

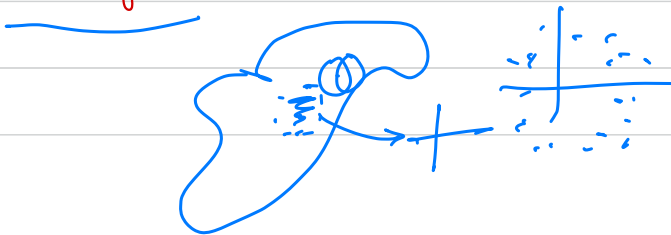
# Space from data

Real world data (finite set of points  
in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  or a metric sp)

- as it self it is a boring topological space.
- it is not endowed with a simplicial structure.

How to associate a space to the data?

Assumption : Your data is sampled from a nice topological space, say a compact manifold.



# Today's plan

- Examples of simplicial Structures.
- nerve of a covering.
- Data offsets & the homology inference theorem
- The nerve Complex & the nerve lemma
- Čech & VR Complex.

Recall : An abstract simplicial Complex on a finite set  $V$  is a collection  $\mathcal{K}$  of subsets of  $V$  that have the hereditary property, i.e., if  $A \in \mathcal{K}$  then  $\forall B \subset A$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{K}$ .

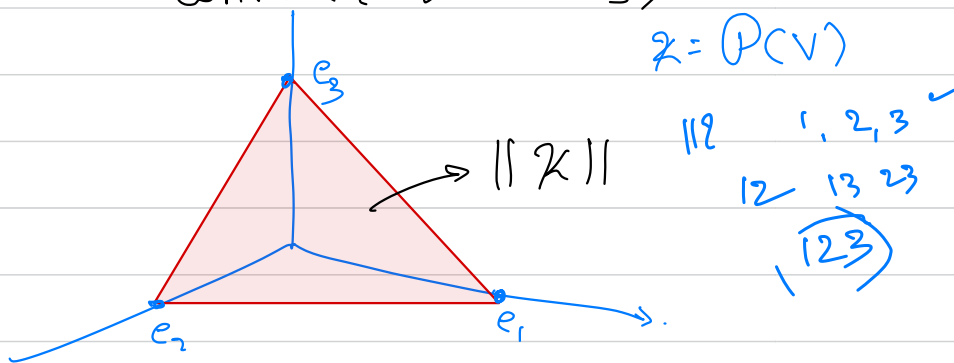
Given an abstract simpl<sup>l</sup> cplx here is how one constructs its geometric realization.  $\|\mathcal{K}\|$

Example  $V = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{P}(V)$   
ground set

$e_1 \ e_2 \ e_3$

Step 1 : Consider  $\mathbb{R}^{|V|}$ , in our example  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The standard unit vectors corr. to the elts of  $V$ .  $\|K\| = \bigcup_{B \in K} \text{Conv}(\{e_i \mid i \in B\})$

Step 2 : if  $B \in K$  then  $\text{Conv}(\{e_i \mid i \in B\}) \in \|K\|$



Two examples from graph theory  
we'll consider finite simple graph.

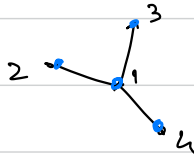
- ① Independence complex. :  $V$  = the set of all vertices of a graph  $G$ .  
A subset  $A \subset V$  is called independent if the induced subgraph  $G[A]$  is discrete.  
If  $A$  is an independent set then so is

every subset of  $A$ .

$\mathcal{K}$  = collection of all ind. subsets of  $G$

$\therefore (V, \mathcal{K})$  is an A.S.C.

Ex.



$$G[1,2] = \text{edge between 1 and 2}$$

$$G[2,3] = \text{no edge}$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,4\}, \{2,3\}, \{2,4\}, \{3,4\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{1,2,4\}, \{1,3,4\}, \{2,3,4\}, \{1,2,3,4\} \}$$

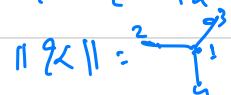


② The clique complex: A subset  $A \subset V$  is a clique if  $G[A]$  is a complete graph.

