

# A COMPUTATIONAL APPROACH FOR PERSISTENT RELATIVE HOMOLOGY

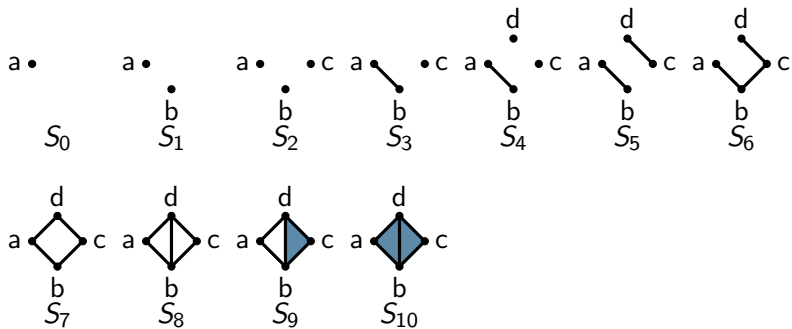
Applied Topology Beyond Persistence Diagrams

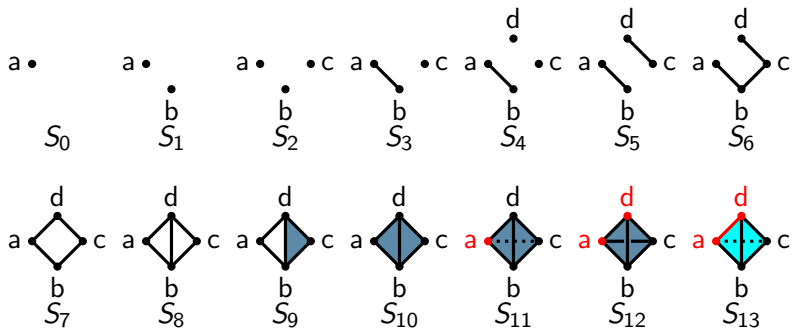
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# INTRODUCTION





# PERSISTENT RELATIVE HOMOLOGY

# QUOTIENT SPACES

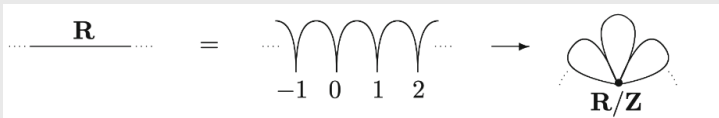
## Definition

Let  $X$  be a topological space with  $A \subseteq X$ . We define the **Quotient Space** to be

$$X/A = (X \setminus A) \sqcup *$$

Where  $*$  is a single point

## Example (The Infinite Bouquet)



- What does the homology of a quotient space tell us?

# RELATIVE HOMOLOGY

- Let  $K$  and  $K_0$  be simplicial complexes such that  $K_0 \subset K$
- **Relative Homology** is the homology of the quotient space  $K/K_0$ .

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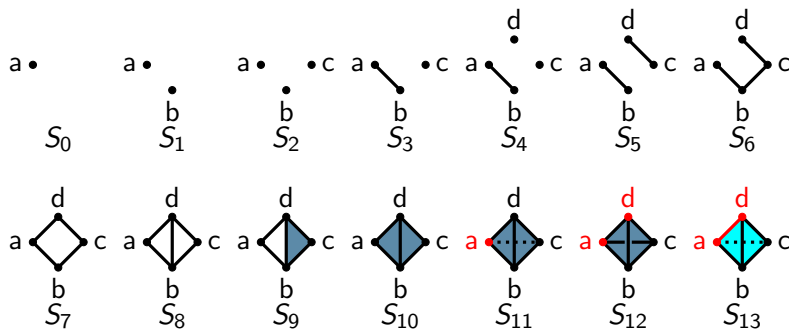
We define a **Relative n-Cycle** to be any  $n$ -chain  $\alpha \in C_n(K)$  such that  $\partial_n(\alpha) \in C_{n-1}(K_0)$ .

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We define a **Relative n-Boundary** to be any relative  $n$ -cycle  $\alpha = \partial_{n+1}(\beta) + \gamma$  for some  $\beta \in C_{n+1}(K)$  and  $\gamma \in C_n(K_0)$ .

