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Preface

This lecture note is a collection of slides presented at the workshop “Topological Data Analysis and Industrial Mathematics”, held at Nishijin Plaza, Fukuoka, Japan, from August 5 to 8, 2025. The workshop was organized by the Institute of Mathematics for Industry (IMI), Kyushu University, and supported by JSPS KAKENHI, Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) 25K00921 and (S) 25H00399, NICT commissioned research No.22301, and the JST Moonshot R&D Program (JPMJMS2021).

The aim of this workshop was to bring together researchers from academia and industry to discuss recent developments and applications of Topological Data Analysis (TDA) in the fields of science, engineering, and industrial mathematics. By bridging topology, geometry, and data-driven modeling, the workshop explored how mathematical frameworks can promote innovation in complex systems, biomedical sciences, and other related areas.

The program was organized around the following three main themes:

- Applications and theoretical extensions of persistent homology
- Applications of TDA to industrial and biomedical sciences
- Meta-level discussions on the role of mathematics for industry

Through these interdisciplinary discussions, this workshop provided a platform for mathematicians, engineers, and data scientists to collaborate and advance both the mathematical foundations and practical applications of topological data analysis.

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Topological Data Analysis and Industrial Mathematics: Bridging Theory and Applications

Aug. 5 (Tuesday) ~ Aug. 8 (Friday), 2025

Nishijin Plaza, Fukuoka, Japan

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Program

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- 14:30 – 15:30, Suyoung CHOI (Ajou University) – Plenary Talk
- 15:30 – 16:00, Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 16:40, Yusuke IMOTO (Kyoto University)
- 16:50 – 17:30, Junwon YOU (POSTECH)

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- 10:00 – 10:40, Tetsuji TANIGUCHI (Hiroshima Institute of Technology / Math. Research Institute Calc for Industry)
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- 11:15 – 11:40, Eunwoo HEO (POSTECH)
- 11:40 – 12:00, Photo
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- 16:00 – 16:40, Tomoki UDA (University of Toyama)
- 16:50 – 17:30, Keunsu KIM (Kyushu University)
- 17:30 – , Banquet

The banquet is supported by POSTECH MINDS (PI: Prof. Jae-Hun Jung).

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- 10:00 – 10:40, Ippei OBAYASHI (Okayama University)
- 10:50 – 11:15, Daiki TATEMATSU (Nagoya University)
- 11:15 – 11:40, Seongjin CHOI (POSTECH)
- 11:40 – 12:00, Poster pre-presentation
- 12:00 – 14:00, Lunch Break
- 14:00 – 15:00, Tea Performance
- 15:00 – 16:30, Poster Session

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- 10:50 – 11:15, Dongwoo GANG (Seoul National University)
- 11:15 – 11:40, Sebastian Elias GRAIFF ZURITA (Kyoto University)
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Topological Data Analysis for Non-Destructive Testing in Civil Engineering

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We explore the potential applications of industrial mathematics in civil engineering, with a focus on non-destructive testing (NDT). In particular, we introduce topological data analysis (TDA) techniques that can enhance model performance when analyzing ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey images.

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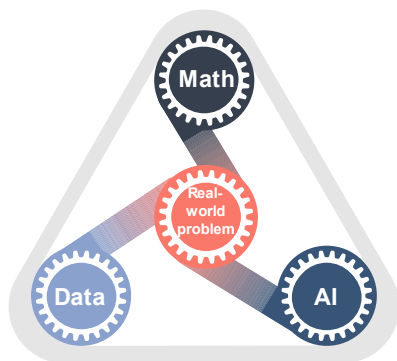
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Industrial Mathematics

How Do We Solve Industrial Problems Using Math?



AIM: Solve Real world Problem

In the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the integration of **Data**, **Mathematics**, and **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** enables industries to address complex, real-world.

DATA

Collect real-time industrial data from sensors, machines, and digital systems to reflect the physical environment and operational states.

AI

Use artificial intelligence to learn patterns from data and make automated decisions for optimization, fault detection, and predictive maintenance.

Math

Translate data into interpretable mathematical models that support analysis, simulation, forecasting, and algorithmic reasoning.

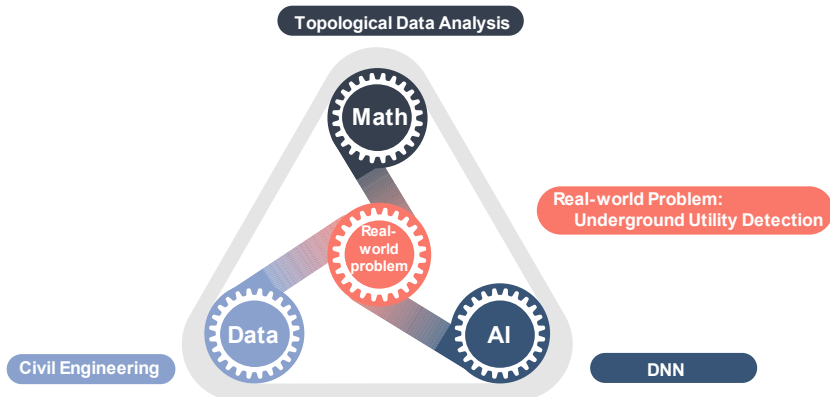
Civil Engineering

The planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the built and natural environment including infrastructure such as roads, bridges, canals, dams, airports, pipelines, sewage systems, buildings, and railways.



L. Euler was also one of pioneers of civil engineering.

Industrial Mathematics



Urban problems

- Rapid urbanization increases **underground safety concerns**.
- Many underground facilities are **poorly documented** or **mismatched** with design drawings.
- **Accurate underground information** is essential for safe and efficient urban development.



Urban problems

서울 명일동에 발생한 대형 싱크홀

광명 신안산선 공사장 지하 붕괴

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[서울=연합뉴스] 광화문 거리 ≈ 25일 서울 강동구 대명동에서 발생한 대규모 싱크홀로 인해 도로가 붕괴되고 교통이 마비되고 있다.

Industrial Problem – Underground Utility Detection

Underground Utilities: water pipes, gas lines, electrical cables ...



Water



Gas



Electrical

Impact our daily lives!

Problems:



Locating and identifying utilities are essential and necessary!

Underground exploration in Korea

- Implementation plan for disaster and safety management technology development 2016
(2016년 재난 및 안전관리기술개발 시행계획)

- Special law on Underground Safety Management 2022.1. 28
(지하안전관리에 관한 특별법)

Developers planning large-scale underground excavation projects, as defined by government regulation, are **required to conduct an underground safety assessment**.

(대통령령으로 정하는 규모 이상의 지하 굴착공사를 수반하는 사업을 하려는 지하개발사업자는 반드시 지하안전평가를 실시해야함)

NDT (nondestructive testing)

“A method of inspecting an object **without transforming it when you want to know the internal defects or components of the object”**

- Does not permanently alter the article being inspected
- Save both money and time in product evaluation, troubleshooting and research
- Can be used to detect flaws in an in-process machine part

NDT (nondestructive testing)

Is it possible to find out the type and characteristics of underground burial without digging the ground?

GPR 레이더 탐사

GPRレーダー

GPR radar

전기비저항 탐사

電気探査(比抵抗法)

Electrical
Resistivity Surveys

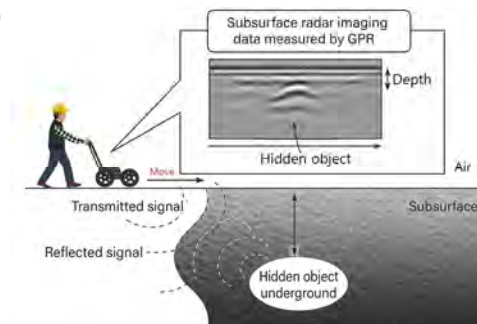
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衝撃弾性波法

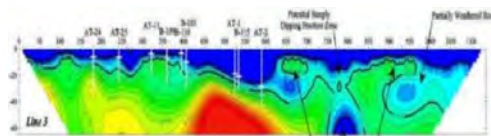
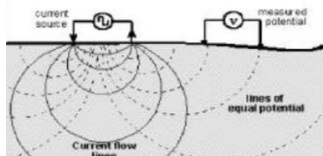
Impact Echo

GPR (Ground-penetrating radar)

“A geophysical method that uses radar pulses to image the subsurface”

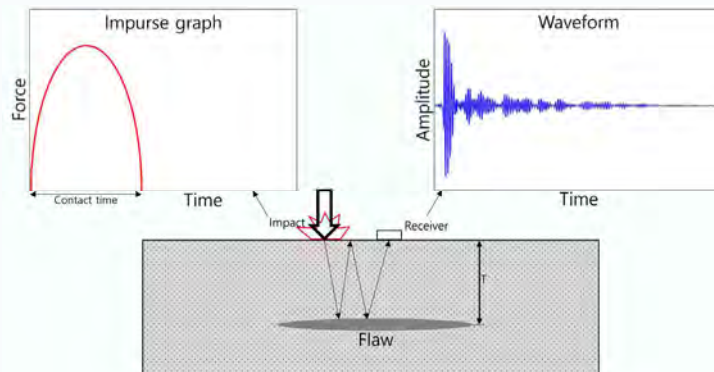


Electrical Resistivity Surveys



geophysical method used to investigate subsurface structures by measuring the soil's resistance to electrical current

Impact-echo method



technique that uses sound waves from small impacts to find cracks or voids inside concrete structures.

Proj 1 : Pipe detection (GPR)

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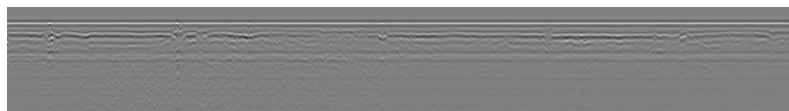
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GPR (Ground-penetrating radar)

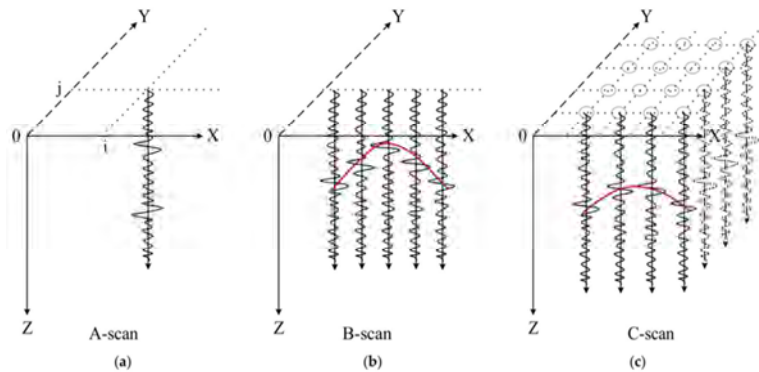


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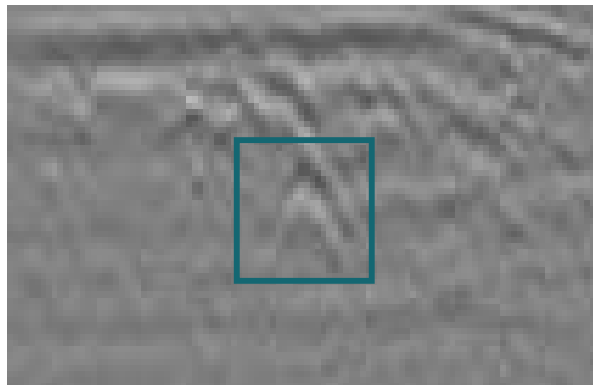
To detect underground pipes or cavities using GPR data



GPR (Ground-penetrating radar)



GPR (Ground-penetrating radar) : B-scan image

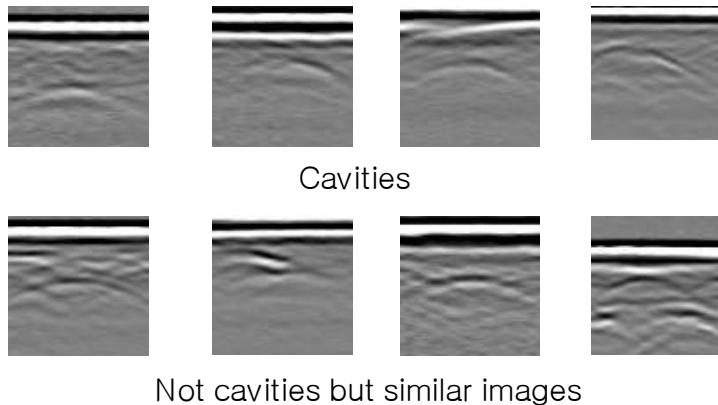


Cavity

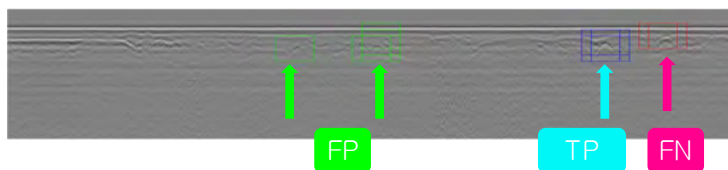


Pipe





The Risk of False Predictions



- FP (False Positive) : Detecting a pipe **where there is none**
→ Leads to **wasted time, cost, and unnecessary digging**
- FN (False Negative) : **Failing to detect** an actual pipe
→ Can cause **serious safety hazards**, such as accidents or infrastructure damage

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How to improve?

1. Sim2Real (Simulation to Reality)

- Train models using simulated underground scenarios.
- Transfer knowledge to real GPR data through domain adaptation.
- Reduce data collection cost and improve model robustness.

2. TDA (Topological Data Analysis)

- Extract shape-based features from GPR images.
- Identify persistent topological structures that correspond to underground objects.
- Improve interpretability and detection accuracy.

Why Sim2Real?

1. Needs

- Real GPR data is **hard to obtain**
- Ground truth is **uncertain**, even with field data
- On-site surveys are **costly** and require **road closures**



(Reference Image)

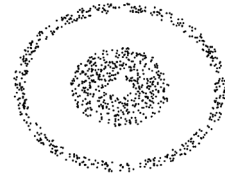
2. Challenges

- Simulated GPR data is often unrealistic
- Simulation is **time-consuming** to generate

Why TDA?

1. Needs

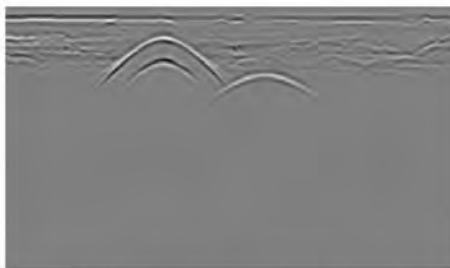
- Cavity patterns in GPR data are typically homeomorphic to **S^1 -shaped**
- Shapes may **distort due to noise**, but **TDA is stable** under such perturbations



2. Challenges

- **No straightforward way** to apply TDA directly to image data
- **Too many 1-cycles** appear in persistence diagrams, making interpretation difficult

Data Generation and Collection

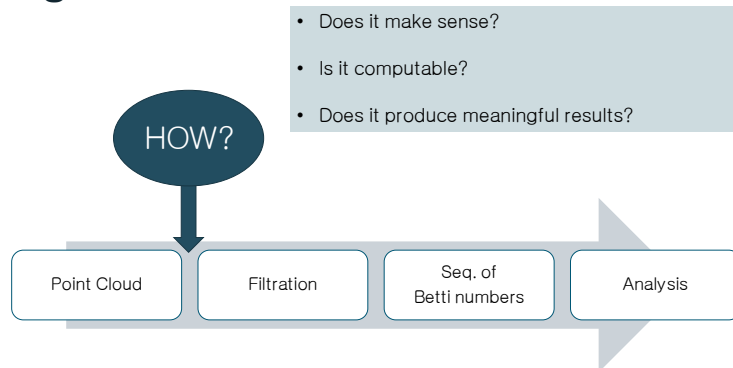


(A) Simulated B-scan image



(B) Real-world field B-scan image

Doing TDA



Cubical Complex

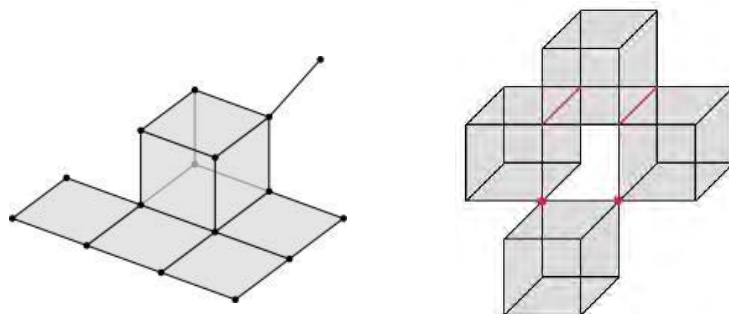
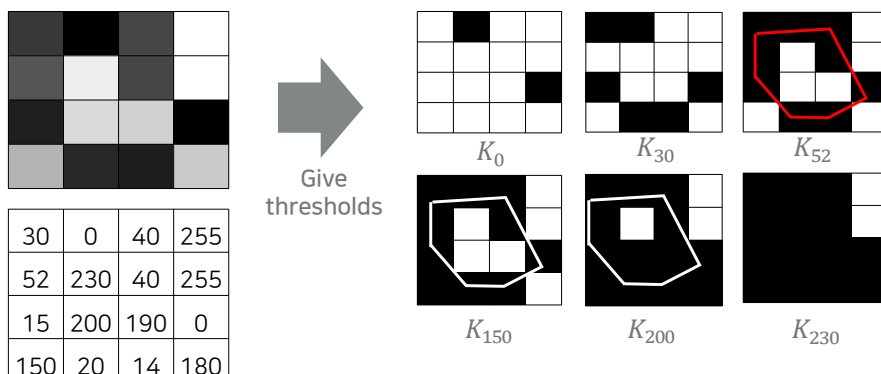
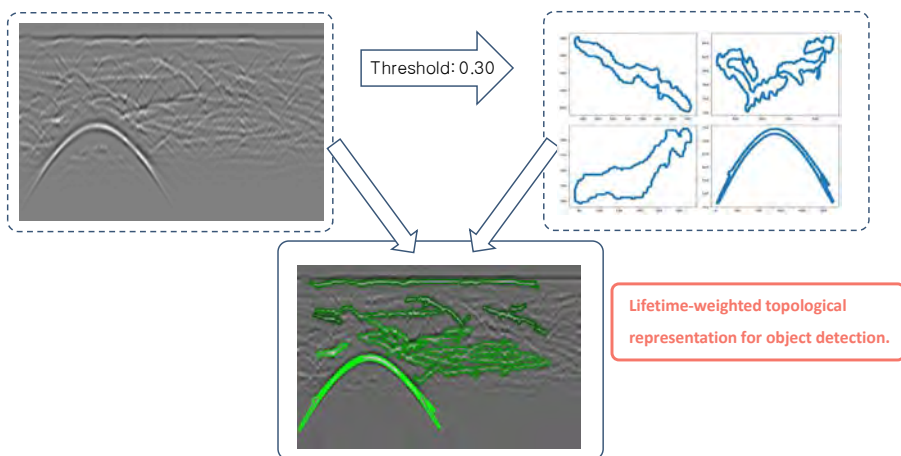
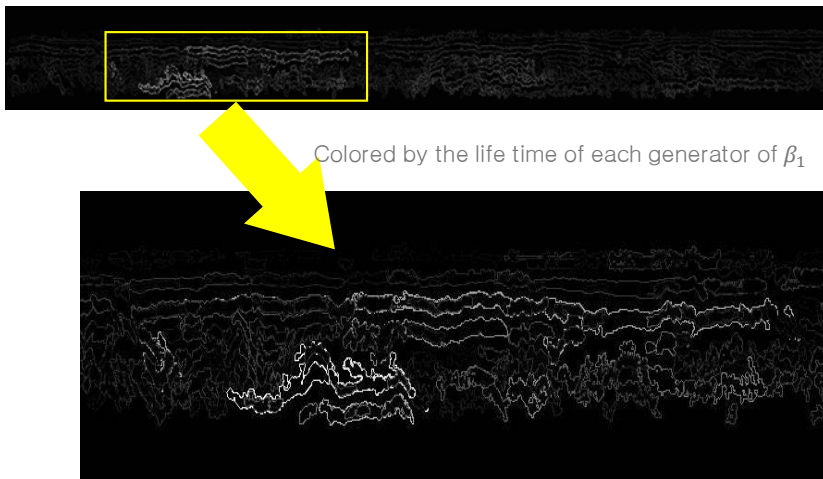
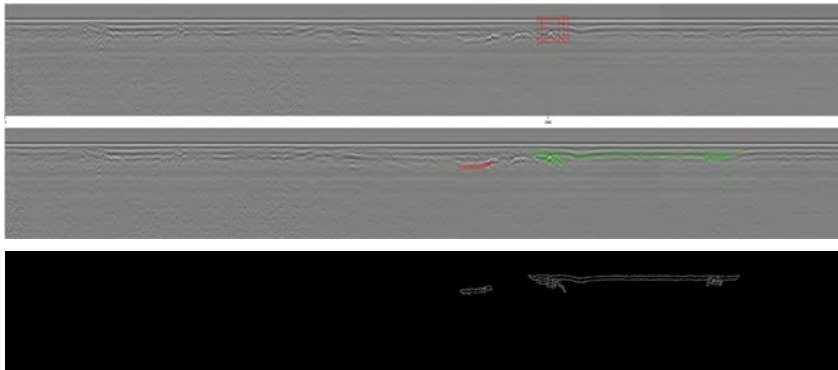


Image to cubical complex



Observation



Thank you for your attention!

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RNA Landscape Analysis via Combinatorial Hodge Decomposition

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Cell differentiation can be conceptualized as movement on Waddington’s epigenetic landscape, yet reconstructing this landscape from high-dimensional single-cell data remains challenging. Here, we propose landscape analysis, a novel framework for single-cell RNA-seq data that reconstructs an RNA landscape, which is Waddington’s landscape-like structure, and performs downstream dynamical analysis utilizing this landscape. Single-cell RNA-seq measures transcript levels for approximately 20,000 genes per cell, producing a high-dimensional expression matrix. By applying RNA velocity, we convert these static profiles into vectors that predict each cell’s future transcriptional trajectory. We then perform Hodge decomposition on this velocity field to extract the potential that forms the gradient component. The resulting potential surface defines the RNA landscape’s height. Finally, by geometrically or statistically analyzing the potential, we derive biologically meaningful insights such as single-cell trajectories, time-resolved differential expression dynamics, and gene functions in cell differentiation. We applied landscape analysis to time-series scRNA-seq data of the PGCLC induction system, identifying differentiation pathways and candidate genes driving induction.

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PHLP: Interpretable Link Prediction via Persistent Homology and Its Extension to Knowledge Graph Completion

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We introduce PHLP, a novel and interpretable link prediction framework that utilizes persistent homology to extract topological features from local subgraphs. Unlike conventional GNN-based methods, PHLP offers a transparent feature extraction process that captures topological patterns underlying graph connectivity. PHLP achieves near-state-of-the-art performance across standard benchmarks without relying on GNNs. We also briefly present preliminary results on extending PHLP to knowledge graph completion, demonstrating its potential in capturing relational patterns through topological representations. This research conducted together with Eunwoo Heo and Jae-Hun Jung.

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Joint work with Eunwoo Heo and Jae-Hun Jung
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Preliminaries

Preliminaries: Persistent Homology

- Persistent homology is a method for computing topological features of a data space at different spatial resolutions.
- For given data points, we assume that the given data is a set of samples drawn from some underlying unknown manifold.
- To approximate this manifold with sampled data points, we use a simplicial complex.

Definition 1. Abstract simplicial complex.

An *abstract simplicial complex* is a collection K of non-empty subsets a set $V(K)$ such that, for every element $\sigma \in K$, all non-empty subsets $\sigma' \subseteq \sigma$ are also contained in K .

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Preliminaries: Persistent Homology

Definition 2. Vietoris-Rips complex.

Let (P, d) be a finite metric space. For a real value $r > 0$, the *Vietoris-Rips (Rips) complex* $\mathbb{VR}^r(P)$ is the abstract simplicial complex where a simplex $\sigma \in \mathbb{VR}^r(P)$ if and only if the distance $d(p, q) \leq 2r$ for all pairs of vertices $p, q \in \sigma$.

- The choice of the parameter r is crucial for the approximation of the manifold since it determines the scale at which we construct the simplicial complex.
- Instead of selecting a single r , we use a process called filtration, where we vary r over a range of values and observe how the topological structure evolves.

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Definition 3. Simplicial filtration.

A *filtration* $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(K)$ of a simplicial complex K is a nested sequence of its subcomplexes:

$$\emptyset = K_0 \hookrightarrow K_1 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow K_n = K.$$

- For a finite metric space (P, d) , a Rips filtration $\{\mathbb{VR}^r(P) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{VR}^{r'}(P)\}_{r \leq r'}$ is a sequence of nested Rips complex, each constructed for a different value of the scale parameter r .

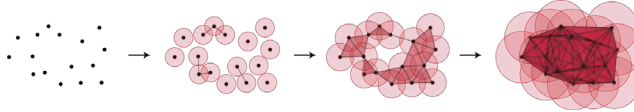


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Definition 4. Persistent homology groups.

For a simplicial filtration \mathcal{F} , the *p-th persistence homology groups* are defined as the images of the homomorphisms $H_p^{i,j} = \text{im}(h_p^{i,j} : H_p(K_i) \rightarrow H_p(K_j))$ which is induced by the inclusion $K_i \hookrightarrow K_j$ of \mathcal{F} , where $0 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ and each $H_p(K_i)$ represents p -th homology group of K_i for $0 \leq i \leq n$. The *p-th persistence Betti numbers* are the dimensions $\beta_p^{i,j} = \dim H_p^{i,j}$ of the vector space $H_p^{i,j}$.

- Define $\mu_p^{i,j} = (\beta_p^{i,j-1} - \beta_p^{i,j}) - (\beta_p^{i-1,j-1} - \beta_p^{i-1,j})$ for $0 < i < j \leq n$.
 - $\mu_p^{i,j}$ counts the number of independent classes that are born at K_i and die at K_j .
 - Additionally, we define $\mu_p^{i,n+1}$ (or $\mu_p^{i,\infty}$) to denote the number of independent classes that are born at K_i and never die.
- Note that we can define a function f that induces the filtration \mathcal{F} such that $f(K_i) = a_i$ where $0 \leq i \leq n$ and $a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_n$.
 - In the case of the Rips filtration, f is defined as $f(\mathbb{VR}_r(P)) = 2r$.

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Definition 5. Barcode.

The p -dimensional barcode $B_p(\mathcal{F}_f)$ of a filtration \mathcal{F}_f is defined as a multi-set of intervals $[a_i, a_j) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ for all non-zero $\mu_p^{i,j}$, $0 < i < j \leq n+1$, with multiplicity $\mu_p^{i,j}$, where $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R} \cup \pm\infty$. The persistence of a class that is born at K_i and dies at K_j is defined as $a_j - a_i$.

Definition 6. Persistence Diagram.

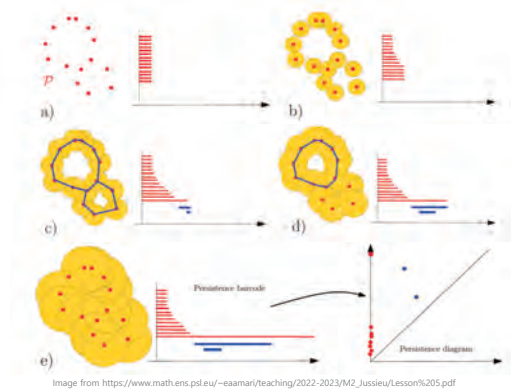
The p -dimensional persistence diagram $Dgm_p(\mathcal{F}_f)$ of a filtration \mathcal{F}_f is obtained by plotting each point (a_i, a_j) for all $[a_i, a_j) \in B_p(\mathcal{F}_f)$ on the extended plane \mathbb{R}^2 . Additionally, points on the diagonal $\Delta = (x, x)$ are added with infinite multiplicity.

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PHLP: Sole Persistent Homology for Link Prediction – Interpretable Feature Extraction

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➤ What is Network?



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Facebook Social Network



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USAir Airline Network

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➤ What is Network?

- $G = (V, E)$, V : the set of entities, E : the set of links.
- **Example** V : the set of airports, E : the set of two airport pairs.
- $V = \{L.A., NewYork, Chicago, \dots\}$, $E = \{(L.A., NewYork), (L.A., Chicago), \dots\}$.
- Social network, citation network, biological network.

➤ What is Link Prediction (LP) problem?

- **LP** is the problem of predicting the existence of a unseen link between two entities in a network based on observed links.

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➤ Problem definition

Problem. Link Prediction.

Consider a network $G = (V, E)$, where V represents the entity nodes in the network, and $E \subseteq |V| \times |V|$ represents the set of "true" links between entities. We are given the set of entities V and a subset $E' \subset E$ of true links known as observed links. The objective of link prediction is to discover the unobserved true links $E \setminus E'$.

- In the binary classification formulation of the link prediction task, the potential links L are classified as either true links or false links. Thus, Link prediction model M_b is a function that maps links in L to positive and negative labels i.e. $M_b: L \rightarrow \{0,1\}$.
- In the probability estimation formulation, potential links are associated with existence probabilities. Thus, Link prediction model M_p is a function that maps links in L to a probability i.e. $M_p: L \rightarrow [0,1]$.

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- Heuristic methods.

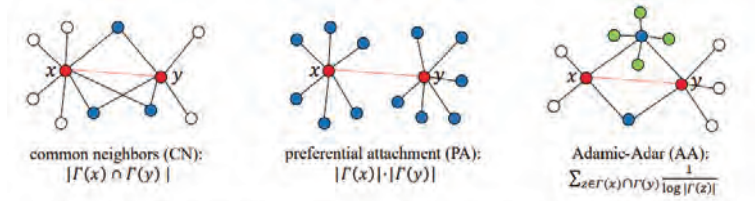


Fig. 10.1: Illustration of three link prediction heuristics: CN, PA and AA.

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Introduction to Link Prediction (LP)

- Graph Neural Network (GNN) methods
 - These methods leverage **GNNs to learn powerful representations by aggregating node features from neighborhoods**.
 - GNN-based models have **achieved significant score improvements** in capturing intricate relationships within graphs.
 - However, GNN-based methods are comprised of neural networks, making it **challenging to understand why a certain prediction was made**.
- In this context, we present a novel approach to LP, called **PHLP**, which uses the **topological information** of a graph for the prediction.

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Our methods

- Motivation

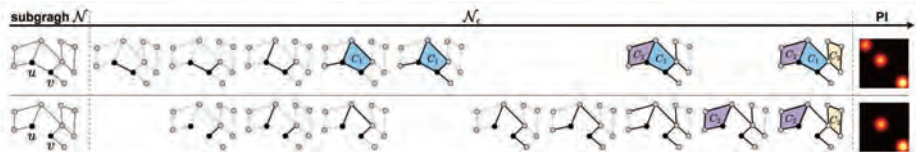


Fig. 2. Topological features in subgraphs with and without a target link (u, v) . The diagram illustrates the topological information extraction process for the subgraph \mathcal{N} , as described in Section III-D. The presence (top) or absence (bottom) of the target link changes the topological structure of the graph. Top row: When the target link is connected, three features (C_1 , C_2 , and C_3) are detected shown in the persistence image (PI) in the right column. The PI represents the topological features of the subgraph \mathcal{N} (Section III-E). Bottom row: When the target link is absent, only two features (C_2 and C_3) are detected as depicted in the corresponding PI.

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➤ Limitation and Motivation

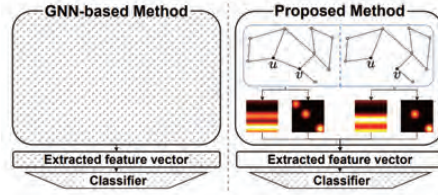


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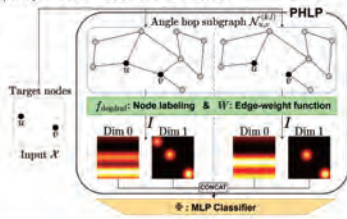
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(a) (k, l) -PHLP with Classifier



(b) MA - PHLP with Classifier

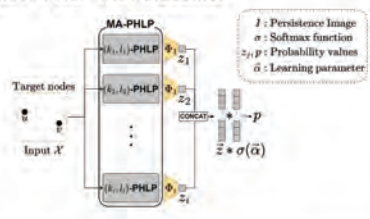


Fig. 3. Overall structure of persistent homology for link prediction (PHLP) and multiangle PHLP (MA-PHLP). (a) PHLP calculates the topological information based on the existence of target links in angle hop subgraphs for each target node. (b) With a classifier, MA-PHLP integrates topological information across various angles to perform LP.

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Extracting angle hop subgraph

- $G = (V, E)$: given graph, $u, v \in V$: given target nodes
- The k -hop enclosing subgraph $\mathcal{N}_{u,v}^k = (V', E')$ for (u, v) is defined as
 - $V' = \{z \in V : d(u, z) \leq k \text{ or } d(z, v) \leq k\}$,
 - $E' = \{(z, w) \in E : z \in V' \text{ and } w \in V'\}$.
- The (k, l) -angle hop enclosing subgraph $\mathcal{N}_{u,v}^{(k,l)} = (V', E')$ for (u, v) is defined as
 - $V' = \{z \in V : d(u, z) \leq k \text{ or } d(z, v) \leq l\}$,
 - $E' = \{(z, w) \in E : z \in V' \text{ and } w \in V'\}$.

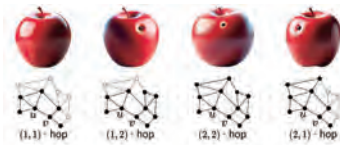


Figure 4: The motivation of (k, l) -angle hop subgraph. Just as viewing photographs of an apple from multiple angles provides a comprehensive understanding. This figure illustrates the capability to extract subgraphs from various perspectives.

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Ablation Studies: Angles of PHLP

- Table VI presents the performance of PHLP (dim 0) concerning various (k, l) -angle hop subgraphs.
- The best angle varies by datasets, highlighting the importance of varying angles to achieve the best performance.
- Therefore, using MA-PHP is recommended to maximize performance consistently across datasets.

Table 6

AUC scores for PHLP (dim0) with various (k, l) -angle hops

Dataset	(1,0)	(1,1)
USAir	96.15 ± 0.83	95.87 ± 0.83
NS	98.28 ± 0.55	98.66 ± 0.66
PB	93.95 ± 0.34	94.46 ± 0.36
Yeast	95.52 ± 0.32	97.31 ± 0.20
C.ele	86.18 ± 2.12	87.57 ± 1.20
Power	73.39 ± 0.99	77.83 ± 1.44
Router	92.09 ± 0.57	93.25 ± 0.47
E.coli	96.94 ± 0.24	96.95 ± 0.28

Dataset	(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)
USAir	96.69 ± 0.92	96.74 ± 0.84	96.85 ± 0.83
NS	98.72 ± 0.51	98.59 ± 0.65	98.56 ± 0.47
PB	94.78 ± 0.30	94.73 ± 0.30	94.82 ± 0.24
Yeast	97.71 ± 0.18	97.66 ± 0.27	97.58 ± 0.28
C.ele	88.86 ± 1.48	89.16 ± 1.31	89.08 ± 1.07
Power	80.27 ± 1.07	83.90 ± 1.29	86.12 ± 0.86
Router	95.65 ± 0.44	95.71 ± 0.39	94.51 ± 0.69
E.coli	97.26 ± 0.16	97.29 ± 0.24	97.41 ± 0.21

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Our methods: Persistent Homology for Link Prediction

Filtration of the Subgraph

- To apply the Rips filtration, we define an edge-weight function using node labeling that reflects the topology of the given graph.
- DRNL (Double radius node labeling, Zhang et al.)
 - $f_{drnl}^{(a,b)}(w) = 1 + \min(d(w, a), d(w, b)) + q_w(q_w + r_w - 1)$, where $d(w, a) + d(w, b) = 2q_w + r_w$, $q_w \in \mathbb{Z}$, $r_w \in \{0, 1\}$.
- Degree DRNL
 - $f_{degdrnl}^{(a,b)}(w) = f_{drnl}^{(a,b)}(w) + \frac{M - \deg(w)}{M}$, where M denotes the maximum degree of nodes in a subgraph.

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$\{d(w, a), d(w, b)\}$	(0, -), (-, 0)	(1, 1)	(1, 2), (2, 1)	(1, 3), (3, 1)	(2, 2)	(1, 4), (4, 1)	(2, 3), (3, 2)	...
$f_{drnl}^{(a,b)}(w)$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...

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Filtration of the Subgraph

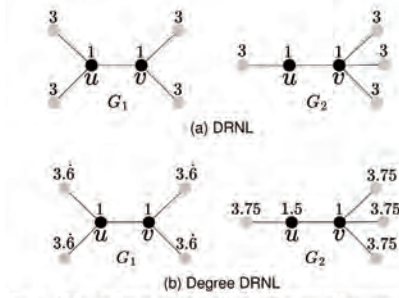


Fig. 4. Node labeling on graphs. (a) Node label values without considering the graph structure cannot distinguish between G_1 and G_2 using DRNL. (b) Applying Degree DRNL allows G_1 and G_2 to be distinguished solely by node label values.

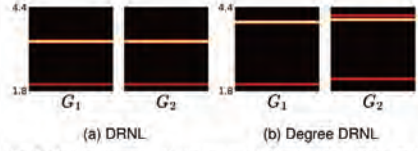


Fig. 5. Persistence images (PIs) for two node labeling methods for the graphs in Fig. 4. (a) DRNL exhibits identical zero-dimensional PIs for G_1 and G_2 . (b) Degree DRNL produces distinct outcomes, effectively distinguishing between the two.

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Ablation Studies: Effects of Degree DRNL

- To assess the proposed Degree DRNL regarding the influence of incorporating degree information, we conducted experiments using **DRNL** and **Degree DRNL** and compared the results.
- Across all datasets, MA-PHLP yields **higher AUC scores** when used with **Degree DRNL** than with DRNL.
- The substantial improvement observed in the **Power dataset** is noteworthy, where Degree DRNL yields an increase of **over 4 points in the AUC score**.

Table 5

AUC scores for MA-PHLP (dim0) by node labeling

Dataset	DRNL	Degree DRNL
USAir	96.73 ± 0.64	97.10 ± 0.73
NS	98.35 ± 0.58	98.78 ± 0.65
PB	94.49 ± 0.27	95.06 ± 0.28
Yeast	97.42 ± 0.27	97.98 ± 0.23
C.ele	88.97 ± 1.37	89.88 ± 1.22
Power	88.51 ± 0.81	92.77 ± 0.47
Router	96.21 ± 0.53	96.37 ± 0.43
E.coli	97.15 ± 0.18	97.72 ± 0.17

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Filtration of the Subgraph

- For given subgraph $\mathcal{N} = (V', E')$, $f: V' \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ denotes a node labeling.
- The edge-weight function $W: V' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as
 - $W(w, z) = \max(f(w), f(z)) + \frac{\min(f(w), f(z))}{\max(f(w), f(z))}$
 - The min/max term refines values further, enhancing the discriminative power by reducing the occurrence of identical edge weights.

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Predicting the existence of the target link.

- Step1. For the given target nodes (u, v) , extract the (k, l) -angle hop subgraph $\mathcal{N}_{u,v}^{(k,l)}$, denoted as \mathcal{N}^- , assuming that the target link does not exist during the process.
- Step2. On this subgraph calculates the edge-weights and extracts topological features by calculating PD and its vectorization, persistence image.
- Step3. If $k \neq l$, for symmetry, repeat the same process with the (l, k) -angle hop subgraph and consider the average of the two vectors, denoting this vector as $x_{(u,v)}^-$.
- Step4. To observe the difference in topological features, we consider a subgraph \mathcal{N}^+ obtained by connecting the target link. For this graph, $x_{(u,v)}^+$ denotes the vector obtained using this method. Concatenate these vectors as a single vector $x_{(u,v)}$.

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Predicting the existence of the target link.

- Step5. By above process, we convert any link (u, v) to a single vector $x_{(u,v)}$. Thus we converted LP problem as a binary classification task of given vectors.
- Step6. We employ MLP classifier Φ for prediction. The classifier Φ predicts the existence of a link between two target nodes with the following probability:
 - $z_{uv} = \sigma(\Phi(x_{(u,v)}))$.
- Step7. This classifier Φ is trained with the binary cross-entropy loss function BCE.
 - $\sum_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{X}} BCE(z_{uv}, y_{uv})$, where y_{uv} denotes the label of the target link.

