

Persistent diagrams as diagrams

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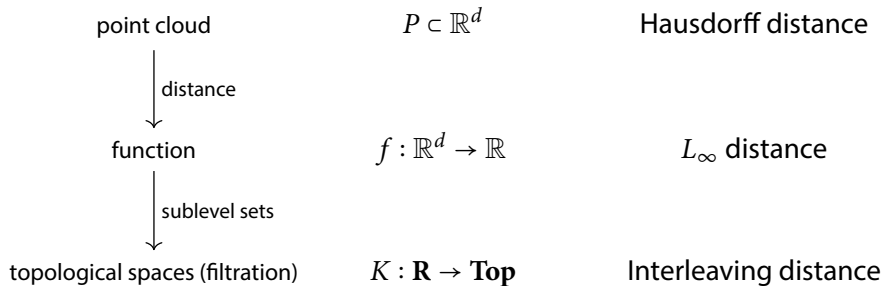
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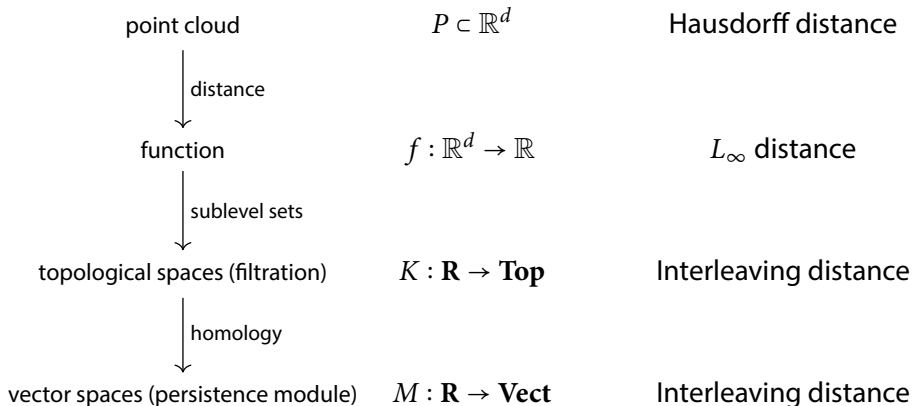
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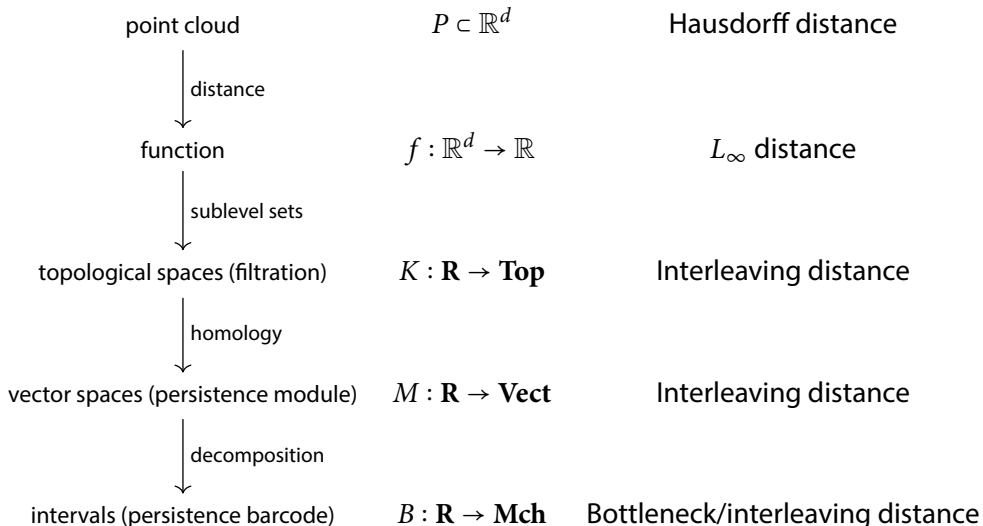
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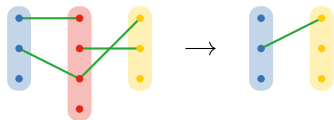


