

Computing Zigzag Persistence on Graphs in Near-Linear Time

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Background: standard persistence

Standard filtration:

$$\mathcal{F} : K_0 \hookrightarrow K_1 \hookrightarrow \cdots \hookrightarrow K_{m-1} \hookrightarrow K_m$$



Induced module:

$$H_p(\mathcal{F}) : H_p(K_0) \rightarrow H_p(K_1) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow H_p(K_{m-1}) \rightarrow H_p(K_m)$$



Interval decomposition:

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p -th persistence barcode:

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Background: zigzag persistence

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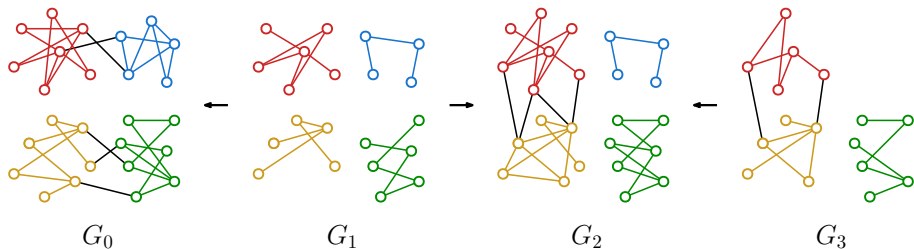
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Example of Zigzag Filtration (of Graphs)



Application: *dynamic networks*, etc.

Complexities of persistence computing

	*	Graphs
Standard	m^3, m^ω	$m \alpha(m)$
Zigzag	m^3, m^ω	?

m : length of filtration

$\omega < 2.373$: matrix multiplication exponent

$\alpha(m)$: inverse Ackermann function

$O(m^\omega)$ algorithm: Milosavljević, Morozov, and Skraba.
Zigzag persistent homology in matrix multiplication time. 2011.

Computation: Zigzag vs. Standard

Standard

[ELZ2000]

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integer YOUNGEST (simplex  $\sigma^j$ )
 $\Lambda = \{\sigma \in \partial_{k+1}(\sigma^j) \mid \sigma \text{ positive}\};$ 
loop
   $i = \max(\Lambda);$ 
  if  $T[i]$  is unoccupied then
    store  $j$  and  $\Lambda$  in  $T[i]$ ; exit
  endif;
 $\Lambda = \Lambda + \Lambda^i$ 
forever;
return  $i$ .

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Case f_i : We compute the representation of the boundary of simplex σ in terms of the cycles Z_i , and then reduce the result among the boundaries, obtaining: $\partial\sigma = Z_i v = Z_i(B_i u + v')$. There are two possibilities:

Birth: If $v' = 0$, then $\partial\sigma$ is already a boundary, and addition of σ creates a new cycle, for example, $C_i u - \sigma$. We append this cycle to the matrix Z_i , and we append $i + 1$ to both the birth vector \mathbf{b}_i and the index vector $\mathbf{id}\mathbf{x}_i$ to get \mathbf{b}_{i+1} and $\mathbf{id}\mathbf{x}_{i+1}$, respectively.

Death: If $v' \neq 0$, then let j be the row of the lowest non-zero element in vector v' . We output a pair $(\mathbf{b}_i[j], i)$. We append vector v' to the matrix B_i , and the corresponding chain $(C_i u - \sigma)$ to the matrix C_i to obtain matrices B_{i+1} and C_{i+1} , respectively.

Case g_i : There are once again two possibilities:

Birth: There is no cycle in matrix Z_i that contains simplex σ . Let j be the index of the first column in C_i that contains σ , let l be the index of the row of the lowest non-zero element in $B_i[j]$.

1. Prepend $D_i C_i[j]$ to Z_i to get Z'_i . Prepend $i + 1$ to the birth vector \mathbf{b}_i to get \mathbf{b}_{i+1} .
2. Let $c = C_i[j][\sigma]$ be the coefficient of σ in the chain $C_i[j]$. Let \mathbf{r}_σ be the row of σ in matrix C_i . We prepend the row $-\mathbf{r}_\sigma/c$ to the matrix B_i to get B'_i .
3. Subtract $(\mathbf{r}_\sigma[k]/c) \cdot C_i[j]$ from every column $C_i[k]$ to get C'_i .
4. Subtract $(B'_i[k][l]/B'_i[j][l]) \cdot B'_i[j]$ from every other column $B'_i[k]$.

Zigzag

[CdSM2009]

5. Drop row l and column j from B'_i to get B_{i+1} , drop column l from Z'_i , and drop column j from C_i to get C_{i+1} .

6. Reduce Z_{i+1} initially set to Z'_i :

- 1: while $\exists k < j$ s.t. $\text{low } Z_{i+1}[j] = \text{low } Z_{i+1}[k]$ do
- 2: $s = \text{low } Z_{i+1}[j]$, $s'_k = Z_{i+1}[j][s]/Z_{i+1}[k][s]$
- 3: $Z_{i+1}[j] = Z_{i+1}[j] - s'_k \cdot Z_{i+1}[k]$
- 4: In B_{i+1} , add row j multiplied by s'_k to row k

We set the index $\mathbf{id}\mathbf{x}_{i+1}$ of the prepended cycle to be 1, and increase the index of every other column by 1. Figure 5 illustrates the changes made in this case.

