## Geometric Deep Learning

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MeshCNN [Hanocka et al. 2019]

# Outline



- 2 Shape Analysis Architectures
- 3 Generative Models for Shape Synthesis
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## Image versus geometry



## Geometric data



No grid structure.

Introduction

# Sampling issues



#### Irregular Sampling, occlusions when scanning

Introduction

# Geometric Deep Learning

- No image-like grid structure
- What is a good representation for working on geometric data?
- $\bullet$  Various representations Meshes, Point sets...  $\rightarrow$  Networks adapted to this kind of data

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# 3D CNN

- 3D ShapeNets
- Represents a shape as a probability distribution over a voxel grid.
- Learns the model distribution over voxels+classes.



# 3D CNN



# 3D CNN - Shape completion



# Multiview CNN [Su 2015]



Benefit from 2D convolution in a 3D-consistent manner.

# Multiview CNN [Su 2015]

- Render a mesh from several viewpoints (up to 80)
- Process each image separately through a CNN



#### Multiview aggregation

- CNN features (or SIFT features) used as a vector description, min distance between the view features
- View-pooling: take the maximum feature values per pixel across all views.

# Multiview CNN [Su 2015]

| Method                               | Training Config.          |            |        | Test Config. | Classification | Retrieval |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------|--|
| Method                               | Pre-train Fine-tune #View |            | #Views | #Views       | (Accuracy)     | (mAP)     |  |
| (1) SPH [16]                         | -                         | -          | -      | -            | 68.2%          | 33.3%     |  |
| (2) LFD [5]                          | -                         | -          | -      | -            | 75.5%          | 40.9%     |  |
| (3) 3D ShapeNets [37]                | ModelNet40                | ModelNet40 | -      | -            | 77.3%          | 49.2%     |  |
| (4) FV                               | -                         | ModelNet40 | 12     | 1            | 78.8%          | 37.5%     |  |
| (5) FV, 12×                          | -                         | ModelNet40 | 12     | 12           | 84.8%          | 43.9%     |  |
| (6) CNN                              | ImageNet1K                | -          | -      | 1            | 83.0%          | 44.1%     |  |
| (7) CNN, f.t.                        | ImageNet1K                | ModelNet40 | 12     | 1            | 85.1%          | 61.7%     |  |
| (8) CNN, 12×                         | ImageNet1K                | -          | -      | 12           | 87.5%          | 49.6%     |  |
| (9) CNN, f.t.,12×                    | ImageNet1K                | ModelNet40 | 12     | 12           | 88.6%          | 62.8%     |  |
| (10) MVCNN, 12×                      | ImageNet1K                | -          | -      | 12           | 88.1%          | 49.4%     |  |
| (11) MVCNN, f.t., 12×                | ImageNet1K                | ModelNet40 | 12     | 12           | 89.9%          | 70.1%     |  |
| (12) MVCNN, f.t.+metric, 12×         | ImageNet1K                | ModelNet40 | 12     | 12           | 89.5%          | 80.2%     |  |
| (13) MVCNN, 80×                      | ImageNet1K                | -          | 80     | 80           | 84.3%          | 36.8%     |  |
| (14) MVCNN, f.t., 80×                | ImageNet1K                | ModelNet40 | 80     | 80           | <b>90.1</b> %  | 70.4%     |  |
| (15) MVCNN, f.t.+metric, $80 \times$ | ImageNet1K                | ModelNet40 | 80     | 80           | <b>90.1</b> %  | 79.5%     |  |

\* f.t.=fine-tuning, metric=low-rank Mahalanobis metric learning

[Su et al. 2015]

## Meshes



- When the data is represented as a mesh: there is some structure even if irregular!
- Mesh can be seen as a graph
- Graph CNN

#### Meshes vs graphs

Meshes are very special types of graphs, they define a manifold surface.

# Graph Neural Networks [Gori et al. 2005, Scarselli et al. 2005]

- Message passing between neighboring nodes
- Each nodes aggregates the messages and updates them
- Per node task: process the resulting per-node feature vectors
- Per graph task: aggregates the per-node feature vectors



# Aggregation function

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#### Many GNN variants

Features can also be on edges (dual graph), or on both edges and vertices. Graph CNN: convolution by a kernel  $g_{\theta} = diag(\theta)$ , U matrix of eienvectors of the normalized graph laplacian.

$$g_\theta \star x = U g_\theta U^T x$$

# Graph Neural Networks - new version

#### Graph transformers

#### Transformer on graphs, large receptive field.



• Used in many machine learning-based physics simulation.