( $\mathcal{K}$  = coll<sup>n</sup> of cliques)

$(V, \mathcal{K})$  is an A.S.C.

Ex.  
 $\mathcal{K} = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,2,3\} \}$



③ Nerve of a covering. Let  $X$  be a set and  $\mathcal{U}$  be a coll<sup>n</sup> of subsets


$$\mathcal{U} = \{ U_1, \dots, U_n \}$$

s.t.  $X = U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_n$

Let  $V = \{1, \dots, n\}$

$\mathcal{K}$  be the coll<sup>n</sup> of subsets of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$

$$X = \mathbb{R} \quad \mathcal{U} = \{ (-\infty, 0), (-1, 1), (0, \infty) \}$$


 s.t. if  $J \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$   
 then  $\bigcap_{j \in J} U_j$  is non empty.  $U_2 \cap U_3 \neq \emptyset$ .  
 $U_1 \cap U_3 = \emptyset$   
 $U_1 \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$

$(V, \mathcal{K})$  is called the nerve of this covering, it is an ASG.

Let  $X$  be a pt. cloud in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $|X| = n$ .

The  $r$ -offset of  $X$   $r \in [0, \infty)$

$$X^r := \bigcup_{x \in X} B(x; r)$$

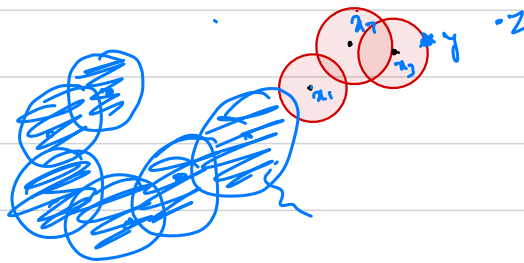
$\subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$   
 closed ball of center  $x$  & radius  $r$ .

For  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$d(y, X) := \inf_{x \in X} \|x - y\|$$

$$X^r = d^{-1}([0, r])$$

$$d: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

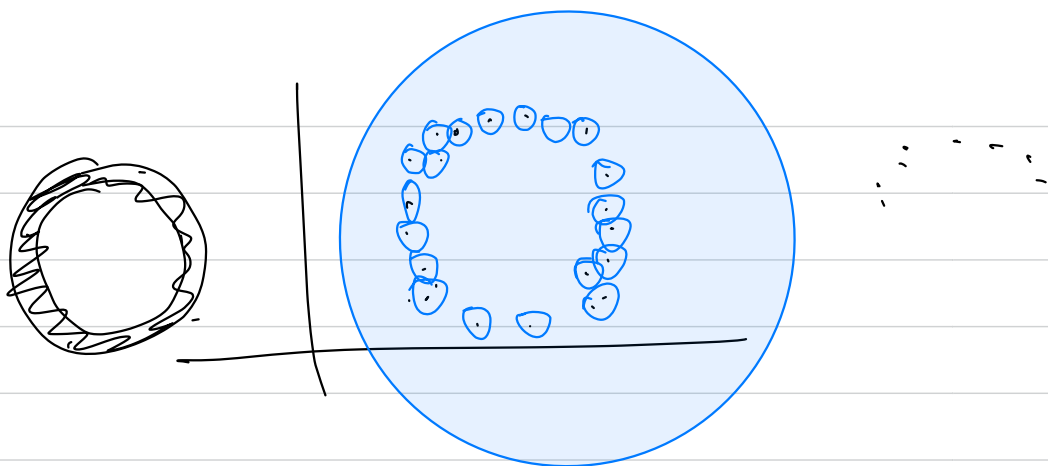


Homology inference theorem : adjectives

The Betti numbers of <sup>nice</sup> Riemannian mflds can be recovered with high probability from  $r$ -offsets of a sample on (or close to) the mfld.

w.r.t. the Gromov-Hausdorff dist.





Nerve of an open covering Let  $X$  be a

top. space and  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover (i.e.,  $\mathcal{U}$  is a collection of open sets in  $X$  s.t. their union covers  $X$ ).

