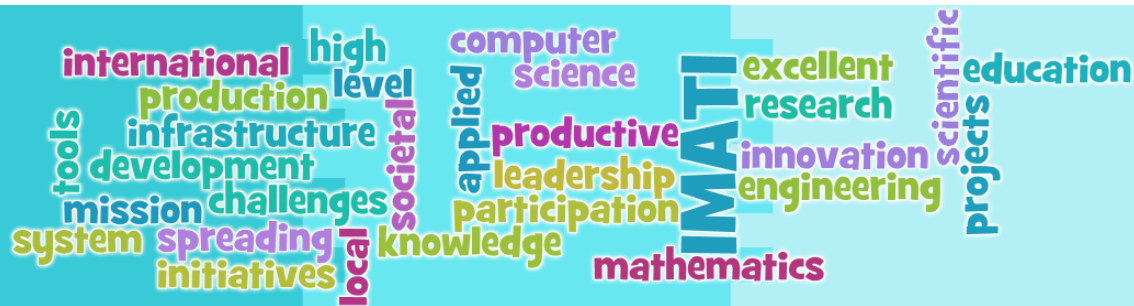


*Extracting Geometrical Features From Data*

# *Topological Data Analysis*

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# ***Topological Data Analysis***

## ***Outline:***

***The Notion of Shape***

***Simplicial Complexes***

***Simplicial Homology***

***From Data to Complexes***

***Persistent Homology***

***Visualizing Persistence***

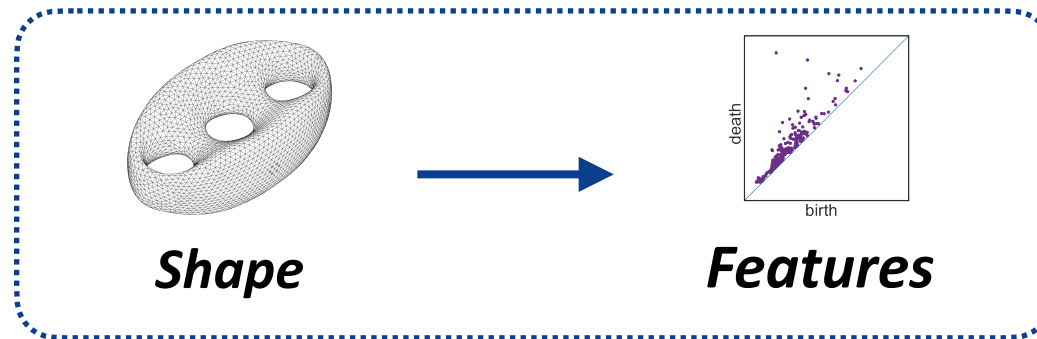
***Persistence & Stability***

***Computing Persistence***

# *Computing Persistence*

# Persistent Homology Computation

*Topological Data Analysis* allows for assigning to (almost) **any dataset** a collection of features representing a **topological summary** of the input data



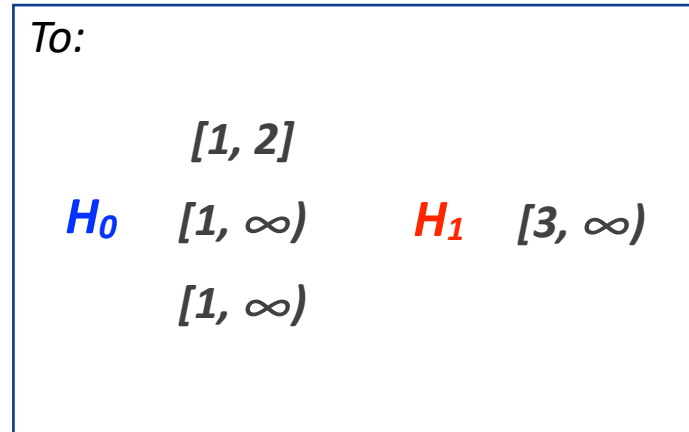
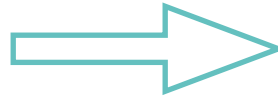
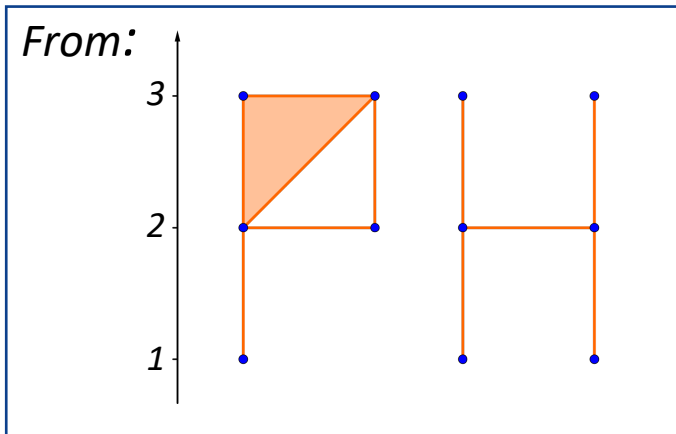
## Goal:

