SinNeRF: Training Neural Radiance Fields on Complex Scenes from a Single Image

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BACKGROUND: NeRF

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Volume rendering

$$C(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{t_n}^{t_f} T(t)\sigma(\mathbf{r}(t))\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r}(t),\mathbf{d})dt, \text{ where } T(t) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_n}^t \sigma(\mathbf{r}(s))ds\right).$$

BACKGROUND: NeRF

Critical points to consider when reading NeRF papers (personally)

- What's target task? Specifically, what's the input and output during inference?
- What's the training input? Multiview? Calibrated? etc.
- Is the model test-time optimization (one NeRF for each scene) or train-time optimization (one NeRF for multiple secens)

The original NeRF

- Training input: many (>10) calibrated images of the same scene
- Training output: a NeRF for this specific scene
- Inference input: camera pose
- Inference output: an image taken from this pose
- Test-time optimization

BACKGROUND: NeRF

Fields of research on NeRF

- Faster training & inference
- Artistic effect, e.g. HDR NeRF
- Deformable
- Generalization, e.g. RawNeRF, GRAF, PixelNeRF, SinNeRF
- Compositionality, e.g. GIRAFFE, uORF

NeRF paper collection: https://github.com/awesome-NeRF/awesome-NeRF

RawNeRF (Mildenhall et al. CVPR 2022)



NeRF for denoising

- Training input identifcal to orignal NeRF
- Modified loss function & training inputs (multiple shutter speed)



Generative Radiance Fields

- Training input: some real image patches of the same category (e.g. cars)
- Training output: NeRF for this type of input
- Trained on GAN loss (instead of pixel loss in original NeRF)
- Inference input: sampled from certain distributions, but no exact meaning
- Inference output: novel images of this type (conditioned on inputs)

GIRAFFE (Niemeyer et al. CVPR 2021)



Generative Radiance Fields for Multiple Objects

- Training input: some real scenes with one or multiple objects
- Training output: encoder, NeRF in scene space
- Inference input: sampled from certain distributions. Inference latents, then stack together
- Inference output: novel images

PixelNeRF (Yu et al. CVPR 2021)



Single image NeRF for generating novel views

- Train-time optimization
- Feature encoder for synthesis
- Training input: multi-view (calibrated) scenes
- Training output: NeRF in view space, takes the reference view feature as an additional input
- Inference input: a single reference image and the desired camera pose (or relative pose to reference image)
- Inference output: novel images

uORF (Yu et al. ICLR 2022)



Single image NeRF for scene editing & synthesis

- Train-time optimization
- Training input: multi-view (calibrated) scenes
- Training output: background NeRF in cononical space, object NeRF in view space
- Inference input: a single reference image
- Inference task: novel view synthesis, scene editing, scene segmentation

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Task description: generate novel views with only one image (test-time optimization)

Inputs

- Single RGB image
- Calibration (intrinsics & extrinsics)
- Depth

Supervision

- Rendering (pixel loss)
- Geometry
- Semantic

Overview



 $\mathcal{L}_{total} = \mathcal{L}_{pix} + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{geo} + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{adv} + \lambda_3 \mathcal{L}_{cls}$

Geometry supervision

• Reconstruct 3D geometry through warping

Warp from reference view *i* to unseen view *j*

 $p_j = K_{\text{unseen}} T(K_{\text{ref}}^{-1} Z_i p_i)$

Multi-view geometry revisited

Geometry supervision: reconstruct 3D geometry through warping

• Warp from reference view *i* to unseen view *j*

 $p_j = K_{\text{unseen}} T(K_{\text{ref}}^{-1} Z_i p_i)$

• Smoothness contraint

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{smooth}}\left(d_{i}\right) = e^{-\nabla^{2}\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}_{i})}\left(\left|\partial_{xx}d_{i}\right| + \left|\partial_{xy}d_{i}\right| + \left|\partial_{yy}d_{i}\right|\right)$

• Consistency contraint

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{geo}} = \mathcal{L}_1(d_1, f(d_2)) + \mathcal{L}_1(f(d_1), d_2) + \lambda_4 \mathcal{L}_{\text{smooth}}$$

Semantic supervision: local texture guidence & global structure guidance

• Discriminate between reference image patches and NeRF outputs Differentiable augmentation for collapse avoiding

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{D}} &= \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim p_{\mathrm{data}}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) \left[f_{D}(-D(T(\boldsymbol{x}))) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{z} \sim p(\boldsymbol{z})} \left[f_{D}(D(T(G(\boldsymbol{z})))) \right] \\ \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{G}} &= \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{z} \sim p(\boldsymbol{z})} \left[f_{G}(-D(T(G(\boldsymbol{z})))) \right], \\ \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{adv}} &= \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{D}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{G}}, \end{aligned}$$

• Extract global structure information through ViT

 $\mathcal{L}_{\rm cls} = ||f_{\rm vit}(A) - f_{\rm vit}(B)||^2$

Training Techniques

• Progressive Strided Ray Sampling (from large stride to small stride)

 $\mathcal{P}(u, v, s) = \{(u + sx, v + sy) \mid x, y \in \{0, \dots, K\}\}$

• Progressive Gaussian Pose Sampling (from small distortion to large distortion)

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \omega^2)$$

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Fig. 5: Novel view synthesis from different variants of our proposed model.

Methods	PSNR↑	$SSIM\uparrow$	$LPIPS\downarrow$
w/o \mathcal{L}_{geo}	16.11 (-4.86)	0.74 (-0.08)	0.1919 (+0.0987)
$ m w/o~\mathcal{L}_{cls}$	18.20(-2.77)	0.76 (-0.06)	$0.1348 \ (+0.0146)$
$\rm w/o~\mathcal{L}_{adv}$	20.20 (-0.77)	0.79 <mark>(-0.03)</mark>	$0.1306 \ (+0.0294)$
Full Model	20.97	0.82	0.0932

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CONCLUSION

Pros

- The authors proposed SinNeRF, a novel view synthesis approach which only requires one calibrated view with depth
- SoTA on multiple benchmarks

Cons

- Test time optimization (same as original NeRF), i.e., one model per scene
- Simple scene
- Very complex design
- Cannot handle occlusion

Thanks for listening!