

# Homotopy

Discrete Morse Theory  $\leftarrow$  Simplification  
 Schur Complements

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Recall homotopy:  $f; g: X \rightarrow Y$

$$f \simeq g \Leftrightarrow \exists h: X \times I \rightarrow Y$$

$$h(\cdot; 0) = f$$

$$h(\cdot; 1) = g$$

In chain category, notion of homotopy.

Chain maps  $F_\bullet, G_\bullet: C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$  ( $F_k \delta^c_k = \delta^0_k F_k$ )

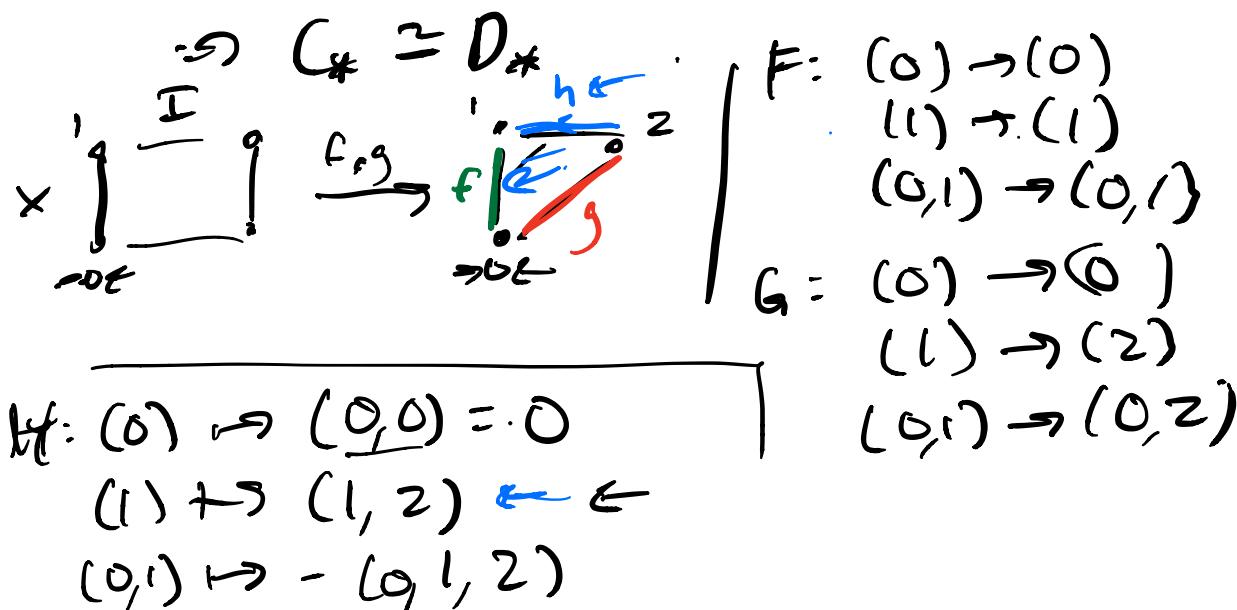
Chain homotopy  $H_\bullet: H_k: C_k \rightarrow D_{k+1}$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^0_{k+1} H_k + H_{k-1} \delta^c_k = G_k - F_k \Rightarrow F_\bullet \simeq G_\bullet$$

We say  $C_\bullet$  and  $D_\bullet$  are homotopy equiv.

if  $\exists F_\bullet: C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$  and  $G_\bullet: D_\bullet \rightarrow C_\bullet$

$$\text{s.t. } G \circ F \simeq \text{id}^c, \quad F \circ G \simeq \text{id}^D$$



in dom 0:

$$\delta H_0 + \underline{H_1} \delta = G - F$$

$$(0) : 0 + 0 = (0) - (0) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(1) : \delta(1,2) + 0 = (2) - (1) = G(1) - F(1) \quad \checkmark$$

in dom 1:

$$\delta H_1 + \underline{H_0} \delta = G - F ?$$

$$-\delta(0,1,2) + \underline{H_0}((1) - (0)) = -(0,1) - (1,2) + (0,2) \\ + (1,2) + 0$$

$$= -(0,1) + (0,2) \\ - \underline{F(0,1)} \quad \underline{G(0,1)} \quad \checkmark$$

