

Topological Data Analysis

Introducing Persistent Homology

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Standard Simplex - n -simplex

A n - simplex is denoted by $[v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]$

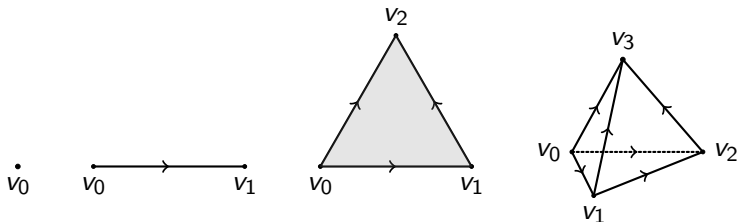


Figure 1: 0-simplex, 1-simplex, 2-simplex, 3-simplex

Δ – complex

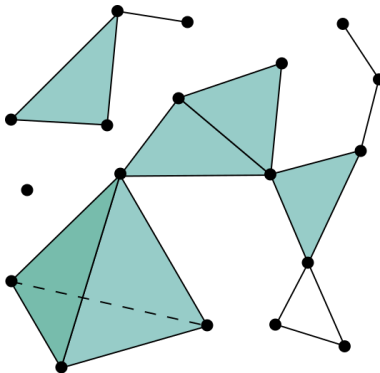


Figure 2: A simplicial 3-complex

Definition (Chain complex)

Complex of abelian groups.

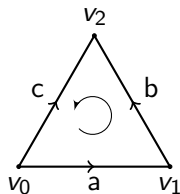
A chain complex is a sequence of homomorphisms of abelian groups:

$$\dots \longrightarrow C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} \dots \longrightarrow C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0=0} 0$$

where $\partial_n \partial_{n+1} = 0$ for each n in \mathbb{Z} . The equation $\partial_n \partial_{n+1} = 0$ is equivalent to the inclusion $\text{Im } \partial_{n+1} \subset \ker \partial_n$.

where the boundary homomorphisms ∂_n of $[v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]$ is defined as $\sum_i (-1)^i [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]$ where the '^' symbol denotes the absence of that vertex.

Boundary operator



$$\partial[v_0, v_1] = v_1 - v_0$$

$$\partial[v_0, v_1, v_2] = [v_0, v_1] + [v_1, v_2] - [v_0, v_2]$$

Homology of a Chain Complex

Definition (Homology Group)

The n -th homology group of the chain complex is defined as the quotient group

$$H_n = \frac{Z_n}{B_n} = \frac{\ker \partial_n}{\operatorname{Im} \partial_{n+1}}$$

Elements of Z_n are called cycles and elements of B_n are called boundaries.

Elements of H_n are cosets of $\operatorname{Im} \partial_{n+1}$, called homology classes. Two cycles representing the same homology class are said to be homologous. This means their difference is a boundary.

Computing Homology of S^1 in \mathbb{Z}

Space $\mathcal{X} = S^1$

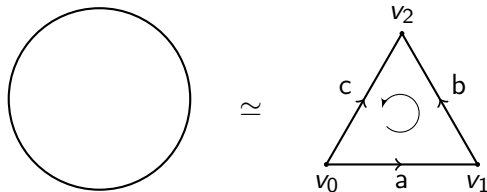


Figure 3: Triangulation of S^1

We can construct the following chain complex which is a sequence of homomorphisms of abelian groups:

$$0 \xrightarrow{\partial_2=0} C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0=0} 0$$

where $\partial_n \partial_{n+1} = 0$ for each n in \mathbb{Z} and

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} C_0 = \langle v_0, v_1, v_2 \rangle \\ C_1 = \langle a, b, c \rangle \\ C_n = \{0\} \quad \forall n \geq 2 \end{array} \right.,$$

$$0 \xrightarrow{\partial_2=0} \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 3} \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 3} \xrightarrow{\partial_0=0} 0$$

H_0 - # of connected components

The n -th homology group is defined as $H_n = \frac{\ker \partial_n}{\text{Im } \partial_{n+1}}$.

First, let's compute H_0 :

$\ker \partial_0 = C_0 = \langle v_0, v_1, v_2 \rangle$ since $\partial_0 = 0$.

