

CSC2457 3D & Geometric Deep Learning

Canonical Capsules: Unsupervised Capsules in Canonical Pose

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Main Problem

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Training 3D deep representations
in an unsupervised fashion

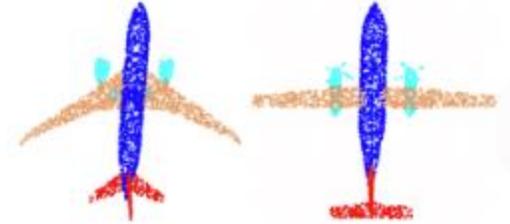
Importance

- This work achieves state of the art performance without labeled data
 - Many person-hours are required to extract accurate annotations
- The framework requires no manual object pre-canonization

Prior Work

Prior work exploits the inductive bias of the training data sets

- Airplanes cockpit is always along y axis



- Cars always touch z axis



References:

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Contributions

This work proposes :

- Unsupervised learning on 3D point clouds using capsules
- Object-centric unsupervised learning

Past work:

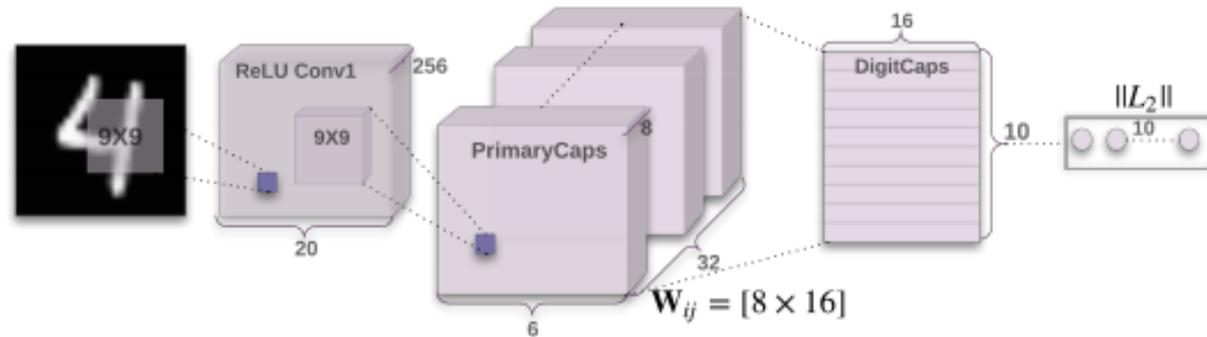
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This work shows:

- State of the art performance in unsupervised 3D point cloud registration, reconstruction and classification

General Background

Capsule networks



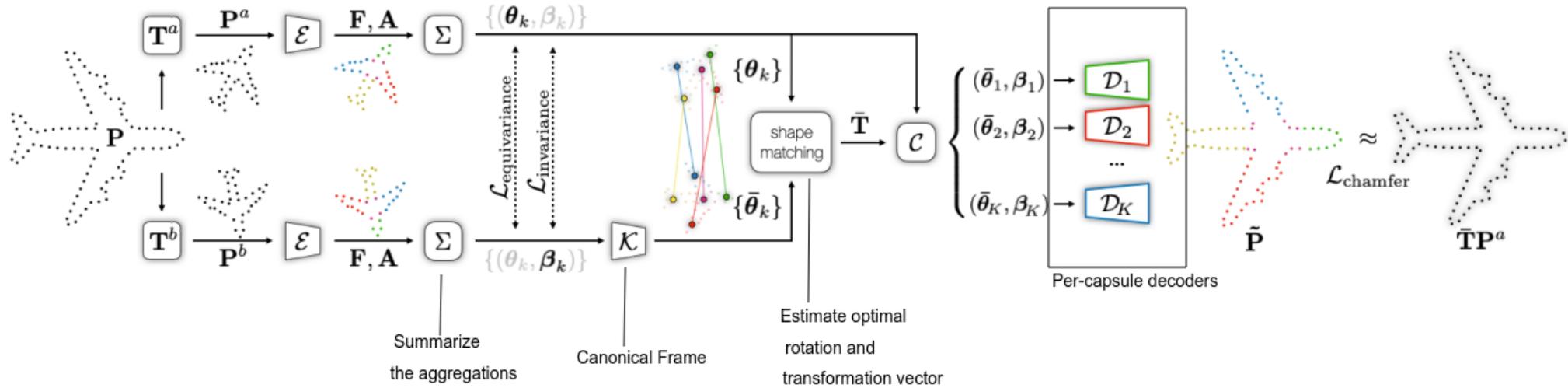
References:

- Dynamic Routing Between Capsules, Sabour et al., 2017

Notation

- Point cloud $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times D}$
- Random transformations $\mathbf{T}^a, \mathbf{T}^b \in \mathbf{SE}(D)$
- Point clouds after transformation $\mathbf{P}^a, \mathbf{P}^b$
- Capsule Encoder \mathcal{E}
- K-fold attention map $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times K}$
- Per-point feature map $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times C}$
- K-th capsule pose $\boldsymbol{\theta}_k \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- Capsule descriptor $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k \in \mathbb{R}^C$

