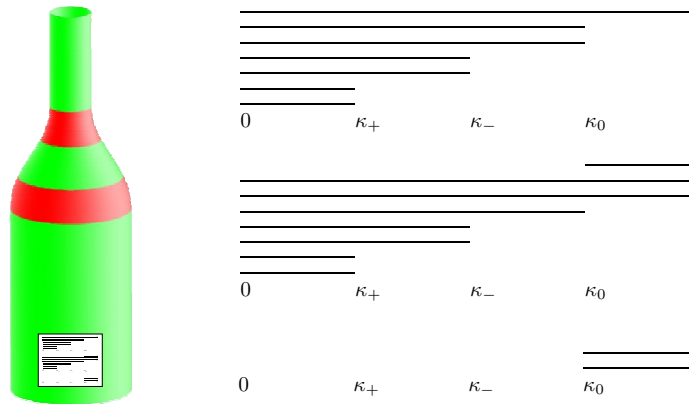


Persistence Barcodes for Shapes



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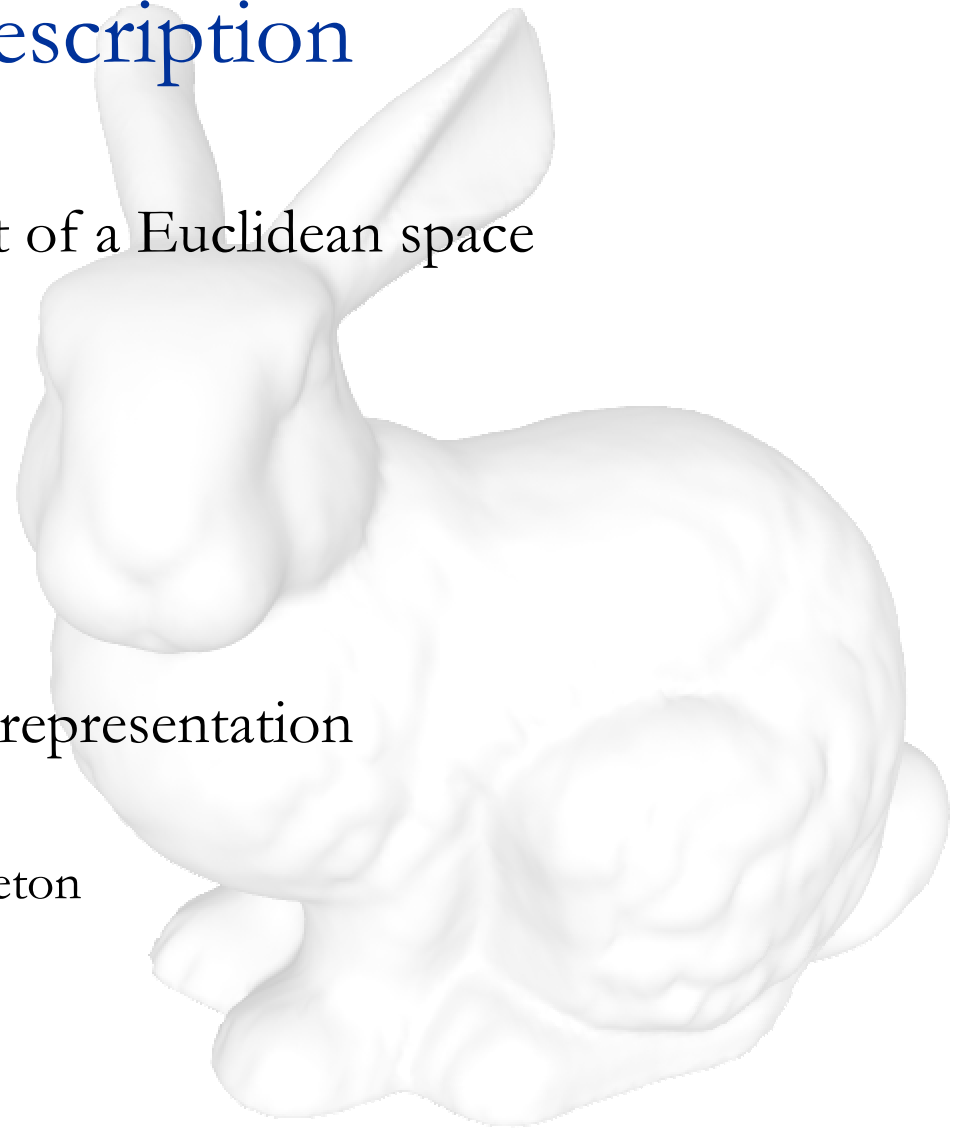
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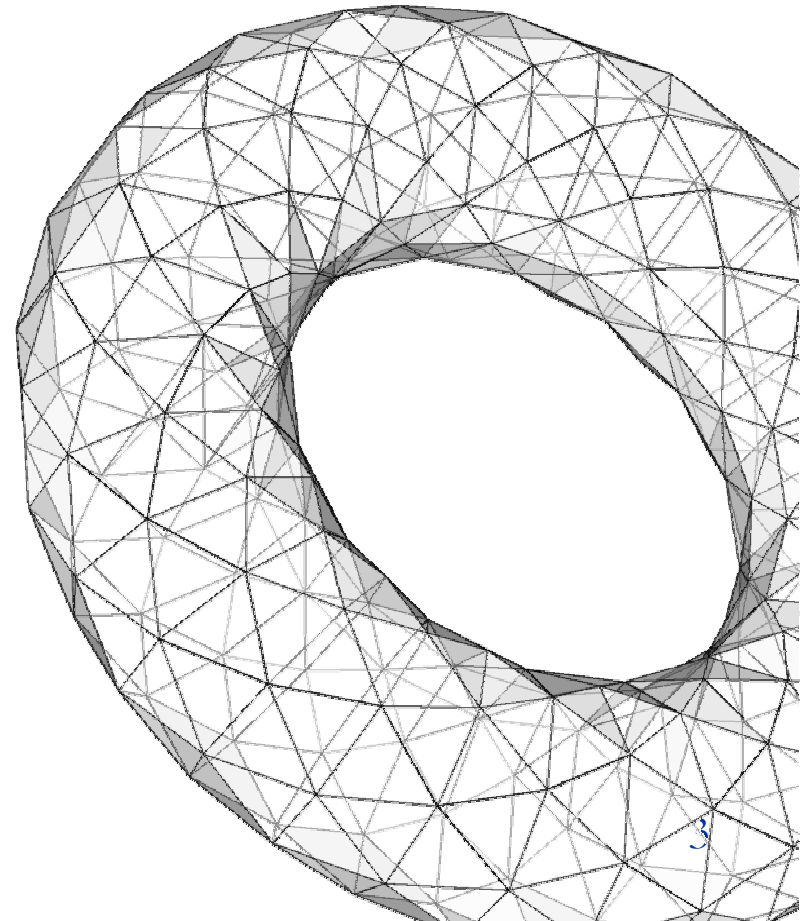
Shape Description

