

# Homework 3 for AMAT840: Multiparameter Persistent Homology

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## 1 Algebraic Aspects of Persistence Modules

**Exercise 1.1** (6.8). *For which  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^n$  is there a non-zero morphism (i.e., natural transformation)  $Q^a \rightarrow Q^b$ ?*

*Solution.* Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q_x^a & \xrightarrow{Q_{x,y}^a} & Q_y^a \\ \downarrow N_x & & \downarrow N_y \\ Q_x^b & \xrightarrow{Q_{x,y}^b} & Q_y^b \end{array}$$

If the diagram looks like this:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{K} & \xrightarrow{Id} & \mathcal{K} \\ \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow Id \\ 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & \mathcal{K} \end{array}$$

it's impossible to commute. So, if  $Q_x^a = \mathcal{K}$ ,  $Q_x^b$  must be  $\mathcal{K}$ , which means  $a \geq b$ .

□

**Exercise 1.2** (6.13). *For which  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^d$  do we have  $Q^a \subset Q^b$ .*

*Solution.* For  $b \leq a$ , i.e.  $b_i \leq a_i$  where  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ , we have  $Q^a \subset Q^b$ . Because in this case, for  $x \geq a$ ,  $Q_x^a = K = Q_x^b$  and for  $x < a$ ,  $Q_x^a = 0 \subset Q_x^b$ . □

**Exercise 1.3** (6.15).  *$f : M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of persistence modules. Check that  $\ker f$  and  $\text{im } f$  are in fact well-defined submodules.*

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*Proof.* Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_x & \xrightarrow{M_\gamma} & M_y \\ \downarrow f_x & & \downarrow f_y \\ N_x & \xrightarrow{N_\gamma} & N_y \end{array}$$

First we prove that  $M_\gamma((\ker f)_x) \subset (\ker f)_y$ :

For  $\forall m \in (\ker f)_x$ ,  $f_x(m) = 0$ . According to the commutativity of the diagram, we have  $N_\gamma \circ f_x(m) = f_y \circ M_\gamma(m) = 0$ , so  $M_\gamma(m) \in (\ker f)_y$ .

Then we prove that  $N_\gamma((\operatorname{im} f)_x) \subset (\operatorname{im} f)_y$ :

For  $\forall n \in (\operatorname{im} f)_x$ ,  $\exists m \in M_x$  such that  $f_x(m) = n$ . According to the commutativity of the diagram, we have  $N_\gamma \circ f_x(m) = f_y \circ M_\gamma(m)$ , so  $f_y \circ M_\gamma(m) = N_\gamma(n)$  and  $N_\gamma(n) \in (\operatorname{im} f)_y$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.4 (6.18).** Given submodules  $W$  and  $W'$  of a persistence module  $M$ , let  $W + W' \subset M$  be given by

$$(W + W')_z = \{w + w' \mid w \in W_z, w' \in W'_z\}.$$

This is clearly also a submodule of  $M$ .

1. Draw the diagram of vector spaces  $Q^{0,1} + Q^{1,0}$ .
2. Up to isomorphism, what is the module  $Q^{0,0}/(Q^{0,1} + Q^{1,0})$ ?

*Solution.* 1.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ K & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ K & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

2.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ K & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

$\square$

**Exercise 1.5 (6.20).** Give an example of an  $\mathbb{N}$ -indexed persistence module whose vector spaces have dimension at most one, and for which any minimal generating set has two elements.

*Solution.*

$$K \xrightarrow{0} 0 \xrightarrow{0} K \xrightarrow{Id} K \xrightarrow{Id} \dots$$

□

**Exercise 1.6 (6.21).** Give an example of an  $\mathbb{N}$ -indexed persistence module which is not finitely generated, but whose vector spaces are all of finite dimension.

*Solution.*

$$K \xrightarrow{0} 0 \xrightarrow{0} K \xrightarrow{0} 0 \xrightarrow{0} K \xrightarrow{0} 0 \longrightarrow \dots$$

□

**Exercise 1.7 (6.34).** Prove Proposition 6.33:

Let  $\gamma : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map of finite-dimensional vector spaces, and let  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$  be bases for  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively. For any  $c \in K$ ,

- If  $A'$  is obtained from  $A$  by replacing  $a_i$  with  $a_i + ca_j$ , then  $[\gamma]^{B,A'}$  is obtained from  $[\gamma]^{B,A}$  by adding  $c[\gamma]_{*,j}^{B,A}$  to  $c[\gamma]_{*,i}^{B,A}$ .
- Similarly, if  $B'$  is obtained from  $B$  by replacing  $b_i$  with  $b_i + cb_j$ , then  $[\gamma]^{B',A}$  is obtained from  $[\gamma]^{B,A}$  by subtracting  $c[\gamma]_{i,*}^{B,A}$  from  $[\gamma]_{j,*}^{B,A}$ .