# PERSISTENT RELATIVE HOMOLOGY

- Goal: Track the relative homology through a pair of filtered spaces,  $K$  and  $K_0$ , such that  $K_0 \subseteq K$  at each time step:



Note: The filtration on  $K_0$  does not necessary follow that of  $K$ .



- Our work extends recently presented computational techniques for PH to a method for PRH.
- Here we will cover:
  - Modifying U-Match decomposition <sup>1</sup> for PRH
  - Matching bases
  - Implementation and the Open Applied Topology (*OAT*) project

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<sup>1</sup>Hang, Haibin, et al. “U-match factorization: sparse homological algebra, lazy cycle representatives, and dualities in persistent (co) homology.” arXiv preprint arXiv:2108.08831 (2021).

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- Assume  $D$  is the **block boundary matrix** of a chain complex, so  $D$  is square and  $D^2 = 0$ .

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial_1 & & & \\ & 0 & \partial_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & \partial_N \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Reduce  $D$  bottom to top and left to right.  $T^{-1}$  records row operations, and  $S$  records column operations.

$$\begin{pmatrix} D & I_n \\ I_m & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} M & T \\ S & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- $TM = DS \Rightarrow S^{-1}TM = S^{-1}DS$ .
- $(S^{-1}DS)^2 = S^{-1}D^2S = 0$
- $(S^{-1}TM)^2 = 0$  implies that indices of nonzero rows and columns of  $S^{-1}TM$  are disjoint.

- Construct a matrix,  $J$ , from the matrix  $S$  with the substitution

$$COL_{r_j}(S) \mapsto COL_{c_j}(TM)$$

- Nice properties of  $J$ :
  - The columns that we remove from and insert into  $S$  to form  $J$  are members of  $Im(D)$ . (1)
  - $J$  is invertible and upper-triangular. (2)
  - $i \in \overline{c_\bullet} \Rightarrow COL_i(DJ) = 0$  (3)
- This construction is helpful in showing how U-Match can be used for PH.

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- Recall:  $i \in \overline{c_\bullet} \Rightarrow \text{COL}_i(DJ) = 0$  (3), implying that  $D \times \text{COL}_i(J) = 0$  for each  $i \in \overline{c_\bullet}$ . In other words, each of these columns has no boundary.

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- $TM = DS \Rightarrow Im(TM) = Im(DS)$
- But  $Im(DS) = Im(D)$  since  $S$  is invertible. So  $Im(TM) = Im(D)$ .
- $M$  is row equivalent to the identity, so  $Im(T) = Im(D)$ .

- U-Match allows us to compute **matched bases** for cycles and boundaries. This means a set of basis vectors for  $Im(D)$  is a subset of a set of basis vectors for  $Ker(D)$ .
- How?
  - By construction, columns of  $J$  contain a basis for both  $Im(D)$  and  $Ker(D)$ .
    - $COL_{\overline{c}_\bullet}(J) = Ker(D)$
    - $COL_{r_\bullet}(J) = Im(D)$
  - Recall that **Theorem 1** implies that  $r_\bullet \subseteq \overline{c}_\bullet$ .

U-MATCH FOR PRH

A (very high-level) overview:

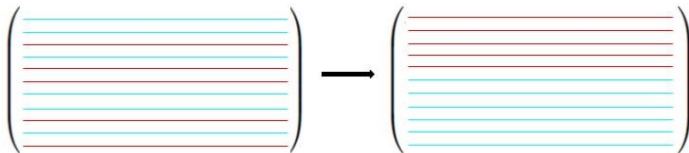
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- Compute (unmatched) bases for relative cycles and relative boundaries with a modified U-Match:
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- Why step 2?
  - Allows for simpler extraction of homological generators.
  - In the relative homology, we consider an  $n$ -chain to belong to one of the cosets  $c + C_n(K_0)$  where  $c \in C_n(K)$ . Reordering the rows of  $D$  ensures our reduction records these *relative chains*.





