

# A Big Data-Driven Method for Animation Character Topology Correction and Generation Based on Autoregressive Models and Dynamic Graph Convolutional Neural Networks

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**ABSTRACT** The growing demand for high-fidelity digital content has increased the need for efficient and automated topology optimization methods in three-dimensional animation character generation. To overcome the limitations of manual topology correction and low-efficiency modeling workflows, this study proposes a big-data-driven framework integrating autoregressive models and dynamic graph convolutional neural networks. A large-scale three-dimensional animation dataset is first established to learn global vertex-sequence distributions and local topological evolution patterns. Autoregressive modeling is employed to capture global structural characteristics, while dynamic graph convolutional networks optimize local topology adaptively. A unified topology-correction and morphology-generation framework is subsequently developed to improve structural rationality and generation diversity. Experimental results demonstrate superior performance in topology correction accuracy, generation diversity, and computational efficiency compared with conventional approaches. The proposed framework provides methodological references for geometric representation learning, graph-based information processing, and intelligent digital-content generation.

**INDEX TERMS** autoregressive model, graph convolutional networks, topology optimization, geometric representation learning, intelligent content generation

## I. INTRODUCTION

As a cornerstone of digital content production, 3D animation technology has demonstrated expansive application prospects across film production, game development, and healthcare, while simultaneously revolutionizing the industry through the precise digital synthesis and stress-testing of complex material structures within virtual environments. With the ever-rising demands of audiences for visual effects, the perfection and realism in 3D animation character designs has become central for production teams. Traditional animation character design processes usually use manual modeling and adjustments. Modelers use different methods like polygon modeling and subdivision surfaces to create 3D models of characters or scenes. However, not only is this process time-consuming and labor-intensive, it also requires a great deal of experience and aesthetic judgment from modelers. Especially in cases of large-scale production, efficiency and quality are two requirements that manual modeling has a hard time achieving.

The topological structure of the anime character designs is the basic building of the model's form and animation

performances. A good topological structure will guarantee the stability of the model in the deformation, animation rigging and rendering process, and an unreasonable topological structure will cause abnormal model deformation and rendering defects. In the actual production process, modelers usually have to spend a lot of energy on optimization of the topology, manually adjust the distribution of the vertices, edge loops, and facets to improve the quality of the model. However, manual optimization is not only inefficient but it is also very hard to ensure the consistency and repeatability of the result. With the rapid development of big data technology and deep learning methods, the usage of data-driven approaches for the automatic learning of topological rules of 3D models to achieve the intelligent correction and generation of anime character designs has been a current research hot spot.

This research focuses on building a big data-driven approach based on autoregressive models and dynamic graph convolutional neural networks for character topology intelligent correction and generation of animation characters. High-quality training set construction by collecting

and cleaning large-scale 3D animation model data. autoregressive model is used for vertex sequence modeling and capturing the global distribution characteristics. dynamic graph convolutional neural network is proposed to dynamically optimize the local topology, so as to improve the structural rationality of the generated model. finally, a unified framework for topology correction and generation tasks is achieved. This paper details the method design, experimental verification, and result analysis of the intelligent generation of 3D animation characters, establishing a systematic theoretical framework that integrates textile fiber morphology and weave mechanical properties to optimize the technical path for automated character synthesis.

## II. RELATED WORK

As a key component of digital content production, 3D animation technology is undergoing significant expansion in its application boundaries. Ecole et al. [1] explored the powerful functions of Unity as a 3D animation creation tool. Sierra [2] proposed a new method for developing auxiliary technologies using 3D modeling and animation techniques, applying 3D modeling and animation techniques to the development of auxiliary devices. Fazril and Falma [3] pointed out that 3D modeling and layout are key links in determining the visual style and narrative quality of animation. With the increasing demand for realism in 3D animation, traditional keyframe animation is less efficient in producing complex and delicate character movements. Wibowo et al. [4] studied the application of motion capture technology in the 3D animation production process. Maulidi et al. [5] showed that using 3D animation as a learning medium can significantly improve students' learning outcomes, and the vivid visual content created by 3D modeling helps students understand abstract knowledge more intuitively.

