Path to Neural Networks II



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Today's Menu

Sample-based denoising

CNN-based approach to generate blue-noise samples

Normalizing Flows

Path guiding using Normalizing Flows



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Recap



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input Monte Carlo (8 samples/pixel)

after RPF (8 samples/pixel)



(a) Input MC (8 spp)







(b) Dependency on (u, v) (c) Our approach (RPF)



Bilateral Filtering

$$BF[I]_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{W_{\mathbf{p}}} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{S}} G_{\sigma_{\mathbf{s}}}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|) G_{\sigma_{\mathbf{r}}}(|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|) I_{\mathbf{q}}$$

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Input



(a) Screen position

(b) Random parameters (c) World space coords.

(d) Surface normals

(e) Texture value



Bilateral filter weights at the central pixel



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Bilateral Filtering of Features $w_{ij} = \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_{\mathbf{p}}^2} \sum_{1 < k < 2} (\bar{\mathbf{p}}_{i,k} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_{j,k})^2\right] \times$ $\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_{\mathbf{c}}^2}\sum_{1\leq k\leq 2}\alpha_k(\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{i,k}-\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{j,k})^2\right]\times$ $\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_{\mathbf{f}}^2}\sum_{1\leq k\leq m}\beta_k(\bar{\mathbf{f}}_{i,k}-\bar{\mathbf{f}}_{j,k})^2\right],$



















Multi-layer Perceptron



Hidden layers





Output layers



Multi-layer Perceptron



Hidden layers





Output layers





For cross Bilateral filters:

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(a) Screen position

(b) Random parameters

(c) World space coords.

(d) Surface normals



Filter weights

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(e) Texture value 10

(f) Sample color









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Our result with a cross-bilateral filter (4 spp)







Overview on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)



Image Courtesy: Mathworks (online tutorial)





Multi-layer Perceptron vs. CNNs

Multi-layer perceptron



All nodes are fully connected in all layers

In theory, should be able to achieve good quality results in small number of layers.

Number of weights to be learnt are very high



CNNs



Weights are shared across layers

Requires significant number of layers to capture all the features (e.g. Deep CNNs)

Relatively small number of weights required







Kernel-Predicting Networks for Denoising Monte-Carlo Renderings





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Recurrent AutoEncoder for Interactive Reconstruction



Fig. 2. Architecture of our recurrent autoencoder. The input is 7 scalar values per pixel (noisy RGB, normal vector, depth, roughness). Each encoder stage has a convolution and 2×2 max pooling. A decoder stage applies a 2×2 nearest neighbor upsampling, concatenates the per-pixel feature maps from a skip connection (the spatial resolutions agree), and applies two sets of convolution and pooling. All convolutions have a 3×3 -pixel spatial support. On the right we visualize the internal structure of the recurrent RCNN connections. I is the new input and h refers to the hidden, recurrent state that persists between animation frames.







Recurrent Neural Networks vs. Simple Feed-Forward NN



Recurrent Neural Network



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Source link

Feed-Forward Neural Network



Loss Functions



Final Loss is a weighted averaged of above losses





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Emporal loss
High frequency error norm less
for stable edges

$$L_g = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} |\nabla P_i - \nabla T_i|$$

$$+w_gL_g+w_tL_t$$

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Pixel-space Kernel Predicting Denoising

How to compute "learnable" parameters?

#Learnable Parameters?

Pixel-space Kernel Predicting Denoising

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Sample-based MC Denoising









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Feed-Forward Neural Network

5 units

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Feed-Forward Neural Network

 $(3 \times 5) + (5 \times 2) + (5 + 2) = 17$ parameters weights biases

5 units

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Feed-Forward Neural Network

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Pixel-space Kernel Predicting Denoising

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Sample-based MC Denoising

Sample-based Denoising Network

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Multimodal distribution of sample features

16spp Input














16spp Input







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Depth histogram



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Depth histogram

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Depth histogram







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Depth histogram







































Kernel







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Kernel





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Kernel gather



2D example

How should nearby samples influence me?



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Kernel Splatting



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Kernel Splatting **Pixel values** Pixels 1D example

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2D example

How should nearby samples influence me?



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Kernel Splatting

Continue splatting kernels for the rest of the samples....





How do I contribute to nearby pixels, given all the samples around me?



