# NeRF Review

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# 1. Concept

### View Synthesis of a Single Scene

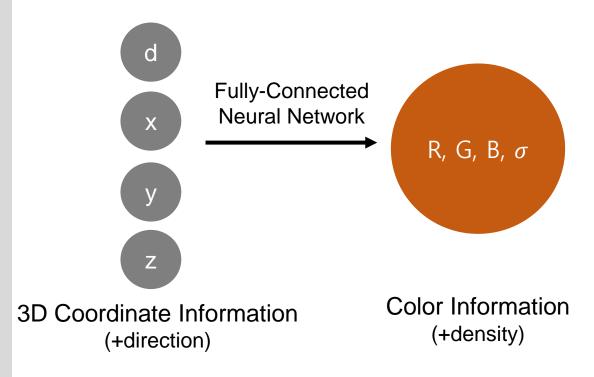
- Train Data: various views of a scene (2d image)
- Target Prediction: unseen view of a scene (2d image)



# 1. Concept

#### View Synthesis of a Single Scene

#### 1) 3D Scene Representation(NeRF)



#### 2) Volume Rendering

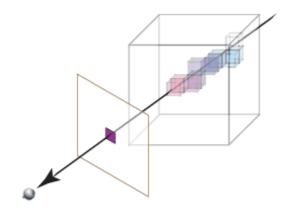


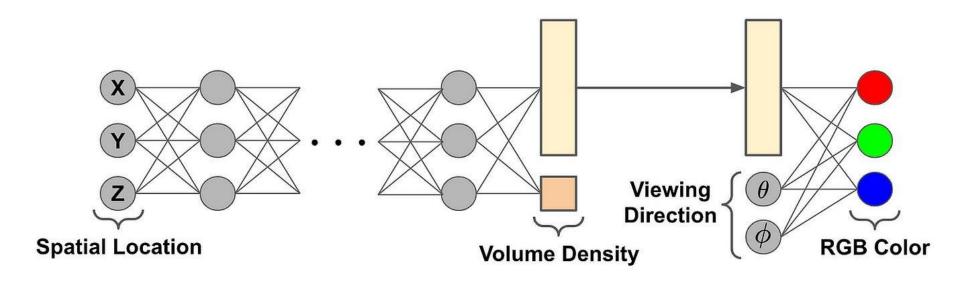
Figure 2: The ray casting integral sums the color and opacity properties of each data voxel that intersects the ray.

Generating 2D View from 3D Scene Representation

# 2. Neural Radiance Field Scene Representation

$$F_{\Theta}: (x,d) \to (c,\sigma)$$

- Input:  $x, y, z, \theta, \phi$
- Output: R, G, B,  $\sigma$
- 8 fully-connected layers



# 3. Volume Rendering

- C(r): **Expected Color** of the camera ray r(t) = o + td
- T(t): Accumulated **Transmittance**
- Differentiable Equation → enables end-to-end training with backprop

$$C(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{t_n}^{t_f} T(t)\sigma(\mathbf{r}(t))\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r}(t), \mathbf{d})dt,$$

where 
$$T(t) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_n}^t \sigma(\mathbf{r}(s))ds\right)$$

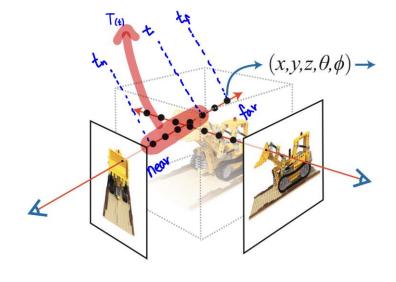


Image from https://nuggy875.tistory.com/168

# 3. Volume Rendering

#### Quadrature: estimation of continuous integral

- 1) Sampling the x value
  - → avoid deterministic quadrature (fixed discrete set of location)

$$t_i \sim \mathcal{U}\left[t_n + \frac{i-1}{N}(t_f - t_n), \ t_n + \frac{i}{N}(t_f - t_n)\right]$$

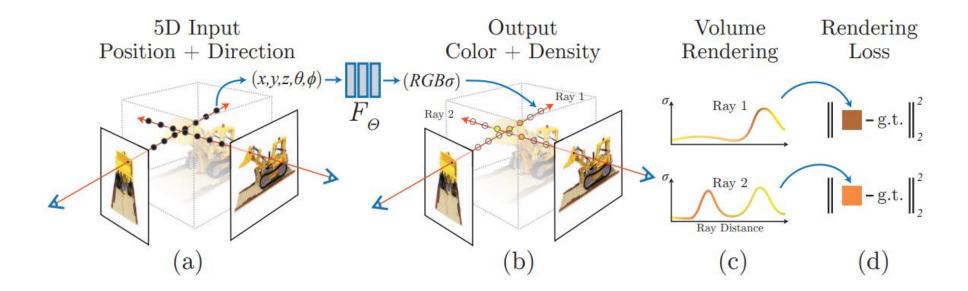
#### 2) Quadrature Equation

$$\alpha_i = 1 - \exp(-\sigma_i \delta_i)$$
$$\delta_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$$

$$\hat{C}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} T_i (1 - \exp(-\sigma_i \delta_i)) \mathbf{c}_i,$$
where  $T_i = \exp\left(-\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sigma_j \delta_j\right)$ 

