

# Persistence modules with operators

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# Introduction

GEOMETRY  $\rightsquigarrow$  ALGEBRA  $\rightsquigarrow$  COMBINATORICS  
(pseudo-metric space) (persistence module) (barcode)

Pseudo-metric space	Persistence module
(Finite metric spaces, $d_{GH}$ )	Homology of Rips complex
$X$ closed manifold ( $C^0(X), \ \cdot\ _\infty$ )	(Morse) homology of sublevel sets $H_*(\{f < t\})$
$M$ monotone symplectic ( $\widetilde{\text{Ham}}(M), \tilde{d}_H$ )	Filtered Floer homology $HF_*^t(\tilde{\phi}), \tilde{\phi} \in \widetilde{\text{Ham}}(M)$

**Key property** - The above correspondence is Lipschitz with respect to pseudo-metric  $d_{bottle}$  on the space of barcodes.

From the barcode one may read some previously known invariants such as:

- Critical values of a Morse function
- Homological min-max values of a Morse function
- Spectral invariants (Viterbo, Schwarz, Oh)
- Boundary depth (Usher)

Homology comes with product structure. In Morse case this is intersection product and in Floer case this is quantum or pair-of-pants product.

**Goal** - Take homological product into account and obtain finer invariants. This leads to the concept of a **persistence module with an operator**.

**Barcode** - A multiset  $\mathcal{B} = \{I_j\}_{j \in \mathcal{J}}$  of intervals  $I_j \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

## Distance

$\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  are  $\varepsilon$ -*matched* if after erasing some bars of length  $< 2\varepsilon$  the rest are in bijection up to an error of  $\varepsilon$  on the endpoints.

**Bottleneck distance** is given by

$$d_{\text{bottle}}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}') = \inf\{\varepsilon \mid \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}' \text{ are } \varepsilon\text{-matched}\}.$$

**Examples:**

$$d_{\text{bottle}}(\{(0, 2], [0, 1]\}, \{(0, 2.1)\}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$d_{\text{bottle}}(\{(0, 2], [0, 1]\}, \{(0, +\infty)\}) = +\infty$$

**Persistence module** - A family of finite dimensional vector spaces  $V^t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and comparison maps  $\pi_{s,t} : V^s \rightarrow V^t$  for  $s \leq t$ , which satisfy

$$\pi_{s,t} \circ \pi_{r,s} = \pi_{r,t}, \quad \pi_{t,t} = \mathbf{1}_{V^t}.$$

**Morphism of persistence modules** - A family of linear maps  $A_t : V^t \rightarrow W^t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  commuting with comparison maps. We have well defined  $\ker A$  and  $\operatorname{im} A$ .

# Main examples

**Filtered homology** - For a Morse function  $f$ , set  $V^t = H_*(\{f < t\})$ ,  $\pi_{s,t}$  are induced by inclusions of sublevel sets.

**Floer persistence module** -  $(M, \omega)$  monotone symplectic manifold, meaning  $\omega|_{\pi_2(M)} = \kappa \cdot c_1(TM)|_{\pi_2(M)}$ ,  $\kappa > 0$ .

For a fixed degree  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and a non-degenerate, time-dependent Hamiltonian  $H$ , set  $V^t = HF_k(\{\mathcal{A}_H < t\})$ . Comparison maps  $\pi_{s,t}$  are induced by inclusions of generators of chain complex.

Resulting persistence module depends only on the class  $[\phi_1^H]$  inside the universal cover of  $\text{Ham}(M)$ . We will denote it by  $HF_k^t(\tilde{\phi})_{pt}$  for  $\tilde{\phi} \in \widetilde{\text{Ham}}(M)$ .

**Remark:** There is an analogue persistence module  $HF_k^t(\tilde{\phi})_\alpha$  whose underlying chain complex is generated by periodic orbits in a fixed homotopy class  $\alpha$ . In this case we will assume that  $\alpha$  is toroidally monotone class.

