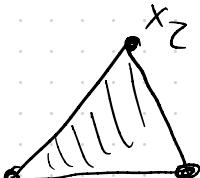


Recall from last time

\*Note new definition of hole in lecture notes from last time.



$\partial_2 : \text{Edges} \rightarrow \{\text{Vertices}\}$

$\partial_2 : \text{triangles} \rightarrow \text{edges}$

$x_0 \quad x_1$

And  $\partial_2(\partial_2(\{x_0, x_1, x_2\})) = 2\{x_0\} + 2\{x_1\} + 2\{x_2\}$

We formalize as follows

**Def**  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$  a finite set. The free vector space of  $S$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  is

$$F(S) := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m q_i s_i \mid q_i \in \mathbb{F}_2 \right\}.$$

The  $s_i$  are linearly independent,

$$\sum q_i s_i + \sum k_i s_i = \sum (q_i + k_i) s_i$$

$$\sum q_i s_i = \sum (q_i) s_i$$

$$F(S) \cong \mathbb{F}_2^m \quad \text{so in particular } \dim(F(S)) = m.$$

**Def** Let  $n \geq 0$  and  $K$  a simplicial complex.

Recall  $K^{(p)} = p\text{-skeleton of } K = \{ \sigma \in K \mid \dim(\sigma) \leq p \}$

The vector space of  $n$ -chains in  $K$  is

$$C_n(K) = F(K^{(n)} \setminus K^{(n-1)})$$

\* i.e.  $C_n(K)$  = free vector space of all  $n$ -simplices in  $K$ .

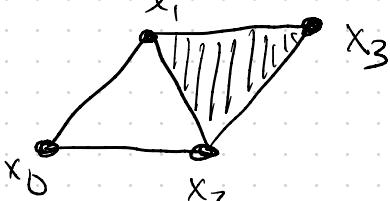
\*  $C_{-1}(K) = \{0\}$ .

**Definition** The boundary operator is the map

$$\partial_n : C_n(K) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(K)$$

$$\partial_n(\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}) = \sum_{i=0}^n \{x_0, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_n\} \setminus \{x_i\}$$

**Exercise**



Compute kernel & image for all  $\partial_n$  with  $n \geq 1$  for the given  $K$ .

①  $C_n(K) = ?$

② image & kernels

③ Determine dimension of each kernel & image.

$$C_-(K) = \{0\}$$

$$C_0(K) = \text{Span}\{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$

$$C_1(K) = \text{Span}\{\{x_0, x_1\}, \{x_0, x_2\}, \{x_1, x_2\}, \{x_1, x_3\}, \{x_2, x_3\}\}$$

$$C_2(K) = \text{Span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$

$$C_n(K) = \{0\} \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

$$\partial_0 : C_0 \rightarrow C_1$$

$$\ker(\partial_0) = \text{Span}\{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3\}, \dim = 4$$

$$\text{im}(\partial_0) = 0$$

$$\dim = 0.$$

$$\partial_1 : C_1 \rightarrow C_0$$

$$\text{im}(\partial_1) = \text{Span}\left\{ \underbrace{x_0 + x_1, x_0 + x_2, x_1 + x_3}_{\substack{x_1 + x_2 \text{ in this} \\ \text{Span}}}, \underbrace{x_2 + x_3}_{\substack{x_2 + x_3 \text{ in} \\ \text{Span of all 3.}}} \right\}$$

$$\ker(\partial_1) = \text{Span}\left\{ \{x_0, x_2\} + \{x_0, x_3\} + \{x_1, x_2\}, \{x_1, x_2\} + \{x_1, x_3\} + \{x_2, x_3\} \right\}$$

$$\partial_2 : C_2 \rightarrow C_1$$

$$\text{im}(\partial_2) = \text{Span}\{\{x_1, x_2\} + \{x_1, x_3\} + \{x_2, x_3\}\}$$

$$\ker(\partial_2) = \{0\}.$$

$\partial_n$  trivial for all  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\text{Im}(\partial_3) = \{0\}$ .

**Def'n** Let  $K$  be a simplicial complex. The  $n$ -th homology vector space is

$$H_n(K) := \ker(\partial_n) / \text{Im}(\partial_{n+1})$$

The  $n$ th Betti number (<# of  $n$ -dim'l holes>)

$$\beta_n(K) = \dim(H_n(K)) = \dim(\ker(\partial_n)) - \dim(\text{Im}(\partial_{n+1}))$$

**Exercise**

① Compute Betti #'s in example from above

② Show  $\text{Im}(\partial_{n+1}) \subseteq \ker(\partial_n)$  by showing  
for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \beta_0(K) = 4 - 3 = 1 \quad (\text{1 connected component})$$

$$\beta_1(K) = 2 - 1 = 1 \quad (\text{1 one-dim'l hole})$$

$$\beta_n(K) = 0 \quad \text{for all } n \geq 2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad \partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n (\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \partial_{n-1}(\{x_0, \dots, \cancel{x_i}, \{x_i\}\}) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n \{x_0, \dots, \cancel{x_i}, \{x_i, x_j\}\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_i$  is removed  
 and  $x_i$  occurs twice.

