# Capturing Changes in Combinatorial Dynamical Systems via Persistent Homology 

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- Motivating Example and Persistence
- Combinatorial Dynamical Systems \& Conley Index
- Conley Index Persistence
- Conley-Morse Graph Persistence


## Motivating Example: Hopf Bifurcation

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{\prime}=-y+x\left(\lambda-x^{2}-y^{2}\right) \\
y^{\prime}=x+y\left(\lambda-x^{2}-y^{2}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

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Yes, by using persistence

## Persistent Homology

Summarizes changing homology of a filtration [ELZOO]

$$
K_{1} \subseteq K_{2} \subseteq \ldots \subseteq K_{n}=K
$$



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$$

## "Level Set" Persistence

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \subseteq \subseteq \supseteq 0 \subseteq-\geq 0 \\
& \subseteq \square 00 \subseteq 0 \supseteq 0
\end{aligned}
$$

Level Set Barcode

Dimension: 0
$\square$

$\square$

Dimension: 1
$\square$


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## Multivectors

Let $K$ denote a simplicial complex and $\leq$ denote the face relation.
Definition: A multivector $V$ is a convex subset of $K$ with respect to $\leq$.

Definition: A multivector field $\mathcal{V}$ is a partition of $K$ into multivectors.


Multivector Fields


Multivector Fields as a Dynamical System
Let $\sigma \in K$. Then $\operatorname{cl}(\sigma)=\{\tau \in K \mid \tau \leq \sigma\}$.
$[\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}}$ denotes the vector in $\mathcal{V}$ containing $\sigma$
Dynamics generator $F_{\mathcal{V}}: K \multimap K$ defined as:

$$
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$$

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Multivector field


Image of marked edge $e$
Blue simplices are in $[e]_{\mathcal{V}} \backslash \mathrm{cl}(e)$
Yellow simplices are in $\mathrm{cl}(e) \backslash[e]_{\mathcal{V}}$ Red simplices are in $[e]_{\mathcal{V}} \cap \mathrm{cl}(e)$

## Paths

Definition: A path is a finite sequence of simplices $\sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2}, \ldots, \sigma_{n}$ such that $\sigma_{i+1} \in F_{\mathcal{V}}\left(\sigma_{i}\right)$


## Solutions

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But as $F_{\mathcal{V}}(\sigma)=[\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}} \cup \mathrm{cl}(\sigma)$, every simplex gives a solution!

## Critical Multivectors

Definition: Let $A \subseteq K$. The mouth of A is defined as $\mathrm{mo}(A):=\mathrm{cl}(A) \backslash A$

Definition: A multivector $[\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}}$ is critical if there exists a k such that $H_{k}\left(\mathrm{cl}\left([\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left([\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}}\right)\right)$ is nontrivial.

Critical Multivectors

Critical:


Regular:


## Essential Solutions

Definition: Let $\cdot\left[, \sigma_{-1}, \sigma_{0}, \sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2}, \ldots\right.$ denote a solution. If for each $\sigma_{i}$ where $\left[\sigma_{i}\right]_{\mathcal{V}}$ is noncritical, there exists a $j>i$ and $j^{\prime}<i$ where $\left[\sigma_{i}\right]_{\mathcal{V}} \neq\left[\sigma_{j}\right]_{\mathcal{V}}$ and $\left[\sigma_{i}\right]_{\mathcal{V}} \neq\left[\sigma_{j^{\prime}}\right]_{\mathcal{V}}$, then $\ldots, \sigma_{-1}, \sigma_{0}, \sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2}, \ldots$ is an essential solution.


## Invariant Sets

Definition: Let $A \subseteq K$. The invariant part of $A$, denoted $\operatorname{Inv}(A)$, is the set of simplices in $A$ which appear in an essential solution in $A$.


If $A=\operatorname{lnv}(A)$, then $A$ is an invariant set.

## Isolated Invariant Sets

Definition: Let $A \subseteq N \subseteq K$, where $A$ is an invariant set and $N$ is closed (i.e. $N=\overline{\mathrm{cl}}(N) \overline{)}$. If every path in N with endpoints in $A$ is contained in $A$, then $A$ is an isolated invariant set, and $N$ is an isolating neighborhood for $A$.


## Index Pairs

Definition: Let $A$ be an isolated invariant set, and $E$ and $P$ closed sets such that $E \subseteq P$. If:

1. $F_{\mathcal{V}}(E) \cap P \subset E$,
2. $F_{\mathcal{V}}(P \backslash E) \subseteq P$, and
3. $A=\operatorname{lnv}(P \backslash E)$

Then $(P, E)$ is an index pair for $A$.


## Conley Index

Theorem [LKMW2019]: Let $A$ denote an isolated invariant set. The pair $(\mathrm{cl}(A), \operatorname{mo}(A))$ is an index pair for $A$.


## Index Pairs are Not Unique



## Conley Index

Definition: Let $(P, E)$ be an index pair for $A$. Then the kdimensional Conley Index is given by $H_{k}(P, E)$.

Theorem [LKMW 2019]: The $k$-dimensional Conley Index for $A$ is well defined.

