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Measuring the Shape of Data with Topology

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Abstract

Data of various kinds is being collected at an enormous rate, and in many different forms. Often, the data is equipped with a notion of distance that reflects similarity in some sense. Using this distance measure, certain topological features--e.g. the number of connected components, loops, and trapped volumes--can be ascertained and can provide insight into the structure of these complex data sets. In this talk, I will introduce a fundamental tool of topological data analysis, namely persistent homology. Then, we will explore examples of using this tool in applications.

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