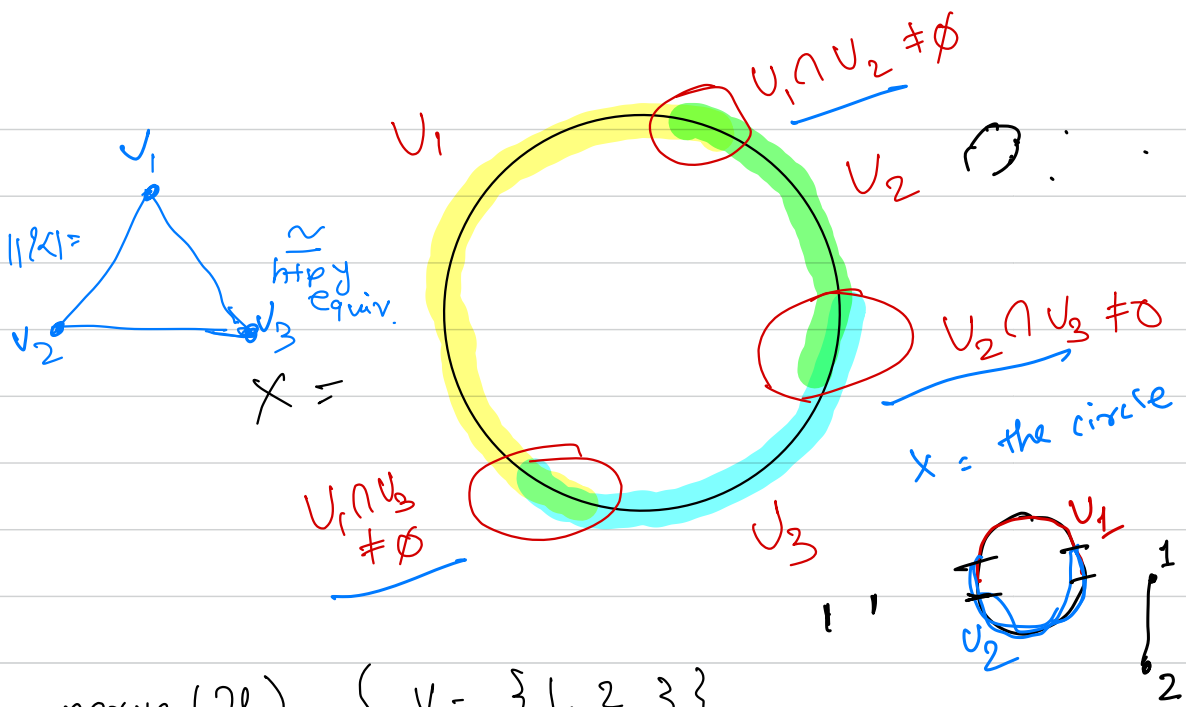
$$\text{nerve}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{U}) := \{U_i \in \mathcal{U} \mid \bigcap U_i \neq \emptyset\}$$

The vertices or the 0-simplices of nerve( $\mathcal{U}$ )  
corr. to open sets.

1- simplices  $\leftrightarrow$  pairs of open sets which  
intersect non trivially

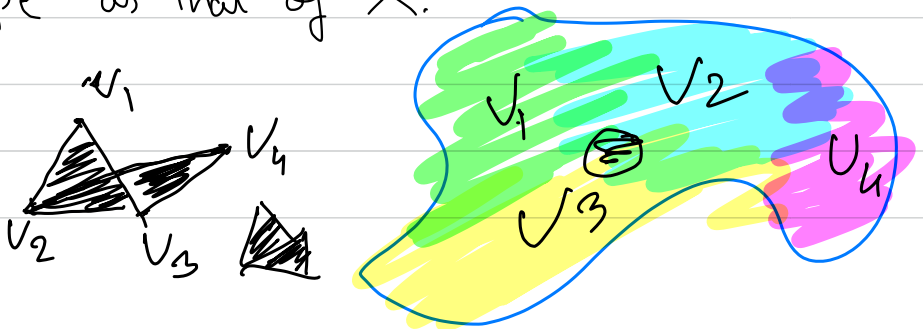
2- simplices  $\leftrightarrow$  triples with nonempty intersection

& so on.



$$\text{nerve}(\mathcal{U}) = \left( \begin{array}{l} V = \{1, 2, 3\} \\ \mathcal{K} = \{1, 2, 3, 12, 23, 13\} \end{array} \right)$$

The nerve theorem: Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open <sup>or closed</sup> cover of  $X$  s.t. each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  is contractible and so are all the non empty intersections. Then the  $\text{nerve}(\mathcal{U})$  has the same  $\text{htpy}$  type as that of  $X$ .



