

Semi-Supervised 3D Structural In-variance for World Coordinates Prediction for realistic AR object placement

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Recent works focusing on Indoor scenes try to predict 3D world coordinates and place objects in real world for Augmented reality applications, specially for Monocular hand held phones and devices. This is challenging because indoor scenes have walls, corridors and featureless planar objects. Height and Uprightness Invariance for 3D Prediction from a Single View [1] in CVPR 2020 tries to solve this by predicting the camera intrinsics and the camera position with respect to the ground. It then predicts the 3D position for each pixel. However the 3D structural accuracy of this method is worse compared to DORN [4] which was the earlier state of the art in monocular depth estimation. Geometry based monocular SLAM methods which work well in outdoor environments for self-driving cars, fail indoors due to large texture-less regions such as walls. In order to solve this, we borrow ideas from [5] [10] which use global and local planar constraints by modifying loss functions and as this paper performs poorly than DORN, we will modify the network to enable Local Planar guidance from BTS [6]. Finally, using this we will find the world coordinates for the system with accurate structure and project realistic placement of AR objects in indoor scenes

PROPOSED METHOD

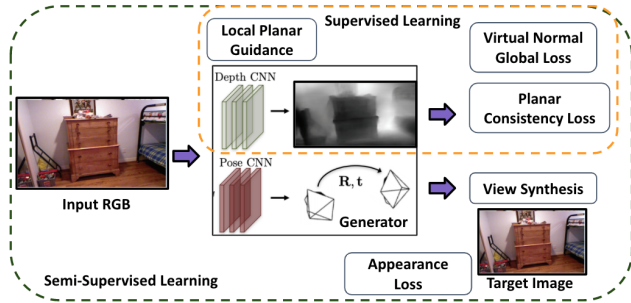


Figure 1: Pipeline

The pipeline we proposed is described in Figure 1. We will follow a semi-supervised approach with separate loss functions based on ground truth depth and photo-metric consistency. For supervised learning, we will predict the depth map, intrinsics and extrinsics with respect to ground. This will enable us to use the regression loss on world coordinates similar to [1]. Additionally, we will change the depth architecture from Megadepth [7] to follow BTS architecture which encapsulates local planar Guidance. In terms of loss functions for supervised setting from either [10] or from [9] for accurate depth prediction. See figure 2 for more information on BTS constraints and Re-projection error loss. For the self-supervised learning, we will use the neighbouring frames in the video for an appearance based loss. For this we will

predict the pose between the frame and each neighbouring frame and reproject pixels from the source frame using the depth map. We will include a photometric error term similar to [5].

The deliverable for the method is the DepthNet which will be used to predict camera parameters and the depth map which will enable AR object placement.

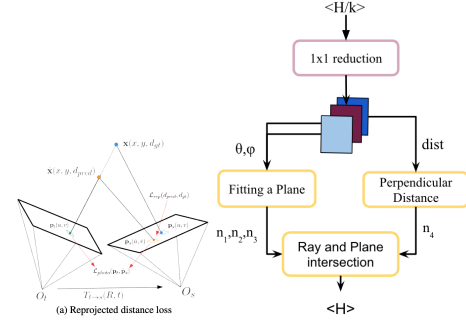


Figure 2: Local planar constraint in Depth Module

We desire a dataset with annotated ground truth for supervised learning, video sequences for self-supervised learning and comparison with state-of-the-art depth prediction networks. Scannet[3], Matterport3D [2] NYUv2[8] are datasets which satisfy our conditions. We will decide on the basis of ease of access.

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