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Multiangle PHLP (MA-PHLP)

- The MA-PHLP maximizes the advantages of PHLP by examining data from various angles through the extraction of subgraphs based on a hyperparameter, the maximum hop (max hop, denoted as H).
- The types of angles are elements of all combinations of k and l within the set $\{(k, l) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \leq l \leq k \leq H, k > 0\}$. Denotes the cardinality of this set as N .
- The MA-PHLP predicts the likelihood of the link existence with the following probability:
 - $p = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i z_i$, where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is a trainable parameter, and z_i denotes the prediction probability of a PHLP for each type of angle hop for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

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Results: MA-PHLP

Table 1

Link prediction performance measured by the AUC on Benchmark datasets (90% observed links)

Dataset	USAir	NS	PB	Yeast	C. ele	Power	Router	E. coli
AA	95.06 ± 1.03	94.45 ± 0.93	92.36 ± 0.34	89.43 ± 0.62	86.95 ± 1.40	58.79 ± 0.88	56.43 ± 0.51	95.36 ± 0.34
Katz	92.88 ± 1.42	94.85 ± 1.10	92.92 ± 0.35	92.24 ± 0.61	86.34 ± 1.89	65.39 ± 1.59	38.62 ± 1.35	93.50 ± 0.44
PR	94.67 ± 1.08	94.89 ± 1.08	93.54 ± 0.41	92.76 ± 0.55	90.32 ± 1.49	66.00 ± 1.59	38.76 ± 1.39	95.57 ± 0.44
WLK	96.63 ± 0.73	98.57 ± 0.51	93.83 ± 0.59	95.86 ± 0.54	89.72 ± 1.67	82.41 ± 3.43	87.42 ± 2.08	96.94 ± 0.29
WLNK	95.95 ± 1.10	98.61 ± 0.49	93.49 ± 0.47	95.62 ± 0.52	86.18 ± 1.72	84.76 ± 0.98	94.41 ± 0.88	97.21 ± 0.27
N2V	91.44 ± 1.78	91.52 ± 1.28	85.79 ± 0.78	93.67 ± 0.46	84.11 ± 1.27	76.22 ± 0.92	65.46 ± 0.86	90.82 ± 1.49
SPC	74.22 ± 3.11	89.94 ± 2.39	83.96 ± 0.86	93.25 ± 0.40	51.90 ± 2.57	91.78 ± 0.61	68.79 ± 2.42	94.92 ± 0.32
MF	94.08 ± 0.80	74.55 ± 4.34	94.30 ± 0.53	90.28 ± 0.69	85.90 ± 1.74	50.63 ± 1.10	78.03 ± 1.63	93.76 ± 0.56
LINE	81.47 ± 10.71	80.63 ± 1.90	76.95 ± 2.76	87.45 ± 3.33	69.21 ± 3.14	55.63 ± 1.47	67.15 ± 2.10	82.38 ± 2.19
SEAL	97.10 ± 0.87	98.25 ± 0.61	95.07 ± 0.39	97.60 ± 0.33	89.54 ± 1.23	86.21 ± 2.89	95.07 ± 1.63	97.57 ± 0.30
WP	98.20 ± 0.57	99.12 ± 0.45	95.42 ± 0.25	98.21 ± 0.17	93.30 ± 0.91	92.11 ± 0.76	97.15 ± 0.29	98.54 ± 0.19
LGLP	97.09 ± 0.13	99.12 ± 0.00	94.70 ± 0.04	97.53 ± 0.13	88.64 ± 0.29	85.63 ± 0.07	95.51 ± 0.07	98.39 ± 0.08
MPLP	97.01 ± 0.54	96.17 ± 0.84	94.06 ± 0.58	94.25 ± 0.43	90.48 ± 0.87	73.71 ± 1.08	91.90 ± 0.50	96.67 ± 0.14
MA-PHLP	97.10 ± 0.69	98.88 ± 0.45	95.10 ± 0.26	97.98 ± 0.22	90.33 ± 1.16	93.03 ± 0.45	96.30 ± 0.43	97.64 ± 0.20
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Hybrid Method

- The proposed approach easily integrates with **existing subgraph methods**. Subgraph methods treat the LP task as a binary classification problem comprising two components: **a feature extractor F** and **classifier P** .
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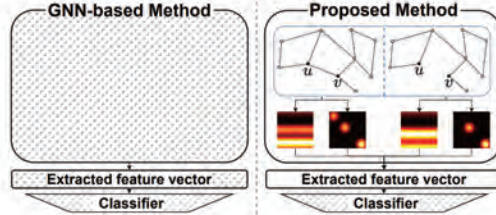


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Results: hybrid methods

Table 3

AUC scores for SEAL with and without TDA features

Dataset	SEAL	MA-PHLP + SEAL
USAir	97.10 \pm 0.87	97.41 \pm 0.62
NS	98.25 \pm 0.61	98.97 \pm 0.30
PB	95.07 \pm 0.39	95.14 \pm 0.39
Yeast	97.60 \pm 0.33	97.93 \pm 0.18
C.ele	89.54 \pm 1.23	89.61 \pm 1.12
Power	86.21 \pm 2.89	95.53 \pm 0.33
Router	95.07 \pm 1.63	96.15 \pm 1.26
E.coli	97.57 \pm 0.30	97.93 \pm 0.34

Table 4

AUC scores for WALKPOOL (WP) with and without TDA features

Dataset	WP	MA-PHLP + WP
USAir	98.20 \pm 0.57	98.27 \pm 0.53
NS	99.12 \pm 0.45	99.24 \pm 0.32
PB	95.42 \pm 0.25	95.58 \pm 0.32
Yeast	98.21 \pm 0.17	98.25 \pm 0.18
C.ele	93.30 \pm 0.91	93.32 \pm 0.71
Power	92.11 \pm 0.76	96.09 \pm 0.38
Router	97.15 \pm 0.29	97.18 \pm 0.24
E.coli	98.54 \pm 0.19	98.57 \pm 0.20

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Ablation Studies: Persistence Image Resolution

- We conducted ablation studies to evaluate the sensitivity of MA-PHLP (0-dim) to the resolution of persistence images (PIs).
- As shown in the figure, model performance remains relatively **stable** as long as the resolution is not too small.
- This suggests that PI resolution is **not a highly sensitive hyperparameter**.
- Based on this observation, we set $m = 16$ as a balanced choice between **computational cost and performance** for all experiments.

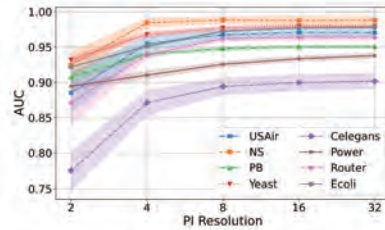


Figure 7: Sensitivity analysis of MA-PHLP (0 dim) to persistence image (PI) resolution size $m \times m$ for $m \in \{2^i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, 5\}$. The AUC scores are averaged over 10 runs for each setting. The shaded regions denote the range of one standard deviation around the average.

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Ablation Studies: Comparison with TLC-GNN

- To demonstrate that **the proposed method extracts superior topological information** compared to the other method **TLC-GNN** which use PH, we conducted the experiments. The TLC-GNN was constructed by augmenting the GCN model with PI information. We **replaced the PI component of the TLC-GNN model with the PI vector produced by MA-PHLP**, resulting in the MA-PHLP-GNN.
- The MA-PHLP-GNN **outperformed the TLC-GNN significantly on the CiteSeer and PubMed datasets** while achieving similar performance on the Cora dataset.
- The TLC-GNN does not exhibit performance improvement for the PubMed dataset despite adding topological information. However, the **proposed MA-PHLP-GNN demonstrates substantial performance enhancement**.

TABLE VII
COMPARISON OF AUC SCORES WITH TLC-GNN

Dataset	GCN	TLC-GNN	MA-PHLP-GNN
Cora	92.20 \pm 0.83	93.16 \pm 0.56	93.14 \pm 0.93
CiteSeer	86.52 \pm 1.29	87.38 \pm 0.97	92.08 \pm 0.53
PubMed	96.63 \pm 0.15	96.30 \pm 0.25	98.07 \pm 0.07

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Extension to Knowledge Graph Completion

Application2: Knowledge Graph

Preliminaries: Knowledge Graph (KG)

- What is Knowledge Graph?



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Application2: Knowledge Graph

Preliminaries: Knowledge Graph (KG)

- Knowledge in graph from:
 - Capture entities, types, and relations
- Nodes are entities
- Nodes are labeled with their types
- Edges between two nodes capture relationships between entities
- KG can store semantic data
- KG can be formulated as $KG = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T})$ where \mathcal{E} is the set of entities, \mathcal{R} is the set of relations and $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{R}$ is the set of triples (h, t, r) .



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Preliminaries: Knowledge Graph (KG)

Examples of knowledge graphs

- Google Knowledge Graph Search API
 - powers semantic search results.
- Amazon Product Graph
 - recommend products based on user preferences and item relationships.
- Facebook Graph API
 - captures user connections, interactions, and interests.
- Microsoft Satori Knowledge Graph
 - supports structured information for Bing search and Cortana.

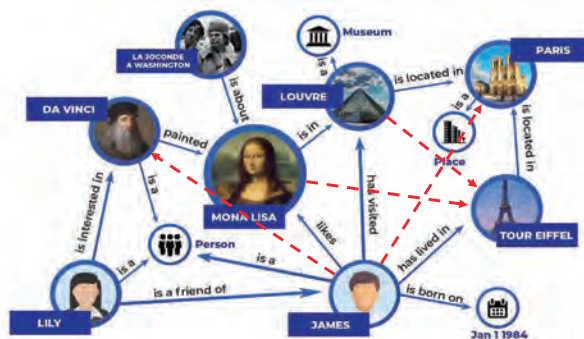
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Preliminaries: Knowledge Graph (KG)

Knowledge Graph Completion (KGC)



$(h, t, ?)$
 $(h, ?, r)$
 $(?, t, r)$

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Preliminaries: Knowledge Graph (KG)

Knowledge Graph Embedding (KGE)

- Maps entities and relations into a vector space while preserving the structural information of the KG.
- Enables the prediction of triples using embeddings.
 - Define scoring function $f: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that:
 - If $(h, r, t) \in \mathcal{T}$, then $f(h, r, t) \approx 1$
 - Else, $f(h, r, t) \approx 0$.
- One well-known KGE method is TransE (NeurIPS 2013).

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Preliminaries: Knowledge Graph (KG)

TransE (NeurIPS 2013)

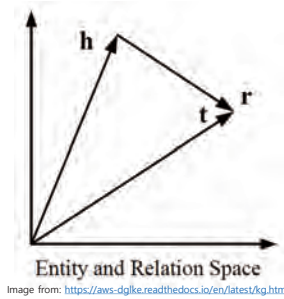


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$$h + r \approx t$$

- This method is simple yet effective.
- But it struggles with symmetric relations.
 - Ex. "is a friend of"
 - If A is a friend of B, then:
 - $A + r = B$ and $B + r = A$, thus, $A + 2r = A$ so $r = 0$.
- To address this, many extensions have been proposed:
 - TransR, TorusE, RotatE, DistMult, ComplEx, and others.

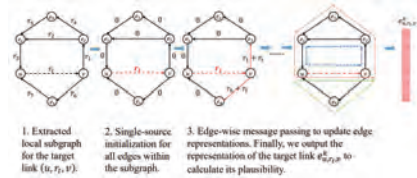
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Subgraph-based GNNs for KGC

- Limitation of KGE (e.g., TransE)
 - Rely on manually defined scoring functions.
 - Assume simple relational patterns.
 - Struggle with complex relational structures.
- Subgraph-based GNN Approach
 - For a triple (h, t, r) , extract its enclosing subgraph.
 - Then they apply message passing, which uses semantic embeddings of entities and relations to capture the relational context.
 - The resulting embedding reflects the local graph structure and is used for final prediction.
- These subgraph-based GNN methods currently achieve state-of-the-art performance in many KGC benchmarks.
- However, most models still rely heavily on structural and semantic information only.

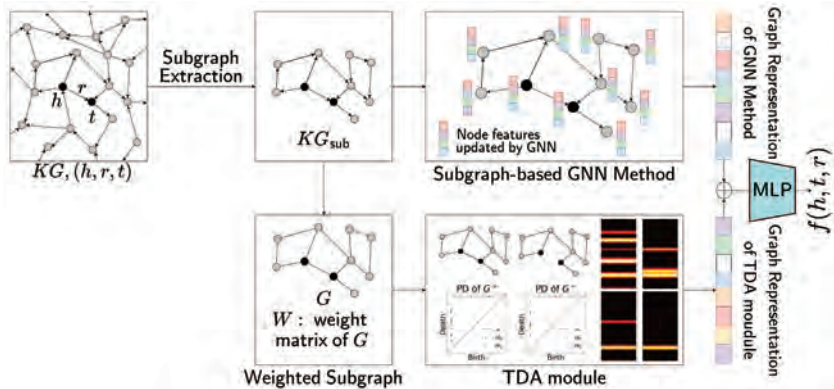


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Our Method



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Our Method

- **1. Subgraph Extraction KG_{sub} .** Given a target triple (h, t, r) , we extract a local enclosing subgraph KG_{sub} from the knowledge graph KG .
- **2. Subgraph-based GNN Encoding.** Let's denote the GNN feature extractor as F (we employed the Rest model [1]). It produces a representation vector $V_F = F(KG_{sub})$ based on semantic and structural information.
- **3. Subgraph Conversion to Weighted Simple Graph.** The extracted subgraph KG_{sub} is transformed into a weighted simple graph $G = (V, E)$, $W: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. Two weighting schemes are considered (next slide).
- **4. Persistent Homology via Graph Filtration.** We construct a filtration on the weighted graph: $K_{\epsilon_1} = \emptyset \hookrightarrow K_{\epsilon_2} \hookrightarrow K_{\epsilon_3} \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow K_{\epsilon_m} = \mathbb{X}$ where $K_{\epsilon_i} = \{ \tau \in \mathbb{X} \mid \text{if } |\tau| = 1 \text{ or } \tau = (u, v) \text{ s.t. } W(u, v) \leq \epsilon_i \}$, $\mathbb{X} = V \cup E$ and $\epsilon_1 \leq \epsilon_3 \leq \epsilon_3 \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_m$. From this filtration, we compute persistence diagrams (PDs) and convert them to persistence images (PIs). This gives us the topological representation, denoted by V_T .
- **5. Fusion and Prediction.** We concatenate the representations V_F and V_T , and feed the result into a multilayer perceptron (MLP) classifier for final prediction.

[1] Liu, T., Lv, Q., Wang, J., Yang, S., & Chen, H. (2023). Learning rule-induced subgraph representations for inductive relation prediction. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 36, 3517-3535.

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Our Method

3. Subgraph Conversion to Weighted Simple Graph.

Given a knowledge graph $KG = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T})$ where \mathcal{E} is the set of entities, \mathcal{R} is the set of relations and $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{R}$ is the set of triples (h, t, r) , we define a simple graph of KG as $G = (V, E)$ where $V = \mathcal{E}$ and $(u, v) \in E$ if $(u, v, r) \in \mathcal{T}$ or $(v, u, r) \in \mathcal{T}$ for any $r \in \mathcal{R}$.

- **1) Fixed Filtration.** This follows the same edge weighting scheme used in PHLP. We use Degree DRNL, a node labeling method that assigns node labels based on distance and node degrees.
- **2) Filtration Learning.** We introduce a learnable edge weighting function that utilizes the head, tail, and relation features. Let $(h, t, r) \in \mathcal{T}$ be a triple, and let feature vectors derived from a GNN be denoted as x_h, x_t, x_r , respectively. Then the weight function $W(u, v)$ is defined as:

$$W(u, v) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}_{u,v}|} \sum_{(h,t,r) \in \mathcal{T}_{u,v}} \Phi(x_h, x_t, x_r)$$

where Φ is a learnable multilayer perceptron and

$$\mathcal{T}_{u,v} = \{(h, t, r) \in \mathcal{T} \mid (h, t, r) = (u, v, r) \text{ or } (h, t, r) = (v, u, r) \text{ for any } r \in \mathcal{R}\}.$$

This allows the filtration to reflect semantic information from the knowledge graph.

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Results

Table 1: Hits@10 results on the inductive benchmark datasets extracted from WN18RR, FB15k-237 and NELL-995. The results of GraIL, CoMPILE, TACT, SNRI, ConGLR and REST are taken from the paper [1].

	WN18RR				FB15k-237				NELL-995			
	v1	v2	v3	v4	v1	v2	v3	v4	v1	v2	v3	v4
GraIL	82.45	78.68	58.43	73.41	64.11	80.82	83.29	80.29	59.50	93.25	91.41	73.19
CoMPILE	83.60	79.82	60.69	75.49	66.74	84.67	87.44	85.84	58.38	93.78	92.77	75.13
TACT	84.04	81.63	61.31	76.56	68.70	87.97	91.16	89.90	59.65	94.35	94.33	78.49
SNRI	87.23	83.10	67.31	83.32	71.06	89.56	89.59	89.50	66.29	95.37	94.30	82.99
ConGLR	85.64	92.93	70.74	92.90	68.25	88.68	86.91	89.31	81.07	94.92	94.36	81.61
REST	96.28	94.56	79.50	94.19	75.12	91.21	93.06	96.06	88.00	94.96	96.79	92.61
+PH	97.34	94.78	84.29	94.47	80.00	93.72	94.22	96.98	90.00	96.85	97.16	92.75
+PH(FL)	97.34	94.78	83.96	93.91	-ing	-ing	-ing	-ing	90.00	96.00	96.41	-ing

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Preliminaries

Preliminaries: Persistent Homology

- Persistence diagrams (barcodes) offer valuable topological insights, but they must be transformed into fixed-dimensional vectors that preserve this information in order to be integrated into deep learning architectures. We use persistence image as a vectorization method.
- First, a barcode B is rotated via the map $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, (b, d) \mapsto (b, d - b)$.
- Next, the persistence surface $\rho_B: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ corresponding to B is defined as

$$\rho_B(z) = \sum_{u \in T(B)} w(u) g_u(z)$$

where w is a weight function and g_u is a Gaussian function.

- The persistence image $(I(\rho_B)_{P_i})_i$ is the collection of pixels, where $I(\rho_B)_{P_i} = \iint_{P_i} \rho_B dz$ and $\sqcup_i P_i$ is the partition of a compact subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ (in practice, a rectangular domain divided into $n \times n$ pixels).

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Preliminaries: Persistent Homology

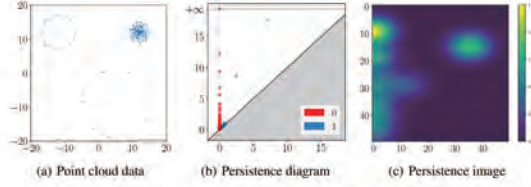


Figure 6: Examples of persistent homology (PH). (a) Point cloud data (PCD) consisting of two circles and one disk, forming three connected components and two one-dimensional holes. (b) Persistence diagram of the PCD, with three points in 0 dimensions and two points in 1 dimension away from a diagonal line. In (b), the x-axis represents the "birth" times, indicating when specific topological features were born, while the y-axis corresponds to the "death" times, indicating when these features cease to exist. Points far from a diagonal line reflect the global structure of PCD. Points close to the diagonal line reflect the local structure of the PCD and are regarded as noise in this case. (c) A persistence image of the one-dimensional barcode of (b) with a resolution of (50, 50) and a weight function defined by $(\text{death} - \text{birth})^2$ to emphasize persistence.

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Application1: Link Prediction

Analysis

- Set $Z \subset \mathbb{R}^{2 \times k \times r^2}$, where k is the number of angles, r represents PI resolution and each element $(z_1, z_2) \in Z$ represents concatenated PIs for cases with (z_1) and without (z_2) a target link.
- Define a function $h: \mathbb{R}^{k \times r^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $h(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\bar{v}_i\|_1$ where \bar{v}_i are PIs.
- For visualization, transform Z into the points in \mathbb{R}^2 by a function G , defined as $G(z_1, z_2) = (h(z_1), h(z_2))$.
- Distribution Analysis:
 - Compared distributions of points for positive and negative links using both DRNL and Degree DRNL.
 - NS and Yeast datasets show significant differences in distributions between positive and negative links, correlating with high performance.
 - C. elegans and Power datasets show more similar distributions with Degree DRNL, aligning with lower performance scores.
 - The difference between DRNL and Degree DRNL on Power dataset supports the highest performance increase.

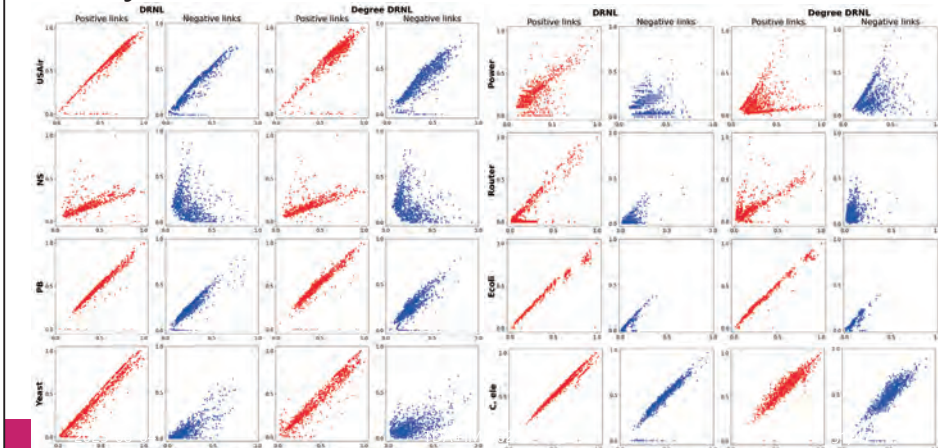
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Analysis

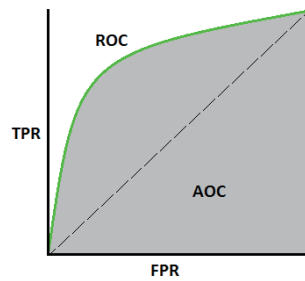


AUC score

예측 \ 실제	Positive	Negative
Positive	TP	FN
Negative	FP	TN

$$TPR = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$FPR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN}$$



<https://only-wanna.tistory.com/entry/Classification-Metrics%EB%B6%84%EB%A5%98-%EB%AA%A8%EB%8D%8B-%EC%A7%8D%ED%91%9C-%EC%95%8C%EC%95%84%EB%83%84%EA%B8%B0-TPR-FPR%EA%B3%8C-ROC-Curve-%EC%82%AC%EC%9D%84-%EA%B4%8D%EA%B3%84-%EB%B0%8F-AUC>

Potential of Mathematics for Industry, and the Dilemma in the Midstream

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In an era where data utilization is essential across all industries, the importance of mathematics for industry has grown dramatically. However, we face the harsh reality that the value of our work is not properly recognized, and our services are often under-priced. In particular, we mathematicians who operate in the “midstream”—translating business challenges into mathematical models—face a serious dilemma: our technical skills are appreciated, but they fail to translate into tangible business outcomes. In this presentation, I will report on my company’s real-world experience in confronting this “midstream dilemma.” Based on this, I will present to you the fundamental, inherent challenges that we have uncovered within the business model of applying mathematics to industry.

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A Data-Driven Framework for Predicting Liver Failure Dynamics and Living Donor Transplant Prognosis

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Acute liver failure (ALF) is one of the most critical hepatic conditions, characterized by rapid progression and a high risk of multi-organ failure and death. Liver transplantation remains the only curative treatment, yet predicting which patients will require it is still a major clinical challenge due to the significant heterogeneity in disease progression. In our first study, we analyzed time-series clinical data from 320 patients with acute liver injury and applied machine learning techniques to identify key prognostic indicators. We found that prothrombin time (PT) serves as a central biomarker for tracking individual disease trajectories. By stratifying patients into six distinct PT dynamic patterns, we were able to quantify the severity of ALF and predict its progression from admission data. Furthermore, we demonstrated the feasibility of modeling future PT dynamics using mathematical approaches, offering a personalized framework for understanding and anticipating ALF progression. While liver transplantation offers a potential cure for end-stage liver disease, outcome prediction remains a critical issue, particularly in living donor liver transplantation (LDLT), which has gained prominence due to shorter wait times and better graft quality. In our second study, we retrospectively analyzed data from 748 LDLT recipients and developed a machine learning model to predict early graft loss (within 180 days postoperatively) with higher accuracy than conventional models. We stratified patients into five groups based on risk and further identified a specific intermediate-risk group (G2) with characteristics similar to those who experienced early graft loss (G1), but with different survival outcomes. Using data available within the first 30 days post-transplant, we constructed a hierarchical model capable of distinguishing these populations, facilitating earlier clinical intervention such as consideration of retransplantation or alternative donor strategies. Together, these studies address the continuum of liver disease—from acute liver injury to post-transplant outcomes—through the lens of time-resolved, individualized prediction. By leveraging machine learning and mathematical modeling, we present a framework that supports more precise and proactive clinical decision-making across the full trajectory of severe liver disease.

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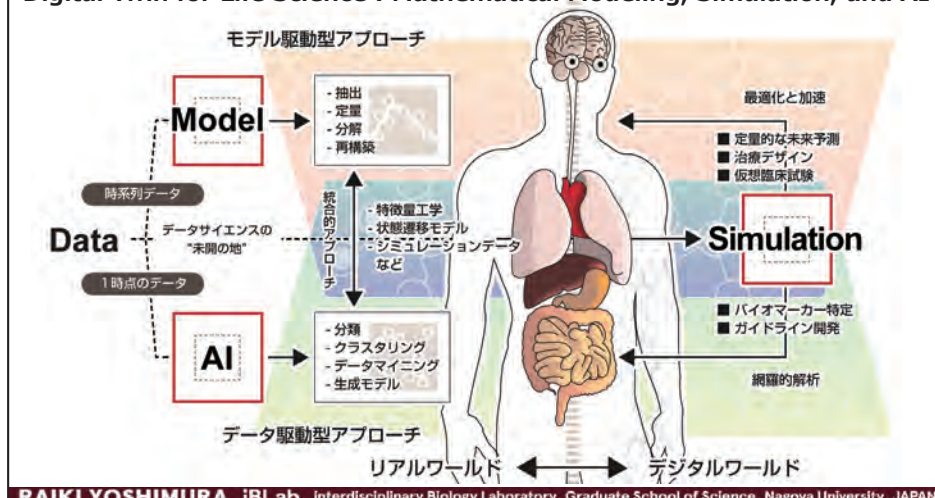
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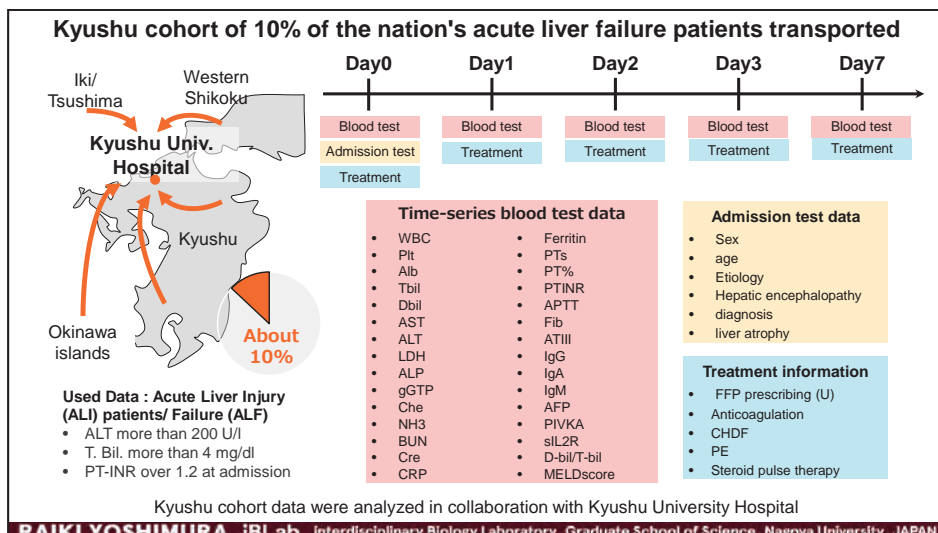
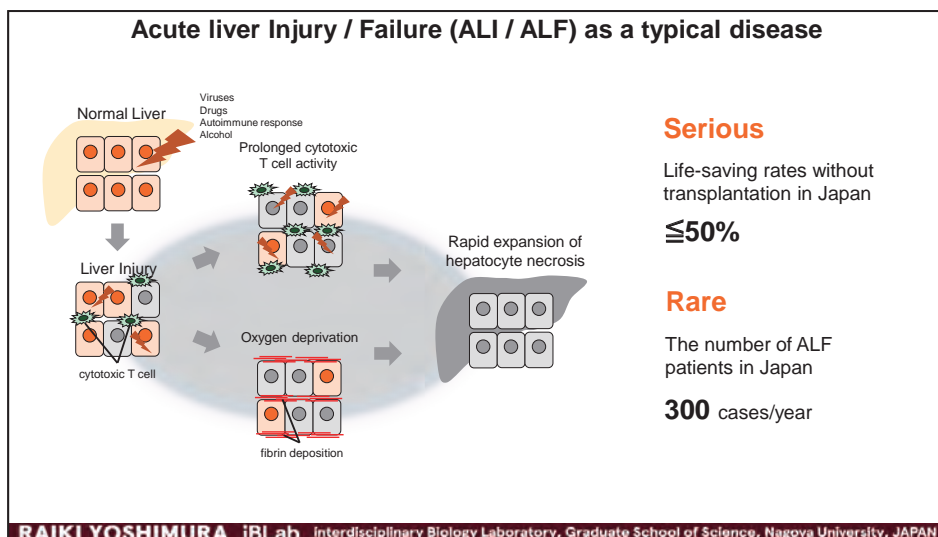
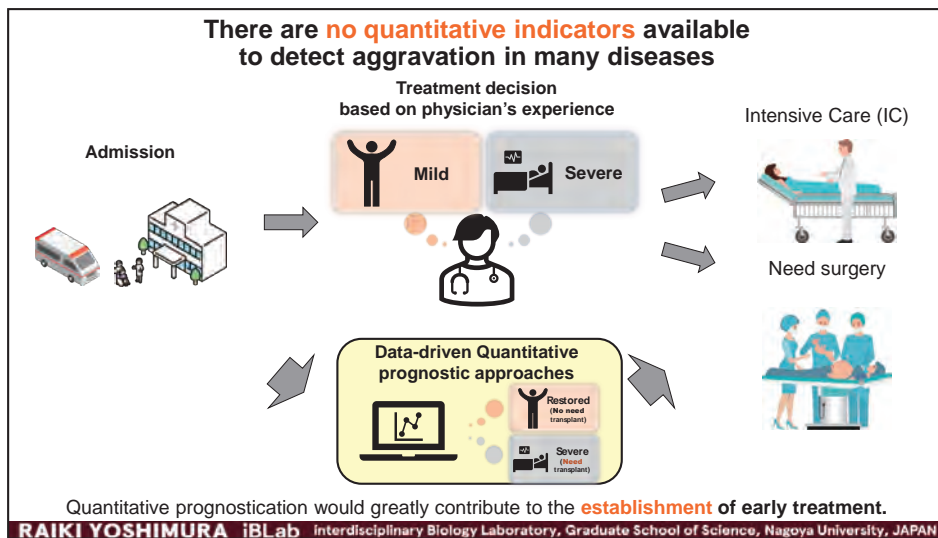


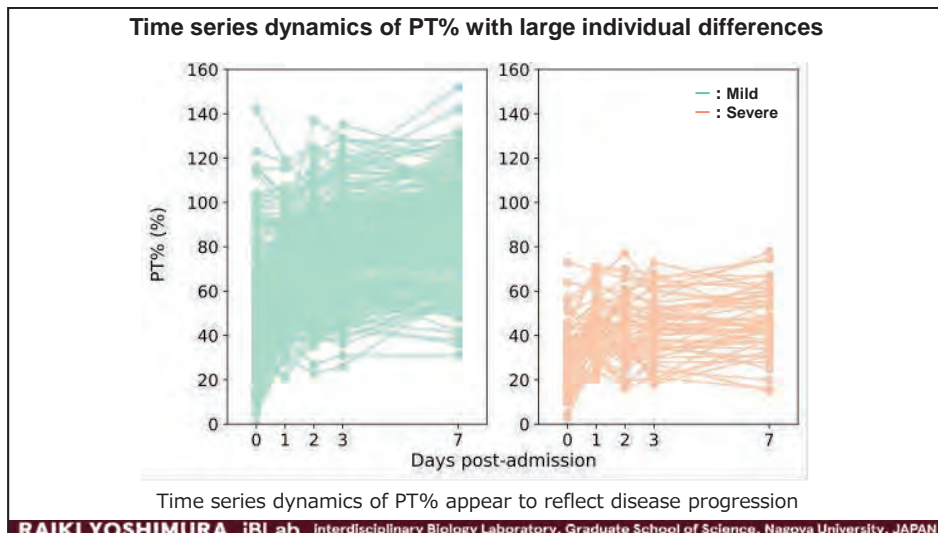
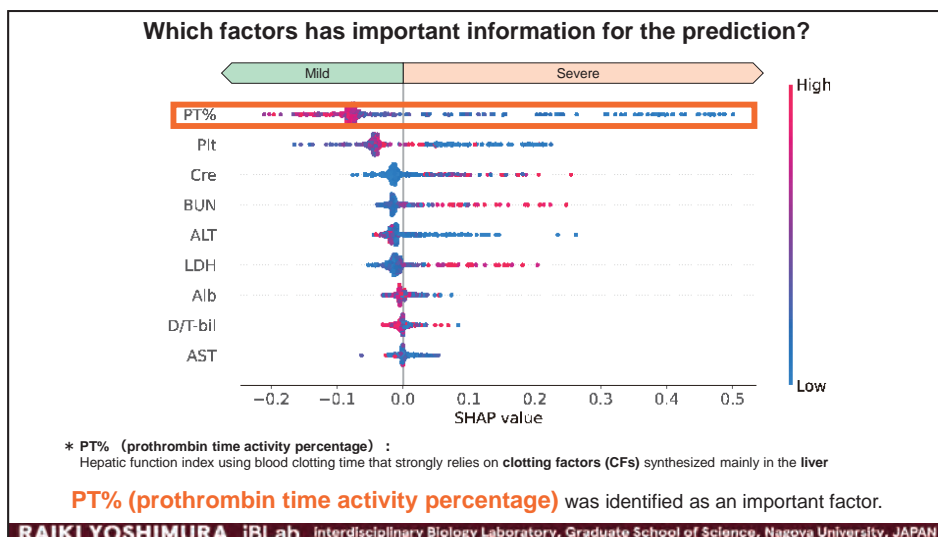
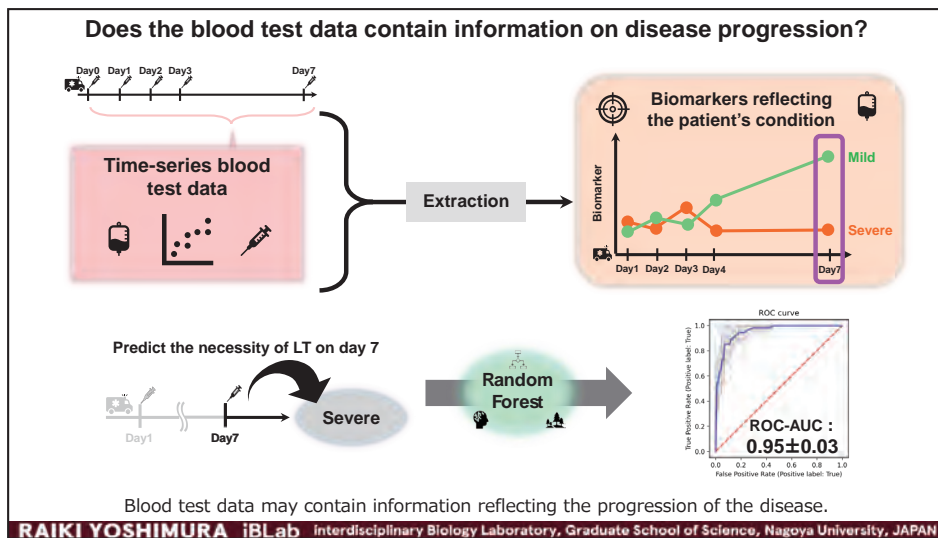
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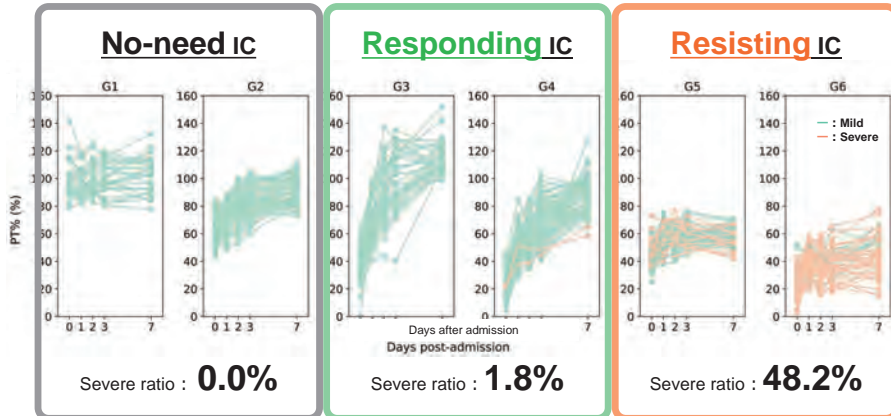
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Can patients be stratified by time-series patterns of change in PT%?



PT% itself was suggested to be a **biomarker** reflecting the progression of the patient's condition

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Mathematical model for predicting PT change patterns

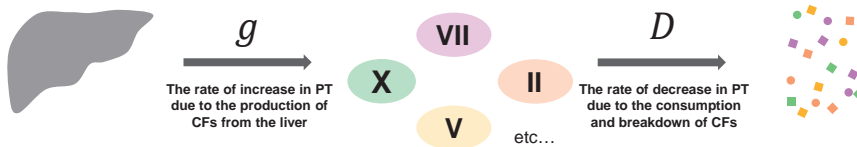
* PT% (prothrombin time activity percentage) :

Hepatic function index using blood clotting time that strongly relies on **clotting factors (CFs)** synthesized mainly in the **liver**

$$\frac{dP(t)}{dt} = g - DP(t)$$

g (constant) : Increase rate in PT value
 D (constant) : Decrease rate in PT value
 $P(0)$ (constant) : An Initial value in PT value

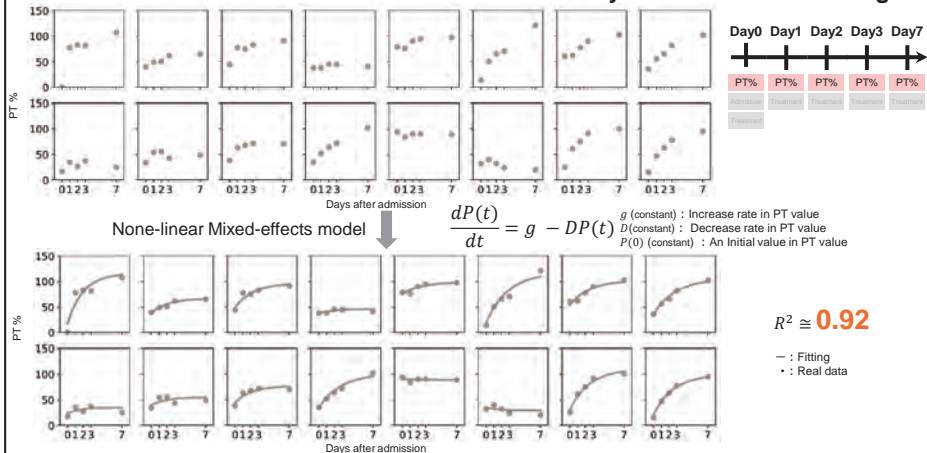
**Coagulation factors (CFs)
strongly dependent on
PT values**



Developed a simple mathematical model based on biological processes

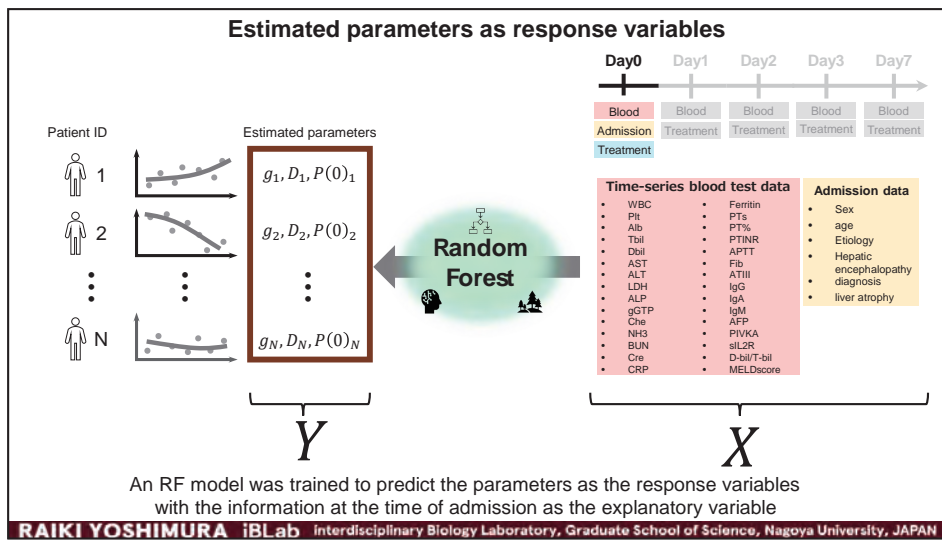
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Reconstruction of time series data of PT values by mathematical modeling



PT changes can be understood in terms of a simple process of biomolecule production and elimination

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Summary, Issues and Prospects

■ Exploring biomarker in blood data

- PT% are strongly associated with disease progression

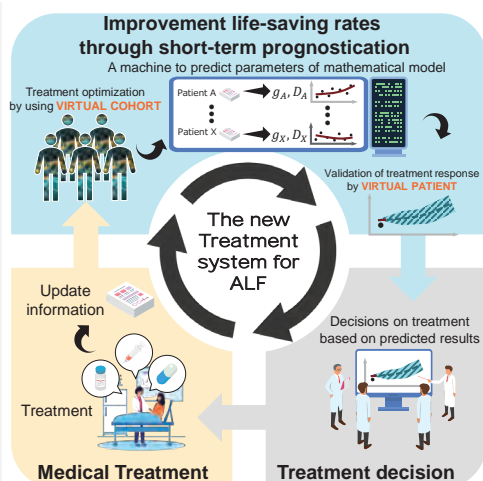
■ Quantitative prediction of time-series changes in PT

- Development of mathematical models to describe PT dynamics
- Future prediction of disease progression based on data at the time of admission

■ Evaluation of predictive ability with additional information

- Predictive ability improves with additional information up to Day 2
- Treatment information does not improve predictive ability

Integrate data science and clinical medicine
⇒ Realize the new treatment system of ALF



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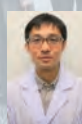
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An approach to predict how a disease will change and how treatment will work before it happens

■ Exploration of biomarkers and predictive models utilizing them

- Acute Liver Failure
- Research that combines AI and mathematical models

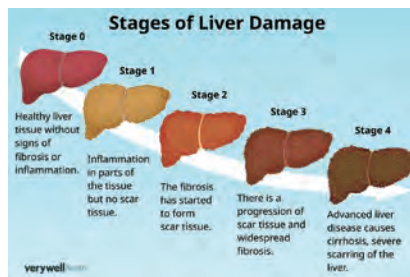
■ Prediction based on clinical data from early postoperative timing

- Liver Transplantation
- Research that using machine learning

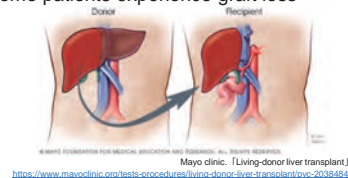
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Liver transplantation as a last resort for end-stage liver disease

- End-stage disease causes liver dysfunction
- Some patients experience graft loss



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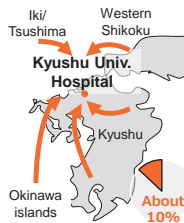
- Conventional Studies: simple statistical model
Predictive score, D-MELD, e-GLR : **Limited accuracy**

In Western countries, DDLT is the primary method of liver transplantation.