**Lemma**

$\beta_0(K) = \# \text{ connected components.}$

Let  $V = \{\text{vertices on } K\}.$

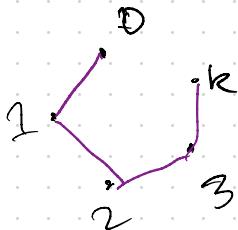
$$\beta_0(K) = \frac{(\ker(\partial_0))}{\dim(\text{Im}(\partial_1))} = |V| - \dim(\text{Im}(\partial_1))$$

Divide  $V$  into  $m$  connected components  $V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_m.$

Then  $|V| = |V_1| + \dots + |V_m|.$

$$\dim(\text{Im}(\partial_1)) = \sum_{i=1}^m \dim(\text{Im}(\partial_1|_{V_i})) = \sum_{i=1}^m |V_i| - 1$$

So  $\beta_0(K) = \# \text{ connected components}$  once we show for any connected simplex on  $V_i$ ,  $\dim(\partial_1) = |V_i| - 1.$



If  $|V_i| = k$ , start with  $x_0$ ,  $\exists$  path to any other vertex  $x_i$ , all of which are independent

$$\partial_1(x_0, \dots, x_k) = \{x_0 + \dots + x_1, x_0 + \dots + x_2, \dots, x_0 + \dots + x_3, \dots, x_0 + \dots + x_k\}$$

This has  $k-1$  elements.

Making Betti numbers easy to compute!

**Def**  $K$  simplicial complex,  $k_i = \# i\text{-dim'l simplices}$   
The Euler characteristic ( $\chi = \chi$ )

$$\chi(K) = \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i k_i$$

From last time:  $\boxed{1 - \# \text{holes}}$  = (vertices - edges + faces)

for K connected  $\beta_0(K) - \beta_1(K)$  Euler characteristic

Proposition

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i k_i = \chi(K) = \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i \beta_i(K).$$

Pf

By rank-nullity theorem

$$k_i = \dim(C_i(K)) = \underbrace{\dim(\text{Im}(\partial_i))}_{\text{rank}} + \underbrace{\dim(\ker(\partial_i))}_{\text{nullity}}$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i k_i = \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i [\dim(\text{Im}(\partial_i)) + \dim(\ker(\partial_i))]$$

$$= \underbrace{\dim(\text{Im}(\partial_0))}_{=0} + \underbrace{\dim(\ker(\partial_0))}_{\text{new pairing}} - \dim(\text{Im}(\partial_1)) - \dots$$

$$= \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i \dim(\ker(\partial_i)) + (-1)^{i+1} \dim(\text{Im}(\partial_{i+1}))$$

$$= \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i [\dim(\ker(\partial_i)) - \dim(\text{Im}(\partial_{i+1}))]$$

$$= \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i \beta_i(K).$$

# Algorithm (Simple version persistent homology)

Input

Data  $P \{x_0, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$

Radii  $0 < r_1 < \dots < r_m$

For  $i=1, \dots, m$

compute  $C_{r_i}(P)$  or  $\cup_{r_i}(P)$

Return  $(\beta_j [C_{r_i}(P)])$  for  $j \geq 0$

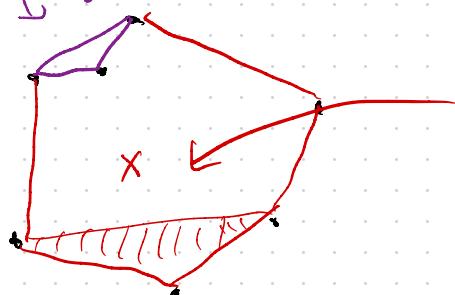
Output

Matrix of Betti numbers  $(\beta_j (C_{r_i}))$

$i=1, \dots, m$   
 $j \geq 0$ .

Interpretation The values that persist for a long sequence of  $r_i$  gives geometry

hole for  
only a small  
range of  
data set.



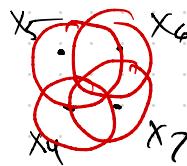
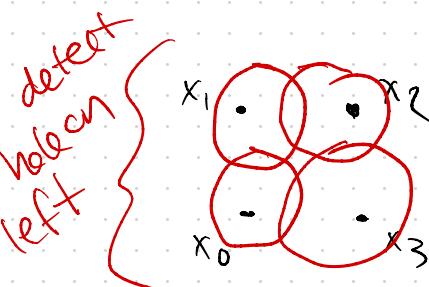
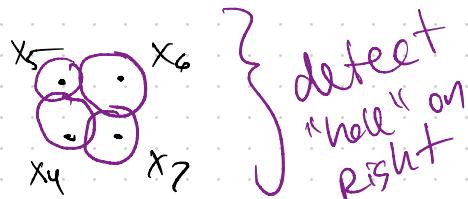
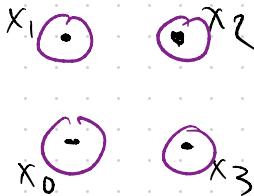
this hole will hold for a much larger range of  $r$ , until radius encloses full data set.

## Problem

Our choice of  $r_i$  might miss

some geometry of the set:

Suppose we have two circles as data set!



Two circles should have 2 holes, but  
the choice of  $r_i$  was unfortunate and  
we completely missed "seeing" both holes  
at the same time.

★ For next time we define persistent  
Betti numbers, which is last piece of information  
we need for persistent homology. Bring computer  
on Wednesday