# Distance [?]

An extended pseudometric on a class X is a function  $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  with the following three properties:

Note that an extended pseudometric d is a metric if

• *d* is finite  
• 
$$d(x, y) = 0$$
 implies  $x = y$ .

distance = extended pseudometric.

## **Decorated Endpoints and Intervals**

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#### Example: Real line

Objects: real numbers

Morphisms:  $s \rightarrow t$  if  $s \leq t$ 

Example: Vec

**Objects: Vector spaces** 

Morphisms: Linear maps

Example: Persistence module  $\mathbb V$  over  $\mathbb R$  is a functor from the Real line into Vec

I.e.,  $\mathbb{V} = \{V_t \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  with linear maps  $\{v_t^s : V_s \to V_t \mid s \le t\}$ 

# 2.3 Module Categories [?]

Defn: Given **T**-persistent modules  $\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{V} : \mathbf{T} \to \mathbf{Vec}$ , a homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{U} \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}$  consists of:

• a collection of linear maps  $\{\phi_t : U_t \to V_t \mid t \in \mathbf{T}\}$ 

such that:

• for any morphism  $s \leq t$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , this diagram commutes:



 $Hom(\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{V}) = \{homomorphisms \ \mathbb{U} \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}\}$  $End(\mathbb{V}) = \{homomorphisms \ \mathbb{V} \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}\}$ 

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Objects: Persistence modules i.e., functors from the **Real line** into **Vec**).

Morphisms: Natural transformations = homomorphisms.

# 2.4 Interval Modules [?]

Let **T** be a totally ordered set.

 $J \subset \mathbf{T}$  is an **interval** if  $r, t \in J$  and if r < s < t, then  $s \in J$ .

The **interval module**  $I = \mathbf{k}^{J}$  is the **T**-persistence module with vector spaces

$$I_t = \begin{cases} \mathbf{k} & \text{if } t \in J \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and linear maps

$$i_t^s = egin{cases} 1 & \textit{if } s,t \in J \ 0 & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In informal language,  $\mathbf{k}^J$  represents a 'feature' which 'persists' over exactly the interval J and nowhere else.

I.e,  $\mathbf{k}^{J}$  represents a bar in the barcode.

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## Shift Functors

the shift functor  $(\cdot)(\delta)$  : Vect<sup>R</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Vect<sup>R</sup>

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$$\mathbb{V} = (V_t, v_t^s) \rightarrow \mathbb{V}(\delta) = (V(\delta)_t = V_{t+\delta}, v_{t+\delta}^{s+\delta})$$

For a morphism  $f \in \text{hom}(\text{Vect}^{\mathbf{R}})$  we define  $f(\delta)$  by  $f(\delta)_t = f_{t+\delta}$ .

If a persistence module  $\mathbb V$  indexed over  $\mathbb R$  can be decomposed,

$$\mathbb{V} \cong \bigoplus_{\ell \in L} \mathbf{k} \langle p_{\ell}, q_{\ell} \rangle$$
  
hen  $\mathbb{V}(\delta) \cong \bigoplus_{\ell \in L} \mathbf{k} (p_{\ell}^* - \delta, q_{\ell}^* - \delta)$ 

That is the barcode  $\mathcal{B}_{M(\delta)}$  is obtained from  $\mathcal{B}_M$  by shifting all intervals to the left by  $\delta$ , as in Fig. 1.



Figure: Corresponding intervals in  $\mathcal{B}_{M}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{M(\delta)}$ .

## **Transition Morphisms**

For V a persistence module and  $\delta \ge 0$ , let the

 $\delta$ -transition morphism  $\varphi_{\mathbb{V}}^{\delta} : \mathbb{V} \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}(\delta)$  be the morphism whose restriction to  $V_t$  is the linear map  $v_{t+\delta}^t$ 

That is  $\varphi^\delta_{\mathbb V}$  consists of

• a collection of linear maps 
$$\{v_{t+\delta}^t : V_t \to V_{t+\delta} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

such that:

• for any morphism  $s \leq t$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , this diagram commutes:

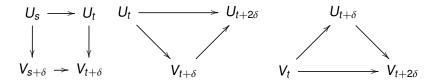
$$\begin{array}{c|c} V_{s} & \xrightarrow{v_{t}^{s}} V_{t} \\ \downarrow_{v_{s+\delta}^{s}} & \downarrow_{v_{t+\delta}^{t}} \\ V_{s+\delta} & \xrightarrow{v_{t}^{s}} V_{t+\delta} \end{array}$$

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We say that two persistence modules  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\mathbb{V}$  are  $\delta$ -interleaved if there exist morphisms  $f : \mathbb{U} \to \mathbb{V}(\delta)$  and  $g : \mathbb{V} \to \mathbb{U}(\delta)$  such that

$$egin{aligned} g(\delta) \circ f &= arphi_{\mathbb{U}}^{2\delta}, \ f(\delta) \circ g &= arphi_{\mathbb{V}}^{2\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

We refer to such *f* and *g* as  $\delta$ -interleaving morphisms. The definition of  $\delta$ -interleaving morphisms was introduced in [?].



If *L* and *M* are  $\delta$ -interleaved, and *M* and *N* are  $\delta'$ -interleaved, then *L* and *N* are  $(\delta + \delta')$ -interleaved.

