Extracting Sparse Eilenberg-MacLane Coordinates via Principal Bundles

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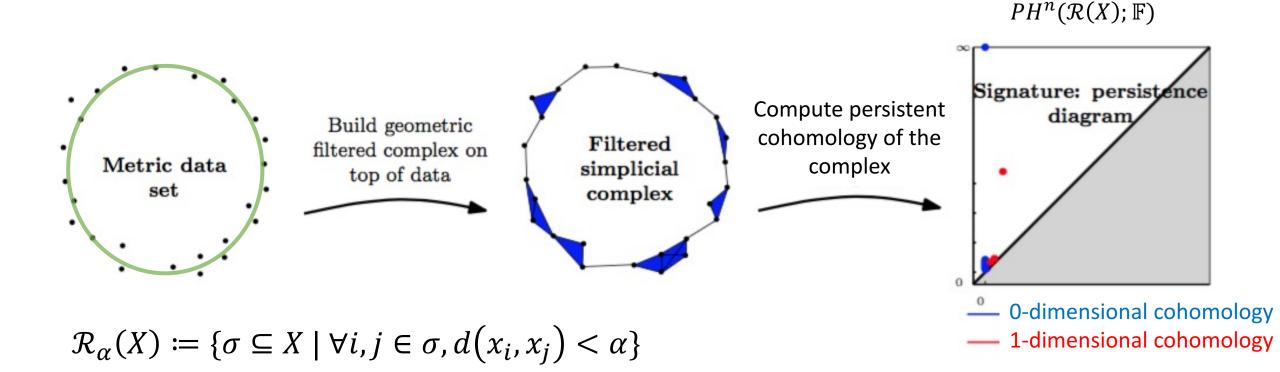


Pipeline of TDA

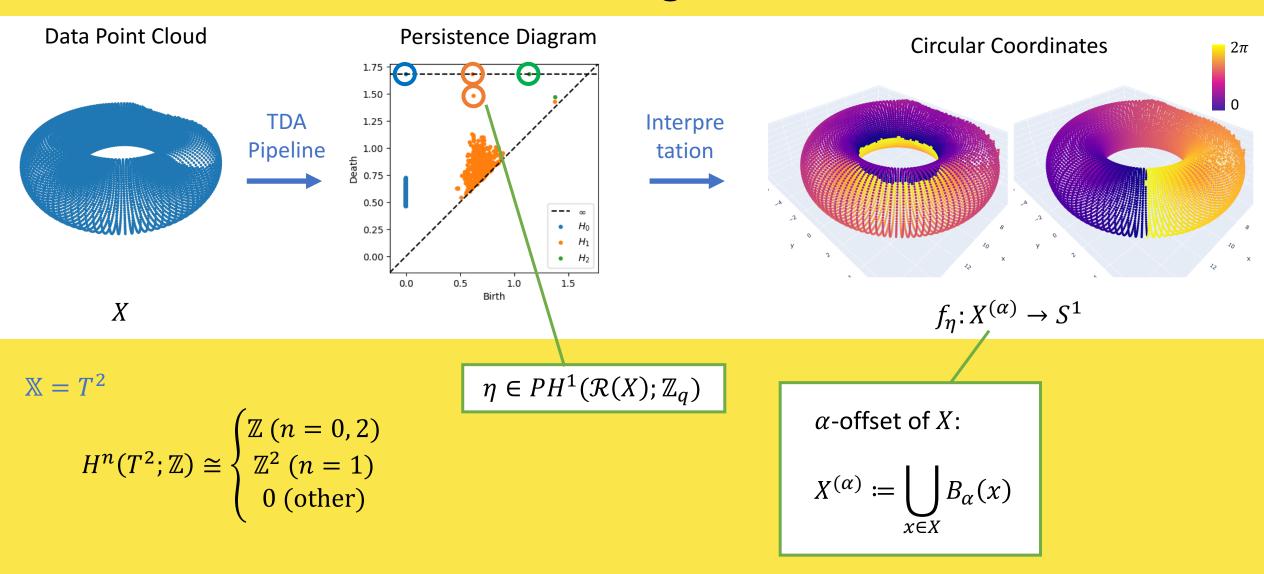
 $\mathbb{X} \subseteq (\mathbb{M}, d)$: metric space

