CS580: Student Presentation mipNeRF & mipNeRF360

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Recap. Previous Presentation



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Recap. NeRF

 Render 3D object using 2D Images with camera matrix by optimizing radiance field equation via neural network



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Recap. NeRF (conti.)

NeRF can even generate unobserved view of trained object



Result of NeRF



Aliasing in multi-resolution images

Aliasing occurs when NeRF learns low resolution(1/2, ¼, ...) images



Mipmap

 Aliasing effects can be reduced by using pre-computed gaussian filtered images (prefiltering) mipmap







Cone tracing

• mipNeRF uses **cone tracing** that acts like mipmap in rendering





Ray casting in NeRF

• NeRF casts a **ray** for sampling the points





Cone casting in mipNeRF

- Instead, mipNeRF casts a cone to samples
- But sampling all points in the cones is extremely time consuming





Cone casting in mipNeRF (cont.)

• Divide cone as **multiple conical frustum**





Cone casting in mipNeRF (cont.)

Use the expectation of each conical frustum as samples!
Suppose all samples follow the Gaussian distribution
Applying positional encoding to the expectation (IPE)



Cone casting in mipNeRF (cont.)



Integrated Positional Encoding (IPE)



Integrated Positional Encoding (IPE) (cont.)

• Mean and Var is determined by the **distance** between samples!



$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{t} &= t_{\mu} + \frac{2t_{\mu}t_{\delta}^{2}}{3t_{\mu}^{2} + t_{\delta}^{2}}, \quad \sigma_{t}^{2} = \frac{t_{\delta}^{2}}{3} - \frac{4t_{\delta}^{2}(12t_{\mu}^{2} - t_{\delta}^{2})}{15(t_{\mu}^{2} + t_{\delta}^{2})^{2}}, \\ \sigma_{r}^{2} &= \dot{r}^{2} \left(\frac{t_{\mu}^{2}}{4} + \frac{5t_{\delta}^{2}}{12} - \frac{4t_{\delta}^{4}}{15(3t_{\mu}^{2} + t_{\delta}^{2})} \right) \\ \mu &= o + \mu_{t}d, \quad \sum_{r}^{2} = \sigma_{t}(dd^{T}) + \sigma_{r} \left(\begin{array}{c} radius \ dir \\ I - \frac{dd^{T}}{\|d\|_{2}^{2}} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$



Result of IPE

• Get the samples including **variance information** implicitly





Importance Sampling

Increase the number of samples predicted to be important

The important samples distance would be really short!



Result of IPE (conti.)

The distance between samples is large

 -> cut off the high freq. (details)

 The distance between samples is short

 > maintain the high freq. (details)





Positional encoding features

Mean, variance of spatial region



Integrated positional encoding features



Result of IPE (conti.)

• The distance between samples is **large**

Keep the details of important samples and omit the details of unimportant samples autonomously!

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Positional encoding features

Mean, variance of spatial region

Integrated positional encoding features



Result





Result

• mipNeRF shows better performance in reducing aliasing!





Summary of mipNeRF

Use cone tracing instead of ray for mipmapping

• Compute **expectations** of samples without sampling whole data

 Propose Integrated Positional Encoding (IPE) which autonomously adjusts the details of samples according to the importance



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Obstacles in NeRF at 360° Scene

Parameterization

Samples of 360° scene would be located from 0 to infinity $(0, \infty)$ (Unbounded scene)

Efficiency

Huge model would be required but need long training time

Ambiguity

Since the sample range is too broad, predicting object geometry is challenging





Based Models

NeRF++: Unbounded scene (2020, arXiv)

Parameterization

• If sample distance > 1:

use the color&density of samples projected to the sphere



DONeRF: Unbounded scene (2021, Eurographics)

Parameterization

Sampling logarithmically and then warping the samples

Uniform sampling

 $\mathbf{x}(d_i) = \mathbf{o} + d_i \cdot \mathbf{r}$ $d_i = \left(d_{min} + i \cdot \frac{(d_{max} - d_{min})}{N}\right), \ i = [0, 1, 2, \cdots, N],$

Logarithmic sampling

$$\tilde{d_i} = d_{min} + \frac{\log(d_i - d_{min} + 1)}{\log(d_{max} - d_{min} + 1)} \cdot (d_{max} - d_{min}).$$

Log + Warping

$$\begin{cases} f = PE \cdot \left(x(\tilde{d}_i - c) \cdot W(x(\tilde{d}_i - c)) \right) \\ W(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x| \cdot d_{\max}}} \end{cases}$$



mipNeRF360: Rescaling for Unbounded scene

Parameterization

 Similar to NeRF++, set the boundaries (but two). If samples exceed the 1st boundary then would be converged on 2nd boundary!



mipNeRF360: Sampling for Unbounded scene

Parameterization

• Similar to DONeRF, the farther away the wider the samples are

- Uniform sampling on the inverse of distance
- Define s-distance to generalize sampling distance equation



mipNeRF360: Sampling for Unbounded scene



mipNeRF: Importance sampling

Efficiency

- First, uniformly sample the points and calculate PDF by its weight
- Second, perform Importance sampling based on the PDF of previous samples



- Distillation: train a small model to imitate the huge model
 - Reduce the evaluation of huge model!

