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QuadMeshCNN

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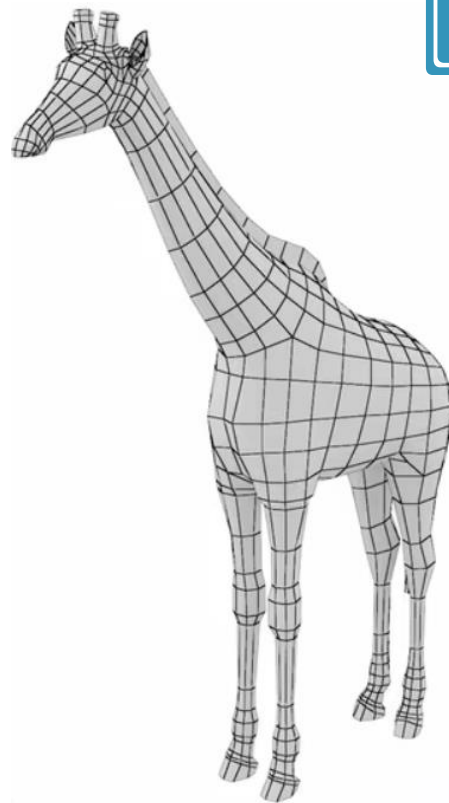
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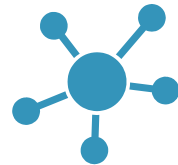


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 - Mesh and other 3D data representations
 - Goal and motivation of this work
 - Previous work - MeshCNN
- **Quad MeshCNN** - method
- **Applications**
 - Classification model
 - QuadZoo5 dataset
- **Conclusions and future work**



Introduction

Basics, motivation and goal



CNNs on 2D images

- Shown an outstanding performance in classification and segmentation.

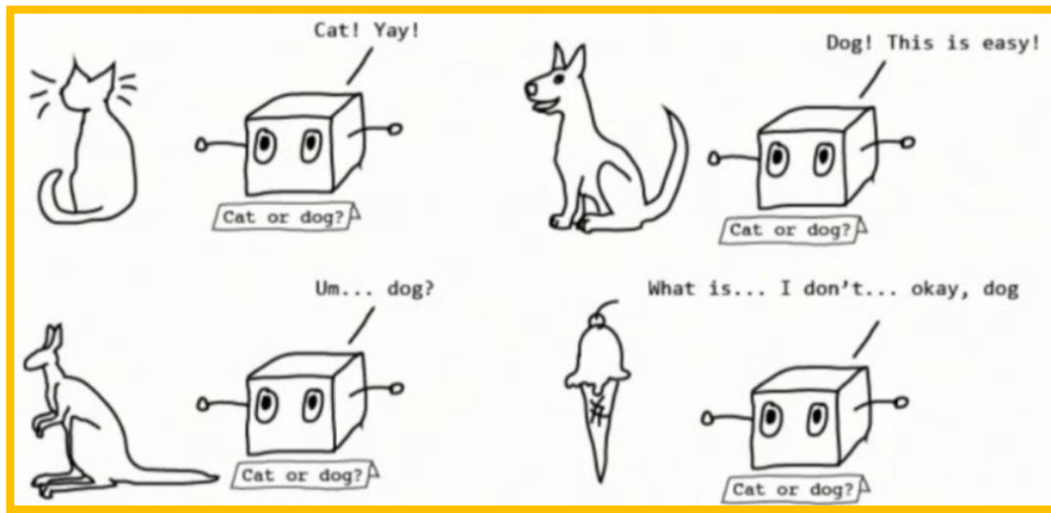


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Deep learning on 3D data



- Many representations exist
- 2D input data CNNs are hard to adjust

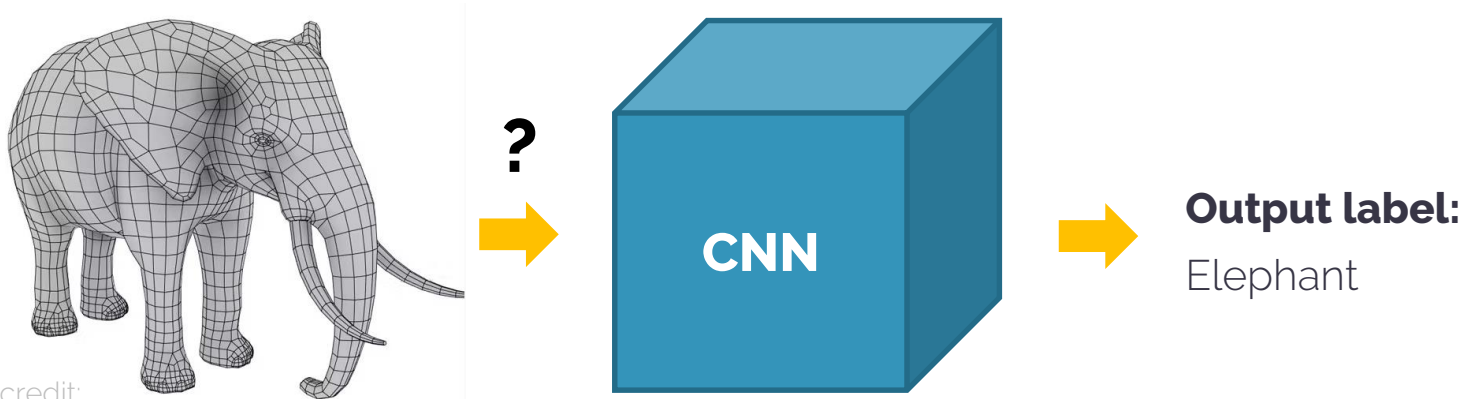
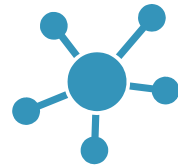