 $X = \{x_i\}_{i \in I}$: a finite set sampled from X

F: a field



More behind the Persistence Diagram



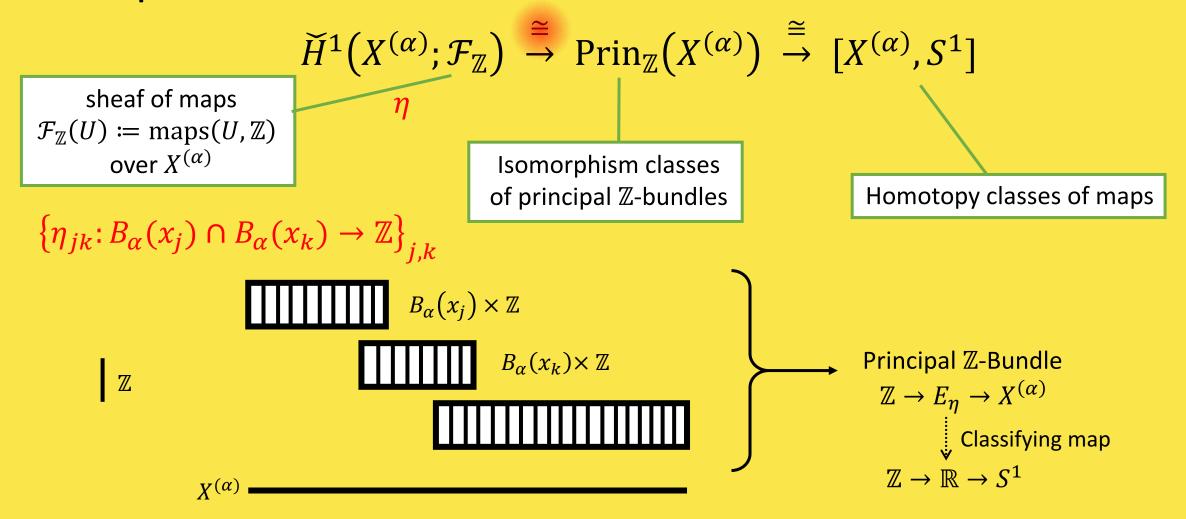
- Choose $\{\eta\} \in PH^1(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_q)$ and $\operatorname{birth}(\eta) < \alpha < \frac{\operatorname{death}(\eta)}{2}$
- Lift $\eta \in H^1(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X); \mathbb{Z}_q)$ to a class in $H^1(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X); \mathbb{Z})$ by

$$\ldots \to H^1(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);\mathbb{Z}) \to H^1(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);\mathbb{Z}) \to H^1\big(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);\mathbb{Z}_q\big) \overset{\Delta}{\to} H^2(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);\mathbb{Z}) \to \cdots$$
 derived from $0 \to \mathbb{Z} \overset{\cdot q}{\to} \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}_q \to 0$
$$\begin{matrix} \chi^{(\alpha)} \to \check{\mathcal{C}}_\alpha(X) \\ \mathcal{R}_\alpha(X) \subseteq \check{\mathcal{C}}_\alpha(X) \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X) \end{matrix}$$