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Kyushu University Hospital as a volume center for transplant treatment in Japan

Kyushu University Hospital
10% Transplantation in Japan
(about 500 patients / year)



748 patients
(Graft loss: 177)

Preoperative (e.g., Basic information, blood test)			interoperative (e.g., Surgical time)	Postoperative (14th and 30th day)		
Recipient	Mono	BUN	HTLV1	Surgery time	History of upper abdominal laparotomy	T-BIL (14POD)
	NLR	Cr	HCVAB	Blood loss	Liver resection or liver transplant history	Ascites (14POD)
	LMR	GFR	Precondition			Ascites (30POD)
	Age	Na	Relationship	Warm ischemic time	Esophageal varices	PT (14POD)
	Height	WBC	Blood relative	Cold ischemic time	Portocaval shunt (>10mm)	CNI
	Weight	PLT	ABO	Portal blood flow / GV	Veno-venous bypass	MMF induction
	BMI	Hb		Post reperfusion portal pressure	Biliary reconstruction	Simulect
	BSA	Diagnosis	Portal vein thrombosis	Final portal pressure	Bile duct suture method	Bile leak
	T-BIL	HCC	DM	Portal modulation	Biliary stent	
	Albumin	Sex	Refractory ascites			
PT	Sex combination	CKD				
APTT	HBSAb	Child class				

Donor	Age	Graft weight	Skin incision	Complication CDclass	
	Height	GV / SLV	Blood loss		
	Weight	GRWR	Surgery time		
	BSA	After surgery	Expected residual liver		
	BMI	Max T-BIL	Graft weight		Max T-BIL
	Total liver volume	Max ALT	GV / SLV		Max ALT
	Donor/Recipient weight ratio	Hb&cAb	GRWR		
	Predict GV / SLV	HTLV1			
	During surgery	Sex			
	Blood loss	Technique			
Surgery time	Blood type				
Expected residual liver					

Accepts patients from a wide range of locations, with little regional bias and a large number of patients

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Definition of three clinical outcomes



Early Graft Loss

Graft loss **within 180 days** (About 20% of all graft loss)
Graft loss caused directly by the effects of the surgery



Non-early Graft Loss

Graft loss **after 180 days** (180 – 7500 days)
Graft loss not directly related to the effects of the surgery

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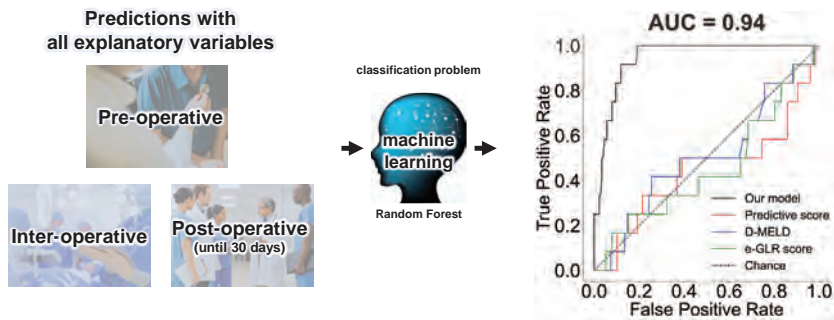


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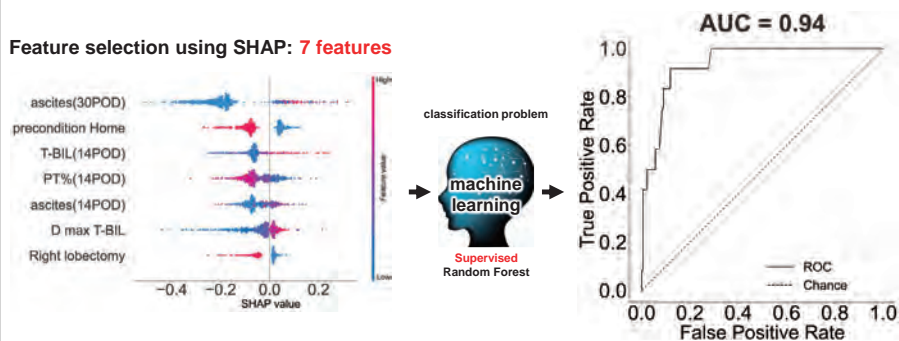
Early graft loss prediction using machine learning



Early graft loss can be predicted with high accuracy by information up to 30 days postoperatively.

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Only 7 factors are needed to make a prediction with high enough performance

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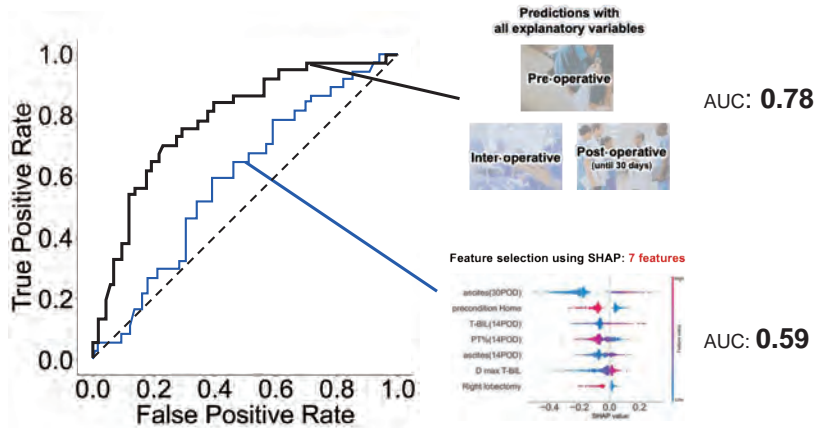


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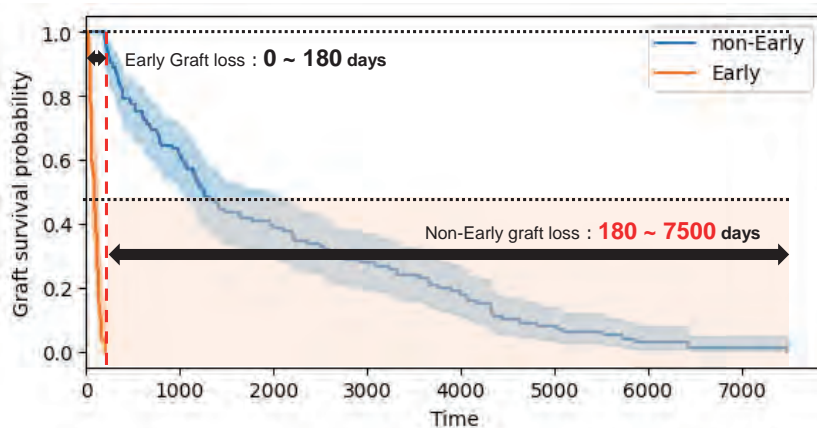
Predicting non-early graft loss using machine learning



Non-early graft loss is controlled by different factors than early graft loss

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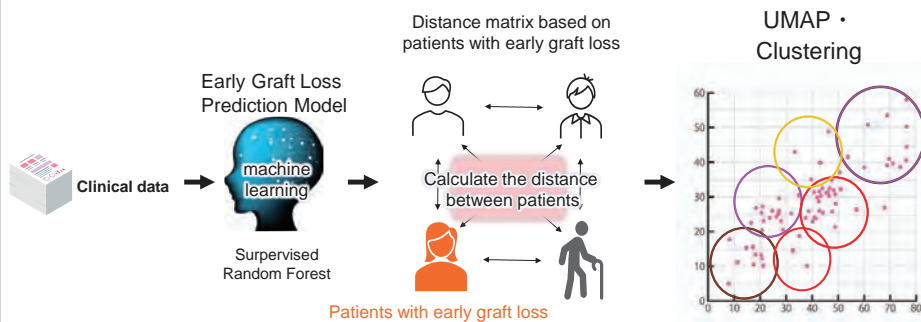
Diversity in timing of graft loss



Non-early graft loss patients have high heterogeneity: Needs stratification?

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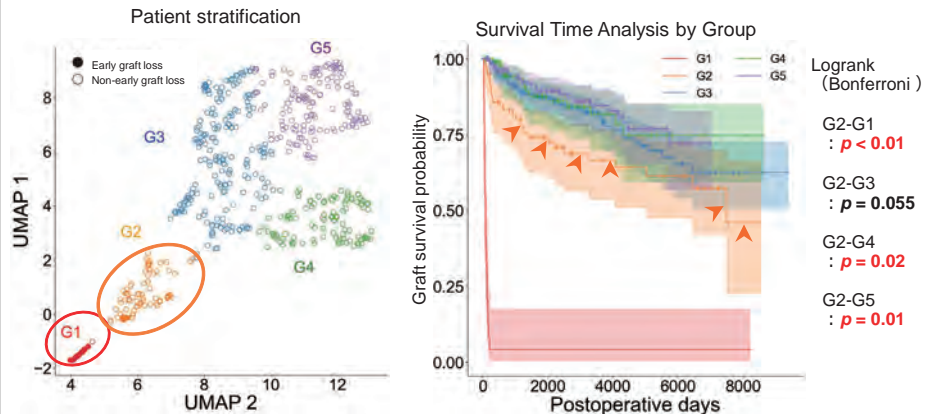
Patient stratification using supervised random forests



All patients can be discussed within the space based on patients with early graft loss

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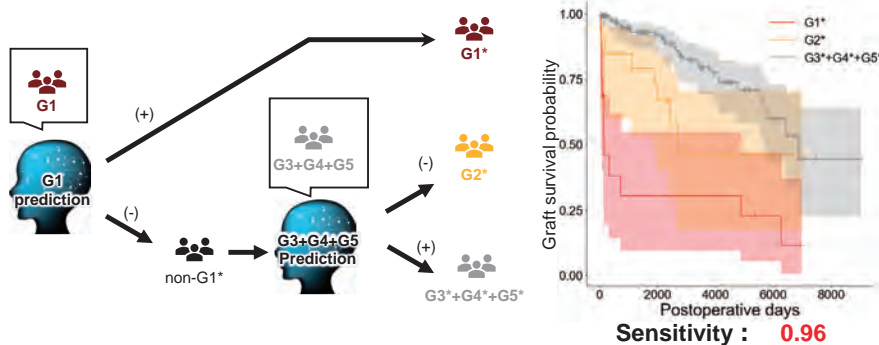


Divided into 3 groups : Early (G1), Intermediate (G2), and Long or No graft loss patients(G3+G4+G5)

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Hierarchical binary classification model

Model detail



Multi-class classification with emphasis on G1 identification by combining two binary classification models

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Summary and Future directions

Summary

- ✓ Early graft loss can be accurately predicted using clinical data **up to 30 days** postoperatively
- ✓ This prediction requires **only seven key variables**
- ✓ **Patient stratification**: identification of individuals at risk for **intermediate graft loss (G2)**
- ✓ A **hierarchical prediction** approach enables highly **accurate group-level predictions**

Future directions

- ✓ **Establishing the feasibility of outcome prediction** using data obtained over 30 days postoperatively.
- ✓ **Understanding the dynamics of pre- and postoperative clinical states**
- ✓ **Investigating the mechanisms** that determine post-transplant outcomes

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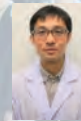
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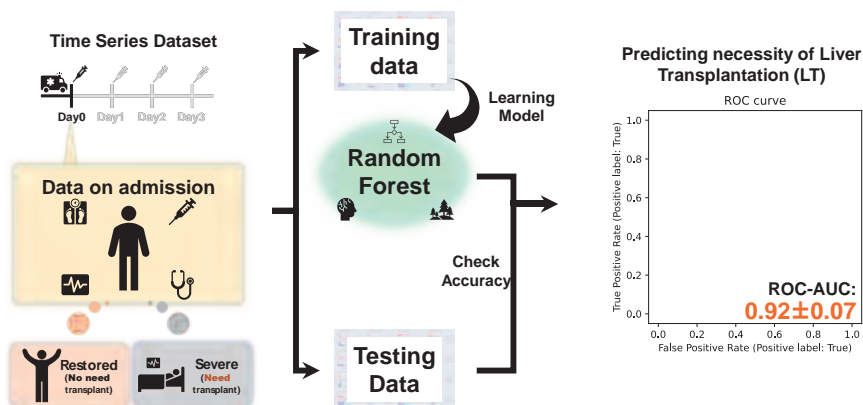
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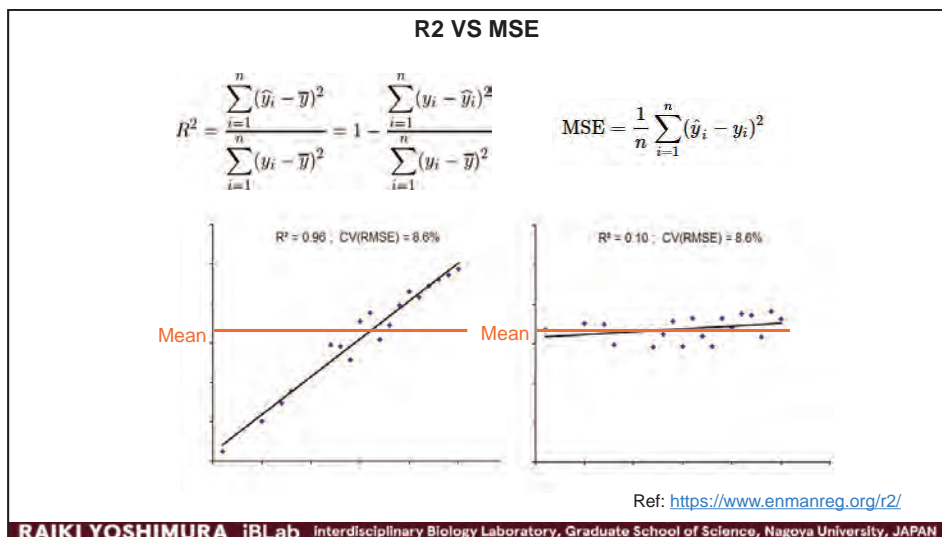
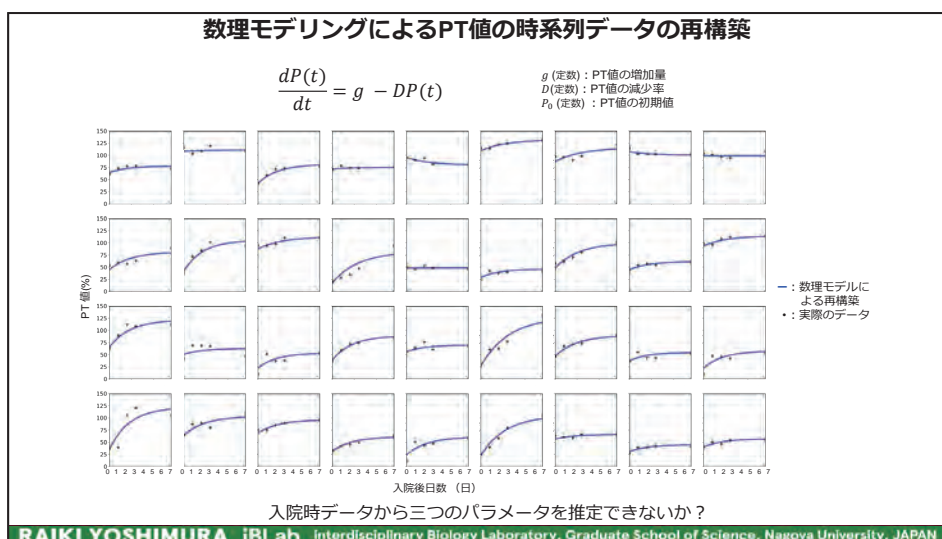
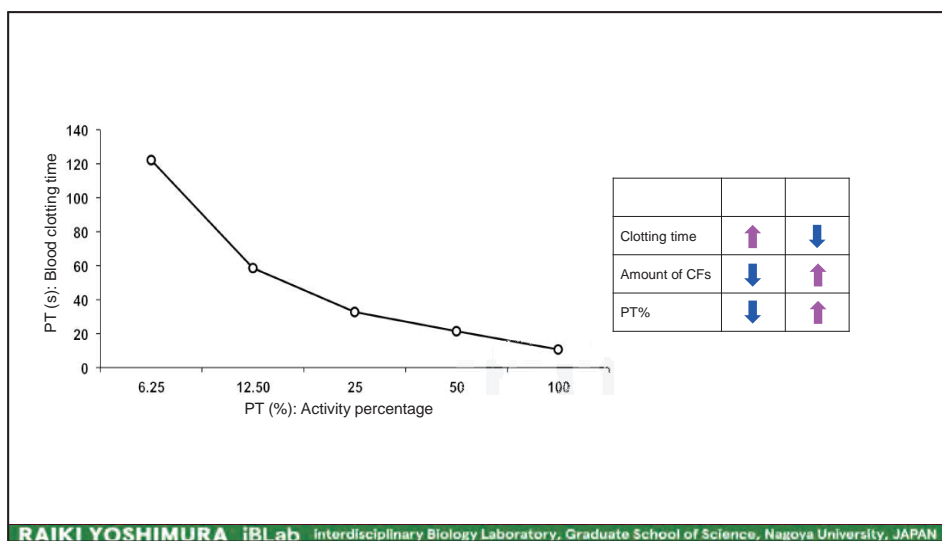
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Prediction of the necessity of Liver transplantation on admission



Patients has sufficient information to predict the necessity of LT on admission

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Quantifying the Topological Structure of Graphs: The Total Persistence Difference

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Persistent homology (PH) has been widely applied to graph data to extract topological features. However, little attention has been paid to how different distance functions on a graph affect the resulting persistence diagrams and their interpretations. In this paper, we define a class of distances on graphs, called path-representable distances, and investigate structural relationships between their induced persistent homologies. In particular, we identify a nontrivial injection between the 1-dimensional barcodes induced by two commonly used graph distances: the unweighted and weighted shortest-path distances. We formally establish sufficient conditions under which such embeddings arise, focusing on a subclass we call cost-dominated distances. The injection property is shown to hold in 0- and 1-dimensions, while we provide counterexamples for higher-dimensional cases. To make these relationships measurable, we introduce the total persistence difference (TPD), a new topological measure that quantifies changes between filtrations induced by cost-dominated distances on a fixed graph. We prove a stability result for TPD when the distance functions admit a partial order and apply the method to the SNAP EU Research Institution E-Mail dataset. TPD captures both periodic patterns and global trends in the data, and shows stronger alignment with classical graph statistics compared to previously proposed PH-based measures.

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Persistent Homology (PH)

A mathematical tool in topological data analysis (TDA) that enables the inference of topological information about data.

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00 Persistent Homology on graph data

Consider a connected weighted graph $G = (V, E, W_E)$ with its distance $d : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$. Define an abstract simplicial complex \mathbb{X} as the power set of the vertex set V , denoted by $\mathbb{X} := \mathcal{P}(V)$. Consider a real-valued function $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$f(\sigma) = \max\{d(v, w) \mid (v, w) \subseteq \sigma \text{ for } v, w \in V\}$$

for any k -simplex $\sigma \in \mathbb{X}$ whenever $p \geq 1$, otherwise $f(\sigma) = 0$. For a sequence of real numbers $0 = a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_m$, if we denote $\mathbb{X}_{a_i} := f^{-1}((-\infty, a_i])$, then we have a filtration

$$V = \mathbb{X}_{a_0} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{X}_{a_1} \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow \mathbb{X}_{a_m} = \mathbb{X}.$$

A persistence barcode $\text{bcd}_k(d)$, for each homological dimension k , is the visual representations of homological features as a multiset. They can be represented as follows:

$$\text{bcd}_k(d) = \{[a, b] \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\}.$$

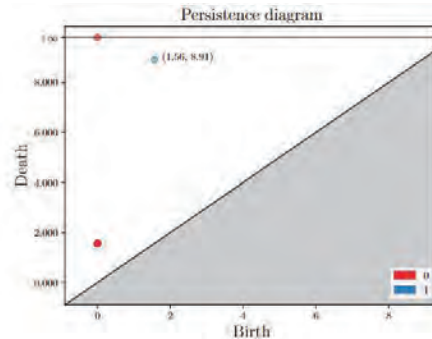
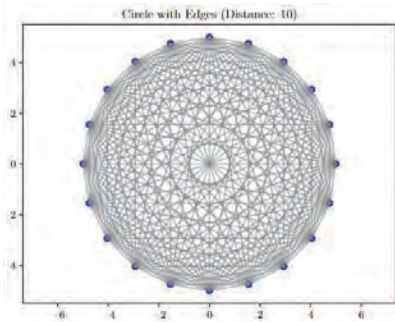
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Persistence Diagram (PD)



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However, the result of persistent homology on a given graph $G = (V, E, W_E)$ can vary depending on how the distance d between nodes is defined.

Could there be a hidden relationship between persistent homology results induced by different distances d_1, d_2 on the same graph G ?

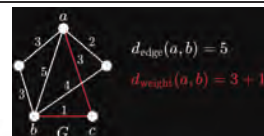
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Motivation



Let $G = (V, E, W_E)$ be a connected weighted graph.

Definition 1. Define the distance $d_{\text{weight}} : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ such that for any two distinct vertices v and w in V ,

$$d_{\text{weight}}(v, w) = \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}(v, w)} \left\{ \sum_{e \in E(p)} W_E(e) \right\},$$

and $d_{\text{weight}}(v, w) = 0$ if $v = w$, where $\mathcal{P}(v, w)$ is the set of all paths connecting v and w , and $E(p)$ denotes the set of edges composing the path p .

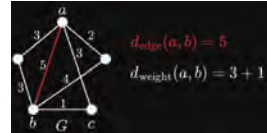
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Let $G = (V, E, W_E)$ be a connected weighted graph.

Definition 2. Define the distance $d_{\text{edge}} : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ such that for any two distinct vertices v and w in V ,

$$d_{\text{edge}}(v, w) = \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{\min}(v, w)} \left\{ \sum_{e \in E(p)} W_E(e) \right\},$$

and $d_{\text{edge}}(v, w) = 0$ if $v = w$, where $\mathcal{P}_{\min}(v, w)$ is the set of all paths from v to w that attain the minimum number of edges among all such paths and $E(p)$ denotes the set of edges composing the path p .

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Remark. Let d_{edge} and d_{weight} be the distances defined above. Then the following inequality holds:

$$d_{\text{weight}}(v, w) \leq d_{\text{edge}}(v, w) \quad \text{for any } v, w \in V,$$

i.e., $d_{\text{weight}} \leq d_{\text{edge}}$.

Proof. Trivial, because $\mathcal{P}_{\min}(v, w) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(v, w)$ for all $v, w \in V$. Since the minimization in d_{weight} is taken over a superset of the one in d_{edge} , the inequality follows. \square

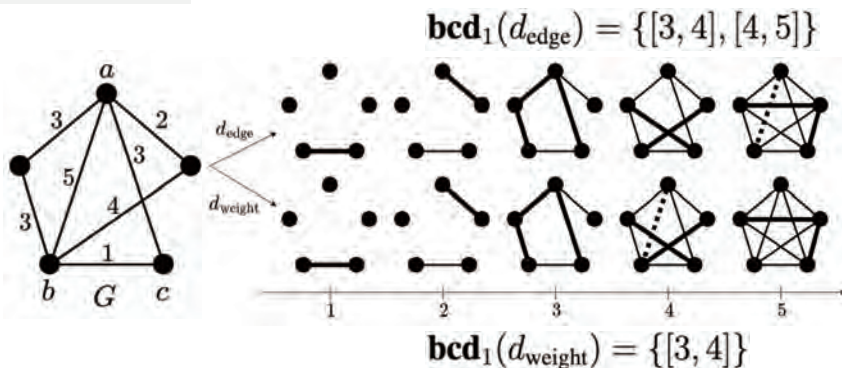
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Does $d_1 \leq d_2$ implies that $\text{bcd}_1(d_1) \subseteq \text{bcd}_1(d_2)$?

No.

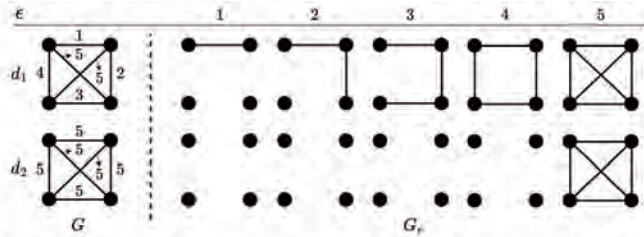


Fig. 2.1: An example where $d_1 \leq d_2$ yet $\text{bcd}_1(d_1) \not\subseteq \text{bcd}_1(d_2)$, with $\text{bcd}_1(d_1) = \{[4, 5]\}$ and $\text{bcd}_1(d_2) = \emptyset$. The subgraph G_ϵ of G is defined as $G_\epsilon = (V, E_\epsilon)$, where $E_\epsilon = \{e \in E \mid W_E(e) \leq \epsilon\}$.

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Does $d_1 \leq d_2$ implies that $\text{bcd}_1(d_1) \subseteq \text{bcd}_1(d_2)$?

No.

We know that $d_{\text{weight}} \leq d_{\text{edge}}$.Does this implies that there is an injection from $\text{bcd}_1(d_{\text{weight}})$ to $\text{bcd}_1(d_{\text{edge}})$?

Yes.

Theorem. Let $G = (V, E, W_E)$ be a connected weighted graph. Then there exists an injective function $\varphi : \text{bcd}_1(d_{\text{weight}}) \rightarrow \text{bcd}_1(d_{\text{edge}})$ defined as $\varphi([\beta, \delta]) = [\beta, \delta']$ such that $\delta \leq \delta'$ for any $[\beta, \delta] \in \text{bcd}_1(d_{\text{weight}})$.

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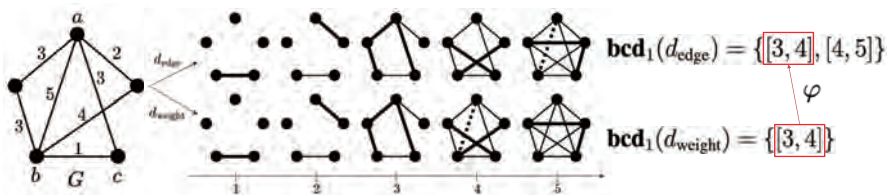
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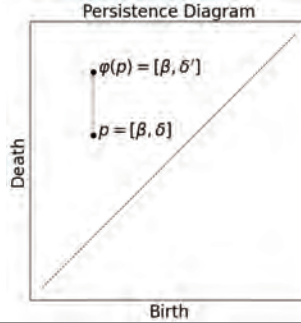
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Path-representable distance

Let $G = (V, E, W_E)$ be a connected weighted graph. For any two vertices v, w in V , $P(v, w)$ is the set of paths from v to w that have no repeated vertex, and \mathcal{P} is the union of $P(v, w)$ along all $v, w \in V$. That is,

$$\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{v, w \in V} P(v, w)$$

A *path choice function* is a function $g : V \times V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ satisfying $g(a, b) \subseteq g(v, w) \in P(v, w)$ for any vertices v and w in G and any vertices a and b in $g(v, w)$. This property is called *consistency*.

Definition. Consider a connected weighted graph $G = (V, E, W_E)$. A function d on $V \times V$ is called a *path-representable distance* if there is a path choice function g such that

$$d(v, w) = \sum_{e \in g(v, w)} W_E(e) \text{ if } v \neq w$$

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Path-representable distance (example)

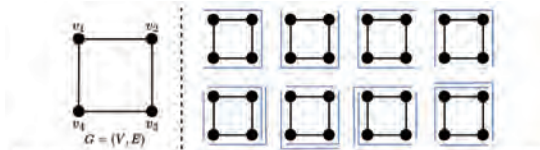


Fig. 3.1: The graph $G = (V, E)$ and all of its possible path choice functions represented by their maximal paths.

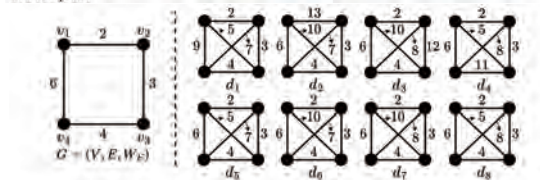


Fig. 3.2: The weighted graph $G = (V, E, W_E)$ and all its possible path-representable distances.

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Dominated Path-representable distance

Let $G = (V, E, W_E)$ be a connected weighted graph and g a path choice function on G .

- For an edge $e = (v, w) \in E$:

- g is *locally weight-dominated* by e if

$$W_E(e) > W_E(e') \quad \text{for all } e' \in g(v, w)$$

- g is *locally cost-dominated* by e if

$$W_E(e) \geq \sum_{e' \in g(v, w)} W_E(e')$$

- We define:

- g is *weight-dominated* if it is locally weight-dominated for all $e \neq g(v, w)$
- g is *cost-dominated* if it is locally cost-dominated for all $e \neq g(v, w)$

Let d be a path-representable distance defined by path choice function g on G .

- d is *weight-dominated* if g is weight-dominated
- d is *cost-dominated* if g is cost-dominated

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Main Theorem

Theorem. Let $G = (V, E, W_E)$ be a connected weighted graph. Consider two *cost-dominated path-representable distances* d_i and d_j by path choice functions g_i and g_j on G , respectively. If $d_i(v, w) \leq d_j(v, w)$ for any vertices v and w , then there exists an injective function $\varphi_{i,j} : \text{bcd}_1(d_i) \rightarrow \text{bcd}_1(d_j)$ defined as $\varphi_{i,j}([\beta, \delta]) = [\beta, \delta']$ such that $\delta \leq \delta'$ for any $[\beta, \delta] \in \text{bcd}_1(d_i)$.

Proposition. The two distances d_{weight} and d_{edge} are cost-dominated path-representable distances such that $d_{\text{weight}} \leq d_{\text{edge}}$.

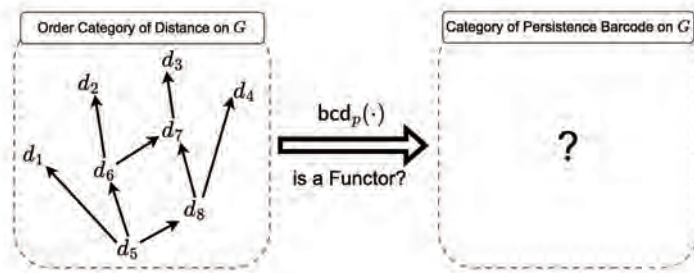
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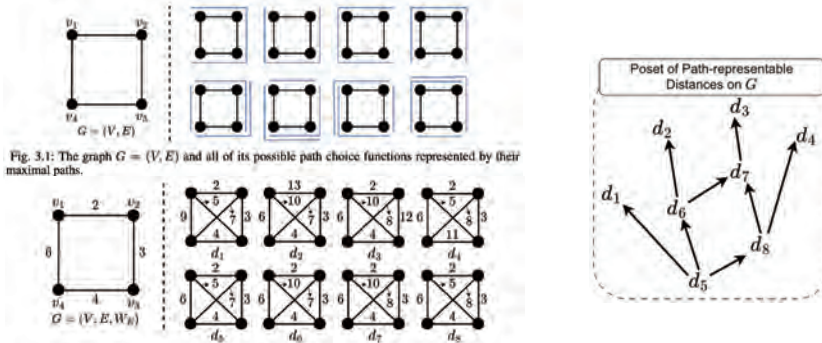
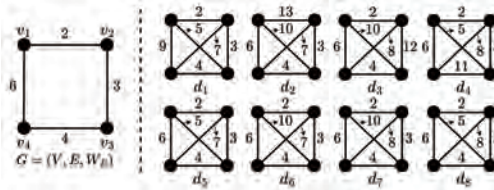


Fig. 3.2: The weighted graph $G = (V, E, W_E)$ and all its possible path-representable distances.

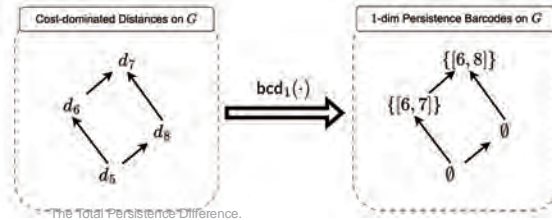
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$\text{bcd}_1(\cdot)$ is a well-defined faithful functor.



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(T)true or (F)alse	T	T	F	F	F	F

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Definition. Let $G = (V, E, W_E)$ be a connected weighted graph equipped with two cost-dominated path-representable distances d_i and d_j such that $d_i \leq d_j$. Then the total persistence difference between their 1-dimensional persistence diagrams is defined as:

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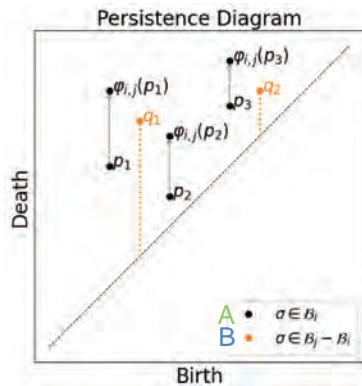
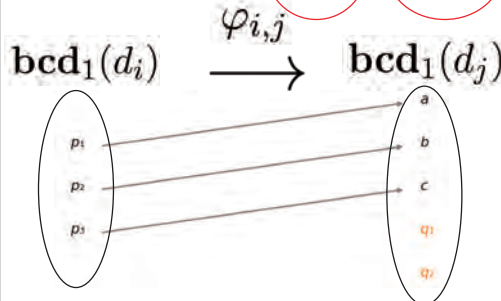
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Stability Theorem for the total persistence difference (TPD)

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$$\text{Diff}_p(\text{PD}_1(G, d_j), \text{PD}_1(G, d_i)) \leq \gamma \|d_j - d_i\|_\infty,$$

where $\|d_j - d_i\|_\infty := \max_{(v,w) \in V \times V} \{d_j(v, w) - d_i(v, w)\}$ and $\gamma = \left(|E| - |V| + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

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Experiments and Applications (proposed method)

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In contrast, our method compares two filtrations on the same graph snapshot G_t , each induced by a different path-representable distance:

$$\text{TPD}_t := \text{Diff}_1(\text{bcd}_1(G_t, d_{\text{edge}}), \text{bcd}_1(G_t, d_{\text{weight}})),$$

thereby quantifying the *intrinsic topological complexity* of the graph itself.

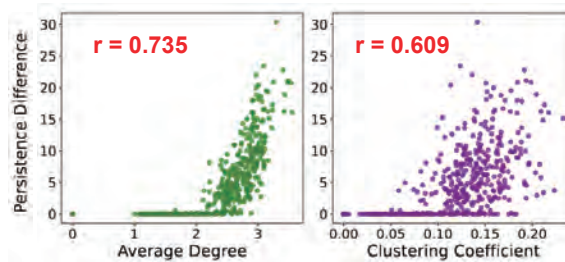
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Comparison with Prior Work

Comparison: Our Method vs Prior Work (Hajij et al., 2018)

Aspect	Prior Work	Proposed Method (TPD)
Comparison Basis	Different graphs (overlapping windows)	Same graph with different distance functions
Distance Used	Single (weighted)	d_{edge} and d_{weight}
Weekend Sensitivity	Non-zero values even with minimal structure	Naturally zero on weekends and holidays
Interpretability	Hard to isolate cause of change	Clear attribution to distance-induced differences
Correlation to Graph Stats	Avg. degree $r = 0.36$	Stronger: $r = 0.74$ (avg. degree)

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Summary

- **Motivation**

Persistent Homology (PH) is increasingly used in graph data analysis. However, PH results vary significantly depending on the choice of graph distance, and this phenomenon is poorly understood.

- **Main Findings**

We discovered a nontrivial 1D PH embedding between two commonly used graph distances d_{edge} and d_{weight} . To explain this, we define a broader class of distances — **path-representable distances** — and mathematically characterize when such embeddings occur.

- **Application: Total Persistence Difference (TPD)**

A new topological measure to quantify the change between filtrations induced by different distances:

$$\text{TPD}_t = \text{Diff}_1(\text{PD}_1(G_t, d_{\text{edge}}), \text{PD}_1(G_t, d_{\text{weight}}))$$

We also prove a **stability theorem** for TPD when distances are ordered and path-representable.

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Pathological State Inference System based on Mathematical Model and TDA for Personalized Treatment in Dermatology

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Skin diseases typically appear as visible information-skin eruptions distributed across the body. However, the biological mechanisms underlying these manifestations are often inferred from fragmented, time-point-specific data such as skin biopsies. The challenge is further compounded for human-specific conditions like urticaria, where animal models are ineffective, leaving researchers to rely heavily on in vitro experiments and sparse clinical observations. In this presentation, I will introduce an innovative methodology that combines mathematical modeling with topological data analysis, allowing for the estimation of patient-specific parameters directly from morphological patterns of skin eruptions. This framework offers a new pathway for personalized analysis and mechanistic insight into complex skin disorders.

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A Topological Analysis of the Space of Recipes

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In recent years, the use of data-driven methods has provided insights into underlying patterns and principles behind culinary recipes. In this exploratory work, we introduce the use of topological data analysis, especially persistent homology, in order to study the space of culinary recipes. In particular, persistent homology analysis provides a set of recipes surrounding the multiscale “holes” in the space of existing recipes. We then propose a method to generate novel ingredient combinations using combinatorial optimization on this topological information. We made biscuits using the novel ingredient combinations, which were confirmed to be acceptable enough by a sensory evaluation study. Our findings indicate that topological data analysis has the potential for providing new tools and insights in the study of culinary recipes. This talk is based on <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijgfs.2024.101088>

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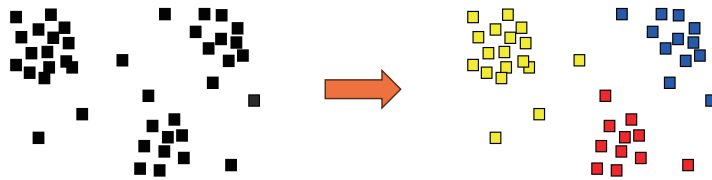
Background for today's talk Data science & Recipes

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- etc.
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 - => Use topological data analysis

Topological Data Analysis

Keyword: the "shape" of data

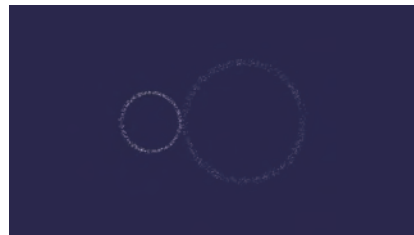
Clusters: Cluster analysis



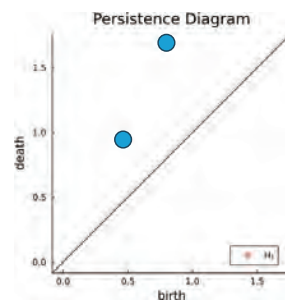
“Holes” in data



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Persistent Homology A tool in topological data analysis

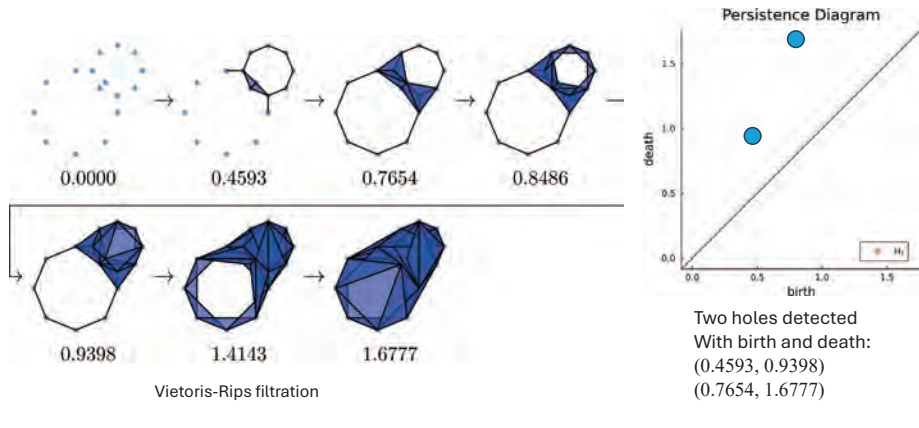


Two holes detected.

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Persistent Homology

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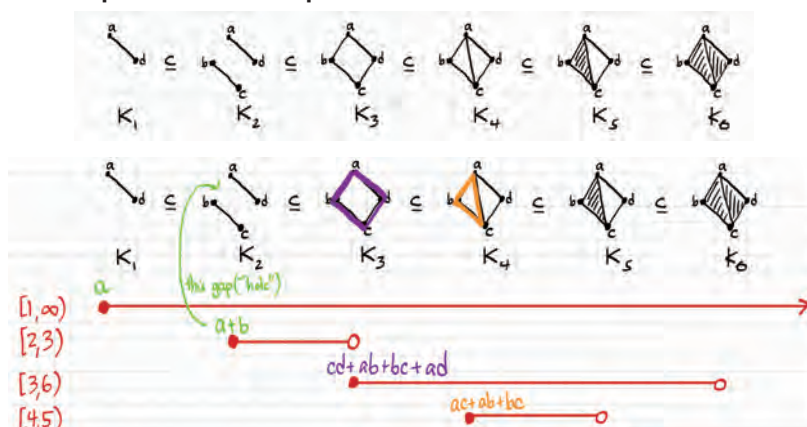


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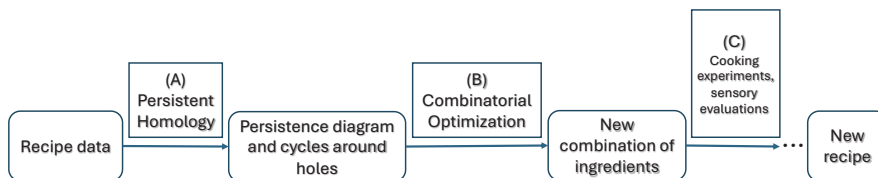
Computed example:



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The steps of the analysis

- (A) Apply persistent homology to analyze the “space of recipes”
- (B) From the “holes” in the space of recipes, create new combinations of ingredients that can be used as hints for new recipes
- (C) Check using cooking experiments, sensory evaluations



The data

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- Use only list of ingredients
- as 0–1 vectors

- dissimilarity: $d_{\cos}(y, x) = 1 - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|y\| \|x\|}$
 $= 1 - \cos(\text{angle between } x \text{ and } y)$

Number of recipes	48,983
Number of ingreds.	381
Ave. num. ingreds. per recipe	8.4936
Std. dev. num. ingreds. per recipe	3.5091

Table 1: Basic Statistics

Ingredient combinations as Vectors

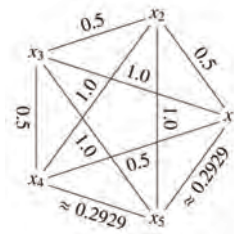
Beef	1	1	...
Potato	1	0	
Carrot	1	1	
Onion	1	0	
Shirataki	1	0	
Water	1	1	
Soy sauce	1	1	
Mirin	1	1	
Sugar	1	1	
Hondashi	1	0	
Sake	1	1	
Tofu	0	1	
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	Nikujaga	Sukiyaki	
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Example...