3D animation technology has developed rapidly and its application fields have continued to expand, but there is a lack of macro- and quantitative analysis of the current status, trends and influence of research in this field worldwide. Suki et al. [6] systematically analyzed international academic publications on 3D animation. Zainal and Desa [7] focused on the pre-production stage of 3D animated films and studied how to plan and integrate emotional elements. Kumar et al. [8] integrated models and animations into VR environments to create immersive interactive medical learning scenarios. Abd Rashid et al. [9] transformed complex scientific concepts into intuitive and easy-to-understand visual stories, overcoming potential language and cultural barriers. Sabil et al. [10] proposed a 3D animation production project based on project-based learning, which can effectively connect culture and technology. This paper proposes a big data-driven method for the correction and generation of animation character topology based on autoregressive models and dynamic graph convolutional neural networks, aiming to break through the limitations of traditional modeling paradigms in topology optimization and morphology generation, and provide a computable theoretical framework and

technical path for the intelligent generation of 3D animation characters.

## III. METHODS

### A. CONSTRUCTION AND PREPROCESSING OF 3D ANIMATION MODEL DATASET

To realize the task of topological correction and generation across a broad spectrum of animation assets according to big data, it is first necessary to build a large-scale and high-quality 3D animation model dataset encompassing characters, animals, mechanical structures, and environmental props. While the primary focus of the discussion remains on anime character designs due to their topological complexity, the inclusion of multi-category data ensures the model learns a generalized representation of manifold structures. Data sources consist of libraries of 3D models that are made available for public use, productions data from anime production companies, and open source model data crawled from the internet. In order to ensure the diversity and representativeness of data, and to achieve this effect, the scope of data collection includes different categories of human characters, animal characters, mechanical characters, scene props, etc. The model formats are all the same = OBJ or FBX for ease of further processing.

After data acquisition the original models must be cleaned and standardized. Cleaning is carried out, including removing corrupted files, various non-manifold structure repairs, and removing redundant vertices. Standardization involves vertex coordinate normalization, topology resampling and model pose alignment. Vertex coordinate normalization is used to scale the longest axis of all models to unit length while maintaining the original aspect ratio of the bounding boxes. This approach ensures models are scaled within a normalized space without inducing geometric distortion or stretching, which would otherwise compromise the learning of morphological features in non-cubic objects. Topology resampling applies mesh subdivision and simplification algorithms to make all the models have similar amount of vertices and faces, so that unified processing of following models can be used. Model pose alignment by using principal component analysis to calculate the principal axis direction of the model and rotating the model to a standard pose to reduce the interference brought by pose changes to the topology learning.

There is a preprocessed set of 10 000 high-quality 3D animation models, classified into training, validation and test sets in a ratio of 8:1:1. The training set is utilized for the learning of the model parameters, the validation set is utilized for the hyperparameter tuning and early stopping strategies, and the test set is utilized for the final performance evaluation. Basic statistical information on the dataset is presented in Table 1.

**TABLE 1.** Basic Statistical Information of the 3D Animation Model Dataset

| Model categories      | Quantity (pieces) | Average number of vertices | Average number of pieces | Maximum number of vertices | Minimum number of vertices |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Characters            | 4,500             | 8,234                      | 16,112                   | 25,678                     | 1,234                      |
| Animal characters     | 2,800             | 7,891                      | 15,456                   | 22,345                     | 1,102                      |
| Mechanical characters | 1,700             | 9,123                      | 18,234                   | 30,001                     | 2,011                      |
| Scene props           | 1,000             | 5,678                      | 11,023                   | 18,456                     | 876                        |
| total                 | 10,000            | 7,982                      | 15,706                   | 30,001                     | 876                        |

As can be seen from the data in Table 1, the number of human character models is the largest, and the average number of vertices and faces is at a medium level. The average number of vertices in mechanical character models is the highest, indicating that mechanical structures require more detailed topological representation. The average number of vertices in scene prop models is the lowest, which is consistent with their relatively simple geometric shapes. The diversity of the dataset provides a good foundation for the training of subsequent models [11-12].

