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Mapper: Useful in multi-variate data analysis

$f_1: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$: f_1 is scalar valued function

$f_2: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$: f_2 is vector valued function.

Alternatively, we can construct a vector of multiple scalar functions $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_d)^T$

If X is a point cloud or subset of \mathbb{R}^d ($d > 1$) then the domain is High Dimensional.

→ We'll make the distinction where high-dimensional \Rightarrow domain multi-variate \Rightarrow range for a function.

Let X : high-dim. point cloud with some metric / distance d
 $x, y \in X$, $d(x, y)$ is computed. For this data set we can perform

\Rightarrow Clustering: K-means, K-median, hierarchical / graph-based

\Rightarrow Dimensionality Reduction: PCA, Factor analysis, eigenmap, LLE, JLT etc.

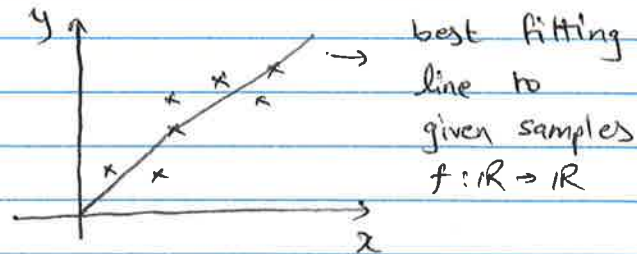
etc.

When we have $y = f(x)$ $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ $d \geq 1$
 we can perform regression

\Rightarrow linear regression

\Rightarrow logit

\Rightarrow multivariate regression



Mapper: discretization of Reeb graph / Reeb space, "Clustering"
 → easily integrated into machine learning.

X : topological space (point cloud, manifold)
 \mathcal{U} : open cover of X , Collection of open sets

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \rightarrow \text{finite index set}$$

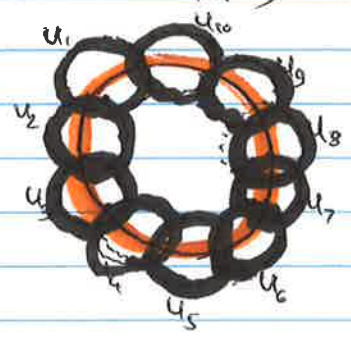
s.t. $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha = X$ (assume U_α is path-connected)
 (union of U_α "covers" X)

example:

$$X = S^1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ (cycle)}$$

$$A = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$$

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} (U_\alpha \cap X) = X$$

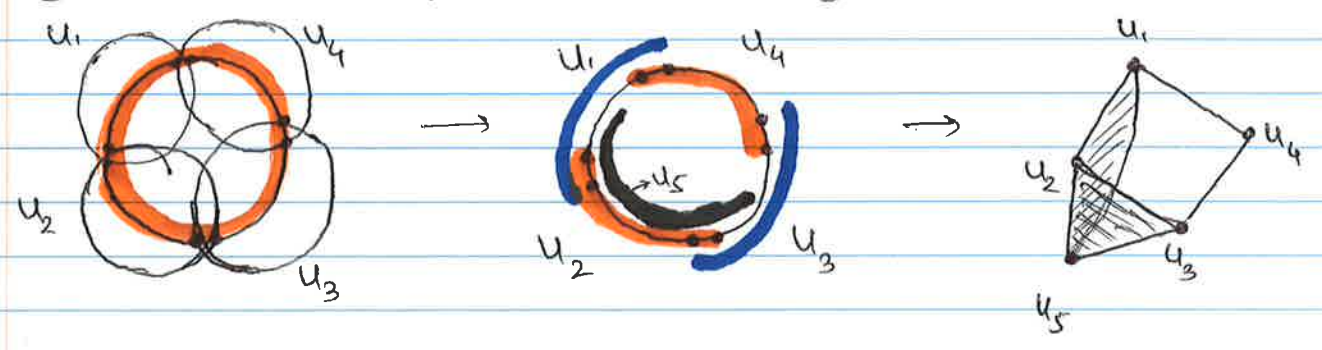


→ Alternatively, $X \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha$

Def: Nerve of a cover: Given a finite cover $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of X , the nerve of cover \mathcal{U} is the simplicial complex $N(\mathcal{U})$ whose vertex set is the index set A and a subset $\{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ of A spans a k -simplex in $N(\mathcal{U})$ iff

$$U_{\alpha_0} \cap U_{\alpha_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{\alpha_k} \neq \emptyset$$

(intersection of open sets indexed by $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k$ is not empty)



Čech Complex: Nerve complex of a collection of open Balls

Def: [Mapper] Let X, Z be topological spaces and $f: X \rightarrow Z$ be a well-behaved continuous function ($Z = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{R}^2)
 Let $U = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be a finite open cover of Z for example.

