

# Topological Data Analysis

## Introducing Persistent Homology

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# Standard Simplex - $n$ -simplex

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

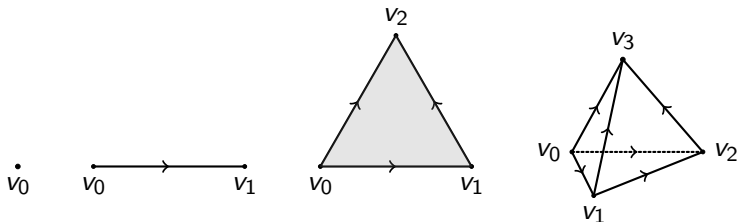


Figure 1: 0-simplex, 1-simplex, 2-simplex, 3-simplex

# $\Delta$ – complex

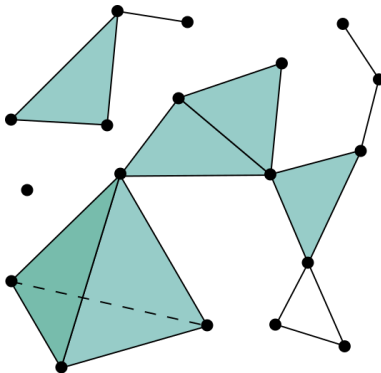


Figure 2: A simplicial 3-complex

## Definition (Chain complex)

Complex of abelian groups.

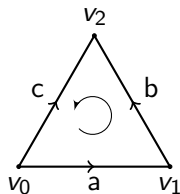
A chain complex is a sequence of homomorphisms of abelian groups:

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

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

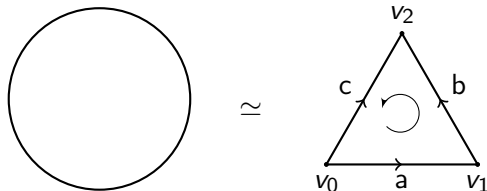


Figure 3: Triangulation of  $S^1$



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

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  $\operatorname{Im} \partial_1$ , let's compute:

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

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

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

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

# $H_1$ - # of holes

Second, let's compute  $H_1$ :

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

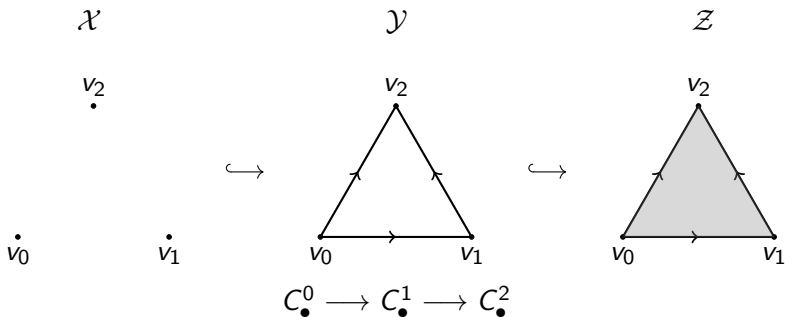
$\text{Im } \partial_2 = \{0\}$  since  $C_2 = \{0\}$

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

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

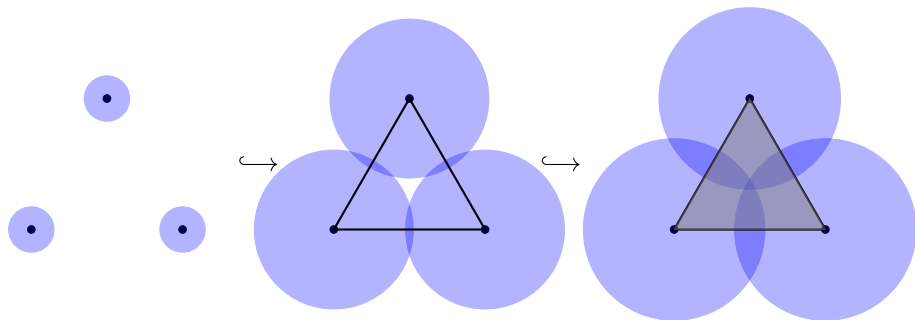
The Vietoris Rips Complex has vertex set  $\mathcal{X}$  and simplex  $[v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]$  when