### B. VERTEX SEQUENCE DISTRIBUTION MODELING BASED ON AUTOREGRESSIVE MODEL

The vertex arrangement of 3D animation models exhibits certain statistical patterns, and a reasonable vertex distribution can ensure the smoothness of the model's surface and the stability of its topological structure. Autoregressive models, by decomposing the joint probability of a vertex sequence, can progressively predict the position distribution of the next vertex, thereby achieving modeling of the entire model's vertex distribution.

To address the permutation-invariance inherent in 3D meshes, the vertex set of a 3D model is represented as an ordered sequence generated through a breadth-first search (BFS) traversal starting from a consistent anchor point (the vertex closest to the geometric center), ensuring a predictable spatial hierarchy for the autoregressive process. This heuristic ordering allows the autoregressive model to effectively decompose the joint probability into a product of conditional probabilities by following a stable geometric trajectory. By modeling each conditional probability distribution using a neural network, the vertex sequence can be generated and modified.

This study adopts an autoregressive model based on the Transformer architecture and uses a multi-head attention mechanism to capture long-distance dependencies between vertices. The input is a sequence of vertex coordinates. The sequence order information is introduced through position encoding. The hidden layer representation of each vertex is obtained through a multi-layer Transformer encoder. Finally, the predicted distribution of the next vertex is output through a fully connected layer. The negative log-likelihood loss function is used during training. The optimization objective is to maximize the log-likelihood of the training data [13].

The generation quality of the autoregressive model on the test set was evaluated using vertex prediction accuracy and the chamfer distance of the generated model. Vertex prediction accuracy measures the model's accuracy in predicting the next vertex position, while the chamfer distance measures the geometric difference between the generated

model and the ground truth model. Experimental results are shown in Table 2.

**TABLE 2.** Generative performance of the autoregressive model on the test set

| Model categories      | Vertex prediction accuracy (%) | Chamfer distance ( $\times 10^{-3}$ ) | Average number of vertices in the generative model | Generation time (second/frame) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Characters            | 87.34                          | 2.45                                  | 8,201                                              | 3.21                           |
| Animal characters     | 85.67                          | 2.67                                  | 7,856                                              | 3.02                           |
| Mechanical characters | 83.21                          | 3.01                                  | 9,087                                              | 3.45                           |
| Scene props           | 89.12                          | 2.12                                  | 5,632                                              | 2.78                           |
| average value         | 86.34                          | 2.56                                  | 7,944                                              | 3.12                           |

As shown in Table 2, the scene prop model has the highest vertex prediction accuracy at 89.12% and the smallest chamfer distance at  $2.12 \times 10^{-3}$ , indicating that this type of model has a relatively simple topology and is easy to model. The mechanical character model has the lowest accuracy at 83.21% and the largest chamfer distance at  $3.01 \times 10^{-3}$ , indicating that the vertex distribution of complex mechanical structures has weaker regularity and is more difficult to model. Regarding generation time, the average generation time for all models is 3.12 seconds, meeting the basic requirements for real-time applications.

### C. LOCAL TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION BASED ON DYNAMIC GRAPH CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

Autoregressive models can generate globally distributed vertex sequences, but they are insufficient in preserving details of local topology. Dynamic graph convolutional neural networks, by dynamically updating the adjacency relationships of the graph, can effectively capture changes in local geometric features and are suitable for local topology optimization of 3D models.

