

# CGL 3 - Persistent homology

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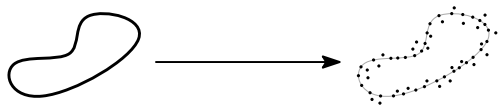
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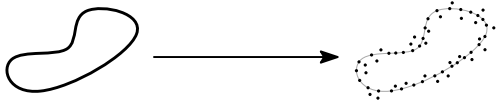
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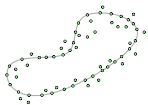
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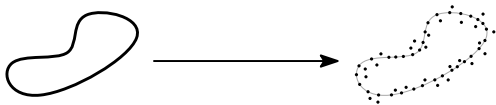
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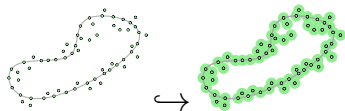
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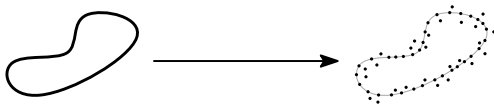
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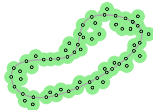
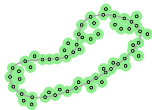
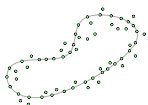
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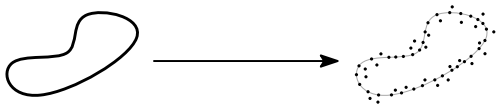
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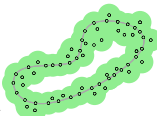
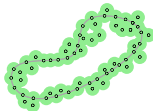
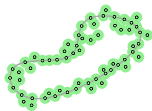
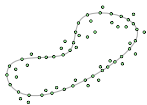
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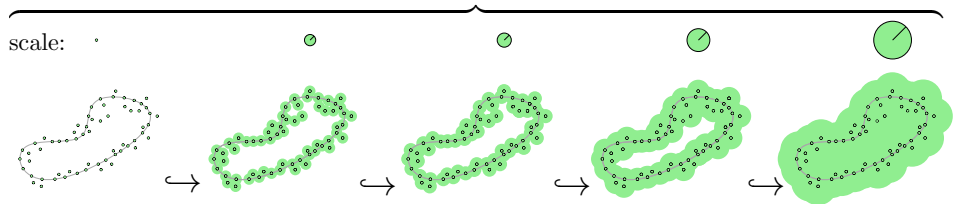
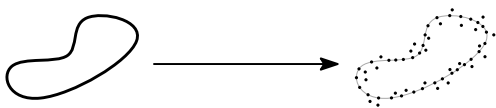
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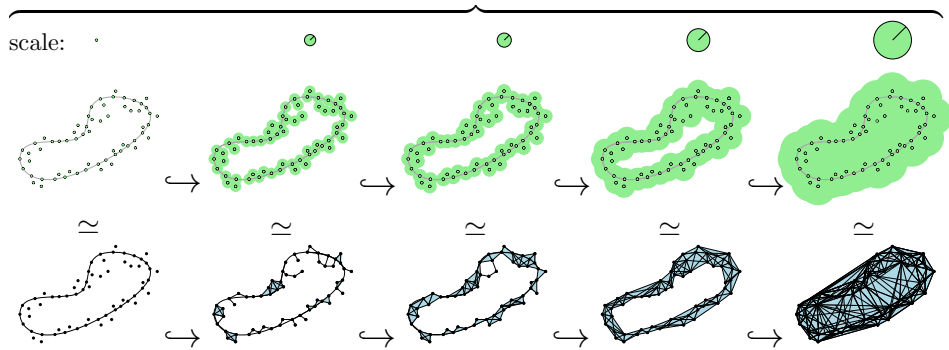
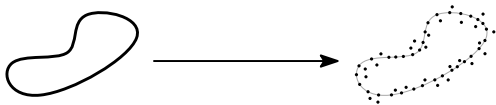


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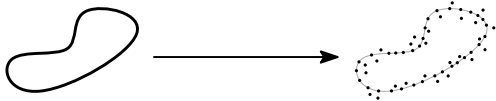





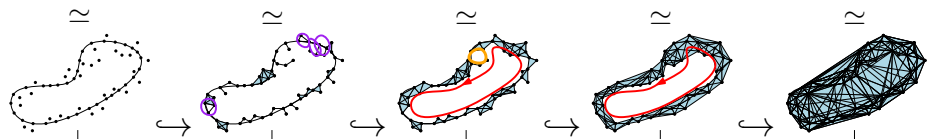
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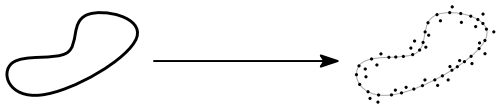