## Conley Indices


$H_{2}(R \cup Y, R)=\mathbb{Z}_{2}$

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## Conley Index Persistence

First attempt: for each $\mathcal{V}_{1}, \mathcal{V}_{2}, \ldots, \mathcal{V}_{n}$, compute an isolated invariant set, $A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n}$ and corresponding index pairs.

$$
\left(\mathrm{cl}\left(A_{1}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{1}\right)\right),\left(\mathrm{cl}\left(A_{2}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{2}\right)\right), \ldots,\left(\operatorname{cl}\left(A_{n}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{n}\right)\right)
$$

Gives a relative zigzag filtration:

$$
\ldots \subseteq\left(\operatorname{cl}\left(A_{i}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{i}\right)\right) \supseteq\left(\mathrm{cl}\left(A_{i}\right) \cap \mathrm{cl}\left(A_{i+1}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{i}\right) \cap \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{i+1}\right)\right) \subseteq\left(\mathrm{cl}\left(A_{i+1}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{i+1}\right)\right) \supseteq \ldots
$$

Problem: $\left(\mathrm{cl}\left(A_{i}\right) \cap \mathrm{cl}\left(A_{i+1}\right), \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{i}\right) \cap \operatorname{mo}\left(A_{i+1}\right)\right)$ generally not an index pair.

## Intersection Example



## Index Pairs in an Isolating Neighborhood

Let $E \subset P \subseteq N$ for closed $P, E, N$, and $A \subseteq N$. If:

1. $F_{\mathcal{V}}(P) \cap N \subseteq P$,
2. $F_{\mathcal{V}}(E) \cap N \subseteq E$,
3. $F_{\mathcal{V}}(P \backslash E) \subseteq N$, and
4. $A=\operatorname{lnv}(P \backslash E)$
then $(P, E)$ is an index pair in $N$.


## Push Forward

Let $A \subseteq K$ denote an arbitrary set in some closed $N$. Then the push forward of $A$ in $N$ is $A$ together with all simplices in $N$ which are reachable from paths originating in $A$ and contained in $N$.


## Finding Index Pairs in N

Theorem [DMS20]: Let $A$ denote an isolated invariant set, and let $N$ denote an isolating neighborhood for $A$. The pair ( $\mathrm{pf}(\mathrm{c}(A))$, $\mathrm{pf}(\operatorname{mo}(A)))$ is an index pair in $N$ for $A$.


## Index Pairs in an Isolating Neighborhood

Theorem (DMS20): Index Pairs in $N$ are index pairs.
Definition: Let $\mathcal{V}_{1}, \mathcal{V}_{2}$ denote multivector fields over $K$. The intersection of multivector fields is given by

$$
\mathcal{V}_{1} \bar{\cap} \mathcal{V}_{2}=\left\{V_{1} \cap V_{2} \mid V_{1} \in \mathcal{V}_{1}, V_{2} \in \mathcal{V}_{2}\right\}
$$

Theorem (DMS20): Let $\left(P_{1}, E_{1}\right),\left(P_{2}, E_{2}\right)$ denote index pairs in $N$ under $\mathcal{V}_{1}, \mathcal{V}_{2}$. The pair ( $P_{1} \cap P_{2}, E_{1} \cap E_{2}$ ) is an index pair in $N$ under $\mathcal{V}_{1} \bar{\cap} \mathcal{V}_{2}$ for $\operatorname{Inv}\left(\left(P_{1} \cap P_{2}\right) \backslash\left(E_{1} \cap E_{2}\right)\right)$

## Intersection Example



Dimension: 2

All simplices in N , Yellow union
Red is $P$, and Red is $E$

## Conley Index Persistence: New Strategy

Fix $N$, and for each $\mathcal{V}_{1}, \mathcal{V}_{2}, \ldots, \mathcal{V}_{n}$, compute the maximal invariant set in $N$, denoted $A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n}$, and corresponding index pairs.

$$
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## Conley Index Persistence



Dimension: 0

## Problem: Noise Resilience



Dimension: 2

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All simplices are in $N$, Yellow union Red $=P$, and Red $=E$

## Solution: Make E Smaller



Dimension: 2

## Conley Index Persistence

Proposition [DMS20]: Let $(P, E)$ denote an index pair for $A$ in $N$. If $V \subseteq E$ is a regular multivector such that $E^{\prime}:=E \backslash V$ is closed, then $\left.\overline{(P}, E^{\prime}\right)$ is an index pair in $N$ for $A$.


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## Algorithm

MakeNoiseResilient( $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{A}, \delta$ ):
while there exists a regular multivector $V \subset E$ such that $E \backslash V$ is closed and $d(V, A) \leq \delta$ :
$E \leftarrow E \backslash V$


## Multivector Removal Strategy

Theorem [DMS'20]: This algorithm outputs index pairs


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## Motivating Example



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Dimension: 0

## Original Example



Dimension: 0
Dimension: 1

## Conley-Morse Graph

A Morse decomposition graph equipped with information about the Conley Index


## Conley-Morse Graph



$\sum_{1+t}^{1} t+t^{2}$

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## Conley-Morse Graph Persistence

Two types of filtrations:

1. Graph Filtrations
2. Conley-Morse Filtrations

## Conley-Morse Filtrations

1. Assume every isolated invariant set is isolated by the same N .
2. Fix index pair for each Morse set.
3. Find all "maximal" sequences of index pairs across Conley-Morse graphs with nontrivial intersection.


## Conley-Morse Filtrations



## Conley-Morse Barcodes



Dimension: 2
Dimension: 1


## Conley-Morse Graph Barcodes

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Dimension: 0
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Periodic attractor

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Dimension: 1
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Dimension: 0 Attracting fixed point

## Dimension: 2

Repelling fixed point AND
periodic repeller

## Conclusion \& Future Work

- In this presentation: devised method to capture changes in combinatorial dynamical systems. But...
- Stability?
- Inference?


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