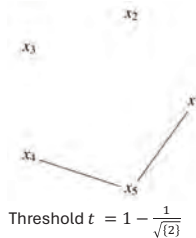
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Pairwise dissimilarities using

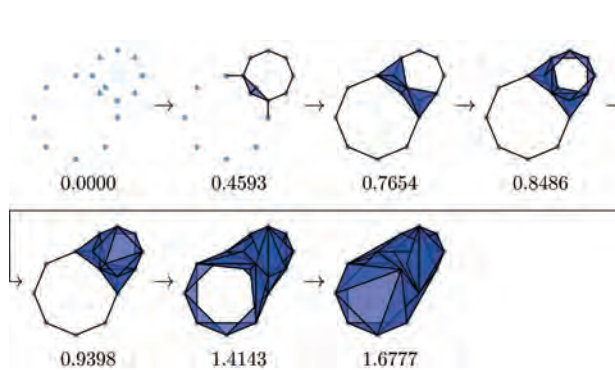
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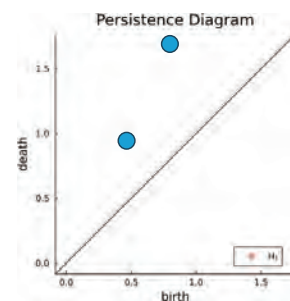
Vietoris-Rips filtration:



Recall: Persistent Homology

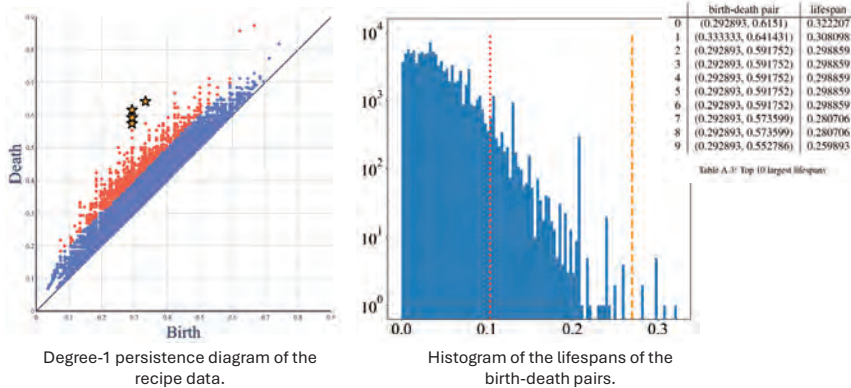


Vietoris-Rips filtration



Two holes detected
With birth and death:
(0.4593, 0.9398)
(0.7654, 1.6777)

Persistent homology, applied to recipe data

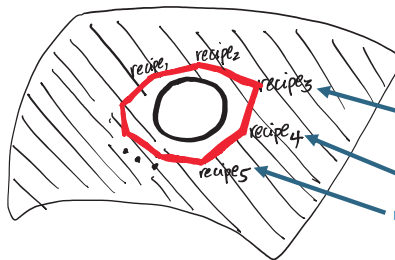


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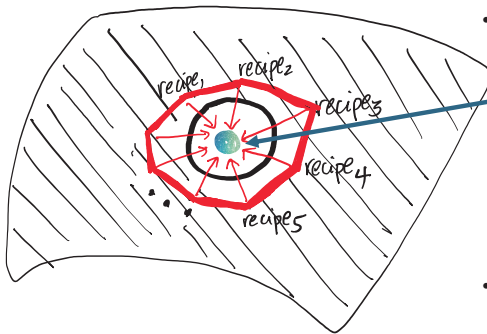
Representative cycle z_i : List of recipes surrounding a hole



Just an “image”, do not take literally

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[butter, 'cinnamon', 'cream', 'egg', 'milk', 'nutmeg', 'vanilla', 'wheat']
[butter, 'cane_molasses', 'milk', 'rye_flour', 'wheat', 'yeast']
[cherry, 'cream', 'egg', 'gelatin', 'wheat']
[butter, 'olive', 'olive_oil', 'wheat']
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Can we use it to make a new recipe? Center?



- Average number of ingredients in original data: 8.49 ± 3.51
- Ingredients in this cycle:
 ['almond', 'bell_pepper', 'black_pepper', 'butter', 'cane_molasses', 'champagne_wine', 'cheddar_cheese', 'cherry', 'chicken', 'cinnamon', 'cocoa', 'cranberry', 'cream', 'cream_cheese', 'egg', 'garlic', 'gelatin', 'lard', 'lemon', 'lime', 'milk', 'oat', 'onion', 'orange', 'orange_juice', 'pepper', 'pineapple', 'potato', 'raspberry', 'rum', 'seed', 'vanilla', 'walnut', 'wheat', 'yeast']
35 ingredients

- Too many ingredients!

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Finding new combinations using optimization

- Let S be the set of all ingredients used in the recipes surrounding a hole. Think of these as candidate ingredients
- Consider the following problem:

$$y_* = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in S, |y|=t} d_{\cos}(y, X) = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in S, |y|=t} \max_{x \in X} \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|y\| \|x\|}$$

- Find the combination y that is the most dissimilar to the set of existing recipes X
- Under the condition that y is exactly t ingredients from the candidate set S

Finding new combinations using optimization

Problem formulation (original):

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- Using the “epigraph trick”, we turn min max problem into a minimization problem:

$$\text{The } \max_{x \in X} \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|y\| \|x\|} \text{ is equal to } \min \left\{ \lambda \mid \lambda \geq \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|y\| \|x\|} \forall x \in X \right\}$$

- We also apply a projection to S to decrease the dimensionality of the problem

Finding new combinations using optimization (Mixed Integer Linear Programming Problem)

- Thus, equivalent to the following Problem:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \lambda \\ \text{subject to} & v^T z - \lambda \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in \left\{ \frac{\pi_S(x)}{\sqrt{t}\|x\|} \mid x \in X \right\} \\ & 1^T z = t \\ & z \in \{0,1\}^S, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right.$$

- Use software (e.g. GLPK; coin-or/Cbc; IBM® ILOG® CPLEX®) to solve

Some example optimal solutions (with $t = 5$)

- ...
('cranberry', 'cream cheese', 'gin', 'olive oil', 'raisin')
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('cranberry', 'cream cheese', 'raisin', 'starch', 'whole grain wheat flour')
...
- many optimal solutions with the same dissimilarity to existing recipes!

Biscuits preparation

- Four solutions (NCS, NR, NG, NCB) with $t = 5$ ingredients were selected.
- The ingredients suggested biscuits.

Table: Compositions of the biscuits

	Control	No corn starch (NCS)	No raisin (NR)	No gin (NG)	No cranberry (NCB)
Sugar*	30	30	30	30	30
Whole grain wheat flour	45	90	45	45	45
Starch (cornstarch)	45	-	45	45	45
Cranberry (dried cranberry)	10	10	20	10	-
Raisin	10	10	-	10	20
Gin	10	10	10	-	10
Water	-	-	-	10	-
Cream cheese	80	80	80	80	80

*Sugar was added because the recipe data does not contain seasonings (e.g. salt and sugar) as ingredients

Sensory evaluation of biscuits

Comparison sample

Control, NCS, NR, NG, NCB

Panel

19 untrained non-expert Japanese male and female students (21.3 ± 2.6 years old)

Factors

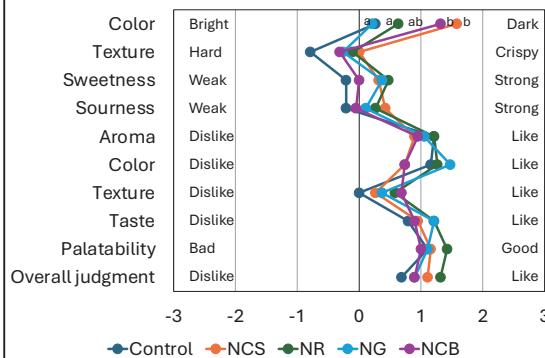
Scoring method: -3 ~ +3

Intensity of color, texture, sweetness, sourness

Preferences for aroma, color, texture, taste, palatability, overall judgment



Results of the sensory evaluation



Mean (n=19).
Only "color" exhibits significant difference ($p < 0.05$, Tukey's HSD test)

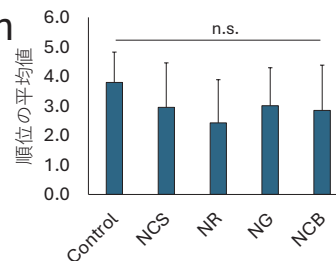
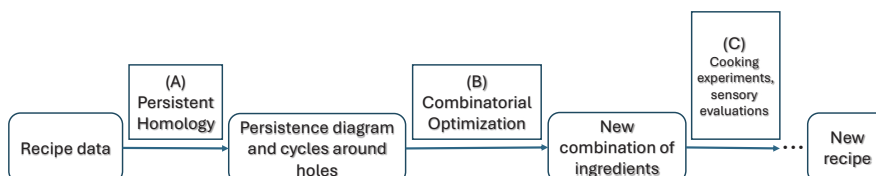


Figure 2: Ranking order
Mean (n=19). No significant difference in ranking order of biscuits, by Newell and MacFarlane test

Scores of palatability and overall judgment of all biscuits were about 1.0, indicating that the suggested ingredient combinations are potentially viable for recipes of biscuits

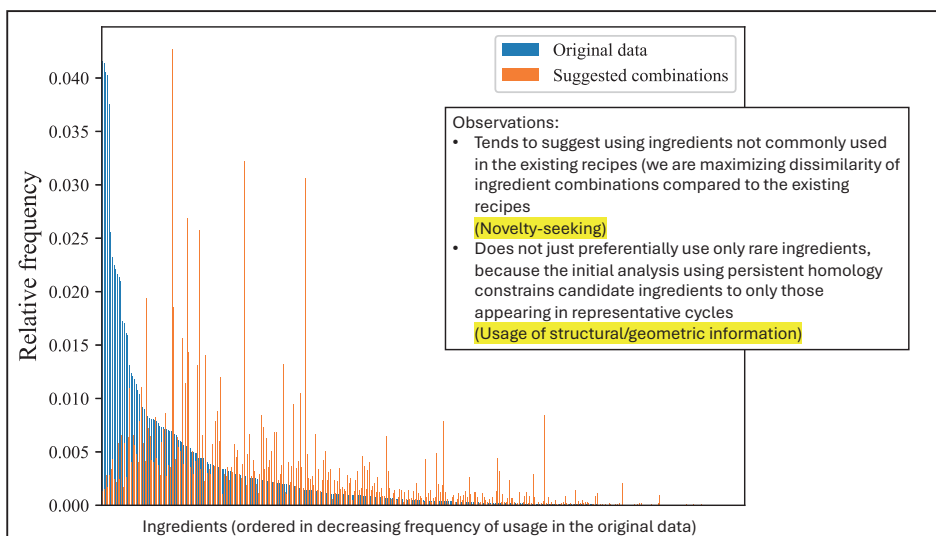
Recall: The steps of the analysis

- (A) Apply persistent homology to analyze the "space of recipes"
- (B) From the "holes" in the space of recipes, create new combinations of ingredients that can be used as hints for new recipes
- (C) Check using cooking experiments, sensory evaluations



Testing novelty (simple check)

- Generate 31,478 suggestions from our method
(up to 20 solutions for the representative cycles of the top 5% birth–death pairs)
- Result:
 - Equal to existing recipes: 61 (0.19%)
 - Strict subcombinations of existing recipes: 506 (1.6%)
- Point: most of the suggestions from our method do not fall into either of these cases
- Next slide: look at the big picture of ingredient usage patterns



Summary

- Analysis of recipes
 - Persistent homology to explore geometric structure
 - Combinatorial optimization to find new combinations
- TDA (+optimization) has the potential for providing new insights in the study of culinary recipes

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Ellipse Cloud: Anisotropy-Aware Persistent Homology

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Persistent homology is a widely used tool in topological data analysis, yet standard filtration methods often fail to capture anisotropic structures inherent in real-world data. We propose Ellipse Cloud, a preprocessing-based approach that enhances anisotropic features in persistent homology. Our method constructs a Vietoris–Rips (VR) filtration using ellipse tangency times instead of pairwise Euclidean distances, extending the standard VR filtration to an anisotropic setting. This formulation allows anisotropy to be incorporated into persistent homology while remaining compatible with standard computational frameworks. A key computational challenge in this framework involves determining critical time points at which expanding ellipses first interact, which we address through an efficient numerical algorithm.

To evaluate the effectiveness of our approach, we apply it to a toy problem involving a highly noisy two-dimensional point cloud with multiple ring structures. While standard persistent homology struggles to capture the underlying rings due to excessive noise, our anisotropic filtration successfully identifies optimal 1-cycles that preserve the original structures to a greater extent. More generally, our proposed preprocessing technique tends to increase the lifetime of significant persistence pairs, lowering birth values and raising death values compared to standard VR filtrations. These results suggest that incorporating anisotropic filtrations can provide more informative topological summaries of geometrical structures in data. Potential applications include sensor coverage problems, where sensors often exhibit directional sensitivity rather than isotropic coverage.

In the talk, we will also introduce the Python library ‘EllPHi’ for anisotropic persistent homology analysis. ‘EllPHi’ provides the fast and accurate ellipse-tangency solver. The related source codes are available in [GitHub (<https://github.com/t-uda/ellphi>)](<https://github.com/t-uda/ellphi>).

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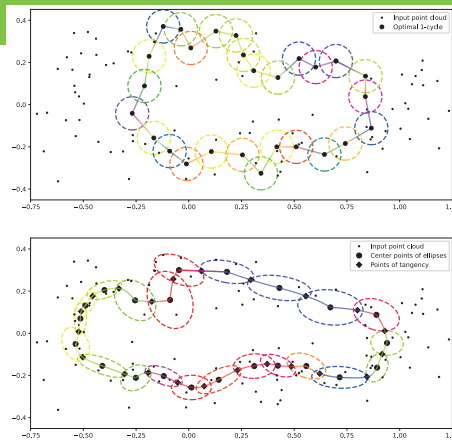
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Persistent Homology (PH)

Standard PH
w/ circular disks

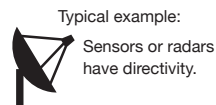


Anisotropic PH
w/ ellipses



Definition. Anisotropy?

Given spatial data with a specific metric, it is said to exhibit **anisotropy** if its local properties differ depending on the direction of measurement.

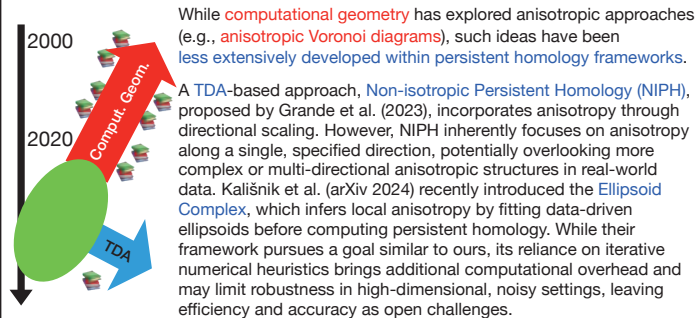


We hereafter focus on **anisotropic distance** structure.



Preceding Studies

TL;DR: The existing TDA methods have not well explored anisotropy yet.
Much research should still be done in this direction.



Q. How to find the
point of tangency
(or intersection)
of two ellipses?

Intersection of quadratic curves

Does anybody know by whom and when it was invented?

To be honest, I do not know the first appearance of the calculation method for conics' intersections.
Any relevant literature would be quite helpful! Thanks!

- Mathematicians studied **quadratic curves** (a.k.a. **conic sections**) from B.C.
- Apollonius wrote "Conics" around the 2nd century B.C.
- In history, conics have a connection to astronomy. (J. Kepler 16th century)
- Wikipedia - [[Conic sections]] - § Intersecting two conics:
 - one can **locate the intersection by identifying the degenerate pencil**.
- There is an implementation note and existing software for computing and judging ellipse intersections.

[davideberly/GeometricTools](https://github.com/davideberly/GeometricTools)

Other (hopefully) related information already provided:

- "On Heuristic Detection of Ellipsoids Collision" — by engineers
- "Origami Math Book states the pencil method" — by a school teacher
- "Projective Geometry Book is a citation source" — Wikipedia

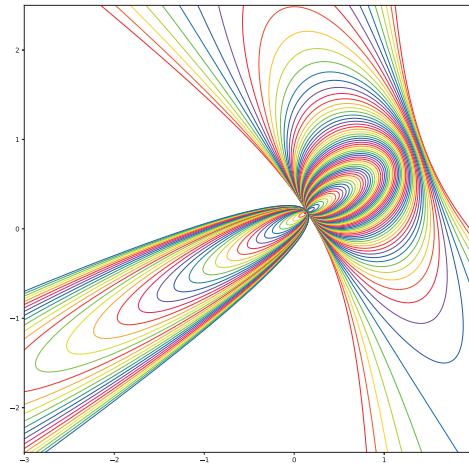
“Well-known” method [citation needed]

Find the degenerate pencil

1. Given two conics Q_0 and Q_1 (expressed by quadratic polynomials)
2. Consider their pencil Q_μ , a linear combination of Q_0 and Q_1
3. Find μ for which Q_μ degenerates to two lines
(The degeneracy condition is a cubic equation in μ)
4. Obtain the intersection point (x, y)
by combining the line equation with either Q_0 or Q_1

Key Fact: Q_μ go through the intersections of Q_0, Q_1

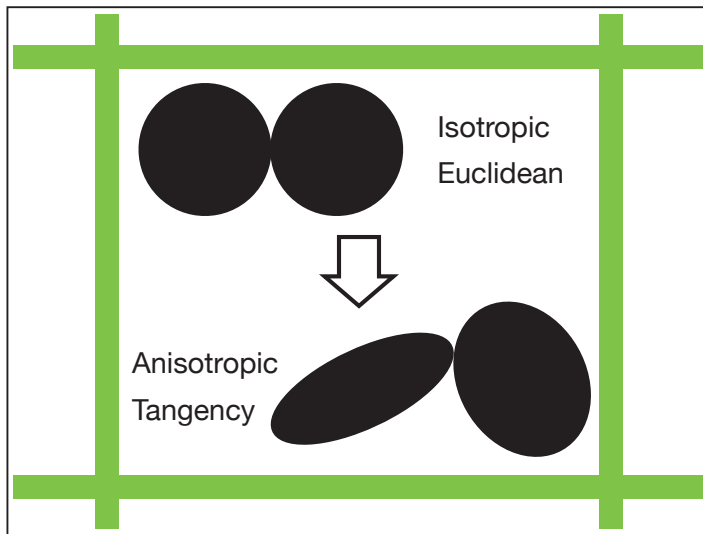
Pencil of conics



Yet another way: Bézoutian

- Fact: Two (quadratic) polynomials share some roots
 \iff the Bézoutian, determinant of the Bézout matrix, is 0.
- [@davideberly/GeometricTools](#) takes this approach.
 1. Collect the ellipse polynomial terms in x
 2. Compute Bézout's determinant \rightarrow quartic(= degree 4) in y
 3. Solve the quartic equation in y
 4. Back-substitute y into the ellipse equation \rightarrow find x
 5. Reject non-intersecting falsy solutions (x, y)

Bad from computational viewpoint (wasting many computations!)



Ellipse Cloud

Simultaneous Expansion Model

Given ellipses $Q_i(t, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A_i \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} + c_i = 0$, decompose it as

$$Q_i(t, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)^T P_i \begin{pmatrix} r_i & 0 \\ 0 & r'_i \end{pmatrix}^{-2} P_i (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i) - t^2.$$

- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i$ i -th center point
- P_i axes (orthogonal)
- $r_i \geq r'_i > 0$ reference radii
- t time, expansion parameter

given

For each pair (Q_i, Q_j) ,
find the tangency time t .

Because the model includes a parameter t ,
the intersection problem becomes complicated.

Another
smart way

Lagrange multiplier method

$$\text{minimize } t^2 \quad \text{subject to } \begin{cases} Q_0(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0, \\ Q_1(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0. \end{cases}$$

↓

Find (\mathbf{x}, t, μ) such that $\nabla F = 0$, where
 $F(\mathbf{x}, t, \mu) = t^2 + \mu_0 Q_0(t, \mathbf{x}) + \mu_1 Q_1(t, \mathbf{x})$.

Constrained
minimization

Find a stationary
point of the
Lagrangian

By $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} F = 0$, we have $\mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu) = -A_{\mu}^{-1} \mathbf{b}_{\mu}$, where

$$A_{\mu} = \mu_0 A_0 + \mu_1 A_1, \quad \mathbf{b}_{\mu} = \mu_0 \mathbf{b}_0 + \mu_1 \mathbf{b}_1.$$

(Impose normal vectors to be linearly dependent.)

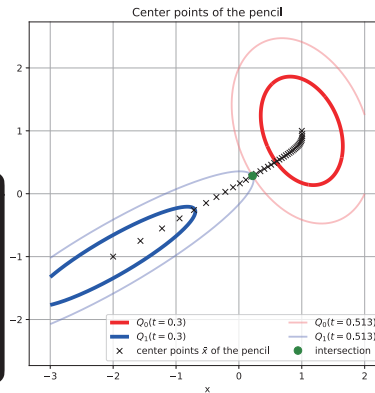
What is $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu)$?

$\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu)$ = the center point of the pencil

Completing the square of $Q_\mu = \mu_0 Q_0 + \mu_1 Q_1$ yields the center point of Q_μ , which coincides with $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu)$.

Key points:

- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu)$ does NOT depend on t . (The center is always located even when Q_μ is an imaginary ellipse.)
- Find a stationary point only on the center curve $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu)$.



Note: Lagrange multiplier method

- [@davideberly/GeometricTools](#) also uses the Lagrange multiplier to determine *whether* two given ellipses intersect or not.
- It implements a Boolean query of the relative position of them:
 - A. If two ellipses intersect.
 - B. If one includes another strictly.
 - C. Neither; if two ellipses are separated.
- It is straightforward to solve the tangency problem in the same way, but it has not been implemented in this software yet.
- Thus, our proposed method and software are still new.
- Especially, we can prove **the unique existence of the solution**.

$$\mu \mapsto Q_\mu(t, \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu))$$

Takes the maximum value

$$\text{at } \mu = \bar{\mu}.$$

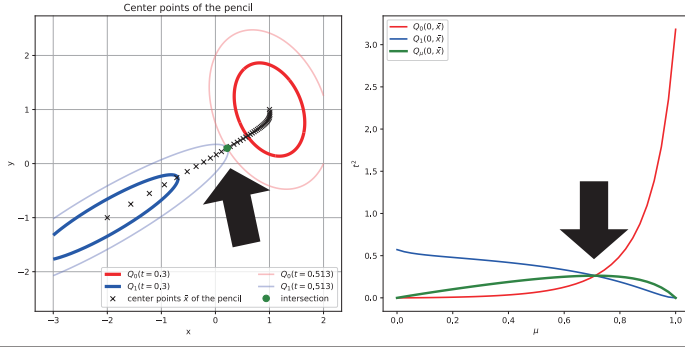
Futhermore, at time

$$\bar{t} = \sqrt{Q_{\bar{\mu}}(0, \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\bar{\mu}))},$$

$\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\bar{\mu})$ is the point of tangency.

Sketch of proof and the plot of Q_μ

Show convexity. Calculate the 2nd derivative of $Q_\mu(t, \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu))$ w.r.t. μ . Proved.



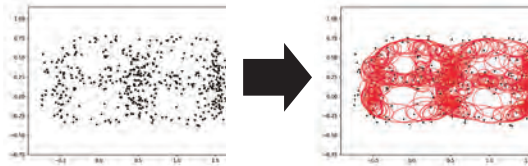
Numerical performance

TABLE 1. Performance evaluation results ($N = 1000$ ellipses). The first column **method** indicates the solver specified by the `scipy.optimize.root_scalar` function in Python: (1) bisection, (2) Brent, and (3) Newton. In (4), we adopt a hybrid approach that runs Brent for eight iterations to obtain an initial estimate and then applies Newton for three iterations. The second column shows the execution time per call, while the subsequent columns show relative errors. The relative error for Q_i is defined as $|Q_i - Q_\mu|/Q_\mu$ ($i = 0, 1$), and the listed values are averages. The adjacent column shows the median of the corresponding relative error.

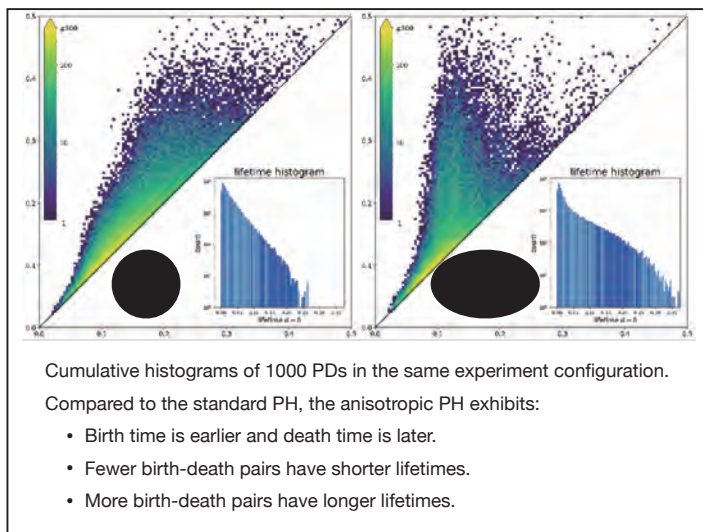
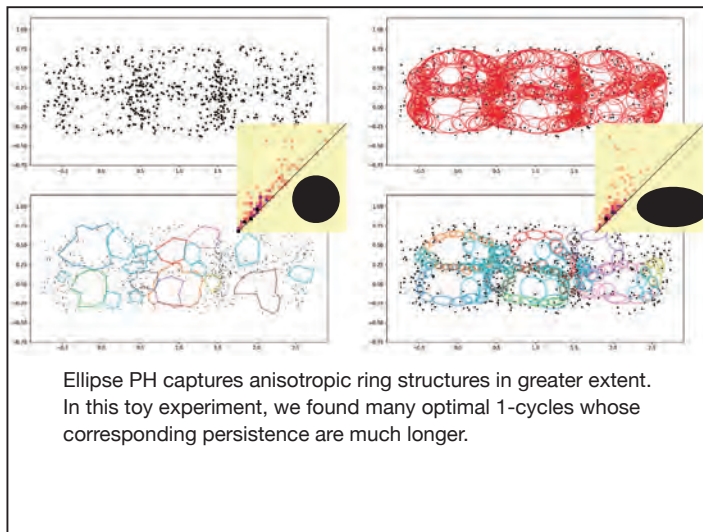
method	Execution Time	Rel. Error Q_0	(Median)	Rel. Error Q_1	(Median)
(1) bisect	0.320 ms	$3.80 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$3.21 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$3.83 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$3.23 \cdot 10^{-12}$
(2) brentq	0.089 ms	$1.84 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$2.65 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$1.85 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$2.68 \cdot 10^{-15}$
(3) newton	0.133 ms	$2.58 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$4.85 \cdot 10^{-16}$	$3.11 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$4.78 \cdot 10^{-16}$
(4) (2)→(3)	0.118 ms	$9.59 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$4.26 \cdot 10^{-16}$	$1.14 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4.20 \cdot 10^{-16}$

Solve the algebraic equation $Q_0(0, \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu)) = Q_1(0, \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mu))$ to obtain $\bar{\mu}$

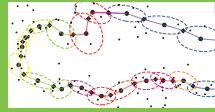
k-NN covariance construction



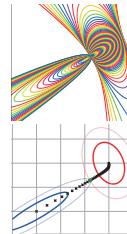
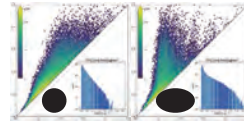
1. For each point x_i , take the **k-nearest neighbour**
2. Compute the mean \bar{x}_i and the **covariance** matrix, and eigendecompose it
3. Place ellipse $Q_i(t, x) = {}^T(x - \bar{x}_i) P_i \text{diag}(r_1, r_2) P_i^T(x - \bar{x}_i) - t^2 = 0$
4. Compute a quasi-metric d_{ij} by **ellipse tangency**
5. Build **VR filtration** from (d_{ij}) and compute PH (PD)



Summary



- Seeking detailed references on conics' intersections 🙏
Suggestions welcome!
- Proposed method
 - Ellipse Cloud construction
 - Fast and accurate computation of ellipse tangency
 - Software implementation
- Looking for applications to real-world data
- Suggestions of anisotropic problems are welcome too!



Q & A

- Inverse analysis? → 🤖 possible as in the standard VR filtration
- PD optimization? → 🤖 possible but not implemented yet [WIP]
 - ✅ The gradient of the tangency problem is computable.
 - 🤖 Future work: ellipses' axes optimization? What about DoF?
- Shapes other than ellipses? → 🤖 possible in principle but hard
 - ✅ The Lagrange multiplier method is applicable in a similar way.
 - ❓ No closed-form solutions nor assurance, in general, though.
- Higher dimension (ellipsoids)? → 🤖 extensible in the same way
- Other filtrations like alpha complex?
 - ✅ Ellipsoid Complex proposed by Kališnik et al. (arXiv 2024)
 - ❓ Computational cost issues? Intersection of ≥ 2 ellipses?

Nonnegative Matrix Factorization with Topological Regularization

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In this study, we propose Top-NMF, a novel model that incorporates topological regularization into Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (NMF), a widely used dimensionality reduction technique. While conventional regularization methods focus on preserving relationships between data points to guide low-dimensional representations, Top-NMF explicitly controls the topological structure of the support of each basis vector. We interpret each data point as a real-valued function defined over a structured domain (such as a grid or a graph), and treat each basis vector in the same way. Our focus is on the support of each basis vector, and we introduce quantitative topological descriptors derived from persistent homology as regularization terms. These descriptors encourage the support to exhibit desirable properties such as connectedness and modularity. These regularization terms can be applied across diverse domains including time series, images, and graphs and guide the model to learn basis vectors that reflect meaningful structures. We provide a theoretical formulation, describe the optimization scheme, and demonstrate through experiments that Top-NMF achieves structurally faithful and interpretable decompositions.

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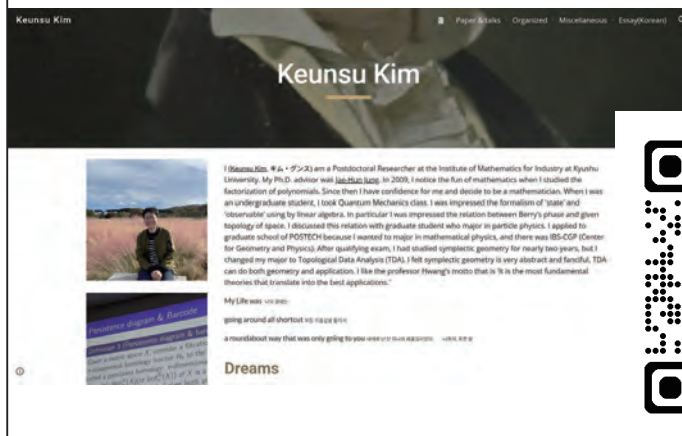
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Nonnegative matrix factorization with topological regularization

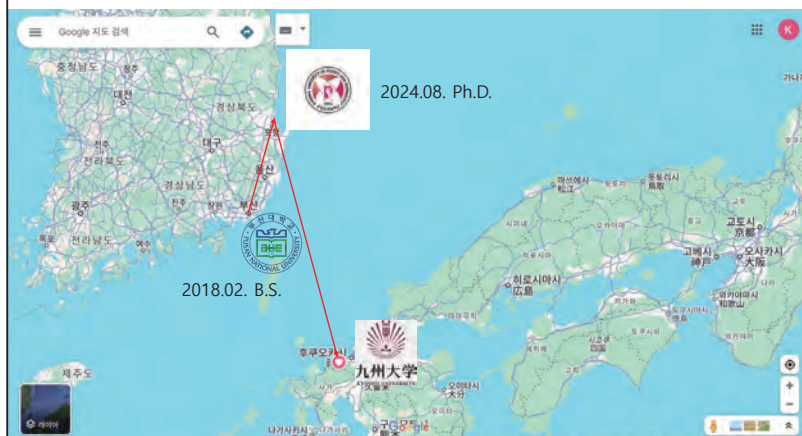
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Background



Linear Dimensionality Reduction

Linear Dimensionality Reduction

Given n d -dimensional data points $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ and $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

Want to reduce the dimensionality to $r < d$.

i.e., find basis vectors $\mathbf{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and corresponding coefficients w_{ij} .

$W = [w_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$
Coefficient matrix

$V = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_r \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times d}$
Basis matrix

$$\mathbf{x}_i \approx w_{i1}\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + w_{ir}\mathbf{v}_r \Leftrightarrow X \approx WV$$

Criterion is to minimize the Loss function L .

Ex) $L_{apx}(W, V) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \sum_{j=1}^r w_{ij}\mathbf{v}_j \right\|^2$

$$W := \{w_{ij}\}_{i=1, \dots, n; j=1, \dots, r}$$

$$V := \{\mathbf{v}_j\}_{j=1, \dots, r}$$

More clarify data points $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{40}$ and each $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$

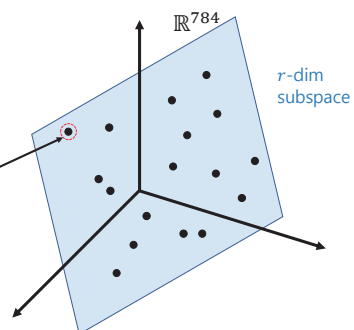


$$\mathbf{x}_5 \in \mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$$

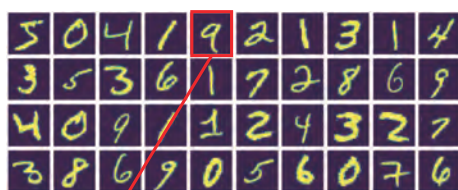
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$$\mathbf{x}_5 \in \mathbb{R}^{784}$$



Principal Component Analysis(PCA)

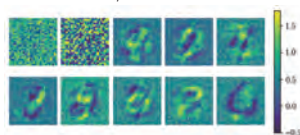


\mathbf{x}_i
 $i = 5$



$$\text{minimize } L_{apx}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \sum_{j=1}^r w_{ij} \mathbf{v}_j \right\|^2$$

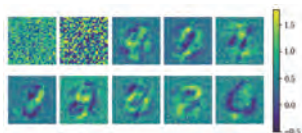
Ex: PCA basis, $r = 10$.



$$\mathbf{x}_i \approx w_{i1} \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + w_{ir} \mathbf{v}_r$$

Nonnegative Matrix Factorization(NMF)

(Daniel D. Lee, and H. Sebastian Seung) Learning the parts of objects by non-negative matrix factorization, *nature* (1999):



PCA basis

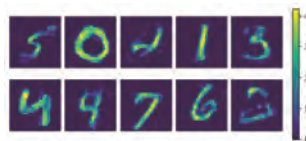
Given dataset $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ and $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^d$,

minimize

$$L_{apx}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \sum_{j=1}^r w_{ij} \mathbf{v}_j \right\|^2$$

subject to

$w_{ij}, v_j \geq 0$, nonnegative constraint



NMF basis

NMF: Nonnegative Matrix Factorization

In this study, given a $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ and $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^d$,

Goal: Obtain **interpretable basis vectors** $\mathbf{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^d$.

Method:

1. Quantify **desirable** properties of \mathbf{v}_j (e.g., sparseness, **connectedness**) into a scalar $L_{reg}(\mathbf{v})$

2. Encourage the desirable properties by using them as a regularization term.

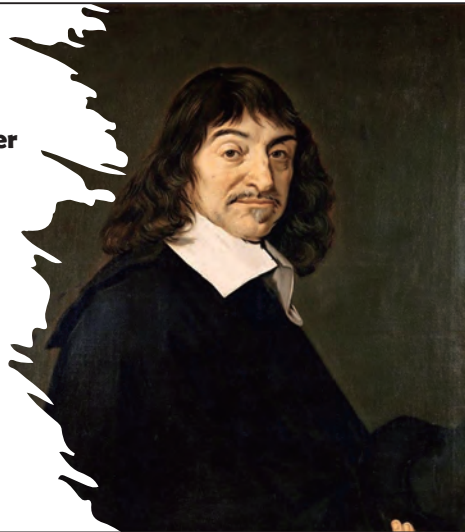
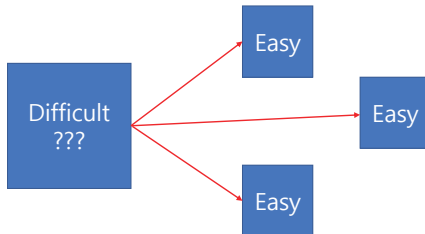
$$L(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) = L_{apx}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) + \lambda_{reg} \cdot L_{reg}(\mathbf{v})$$

3. Optimize w_{ij} and \mathbf{v}_j jointly under nonnegativity constraints.

Philosophy

To divide each of the difficulties under examination into as many parts as possible, and as might be necessary for its adequate solution.

- René Descartes



Quantify desirable properties of \mathbf{v}_j

Quick Review of **sparsity** of \mathbf{v}_j

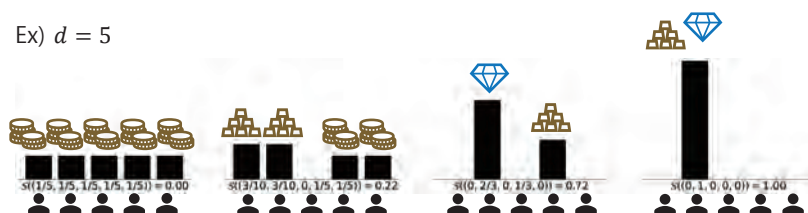
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Sparsity score of $\mathbf{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$

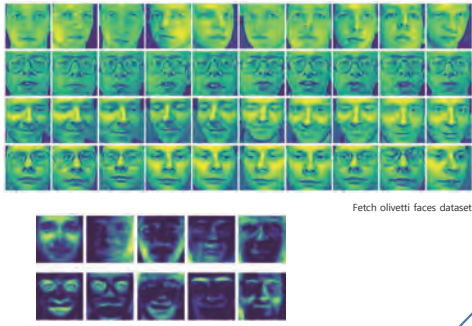
$$\text{Cf. } \|\mathbf{v}_j\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{v}_j\|_1 \leq \sqrt{d} \|\mathbf{v}_j\|_2$$

$$s(\mathbf{v}_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d} - 1} \cdot \left(\sqrt{d} - \frac{\|\mathbf{v}_j\|_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_j\|_2} \right) \in [0, 1]$$

Ex) $d = 5$



Nonnegative Matrix Factorization with sparsity regularization (S-NMF)



Fetch olivetti faces dataset

NMF basis

Each basis vector is localized.

s-NMF basis $a_j = 0.7$

S-NMF: Nonnegative Matrix Factorization with sparsity regularization

$$L_{apx}(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \mathbb{x}_i - \sum_{j=1}^r w_{ij} \mathbb{v}_j \right\|^2$$

$$+ L_{spa}(\mathbb{V}; \{a_j\}_{j=1, \dots, r}) = \sum_{j=1}^r \|\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{v}_j) - a_j\|^2$$

subject to

$w_{ij}, \mathbb{v}_j \geq 0$, nonnegative constraint

$*a_j$ is desirable sparsity score

There is no guarantee of acquiring a localized basis.

Top-NMF

In this study, given a $\{\mathbb{x}_1, \dots, \mathbb{x}_n\}$ and $\mathbb{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^d$,

Recall

Goal: Obtain **interpretable basis vectors** $\mathbb{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

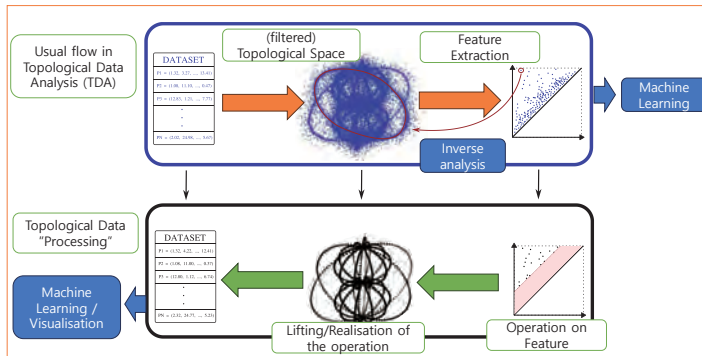
Method:

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2. Encourage desirable properties by using $L_{top}(\mathbb{v})$ as a regularization term.

$$L(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V}) = L_{apx}(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V}) + \lambda_{top} \cdot L_{top}(\mathbb{V}) \quad \text{subject to } w_{ij}, \mathbb{v}_j \geq 0.$$

3. Optimize w_{ij} and \mathbb{v}_j jointly under nonnegativity constraints.

From Topological Data "Analysis" to Data "Processing"



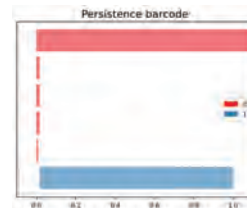
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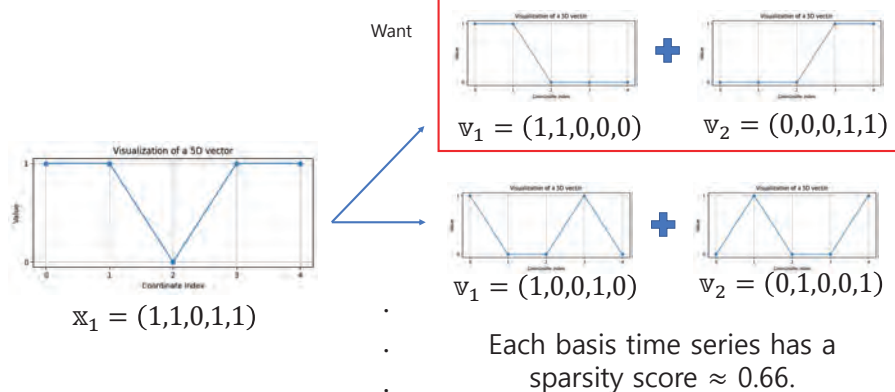
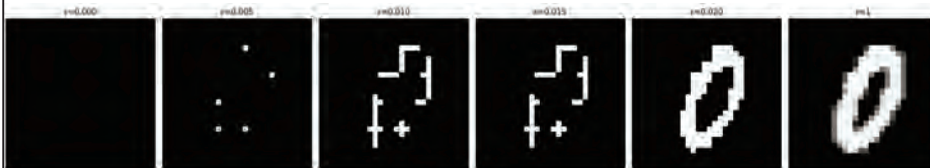
$$x: \text{[Image of digit 0]} \in [0,1]^{28 \times 28} \quad PH(x):$$

Persistent Homology

0-dim homology: # components
1-dim homology: # holes



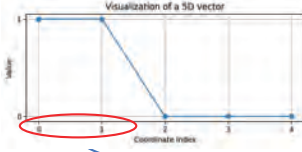
Superlevel set filtration on a cubical complex: pixel intensity $\geq 1 - \varepsilon$



Sparsity score cannot distinguish between the two decompositions

Superlevel set filtration on a cubical complex: pixel intensity $\geq 1 - \varepsilon$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0, 0)$$



Observe the variation of

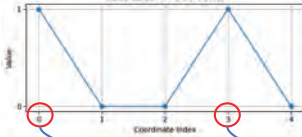
$$\text{supp}_{\geq 1-\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}_1) = \{i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \mid \mathbf{v}_1[i] \geq 1 - \varepsilon\}$$

$$0 < \varepsilon < 1$$

$$\varepsilon < 0$$



$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0, 0, 1, 0)$$



Superlevel set filtration on a cubical complex: pixel intensity $\geq 1 - \varepsilon$

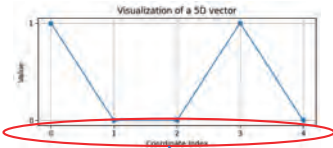
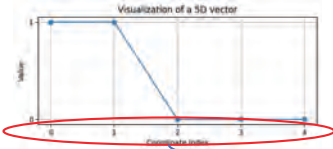
Observe the variation of sublevel set

$$\text{supp}_{\geq 1-\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}_1) = \{i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \mid \mathbf{v}_1[i] \geq 1 - \varepsilon\}$$

$$v : \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

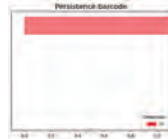
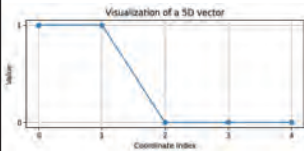
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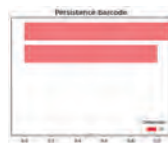
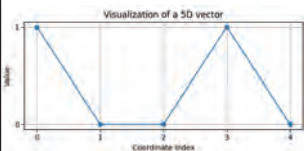


superlevel set filtration
on a cubical complex

$$\text{PE}^{(k)}(\mathbf{v}_f) := \sum_{(b,d) \in \text{PH}_k^{\text{fin}}(\mathbf{v}_f)} (d - b)^2$$



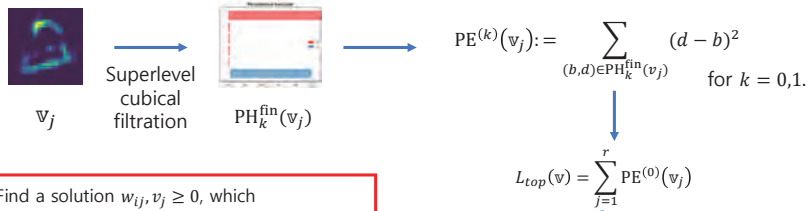
$$\text{PE}^{(0)}(v) = 0$$



$$\text{PE}^{(0)}(v) = 1$$

We can distinguish between the two decompositions using the persistent homology.

