

# A Point Set Generation Network for 3D Object Reconstruction from a Single Image [4]

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# Motivation

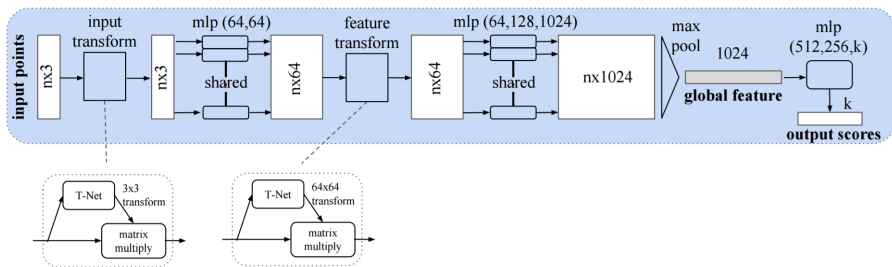
Addressed problem: 3D reconstruction from a single image.

PointNet [5]: deep learning on point sets.

Underlying motivation:

- ▶ How to learn how to generate shapes, i.e. point sets?

# Recap: PointNet



# Problems

Problems when predicting point sets:

- ▶ How to appropriately compare two unordered point sets?
- ▶ How to model uncertainty?

# Comparing Point Sets

Chamfer Distance (CD) for point sets

$X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ ,  $Y = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m\}$ :

$$d_{\text{CD}}(X, Y) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \min_{\mathbf{y} \in Y} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in Y} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2.$$

Easily implemented (and parallelizable).

# Comparing Point Sets (cont'd)

Earth Mover Distance (EMD) for point sets  $X, Y$  with  $|X| = |Y|$ :

$$d_{\text{EMD}} = \min_{\phi: X \mapsto Y} \sum_{x \in X} \|x - \phi(x)\|_2$$

with  $\phi$  being a bijection.

Exact computation not feasible;  $(1 + \epsilon)$  approximation [1] used.

# Model Uncertainty

Possibilities:

- ▶ (Conditional) generative adversarial networks [6, 9];
- ▶ (Conditional) variational auto-encoders [8, 7, 10].

# Model Uncertainty (cont'd)

Inject randomness as additional input (i.e. noise vector):  $\mathbf{G}(I, \epsilon)$ .

Minimize

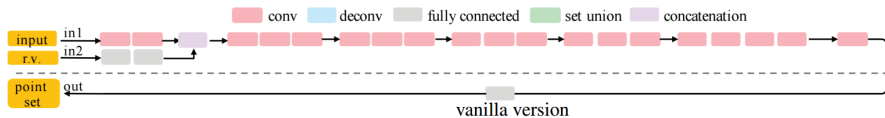
$$\sum_k \min_{\epsilon_j \in \mathcal{N}(0,1)} d(\mathbf{G}(I_k, \epsilon_j), \mathbf{S}_k)$$

for  $j \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ ,  $I_k$  being the input image and  $\mathbf{S}_k$  the ground truth point set.

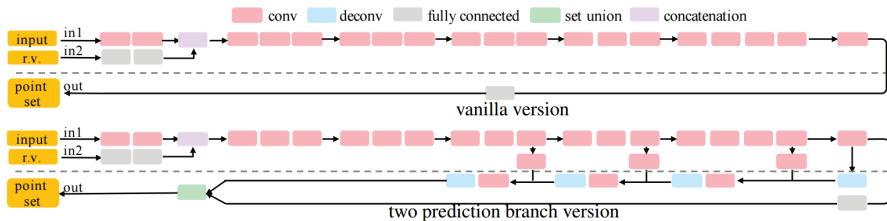
So-called “Min-of-N” loss.



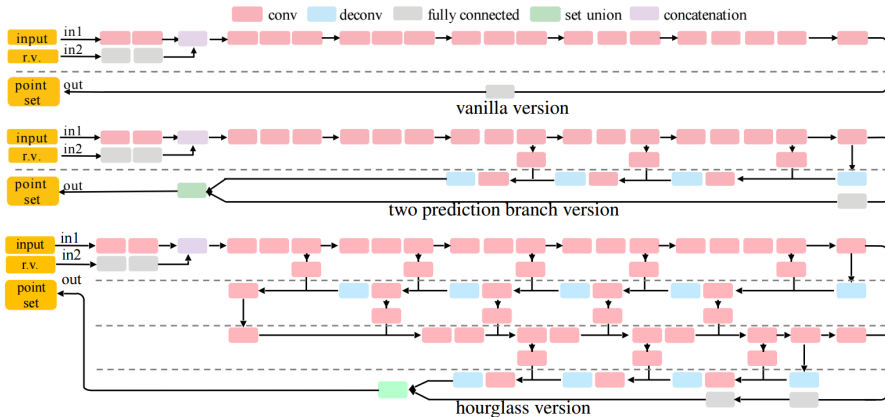
# Network Architecture



# Network Architecture (cont'd)



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# 3D Reconstruction (RGB)