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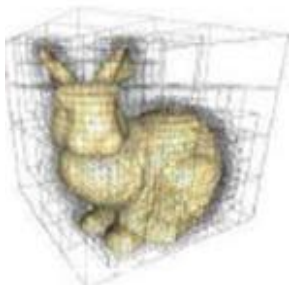
3D shapes representations



Multi-view data



Octree



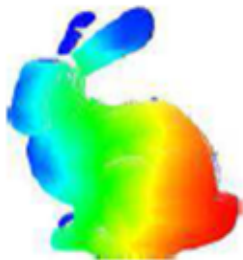
Voxels



**Polygon
Mesh**



3D descriptors



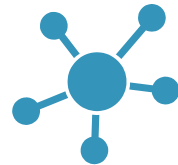
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Point cloud

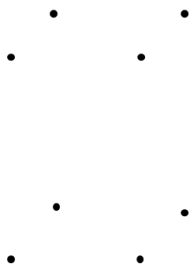


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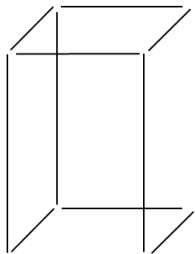


Polygon Mesh

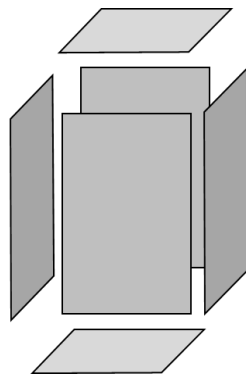
- Represents 2D surfaces
- Defined by **vertices** and **faces** (or edges)



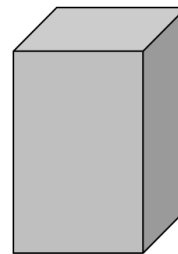
Vertices
 $v_i = (x, y, z)$



Edges
 $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j)$



Faces
 $f = (v_i, v_j, v_k, v_r)$



Mesh
 (V, F)

Polygon Mesh

- Efficient representation
- Non-uniform

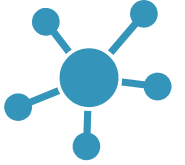
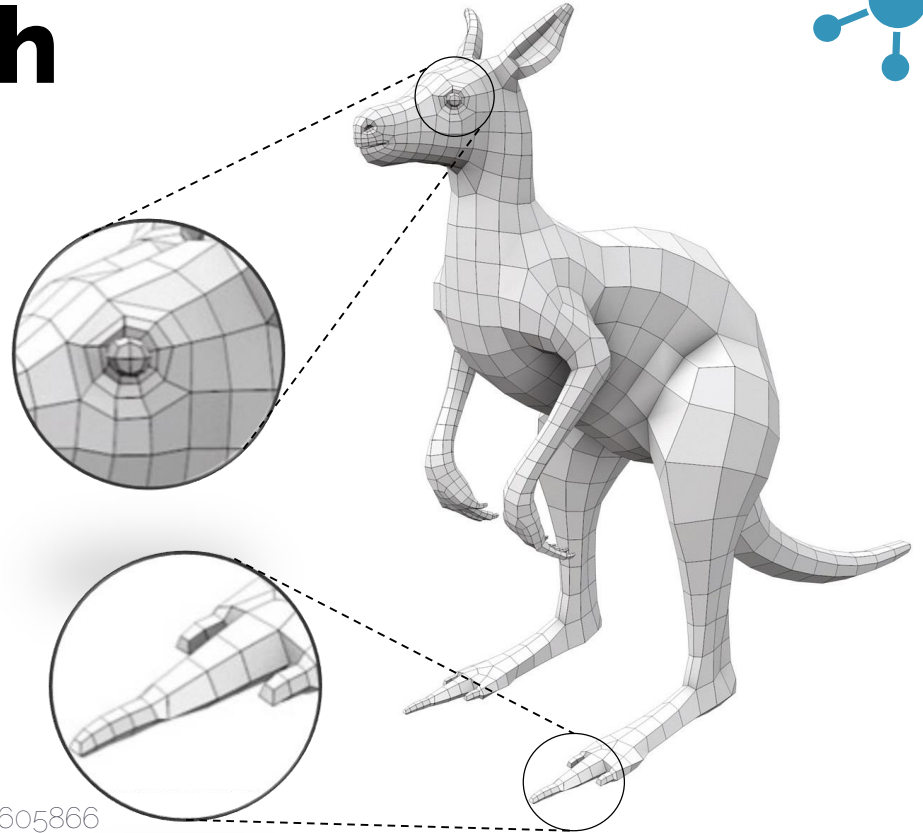
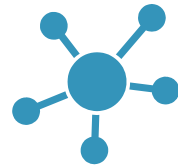
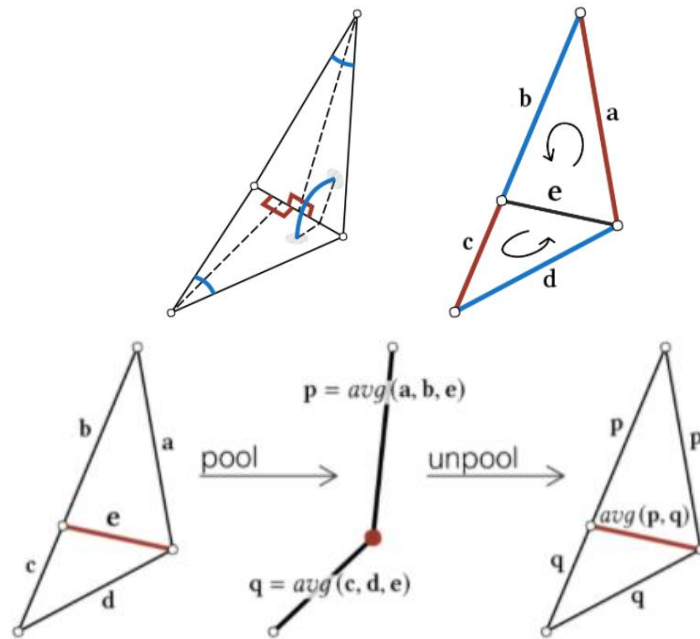