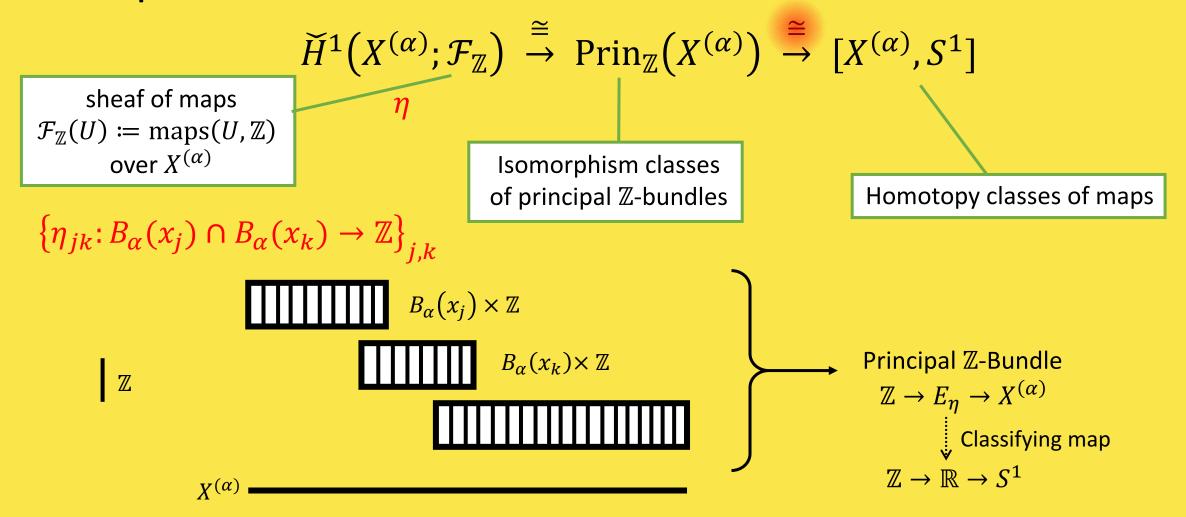
- The map $X^{(\alpha)} \to |\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X)|$ determines a map $H^1(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X); \mathbb{Z}) \to H^1(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathbb{Z})$
- There is an isomorphism between Čech cohomology and singular cohomology

$$H^1(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \check{H}^1(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}})$$
 Locally constant sheaf

$$PH^1\left(\mathcal{R}(X);\mathbb{Z}_q\right)\to H^1\left(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);\mathbb{Z}_q\right)\to H^1\left(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);\mathbb{Z}\right)\to H^1\left(X^{(\alpha)};\mathbb{Z}\right)\to \widecheck{H}^1\left(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{C}_\mathbb{Z}\right)\to\cdots\to [X^{(\alpha)},S^1]$$



$$PH^{1}(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_{q}) \to \cdots \to \widecheck{H}^{1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}}) = \widecheck{H}^{1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{Z}}) \to \operatorname{Prin}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X^{(\alpha)}) \to [X^{(\alpha)}, S^{1}]$$



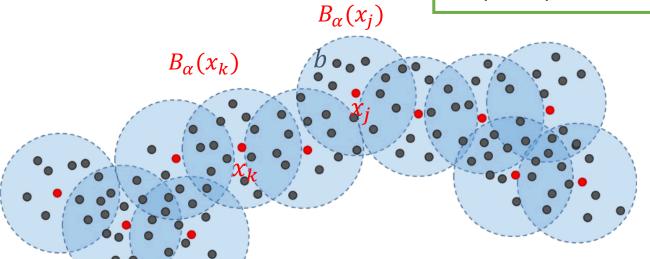
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$$\widecheck{H}^{1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{Z}}) \stackrel{\cong}{\to} \operatorname{Prin}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X^{(\alpha)}) \stackrel{\cong}{\to} [X^{(\alpha)}, S^{1}]$$

sheaf of maps $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{Z}}(U)\coloneqq \mathrm{maps}(U,\mathbb{Z})$ over $X^{(lpha)}$

Isomorphism classes of principal \mathbb{Z} -bundles

Homotopy classes of maps



Final Output

$$f_{\eta}: X^{(\alpha)} \to S^1$$

$$b \in B_{\alpha}(x_j) \mapsto \exp\left\{2\pi i \sum_{k \in I} \varphi_k(b) \eta_{jk}\right\}$$

