

Figure 1. Qualitative comparisons of rendered normal maps on BlendedMVS.

1. Experiments on BlendedMVS

The BlendedMVS dataset [1] is another dataset used for evaluation of object-centered 3D reconstruction. There are 31-143 posed images with the resolution of 768 × 576 in each scene. Ground truth meshes and masks are supplied by the authors. We use 8 scenes selected by NeuS [5] to evaluate our method and others. We provide quantitative and qualitative comparisons with NeuS [3] and CasMVS-Net [1] on the BlendedMVS [4] dataset. As for the Cas-MVSNet [1], we select the checkpoint pre-trained on DTU [4]¹. The fused point clouds are converted into meshes by the screened Poisson Surface Reconstruction [2] with trim parameter 8 at the resolution 512³.

1.1. Quantitative Comparisons

Similar to the DTU evaluation pipeline, the output meshes are first cleaned with the dilated visibility masks, and then are evaluated with the chamfer distance. Since the units of different scene are unknown in this dataset, we scale the bounding box of each object to 100. As shown in Table 1, we compare our method with NeuS [3] and CasMVS-Net [1]. Although CasMVSNet [1] can provide accurate point clouds, there are many holes on the recovered meshes. On the contrary, NeuS [3] can produce smooth surfaces, but its precision is limited. Compared with NeuS [3], our ablation model without SDF loss achieves better performance.

ScanID	NeuS	CasMVSNet	Our(w/o sdf)	Our
bear	0.27	0.40	0.26	0.26
clock	0.93	0.53	0.33	0.27
dog	0.83	0.98	0.80	0.49
durian	0.37	0.50	0.37	0.33
jade	1.04	1.17	1.01	0.82
man	0.57	0.62	0.57	0.55
sculpture	0.50	0.53	0.46	0.43
stone	0.42	0.27	0.35	0.30
mean	0.62	0.63	0.52	0.43

Table 1. Quantitative evaluation of meshes on BlendedMVS.

Combined with the SDF loss, our full model achieves the smallest error.

1.2. Qualitative Comparisons

We visually compare our method with baselines in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. Columns represent the ground truth, CasMVS-Net [1], NeuS [3], our model without SDF loss and our full model, respectively. Rows represent the results of different scenes. It can be seen that there are many lost regions in the result of CasMVSNet [1]. As shown in the first row of Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, the minute hand of the clock is lost in the result of NeuS [3]. A Large area of concave error occurs in the inner surface of the scene stone. Our model without SDF loss can recover the minute hand correctly, and has smaller concave errors. More details are captured in the result of our full model.

¹https://github.com/kwea123/CasMVSNet_pl



Figure 2. Qualitative comparisons of rendered images on BlendedMVS

ScanID	NeuS	NeuS-12	CasMVSNet	Our(w/o sdf)	Our
24	1.00	0.93	0.82	0.72	0.49
37	1.37	1.07	0.93	0.77	0.71
40	0.93	0.81	0.41	0.67	0.37
55	0.43	0.38	0.43	0.37	0.36
63	1.10	1.02	0.88	0.93	0.80
65	0.65	0.60	0.96	0.58	0.56
69	0.57	0.58	0.68	0.61	0.52
83	1.48	1.43	1.24	1.23	1.17
97	1.09	1.15	1.25	1.15	0.97
105	0.83	0.78	0.82	0.65	0.66
106	0.52	0.57	0.65	0.56	0.48
110	1.20	1.16	0.78	1.08	0.73
114	0.35	0.35	0.48	0.34	0.32
118	0.49	0.45	0.58	0.45	0.42
122	0.54	0.46	0.54	0.47	0.42
mean	0.84	0.78	0.76	0.71	0.60

Table 2. Additional quantitative comparisons of meshes on DTU.

2. Additional Experiments on DTU

Similar to Section 1, we compare our model with baselines on DTU [4]. Here we choose the checkpoint of Cas-MVSNet [1] pre-trained on BlendedMVS [4]. As shown in Table 2, our model without SDF loss outperforms NeuS [3], and our full model outperforms both of NeuS [3] and Cas-MVSNet [1].

3. Convergence time

The convergence steps of our model and NeuS [3] are shown in Fig. 3. It can be seen that only 20K steps are

needed to achieve compared results to NeuS [3] at 300K steps. Our model can speed up the training process efficiently.



Figure 3. Convergence steps on DTU Scan37.

4. Proof of Unbiased Property of Our Model

Logistic CDF. As for the Logistic CDF $\Psi_{\beta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x/\beta)}$ and $\alpha = \frac{1}{\beta}$, the density is modeled as

$$\sigma(\mathbf{p}(t)) = \frac{1}{\beta\left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{f(\mathbf{p}(t))}{\beta|f'(\mathbf{p}(t))|}\right)\right)}.$$
 (1)

It is known that $\Psi'_{\beta}(0) = \frac{1}{4\beta}$, $\Psi_{\beta}(0) = \frac{1}{2}$. The derivative of $\frac{-f(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|}$ respect to \bar{t} at any intersection point $f(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = 0$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-f(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|} \end{pmatrix}' = \frac{-f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|+f(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|'}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|^2} \\ = -\frac{f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|}.$$
(2)

Then it can be deduced $\sigma(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = \frac{1}{2\beta}$, $\sigma'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = \frac{1}{4\beta^2} \frac{-f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|}$. Finally, the derivative of $w(\bar{t})$ respect to \bar{t} at any intersection point $f(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = 0$ is

$$\frac{dw}{dt}(\bar{t}) = T(\bar{t}) \left(\sigma'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) - \sigma(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))^2 \right) \\
= \frac{1}{4\beta^2} T(\bar{t}) \left(-\frac{f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|} - 1 \right) \\
= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) < 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2\beta^2} T(\bar{t}), & \text{if } f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) > 0 \end{cases}$$
(3)

Laplace CDF. As for the Laplace CDF $\Psi_{\beta}(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sign}(x) (1 - \exp(-|x|/\beta))$ and $\alpha = \frac{2}{\beta}$, the density is modeled as

$$\sigma(\mathbf{p}(t)) = \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta} \operatorname{sign}\left(\frac{-f(\mathbf{p}(t))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(t))|}\right) \left(1 - \exp\left(-\left|\frac{-f(\mathbf{p}(t))}{\beta|f'(\mathbf{p}(t))|}\right|\right)\right).$$
(4)

It is known that $\Psi'_{\beta}(0) = \frac{1}{2\beta}$, $\Psi_{\beta}(0) = \frac{1}{2}$. For any intersection point $f(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = 0$, it can be deduced $\sigma(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = \frac{1}{\beta}$, $\sigma'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{-f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|}$. Finally, the derivative of $w(\bar{t})$ respect to \bar{t} at any intersection point $f(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) = 0$ is

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}w}{\mathrm{d}t}(\bar{t}) = T(\bar{t}) \left(\sigma'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) - \sigma(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))^2\right) \\
= \frac{1}{\beta^2} T(\bar{t}) \left(-\frac{f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))}{|f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t}))|} - 1\right) \\
= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) < 0 \\ -\frac{2}{\beta^2} T(\bar{t}), & \text{if } f'(\mathbf{p}(\bar{t})) > 0 \end{cases}$$
(5)

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