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MeshCNN [Hanocka, 2019]



- A method for 3D shapes processing.
- Works **directly** on the mesh structure.
- Combines specialized **convolution** and **pooling** layers
- Leveraging mesh edges intrinsic geodesic connections
- Showed great performance on **classification** and **segmentation** tasks.





MeshCNN on quads

Goal

- Extend MeshCNN method to process quad meshes.

Main contributions

- Develop and implement MeshCNN operations for quad meshes.
- Generate quad mesh classification dataset (QuadZoo5).
- Train a classification model for QuadZoo5.



Motivation: why quads?

Quads* are good for [Bommes et al. 2013]:

- Polygonal modeling
- High-order surface modeling
- Texturing
- Finite element simulation
- Compression

* Semi-regular quad mesh (example on the right) →

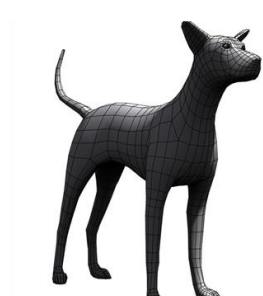
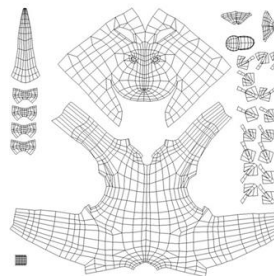
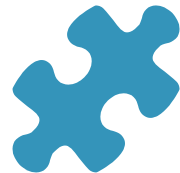


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Quad MeshCNN

Method and basics

Quad MeshCNN



- MeshCNN extension
 - Input edge feature
 - Quad mesh convolution
 - Quad mesh pooling
 - Quad mesh unpooling
- Quad mesh simplification
- Classification dataset generation

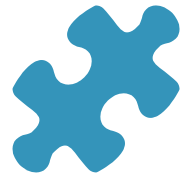
A diagram consisting of three overlapping circles. A large blue circle on the left contains the text 'MeshCNN operations'. A yellow circle on the top right contains the text 'QuadZoo5 dataset'. A yellow circle on the bottom right contains the text 'Practical quad mesh simplification'.

**MeshCNN
operations**

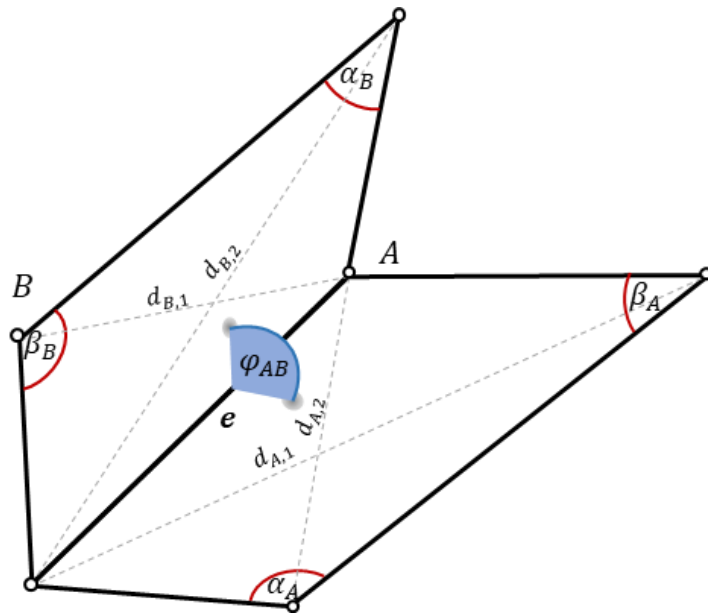
**QuadZoo5
dataset**

**Practical
quad mesh
simplification**

Input edge features



- Relative geometric features
 - Invariant to similarity transformations
- 7-dimensional vector

