

# Math 149: Applied Algebraic Topology

## Introductory Lecture

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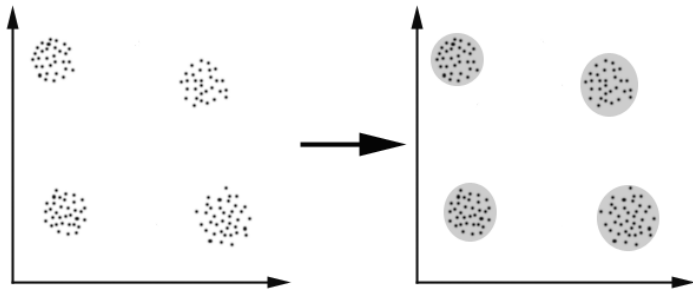


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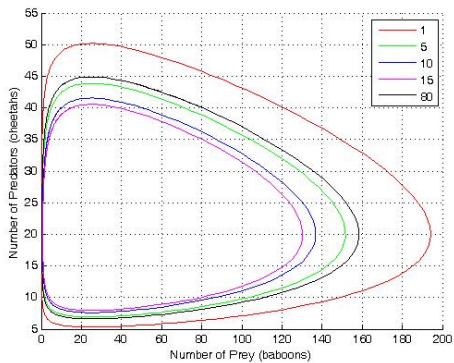


Clusters





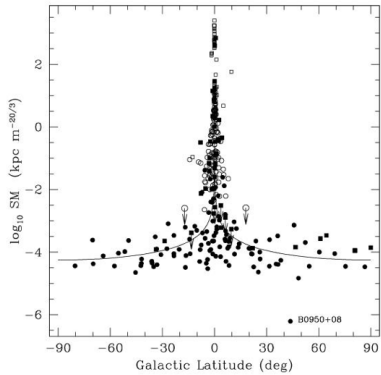
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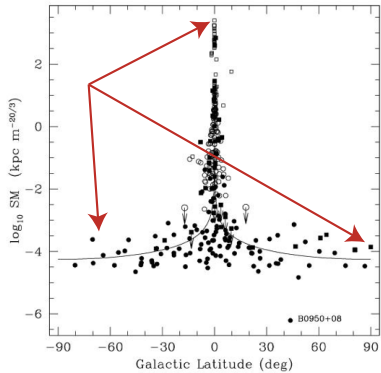
Predator-Prey model



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- ▶ Last ten years ported into the point cloud world



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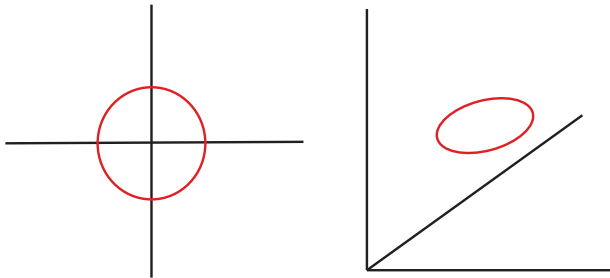
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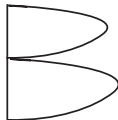
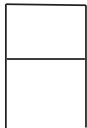
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Coordinate Freeness



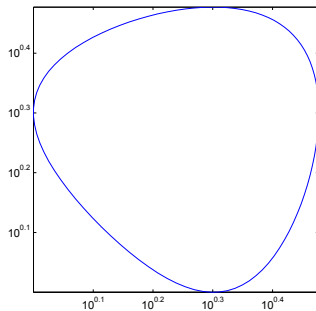
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Invariance to Deformations



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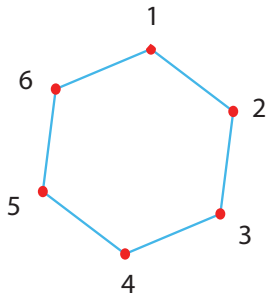
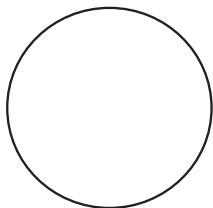


Log-log plot of a circle in the plane





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Compressed Representations of Geometry



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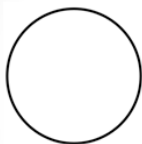
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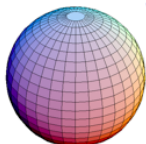
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- ▶ Represent shape



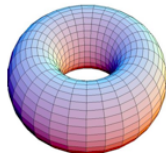
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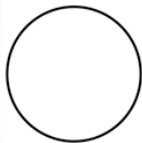


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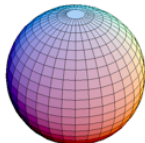
$b_i$  is the " $i$ -th Betti number"