# MeshCNN [Hanocka et al. 2019]

- Defines convolution and pooling layers on mesh edges.
- Meshes are assumed manifold, possibly with boundary vertices.
- Pooling prioritized by smallest edge feature.



Convolution operation

Pooling and unpooling

Hanoka et al.]







• Convolution: 
$$e * k_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 k_i e_i$$



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- Then usual 2d convolution on these "fake edge features"

# MeshCNN - Pooling on edges





- Not all edges can collapse: prevent non-manifold faces creating edge collapses.
- Control the target mesh resolution by setting the targer number of edges.
- Store the history of pooling  $\rightarrow$  can reinstore the original mesh topology.

# MeshCNN: application to mesh classification

• Add a global pooling layer and linear layers, after several meshcnn layers.

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|       |     |      |           | MeshCNN    | 750         | 92.16%   | j |
|       |     | 4201 | A A       | PointNet++ | 4096        | 64.26%   | 1 |

MeshCNN: application to mesh segmentation

• Only meshcnn layers.



## Point sets



- No structure anymore
- Missing data
- Various number of points, point ordering can change.

# PointNet [Qi 2017]

#### Principle

Affine transform per point followed by permutation invariant pooling on channels



## PointNet - An approximation theorem

**Theorem 1.** Suppose  $f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous set function w.r.t Hausdorff distance  $d_H(\cdot, \cdot)$ .  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists a$  continuous function h and a symmetric function  $g(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \gamma \circ \mathsf{MAX}$ , such that for any  $S \in \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$\left| f(S) - \gamma \left( \max_{x_i \in S} \left\{ h(x_i) \right\} \right) \right| < \epsilon$$

where  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  is the full list of elements in S ordered arbitrarily,  $\gamma$  is a continuous function, and MAX is a vector max operator that takes n vectors as input and returns a new vector of the element-wise maximum.

#### • Proof derives directly from the universal approximation theorem.

## PointNet - Results





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#### Issues

Looses locality. Improved in PointNet++ (also in 2017).

# Light Networks

- Deep networks are expansive (large computation time and environmental cost)
- PointNet is rather light
- Combine pointnet + light 2D network to get competitive results for RGBD segmentation.

| Methods                            | InputType                    | GT    | NbParam | 2D backbone  | mIoU        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| CMX* 29                            | RGB + Depth (HHA)            | 2D    | 66 M    | SegFormer-B2 | 51.3        |
| RFBNet 36                          | RGB + Depth (HHA)            | 2D    | No info | ResNet-50    | 62.6        |
| Ours (LPointNet + U-Net34)         | RGB + Point cloud from Depth | 2D    | 26 M    | ResNet-34    | 63.2        |
| SSMA 37                            | RGB + Depth (HHA)            | 2D    | 56 M    | AdaptNet++   | 66.3        |
| ShapeConv [28]                     | RGB + Depth (HHA)            | 2D    | 58 M    | Deeplabv3+   | 66.6        |
| 3D-to-2D distil 30                 | RGB + Point cloud            | 2D    | 66M     | ResNet-50    | 58.2        |
| Ours (KPConv + U-Net34)            | RGB + Point cloud            | 2D    | 49 M    | ResNet-34    | 63.8        |
| BPNet* 2                           | RGB + Point cloud            | 2D/3D | 96 M    | ResNet-34    | 64.4        |
| Ours (LPointNet + U-Net34)         | RGB + Point cloud            | 2D    | 26 M    | ResNet-34    | 66.1        |
| VirtualMVFusion [25] (single view) | RGB + Normals + Coordinates  | 3D    | No info | xcpetion65   | 67.0        |
| Ours (LPointNet + SegFormer-B2)    | RGB + Point cloud            | 2D    | 30 M    | SegFormer-B2 | <u>69.0</u> |
## Dynamic Graph CNN [Wang 2019]

- Builds a k-nearest neighbors graph
- Defines an edge convolution

#### Idea

Recompute the nearest neighbor graph in the feature space after each layer.

