

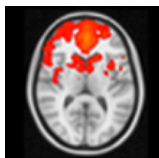
Vector Representations of Persistence Diagrams

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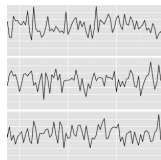
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Some bits of Topological Data Analysis

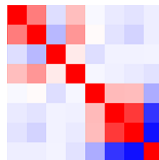
Weighted Graphs Analysis



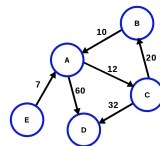
fMRI imaging



time series



correlation matrix



weighted graph

R_{ij}

$$r_{ij} \in [-1, 1]$$

A_{ij} - adj. matrix

$$a_{ij} = 1 - |r_{ij}|$$

$$a_{ij} \in [0, 1]$$

Clique Complex

Let G be a weighted graph, with adjacency matrix \mathbf{A}_{ij} , then *clique complex* $K(G)$ is obtained by:

- ▶ get sparse graph by thresholding adjacency matrix $\mathbf{A}_{ij} \leq \varepsilon$

$$\mathbf{A}'_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & a_{ij} \leq \varepsilon \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

- ▶ to every k -clique of graph with adjacency matrix \mathbf{A}'_{ij} associate $(k - 1)$ -simplex in the simplicial complex $K(G)$

Filtration is induced by weights on graph edges.

Vietoris-Rips Complex

Consider a finite metric space (point cloud) X . A *Vietoris-Rips complex* of X at radius ε is defined:

$$VR_{\varepsilon}(X) = \{\sigma \in X \mid d(x, x') \leq 2\varepsilon, \forall (x, x') \in \sigma\}$$

That is $k + 1$ points form a k -simplex if they are all pairwise 2ε -distant.

Filtration is induced by the *distance to a set* function $d_X(y) := d(x, y)$, where $x \in X$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for all x and y .

Cubical Complex

Given a 2D digital image X , a pixel in an image corresponds to a 2-simplex in a cubical complex $\text{Cube}(X)$.

*Cubical complex*¹ is a simplicial complex, i.e. a family of sets closed under inclusion, consisting of simplices which are products of elementary intervals of \mathbb{R} .

Filtration is induced by a function of pixel intensity.

1. Kaczynski, Mischaikow, and Mrozek, *Computational Homology*, 2006.

Persistent Homology as a Mapping

Consider a pair (X, f) , where X is a *topological space* and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a *filter function*.

Persistent homology is a mapping to the space of *persistence modules* (a collection of vector spaces connected by linear maps) over a field \mathbb{F} , that quantify the homology of *sublevel sets* $X_t = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \leq t\}$ of the function f on X , where t takes values from a totally ordered *index set* $(R, <)$:

$$(\mathcal{X}, f) \rightarrow H_{\bullet, \mathbb{F}}^f(\mathcal{X})$$

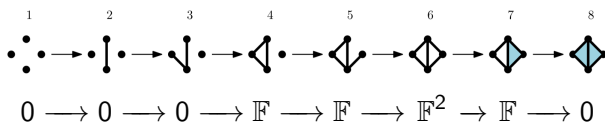
Decomposition of Persistence Module

A persistent module $H_k^{f, \mathbb{F}}$ can be decomposed into a direct sum of indecomposable interval modules $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{F}}[b_i, d_i]$, where b_i is the *birth* of k -th homological class and d_i is its *death*.

$$H_k^{f, \mathbb{F}} \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n=\beta_k} \mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{F}}[b_i, d_i]$$

Example of Decomposition

Filtration ²:



Decomposition of persistence module:

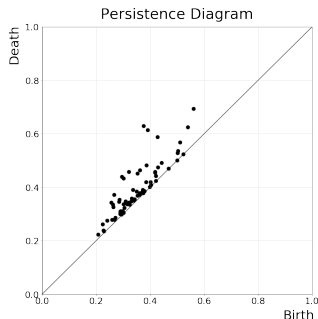
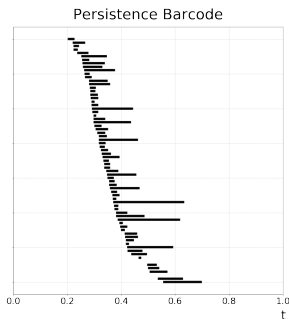
$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{1} \mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{1} \mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{1} \mathbb{F} \longrightarrow 0 & [c] \\ 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{F} \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 & [c'] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &\cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n=\beta_1} \mathbb{I}[b_i, d_i] \\ &= \mathbb{I}[4, 7] \oplus \mathbb{I}[6, 6] \end{aligned}$$

Persistence Barcode and Diagram

For each dimension k , a k -th *persistence barcode* $\text{Bar}_k(X)$ is a collection of intervals $\{\mathbb{I}[b_i, d_i]_k\}$, describing the decomposition of a persistent module.