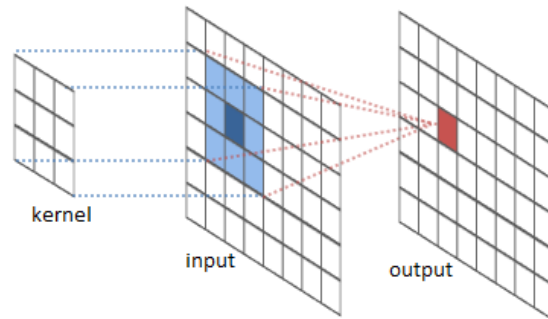




Mesh Convolution

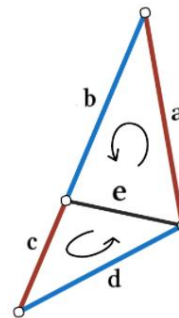
- **Image convolution**

- A dot product with a kernel
- Convolution support is consistent



- **MeshCNN convolution**

- Face normal defines face edges order
- Convolution done on edges neighbourhood



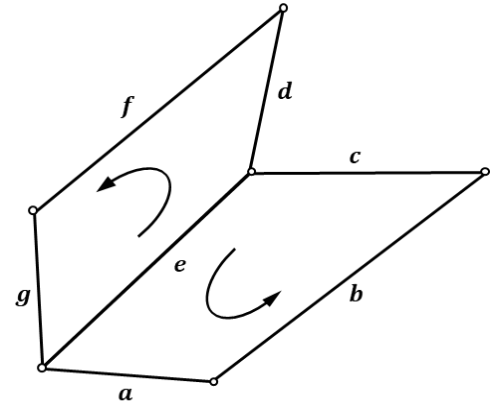
Quad Mesh Convolution

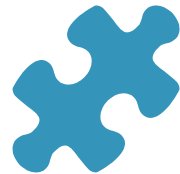


- Convolution on edges neighbourhood
- Edge neighbourhood ordering ambiguity
(a,b,c,d,f,g) or (d,f,g,a,b,c)?
→ **Solution:** symmetric functions

$$(f_e^1, f_e^2, f_e^3, f_e^4, f_e^5, f_e^6) = (|a - d|, a + d, |b - f|, b + f, |c - g|, g + c)$$

$$f_e \cdot k_0 + \sum_{j=1}^6 f_e^j \cdot k_j$$

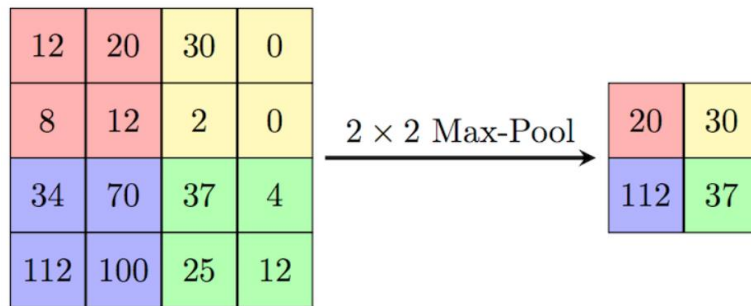




Mesh Pooling

Reminder: pooling layer

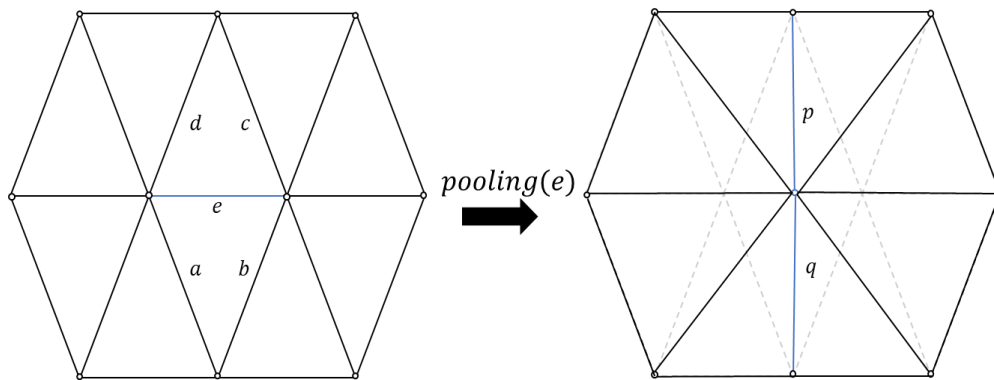
- Reduces the dimension of feature activation maps
- Summarizes the features present in a region of activation map
- Provides basic translation invariance



Mesh Pooling



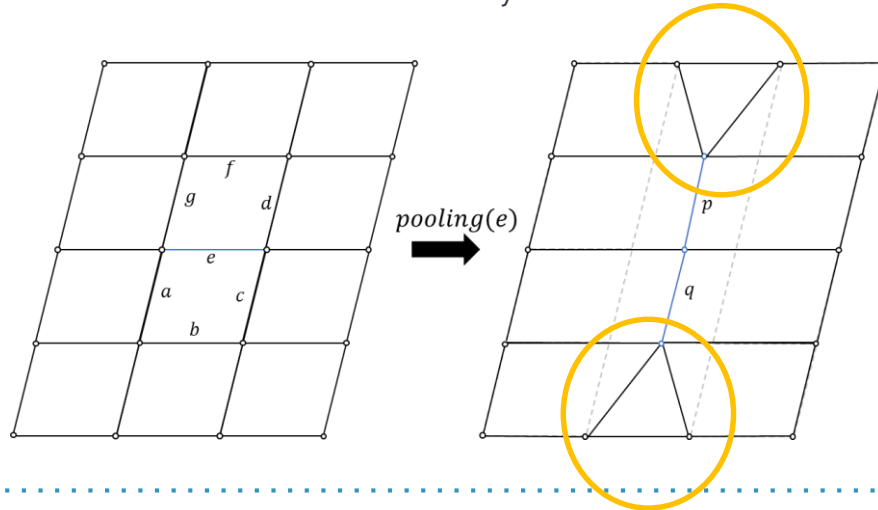
- **Reminder: Triangle mesh pooling**
 - Based on edge collapse [Hoppe 1997]
 - Deleting edges with the smallest feature activations