To calculate $\text{Im } \partial_1$, let's compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_1(\alpha a + \beta b + \gamma c) &= \alpha(v_1 - v_0) + \beta(v_2 - v_1) - \gamma(v_2 - v_0) = \\ &= (\gamma - \alpha)v_0 + (\alpha - \beta)v_1 + (-(\gamma - \alpha) - (\alpha - \beta))v_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Im } \partial_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \gamma - \alpha \\ \alpha - \beta \\ -(\gamma - \alpha) - (\alpha - \beta) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 3}$$

There exist an isomorphism $\text{Im } \partial_1 \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2$

$$H_0 = \frac{\ker \partial_0}{\text{Im } \partial_1} = \mathbb{Z}^3 / \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} \right) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$$

H_1 - # of holes

Second, let's compute H_1 :

$$\ker \partial_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} m \\ m \\ m \end{pmatrix}, m \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}$$

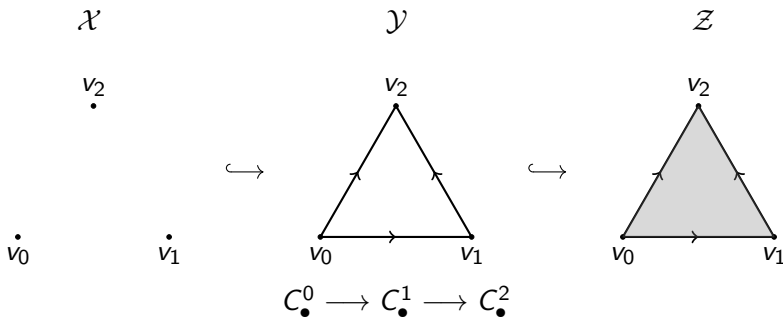
$\text{Im } \partial_2 = \{0\}$ since $C_2 = \{0\}$

$$H_1 = \frac{\ker \partial_1}{\text{Im } \partial_2} = \frac{\ker \partial_1}{\{0\}} = \ker \partial_1 \simeq \mathbb{Z}$$

Finally, the homology groups of the circle are:

$$H_n^\Delta(S^1) \simeq \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } n = 0, 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Filtered Complex



Maps of Complexes

$$C_{\bullet}^0 \longrightarrow C_{\bullet}^1 \longrightarrow C_{\bullet}^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 2 & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \\
 & \downarrow \partial_2^0=0 & & \downarrow \partial_2^1=0 & & \downarrow \partial_2^2=\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 1 & 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 \\
 & \downarrow \partial_1^0=0 & & \downarrow \partial_1^1=\partial_1^2 & & \downarrow \partial_1^2=\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 0 & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 \\
 & \downarrow \partial_0^0=0 & & \downarrow \partial_0^1=0 & & \downarrow \partial_0^2=0 \\
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Maps of Complexes induce maps on Homology

$$H(C_\bullet^0) \longrightarrow H(C_\bullet^1) \longrightarrow H(C_\bullet^2)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 2 & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 1 & 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & 0 & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 &
 \end{array}$$

If \mathcal{X} is a metric space and $r \geq 0$:

Definition

The Čech Complex has vertex set \mathcal{X} and simplex $[v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]$ when

$$\bigcap_{i=0}^n \mathcal{B}(v_i; r/2) \neq \emptyset$$

Definition

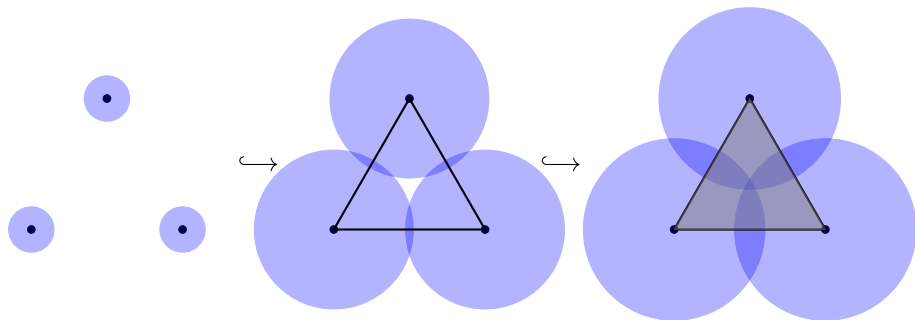
The Vietoris Rips Complex has vertex set \mathcal{X} and simplex $[v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]$ when

$$d(v_i, v_j) \leq r \quad \forall i, j$$

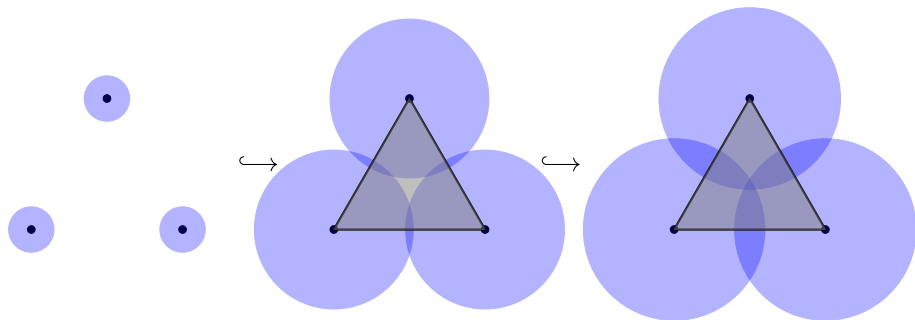
Relation of Čech and Vietoris-Rips Complex: For each $\epsilon > 0$, there is a chain inclusion maps

$$\mathcal{R} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\epsilon\sqrt{2}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{R}_{\epsilon\sqrt{2}}$$