A k -th *persistence diagram* $\text{Dgm}_k(X)$ is a natural bijection from a collection of intervals to a multiset of points $\{(b_i, d_i)_k \mid i \in I\}$ on extended Euclidean plane $\bar{\mathbb{R}}^2 := \{\mathbb{R}^2 \cup +\infty\}$.



Machine Learning with Topological Signatures

A persistence diagram being a multiset of points is not suited for machine learning algorithms generally expecting a vector of fixed dimension as an input. Although there are a number of distances³ and kernels⁴ defined on the space of persistence diagrams, we will focus on their finite vector representations.

3. Edelsbrunner and Harer, *Computational Topology: An Introduction*, 2010.

4. Carriere, Cuturi, and Oudot, "Sliced wasserstein kernel for persistence diagrams," 2017; Le and Yamada, "Persistence fisher kernel: A riemannian manifold kernel for persistence diagrams," 2018.

Machine Learning with Topological Signatures

Desired properties of representation⁵:

- ▶ is a vector in \mathbb{R}^n ,
- ▶ is stable with respect to input noise,
- ▶ is efficient to compute,
- ▶ maintains an interpretable connection to the original PD,
- ▶ allows one to adjust the relative importance of points in different regions of the PD

5. Adams et al., “Persistence images: A stable Vector Representation of Persistent Homology,” 2017.

	Lang.	Algos.	Coeffs.	Filtrations	Gens.
JavaPlex	Java	$H_* H^* Z_*$	Q, F_p	VR, W	Yes
Perseus	C++	$H_* Z_*$	F_2	VR, Cub	No
Dionysus	C++	$H_* H^* Z_*$	F_2, F_p	VR, α , Cech	Yes
PHAT/DIPHA	C++	$H_* H^*$	F_2	VR, Cub, f.comp.	No
Gudhi	C++	H^*	F_2	VR, α , W, Cub	No
Ripser/Flagser	C++	H^*	F_p	VR, dir. flag	Yes
Eirene	Julia	H_*	F_2	VR, f.comp.	No
Simplicial.jl	Julia	H_*	F_2	VR, directed	No

Table: Software for computation of persistent homology⁶

Algorithms: H_* - homology, H^* - cohomology, Z_* - zigzag homology

Filtrations: VR - Vietoris-Rips complex, α - alpha complex, Cech - Cech complex, W - witness complex, Cube - cubical complex, f.comp. - general complex with user-defined filtration, *Gens.* stands for (co)homology generators

6. Otter et al., “A roadmap for the computation of persistent homology,” 2017.

Vector Representations of Persistence Diagrams

Coordinates

Consider an interval $(b_i, d_i)_k$ of dimension k , one can obtain a sets of quantities, summarizing different properties of interval:

Persistence:

$$p_i = d_i - b_i$$

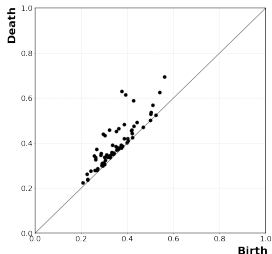
Midlife:

$$ml_i = (b_i + d_i)/2$$

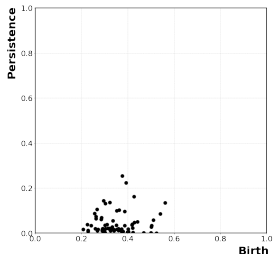
Mult. life:

$$mul_i = d_i/b_i$$

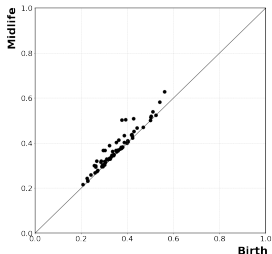
PDs in Different Coordinates



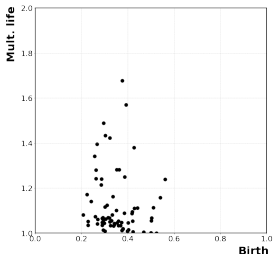
Original: $x = b$, $y = d$



Persistence: $y = d - b$



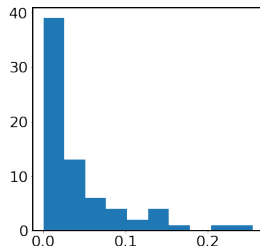
Midlife: $y = (b + d) / 2$



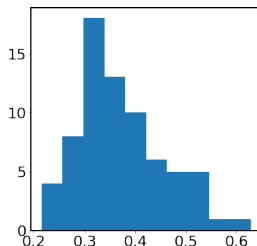
Mult.life: $y = d / b$

Empirical Distributions

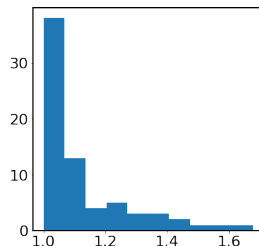
Persistence



Midlife



Mult. life



Persistence (normalized):

