# Learning 3D Representations and Generative Models



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#### **Classic Methods for Generating 3D Data**

#### Creating CAD Model

#### Scanning 3D Model





#### **3D Deep Generative Models**



Monocular 3D reconstruction

Shape completion Shape modeling

### Generative Model (unconditional)

Given training data, generate new samples from the same distribution:





Training data ~  $p_{data}(x)$ 

Generated samples~ p<sub>model</sub>(x)

**Objective**: learn a  $p_{model}(x)$  that matches  $p_{data}(x)$ .

### **Conditional Generative Model**

• Data: (x, y) where x is a **condition** and y is the corresponding **content.** 







Image generation based on scene-graph

Single-view 3D reconstruction

Shape completion

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#### How to Learn Generative Models

- Explicitly modeling data probabilistic density, learn a network p<sub>θ</sub>(x) that maximize data probability
- Implicitly modeling probabilistic density,
  e.g. learn a network that scores the realness of the data, f<sub>0</sub>(x)

- Markov chain
- Autoregressive models
- Variational autoencoder (VAE)
- Flow-based models
- Energy based models
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- Generative adversarial network (GAN)
- Score-based generative

#### **Generative Modeling**





Richard Feynman: "What I cannot create, I do not understand"

Generative modeling: "What I understand, I can create"

# Background: 3D Representations and Learning Frameworks



#### Multiple 3D Representations



... (CSG, BSP, etc)

#### **3D** Convolution for Voxels





2D convolution Kernel:  $K_h X K_w$ Kernel weight:  $K_h X K_w X C_1 X C_2$ Feature grid: H X W X C

#### 3D convolution

Kernel:  $K_h X K_w X K_d$ Kernel weight:  $K_h X K_w X K_d X C_1 X C_2$ Feature grid: H X W X D X C

### **Summary: 3D Convolution**



[Wu et al. 2015]

Con: High space complexity -- 3D convolution  $O(N^3)$ Quantization errors in voxelization

#### **Sparse Convolution**





Submanifold sparse convolutional network (from FAIR)

Minkowski Engine (from SVL)

Pro: computing efficiently. Con: still quantization.

### Point Clouds from Many Sensors





#### Structure from motion (Microsoft)

#### Depth camera (Intel)



### PointNet: First Learning Tool for Point Clouds

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#### **Object Classification**

**Object Part Segmentation** 

#### Semantic Scene Parsing

**End-to-end learning** for irregular point data **Unified** framework for various tasks

Charles R. Qi, Hao Su, Kaichun Mo, Leonidas J. Guibas. PointNet: Deep Learning on Point Sets for 3D Classification and Segmentation. (CVPR'17)



#### The model has to respect key desiderata for point clouds:

#### **Point Permutation Invariance**

Point cloud is a set of unordered points

#### **Sampling Invariance**

Output a function of the underlying geometry and not the sampling

#### **Permutation Invariance: Symmetric Functions**

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv f(x_{\pi_1}, x_{\pi_2}, \dots, x_{\pi_n}), x_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$$

#### **Examples:**

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$
$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$$

How can we construct a universal family of symmetric functions by neural networks?

### **Construct Symmetric Functions by Neural Networks**

Simplest form: directly aggregate all points with a symmetric operator **Just discovers simple extreme/aggregate properties of the geometry.** 



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#### **Construct Symmetric Functions by Neural Networks**

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \gamma \circ g(h(x_1), \dots, h(x_n))$$
 is symmetric if g is symmetric



#### **Distance Metrics for Point Cloud**

**Chamfer distance** We define the Chamfer distance between  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  as:

$$d_{CD}(S_1, S_2) = \sum_{x \in S_1} \min_{y \in S_2} \|x - y\|_2 + \sum_{y \in S_2} \min_{x \in S_1} \|x - y\|_2$$

**Earth Mover's distance** Consider  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  of equal size  $s = |S_1| = |S_2|$ . The EMD between A and B is defined as:

$$d_{EMD}(S_1, S_2) = \min_{\phi: S_1 \to S_2} \sum_{x \in S_1} \|x - \phi(x)\|_2$$

where  $\phi: S_1 \to S_2$  is a bijection.

A Point Set Generation Network for 3D Object Reconstruction from a Single Image, CVPR 2016



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#### Sum of closest distances

Insensitive to sampling

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Sum of matched closest distances Sensitive to sampling

### **Convolution on Implicit Functions**



SDF is a scalar field.

**Convolution on implicit function is still very immature.** 



Sample points and use PointNet to extract features.



Take points from voxel grid and 3D convolution to extract features.

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### Convolution on Mesh/Graph



**Message passing**: The output of EdgeConv at the *i*-th vertex is thus given by

$$\mathbf{x}'_{i} = \prod_{j:(i,j)\in\mathcal{E}} h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{x}_{j}).$$
(1)

Wang, et.al., Dynamic Graph CNN for Learning on Point Clouds, ToG 2019

# Deep 3D Generative Models



#### Auto-Encoder



- AE encodes itself into a latent z
- AE then decodes the latent z back to itself
- Understanding AE is the first step to understand generative models.