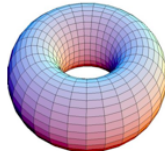
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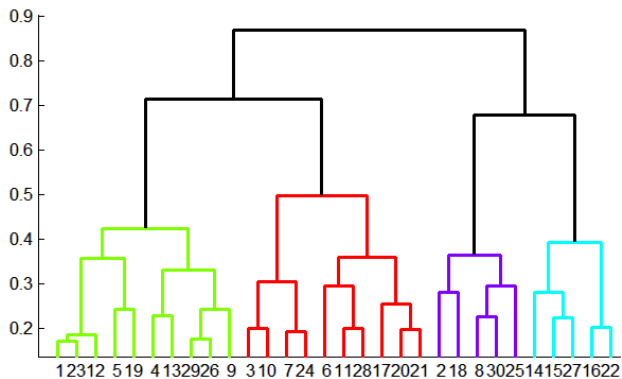
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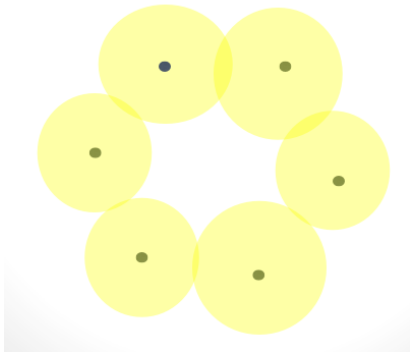


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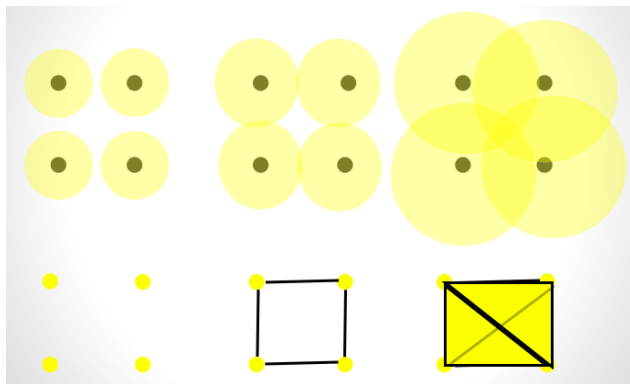
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- ▶ Call such algebraic structures *persistence vector spaces*

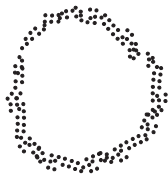


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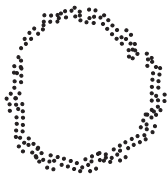
Can we classify persistence vector spaces, up to isomorphism?



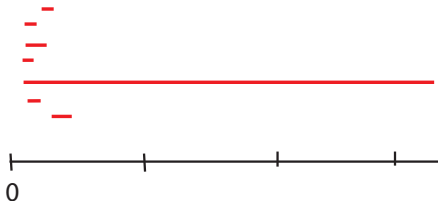
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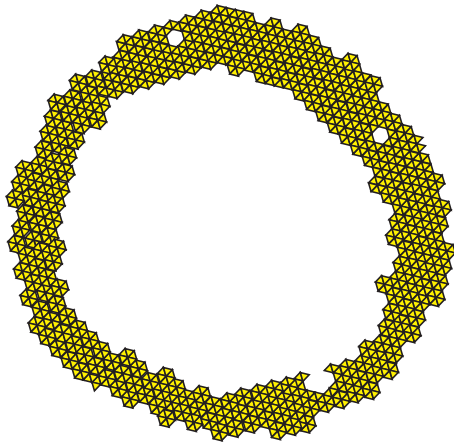
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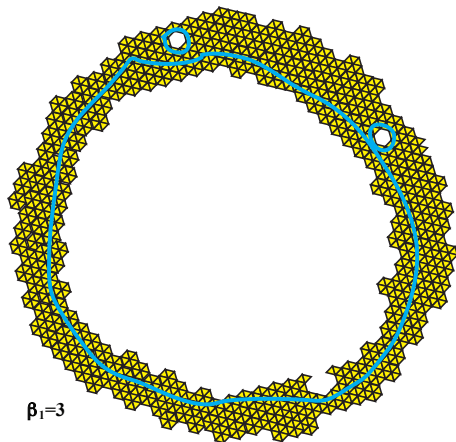


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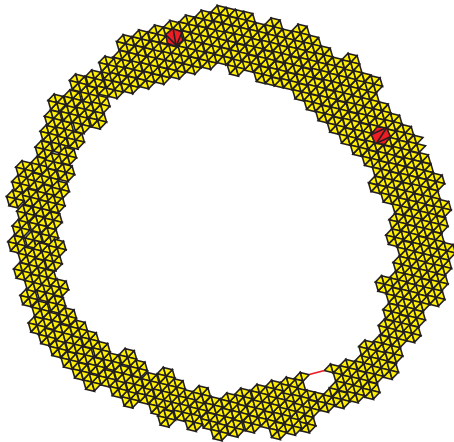




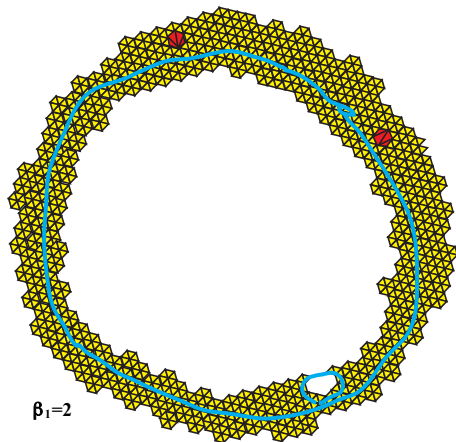
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# Application to Natural Image Statistics

With V. de Silva, T. Ishkanov, A. Zomorodian



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Typical camera uses tens of thousands of pixels, so images lie in a very high dimensional space, call it *pixel space*,  $\mathcal{P}$



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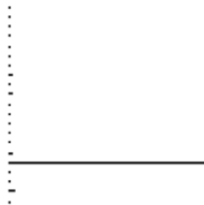
**D. Mumford:** What can be said about the set of images  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$  one obtains when one takes many images with a digital camera?