- ◆ **How to efficiently compute (persistent) homology?**
- ◆ **How to compactly encode simplicial complexes of high dimension and large size?**

# Persistent Homology Computation

**Standard Algorithm:**

[Zomorodian & Carlsson 2005]



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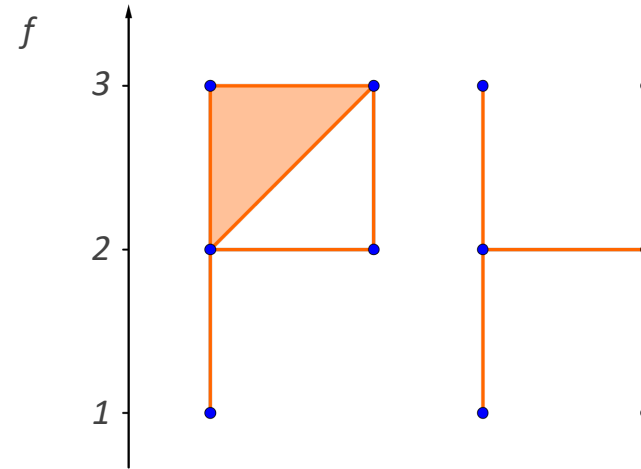
Compute a **reduced boundary matrix** for  $\{K^p\}_p$  from which easily read the persistence pairs

# Persistent Homology Computation

Given a filtered simplicial complex, let us consider its *filtering function*  $f$ :

$$f(\sigma) := \min \{ p \mid \sigma \in K^p \}$$

Conversely,  $K^p := \{ \sigma \in K \mid f(\sigma) \leq p \}$



**Total Ordering on  $\{ K^p \}_p$ :**

A sequence  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$  of the simplices of  $K$  such that:

- ◆ if  $f(\sigma_i) < f(\sigma_j)$ , then  $i < j$
- ◆ if  $\sigma_i$  is a proper face of  $\sigma_j$ , then  $i < j$

# Persistent Homology Computation

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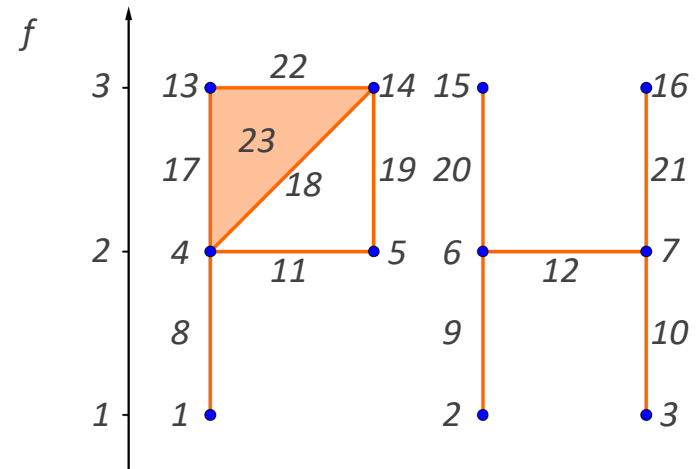
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Conversely,  $K^p := \{ \sigma \in K \mid f(\sigma) \leq p \}$

**A Possible Choice:**

Set  $\sigma < \sigma'$  if:

