IMR 2024 Short Course

Intelligent Mesh Generation

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- Intelligent Mesh Representation(IMR)
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- The mesh is a foundational representation for 3D models, supporting applications like the metaverse, digital twins, numerical simulations, and more.
- Intelligent mesh generation technology significantly complements traditional methods, improving their practicality and generality, and unlocking new possibilities for mesh generation applications.













Definition of intelligent mesh generation

Narrow definition:

Mesh generatioin techniques in which machine learning is

involved in part or all of the process.

Broad definition:

A technique involving machine learning with the mesh as the

final representation.

☐ Key components in intelligent mesh generation



Intelligent Mesh Representation

How to put mesh data into a neural network?
 How to handle input information?
 How to use neural networks to extract deep features?

Intelligent Mesh Generation(1) What kind of framework is suitable for mesh generation?(2) What role do intelligent frameworks play in mesh generation?

Intelligent Mesh Evaluation

 (1) Conversion of metrics in traditional meshing to losses or reward functions in intelligent meshing
 (2) Network gives integrated evaluation metrics



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Summary and Outlook

Intelligence Mesh Representation





Intelligent Mesh Representation



Intelligent Mesh Representation



How to put mesh data into a neural network?

- Method 1: Employing vertices as the core mesh data, enriched with supplementary geometric characteristics.
- ✓ Utilizes the x, y, and z coordinates of vertices as input features.
- ✓ [Batchsize, VertexNum, x, y, z]
- ✓ Some networks process these coordinates
 - ✓ MeshWalker employs coordinate offsets($\Delta X, \Delta Y, \Delta Z$) in the vertex sequence







SpiraNet



DiffusionNet



MeshWalker

How to put mesh data into a neural network?

- Method 2: Representing the mesh with edges as the primary data supplemented by other geometric properties.
- ✓ Utilizes the geometric properties of edges as primary data:
- ✓ [Batchsize, EdgeNum, Ngeometric attributes]
 - ✓ dihedral angle
 - \checkmark internal angles
 - ✓ two edge-to-height ratios
- ✓ Some networks add extral information
 - \checkmark TPnet add two vertex degrees





PD-Net

MeshCnn



TPnet

How to put mesh data into a neural network?

- Method 3: Utilizing faces as the fundamental data for mesh representation, augmented by additional geometric attributes.
- ✓ Utilizes the feature of faces as input features:
- ✓ [Batchsize, FaceNum, N-geometric attributes]
 - ✓ Center
 - ✓ Corner
 - ✓ Normal
 - ✓ Area
- ✓ Some networks process additional information
 - ✓ SubdivNet employs inner products of face normal with vertex normals



Mesh Representation for Numerical Simulation

- Store physical information on vertices or edges
- Fusion of mesh geometry information and physical quantities using networks



MeshDQN

MeshGraphNets

The physical quantities are stored on vertices.

The physical quantities are stored on edges.



Operator 1: Spiral **vertex operator**, derived from SpiralNet *

> Spiral patch operator:
$$S(x) = \{x, R_1^1(x), R_2^1(x), \dots, R_{|R^h|}^h\},\$$

> Spiral convolution: $(f * g)_x = \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} g_\ell f(S_\ell(x)).$

Initial point: \geq

$$R_1^1(x) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{y \in R^1(x)} d_{\mathcal{M}}(x_0, y),$$



mesh convolution



mesh pooling and unpooling

* Lim I, Dielen A, Campen M, et al. A simple approach to intrinsic correspondence learning on unstructured 3d meshes[C]//Proceedings of the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) Workshops. 2018: 0-0.

Operator 2: Random Walk Vertex Operator, derived from MeshWalker *



walk (in green) proceeds along the surface Walk: A sequence of vertices

- Generation: Randomly select the starting vertex and select the next vertex according to the adjacency until the present walk length is reached
- ► Representation: Each vertex is represented as the 3D translation from the previous vertex in the walk $(\Delta X, \Delta Y, \Delta Z)$



Operator 3: Classic edge operator, derived from MeshCNN*



MeshCNN pooling example

* Hanocka R, Hertz A, Fish N, et al. Meshcnn: a network with an edge[J]. ACM Transactions on Graphics (ToG), 2019, 38(4): 1-12.

Operator 4: Rotational face operator, derived from MeshNet *



Face rotate convolution



Face kernel correlation

Define the face kernel as *M* learnable normals and correlation refers to the similarity between the face normals and the kernel normal.

$$KC(i,k) = \frac{1}{|N_i||M_k|} \sum_{\boldsymbol{n} \in Ni} \sum_{\boldsymbol{m} \in Mk} K_{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{m})$$
$$K_{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{m}) = \exp(-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{n} - \boldsymbol{m}\|^2}{2\sigma^2})$$

 N_i : the set of normal of the *i*-th face and its neighbor faces M_k : the set of normals in the *k*-th kernel

* Feng Y, Feng Y, You H, et al. Meshnet: Mesh neural network for 3d shape representation[C]//Proceedings of the AAAI conference on artificial intelligence. 2019, 33(01): 8279-8286.