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Prop: if  $F_x \cong G_x$ , then  $H_k(F_x) : \widehat{F}_k \cong H_k(G_x)$

(homotopic maps induce same map  
on homology)  $\widehat{C}_n$

Pf: Let  $F_x, G_x : C_x \rightarrow D_x$ ,  $F_x \cong G_x$

let  $[x] \in H_k(C_x)$  we want to show

$$[F_k x] = [G_k x]$$

$$t \in G_k x - F_k x \in \text{im } \partial_{k+1}^0$$

because  $G_x \cong F_x \ni H_x$  s.t.

$$G_k x - F_k x = \underbrace{\partial_{k+1} f_k x}_{\text{cancel } \partial_{k+1}} + \underbrace{f_k \partial_k x}_{=0 \text{ b/c } \partial_k \text{ homology rep}} \\$$

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$\tilde{F}_n, \tilde{G}_n$  send homology reps to same homology class  $\rightarrow$  induced maps are same.  $\square$

Corollary: if  $C_* = D_*$  then  $H_k(C_*) \cong H_k(D_*)$

Homotopy invariance of homology:

$$X \cong Y \Rightarrow C_*(X) \cong C_*(Y) \Rightarrow H_k(X) \cong H_k(Y)$$

$$f \cong g \Rightarrow F_* \cong G_* \Rightarrow \tilde{F}_* \cong \tilde{G}_*$$

Discrete Morse Theory:

Morse theory connects smooth manifolds w/ cell complexes. Big subject in math.

We'll look at how discrete Morse theory can simplify complexes, ultimately homology calculations.

Ref: Mischaikow, Nanda 2013 ∈

Def: Let  $X$  be a (simplicial) complex. An incidence function  $K: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  pairs simplices w/ codimension-1 faces  $K(\sigma, \tau) \neq 0$  if  $\tau$  is a codim-1 face of  $\sigma$ .

note:  $\delta$  in chain graph is an incidence

The face partial order  $\leq$  on  $X$  is generated by the relation  $\tau \leq \sigma$  if  $K(\sigma, \tau) \neq 0$

$\rho \leq \sigma$  if  $\exists \tau_0 \dots \tau_n \in \mathcal{F} \quad \rho < \tau_0 < \tau_1 \dots < \tau_n < \sigma$

Def: a partial matching of  $(X, K)$  partitions  $X$  into 3 sets:  $A, K, Q$ , with bijections

$w: Q \rightarrow K$  s.t.  $\forall q \in Q, k(w(q), q) \neq 0$

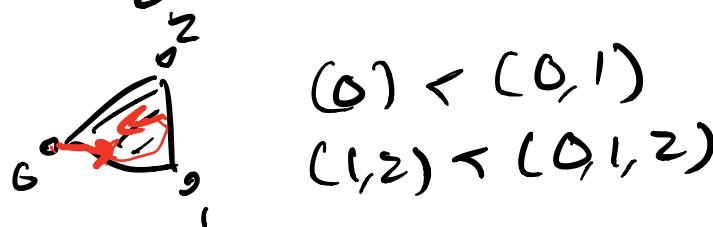
denote  $(A, w: Q \rightarrow K)$

$\Rightarrow \dim w(q) = \dim q + (\text{ } q < w(q))$

matching is acyclic b/c  $w$  obeys partial order

A gradient path in an acyclic matching:

is a sequence of cells  $\rho: (q_1, w(q_1), \dots, q_m, w(q_m))$   
with  $q_i \in Q$  s.t.  $q_i \geq_w q_{i+1} \wedge w(q_i)$



$$(0) < (0, 1)$$

$$(1, 2) < (0, 1, 2)$$

$$((1, 2), (0, 1, 2), (0), (0, 1))$$

the index  $v(\rho)$  is defined.