Top-NMF on image dataset

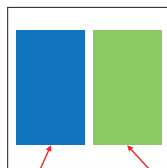
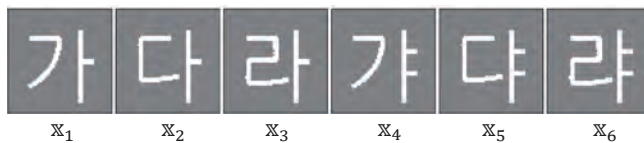


Find a solution $w_{ij}, v_j \geq 0$, which minimizes

$$L(w, v) = L_{apx}(w, v) + \lambda_{top} \cdot L_{top}(v)$$

i.e. Top-NMF yields basis vectors with connected supports.

Korean character example



We desire the basis as follows:

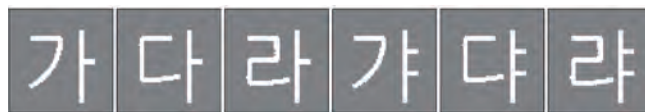


$$X_i, v_j \in \mathbb{R}^{64 \times 64} = \mathbb{R}^{4096}$$

$$X_1 = v_2 + v_1$$

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母音(vowel): あいうえお
子音(consonant): except for あいうえお

Observation



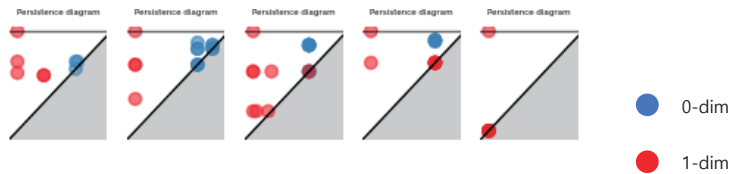
NMF basis



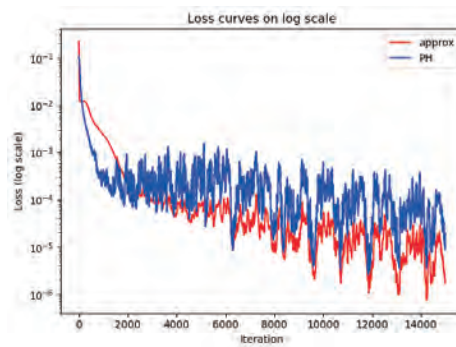
Top-NMF basis



Top-NMF learning process

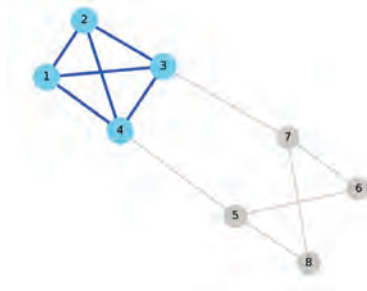


Top-NMF learning process



Clique Deviation Metric in a Graph

Given an undirected graph,
clique is a fully connected subgraph.



$G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$: fully connected weighted graph,
with edge weights in the range $[0,1]$ (not
vertex weights).

Want decompose the structure via clique graphs.



Graph data 1

AB AC AD BC BD CD

$$\mathbb{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$



Graph data 2

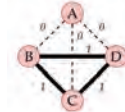
AB AC AD BC BD CD

$$\mathbb{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$



Basis graph 1

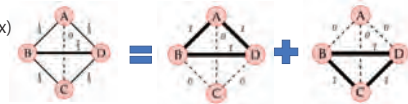
$$\mathbb{v}_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0)$$



Basis graph 2

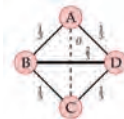
$$\mathbb{v}_2 = (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$$

Ex)



$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot (1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) + \frac{1}{3} \cdot (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$\mathbb{x}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \mathbb{v}_1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \mathbb{v}_2$$



Graph data 1

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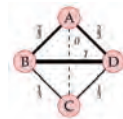
Graph data 2

$$\mathbb{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1, \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

NMF basis



Basis graph 1



Basis graph 2

$$\mathbb{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{13}, 0, \frac{4}{13}, \frac{9}{13}, 1, \frac{9}{13} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbb{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3}, 0, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{x}_1 = \frac{13}{42} \cdot \mathbb{v}_1 + \frac{5}{14} \cdot \mathbb{v}_2$$

$$\mathbb{x}_2 = \frac{13}{14} \cdot \mathbb{v}_1 + \frac{1}{14} \cdot \mathbb{v}_2$$

Desirable basis

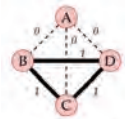


Basis graph 1

$$\mathbb{v}_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0)$$

$$\mathbb{x}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \mathbb{v}_1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \mathbb{v}_2$$

$$\mathbb{x}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \mathbb{v}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \mathbb{v}_2$$



Basis graph 2

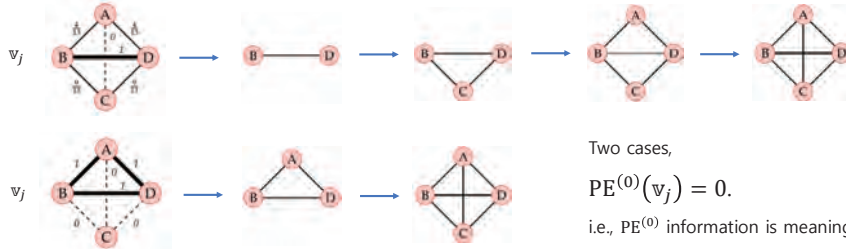
$$\mathbb{v}_2 = (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$$

To distinguish two decomposition,
we introduce the clique deviation metric

$$PE^{(k)}(v_j) := \sum_{(b,d) \in PH_k^{in}(v_j)} (d-b)^2$$

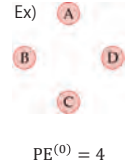
Key point: We assign a fixed weight of 1 to each vertex.

To justify the key point, assume each vertex is assigned the maximum edge weight among its incident edges.



We assign a fixed weight of 1 to each vertex.

$$CDM(v_j) := -PE^{(0)}(v_j) - \alpha \cdot PE^{(1)}(v_j) \text{ for } \alpha > 0.$$



Interpretation of Low CDM Value

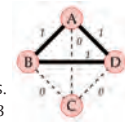
A small value of $CDM(v_j)$ implies high values of $PE^{(0)}(v_j)$ and $PE^{(1)}(v_j)$,
By using this as the L_{top} , we encourage each basis vector to:

- $PE^{(0)}$: connect only the necessary vertices
- $PE^{(1)}$: create as many holes as possible among the connected vertices.

Theorem:

v is a local minimizer of CDM if and only if it takes the value 1 on a disjoint union of cliques.

*Clique: #node ≥ 3



Topological quantifiers and L_{top}

$$PE^{(k)}(v) := \sum_{(b,d) \in PH_k^{in}(v)} (d-b)^2$$

Persistence Energy

$$CDM(v) := -PE^{(0)}(v) - PE^{(1)}(v)$$

Clique Deviation Metric

$$PerScore(v) := \frac{\max_{(b,d) \in PH_1^{in}(v)} (d-b)}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Periodic Score

$$\mathcal{W}PE^{(k)}(v) := \sum_{(b,d) \in PH_k^{in}(v)} (1-d) \cdot (d-b)^2$$

Weighted Persistence Energy

Top-NMF

Find a solution $w_{ij}, v_j \geq 0$, which minimizes

$$L(\mathbb{w}, \mathbb{v}) = L_{\text{apx}}(\mathbb{w}, \mathbb{v}) + \lambda_{\text{top}} \cdot L_{\text{top}}(\mathbb{v})$$

We solve this problem using gradient descent.

$$\mathbb{w} \leftarrow \mathbb{w} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbb{w}}$$

$$\mathbb{v} \leftarrow \mathbb{v} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbb{v}}$$

Theorem:

Gradient descent algorithm converges.

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3. Optimize w_{ij} and \mathbb{v}_j jointly under nonnegativity constraints.

Applications of Persistent Homology to Materials Science, and Persistent Homology Software HomCloud

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In this presentation, I will discuss persistent homology, a mathematical tool that characterizes the shape of data using topology. Mathematical foundations and applications to materials science will be presented. Our persistent homology-based software, HomCloud, will also be introduced.

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Introduction to persistent homology

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Persistent homology

- *Topological Data Analysis (TDA)*

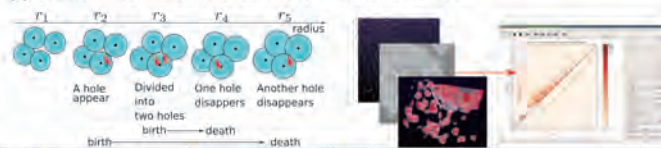
- ▶ Data analysis using the mathematical idea of topology
- ▶ Quantitatively characterize the shape of data
 - ★ Connected components, rings, cavities,

Persistent homology (PH): Main tool of TDA

- ▶ Using the idea of homology
- ▶ PH gives good descriptors for the shape of data (called persistence diagram)

Developed in the 21st century

- ▶ Mathematical theory and algorithm
- ▶ Software
- ▶ Applications to materials science, life science, etc.



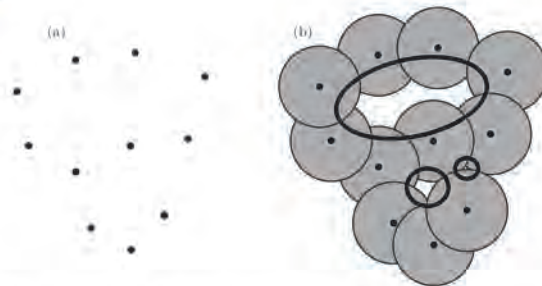
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r -Ball model



- The input data is a set of points (a pointcloud)
The pointcloud has no holes/rings, but it looks like some holes
Put discs with radii r
Three holes
We can characterize the pointcloud by these holes

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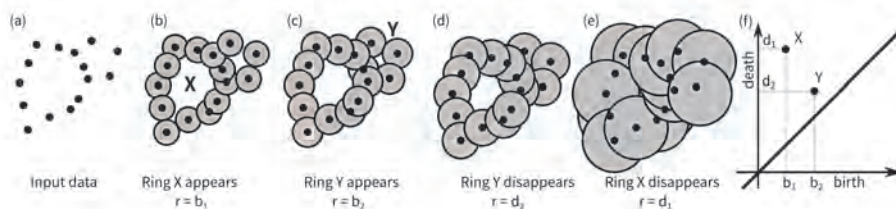
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Filtration

The radius r becomes larger, and holes appear and disappear. The theory of persistent homology makes pairs of the appearance and disappearance of holes



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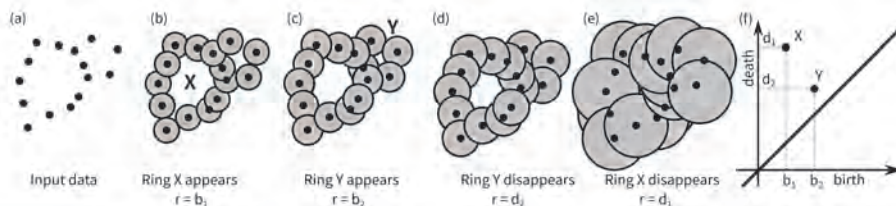
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Persistence diagram

These pairs are called *birth-death pairs*, and the collection of birth-death pairs is called a *persistence diagram* (PD). The scatter plot (or 2D histogram plot) of the pairs is used to visualize PDs.



The persistence diagram gives a geometric summary of the data.

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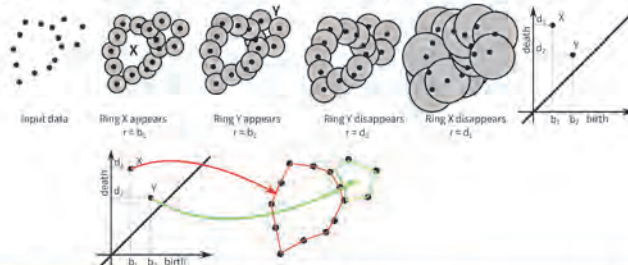
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Inverse analysis

- In a PD, each birth-death pair corresponds to a ring or cavity
- It is very useful to identify such a ring/cavity
- Since there are many candidates, the best ring or cavity is selected using mathematical optimization.
- Tightness of a homology generator is usually used as a criterion



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Applications to materials research

Joint work with E. Minamitani, T. Shiga, and M. Kashiwagi [1]

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Outline of the research

- Aim: Understanding the relationship between nanostructures of amorphous silicon and thermal conductivity of the material
- Method: The thermal conductivity and persistence diagrams are calculated from a lot of atomic configurations of amorphous silicon by molecular dynamical simulations, and two statistical methods (ridge regression and principal component analysis) and an inverse analysis is applied to the diagrams to identify local structures that correlate with the thermal conductivity
- Results: Thermal conductivity changes when pentagons in the atomic configurations are deformed. We also successfully explained why the deformation changes the thermal conductivity from the viewpoint of physics, using vibrational modes on local structures

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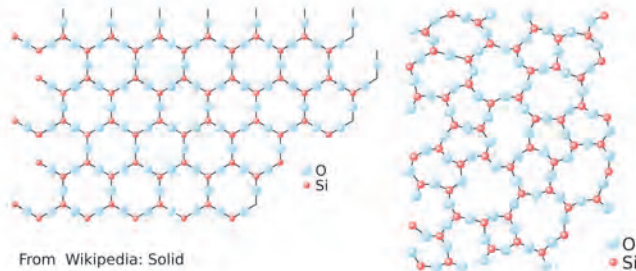
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Background

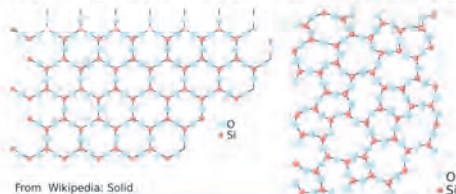
Two types of solid materials: crystal and amorphous

- Crystal: periodic atomic structures
- Amorphous: No periodic structures



Short-range order, medium-range order, and long-range order

- Short-range order (SRO): Order on neighbor atoms
 - ▶ Numbers of adjacent atoms, bond lengths, and bond angles
 - ▶ Common for crystals, liquids, and amorphous
- Long-range order (LRO): Order on periodic (crystalline) structures
 - ▶ Only crystals
- Medium-range order (MRO): Order larger than short-range order
 - ▶ Common for crystals and amorphous, and liquids do not have this type of order
 - ▶ Clarifying medium-range order is an important problem on amorphous study



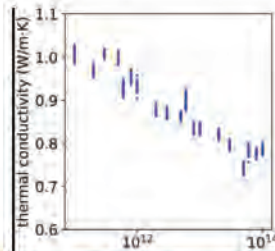
Thermal conductivity

Heat flows from a hot environment to a cold one. Heat flux, a flow of energy per unit area and per unit time, is described by Fourier's law:

$$-k \nabla T \quad (1)$$

where ∇T is the temperature gradient, and k is a constant determined by the material. k is called *thermal conductivity*.

- Usually, crystals have higher thermal conductivity than amorphous materials. Amorphous materials have different thermal conductivity depending on their structures
 - Amorphous structures are calculated in molecular dynamical simulations by rapid cooling of hot materials
 - The cooling rate and thermal conductivity are correlated (the figure)
 - The cooling rate and medium-range order are also considered to be correlated
 - Therefore, we have a *hypothesis* that medium-range order determines thermal conductivity



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Problem

How do we characterize medium-range orders quantitatively?

- Descriptors suitable for our purpose

Recently persistent homology has successfully described amorphous structures like silica glass and metallic glass

We tried to apply PH for our purpose.

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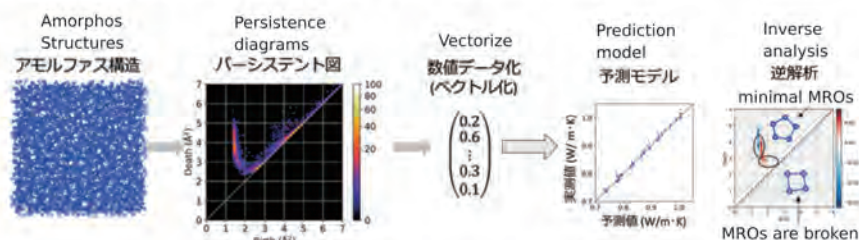
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Method

The thermal conductivity and persistence diagrams are calculated from a lot of atomic configurations of amorphous silicon by molecular dynamical simulations, and two statistical methods and the inverse analysis is applied to the 1st diagrams to identify local structures that correlate with the thermal conductivity.



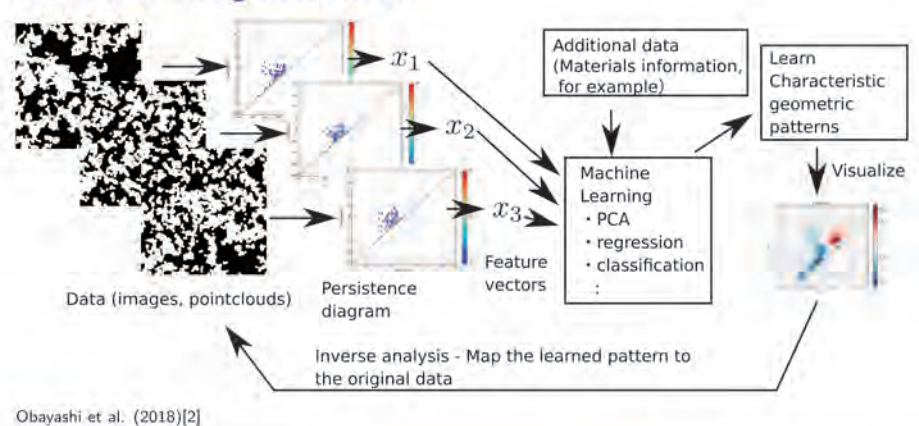
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Machine learning framework



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Machine learning concepts

- PH can summarize the *geometric* structure of the data quantitatively
- Machine learning can find *characteristic patterns* from the data
- The combination of these two concepts, we can extract *characteristic geometric patterns* from the data
- By combining *linear machine learning model*, *histogram-based vectorization* of persistence diagrams, and *inverse analysis*, we realize *explainable* PH machine learning!

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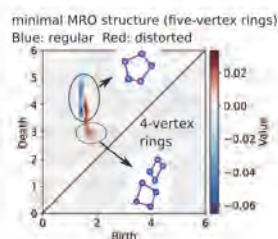
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Results

Thermal conductivity changes when pentagons in the atomic configurations are deformed.



- The blue area positively contributes to thermal conductivity, and the red area negatively contributes to thermal conductivity
- The deformation of five-vertex rings are correlated with thermal conductivity

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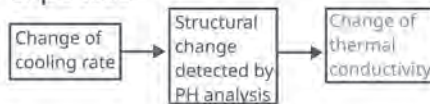
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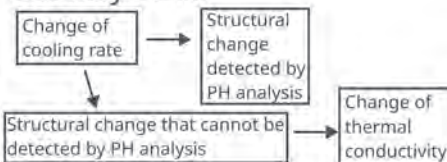
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In the PH analysis, we only found the correlation between thermal conductivity and 5-vertex / 4-vertex rings, and both of the following two graphs are possible:

Expected



But may be



We need to identify the cause of the relationship through:

- theoretical analysis
- further experiments

We successfully explained why the deformation changes the thermal conductivity from the viewpoint of physics, using vibrational modes on local structures

- We estimated the influence of local structures on thermal conductivity using vibrational modes from Allen–Feldman theory in physics
- We found that the deformation of five-vertex rings makes the thermal conductivity lower

Software

Which software do we use? You can use any software you like, but our software, HomCloud, is a good option!

- HomCloud has powerful inverse analysis tools, such as optimal and stable volumes, PH trees, and optimal 1-cycles
- HomCloud has vectorization functionality by persistence image and persistence codebook
- HomCloud has a useful Python interface, and you can use HomCloud with Python's rich machine-learning ecosystem
- All necessary components for our PH+ML framework are available and you can combine these components flexibly
- HomCloud is available on Linux, Apple Silicon Mac, Windows, and Google Colaboratory

<https://homcloud.dev>

Development

For better software, we are implementing the following practices:

- Dogfooding
 - ▶ The developer always uses HomCloud for PH data analysis
 - ▶ Software quality can be monitored at all times
 - ▶ Usability is always tested by the developers

Continuous integration

- ▶ The software is automatically built and tested on Linux, Windows, and Mac every time the code is changed

How to learn HomCloud

HomCloud has the Python interface and CLI, but the Python interface is recommended. If you want to try HomCloud, it is best to start with Google Colaboratory.

- Only a web browser and a Google account

Lightweight installation process

HomCloud provides tutorials at <https://homcloud.dev/tutorials.en.html>, starting with "3D Point Cloud Data Analysis". After completing that tutorial, you should proceed to other tutorials that interest you.

HomCloud Documentation

HomCloud provides two types of documentation on the website.

- Tutorials
 - ▶ Each tutorial provides the complete set of introductory knowledge about persistent homology data analysis
 - ▶ You can choose tutorials on topics that interest you.
 - ★ 3D point cloud analysis, binary or grayscale image analysis
 - ★ More advanced topics: atomic configurations, machine learning

Python API documentation

- ▶ Detailed descriptions of each class and method
- ▶ If the API document is insufficient, you can use the source code of HomCloud itself

How to cite HomCloud

You can use HomCloud freely since it is open source software.

Please cite the following review paper [3] about persistent homology and HomCloud.
You may also refer to the URL of this website,
<https://homcloud.dev/index.en.html>, with HomCloud's version.

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Future of HomCloud

Now we plan:

- Continuous code refinement
 - Updating documents
 - ▶ Recently, the tutorials have been reviewed and refreshed
 - ▶ The next step is to prepare code snippets
 - Publicly publishing the source code repository
 - ▶ Now the source code of HomCloud is available by downloading the .tar.gz file, but the Git repository is not available.

More ambitious ideas for developing HomCloud:

- Parallel computation for optimal or stable volumes
 - ▶ Since they require significantly more cost than computing PDs.
- Non-rectangular unit cell for periodic boundary condition for 3d alpha filtrations
 - ▶ CGAL supports a rectangular unit cell, and HomCloud uses the feature
 - ▶ CGAL does not support a non-rectangular parallelepiped unit cell
 - ▶ It is a desirable feature, but difficult to implement
- Integration with connected PD [4] software, one of extensions of PDs using multi-parameter persistent homology

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Wrap up

- Applications of persistent homology to material research
- Our software, HomCloud, is available for PH data analysis

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Understanding Depression during the COVID-19 Pandemic as Topographical Maps

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The COVID-19 pandemic changed our lifestyles. It is expected that the changes in mental health also occurred because of these changes. In this study, we used the questionnaire responses that asked high school students in Tokyo about their depression before and during the COVID-19 pandemic and analyzed the group characteristics of changes in depression as topographical maps using energy landscape analysis (ELA), a method of multidimensional time-series data analysis. As a result, we visualized how the topographical maps of the depression changed in the COVID-19 pandemic and found that the COVID-19 pandemic has made the students less likely to become depressed. These results suggest that ELA is useful for the analysis of psychiatric questionnaires.

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Depression in the COVID-19 Pandemic



Research the Relationship between the **COVID-19 Pandemic** and **Depression**
for the Next Pandemic

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Survey for High School Students in Tokyo



Analyze the data collected from the survey for **84 high school students** who participate in the **Tokyo Teen Cohort**



S.Ando et al., *Int. J. Epidemiol.*, 2019
N. Okada et al., *Psychiatry Clin. Neurosci.*, 2019

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Monthly Questionnaire for Approximately 2 years, including the COVID-19 Pandemic

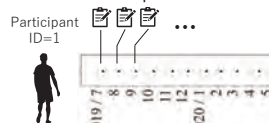


Questionnaire about Depression (K6)

Items (During the last 30 days,	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
K6-1 How often did you feel nervous?	0	1	2	3	4
K6-2 How often did you feel hopeless?	0	1	2	3	4
K6-3 How often did you feel restless or fidgety?	0	1	2	3	4
K6-4 How often did you feel as depressed that nothing could cheer you up?	0	1	2	3	4
K6-5 How often did you feel that everything had an effort?	0	1	2	3	4
K6-6 How often did you feel worthless?	0	1	2	3	4

Kessler R. C. et al., *Arch. Gen. Psychiatry*, 2003

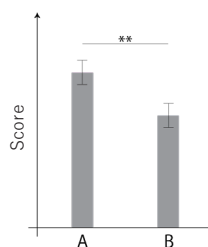
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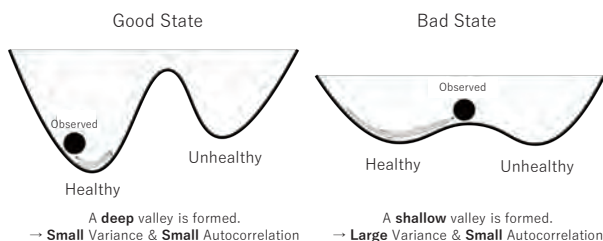
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Understand the Mental Health as **Topographical Maps**

Psychiatric questionnaires such as K6 are commonly analyzed with **significance tests after scoring**



The mental state should be understood simply and clearly as **topographical maps**

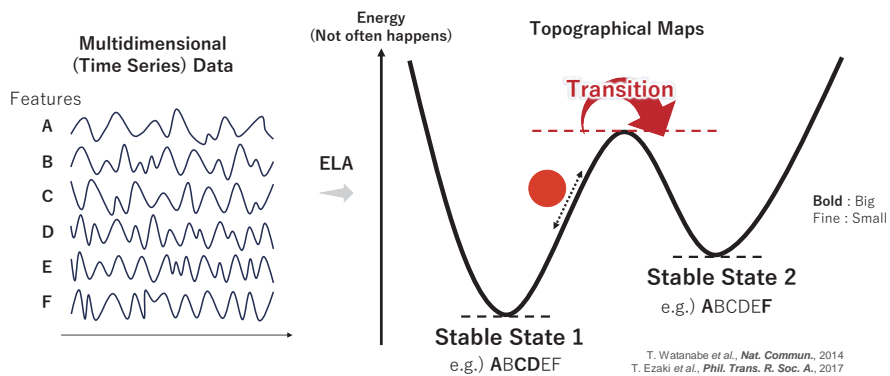


L. A. Van de Leemput et al., *PNAS*, 2014
M. Scheffer et al., *JAMA Psychiatry*, 2024

These previous studies used **time series analysis** and the **topographical map of mental Health is only used as a concept**

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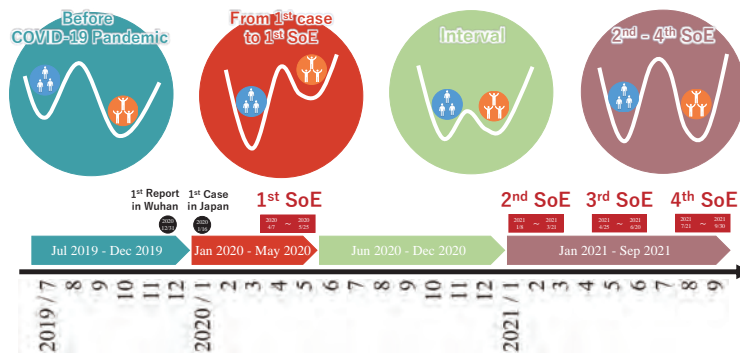
Energy Landscape Analysis (ELA)



Understand **Multidimensional (Time Series) Data** as **Topographical Maps**

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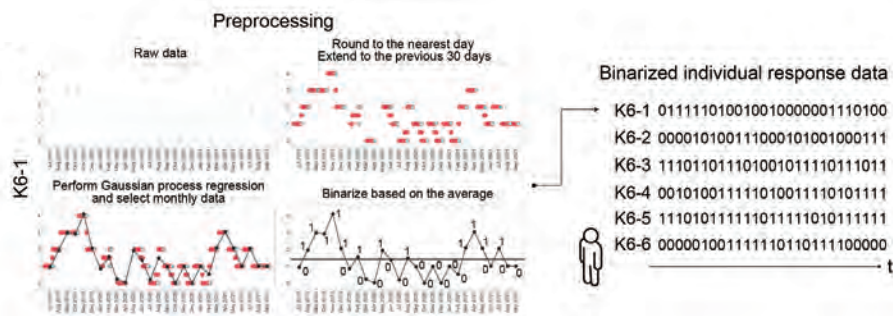
Topographical Maps of Depression during COVID-19 Pandemic



Analyze **the Changes in Topographical Maps of Depression** during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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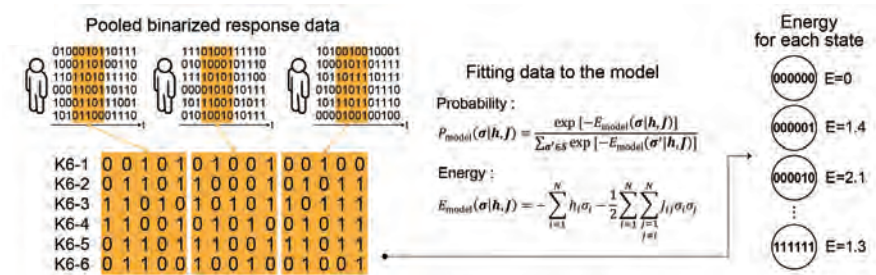
Flow Chart of the Analysis 1 : Preprocessing



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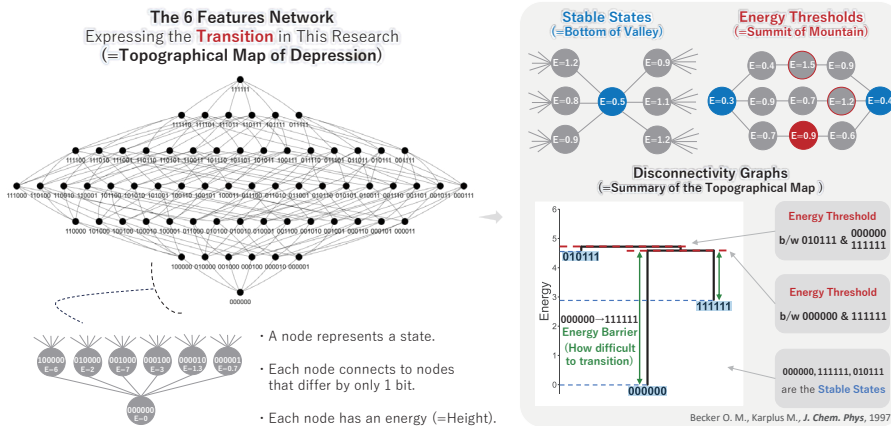


Calculate **the Energies (=Heights)** of All Possible States ($2^6=64$ states)

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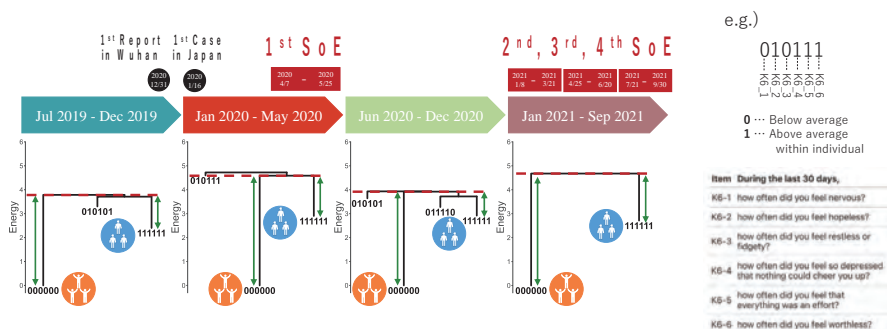
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Flow Chart of the Analysis 3 : ELA (Disconnectivity Graphs)



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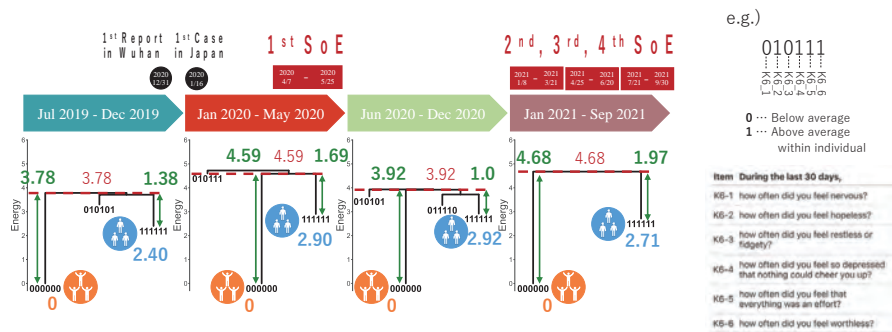
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Less Likely to Become Depressed during the COVID-19 Pandemic
More Likely to Remain in the Previous State during the SoEs

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Comparison with Previous Studies

Chinese junior high school students (13-15 y/o)
significantly decreased depression scores
during the online class period under the lockdown.

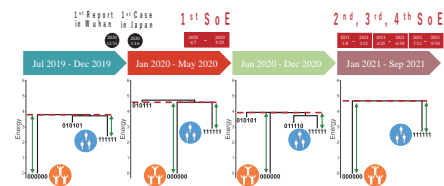
→ Scored and 2 point Significance Test



Qu M., Yang K., Cao Y. et al., JAMA Netw. Open, 2022

Japanese high school students (16-18 y/o)
are less likely to become depressed
during the COVID-19 pandemic
(and more likely to remain in the previous state during the SoEs).

→ Topographical Maps of Depression

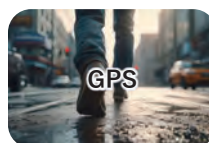


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As overall population trends, the COVID-19 lifestyle
seems to have a positive impact on the student's depression

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Next Step



Other Types of Data Associated with the Subjects

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Summary

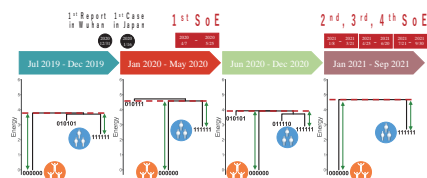
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- **Topographical Maps of Depression** during the **COVID-19 Pandemic**

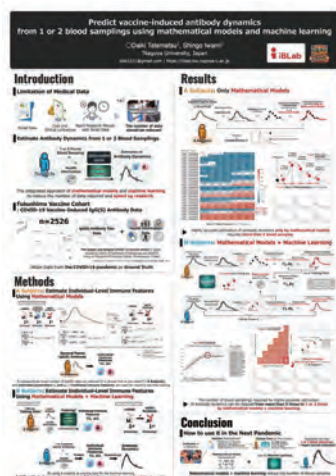
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Poster Session

Predict vaccine-induced antibody dynamics from 1 or 2 blood samplings using mathematical models and machine learning



While biomedical data is highly accurate, the amount of data is limited, and there is a need to develop analytical methods that effectively utilize a small amount of data. In this study, we used data collected from approximately 2,500 individuals in the Fukushima vaccine cohort, Japan's largest and longest cohort for the COVID-19 vaccine. By applying an integrated approach of mathematical models and machine learning, we estimated IgG(S) antibody titer dynamics from 1 or 2 IgG(S) antibody titer data, age, and sex. This means that IgG(S) antibody titer data at any given time can be predicted from 1 or 2 blood samples. This approach can be applied to speeding up vaccine evaluation.

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Symmetric Simplicial Lifting for Hypergraph Learning

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The formulation of higher-degree sheaf Laplacians on hypergraphs is hindered by the fundamental challenges of sparsity and orientational ambiguity. To address this, we propose a foundational methodology: symmetric simplicial lifting. This technique embeds a hypergraph into a richer structure, allowing for the systematic construction of Laplacians of arbitrary degree. We validate our framework with the Hypergraph Neural Sheaf Diffusion (HNSD) model, which leverages a degree-zero sheaf Laplacian to learn diffusion processes. The model achieves strong performance on key hypergraph benchmarks, demonstrating that our approach offers a principled pathway for higher-order signal analysis. This work is joint with Gahee Kim and Yong-Geun Oh.

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Symmetric Simplicial Lifting for Hypergraph Learning

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Background: Sheaf Laplacian on graphs

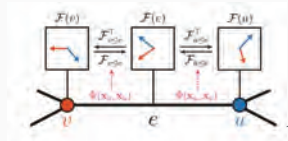


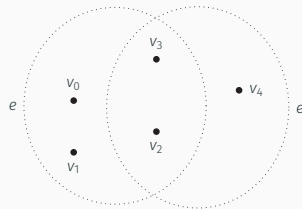
Figure 1: Node feature x_v is diffused to u by $-F^u_{u \leq e} F^v_{v \leq e}(x_v)$.

- Cellular sheaf transfers node feature to its incident edge.
- Graph Laplacian \implies Sheaf Laplacian: How the node features are diffused to its adjacent nodes in complicated ways.

¹Image from Bodnar, Cristian, et al. "Neural sheaf diffusion: A topological perspective on heterophily and oversmoothing in gnns." Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (2022): 18527-18541.

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Adjacency in hypergraphs



- Nodes v, v' are adjacent if $\exists e \ni v, v'$ with $|e| = 2$.
- Hyperedges e, e' are adjacent if $|e| = |e'|$ and $\exists e''$ such that
 - $e, e' \subset e'', |e''| - |e| = 1$: upper adjacent OR
 - $e, e' \supset e'', |e| - |e''| = 1$: lower adjacent
- Degree n ($n > 1$) sheaf Laplacian describes how features of hyperedge of cardinality $n + 1$ are diffused to its adjacent hyperedges.

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Problem: Sparsity of adjacent hyperedges

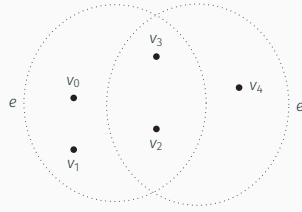
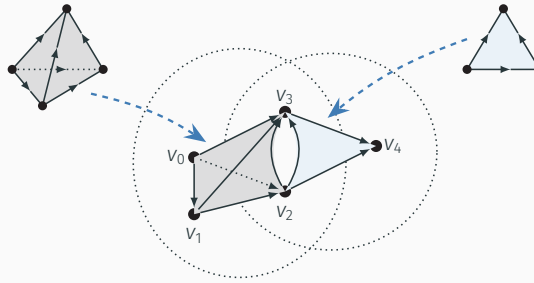


Figure 2: Degree n sheaf Laplacian vanishes for $\forall n$.

- The existence of a hyperedge does not imply non-vanishing Laplacians.
- No hyperedge e'' with $|e''| = 2 \implies L^0 = 0$.
- No adjacent hyperedge pair $\implies L^n = 0$ for $n > 0$.

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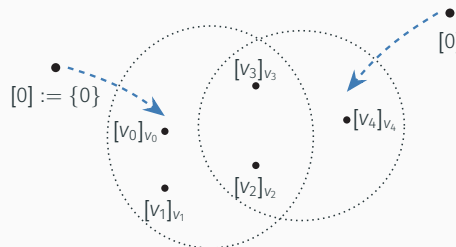
Idea: Embed hypergraph into its configuration space



- hyperedge e, e' : observed relations
- All possible oriented subrelations from the observed relations.
- Ex. (v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3) in e , (v_2, v_3, v_4) in e' .

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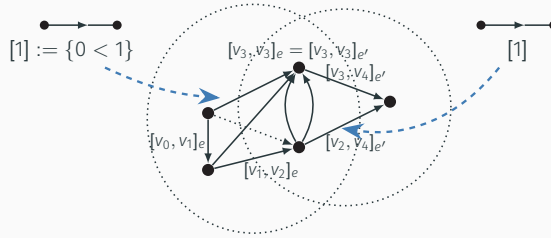
0-dim'l objects in configuration space



- $\{f: [0] \rightarrow x \mid x \in E \sqcup V\}$: f is represented by $(v)_x$ for $v \in x$
- $(v_2)_e \sim (v_2)_{e'} \sim (v_2)_v$: Represent the shared node v_2
- $\Delta(H)_0 := \{f: [0] \rightarrow x \mid x \in E \sqcup V\} / \sim$

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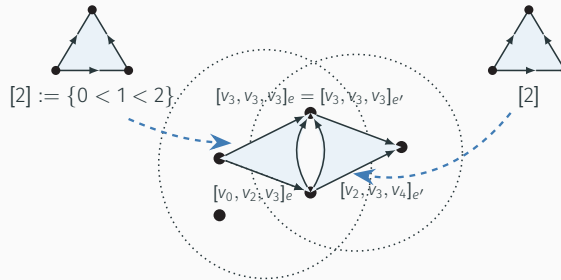
1-dim'l objects in configuration space



- $\{f: [1] \rightarrow x \mid x \in E \sqcup V\}$: f is represented by $(v, w)_x$ for $v, x \in x$
- $(v_2, v_2)_e \sim (v_2, v_2)_{e'} \sim (v_2, v_2)_{v_2}$: Represent the shared node v_2
- $\Delta(H)_1 := \{f: [1] \rightarrow x \mid x \in E \sqcup V\} / \sim$

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2-dim'l objects in configuration space



- $\{f: [2] \rightarrow x \mid x \in E \sqcup V\}$: f is represented by $(u, v, w)_x$ for $u, v, w \in x$
- $(v_2, v_2, v_2)_e \sim (v_2, v_2, v_2)_{e'} \sim (v_2, v_2, v_2)_{v_2}$: Represent the shared node v_2
- $\Delta(H)_2 := \{f: [2] \rightarrow x \mid x \in E \sqcup V\} / \sim$

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Mathematical structure of $\Delta(H)$

We will show that $\Delta(H) := \{\Delta(H)_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a symmetric simplicial set.

