

Geometrical Deep Learning on 3D Models: Classification for Additive Manufacturing

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Motivation

Hard to achieve the right balance:

Additive manufacturing here to transform production processes:

- create design iterations
- enhance quality through cost-effective prototyping
- create specific tooling parts



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Motivation

3D Printing Market - Growth Rate by Region (2019 - 2024)







Motivation

By 2028 AM industry revenues would hit **\$12.6** Billion in the automotive Industry





Motivation



Exhaust/emissions

Applications: Cooling vents AM technology: Selective laser melting Materials: Aluminum alloys

FUTURE

Interior & seating

Applications: Dashboards, seat frames AM technology: Selective laser sintering. stereo-lithography Materials: Polymers

Wheels, tires, & suspension

Applications: Hubcaps, tires, suspension springs AM technology: Selective laser sintering, inkjet, selective laser melting Materials: Polymers, aluminum alloys

Applications: Embedded components such as sensors, single-part control panels AM technology: Selective laser sintering Materials: Polymers

OEM components Applications: Body-in-white

AM technology: Selective laser melting, electron beam melting Materials: Aluminum, steel alloys

Source: Deloitte analysis.

Materials: Aluminum alloys

breakers

sintering

Applications of AM in the automotive industry

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Problem Definition & Project Goal

Requires a lot of human expertise and supervision.

In particular, the process of **identifying whether a 3D model is manufacturable by a given 3D printer** is a **very time-consuming** and **complex task**.



Automate this process using advanced convolutional neural networks (CNNs)





Project Structure







Infrastructure







Infrastructure







Infrastructure







Holistic Project Overview







Data Format: Triangular Mesh

- A triangular mesh is a data representation of 3D objects.
- It consists of two main data structures: **Vertices** and **Triangles**.
- Vertices is a list of 3D points.
- **Triangles** is a list of triangles, where a triangle connects 3 vertices.



Triangular Mesh Representation









Data Selection

- dataset contains models of varying complexity
- more triangles are needed in meshes of higher complexity
- more triangles translated to bigger file size
- we applied a cutoff value of 25 KB to select models considered for further preprocessing steps













Cleaning

- For a 3D mesh to be 3D-printable, 2 main properties should be satisfied:
 - 1. Watertightness: mesh has no holes + normals are facing outwards



Stanford Bunny Model Bottom View Invalid: has holes



Valid: normals are facing outwards





Cleaning

- For a 3D mesh to be 3D-printable, 2 main properties should be satisfied
 - 2. Manifold geometry: mesh has no edges shared by more than two faces





Invalid: edge shared by 4 faces





Cleaning

- Mesh cleaning functions were utilized from O3D. [1]
 - Vertices fixes
 - Remove vertices that have identical coordinates ([x1, y1, z1], [x1, y1, z1])
 - Remove vertices that are not referenced in any triangle

- Edges fixes

- Remove non-manifold edges

- Triangles fixes

- Remove triangles that reference the same three vertices ([v1, v2, v3], [v2, v1, v3])
- Remove triangles that reference a single vertex multiple times in a single triangle ([*v*1, *v*2, *v*2])







Normalization

- Performed to make sure all vertices of different objects lie in the same range
- Step 1: Center the mesh around the origin
 - Find the center of the mesh vertices
 - Translate the mesh vertices to the origin by subtracting the center from all vertices
- Step 2: Scale the vertices so that they lie in a [-1, 1] range
 - Divide the mesh vertices by the difference between the maximum bounding point and the minimum bounding point.









Alignment

- Performed to make sure all meshes are presented in the same orientation.
- The axis of the minimum Moment Of Inertia (MOI) of a mesh represents the axis around which most of the mass of the object is wrapped. [1]
- Aligning the axis of the minimum MOI with one of the coordinate axes will allow meshes to be presented in the same orientation
- How its done [2] & [3]:
 - **Step 1**: Find the axis of the minimum MOI
 - **Step 2**: Compute a rotation matrix that aligns the axis of the minimum MOI with a coordinate axis
 - **Step 3**: Apply the rotation matrix on the mesh vertices

[1] James Dann and James J. Dann. The People's Physics Book. third edition, 2006.