# EXTRACTING RELATIVE BASES

- Suppose a filtered quotient space  $K/K_0$ , where the total number of simplices in  $K_0$  is  $i$ . Given the modified U-Match process, we have the following two results:

## **Theorem 4** [Henselman-Petrusek, L, X, Ziegelmeier]

Define the set  $I = \{c \in COL_{\overline{r}_\bullet}(S) : D(c) \in K_0, D(S) \neq 0\}$ . Then  $COL_I(S) \cup COL_{\overline{c}_\bullet}(S)$  gives a basis for  $\overline{Ker}(D)$ , which are the relative cycles.

## **Theorem 5** [Henselman-Petrusek, L, X, Ziegelmeier]

Let  $I$  be the set of indices corresponding to the first  $i$  columns of  $T$ . The subset of the columns of  $T$  given by  $COL_{r_\bullet}(T) \cup COL_I(T)$  give a basis for  $\overline{Im}(D)$ , which are the relative boundaries.

# ONE MORE U-MATCH THEOREM

- Suppose that:
  - $A$  is a square, invertible matrix of size  $m \times m$ .
  - $B$  is a (not necessarily square) matrix of size  $m \times n$ .
  - $F_\bullet$  is a filtration on a vector space  $\mathbb{K}^m$  such that  $F_i \mathbb{K}^m$  describes the span of the first  $i$  columns of  $A$ .
  - Similarly, define  $G_\bullet$  to be a filtration on the columns of  $B$ .
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## Theorem 6 [Henselman-Petrusek, L, X, Ziegelmeier]

Assume the above conditions hold. It follows that, given the U-Match  $TM = (A^{-1}B)S$ , then the columns of  $AT$  contain a basis for each  $F_i$  and  $G_j$  for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

# MATCHING BASES

- Given Theorem 6, we can match bases for the relative cycles and boundaries.
- Suppose a U-Match  $TM = DS$  where  $T$  and  $S$ , respectively, contain bases for relative boundaries and cycles of the filtered quotient space  $K/K_0$ . To match the bases:
  - Permute columns of  $T$  and  $S$  (left to right) according to the birth of their boundary with respect to the subspace filtration.
  - Let  $A = T$  and  $B = S$ .
  - Perform the U-Match  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{M} = (A^{-1}B)S$ .
- Suppose  $\dim(\overline{Ker}(D)) = i$  and  $\dim(\overline{Im}(D)) = j$ .
- By Theorem 6:

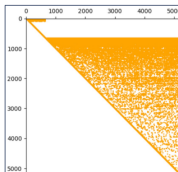
## **Theorem 7** [Henselman-Petrusek, L, X, Ziegelmeier]

The first  $j$  columns of  $A\mathcal{T}$  contain a basis for  $\overline{Im}(D)$ , and the first  $i$  columns of  $A\mathcal{T}\mathcal{M}$  contain a basis for  $\overline{Ker}(D)$ .

# FINAL NOTES

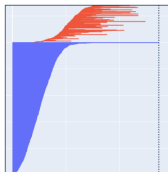
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Fast, user-friendly homological algebra



## Sparse Matrices

Factorization  
Multiplication  
Inversion  
Addition  
Back-substitution



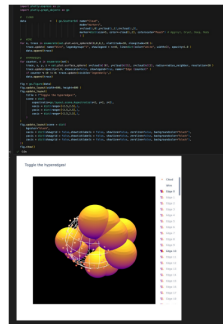
## Homology

Persistence  
Zigzag  
Generators  
Optimization  
Duality



## Topological Spaces

Simplicial  
Cubical  
Filtered  
CW  
Hypergraph



## Languages

Python  
Rust  
Jupyter

## Highlights

Documentation  
Accessibility  
Modularity

# FUTURE WORK & IMPLEMENTATION

- PRH implementation will use order operator structures to:
  - Determine, if given two simplices, which was born first in full-space (or subspace) filtration; for reordering rows of the boundary matrix.
  - Determine, if given a chain, if or when it was born as a relative cycle/boundary; for reordering columns of  $T$  and  $S$  to get  $A$  and  $B$ .
- Many next steps to explore!

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