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

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

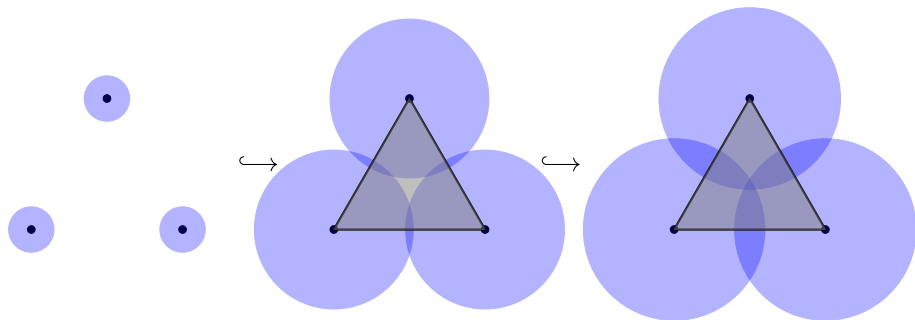
$$\mathcal{R} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\epsilon\sqrt{2}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{R}_{\epsilon\sqrt{2}}$$

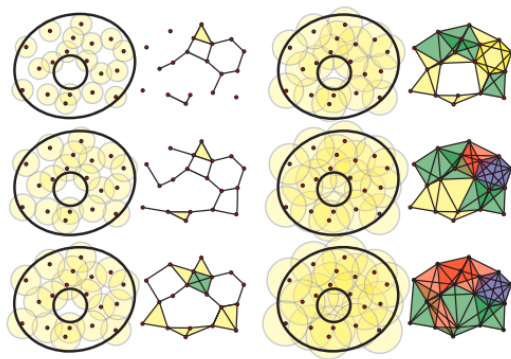
# Čech Complex Example





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

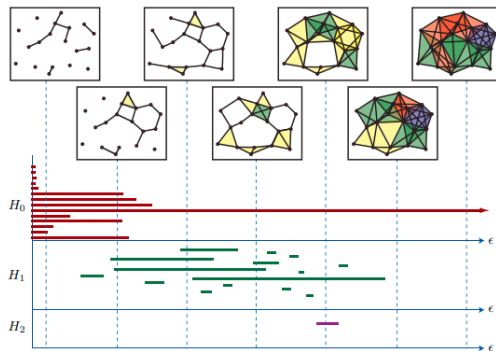


Figure 5: An example of barcode representations of the homology of the sampling of points in an annulus

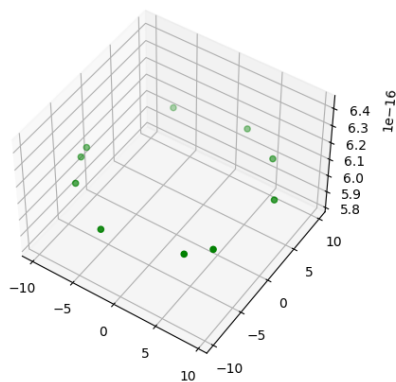


Figure 6: 10 points on a cycle

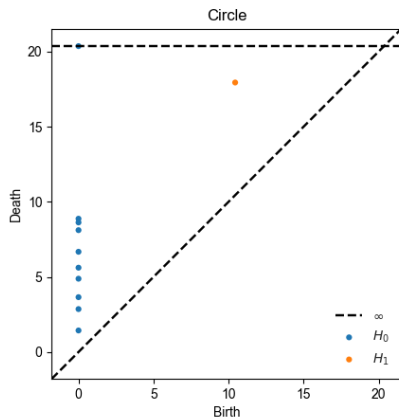


Figure 7: Persistent diagram of homology of circle (10 points)

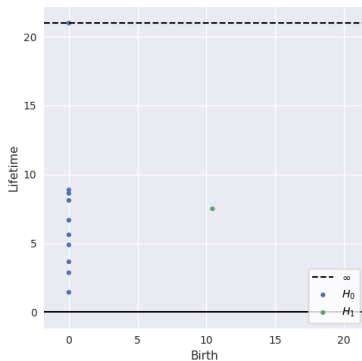


Figure 8: Lifetime diagram of homology of circle (10 points)

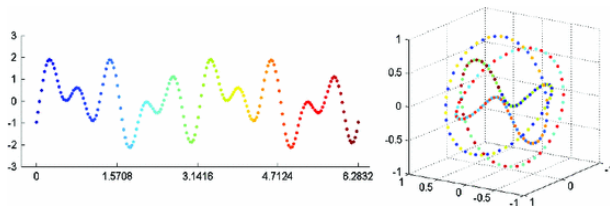


Figure 9: Periodicity in Timeseries



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