Partition of unity subordinated to $\{B_{\alpha}(x_k)\}_{k\in I}$

$$PH^{1}(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_{q}) \to \cdots \to \widecheck{H}^{1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}}) = \widecheck{H}^{1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{Z}}) \to \operatorname{Prin}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X^{(\alpha)}) \to [X^{(\alpha)}, S^{1}]$$

Previous Work

Sparse circular coordinates: [Jose A. Perea, Abel Symp, 2020]

$$\{\eta\} \in PH^1(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z})$$
 $f_{\eta}: X^{(\alpha)} \to S^1$

Torodial coordinates: [Luis Scoccola et al, SoCG, 2023]

$$\{([\eta_1],\ldots,[\eta_l])\}\in PH^1(\mathcal{R}(X);\mathbb{Z}^l)\qquad \qquad f_{\eta_1,\ldots,\eta_l}:X^{(\alpha)}\to T^l$$

Projective coordinates: [Jose A. Perea, **D&CG**, 2018]

$$\{\theta\} \in PH^1(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_2) \qquad f_{\theta}: X^{(\alpha)} \to \mathbb{RP}^n$$

$$\{\nu\} \in PH^2(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}) \qquad f_{\nu}: X^{(\alpha)} \to \mathbb{CP}^n$$

Lens coordinates: [Luis Polanco, Jose A. Perea, CCCG, 2019]

$$\{\mu\} \in PH^1(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_q) \qquad f_{\mu}: X^{(\alpha)} \to S^{2n-1}/(\mathbb{Z}_q)$$

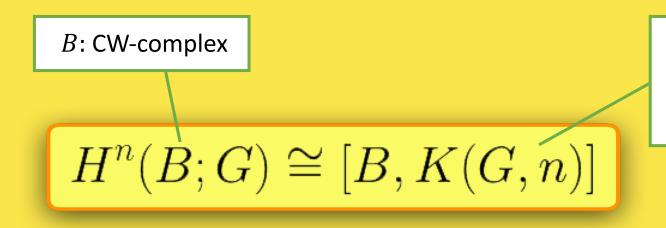
Code: DREiMac [Jose A. Perea, Luis Scoccola, Chris Tralie, 2023]

Dimensionality Reduction with Eilenberg-MacLane Coordinates

Idea of this project -- Generalization

G: finitely generated Abelian group

Q. What information can we have from $\{\eta\} \in PH^n(\mathcal{R}(X); G)$?



K(G, n): Eilenberg-MacLane Space $\pi_i(K(G, n)) \cong \begin{cases} G \ (i = n) \\ 0 \ (i \neq n) \end{cases}$

n	1	1	1	1	2
G	\mathbb{Z}	\mathbb{Z}^l	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_q	\mathbb{Z}
K(G,n)	S^1	T^l	\mathbb{RP}^{∞}	L_q^{∞}	\mathbb{CP}^∞

A glimpse of our pipeline

Start: $[\eta] \in PH^n(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{F})$

G: finitely generated Abelian topological group

$$\eta \in PH^{n}(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}: field} \eta \in H^{n}(R_{2\alpha}(X); \mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{SelectG} H^{n}(R_{2\alpha}(X); G)$$

$$\downarrow \cong$$

$$\check{H}^{n}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{G}) \xleftarrow{inclusion} H^{n}(X^{(\alpha)}; G) \xleftarrow{(1)} H^{n}(|R_{2\alpha}(X)|; G)$$

$$\downarrow (2)$$

$$\check{H}^{n-1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{BG}) \xrightarrow{(2)} ... \xrightarrow{(2)} \check{H}^{1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{B^{n-1}G})$$

$$\downarrow (3)$$

$$[X^{(\alpha)}, K(G, n)] \xleftarrow{\cong} [X^{(\alpha)}, B^{n}G] \xleftarrow{(4)} Prin_{B^{n-1}G}(X^{(\alpha)})$$