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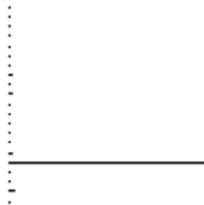


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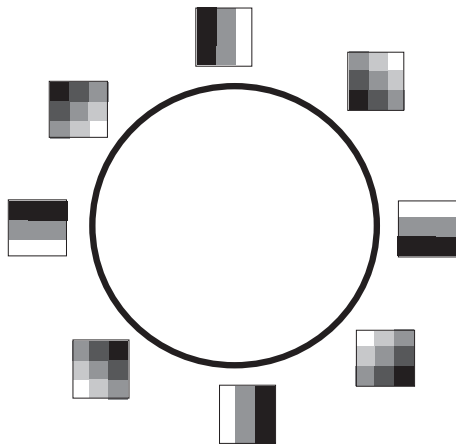


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Is the set clustered around a circle?



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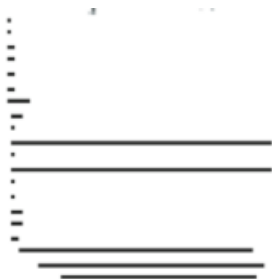


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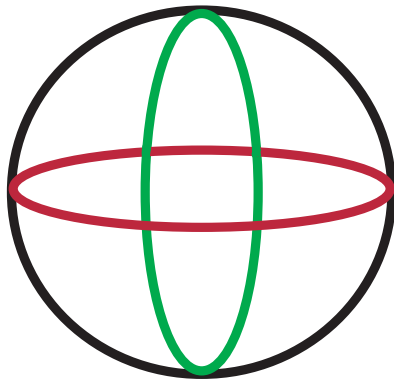


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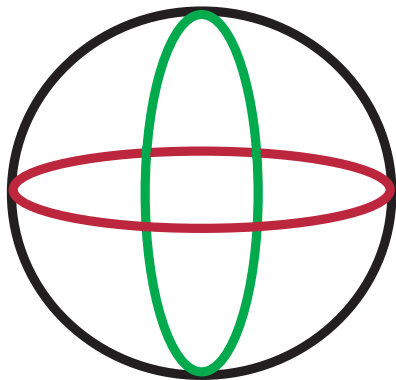
What's the explanation for this?



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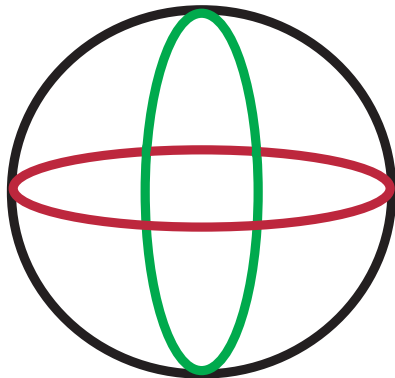
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THREE CIRCLE MODEL



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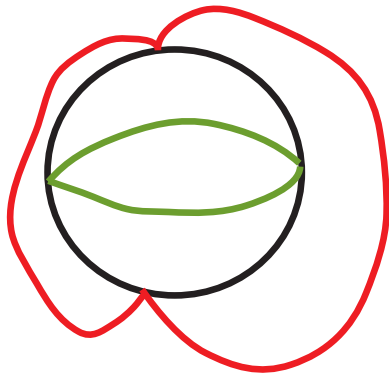