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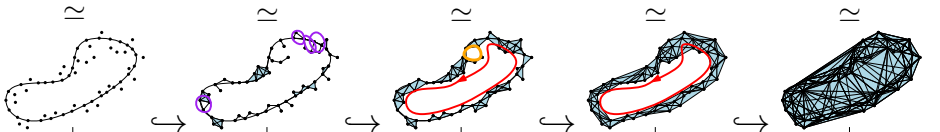


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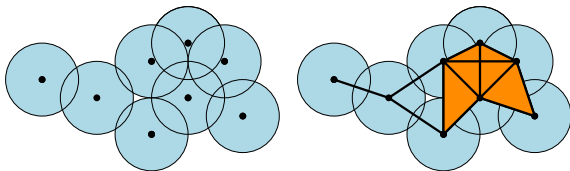


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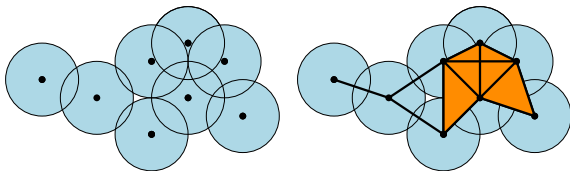


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## Lemma (Nerve)

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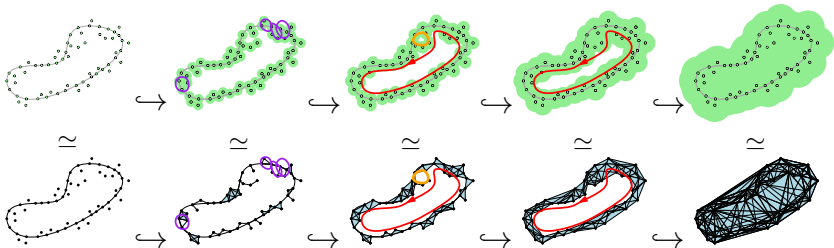
If  $P$  finite,  $|\check{C}^r(P)|$ ,  $r \geq 0$ , changes homotopy type a finite number of times for  $r = r_1, \dots, r_k$ . Consider  $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k$  such that:

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We study the sequence:

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## Definition (Morphism of persistence modules)

Let  $\mathbb{V} = (V_i, f_i)$ ,  $\mathbb{W} = (W_i, g_i)$ ,  $i = 1 \dots n$  be two persistence modules. A **morphism** of persistence modules  $\varphi: \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  is a collection of linear maps  $\{\varphi_i: V_i \rightarrow W_i\}_{i=1 \dots n}$  such that each square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_i & \xrightarrow{f_i} & V_{i+1} \\ \varphi_i \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \varphi_{i+1} \\ W_i & \xrightarrow{g_i} & W_{i+1} \end{array}$$

commutes for  $i = 1 \dots n - 1$ .

$\varphi$  is an **isomorphism** of persistence modules if each  $\varphi_i$  is an isomorphism of vector spaces.

We then denote  $\mathbb{V} \cong \mathbb{W}$ .

# Decomposition of persistence modules

## Definition (Direct sum of persistence modules)

A **direct sum** of two persistence modules  $\mathbb{V} = (V_i, f_i)$  and  $\mathbb{W} = (W_i, g_i)$ ,  $i = 1 \dots n$ , is the persistence module

$$\mathbb{V} \oplus \mathbb{W} := (V_i \oplus W_i, f_i \oplus g_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}$$

$$V_1 \oplus W_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \oplus g_1} V_2 \oplus W_2 \xrightarrow{f_2 \oplus g_2} V_3 \oplus W_3 \xrightarrow{f_3 \oplus g_3} \dots \xrightarrow{f_{n-1} \oplus g_{n-1}} V_n \oplus W_n$$

A persistence module  $\mathbb{V}$  is **indecomposable** iff

$$\mathbb{V} \cong \mathbb{V}_1 \oplus \mathbb{V}_2 \implies \mathbb{V}_1 = 0 \text{ or } \mathbb{V}_2 = 0.$$

# Decomposition

## Theorem (Decomposition)

Every persistence module  $\mathbb{V}$  over the indices  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  admits a *unique* decomposition in *indecomposable* persistence modules