End: $f_{\eta}: X^{(\alpha)} \to K(G, n)$

- Choose $\{\eta\} \in PH^n(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_q)$ and $\operatorname{birth}(\eta) < \alpha < \frac{\operatorname{death}(\eta)}{2}$
- Select your group G:
 - Find appropriate G and H that fit into this short exact sequence

$$0 \to H \to G \to \mathbb{Z}_q \to 0$$

• For each possible sequence, ask the Bockstein question: "Can I lift η "?

$$\dots \to H^n(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);H) \to H^n(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);G) \to H^n\big(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);\mathbb{Z}_q\big) \overset{\Delta}{\to} H^{n+1}(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X);H) \to \dots$$

- The map $X^{(\alpha)} \to |\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X)|$ determines a map $H^n(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X); G) \to H^n(X^{(\alpha)}; G)$
- There is an isomorphism between Čech cohomology and singular cohomology $H^n(X^{(\alpha)};G)\cong \check{H}^n(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{C}_G)$

$$PH^{n}(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_{q}) \to H^{n}(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X); \mathbb{Z}_{q}) \to H^{n}(\mathcal{R}_{2\alpha}(X); G) \to H^{n}(X^{(\alpha)}; G) \to \check{H}^{n}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{G}) \to \cdots \to [X^{(\alpha)}, K(G, n)]$$

$$\widecheck{H}^n\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_G\big) \overset{\cong}{\to} \widecheck{H}^{n-1}\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{BG}\big) \overset{\cong}{\to} \cdots \overset{\cong}{\to} \widecheck{H}^1\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{B^{n-1}G}\big)$$

G: Abelian topological group

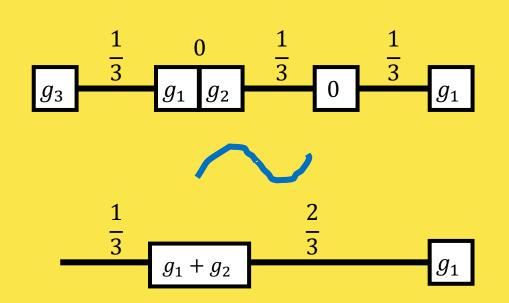
• We use the "bar construction" for EG and BG:

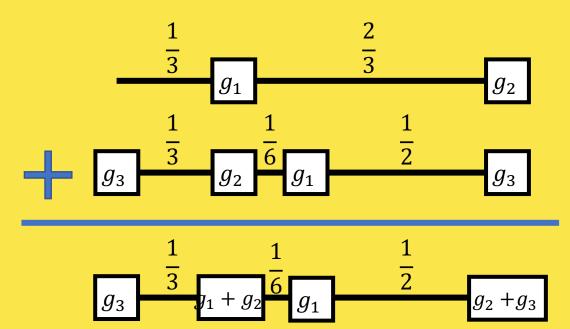
$$E\mathcal{G} := \coprod_{n\geq 0} \mathcal{G}^{n+1} \times \Delta_n /_{\sim}$$

• \mathcal{G} -action on $E\mathcal{G}$ is defined simplex wise: $(g_0, ..., g_n) \cdot g \coloneqq (g_0, ..., g_n + g)$

ullet $B\mathcal{G}$ is $E\mathcal{G}$'s quotient under the group action:

$$B\mathcal{G} \coloneqq E\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{G}$$





$$\widecheck{H}^n\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_G\big) \overset{\cong}{\to} \widecheck{H}^{n-1}\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{BG}\big) \overset{\cong}{\to} \cdots \overset{\cong}{\to} \widecheck{H}^1\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{B^{n-1}G}\big)$$

\mathcal{G} : Abelian topological group

The universal bundle $\mathcal{G} \to E\mathcal{G} \to B\mathcal{G}$ induces a short exact sequence of sheaves $0 \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{G}} \to \mathcal{F}_{E\mathcal{G}} \to \mathcal{F}_{B\mathcal{G}} \to 0$, which further induces a long exact sequence