# Structure theorem

**Interval module** -  $\mathbb{K}(I)$  is given by

$$\mathbb{K}(I)^t = \begin{cases} \mathbb{K}, & \text{for } t \in I \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \pi_{s,t} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{K}}, & \text{for } s, t \in I \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The structure theorem (A. Zomorodian, G. Carlsson - 2005.)

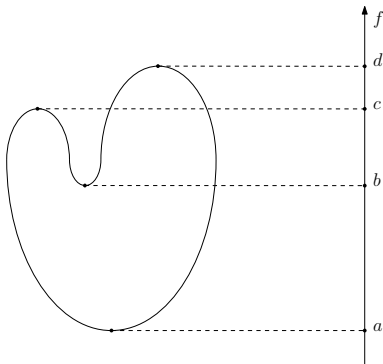
For every persistence module  $V$  there is a unique barcode  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  s.t.

$$V \cong \bigoplus_{I \in \mathcal{B}(V)} (\mathbb{K}(I))^{m_I},$$

where  $m_I$  stands for the multiplicity (number of copies) of  $I$  in  $\mathcal{B}(V)$ .

# Structure theorem - an example

$f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a hight function on deformed circle given by:



$$\mathcal{B}_1(f) = \{(d, +\infty)\}, \mathcal{B}_0(f) = \{(a, +\infty), (b, c]\}.$$



# The isometry theorem

**Interleaving** -  $V$  and  $W$  are  $\delta$ -interleaved if there exist morphisms  $F : V \rightarrow W[\delta]$  and  $G : W \rightarrow V[\delta]$  such that

$$G_{t+\delta} \circ F_t = \pi_{t,t+2\delta}^V, \quad F_{t+\delta} \circ G_t = \pi_{t,t+2\delta}^W.$$

**Interleaving distance**

$$d_{inter}(V, W) = \inf\{\delta > 0 \mid V, W \text{ are } \delta - \text{interleaved}\}.$$

The isometry theorem (D. Cohen-Steiner, H. Edelsbrunner, J. Harer 2007. and M. Lesnick 2011.)

$$d_{inter}(V, W) = d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathcal{B}(W))$$

**Strategy** - Construct interleavings, but analyse barcodes.

## Morse case

$f, g$  - Morse functions on the same manifold,  $\|f - g\|_\infty = C$ .

$V^t(f), V^t(g)$  - associated filtered homologies.

We have

$$\{f < t\} \subset \{g < t + C\} \subset \{f < t + 2C\}.$$

These inclusions induce  $C$ -interleaving between  $V^t(f), V^t(g)$  which gives

$$\|f - g\|_\infty \geq d_{inter}(V(f), V(g)) = d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(V(f)), \mathcal{B}(V(g))).$$

## Floer case

Let  $\alpha$  be toroidally monotone class of free loops in  $M$ ,  $[\phi_t^F], [\psi_t^G] \in \widetilde{\text{Ham}}(M)$  be generated by non-degenerate Hamiltonians.

Continuation maps induce interleavings as follows:

$$HF_*^t(F)_\alpha \xrightarrow{C(F,G)} HF_*^{t+\mathcal{E}^+(G-F)}(G)_\alpha \xrightarrow{C(G,F)} HF_*^{t+\mathcal{E}(G-F)}(F)_\alpha,$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}(G-F) = \int_0^1 (\max_{x \in M} (G_t(x) - F_t(x)) - \min_{x \in M} (G_t(x) - F_t(x))).$$

Taking infimum of  $\mathcal{E}(G-F)$  over  $F, G$  generating  $\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\psi}$  gives us

$$\tilde{d}_H(\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\psi}) \geq d_{inter}(HF_k^t(\tilde{\phi})_\alpha, HF_k^t(\tilde{\psi})_\alpha) = d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(\tilde{\phi})_\alpha, \mathcal{B}(\tilde{\psi})_\alpha).$$

**Persistence module with an operator** - A pair  $(V, A)$ , where  $V = (V^*, \pi_*)$  is a persistence module and

$$A_t : V^t \rightarrow V^{t+c_A}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

is a morphism from  $V$  to the shifted module  $V[c_A]$ . In the case of graded vector spaces we also allow  $A$  to shift degree by a fixed constant.