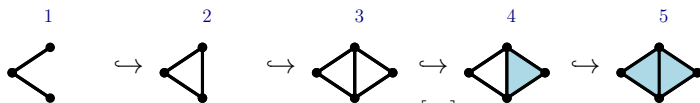
$$\mathbb{V} \cong \bigoplus_i \mathbb{I}[b_i; d_i], \quad 1 \leq b_i \leq d_i \leq n,$$

called *interval modules*, such that  $\mathbb{I}[b; d] :=$

$$\underbrace{0 \xrightarrow{0} \dots \xrightarrow{0} 0}_{\text{indices: } [1; b-1]} \xrightarrow{0} \underbrace{\mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \mathbb{F}}_{[b; d]} \xrightarrow{0} \underbrace{0 \xrightarrow{0} \dots \xrightarrow{0} 0}_{[d+1; n]}$$

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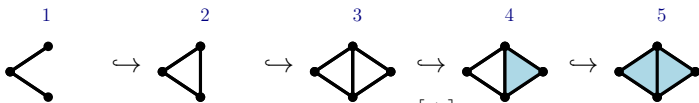


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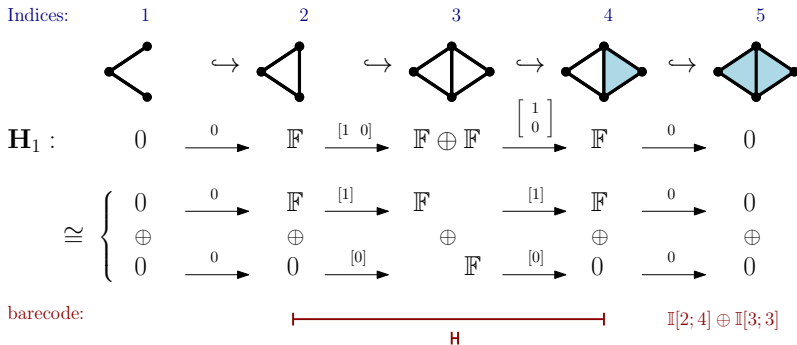


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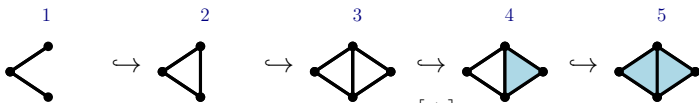


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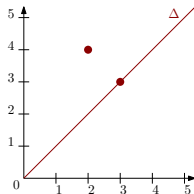
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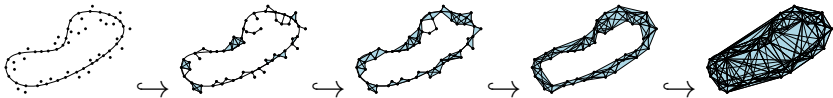
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Example: Filtration induced by scale in the Čech complex, where each inclusion is *decomposed* further into inclusions of one simplex at a time:

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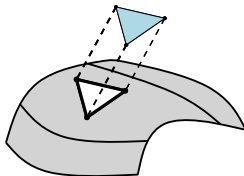
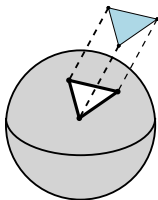


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Finally, we have:

$$\dim \mathbf{C}_d(\mathbf{K} \cup \{\sigma\}) = \overbrace{\dim \mathbf{Z}_d(\mathbf{K} \cup \{\sigma\})}^{\dim \ker \partial_d} + \overbrace{\dim \mathbf{B}_{d-1}(\mathbf{K} \cup \{\sigma\})}^{\dim \operatorname{im} \partial_d}, \text{ so:}$$

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We call this data a **compatible basis** for the filtration of  $\mathbf{K}$ .