$$v(\rho) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{m-1} k(w(q_i), q_{i+1})}{\prod_{i=1}^m k(w(q_i), q_i)}$$

initial cell  $q_1$  of  $\rho$  denoted  $q_\rho \in Q$   
final cell  $w(q_m)$  - - -  $k_\rho \in K$

given cells  $a, a' \in A$ , a gradient path  $\varphi$  is a connection from  $a$  to  $a'$  if  
 $q_\varphi \subset a, \quad a' \subset k_\varphi : a \rightarrow a'$

The multiplicity of the connection  $\varphi$  is defined  
 $m(\varphi) := k(a, q_\varphi) \cdot v(\varphi) \cdot k(k_\varphi, a')$

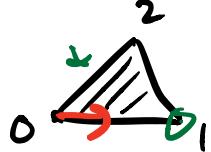
Define a new map  $\tilde{k} : A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  
the relation  $\tilde{k}(a, a') = k(a, a') + \sum_{\varphi: a \rightarrow a'} m(\varphi)$

A complex  $(A, \tilde{k})$  is called the  
Morse complex associated to the acyclic  
matching  $(A, \omega : Q \rightarrow k)$  of  $X$ , and  $\tilde{k}$   
is called the Morse incidence function.

Then: if we consider  $A$  as a restriction  
of  $X$  to unmatched cells (simplices) and  
take  $\tilde{k}$  as boundary map of  $A$ , then

$$\underline{H_X(X)} \cong \underline{H_A(A)}$$

Example:



$$Q = \{(0)\}$$

$$K = \{(0,1)\}$$

$$A = \{(1), (2), (1,2), (0,2), (0,1,2)\}$$

$$\omega = (0) \rightarrow (0,1)$$

$$\varphi = ((0), (0,1)) \text{ gradient path, } K_\varphi = (0,1) \\ q_\varphi = (0)$$

$$\gamma(\varphi) = -1, \quad m(\varphi) = -1$$

$\varphi$ : is a connection from  $(1)$  and  $(0,2)$

$$\delta: \quad 0 \quad \overset{a'}{\leftarrow} K_\varphi \quad q_\varphi \leftarrow a \\ \tilde{\delta} \underbrace{((0,2), (1))}_{(1)} = \delta \underbrace{((0,2), (1))}_{(1)} + \sum_{\substack{(0,2) \xrightarrow{\varphi} (1) \\ -1}} m(\varphi)$$

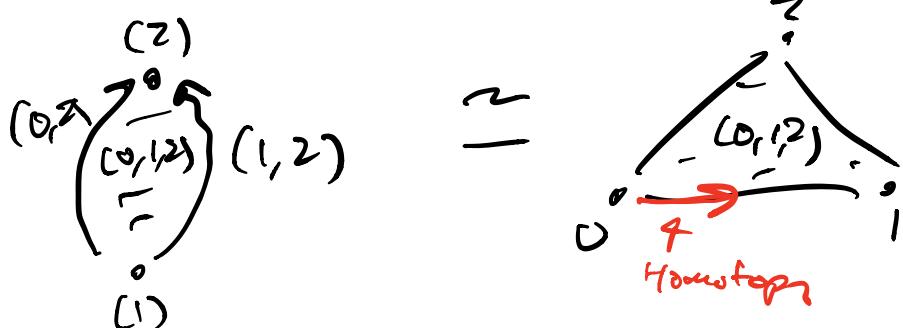
$$\tilde{\delta}_2: (0,1,2) \mapsto (1,2) - (0,2)$$

$$\tilde{\delta}_1: (1,2) \mapsto (2) - (1)$$

$$(0,2) \mapsto (2) - (1)$$

$$\tilde{\delta}_0: (1) \mapsto 0 \\ (2) \mapsto 0$$

corresponding Morse Complex



Essentially, we performed a refraction  
of the edge  $(0, i)$  to the vertex  $(i)$

If of form  $H_x(x) \cong H_x(A)$  we proceed  
by looking at a single refraction at a time  
let  $q \in X$ ,  $w: q \mapsto w(q)$   $X_q = \underset{A}{X} \setminus \{q, w(q)\}$

$$k_q: X_q \times X_q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$k_q(x, y) = k(x, y) - \frac{k(x, q) \cdot k(w(q), y)}{k(w(q), q)}$$

define  $F_x: C_x(X) \rightarrow C_x(X_q)$  by

$$F_x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = w(q) \\ -\sum_{y \neq q} \frac{k(w(q), y)}{k(w(q), q)} y & \text{if } x = q \\ x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

define  $G_x: C_x(X_q) \rightarrow C_x(X)$

$$G_x(z) = z - \frac{k(x, q)}{k(w(q), q)} w(q)$$

Exercise: both  $F, G$  are chain maps.

