

## Existence of barcodes:

**Def:** Filtration over  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ :

Nested family  $(F_t)_{t \in T}$  of topological spaces:

$$F_s \subseteq F_t \quad \forall s \leq t \in T.$$

**Note:** recall def. of simplicial complex; finite set  $V \rightarrow K \subseteq 2^V$  closed under subsets.

**Def:** Persistence module over  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  (fixed field  $k$ ):

- Family  $(V_t)_{t \in T}$  of  $k$ -vector spaces

- Family  $(\nu_s^t)_{s \leq t \in T}$  of  $k$ -linear maps

s.t.:

$$\begin{cases} \bullet \nu_t^t = \text{id}_{V_t} \quad \forall t \in T \\ \bullet \begin{array}{ccc} V_s & \xrightarrow{\nu_s^u} & V_u \\ & \searrow \nu_s^t & \nearrow \nu_t^u \\ & V_t & \end{array} \quad \text{commutes } \forall s \leq t \leq u \in T. \\ \text{(ie. } \nu_s^u = \nu_t^u \circ \nu_s^t \text{)} \end{cases}$$

**Q** Why do we say "module"?

**Example:**  $T = \mathbb{N}$

$$\cancel{V_0} \xrightarrow{\nu_0^1} V_1 \xrightarrow{\nu_1^2} V_2 \rightarrow \dots$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\nu_0^2 \text{ (redundent)}}$

$$V := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} V_i$$

~~$V \ni x = (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$~~   
(finitely many nonzero coordinates)

$k$ -vector space  $\xrightarrow{\text{lift}}$   $V$ -module over  $k[T]$ :

$$t \cdot (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots) = (0, \nu_0^1(x_0), \nu_1^2(x_1), \dots)$$



**Note:** More generally, every persistence module can

we can decompose it as a direct sum ...

be viewed as a left module over a certain algebra generated by the paths in the poset  $(T, \leq)$ .

**Note:** A persistence module can also be viewed as a functor from the poset  $(T, \leq)$  to the category  $\text{Vect}_k$ .

**Thm:** (decomposition of finitely generated persistence modules):

Imp:  $\dim \bigoplus_{t \in T} V_t \leq \sum_{t \in T} \dim V_t < +\infty$ .

Then, we can view  $W$  as a persistence module over some finite set  $T' \subset \mathbb{N}$ . ( $W$  has only finitely many nonzero constituent spaces).

$$0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow V_{t_1} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow V_{t_2} \rightarrow V_{t_3} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $\in T'$   $\in T'$   $\in T'$

Hence,  $W$  can be viewed as a left module over  $k[t]$  (cf. previous example), finitely generated (PID).

→ decomposition theorem:

$$W \simeq \underbrace{\bigoplus_{j \in J} t^{b_j} k[t]}_{\text{free part}} \oplus \underbrace{\bigoplus_{l \in L} t^{b_l} \frac{k[t]}{t^{r_l} k[t]}}_{\text{torsion part}}$$

(=0 here because no vector lasts indefinitely)

(lifespans:  $[b_l, b_l + r_l]$ )

↓  
interval

**Note:** This special case is interesting because it is the one that occurs in computations (filtrations are made of finitely many (finite) simplicial complexes).

Decomposition Theorem:

(reproduced with the 2 relevant items)

A persistence module  $W$  over  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is interval-decomposable in the following cases (at least):

- when  $T$  is finite,
- when  $W$  is ~~finite~~ pointwise finite-dimensional (pfd).

Moreover, the decomposition is essentially unique.

② Computation of barcodes from filtrations:

Method:

Input: simplicial filtration  $\mathcal{W}$ :

- $T = \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$
- $K_0 = \emptyset, K_m = K$  (simplicial complex)
- $\forall i, K_i$  is a subcomplex of  $K_{i+1}$ .

⊕ technical condition:  $\forall i, K_i = K_{i-1} \cup \{\sigma_i\}$   
(single simplex inserted at a time).

Algo: ① boundary matrix  $M$  (binary):

$$M_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma_i \in \partial \sigma_j \text{ \& } \dim \sigma_i = \dim \sigma_j - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

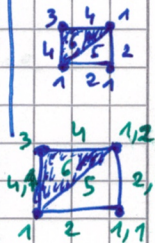
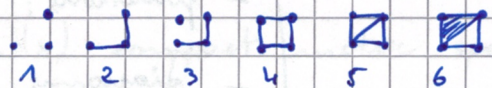
②  $low(j) = \begin{cases} \max \{i \mid M_{ij} \neq 0\} \\ 0 \text{ if } M_{ij} = 0 \forall i \end{cases}$

③ reduce to column echelon form (by scanning columns from left to right):

For  $j=1$  to  $m$  do:  
 while  $\exists l < j$  s.t.  $low(l) = low(j) \neq 0$ :  
 $c_j \leftarrow c_j + \epsilon_l c_l$

⊕ Interpretation: - every pivot pairs 2 simplices  $(\sigma_i, \sigma_j)$  and gives  $[i, j)$ .  
 - every unpaired simplex  $\sigma_i$  gives  $[i, +\infty)$ .

Example:



→ enforce technical condition:

→  $t$  increasing

	1	1,1	1,2	2	2,1	3	4	4,1	5	6
1										
1,1				1						
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↑ ↑ ↑ columns to reduce.

reduction

	1	1,1	1,2	2	2,1	3	4	4,1	5	6
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$\Rightarrow H(\mathcal{W}) \simeq \mathbb{I}_{[1,2)} \oplus \mathbb{I}_{[1,2)} \oplus \mathbb{I}_{[2,4)} \oplus \mathbb{I}_{[5,6)} \oplus \mathbb{I}_{[6,+\infty)}$

Complexity:  $O(m^3)$  (~~was~~ near-linear in practice).

{ divide-and-conquer (fast matrix multiplication) :  $O(m^w)$ .  
 random projections : ?

③ stability: [functional setting, easier to grasp]

Operator  $D_g: f \mapsto D_g(f)$  or  $B(f)$   
 (function) (diagram) (barcode)  
 $X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

ⓐ show that this operator is Lipschitz-continuous.

↳ metrics:

- functions:  $\|f-g\|_\infty$
- diagrams:  $d_b^\infty$  (bottleneck distance)  
 (modified  $W_\infty$ )

Def: partial matching  $M: A \leftrightarrow B$ :

$M \subseteq A \times B$  s.t.:

- ( $\forall a \in A, \exists$  at most 1  $b \in B$  s.t.  $(a, b) \in M$ .)
- ( $\forall b \in B, \exists$  at most 1  $a \in A$  s.t.  $(a, b) \in M$ .)

Def: Cost of a matching  $M: A \leftrightarrow B$ :

$$c(M) := \max \left\{ \sup_{(a,b) \in M} \|a-b\|_\infty ; \sup_{\substack{S \subseteq A \cup B \\ S \text{ unmatched}}} \|s - \bar{s}\|_\infty \right\}$$

↑  
 orthogonal projection onto the diagonal  $\Delta: y=x$ .

Def:  $d_b^\infty(A, B) := \inf_{M: A \leftrightarrow B} c(M)$

Exercise: show that  $d_b^\infty$  is an extended pseudo-distance.

Thm: (Stability) suppose  $f, g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are pfd.

Then,  $d_b^\infty(D_g f, D_g g) \leq \|f-g\|_\infty$ .

Notes: ① no further hyp. on  $X, f, g$   
 ②  $f, g$  may be def. on  $\neq$  spaces  
 ③ functions not even neces-