Čech Complex Example



Vietoris-Rips Complex Example



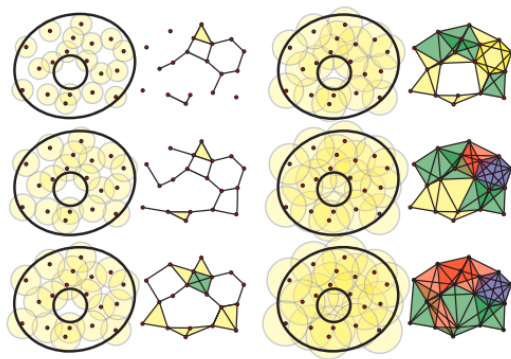


Figure 4: A sequence of Rips Complex from a point cloud data set that represent an annulus

Definition

Given a filtered complex, the i -th complex K^i has associated boundary operators ∂_k^i , matrices M_k^i , and groups C_k^i , Z_k^i , B_k^i , and H_k^i for all $i, k \geq 0$. The p -persistent k -th homology group of K^i is

$$H_k^{i,p} = Z_k^i / (B_k^{i+p} \cap Z_k^i)$$

Example: $p = i = k = 1$: $H_1^{1,1} = Z_1^1 / (B_2^1 \cap Z_1^1) \mathbb{Z} / (\{0\} \cap \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$

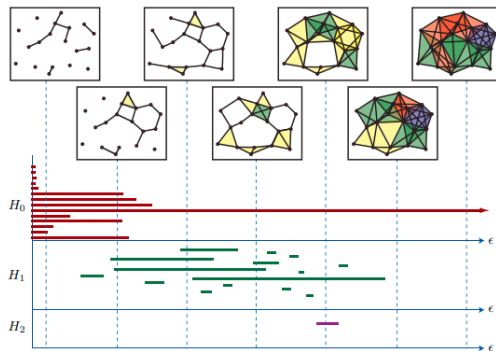


Figure 5: An example of barcode representations of the homology of the sampling of points in an annulus

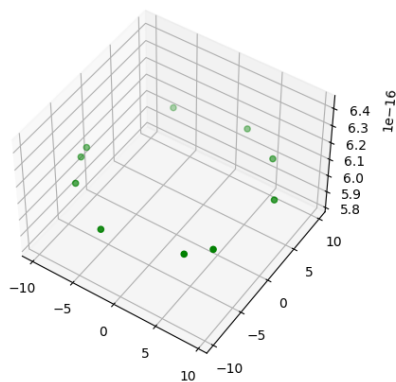


Figure 6: 10 points on a cycle

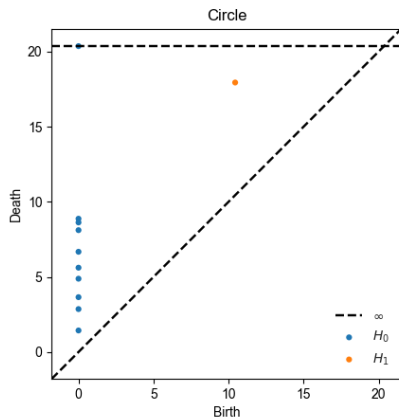


Figure 7: Persistent diagram of homology of circle (10 points)

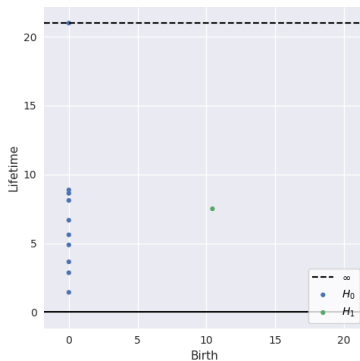


Figure 8: Lifetime diagram of homology of circle (10 points)

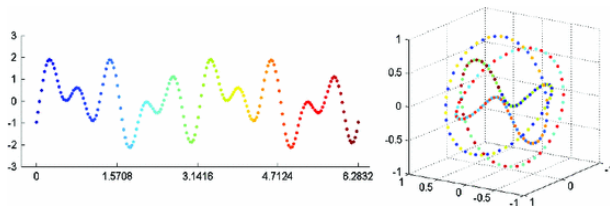


Figure 9: Periodicity in Timeseries

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