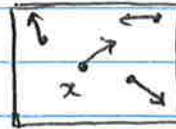


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TDA + Vector Field

Example  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$



There is a vector attached to each location in plane.

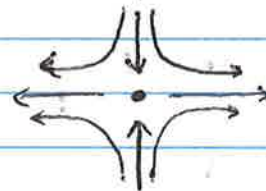
# 4 types of simple / 1<sup>st</sup> order critical points  $\nabla f = 0$



Sink



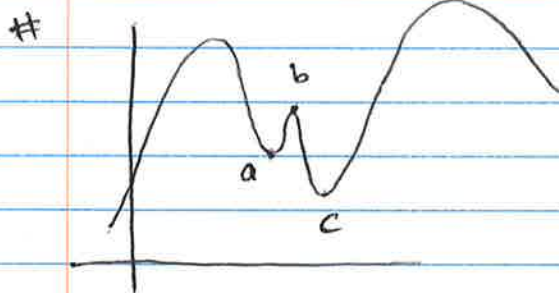
Source



Saddle



Center



(a,b) is a persistence pair.  
The persistence of the pair is the amount of perturbation that will eliminate the pair.

# Well Group Theory!

$f: X \rightarrow Y, A \subseteq Y$

$X, Y$  are manifolds,  $A$  could be sub-manifold.

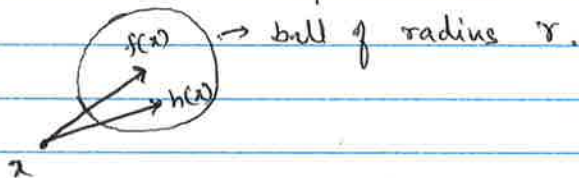
Stability / Robustness of  $H(f^{-1}(A))$  w.r.t. perturbation of  $f$ .

eg.  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, A = \{0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . We want to study stability of  $H(f^{-1}(A)) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(A)$  is a critical point of  $f$

$f^{-1}(0)$ : Critical points of  $f$ .

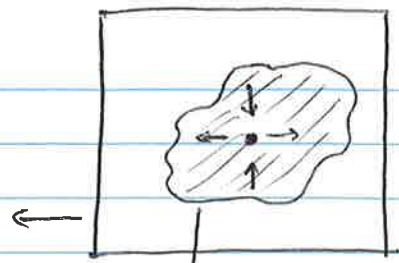
$\rightarrow$   $\epsilon$ -perturbation:  $f, h: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, d(f, h) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|f(x) - h(x)\|$

$h$  is an  $\epsilon$ -perturbation of  $f$  if  $d(f, h) \leq \epsilon$



$\rightarrow f_0 = \|f\|_2, F_r = f_0^{-1}[0, r]$

Every point inside the shaded region has magnitude  $< r$



Every point on the boundary has magnitude  $r$

$\rightarrow F_r$ : Sub-level sets of magnitude field.

$\rightarrow i: h^{-1}(0) \rightarrow F_r$  where  $h$  is an  $r$ -perturbation of  $f$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  inclusion map: if you perturb  $f$  by  $r$ , critical points are changed by magnitude  $\leq r$ .

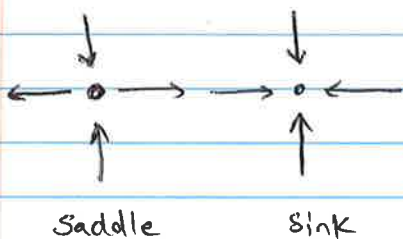
$\rightarrow j_h: H_1(h^{-1}(0)) \rightarrow H_1(F_r)$

$\rightarrow$  Well group  $U(r) = \bigcap_{\substack{r\text{-pert.} \\ h \text{ of } f}} \text{image}(j_h)$

$U(r)$  is a sub-group of the homology group of  $F_r$ .

Intersection of all possible  $r$ -perturbations of  $f$ : infinite possibilities.

efficient computation cases:  $A = \{a\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  or  $A = [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$



perturbing the flow along the connection cancels out ~~the~~ both the critical points



C.P.	degree
Sink	+1
Source	+1
Saddle	-1

sink-saddle } combined degree of the region is 0  
 source-saddle }  
 $\rightarrow$  Critical points can be eliminated.