Intuitions of symmetric simplicial set

- A collection of oriented n -dimensional objects (n -simplices) represented by tuples.
- Given any n -simplex $\sigma = (\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$, any new tuple formed from the vertex set $\{\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_n\}$ must also be a simplex (e.g., $(\sigma_{\mu(0)}, \dots, \sigma_{\mu(m)})$ for $\mu: [m] \rightarrow [n]$).
- Think of it as a 'tuple' version of a simplicial complex.

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Symmetric simplicial set

Defn. Symmetric simplicial set

A collection $X = \{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is called a *symmetric simplicial set* if it is equipped with a family of functions

$$\{X(\mu) : X_n \rightarrow X_m\}_{\{\mu: [m] \rightarrow [n]\}} \quad (1)$$

satisfying if $\mu : [m] \rightarrow [n], \nu : [n] \rightarrow [p]$ then

$$X(\nu \circ \mu) = X(\mu) \circ X(\nu). \quad (2)$$

An element of X_n is called an n -simplex in X .

Equation (1) says $X(\mu) : (\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_n) \rightarrow (\sigma_{\mu(0)}, \dots, \sigma_{\mu(n)})$.

Equation (2) says

$$X(\nu \circ \mu)(\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_p) = (X(\mu) \circ X(\nu))(\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_p) = (\sigma_{\nu \circ \mu(0)}, \dots, \sigma_{\nu \circ \mu(p)}).$$

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Tuple representation of n -simplex

Let $(i)_{[n]} : [0] \rightarrow [n]$ is a function with $(i)_{[n]}(0) = i$ for $i \in [n]$.

Equation (1) induces a map

$$X((i)_{[n]}) : X_n \rightarrow X_0.$$

Hence $\sigma_i := X((i)_{[n]})(\sigma) \in X_0$ for $i \in [n]$.

Defn. Tuple representation of σ

$(\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_n)$ is called the *tuple representation* of σ .

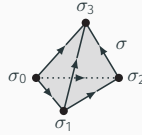


Figure 3: Tuple representation of 3-simplex σ

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Facet of n -simplex

Let $\delta_i^n : [n-1] \rightarrow [n]$ is the unique order preserving injection from $\{0 < \dots < n-1\}$ to $\{0 < \dots < \hat{i} < \dots < n\}$. Equation (1) induces a map

$$X(\delta_i^n) : X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}.$$

Hence $d_i^n(\sigma) := X(\delta_i^n)(\sigma) \in X_{n-1}$ for $i \in [n]$.

Defn. i th facet of σ

The i th facet of σ , denoted by $d_i^n(\sigma)$, is defined as

$$X(\delta_i^n)(\sigma) \in X_{n-1}.$$

- We denote $\sigma \prec \tau$ and say σ is a facet of τ (or τ is a cofacet of σ) if σ is i th facet of τ for some $i \in [n]$.
- For $\sigma \prec \tau$, $[\sigma : \tau] := (-1)^i$ where $\sigma = d_i^n(\tau)$.

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Illustration of facets

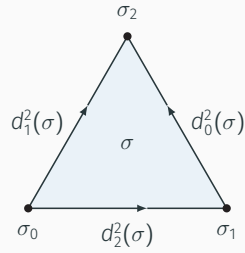


Figure 4: 3 Facets of 2-simplex σ .

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The concept of an i th facet does not require an orientation on X .

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Adjacency of two n -simplices

Since the 'facet' notion is defined, we can discuss adjacency.

Defn. Upper/lower adjacency

Let σ, σ' be two n -simplices. σ, σ' are said to be

1. *upper adjacent* if $\exists \tau \in X_{n+1}$ such that

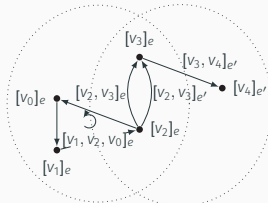
$$\sigma \prec \tau, \sigma' \prec \tau.$$

2. *lower adjacent* if $\exists \mu \in X_{n-1}$ such that

$$\mu \prec \sigma, \mu \prec \sigma'.$$

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Example



Ex. Symmetric simplicial lifting $\Delta(H)$

- $\Delta(H)(\mu) ([v_{j_0}, \dots, v_{j_n}]_e) := [v_{j_{\mu(0)}}, \dots, v_{j_{\mu(n)}}]$ for each $\mu : [m] \rightarrow [n]$.
- Tuple representation of $[v_1, v_2, v_0]_e$ is (v_1, v_2, v_0) .
- 0th facet of $[v_1, v_2, v_0]_e$ is $[v_1, v_2, v_0]_e = [v_2, v_0]_e$.
- $[v_1, v_2]_e, [v_2, v_3]_e$ are lower adjacent since $[v_2]_e$ is common facet.
- $[v_2, v_3]_e, [v_3, v_4]_{e'}$ are upper adjacent since $[v_2, v_3, v_4]_{e'}$ is common cofacet.

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Cellular sheaf on symmetric simplicial set

Defn. Cellular sheaf of degree m

A cellular sheaf (X, \mathcal{F}) of degree m consists of the following data:

- For $n \in [m]$, n -simplex $\sigma \in X_n$, a \mathbb{R} -vector space $\mathcal{F}(\sigma)$, called the *stalk at σ* .
- For $n \in [m]$, n -simplex $\sigma \in X_n$ and facet $d_i^n(\sigma)$, a linear map

$$\mathcal{F}(d_i^n(\sigma) \prec \sigma) : \mathcal{F}(d_i^n(\sigma)) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\sigma)$$

satisfying the following compatibility conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(d_j^{n-1}(d_i^n(\sigma)) \prec d_i^n(\sigma)) \circ \mathcal{F}(d_i^n(\sigma) \prec \sigma) \\ = \mathcal{F}(d_{i-1}^{n-1}(d_j^n(\sigma)) \prec d_j^n(\sigma)) \circ \mathcal{F}(d_j^n(\sigma) \prec \sigma) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

for every $n \in [m]$, $i \in [n]$, $j < i$, and $\sigma \in X_n$.

Elements of $\mathcal{F}(\sigma)$ are called *features at simplex σ* .

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Compatibility conditions

- We can easily check that

$$\delta_i^n \circ \delta_j^{n-1} = \delta_j^n \circ \delta_{i-1}^{n-1} : [n-2] \rightarrow [n].$$

- Equation (2) implies

$$d_j^{n-1} \circ d_i^n(\sigma) = d_{i-1}^{n-1} \circ d_j^n(\sigma). \quad (4)$$

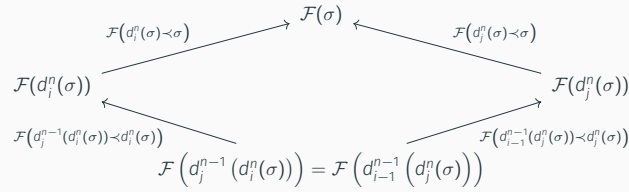


Figure 5: Condition (3) respects the identity (4).

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Diffusion of features

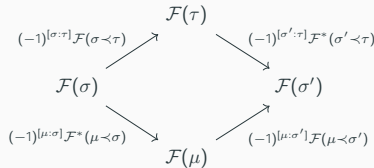


Figure 6: adjacent σ, σ' with one common cofacet τ , one common facet μ .

Feature x_σ at simplex σ is diffused to its adjacent simplex σ' by

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^{[\sigma:\tau]+[\sigma':\tau]} \mathcal{F}^*(\sigma' \prec \tau) \mathcal{F}(\sigma \prec \tau)(x_\sigma) \\ & + (-1)^{[\mu:\sigma]+[\mu:\sigma']} \mathcal{F}(\mu \prec \sigma') \mathcal{F}^*(\mu \prec \sigma)(x_\sigma). \end{aligned}$$

Aggregating all such possible feature diffusions results in the construction of the *sheaf Laplacian*.

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Degree n sheaf Laplacian

Defn. Degree n sheaf Laplacian

Let \mathcal{F} be a cellular sheaf on X and $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

1. A k -cochain, denoted by $\mathbf{x} = (x_\sigma)_{\sigma \in \mathcal{X}_k}$, is an element of the direct sum of stalks over all k -simplices in X .
2. For a k -cochain \mathbf{x} , the σ -component of the *degree k sheaf Laplacian* $L_{\mathcal{F}}^k(\mathbf{x})_\sigma$ is defined by

$$\sum_{\sigma', \tau} (-1)^{[\sigma:\tau] + [\sigma':\tau]} \mathcal{F}^*(\sigma \prec \tau) \mathcal{F}(\sigma' \prec \tau)(x_{\sigma'}) \\ + \sum_{\sigma'', \mu} (-1)^{[\mu:\sigma] + [\mu:\sigma'']} \mathcal{F}(\mu \prec \sigma) \mathcal{F}^*(\mu \prec \sigma'')(x_{\sigma''})$$

for all possible σ', σ'', τ , and μ .

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Normalized degree n sheaf Laplacian

Defn. Normalized degree n sheaf Laplacian

1. The σ -component of the diagonal blocks, denoted by $D_{\mathcal{F}}^k(\mathbf{x})_\sigma$, is defined as

$$\sum_{\{\tau | \sigma \prec \tau\}} \mathcal{F}^*(\sigma \prec \tau) \mathcal{F}(\sigma \prec \tau)(x_\sigma) \\ + \sum_{\{\mu | \mu \prec \sigma\}} \mathcal{F}(\mu \prec \sigma) \mathcal{F}^*(\mu \prec \sigma)(x_\sigma).$$

2. For a k -cochain \mathbf{x} , the σ -component of the *normalized degree k sheaf Laplacian*, denoted by $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}^k(\mathbf{x})_\sigma$, is defined by

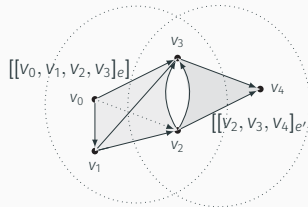
$$\left((D_{\mathcal{F}}^k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} L_{\mathcal{F}}^k (D_{\mathcal{F}}^k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) (\mathbf{x})_\sigma.$$

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Embedding property of Δ

Thm. Δ is an embedding.

$$\Delta(H) \cong \Delta(H') \iff H \cong H'.$$



Idea:

- $e \iff \{[v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3]e, [v_1, v_0, v_2, v_3]e, \dots\}$
- $e' \iff \{[v_2, v_3, v_4]e', [v_3, v_2, v_4]e', \dots\}$

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Degree 0 sheaf Laplacian of $\Delta(H)$

Thm. Formula for degree 0 sheaf Laplacian

For a 0-cochain $x, L_{\mathcal{F}}^0(x)_{[v]_v}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{\{w|w,v \in e \text{ for } e\} \\ \{e|v,w \in e\}}} \mathcal{F}^*([v]_v \prec [v, w]_e) \mathcal{F}([v]_v \prec [v, w]_e)(x_v) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{\{w|w,v \in e \text{ for } e\} \\ \{e|v,w \in e\}}} \mathcal{F}^*([v]_v \prec [w, v]_e) \mathcal{F}([v]_v \prec [w, v]_e)(x_v) \\ & - \sum_{\substack{\{w|w,v \in e \text{ for } e\} \\ \{e|v,w \in e\}}} \mathcal{F}^*([v]_v \prec [v, w]_e) \mathcal{F}([w]_w \prec [v, w]_e)(x_w) \\ & - \sum_{\substack{\{w|w,v \in e \text{ for } e\} \\ \{e|v,w \in e\}}} \mathcal{F}^*([v]_v \prec [w, v]_e) \mathcal{F}([w]_w \prec [w, v]_e)(x_w). \end{aligned}$$

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Generalization of sheaf Laplacian on graphs

Thm.

Suppose G is a graph and \mathcal{F} is a cellular sheaf on G . Then \mathcal{F} induces a cellular sheaf $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ on $\Delta(G)$ satisfying

$$\mathcal{L}_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}}^0 = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}.$$

Idea: Define a cellular sheaf $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ on $\Delta(G)$ by

$$\widehat{\mathcal{F}}([v_{i_0}, \dots, v_{i_n}]_e) := \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}(v) & \text{if } \{v_{i_0}, \dots, v_{i_n}\} = \{v\} \\ \mathcal{F}(e) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and linear map $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}([v_{i_0}, \dots, \widehat{v}_{i_l}, \dots, v_{i_n}]_e \prec [v_{i_0}, \dots, v_{i_n}]_e)$ by

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{F}(v \in e) & \text{if } \{v_{i_0}, \dots, \widehat{v}_{i_l}, \dots, v_{i_n}\} \neq \{v_{i_0}, \dots, v_{i_n}\} \\ \text{Id} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Cora dataset

Cora is a citation network of scientific publications.

- Node: a single scientific publication, a total of 2,708 papers.
- Hyperedge: connect papers that are co-cited by another publication.
- Node features: The presence (1) or absence (0) of each word from a dictionary of 1,433 unique words is recorded in this vector.
- Node labels: {Case Based, Genetic Algorithms, Neural Networks, Probabilistic Methods, Reinforcement Learning, Rule Learning, Theory}

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Hypergraph Neural Sheaf Diffusion (HNSD)

Given: Hypergraph $H = (V, E)$ with 0-cochain \mathbf{y} (node features)
Task: Predict a label of each node in H

1. Preprocess 0-cochain \mathbf{y} with MLP so that $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. We fix $d = 8$.
2. $\mathbf{X}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times f_0}$ ($f_0 = 1$) is a matrix with the first column \mathbf{x}
3. A general layer of HNSD on H is defined by

$$\mathbf{X}_{t+1} = \alpha \left((\text{Id} - \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}(t)}^0) (\text{Id} \otimes \mathbf{W}_1^t) \mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{W}_2^t \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times f_{t+1}}$$

where

- $t \in \{0, \dots, L\}$ is layer with f_t = the number of labels, $1 \leq L \leq$
- α is nonlinear function
- $\mathbf{W}_1^t \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, $\mathbf{W}_2^t \in \mathbb{R}^{f_t \times f_{t+1}}$ are learnable matrices at layer t
- $\mathcal{F}(t)$ is cellular sheaf on $\Delta(H)$ at layer t

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Hypergraph Neural Sheaf Diffusion (HNSD) (Continued)

We learn the cellular sheaf \mathcal{F} on $\Delta(H)$ of degree 1 via

$$\mathcal{F}([v]_v \prec [v, w]_e) = \text{MLP}(x_v \parallel x_{[v, w]_e}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d^2}$$

where

$$x_{[v, w]_e} = \alpha' \left(M \alpha \left(W^T \begin{bmatrix} x_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$$

with $\alpha = \text{ReLU}$, $\alpha' = \tanh$.

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Results: Node classification accuracy

	Cora	Citeseer	Cora-CA	DBLP-CA	Senate	AVG.
CEGCN	75.32 ± 1.69	71.43 ± 1.34	76.68 ± 1.30	87.19 ± 0.30	48.17 ± 3.68	71.74
HNHN	76.36 ± 1.92	72.64 ± 1.57	77.19 ± 1.49	86.78 ± 0.29	50.85 ± 3.35	72.76
LEGCN	72.23 ± 1.60	71.84 ± 1.17	72.23 ± 1.60	84.26 ± 0.40	73.24 ± 10.29	74.76
HCoN	51.77 ± 2.23	43.48 ± 1.12	72.37 ± 1.08	89.98 ± 0.26	46.28 ± 4.66	60.78
HyperGCN	74.19 ± 1.41	69.42 ± 3.49	70.00 ± 3.74	86.78 ± 2.39	53.66 ± 6.35	70.78
AllDeepSets	76.88 ± 1.80	70.83 ± 1.63	81.97 ± 1.50	91.27 ± 0.27	48.17 ± 5.67	73.82
SheafHyperGNN	77.80 ± 2.24	73.93 ± 1.06	81.65 ± 1.50	88.93 ± 0.66	74.65 ± 5.90	79.39
HNSD(OURS)	79.28 ± 0.82	74.40 ± 1.47	82.58 ± 1.15	89.85 ± 0.44	78.45 ± 5.87	80.91

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Summary

- We embed hypergraph into symmetric simplicial set, 'tuple' version of simplicial complex.
- Symmetric simplicial lifting solves problems of adjacency sparsity and lack of orientation. This enables the definition of higher-degree sheaf Laplacians.
- HNSD shows competitive performance across established benchmarks.

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Topological Data Analysis for Feature Extraction and Model Evaluation

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Topological Data Analysis (TDA) generally refers to utilizing topological features from data. A central topic in TDA is persistent homology, which observes data at various resolutions and summarizes topological features that persistently appear. TDA has been proven valuable in enhancing machine learning applications. This work explores how TDA can enhance machine learning workflows, focusing on two areas: feature extraction and model evaluation. Persistent homology, while rich in structural information, is often challenging to integrate directly into statistical and machine learning frameworks. To address this, various featurization techniques map persistence-based information into Euclidean or functional spaces, enabling its incorporation into neural networks and other learning algorithms. I will examine different approaches that efficiently transform topological summaries into differentiable layers and leverage geometric representations for visualization and dimensionality reduction. In addition to feature extraction, TDA has recently been applied to evaluate data quality and model performance. By quantifying the topological structure of generated or transformed data, TDA-based methods provide robust evaluation metrics that improve the reliability of model assessment. I will present how this is done in particular in generative modeling scenarios.

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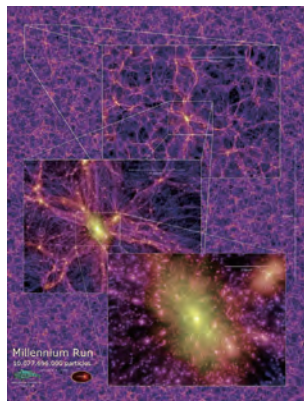
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Topological structures in the data provide information.



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Persistent Homology: observe topological structure with multi resolutions.

- ▶ Georges Seurat, A Sunday afternoon on the island of La Grande Jatte (Un dimanche après-midi à l'Île de la Grande Jatte)



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A (very) rough introduction to Machine Learning

- ▶ For given problem and data, machine learning / deep learning learns a parametrized model.
 - ▶ Given data \mathcal{X} ,
 - ▶ Parametrized model f_{θ} ,
 - ▶ Loss function \mathcal{L} adapted to a problem,
 - ▶ Machine Learning computes a solution that minimizes the loss function: $\arg \min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}, \mathcal{X})$.
- ▶ For many cases, computing an explicit formula for the minimizer is impossible or too expensive (e.g. inverting a large matrix). So, we often use gradient descent using $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}, \mathcal{X})$:

$$\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n - \lambda \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}, \mathcal{X}).$$

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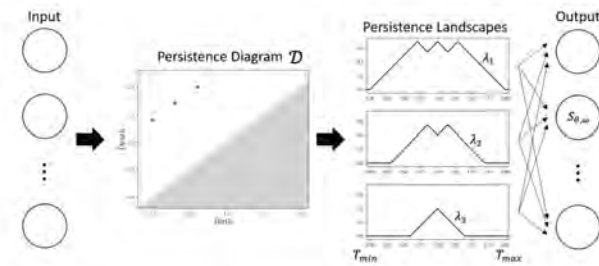
Topological Data Analysis is applied to Machine Learning.

- ▶ A Survey of Topological Machine Learning Methods (Hensel, Moor, Rieck, 2021)
- ▶ Roughly, there are two directions applying Topological Data Analysis (TDA) to Machine Learning:
 - ▶ Make features from TDA to add topological features to data \mathcal{X} : more common
 - ▶ PLLay: Efficient Topological Layer based on Persistence Landscapes (Kim, Kim, Zaheer, Kim, Chazal, Wasserman, 2020)
 - ▶ Generalized penalty for circular coordinate representation (Luo, Patania, Kim, Vejdemo-Johansson, 2021)
 - ▶ ECLayr: Fast and Robust Topological Layer based on Differentiable Euler Characteristic Curve (Lee, Kim, Kim, 2025?)
 - ▶ Evaluate quality of data \mathcal{X} or model f_{θ} using TDA: recently of interest
 - ▶ TopP&R: Robust Support Estimation Approach for Evaluating Fidelity and Diversity in Generative Models (Kim, Jang, Kim, Yoo, 2024)

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Topological structure is featured as persistence landscape to be further applied in machine learning framework.

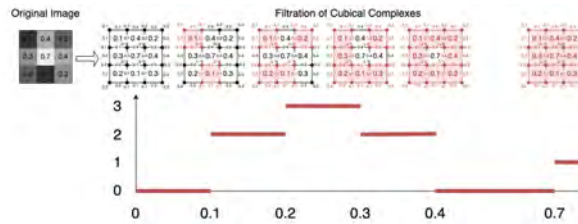
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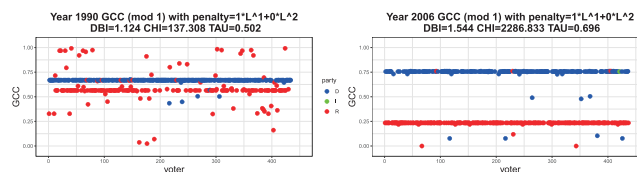
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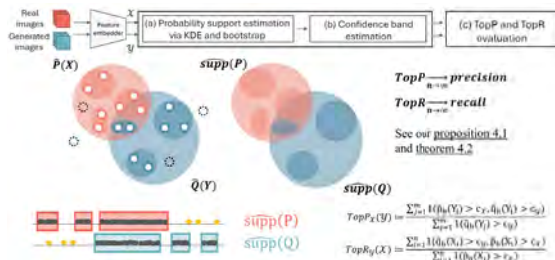
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Data or Model is evaluated using Topological Data Analysis.

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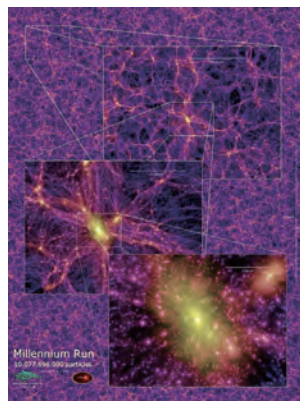
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The number of holes is used to summarize geometrical features.

- ▶ Geometrical objects :
 - ▶ $\sqcap, \sqcup, \sqsubset, \sqsupset, \square, \triangle, \circ, \infty, \sphericalangle, \bowtie, \pi, \sigma$
 - ▶ A, あ, い, う, え, お
 - ▶ 福, 岡, 九, 州, 大, 学, 西, 新, プ, ラ, ザ
- ▶ The number of holes of different dimensions is considered.

1. $\beta_0 = \#$ of connected components 
2. $\beta_1 = \#$ of loops (holes inside 1-dim sphere) 
3. $\beta_2 = \#$ of voids (holes inside 2-dim sphere) : if $\dim \geq 3$ 

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Example : Objects are classified by homologies.

1. $\beta_0 = \#$ of connected components 
2. $\beta_1 = \#$ of loops 

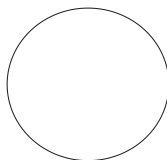
$\beta_0 \setminus \beta_1$	0	1	2	5
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Homology of finite sample is different from homology of underlying manifold, hence it cannot be directly used for the inference.

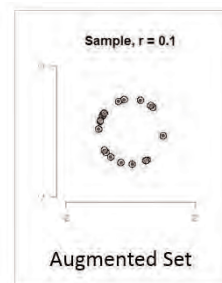
- ▶ When analyzing data, we prefer robust features where features of the underlying manifold can be inferred from features of finite samples.
- ▶ Homology is not robust:

Underlying circle: $\beta_0 = 1, \beta_1 = 1$ 100 samples: $\beta_0 = 100, \beta_1 = 0$



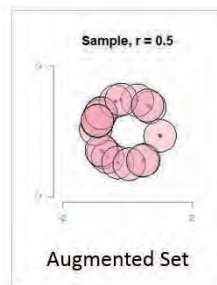
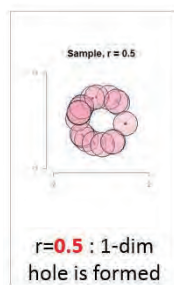
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Persistent homology computes homologies on collection of sets, and tracks when topological features are born and when they die.



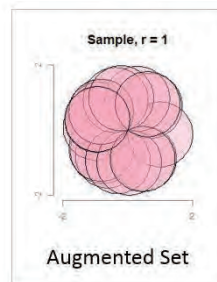
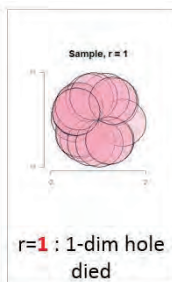
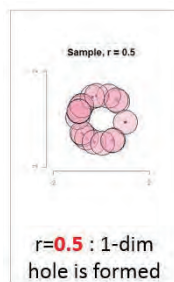
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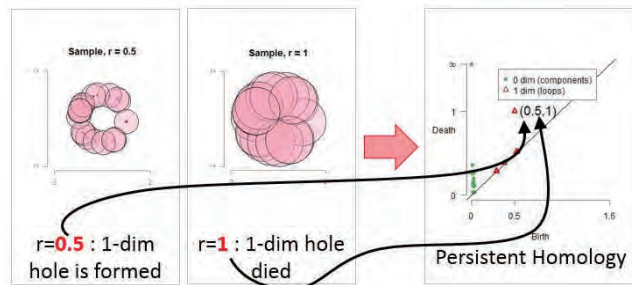
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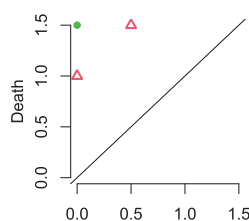
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Persistent homology is further summarized and embedded into a Euclidean space or a functional space.

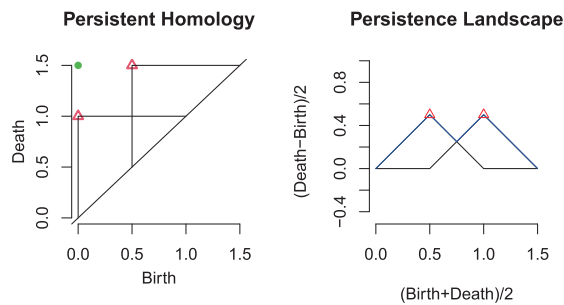
- ▶ The space of the persistent homology is complex, so directly applying in machine learning is difficult.
- ▶ If the persistent homology is further summarized and embedded into a Euclidean space or a functional space, then applying in machine learning becomes much more convenient.
 - ▶ e.g., Persistence Landscape, Persistence Silhouette, Persistence Image

Persistent Homology



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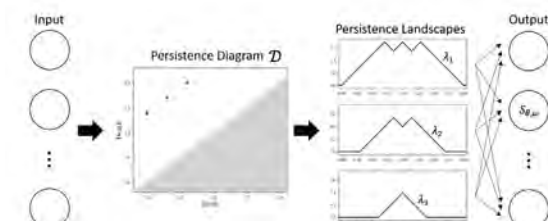
Persistence Landscape is a functional summary of the persistent homology.



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PLLay: Build topological layer using Persistence Landscape

- PLLay: Efficient Topological Layer based on Persistence Landscapes (Kim, Kim, Zaheer, Kim, Chazal, Wasserman, 2020)
- 1. From data X , choose an appropriate simplicial complex K and a function f to compute the Persistence diagram \mathcal{D} .
- 2. From the persistence diagram \mathcal{D} , compute the persistence landscape $\lambda : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- 3. Compute the weighted average function $\bar{\lambda}_\omega(t) := \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\max}} \omega_k \lambda_k(t)$, and vectorize to get $\bar{\lambda}_\omega \in \mathbb{R}^m$.
- 4. For a parametrized differentiable map $g_\theta : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, compute $S_{\theta, \omega}(\mathcal{D}) := g_\theta(\bar{\lambda}_\omega)$.



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PLLay is differentiable.

- A deep learning model learns its parameters by back propagation, which is to apply gradient descent layer-wise.
- For a deep learning layer to be learnable, it should be differentiable:

Theorem (Theorem 3.1 in Kim et al. [2020])

The PLLay function $S_{\theta, \omega}$ is differentiable with respect to the input data X .

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PLay is stable.

- PLay is stable with respect to changes in persistence diagrams:

Theorem (Theorem 4.1 in Kim et al. [2020])

For two persistence diagrams $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'$,

$$|S_{\theta, \omega}(\mathcal{D}) - S_{\theta, \omega}(\mathcal{D}')| = O(d_B(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}')),$$

where d_B is the bottleneck distance.

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PLay is stable.

- PLay is stable with respect to perturbations in input X :

Theorem (Theorem 4.2 in Kim et al. [2020])

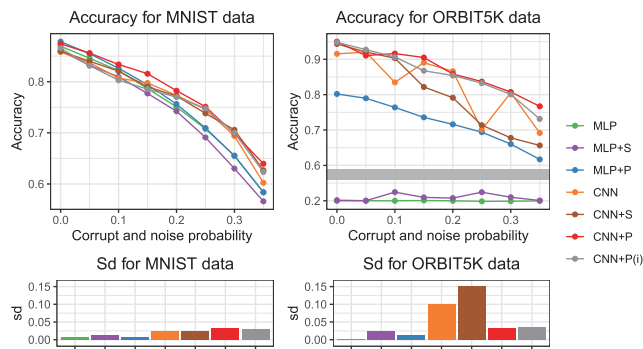
Let $X \sim P$ and P_n be the empirical distribution. Further, let $\mathcal{D}_P, \mathcal{D}_X$ be the persistence diagrams of P, X , respectively. Then

$$|S_{\theta, \omega}(\mathcal{D}_X) - S_{\theta, \omega}(\mathcal{D}_P)| = O(W_2(P_n, P)),$$

where W_2 is 2-Wasserstein distance.

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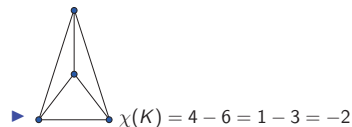
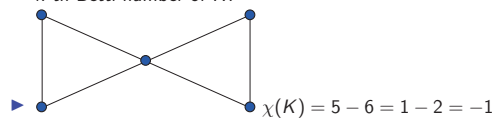
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Euler Characteristic is computationally efficient.

- ▶ Euler Characteristic of a simplex or cubical complex is an alternating sum of betti numbers: for a simplex / cubical complex K ,

$$\chi(K) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k |K^k| = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \beta_k,$$

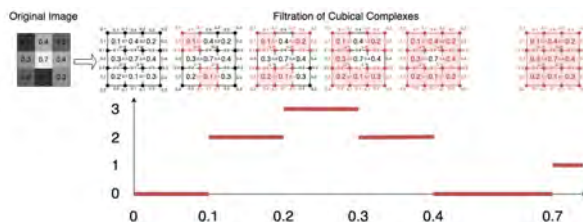
where K^k is the set of k -dimensional simplices in K , and β_k is the k -th Betti number of K .



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Euler Characteristic Curve is computationally efficient compared to Persistent Homology.

- ▶ Euler Characteristic Curve (ECC) $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ computes the Euler characteristic along a filtration.
- ▶ ECC does not involve computing persistent homology, hence more computationally efficient compared to persistent homology.



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EClayr: Build topological layer using Euler Characteristic Curves

- EClayr: Fast and Robust Topological Layer based on Differentiable Euler Characteristic Curve (Lee, Kim, Kim, 2025?)
- 1. From data X , choose an appropriate simplicial complex K and a function f to build a filtration.
- 2. From the filtration, compute the Euler Characteristic Curve $C : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and vectorize to get $\mathcal{E} \in \mathbb{R}^v$.
- 3. For a parametrized differentiable map $g_\theta : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, compute $\mathcal{O}_\theta := g_\theta(\mathcal{E})$.

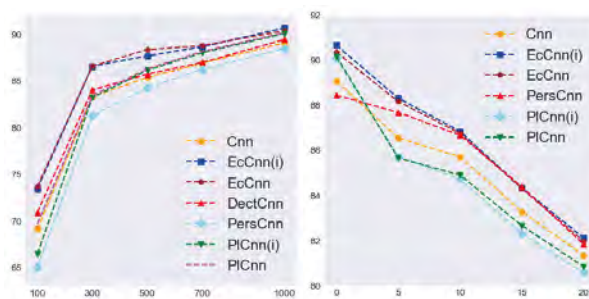
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Computation Time

Model	Data		
	MNIST	Br35H	Synthetic
ECC	3.129 sec	0.458 sec	2.17 sec
PH	33.700 sec	11.033 sec	59.288 sec

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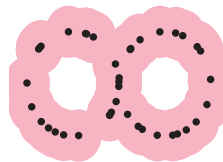
Circular coordinates provide topological representations of reduced dimension.

- Persistent cohomology and circular coordinates (de Silva, Morozov, Vejdemo-Johansson, 2011)
- Topological Learning for Motion Data via Mixed Coordinates (Vejdemo-Johansson, Pokorny, Skraba, Kragic, 2015)

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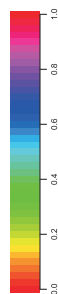


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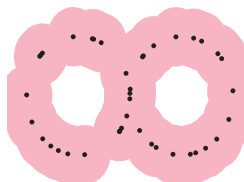
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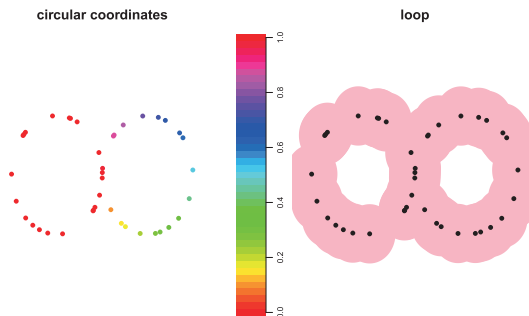
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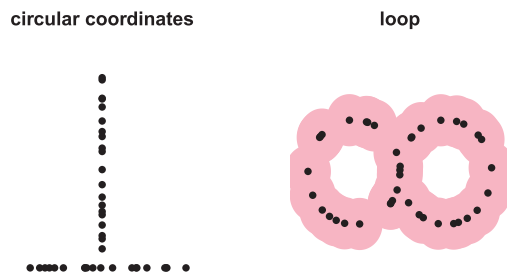
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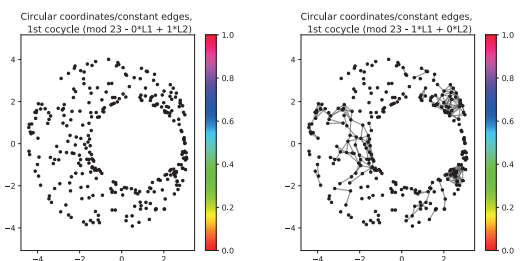
- circular coordinate is a function that maps from data points X to torus $\mathbb{T}^k = (S^1)^k$.



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Circular coordinates with generalized penalty better visualizes topological information from data.

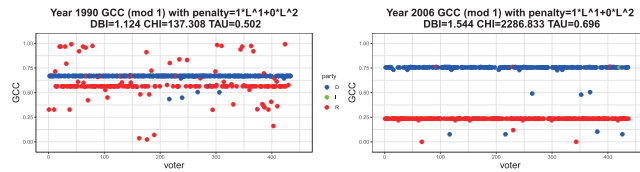
- Generalized penalty for circular coordinate representation (Luo, Patania, Kim, Vejdemo-Johansson, 2021)
- When computing circular coordinates, we solve an optimization problem.
- We switch L_2 loss by L_1 loss for circular coordinate values to change more abruptly: better visualizes topological information from data.



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- Voting data in 2006 is more bipolarized than voting data in 1990.



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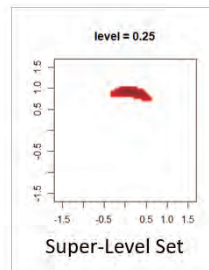
We rely on the kernel density estimator to extract topological information of the underlying distribution.

- The kernel density estimator is

$$\hat{p}_h(x) = \frac{1}{nh^d} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - X_i}{h}\right).$$

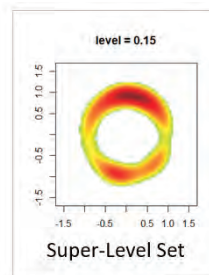
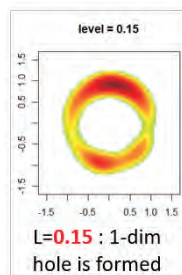
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Persistent homology computes homologies on collection of sets, and tracks when topological features are born and when they die.



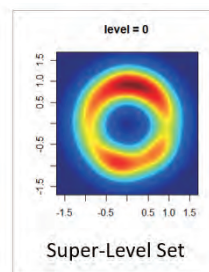
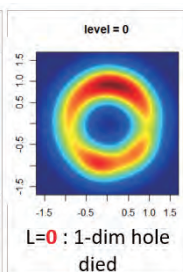
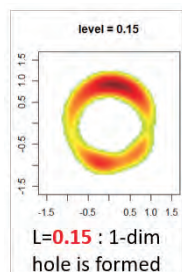
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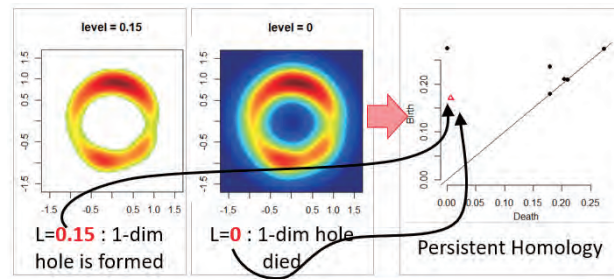
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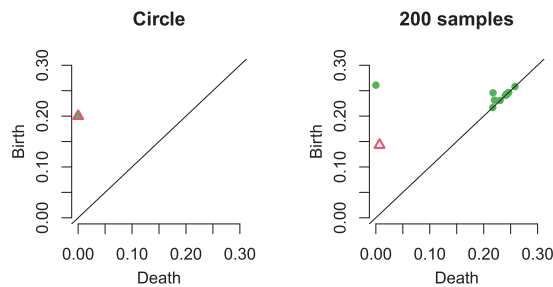
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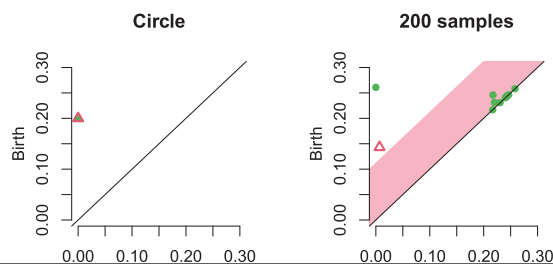


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Confidence band for persistent homology separates homological signal from homological noise.

Let M be a compact manifold, and $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ be n samples. Let f_M and f_X be corresponding functions whose persistent homology is of interest. Given the significance level $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence band $c_n = c_n(X)$ is a random variable satisfying

$$\mathbb{P}(d_B(Dgm(f_M), Dgm(f_X)) \leq c_n) \geq 1 - \alpha.$$



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Confidence band for the persistent homology can be computed using the bootstrap algorithm.

1. Given a sample $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, compute the kernel density estimator \hat{p}_h .
2. Draw $X^* = \{x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*\}$ from $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ (with replacement), and compute $\theta^* = \sqrt{nh^d} \|\hat{p}_h^*(x) - \hat{p}_h(x)\|_\infty$, where \hat{p}_h^* is the density estimator computed using X^* .
3. Repeat the previous step B times to obtain $\theta_1^*, \dots, \theta_B^*$.
4. Compute $\hat{z}_\alpha = \inf \left\{ q : \frac{1}{B} \sum_{j=1}^B I(\theta_j^* \geq q) \leq \alpha \right\}$.
5. The $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence band for $\mathbb{E}[p_h]$ is $\left[\hat{p}_h - \frac{\hat{z}_\alpha}{\sqrt{nh^d}}, \hat{p}_h + \frac{\hat{z}_\alpha}{\sqrt{nh^d}} \right]$.

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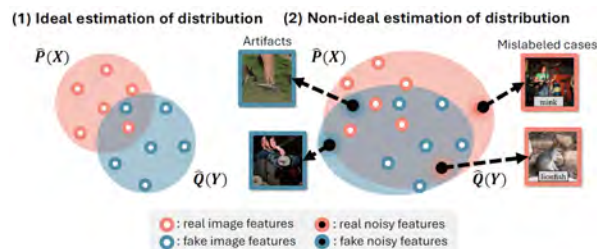
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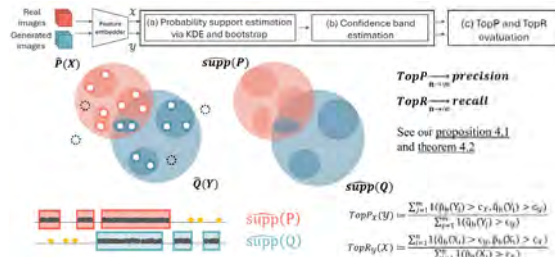
- ▶ TopP&R: Robust Support Estimation Approach for Evaluating Fidelity and Diversity in Generative Models (Kim, Jang, Kim, Yoo, 2024)
- ▶ To evaluate generative models, metrics compare the support of real image distributions and fake image distributions.
- ▶ Existing evaluation metrics tend to overestimate the support of the data distribution: vulnerable to noise



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TopP&R robustly evaluates generative models by retaining only topologically and statistically significant features with confidence.

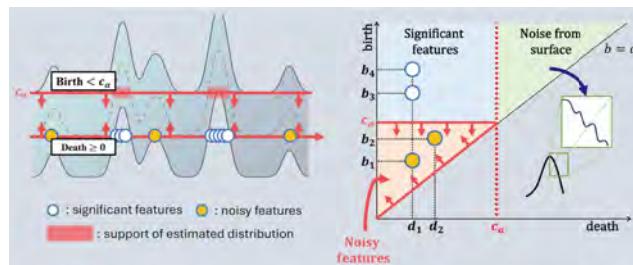
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We find threshold c_{α} that selects statistically and topologically significant features.