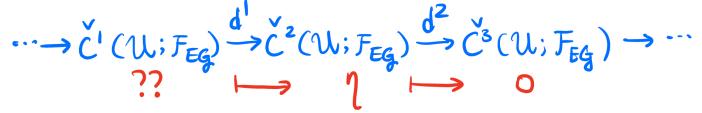
$$\dots \to \widecheck{H}^n(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{E\mathcal{G}}) \to \widecheck{H}^n(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{B\mathcal{G}}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \widecheck{H}^{n+1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{G}}) \to \widecheck{H}^{n+1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{E\mathcal{G}}) \to \dots$$

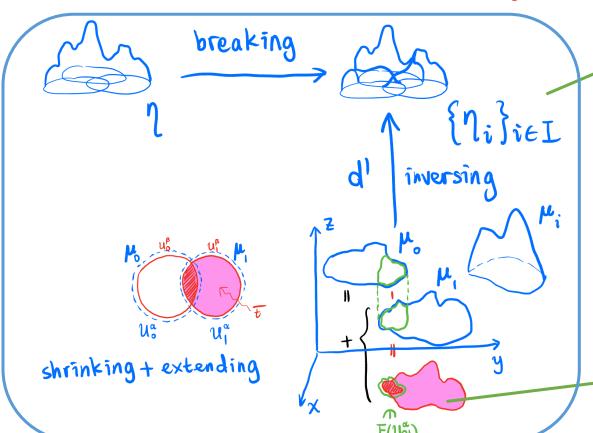
<u>Proposition.</u> Let B be a paracompact space, and E be a contractible topological Abelian group. Then, $\check{H}^n(B; \mathcal{F}_E) = 0$ for all n > 0.

$$PH^n\left(\mathcal{R}(X);\mathbb{Z}_q\right)\to\cdots\to \widecheck{H}^n\left(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_G\right)\to\widecheck{H}^{n-1}\left(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{BG}\right)\to\cdots\to\widecheck{H}^1\left(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{B^{n-1}G}\right)\to\cdots\to\left[X^{(\alpha)},K(G,n)\right]$$

Proposition.
$$\check{H}^n(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{EG}) = 0$$
 for all $n > 0$

Solving a coboundary problem – It is very HARD to be written down explicitly!





Idea: Breaking, inversing, gluing, shrinking

Proof Punchline – sheaf theory $\mathcal{F}_{E\mathcal{G}}$ is a soft sheaf

 $\mathcal{U}^{\alpha} \coloneqq \{B_{\alpha}(x)\}_{x \in X}$ is an open cover of $B \coloneqq X^{(\alpha)}$ $\mathcal{F} \coloneqq \mathcal{F}_{EG}$

Algorithm 2 $\check{H}^2(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = 0$ given by 4.13

Require: $\eta = (\eta_{i_0 i_1 i_2})_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2} \in \ker d_B^2 \subseteq \check{C}^2(\mathcal{U}^\alpha, \mathcal{F})(B)$

- 1: Choose $\beta < \alpha$ such that \mathcal{U}^{β} still covers B.
- 2: Define $t_0 \in \check{C}^1(\mathcal{U}^{\alpha}, \mathcal{F})(U_0^{\alpha})$ by $t_{0,i_0i_1}(x) := \eta_{0i_0i_1}(x), \forall x \in U_0^{\alpha} \cap U_{i_0i_1}^{\alpha}$.
- 3: **for** i = 1, 2, ..., N **do**
- 4: Choose γ_i such that $\beta < \gamma_i < \gamma_{i-1}$ (By convention, $\gamma_0 = \alpha$).
- 5: Define $t_i \in \check{C}^1(\mathcal{U}^{\alpha}, \mathcal{F})(\tilde{U}_i^{\gamma_i})$ by

$$t_{i,i_0i_1}(x) := \begin{cases} \eta_{ii_0i_1}(x) + h(t_{i-1,ii_1}(x), g_i(x)) - h(t_{i-1,ii_0}(x), g_i(x)) & \forall x \in (U_i^{\gamma_i} - \tilde{U}_{i-1}^{\gamma_i}) \cap U_{i_0i_1}^{\alpha} \\ t_{i-1,i_0i_1}(x) & \forall x \in \tilde{U}_{i-1}^{\gamma_i} \cap U_{i_0i_1}^{\alpha} \end{cases}$$