The mapper (mapper construction) is defined to be the nerve complex of the pull-back cover $M(u, f) = N(f^*(u))$

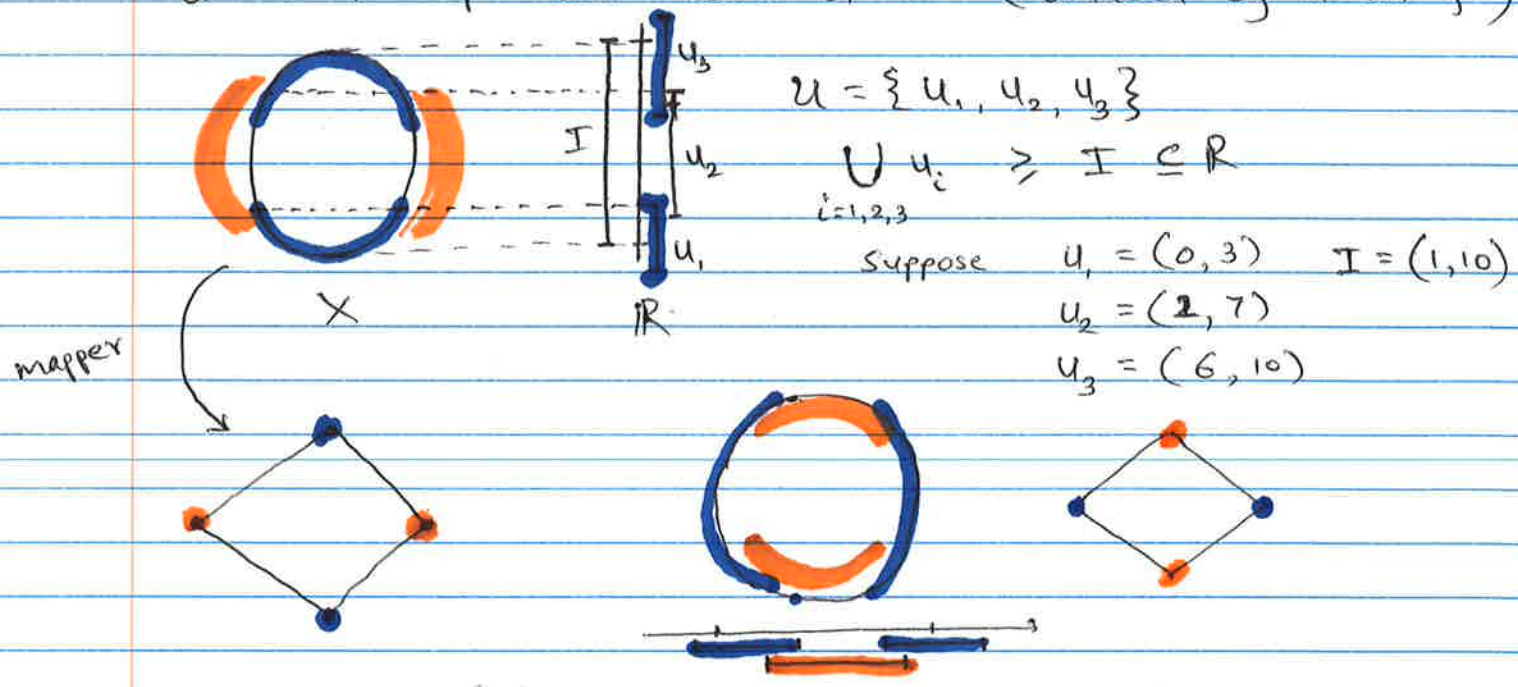
Def: pull-back cover. Let $f: X \rightarrow Z$ as above. and Z be equipped with cover $U = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$.

The sets $\{f^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$ form an open cover of X

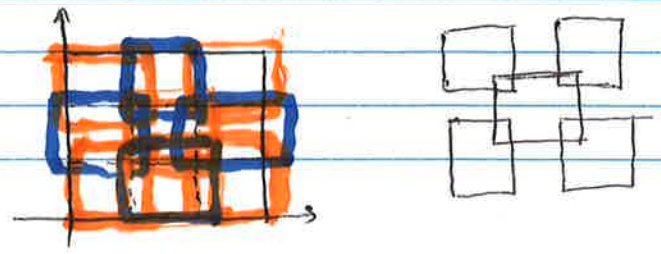
Consider the path connected components of $f^{-1}(U_\alpha)$:

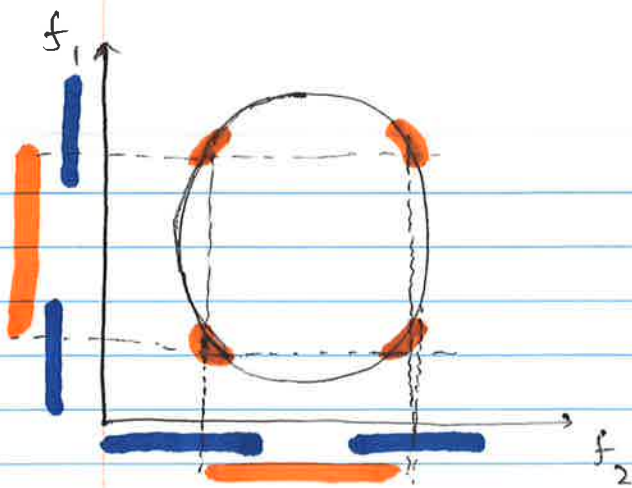
$$f^{-1}(U_\alpha) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{j_\alpha} V_{\alpha,i} \quad j_\alpha = \# \text{ path-connected components of } f^{-1}(U_\alpha)$$

$f^*(u)$ is the cover of X obtained from cover U of Z it is the pull back cover of X (induced by U via f^{-1})



for $f: X \rightarrow Z, Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$





→ intersection of
inverse images of
 f_1 and f_2
for the specified
interval along each
dimension.

Def: Well-behaved function f : for every path-connected open set $U \subseteq Z$, $f^{-1}(U)$ has finitely many path connected components

eg. piecewise linear real valued function on a finite S.C.

Mapper gives a "soft clustering" of domain (clusters overlap)
but it also gives a relationship between clusters.
and it can preserve topological structure (depending on the
cover we define)