- A **shape** is any closed subset of a Euclidean space
- Questions:
 - Feature identification
 - Matching
 - Classification
 - Parameterization of a family
- Shape **descriptor**: compact representation
 - Moment invariants
 - Medial axis transform or skeleton
 - Fourier parametrization
 - Shape distributions
 - Multiresolution Reeb graphs



Geometry versus Topology

- Euclidean geometry
 - What does the shape look like?
 - Local
 - Quantitative
 - Low-level
- Topology
 - How is a shape connected?
 - Global
 - Qualitative
 - High-level



Homology

- The Betti numbers count topological attributes:

- β_0 : # components
- β_1 : # tunnels or loops
- β_2 : # voids

F

$$\beta_1 = 0$$

A

$$\beta_1 = 1$$

B

$$\beta_1 = 2$$

- Problem:

- Cannot detect *sharp* features

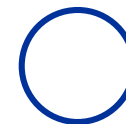
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$$\beta_1 = 0$$

V

$$\beta_1 = 0$$

- Cannot detect *soft* features



$$\beta_1 = 1$$



$$\beta_1 = 1$$



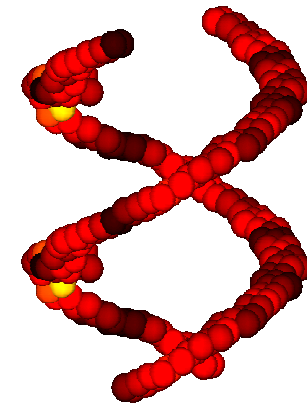
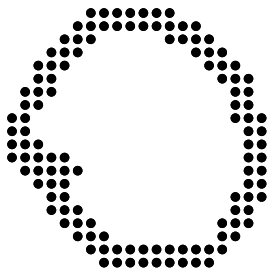
Approach

- Geometry: *differentiating* power
- Topology: *classifying* power
- Idea: combine the two
 - Apply topology to a *derived* space
 - Enrich derived space with geometric information
- Tools
 - Tangent Complex
 - Filtered by curvature
 - Persistent Homology
- Contribution
 - Barcode shape descriptor
 - Metric over the space of barcodes
 - Uniform framework

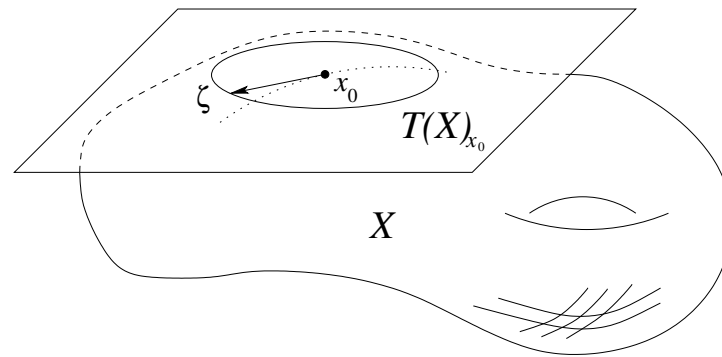


Plan

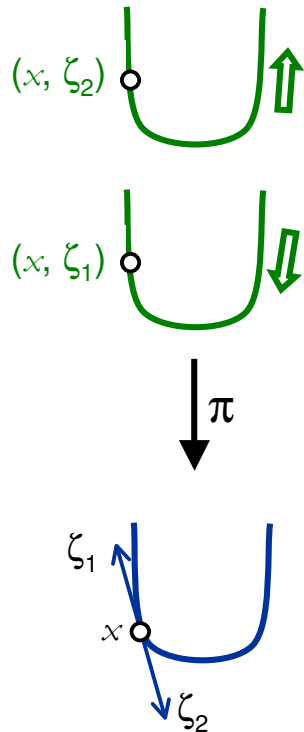
- Today: *Theory*
 - Definitions
 - Analysis of mathematical shapes
- Tomorrow @ 3:40: *Practice*
 - A Barcode Shape Descriptor for Curve Point Cloud Data by Anne Collins



