Advanced Data Visualization **CS 6965** Spring 2018 Prof. Bei Wang Phillips University of Utah



Announcement

- A few students might be able to form groups: survey of teams, who is going solo?
- In the process of getting virus project presentation Project 2: penalty free 2-day extension (due Thursday 2/22 9:10 a.m.)

Topological Abstractions

For Scalar Field Data

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"Data has shape, and shape matters." – Gunnar Carlsson



- Shape of data?
- A line.



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Cubic polynomial regression





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• A curve.

Clustering



• Shape of data?

Clusters.

Clustering



• Shape of data?



Time series analysis



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- Depends on the mapping

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- Depends on the mapping.

Discrete samples: a point cloud

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- Shape of data?
- A Reeb graph.



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- A contour tree.



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- A Morse-Smale complex.



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Some basic tools in topological data analysis (TDA)

- Abstraction of the data: topological structures and their combinatorial representations
- Separate features from noise: persistent homology

2D Scalar function Morse-Smale Complex

Reeb Graph/Contour Tree/Merge Tree

Fundamental Tasks in Topological Data Analysis Topology + Point Cloud = Magic Happens!



into a global structure?



Key idea 1: coordinate free



Key idea 2: deformation invariant



Key idea 3: compressed representation



Inference: stratification learning

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Inferring circular structures in high dimensions



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Persistent homology: an artistic view point



Persistent homology: inferring the continuous from the discrete.

Persistent homology: a multi-scale view of data



Persistent homology: quantifying the shape of data.

Persistent Homology

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- What are topological features? Homological features:
 - Dim 0 Connected Components
 - Dim 1 Tunnels / Loops
 - Dim 2 Voids
- How to compute them (in a nutshell)?
 - Begin with a point cloud
 - Grow balls of diameter t around each point
 - Track features of the union of balls as *t* increases

























Homological features encoded as barcodes or persistent diagrams



Interpretation of connected components

Dim 0 features: hierarchical clustering

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Cluster Dendrogram



- Abstract simplicial complex
- Čech complex
- Vietoris-Rips complex
- Delaunay triangulation (related to Voronoi diagram)
- Alpha complex
- Sparsified versions:
 - Witness complex
 - Graph induced complex

Čech complex vs. Vietoris-Rips complex



Persistent homology with Čech complex



- A filtration of spaces with maps between them
- A scale parameter















- Stability of persistence diagrams
- Bottleneck distance
- Wasserstein distance

Beyond Persistent Homology

Persistent local homology



Persistent local homology: applications



Road network comparison; stratification learning...

TDA and dimensionality reduction (DR)

Detecting circular and branching structures for DR



Mapper algorithm



1. Input: a point cloud with a filter function e.g., a height function. Also assume that there is a distance (metric) defined between any two points in the point cloud. 2. Cover the range of the function with intervals: using # of intervals, and amount % of overlap as parameters.
E.g., # of intervals = 5, overlap = 25%.

[SinghMemoliCarlsson2007]

Mapper algorithm



4.Obtaining the nerve of all clusters (a covering) in the domain. E.g., here it is a graph representation that summarizes the data.

Such a graph can interface with machine learning and interactive visualization...

 Look at the points in the domain that falls into each interval, and apply clustering to these points.
 E.g., following the inverse map.











Persistence simplification of Morse-Smale complex



Discussions
Research directions in TDA and visualization

- Reeb graphs, Reeb Spaces, and Mappers.
- Topological analysis and visualization of multivariate data.
- New opportunities for vector field topology.
- Category theory: theory and applications.
- Multidimensional persistent homology.
- Singularity theory and fiber topology in multivariate data analysis.
- Scalable computation.
- Software tools and libraries.

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