[2] https://physics.stackexchange.com/questions/426273/how-to-find-the-axis-with-minimum-moment-of-inertia

[3] https://stackoverflow.com/questions/67017134/find-rotation-matrix-to-align-two-vectors



Alignment



Alignment of min MOI axis and X-axis

Alignment of min MOI axis and Y-axis Alignment of min MOI axis and Z-axis







Voxelization

- All previous transformations were applied on the triangular mesh representation
- Final preprocessing step is converting the model to a voxelized representation
- What is a voxel representation?
 - A data representation that uses voxels. A voxel can be regarded as a pixel in a three-dimensional space.
- Why use voxel representation?
 - We hypothesized that SOTA CNNs will offer good performance after replacing 2D convolutions with 3D convolutions
 - It allows for an easy introduction of defects















Assumptions & Definitions 1/2

- Problem: Limited labeled data
- **Goal**: Synthetically add defects to 3D models in order to generate non-printable models
- Assumption:
 - All previous selected models are printable
 - Defects are here holes aligned with the z-axis that are added to the 3D model
 - Deciding parameters:
 - Radius
 - radius printable (10 voxels)
 - radius non-printable (5 voxels)
 - Border
 - Border printable (5 voxels)
 - Border non-printable (3 voxels)





Assumptions & Definitions 2/2

Resulting models:



Model **non-printable** defect in middle

Model **printable** defect in middle

Model **non-printable** defect at border





Idea

- Main Idea: Transform 3D model data s.t. it can be used to find right offset

\rightarrow TopDownView:

- Inspiration: Heatmaps (visualizing 3D data in 2D), common sense
- Project 3D model data onto the (x, y)-grid







Defects in the middle 1/2









Defects in the middle 2/2







Defects at the border 1/2



Offset Preselection (X and Y direction)





Defects at the border 2/2



Non-axis direction check





AMC Dataset

\rightarrow Additive Manufacturing Classification (AMC) Dataset:

- 7430 3D models
- Balanced in terms of labels (printable / non-printable)
- But: Defects not equally distributed



Non-printable defect middle

Printable defect middle

Non-printable defect border





Limitations

- **Strong assumptions** on the input models
 - \rightarrow Selected models already contain holes or are too complex
- Artificial defined defects, i.e. too far away from the real given problem, strong abstraction
- If models and the defects gets more complex, this approach quickly reaches its limitations












Deep Learning Workflow



- Type of problem to be solved: Binary Classification
- Architectures examined for feature extraction:
 - Vanilla3DCNN
 - ResNet
 - InceptionNet V1
 - InceptionNet V3









Vanilla3DCNN Architecture



- Number of trainable parameters: **1.8M**
- 4 convolution layers with kernel sizes 9, 7, 5 and 3 were used.
- Maxpooling layer to reduce spatial size.
- Batch normalization layers to **stabilize the training process**.







ResNet Architecture



- Number of trainable parameters: **9.1M**
- Basic residual block contains two 3 x 3 x 3 layers with batch norm layers and dropout layers.
- Basic residual block repeated twice.
- To avoid sudden reduction of input spatial dimensions, two pooling layers used at the end.







InceptionNet V1 Architecture



- Basic intuition: Let's go wider.
- Number of trainable parameters: **9.6M**
- To capture the salient features having varying dimensions, choosing right kernel size is difficult.
- Each InceptionNet V1 block has kernel sizes 1,3 and 5 operating at the same level.
- InceptionNet V1 block repeated 4 times.



InceptionNet V3 Architecture



- Number of trainable parameters: **17.9M**
- Improvement over InceptionNet V1
- Disadvantage of InceptionNet V1: Large reduction in spatial dimension due to kernel size 5 x 5 x 5.





Implementation Details

1. Activation Function:

- ReLU^[1] activation for all layers except for the final layer.
- Sigmoid^[1] activation for the final layer.

2. Loss Function:

• Binary cross entropy loss^[2] used.

$$BCE = -\sum_{i=1}^{C=2} t_i log(f(s_i)) = -t_1 log(f(s_1)) - (1-t_1) log(1-f(s_1))$$

[1] Activation Functions: Comparison of Trends in Practice and Research for Deep Learning[2] Generalized Cross Entropy Loss for Training Deep Neural Networks with Noisy Labels





Implementation Details

3. Weight Initialization:

- Kaiming normal^[3] weight initialization with **Fan-out mode** was used.
- Weights follow normal distribution as shown below:

$$W \sim N\left(0, \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}}\right)$$

4. Optimizer:

- Momentum based optimization algorithm is the default algorithm for all architectures.
- Adam optimizer^[4] used: Computes **adaptive learning rates** for each parameter.