$$p_i = d_i - b_i$$
$$\bar{p}_i = \frac{d_i - b_i}{\sum_i (d_i - b_i)}$$

Midlife (normalized):

$$ml_i = (b_i + d_i)/2$$
$$\bar{ml}_i = \frac{b_i + d_i}{\sum_i (b_i + d_i)}$$

Mult. life (normalized):

$$mul_i = d_i/b_i$$
$$\bar{mul}_i = \frac{d_i/b_i}{\sum_i (d_i/b_i)}$$

Statistics

One can fix a quantity and consider a vector of statistics of its empirical distribution:

- ▶ min, max
- ▶ sum
- ▶ mean
- ▶ standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis
- ▶ median
- ▶ mean absolute deviation, 25-th and 75-th percentiles, interquartile range
- ▶ entropy

Statistics

Entropy

Entropy is highest when the distribution is uniform, and lowest (exactly 0) when it is the Dirac delta function.

$$E_k(\mathbf{x}) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i \log \mathbf{x}_i$$

PolynomialStatistics

Polynomials

Different authors consider polynomials⁷:

$$\sum_i b_i(d_i - b_i)$$

$$\sum_i (d_{\max} - d_i)(d_i - b_i)$$

$$\sum_i b_i^2(d_i - b_i)^4$$

$$\sum_i (d_{\max} - d_i)^2(d_i - b_i)^4$$

7. Adcock, Carlsson, and Carlsson, “The ring of algebraic functions on persistence bar codes,” 2013.

Tropical sStatistics

Tropical statistics

and tropical⁸ statistics:

$$\max_i d_i$$

$$\max_{i < j} (d_i + d_j)$$

$$\max_{i < j < k} (d_i + d_j + d_k)$$

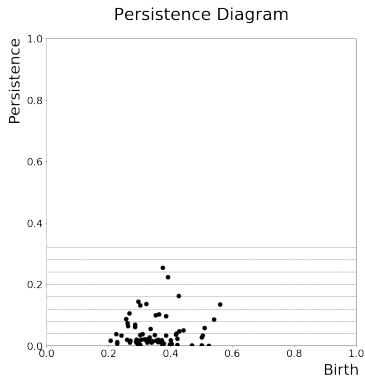
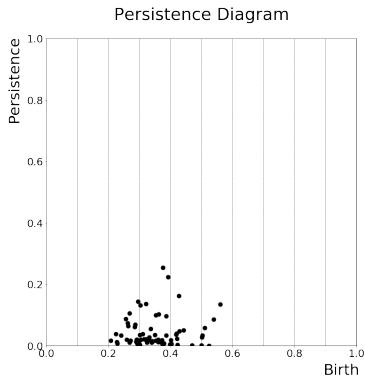
$$\max_{i < j < k < l} (d_i + d_j + d_k + d_l)$$

$$\sum_i d_i$$

$$\sum_i \min(28d_i, b_i)$$

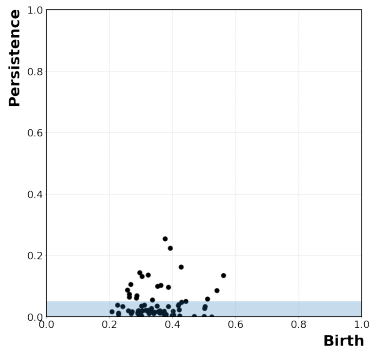
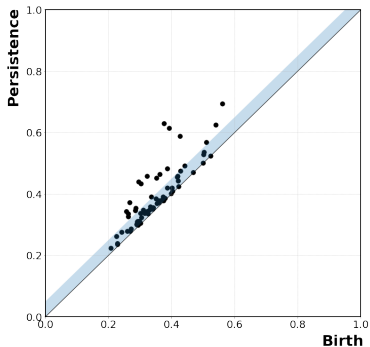
$$\sum_i (\max_i (\min(28d_i, b_i) + d_i) - (\min(28d_i, b_i) + d_i))$$

Histogram Binning



$$\phi = \min, \max, \text{mean}, \text{median}$$

Set threshold ε below which data is considered as noise:

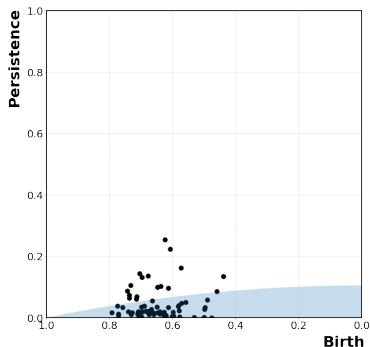
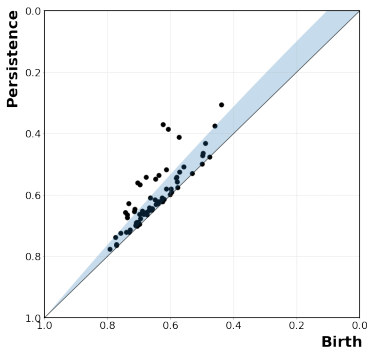


ε -Robustness as a Function of t

ε -Robustness can be generalized to depend on t . For example the error of correlation coefficient r does depend on its value:

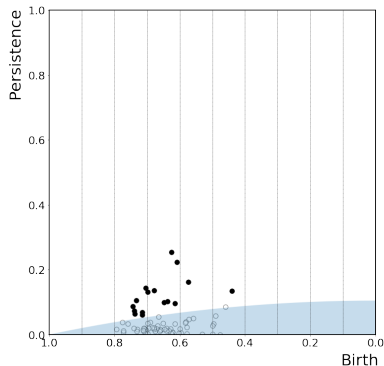
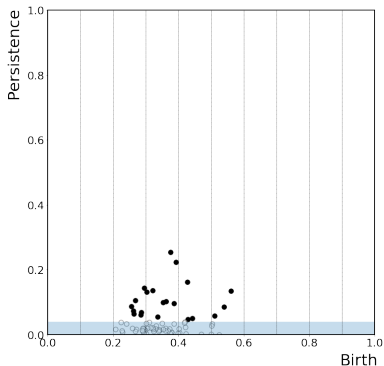
$$\text{error}_r = \frac{r(z(r) + \frac{z_\alpha}{\sqrt{n-3}}) - r(z(r) - \frac{z_\alpha}{\sqrt{n-3}})}{2},$$

$$\text{where } z(r) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+r}{1-r} \quad r(z) = -\frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} \quad z_\alpha(0.95) = 1.96$$



ε -Robust Histogram Binning

For histogram binning, one would consider only statistics of bins of intervals with persistence greater than ε :



Persistence Curves

*Persistent curve*⁹ is a function of persistent diagram at time t , given some aggregation and transform functions:

- ▶ Betti curve
- ▶ Euler characteristic curve
- ▶ Persistence curve
- ▶ Midlife curve
- ▶ Mult.life curve

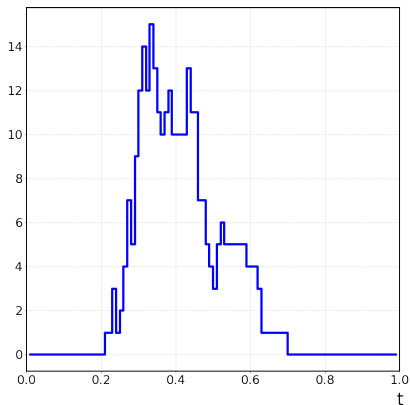
Entropy as a function of t :