If  $0 \le \delta \le \delta'$  and *M* and *N* are  $\delta$ -interleaved, then *M* and *N* are also  $\delta'$ -interleaved.

For *T* a topological space and functions  $\gamma, \kappa : T \to \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$d_{\infty}(\gamma,\kappa) = \sup_{y\in T} |\gamma(y) - \kappa(y)|.$$

Suppose  $d_{\infty}(\gamma, \kappa) = \delta$ , and let  $S_t^{\gamma} = \{x \in T \mid \gamma(x) \le t\}$ 

Then for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have inclusions

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{S}^{\gamma}_t &\subseteq \mathcal{S}^{\kappa}_{t+\delta}, \ \mathcal{S}^{\kappa}_t &\subseteq \mathcal{S}^{\gamma}_{t+\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the *i*<sup>th</sup> homology functor with coefficients in *K* to the collection of all such inclusion maps yields a  $\delta$ -interleaving between  $H_i(S^{\gamma})$  and  $H_i(S^{\kappa})$ .

Define the interleaving distance

 $d_l : \operatorname{obj}(\operatorname{Vect}^{\mathbf{R}}) \times \operatorname{obj}(\operatorname{Vect}^{\mathbf{R}}) \to [0, \infty],$  by taking

 $d_l(M, N) = \inf \{ \delta \in [0, \infty) \mid M \text{ and } N \text{ are } \delta \text{-interleaved} \}.$ 

In addition, if M, M', and N are persistence modules with  $M \cong M'$ , then  $d_l(M, N) = d_l(M', N)$ .

Thus  $d_l$  descends to a distance on isomorphism classes of persistence modules.

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**Objects: Sets** 

Morphisms: matchings.

A matching from S to T (written as  $\sigma : S \rightarrow T$ ) is a bijection  $\sigma : S' \rightarrow T'$ , for some  $S' \subseteq S$ ,  $T' \subseteq T$ ;

For matchings  $\sigma : S \rightarrow T$  and  $\tau : T \rightarrow U$ ,

$$\tau \circ \sigma = \{(s, u) \mid (s, t) \in \sigma, (t, u) \in \tau \text{ for some } t \in T\}.$$

Note that any injective function is a matching.

 $\operatorname{coim} \sigma = S'$  and  $\operatorname{im} \sigma = T'$ .

For  $\mathcal{D}$  a barcode and  $\epsilon \geq 0$ , let

 $\mathcal{D}^{\epsilon} = \{ \langle b, d \rangle \in \mathcal{D} \mid b + \epsilon < d \} = \{ l \in \mathcal{D} \mid [t, t + \epsilon] \subseteq l \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R} \}.$ 

Note that  $\mathcal{D}^0 = \mathcal{D}$ . We define a  $\delta$ -matching between barcodes C and  $\mathcal{D}$  to be a matching  $\sigma : C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  such that

• 
$$C^{2\delta} \subseteq \operatorname{coim} \sigma$$
,  
•  $\mathcal{D}^{2\delta} \subseteq \operatorname{im} \sigma$ ,  
• if  $\sigma \langle b, d \rangle = \langle b', d' \rangle$ , then  
 $\langle b, d \rangle \subseteq \langle b' - \delta, d' + \delta \rangle$ ,

$$\langle b', d' \rangle \subseteq \langle b - \delta, d + \delta \rangle.$$

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# Matchings and the Bottleneck Distance [?]

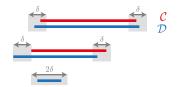


Figure: A  $\delta$ -matching between two barcodes *C* and *D*. Endpoints of matched intervals are at most  $\delta$  apart, and unmatched intervals are of length at most  $2\delta$ .

If  $\sigma_1 : C \to \mathcal{D}$  is a  $\delta_1$ -matching, and  $\sigma_2 : \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{E}$  is a  $\delta_2$ -matching, then  $\sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1 : C \to \mathcal{E}$  is a  $(\delta_1 + \delta_2)$ -matching.

We define the bottleneck distance  $d_B$  by

 $d_B(C, \mathcal{D}) = \inf \{ \delta \in [0, \infty) \mid \exists a \ \delta \text{-matching between } C \text{ and } \mathcal{D} \}.$ 

The triangle inequality for  $d_B$  follows immediately from the composition above.

 $d_B$  is the most commonly considered distance on barcodes in the persistent homology literature. This is in part because  $d_B$  is especially well behaved from a theoretical standpoint.

A persistence module M is said to be *pointwise finite dimensional* (*p.f.d.*) if each of the vector spaces  $M_t$  is finite dimensional.

[Isometry Theorem for p.f.d. Persistence Modules] Two p.f.d. persistence modules M and N are  $\delta$ -interleaved if and only if there exists a  $\delta$ -matching between  $\mathcal{B}_M$  and  $\mathcal{B}_N$ . In particular,

 $d_B(\mathcal{B}_M,\mathcal{B}_N)=d_I(M,N).$ 

# **[? ?**] For any topological space *T*, functions $\gamma, \kappa : T \to \mathbb{R}$ , and $i \ge 0$ such that $H_i(S^{\gamma})$ and $H_i(S^{\kappa})$ are p.f.d.,

$$d_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{B}_{H_{i}(\mathcal{S}^{\gamma})},\mathcal{B}_{H_{i}(\mathcal{S}^{\kappa})}) \leq d_{\infty}(\gamma,\kappa).$$

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