Tangent Complex



Curve Tangent Complex



$T(X)$ has **two** components:
 $\beta_0(T(X)) = 2$

There are **two** points in its **fiber** $\pi^{-1}(x)$

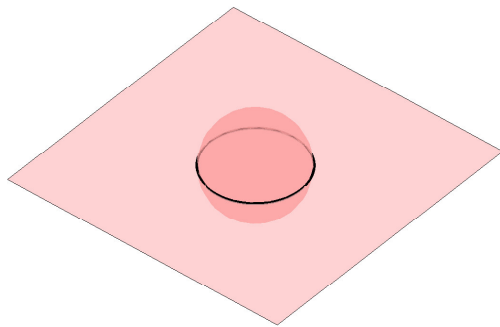
Every point x on a smooth curve X has **two** tangent directions.

A corner point has four tangent directions: $\beta_0(T(X)) = 4$

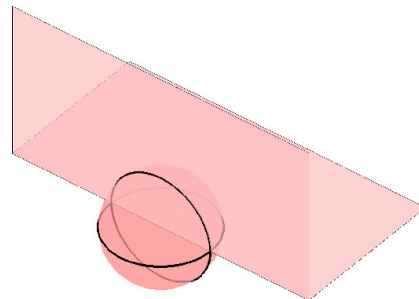


Surface Fibers

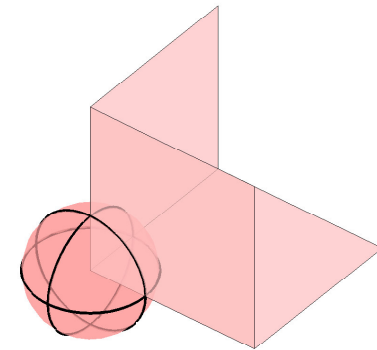
- The fiber for a point on a surface is a set of circles that intersect pairwise



Smooth: 1 circle
or \mathbb{S}^1



Edge: 2 circles
or $(\mathbb{S}^1)^2$

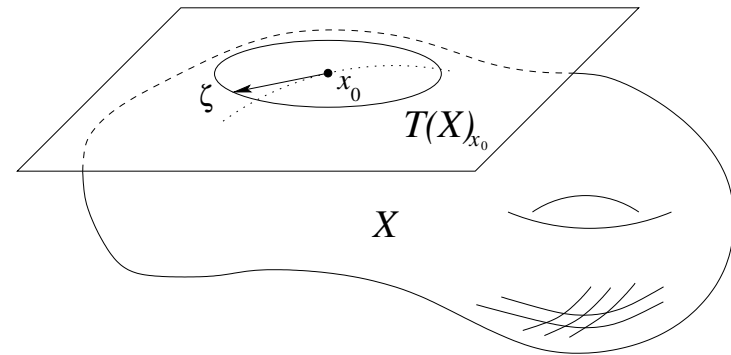


Cone: 3 circles
or $(\mathbb{S}^1)^3$



Tangent Complex

- Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a space.
- **Tangent** ζ at point $x \in X$
- $(x, \zeta) \in T^0(X) \subseteq X \times \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$



