

An Introduction to Topological Data Analysis





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Understanding the shape of the data is a fundamental assumption underlying the analytical method





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Which of the following functions is homeomorphism? If not, which one of the three conditions is violated?



Homeomorphism-examples











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to build more complicated shape.



(a) A small(b) Poset of the small complex, with principal simplices marked

Graphs representation: list of edges



[[0,1], [1,3],[1,4] [3,4], [3,2]]

- The vertices can be recovered from the edges.
- The order of the vertices is important only if the graph is directed.

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Nerve of a space



Key idea: every set is replaced by a node

every intersection is replaced by an edge

if we have intersection between three sets we replace them with a face and so on.







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(d) The connected components are represented by the nodes in the Mapper construction.

an edge is inserted whenever two connected components overlap.

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