Red and green circles do not touch, each touches black circle

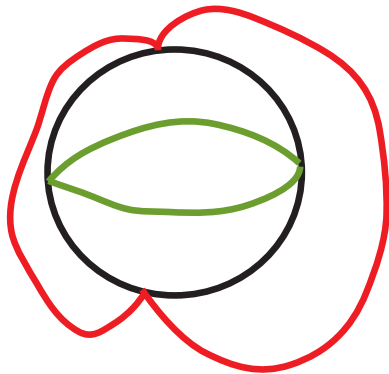




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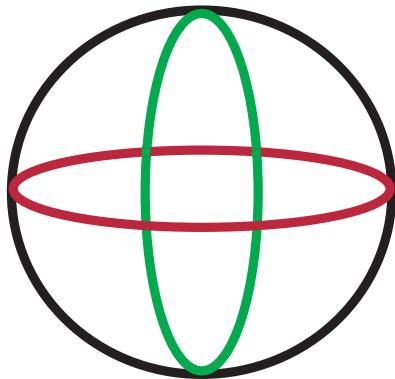
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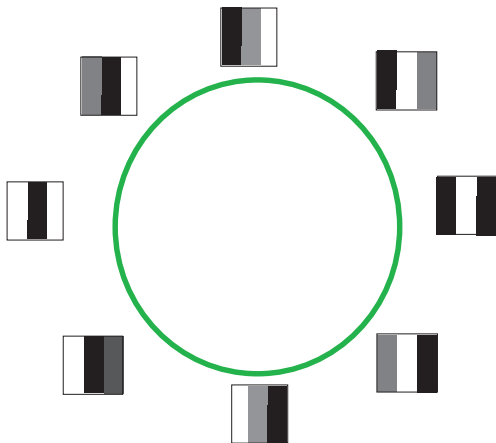
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Does the data fit with this model?



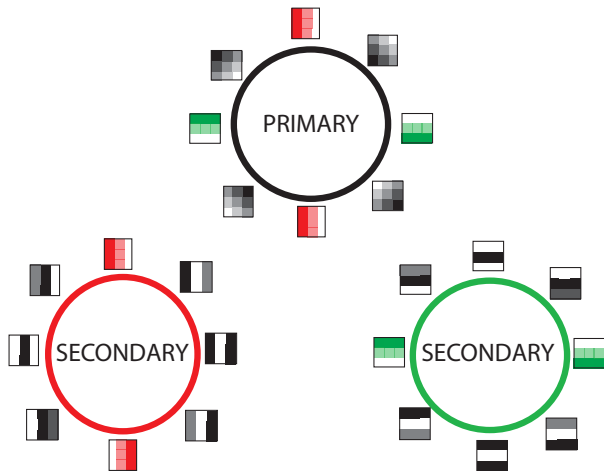
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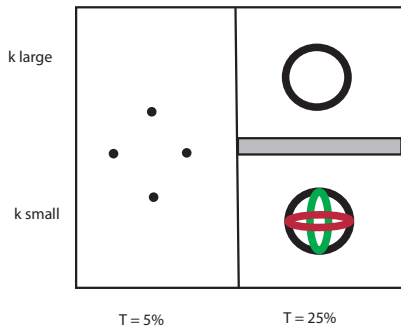
SECONDARY CIRCLE



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# Database



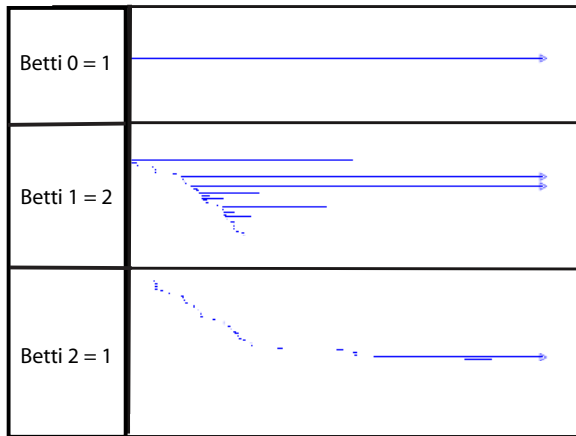
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**IS THERE A TWO DIMENSIONAL SURFACE IN  
WHICH THIS PICTURE FITS?**



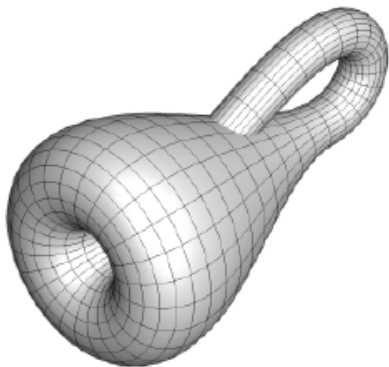
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$4.5 \times 10^6$  points,  $k = 100$ ,  $T = 10$





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$\mathcal{K}$  - KLEIN BOTTLE