Approach Overview



Method

Decompositions

Pose estimation

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_k = \frac{\sum_p \mathbf{A}_{p,k} \mathbf{P}_p}{\sum_p \mathbf{A}_{p,k}}$$

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Decoder's input

Loss Function

Decomposition Losses

Equivariance

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{equivariance}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^a - (\mathbf{T}^a)(\mathbf{T}^b)^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^b\|_2^2.$$

Invariance

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{invariance}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_k^a - \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^b\|_2^2.$$

Equilibrium

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{equilibrium}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \|a_k - \frac{1}{K} \sum_k a_k\|_2^2$$

Localization

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{localization}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \frac{1}{a_k} \sum_p \mathbf{A}_{p,k} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_k - \mathbf{P}_p\|_2^2$$

Loss Function

Canonicalization loss

Canonical $\mathcal{L}_{\text{canonical}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \|(\bar{\mathbf{R}}\boldsymbol{\theta}_k + \bar{\mathbf{t}}) - \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k\|_2^2.$

Reconstruction loss

Reconstruction $\mathcal{L}_{\text{recon}} = \text{CD}(\bar{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{P} + \bar{\mathbf{t}}, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}).$

The loss functions are employed to train the **encoder**, the **decoder** and a network that represents a learnt **canonical frame** in an unsupervised fashion

Experimental Setup

Datasets

Shapenet (Core)

31747 shapes for training, and 7943 shapes for testing

For single-category experiments, they use:

- the airplane class
- the chair classes

All 13 object classes are used for multi-category experiments



References:

- Angel X Chang, Thomas Funkhouser, Leonidas Guibas, Pat Hanrahan, Qixing Huang, Zimo Li, Silvio Savarese, Manolis Savva, Shuran Song, Hao Su, et al. Shapenet: An InformationRich 3D Model Repository

Experimental Setup

Baselines

Auto-encoder evaluation:

- 3D-PointCapsNet¹
- AtlasNetV2²

Registration:

- Deep Closest Points (DCP)³
- DeepGMR–RRI⁴
- DeepGMR–XYZ⁴

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2. Theo Deprelle, Thibault Groueix, Matthew Fisher, Vladimir Kim, Bryan Russell, and Mathieu Aubry. Learning Elementary Structures for 3D Shape Generation and Matching
3. Yue Wang and Justin M Solomon. Deep Closest Point: Learning Representations for Point Cloud Registration
4. Wentao Yuan, Ben Eckart, Kihwan Kim, Varun Jampani, Dieter Fox, and Jan Kautz. DeepGMR: Learning Latent Gaussian Mixture Models for Registration

Experimental Results

Autoencoder performance

	Aligned			Unaligned		
	Airplane	Chair	Multi	Airplane	Chair	Multi
3D-PointCapsNet [58]	1.94	3.30	2.49	5.58	7.57	4.66
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Auto-encoding/reconstruction performance in terms of Chamfer distance

Experimental Results

Registration performance

	Airplane	Chair	Multi
Deep Closest Points [52]	0.318	0.160	0.131
DeepGMR-XYZ [56]	0.079	0.082	0.077
Our method-XYZ	0.024	0.027	0.070
DeepGMR-RRI [56]	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Our method-RRI	0.0006	0.0009	0.0016

Performance in terms of root mean-square error between registered and ground-truth points

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Classification performance

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	SVM	K-Means	SVM	K-Means
AtlasNetV2	94.07	61.66	71.13	14.59
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Unsupervised classification using features extracted from the auto-encoder

Qualitative Results



Input

Our capsule decomposition

Our reconstruction in canonical frame

Our reconstruction in input frame

3D-PointCapsNet [58] reconstruction

AtlasNetV2 [13] reconstruction

Ablation Study

Number of points

	1024 pts	2500 pts
3D-PointCapsNet [58]	2.49	1.49
AtlasNetV2 [13]	2.14	1.22
Our method	1.76	0.97

Loss effect

	Full	$\neg\mathcal{L}_{\text{invar}}$	$\neg\mathcal{L}_{\text{canonical}}$	$\neg\mathcal{L}_{\text{equiv}}$	$\neg\mathcal{L}_{\text{localization}}$	$\neg\mathcal{L}_{\text{equilibrium}}$
CD	1.08	1.09	1.09	1.16	1.45	1.61

Discussion of results

- This work achieves state of the art performance in autoencoder, point cloud registration and classification
- On pre-aligned data, this work achieves comparable performance with prior work but in the case of unaligned data, they outperform past work by a large margin

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Limitations

- Point clouds are the only input allowed
- Experimentally selecting the number of capsules used
- This framework has not tested on scenes with multiple or occluded objects

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