Death: Let $Z_i[j]$ be the first cycle that contains simplex σ . Output $(\mathbf{b}_i[j], i)$.

1. Change basis to remove σ from matrix Z_i :

- 1: for increasing $k > j$ s.t. $\sigma \in Z_i[k]$ do
- 2: Let $\sigma_j^k = Z_i[k][\sigma]/Z_i[j][\sigma]$
- 3: $Z_{i+1}[k] = Z_i[k] - \sigma_j^k \cdot Z_i[j]$
- 4: In B_i , add row k multiplied by σ_j^k to row j
- 5: if $\text{low } Z_{i+1}[k] > \text{low } Z_i[k]$ then
- 6: $j = k$

2. Subtract cycle $(C_i[k][\sigma]/Z_i[j][\sigma]) \cdot Z_i[j]$ from every chain $C_i[k]$.

3. Drop $Z_{i+1}[j]$, the corresponding entry in vectors \mathbf{b}_i and $\mathbf{id}\mathbf{x}_i$, row j from B_i , row σ from C_i and Z_i (as well as row and column of σ from D_i).

We increase the index of every column by 1, $\mathbf{id}\mathbf{x}_{i+1}(l) = \mathbf{id}\mathbf{x}_i(l) + 1$.

Contributions

Input:

$$\mathcal{F} : \emptyset = G_0 \xleftarrow{\sigma_0} G_1 \xleftarrow{\sigma_1} \dots \xleftarrow{\sigma_{m-1}} G_m$$

$$G = \bigcup_{i=0}^m G_i$$

m : length of filtration, n : size of G

- 1 Dimension-0: $O(m \log^2 n + m \log m)$; works for **any** complex
- 2 Dimension-1: $O(m \log^4 n)$
- 3 Alexander duality: dimension- $(p - 1)$ for \mathbb{R}^p -embedded complexes in $O(m \log^2 n + m \log m + n \log n)$ time

Contributions

- Dimension-0: $O(m \log^2 n + m \log m)$

Standard

- Only need to kill the older one when two connected components merge

Zigzag

- Connected components can **split** into smaller ones because of edge deletion
- Connected components can **disappear** because of vertex deletion
- Need to pair the **merge** and **disappearing** of the components with the **split** and **entering** of components

Contributions

- Dimension-1: $O(m \log^4 n)$

Standard

- Every newly created 1-cycles: infinite bars; no pairing

Zigzag

- Edge deletion kills 1-cycles
- Need to properly pair the creation and destruction of 1-cycles

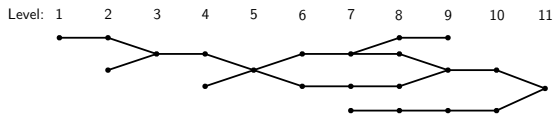
Algorithm for 0-dimension: Barcode graph

Input \mathcal{F} :

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Barcode graph $\mathbb{G}_B(\mathcal{F})$:



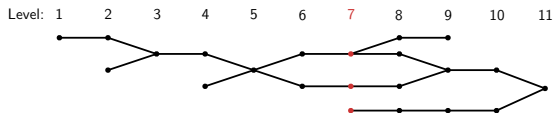
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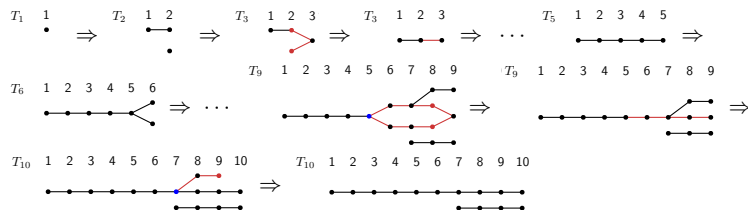


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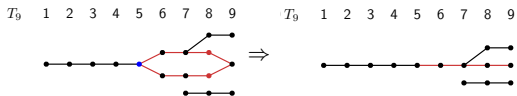
Building *barcode forest* T_i

- Based on [Agarwal, Edelsbrunner, Harer, Wang 2006]
- Build T_{i+1} from T_i under four cases:
 - Entrance
 - Split
 - Departure
 - Merge
- Update T_{i+1} and output the persistence intervals

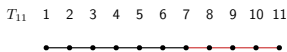
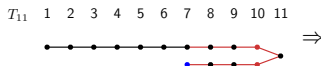


Updating *barcode forest* T_i

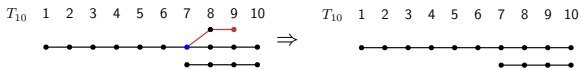
● Merge (in the same tree)



● Merge (in different trees)



● Departure



- Glue paths to their **nearest common ancestor**
- j : level of NCR
- i : current level
- Output: $[j+1, i-1]$

- j : level of the higher root
- Glue paths to their level- j ancestors
- Output: $[j, i-1]$

- Delete the path to its **nearest splitting ancestor**
- j : level of nearest splitting ancestor
- i : current level
- Output: $[j+1, i-1]$