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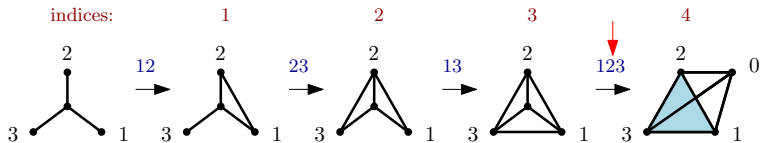
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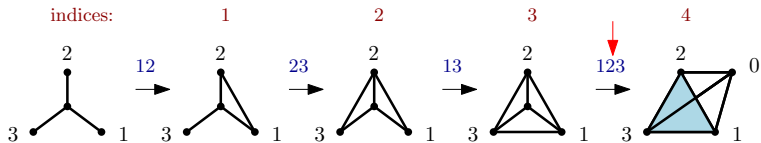
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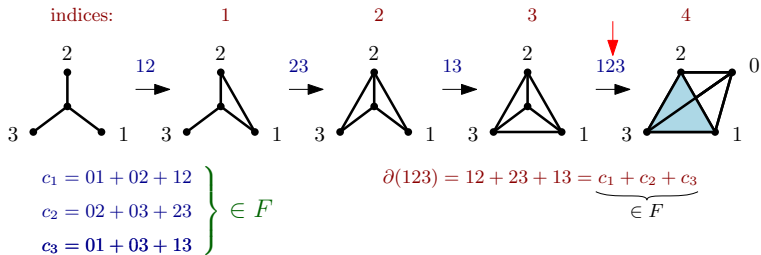


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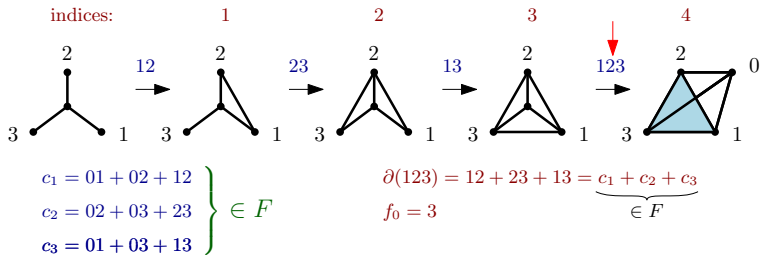
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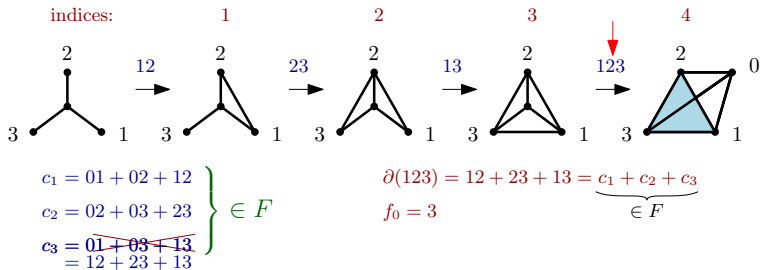
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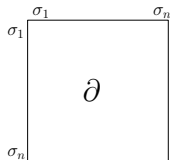
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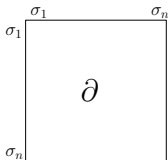
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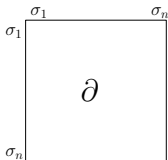
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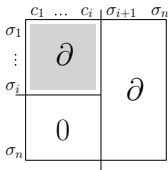


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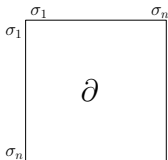
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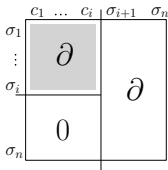
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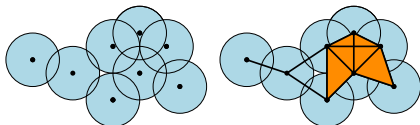
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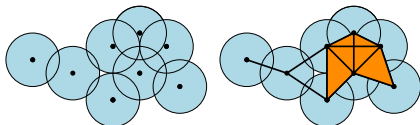
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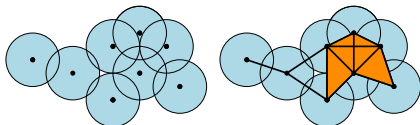
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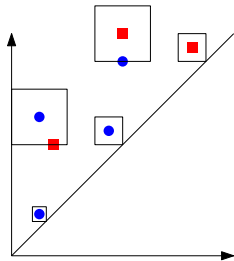
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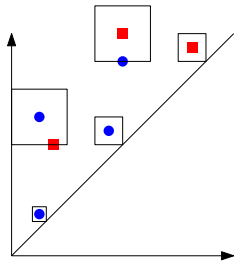
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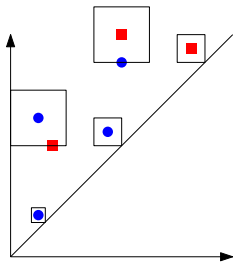
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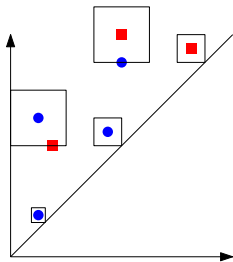
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