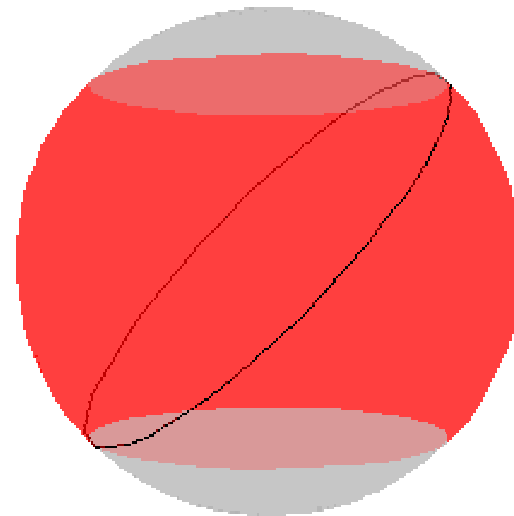
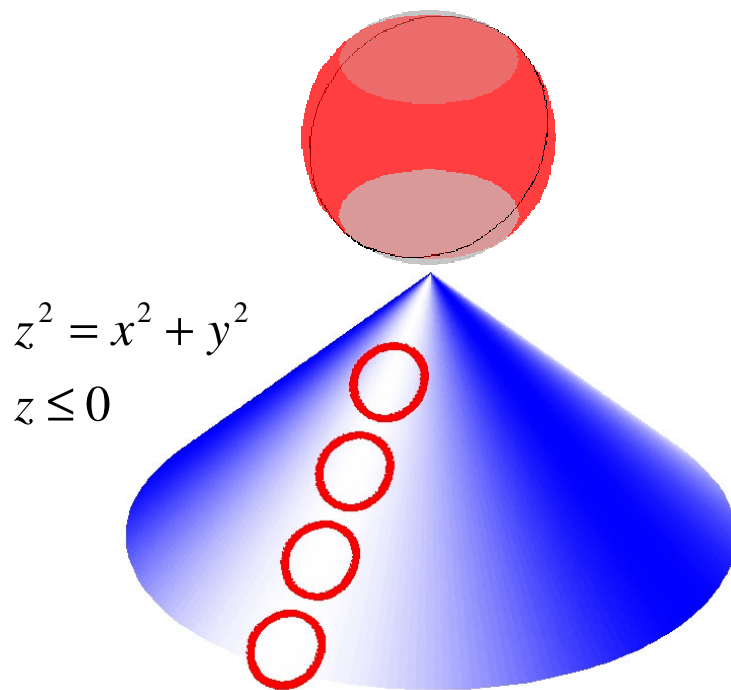
$$T^0(X) = \left\{ (x, \zeta) \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{d(x + t\zeta, X)}{t} = 0 \right\}$$

- The **tangent complex** $T(X)$ of X is the closure of T^0
- The **projection** $\pi : T(X) \rightarrow X$ projects (x, ζ) to its **basepoint** x
- Basepoint $x \in X$ has **fiber** $T(X)_x = \pi^{-1}(x) \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$



Detecting a Cone Point

- A flat disc \mathbb{D}^2 has tangent complex $\mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$
- What about a cone?



Annulus $\cong \mathbb{S}^1$



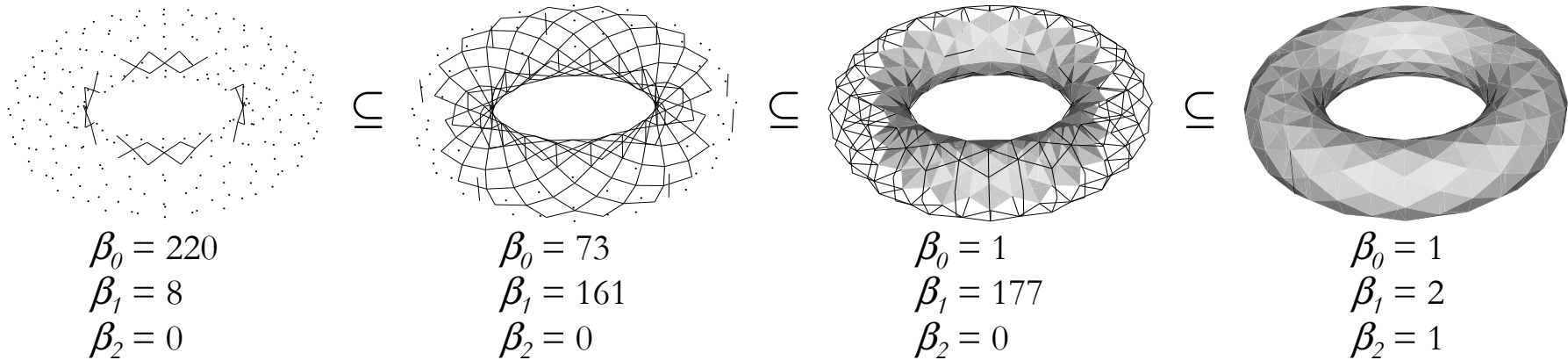
Persistence

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Incremental Construction

- Suppose we construct a space incrementally:



- As the space evolves, topological attributes are **created** and **destroyed**.



Filtrations

- A **filtration** of a complex K is a nested sequence of complexes

$$\emptyset = K^0 \subseteq K^1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq K^m = K$$

- K is a **filtered complex**
- Natural
 - Čech-like complexes
 - Density measure
 - Manifolds equipped with Morse functions
- Problem: looking for features in this growing space



Persistent Homology

- ATMCS 2001

- $H_k^{l,p} = Z_k^l / (B_k^{l+p} \cap Z_k^l)$ [ELZ02]

- Topological attributes have *lifetime* of existence

- Algorithm for \mathbb{Z}_2 -homology, subcomplexes of triangulated S^3

- Proof via canonical bases

- But *why* does it work?

- Why can we pair and get intervals?

- What's the relationship to the standard reduction algorithm?

- “Topological simplification”... of *what*?