- ▶ Persistence entropy curve
- ▶ Midlife entropy
- ▶ Mult.life entropy

9. Chung and Lawson, "Persistence Curves: A canonical framework for summarizing persistence diagrams," 2019.

Betti Curve

$$\beta_k(t) = \#\{(b_i, d_i)_k \mid b_i < t < d_i\}$$

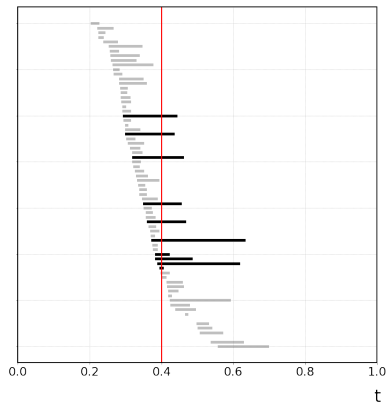


Betti Curve

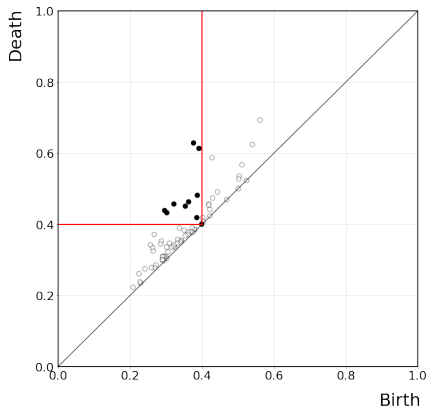
Connection to Barcode and Diagram

$$\beta_k(t) = \#\{(b_i, d_i)_k \mid b_i < t < d_i\}$$

Persistence Barcode



Persistence Diagram



Euler Characteristic Curve

$$\chi(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k \beta_k(t)$$

Persistence Curves

Other persistent curves

$$PC_k^\phi(t) = \left\{ \sum_i \phi(b_i, d_i)_k \mid b_i < t < d_i \right\}$$

Persistence:

$$\phi_P = \frac{d_i - b_i}{\sum_i^n (d_i - b_i)}$$

Midlife:

$$\phi_{P^+} = \frac{b_i + d_i}{\sum_i^n (b_i + d_i)}$$

Mult. life:

$$\phi_{P^*} = \frac{d_i / b_i}{\sum_i^n (d_i / b_i)}$$

Persistence Entropy

A *persistence entropy*¹⁰, a statistic measuring the homogeneity of statistics of persistence intervals of dimension k at time t .

$$E_k(\mathbf{x})(t) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i \log \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i(t) = \{ \phi(b_i, d_i)_k \mid b_i \leq t \leq d_i \}$$

Persistence:

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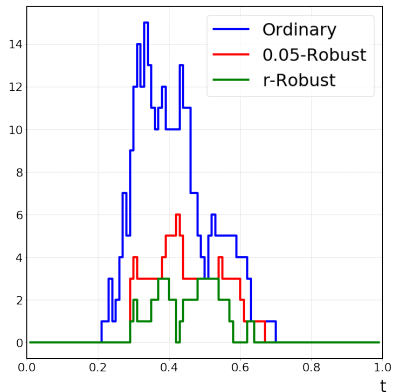
Mult. life:

$$\phi_{P^*} = \frac{d_i / b_i}{\sum_i^n (d_i / b_i)}$$

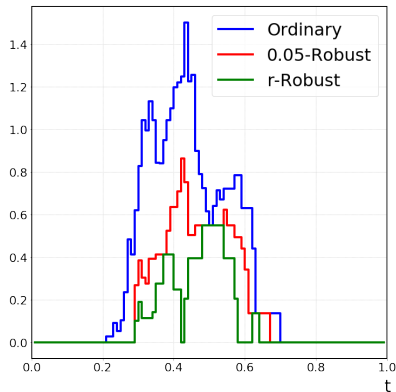
10. Atienza, Gonzalez-Diaz, and Soriano-Trigueros, "On the Stability of Persistent Entropy and New Summary Functions for TDA," 2019.

ε -Robust Persistence Curves

Betti Curve



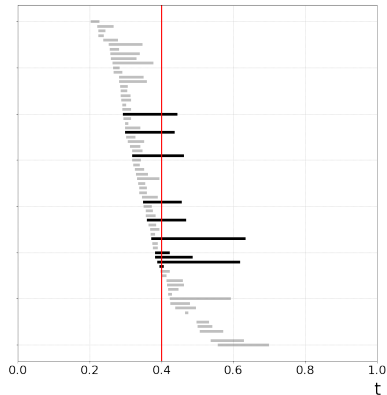
Entropy Curve



ε -Robust Persistence Curves

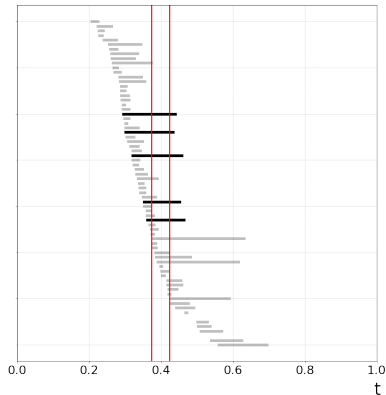
Connection to Barcodes

Persistence Barcode



$$t = 0.4, \varepsilon = 0$$

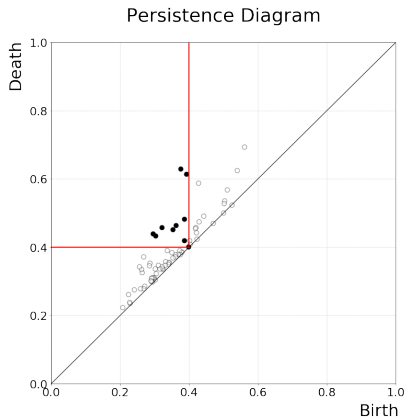
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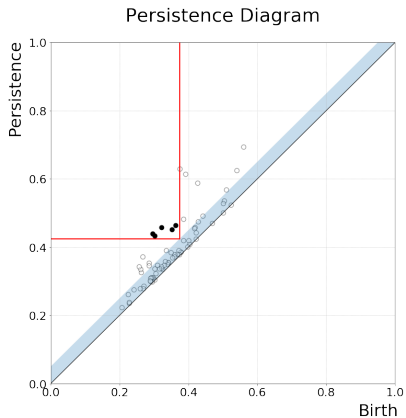
$$t = 0.4, \varepsilon = 0.05$$

