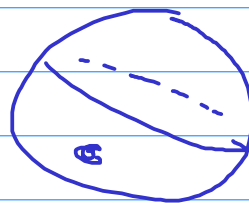
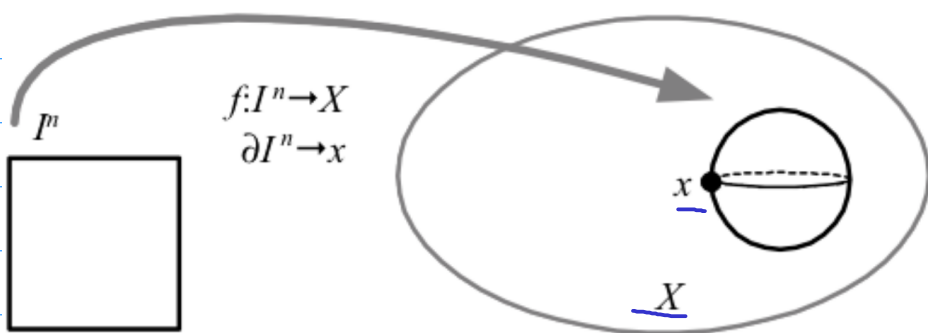


← stop at dim 2

- ▶ The fundamental group measures how one can arrange loops in spaces
- ▶ Formally, maps  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(0) = f(1)$  Ends glued



- ▶ The homotopy group  $\pi_n$  measures how one can arrange  $n$ -spheres in spaces
- ▶ Formally, maps  $f: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(\delta[0, 1]^n) = x$  Boundary glued
- ▶ Note that the fundamental group is the case  $n = 1$   $S^1$  is a loop

$\pi_*$   $\pi_n$   $n \in \mathbb{N}$

### Eckmann-Hilton argument "non 1-dim setup"

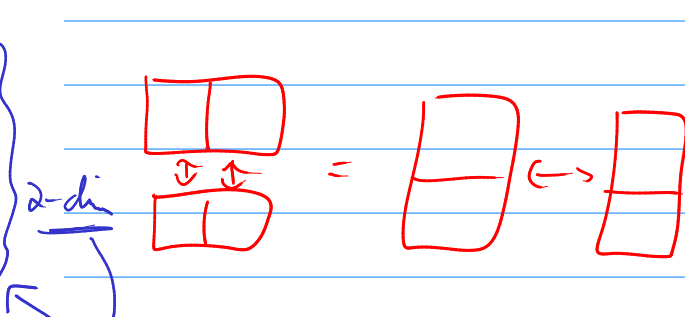
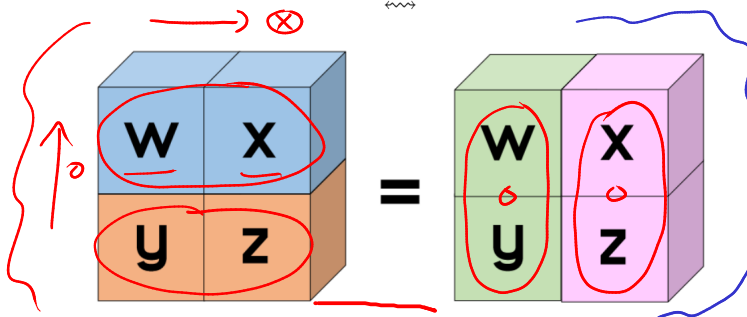
$X$  a set with two binary operations  $\circ$  ("vertical") and  $\otimes$  ("horizontal") satisfying:

- (a) They are unital Empty space
- (b) They satisfy a 2-dimensional compatibility condition

$$(w \otimes x) \circ (y \otimes z) = (w \circ y) \otimes (x \circ z)$$

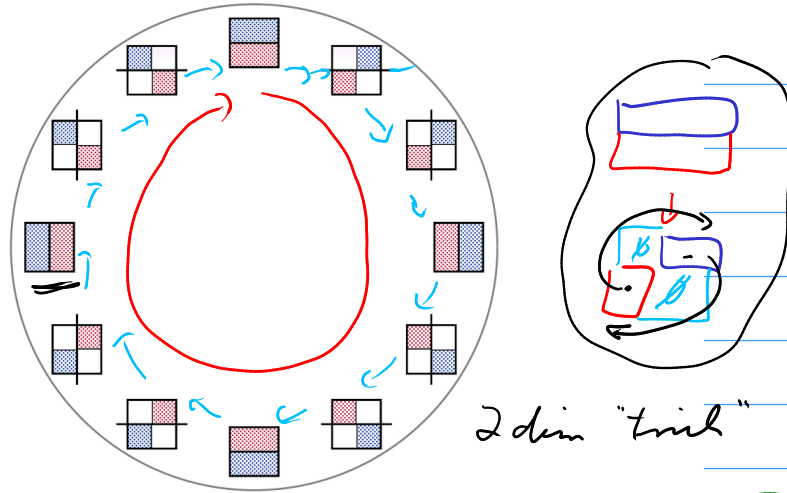
$$\circ: X \times X \rightarrow X$$

$$\otimes: X \times X \rightarrow X$$



Then  $\circ$  and  $\otimes$  are the same and in fact commutative and associative

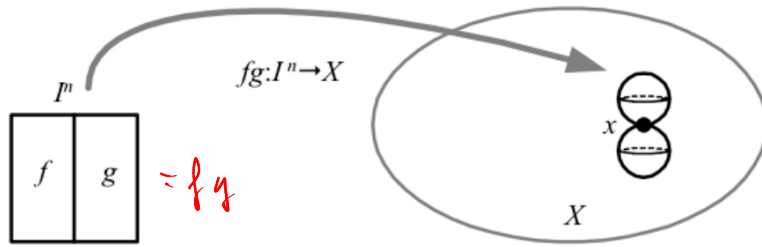
The Eckmann-Hilton clock



2dim "trick"

Proof without words

Claim:  $\pi_n$  forms a group  $\checkmark$   
 $\pi_n$  is commutative if  $n > 1$

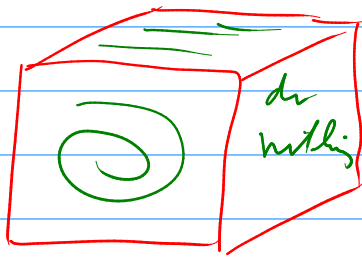


do nothing

$$[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

$$[0, \frac{1}{2}] - [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$$

= gf



$$\pi_n \underset{n > 1}{\sim} \mathbb{Z}^n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p_k\mathbb{Z}$$

Huge difference to  $\pi_{n,0}$

- ▶ The Eckmann-Hilton argument shows that this is commutative for  $n \geq 2$
- ▶ "Classical operations are 1-dimensional, and commutativity is lost"

really diff from  $\pi_{n,0}$

For a topological space  $X$  take spheres  $f: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow X$  based at  $\star \in X$ , i.e.  $f(\delta[0, 1]^n) = \star$

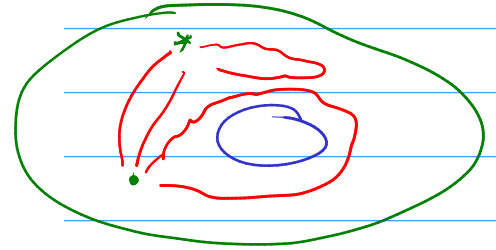
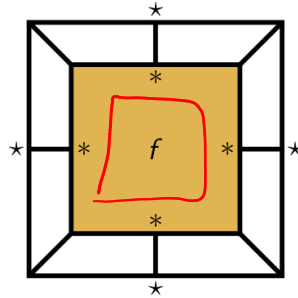
(a) Let  $\pi_n(X, \star)$  be the set of equivalence classes of spheres based at  $\star$  modulo homotopy

(b)  $\pi_n(X, \star)$  has a **group structure** given by concatenation

*same as for  $\pi_1$*

► Slight catch. This is only a group structure by using homotopy

► For path connected  $X$  we have  $\pi_n(X, \star) \cong \pi_n(X, \star)$  Write  $\pi_n(X)$



