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State of the Art

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2.2 Limitations of previous work

Methodology

Dataset benchmarking is important any task because it allows future researchers to compare and validate their methods. In this thesis, we tried to formulate a benchmark for out of distribution (OOD) detection in 3D datasets and evaluated the benchmarked datasets over the baseline models. In this chapter, we discuss about the benchmarking of datasets particularly how is it done and experimental setup which includes models used and also a description about the process of OOD detection.

3.1 Dataset benchmark formulation

In this era, development of novel architectures in deep learning is made easy by improvement in frameworks such as Pytorch and Tensorflow. These rapidly developed architectures requires a standard benchmarked datasets to compare performance with existing architectures. The process of creating benchmarked datasets with high quality are tedious and requires Herculean effort. Moreover the benchmarking for OOD detection task in 2D is already available in [cite]. The benchmarked datasets in OOD detection for 2D classification setting are MNIST vs Fashion MNIST [cite] or CIFAR vs SUN datasets [cite]. Since this thesis deals with OOD detection in 3D segmentation task and it is first of its kind no such benchmarking is available as best of our knowledge. As discussed in [cite], we chose the datasets for in and out distributions based on the criteria of *relevance*, *representativeness*, *experimentally verified case*, *scalability* and *resuability*. As argued in [cite] one more criteria is *non-redundancy* was tried to maintain and its only possible with hard OOD scenarios where classes doesn't overlap between datasets. In case of soft OOD there are class overlaps but it should not be a problem in OOD detection task.

3.1.1 SemanticKITTI

The first benchmarked datasets are of LiDAR point annotation datasets for 3D semantic segmentation. This thesis also include the study of the available LiDAR datasets, a detailed descripton of datasets and their classes are availbale in appendix [cite]. The discussion here is only confined to the datasets used for benchmarking. For this study we chose the SemanticKITTI dataset [?] as an in distribution dataset. We adopted SemanticKITTI becuase of its wide usage in evaluation of 3D semantic segmentation model performance. Moreover the dataset consits of high qualitative and quantative scans. Also the sensor used is Velodyne HDL-64E which is widely used sensor for LiDAR scans as its used in other datasets such

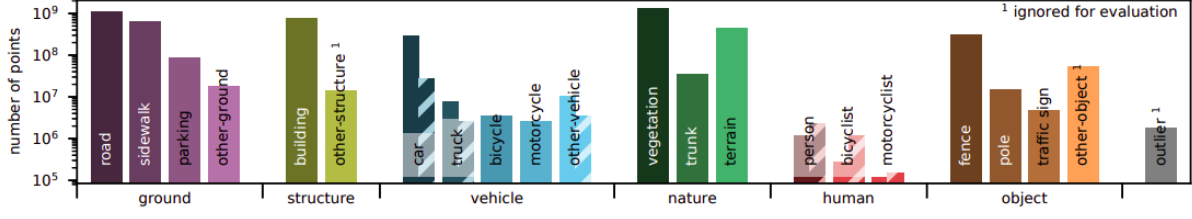


Figure 3.1: Classes in semanticKITTI dataset and their distribution in dataset. The hatched bars means a moving object where as solid bar means a non movable object. Image taken from [?].

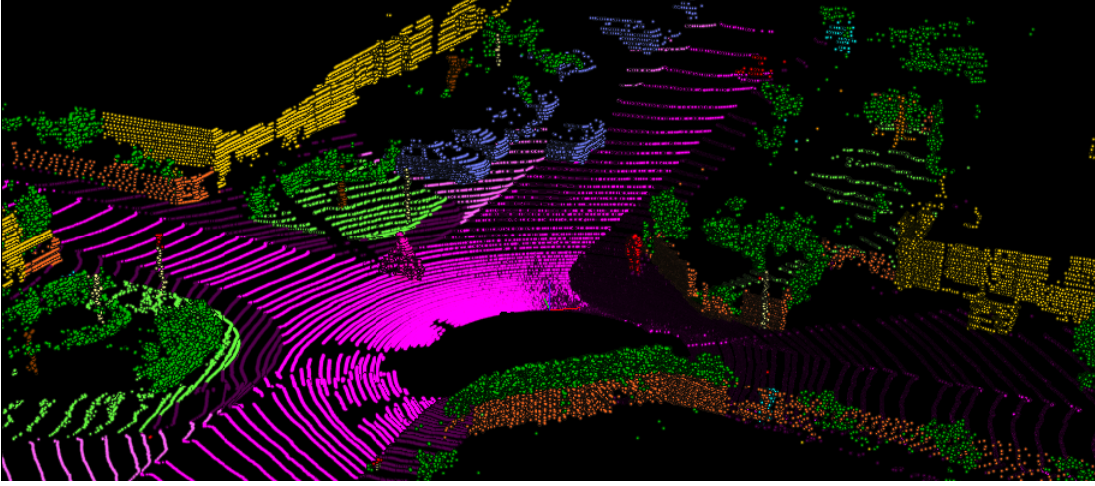


Figure 3.2: Ground truth example of a scan in SemanticKITTI dataset depicting various classes

as [cite]. SemanticKITTI [?] is a large dataset with 23201 and 20351 scans for training and testing respectively. The datasets has a gigantic 4549M number of points which are annotated individually. It has 28 classes annotated but only 25 are used for evaluation. The dataset is also publicly available at [cite] for download and API at [cite]. The available classes and their distribution in dataset is given in Figure 3.1. SemanticKITTI is an outdoor autonomous driving dataset as depicted in Figure 3.2.