- Because of a beautiful structure

- Standard algebraic techniques

- Algorithm *falls out!*

- Extends to all dimensions, all fields of coefficient



Persistence Complex

- Chain complex C_*

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{k+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+1}} C_k \xrightarrow{\partial_k} C_{k-1} \rightarrow \dots$$

- Filtration

$$K^0 \xrightarrow{f^0} K^1 \xrightarrow{f^1} K^2 \xrightarrow{f^2} \dots$$

- Chain complexes

$$C_*^0 \xrightarrow{f^0} C_*^1 \xrightarrow{f^1} C_*^2 \xrightarrow{f^2} \dots$$

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 \end{array}$$



Artin-Rees Construction

- Filtration:
$$K^0 \xrightarrow{f^0} K^1 \xrightarrow{f^1} K^2 \xrightarrow{f^2} \dots$$
- Grading
$$(K^0, K^1, K^2, \dots) = \bigoplus K^i$$
- If R is a ring, we endow $R[t]$ with **standard grading**
 $(t^n) = t^n \cdot R[t], n \geq 0$
- Form a graded module over $R[t]$ where the action of t is
$$t \cdot (s^0, s^1, s^2, \dots) = (0, f^0(s^0), f^1(s^1), f^2(s^2), \dots)$$
- t simply shifts elements of the module up in the gradation.



Structure

- F , a field, $F[t]$ is a PID
- Graded $F[t]$ -modules

$$\left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \Sigma^{\alpha_i} F[t] \right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{j=1}^m \Sigma^{\gamma_j} F[t]/(t^{n_j}) \right)$$

where Σ is the shift operator.

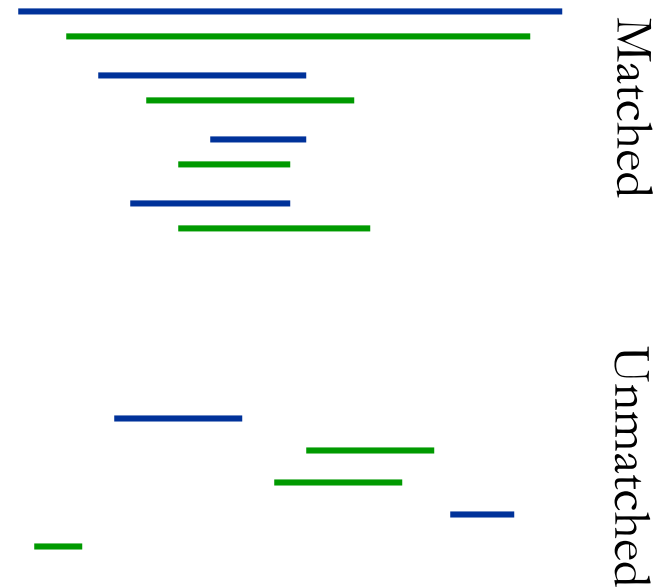
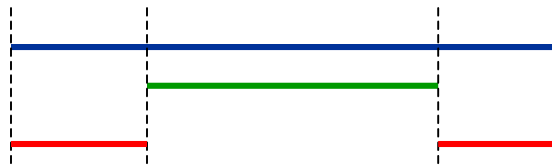
- **Barcode:** multiset of intervals
 - Half-infinite $\Sigma^{\alpha_i} F[t] \mapsto (\alpha^i, \infty)$
 - Finite $\Sigma^{\gamma_j} F[t]/(t^{n_j}) \mapsto (\gamma_j, \gamma_j + n_j)$
- No *nice* description if not a field



Barcode Metric

- Dissimilarity

$$\delta(I, J) = |I \cup J - I \cap J|$$

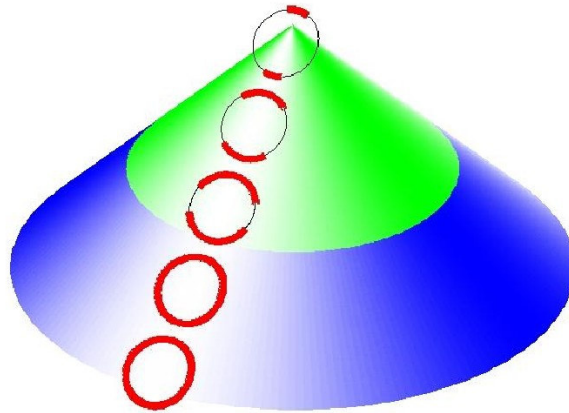


- Distance for matching M : $d_M(B_1, B_2)$
- Metric: $D(B_1, B_2) = \min_M d_M(B_1, B_2)$

Order doesn't matter...



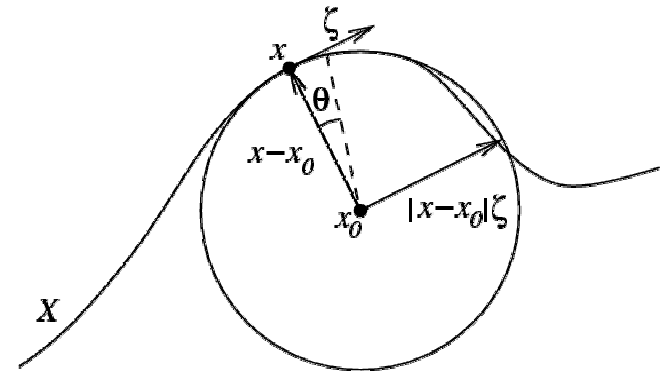
Filtered Tangent Complex



Second Order Contact

- We incrementally construct the tangent complex by looking at the **curvature** at each point.

