

# TDA lecture

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# Outline

- 1 Recall
- 2 Complexes from Data
- 3 Computations

# Simplicial Complexes - I

## Definition (Affine independence)

Points  $v_0, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^N$  are **affinely independent** if

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^k t_i v_i = 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=0}^k t_i = 0 \right) \Rightarrow t_0 = t_1 = \dots = t_k = 0.$$

## Definition (A $k$ -simplex and its faces)

A  $k$ -simplex  $\sigma$  is the convex hull of  $k + 1$  affinely independent points  $\{v_0, \dots, v_k\}$ .

Denoted

$$\sigma = [v_0, \dots, v_k].$$

A face of  $\sigma$  is a subset of  $v_i$ 's. In particular, singletons are called vertices.

## Building blocks

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# Simplicial Complexes - II

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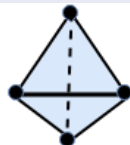
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# Simplicial Complexes - III

## Definition (Simplicial complex $K$ )

It is (finite) union of simplices such that

- i for all  $\sigma \in K$  all the faces of  $\sigma$  are also in  $K$ ;
- ii the intersection of any two simplices is either empty or a common face.

# Simplicial chains

- Let  $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p\}$  be the set of  $k$ -simplices of  $K$ .
- A **simplicial  $k$ -chain** is a linear combination  $c := \sum_{i=1}^p \epsilon_i \sigma_i$  where  $\epsilon_i \in \mathbb{F}_2$ .
- The set of all simplicial chains,  $C_k(K)$ , form a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .
- We have  $\dim C_k(K) = p$ .

## Definition (The boundary operator)

The linear map  $\partial_k : C_k(K) \rightarrow C_{k-1}(K)$  is given by

$$\partial_k([v_{i_0} \dots, v_{i_k}]) = \sum_j [v_{i_0}, \dots, \widehat{v_{i_j}}, \dots, v_{i_k}]$$

## Important Property

$$\partial_{k+1} \circ \partial_k = 0.$$

# The homology

## Definition (The simplicial chain complex)

$$0 \rightarrow C_n(K) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}(K) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1(K) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(K) \rightarrow 0.$$

## Definition

The simplicial homology groups

$$H_k(K, \mathbb{F}_2) := \frac{\ker \partial_k}{\operatorname{im} \partial_{k+1}}.$$

## Definition (Betti numbers)

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\beta_i(K) := \dim H_i(K, \mathbb{F}_2).$$



# Topological invariance

- The simplicial homology is a functor from simplicial complexes to abelian groups.
- A homeomorphism of simplicial complexes induces an isomorphism of homology groups in all dimensions.

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# Data to space: the idea

The most common type of data is a point cloud — a set of vectors  
 $\mathbb{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

A PCD is a 0-dimensional simplicial complex, no interesting topology

Is there a nice topological space (say a manifold)  $M$  such that  $\mathbb{X} \subset M$ ?

# Approximating manifolds I: offsets

## Definition (Offset)

Given a compact set  $Y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and a real number  $r > 0$  the  $r$ -offset of  $Y$  is defined as

$$Y^r := \bigcup_{y \in Y} B(y; r).$$

## Definition (Reach)

Let  $Y$  be as above.

$$\text{reach}(Y) := \sup\{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid \forall y \notin Y, \text{ and } d(y, Y) < r, \\ \exists! z \in Y \text{ such that } d(y, z) = d(y, Y)\}.$$

## Definition

Hasudorff distance Let  $X, Y$  be two compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then

$$d_H(X, Y) := \inf\{\alpha > 0 \mid X \subset Y^\alpha \text{ and } Y \subset X^\alpha\}.$$

## Theorem (Chazal and Lieutier 2007)

*Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a PCD and  $M$  be closed manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and let  $\epsilon > 0$  be such that  $d_H(\mathbb{X}, M) < \epsilon$ . Further assume that reach of both the sets is at least  $2\epsilon$ . Then there is an  $r$  with  $0 < r < 2\epsilon$  such that  $\mathbb{X}^r$  and  $M^r$  are homotopy equivalent.*

## Theorem (Niyogi et al. 2008)

*The Betti numbers of Riemannian manifolds with positive reach can be recovered with high probability from offsets of a sample on (or close to) the manifold.*

# How to code offset?

## Definition (Cech Complex)

Given a PCD  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $r > 0$  the Cech complex  $Ch_r(\mathbb{X})$  is an (abstract) simplicial complex whose simplices are those subsets  $\sigma \in \mathbb{X}$  such that

$$\bigcap_{x \in \sigma} B(x; r) \neq \emptyset.$$

## Theorem (Nerve lemma)

*The offset  $\mathbb{X}^r$  of a PCD  $\mathbb{X}$  is homotopy equivalent to the Cech complex  $Ch_r(\mathbb{X})$ .*

# Vietoris-Rips complex

## Definition

Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  be a finite point cloud and  $\epsilon > 0$ . The Vietoris-Rips complex,  $VR_\epsilon(X)$ , has as  $k$ -simplices those  $(k+1)$ -subsets  $\{x_{i_0}, \dots, x_{i_k}\}$  of  $X$  for which

$$d(x_{i_j}, x_{i_l}) \leq \epsilon.$$

- In general  $VR_\epsilon(X)$  does not embed in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .
- If  $\epsilon < \epsilon'$  then  $VR_\epsilon(X) \subseteq VR_{\epsilon'}(X)$ .
- It is a clique complex, i.e., completely determined by its 1-skeleton.