ε -Robust Persistence Curves

Connection to Diagrams



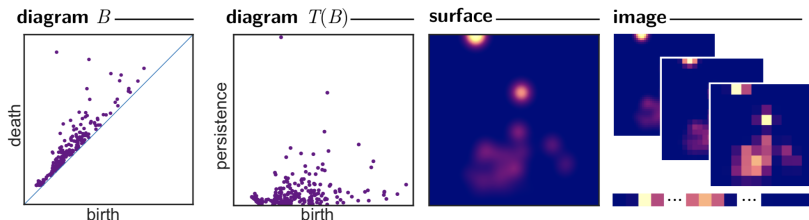
$$t = 0.4, \varepsilon = 0$$



$$t = 0.4, \varepsilon = 0.05$$

Persistence Image

A *persistence image*¹¹ views a persistence diagram as a 2-dimensional probability distribution and discretize its kernel density estimation by Gaussian kernel.



That is, at first, PD is transformed by $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ to birth-persistence coordinates: $T(b, d) = (b, d - b)$.

11. Adams et al., "Persistence images: A stable Vector Representation of Persistent Homology," 2017.

Persistence Image

Second, a smooth persistence surface $\rho_{PD_k} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ of $T(PD_k)$ defined as:

$$\rho(PD_k) = \sum_{u \in T(PD_k)} f(u) g_u(z)$$

is computed, where $f(u) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a *weighting function*, weighting points with small persistence less:

$$w_b(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \leq 0, \\ t/p_{max}, & \text{if } 0 < t < p_{max}, \\ 1, & \text{if } t \geq p_{max} \end{cases}$$

Persistence Image

$$g_u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma} \exp -[(z_x - \mu_x)^2 + (z_y - \mu_y)^2]/2\sigma^2$$

is a Gaussian kernel. Third, a discretization over a grid of desired size is obtained by integration:

$$I(\rho_{PD_k}) = \int \int \rho_{PD_k}(z_x, z_y) dz_x dz_y.$$

Persistence Landscape

A persistence landscape¹¹ is an embedding of a persistence diagram in a space of continuous functions L^2 . That is, for each birth-death point $p = b_i, d_i \in PD_k$, a continuous piecewise linear basis function $\Lambda_p(\varepsilon)$ is:

$$\Lambda_p(t) = \begin{cases} t - b, & t \in [b, \frac{b+d}{2}] \\ d - t, & t \in (\frac{b+d}{2}, d] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Given a set of basis functions of a points, a *persistence landscape* is defined $\lambda_{PD_k}(t) = \text{kmax}_{p \in PD_k} \Lambda_p(t)$, where $t \in [0, T]$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and kmax is the k -th largest value in the set.

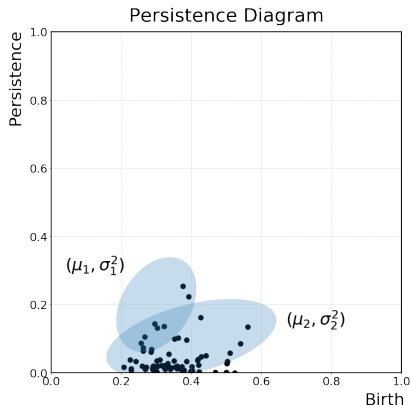
11. Bubenik and Dłotko, "A Persistence Landscapes Toolbox for Topological Statistics," 2017.

Learning task-specific vector representations

Learning with Topological Signatures

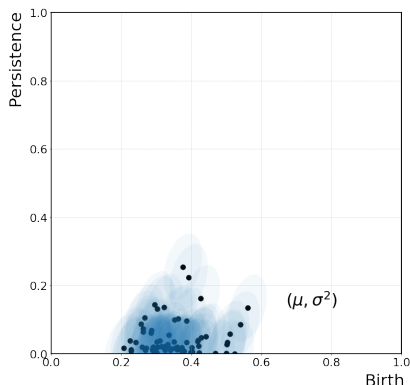
The first approach to learn vector representation of persistence diagram¹² evaluates the points against mixture of Gaussians with parameters (μ, σ) that are learned:

$$s_{\mu, \sigma^2} = \exp \sigma_b^2(-b - \mu_b) - \sigma_d^2(-d - \mu_d)$$



Learning Representations of Persistence Barcodes

In a recent work authors¹³ further suggest three possible functions $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which roughly correspond to *Gaussian*, *spike* and *cone* functions centered on the diagram points.



