



CSE 5559: Computational Topology and Data Analysis

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Computational topology has played a synergistic role in bringing together research work from computational geometry, algebraic topology, data analysis, and many other related scientific areas. In recent years, the field has undergone particular growth in the area of data analysis. The application of topological techniques to traditional data analysis, which before has mostly developed on a statistical setting, has opened up new opportunities. This course is intended to cover this aspect of computational topology along with the developments of generic techniques for various topology-centered problems.

- **Objectives**

- Be familiar with basics in topology that are useful for computing with data
- Master a subset of algorithms for computing: Betti number, topological persistence, homology cycles, Reeb graphs, Laplace spectra from data
- Be familiar with how to design algorithms for problems in applications dealing with data
- Be familiar with how to research the background of a topic in data analysis, machine learning

- **Prerequisites:** CSE6331; or grad standing and permission of instructor

- **Materials (Transparencies)**

- Text and class material**
1. Computational topology, Herbert Edelsbrunner and John L. Harer, AMS
 2. Curve and surface reconstruction: Algorithms with mathematical analysis, Tamal K. Dey, Cambridge U. Press
 3. Elements of Algebraic Topology, James R. Munkres, Addison-Wesley
 4. Algebraic Topology, Allen Hatcher, Cambridge U. Press

5. Class materials and notes posted on this web-site

Topics

1. Basics of Topology;

a. Topological spaces, metric space topology [[Chapter 1](#) & 12 of [this book](#)] [[Notes](#)]

b. Maps: homeomorphisms, homotopy equivalence, isotopy [[Notes](#)]

c. Manifolds [[Notes](#)]

2. Complexes on data

a. Simplicial complexes [Munkres] [[Notes](#)]

b. Chech complexes, Vietoris-Rips complexes [[Notes](#)]

c. Witness complexes [[deSilva-Carlsson04 paper](#)][[Notes](#)]

d. Graph induced complexes [[DeyFanWang13 paper](#)][[Notes](#)]

3. Homology

a. Chains, boundaries, homology groups, betti numbers [[Notes](#), Munkres book]

c. Induced maps among homology groups [[Notes](#), Munkres book]

d. Relative homology groups [Notes, Munkres book]

e. Local homology groups [Notes, Munkres book]

f. Cohomology groups [Notes, Hatcher book]

4. Topological persistence

a. Filtrations, Persistent homology [[Notes](#), C-VII Edelsbrunner-Harer book]

b. Persistence algorithm [[Notes](#), C-VII Edelsbrunner-Harer book, [EdelsbrunnerLetscherZomorodian02 paper](#) introduced topological persistence, [ZomorodianCarlsson04 paper](#) brings algebra into persistence]

c. Persistence diagram [[Notes](#), C-VIII Edelsbrunner-Harer H book, [Cohen-SteinerEdelsbrunnerHarer07 paper](#) proves the stability of persistence]

d. Variations on persistence algorithm [Notes, [CarlssonSilvaMorozov09 paper](#) on zigzag persistence, [DeyFanWang13SM paper](#) on cohomology persistence]

5. Computing Betti numbers

a. Data from surfaces and volumes in three dimensions [Notes]

b. Data from manifolds in higher dimensions [Notes]

- 6. Reconstruction from data**
- a. Basics of reconstruction [[Notes](#), Chapter 1, Dey-book]
 - b. Curve reconstruction from data [[Notes](#), Chapter 2, Dey-book, [AmentaBernEppstein98](#) paper introduces LFS, epsilon-sampling, DeyKumar99 paper on a very simple algorithm for curve reconstruction]
 - c. Surface reconstruction in three dimensions from data [[Notes](#), Chapter 3-4, Dey-book, [Amenta-Bern99](#) paper pioneering provable surface reconstruction, [AmentaChoiDeyLeekha01](#) paper proving the homeomorphism for Cocone algorithm]
 - d. Manifold reconstruction in high dimensions from data [Notes, [NiyogiSmaleWeinberger06](#) paper on probabilistic setting, [ChazalCohen-SteinerLieutier09](#) paper on theory of compacts, [ChengDeyRamos05](#) paper on anomalies of restricted Delaunay and its rectification by weighted Delaunay]
- 7. Topology inference from data**
- a. Computing homology from data [[Notes](#), [ChazalOudot08](#) paper on homology inference, [CCGG09](#) paper on interleaving of persistence modules]
 - b. Sparsification to handle big data [[Presentation slides](#)], [[Sheehy12](#) paper on sparsified Rips complex, [DeyFanWang13](#) paper on subsampling]
- 8. Computing optimized homology cycles**
- a. Computing shortest basis cycles on surfaces [[EricksonWhittlesey05](#) paper on greedy basis construction]
 - b. Computing shortest basis cycles from data points [[Presentation slides](#), [DeySunWang09](#) paper on shortest basis from point data]
 - c. Localizing a cycle class [[Presentation slides](#), [DeyHiraniKrishnamoorthy10](#) paper on LP algorithm for shortest homologous cycle]

9. Reeb graphs a. Reeb graphs [Notes, [C-MEHNP](#)

from data paper on loops in Reeb graphs]
b. Approximating Reeb graphs from data [Notes, [DeyWang11](#) paper on approximation of Reeb graphs from data]

10. Topology of Laplace operators, spectra approximation a. Laplace operator [Notes]
b. Approximating Laplace from data [Notes, [BelkinNiyogi03](#) paper on approximating Laplace, [BelkinSunWang09](#) paper on PCD Laplace]
c. Stability of Laplace spectra [Notes, [DeyWang10](#) paper on spectra stability]

- **Grading**

A presentation on a TDA topic	50%
Midterm	40%
Participation	10%