Data structures

- Keep track of connectivity of graphs
 - Fully-dynamic connectivity [Holm, De Lichtenberg, Thorup 2001]:
 $O(\log^2 n)$
- Barcode forest
 - Mergeable trees [Georgiadis, Kaplan, Shafrir, Tarjan, Werneck 2011]:
 $O(\log m)$

Thus the complexity $O(m \log^2 n + m \log m)$

Correctness proof

Definition (Representatives; see also [Maria&Oudot 2014])

- $\mathcal{M} : V_0 \xleftarrow{\psi_0} \dots \xleftarrow{\psi_{m-1}} V_m$: module induced by a simplex-wise filtration
- $[b, d] \subseteq [1, m]$: an interval

Representatives for $[b, d]$: a sequence $\{\alpha_i \in V_i \mid i \in [b, d]\}$ s.t.

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- 2 **Birth end condition:**
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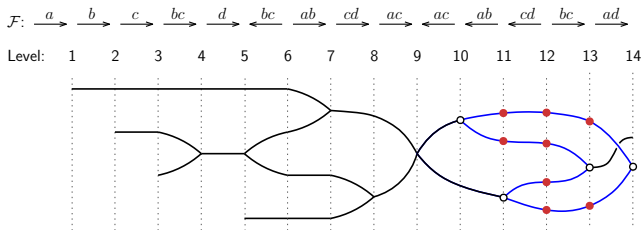
$$\mathcal{M} : \quad V_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_0} V_1 \xleftarrow{\psi_1} V_2 \xrightarrow{\psi_2} V_3 \xrightarrow{\psi_3} V_4$$
$$[\alpha_1 \leftarrow \alpha_2 \mapsto \alpha_3] \mapsto 0$$

Correctness proof

Proposition

Each interval produced by the algorithm admits a sequence of representatives.

Interval: [11, 13]



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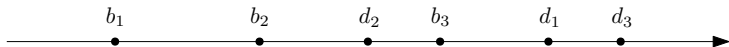
- \mathcal{M} : module induced from a simplex-wise zigzag filtration
- $\pi : P(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow N(\mathcal{M})$: a bijection

If: $\forall b \in P(\mathcal{M}), [b, \pi(b)]$ has a sequence of representatives

Then: $\text{Pers}(\mathcal{M}) = \{[b, \pi(b)] \mid b \in P(\mathcal{M})\}$

* $P(\mathcal{M})$, **positive indices**: all starts of intervals

* $N(\mathcal{M})$, **negative indices**: all ends of intervals



$[b_1, d_1], [b_2, d_2], [b_3, d_3]$ have representatives

\Downarrow

$\text{Pers}(M) = \{[b_1, d_1], [b_2, d_2], [b_3, d_3]\}$

Correctness proof

Theorem

The algorithm computes the 0-th barcode for a given zigzag filtration.

Algorithm for 1-dimension

Algorithm for 1-dimension: pairing

\mathcal{U}_i : unpaired positive indices

$\mathcal{U}_0 := \emptyset$

for $i := 0, \dots, m - 1$:

if $G_i \xrightarrow{\sigma_i} G_{i+1}$ provides positive index $i + 1$:

$\mathcal{U}_{i+1} := \mathcal{U}_i \cup \{i + 1\}$

else if $G_i \xleftarrow{\sigma_i} G_{i+1}$ provides negative index i :

pair i with a $j_* \in \mathcal{U}_i$ based on the **Pairing Principle**

output interval $[j_*, i]$

$\mathcal{U}_{i+1} := \mathcal{U}_i \setminus \{j_*\}$

else:

$\mathcal{U}_{i+1} := \mathcal{U}_i$

for each $j \in \mathcal{U}_m$:

output interval $[j, m]$

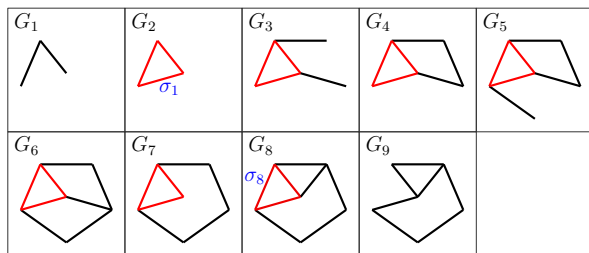
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For each iteration providing negative index i , let J_i consist of every $j \in \mathcal{U}_i$ s.t. \exists 1-cycle z :

- $z \subseteq G_k$ for every $k \in [j, i]$
- z contains both σ_{j-1} and σ_i

Then, $J_i \neq \emptyset$ and we pair i with the *smallest* index j_* in J_i .



$$\mathcal{U}_8 = \{2, 6, 8\}$$

$$J_8 = \{2, 6, 8\}$$

$$\text{Interval: } [2, 8]$$

Implementing Pairing Principle

- Reduce the pairing to finding the maximum weight of edges on a path in a minimum spanning forest (details in paper)
- Use Dynamic MSF data structure [Holm, De Lichtenberg, Thorup 2001] to achieve the complexity

Thank You

