# Spectral sequences for multidimensional persistence

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## Topological data analysis

**Applications:** image analysis, shape study, sensor networks, viral evolution and propagation of epidemics, internet and social networks, biological networks . . .



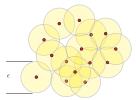
#### **Topological methods:**

- Transform data into global topological object (simplicial complexes)
- Study these objects through algebraic topology (persistent homology)

- $\blacksquare$  data  $\rightarrow$  simplicial complexes  $\rightarrow$  filtrations  $\rightarrow$  topological invariants
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## From data to simplicial complexes





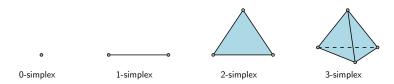


(a) Point cloud

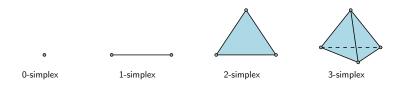
(b) Connections between points

(c) Simplicial complex (Rips)

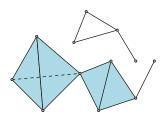
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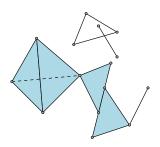


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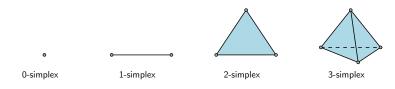


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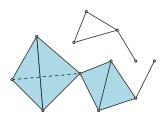


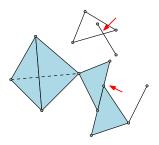


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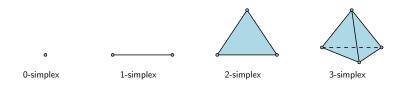


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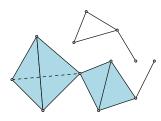


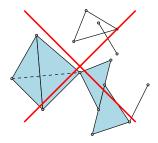


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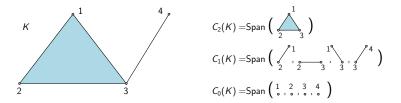
#### Simplicial complexes:





### Homology: Chain complex of a simplicial complex

 $C_n(K) := \{ \text{linear combinations of } n \text{-simplices of } K \}$ 



**Chain complex** of *K*:

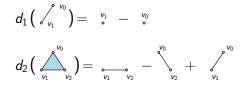
$$C_{ullet}(K): \quad \cdots \xrightarrow{d_3} C_2(K) \xrightarrow{d_2} C_1(K) \xrightarrow{d_1} C_0(K) o 0$$

### Homology: Boundary operator

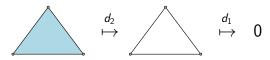
The boundary operator

$$d_n: C_n(K) \to C_{n-1}(K)$$

is the linear map defined on *n*-simplices as the alternating sum of (n-1)-faces:



Fundamental property:  $d_n d_{n+1} = 0$ 



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## Homology groups and Betti numbers

Consider the chain complex of a simplicial complex K

$$C_{\bullet}(K): \longrightarrow C_{n+1}(K) \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} C_n(K) \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1}(K) \to \cdots$$

The fundamental property  $d_n d_{n+1} = 0$  implies

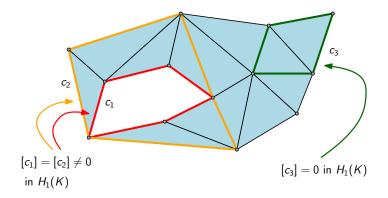
$$\operatorname{Im} d_{n+1} \subseteq \ker d_n \ (\subseteq C_n(K)).$$

The n-th homology group of K is defined as

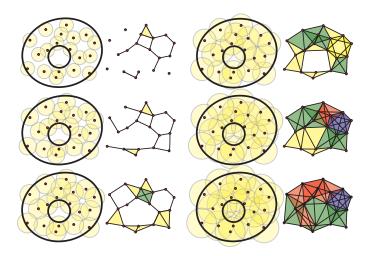
$$H_n(K) := rac{\ker d_n}{\operatorname{Im} d_{n+1}}$$

and its rank  $\beta_n$  is called *n*-th **Betti number**.

## Homology classes



# Filtration of simplicial complexes



Given a filtration of simplicial complexes

$$\emptyset = K_0 \subseteq K_1 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq K_m = K,$$

for every  $i \leq j$  the inclusion  $K_i \subseteq K_j$  induces maps in homology

 $f_n^{i,j}: H_n(K_i) \to H_n(K_j).$ 

For every  $i \leq j$ , we call the groups

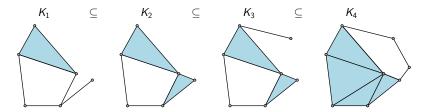
$$H_n^{i,j} := \operatorname{Im}(f_n^{i,j})$$

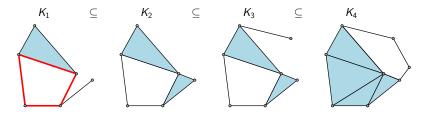
persistent homology groups. We define

$$\beta_n^{i,j} := \dim_k H_n^{i,j}$$

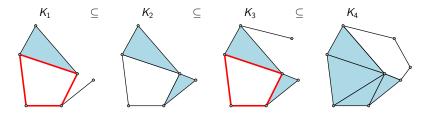
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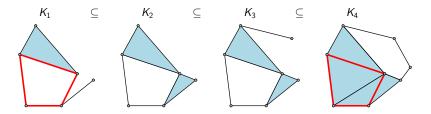


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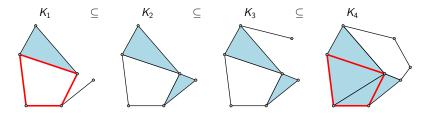
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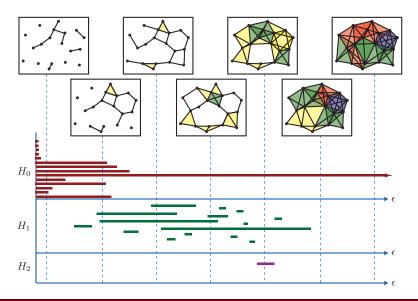




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Barcode for  $H_1$  (counting "holes"):

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Filtration of a chain complex:

$$0 = F_0 \hookrightarrow F_1 \hookrightarrow \ldots \hookrightarrow F_{p-1} \hookrightarrow F_p \hookrightarrow \ldots \hookrightarrow F_m = C_{\bullet}(K),$$

where we denote  $F_p := C_{\bullet}(K_p)$ .