13. Hofer, Kwitt, and Niethammer, “Learning representations of persistence barcodes,” 2019.

PersLay: A Neural Network Layer for Persistence Diagrams

$$\text{PersLay}(Dg) := \text{op}(\{w(p) \cdot \phi(p)\}_{p \in Dg})$$

where:

- ▶ op is any *permutation invariant operation* (such as minimum, maximum, sum, k -th largest value),
- ▶ $w : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a *weight function* for the persistence diagram points (can be linear, Gaussian mixture and grid), and
- ▶ $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a *point transformation function*, mapping each point (b_i, d_i) of a persistence diagram to a vector.

W_{θ_1} and ϕ_{θ_2} are chosen from a class of differentiable functions, and parameters θ_1, θ_2 are optimized by backpropagation.¹⁴

14. Carriere et al., “PersLay: A Neural Network Layer for Persistence Diagrams and New Graph Topological Signatures,” 2019.

The *triangle point transformation* $\phi_{\Lambda} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$,
 $p \mapsto [\Lambda_p(t_1), \dots, \Lambda_p(t_n)]^T$, where the triangle function Λ_p
 associated to a point $p = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is
 $\Lambda_p : t \mapsto \max\{0, y - |t - x|\}$, with $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

The *indicator transformation* $\phi_{\mathbb{I}} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$,
 $p \mapsto [\mathbb{I}_p(t_1), \dots, \mathbb{I}_p(t_n)]^T$, where the indicator function \mathbb{I}_p
 associated to a point $p = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is $\mathbb{I}_p : t \mapsto \mathbb{I}\{x < t < y\}$,
 with $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

The *Gaussian point transformation* $\phi_{\Gamma} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$,
 $p \mapsto [\Gamma_p(t_1), \dots, \Gamma_p(t_n)]^T$, where the Gaussian function Γ_p
 associated to a point $p = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is
 $\Gamma_p : t \mapsto \exp(-\|p - t\|_2^2 / 2\sigma^2)$ for a given $\sigma > 0$, $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and
 $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

The *persistence landscape*: $\phi = \phi_\Lambda$ with samples $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $\text{op} = k\text{-th largest value}$, $w = 1$ (a constant weight function).

The *Betti curve*: $\phi = \phi_\mathbb{I}$ with samples $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $\text{op} = \text{sum}$, $w = 1$ (a constant weight function).

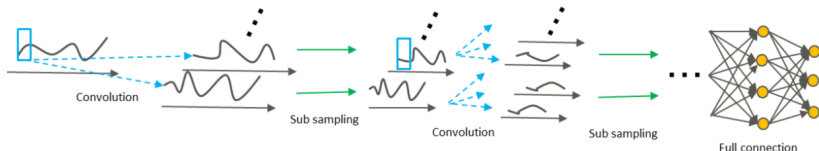
The *persistence image*: $\phi = \phi_\Gamma$ with samples $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\text{op} = \text{sum}$, arbitrary weight function w .

	PD	PERSLAY
REDDIT5K	55.0	55.6(± 0.3)
REDDIT12K	44.2	47.7(± 0.2)
COLLAB	71.6	76.4(± 0.4)
IMDB-B	68.8	71.2(± 0.7)
IMDB-M	48.2	48.8(± 0.6)
COX2 *	81.5	80.9(± 1.0)
DHFR *	78.2	80.3(± 0.8)
MUTAG *	85.1	89.8(± 0.9)
PROTEINS *	72.2	74.8(± 0.3)
NCI1 *	72.3	73.5(± 0.3)
NCI109 *	67.0	69.5(± 0.3)

Table: Classification performance

1-dimensional CNN

Umeda¹⁵ considers 1-d CNN on Betti curves:



Datasets	Gyro sensor	EEG dataset	EMG dataset
	Accuracy		
method\validation	Leave one subject out [%]	10-fold[%]	Leave one subject out[%]
SVM+Betti sequence	63.5 ± 11.3	66.7 ± 5.6	49.6 ± 18.2
connected input 1-CNN+Betti sequence	79.8 ± 5.0	75.38 ± 5.7	74.4 ± 10.6
parallel 1-CNN+Betti sequence	86.1 ± 7.2	-	76.4 ± 7.2

Table: Classification performance

Deep Sets

Deep Sets¹⁶ model $f : (\mathbb{R}^3)^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ consists of

$$f(\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}) = \rho \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \phi_{\theta}(x_i) \right), \quad (1)$$

- ▶ a MLP encoder $\phi_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$ mapping each diagram point $x_i = (b_i, d_i, h_i)$, with parameters θ shared between points,
- ▶ a permutation invariant pooling operation $(\cdot) : (\mathbb{R}^D)^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$ to obtain a representation of a diagram at whole (particularly for Deep Sets - sum pooling), and
- ▶ a decoder $\rho : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ which further transforms the diagram representation.