• Operator 5: Analogous to 2-D convolution, **face operator** derived from SubdivNet *



analogous to 2D convolution

Zig-zag dilated convolution

* Hu S M, Liu Z N, Guo M H, et al. Subdivision-based mesh convolution networks[J]. ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG), 2022, 41(3): 1-16.

• Operator 6: Mesh operator based on the dual graph, derived from PD-NET *



Primal-dual graphs associated to an input mesh in PD-MeshNet.



mesh pooling in P(M)

Invariant convolutions in D(M)

* Milano F, Loquercio A, Rosinol A, et al. Primal-dual mesh convolutional neural networks[J]. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2020, 33: 952-963.



* Sharp N, Attaiki S, Crane K, et al. Diffusionnet: Discretization agnostic learning on surfaces[J]. ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG), 2022, 41(3): 1-16.

Operator 8: Mesh Operator based on the Hodge star, derived from HodgeNet *



 $(\star_1(F))_{ee} = \varepsilon + g_{\Phi}(F_{v_1}, F_{v_2}, F_{v_3}, F_{v_4})^2,$

* Smirnov D, Solomon J. HodgeNet: Learning spectral geometry on triangle meshes[J]. ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG), 2021, 40(4): 1-11.

Intelligent Mesh Representation



Convolutional Network





- Utilize shortcut connection to construct a residual learning framework
- Solve the problem of deep network degradation and difficulty in training
- Suitable for various Computer Vision(CV) tasks(e.g. image classification, object detection)

* He K, Zhang X, Ren S, et al. Deep residual learning for image recognition[C]//Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition. 2016: 770-778.

Convolutional Network



- Comprise contracting path and symmetric expansive path, with skip-connections between corresponding levels
- Improve performance under limited training samples through data augmentation
- Applicable to various biomedical image segmentation tasks

* Ronneberger O, Fischer P, Brox T. U-net: Convolutional networks for biomedical image segmentation[C]//Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention–MICCAI 2015: 18th International Conference, Munich, Germany, October 5-9, 2015, Proceedings, Part III 18. Springer International Publishing, 2015: 234-241.

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Convolutional Network

- For ResNet like networks, residual connections deepen it to obtain semantic features of mesh information
- For U-Net like networks, hierarchical structure can obtain multi-granularity deep features
- Combine the above two neural structures gradually becomes a broader idea





MeshNet

PointerNet



CurvaNet



DualConvMesh-Net



Recurrent Network

LSTM¹&GRU²





Long Short-Term Memory

Gated Recurrent Unit

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- LSTM: Utilize a series of interconnected units to construct a recurrent learning framework and avoid gradient anomaly problem
- GRU: Simplify the structure of LSTM and process simpler sequence data more efficiently
- Suitable for processing various sequence data-related tasks(e.g. Natural Language Processing(NLP))

[1] Hochreiter S, Schmidhuber J. Long short-term memory[J]. Neural computation, 1997, 9(8): 1735-1780.
[2] Cho K, Van Merriënboer B, Gulcehre C, et al. Learning phrase representations using RNN encoder-decoder for statistical machine translation[J]. arxiv preprint:1406.1078, 2014.

Recurrent Network



MeshWalker*

- Represent the mesh by random walks along the surface, which explore the mesh's geometry and topology
- Treat walk as sequence data and feed it into a GRU-based RNN that remembers the history of the walk
- Achieves top results for mesh-based classification and segmentation

* Lahav A, Tal A. Meshwalker: Deep mesh understanding by random walks[J]. ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG), 2020, 39(6): 1-13.

Graph Network

■ GNN^{*}



Graph Neural Network

- Update nodes' state and exchange information
- Solve the problem of losing topology information when preprocessing graph type data in traditional machine learning
- Suitable for various relationship-related tasks (e.g. knowledge graph, proteomics, social analysis)

^{*} Scarselli F, Gori M, Tsoi A C, et al. The graph neural network model[J]. IEEE transactions on neural networks, 2008, 20(1): 61-80.

Graph Network



MeshGraphNets¹

UV-Net²

- Transform the mesh information into a graph
- Characterize the transfer of information (eg. geometry, physics) as updates of GNNs

[1] Pfaff T, Fortunato M, Sanchez-Gonzalez A, et al. Learning mesh-based simulation with graph networks[J]. arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.03409, 2020.