- $(x, \zeta) \in T^0(X)$ has a circle of **second order contact** if $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $(x - x_0) \cdot v = 0$ for all v for which $(x, v) \in T^0(X)$ and



$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{d(x_0 + \cos \theta \cdot (x - x_0) + \sin \theta \cdot |x - x_0| \cdot \zeta, X)}{\theta^2} = 0.$$

Filtered Tangent Complex

- Let $\rho(x, \zeta) = |x - x_0|$ be the radius the circle of second order contact, if it exists
- Let $T_\delta^0(X)$ be points $(x, \zeta) \in T^0(X)$ that have circle of second order contact with $1/\rho(x, \zeta) \leq \delta$.
- Let $T_\delta(X)$ be the closure of $T_\delta^0(X)$.
- The filtered tangent complex $T^{filt}(X)$ is the family $\{T_\delta(X)\}_{\delta \geq 0}$.
- The tame tangent complex $T^{tame}(X)$ is $\bigcup_\delta T_\delta(X)$.



Differentiating a Circle from an Ellipse

T^{filt} (circle of radius R) is simple:
the entire complex (2 copies of
circle) appears at $\delta = 1/R$.

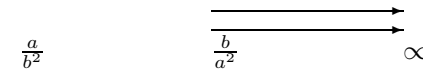
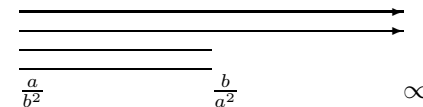
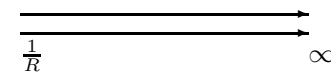
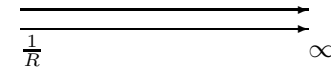
T^{filt} (ellipse) evolves through a stage
with 4 components: points at *lower*
curvature appear earlier.

$$\beta_0 \quad 0$$

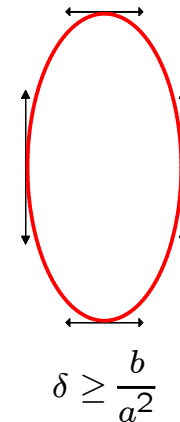
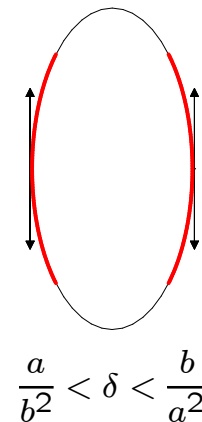
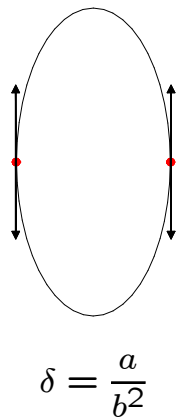
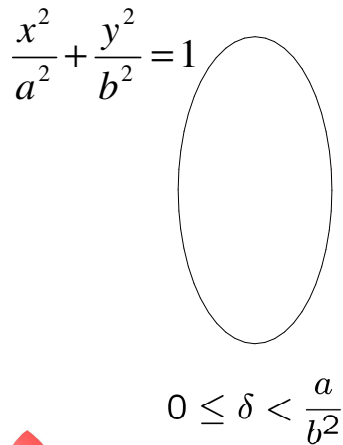
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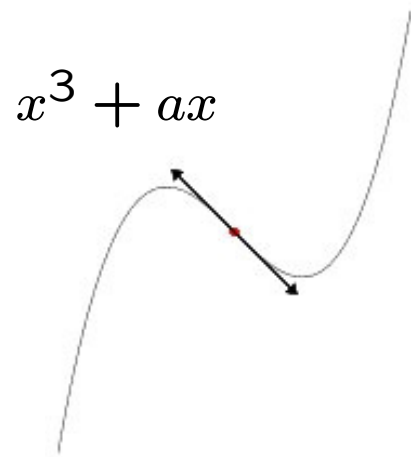
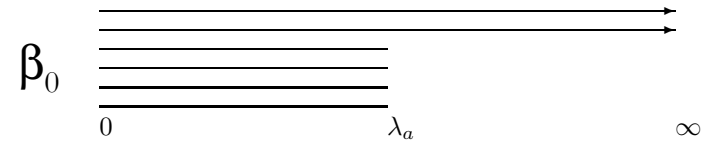


Persistence Barcodes



Parameterizing a Cubic

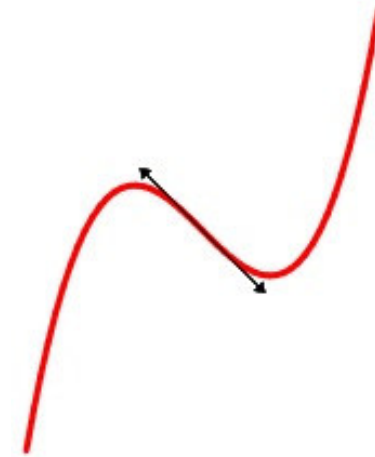
$$\lambda_a = \sqrt{\frac{-2a + \sqrt{5 + 9a^2}}{15}}$$