- ◆  $f(\sigma) < f(\sigma')$
- ◆  $f(\sigma) = f(\sigma')$  and  $\dim(\sigma) < \dim(\sigma')$
- ◆  $f(\sigma) = f(\sigma')$ ,  $\dim(\sigma) = \dim(\sigma')$ , and  $\sigma$  precedes  $\sigma'$  w.r.t. the **lexicographic order** of their vertices

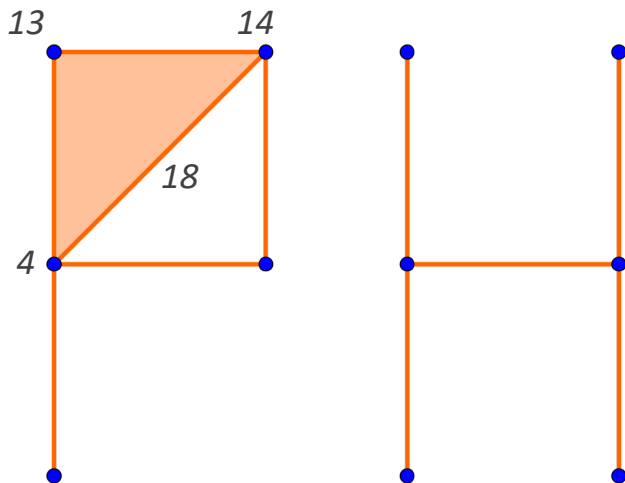


# Persistent Homology Computation

## Boundary Matrix:

A square matrix  $D$  of size  $n \times n$  defined by

$$D_{i,j} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma_i \text{ is a face of } \sigma_j \text{ s.t. } \dim(\sigma_i) = \dim(\sigma_j) - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



*E.g.*

- ◆  $D_{4,18} = 1$
- ◆  $D_{14,18} = 1$
- ◆  $D_{13,18} = 0$

# Persistent Homology Computation

## Reduced Matrix:

Given a non-null column  $j$  of a boundary matrix  $D$ ,

$$\text{low}(j) := \max \{ i \mid D_{i,j} \neq 0 \}$$

A matrix  $R$  is called **reduced** if, for each pair of non-null columns  $j_1, j_2$ ,

$$\text{low}(j_1) \neq \text{low}(j_2)$$

**Equivalently**, if low function is **injective** on its domain of definition

# Persistent Homology Computation

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$$low(10) = 7 = low(12)$$



$D$  is **not** reduced

# Persistent Homology Computation

## Reduction Algorithm:

```
Matrix  $R = D$   
for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  do  
  while  $\exists j' < j$  with  $low(j') = low(j)$  do  
     $R.column(j) = R.column(j) + R.column(j')$   
  endwhile  
endfor  
return  $R$ 
```

## Time Complexity:

At most  $n^2$  column additions



$O(n^3)$  in the worst case

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Initialize  $R$  to  $D$ , where

$D$  is the *boundary matrix* of  $K$

expressed according with a *total ordering* of its simplices

$$j < 12$$

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For each  $j < 12$ ,

there is **no**  $j' < j$  such that  
 $low(j') = low(j)$

So, increase  $j$  by 1

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For  $j = 12$ ,  $low(12) = 7$

*column*  $j'=10$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 7$

So, set

*column* 12 := *column* 12 + *column* 10

$j$ 

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For  $j = 12$ ,  $low(12) = 7$

*column*  $j'=10$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 7$

So, set

*column* 12 := *column* 12 + *column* 10  $\longrightarrow low(12) = 6$

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For  $j = 12$ ,  $low(12) = 6$

*column*  $j' = 9$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 6$

So, set

*column* 12 := *column* 12 + *column* 9

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For  $j = 12$ ,  $low(12) = 6$

$column\ j' = 9$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 6$

So, set

$column\ 12 := column\ 12 + column\ 9 \longrightarrow low(12) = 3$

$j$ 

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For each  $j = 12$ ,

there is **no**  $j' < j$  such that  
 $low(j') = low(j) = 3$

So, increase  $j$  by 1

$$12 < j < 19$$

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For  $j = 19$ ,  $low(19) = 14$

*column*  $j' = 18$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 14$

So, set

*column* 19 := *column* 19 + *column* 18

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For  $j = 19$ ,  $low(19) = 14$