Transformers

Deep sets transforms individual points \mathbf{x}_i in the diagram \mathbf{X} independently via MLP. Self-attention transformer¹⁷ makes each point \mathbf{x}_i a nonlinear weighted combination of every point in the diagram

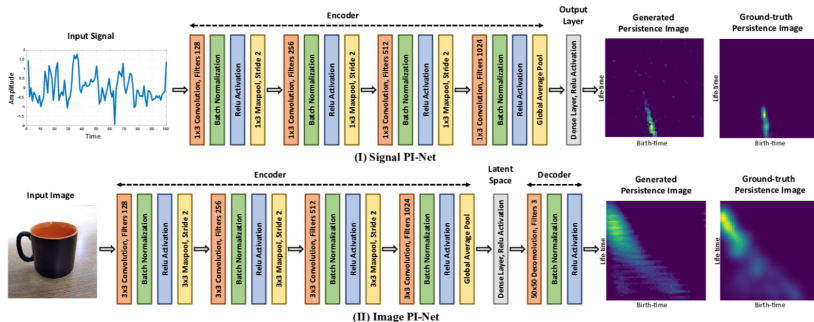
$$\Phi_{\mathbf{W}_q, \mathbf{W}_k, \mathbf{W}_v}^{ATTN}(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) = \sigma \left(\frac{(\mathbf{W}_q \mathbf{X})(\mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{X})^T}{\sqrt{D}} \right) \mathbf{W}_v \mathbf{X}, \quad (2)$$

where $\Phi_{ATTN} : (\mathbb{R}^3)^N \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^D)^N$.

17. Reiauer, Caorsi, and Berkouk, "Persformer: A transformer architecture for topological machine learning," 2021.

Learning the persistent homology map

PI-Net¹⁸ learns persistence images directly from data, either 2D images or multivariate time series, after being trained on ground-truth persistence images of PDs extracted by the persistent homology algorithm.



18. Som et al., "PI-Net: A Deep Learning Approach to Extract Topological Persistence Images," 2019.

PI-Net

Concatenating features obtained from AlexNet and Network in Network with ground-truth and learned topological features results an improvement in image classification on CIFAR10 and SVHN datasets.

Method	CIFAR10		SVHN	
	Mean \pm SD	p-Value	Mean \pm SD	p-Value
Alexnet	80.49 \pm 0.30	-	93.08 \pm 0.17	-
Alexnet + PI	80.52 \pm 0.38	0.8932	93.72 \pm 0.10	0.0001
Alexnet + Image PI-Net	81.25\pm0.49	0.0182	93.83\pm0.11	<0.0001
Alexnet + Image PI-Net FA	81.23\pm0.42	0.0125	93.92\pm0.13	<0.0001
Alexnet + Image PI-Net FS	81.80\pm0.24	0.0001	93.94\pm0.13	<0.0001
NIN	84.93 \pm 0.13	-	95.83 \pm 0.07	-
NIN + PI	85.29 \pm 0.30	0.0392	95.75 \pm 0.08	0.1309
NIN + Image PI-Net	86.61\pm0.19	<0.0001	96.04\pm0.04	0.0004
NIN + Image PI-Net FA	86.62\pm0.39	<0.0001	95.97\pm0.05	0.0066
NIN + Image PI-Net FS	86.61\pm0.40	<0.0001	96.06\pm0.04	0.0002

Table: Classification performance

Authors report a decrease up of two orders of magnitude in the computation time and conclude that it makes real-time TDA applications possible.

Method	Mean \pm SD (10^{-3} seconds)	
	CIFAR10 (50,000 images)	SVHN (73,257 images)
Conventional TDA - CPU	146.50 \pm 3.83	105.03 \pm 3.57
Image PI-Net - GPU	2.52\pm0.02	2.19\pm0.02

Table: Computation speed

Another paper on learning the persistent homology map¹⁹.

19. Montúfar, Otter, and Wang, “Can neural networks learn persistent homology features?,” 2020.

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