The 3D model is represented as a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $V$  is the set of vertices and  $E$  is the set of edges. The core idea of a dynamic graph convolutional neural network is to dynamically calculate the nearest neighbor graph based on the features of the current vertex in each convolutional layer, constructing new adjacency relationships. Through multi-layer stacking, the network can gradually expand its receptive field, capturing local structural information at different scales. The operations of each dynamic graph convolutional layer include feature transformation, neighborhood aggregation, and non-linear activation, ultimately outputting the updated features of each vertex.

This study uses the initial vertex sequence generated by the autoregressive model as input to a dynamic graph convolutional neural network. Multiple layers of dynamic graph convolution are used to fine-tune the vertex coordinates, optimizing the smoothness and regularity of the local topology. The loss function includes L2 loss for vertex coordinates, Laplacian smoothing loss, and edge length regularization. Furthermore, a joint-specific edge flow constraint was introduced to ensure that the generated loops around major articulation points—such as knees and elbows—conform to radial quad-strips. This ensures that the optimized model closely approximates the initial generated result while maintaining the structural stability required for high-fidelity animation rigging.

The optimization performance... was evaluated by... and model visual quality. Visual quality was assessed through a double-blind subjective test involving 10 senior 3D character artists with over 5 years of industry experience, who scored the models on a scale of 1-10 based on surface smoothness and topological cleanup. Local curvature variation measures the improvement in model surface smoothness before and after optimization, while edge flipping ratio measures the stability of topology preservation during optimization. Experimental results are shown in Table 3.

**TABLE 3.** Comparison of topology quality before and after optimization of dynamic graph convolutional neural networks

| Model categories      | Average curvature before optimization ( $\times 10^{-2}$ ) | Optimized average curvature ( $\times 10^{-2}$ ) | Curvature reduction percentage (%) | Edge flipping ratio (%) | Visual score (1-10 points) |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Characters            | 4.96                                                       | 3.51                                             | 29.61                              | 2.36                    | 8.7                        |
| Animal characters     | 5.12                                                       | 3.67                                             | 28.52                              | 2.56                    | 8.4                        |
| Mechanical characters | 6.78                                                       | 4.89                                             | 27.88                              | 3.01                    | 8.1                        |
| Scene props           | 3.45                                                       | 2.34                                             | 32.17                              | 1.98                    | 9.2                        |
| Average value         | 4.98                                                       | 3.53                                             | 29.25                              | 2.47                    | 8.6                        |

As shown in Table 3, after optimization using the dynamic graph convolutional neural network, the average curvature of all types of models decreased significantly. The curvature of character models decreased by 29.61%, and that of scene prop models decreased by 32.17%, indicating that the optimization effectively improved the smoothness of the model surfaces. The edge flipping ratio was generally low, averaging 2.47%, indicating that the optimization process preserved the original topology well. In terms of visual scoring, the optimized models achieved an average score of 8.6, with high inter-rater reliability (Cronbach's  $\alpha = 0.88$ ), validating the subjective acceptance of the optimization effect.

## IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### A. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TOPOLOGY CORRECTION ACCURACY

In order to verify the effectiveness of the proposed method on the topology correction tasks, the traditional Laplacian smoothing algorithm, the topology optimization method based on mesh simplification, and a contemporary Point-Transformer-based generative model were chosen as baselines for comparison. The correction accuracy was quantitatively tested on a test set. Evaluation metrics included the vertex position errors and normal consistency, and model volume change rate. The geometric deviation between the corrected model and the original model is measured as vertex position error, smoothness of surface normals is measured as normal consistency, and the change rate of volume and ability to preserve the volume of the model are measured by volume change rate. Experimental results are presented in Table 4.

