EMAp Summer Course

Topological Data Analysis with Persistent Homology

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Lesson 9: Decomposition of persistence modules

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what is a map between simplicial complexes?

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Example: Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $s, t \ge 0$ such that $s \le t$. Consider the Čech complexes $\operatorname{\check{Cech}}^s(X)$ and $\operatorname{\check{Cech}}^t(X)$.

The inclusion map $i: \operatorname{\check{Cech}}^{s}(X) \to \operatorname{\check{Cech}}^{t}(X)$ is a simplicial map.



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Let $f: K \to L$ be a simplicial map. Let $n \ge 0$, and consider the groups of chains of K and L:

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Lemma: For every $n \ge 0$, we have $\partial_n \circ f_n = f_{n-1} \circ \partial_n$.

Proof: Let $\sigma \in K_{(n)}$. We have the equalities

$$\partial_n \circ f_n(\sigma) = \sum_{\substack{\mu \subset f(\sigma) \\ |\mu| = |\sigma| - 1}} \mu$$
$$f_{n-1} \circ \partial_n(\sigma) = \sum_{\substack{\tau \subset \sigma \\ |\tau| = |\sigma| - 1}} f_n(\tau)$$

We should distinguish three cases:

- $|f(\sigma)| = |\sigma|$ (i.e. f is injective on σ),
- $|f(\sigma)| < |\sigma| 1$,
- $|f(\sigma)| = |\sigma| 1.$

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Proof: First, let $c \in Z_n(K)$. We have

$$\partial_n \circ f_n(c) = f_{n-1} \circ \partial_n(c) = f_{n-1}(0) = 0,$$

hence $f_n(c) \in Z_n(L)$.

Secondly, let $c \in B_n(K)$, and write $c = \partial_{n+1}(c')$ with $c' \in C_{n+1}(K)$. We get

$$f_n(c) = f_n \circ \partial_{n+1}(c') = \partial_{n+1} \circ f_{n+1}(c'),$$

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We have $B_n(K) \subset Z_n(K)$, $B_n(L) \subset Z_n(L)$, $f(Z_n(K)) \subset f(Z_n(K))$ and $f(B_n(K)) \subset f(B_n(K))$. Hence we can define a linear map between quotient vector spaces:

$$(f_n)_*: Z_n(K)/B_n(K) \longrightarrow Z_n(L)/B_n(L).$$

By definition of the homology groups, we have defined a map

$$(f_n)_* \colon H_n(K) \longrightarrow H_n(L).$$

It is called the *induced map in homology*.

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The homology group $H_1(L)$ is isomorphic to the vector space $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$ by identifying $[0,1] + [0,2] + [1,2] \mapsto (1,0)$ and $[1,2] + [2,3] + [1,3] \mapsto (0,1)$.

The inclusion $i: K \to L$ induces the following map between 1^{st} homology groups:

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 $1 \longmapsto (1,0)$

It can be represented as the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.





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Exercise: Let $K = \{[0], [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [0, 1], [1, 2], [2, 3], [3, 4], [4, 5], [5, 0]\}$ and $L = \{[0], [1], [2], [0, 1], [1, 2], [2, 0]\}.$

Consider the simplical map $f: i \mapsto i \mod 3$.

Show that the induced map $(f_1)_*$ is zero.





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Functor property

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Proposition: Let K, L, M be three simplicial complexes, and consider two simplicial maps $f: K \to L$ and $g: L \to M$.

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Proof: Let $\sigma \in K_{(n)}$. The image $(g \circ f)_n(\sigma)$ is

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$$(g \circ f)(\sigma)$$
 if $g \circ f$ is injective on σ ,

• 0 else.

If $g \circ f$ is injective on σ , then f is injective on σ and g is injective on $f(\sigma)$, hence $g_n \circ f_n(\sigma) = g \circ f(\sigma)$, and we deduce the result.

If $g \circ f$ is not injective on σ , then f is not injective on σ or g is not injective on $f(\sigma)$, hence $g_n \circ f_n(\sigma) = 0$, and we deduce the result.