**Morphism of persistence modules with operators** - Same as before plus commutes with operators.

# Examples

## $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -action

A persistence module  $V$  with an operator

$$A_t : V^t \rightarrow V^t, \quad A^p = \mathbf{1}_V$$

is called a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  persistence module.

## Intersection product

Let  $\dim M = n$ . Fixing a homology class  $e \in H_r(M)$  we have

$$(e \cap) : H_k^t(\{f < t\}) \rightarrow H_{k+r-n}^t(\{f < t\}),$$

given by intersecting cycles inside sublevel set  $\{f < t\}$  by a cycle representing  $e$ .

In other words

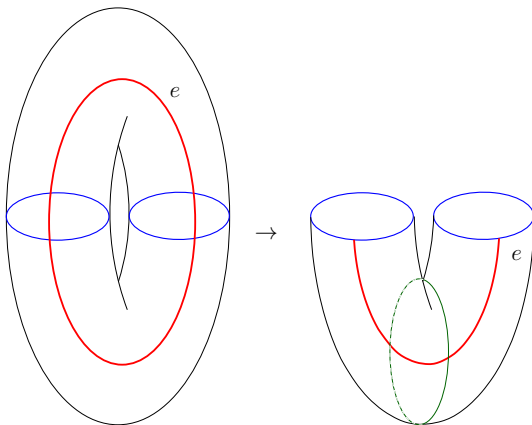
$$(e \cap) : V^t \rightarrow V^t,$$

where  $V^t = H_*(\{f < t\})$ .

# Examples

For intersection with a circle on the torus we have  $\dim M = 2$ ,  
 $e \in H_1(M)$  and

$$(e \cap) : H_k^t(\{f < t\}) \rightarrow H_{k-1}^t(\{f < t\}).$$



## Quantum product

$M$  - monotone symplectic manifold,  $c_M$  - minimal Chern number.  
Introduce

$$\Lambda_{\mathbb{K}} = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n q^n \mid a_n \in \mathbb{K}, (\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}) a_n = 0 \text{ for } n \geq n_0 \right\}.$$

**Quantum homology** of  $M$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  -  $QH(M) = H_*(M, \mathbb{K}) \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} \Lambda_{\mathbb{K}}$

Grading is given by declaring  $\deg q = 2c_M$ .

We can define natural valuation  $\nu : QH(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by setting

$$\nu\left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n q^n\right) = \max\{n \cdot (\kappa c_M) \mid a_n \neq 0\}$$

and  $\nu(x) = 0$  for non-zero  $x \in H_*(M, \mathbb{K}) \otimes 1$ .

# Examples

Let  $\dim M = 2n$ ,  $\alpha$  toroidally monotone class, and  $\tilde{\phi} \in \widetilde{\text{Ham}}(M)$ .

Fixing a homogeneous class in quantum homology  $e \in QH_r(M)$ , we have a map

$$(e*) : HF_k^t(\tilde{\phi})_\alpha \rightarrow HF_{k+r-2n}^{t+\nu(e)}(\tilde{\phi})_\alpha,$$

via intersecting Floer trajectories with a cycle representing  $e$ .

$(e*)$  is an operator on Floer persistence module.

Alternatively, we have a map

$$* : HF_*^t(\mathbf{1})_{pt} \otimes HF_*^s(\tilde{\phi})_\alpha \rightarrow HF_*^{t+s}(\tilde{\phi})_\alpha,$$

defined by counting pairs of pants. Fixing  $e \in HF_r(\mathbf{1})_{pt}$  we obtain the above operator (note that  $HF_r(\mathbf{1})_{pt} \cong QH_r(M)$ ).