Lemma:  $F$  and  $G$  are chain equivalence

i.e. are maps s.t.  $G \circ F \simeq \text{id}$ ,  $F \circ G \simeq \text{id}$

Pf:  $F \circ G = \text{id}^{\leftarrow(x_q)\rightleftharpoons(x_q)}$  (check)

$G \circ F = \text{id}^{\leftarrow(x_q)\rightleftharpoons(x_q)}$  chain htpy

$$H_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k(w(q), q)} w(q) & \text{if } x = q \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This is htpy of  $q$  collapsing through  $w(q)$ .

Can check:  $H_n \circ d_k + d_{n+1} H_n = \text{id} - G \circ F$

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Finally, want to check that we can chain these operations together. i.e. can go through collapse at a time to obtain Morse Complex.

Sketch: collapsing a single pair  $(q, w(q))$  doesn't affect rest of vector field and  $\bar{k}_q$  are consistent

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M+N 2013: extend this to filtrations using def of filtered acyclic matching on filtration  $\{X^t\}_{t \in T}$

$(A^t, w^t: Q^t \rightarrow K^t)$  for each  $t$  filtered  $A^t \subseteq A^{t+1}$ ,  $Q^t \subseteq Q^{t+1}$ ,  $K^t \subseteq K^{t+1}$ ,  $w^t = w^{t+1}|_{Q^t} \oplus t \in$

this gives a filtration on Morse cpx.

$$M: (A^t, \kappa^t)$$

Furthermore, homological equivalence at every step ensures  $\text{PH}(x^t) = \text{PH}(u^t)$  (up to 0-length)

### Schur Complements

Let's rewrite the formula for  $k_q$

$$k_q(x,y) = k(x,y) - \frac{k(x,q)k(w(q),y)}{k(w(q),q)}$$

assume that  $k$  derived from  $\delta$ , we'll permute  $q, w(q)$  to first row/col respectively.

$$\delta: \begin{matrix} & w(q) \\ q & \boxed{\quad} \end{matrix}$$

recall the Schur complement formula. This shows up in blocked Gaussian elimination.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $A_q$  invertible

$$\text{Then, } A = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ A_{21}A_q^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_q & 0 \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A_q^{-1}A_{12} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$S$  is the "Schur complement"

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ A_{21} & S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A_{11}^{-1}A_{12} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & S + A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}$$

(cf's look a Schur complement of

$$q \begin{bmatrix} w(q) \\ \delta q \end{bmatrix} \quad \delta [e_{ij}] = \delta [e_{ij}] - \frac{\delta [e_j w(q)]}{\delta [q, w(q)]} \cdot \delta [q, j]$$

compare to

$$k_q(x, y) = k(x, y) - \frac{k(x, q)k(w(q), y)}{k(w(q), q)}$$

Same form

Lemma from Numerical lin alg

Suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  with  $A_{11}$  invertible.

Then Schur complement  $S = A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}$   
 is same whether we use block inverse  $A_{11}^{-1}$   
 or we compute using recursion on invertible  
 submatrices of  $A_{11}$

Schur complement viewpoint on Morse complex  
discrete Morse vector field identifies  
an invertible block of  $\partial_h$ . Boundary  $\tilde{\delta}$   
is Schur complement wrt. these blocks.  
w/ columns removed (clearing)  
rows removed (compression)  
if they are matched in different dimensions.

invertible block identifies basis  
for subset of  $\text{range } \partial_h$

Schur complement just ensures new basis  
is independent of this subset.

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Final notes:

- Persus software. demonstrated speedups
- $pars(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{q}))$  are persistence pairs.
- speedups can be interpreted as blocking  
alg w/ optimizations.
- Ripser & Eirene also use for pre-processing
- Eirene (Kraschun)