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Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. The collection of its thickenings is an non-decreasing sequence of subsets

 $\ldots \ \subset \ X^{t_1} \ \subset \ X^{t_2} \ \subset \ X^{t_3} \subset \ldots$

By considering the corresponding Čech complexes, we obtain an non-decreasing sequence of simplicial complexes

$$\ldots \subset \operatorname{\check{C}ech}^{t_1}(X) \subset \operatorname{\check{C}ech}^{t_2}(X) \subset \operatorname{\check{C}ech}^{t_3}(X) \subset \ldots$$

Let us denote i_s^t the inclusion map corresponding to $\operatorname{\check{Cech}}^s(X) \subset \operatorname{\check{Cech}}^t(X)$. We can write

$$\cdots \rightarrow \check{\operatorname{Cech}}^{t_1}(X) \xrightarrow{i_{t_1}^{t_2}} \check{\operatorname{Cech}}^{t_2}(X) \xrightarrow{i_{t_2}^{t_3}} \check{\operatorname{Cech}}^{t_3}(X) \cdots \cdots$$

Applying the i^{th} homology functor yields a diagram of vector spaces

$$\xrightarrow{\quad (i_{t_1}^{t_2})_*} H_i(\check{\operatorname{Cech}}^{t_1}(X)) \xrightarrow{\quad (i_{t_1}^{t_2})_*} H_i(\check{\operatorname{Cech}}^{t_2}(X)) \xrightarrow{\quad (i_{t_2}^{t_3})_*} H_i(\check{\operatorname{Cech}}^{t_3}(X)) \xrightarrow{\quad (i_{t_3}^{t_3})_*} H_i($$

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As a rule of thumb:

• cycles with large persistence correspond to important topological features of the dataset,

• cycles with short persistence corresponds to topological noise.

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In practice, one builds persistence modules from filtrations.

A family of subsets $\mathbb{X} = (X^t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$ of E is a *filtration* if it is non-decreasing for the inclusion, i.e. for any $s, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, if $s \leq t$ then $X^s \subseteq X^t$.

In this course, we will consider filtrations of simplicial complexes, that is, non-decreasing families of simplicial complexes $\mathbb{S} = (S^t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$.

By applying the i^{th} homology functor to a filtration, we obtain a persistence module $\mathbb{V}[\mathbb{S}] = (H_i(S^t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$, with maps $((i_s^t)_* \colon H_i(S^s) \to H_i(S^t))_{s \leq t}$ induced by the inclusions.

$$\xrightarrow{i_{t_1}^{t_2}} S^{t_2} \xrightarrow{i_{t_2}^{t_3}} S^{t_3} \xrightarrow{i_{t_3}^{t_4}} S^{t_4} \xrightarrow{i_{t_3}^{t_4}} S^{t_4} \xrightarrow{i_{t_4}^{t_4}} S^{t_4} \xrightarrow{i_{t_4}^{t_4}} S^{t_4} \xrightarrow{i_{t_4}^{t_4}} H_i(S^{t_1}) \xrightarrow{(i_{t_1}^{t_2})_*} H_i(S^{t_2}) \xrightarrow{(i_{t_2}^{t_3})_*} H_i(S^{t_3}) \xrightarrow{(i_{t_3}^{t_4})_*} H_i(S^{t_4}) \xrightarrow{I_1(S^{t_4})} \cdots \xrightarrow{I_1(S^{t_4})_*} H_i(S^{t_4}) \xrightarrow{I_1(S$$

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Isomorphisms of persistence modules

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Definition: An *isomorphism* between two persistence modules \mathbb{V} and \mathbb{W} is a family of isomorphisms of vector spaces $\phi = (\phi_t \colon \mathbb{V}^t \to \mathbb{W}^t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$ such that the following diagram commutes for every $s \leq t \in \mathbb{R}^+$:



Decomposability

Definition: Let (\mathbb{V}, v) and (\mathbb{W}, w) be two persistence modules.

