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#### 4 million data points in $\mathbb{R}^9$

(source: [Lee, Pederson, Mumford 2003])

Motivation: study cognitive representation of space of images









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Properties of topological descriptors:



# The TDA community (as of 2002)



• 2 research groups (5-10 researchers)

## The TDA community (as of 2016)



- 50-100 researchers working on theoretical foundations
- 200-300 researchers at the interface with applications
- very successful applications and company (Ayasdi)

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Example:

 $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  compact

$$f:\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \min_{y \in K} \|x - y\|_2$$





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Inside the black box (X topological space,  $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ ):

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(persistence) module:  $H_*(F_1) \rightarrow H_*(F_2) \rightarrow H_*(F_3) \rightarrow H_*(F_4) \rightarrow H_*(F_5) \cdots$ 

**Theorem.** [Gabriel '72, Auslander '74,  $\cdots$ , Webb '85,  $\cdots$ , Crawley-Boevey '12] Under some technical conditions, a persistence module  $\mathbb{V}$  decomposes as a direct sum of **interval modules**  $\mathbb{I}[b^*, d^*]$ :



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**Theorem:** [Cohen-Steiner et al. 2005, Chazal et al. 2009] For any *tame* functions  $f, g: X \to \mathbb{R}$ ,

 $d_B^{\infty}(\operatorname{Dg} f, \operatorname{Dg} g) \le ||f - g||_{\infty}$ 



#### Statistics on the space of persistence diagrams

- Note: the space of persistence diagrams is not a linear space
- View persistence diagrams as discrete measures
- Consider the p-th Wasserstein distance with a twist
- Defining means (Fréchet means):

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- Convergence to the ground truth  $Dg \mathcal{F}(X)$  ? Deviation bounds?



Stability thm:  $d_B(\operatorname{Dg} \mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n), \operatorname{Dg} \mathcal{F}(X)) \leq 2d_H(\widehat{X}_n, X)$  $\Rightarrow$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\mathrm{d}_B\left(\mathrm{Dg}\,\mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n),\mathrm{Dg}\,\mathcal{F}(X),\right)>\varepsilon\right)\leq\mathbb{P}\left(\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{H}}(\widehat{X}_n,X)>\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)$$

# Deviation inequality / rate of convergence



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$$\sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathrm{d}_B \left( \mathrm{Dg} \,\mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n), \, \mathrm{Dg} \,\mathcal{F}(X) \right) \right] \leq C \, \left( \frac{\log n}{n} \right)^{1/b},$$

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 $\rightarrow$  subsampling / bootstrap  $\rightarrow$  confidence regions, etc.



# Mapper [Singh, Mémoli, Carlsson 2007]

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Mapper [Singh, Mémoli, Carlsson 2007]

get a higher-level understanding of the structure of data



exhibit relations between clusters, variables, etc.

avoid paying the algorithmic price of persistence

visualize topology on the data directly

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### Input:

- topological space  $\boldsymbol{X}$
- continuous function  $f:X\to \mathbb{R}$
- cover  ${\mathcal I}$  of  $\operatorname{im}(f)$  by open intervals:  $\operatorname{im} f \subseteq \bigcup_{I \in {\mathcal I}} I$

Method:

- Compute *pullback cover*  $\mathcal{U}$  of X:  $\mathcal{U} = \{f^{-1}(I)\}_{I \in \mathcal{I}}$
- $\bullet$  Refine  ${\mathcal U}$  by separating each of its elements into its various connected components in  $X\to$  connected cover  ${\mathcal V}$
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  - 1 edge per intersection  $V \cap V' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V,V' \in \mathcal{V}$
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### Mapper in practice

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### Mapper in practice



Two types of applications:

- clustering
- feature selection

principle: identify statistically relevant subpopulations through patterns (flares, loops)





### breast cancer subtype

[Nicolau et al. 2011]



[Nielson et al. 2015]





# implicit networks in the US house of representatives



### classification of NBA players



 $\rightarrow$  in practice: trial-and-error

high-dimensional data sets<sup>40,48</sup>. This is performed automatically within the software, by deploying an ensemble machine learning algorithm that iterates through overlapping subject bins of different sizes that resample the metric space (with replacement), thereby using a combination of the metric location and similarity of subjects in the network topology. After performing millions of iterations, the algorithm returns the most stable, consensus vote for the resulting 'golden network' (Reeb graph), representing the multidimensional data shape<sup>12,40</sup>.

Nielson et al.: Topological Data Analysis for Discovery in Preclinical Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury, Nature, 2015





Example:  $P \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  sampled from a known probability distribution









 $f=f_x$   $\delta=1\%$   $\delta=10\%$   $\delta=25\%$ 

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### **Recent contributions:**

- $\rightarrow$  clarify the roles of r and g in the continuous setting
- $\rightarrow$  introduce metrics between mappers
- $\rightarrow$  establish stability and convergence results for Mappers
- $\rightarrow$  relate discrete and continuous Mappers under conditions on  $\delta$

M. Carrière and S. O. Structure and Stability of the 1-Dimensional Mapper. 2016

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**Prop:**  $R_f(X)$  is a (multi-)graph when (X, f) is Morse or more generally of **Morse type** 

 $\rightarrow$  build a **descriptor** for this graph

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Let  $\mathcal{I}$  minimal cover of  $\operatorname{Im} f \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . For  $I \in \mathcal{I}$ , let  $I = I^- \sqcup \tilde{I} \sqcup I^+$ 











### Structure of Mapper

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**Thm:**  $Dg(M_f(X, \mathcal{I}))$  provides a **bag-of-features** descriptor for  $M_f(X, \mathcal{I})$ : $Ord_0 \longleftrightarrow$  downward branches $Ext_0 \longleftrightarrow$  trunks (cc) $Rel_1 \longleftrightarrow$  upward branches $Ext_1 \longleftrightarrow$  loops

**Corollary:**  $\operatorname{Dg} M_f(X, \mathcal{I}) = \operatorname{Dg} \tilde{f}$  whenever the resolution r of  $\mathcal{I}$  is smaller than the smallest distance from  $\operatorname{Dg} \tilde{f} \setminus \Delta$  to the diagonal  $\Delta$ .

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... and distance to staircase boundary measures (in-)stability of each feature w.r.t. perturbations of  $(X, f, \mathcal{I})$ 







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Summary















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 $\rightarrow \text{ subsampling to tune } \delta_n: \text{ take } (s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rightarrow +\infty \text{ s.t. } s_n = o\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)$  $\delta_n = \text{ average}_{\{\text{possible subsamples } Y \text{ of } \hat{X}_n \text{ of size } s_n\}} d_{\mathrm{H}}(Y, \hat{X}_n)$ 

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- $\rightarrow$  filter selection?
- $\rightarrow$  barcode/graph interpretation?
- $\rightarrow$  vector-valued functions?

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Example (X surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , f height function):



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- analysis of social and spatial networks like neurons, genes, online messages, air passengers, Twitter, face-to-face contact, etc.,
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