

# Topological Data Analysis

## and Persistence Theory

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## Lecture 9 : Mathematics and Persistence

Outline: 1. Algebraic Distances

joint work with Don Stanley and Jonathan Scott

2. Universal Constructions

joint work with Alex Elchesen

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# 1. Algebraic distances

## 1.1 Weights and Path metrics on Abelian categories

A weight assigns a value in  $[0, \infty]$  to each object.

Example  $\text{Vect}_k$   $w(V) := \dim(V)$   $w(0) = 0$

$\text{Mod}_R$   $w(M) := \text{pd}(M) + 1$   $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$

A weight is exact if for each  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$

$$w(A) \leq w(B) + w(C), \quad w(B) \leq w(A) + w(C), \quad w(C) \leq w(A) + w(B)$$

Amplitude:  $w(A) \leq w(B)$ , " ,  $w(C) \leq w(B)$

Primo 2:  $w(A \oplus C) \leq w(B)$

path metric

Given a weight  $w$  we define a path distance

$$d_w(A, B) = \inf_{\substack{A \xrightarrow{f_1} A_1 \xleftarrow{f_2} A_2 \rightarrow \dots \xleftarrow{f_n} B \\ \text{zigzag } \gamma}} \underbrace{\sum_i w(\ker f_i) + w(\text{coker } f_i)}_{\text{Cost}_w \gamma}$$

reflexive, symmetric,  $\delta$ -ineq, isomorphism invariant

Given a distance  $d$  we define a weight  $|d|(A) = d(A, 0)$ .

A weight is stable if  $|d_w| = w$ .

Proposition  $dw(A, B) \leq w(A) + w(B)$

Say that  $w$  lower bounds its path metric if

$$|w(A) - w(B)| \leq dw(A, B)$$

Theorem (B-Scott-Stanley, 2022) TFAE

- $w$  is exact  $\iff w$  is an amplitude
- $w$  is stable
- $w$  lower bounds its path metric

## 1.2 Path metrics for Persistence modules

$$M: \underline{P} \rightarrow \underline{A}$$

Small category

abelian category with a weight  $w$

Assume that the objects of  $\underline{P}$  have a measure  $\mu$ .

$(\mathbb{R}^d, \leq)$  with Lebesgue  $(\mathbb{Z}^d, \leq)$  with counting measure

$$(\mu \circ w)(M) = \int_{\underline{P}} w(M(p)) d\mu(p) \quad w \text{ exact} \Rightarrow \mu \circ w \text{ exact}$$

Using  $\mu \circ w$  we get a path metric for pers. modules

### 1.3 Algebraic Wasserstein distance

$1 \leq p \leq \infty$

$$W_p(M, N) := \inf_{\substack{M \cong \bigoplus_a M^{(a)} \\ N \cong \bigoplus_a N^{(a)}}} \| (d_{\text{Hov}}(M^{(a)}, N^{(a)}))_a \|_p$$

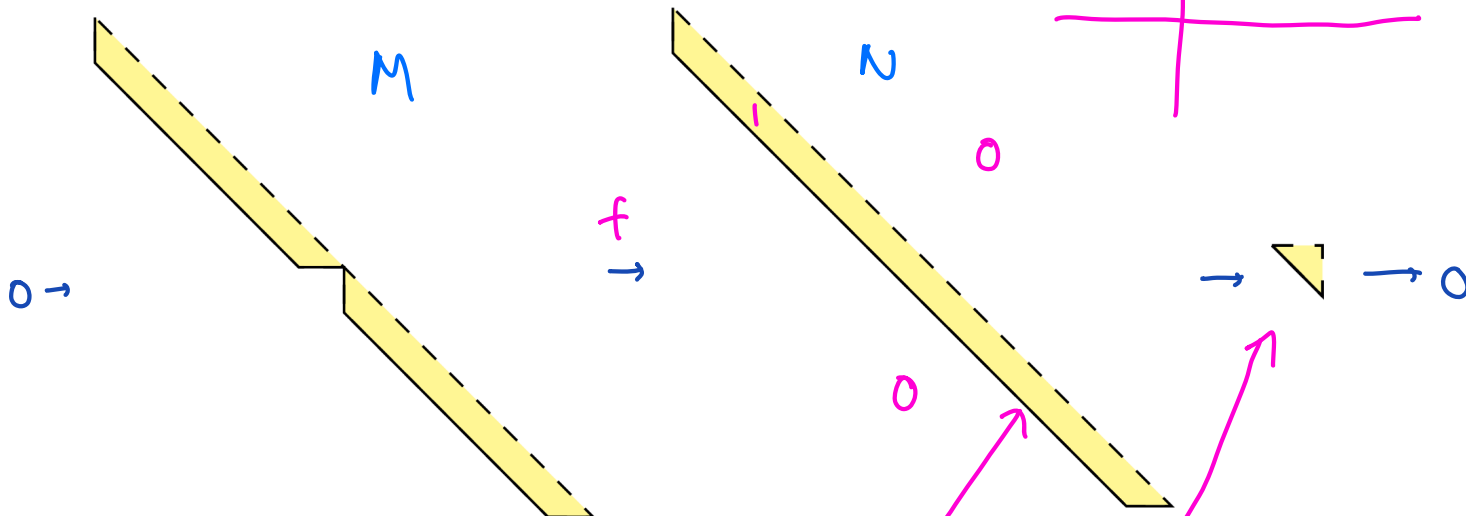
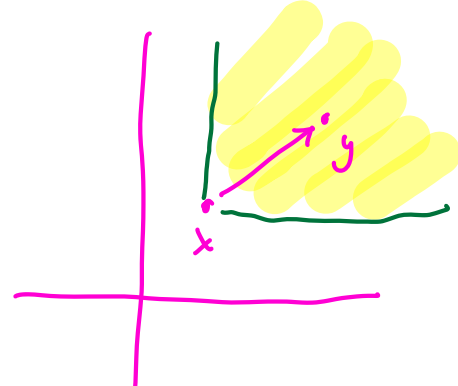
indecomposable objects or zero