Quad Mesh Pooling



- **Quads: Problem with same edge collapse method**
 - Quad structures are more delicate
 - Should be handled differently



Quad Mesh Pooling



- Use local operations from quad mesh simplification method

[Tarini et al. 2010]:

- Optimizing operations
- Coarsening operations
- Cleaning operations

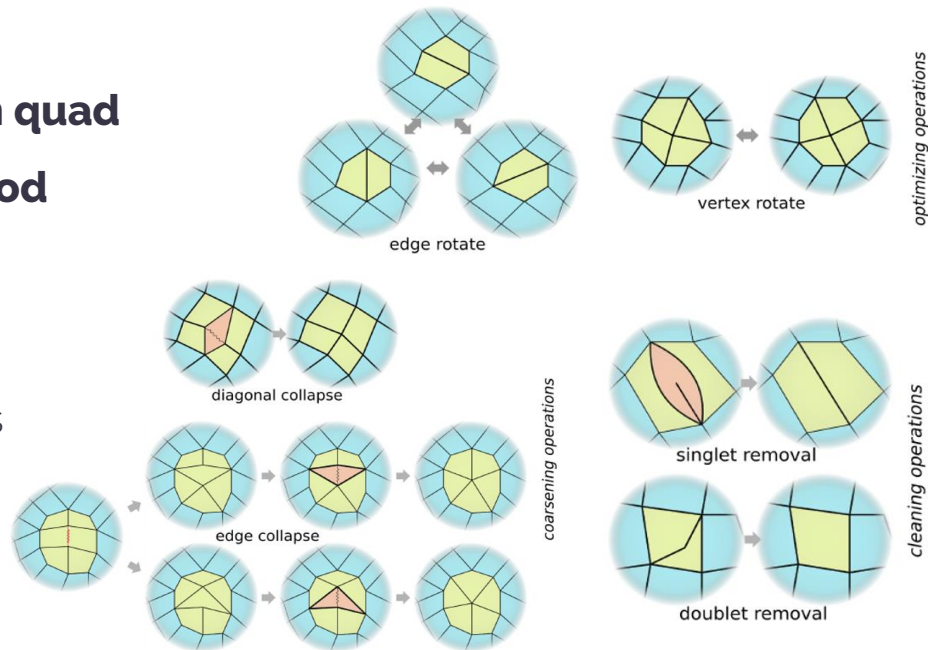
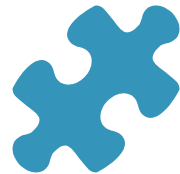


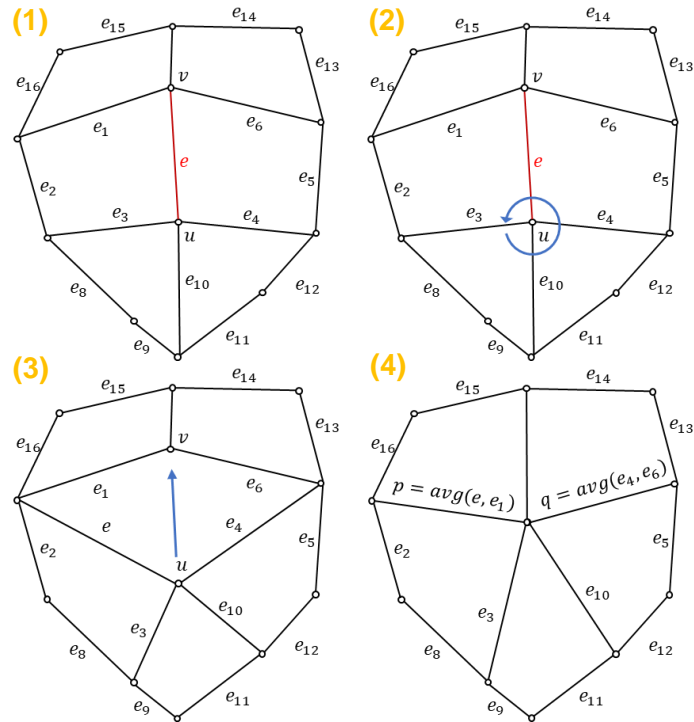
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Quad Mesh Pooling

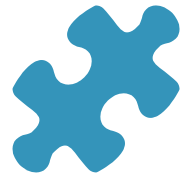


Algorithm 1 – quad edge-collapse

1. Extract `edge_id` neighborhood information.
2. Let (u, v) be the vertices of the `edge_id`.
Select vertex u for step (3).
3. Perform `vertex_rotation` around vertex u .
4. Perform `diagonal_collapse` from vertex v .

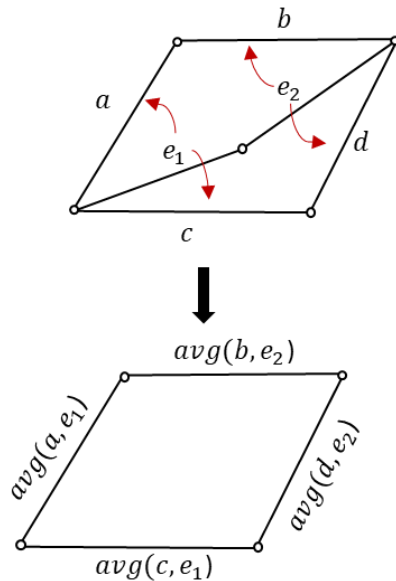


Quad Mesh Pooling



Algorithm 2 – mesh pooling

1. Build edges queue
2. While `pooling_count < POOL_TARGET` do:
 - a. `edge_id = Queue.pop()`
 - b. If `edge_id` is not removed continue to (c), else return to (a)
 - c. Run `clear_doublets(mesh)` and `clear_singlets(mesh)`
 - d. If `edge_id` is **valid** continue to (e), else return to (a).
 - e. Perform `edge_collapse(edge_id)`.