Efficiency



Efficiency

- Separate MLP as proposal MLP and NeRF MLP (proposal «« NeRF)
- **Proposal** MLP does not predict the image directly
 - Only estimate the weights of samples



Efficiency

• Using weights on proposal network performs importance sampling

 Prevent the teaching MLP's update using "Stop Gradient" while updating student MLP





mipNeRF: Characteristic Artifacts

Ambiguity

- mipNeRF does not have special function to discriminate the surface or accurate geometry -> 2 types of artifacts
 - 1. Floater: Floating discontinuity on a scene
 - 2. Background Collapse: predicting background as a set of semitransparent cloud





Depth Result of mipNeRF



mipNeRF360: Regularization

Ambiguity

- Compress the samples and its coefficients by adding new loss
- Make the weight distribution much sharper like delta function







mipNeRF360: Regularization

Ambiguity

Successfully eliminate those artifacts!



mipNeRF360: Result

• Shows outstanding result in 360 scene!



mipNeRF, SSIM: 0.526

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mipNeRF360, SSIM: 0.804

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NeRF [13, 33]	21.76	19.40	23.11	21.73	21.28	28.56	25.67	26.31	26.81
NeRF w/ DONeRF [34] param.	21.67	19.48	23.29	23.38	21.70	28.28	25.74	25.42	27.32
mip-NeRF [3]	21.69	19.31	23.16	23.10	21.21	28.73	25.59	26.47	27.13
NeRF++ [51]	22.64	20.31	24.32	24.34	22.20	28.87	26.38	27.80	29.15
Deep Blending [17]	21.09	18.13	23.61	24.08	20.80	27.20	26.28	25.02	27.08
Point-Based Neural Rendering [26]	21.64	19.28	22.50	23.90	20.98	26.99	25.23	24.47	28.42
Stable View Synthesis [41]	22.79	20.15	25.99	24.39	21.72	28.93	26.40	28.49	29.07
mip-NeRF [3] w/bigger MLP	22.90	20.79	25.85	23.64	21.71	30.67	28.61	29.95	31.59
NeRF++ [51] w/bigger MLPs	23.75	21.11	25.91	25.48	22.77	30.13	27.79	29.85	30.68
Our Model	24.37	21.73	26.98	26.40	22.87	31.63	29.55	32.23	33.46
Our Model w/GLO	23.95	21.60	25.09	25.98	21.99	28.24	28.40	30.81	30.27

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NeRF [13, 33]	0.455	0.376	0.546	0.453	0.459	0.843	0.775	0.749	0.792
NeRF w/ DONeRF [34] param.	0.454	0.379	0.542	0.522	0.461	0.841	0.776	0.678	0.813
mip-NeRF [3]	0.454	0.373	0.543	0.517	0.466	0.851	0.779	0.745	0.818
NeRF++ [51]	0.526	0.453	0.635	0.594	0.530	0.852	0.802	0.816	0.876
Deep Blending [17]	0.466	0.320	0.675	0.634	0.523	0.868	0.856	0.768	0.883
Point-Based Neural Rendering [26]	0.608	0.487	0.735	0.651	0.579	0.887	0.868	0.876	0.919
Stable View Synthesis [41]	0.663	0.541	0.818	0.683	0.606	0.905	0.886	0.910	0.925
mip-NeRF [3] w/bigger MLP	0.612	0.514	0.777	0.643	0.577	0.903	0.877	0.902	0.928
NeRF++ [51] w/bigger MLPs	0.630	0.533	0.761	0.687	0.597	0.883	0.857	0.888	0.913
Our Model	0.685	0.583	0.813	0.744	0.632	0.913	0.894	0.920	0.941
Our Model w/GLO	0.687	0.582	0.800	0.745	0.619	0.907	0.890	0.916	0.932
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mipNeRF360: Result





Summary of mipNeRF360

- Use contraction and warping to normalize the sample distance
- Use online distillation for efficient training
- Use regularization for solving ambiguity in unbounded scene

Total Loss :

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\text{recon}}(\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{t}), \mathbf{C}^*) + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{\text{dist}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w}) + \sum_{k=0}^{1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{prop}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}^k, \hat{\mathbf{w}}^k) \\
\text{Ordinary image recon loss} + \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ \text{ambiguity}}} \sum_{k=0}^{1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{prop}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}^k, \hat{\mathbf{w}}^k) \\
\text{Loss for online distillation}
\end{aligned}$$

Thank you!