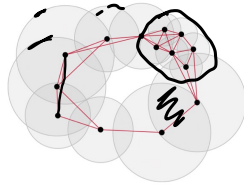
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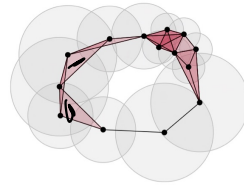
# The Čech complex

Let  $X$  be a PCD  
 $\delta$  is a real number

$$Cech_{\delta}(X) := \left\{ \sigma \subseteq X \mid \bigcap_{x \in \sigma} B(x, \delta) \neq \emptyset \right\}$$

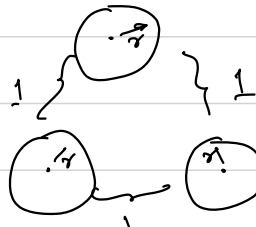


The 1-skeleton of the nerve

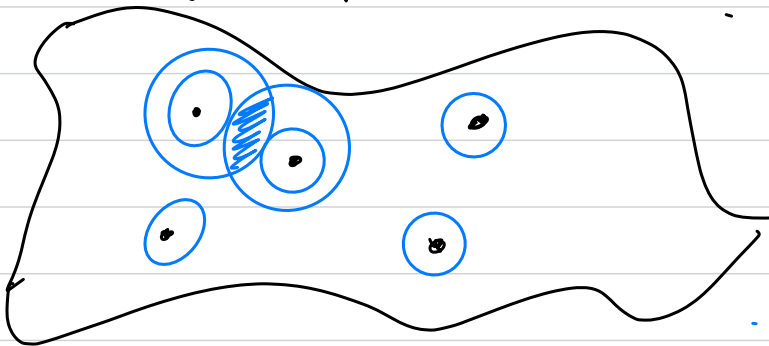


The 2-skeleton of the nerve

Metric space



Sampling  
 parameter  
 $\delta$   
 $\delta=1$



1 2 3 4 5

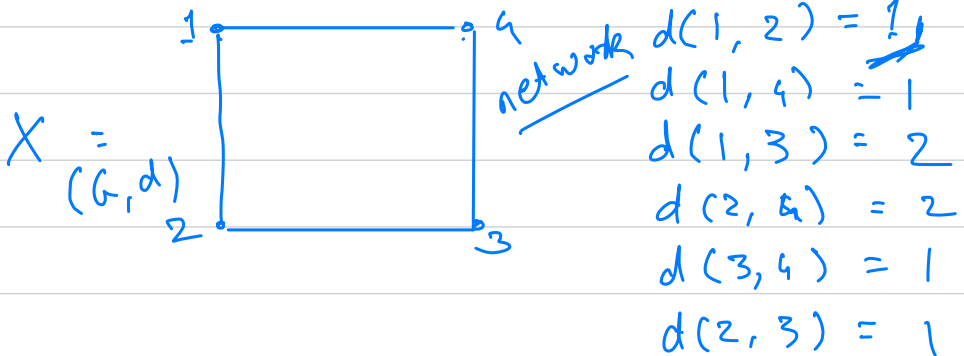


# Vietoris - Rips Complex

A <sup>finite</sup> simple graph can be considered as a metric space.

The vertices are elts of the metric space.

"Every edge has length 1"  
distance bet<sup>n</sup> two pts is the graph distance



$$\gamma = 0$$

$$VR_0(X) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$VR_1(X) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 23, 34, 14\}$$

$$VR_2(X) = VR_1(X) \cup \{123, 134, 234, 1234, 1342, 1234\}$$