## **Discrete Morse Theory**



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### **Critical point extraction**

# Local link inspection Banchoff 1970





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- Persistence diagrams
- Persistence curve



### Persistence diagrams/curves

#### Arbitrary dimension

- Boundary matrix reduction
- Edelsbrunner et al. 2002

#### • Low-dimensions

- Union-Find data structures
- Min-saddle pairs
- Saddle-max pairs
- Gueunet et al. 2017
- Saddle connectors
- Saddle-saddle pairs



### **Persistence simplification**

• Simplify the data

• Retain only persistent features

#### • Algorithms

 Edelsbrunner et al. 2006, Attali et al. 2009, *Tierny and Pascucci 2012*, Bauer et al. 2012



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- Polygonal faces: quadrangles



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- Ascending manifolds: dual complex



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  - V-path connecting a 1-saddle to a 2-saddle (intersection)




























































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## **PL matching property**



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#### V-path reversal from non-PL critical simplices



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# The Topology ToolKit

#### • Open-source TDA library

- $\circ\,$  ~100k lines in C++, BSD license
- http://topology-tool-kit.github.io
- 14k unique visitors, 8.5k Youtube views
- Best paper honorable mention IEEE VIS'17

- Structuring research receptacle
- $\circ$  11 contributing institutions
- 8 academics, 3 companies
- Mini-symposia: IEEE VIS'18, TopoInVis'19, Total



## Take-home message

#### • Morse-Smale complex

Filament structuresCell-like segmentationData clustering

#### • Discrete Morse Theory

- Simple and elegant
- Enables robustness in algorithms
- Possible compliance with PL setting
- Challenging boundary handling :(



## Saddle unfolding







### **Persistence diagrams**

# **Reeb graphs**



### **Morse-Smale complexes**