*column*  $j' = 18$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 14$

So, set

*column* 19 := *column* 19 + *column* 18  $\longrightarrow low(19) = 5$

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For  $j = 19$ ,  $low(19) = 5$

*column*  $j' = 11$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 5$

So, set

*column* 19 := *column* 19 + *column* 11

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For  $j = 19$ ,  $low(19) = 5$

*column*  $j' = 11$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 5$

So, set

*column* 19 := *column* 19 + *column* 11  $\longrightarrow$   $low(19)$  undefined

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For each  $j = 19$ ,

there is **no**  $j' < j$  such that  
 $low(j') = low(j)$

So, increase  $j$  by 1

$$19 < j < 22$$

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For each  $19 < j < 22$ ,

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For  $j = 22$ ,  $low(22) = 14$

column  $j' = 18$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 14$

So, set

column 22 := column 22 + column 18

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For  $j = 22$ ,  $low(22) = 14$

column  $j' = 18$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 14$

So, set

column 22 := column 22 + column 18  $\longrightarrow low(22) = 13$

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For  $j = 22$ ,  $low(22) = 13$

*column*  $j' = 17$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 13$

So, set

*column* 22 := *column* 22 + *column* 17

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For  $j = 22$ ,  $low(22) = 13$

column  $j' = 17$  is such that  $low(j') = low(j) = 13$

So, set

column 22 := column 22 + column 17  $\longrightarrow$   $low(22)$  undefined

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For each  $j = 22$ ,

there is **no**  $j' < j$  such that  
 $low(j') = low(j)$

So, increase  $j$  by 1

$j$ 

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For each  $j = 23$ ,

there is **no**  $j' < j$  such that  
 $low(j') = low(j) = 22$

So, matrix  $R$  is reduced

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The algorithm returns the above **reduced matrix  $R$**

# Persistent Homology Computation

## Retrieving Persistence Pairs:

♦ For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

if there exists  $j$  such that  $\text{low}(j) = i \Rightarrow [i, j]$  is a pair for  $R$

♦ Once every  $i$  has been parsed,

if  $i$  is an **unpaired** value  $\Rightarrow [i, \infty)$  is a pair for  $R$

From pairs of  $R$  to the “actual” persistence pairs of  $\{K^p\}_p$ :

$[i, j]$  corresponds to  $[f(\sigma_i), f(\sigma_j)]$

( homological degree =  $\dim(\sigma_i)$  )

$[i, \infty)$  corresponds to  $[f(\sigma_i), \infty)$

# Persistent Homology Computation

$H_0$

$[1, \infty)$

$[2, \infty)$

$[3, 12]$

$[4, 8]$

$[5, 11]$

$[6, 9]$

$[7, 10]$

$[13, 17]$

$[14, 18]$

$[15, 20]$

$[16, 21]$

$H_1$

$[19, \infty)$

$[22, 23]$

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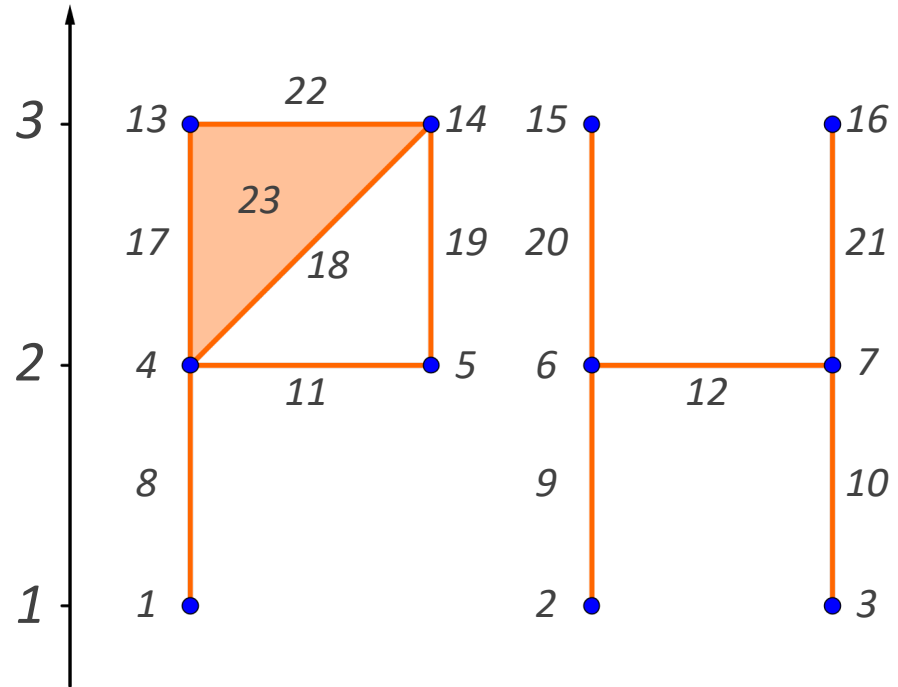
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$H_0$

