layer-Structured Inference : [Tulsiani2018]

Making it work on real sensor data : domain adaptation, data augmentation

Take Home Message The choice of representation of 3D data is critical

We journeyed from Volumes...,

... through **Pointclouds**...,

to **Surfaces**.

Thank you

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