[2] Jayaraman, Pradeep Kumar and Sanghi, Aditya and Lambourne, Joseph and Willis, Karl and Davies, Thomas and Shayani, Hooman and Morris, Nigel. "Uv-net: Learning from boundary representations." CVPR. 2021. 30



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Summary and Outlook

Intelligence Mesh Generation



VAE

Variational Auto-Encoders

- Minimize the re-parameterized variational lower bound, to learn distribution of data
- Suitable for image generation task

For mesh

- Generate mesh models with the same topology but different geometries (geometrically similar)
- The generation process requires only the input of the latent vectors and decoding them with the previously trained decoder







Diffusion Model

- Diffusion process involves gradually adding Gaussian noise to the original image.
- Denoising process gradually generates images through the learned Markov chain
- Suitable for image generation task



Diffusion and Denoising Process



• Learns the categorical distribution of the mesh data



PolyDiff

Transformer Architecture

- Use self-attention mechanism to focus on information at different positions of sequence data
- Suitable for language generation task
 For mesh
- During training, the mesh objects are viewed as ordered lists of points and faces
- The whole process can be viewed as conditional generation of sequence faces









Reinforcement Learning

• Reinforcement Learning focuses on how software agents should take actions in an environment to maximize some notion of cumulative reward.

For mesh

 By formulating the mesh generation as a Markov decision process (MDP) problem, we are able to use a reinforcement learning algorithm



Output $A(S_i)$: π'_a , π'_b , π'_c , π'_d


Intelligence Mesh Generation



The Role of Intelligent Methods in Mesh Generation



- Reinforcement learning for automatic quadrilateral mesh generation: a soft actor-critic approach
- First, view mesh generation as a Markov decision process, given the initial boundary state *S*, the possible action set *A*, the reward *R*, and the initial state transition probability*P*(*S*_{t+1}, *R*_{t+1}|*S*_t, *R*_t|);
- Based on the current state S_t, take action A_t, obtain the next state S_{t+1}, and calculate the corresponding reward R_t.
- Repeat the second step, using existing reinforcement learning techniques like soft actor-critic (SAC) to solve and implement mesh generation.



Pan, Jie and Huang, Jingwei and Cheng, Gengdong and Zeng, Yong. Reinforcement learning for automatic quadrilateral mesh generation: A soft actor–critic approach[J]. Neural Networks, 2023

Selection of initial reference points.



Action Set A [type, V_1 , V_2]



The light blue area represents the sampling area for V_1 , V_2 with a length of r

State Set S

$$S_{t} = \{V_{ln}, \dots, V_{l1}, V_{0}, V_{r1}, \dots, V_{rn}, V_{\zeta_{1}}, \dots, V_{\zeta_{g}}, \rho_{t}\}$$

$$L_r = \beta * L, \quad \beta = 4, n = 2, g = 3$$

 V_0 is the reference point, V_l and V_r are the left and right boundary points, respectively, and V_{ζ} is the inner point closest to V_0 in each sector, with a sector radius of L_r

Reward Function R

$$r_t(s_t, a_t) = \begin{cases} -0.1, & \text{invalid element;} \\ 10, & \text{the element is the last element;} \\ m_t, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where
$$m_t = \eta_t^e + \eta_t^b + \mu_t$$
.



Element quality:

$$\begin{split} \eta_t^e &= \sqrt{q^{edge}q^{angle}},\\ q^{edge} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}min_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{l_j\}}{D_{max}},\\ q^{angle} &= \frac{min_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{angle_j\}}{max_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{angle_j\}}, \end{split}$$

$$\eta_t^b = \sqrt{\frac{\min_{k \in \{1,2\}} \{\min(\varsigma_k, M_{angle})\}}{M_{angle}}} q^{dist} - 1,$$
$$q^{dist} = \begin{cases} \frac{d_{min}}{(d_1 + d_2)/2}, & \text{if } d_{min} < (d_1 + d_2)/2;\\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

 D_{max} represents the maximum diagonal $\mu_t = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } \mathcal{A}_t < \mathcal{A}_{min}; \\ \frac{\mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_{min}}{\mathcal{A}_{max} - \mathcal{A}_{min}}, & \text{if } \mathcal{A}_{min} \leq \mathcal{A}_t < \mathcal{A}_{max}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ length of the quadrilateral, A_t represents the area of the quadrilateral, $M_{angle} = 60^{\circ}$, and ζ_k represents the angle of the newly generated facet.





SRL-assisted AFM: Generating planar unstructured quadrilateral meshes with supervised and reinforcement learning-assisted advancing front method



Training: (Blue arrow)

- 1. Input planar closed manifold boundaries
- 2. Use ANSYS to generate quad meshes for SL training
- 3. Transferring Supervised learning (SL) parameters to Reinforcement learning (RL)
- 4. Train Iteratively to improve mesh quality

Inference (Black arrow)

- Replace rule-based algorithms with policy neural networks (SL and RL)
- Generate high quality mesh with primitive feature

Hua Tong, Kuanren Qian, Eni Halilaj, Yongjie Jessica Zhang, SRL-assisted AFM: Generating planar unstructured quadrilateral meshes with supervised and reinforcement learning-assisted advancing front method, Journal of Computational Science, Volume 72, 2023, 102109.