$[1, \infty)$	$[1, \infty)$
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$[4, 8]$	$[2, 2]$
$[5, 11]$	$[2, 2]$
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$[7, 10]$	$[2, 2]$
$[13, 17]$	$[3, 3]$
$[14, 18]$	$[3, 3]$
$[15, 20]$	$[3, 3]$
$[16, 21]$	$[3, 3]$



$f$



$H_1$

$[19, \infty)$	$[3, \infty)$
$[22, 23]$	$[3, 3]$



# Persistent Homology Computation

**Standard algorithm** to compute (persistent) homology [Zomorodian & Carlsson 2005]:

- ✦ Based on a **matrix reduction**
- ✦ **Linear complexity** in practical cases
- ✦ **Cubic complexity** in the worst case

## Several different strategies:

### Direct approaches:

- ✦ **Zigzag persistent homology** [Milosavljević et al. '05]
- ✦ **Computation with a twist** [Chen, Kerber '11]
- ✦ **Dual algorithm** [De Silvia et al. '11]
- ✦ **Output-sensitive algorithm** [Chen, Kerber '13]
- ✦ **Multi-field algorithm** [Boissonnat, Maria '14]
- ✦ **Annotation-based methods** [Boissonnat et al. '13; Dey et al. '14]

### Distributed approaches:

- ✦ **Spectral sequences** [Edelsbrunner, Harer '08; Lipsky et al. '11]
- ✦ **Constructive Mayer-Vietoris** [Boltcheva et al. '11]
- ✦ **Multicore coreductions** [Murty et al. '13]
- ✦ **Multicore homology** [Lewis, Zomorodian '14]
- ✦ **Persistent homology in chunks** [Bauer et al. '14a]
- ✦ **Distributed persistent computation** [Bauer et al. '14b]

### Coarsening approaches:

- ✦ **Topological operators and simplifications** [Mrozek, Wanner '10; Dłotko, Wagner '14]
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# Persistent Homology Computation