## Experimental Setup:

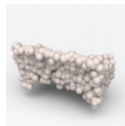
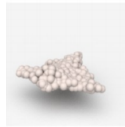
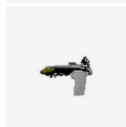
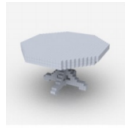
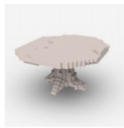
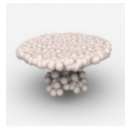
- ▶ rendered models (RGBD) from ShapeNet [2];
- ▶ unclear how many points are predicted – for two-branch:  $256 + 768$  points;
- ▶ unclear how the ground truth point sets are chosen;
- ▶ evaluation using Intersection-over-Union (IoU) on voxels.

# 3D Reconstruction (RGB) (cont'd)

	Mean IoU
3D-R2N2 [3] 1 views	0.560
3D-R2N2 [3] 3 views	0.617
3D-R2N2 [3] 5 views	0.631
PointNet	0.64

Table: Intersection-over-Union results on ShapeNet [2] compared to 3D-R2N2 [3].

# 3D Reconstruction (RGB) (cont'd)



input

output

post-  
processed

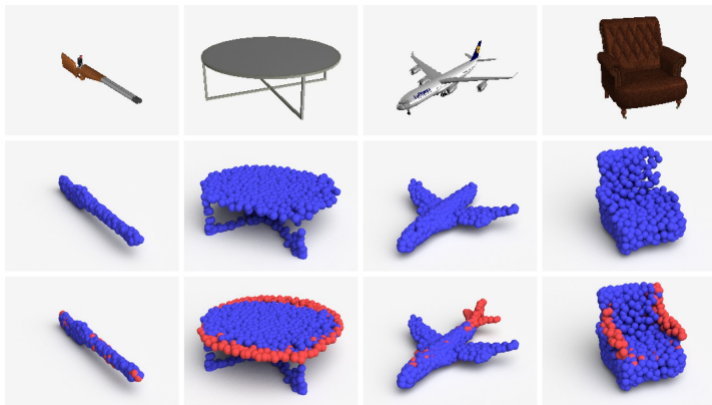
ground  
truth

3D-R2N2 [3]

# 3D Shape Completion (RGBD)



# Deconvolution vs. Fully Connected





# My 2 Cents ...

Some experiments missing:

- ▶ Quantitative comparison of (C)VAE or (C)GAN with MoN loss;
- ▶ comparison of vanilla, two branches and hourglass with respect to IoU.

# Conclusion

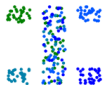
3D reconstruction by using a CNN to predict a set of points – trained on synthetic data.

Interesting in combination with PointNet, allows to directly operate on and predict unordered sets of points.

- ▶ The only two works on deep learning on 3D point sets ...

# Distances

Input



EMD  
mean



CD  
mean



# VAE Comparison



Figure: Multiple predictions using the MoN loss.

# VAE Comparison (cont'd)



Figure: Multiple predictions using a (C)VAE formulation.

# Real Examples

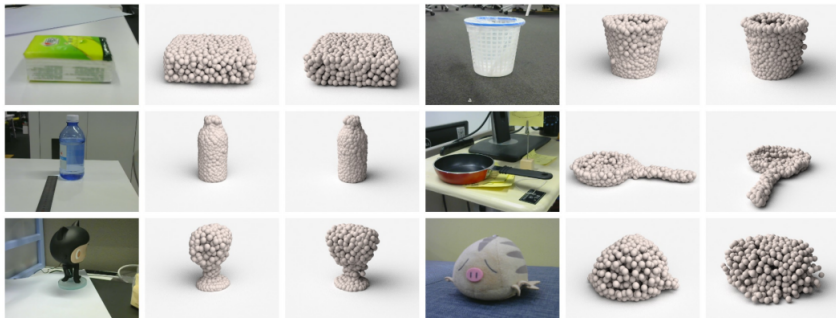


Figure: Multiple predictions on real examples; objects were masked out.

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