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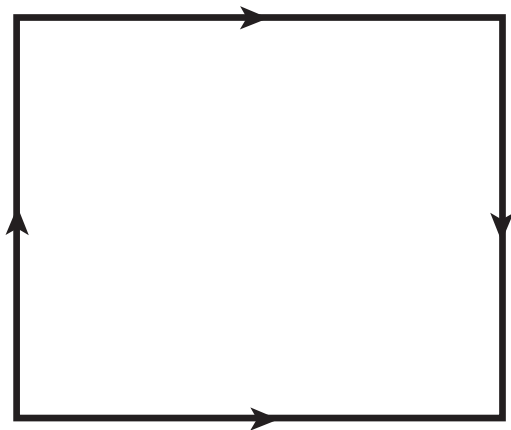
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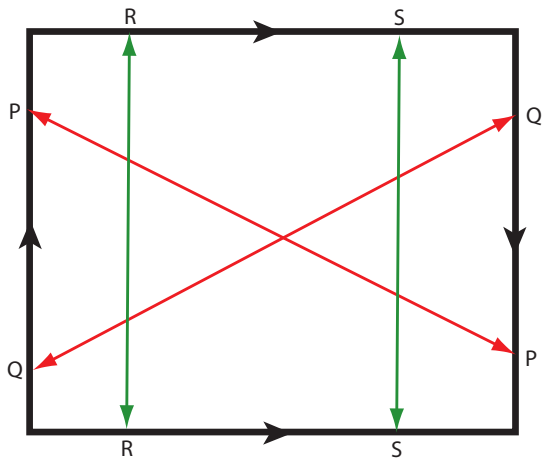
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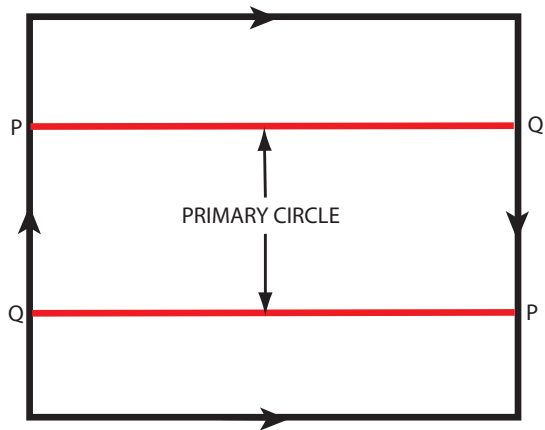


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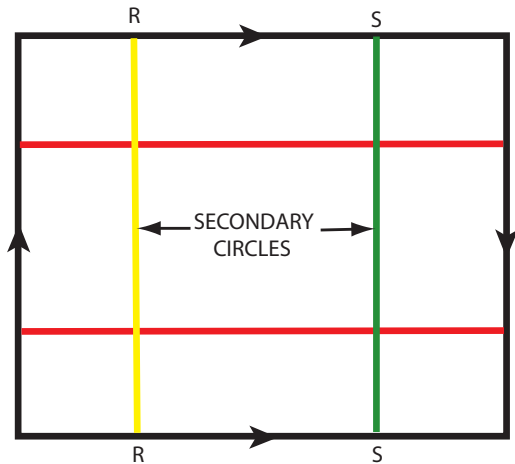
Do the three circles fit naturally inside  $\mathcal{K}$ ?



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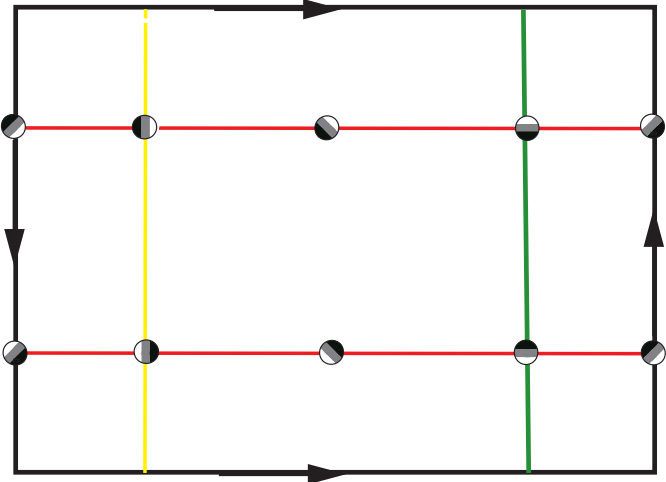


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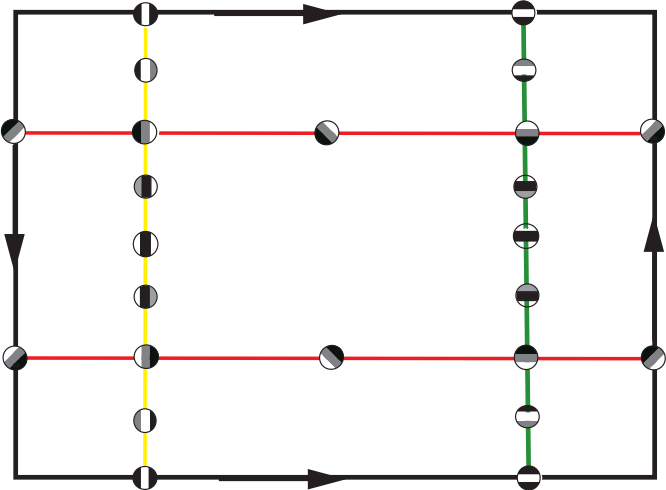




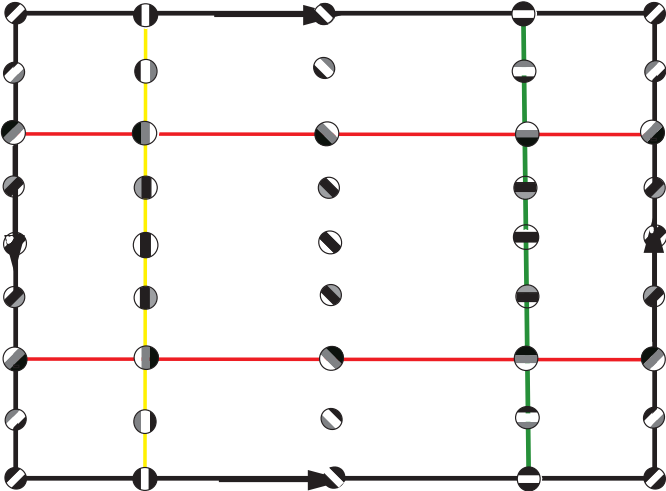
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Klein bottle makes sense in quadratic polynomials in two variables, as polynomials which can be written as

$$f = q(\lambda(x))$$

where

1.  $q$  is single variable quadratic
2.  $\lambda$  is a linear functional
3.  $\int_D f = 0$
4.  $\int_D f^2 = 1$