# Operator interleaving distance

We may define a  $\delta$ -operator-interleaving by asking for interleaving maps to be morphisms of persistence modules with operators (i.e. to commute with the operators).

$$d_{op-inter}((V, A), (W, B)) =$$

$$\inf\{\delta \geq 0 \mid \text{there exists a } \delta\text{-operator-interleaving}\}.$$

Proposition (Polterovich, Shelukhin, S. 2017.)

$$d_{op-inter}((V, A), (W, B)) \geq d_{inter}(\text{im } A, \text{im } B)$$

$$d_{op-inter}((V, A), (W, B)) \geq d_{inter}(\ker A, \ker B)$$

Proof of the proposition follows directly from the definitions.

From now on we work over the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ , where  $\zeta^p = 1$ .

## $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -action

Let  $(V, A)$  and  $(W, B)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  persistence modules. If a morphism commutes with  $A$  and  $B$  it also commutes with  $A - \zeta \cdot \mathbf{1}_V$  and  $B - \zeta \cdot \mathbf{1}_W$ . The proposition thus gives us

$$d_{op-inter}((V, A), (W, B)) \geq d_{inter}(\ker(A - \zeta \cdot \mathbf{1}_V), \ker(B - \zeta \cdot \mathbf{1}_W)).$$

**Upshot:** We may concentrate on interleaving distance between  $\zeta$ -eigenspaces of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -actions. This allows us to use The isometry theorem and analyse barcodes.

## Floer theoretic recipe

- Take  $\tilde{\phi} \in \widetilde{\text{Ham}}(M)$ ,  $\phi = \tilde{\phi}_1$ .
- Create a Floer persistence module  $HF(\tilde{\phi}^p)_\alpha$ .
- Introduce  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -action by the push forward map  $P(\phi)$ :  
$$P(\phi) : HF_*^t(\tilde{\phi}^p)_\alpha \rightarrow HF_*^t(\tilde{\phi}^p)_\alpha, \quad (P(\phi)(z))(t) = \phi(z(t)).$$
- Use continuation maps as operator-interleavings:

$$HF_*^t(F)_\alpha \xrightarrow{C(F,G)} HF_*^{t+\mathcal{E}^+(G-F)}(G)_\alpha \xrightarrow{C(G,F)} HF_*^{t+\mathcal{E}(G-F)}(F)_\alpha.$$

Cook for 20 minutes to get:

$$\tilde{d}_H(\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\varphi}) \geq \frac{1}{p} d_{op-inter}(HF(\tilde{\phi}^p)_\alpha, HF(\tilde{\varphi}^p)_\alpha)$$

**Highlight:** If  $\phi = \psi^p$ ,  $HF(\tilde{\phi}^p)_\alpha$  has  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ -action given by  $P(\psi)$ . This action shapes the  $\zeta$ -eigenspace, i.e. we have that the multiplicity of each bar in the barcode of  $\ker(P(\phi) - \zeta \cdot \mathbf{1})$  is divisible by  $p$ .

Let  $\text{Powers}_p(M) = \{\phi \in \text{Ham}(M) \mid \exists \psi \in \text{Ham}(M), \phi = \psi^p\}$ .

**Question:** What is  $\sup_{\phi \in \text{Ham}(M)} d_H(\phi, \text{Powers}_p(M))$ ?

**Theorem (Polterovich, Shelukhin 2014.)**

If  $\Sigma$  is a surface of genus at least 4,  $p \geq 2$  any integer and  $N$  a symplectically aspherical manifold it holds

$$\sup_{\phi \in \text{Ham}(\Sigma \times N)} d_H(\phi, \text{Powers}_p(\Sigma \times N)) = +\infty.$$

# Distance to powers

Fix homogeneous  $e \in QH(M)$  and let

$$E_r := e * (QH_r(N)) \subset QH_{r-2n+\deg e}(N).$$

Multiplication by  $q$  induces isomorphism  $E_r \cong E_{r+2c_N}$  and we may define  $2c_N$  Betti numbers

$$b_r(e) = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} E_r, \quad r = 0, \dots, 2c_N - 1.$$