Quiz

- 1. IPE in mipNeRF can improve the performance without increasing the number of samples if they are sampled by importance sampling (True / False)
- 2. Why mipNeRF360 uses regularization in 360° scene? ()
 - 1 For parameterization
 - 2 For importance sampling
 - 3 For efficiency
 - ④ For resolving the ambiguity



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Integrated Positional Encoding (IPE)



Integrated Positional Encoding (IPE) (cont.)







Proof of IPE

PDF

$$\begin{split} \varphi(r,t,\theta) &= (rt\,\cos\theta,rt\,\sin\theta,t)\\ \text{for }\theta \in [0,\,2\pi),\,t \ge 0,\,|r| \le r \\ dxdydz &= |\det(D_{\varphi})(r,t,\theta)|\,drdtd\theta\\ &= \begin{vmatrix} t\cos\theta & t\sin\theta & 0\\ r\cos\theta & r\sin\theta & 1\\ -rt\sin\theta & rt\cos\theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ = (rt^2\cos^2\theta + rt^2\sin\theta)drdtd\theta\\ &= rt^2drdtd\theta\\ V &= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{t_1} \int_{0}^{r} rt^2drdtd\theta = \pi \dot{r}^2 \frac{t_1^3 - t_0^3}{3}.\\ P &= \frac{1}{V}. \end{split}$$

$$E[t^{2}] = \frac{1}{V} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{t_{0}}^{t_{1}} \int_{0}^{\dot{r}} t^{2} \cdot rt^{2} \, dr \, dt \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{V} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{t_{0}}^{t_{1}} \int_{0}^{\dot{r}} rt^{4} \, dr \, dt \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{V} \cdot \pi \dot{r}^{2} \frac{t_{1}^{5} - t_{0}^{5}}{5}$$

$$= \frac{3(t_{1}^{5} - t_{0}^{5})}{5(t_{1}^{3} - t_{0}^{3})} \cdot$$

$$E[t] = \frac{1}{V} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{t_{0}}^{t_{1}} \int_{0}^{\dot{r}} t \cdot rt^{2} \, dr \, dt \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{V} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{t_{0}}^{t_{1}} \int_{0}^{\dot{r}} rt^{3} \, dr \, dt \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{V} \cdot \pi \dot{r}^{2} \frac{t_{1}^{4} - t_{0}^{4}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3(t_{1}^{4} - t_{0}^{4})}{4(t_{1}^{3} - t_{0}^{3})} \cdot$$

$$Var(t) = \sigma_{t}^{2} = E[t^{2}] - (E[t])^{2}$$

$$= \frac{3(t_{1}^{5} - t_{0}^{5})}{5(t_{1}^{3} - t_{0}^{3})} - \mu_{t}^{2}$$

Var of w.r.t. "x"(radius) $E[x^{2}] = \frac{1}{V} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{t_{\pi}}^{t_{1}} \int_{0}^{\dot{r}} (rt\cos\theta)^{2} \cdot rt^{2} \, dr \, dt \, d\theta$ $= \frac{1}{V} \int_{t_{1}}^{t_{1}} \int_{0}^{\dot{r}} r^{3} t^{4} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \cos^{2}\theta \, d\theta \, dr \, dt$ $=rac{1}{V}\cdot rac{\dot{r}^4}{4}\cdot rac{t_1^5-t_0^5}{5}\cdot \pi$ $=\frac{\dot{r}^2}{4}\cdot\frac{3(t_1^5-t_0^5)}{5(t_1^3-t_0^3)}\,.$ $E[x] = \frac{1}{V} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_0^r (rt\cos\theta) \cdot rt \ drdtd\theta$ = 0. $Var(x) = \sigma_{x}^{2} = E[x^{2}] - (E[x])^{2}$ $=\dot{r}^{2}\left(\frac{3(t_{1}^{5}-t_{0}^{5})}{20(t_{1}^{3}-t_{0}^{3})}\right)$



Proof of IPE (conti.)



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Proof of expectation of sin, cos following normal dist.



NeRF in Unbounded scene

- ◆ 기존 NeRF dataset에서는 "facing forward" 라는 unbounded dataset이 존재
- ◆ 이를 효과적으로 렌더링하기 위해 ray의 원점과 방향을 계산한 후, Normalized device coordinate (NDC) 변환을 거친 다음 PE를 진행



NeRF applied to "facing forward scene"





NDC in NeRF $(o+t \cdot d \rightarrow o'+t' \cdot d')$



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NDC in NeRF (cont.)



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