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**A Picture is worth 1,000 words**

The evidence for Kleinlets over Wedgelets



Original



Coded by Kleinlet at .71bpp  
PSNR= 29dB



Coded by Wedgelet at .8bpp  
PSNR= 27.7dB



Kleinlet



Wedgelet



Kleinlet



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## PSNR Comparisons

Kleinlets



16x16 patches on a 512x512 image



PSNR=24.4

Wedges



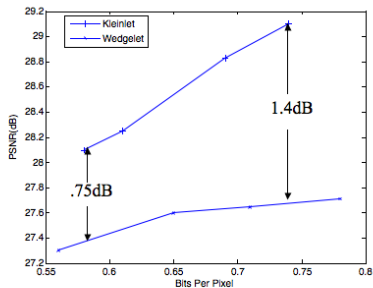
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Compression comparison between kleinlets and wedgelets

Cameraman



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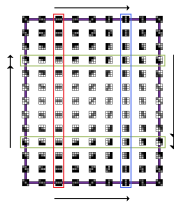
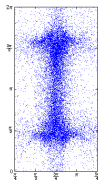
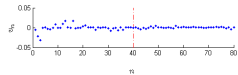
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Jose Perca - Duke University

Klein Bottle and Texture Discrimination



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- ▶ The quantity on which we filter is usually a geometric quantity



# Borel-Moore for Point Clouds

- ▶ Point clouds are finite, so doesn't make direct sense
- ▶ Replace the ends with some kind of boundary for the space
- ▶ Define data depth function on a point cloud  $X$  as

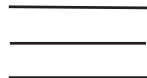
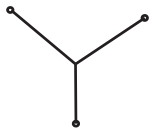
$$\Delta(x) = \sum_{x' \in X} d(x, x')$$

- ▶ Define the boundary  $\partial X$  as the set of local minima for  $\Delta$ .
- ▶ Borel Moore is now the relative homology of  $(X, \partial X)$
- ▶ Persistent version: use persistence based on  $-\Delta$  instead of scale parameter.





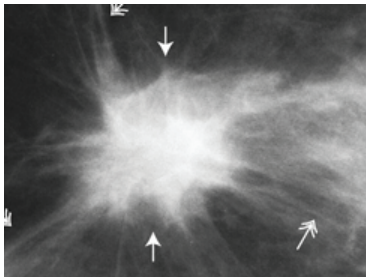
## Borel-Moore for Point Clouds



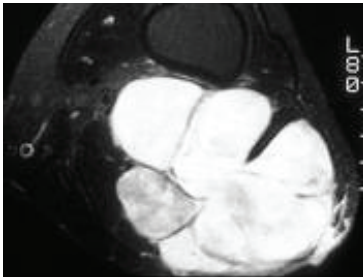
Can now distinguish between “Y” and “X”, even though they are homotopy equivalent



## Borel-Moore: Shape of Tumors



Spiculated



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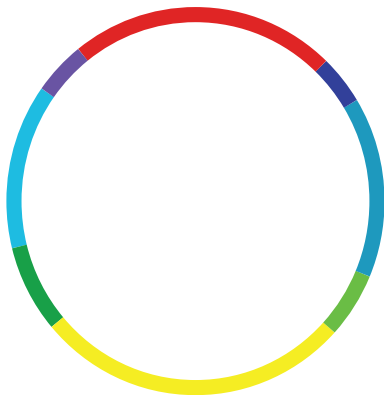
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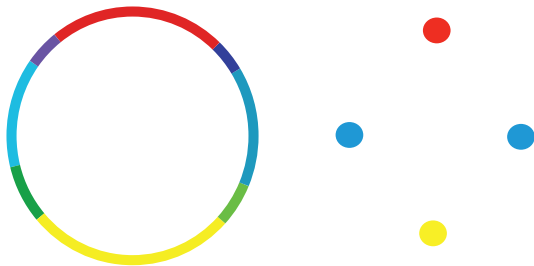
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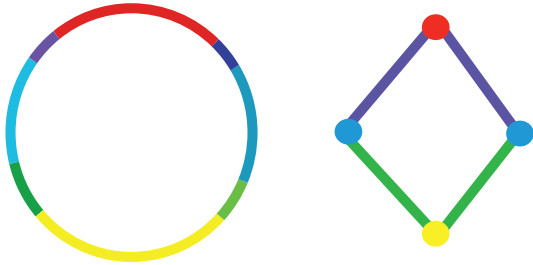