Leray (~ 1940): spectral sequences as a device for computing the homology  $H_n(K)$  using the information contained in the filtration.

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where

$$E_p^1 := H(F_p/F_{p-1})$$

and there exist differentials

$$\cdots E_{p+r}^r \xrightarrow{d} E_p^r \xrightarrow{d'} E_{p-r}^r \cdots \quad \text{with} \ E_p^{r+1} \cong \ker d' / \operatorname{Im} d.$$

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Given a filtration

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study the relationship between the spectral sequence  $\{E_p^r\}$  and the persistent homology groups  $\{H^{i,j} = Im(H(F_i) \rightarrow H(F_j))\}$ : there are long exact sequences

$$\cdots H^{p-1,p+r-2} \to H^{p,p+r-1} \to E_p^r \to H^{p-r,p-1} \to H^{p-r+1,p} \cdots$$

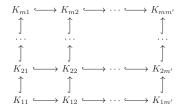
The spectral sequence and the persistent homology groups "contain the same topological information" :

$$\dim_k E_p^r \quad \iff \quad \beta^{i,j} := \dim_k H^{i,j}$$

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## Multidimensional persistent homology

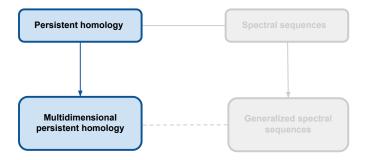
Multidimensional filtration of a simplicial complex:

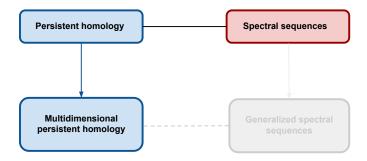


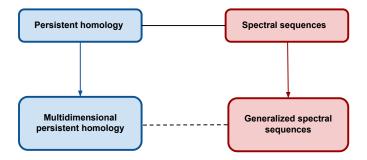
Associated invariant: rank invariant

 $\beta_n^{P,Q} := \dim_k \operatorname{Im}(H_n(K_P) \to H_n(K_Q)), \quad P, Q \in \mathbb{Z}^2, P \preceq Q.$ 

Unlike the 1-dimensional case (persistent Betti numbers), it is *not* a complete invariant.







#### Generalized spectral sequences

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$$E_{p}^{1} = H(F_{p}/F_{p-1}) = \frac{\text{rel. cycles}}{\text{rel. boundaries}} = \frac{F_{p} \cap d^{-1}(F_{p-1})}{d(F_{p}) + F_{p-1}}$$
$$E_{p}^{r} = \frac{F_{p} \cap d^{-1}(F_{p-r})}{d(F_{p+r-1}) + F_{p-1}}$$

This can be generalized for a **filtration indexed over a poset** *I*, i.e. a collection of chain complexes  $\{F_i\}_{i \in I}$  with  $F_i \hookrightarrow F_j \iff i \leq j$ , in the following way:

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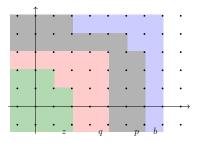
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Consider the poset  $I := D(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  of **downsets** of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , ordered wrt inclusion  $\subseteq$ . (A downset of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  is a subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that if  $P \in A$  and  $Q \preceq P$ , then  $Q \in A$ ).

The terms of the generalized spectral sequence are of the form

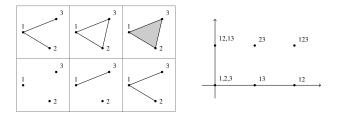
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How to define a filtration of chain complexes  $\{F_p\}_{p \in I = D(\mathbb{Z}^n)}$  from a multidimensional filtration of simplicial complexes  $\{K_P\}_{P \in \mathbb{Z}^n}$ .



For every point  $P \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  consider the simplices entering the filtration at  $K_P$ . Then, for  $p \in I = D(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ , set

 $F_p := \text{Span}\{\text{simplices entering the filtration at } K_P, \text{ for all } P \in p\}$ 

#### Theorem

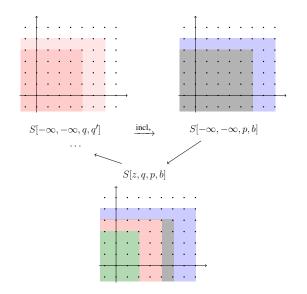
Under suitable hypotheses on  $z_1, q_1, \ldots, b_3 \in I = D(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ , there exist differentials

$$S[z_3, q_3, p_3, b_3] \xrightarrow{d} S[z_2, q_2, p_2, b_2] \xrightarrow{d'} S[z_1, q_1, p_1, b_1]$$

such that

$$\frac{\ker d'}{\operatorname{Im} d} \cong S[q_1, q_2, p_2, p_3].$$

**Our idea**: consider  $\{\dim_k S[z, q, p, b]\}$  as invariant for the multidimensional filtration  $\{K_P\}_{P \in \mathbb{Z}^n}$ .



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