

Methodology This chapter will discuss the RandLA-Net used for 3D semantic segmentation, especially its network architecture. In random point sampling, We select K points uniformly from the original point cloud in random point sampling and Figure ?? represents the local features aggregation module for the RandLA-Net. This module is applied parallelly on all points. Local Spatial Encoding (LocSE) The local spatial encoding module takes each point (p_i) in the point cloud (P) and finds its K nearest neighbours. Finding nearest neighbours Relative position encoding Feature augmentation

In step 1, neighbour points for point (p_i) are collected using the Euclidean distance-based K-nearest neighbour (KNN) method.

where r_i^k is the relative position of point p_i with respect to p_i^k , here in p_i and p_i^k only the x,y and z positions are used. $r_i^k = p_i - p_i^k$

Where g is the softmax function and W is the attention weights, \hat{f}_i^k is the input feature vector to the attentive pooling module. Dilated Residual Block Dilated Residual Block is a ResNet inspired module claimed by authors and represented as shown in Figure 4.10. To summarize, up to this point, we have studied the unique feature of RandLA-Net. That is how random point sampling is used in RandLA-Net architecture. RandLA-Net is an encoder-decoder architecture with skip connections used in various segmentation tasks. We chose RandLA-Net because of the following reasons:

Efficient extraction of complex structures progressively using Local Feature Aggregation (LFA) module. Fewer parameters (1.24M) compared to other SOTA 3D semantic segmentation models, making training efficient, as 3D Semantic Segmentation on Semantic3D and SemanticKITTI. Proven performance over various datasets such as Semantic3D and SemanticKITTI, along with ablation study of each sub-module. No preprocessing such as range image representation as in [?] or farthest point sampling with a computational complexity of $O(N^2)$. State of the art performance in point-based methods, consisting of Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLP) and without expensive feature-wise cross-correlation. 3D Semantic Segmentation Evaluation Metrics To evaluate the performance of RandLA-Net over the training datasets, we use the following metrics: Mean Intersection-over-Union (mIoU) Mean Intersection-over-Union is a widely used metric for performance evaluation in 3D semantic segmentation.

Where N is the number of classes, p_k and g_k are predicted mask and ground truth mask of k^{th} class.

Accuracy Accuracy is another widely used metric, which can be quantified as a number of points in the point cloud that are correctly classified.

Where TP, TN, FP and FN are True Positives, True Negatives, False Positives and False Negatives, respectively, from the confusion matrix.

Here, we conclude the study of RandLA-Net, the reason for its effective performance, argue the reasons to chose RandLA-Net. Despite their performance boosting ability, they are also used to estimate uncertainty as in [?]. [?] proposes that we can use the following methods to estimate uncertainty:

Flipout In this thesis, we also employed the Flipout version of the RandLA-Net model for uncertainty estimates, and the results are shown in Table 4.1.

So the node output of the neural network is modified as

Here ϕ is the activation function, and x_n is the n^{th} input example in the mini batch. Also the vectors r_n and s_n are introduced to model the random weight perturbations.

At a glance, these random weight perturbations give us slightly different output estimates for every forward pass. In Figure 4.11, we show the test dataflow in Flipout. Here F_1 represents the flipout trained model and v represents the test data. [scale=0.5]images/flipout.jpg Illustration of test dataflow in Flipout.

OOD estimates In this section, we discuss the two methods used to generate the OOD score for classifying the OOD samples.

Maximum Softmax Probability First proposed in [?], Maximum Softmax Probability (MSP) uses the probability of the most likely class to estimate uncertainty.

Entropy Entropy is defined by [?] as an "ill-defined notion of chaos or uncertainty". Entropy has its roots in thermodynamics.

In theory, following this formula, if the point in the point cloud is from In-Distribution (ID), the softmax output is high and close to 1.

OOD Detection Evaluation Metrics This section will discuss the metrics used for evaluating OOD detection. Firstly, we use the Area Under the Curve (AUC) metric to evaluate the OOD detection performance.

A ROC curve is generated, given a set of probabilities/scores and their true labels which are either positive or negative. The Area Under the Curve (AUC) is the area under the ROC curve.

Area Under an ROC curve Since the ROC curves are a two dimensional depictions and we need a single scalar value to represent the OOD detection performance, we use the Area Under the Curve (AUC) metric.