4. Dataset:

- Total data samples:
- Train/Validation split (random):
- Law of large numbers:

7430 80/20, 5944 (train) and 1486 (validation) train and validation set are **balanced**

[3] Delving Deep into Rectifiers: Surpassing Human-Level Performance on ImageNet Classification.

[4] Adam : A Method for Stochastic Optimization









Results & Performance Analysis

LRZ AI System







ROC⁽¹⁾ Curve with AUC⁽²⁾



(2) AUC: Area under the ROC Curve







- **Diagonal elements:** correct prediction (TN & TP)
- Off-diagonal elements: wrong predictions (FN & FP)







- True Negatives > True Positives (for all classifiers)
- **True Negatives:** Method of adding defects works pretty well
- True Positives: Assumption of all initial models being printable does not hold



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- Very few off-diagonal elements: Good overall performance
 - False Negatives > False Positives (for all classifiers)



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- Avoid: False Positives (FP) over False Negatives (FP)
- Additive Manufacturing: False Positives waste time & material False Negatives require manual check by engineer





Confirm Results: Accuracy⁽¹⁾ & F1-Score⁽²⁾



(1) In this case: balanced accuracy

(2) F1-Score \in [0, 1]; harmonic mean of precision⁽³⁾ and recall⁽⁴⁾

(3) Precision: How often is it correct when a positive is predicted: TP/(FP+TP)

(4) Recall: How often is a positive predicted when it actually is positive: TP/(FN+TP) 54







Wrap up

- Good performance of the model using the AMC dataset.
- Limitations:
 - Assumption of printability of the models selected
 - Restricted model selection
 - Failure of the defectors in some specific cases





Improvements: Evaluation methods

- Generate an additional test set from another chunk of the ABC dataset or from the Thingi10K dataset
- Explainable AI techniques for better understanding of the performances of the deep learning models.





Improvements: DefectorTopDownView Similarity Check Add-on

- The information given for the tdv could be misleading.
- **Global** and a **local** uniformity **check** for the area that will be removed by the defector.



3D model labeled by the defector as manufacturable





Improvements: DefectorTopDownView Rotation Add-on

Insert rotated holes with random angles as a generalization of DefectorTopDownView

- Add a padding to the 3D models
- Rotate the models randomly throughout the x,y and z axes by the angles $\phi_x, \, \phi_y, \, \phi_z$
- Insert the hole using DefectorTopDownView
- Rotate back the model



3D model augmented by a rotated hole





Potential Future Work

The defector is a deterministic algorithm with limited capabilities



- Train on original 3D models without artificial defect using an autoencoder
- Use the encoder as feature extractor and stack final layer for binary classification
- Train using expert labeled data
- Few-shot learning methods.
- Train generative adversarial networks (GANs) on a dataset of few complex models that are expert-labeled and generate new models with complex defects.





Thank you for your attention!





Additional slides





Additional slides Synthetic Data Generation





Limitations examples 1/2

Selected 3D models already contain holes







Limitations examples 2/2

Difficult and not detected 3D structure of the model



3D model too complex







Additional slides Deep Learning





Detailed description of Vanilla3DCNN

Vanilla3DCNN Architecture						
Layer Name	Output Size	CNN - Layers				
conv_1	120 x 120 x 120 x 32	9 x 9 x 9/1,32				
conv_2	114 x 114 x 114 x 64	7 x 7 x 7/1, 64				
Maxpool layer	57 x 57 x 57 x 64	2 x 2 x 2 maxpool, stride 2				
conv_3	53 x 53 x 53 x 96	5 x 5 x 5/1, 96				
Maxpool layer	26 x 26 x 26 x 96	2 x 2 x 2 maxpool,stride 2				
conv_4	24 x 24 x 24 x 128	3 x 3 x 3/1, 128				
Maxpool layer	12 x 12 x 12 x 128	2 x 2 x 2 maxpool,stride 2				
Average pool layer	11 x 11 x 11 x 128	2 x 2 x 2 maxpool, stride 1				
Maxpool layer	1 x 1 x 1 x 128	11 x 11 x 11 maxpool,stride 1				
FC_1		32-d fc,ReLU				
FC_2		Scalar value, Sigmoid				