## DGCNN - Edge convolution



- Compute an edge feature using an MLP on the channels of the end vertices
- Aggregate the edge features by permutation invariant pooling on each vertex

## DGCNN - Architecture



## DGCNN - feature distance



## DGCNN - Results



#### DGCNN - Results



[Wang et al. 2019]

## Diffusion is all you Need [Sharp 2022]

• Representation agnostic model, based on diffusion on the shape



## Diffusion is all you Need

- $u \in \mathbb{R}^V$  feature + obtained by pointwise MLP
- $\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \Delta x(t)$
- Diffusion layer  $H_t(u_0) = exp(t\Delta)u_0$ , use the Laplacian eigenbasis to reduce computation load
- To get non radially symmetric filters: add local gradient operators.

### Diffusion is all you Need - Results



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But: only for *static* geometry

How do we cope with generative tasks

## An example for generating shapes [GRASS, Li et al. 2017]



• Input data: set of shapes with a semantic segmentation into parts.

## Algorithm

- Step 1: Learn a code representing an arrangement of boxes.
- Step 2: Train a GAN for generating a new structure
- Step 3: Use voxelization in each box to synthesize the local geometry.



## Step 1: Learn a code

#### Key idea

Shape components are commonly arranged or perceived to be arranged hierarchically. Goal of the code: encode this hierarchy of parts



- Recursive auto-encoder for binary trees: encode the structure into a code; decode and compare the recovered structure.
- Recursively merge parts that are either adjacent or symmetric (rotational, translational, reflectional)
- Training: generate plausible hierarchies for each shape (sample the space of plausible part groupings)
- Adjacency and Symmetry encoder/decoder (transform a code into another encodes the symmetry and the generator)
- Additionally: Box encoder/Node classifier

Generative Models for Shape Synthesis

#### Learned hierarchies



#### In a nutshell

Transform a binary tree into a meaningful hierarchy while minimizing the loss (sum of bounding boxes distances)

## Etape 2: encoder-decoder model for generation



- Idea: adversarial training: the generator tries to fool the discriminator which in turns tries to detect generated pairs.
- Prior structure for the input to the generator (sample from the set of input and generated output hierarchies for the auto-encoder + other tricks)

## Etape 3: geometry synthesis



- Goal: synthesize a coherent voxel grid for each bounding box representing the fine-grained geometry
- Take into account both the geometry of the bouding box and its context

## Contextual description and final synthesis





Generative Models for Shape Synthesis

### Application: interpolation



Li et al. 2017]

## Application: shape query



Li et al. 2017]

## MeshGPT [Siddiqi et al. 2023] - released 3 days ago!



• Following text generation idea: generate a mesh as a sequence of triangles

## MeshGPT - Principle



- Learns a vocabulary of latent representations of faces
- Uses these latent representations as tokens
- GPT-like transformer: predicts next token from previous tokens auto-regressively.
- 1D Resnet decodes the latent representation sequences into triangles

### MeshGPT - Architecture details

- Graph CNN encoder on the graph of faces (each face = a node) learns a latent per face representation, input features: vertex coordinates (9-dimensional).
- SAGE convolution layer: samples neighborhood and aggregates features from it. For a mesh of *N* faces:

$$Z=(z_1,\cdots,z_N)$$

• Residual Vector Quantization: quantization on a primary codebook, residuals quantized on a secondary codebook... Yields a codebook and D codes per face (with additional tricks)

 $T = (t_1, \cdots, t_N); t_i = t_i^j$  index of an embedding in the codebook.

- Decoder (1d resnet ) G decodes the token into 9 coordinates.
- Codebook and graph encoder given to the transformer using T as a sequence.

#### Result

Resuls is a triangle soup: needs post-processing to turn it into a watertight mesh

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## Machine learning based surface reconstruction

- Needs a differentiable pipeline
- Challenge: intrinsically a combinatorial problem...
- Not necessarily example-based: surface reconstruction can be done per shape.

# AtlasNet [Groueix 2019]



- Some definitions:
  - A manifold surface S in ℝ<sup>3</sup> is topological set such that each point has a neighborhood which is homeomorphic to an open disk of mathbbR<sup>2</sup>.
  - Local map (or chart):s a homeomorphism φ from an open subset U of S to an open subset of R<sup>2</sup>.
  - Atlas: a indexed family of local charts  $(U_i, \phi_i)$  from  $U_i$  to open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ; such that the  $U_i$ s cover S.