3.1.2 Stanford 3D Indoor Scene Dataset (S3DIS)

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Solution

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4.1 Proposed algorithm

4.2 Implementation details

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Evaluation

Implementation and measurements.

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Results

6.1 Use case 1

Describe results and analyse them

6.2 Use case 2

6.3 Use case 3

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Conclusions

7.1 Contributions

7.2 Lessons learned

7.3 Future work

8.1 Related work - Datasets

LiDAR is one of the central component in the sensor suite for SLAM system in robotic applications [10], [7], [4] and autonomous driving [6]. 3D LiDAR data is preferred because, it can provide the exact replica of 3D geometry of the real world represented in the form of 3D point clouds. Because of these rich features and widespread use of LiDAR sensors, tasks such as 3D object detection [12], [11] and 3D semantic segmentation [8], [1] are becoming more predominant area for research.

In this section, we will discuss about the available 3D LiDAR datasets for 3D semantic segmentation task and classify the datasets based on acquisition methods as in [2]. [2] classifies the available public datasets into three classes based on the data acquisition process. They are *Sequential*, *Static* and *Synthetic* datasets. The data for sequential datasets are collected as frame sequences where mechanical LiDAR is mounted on top of a autonomous driivng platform as in Figure 8.1. Most of the popular autonomous



Figure 8.1: Sequential mounted LiDAR for data collection of Lyft L5 dataset. Image from [5]

driving datasets are of sequential type, but these kind of datasets comes with a drawback of sparse points than other datasets.

Static datasets consists of data collected from a stationary view point by a terrestrial laser scanner. These kind of datasets capture the static information of the realworld whereas the sequential datasets capture the dynamic movements of the surrounding objects. Static datasets find their way in applications such as the urban planning, augmented reality and robotics. Figure 8.2 depicts a terrestrial laser scanner used to capture point cloud of an industrial environment. An advantage with the static datasets, are they can produce highly dense point clouds leading to rich 3D geometric representations.

Last type of 3D LiDAR datasets are synthetic datasets. As the name suggests these datasets are generated from the computer simulation. Figure 8.3 depicts a simulated point cloud in a synthtic dataset

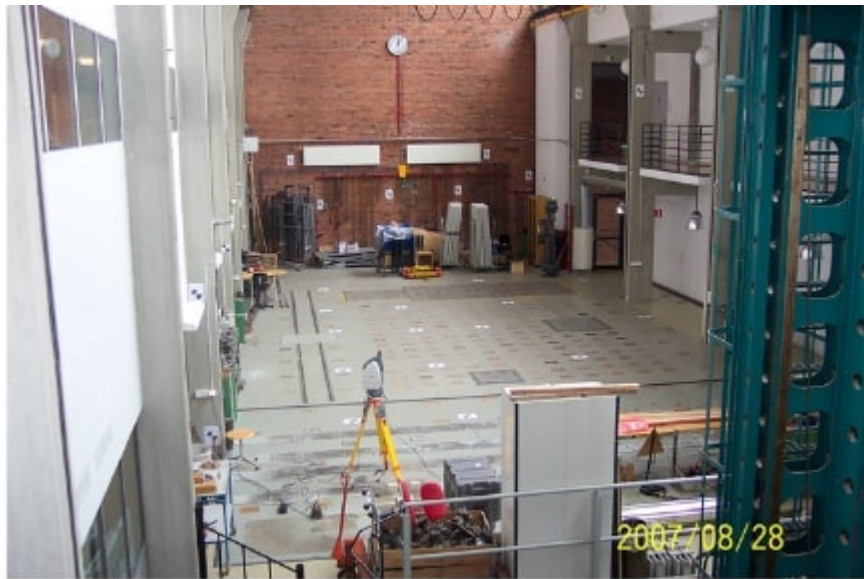


Figure 8.2: Terrestrial laser scanner in an industrial environment with the laser scanner mounted on a yellow tripod in the left corner of the floor. Image taken from [9]

called SynthCity. Eventhough synthetic datasets can be generated in large scale with cheap cost, they lack the accuracy in detail when compared to the point clouds generated from real world.

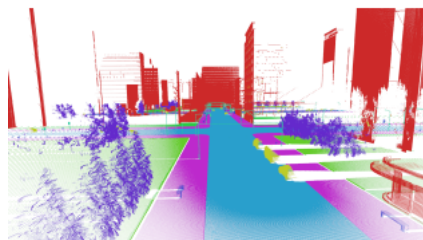


Figure 8.3: Illustration of a scene in synthetic dataset called SynthCity. Image taken from [3]

8.2 TODO

- Add the table for the dataset and explain the table
- Add the mindmap for better visualization
- Discuss why SemanticKITTI and Semantic3D are of our interest



Design Details

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Parameters

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