Training data: × 360 (1) Initial boundary (360 spline models): (2) Set seed interval function s(i): $s(i) = k(i)\rho(i), \quad where \rho(i) \neq 0.$ $\rho(i)$ represents curvature, $k(i) = \frac{l_{tol}}{s_a \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{l(i)}{\rho(i)}}$. For sampling points by curvature (3) Get local information for input:

Similar to above

(4) Calculation of supervisory signals



The role of neural networks:

 π_a : The classification network determines the reference point P_0 .

 π_b : The classification network determines the type of action.

 π_c : Network for predicting the location of a single point .

 π_d :Network for predicting the position of two points.

 $N_{c/d}$ is training rows for π_c or π_d ; θ, ρ are normalized polar angle and polar radius;

 $MSE_{\pi_d} = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} \left[\left(\theta_1^i - \hat{\theta}_1^i \right)^2 + \left(\rho_1^i - \hat{\rho}_1^i \right)^2 + \left(\theta_2^i - \hat{\theta}_2^i \right)^2 + \left(\rho_2^i - \hat{\rho}_2^i \right)^2 \right]$

 $\hat{\theta}, \hat{\rho}$ are ground truth (given by ansys result).



Introduce additional exploration to the neural network-guided action by adding noise to RL neural networks. Reward:

Squareness reward function

$$R^{s} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\min\{\theta_{1}, \theta_{2}, \theta_{3}, \theta_{4}\}}{90^{\circ}} \left(2 - \frac{\max\{\theta_{1}, \theta_{2}, \theta_{3}, \theta_{4}\}}{90^{\circ}}\right) \frac{\min\{l_{1}, l_{2}, l_{3}, l_{4}\}}{\max\{l_{1}, l_{2}, l_{3}, l_{4}\}}}$$

EP penalty reward function

$$R^{ep} = \left(1 - \frac{N_{ep}}{N_{tot}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{N_{cep}}{N_{tot}}\right).$$

$$R^{fin} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} R_i^s R_i^{ep} + \min\{R_1^s R_1^{ep}, R_2^s R_2^{ep}, \dots, R_M^s R_M^{ep}\},$$

where M is the number of quads produced.

Structured metrics added to the reward function

Domain	Mesh size	Aspect ratio	Valence	Angle	Jacobian	Time
	[Vert#, Elem#]	[Best, Worst]	[EP, cEP ^a]	[Min, Max]	[Worst, Best]	(s)
Curve	[1361, 1420]	[1.0, 3.8]	[128, 88]	[35°, 148°]	[0.75, 1.0]	0.8
CMU Logo	[924, 1115]	[1.0, 3.5]	[111,92]	[24°, 140°]	[0.68, 1.0]	0.4
Knee Joint	[2694, 2931]	[1.0, 2.4]	[210, 153]	[27°, 147°]	[0.72, 1.0]	8.1
Air Foil	[2782, 2953]	[1.0, 4.8] ^b	[250, 167]	[29°, 150°]	[0.68, 1.0]	8.1
Lake Superior	[12, 150, 11, 618]	[1.0, 7.2]	[389, 223]	[15°, 156°]	[0.60, 1.0]	118.1

 a cEP is the number of pairs of EPs that are adjacent to each other. b After adding boundary layers, the worst aspect ratio becomes 16.0.



Sequencing based IMG: PolyGen



- Focus on polygon mesh generation.
- Both of vertex and face models are Transformer based Autoregressive.
- To generate a mesh, first sample the vertex model, and then pass the resulting vertices as input to the face model, from sample faces.
- In addition, conditional generation is also possible, such as mesh class identity, an input image, or a voxelized shape.

Sequencing based IMG : PolyGen



The Vertex Transformer outputs discrete distributions over the individual coordinate locations, as well as the stopping token *s*.



The Face Transformer outputs pointer embeddings which are compared to the vertex embeddings using a dot-product to produce the desired distributions.

- PolyGen first generates mesh vertices, and then generates mesh faces conditioned on those vertices.
- Vertices are generated sequentially from lowest to highest on the vertical axis.
- To generate the next vertex the current sequence of vertex coordinates is passed as context to a vertex Transformer, which outputs a predictive distribution for the next coordinate.
- The face model takes as input a collection of vertices, and the current sequence of face indices, and outputs a distribution over vertex indices.