Their sum is the persistence module $\mathbb{V} \oplus \mathbb{W}$ defined with the vector spaces $(V \oplus W)^t = V^t \oplus W^t$ and the linear maps

$$(v \oplus w)_s^t \colon (x, y) \in (V \oplus W)^s \longmapsto (v_s^t(x), w_s^t(y)) \in (V \oplus W)^t.$$

A persistence module \mathbb{U} is *indecomposable* if for every pair of persistence modules \mathbb{V} and \mathbb{W} such that \mathbb{U} is isomorphic to the sum $\mathbb{V} \oplus \mathbb{W}$, then one of the summands has to be a trivial persistence module, that is, equal to zero for every $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Otherwise, \mathbb{U} is said *decomposable*.

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Definition: Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ be an interval: [a, b], (a, b], [a, b) or (a, b), with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $a \leq b$, and potentially $a = -\infty$ or $b = +\infty$.

The *interval module* associated to I is the persistence module $\mathbb{B}[I]$ with vector spaces $\mathbb{B}^t[I]$ and linear maps $v_s^t \colon \mathbb{B}^s[I] \to \mathbb{B}^t[I]$ defined as

$$\mathbb{B}^t[I] = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } t \in I, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad v_s^t = \begin{cases} \text{id} & \text{if } s, t \in I, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



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Proof (Zomorodian, Carlsson, 2005): Simpler case: the persistence module is finite-dimensional *and* has finitely many terms.

We can write our persistence module as

$$V^1 \xrightarrow{v_1^2} V^2 \xrightarrow{v_2^3} V^3 \xrightarrow{v_3^4} V^4 \xrightarrow{\cdots} V^4 \xrightarrow{\cdots} V^n$$

Consider the vector space $\mathcal{V} = \bigotimes_{1 \leq i \leq n} V^i = V^1 \times \cdots \times V^n$.

Let $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x]$ denote the space of polynomials with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. We give \mathcal{V} an action of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x]$ via

$$x \cdot (a^1, a^2, ..., a^n) = (0, v_1^2(a^1), v_2^3(a^2), ..., v_{n-1}^n(a^{n-1})).$$

Hence \mathcal{V} can be seen as a finitely generated module over the principal ideal domain $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x]$. By classification, \mathcal{V} is isomorphic to a sum

$$\mathcal{V} \simeq \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x]/x^i \cdot \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x].$$

We identify the components $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x]/x^i \cdot \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x]$ with bars of the barcode of length *i*.



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The Čech or the Rips filtration define an increasing sequence of simplices

$$\ldots \subset \operatorname{\check{C}ech}^{t_1}(X) \subset \operatorname{\check{C}ech}^{t_2}(X) \subset \operatorname{\check{C}ech}^{t_3}(X) \subset \ldots$$

We can turn it consistently into an ordering of the simplices, by inserting the simplices by order of apparition in the filtration.

 $\sigma^1 < \sigma^2 < \ldots < \sigma^n$

Denote $t(\sigma)$ the time of apparition of the simplex σ in the filtration. The total order on the simplices satisfies

 $t(\sigma^i) < t(\sigma^j)$ for all i < j.

In practice several simplices may appear at the same time. If this occurs, choose an order of the simplices.

Consider the boundary matrix, and compute a Gauss reduction.



For any
$$j \in \llbracket 1, n
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$$\delta(j) = \max\{i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket, \Delta_{i,j} \neq 0\},\$$

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and $\Delta_{i,j} = 0$ for all j, then $\delta(j)$ is *undefined*.



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Proof: We shall show that the algorithm allows to define, for all $i, j \ge 0$, a basis \mathcal{B}_i^j of $H_i(K^j)$, such that one passes from \mathcal{B}_i^j to \mathcal{B}_i^{j+1} by adding or removing a cycle.

As a consequence, we obtain an isomorphism between the persistence module and a sum of interval modules given by \mathcal{I} .

We build the basis as follows: for every $j \ge 0$, consider the simplex σ^j and its dimension $i = \dim(\sigma^j)$.

If σ^j is positive, then we add the corresponding cycle to the basis \mathcal{B}_i^{j-1} .

If it is negative, then there exists a simplex σ^k , with k < j, such that $\delta(k) = j$. We remove the cycle corresponding to σ^k to the basis \mathcal{B}_{i-1}^{j-1} .

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