*Proof.* • If  $A'$  is obtained from  $A$  by replacing  $a_i$  with  $a_i + ca_j$

For  $k \neq i$ ,  $[\gamma]_{*,k}^{B,A'} = [\gamma(a_k)]^B = [\gamma]_{*,k}^{B,A}$ .

For  $k = i$ ,  $[\gamma]_{*,i}^{B,A'} = [\gamma(a_i + ca_j)]^B = [\gamma(a_i)]^B + c[\gamma(a_j)]^B = [\gamma]_{*,i}^{B,A} + c[\gamma]_{*,j}^{B,A}$ .

- if  $B'$  is obtained from  $B$  by replacing  $b_i$  with  $b_i + cb_j$

For  $\forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$\gamma(a_k) = \sum_{t=1}^m [\gamma]_{t,k}^{B,A} b_t = \sum_{t=1}^m [\gamma]_{t,k}^{B',A} b'_t \quad (1)$$

where  $b'_t = b_t$  if  $t \neq i$  and  $b'_t = b_i + cb_j$  if  $t = i$ , so

$$\gamma(a_k) = \sum_{t \neq i} [\gamma]_{t,k}^{B',A} b_t + [\gamma]_{i,k}^{B',A} (b_i + cb_j) = \sum_{t \neq j} [\gamma]_{t,k}^{B',A} b_t + ([\gamma]_{j,k}^{B',A} + c[\gamma]_{i,k}^{B',A}) b_j \quad (2)$$

Compare (1) and (2), we have  $[\gamma]_{t,k}^{B,A} = [\gamma]_{t,k}^{B',A}$  if  $t \neq j$ , and

$$[\gamma]_{j,k}^{B,A} = [\gamma]_{j,k}^{B',A} + c[\gamma]_{i,k}^{B',A} = [\gamma]_{j,k}^{B',A} + c[\gamma]_{i,k}^{B,A} \quad (3)$$

Therefore,  $[\gamma]_{j,k}^{B',A} = [\gamma]_{j,k}^{B,A} - c[\gamma]_{i,k}^{B,A}$  for any  $k$ , which means  $[\gamma]^{B',A}$  is obtained from  $[\gamma]^{B,A}$  by subtracting  $c[\gamma]_{i,*}^{B,A}$  from  $[\gamma]_{j,*}^{B,A}$ .

□

## 2 Computing Persistent Homology

**Exercise 2.1 (8.3).** Supposing  $M : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Vec}$  has the following presentation matrix (over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ), compute  $\mathcal{B}_M$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \ 3 \ 6 \ 5 \\ 1 \ 0 \ 3 \ 2 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

*Solution.*

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \ 3 \ 6 \ 5 \\ 1 \ 0 \ 3 \ 2 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} 4 \ 3 \ 6 \ 5 \\ 1 \ 0 \ 3 \ 2 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $\mathcal{B}_M = \{[2,4), [0,6), [1, +\infty)\}$ .

□

**Exercise 2.2** (8.13). Consider the simplicial filtration  $F : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Vec}$  specified by the table below. Compute all barcodes of  $H_i F$  using Theorem 8.7. Also compute the reduced presentation matrix  $Q'$  for  $\bigoplus_i H_i F$  appearing in the proof of Theorem 8.7.

SIMPLEX	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[2 3]	[1 2]	[1 3]	[2 4]	[1 2 3]	[3 4]	[2 3 4]
BIRTH INDEX	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

*Solution.*

$$[\alpha] = \begin{array}{c} 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 10 \ 9 \ 11 \\ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 10 \ 9 \ 11 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 10 & 9 & 11 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 10 \\ 9 \\ 11 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$Q' = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 5 & 6 & 8 & 9 & 11 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 7 \\ 10 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_0(F) = \{[3, 5), [2, 6), [4, 8), [1, +\infty)\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_1(F) = \{[7, 9), [10, 11)\}$$

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