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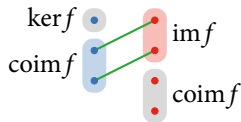
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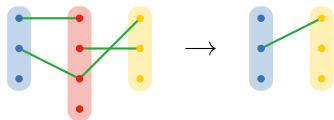


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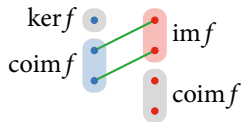
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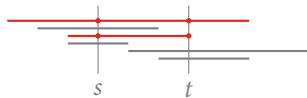
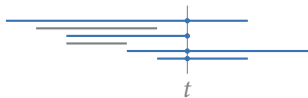
- it has a zero object (\emptyset)
- it has all (co)kernels
- every mono (epi) is (co)kernel
- every morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ has an epi-mono factorization $A \twoheadrightarrow \text{im } f \hookrightarrow B$

but not additive:

- it does not have all (co)products

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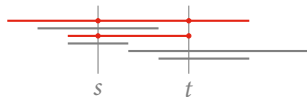
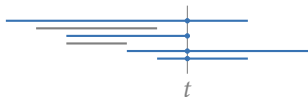
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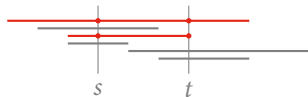
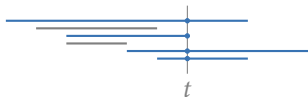
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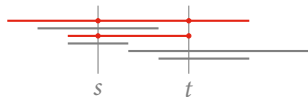
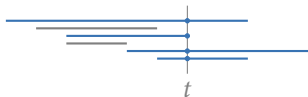
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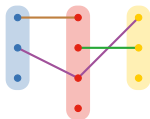
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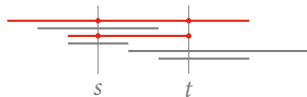
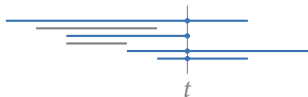
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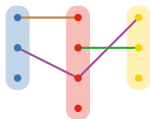
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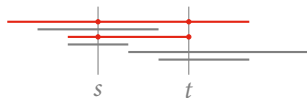
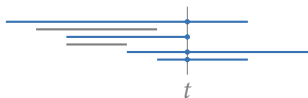
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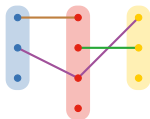
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Turn this into an equivalence of categories $\mathbf{Barc} \simeq \mathbf{Mch}^{\mathbb{R}}$

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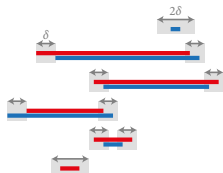
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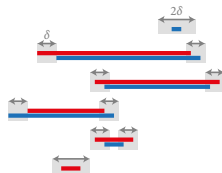


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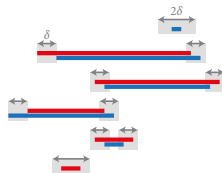
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There is no functor $\mathbf{vect} \rightarrow \mathbf{Mch}$ sending every vector space V to a set of cardinality $\dim V$ (equivalently, a linear map f to a matching of cardinality $\text{rank } f$).

But: there is a barcode functor for subcategories of monos/epis of persistence modules $\mathbf{vect}^{\mathbb{R}}$:

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There is a functor from epimorphisms of persistence modules to epimorphisms of matching diagrams.

(Dually, there is a functor from monos to monos.)



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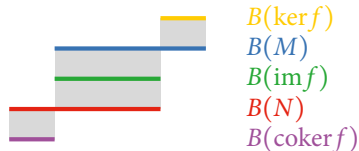
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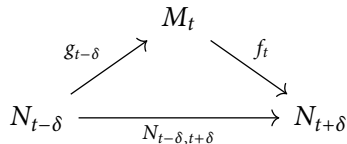
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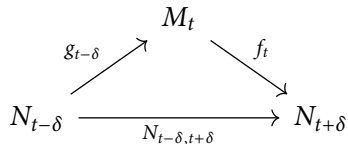
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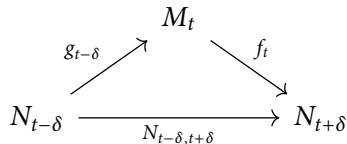


