Deep Generative Design

Deep reinforcement learning for performance-based design assistance

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Consultants













The rational mind is a faithful servant

Albert Einstein

We can learn from example



How can deep learning be used to assist in creating performanceinformed floor plans? How can a collaborative, performance aware deep learning system overcome data scarcity and the creativity gap?



What are the heuristics of floorplan design?



What can we extract from these plans?



Representing the graphs



1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1

Graph extraction



Assigning composition score



 $score_{graph} = mean(clip((graph_{reference} - graph_{design})^2, 0, 1))$

Adding areas



1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1

Adding areas



5	1	0	0	0
1	12	1	1	0
0	1	2	0	1
0	1	0	30	0
0	0	1	0	20

Assigning area score





Which floorplan is better?





They will be differentiated by daylight satisfaction



A 3D model is needed



Check daylight for Breeam compliance



We can now assign scores to these variants



How can the machine create a symbolic floorplan?



Using reinforcement learning



Mellor, et al (2019) unsupervised doodling and Painting with improved spiral $^{\rm 32}$

Baker, et al (2019) Emergent tool use from multi-agent autocurricula

Why?







Data scarcity

Controllability

Differentiability

One agent per space



They can claim space by sequentially making moves


Which move should be made?



Have a look at these samples

Represent score through colour



Score

What do the good samples have in common?



Score

Which will be best?



Which will be best?



Answering this question requires three steps



Observation



Interpretation



Prediction



Observation: Auto Encoder



Observation: Auto Encoder



Interpretability of latent space



Irhum Shafkat (2018), Intuitively understanding variational autoencoders









Interpretation: LSTM vs Transformer



LSTM



Interpretation: LSTM vs Transformer



F Masked self attention >0.2 0.2 > 0.7 0.2 0.7 ⇒0.5 0.5 0.2 0.7 →0.3

0.5

0.2

0.7

0.3

LSTM

Transformer

Interpretation: LSTM vs Transformer



LSTM



Interpretation: LSTM vs Transformer (with VAE)



Mean error ±30%

Mean error ±20%

Prediction model: VQ-VAE + Transformer



Prediction: VQ-VAE + Transformer



What do the good samples have in common?



Score

If we want to improve this sample, what change should be made A,B or C?





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Original A B C

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Original A



С

Action: Proximal Policy Optimization



Advantage



Advantage = $score_{t+1} - score_t$

Reward



Advantage ₁ =0.15-0.1=0.05

Advantage 2 = 0.3-0.15=0.15

Adding PPO



Computing advantage



Training transformer



Increasing probability of advantageous actions

Action current policy

Increasing probability of advantageous actions



Increasing probability of advantageous actions

One sample is disadvantageous
Increasing probability of advantageous actions

One sample is advantageous

Increasing probability of advantageous actions



Process visualization





How does this work?

We again assign scores.



Attention.



Average attention

Attention is not score





Average attention

Scores

Attention map



Attention sample 1



Attention sample 45

Alterations



What were we doing again?!?!



Application to samples with multiple channels



Constructing floorplans from samples







Concatenate



Softmax



Prioritize large coherent areas



Optional mask



Assigning a suitable façade.



Let us design a small building.



10			1	1	1
	12	1			1
	1	28	1		
1		1	28		
1				2	
1	1				10



What can it do without user input?



Generating building geometries.



Generating building geometries.



Floorspace in yellow.



Roofs in white.



Generate solutions for daylight.



Insufficient lighting



Trade-off.



Trade-off.



Generate five floorplans.





10			1	1	1
	12	1			1
	1	28	1		
1		1	28		
1				2	
1	1				10

This one is nice.





10			1	1	1
	12	1			1
	1	28	1		
1		1	28		
1				2	
1	1				10









Why stop there?



Thanks, Diederik!


Future work.



Future work.



Thank you!