Sequencing based IMG: PolyGen

	Bits per	vertex	Accuracy		
Model	Vertices	Faces	Vertices	Faces	
Uniform	24.08	39.73	0.004	0.002	
Valid predictions	21.41	25.79	0.009	0.038	
Draco* (Google)	Total: 2	27.68	-	-	
PolyGen	2.46	1.79	0.851	0.900	
- valid predictions	2.47	1.82	0.851	0.900	
- discr. embed. (V)	2.56	-	0.844	-	
- data augmentation	3.39	2.52	0.803	0.868	
+ cross attention (F)	-	1.87	-	0.899	

ANDA

Voxel

condition



Distribution of mesh statistics for unconditional samples from our model and the ShapeNet test set. We compare samples generated using with nucleus sampling and top-p = 0.9, to true model samples (p = 1).

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> Random unconditional samples



Image condition



> MeshGPT: Generating Triangle Meshes with Decoder-Only Transformers



- Utilizing graph convolutional neural network and to learn a vocabulary of geometric embedding from a large dataset.
- Training a decoder-only transformer (GPT) for mesh generation.

Siddiqui Y, Alliegro A, Artemov A, et al. MeshGPT: Generating Triangle Meshes with Decoder-Only Transformers[J]. CVPR 2024.



All of the above are trained with reconstruction loss and commit loss.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{recon}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \sum_{j=1}^{3} \sum_{k=1}^{128} \mathbf{w}_{nijk} \log \mathcal{P}_{nijk}$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{commit}}(\mathbf{z}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \sum_{d=1}^{D} \|\mathbf{z} - \text{sg}[\hat{\mathbf{z}}^{(d)}]\|_2^2$$

(1)Utilizing GNN on the dual graphs of the mesh to encode faces .

$$\mathbf{Z}=(z_1,z_2,\ldots,z_N)=E(\mathcal{M}),$$

(2)These features are then quantized into codebook embeddings using residual quantization.

$$\mathbf{T} = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N) = \mathbf{RQ} (\mathbf{Z}; \mathcal{C}, D),$$
$$t_i = (t_i^1, t_i^2, \dots, t_i^D),$$

Vertex feature to face feature

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}} = (\hat{z}_1, \dots, \hat{z}_N), \text{ with } \hat{z}_i = \bigoplus_{v=0}^2 \sum_{d=1}^{\frac{1}{3}} \mathbf{e}(t_i^{3.v+d}).$$

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(3)Decoding the quantized embeddings through a 1D Resnet.

 $\hat{\mathcal{M}} = G(\hat{\mathbf{Z}})$



The same token decoder is used to generate the mesh

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}} = G(\mathbf{\hat{Z}})$$

Needs post-processing to remove duplicate points.

This transformer decoder predicts the subsequent codebook index for each embedding, optimized via cross-entropy loss.

$$\mathcal{L}_{recon} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{D} \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} logp\left(s_{i}^{k} = t_{i}^{j}\right)$$



Class	Method	COV↑	MMD↓	1-NNA	FID↓	KID↓	 V 	F
Chair	AtlasNet [18]	9.03	4.05	95.13	170.71	0.169	2500	4050
	BSPNet [7]	16.48	3.62	91.75	46.73	0.030	673	1165
	Polygen [43]	31.22	4.41	93.56	61.10	0.043	248	603
	GET3D [14]	40.85	3.56	83.04	81.45	0.054	13725	27457
	GET3D*	38.75	3.57	84.07	78.29	0.065	199	399
	MeshGPT	43.28	3.29	75.51	18.46	0.010	125	228
Table -	AtlasNet [18]	7.16	3.85	96.30	161.38	0.150	2500	4050
	BSPNet [7]	16.83	3.14	93.58	30.78	0.017	420	699
	Polygen [43]	32.99	3.00	88.65	38.53	0.029	147	454
	GET3D [14]	41.70	2.78	85.54	93.93	0.076	13767	27537
	GET3D*	37.95	2.85	81.93	50.46	0.037	199	399
	MeshGPT	45.68	2.36	72.88	6.24	0.002	99	187
	AtlasNet [18]	20.53	2.47	90.58	189.39	0.163	2500	4050
Bench .	BSPNet [7]	28.74	2.05	88.44	59.11	0.030	457	756
	Polygen [43]	51.92	1.97	76.98	49.34	0.031	172	430
	MeshGPT	55.23	1.44	68.24	8.72	0.001	159	291
	AtlasNet [18]	19.97	4.68	91.85	177.91	0.139	2500	4050
Lamp _	BSPNet [7]	18.38	5.32	93.13	112.65	0.077	587	1011
	Polygen [43]	47.86	4.18	81.42	52.48	0.025	185	558
	MeshGPT	53.88	3.94	65.73	19.91	0.004	150	288



Incomplete Shape

Completed Shapes using MeshGPT

Classification-based IMG: PointTriNet

PointTriNet: Learned Triangulation of 3D Point Sets



- The initial candidate triangular facets are first constructed by selecting the two nearest neighbors centered on each vertex;
- The probability of candidate triangles appearing is predicted using a PointNet-based classification network, while another PointNet-based proposal network is used to give the candidate triangul for the next step;
- Repeat the second step five times, leaving at the end the triangular with probability greater than a given threshold.