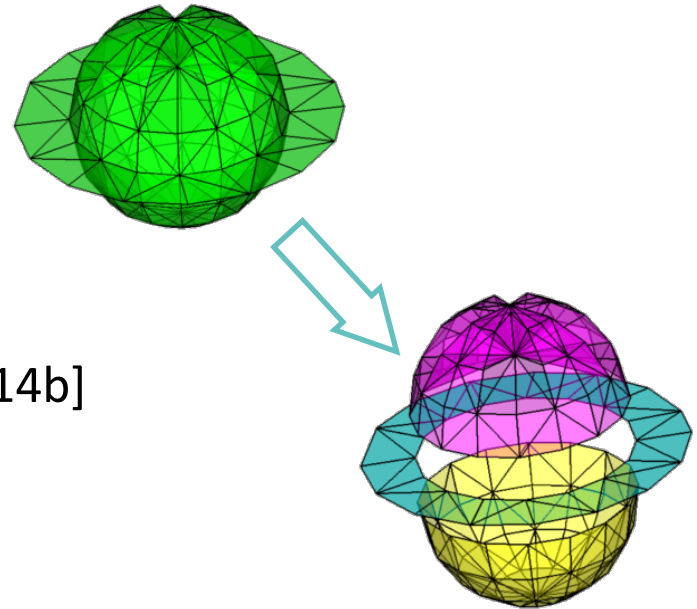
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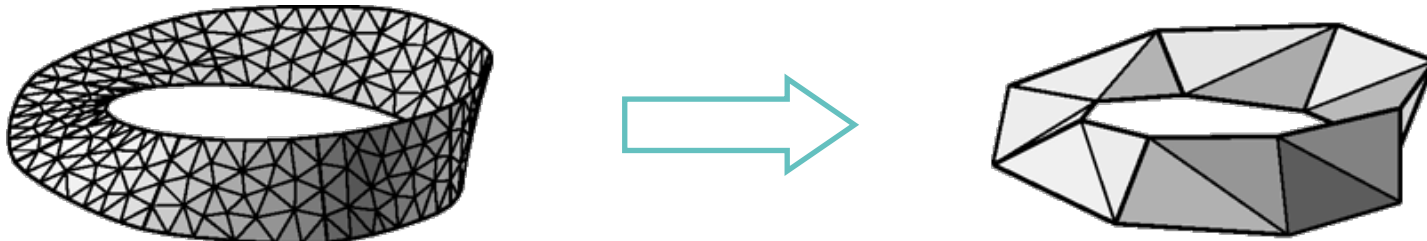
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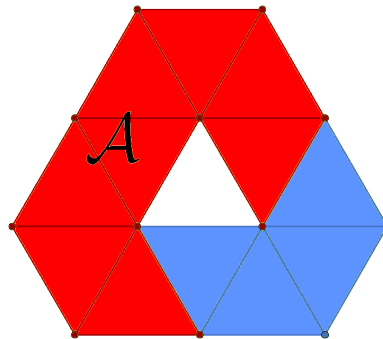
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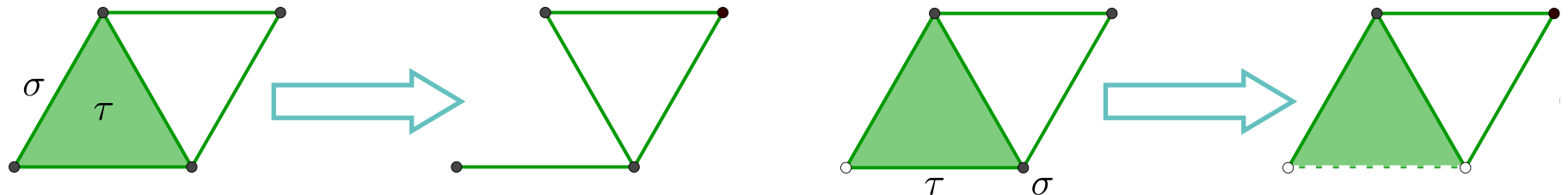
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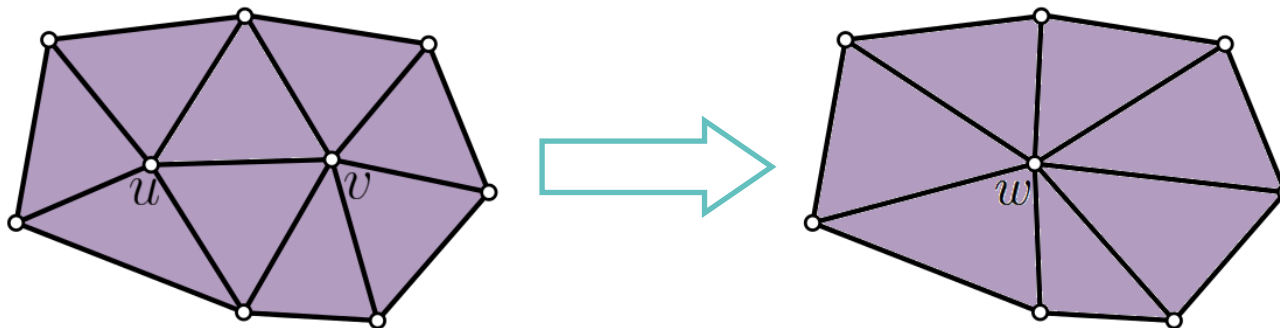
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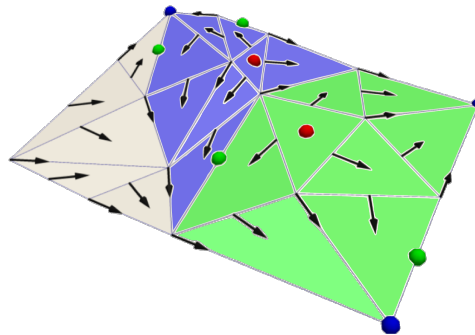
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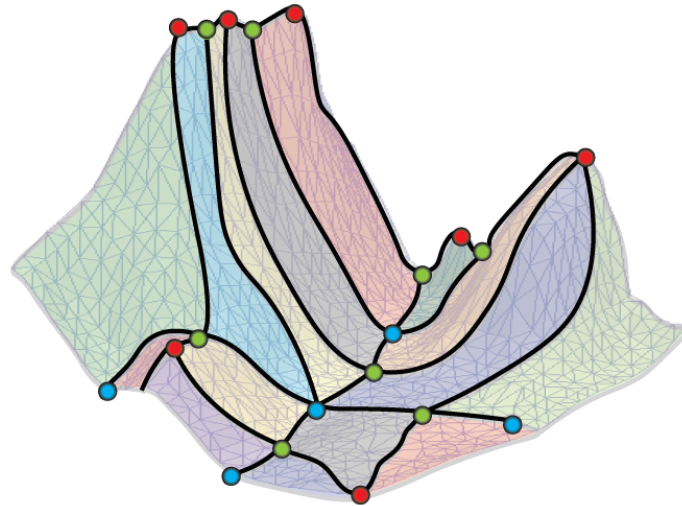
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# *Possible Topics for Seminars*



