Learning Deep Models with Primitive-based Representations

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Neural networks for 2D computer vison tasks













Image Source: KITTI Vision Benchmark and COCO Dataset

Can we learn to infer 3D from a 2D image?



Input Image

Neural Network

3D Reconstruction

What is the optimal 3D Representation?





Discretization of 3D shape into grid:

- ✓ Accurately captures the shape details
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Discretization of surface with 3D points:

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Discretization of surface into vertices and faces:

- ✓ Accurately captures the shape details
- Yields smooth reconstructions
- X Requires class-specific template topology
- X Parametrization size
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No discretization

- ✓ Accurately captures the shape details
- ✓ Low parametrization size
- Yields smooth reconstructions
- X Requires post-processing
- X Do not convey semantic information



Input Image

Network

Primitives

Discretization of 3D shape into parts:

- ✓ Low parametrization size
- Yields smooth reconstructions
- Yields semantic reconstructions
- ✓ Inter-object coherence
- \sim Accurately captures the shape details

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- o Main Challenge: Variable number of primitives, few annotated datasets

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1963: 3D Solids



Larry Roberts "Father of Computer Vision"



Input image



2x2 gradient operator



computed 3D model rendered from new viewpoint

1986: Pentland's Superquadrics



- $\circ~1$ superquadric can be represented with 11 parameters
- Scene on the left contructed with 100 primitives required less than 1000 bytes!
- Early fitting-based approaches did not work robustly

2017: 3D Reconstructions with Volumetric Primitives



- Unsupervised method for learning cuboidal primitives
- Variable number of primitives
- While cuboids are sufficient for capturing the structure of an object they do not lead to expressive abstractions.
- Computational expensive reinforcement learning for learning the existence probabilities

Can we train a network to output superquadrics?

Everything in nature takes its form from the sphere, the cone and the cylinder. - Paul Cezanne.



Superquadrics Space Shape



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- Their large shape vocabulary allows for faster and smoother fitting than cuboids

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Learning 3D Shape Parsing



Neural network encodes input image/shape and for each primitive predicts:

- \circ 11 parameters: 6 pose (**R**, **t**) + 3 scale (α) + 2 shape (ϵ)
- $\circ \quad \text{Probability of existence: } \gamma \in [0,1]$

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Loss Function

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{X \to P}^{i}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{P}) &= \min_{m \mid z_m = 1} \Delta_i^m \\ \Delta_i^m &= \min_{k = 1, \dots, K} \|\mathcal{T}_m(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{y}_k^m\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

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Existence and Parsimony Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{P}) = \max\left(1 - \sum_{m=1}^{M} \gamma_m, 0\right) + \beta_{\sqrt{\sum_{m=1}^{M} \gamma_m}}$$

- o First term: Enforces at least one primitive to exist
- Second term: Encourages parsimony
- Two-stage training



Comparison to Tulsiani et. al. / REINFORCE



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Single view 3D Reconstruction on ShapeNet



	Chamfer Distance			Volumetric IoU		
	Chairs	Aeroplanes	Animals	Chairs	Aeroplanes	Animals
Cuboids Superguadrics	0.0121 0.0006	0.0153 0.0003	0.0110 0.0003	0.1288 0.1408	0.0650 0.1808	0.3339 0.7506

Single view 3D Reconstruction on SURREAL



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Representation with multiple levels of abstraction



- Represent a 3D shape as a binary tree of primitives
- $\circ\;$ At each depth level, each node is $\ensuremath{\textit{recursively}}$ split into two until reaching the maximum depth
- o Reconstructions from deeper depth levels are more detailed





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- $\circ \quad \text{Occupancy function of predicted shape at depth d:} \\ G^d(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{k \in 0...2^d 1} g_k^d(\mathbf{x}; \lambda_k^d)$



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- Reconstruction quality: $q_k^d \in [0, 1]$



Components:

- Feature Encoder
- Partition Network
- Geometry Network
- o Structure Network





Partition Network: Recursively partition the feature representation

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{c}_{k}^{d}) = \{\mathbf{c}_{2k}^{d+1}, \mathbf{c}_{2k+1}^{d+1}\}$$



Geometry Network: Regress the primitive parameters

$$r_{\theta}(\mathbf{c}_k^d) = \{\lambda_k^d, q_k^d\}.$$

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Structure Network: Assign object parts to primitives

$$\mathcal{H} = \{\{\mathbf{h}_{k}^{d}\}_{k=0}^{2^{d}-1} \mid d = \{0 \dots D\}\}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\textit{str}}(\mathcal{H}; \mathcal{X}) = \sum_{h_k^d \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{2^d - 1} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, o) \in \mathcal{X}_k^d} o \left\| \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{h}_k^d \right\|_2$$

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 $\mathcal{L}_{rec}(\mathcal{P}; \mathcal{X}) = \underbrace{\sum_{(\mathbf{x}, o) \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{d=0}^{D} L\left(G^{d}(\mathbf{x}), o\right)}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, o \in \mathcal{X}, d=0} + \underbrace{\sum_{d=0}^{D} \sum_{k=0}^{2^{u}-1} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, o) \in \mathcal{X}, k} L\left(g_{k}^{d}\left(\mathbf{x}; \lambda_{k}^{d}\right), o\right)}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, o \in \mathcal{X}, d=0} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{D} \sum_{k=0}^{2^{u}-1} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, o) \in \mathcal{X}, k} L\left(g_{k}^{d}\left(\mathbf{x}; \lambda_{k}^{d}\right), o\right)}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, o \in \mathcal{X},$ Object Reconstruction



Part Reconstruction

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Compatibility Loss



$$\mathcal{L}_{comp}(\mathcal{P}) = \sum_{d=0}^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^d-1} \left(q_k^d - \text{loU}(\mathbf{p}_k^d, \mathcal{X}_k^d) \right)^2$$

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Expressive Shape Abstractions



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Single-view 3D Reconstruction on ShapeNet



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Single-view 3D Reconstruction on Dynamic FAUST



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Semantic Interpretation of Learned Hierarchy



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- More expressive primitives
 - trade-off between parsimony and geometrically accurate reconstruction



Thank you for your attention!

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