## **Total Network**

- NeRF mapping + Volume Rendering
- Training with ground truth 2D view images



#### Positional Encoding

- Bad Result with cartesian coordinate input (x, y, z) → Expand the Dimension
- Instead of two angle values, unit direction vector is used for direction input

$$: (\theta, \phi) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0, z_0) \rightarrow encode$$

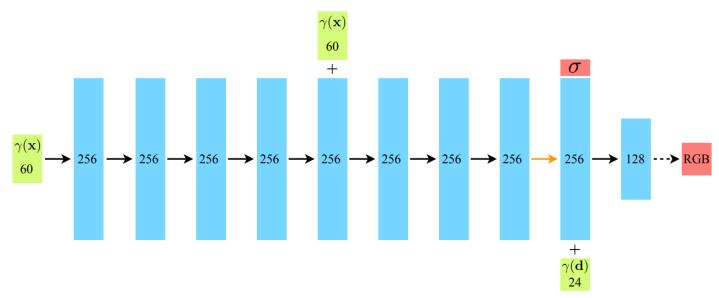
$$\gamma(p) = \left(\sin(2^0\pi p), \cos(2^0\pi p), \cdots, \sin(2^{L-1}\pi p), \cos(2^{L-1}\pi p)\right)$$

$$L = 10$$
 for  $\gamma(x)$ ,  $L = 4$  for  $\gamma(d)$ 

### Positional Encoding: Final Network Architecture

encoded dim = input dim x 2 x L

- dim of  $\gamma(x) = 3 \times 2 \times 10 = 60$
- dim of  $\gamma(d) = 3 \times 2 \times 4 = 24$



#### Hierarchical Volume Sampling

- Let Course network and Fine network
- Normalize the  $w_i$ , and Compute the PDF of  $w_i$
- → Sample a second set from this PDF (more likely to sample the point where more visible objects exists)
- → Use it on Fine network

$$\hat{C}_c(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} w_i c_i, \quad w_i = T_i (1 - \exp(-\sigma_i \delta_i)).$$

$$\hat{w}_i = w_i / \sum_{j=1}^{N_c} w_j$$

#### Hierarchical Volume Sampling

Total Loss:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}} \left[ \left\| \hat{C}_c(\mathbf{r}) - C(\mathbf{r}) \right\|_2^2 + \left\| \hat{C}_f(\mathbf{r}) - C(\mathbf{r}) \right\|_2^2 \right]$$

- Final Rendering: *Fine network* (using all samples from course/fine)
- Course network learns to allocate the important samples for fine network

## 5. Results

#### Model Experiments:

Using the view direction and positional encoding improves the performance





No View Dependence No Positional Encoding





Ground Truth

Complete Model

	Input	$\#\mathrm{Im}.$	L	$\left(N_c,N_f ight)$	PSNR↑	$SSIM\uparrow$	LPIPS↓
1) No PE, VD, H	xyz	100	-	(256, -)	26.67	0.906	0.136
2) No Pos. Encoding	$xyz\theta\phi$	100	-	(64, 128)	28.77	0.924	0.108
3) No View Dependence	xyz	100	10	(64, 128)	27.66	0.925	0.117
4) No Hierarchical	$xyz\theta\phi$	100	10	(256, -)	30.06	0.938	0.109
5) Far Fewer Images	$xyz\theta\phi$	25	10	(64, 128)	27.78	0.925	0.107
6) Fewer Images	$xyz\theta\phi$	50	10	(64, 128)	29.79	0.940	0.096
7) Fewer Frequencies	$xyz\theta\phi$	100	5	(64, 128)	30.59	0.944	0.088
8) More Frequencies	$xyz\theta\phi$	100	15	(64, 128)	30.81	0.946	0.096
9) Complete Model	$xyz\theta\phi$	100	10	(64, 128)	31.01	0.947	0.081

# 5. Results

#### Comparison → state-of-the-art performance

	Diffuse Synthetic 360° 41			Realisti	ic Synthe	etic $360^{\circ}$	Real Forward-Facing [28]		
Method	PSNR↑	$SSIM\uparrow$	$\mathrm{LPIPS}\!\!\downarrow$	PSNR↑	$SSIM\uparrow$	$\mathrm{LPIPS}\!\!\downarrow$	PSNR↑	$SSIM\uparrow$	$LPIPS \downarrow$
SRN [42]	33.20	0.963	0.073	22.26	0.846	0.170	22.84	0.668	0.378
NV 24	29.62	0.929	0.099	26.05	0.893	0.160	_	-	-
LLFF $[28]$	34.38	0.985	0.048	24.88	0.911	0.114	24.13	0.798	0.212
Ours	40.15	0.991	0.023	31.01	0.947	0.081	26.50	0.811	0.250



# Reference

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