## ***Discrete Morse Theory***

*Study the shape of a space by studying the behavior of a function defined on it*

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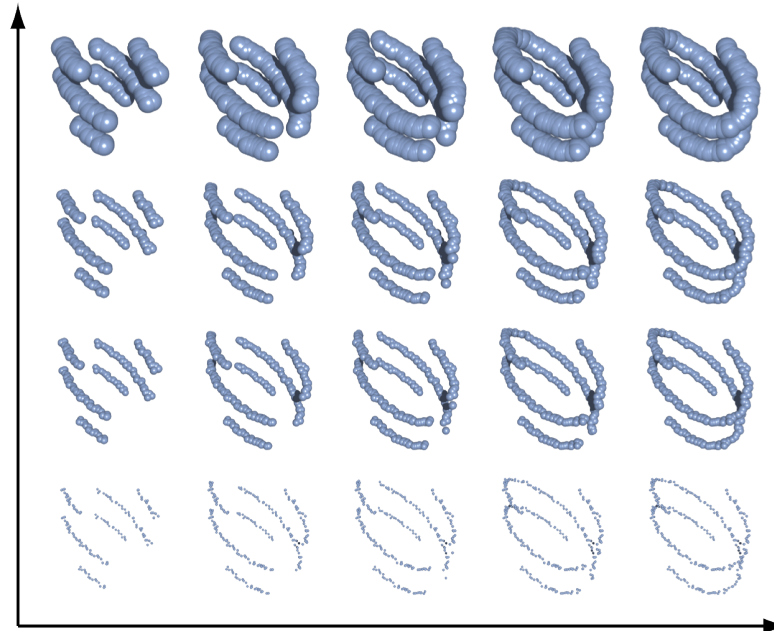
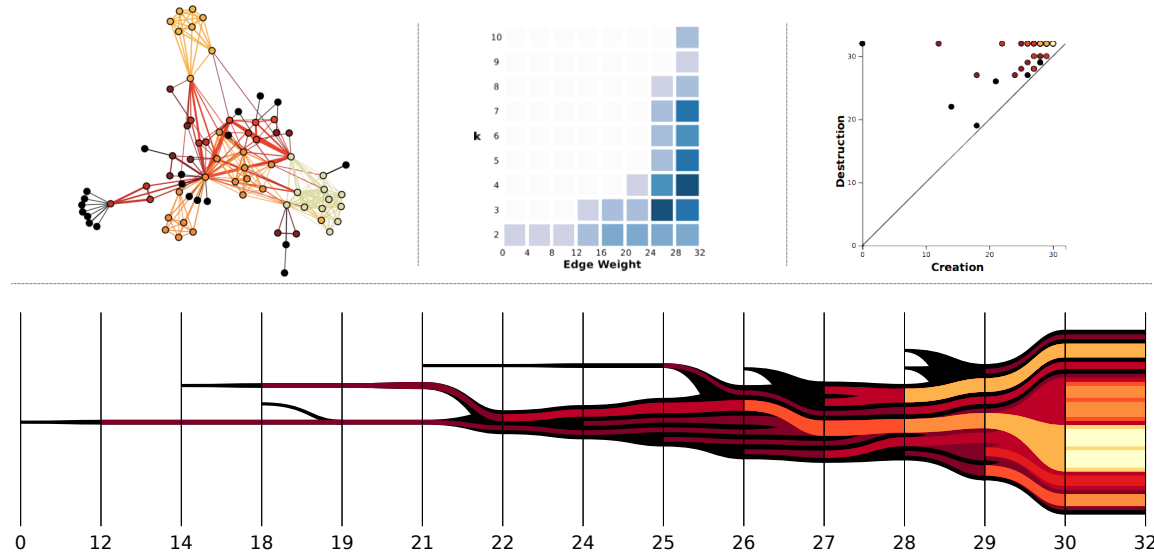