Sharp, Nicholas and Ovsjanikov, Maks. Pointtrinet: Learned triangulation of 3d point sets[C]. ECCV 2020

Classification-based IMG: PointTriNet



- encode(t, p) → [x',y',z',u,v,w]. Rule-based encoding of information about the triangles to be queried and neighboring triangles into a 6-dimensional vector
- t^a , t^b , t^c refers to the three vertices of the neighboring triangle
- **max** and **min** are obtained on all neighboring triangles t

Classification-based IMG: PointTriNet





The Role of Intelligent Methods in Mesh Generation



Parameterization-based DGP

Deep Geometric Prior for Surface Reconstruction

• First, the input point cloud is divided into overlapping local blocks χ ;

•The neural network ϕ learns the 2D to 3D inverse parametrization mapping guided by the minimization of the Wasserstein distance.

•By minimizing the error between different local blocks' overlapping areas, these parametrizations are made consistent with each other in their overlapping portions.

•Once the local mappings are established, the mesh on the 2D plane is correspondingly mapped onto the target surface.



Williams F, Schneider T, Silva C, et al. Deep geometric prior for surface reconstruction[C]//Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF conference on computer vision and pattern recognition. 2019: 10130-10139.

Parameterization based IMG: DSE

Learning Delaunay Surface Elements for Mesh Reconstruction



- Initially, a neighborhood of 120 points is constructed around each point p_i , after which a classification network f_{θ} is trained to select the closest 30 points in terms of geodesic distance, resulting in local blocks P_i for each point.
- Subsequently, another network g_{ϕ} computes the logarithmic map U_i for each P_i , which represents the Euclidean coordinates with the central point p_i as the origin.
- This is followed by local alignment of U_i to enhance consistency between neighboring U_i ;
- A triangulation is performed on all U_i resulting in corresponding Delaunay Surface Elements (DSEs), from which triangles belonging to three DSEs are selected to compose the final mesh.

Rakotosaona, Marie-Julie and Guerrero, Paul and Aigerman, Noam and Mitra, Niloy J and Ovsjanikov, Maks. Learning Delaunay surface elements for mesh reconstruction[C]//CVPR. 2021

Parameterization based IMG : DSE

Log map Alignment

Corresponding points in adjacent U_i are aligned using a rigid transformation. Then, the resulting set of corresponding points is clustered to remove outliers, and the average is taken to obtain the final two-dimensional coordinates.



triangle is member of three DSEs



triangle is member of one DSE



Triangle Selection Criteria

To obtain a mesh as close to the manifold as possible, the criteria established is that triangles appearing in three distinct DSEs are considered most likely to be present in the manifold mesh. Triangles that appear only once are deemed least likely to be present.

Cross field based IMG: LDFQ

Learning Direction Fields for Quad Mesh Generation



The problem of quadrilateral mesh generation is transformed into the learning of a frame field.

- The geometric information of the mesh is extracted through global and local networks. The reference frame provides the current tangent plane.
- The output is a frame field, which is then used to generate the quadrilateral mesh using traditional methods.

Dielen, Alexander and Lim, Isaak and Lyon, Max and Kobbelt, Leif. Computer Graphics Forum. 2021

Cross field based IMG: LDFQ



Comparison with other quadrilateral mesh generation algorithms and ground truth data.

Isosurface-based :SAP

Shape As Points: A Differentiable Poisson Solver



- Firstly, feature encoding is performed on the input point cloud.
- Then, an MLP network f_{θ} predicts displacement values for each point, resulting in an offset and k-times upsampled point cloud.
- Next, another MLP network g_{θ} is applied to the resulting point cloud from the previous step to obtain corresponding normal vectors.
- Based on the normal vector field obtained earlier, the Poisson equation is solved to derive the implicit function field.
- Finally, the Marching Cubes algorithm is employed to generate the mesh.

Peng, Songyou and Jiang, Chiyu and Liao, Yiyi and Niemeyer, Michael and Pollefeys, Marc and Geiger, Andreas, A. Shape as points: A differentiable poisson solver[J]. NeurIPS, 2021

Iso-surface based IMG: VoroMesh

VoroMesh: Learning Watertight Surface Meshes with Voronoi Diagrams



- Find a concise, learnable discrete representation of 3D surfaces
- Reconstruct watertight and non-selfintersecting meshes

To generate a VoroMesh from a grid $I \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times N}$ of signed distances field (SDF).