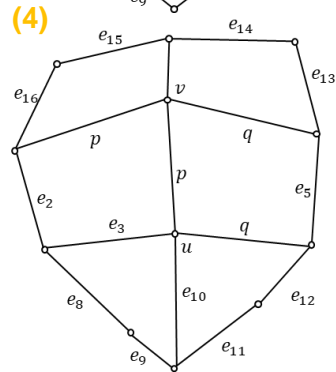
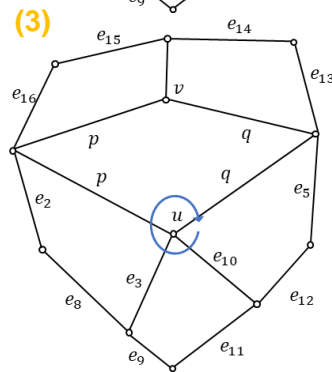
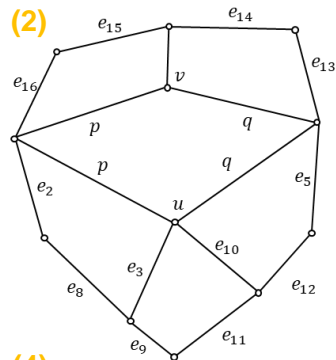
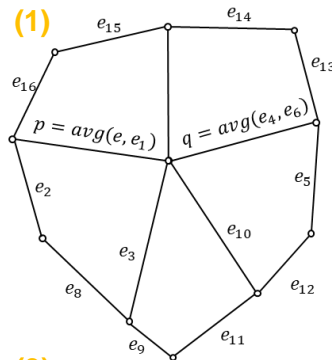


Clear doublet example

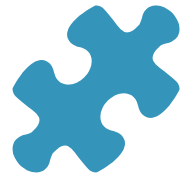


Quad Mesh Unpooling

- Pooling layer collects the **connectivity** prior the pooling operation
- Mesh unpooling is a **partial inverse** of pooling operator
 - **Increases resolution** by restoring the connectivity
 - Unpooled features are a **weighted sum** of pooled features
- Quad mesh unpooling is similar to the triangle mesh unpooling



Quad Mesh augmentations

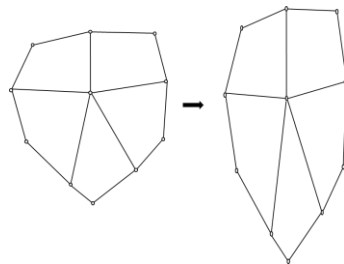


Why?

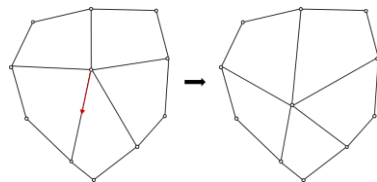
- Adding more training data
- Regularization - reduces overfitting

How?

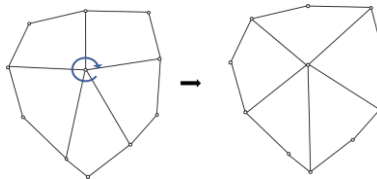
- Directly on mesh structure (i.e., on vertices and edges).
- Using similarity variant augmentations:
 1. Anisotropic vertices position scaling
 2. Vertex location shift on mesh surface
 3. Tessellation change using vertex rotations



(1)



(2)



(3)



Quad MeshCNN

Application

Classification dataset and classification model

Dataset generation



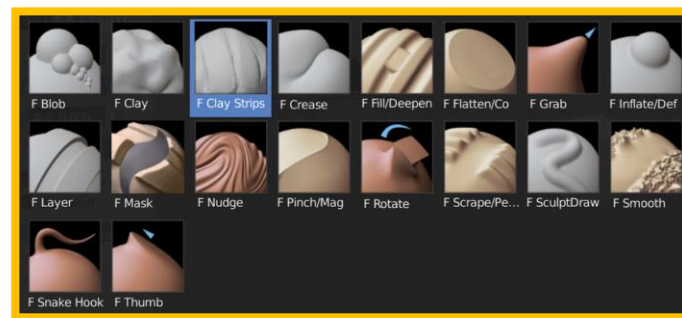
- **Triangle to quad mesh conversion**

- Instant field aligned meshes
- Quadriflow
- Quad-Remesher



- **Object deformations**

- Blender sculpting operations
- Anisotropic scaling



Dataset generation



- **QuadZoo5 dataset vs. SHREC11 dataset**

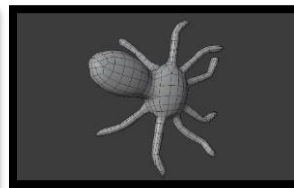
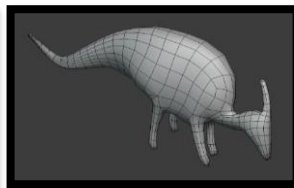
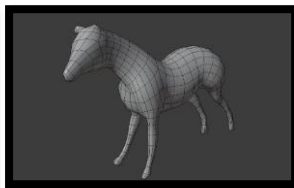
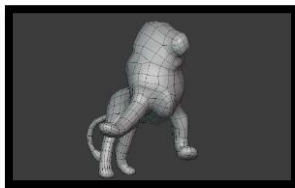
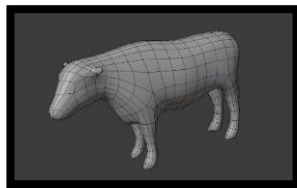
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SHREC11	30	16	4	750	Triangle
QuadZoo5	5	11	4	[1396, 1954]	Quad

