INF556 — Topological Data Analysis

## Statistics on Persistence Diagrams

# Persistence diagrams as descriptors for data



Pros:

- strong invariance and stability:  $d_p(\operatorname{Dg} X, \operatorname{Dg} Y) \leq \operatorname{cst} d_{\operatorname{GH}}(X, Y)$
- information of a different nature
- flexible and versatile

Cons:

- slow to compare
- space of diagrams is not linear
- positive intrinsic curvature

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## **Statistics:**

- signal vs noise discrimination
- convergence rates
- confidence indices/intervals, principal components, etc.

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**Prop.:** minimizers do exist

(diagram space is complete and separable)





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barcode distance is a transportation type distance ↔ connection to Optimal Transport

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**OT Approach: recast problem in measure space** I

[Lacombe, Cuturi, O. 2018]

$$B \mapsto \mu_B$$

$$B \longrightarrow \int_{a}^{a} \int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b}$$





 $\rightsquigarrow$  use relaxations from Optimal Transport (OT):

measures:  $\mu_B \mapsto \mu_B * \mathcal{U}_{[0,\varepsilon]^2}$ 

[M. Agueh, G. Carlier: "Barycenters in the Wasserstein Space", 2011]

**metric:** 
$$W_{2,\gamma}(\mu_{B_i},\mu_{B_j})^2 := \inf_{\nu} \int ||x-y||^2 d\nu(x,y) + \gamma H(\nu)$$

[M. Cuturi, A. Doucet: "Fast computation of Wasserstein barycenters", 2014]

strictly convex problem
⇒ unique mean
easy to compute





Rank function is defined as  $\lambda(x, y) = \operatorname{rank} \iota_x^y$ 



Boundaries of rank function:  $\lambda_i(t) = \sup\{s \ge 0 : \lambda(t - s, t + s) \ge i\}$ Landscape  $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  is defined as:  $\Lambda(i, t) = \lambda_{\lfloor i \rfloor}(t)$ 

Persistence Landscape [Bubenik 2015]

**Prop:** [Bubenik 2015]  $\|\Lambda(Dg) - \Lambda(Dg')\|_{\infty} \le d_{\infty}(Dg, Dg')$ 

>  $\Lambda$  is Lipschitz hence Borel measurable







**Thm:** (central limit theorem) [Bubenik 2015] If  $\mathbb{E}(\|\Lambda(\mu)\|) < +\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}(\|\Lambda(\mu)\|^2) < +\infty$ , then  $\sqrt{n} \left(\bar{\Lambda}^n - \mathbb{E}(\Lambda(\mu))\right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma(\Lambda(\mu))).$ 







## **Questions:**

- Statistical properties of the estimator  $\operatorname{Dg} \mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n)$  ?
- Convergence to the ground truth  $Dg \mathcal{F}(X)$  ? Deviation bounds?



$$\Rightarrow \text{ for any } \varepsilon > 0,$$
$$\mathbb{P}\left(\mathrm{d}_{\infty}\left(\mathrm{Dg}\,\mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_{n}), \mathrm{Dg}\,\mathcal{F}(X),\right) > \varepsilon\right) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{H}}(\widehat{X}_{n}, X) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)$$

## **Deviation inequality**



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## Deviation inequality / rate of convergence



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**Corollary** [Chazal, Glisse, Labruère, Michel 2014-15]:  
 $\sup_{\mu\in\mathcal{P}}\mathbb{E}\left[d_{\infty}\left(\operatorname{Dg}\mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_{n}), \operatorname{Dg}\mathcal{F}(X)\right)\right] \leq C\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)^{1/b},$ 

where C depends only on a, b. Moreover, the estimator  $Dg \mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n)$  is **minimax optimal** (up to a  $\log n$  factor) on the space  $\mathcal{P}$  of (a, b)-standard probability measures on X. 4

## Numerical illustrations



- $\mu$ : unif. measure on Lissajous curve X. -  $\mathcal{F}$ : distance to X in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- sample k = 300 sets of n points for n = [2100:100:3000].
- compute

$$\widehat{\mathbb{E}}_n = \widehat{\mathbb{E}}[\mathrm{d}_{\infty}(\mathrm{Dg}\,\mathcal{F}(\widehat{X_n}), \mathrm{Dg}\,\mathcal{F}(X))].$$

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-  $\mu$ : unif. measure on a torus X. -  $\mathcal{F}$ : distance to X in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . - sample k = 300 sets of n points for n = [12000 : 1000 : 21000].

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 $\rightarrow$  confidence region:  $d_{\infty}$ -ball of radius  $c_n(\alpha)$  around  $Dg \mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n)$ 





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Note: we already have an inequality of this kind but...

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- repeat N times to get  $d_1^*, \cdots, d_N^*$
- let  $q_{\alpha}$  be the  $(1 \alpha)$  quantile of  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta_{d_i^*}$

**Principle** [Efron 1979]: variations of  $Dg \mathcal{F}(X^*)$  around  $Dg \mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n)$  are same as variations of  $Dg \mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_n)$  around  $Dg \mathcal{F}(X)$ .

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**Theorem** [Balakrishnan et al. 2013] + [Chazal et al. 2014]:  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(d_{\infty}\left(\operatorname{Dg} \mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}_{n}), \operatorname{Dg} \mathcal{F}(X)\right) > q_{\alpha}\right) \leq \alpha.$ 



Setup: 
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empirical mean feature vector  $\longrightarrow \overline{v} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r \phi(D_n^i)$ 

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mean feature vector according to the measure induced by  $\mu^{\otimes n}$   
(call it  $\Lambda_{\mu,n}$  for landscapes)

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#### **Theorem** [Chazal et al. 2014]:

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Theorem [Chazal et al. 2015]:  

$$\|\bar{\Lambda} - \Lambda(\operatorname{Dg} \mathcal{F}(X))\|_{\infty} \leq \|\bar{\Lambda} - \Lambda_{\mu,n}\|_{\infty} + \|\Lambda_{\mu,n} - \Lambda(\operatorname{Dg} \mathcal{F}(X))\|_{\infty}$$
variance term  
bias term  $\leq C \left(\frac{\log n}{an}\right)^{1/b}$  when  $\mu$  is  $(a, b)$ -standard

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Theorem [Chazal et al. 2015]:

$$\left\|\Lambda_{\mu_{\widehat{X}_m},n} - \Lambda_{\mu,n}\right\|_{\infty} \le n^{1/p} W_p(\mu_{\widehat{X}_m},\mu)$$

 $\to$  by approximating  $\Lambda_{\mu_{\widehat{X}_m},n}$ , the empirical mean  $\bar{\Lambda}^*$  also approximates  $\Lambda_{\mu,n}$ 

# Some applications

#### Application 1: 3D shapes classification



From N = 100 subsamples of size m = 300

# Some applications

Application 2: walking behaviors classification from smartphone accelerometer data



spatial time series (accelerometer data from the smarphone of users).
 no registration/calibration preprocessing step needed to compare!





- statistical analysis based on stability theorem(s):
  - cvgence rates
  - confidence regions (bootstrap, subsampling)
  - stats. on diagrams (Fréchet means [Turner et al. 2012])
  - stats. on feature vectors (landscapes)