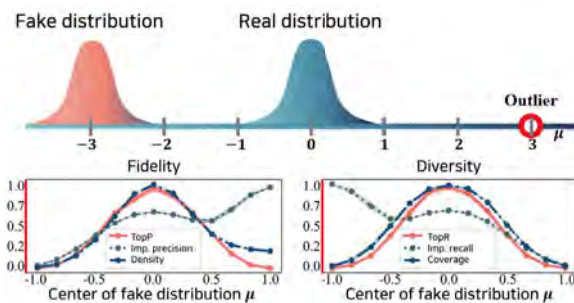
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There are many programs for Topological Data Analysis.

- ▶ There are many programs for Topological Data Analysis: e.g., Dionysus, DIPHA, GUDHI, javaPlex, Perseus, PHAT, Ripser, TDA, TDAstats

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R Package TDA provides an R interface for C++ libraries for Topological Data Analysis.

- ▶ website:
<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/TDA/index.html>
- ▶ Author: Brittany Terese Fasy, Jisu Kim, Fabrizio Lecci, Clément Maria, David Milman, and Vincent Rouvreau.
- ▶ R is a programming language for statistical computing and graphics.
- ▶ R has short development time, while C/C++ has short execution time.
- ▶ R package TDA provides an R interface for C++ library GUDHI/Dionysus/PHAT, which are for Topological Data Analysis.

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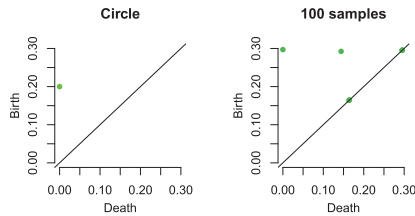
Bottleneck distance gives a metric on the space of persistent homology.

Definition

Let D_1, D_2 be multiset of points. Bottleneck distance is defined as

$$d_B(D_1, D_2) = \inf_{\gamma} \sup_{x \in D_1} \|x - \gamma(x)\|_{\infty},$$

where γ ranges over all bijections from D_1 to D_2 .



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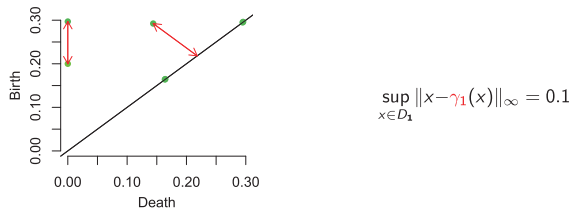
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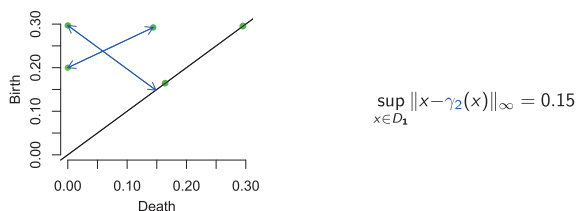
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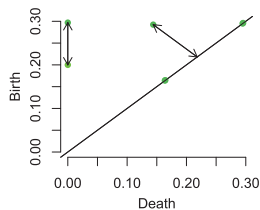
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$$\inf_{\gamma} \sup_{x \in D_1} \|x - \gamma(x)\|_{\infty} = 0.1$$

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Bottleneck distance can be controlled by the corresponding distance on functions: Stability Theorem.

Theorem

[Edelsbrunner and Harer, 2010][Chazal, de Silva, Glisse, and Oudot, 2012] Let \mathbb{X} be finitely triangulable space and $f, g : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two continuous functions. Let $Dgm(f)$ and $Dgm(g)$ be corresponding persistence diagrams. Then

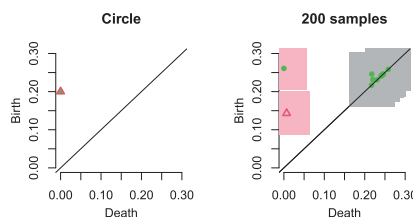
$$d_B(Dgm(f), Dgm(g)) \leq \|f - g\|_{\infty}.$$

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Confidence band for the persistent homology is a random quantity containing the persistent homology with high probability.

Let M be a compact manifold, and $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ be n samples. Let f_M and f_X be corresponding functions whose persistent homology is of interest. Given the significance level $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence band $c_n = c_n(X)$ is a random variable satisfying

$$\mathbb{P}(Dgm(f_M) \in \{\mathcal{D} : d_B(\mathcal{D}, Dgm(f_X)) \leq c_n\}) \geq 1 - \alpha.$$



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Confidence band for the persistent homology can be obtained by the corresponding confidence band for functions.

From Stability Theorem, $\mathbb{P}(\|f_M - f_X\| \leq c_n) \geq 1 - \alpha$ implies

$$\mathbb{P}(d_B(Dgm(f_M), Dgm(f_X)) \leq c_n) \geq \mathbb{P}(\|f_M - f_X\|_\infty \leq c_n) \geq 1 - \alpha,$$

so the confidence band of corresponding functions f_M can be used for confidence band of persistent homologies $Dgm(f_M)$.

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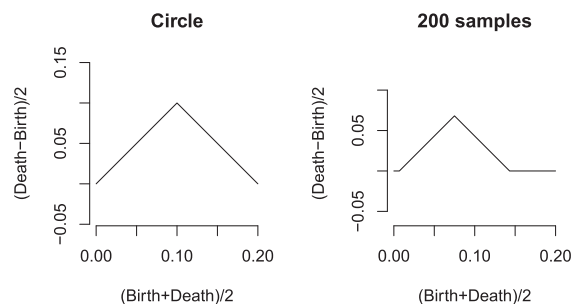
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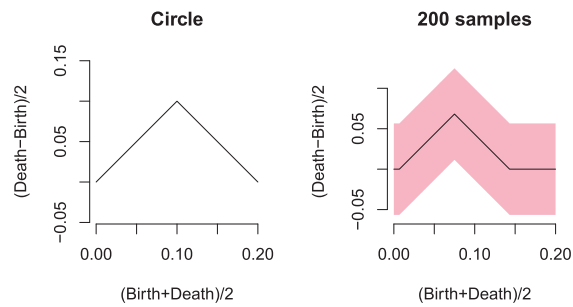
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Persistence Landscape of the underlying manifold can be inferred from Persistence Landscape of finite samples.



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Confidence band for persistent homology quantifies the randomness of the persistence landscape.



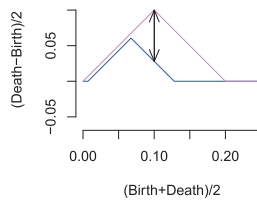
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∞ -landscape distance gives a metric on the space of persistence landscapes.

Definition

[Bubenik, 2012] Let D_1, D_2 be multiset of points, and λ_1, λ_2 be corresponding persistence landscapes. ∞ -landscape distance is defined as

$$\Lambda_\infty(D_1, D_2) = \|\lambda_1 - \lambda_2\|_\infty.$$



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∞ -landscape distance can be controlled by the corresponding distance on functions: Stability Theorem.

Theorem

Let $f, g : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions, and let $Dgm(f)$ and $Dgm(g)$ be corresponding persistent homologies. Then

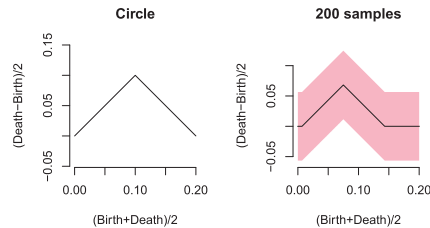
$$\Lambda_\infty(Dgm(f), Dgm(g)) \leq \|f - g\|_\infty.$$

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Confidence band for the persistence landscape can be computed using the bootstrap algorithm.

- Let λ_M and λ_X be persistence landscapes of the manifold M and samples X . From Stability Theorem, $\mathbb{P}(\|f_M - f_X\| \leq c_n) \geq 1 - \alpha$ implies

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_X(t) - c_n \leq \lambda_M(t) \leq \lambda_X(t) + c_n \forall t) \geq \mathbb{P}(\|f_M - f_X\| \leq c_n) \geq 1 - \alpha,$$
 so the confidence band of corresponding functions f_M can be used for confidence band of the persistence landscape λ_M .



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Confidence band for the persistence landscape can be computed using the bootstrap algorithm.

- Confidence band for the persistence landscape can be also computed using multiplier bootstrap; see [Chazal, Fasy, Lecci, Rinaldo, and Wasserman, 2014].

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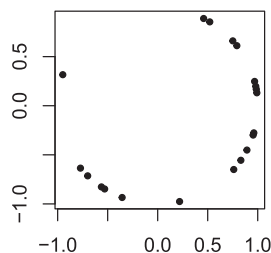
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R Package TDA provides a function to sample on a circle.

The function `circleUnif()` generates n sample from the uniform distribution on the circle in \mathbb{R}^2 with radius r .

```
circleSample <- circleUnif(n = 20, r = 1)
plot(circleSample, xlab = "", ylab = "", pch = 20)
```



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R Package TDA provides distance functions and density functions over a grid.

Suppose $n = 400$ points are generated from the unit circle, and grid of points are generated.

```
X <- circleUnif(n = 400, r = 1)

lim <- c(-1.7, 1.7)
by <- 0.05
margin <- seq(from = lim[1], to = lim[2], by = by)
Grid <- expand.grid(margin, margin)
```

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R Package TDA provides KDE function over a grid.

The Gaussian Kernel Density Estimator (KDE) $\hat{p}_h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is defined as

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where h is a smoothing parameter.

The function `kde()` computes the KDE function \hat{p}_h on a grid of points.

```
h <- 0.3
KDE <- kde(X = X, Grid = Grid, h = h)

par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(X, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "Sample X", pch = 20)
persp(x = margin, y = margin,
      z = matrix(KDE, nrow = length(margin), ncol = length(margin)),
      xlab = "", ylab = "", zlab = "", theta = -20, phi = 35, scale = FALSE,
      expand = 3, col = "red", border = NA, ltheta = 50, shade = 0.5,
      main = "KDE")
```

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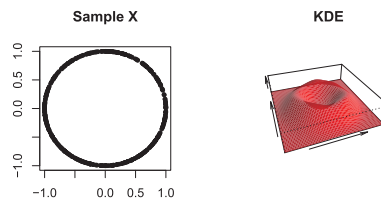
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R Package TDA computes Persistent Homology over a grid.

- ▶ The function `gridDiag()` computes the persistence diagram of sublevel (and superlevel) sets of the input function.
 - ▶ `gridDiag()` evaluates the real valued input function over a grid.
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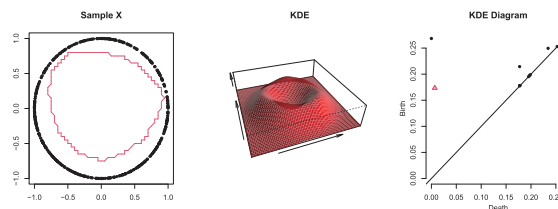
```
DiagGrid <- gridDiag(X = X, FUN = kde, lim = c(lim, lim), by = by,
  sublevel = FALSE, library = "Dionysus", location = TRUE,
  printProgress = FALSE, h = h)

par(mfrow = c(1,3))
plot(X, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "Sample X", pch = 20)
one <- which(DiagGrid[["diagram"]][, 1] == 1)
for (i in seq(along = one)) {
  for (j in seq_len(dim(DiagGrid[["cycleLocation"]][[one[i]]])[1])) {
    lines(DiagGrid[["cycleLocation"]][[one[i]]][j, , ], pch = 19, cex = 1,
      col = i + 1)
  }
}
persp(x = margin, y = margin,
  z = matrix(KDE, nrow = length(margin), ncol = length(margin)),
  xlab = "", ylab = "", zlab = "", theta = -20, phi = 35, scale = FALSE,
  expand = 3, col = "red", border = NA, ltheta = 50, shade = 0.9,
  main = "KDE")
plot(x = DiagGrid[["diagram"]], main = "KDE Diagram")
```

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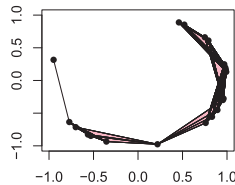


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R Package TDA computes Vietoris-Rips Persistent Homology.

- ▶ Vietoris-Rips complex consists of simplices whose pairwise distances of vertices are at most $2r$ apart, i.e.

$$\text{Rips}(\mathcal{X}, r) = \{\{x_1, \dots, x_k\} \subset \mathcal{X} : d(x_i, x_j) < 2r, \text{ for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq k\}.$$



- ▶ Rips filtration is formed by Rips complexes with gradually increasing r .

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R Package TDA computes Vietoris-Rips Persistent Homology.

- ▶ The function `ripsDiag()` computes the persistence diagram of the Rips filtration built on top of a point cloud.
 - ▶ `ripsDiag()` constructs the Vietoris-Rips filtration using the data points.
 - ▶ `ripsDiag()` computes the persistent homology of the Vietoris-Rips filtration.
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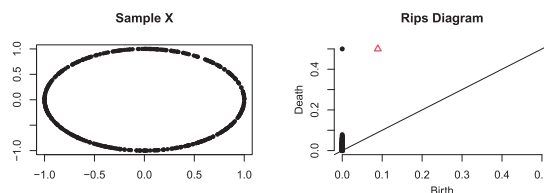
```
DiagRips <- ripsDiag(X = X, maxdimension = 1, maxscale = 0.5,
  library = c("GUDHI", "Dionysus"), location = TRUE)

par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(X, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "Sample X", pch = 20)
plot(x = DiagRips[["diagram"]], main = "Rips Diagram")
```

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R Package TDA computes Persistence Landscape.

- ▶ Let Λ_p be created by tenting each point $p = (x, y) = (\frac{b+d}{2}, \frac{d-b}{2})$ representing a birth-death pair (b, d) in the persistence diagram D .
- ▶ The persistence landscape of D is the collection of functions

$$\lambda_k(t) = k \max_p \Lambda_p(t), \quad t \in [0, T], k \in \mathbb{N},$$

where $k \max$ is the k th largest value in the set.

- ▶ The function `landscape()` evaluates the persistence landscape function $\lambda_k(t)$.

```
tseq <- seq(0, 0.2, length = 1000)
Land <- landscape(DiagGrid[["diagram"]], dimension = 1, KK = 1, tseq = tseq)

par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(x = DiagGrid[["diagram"]], main = "KDE Diagram")
plot(tseq, Land, type = "l", xlab = "(Birth+Death)/2",
      ylab = "(Death-Birth)/2", asp = 1, axes = FALSE, main = "Landscape")
axis(1); axis(2)
```

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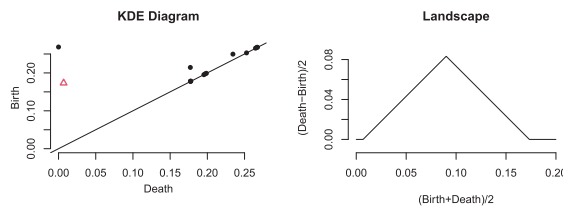
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R Package TDA computes the bootstrap confidence band for a function.

The function `bootstrapBand()` computes $(1 - \alpha)$ bootstrap confidence band for $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\rho}_h]$.

```
bandKDE <- bootstrapBand(X = X, FUN = kde, Grid = Grid, B = 20,
  parallel = FALSE, alpha = 0.1, h = h)
print(bandKDE[["width"]])

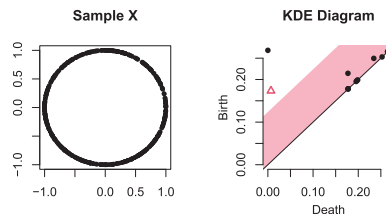
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```

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R Package TDA computes the bootstrap confidence band for the persistent homology.

The $(1 - \alpha)$ bootstrap confidence band for $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\rho}_h]$ is used as the confidence band for the persistent homology.

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(X, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "Sample X", pch = 20)
plot(x = DiagGrid[["diagram"]], band = 2 * bandKDE[["width"]],
  main = "KDE Diagram")
```



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R Package TDA computes the bootstrap confidence band for the persistence landscape.

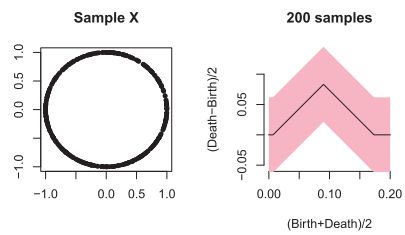
The $(1 - \alpha)$ bootstrap confidence band for $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\rho}_h]$ is used as the confidence band for the persistence landscape.