QuadZoo5 dataset

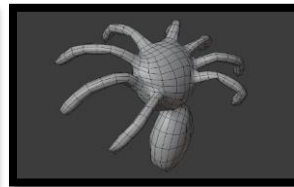
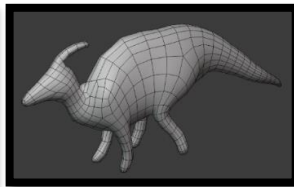
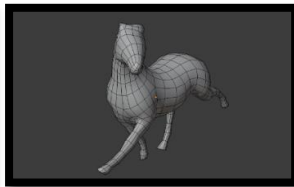
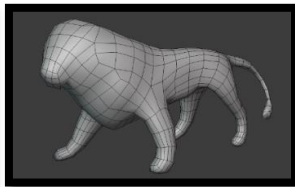
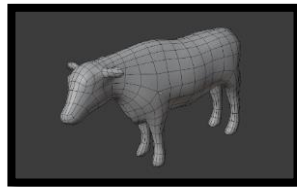


- Dataset examples (train and test)
- [Download link](#)

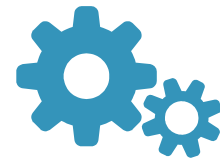
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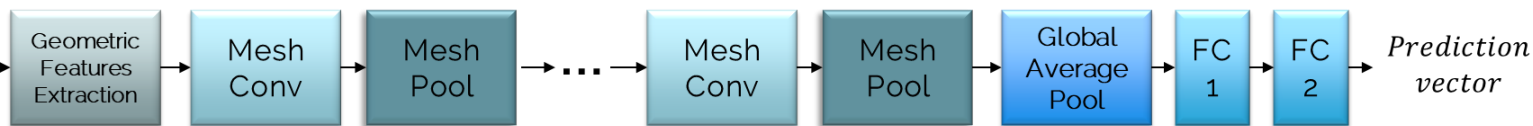
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Classification model



Input mesh

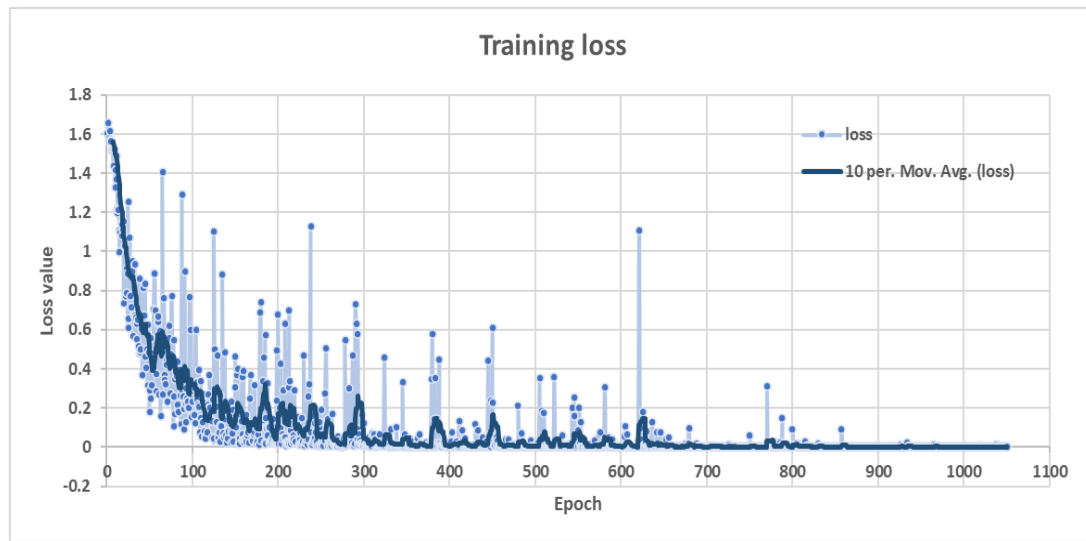


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1	Input mesh	-	6	MeshPool2 (out Res. 900)	900x128	11	Global Avg. Pool	1x256
2	Geometric features extraction	$n_e \times 7$ $n_e \in [1396, 1954]$	7	MeshConv3 (+ReLU)	900x256	12	FC1 + ReLU	1x100
3	MeshConv1 (+ReLU)	$n_e \times 64$	8	MeshPool3 (out Res 600)	600x256	13	FC2 + ReLU	1x5
4	MeshPool1 (out Res. 1100)	1100x64	9	MeshConv4 (+ReLU)	600x256	14	Prediction Vector	1x5
5	MeshConv2 (+ReLU)	1100x128	10	MeshPool4 (out Res. 400)	400x256	15	Classification (arg max)	Class number