Theorem For one-parameter persistence modules this agrees with the usual definition.

Theorem For one-parameter persistence modules  $W_p$  agrees with the path metric.

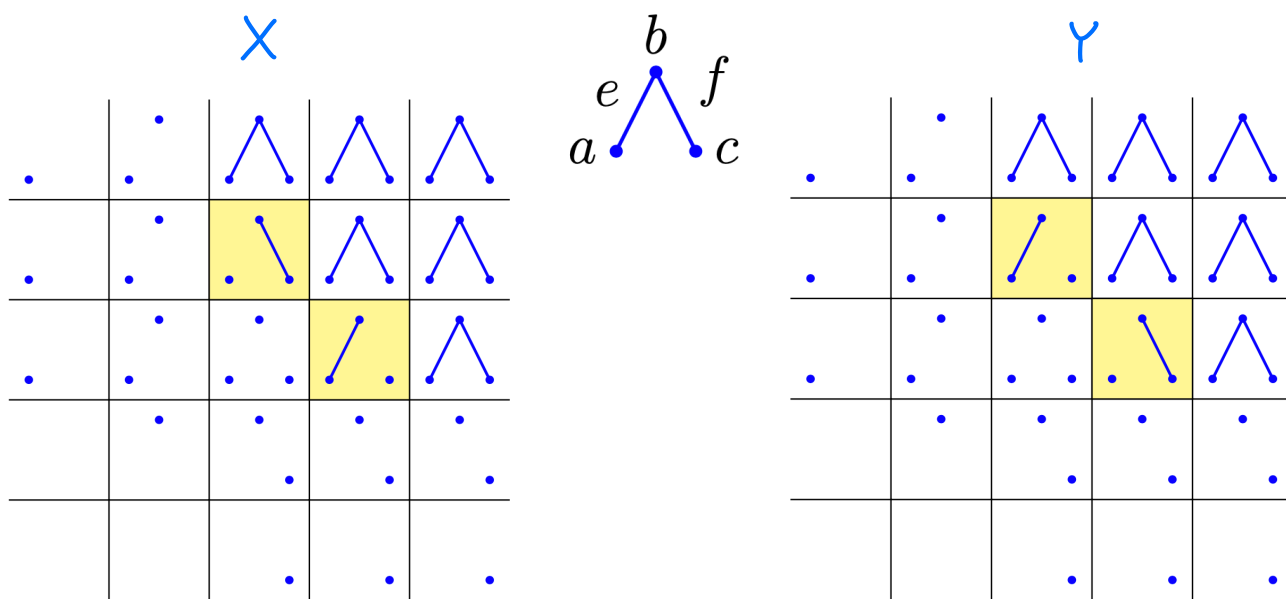
# 1.4 Examples

(a)  $M: (\mathbb{R}^2, \leq, \mu) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Vect}}_k$



$d_{\mu\text{dim}}(M, N) = \mu\text{dim}(\text{coker } f) = \text{area}(\triangle)$   
 $W_1(M, N) = \text{area}(\triangle)$