**Theorem (Polterovich, Shelukhin, S. 2017.)**

Let  $\Sigma$  be a surface of genus at least 4 and  $N$  a monotone symplectic manifold. If there exists  $e \in QH(N)$  such that  $p \nmid b_r(e)$  for some  $r$  it holds

$$\sup_{\phi \in \text{Ham}(\Sigma \times N)} d_H(\phi, \text{Powers}_p(\Sigma \times N)) = +\infty.$$

**Remark:** J. Zhang tackled the case of  $\Sigma \times N$  for any closed  $N$  and  $p$  large enough.

# Back to filtered homology

Let  $f, g$  be Morse functions,  $V^t(f)$  and  $V^t(g)$  associated filtered homologies. We saw that

$$\|f - g\|_\infty \geq d_{inter}(V(f), V(g)) = d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(V(f)), \mathcal{B}(V(g))).$$

Motto:

Use  $d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(V(f)), \mathcal{B}(V(g)))$  to distinguish between  $f$  and  $g$ .

Also

$$\|f - g\|_\infty \geq d_{op-inter}((V(f), e^*), (V(g), e^*)).$$

which together with the proposition gives

New motto:

Use  $d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(e * (V(f))), \mathcal{B}(e * (V(g))))$  to distinguish between  $f$  and  $g$ .

## Question

Can we do better with  $d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(e * (V(f))), \mathcal{B}(e * (V(f))))$  than with  $d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(V(f)), \mathcal{B}(V(g)))$ ? More precisely can we have

$$d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(V(f)), \mathcal{B}(V(g))) = 0,$$

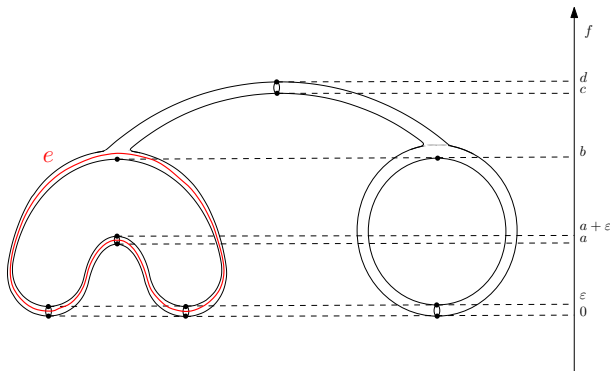
while

$$d_{bottle}(\mathcal{B}(e * (V(f))), \mathcal{B}(e * (V(f)))) > 0,$$

for some class  $e$ ?

# Yes, we can!

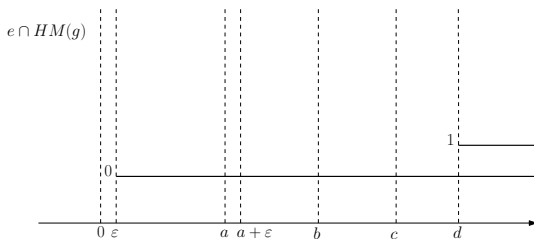
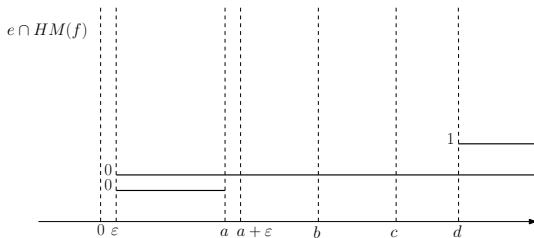
Function  $f$  is given as a height function on a deformed surface of genus 2.



Function  $g = f \circ \varphi$  is obtained from  $f$  by composing with a diffeomorphism of a surface (exchanging left-hand side and right-hand side of the picture).



# Barcodes after intersection



Thank you for your attention!