$$\delta = 0$$



$$0 < \delta < \lambda_a$$

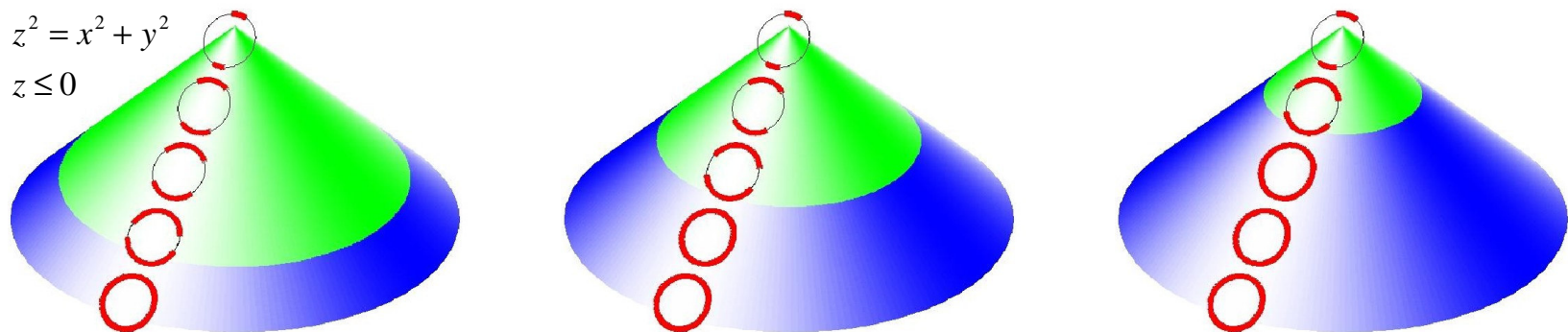


$$\delta \geq \lambda_a$$



Detecting a Cone Point

- Each **regular** point has a tangent direction with curvature zero. So at $\delta = 0$, the fiber at the cone point is two circles.
- The further away from cone point, the lower the max curvature, and the earlier the entire fiber is in $T_\delta(X)$.
- Each **blue** point has a circle as fiber, so the homology of $T_\delta(X)$ is always $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$.



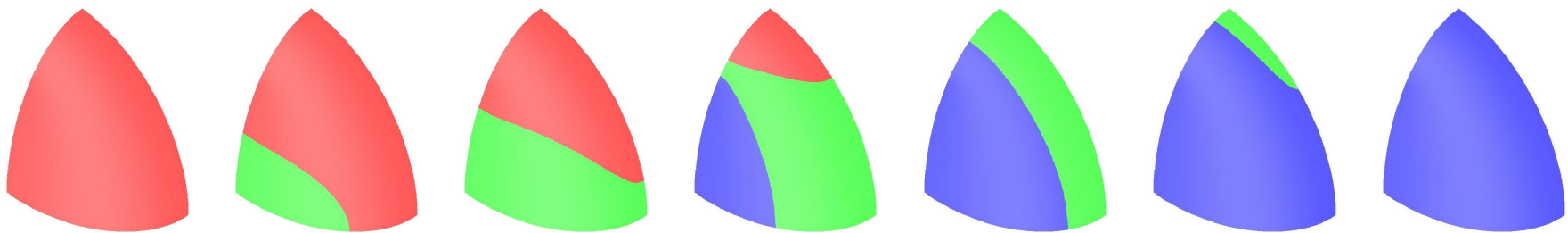
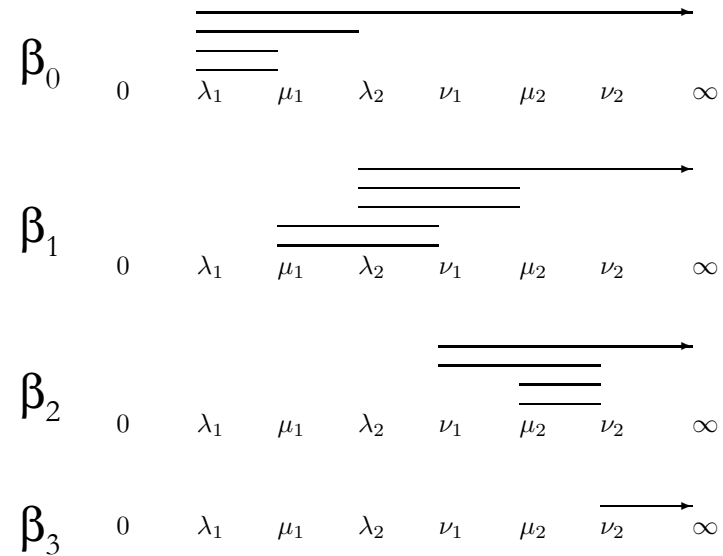
Blue points have a \mathbb{S}^1 as their fiber in $T_\delta(X)$, with δ increasing to the right



Describing an Ellipsoid

- T^{filt} depends on the ordering of principal curvatures κ_1 and κ_2 at the ellipsoid extrema
- We show the case $a^2c < b^3 < ac^2$ for ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1.$$



(empty, two arcs, circle)