# Data to space: an example



# Filtered complexes

An increasing sequence  $\epsilon_{i_1} < \dots < \epsilon_{i_n}$  induces a filtration

$$\emptyset \subset VR_{\epsilon_{i_1}}(X) \subseteq \dots \subseteq VR_{\epsilon_{i_n}}(X).$$

For every  $p \geq 0$  we have:

$$H_p(VR_1(X)) \xrightarrow{f_p^{0,1}} H_p(VR_2(X)) \xrightarrow{f_p^{0,2}} \dots \xrightarrow{f_p^{n-1,n}} H_p(VR_n(X)).$$

In general for  $i < j$

$$f_p^{i,j} : H_p(VR_i(X)) \rightarrow H_p(VR_j(X)).$$

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## Definitions

- **$p$ -th persistent homology group:**  $\mathcal{H}_p^{i,j} := \text{Im}(f_p^{i,j})$ .
- **$p$ -th persistence Betti number:**  $\beta_p^{i,j} := \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_p^{i,j})$ .
- **Birth at  $i$ -th stage:** A class  $c$  such that

$$c \in H_p(VR_i(X)) \text{ but } c \notin \mathcal{H}_p^{i-1,i}.$$

- **Death of a class at  $j$ -th stage:** A class  $c$  such that

$$f_p^{i,j-1}(c) \notin \mathcal{H}_p^{i-1,j-1} \text{ and } f_p^{i,j}(c) \in \mathcal{H}_p^{i-1,j}.$$

- The number of cycles that are born at  $\epsilon_i$  and are dead at  $\epsilon_j$  is:

$$\mu_p^{i,j} := (\beta_p^{i,j-1} - \beta_p^{i-1,j-1}) - (\beta_p^{i,j} - \beta_p^{i-1,j})$$

# Barcodes and diagrams

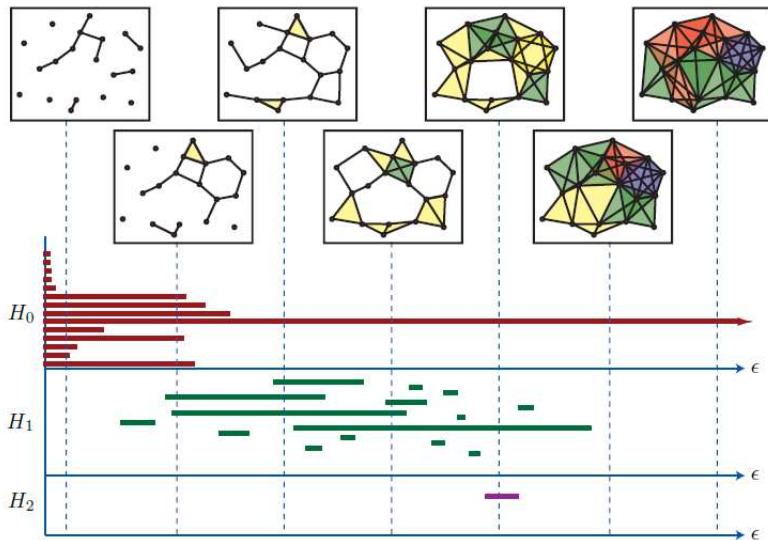
## Definition (Persistence barcodes)

For every  $p \geq 0$  we draw a graph whose vertical axis corresponds to all possible  $p$ -homology generators and the horizontal axis is the time parameter.

## Definition (Persistence diagram)

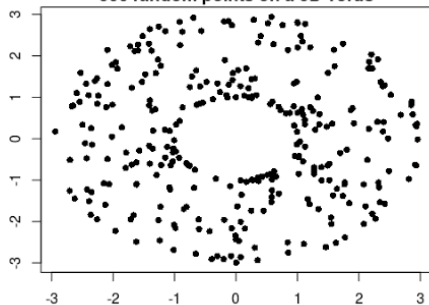
The  $p$ -persistence diagram is a 2-d coordinate system where  $x$  is the birth coordinate and  $y$  is the death coordinate. For every  $p$ -homology class there is a point  $(i, j)$  representing its birth and death time.

# Example

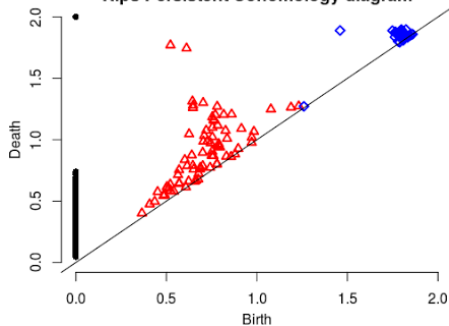


# Persistence diagrams

300 random points on a 3D Torus



Rips Persistent Cohomology diagram



# How to interpret?

- 1 High persistence implies existence of **robust** features.
- 2 Spurious topological features are short-lived, i.e., **noise**.
- 3 The *summary description* is always 2-dimensional.
- 4 Persistent diagrams are a similarity metric.
- 5  $\beta_0$ : number of connected components (clusters?).
- 6  $\beta_1$ : number of cycles (periodic features?).
- 7  $\beta_2$ : number of hollow spaces (?).

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- Install TDA library in R.

## PH using Rips complex

```
ripsDiag( X, maxdimension, maxscale, dist = "euclidean", library =  
"GUDHI", location = FALSE, printProgress = FALSE)
```

- $X$  is an  $n \times d$  matrix of coordinates;  $n$  = number of points and  $d$  = dimension of the ambient space.
- *maxdimension*: max dimension of the topological feature.
- *maxscale*: maximum value of the filtration.

## Plot the diagram

```
plot( x, diagLim = NULL, dimension = NULL, col = NULL, rotated =  
FALSE, barcode = FALSE, band = NULL, lab.line = 2.2, colorBand =  
"pink", colorBorder = NA, add = FALSE)
```



# Examples