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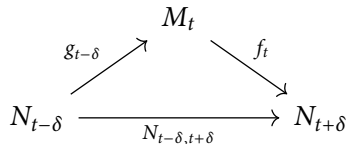


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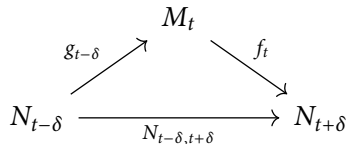
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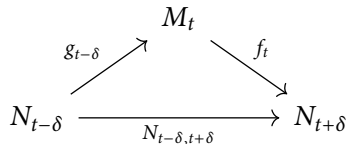
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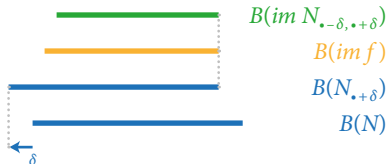
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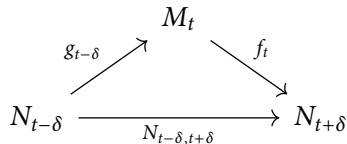
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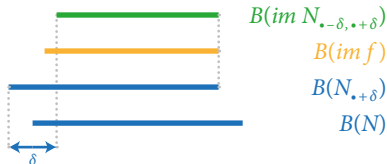
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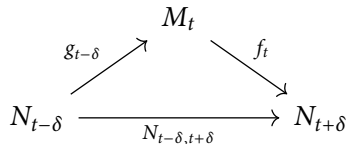
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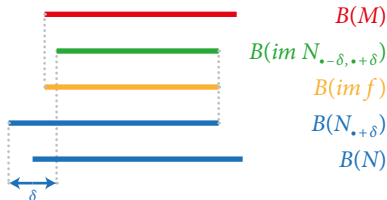
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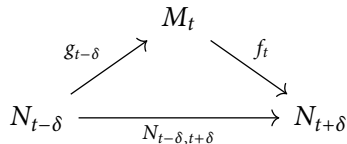
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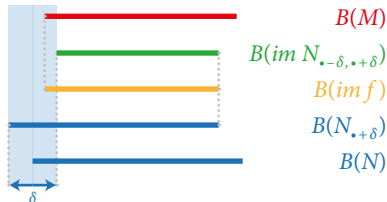
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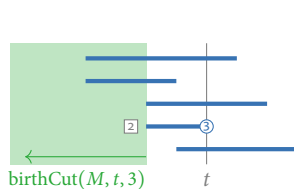
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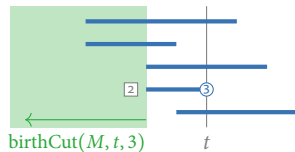
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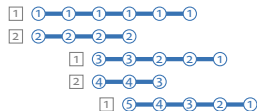


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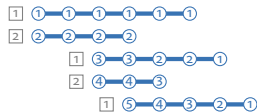
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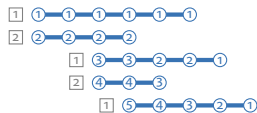
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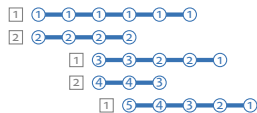
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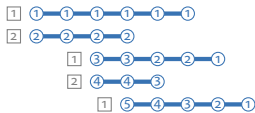
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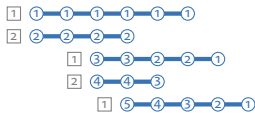
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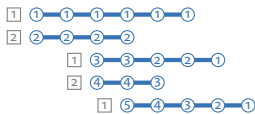
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Induced matchings for matching diagrams

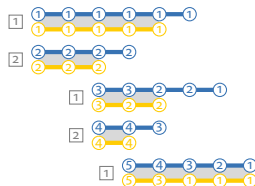
Let N be a quotient module of a persistence module M ($M \twoheadrightarrow N$ an epimorphism). Define

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Theorem

B and χ form a functor from epimorphisms of persistence modules to epimorphisms of matching diagrams.

(Dually, there is a functor from monos to monos.)



- ▶ This is the structure theorem for sub-/quotient modules, in terms of matching diagrams.
- ▶ Using an epi-mono factorization, this yields induced matchings and algebraic stability for q-tame persistence modules.
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Thanks for your attention!