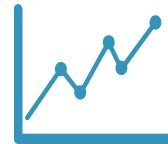
Experiments & Results



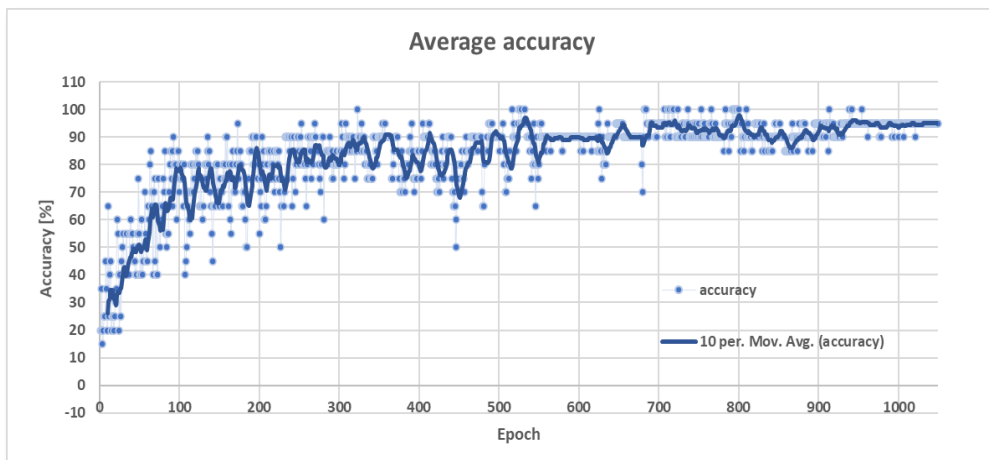
- Pytorch framework
- Configuration
 - 1050 epochs
 - Adam optimizer
 - LR scheduler
 - BCE loss
- Data
 - 55 train examples
 - 30 variants each
 - 20 test examples



Experiments & Results



- **Classification accuracy** on test set during training – converged to 95%
- **Confusion matrix** – summarizes correct and wrong predictions

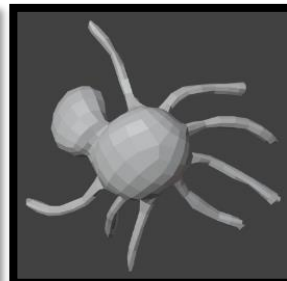
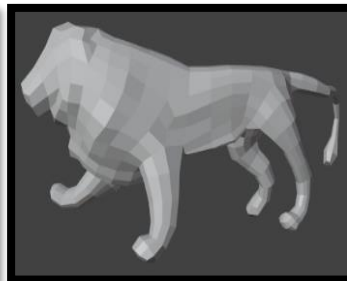
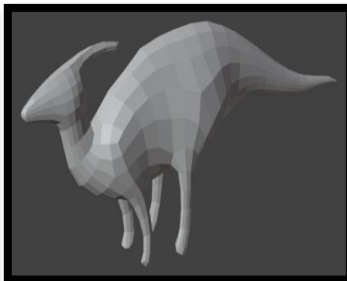
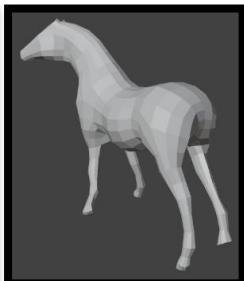


True class	Predicted class					
	Class	Cow	Dilo	Horse	Lion	Spider
	Cow	75%	0%	0%	25%	0%
	Dilo	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Horse	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
	Lion	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
	Spider	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

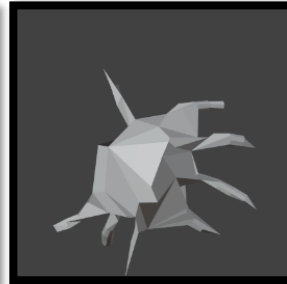
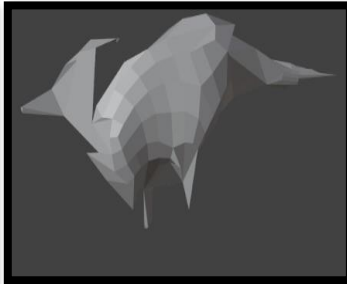
Pooling examples



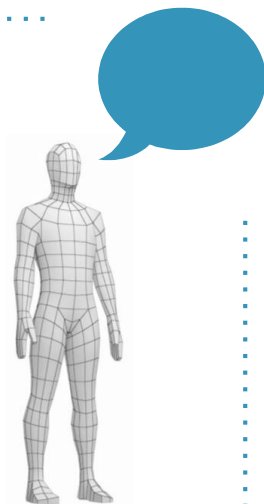
**Input
Mesh**



**Last
pooling
layer
output**



Conclusions and Future work



- **Conclusions**

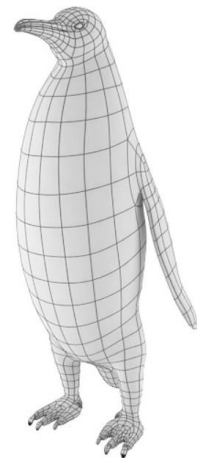
- QuadMeshCNN is an extension to MeshCNN
- Quad MeshPool layer based on practical quad mesh simplification method.
- QuadZoo5 – new classification dataset
- Classification accuracy of 95%.

- **Future work**

- Triangle and quad polygons in a mesh
- Optimizing mesh pooling layer
- Mesh segmentation task



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Thanks!

Any questions?



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