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Topology from Data

Input: point cloud $P \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

- \rightarrow uncover the topological structure of the space(s) underlying the data
- \rightarrow inspect data at all scales and see what 'persists'









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Challenge:

provide theoretical guarantees

(sufficient sampling conditions under which the barcode of d_P reveals the homology of the underlying space)



In practice: The inference pipeline



simplicial filtration

Čech and Rips filtrations





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 $f:\mathbb{N}\to\mathbb{R}$

	signal	embedded data
$\mathrm{TD}_{m,\tau}(f) := \begin{bmatrix} f(t) \\ f(t+\tau) \\ \vdots \\ f(t+\tau) \end{bmatrix}$	periodicity	circularity
t: step / delay	# prominent harmonics (N)	min. ambient dimension $(m \ge 2N)$
m au: window size	# non-commensurate freq.	intrinsic dimension
m+1: embedding dimension		$(\mathbb{S}^1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{S}^1)$

[J. Perea et al.:"SW1PerS: Sliding windows and 1-persistence scoring", 2015]

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Dynamical system:

Thm: [Nash, Takens] Given a Riemannian manifold X of dimension $\frac{m}{2}$, it is a **generic property** of $\phi \in \text{Diff}_2(X)$ and $\alpha \in C^2(X, \mathbb{R})$ that

$$X \to \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$$
$$x \mapsto (\alpha(x), \alpha \circ \phi(x), \cdots, \alpha \circ \phi^m(x)$$

is an embedding.