The theory and applications of persistent homology

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- Applications of persistent homology
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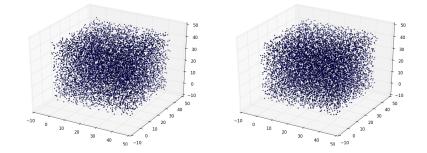
Introduction

Persistent homology

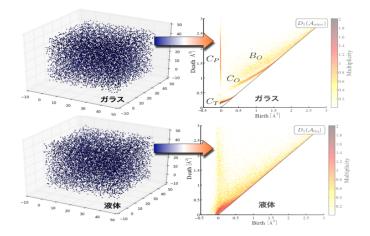
- Topological Data Analysis (TDA)
 - Data analysis using topology from mathematics
 - Characterize the shape of data quantitatively
 - ★ Connected components (islands), rings (holes), cavities
- Persistent homology (PH) is one of the most important tools for TDA
 - Uses the concept of "homology"
 - Gives the good descriptor of the shape of data (persistence diagram)
- Developed rapidly in 21st century
 - Mathematical theories and algorithms
 - Software
 - Applications to materials science, life science, etc.

- Mathematics and data analysis
 - Probability statistics and machine learning
 - Analysis Fourier analysis and numerical analysis
 - Algebra Symmetry analysis (for crystals)
 - Geometry and topology TDA
- TDA is good for:
 - heterogeneous data
 - disordered data
 - data without complete randomness
- Mathematics and materials
 - Liquid and gas random probability theory and statistical models
 - Crystals ordered group theory
 - Amorphous, polycrystalline, and porous media disordered - topology

Example 1



Atomic configurations of amorphous silica and liquid silica. Do you identify?



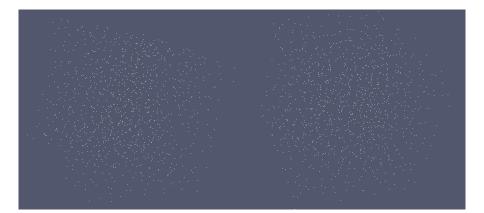
From Y. Hiraoka, et al., PNAS 113(26):7035-40 (2016)

We can identify by using persistence diagram.

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Example 2

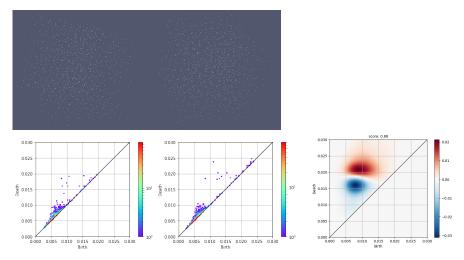


What is the characteristic difference between these two pointcloud ?

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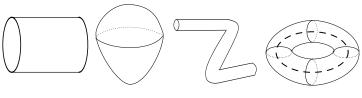


We can distill the characteristic geometric patters by the combination of PH and machine learning

Homology and Persistent homology

Homology

- We can mathematically formalize "connected components", "rings" "cavities" by *homology*.
- Algebra is used for the formalization
- We can identify the "type" of "holes" by a kind of dimension (called degree)

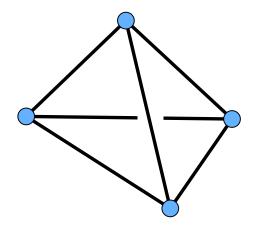


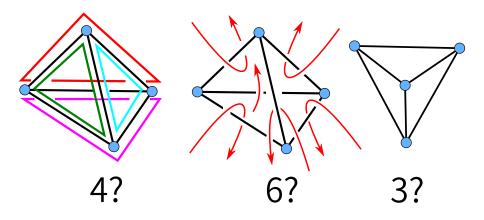
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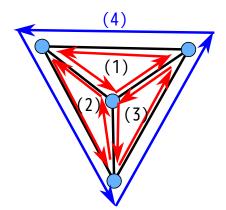
1 dim: You can see the inside from outside 2 dim: You cannot see

Count the rings

How many rings in this figure?







Linear algebra is the key to count the rings. Here we have (1) + (2) + (3) = (4) since two arrows with opposite directions are canceled. Therefore these four rings are *linearly dependent*, and we can count the number of *linearly independent* rings by using linear algebra.

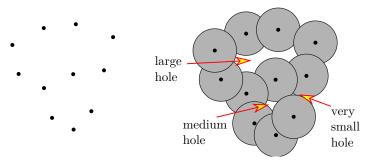
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Persistent homology

- Characterize the shape of data is difficult problem
 for 3D data or higher dimensional data.
- Homology is used for that purpose, but we can only count the number of holes
- We need better way than homology
- Computational homology is *not* robust to noise.
- \rightarrow Use increasing sequences (filtrations)

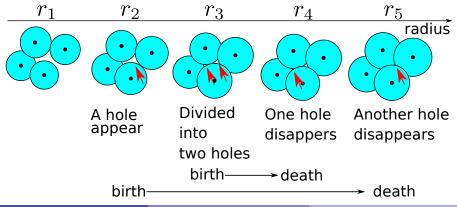
r-Ball model



- Input data is a set of point (a pointcloud)
- There is no holes in this pointcloud, but it looks like some holes
- Put discs of radii r on all points
- Three holes
 - We can count the holes by homology

Filtration

As the radius r become larger, some holes appear and disappear. We can make pairs of appearance and disappearance of a hole by using mathematical theory of PH



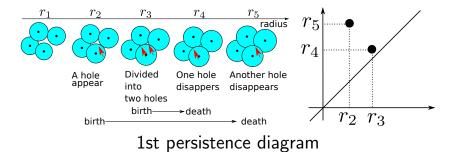
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Persistence diagram

These pairs are called *birth-death pairs*. and the set of all birth-death pairs are called *persistence diagram* (PD).



