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Introduction to Deep Perception and Review

In today's lecture, we'll delve into the intermediate aspects of deep perception, building on our prior discussion of traditional computer vision tasks like image recognition, object detection, and segmentation. These fundamentals have already proven extremely useful, as seen in our problem sets where detecting objects and segmenting them allows for more precise manipulations like antipodal grasps using point clouds.

Choosing Optimal Tasks for Robotics from Computer Vision

Today's focus shifts towards selecting the most useful tasks from computer vision to enhance robotics. This selection isn't just about adopting what's available but about customizing these tasks to suit robotic needs. For instance, instance segmentation allows for specific manipulation through down-sampling point clouds, enabling focused antipodal grasps.

Transition from Traditional to Modern Vision Tasks

We'll also compare the traditional tasks we've covered previously—often considered the norm a decade ago—to what modern computer vision offers today for robotic applications. This transition is crucial as it involves thinking beyond generic computer vision outputs to what is specifically beneficial for robotics.

Implications of Transfer Learning and Synthetic Data

An important part of our discussion will involve the impact of transfer learning and synthetic data in robotics. These concepts, especially transfer learning from pre-trained models like ImageNet, have significantly influenced how we approach both perception and manipulation in robotics.

Exploration of Intermediate Representations for Robotic Tasks

We will explore various intermediate representations that could bridge the gap between raw computer vision outputs and robotic applications. This exploration is not just about choosing a single approach but understanding a spectrum of possibilities that could include dense correspondences, key points, or even pose estimation tailored for robotic manipulation.

Deep Dive into Practical Applications and Future Directions

Finally, we will take a deep dive into how these selected computer vision tasks can be practically applied to current and future robotic systems. Whether it's through enhancing manipulation accuracy or improving motion planning, the goal is to integrate these advanced vision capabilities in a way that they complement the existing robotic frameworks effectively.