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## ***Multi-Parameter Persistent Homology***

*What if we consider multiple filtering functions?*

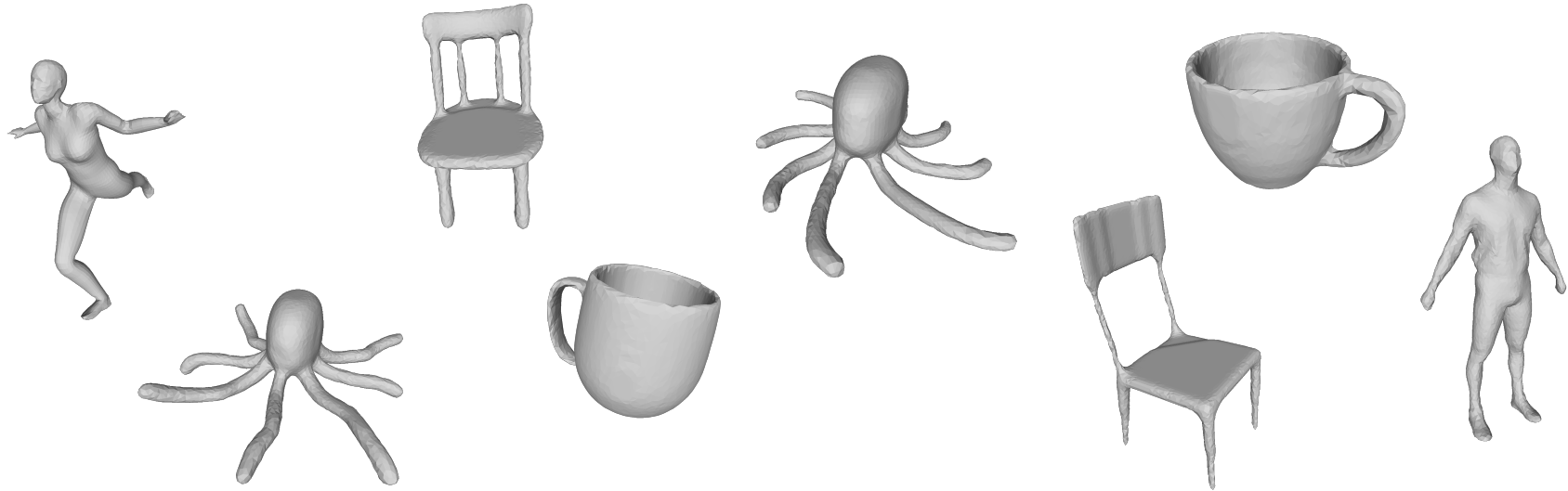
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## Persistent Homology & Networks

- ◆ **Homological Scaffolds:** Topological summaries of weighted graphs
- ◆ **Clique Community Persistence:** Tracking the evolution of network communities

# Possible Topics for Seminars



## ***Algorithms & Implementation***

- ◆ *Efficient computation of **Vietoris-Rips complexes** and other data-to-complex strategies*
- ◆ *Focus on a specific **algorithm** for **speed-up persistent homology computation***
- ◆ *Use of available **software tools** for testing persistent homology on various datasets*