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gather kernels











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gather kernels



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Network: Kernel Gather vs Splatting

splat



splat kernels



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Network: Kernel Gather vs Splatting

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gather (larger network)

splat kernels

gather kernels (large capacity network)







gather kernels



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Network: Kernel Gather vs Splatting

splat kernels

gather kernels (large capacity network)





Permutation Invariance



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Permutation Invariance



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A model that produces the same output regardless of the order of elements in the input vector











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Permutation Invariance: Architectures







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Permutation Invariance: Example



Permuting pixels makes it difficult for humans to understand the images.

However, permutation invariant networks like MLP can detect digits irrespective of the order of pixels



MNIST Dataset











Permutation Invariance: Example



A graph labeling function F is graph permutation invariant (GPI) if permuting the names of nodes maintains the output. Herzig et al.[2018]



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Permutation Invariance

- matter
- invariant.



• In MLPs, since each component is connected to each other, the order does not

• In structured convolutions, the order matters and therefore, it is not permutation





Proposed Network Architecture





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Dataset and Training Procedure

Procedurely generated dataset: 300,000 renderings with 128x128 resolution

Also generated input buffer (4, 32 spp), but this time also maintained auxiliary features

Reference was generated for 4096 samples









Splat vs Gather

Input



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Splat vs Gather



per sample gather



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Splat vs Gather



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per sample splat



Reference



Splat vs Gather





per pixel gather





per sample splat



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Splat vs Gather





per pixel gather





per sample splat



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per pixel splat

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Results [Bako 2017]

input 4spp











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ref. 8192spp







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Network Architecture Comparisons

reference 8192spp

input





finetuned [Bako2017]

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reference 8192spp

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(Deep) Convolutional Neural Networks

Unstructured data



$N\,\mathrm{number}$ of point samples

Unstructured data



N number of point samples

Unstructured data



N number of point samples

Unstructured data



N number of point samples

Loss function

Unstructured data



N number of point samples

Unstructured data



N number of point samples

Unstructured data



N number of point samples

Keep training the network!

Unstructured data



N number of point samples

Keep training the network!

Which Loss function can we use?



Spectral Loss Function

Spectral Loss at *i*-th training iteration

$L_{\text{spectral}} = ||\langle \mathcal{P}_i(\nu) \rangle - \langle \mathcal{P}(\nu) \rangle ||^2$

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Radially averaged power





Spectral Loss Function

Spectral Loss at i-th training iteration

$$L_{\text{spectral}} = ||\langle \mathcal{P}_i(\nu) \rangle - \langle \mathcal{P}(\nu) \rangle$$





Radially averaged power







56x Slowdown



56x Slowdown



Kernels for BNOT (de Goes et al.[2012])



Kernels for Step (de Heck et al.[2013])





56x Slowdown



Kernels for BNOT (de Goes et al.[2012])



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56x Slowdown



Kernels for BNOT (de Goes et al.[2012])



Kernels for Step (de Heck et al.[2013])



Architecture: Full pipeline

Architecture: Full pipeline
















Spatial Loss Function

PCF Loss at i-th training iteration



Samples



Samples





Samples





Samples





Samples

PCF Loss at i-th training iteration $L_{\rm PCF} = ||\langle r_i({\rm dist})\rangle - \langle r({\rm dist})\rangle||^2$



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Spatial Target PCFs





3D Point Samples (Different Projection Targets)



3D Point Samples (Different Projection Targets)



Target Spectra

XY

(BNOT)



3D Point Samples (Different Projection Targets)



Target Spectra

XY

(BNOT)



Our Spectra



Point set: Projections are Preserved

XY

(BNOT)







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YZ (Jitter)

XZ (Step)















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Sampling Power spectrum



Integrand Power spectrum



















Leimkuhler et al. [SIGGRAPH Asia 2019]





Blue Noise Dithering

















Object Placement

Object Placement

Blue Noise Dithering



Normalizing Flows



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 $I_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{f(x)}{p(x)}$







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$$p(x) = ???$$









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Normalizing Flows



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Normalizing Flows

probability distributions by transforming simple ones

Used in the context of generative modeling

Generative modeling: learning without any target (unsupervised)



- Technique used in Machine learning to build complex





Complex Probability distributions from simple ones





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Complex Probability distributions from simple ones







Complex Probability distributions from simple ones









Complex Probability distributions from simple ones











Complex Probability distributions from simple ones





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Normalizing Flows: Basic mathematical framework