Detailed description of ResNet

ResNet Architecture						
Layer Name	Output Size	CNN - Layers				
conv_1	64 x 64 x 64 x 64	5 x 5 x 5/2,64 (Same)				
	32 x 32 x 32 x 64	3 x 3 x 3 maxpool,stride 2				
		(3 x 3 x 3/1,64) x 2				
conv_2	32 x 32 x 32 x 64	(3 x 3 x 3/1,64) x 2				
<u>.</u>	0	(3 x 3 x 3/2,128) x 2				
conv_3	16 x 16 x 16 x 128	(3 x 3 x 3/2,128) x 2				
conv 4	8 x 8 x 8 x 256	(3 x 3 x 3/2,256) x 2				
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Maxpool layer	4 x 4 x 4 x 256	5 x 5 x 5 maxpool,stride 1				
Average pool layer	1 x 1 x 1 x 256	4 x 4 x 4 average pool, stride 1				
conv_5	1 x 1 x 1 x 1024	(1 x 1 x 1,256)				
FC_1		512-d fc,ReLU				
FC_2		128-d fc,ReLU				
FC_3		64-d fc,ReLU				
FC_4		Scalar value,Sigmoid				





Detailed description of InceptionNet V1

InceptionNet_v1 Architecture									
Туре	Patch_size/Strid e	Output_size	Depth	#1 x 1 x 1	#3 x 3 x 3 reduce	#3 x 3 x 3	#5 x 5 x 5 reduce	#5 x 5 x 5	Pool Proj
Convolution	5 x 5 x 5/1	64 x 64 x 64 x 64	1						
Max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	32 x 32 x 32 x 64							
Convolution	3 x 3 x 3/1	32 x 32 x 32 x 192	1						
Max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	16 x 16 x 16 x 192							
Inception(3a)		16 x 16 x 16 x 256	2	64	96	128	16	32	32
max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	8 x 8 x 8 x 256	0						
Inception (4a)		8 x 8 x 8 x 512	2	192	96	208	16	48	64
Max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	4 x 4 x 4 x 512	0						
Inception(5a)		4 x 4 x 4 x 1024	2	384	192	384	48	128	128
Maxpool	2 x 2 x 2/2	2 x 2 x 2 x 1024	0						
Inception(6a)		2 x 2 x 2 x 1024	2	384	192	384	48	128	128
Average pool	2 x 2 x 2/1	1 x 1 x 1 x 1024	0						
Dropout	p = 0.4								
FC1		512							
FC2		64							
FC3		1							





Detailed description of InceptionNet V3

InceptionNet_v3 Architecture										
Туре	Patch_size/Strid e	Output_size	Depth	#1 x 1 x 1	#3 x 3 x 3 reduce_1	#3 x 3 x 3 reduce_2	#3 x 3 x 3	#3 x 3 x 3 reduce	#3 x 3 x 3	Pool Proj
Convolution	5 x 5 x 5/1	128 x 128 x 128 x 64	1							
Max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	64 x 64 x 64 x 64								
Convolution	3 x 3 x 3/1	64 x 64 x 64 x 192	1							
Max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	32 x 32 x 32 x 192								
Inception 3		32 x 32 x 32 x 256	3	32	64	64	128	64	64	32
max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	16 x 16 x 16 x 256	0							
Inception 4		16 x 16 x 16 x 512	2	128	128	128	128	64	128	128
Max pool	2 x 2 x 2/2	8 x 8 x 8 x 512	0							
Inception 5		4 x 4 x 4 x 1024	2	128	256	256	384	256	384	128
Maxpool	2 x 2 x 2/2	2 x 2 x 2 x 1024	0							
Inception 6		2 x 2 x 2 x 1024	2	128	256	256	384	256	384	128
Average pool	2 x 2 x 2/1	1 x 1 x 1 x 1024	0							
Dropout	p = 0.4									
FC1		512								
FC2		64								
FC3		1		1						





Additional slides Results & Performance Analysis





False Prediction Analysis⁽¹⁾




False Prediction Analysis⁽¹⁾ printable - no defect added













False Prediction Analysis⁽¹⁾ printable - middle



(1) Utilized neural network model: InceptionNet V3



False Prediction Analysis⁽¹⁾ non-printable - middle











False Prediction Analysis⁽¹⁾

non-printable - bord