Shrinking

Gluing

- 6: end for
- 7: Set $Q^2(\eta) \in \check{C}^1(\mathcal{U}^{\alpha}, \mathcal{F})(B)$ by $Q^2(\eta)_{i_0 i_1}(x) := t_{N, i_0 i_1}(x), \forall x \in B$.
- 8: We claim that $d^1(Q^2(\eta)) = \eta$.

$$PH^n\big(\mathcal{R}(X);\mathbb{Z}_q\big)\to\cdots\to \widecheck{H}^n\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_G\big)\to\widecheck{H}^{n-1}\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{BG}\big)\to\cdots\to\widecheck{H}^1\big(X^{(\alpha)};\mathcal{F}_{B^{n-1}G}\big)\to\cdots\to[X^{(\alpha)},K(G,n)]$$

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- 2: Define $t_0 \in \check{C}^{n-1}(\mathcal{U}^{\alpha}, \mathcal{F})(U_0^{\alpha})$ by $t_{0,i_0...i_{n-1}}(x) := \eta_{0i_0...i_{n-1}}(x), \forall x \in U_0^{\alpha} \cap U_{i_0...i_{n-1}}^{\alpha}$. Shrinking
- 3: **for** i = 1, 2, ..., N **do**
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$$t_{i,i_0...i_{n-1}}(x) := \begin{cases} \eta_{ii_0...i_{n-1}}(x) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (-1)^j h(t_{i-1,ii_0...\hat{i_j}...i_{n-1}}(x),g_i(x)) & \forall x \in (U_i^{\gamma_i} - \tilde{U}_{i-1}^{\gamma_i}) \cap U_{i_0...i_{n-1}}^{\alpha} \\ t_{i-1,i_0...i_{n-1}}(x) & \forall x \in \tilde{U}_{i-1}^{\gamma_i} \cap U_{i_0...i_{n-1}}^{\alpha} \end{cases}$$

Gluing

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Milnor Construction: Defined by "infinite join"

G: Abelian topological group

$$\widecheck{H}^{1}(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{G}}) \stackrel{\cong}{\to} \operatorname{Prin}_{\mathcal{G}}(X^{(\alpha)}) \stackrel{\cong}{\to} [X^{(\alpha)}, \mathcal{B}\mathcal{G}]$$

Final Output

$$f_{\eta}: X^{(\alpha)} \to \mathcal{BG} = \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} * \cdots / \mathcal{G}$$

$$b \in U_{j} \mapsto \left[\left(\mu_{jk}(b) \right)_{k \in I}, \left(\varphi_{k}(b) \right)_{k \in I} \right]$$

Partition of unity subordinated to $\{B_{\alpha}(x_k)\}_k$

G is discrete, so $\mathcal{B}B^{n-1}G$ is a K(G,n)

$$PH^{n}\left(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{Z}_{q}\right) \to \cdots \to \widecheck{H}^{1}\left(X^{(\alpha)}; \mathcal{F}_{B^{n-1}G}\right) \to \operatorname{Prin}_{B^{n-1}G}\left(X^{(\alpha)}\right) \to \left[X^{(\alpha)}, \mathcal{B}B^{n-1}G\right] \stackrel{\neq}{\cong} \left[X^{(\alpha)}, K(G, n)\right]$$

To summarize

- A "long-enough" persistence generator $\{\eta\} \in PH^n(\mathcal{R}(X); \mathbb{F})$ with a parameter birth $(\eta) < \alpha < \frac{\operatorname{death}(\eta)}{2}$ gives a coordinate function $f_\eta \colon X^{(\alpha)} \to K(G, n)$
- But! This coordinate function is not as explicit as those can be written in a single formula
- But!! the coordinates can still be computed in an inductive manner, so an algorithm can still be given

• If there is a good model for specific K(G, n) you are interested in, then you may write this coordinate function