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$z \sim p_{ heta}(z)$

$x = f_{ heta}(z) = f_k \circ \circ \circ f_2 \circ f_1(z)$ New distribution obtained



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Given a continuous variable with a distribution

each f_i is invertible (bijective)





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 $z \sim p_{ heta}(z)$ Given a continuous variable with a distribution

$$x = f_{\theta}(z) = f_k \circ \circ \circ f_2$$

$$p(x) = p(f^{-1}(x))$$



 $\circ f_1(z)$

each f_i is invertible (bijective)





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$$x = f_{\theta}(z) = f_k \circ \circ \circ f_2$$

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Change of Variables





Change of variable formula says that:



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Change of Variables





Change of variable formula says that:



Change of Variables

 $p(x) = p(f^{-1}(x)) \left| det \left(\frac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right|$





$p(x) = p(f^-$

p(x) = p(z)



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Change of Variables

$$(-1(x)) \left| det \left(\frac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right|$$

 $) \left| det \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \right|$

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Jacobian Matrix

$\mathbf{f}:\mathbb{R}^n o \mathbb{R}^m$

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Jacobian Matrix

$\mathbf{f}:\mathbb{R}^2 ightarrow\mathbb{R}^2$



Jacobian determinant gives the ratio of the area of the approximating parallelogram to that of the original square.









Jacobian Matrix

$f: Z \to X, f$ is invertible p(z) defined over $z \in Z$

$p(x) = p(f^-$

p(x) = p(z)



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Maximize Log-likelihood

 $\log p(x) = \log p(z) + \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right|$





$\log p(x) = \log p(z)$

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Maximize Log-likelihood

$$+\log\left|det\left(rac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x}
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$$+\sum_{i=1}^{K} \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right|$$

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Jacobian: Lower Triangular Matrix

 $f: Z \to X, f$ is invertible p(z) defined over $z \in Z$







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Jacobian: Lower Triangular Matrix

 $f: Z \to X, f$ is invertible p(z) defined over $z \in Z$











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 $z_{1:d}$

 $z_{d+1:D}$





Coupling layer

 $z \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$





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Neural Importance Sampling





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Render time: sometimes >100 cpu-hours











Neural path guiding



Path tracing: BSDF sampling



Path tracing: BSDF sampling



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Path tracing: BSDF sampling





Path tracing: direct-illumination sampling





Path tracing: direct-illumination sampling



Path tracing: direct-illumination sampling



Multiple Importance Sampling [Veach and Guibas 1995]



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Goal: Sample proportional to incident radiance.













Learning incident radiance in a Cornell box



Learning incident radiance in a Cornell box



Learning incident radiance in a Cornell box







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Directional distribution

Neural network

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SD-tree

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Directional distribution

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Directional distribution

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Neural path guiding overview



Path tracer





Neural path guiding overview



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Neural path guiding overview



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Feedback loop









Path tracer



How to draw samples?



Path tracer



Optimize











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Monte Carlo estimator































Our choice, e.g. Gaussian











Our choice, e.g. Gaussian





A chain of simple bijections can model complicated functions









Path tracer

How to optimize?



Optimize



Training data





Optimize

Desired distribution



Training data







Desired distribution



Training data















Desired distribution

Training data



















Putting it together...



Path tracer



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Path tracing

1 path per pixe



Path tracing

2 paths per pixel



4 paths per pixel

Path tracing



Path tracing

8 paths per pixel



Path tracing

16 paths per pixel


Path tracing

32 paths per pixel



64 paths per pixel Path tracing



Path tracing

128 paths per pixel



Path tracing

256 paths per pixel







Product guiding















Product path guiding

 $L_{\rm r}(\mathbf{x},\omega_{\rm o}) = \left[\frac{L_{\rm i}(\mathbf{x},\omega_{\rm i})f(\mathbf{x},\omega_{\rm i},\omega_{\rm o})\cos\theta \, d\omega_{\rm i}}{L_{\rm i}(\mathbf{x},\omega_{\rm i})f(\mathbf{x},\omega_{\rm i},\omega_{\rm o})\cos\theta \, d\omega_{\rm i}} \right]$



























MIS optimization























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Müller et al. [2017]





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Conclusion

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- Neural networks can drive unbiased MC integration
- Complicated integrands (e.g. product path guiding)
- Computational cost of neural path guiding is high, but quality is state of the art

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