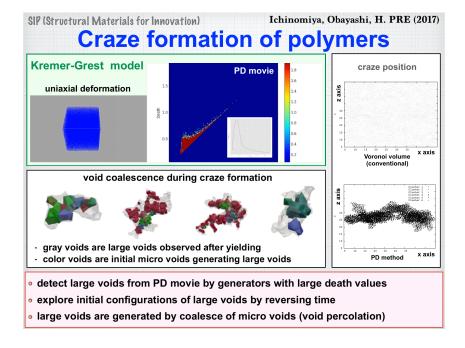
• PH is applicable to any dimensional data

- But it is hard to intuitively understand higher dimensional holes, 2D or 3D data is easy to analyze
- Especially, PH is useful for 3D data
- Various increasing sequence
 - Image data
 - Especially 3D data, such as X-ray CT scan data

The following two mathematical theorems are important:

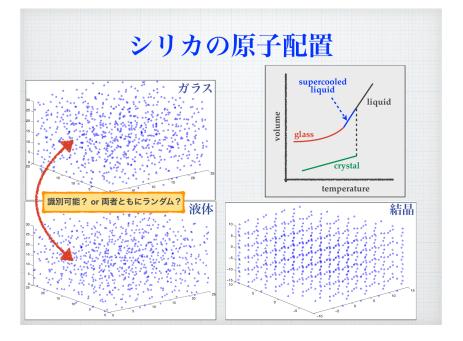
- Structural theorem for PH
 - Gives an algorithm of PDs
 - Uniqueness of a PD for a given input data
- Stability theorem for PH
 - Ensures the robustness of a PD to noises

Applications



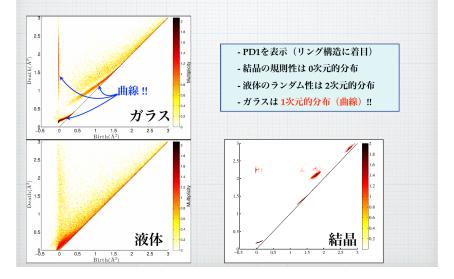
Back to Example 1

- The atomic configuration of amorphous silica looks like random
 - Similar to liquid silica
- But amorphous silica has rigidity.
- Some geometric structures are important for the rigidity.
- Y. Hiraoka, T. Nakamura, et al., Hierarchical structures of amorphous solids characterized by persistent homology, PNAS 113 (26) 7035–7040, (2016)

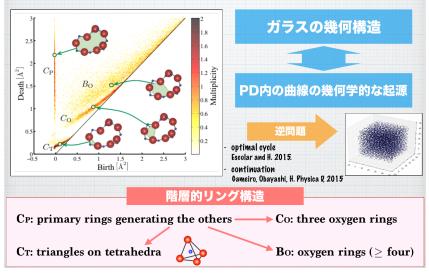


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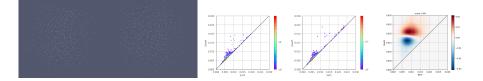
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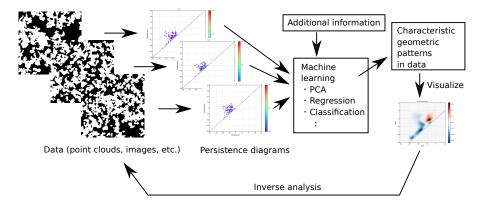
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Back to example 2



- Combination of Machine learning (ML) and PH
- We have 200 pointclouds
 - 100 pointclouds are labeled by 0, and other 100 pointclouds are labeled by 1
 - Find characteristic geometric patterns by ML and PH

Framework



- Each pointcloud is transformed into a PD
- Vectorize PDs and apply a machine learning method
- We can visualize the learned result in the form of a PD
- We can identify important birth-death pairs by comparing the learned result.
- The important pairs are mapped on the original input data by using the "inverse analysis of PDs"
- Please see the demo

Software

Software

Software is important for practical data analysis by PH. I introduce you *HomCloud*, data analysis software based on PH.

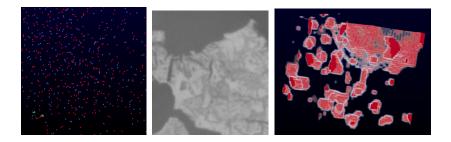
Various software

There are many software for PH.

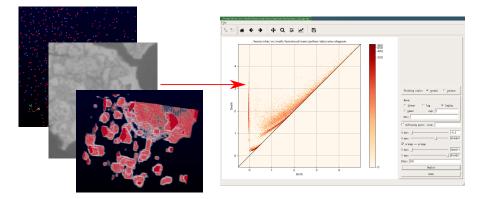
- Gudhi
- dipha, phat, ripser
- eirine
- RIVET
- JavaPlex
- Perseus
- Dionysus
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HomCloud

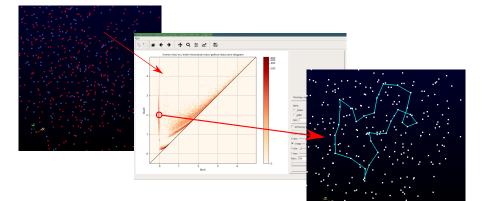
- Focus on applications, especially to materials science
 - MD simulation data
 - 2D/3D image data
 - Easy installation, user interface, machine learning, inverse analysis



We can compute PDs from 2D/3D pointclouds and N dimensional bitmap data.







HomCloud Demo

Summary

- We can analyze the shape of data effectively and quantitatively by using PH
 - Based on topology
 - PDs are good descriptors for the shape of data
 - Useful for 3D data
- Various applications
 - Materials science
 - Life science, geology, etc.
- The fusion of theoretical studies, software development, and practical data analysis is important.

Appendix