- 1. Densely sample a set of points $X \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 3}$ from a ground truth surface;
- 2. Selected grid points close to the surface serve as initialized $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3}$
- 3. Compute the Voronoi diagram of Q;
- 4. Minimize *VoroLoss*(*X*, *Q*);
- 5. Determine the ground truth occupancy *O* of the barycenter of each Voronoi cell;
- 6. Compute the final polygonal mesh *VoroMesh(Q, 0)*.

Maruani, Nissim and Roman Klokov and Maks Ovsjanikov. VoroMesh: Learning Watertight Surface Meshes with Voronoi Diagrams[C]//ICCV. 2023

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Figure 2: Marching Cubes (b) and Dual Contouring (c) cannot capture details of a target shape (a) smaller than the grid size; UDC (d), based on edge-crossings, can but at the price of a non-manifold elements. *VoroMesh* (e) both captures the details and returns a closed and manifold mesh

Theorem 1 The distance from x to its closest face in a Voronoi diagram equals the distance from x to the closest bisector $H_{i_x,j}$ formed between q_{i_x} whose Voronoi cell contains x and another Voronoi site q_j :

$$||x - \partial V_i|| = \min_{j \neq i_x} ||x - H_{i_x,j}||.$$

We thus introduce a loss function, dubbed VoroLoss:

$$VoroLoss(X, \mathbf{Q}) := \sum_{x \in X} \min_{j \neq i_x} \|x - H_{i_x, j}\|^2$$

Deformation-based IMG: Point2Mesh



- Firstly, construct an template mesh that is topologically equivalent to the target object. If the genus of the target object is zero, a convex hull is constructed. If the genus is not zero, the alpha shape algorithm is used to construct a concave hull, or Poisson reconstruction is performed based on the point cloud.
- Input the current mesh along with the initial displacement of each edge into MeshCNN, and sequentially obtain the displacement of faces, edges, and vertices.
- Update the coordinates of the vertices based on the predicted displacement, thereby progressively approaching the target surface.
- Repeat the second and third steps.



Hanocka, Rana and Metzer, Gal and Giryes, Raja and Cohen-Or, Daniel. Point2Mesh: a self-prior for deformable meshes[J]. ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG), 2020

The Role of Intelligent Methods in Mesh Generation



Image to mesh: Pixel2Mesh

Pixel2Mesh: Generating 3D Mesh Models from Single RGB Images



The entire network consists of an Image Feature Network and a Cascaded Mesh Deformation Network.

- The Image Feature Network comprises a 2D CNN that extracts perceptual features from the input image.
- The Mesh Deformation Network gradually deforms an ellipsoid mesh into the desired 3D model based on the perceptual features extracted from the image.

Wang, Nanyang and Zhang, Yinda and Li, Zhuwen and Fu, Yanwei and Liu, Wei and Jiang, Yu-Gang. ECCV. 2018

Voxel to mesh: Scan2Mesh

Scan2Mesh: From Unstructured Range Scans to 3D Meshes



- First, based on the input truncated signed distance field (TSDF), a neural network module predicts the positions of n vertices;
- Using another neural network module, the existence of each edge is predicted based on the coordinates of the corresponding points and their associated features.
- Treating each face as a node, a neural network module predicts the existence of each face. The features of each face are represented by an 8-dimensional vector composed of barycentric coordinates, normal vectors, area, and circumscribing circle radius.

Dai, Angela and Niebner, Matthias. CVPR 2019

Sketch to mesh: Sketch2PQ

Sketch2PQ: Freeform Planar Quadrilateral Mesh Design via a Single Sketch



- Using stroke lines, depth sampling, and visible/occluded region masks derived from sketches as inputs;
- A geometric inference module predicts depth maps and normal maps for visible and occluded regions, using them to infer B-spline surfaces;
- A conjugate direction field (CDF) inference module predicts an approximate CDF layout for PQ mesh;
- Finally, PQ mesh is extracted from B-spline surfaces and CDF using geometric optimization.

Deng, Zhi and Liu, Yang and Pan, Hao and Jabi, Wassim and Zhang, Juyong and Deng, Bailin. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (2022)
Sketch to mesh: Sketch2PQ



 P_{mean} and P_{max} represent the average planarity error and maximum planarity error of the entire mesh, respectively.

 $D_{\rm f}$ is an angle-based alignment error that measures the angle between the direction of feature lines and their corresponding projected lines on the plane.

Text to mesh : CLIP-Mesh

Making it possible to generate meshes by zero-shot textguided with a differentiable renderer



- Using the analytical expression of the Loop subdivision limit surface as an implicit regularizer.
- Introducing a set of render augmentations and incorporating a text to image embedding prior.

Mohammad Khalid N, Xie T, Belilovsky E, et al. Clip-mesh: Generating textured meshes from text using pretrained image-text models[C]//SIGGRAPH Asia 2022 conference papers. 2022: 1-8.