**TABLE 4.** Performance comparison of different methods on topology correction tasks

| method                                                                          | Vertex position error ( $\times 10^{-4}$ ) | Normal consistency (%) | Volume change rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Laplace smoothing algorithm                                                     | 5.67                                       | 91.23                  | 2.34                   |
| Mesh simplification optimization method                                         | 4.89                                       | 92.56                  | 1.98                   |
| The method presented in this paper (autoregressive + dynamic graph convolution) | 3.12                                       | 96.78                  | 0.87                   |

As shown in Table 4 the smallest vertex position error is  $3.12 \times 10^{-4}$  of the proposed method, which is much smaller compared with the  $5.67 \times 10^{-4}$  of the Laplacian smoothing algorithm and the  $4.89 \times 10^{-4}$  of the mesh simplification optimization method, indicating that the corrected model is more close to the original geometry. The normal consistency is up to 96.78%, which is higher than 91.23% & 92.56% of the comparative methods, so that it can obtain a smoother and more natural surface after optimization. The change rate of volume is only 0.87%, which is far less than the 2.34% and 1.98% of the comparative methods, proving that the proposed method has the effective function of maintaining the volumetric characteristics of the model while the topology in the model is corrected. These results have shown that integration of an autoregressive model and dynamic graph convolutional neural network could be effective in enhancing the quality of the topology while maintaining the geometric accuracy.

### B. EVALUATION OF THE DIVERSITY OF GENERATIVE MODELS

Another important metric for topology generation tasks is the diversity of the generated models, meaning the models can generate new models with different styles and forms while maintaining a reasonable topological structure. This study quantifies this diversity by calculating the average feature distance between the generated models and the training set models, as well as the internal feature distance between the generated models. Feature extraction uses a three-dimensional shape descriptor, including a shape diameter function, a heat kernel signature, and a local curvature distribution. The diversity evaluation results are shown in Table 5.

**TABLE 5.** Results of Generative Model Diversity Assessment

| Model categories      | Distance from the average feature of the training set | Average feature distance within the generative model | Effective generation rate (%) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Characters            | 0.78                                                  | 0.65                                                 | 94.23                         |
| Animal characters     | 0.82                                                  | 0.71                                                 | 92.56                         |
| Mechanical characters | 0.91                                                  | 0.83                                                 | 89.78                         |
| Scene props           | 0.72                                                  | 0.58                                                 | 96.12                         |
| Average value         | 0.81                                                  | 0.69                                                 | 93.17                         |

As shown in Table 5, the mechanical character model has the largest average feature distance from the training set (0.91) and the largest average feature distance within the generated model (0.83), indicating high generation diversity. However, its effective generation rate is relatively low (89.78%), suggesting that some generated results may have topological defects. The scene prop model has the smallest average feature distance from the training set (0.72) and the smallest internal feature distance (0.58), with the highest effective generation rate of 96.12%, indicating stable generation and controllable diversity. Overall, the average effective generation rate is 93.17%, demonstrating that the proposed method can generate 3D animation models with a certain degree of diversity while ensuring topological rationality.

### C. COMPUTATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND PARAMETER SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Besides accuracy and diversity of generation, computational efficiency is also one of the key reasons for judging the application potential of this method in the actual production process. 3D animation production involves the batch processing and iterative optimization of a large number of models, so the running time and resource consumption of the algorithm directly determine its industrial practical value. This study systematically tested and compared the runtime efficiency of the proposed method and the comparative methods tested on a unified hardware platform. In the tests they covered the time consumption during the training phase and the processing speed of one model during the inference phase. Experimental results show that although the proposed joint framework has a per-iteration computational cost approximately 15 times higher than the Laplace smoothing algorithm in the training phase due to the multi-head attention and dynamic graph updates, it needs less training rounds and achieves a faster overall convergence speed. This is mathematically attributed to the end-to-end learning of the underlying manifold; while traditional methods rely on iterative local adjustments, the proposed neural network utilizes gradient-based optimization to navigate a structured latent space, reaching a global optimum in fewer epochs. In the inference phase, i.e., the practical application stage of model correction and generation, the average time for processing one model with the proposed method is 3.89 seconds, and the time for forward propagating the autoregressive model is about 2.5 seconds, and the time for optimising the dynamic graph convolutional network is about 1.2 seconds, while the other time is for preparing data and converting data format etc. While this processing time is slower than the Laplacian smoothing algorithm (0.2 seconds), bearing in mind the fact that our method could simultaneously generate the global topology and optimize the local details, instead of merely smoothing, it has a sufficient processing time cost that is acceptable, making it especially useful for offline rendering and construction of high-quality model libraries. In contrast, while faster, mesh-simplification-based optimization methods can have a topology adjustment limitation and their speed is usually slower, secondary corrections can demand manual intervention, leading to a higher time consumption.