#### Parameterization

This is the base for surface parameterization problems in geometry processing: Try to unwrap a surface onto a planar patch (usually a square).

# AtlasNet [Groueix 2019]

- Model the local maps as affine maps, they can be inverted if they are full rank.
- A ReLU-based MLP computes a piecewise affine map (full rank). This is due to ReLU activation.
- Start with N patches and compute their deformation onto the surface (*Papier mâché*). Deformed patches may overlap.

#### AtlasNet for surface reconstruction

- Start with a latent representation x of a shape
- For a set of points A of points sampled in [0, 1]<sup>2</sup>, we optimize the weights θ<sub>i</sub> of N functions (MLP) f<sub>θ<sub>i</sub></sub>
- Sample a set  $\mathcal{S}_d$  of M points on the surface  $\mathcal{S}$
- Chamfer Loss

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{p}\in\mathcal{A}}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\min_{q\in\mathcal{S}_{D}}\|f_{\theta_{i}}(\boldsymbol{p},\boldsymbol{x})-q\|_{2}^{2}+\sum_{q\in\mathcal{S}_{d}}\min_{i=1\cdots N}\min_{\boldsymbol{p}\in\mathcal{A}}\|f_{\theta_{i}}(\boldsymbol{p},\boldsymbol{x})-q\|^{2}$$

### Result



## Results: reconstruction from single view



[Groueix et al. 2019]

## Differentiable Surface Reconstruction [Rakotosaona 2021]



- A set of points  $v_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$  with weights  $w_j$
- Weighted Delaunay Triangulation: projected lower envelop of points  $(v_j, \|v_j\|^2 w_j) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$
- Any 2D (d = 2) triangulation can be obtained as a perturbation of a 2d Weighted Delaunay Triangulation.

#### Differentiable weighted Delaunay triangulation in 2D

- All possible triangles with vertices in V are given an inclusion score  $e_i$ .
- defs: c<sub>i</sub> circumcenter of triangle i = {j, k, l}, a<sub>i|j</sub> reduced Voronoi cell of vertex j onto triangle i. Then

$$e_i = \left\{ egin{array}{cc} 1 & ext{if } c_i \in a_{x|i} \ orall x \in \{j,k,l\} \ 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{array} 
ight.$$

• Continuous inclusion score

$$egin{aligned} s_{i|j} &= \sigma(lpha d(c_i, a_{j|i})) \; (\sigma \; ext{sigmoid}) \ s_i &= rac{1}{3}(s_{i|j} + s_{i|k} + s_{i|l}) \end{aligned}$$

## Differentiable weighted Delaunay triangulation in 2D

#### Weighted Voronoi cell a<sup>w</sup>

Intersection of half planes  $H_{j\leq k} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | \|x - v_j\|^2 - w_j \leq \|x - v_k\|^2 - w_k\}$ 

- redefine:  $c_i$  weighted circumcenter of triangle  $i = \{j, k, l\}$ ,  $a_{i|j}$  reduced weighted Voronoi cell of vertex j onto triangle i.
- Same expression for the continuous inclusion score

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## Turning 3D triangulation problems into 2d triangulation problems

- Segment 3D shapes into *developable sets* by Least Squares Conformal Maps [Lévy 2008].
- Differentiable 2D meshing on each of the sets with boundary constraints.



## Losses

• Area prescribing loss (A: function on the surface):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\textit{area}} = rac{1}{\sum_{i,j} s_{i|j}} \sum_{i,j} (rac{1}{2} \| (v_j - v_k) imes (v_l - v_k) \| - \mathcal{A}(v_j))$$

• Boundary preservation loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_b(V, \mathcal{P}) = rac{1}{|V|} \sum_j \exp(arepsilon - \min(arepsilon, (v_j - b_j) \cdot n_j^b))$$

• Other possible losses: angle loss, curvature alignment loss.



## Conclusion

- Very small overview of geometric deep learning
- In particular, it's missing the nice definitions of equivariant convolutions or methods based on the bundle Laplacian.
- Missing also implicit surfaces: next time