

Seminar/Talk

Lexicographic optimal chains and manifold triangulations

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This talk will consist in three parts. In the first part we will describe algorithms for the computation of lexicographic minimal chains in an abstract setting. Given a simplicial complex \$K\$, we consider the problem of finding a simplicial \$d\$-chain minimal in a given homology class. This is sometimes referred to as the {\em Optimal Homologous Chain Problem} (OHCP).We consider here simplicial chains with coefficients in \$\Z/2 \Z\$ and the particular situation where, given a total order on \$d\$simplices\$\sigma_1<\ldots<\sigma_n\$, the weight of simplex \$i\$ is \$2^i\$. In this case, the comparison of chains is a {\em lexicographic ordering}.Similarly, we consider the problem of {\em finding a minimal chain for a prescribed boundary}. We show that, for both problems, the same matrix reduction algorithm used for the computation of homological persistence diagrams, applied to the filtration induced by the order on \$d\$-simplices, allows a \$\BigO(n^3)\$ worst case time complexity algorithm.In the particular case where \$K\$ is a \$(d+1)\$-pseudo-manifold,there is a \$\BigO(n \log n)\$ algorithm which can be seen, by duality, as a {\em lexicographic minimum cut} in the dual graph of \$K\$.The second part will show how a carefully chosen total order on simplices allows to retrieve regular triangulations in euclidean spaces, as well as the triangulation of positive reach \$2\$-manifolds as the support of lexicographic minimal chains.We see that each part is motivated by the other.In a last part we will consider two open questions suggested by the preceding results. Results from a joined work with David Cohen-Steiner and Julien Vuillamy.Thanks for ongoing works and discussions with:Dominique Attali, Jean-Daniel Boissonnat, Mathijs Wintraecken

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