Topological signature of Data : a (partial) introduction to Topological Data Analysis

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Introduction



- Data often come as (sampling of) metric spaces or sets/spaces endowed with a similarity measure with, possibly complex, topological/geometric structure.
- Goal of TDA: infer relevant topological and geometric features of these spaces.
- Challenges and goals:

 \rightarrow no direct access to topological/geometric information: need of intermediate constructions (simplicial complexes);

- \rightarrow distinguish topological "signal" from noise;
- ightarrow topological information may be multiscale; ightarrow
- \rightarrow statistical analysis of topological information.





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- Compare the signatures of "close" data sets \rightarrow robustness and stability results.



Questions:

- Is dgm(Filt(X)) well-defined? (X may not be finite)
- Stability properties of dgm(Filt(X)) ?

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Examples:

- Let S be a filtered simplicial complex. If V_a = H(S_a) and v^b_a : H(S_a) → H(S_b) is the linear map induced by the inclusion S_a → S_b then (H(S_a) | a ∈ R) is a persistence module.
- Given a metric space (X, ρ) , H(Rips(X)) is a persistence module.
- Given a metric space (X, ρ) , $H(\check{Cech}(X))$ is a persistence module.
- If f : X → R is a function, then the filtration defined by the sublevel sets of f, F_a = f⁻¹((-∞, a]), induces a persistence module at homology level.

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As a consequence dgm(H(Rips(\mathbb{X}))) and dgm(H(Čech(\mathbb{X}))) are well-defined!

Recall that a metric space (X, ρ) is precompact if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a finite subset $F_{\epsilon} \subset X$ such that $d_{H}(X, F_{\epsilon}) < \epsilon$ (i.e. $\forall x \in X, \exists p \in F_{\epsilon} \text{ s.t. } \rho(x, p) < \epsilon$).

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A homomorphism of degree ϵ between two persistence modules $\mathbb U$ and $\mathbb V$ is a collection Φ of linear maps

$$(\phi_a: U_a \to V_{a+\epsilon} \mid a \in \mathbf{R})$$

such that $v_{a+\epsilon}^{b+\epsilon} \circ \phi_a = \phi_b \circ u_a^b$ for all $a \leq b$.



An ε -interleaving between \mathbb{U} and \mathbb{V} is specified by two homomorphisms of degree ϵ $\Phi : \mathbb{U} \to \mathbb{V}$ and $\Psi : \mathbb{V} \to \mathbb{U}$ s.t. $\Phi \circ \Psi$ and $\Psi \circ \Phi$ are the "shifts" of degree 2ϵ between \mathbb{U} and \mathbb{V} .



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Strategy: build filtered complexes on top of metric spaces that induce **q-tame** homology persistence modules and that turn out to be ϵ -interleaved when the considered spaces are $O(\epsilon)$ -close.

Need to be defined.

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The transpose of C, denoted C^T , is the image of C through the symmetry map $(x, y) \mapsto (y, x)$.

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Example: *c*-correspondence and Gromov-Hausdorff distance.

Let $(\mathbb{X}, \rho_{\mathbb{X}})$ and $(\mathbb{Y}, \rho_{\mathbb{Y}})$ be compact metric spaces. A correspondence $C : \mathbb{X} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{Y}$ is an ϵ -correspondence if $\forall (x, y), (x', y') \in C$, $|\rho_{\mathbb{X}}(x, x') - \rho_{\mathbb{Y}}(y, y')| \leq \varepsilon$.

 $(x,y), (x',y') \in C, |\rho_{\mathbb{X}}(x,x') - \rho_{\mathbb{Y}}(y,y')| \leq \varepsilon.$ $y = \frac{1}{2} \inf\{\varepsilon \geq 0 : \text{there exists an } \varepsilon\text{-correspondence between } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } \mathbb{Y}\}$

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Proposition: Let \mathbb{S} , \mathbb{T} be filtered complexes with vertex sets \mathbb{X} , \mathbb{Y} respectively. If $C : \mathbb{X} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{Y}$ is a correspondence such that C and C^T are both ε -simplicial, then together they induce a canonical ε -interleaving between $H(\mathbb{S})$ and $H(\mathbb{T})$.

Proposition: Let $(\mathbb{X}, \rho_{\mathbb{X}})$, $(\mathbb{Y}, \rho_{\mathbb{Y}})$ be metric spaces. For any $\epsilon > 2d_{\mathrm{GH}}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})$ the persistence modules $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Rips}(\mathbb{X}))$ and $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Rips}(\mathbb{Y}))$ are ϵ -interleaved.

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Remark: Similar results for witness complexes (fixed landmarks)

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 $d_{b}(\mathsf{dgm}(H(\check{C}ech(\mathbb{X}))),\mathsf{dgm}(H(\check{C}ech(\mathbb{Y})))) \leq 2d_{GH}(\mathbb{X},\mathbb{Y}),$

 $d_{\mathrm{b}}(\mathsf{dgm}(\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Rips}(\mathbb{X}))),\mathsf{dgm}(\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Rips}(\mathbb{Y})))) \leq 2d_{\mathrm{GH}}(\mathbb{X},\mathbb{Y}).$

Remark: The proofs never use the triangle inequality! The previous approch and results easily extend to other settings like, e.g. spaces endowed with a similarity measure.

Persistence-based signatures

Signatures of some elementary shapes (approximated from finite samples):



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