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(X, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "Sample X", pch = 20)
plot(tseq, Land, type = "l", xlab = "(Birth+Death)/2",
  ylab = "(Death-Birth)/2", asp = 1, axes = FALSE, main = "200 samples")
axis(1); axis(2)
polygon(c(tseq, rev(tseq)), c(Land - bandKDE[["width"]],
  rev(Land + bandKDE[["width"]])), col = "pink", lwd = 1.5,
  border = NA)
lines(tseq, Land)
```

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Persistent Vector Bundles and Stiefel–Whitney Classes in Data Analysis

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In this talk, we introduce a new method to estimate Stiefel–Whitney classes—topological invariants that detect features like orientability and embedding obstructions—directly from point cloud data. We first extend classical vector bundle theory to persistent vector bundles in the setting of topological data analysis. By applying cohomology operations to persistent cohomology, we compute these classes in a persistent setting. We demonstrate the method with applications in image analysis, molecular conformation, and high-dimensional data.

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Invariants of dataset

- Suppose a point cloud $X \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ lies in smooth closed d -dimensional manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^D$.
One of the major goals in topological data analysis(TDA) is to extract the **geometric/topological invariants** of the underlying manifold M from the sampled dataset X .
Common examples include (persistent) homology and (filtered) Euler characteristic.

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Tangent bundle of the manifold

- One important structure of a smooth manifold M is its **tangent bundle** TM , which is a union of local linear approximations (called *tangent spaces*) across all points on the manifold.

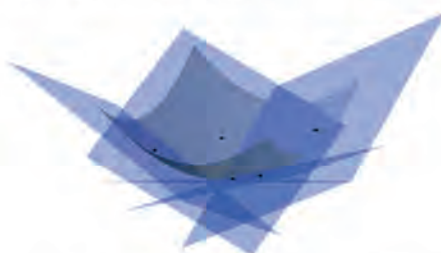


Figure: Some tangent planes (blue) on the manifold M (gray). Points of tangency are marked with bullets.

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Orientability

- A smooth manifold M is called **orientable** if it admits an atlas where all transition functions have the positive determinant.
For example, S^2 is orientable, whereas \mathbb{RP}^2 is not.
The **orientability** of a smooth manifold is a property of its **tangent bundle**, indicating whether the structure group can be reduced to the special orthogonal group $SO(n)$.
Despite of it, the top-dimensional homology class of M determines its orientability.

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Torus and Klein bottle



Figure: Torus and Klein bottle projected into \mathbb{R}^3 .

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Torus and Klein bottle

- The $\mathbb{Z}/2$ (co)homology group, commonly used for the persistent cohomology, **cannot** distinguish them. However, they are **not homeomorphic**, as the torus is orientable while the Klein bottle is not. Therefore, the tangent bundle for a smooth manifold provides more refined invariant of the base space.

Space	$H^0(-; \mathbb{Z}/2)$	$H^1(-; \mathbb{Z}/2)$	$H^2(-; \mathbb{Z}/2)$
T^2	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$
K	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$

Table: Cohomology groups $H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ over $\mathbb{Z}/2$ for the torus T^2 and the Klein bottle K .

Axiomatic Definition of Stiefel-Whitney Class

Let ξ be a real vector bundle of rank n over a paracompact base space B . For non-negative integer i , the **i -th Stiefel-Whitney class** $w_i(\xi) \in H^i(B; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ is the unique element of $H^i(B; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ satisfying the following axioms:

- Normalization:** For the Möbius line bundle γ_1^1 over \mathbb{RP}^1 , $w_1(\gamma_1^1) \neq 0$.
- Naturality:** If the map between base spaces $f: B(\xi) \rightarrow B(\eta)$ is covered by a bundle map $\xi \rightarrow \eta$, then $w_i(\xi) = f^*(w_i(\eta))$.
- Whitney Product Formula:** For bundles ξ and η over the same base,

$$w_k(\xi \oplus \eta) = \sum_{i=0}^k w_i(\xi) \smile w_{k-i}(\eta).$$

Rank: $w_0(\xi) = 1$, and for all $i > n$, $w_i(\xi) = 0$.

Stiefel-Whitney Class

- Intuitively, the Stiefel-Whitney classes of a vector bundle measures how much twisted the bundle is. If the vector bundle ξ is trivial iff $w_i(\xi) = 0$ for every non-negative integer i .



Figure: Comparison of the trivial line bundle TS^1 (left) and the Möbius line bundle γ_1^1 (right) over the same base S^1 .

From the axioms, we find that $w_1(TS^1) = 0$ but $w_1(\gamma_1^1) \neq 0$.

A smooth manifold M is orientable iff $w_1(TM) = 0$. Therefore, the circle S^1 is orientable.

Naturality

- Since the SW class satisfies the naturality axiom, it is reasonable to expect a persistent version of this concept.

To formalize such type of theory, one needs the notion of a **persistent vector bundle** (or a **vector bundle filtration**), modeled as a the functor from $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)^{\text{op}}$ to the category of rank- d real vector bundles. Due to time constraints, we will not discuss about the persistent vector bundle in detail here.

Cohomology operations

- For a paracompact space X , two important cohomology operations on $H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ are the **cup product** and **Steenrod Squares**. Under Poincaré duality over $\mathbb{Z}/2$, for two cocycles α and β in $H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$, their cup product $\alpha \smile \beta$ represents their **transversal intersection**, whereas the i -th Steenrod Square $Sq^i(\alpha)$ of α captures the $(\deg \alpha - i)$ **perverse** **self-intersection** of the cocycle α .



Figure: The torus (gray) with its 1-cocycles (blue and red).

Both operations are *functorial* and can be extended to barcode-level operations in persistent cohomology over $\mathbb{Z}/2$.

Wu Formula

- Let M be a smooth, closed n -dimensional manifold. The i -th **Wu class** $v_i \in H^i(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ is the unique element satisfying:

$$Sq^i(x) = v_i \smile x \quad \text{for all } x \in H^{n-i}(M; \mathbb{Z}/2).$$

Then, the k -th SW class $w_k(TM)$ is given by the **Wu formula**:

$$w_k(TM) = \sum_{i+j=k} Sq^i(v_j).$$

In other words, the SW classes of the tangent bundle of the smooth manifold M are completely determined by the cohomology operations of M , which are purely topological in nature.

Persistent Wu formula

Algorithm (Persistent Wu formula)

Let $\mathbb{X} : ([s, t], \leq) \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}$ be a filtered space that is homotopy equivalent to a smooth, closed n -dimensional manifold M . Then for each $0 \leq i \leq n$, there is a unique persistent cohomology class $v_i \in H^i(\mathbb{X}; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ such that:

$$Sq^i(x) = v_i \smile x \quad \text{for all } x \in H^{n-i}(\mathbb{X}; \mathbb{Z}/2).$$

Moreover, the persistent cohomology class:

$$w_k = \sum_{i+j=k} Sq^i(v_j) \in H^k(\mathbb{X}; \mathbb{Z}/2)$$

corresponds to $w_k(TM)$ via the homotopy equivalences between \mathbb{X} and M .

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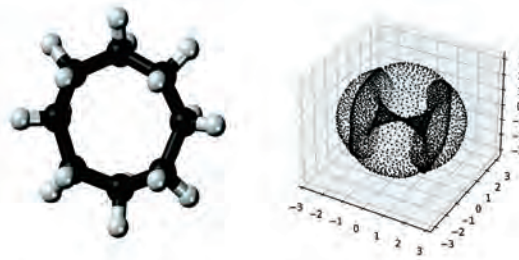


Figure: Molecular structure of cyclooctane (C_8H_{16}) and a point cloud sampled from its conformation space, projected into \mathbb{R}^3 .

Application : Conformation space of C_8H_{16}

- After suitable preprocessing, we observe that the conformation space of C_8H_{16} forms a singular manifold $A \sqcup_{S^1 \sqcup S^1} B$, modeled as the adjunction(pushout) of two closed surfaces A and B intersecting along two disjoint circles $S^1 \sqcup S^1$.

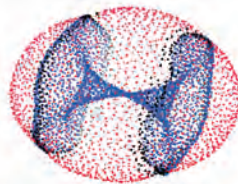


Figure: Point cloud X sampled from the singular manifold, where A (red) and B (blue) intersect along two circles (black).

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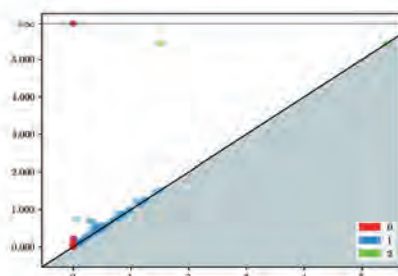


Figure: Persistence diagram of the point cloud from the surface A over $\mathbb{Z}/2$. The diagram suggests that surface A is homeomorphic to a 2-sphere S^2 .

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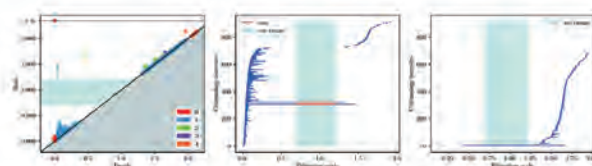


Figure: persistence diagram of point cloud the from surface B over $\mathbb{Z}/2$, along the cohomology barcodes together with the estimated first and second SW classes of the tangent bundle TB . The observed topological invariants match those of the Klein bottle, both in terms of cohomology over $\mathbb{Z}/2$ and the Stiefel-Whitney classes of its tangent bundle.

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Thank you.

Geometric properties of curves in ensemble forecasting

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In this talk, we analyze ensemble forecasting trajectories from a geometric point of view. We focus on the oriented turning angles to cluster and distinguish different weather scenarios. Ensemble forecasting is a method used in weather prediction, which consists of running multiple forecast simulations, each with slightly varied initial conditions or model parameters, to capture the inherent uncertainty in weather forecasting. Collectively, these outputs map the range and likelihood of future states, and it is crucial to identify and label them to take the proper preventive actions in each situation. We quantify the shape of the trajectory with the Frenet frame, which is a coordinate system attached to a moving point along a curve. In two dimensions, the curvature at each point of the curve defines the frame; in three dimensions, the torsion is additionally included; and analogous quantities extend to higher dimensions. As a first step in this research, we emphasize the oriented turning angle (the cumulative signed change of direction) as a feature for grouping ensemble forecasting data. We apply this to heavy-rain datasets and show that the turning angle helps distinguish different meteorological scenarios. We think that studying these techniques further will improve interpretation of ensemble information and uncertainty assessment.

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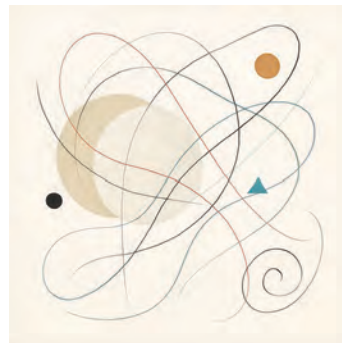


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Geometry of curves

Let us start with the following concepts in 2D, 3D, and general dimension:

- Smooth curves
 - Arc-length parameterization
 - Frenet frame
 - Orientation
 - Turning angle
- Discrete analogues



Smooth curves (2D)

The principal object of study is the parametric **curve**:

$$\gamma(t) : [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

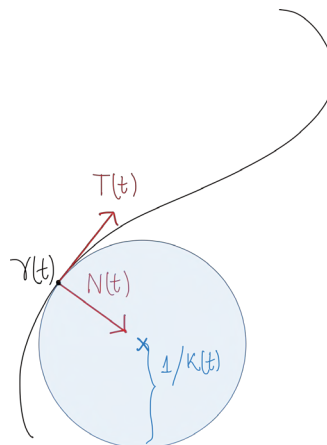
For convenience, we reparameterize it by the **arc-length**

$$s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \|\gamma'(\tau)\| d\tau$$

giving the **arc-length parameterization** of the curve:

$$\gamma(s) : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\|\gamma'(s)\| = 1, \forall s$$



Smooth curves (2D)

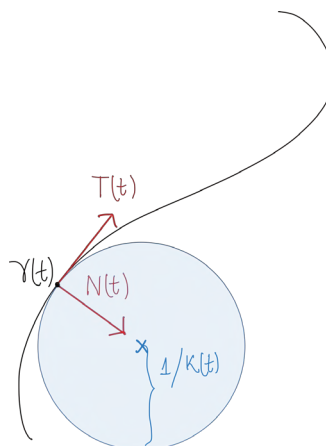
Given a arc-length parameterized curve,
consider:

$$\gamma(s) : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \|\gamma'(s)\| = 1, \forall s$$

$$T(s) := \gamma'(s) \quad (\text{Tangent})$$

$$N(s) := R_{\pi/2} T \quad (\text{Normal})$$

$$\kappa(s) := \langle T'(s), N(s) \rangle \quad (\text{Curvature})$$



Frenet frame (2D)

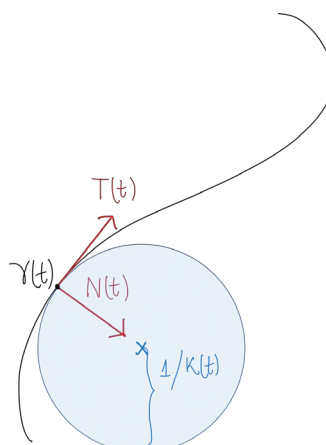
The **Frenet frame** describes the geometric
properties of a particle moving along a
differentiable curve.

$$F(s) = [T(s), N(s)] \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \quad (\text{Frenet frame})$$

The Frenet frame satisfies the **Frenet formula**:

$$F'(s) = F(s)K(s)$$

$$K(s) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\kappa(s) \\ \kappa(s) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Smooth curves (3D)

Similarly, we consider an arc-length
parameterized curve,

$$\gamma(s) : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \|\gamma'(s)\| = 1, \forall s$$

$$T(s) := \gamma'(s) \quad (\text{Tangent})$$

$$N(s) := \frac{\gamma''(s)}{\|\gamma''(s)\|} \quad (\text{Normal})$$

$$B(s) := T(s) \times N(s) \quad (\text{Binormal})$$

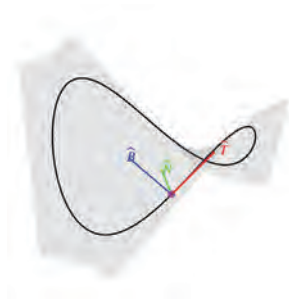


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Smooth curves (3D)

$$T(s) := \gamma'(s) \quad (\text{Tangent})$$

$$N(s) := \frac{\gamma''(s)}{\|\gamma''(s)\|} \quad (\text{Normal})$$

$$B(s) := T(s) \times N(s) \quad (\text{Binormal})$$

Comparing with a two dimensional space, now we have an extra dimension where the curve can *curl*, giving rise to the torsion:

$$\kappa(s) := \langle T'(s), N(s) \rangle \quad (\text{Curvature})$$

$$\tau(s) := \langle N'(s), B(s) \rangle \quad (\text{Torsion})$$

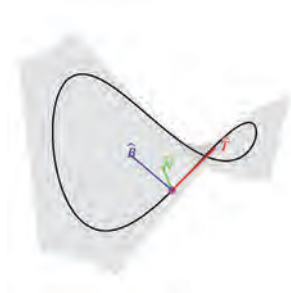


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Frenet frame (3D)

In three dimensions, the Frenet frame is given by the normal, tangent and binormal vectors,

$$F(s) = [T(s), N(s), B(s)] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$

Which satisfies the **Frenet-Serret formulas**:

$$F'(s) = F(s)K(s)$$

$$K(s) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\kappa(s) & 0 \\ \kappa(s) & 0 & -\tau(s) \\ 0 & \tau(s) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Smooth curves (ND)

All the previous concepts are generalized for any dimension. The generalized tangents, are obtained recursively.

$$\gamma(s) : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad \|\gamma'(s)\| = 1, \forall s$$

$$u_1(s) = \gamma'(s),$$

$$u_2(s) = \gamma''(s) - \langle E_1(s), \gamma''(s) \rangle E_1(s),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$u_n(s) = \gamma^{(n)}(s) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \langle E_k(s), \gamma^{(n)}(s) \rangle E_k(s),$$

$$E_1(s) := \frac{u_1(s)}{\|u_1(s)\|},$$

$$E_2(s) := \frac{u_2(s)}{\|u_2(s)\|},$$

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$$[E_1(s), \dots, E_n(s)] = \text{Gram-Schmidt}[\gamma'(s), \gamma''(s), \dots, \gamma^{(n)}(s)]$$

Frenet frame (ND)

The Frenet frame is generalized by a system of orthonormal vectors that aligns with higher derivatives of a curve.

$$F(s) = [E_1(s), \dots, E_n(s)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$F'(s) = F(s)K(s)$$

$$K(s) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\kappa_1(s) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \kappa_1(s) & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -\kappa_{n-1}(s) \\ 0 & 0 & \kappa_{n-1}(s) & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

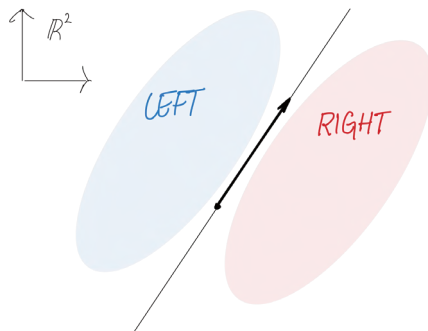
$$\kappa_k(s) := \langle E'_k(s), E_{k+1}(s) \rangle, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

Orientation (ND)

A Frame, seeing it as an ordered basis, has an orientation depending on the sign of the determinant being positive or negative.

The orientation distinguishes between two possible “handedness” of coordinate systems:

- In 2D, this corresponds to **clockwise** vs **counter-clockwise**.
- In 3D, **right-handed** vs **left-handed**.

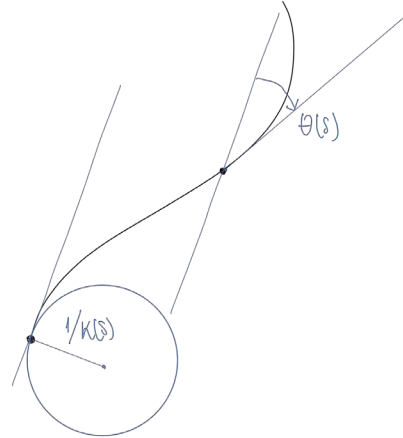


Turning angle (ND)

In two dimensions, the turning angle has a natural sign depending on the orientation of the Frenet frame.

Let us consider its extension to high dimensions by simply taking

$$\psi(s) := \int_0^s \text{sign det}(F(\bar{s})) \langle E'_1(\bar{s}), E_2(\bar{s}) \rangle d\bar{s}$$



Discrete analogues

A discrete curve is simply a sequence of points,

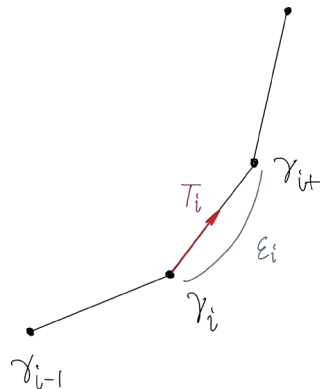
$$\gamma_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where we consider

$$v_i := \Delta \gamma_i \quad (\text{velocity})$$

$$\varepsilon_i := \|\Delta \gamma_i\| \quad (\text{step size})$$

$$T_i := \frac{v_i}{\|v_i\|} \quad (\text{tangent})$$



Discrete analogues

The k-finite difference,

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^k \gamma_i := \Delta(\Delta^{k-1} \gamma_i) \\ \Delta \gamma_i := \gamma_{i+1} - \gamma_i \end{cases} \quad (\text{k-difference})$$

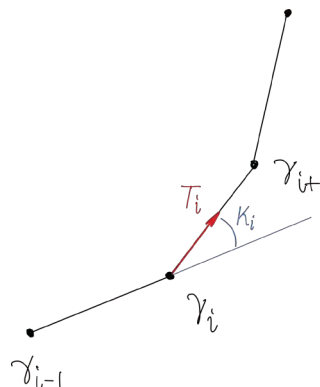
is used to define the **discrete Frenet frame**,

$$F_i := \text{Gram-Schmidt}[\Delta^1 \gamma_i, \Delta^2 \gamma_i, \dots, \Delta^n \gamma_i]$$

and the signed deflection and turning angle:

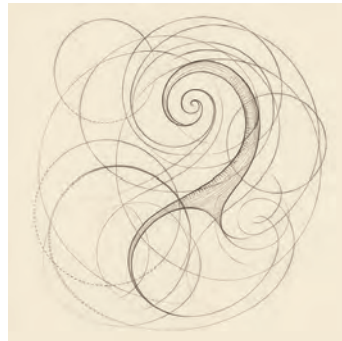
$$K_i := \text{sign det}(F_i) \arccos(\langle T_i, T_{i-1} \rangle) \quad (\text{deflection})$$

$$\psi_i := \sum_{j \leq i} K_j \quad (\text{turning angle})$$

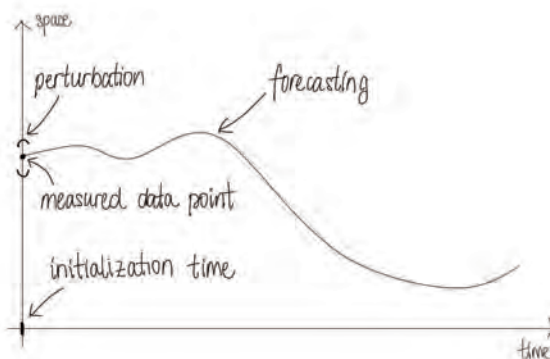


Ensemble Forecasting

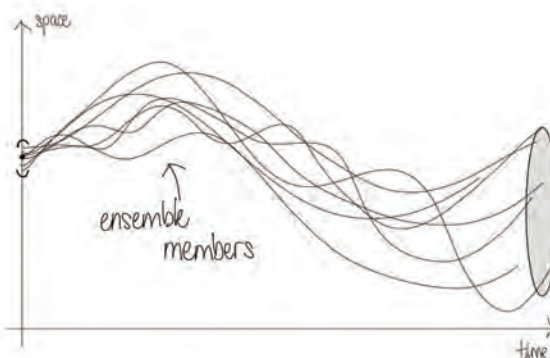
Ensemble forecasting is a method used in weather prediction that involves running multiple forecast simulations, each with slightly varied initial conditions or model parameters, to capture the uncertainty of the atmosphere and improve forecast reliability.



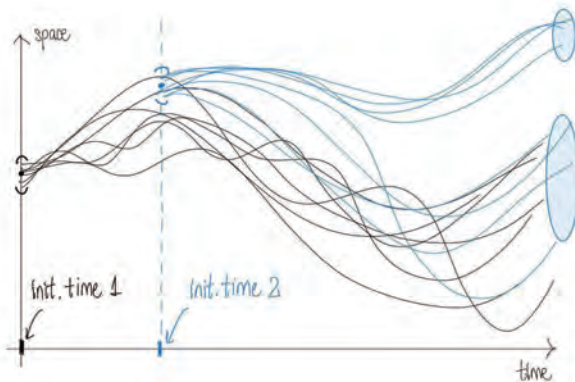
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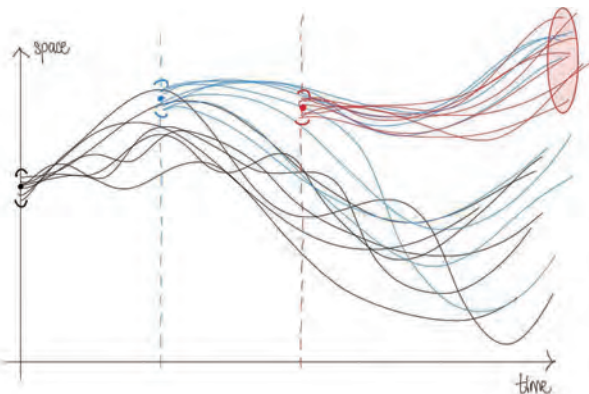
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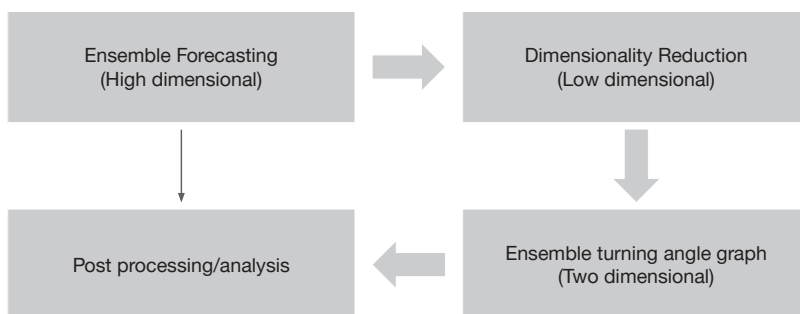
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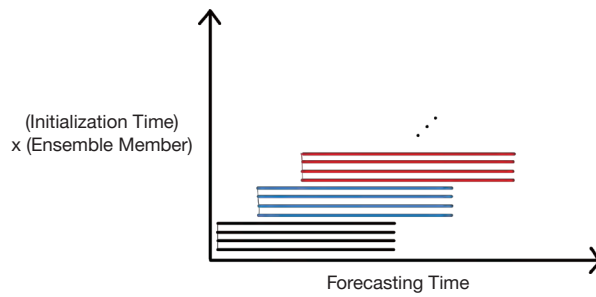
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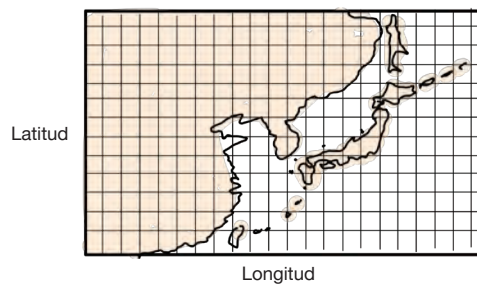
Data analysis workflow



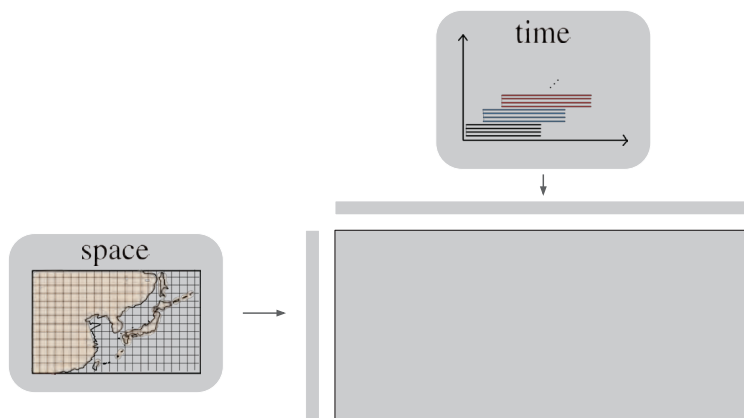
Input Data (time axis)



Input Data (space axis)



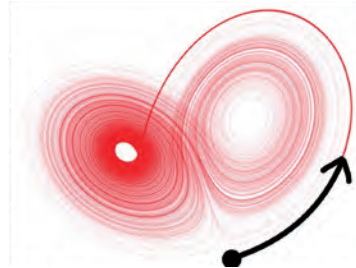
Input Data (full matrix)



Example: Lorenz '63 model

The Lorenz system (1963) is a classical example of a system that can exhibit chaotic behavior.

$$\begin{cases} x' = \sigma(y - x), \\ y' = x(\rho - z) - y, \\ z' = xy - \beta z. \end{cases}$$



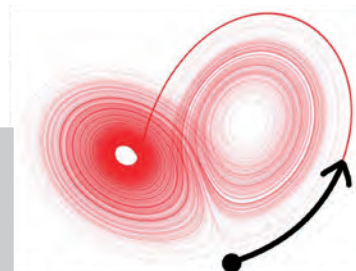
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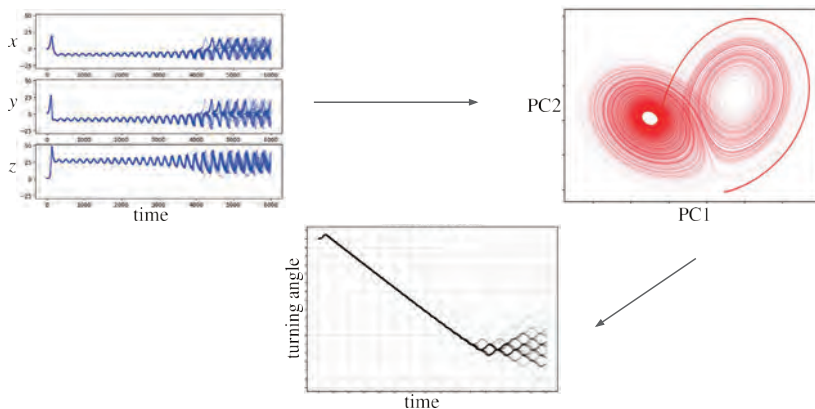
$$\left(\rho = 28, \sigma = 10, \beta = \frac{8}{3} \right)$$

$$\{X^j : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3\}_{j=1}^{50} \quad (50 \text{ ensembles})$$

$$X^j(0) \sim N(X_0, r) \quad \begin{cases} X_0 = (0, 1, 1.05) \\ r = 0.15 \end{cases}$$



Example: Lorenz '63 model



Example: Lorenz '96 model

The Lorenz '96 model is a dynamical system defined in N dimensions. It is commonly used as a model problem in geosciences:

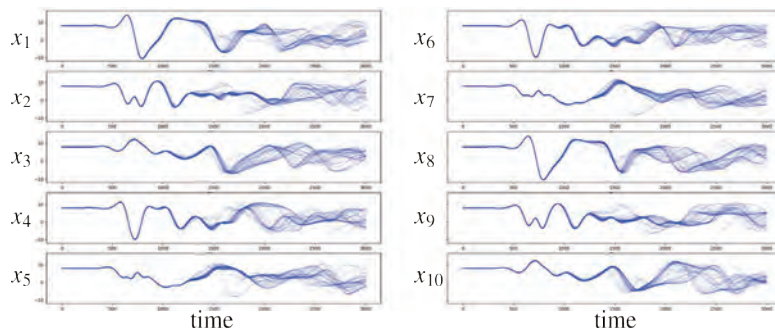
$$x'_i = (x_{i+1} - x_{i-2})x_{i-1} - x_i + F, \quad i \in (1, 2, \dots, N)_{\text{cyclic}}$$

$$(N = 10, F = 8)$$

$$\{x^j : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{10}\}_{j=1}^{50} \quad (50 \text{ ensembles})$$

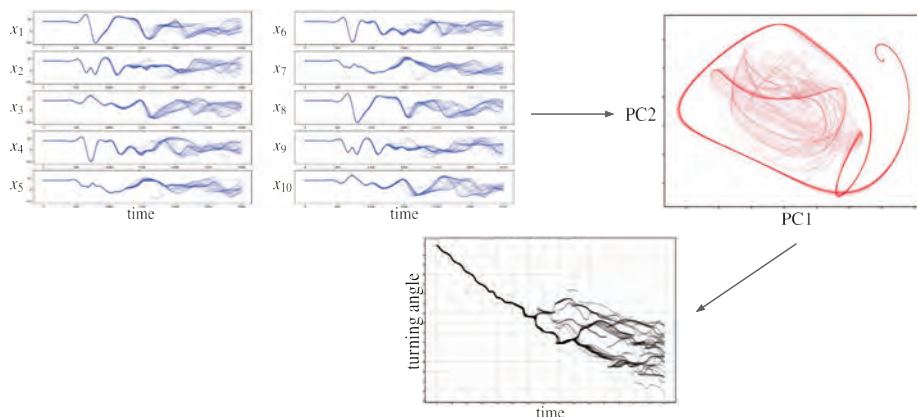
$$x^j(0) \sim \mathcal{N}(x_0, r) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 = (8.01, 8, 8, \dots, 8) \\ r = 5 \times 10^{-5} \end{cases}$$

Example: Lorenz '96 model



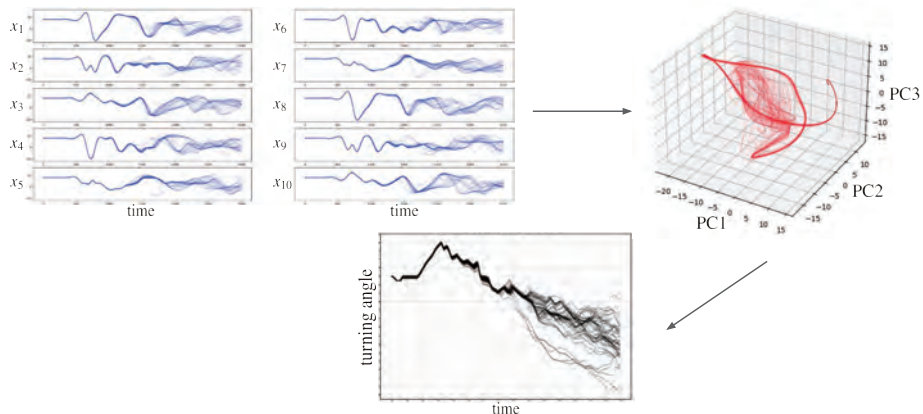
Example: Lorenz '96 model

(2D PCA projection)



Example: Lorenz '96 model

(3D PCA projection)



TIGGE Dataset (2018)

The **THORPEX Interactive Grand Global Ensemble** (TIGGE) is an implementation of ensemble forecasting for global weather forecasting established in 2006 by the World Meteorological Organization.

Initialization Time:

Every 6 hours.

Forecasting Time:

Every 6 hours, for up to 2 weeks.

Ensemble Members:

20 perturbed, 1 control point.

Data:

Geopotential height at 500 hPa.

TIGGE Dataset (2018)

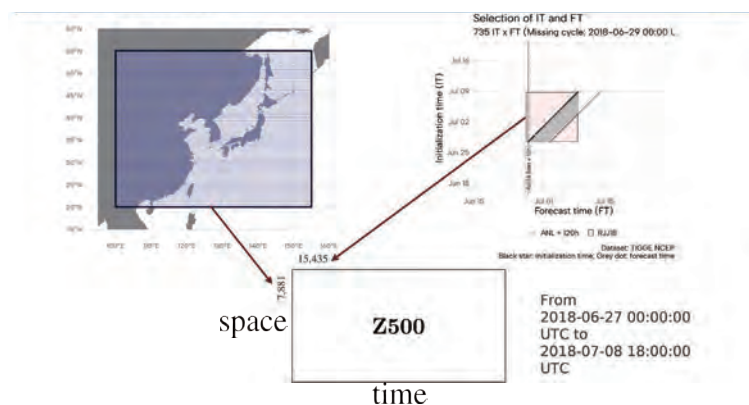
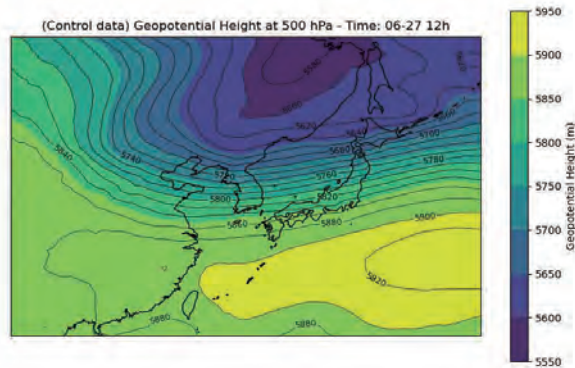


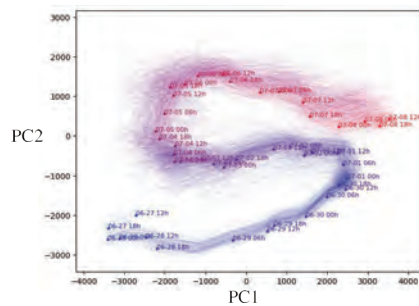
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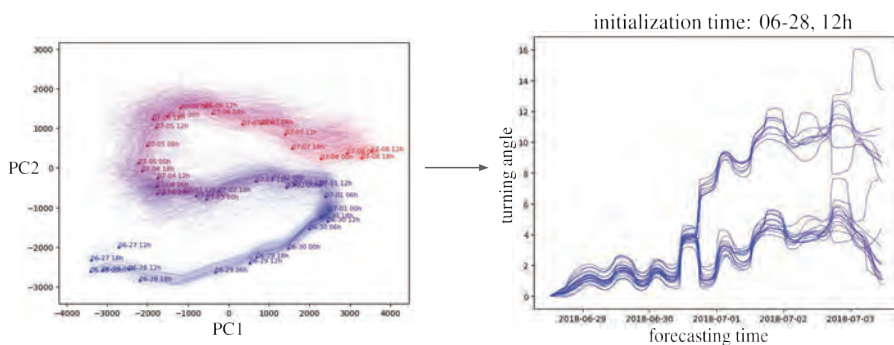


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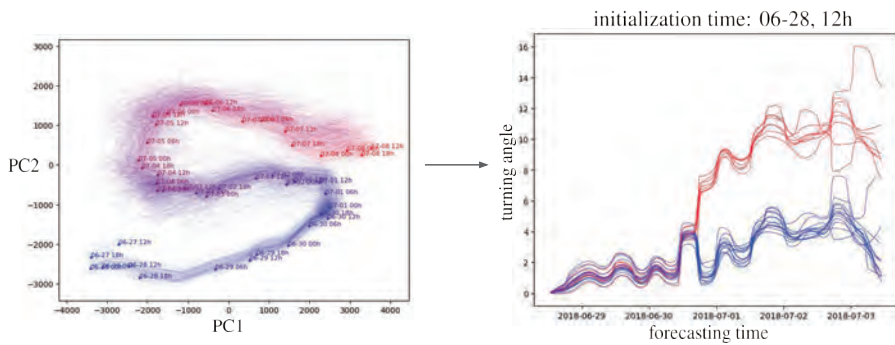
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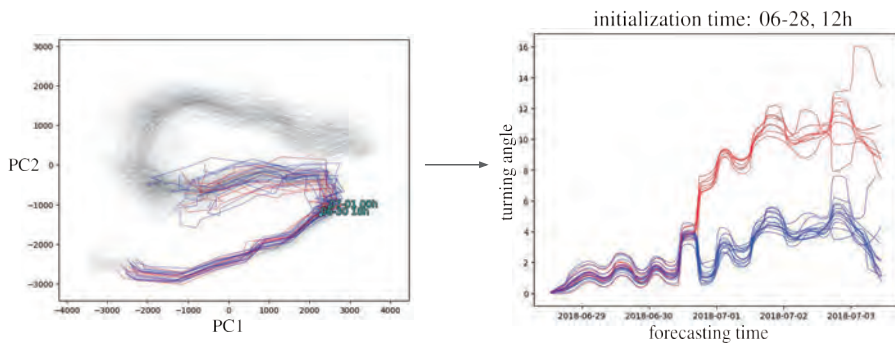
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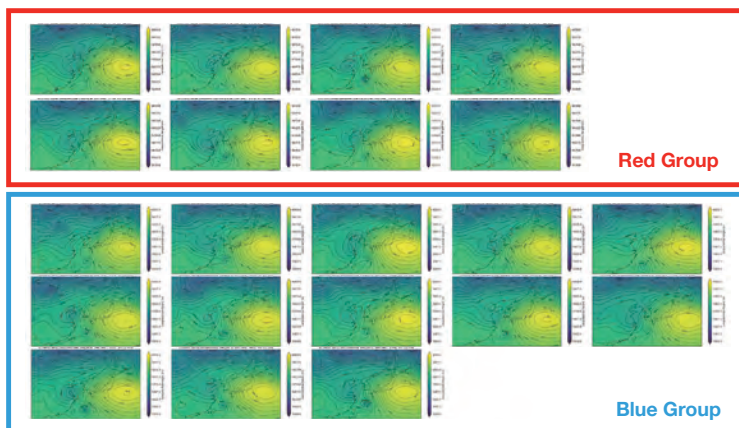


TIGGE Dataset (2018)



TIGGE Dataset (2018)

initialization time: 06-28, 12h



TIGGE Dataset (2018)

(Statistical Analysis)

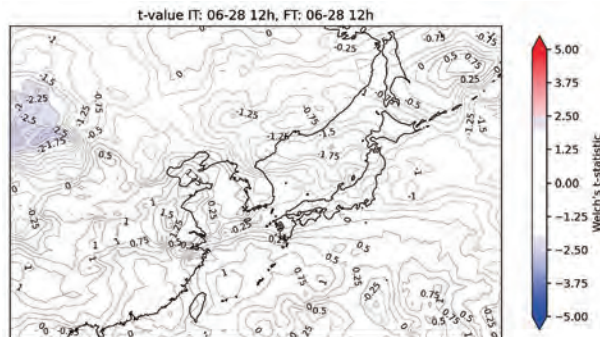
Welch's t-test

$$t\text{-value} = \frac{Z_{\text{Red}} - Z_{\text{Blue}}}{\sqrt{\frac{s_{\text{Red}}^2}{N_{\text{Red}}} + \frac{s_{\text{Blue}}^2}{N_{\text{Blue}}}}}$$

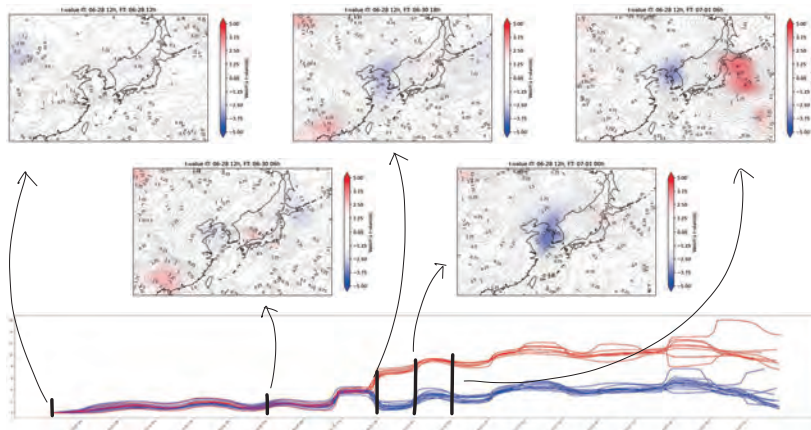
Z_i : group mean

s_i^2 : group variance

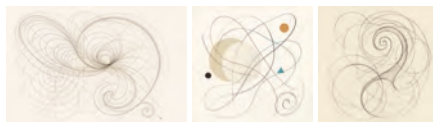
N_i : group count



TIGGE Dataset (2018)



Thanks!



A Topology and Distribution-Based Method for Pipe Localization in Ground Penetrating Radar Data

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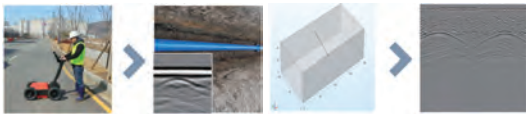
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Introduction

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) is a widely used non-destructive testing (NDT) technique for subsurface exploration, particularly in infrastructure inspection and maintenance. However, it is often limited structural awareness. In this study, we propose a novel mathematical framework that combines Topological Data Analysis (TDA) with Kernel Density Estimation (KDE). TDA is used to extract robust topological features from B-scan images, and KDE models the distributions of these features across space. By computing distances between the resulting distributions, we can localize buried objects.

Data Description

A typical GPR survey setup is illustrated in Fig. 1(a) illustrates in the field, included here for visual context. While this study does not use real-world data, the same principles are replicated in simulation. We generated 341 synthetic B-scan images using the open-source FDTD simulator gprMax. The simulation domain included a single buried pipe and multiple soil layers. A representative simulation setup and its synthetic B-scan output are shown in Fig. 1(b).



(a) Field data collection (b) gprMax synthetic B-scan generated.

Fig. 1: Field Data Collection and Simulated Data Generation

Topological Feature Extraction

We applied topological data analysis (TDA) to extract structural patterns from simulated GPR images as illustrated in Fig.2. H_1 loops are extracted, some sample are shown in Fig. 3, which indicate circular or arc-like structures that potentially correspond to buried pipes.

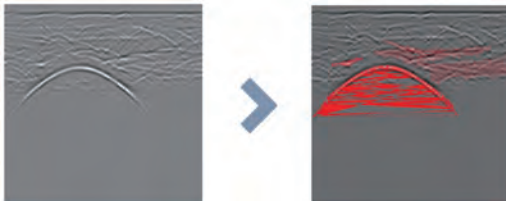


Fig. 2: From raw B-scan to extracted H_1 loops for shape analysis.

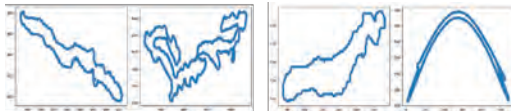


Fig. 3: Detected H_1 features (in red) highlighting arc-like pipe structures.

Distribution-Based Detection

To identify pipe-like patterns, we focus on classifying the detected H_1 loops based on their spatial distributions.

Fig. 4 shows these procedures.

Step 1. Select a representative parabolic shape as a reference.

Step 2. Using Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) get the spatial distribution of each H_1 features.

Step 3. The similarity between distributions is quantified using the Wasserstein distance.

Step 4. Features exhibiting similar KDE profiles are classified as pipe-related, while dissimilar ones are discarded.

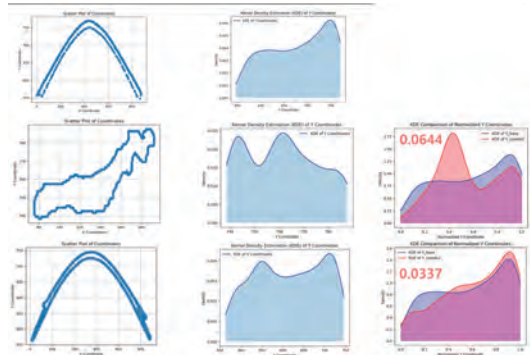


Fig. 4: Classification of KDE-based features using Wasserstein distance.

Results

The framework achieved an F1-score of 0.86, with balanced precision and recall (both 0.86), as summarized in Fig. 5. Although the overall accuracy was 0.76, the high F1-score highlights the model's robustness in handling potential class imbalance. The confusion matrix shows a high number of true positives and relatively few false detections, confirming the method's reliability.

Confusion Matrix	
Ground Truth \ Predicted	
True Positive	258
False Positive	42
Predicted Positive	41
Predicted Negative	0

Metric	Values
Accuracy	0.76
F1	0.86
Recall	0.86
Precision	0.86

Fig. 5: Evaluation metrics showing F1-score, precision, recall, and accuracy.

Conclusion

This study explores a topology- and distribution-driven approach, which shows initial promise. However, its performance can be further improved, and real-world validation remains necessary.

Support Estimation with Topological guarantee

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1. Introduction

A support of a probability distribution P is the minimal closed set whose P -probability is 1. Support estimation is one of the main interests of statistics, machine Learning, and industry due to its wide range of applications like anomaly detection (Devroy and Wise, 1980) and clustering (Cuevas et al., 2000). Support estimation is closely related to density estimation since support of a P whose probability density function is p is often defined as $\{x : p(x) > 0\}$. Cuevas and Fraiman (1997) proposed a plug-in method for support estimation using the upper-level set of a kernel density estimator as a support estimator and showed its measure-based metric and Hausdorff metric convergence rates. Although the plug-in estimator offers useful geometric inference of the support, it does not provide any guarantees regarding accurate inference of the topological structure of the support. One approach to performing topological inference on the support is to construct a set which is homotopy equivalent to the support. In this poster, I investigate the conditions under which the plug-in estimator (Cuevas and Fraiman, 1997) is homotopy equivalent to the support for both fixed and random data settings.

2. Background

2.1. Notation

- Distance between a set X and a point y is defined as
$$d(y, X) = \inf_{x \in X} \|y - x\|_2$$
 where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is usual Euclidean L_2 norm.
- For a subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and $r > 0$, its r -offset X^r is defined as
$$X^r = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(y, X) < r\} = \bigcup_{x \in X} B(x, r)$$
 and 0-offset X^0 be just X itself.

2.2. Homotopy equivalence

- A **homotopy** between two continuous maps $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map $F : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ such that for all $x \in X$, $F(x, 0) = f_0(x)$, and $F(x, 1) = f_1(x)$. Two maps f_0 and f_1 are called **homotopic** if such homotopy F exists, and denote $f_0 \simeq f_1$.
- Using homotopy between maps, we define the homotopy equivalence between two topological spaces as follows.
 - A continuous map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a **homotopy equivalence** if there exists a map $g : Y \rightarrow X$ such that $g \circ f \simeq \text{id}_X$ and $f \circ g \simeq \text{id}_Y$. X and Y are said to be **homotopy equivalent** or have the same homotopy type if such homotopy equivalence exists, and denote $X \simeq Y$.

It is worth knowing that being homotopy equivalent is an equivalence relation.

A special case of homotopy equivalence called a deformation retract is a widely used deformation map from a space to its subspace.

- A **deformation retract** of a space X onto a subspace $A \subset X$ is a continuous map $F : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, 0) &= x, \quad F(x, 1) \in A \quad \forall x \in X, \\ F(a, t) &= a \quad \forall a \in A \text{ and } \forall t \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

The subspace $A \subset X$ is called a **deformation retract** of X if such a deformation retract exists. And of course, $A \simeq X$ if $A \subset X$ is a deformation retract of X .

2.3. Kernel Density Estimation

Let P be a Borel probability distribution in \mathbb{R}^d with probability density p . A kernel density estimation is a nonparametric density estimation that estimates p using a kernel function $K : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x) dx = 1, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} xK(x) dx = 0, \quad \text{and } 0 < \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} x^2 K(x) dx < \infty.$$

Here we define a kernel density estimator (KDE) $\hat{p}_h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as

$$\hat{p}_h(x) := \frac{1}{nh^d} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - X_i}{h}\right)$$

for given data $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and bandwidth $0 < h < \infty$.

An expected value of KDE $E_P[\hat{p}_h(x)] := p_h(x)$ is often called a smoothed density. A smoothed density can be viewed as a convolution of p and $K_h(\cdot) = K(\cdot/h)/h^d$, and it is useful for geometrical inference.

- (Gine and Guillou, 2002)

$$\|\hat{p}_h - p_h\|_\infty = O_P\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(1/h)}{nh^d}}\right)$$

3. Topological Consistency of plug-in Estimator

Cuevas and Fraiman (1997) defines the plug-in based support estimator $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\lambda_{n, \infty}]$ where $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a decreasing sequence of positive numbers, converging to 0. A main result of this paper is to investigate the conditions when this plug-in based estimator is homotopy equivalent to the true support $\text{supp}(P)$ of P . Directly targeting $\text{supp}(P)$ requires $h \rightarrow 0$, however this requires the existence of a density function p , which is often violated due to a manifold assumption. It also incurs the curse of dimensionality in the convergence rate of \hat{p}_h . Instead, I would like to fix $h > 0$. Then plug-in estimator will naturally converge to $\text{supp}(p_h)$, and mild geometric conditions on the kernel K and $\text{supp}(P)$ ensure that $\text{supp}(p_h)$ and $\text{supp}(P)$ are homotopy equivalent.

Lemma 1.

Let P be a probability distribution in \mathbb{R}^d and K be the kernel function. If the kernel K and $\text{supp}(P)$ satisfy mild geometric conditions, then $\text{supp}(p_h)$ deformation retracts to $\text{supp}(P)$. i.e., $\text{supp}(p_h) \simeq \text{supp}(P)$, and $\text{supp}(p_h) \simeq \hat{p}_h^{-1}[\lambda_{n, \infty}]$ for small enough $\xi > 0$.

Now the problem becomes whether the plug-in estimator $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\lambda_{n, \infty}]$ constructed from a finite sample is homotopy equivalent to $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\xi, \infty]$. I will examine the conditions under which this equivalence holds for both fixed and random data.

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3.1. Fixed Data

Let f and g be two real-valued functions. To see whether the level sets of these functions deformation retract to each other, we first need the level sets to be interleaved.

Lemma 2.

Let $f, g : U \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two real valued functions. Let $\xi_1, \xi_2, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ be satisfying $\xi_1 < \lambda < \xi_2$ and $\sup_{x \in f^{-1}[\xi_1, \xi_2]} |f(x) - g(x)| \leq \min\{\lambda - \xi_1, \xi_2 - \lambda\}$. Then the following holds:

$$f^{-1}[\xi_2, \infty) \subset g^{-1}[\lambda, \infty) \subset f^{-1}[\xi_1, \infty)$$

Whether there are deformation retracts between level sets is a well-known question in Morse Theory and is solved by flows. Let $\Upsilon := f^{-1}[\xi, \infty) \subset g^{-1}[\lambda, \infty) := X$. When $f = g$, a flow integrating the gradient ∇f would give a deformation retract of X to Υ , where a flow $\psi : D \subset (X \setminus \Upsilon) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow X \setminus \Upsilon$ satisfies

$$\frac{d}{ds} \psi(x, s) = \nabla f(\psi(x, s))$$

Hence we can hope that when ∇f and ∇g are close, we can build a vector field W that is "close" to both ∇f and ∇g to make a deformation retract.

Lemma 3.

Let $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two real valued smooth functions. Let $\xi_1 < \xi_2$ be such that f has no critical points in $D := f^{-1}[\xi_1, \xi_2]$. Suppose ∇f and ∇g satisfy

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla g(x)\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \min_{x \in D} \|\nabla f(x)\|_2 \quad \text{for all } x \in D.$$

Then there exists a smooth vector field $W : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ that approximates both $\nabla f(x)$ and $\nabla g(x)$

With Lemma 3, we can finally build a deformation retract from X to Υ

Lemma 4.

Let $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two nonnegative real valued smooth functions. Suppose $X := f^{-1}[\xi, \infty)$ and $Y := g^{-1}[\lambda, \infty)$ satisfies that $Y \subset X$. Suppose $W : X \setminus Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is a vector field approximating both $\nabla f(x)$ and $\nabla g(x)$. Then X deformation retracts to Y . In particular, $X \simeq Y$.

Now combining all the above lemmas, we can say the homotopy equivalence between level sets of plug-in estimator and smoothed density.

Theorem 5.

Suppose the kernel function K is smooth. Let $0 < \xi_1 < \lambda_n < \xi_2$ satisfying that p_h has no critical points in $D := p_h^{-1}[\xi_1, \xi_2]$. Now, suppose \hat{p}_h satisfies the following:

$$\sup_{x \in D} |\hat{p}_h(x) - p_h(x)| \leq \min\{\lambda_n - \xi_1, \xi_2 - \lambda_n\}, \quad (1)$$

$$\sup_{x \in D} \|\nabla \hat{p}_h(x) - \nabla p_h(x)\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \min_{x \in D} \|\nabla p_h(x)\|_2. \quad (2)$$

Then $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\xi_1, \infty)$ deformation retracts to $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\lambda_n, \infty)$, and $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\lambda_n, \infty)$ deformation retracts to $p_h^{-1}[\xi_1, \infty)$. In particular, $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\xi_1, \infty) \simeq \hat{p}_h^{-1}[\lambda_n, \infty) \simeq p_h^{-1}[\xi_2, \infty)$.

The following corollary summarizes the topological consistency of the plug-in estimator under mild conditions.

Corollary 6.

Let $0 < \xi_{1,n} < \lambda_n < \xi_{2,n} < \xi_0$, $\forall n$, where ξ_0 is minimum nonzero homological critical value of p_h and $\xi_{2,n} \searrow 0$. Suppose for each n , Theorem 5 is satisfied for $\xi_{1,n}, \xi_{2,n}$. Then under mild geometric assumption, $\hat{p}_h^{-1}[\lambda_n, \infty) \simeq \text{supp}(p_h) \simeq \text{supp}(P)$ for all large n and small enough h .

3.2. Random Data

To control the probability of geometric conditions (1) and (2), the function space of kernel should not be too complex. One common approach is to assume that the function space is a uniformly bounded VC-class. Hence we need the following additional assumption.

- uniformly bounded VC class.** Let $K : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a kernel function with $\|K\|_\infty, \|K\|_2 < \infty$. I assume that,

$$\mathcal{F}_h := \{K_{x,h} : x \in U\},$$

is a uniformly bounded VC class with dimension v . That is, there exists $A, v > 0$, for every probability measure Q on \mathbb{R}^d and for every $\epsilon \in (0, \|K\|_\infty)$, the covering numbers

$\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}_h, L_2(Q), \epsilon)$ satisfies

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}_h, L_2(Q), \epsilon) \leq \left(\frac{A\|K\|_\infty}{\epsilon}\right)^v.$$

Under Assumption 3, we have the desired high probability bound, which is Corollary 13 and 21 in Kim et al. (2019).

Proposition 7.

(Corollary 13 and 21 in Kim et al. (2019)) Let P be a probability distribution in \mathbb{R}^d , and X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. from P . Let K be a kernel function having compact support and of a uniformly bounded VC class. Then, for any $\epsilon > 0$, with probability at least

$$1 - \exp\left(-C\left(\log(h^{-1} \wedge 1) - nh^{2d+2}\epsilon^2\right)\right),$$

we have

$$\max\left\{\sup_{x \in U} |\hat{p}_h(x) - p_h(x)|, \sup_{x \in U} \|\nabla \hat{p}_h(x) - \nabla p_h(x)\|_2\right\} \leq \epsilon,$$

where C is a constant depending only on P and K .

In our setting, let $\epsilon := \min\{\lambda_n - \xi_1, \xi_2 - \lambda_n, \frac{1}{2} \min_{x \in D} \|\nabla p_h(x)\|_2\}$ gives the high probability bound for Theorem 5, and let $\epsilon_n := \min\{\lambda_n - \xi_{1,n}, \xi_{2,n} - \lambda_n, \frac{1}{2} \min_{x \in D_n} \|\nabla p_h(x)\|_2\}$ gives the high probability bound for Corollary 6.

4. Conclusion

Compared to existing methods such as the union of balls or simplicial complexes, the plug-in estimator is more robust to outliers, enabling more reliable inference of the distribution's support. Moreover, since it is an application of a statistically well-studied object-KDE-probabilistic analysis can be conducted more easily. Fixing the bandwidth $h > 0$ of the kernel function helps alleviate the curse of dimensionality, and much faster convergence rates of both the kernel density estimator and the plug-in estimator can be achieved.

Predict vaccine-induced antibody dynamics from 1 or 2 blood samplings using mathematical models and machine learning

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Introduction

Limitation of Medical Data

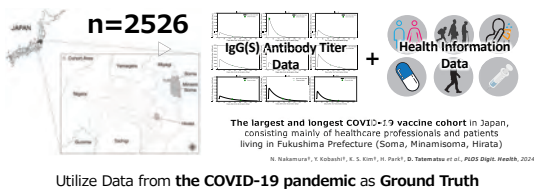


Estimate Antibody Dynamics from 1 or 2 Blood Samplings



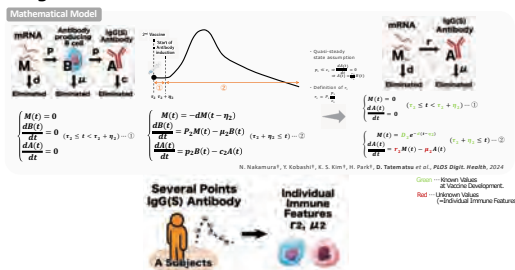
The Integrated Approach of **Mathematical Models** and **Machine Learning** to Reduce the Number of Data Required and **Speed Up Research**

Fukushima Vaccine Cohort : COVID-19 Vaccine-Induced IgG(S) Antibody Data



Methods

A Subjects: Estimate Individual-Level Immune Features Using Mathematical Models



A comparatively large number of IgG(S) data are collected in a clinical trial or pre-cohort (=A Subjects), and estimated parameters r_2 and μ_2 (=individual immune features) are used for machine learning training.

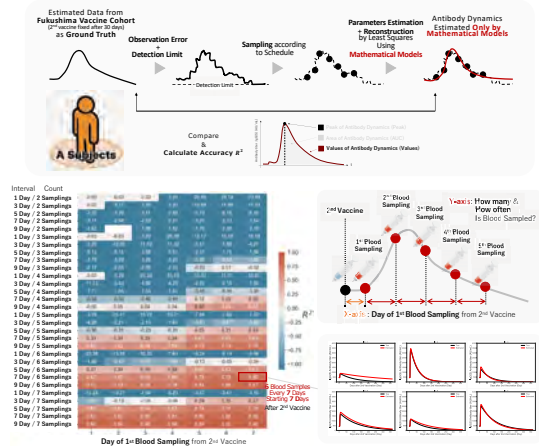
B Subjects: Estimate Individual-Level Immune Features Using Mathematical Models + Machine Learning



By using A subjects as training data for the machine learning, IgG(S) antibody dynamics of new subjects (=B Subjects) is available from only **1 or 2 blood samples**.

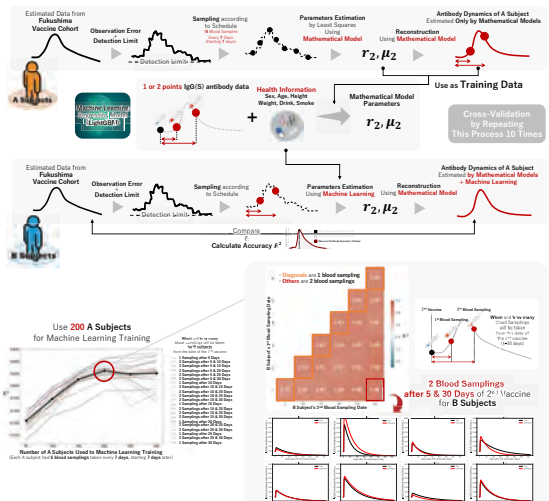
Results

A Subjects: Only Mathematical Models



► Highly accurate estimation of antibody dynamics **only by mathematical models** requires **more than 5 blood samples**.

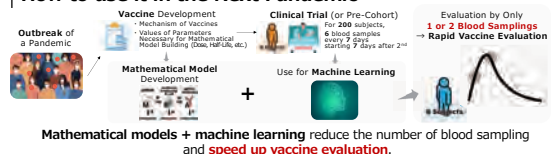
B Subjects: Mathematical Models + Machine Learning



► The number of blood samplings required for highly accurate estimation of antibody dynamics can be reduced from **more than 5 times to 1 or 2 times by mathematical models + machine learning**.

Conclusion

How to use it in the Next Pandemic



Limit Theorems for Verbose Persistence Diagrams

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Introduction

- At the intersection of random topology and TDA, the **asymptotic behavior** of persistence diagrams has been widely studied.
- The verbose diagram [UZ16] refines the persistence diagram by including extra points along the diagonal.
- In this work, we initiate the study of the **asymptotic behavior** of verbose diagrams. In particular, we extend all of the main theorems in [HST18] and [SS22] to the setting of verbose diagram.

Preliminaries

Vague Convergence and Marked Point Processes

- $\mathcal{M}(S)$: the set of **Radon measures** on a second-countable locally compact Hausdorff space S , i.e., the set of measures on S which are finite on compact sets.
- A sequence $\{\mu_n\}_n$ of measures in $\mathcal{M}(S)$ is said to **converge vaguely** to a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(S)$, and we write $\mu_n \xrightarrow{v} \mu$, if $\int_S f d\mu_n \rightarrow \int_S f d\mu$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every continuous function $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with compact support.
- Let M be the set of **marks**, which is also second-countable locally compact Hausdorff. A **marked point process** on S with marks in M is a random variable that outputs a (multi-)subset of $S \times M$ such that (i) the projection on S is always locally finite and (ii) almost surely, no two elements have the same first coordinate.
- A **stationary** marked point process on \mathbb{R}^N is a marked point process whose distribution does not change after arbitrary translation on the first coordinate.

Verbose Diagrams

- To get the **verbose diagram** of a (simplicial) filtration, start with an ordinary persistence diagram and **additionally record the cycles that are created and filled in simultaneously on the diagonal line**.



Persistence Diagram (PD) Verbose diagram (VD)

- Example.** In the filtration below, a 1-cycle is filled in as soon as it is created at $t = 3$. This is captured by the point $(3, 3)$ in the degree-1 verbose diagram.

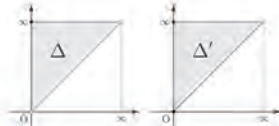


Why should we utilize VDs instead of PDs?

- The VDs are **as easy to calculate** as the PDs [ZM24].
- The VDs are **finer invariants** than the PDs [ZM24].
- The use of VD makes the **persistent homology transform** [TMB14] **more efficient**, requiring fewer directional diagrams to ensure faithfulness [FMS24].

Diagrams as Measures

- Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. A multiset A of points in X is identified with the discrete measure $\xi = \sum_{a \in A} \delta_a$, where δ_a is the Delta measure at a .
- Thus, persistence diagrams and verbose diagrams can be represented as non-responding discrete measures on Δ and Δ' , respectively.



Procedure of Generating a Random Diagram

- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$: a probability space
- Φ : a stationary marked point process on \mathbb{R}^N (with marks in M)
- $\{\Lambda_n\}_n$: an increasing sequence of bounded Borel convex subsets of \mathbb{R}^N that eventually covers every point of \mathbb{R}^N .
- Φ_{Λ_n} : restriction of Φ to Λ_n .
- $\mathbb{K}^q(\Phi_{\Lambda_n})$: a filtration built on Φ_{Λ_n} . It can be Čech or Vietoris-Rips filtration, or more general filtrations whose rule is specified with the filtration function κ .
- $\xi_{\text{VD}, q, \Lambda_n}(\mathbb{K}^q(\Phi_{\Lambda_n})) = \xi_{\text{VD}, q, \Lambda_n}^q$: the q -th verbose diagram of $\mathbb{K}^q(\Phi_{\Lambda_n})$, which is represented as a discrete measure on Δ' .
- An illustration of the procedure of generating a random verbose diagram (marks oppressed):



- $\xi_q(\mathbb{K}^q(\Phi_{\Lambda_n})) = \xi_{q, \Lambda_n}^q$: the q -th (ordinary) persistence diagram of $\mathbb{K}^q(\Phi_{\Lambda_n})$, which is represented as a discrete measure on Δ .

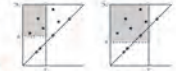
Main Results

More notation:

- $R_q(\kappa)$ (resp. $R'_q(\kappa)$): the subset of Δ (resp. Δ') that consists of all locations where persistence (resp. verbose) diagrams can place points.

$\beta_r^{q,*}$: the q -th persistent Betti number of $\mathbb{K}^q(\Phi_{\Lambda_n})$ from r to s .

For any filtration, we extend the notion of persistence [Eri1] similarly $\beta_r^{q,*}$ from $r \in \mathbb{N}$ to $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and also allow the case $s = \infty$. For any $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$, $\beta_r^{q,*}$ equals the number of points of the verbose diagram that is in the region $[r, s] \times [0, \infty)$. See on the right.



The table below is the summary of our main theorems. The second column contains previous results and the third column contains their extensions to the verbose diagrams. The third row is our original result.

	PD	VD (this work)
Strong law of large numbers	[HST18, Theorem 1.5], [SS22, Theorem 2.6] (Assumption 2.10 is not needed) $\frac{1}{\text{vol}(\Lambda_n)} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{q, \Lambda_n}^q] \xrightarrow{p} \nu_q$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, if Φ is ergodic, then almost surely, $\frac{1}{\text{vol}(\Lambda_n)} \xi_{q, \Lambda_n}^q \xrightarrow{p} \nu_q$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.	Theorem 1. (Assumption 2.10 is not needed) $\frac{1}{\text{vol}(\Lambda_n)} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{q, \Lambda_n}^q] \xrightarrow{p} \nu_q$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, if Φ is ergodic, then almost surely, $\frac{1}{\text{vol}(\Lambda_n)} \xi_{q, \Lambda_n}^q \xrightarrow{p} \nu_q$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
Total mass of the limiting measure		Theorem 2. Suppose that the intensity λ of Φ , defined by $\lambda = \mathbb{E}[\Phi([0, 1]^N)]$, is positive, and that $\kappa(\sigma) < \infty$ for all $\sigma \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^N)$. Then $\nu_q(\Delta') = \begin{cases} \lambda_q & \text{if } q \geq 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } q = 0 \end{cases}$
Support of the limiting measure	[HST18, Theorem 1.9] (Assumption 2.10 is not needed) $\text{supp}(\nu_q) = R_q(\kappa)$ for every $q \geq 0$, where the closure is taken in Δ .	Theorem 3. (Assumption 2.10 is not needed) $\text{supp}(\nu_q) = R'_q(\kappa)$ for every $q \geq 0$, where the closure is taken in Δ' .
CLT for the persistent Betti number	[HST18, Theorem 1.12] (Assumption 2.10 is not needed) Then, for any $0 \leq r \leq s < \infty$ and $q \geq 0$, there exists a constant $\sigma_{r,s}^q = \sigma_{r,s}^q(\kappa, q)$ such that $\frac{\beta_r^{q,*} - \mathbb{E}[\beta_r^{q,*}]}{L^{N/2}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_{r,s}^q)$ as $L \rightarrow \infty$.	Theorem 4. (Assumption 2.10 is not needed) Then, for any $r \leq s \leq [0, \infty)$ and $q \geq 0$, there exists a constant $\sigma_{r,s}^q = \sigma_{r,s}^q(\kappa, q)$ such that $\frac{\beta_r^{q,*} - \mathbb{E}[\beta_r^{q,*}]}{L^{N/2}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_{r,s}^q)$ as $L \rightarrow \infty$.

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