# Semantics-Guided Latent Space Exploration for Shape Generation

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# Deep Generative Models for 3D Shapes



Volumetric VAE [BLRW16]



Point cloud AE [ADMG18]



Implicit decoder [CZ19]



Volumetric GAN [WZX\*16]



DeepSDF [PFS\*19]

# Controlling Shape Generation



"Snapping" mechanism [LYF17]







A cushioned chair which is grey in color. The legs are small.

A rectangular wooden coffee table with an iron base

White square table with four legs that curve out from the base

#### Text2Shape [CCS\*18]



Sketch-based modeling [SBS19]



# Our Method

- Facilitates the exploration of the learned shape spaces through keywords
- Maps the keywords to distributions of the latent dimensions



"straight square back"

"four straight short legs"

### Method Overview



# Shape Encoder Network (SEN)



Architecture of 3D-GAE [GJvK20]





# Shape Decoder Network (SDN)

Decodes latent vectors into shapes

Outside the shape:  $F(\mathbf{p}) = 0.$ Inside the shape:  $F(\mathbf{p}) = 1.$ 



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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SDN}} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{P}|} \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}} ||F(\mathbf{p}) - f(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{p})||^2$$

Architecture of the implicit decoder [CZ19]

# Label Regression Network (LRN)

Maps keywords to the regions of the latent space

The combination of probability density is

$$P(z_i|\mathbf{l}) = \sum_{w=1}^h \alpha_w \phi_{w_i}(z_i|\mathbf{l}),$$

with the probability density of each being

$$\phi_{w_i}(z_i|\mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{w_i}\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\left(z_i - \mu_{w_i}\right)^2}{2\sigma_{w_i}}\right).$$

So, the final loss of LRN is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{LRN}} = -\log(P(z_i|\mathbf{I})).$$



# Datasets: Shapes and Labels



Back: size --- full side view --- straight Seat: shape --- square Leg: number --- four length --- short type --- straight



Gaussian 2  $\alpha_2 = 0.22$ 

Gaussian 3  $\alpha_3 = 0.18$ 

Gaussian 4 $\alpha_4 = 0.04$ 

Gaussian 5

 $\alpha_{5} = 0.04$ 



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Back: size --- full fill --- vertical ladder fill --- hole(s) side view --- bent front view --- square Seat: shape --- circular Leg: length --- short



Shade: front view --- bell fitting --- emptyBody: type --- pipeBase: connection --- untangled



Top: type --- single shape --- round Leg: length --- medium



#### Perturbation of Latent Vectors



### Comparison to the PCA-Based Exploration



# Comparison to Text2Shape



Back: size --- full front view --- square Seat: shape --- square



A chair with a high back and a square shape



Top:shape --- rectangularLeg:number --- fourSide:connection --- closed



A rectangular table with four linked legs

# Conclusion

- Mapping of semantic labels to distributions in the latent space enables users to **explore subspaces** of shapes constrained by the labels
- The user can generate a variety of shapes with the specified attributes
- Solution combines:
  - Label regression network that learns distributions of latent vectors conditioned on the labels
  - Generative network which translates sampled latent vectors into 3D shapes

# Limitations

- Our method requires labeled datasets
- Thus, our current datasets are small
- Exploration requires an **experimental threshold** to select relevant dimensions to inspect

# Future Work

- Crowdsourcing could provide labeling for more and larger datasets
- Could explore the mapping of labels to other types of distributions in the latent space
- Could combine keyword guidance with PCA-based exploration and "snapping" latent vectors to the manifold

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# Thank you!



# Appendix A: Comparison to the PCA-Based Exploration

Chairs:



# Appendix A: Comparison to the PCA-Based Exploration

Lamps:



# Appendix A: Comparison to the PCA-Based Exploration

Tables:



# Appendix B: Comparison to Text2Shape



Back: size --- full front view --- square Seat: shape --- square F

A chair with a high back and a square shape

# Appendix B: Comparison to Text2Shape



Top:shape --- rectangularLeg:number --- fourSide:connection --- closed



A rectangular table with four linked legs