(b)  $(0 < 1 < 2 < 3 < 4)^2 \xrightarrow{X} \underline{\text{Spaces}} \xrightarrow{H_0} \underline{\text{Vect}}_k$



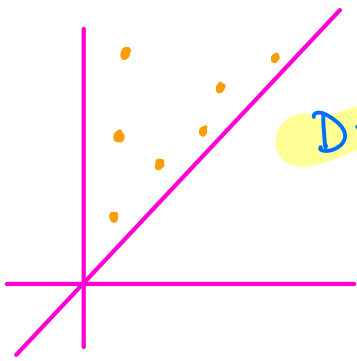
$H_0 X, H_0 Y$  :  
 equal at each index

$X \hookrightarrow X \cup Y \leftarrow Y$   
 $f \quad g$

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mu\text{dim}}(H_0X, H_0Y) &= \dim(\ker f) + \dim(\ker g) \\ &= 2 + 2 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$H_0X, H_0Y$  indecomposable      So       $W_p(H_0X, H_0Y) = 4$ .

## 2. Universal Constructions



$$D = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$$

$$x_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$D \in D(\mathbb{R}^2_{<})$  free commutative monoid on  $\mathbb{R}^2_{<}$

$$D(\mathbb{R}^2_{\leq}) / D(\mathbb{R}^2_{<}) =: D(\mathbb{R}^2_{\leq}, \mathbb{R}^2_{<})$$

Let  $\text{Met}_{\text{pairs}}$  be the category with objects  $(X, d, A)$

morphisms 1-Lipschitz maps

$$f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B) \quad d_Y(fx, fy) \leq d_X(x, y)$$

$$\text{Met}_* \subset \text{Met}_{\text{pairs}}$$

full subcategory with  $A = \{x_0\}$

$$(X, d, x_0)$$

$$1 \leq p \leq \infty$$

Let  $\text{Met}_x^p$  denote  $\text{Met}_*$  with the symmetric monoidal product given by  $X \times Y$  with the metric

$$\| (d_X(x, x'), d_Y(y, y')) \|_p$$

$$\text{Set} \xrightleftharpoons{\perp} \text{CMon}$$

Theorem (B-Elchiesen, 2021)

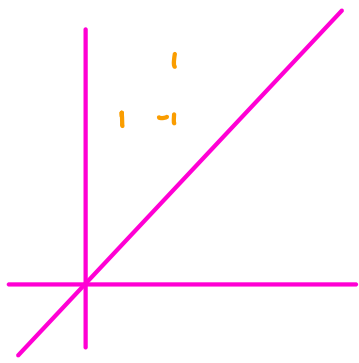
$$\text{Met}_{\text{pairs}} \xrightleftharpoons{\perp} \text{CMon}(\text{Met}_*^p)$$

$(\mathbb{R}^2_{\leq}, d, \mathbb{R}^2_{<}) \mapsto$  Persistence Diagrams with  $p$ -Wasserstein distance

Corollary  $p$ -Wasserstein distance is the universal (ie largest)

$p$ -subadditive metric for persistence diagrams

# Distances for Graded Persistence Diagrams



$$D_k = X_1 - X_2 + X_3$$

Jordan decomposition

$$D_k = D_k^+ - D_k^-$$

$$D_k \leftarrow K(\mathbb{R}_k^2) \cong K(\mathbb{R}_k^1) / K(\mathbb{R}_k^2) =: K(\mathbb{R}_k^2, \mathbb{R}_k^2)$$

↑  
free abelian group

Definition (B-Elchieser, 2021)  $W_i(D_k, E_k) := W_i(D_k^+ + E_k^-, E_k^+ + D_k^-)$

Theorem (BBE, 2021)  $\sum W_i(D_k, E_k)$  is more discriminative than  $W_i(D, E)$

$$W_i(D, E) \leq \sum W_i(D_k, E_k) \text{ and } \exists K \text{ s.t. } \sum W_i(D_k, E_k) \leq K W_i(D, E)$$

Theorem (B-Elchieser, 2021) Given a metric pair  $(X, d, A)$

$\exists$  canonical isometric embeddings:

$$(D(X, A), W_i) \hookrightarrow (K(X, A), W_i) \hookrightarrow (V(X, A), W_i) \hookrightarrow (\hat{V}(X, A), W_i)$$

free comm. monoid  
pers. diag

free ab gp  
virtual pers. diag

free vector sp

free Banach  
space