### **Encoding 3D using Convolution**



**Encoding**: Convolution networks can transform a 3D data into a vector in latent space.

### Decoding/Generation



Latent vectors **z** 

**Generated Shapes** 

**Generator/Decoder**: generating shapes from latent vectors

#### Auto-Encoder



**Task**: Learn to encode the input and decode itself **Reconstruction loss**: measuring the distance between the input/output

#### Auto-Encoder



- Why dimension reduction? Want features to capture meaningful factors of variation in data.
- Unsupervised/Self-supervised

#### Volumetric AE



Binary Cross-Entropy Loss:  $\mathcal{L} = -t \log(o) - (1-t) \log(1-o)$ 



CoRR 2016 Generative and Discriminative Voxel Modeling with Convolutional Neural Networks

### **Deconvolution (Transposed Conv)**



Stride = 1, Padding = 0



Stride = 2, Padding = 1

Image credit: <a href="https://github.com/vdumoulin/conv">https://github.com/vdumoulin/conv</a> arithmetic

#### Auto-Encoder Connecting 2D and 3D

Encoder: 2D Conv Decoder: 3D Deconv (Octree decoder)



Tatarchenko et al., "Octree Generating Networks: Efficient Convolutional Architectures for High-resolution 3D Outputs", *ICCV 2017* 

#### Point Cloud AE

#### Encoder: PointNet (N\*3 $\rightarrow$ L) Decoder: MLP (L $\rightarrow$ 3N $\rightarrow$ N\*3)



ICML, 2018, Learning Representations and Generative Models for 3D Point Clouds, Panos Achlioptas, et. al.

#### Parametric Decoder: AtlasNet



Given that the output points form a smooth surface, enforce such a parametrization in input. For each point (u, v) on the parameterization, MLP([z, uv]) -> point

#### Also, you can get Mesh!

AtlasNet: A Papier-Mach<sup>e</sup> Approach to Learning 3D Surface Generation, CVPR 2018

#### Parametric Decoder: AtlasNet



One parameterization (an **atlas**) is limited for objects with complex topology. So, **more sheets**.

AtlasNet: A Papier-Mach<sup>^</sup>e Approach to Learning 3D Surface Generation, CVPR 2018

### Comparison



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#### AutoEncoding SDF: Deep SDF

#### **Comparison with Octree**



#### Discussion

- Where is the data manifold in the latent space?
- Is a vanilla autoencoder a generative model?





We can assume z follows a distribution.

Choose prior p(z) to be simple, e.g. Gaussian.

#### Variational Auto-Encoder



#### Encoder



Image Credit: Stanford CS231N

### Training VAE



Credit: Stanford CS231N

### **Generating New Samples & Interpolation**



#### CoRR 2016

Generative and Discriminative Voxel Modeling with Convolutional Neural Networks

#### **Issues for Autoencoders**



Suffered from blurry issues.

Why? Loss function (L2).



**Generator network**: try to fool the discriminator by generating real-looking images **Discriminator network**: try to distinguish between real and fake images



### Training GAN

#### Train jointly in minimax game

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Discriminator outputs likelihood in (0,1) of real image} \\ \text{Minimax objective function:} \\ \min_{\theta_g} \max_{\theta_d} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} \log D_{\theta_d}(x) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \log(1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z))) \right] \\ \text{Discriminator output} \\ \text{for real data x} \end{array} \right] \\ \end{array}$ 

- Discriminator ( $\theta_d$ ) wants to **maximize objective** such that D(x) is close to 1 (real) and D(G(z)) is close to 0 (fake)
- Generator (θ<sub>g</sub>) wants to minimize objective such that D(G(z)) is close to 1 (discriminator is fooled into thinking generated G(z) is real)

Credit: Stanford CS231N

#### Voxel GAN



Figure 1: The generator of 3D Generative Adversarial Networks (3D-GAN)



Figure 2: Shapes synthesized by 3D-GAN

Wu et. al., Learning a Probabilistic Latent Space of Object Shapes via 3D Generative-Adversarial Modeling, NeurIPS 2016

#### Point Cloud GANs



ICML, 2018, Learning Representations and Generative Models for **3D Point Clouds**, Panos Achlioptas, et. al.

#### **More Applications**



*Figure 2.* Interpolating between different point clouds, using our latent space representation. More examples for furniture and *human-form* objects (Bogo et al., 2017) are demonstrated in the Appendix in Figures 11 and 14, respectively.



Figure 4. Point cloud *completions* of a network trained with partial and complete (input/output) point clouds and the EMD loss. Each triplet shows the partial input from the test split (left-most), followed by the network's output (middle) and the complete ground-truth (right-most).

#### ICML, 2018, Learning Representations and Generative Models for

**3D Point Clouds,** Panos Achlioptas, et. al.

#### **Flow-based Generative Model**



Flow-based model is constructed by a sequence of **invertible transformations**. Explicitly modeling probability. Loss: negative loglikelihood of z = f(x)

Image credit: Lil'log

#### Flow-based 3D Generative Model



Discrete Point Flow Networks From Univ. Grenoble Alpes

PointFlow (continuous normalizing flow) From Cornell

**Note that bijectivity requires same dimenisionality.** From left to right: latent points to generated points

# Deep 3D Conditional Generative Models: CVAE, CGAN



### Point Cloud Upsampling



PU-GAN: a Point Cloud Upsampling Adversarial Network

#### StructureNet

### StructureNet: Hierarchical Graph Networks for 3D Shape Generation

#### **GRASS:** Shape Synthesis



#### **GRASS: Inferring Consistent Hierarchy**



### Thank You





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