Shape Recognition



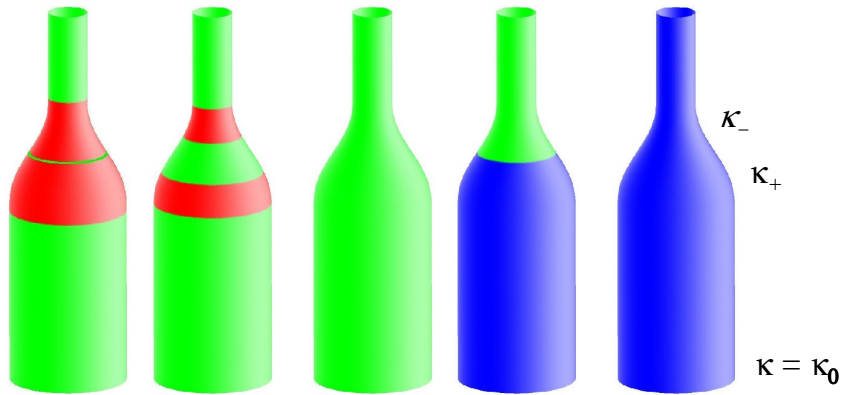
Distinguishing Geometric Surfaces

- $T^{tame}(X)$
- Descriptor: $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$
- Independent of coordinate system, deformations
- Hard features

Surface	β_1	β_2	β_3
Sphere	1	1	1
Cone	2	2	0
Cube	24	0	0
Tetrahedron	13	0	0
Pyramid	21	0	0
Cylinder	4	3	0

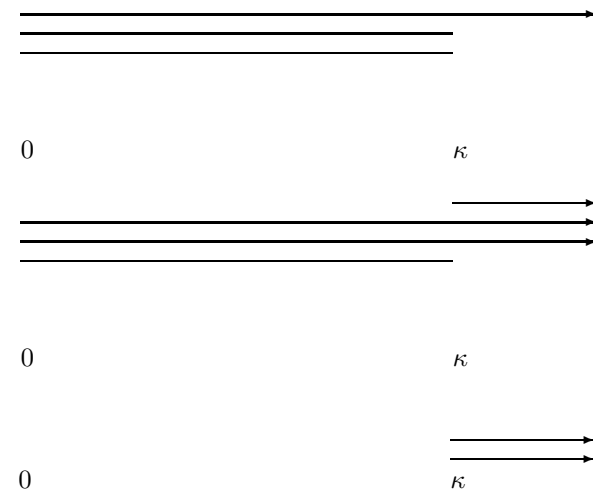
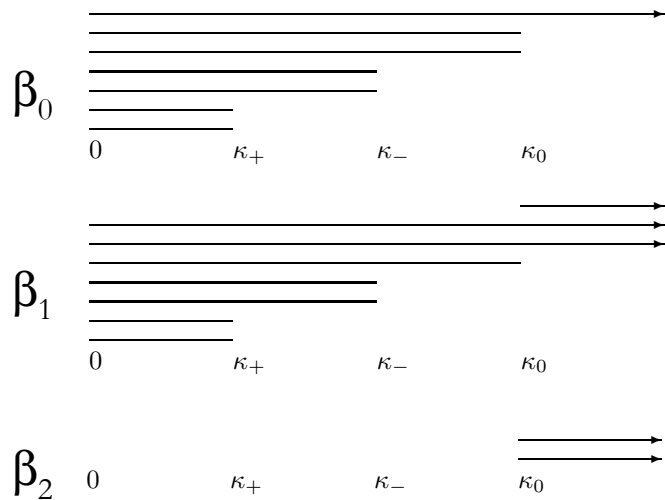


Differentiating a Bottle from a Glass



(empty, two arcs, circle)

- Glass = bottom of Bottle
- T^{filt} depends on neck curvatures κ_+ , κ_- and cross-sectional curvature $\kappa = \kappa_0$ at the bottom.



Computing Distances

- Given two bottles of type analyzed with parameters $(\kappa_+, \kappa_-, \kappa_0)$ and $(\kappa'_+, \kappa'_-, \kappa'_0)$, the β_0 distance is $2(|\kappa_+ - \kappa'_+| + (|\kappa_- - \kappa'_-| + (|\kappa_0 - \kappa'_0|)))$



- Given two glasses with curvatures κ and κ' , the distance is $2|\kappa - \kappa'|$.

- Given a bottle and a glass, there are three cases:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. $0 < 2\kappa \leq \kappa_+ + \kappa_-$ | $2 \kappa_+ - \kappa + 2\kappa_- + 2\kappa_0$ |
| 2. $\kappa_+ + \kappa_- \leq 2\kappa \leq \kappa_- + \kappa_0$ | $2\kappa_+ + 2 \kappa_- - \kappa + 2\kappa_0$ |
| 3. $2\kappa \geq \kappa_- + \kappa_0$ | $2\kappa_+ + 2\kappa_- + 2 \kappa_0 - \kappa $ |



Conclusion

- Persistent homology + geometry-rich derived space = barcode
- Barcode metric
 - Comparison
 - Matching
 - Classification
- Recent work: curve point cloud data ([Anne's talk](#))
- Future work:
 - Surface PCD
 - Complexes with lower intrinsic dimension
 - Learning Algorithms