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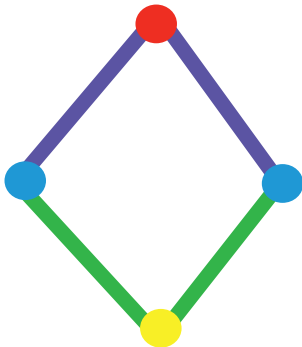
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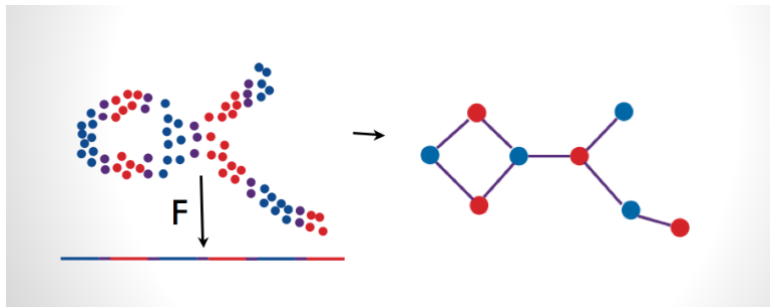
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The reference space typically has useful families of coverings attached to it.



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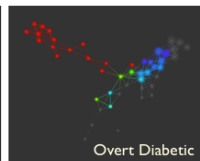
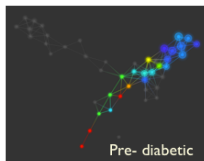
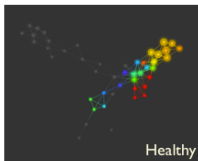
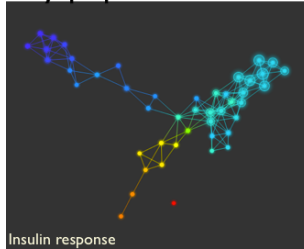
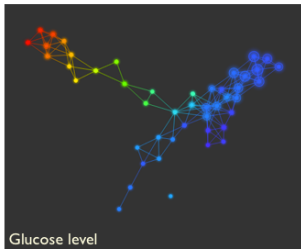
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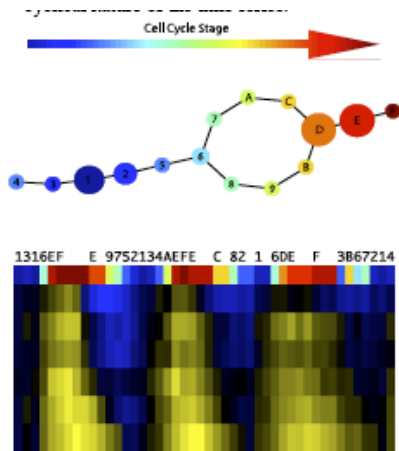
## Relationships between diabetic, pre-diabetic and healthy populations



Miller-Reaven Diabetes Dataset



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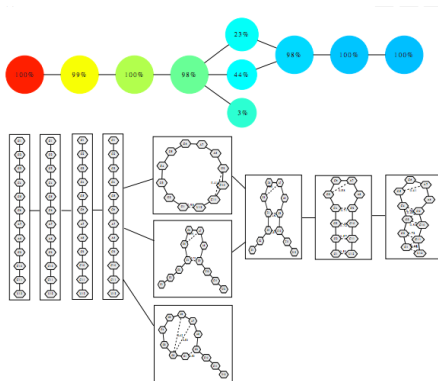


Cell Cycle Microarray Data

Joint with M. Nicolau, Nagarajan, G. Singh



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RNA hairpin folding data

Joint with G. Bowman, X. Huang, Y. Yao, J. Sun, L. Guibas, V. Pande, J. Chem. Physics, 2009





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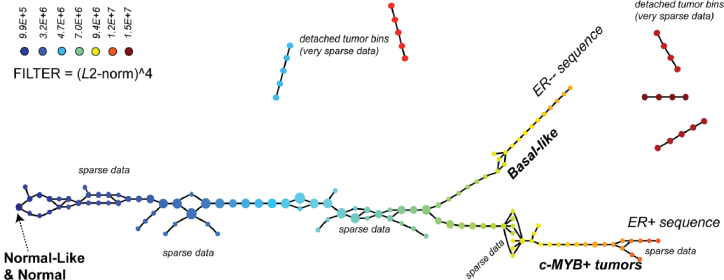
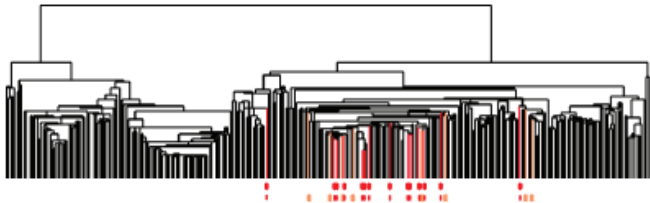