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► **Traditional metric-based** ➤ **RLQMG & SRL-assisted AFM**

 $r_{t}(s_{t},a_{t}) = \begin{cases} -0.1, \text{ invalid element}; \\ 10, \text{ the element is the last element;} \\ m_{t}, \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$ $m_{t} = \eta_{t}^{e} + \eta_{t}^{b} + \mu_{t}. \qquad \eta_{t}^{e} = \sqrt{q^{edge}q^{angle}}, \\ q^{edge} = \frac{\sqrt{2}min_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{l_{j}\}}{D_{max}}, \\ q^{edge} = \frac{\sqrt{2}min_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{angle_{j}\}}{D_{max}}, \\ q^{angle} = \frac{min_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{angle_{j}\}}{max_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{angle_{j}\}}, \\ q^{angle} = \frac{min_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{angle_{j}\}}{max_{j\in\{0,1,2,3\}}\{angle_{j}\}}, \\ q^{dist} = \begin{cases} \frac{d_{min} < (d_{1}+d_{2})/2;}{0, \text{ otherwise.}} \end{pmatrix} \mu_{t} = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } \mathcal{A}_{t} < \mathcal{A}_{min}; \\ \frac{\mathcal{A}_{t} - \mathcal{A}_{min}}{\mathcal{A}_{min}}, & \text{if } \mathcal{A}_{min} \leq \mathcal{A}_{t} < \mathcal{A}_{max}; \\ 0, & \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$ $R^{fin} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} R_{i}^{s} R_{i}^{ep} + \min\{R_{1}^{s} R_{1}^{ep}, R_{2}^{s} R_{2}^{ep}, \cdots, R_{M}^{s} R_{M}^{ep}\}$

• Utilizing traditional metrics, including the Jacobian metric, maximum and minimum angles, aspect ratios, etc., as reward functions in reinforcement learning-based mesh generation.

1. Pan, Jie and Huang, Jingwei and Cheng, Gengdong and Zeng, Yong. Reinforcement learning for automatic quadrilateral mesh generation: A soft actor–critic approach[J]. Neural Networks, 2023

2. Hua Tong, Kuanren Qian, Eni Halilaj, Yongjie Jessica Zhang,SRL-assisted AFM: Generating planar unstructured quadrilateral meshes with supervised and reinforcement learning-assisted advancing front method, Journal of Computational Science,Volume 72,2023,102109.

Neural network-based

> MVE-Net*

Input: Point Coordinates

Output: High-quality Mesh Non-orthogonal Mesh Non-smooth Mesh Poor-quality Mesh



- Employs a two-step structure (volume and global features learning) to map between the input (ordered point coordinates) and mesh validity
- Studies the role of mesh point distribution on numerical accuracy, and outputs the overall validity for the simulation
- Since MVE-Net is a black box, its evaluation metrics are not interpretable.

* Chen X, Liu J, Gong C, et al. MVE-Net: An automatic 3-D structured mesh validity evaluation framework using deep neural networks[J]. Computer-Aided Design, 2021, 141: 103104.

Neural network-based

≻ MQNet [*]			Label	Name
Length x Length y Maximum included angle	Input	Output	1 (W) 2 (P-O) 3 (P-S) 4 (P-D) 5 (P-OS) 6 (P-OD) 7 (P-SD) 8 (P-OSD)	Well-shaped Poor orthogonality Poor smoothness Poor density Poor orthogonality and smoothness Poor orthogonality and density Poor smoothness and density Poorly-shape
Sample preprocessing Input airfoil mesh Sample preprocessing Three-channel matrix	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{C} \\ $	DSConv-24	DSConv ^{2,2} 72 DSConv ^{2,2} 72 <u>DSConv-144</u> <u>DSConv-144</u> <u>DSConv-144</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSConv-192</u> <u>DSCONV-192</u> <u>DSCONV-192</u> <u>DSCONV-192</u>	DSConv $C=384$ $C=1280$ $C=$

- Learns the quality-related attributes(e.g. mesh orthogonality, smoothness)
- Accounts for both individual element geometry and neighboring attributes

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What are the limits of IMG?



Data Bottleneck

- **High Cost:** Quality assessment of meshes is often costly (numerical simulation accuracy)
- Less Open Source: High-quality reference data is often difficult to obtain

Suboptimal Mesh Quality

- Geometric Information: Most intelligent methods can only maintain geometric characteristics
- **Topology Information:** Only Reinforcement Learning(RL) can guarantee topological characteristics at present

Summary and Outlook

What are the advantages of IMG?

Excellent IMG Method

- Generalization: Applicable to various models, i.e. not limited to their type
- Automation: Automatically generate grid without parameter tuning
- Efficiency: Generate meshes in realtime
- **Robustness:** Avoid the impact of lowquality raw data

Thanks for listening