To further investigate the relationship between model performance and main model parameters, sensitivity analysis is performed with regard to the sequence length, the number of attention heads in the autoregressive model, and the number of neighborhood points (K value) and number of network layers in the dynamic graph convolutional network in this paper. Experiments show that the quality of the generation of the autoregressive model is very sensitive to the sequence length. When the sequence length is less than 60% of the model's average number of vertices, the chamfer distance of the generated model increases sharply

far from the model's generated geometric distribution, which indicates that the model doesn't fully represent the global distribution patterns. Once the sequence length is greater than the average number of vertices in the model, there is a lot more computation overhead, but the performance improvement tends to saturate. Therefore, if we consider using the average length of locations of the dataset to be the default configuration, selecting a configuration that is near to average number of vertices in the dataset is a reasonable option. The number of neighborhood points (K value) in the dynamic graph convolutional network has a great impact on the local topology optimization effect. When K value is too small (e.g.,  $K=5$ ), the receptive field of the net is limited, it is difficult to get the characteristic of the large-scale geometry, the lower local curvature of the optimized model is not obvious. When K value is too large (e.g.,  $K=30$ ), too many irrelevant vertices are introduced in neighborhood aggregation, and feature blurring occurs, which has reduced the optimization effect and increased the proportion of edge flipping. Through experiments, it can be seen that for the dataset output in this paper, the K value of 15-20 will achieve the best balance. Increasing the number of network layers helps to increase the receptive field, but after 4 layers, the model shows oversmoothing, i.e. all features located at different vertices become uniform, which is not good for preserving details. Therefore, in this paper, a three-layer dynamic graph convolutional network architecture is finally adopted for this paper. Through the in-depth analysis of computational efficiency and parameter sensitivity, the rationality to achieve a balance between performance and efficiency in the proposed method is verified, thus providing a reliable basis for parameter configuration and performance expectation for subsequent deployment into actual production environments.

### V. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes a big data-driven approach based on autoregressive models and dynamic graph convolutional neural networks, integrating material morphology and structure structural constraints for the intelligent

correction and generation of animation character topology. By constructing large-scale 3D animation model dataset, the combination of the autoregressive model and the dynamic graph convolutional neural network is used to globally model the distribution characteristics of the sequence of vertices, and the local topology is refined to achieve efficiency correction and species diversity generation of 3D model topology. Experimental results indicate that this method has better improvement in the aspects of correction accuracy, generation diversity, and computational efficiency, which can effectively support the intelligent upgrade of 3D animation production.

From a theoretical point of view, this paper organically combines autoregressive models and dynamic graph convolutional neural networks (DNNs), which endows this paper with a new approach to topology learning for 3D models.

The autoregressive model is responsible for capturing the global geometric distribution patterns, whereas the DGCNN helps to optimize the structural details at the local level of the data, and the two work together to increase the quality of the overall model generated. From a practical perspective, it greatly shortens the topology optimization time, reduces the burden of manual operation, and has laid a feasible technical road for the large-scale 3D animation production.

Future research will focus on the following aspects: First, expanding the scale and diversity of the dataset and introducing more styles of the animation models; Second, exploring the combination of autoregressive models and generative adversarial networks to improve the diversity and controllability of generative models; Third, extend the proposed method to animations rigging and skinning weights prediction tasks to build an end-to-end intelligent animation production system. With the constant development of big data and artificial intelligence technologies, the intelligent generation of 3D animation models will usher in more widely used prospects through the integration of high-precision material morphology and anisotropic structure mechanics to achieve unprecedented physical realism.

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