3D Shape Understanding with Medial Scaffolds



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Goal: study shape with minimal assumptions

To find a *general* approach, applicable to various topologies, without assuming strong *input constraints*, *e.g.:*

- No surface normal information.
- Unknown topology (with boundary, for a solid, with holes, non-orientable).
- No a priori surface smoothness assumptions.
- Practical sampling condition: non-uniformity, with varying degrees of noise.
- Practical large input size (> millions of points).



3D Shape Matching/Registration



Art, Perception, Computing

Consider Art as "a way of seeing," apprehending the world in alternative ways. Consider also Art as a window on the human mind. Theories of perception try to pinpoint the thought processes at play e.g. when we observe an artefact, but also when we create the artefact. Computational models help marry the two fields.



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