Diagram of gene expression profiles for breast cancer  
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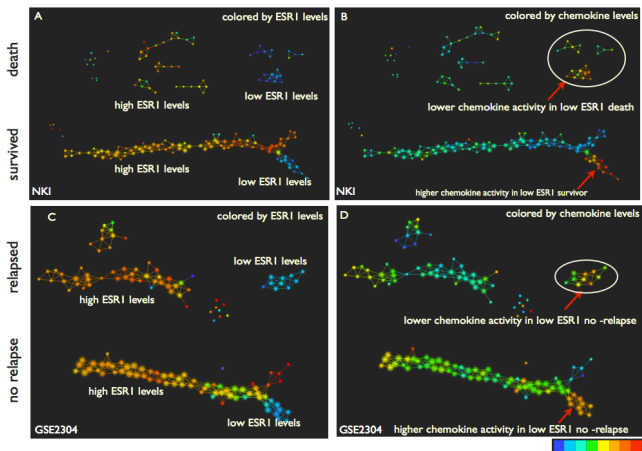


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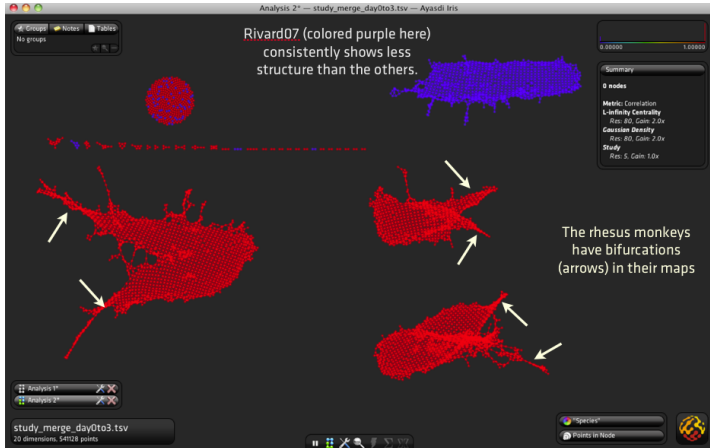
Comparison with hierarchical clustering





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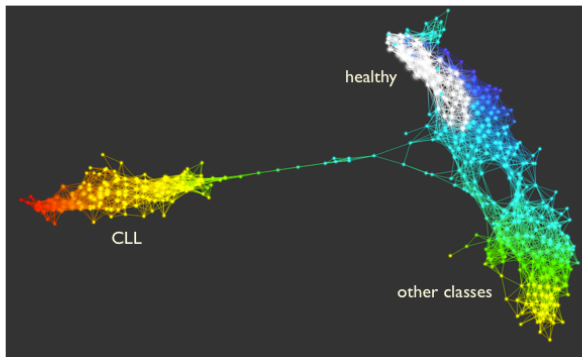


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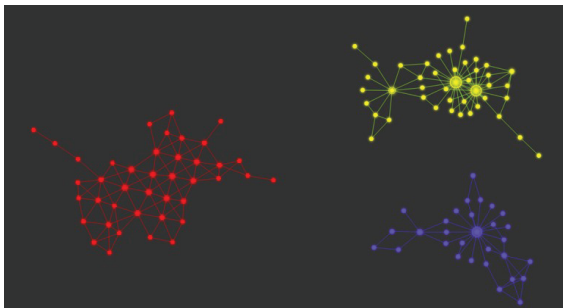
## Topological structure of leukemia



Data: Gene expression profiles of bone marrow of leukemia patients  
Source: PMID 8573112  
Columns: 1500 genes  
Rows: 1905 patients



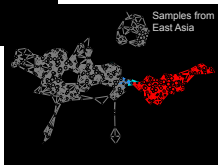
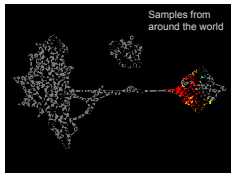
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Serendipity - copy number variation reveals parent child relations



## Example: DNA Sequencing



### About the Data

DNA sequencing data includes hundreds of thousands of categorical features, where similarity, or distance, between samples is hard to define. However, this data provides the opportunity to relate genotypes with disease.

1,092 samples  
250,000 columns

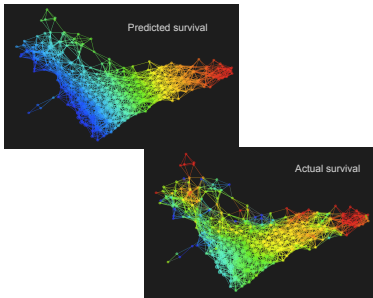
Using Iris features designed for categorical data, Iris networks map populations from around the world (upper left) and of three subpopulations in East Asia (lower right). Both networks show the distribution of Japanese samples within the network.

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## Example: Model Verification



### About the Data

When patients come to an emergent care facility, doctors need to assess priority and predict probability of survival with medical intervention.

Patient is quickly assessed for information about their condition: temperature, blood pressure, yes/ no questions.

Network of patients colored by the predicted survival (upper left, blue indicates good predicted survival) and actual survival (lower right, blue indicates good survival) – a group of patients was identified with good predicted survival but bad outcomes. Further analysis showed that missing data was misleading the model used to make survival predictions.

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Thank You!