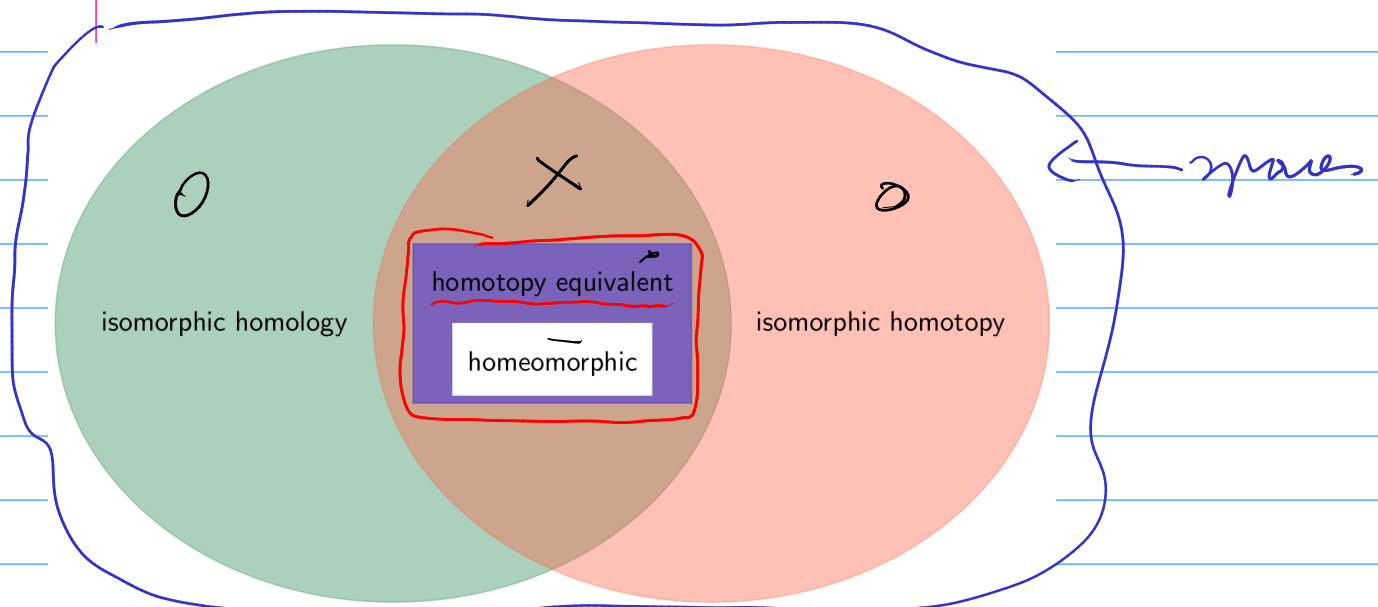
►  $(X \simeq Y) \Rightarrow (\pi_n(X) \cong \pi_n(Y) \text{ for all } n)$  **Invariance**

*~) same as for  $\pi_1$*

*Question? Why haven't I explained before  $H_*$ ?*

What is **great** about homotopy?

*group?*



► Homotopy equivalence induce **isomorphisms in homotopy/homology**

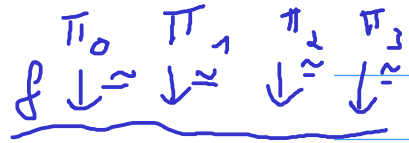
► **Question** What about the converse?

# Whitehead's theorem

For connected cell complexes  $X, Y$  and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  the following are equivalent:

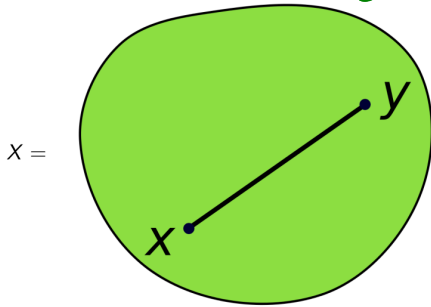
(a)  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a homotopy equivalence **Topology**

(b)  $f_*: \pi_*(X) \rightarrow \pi_*(Y)$  is an isomorphism **Algebra**



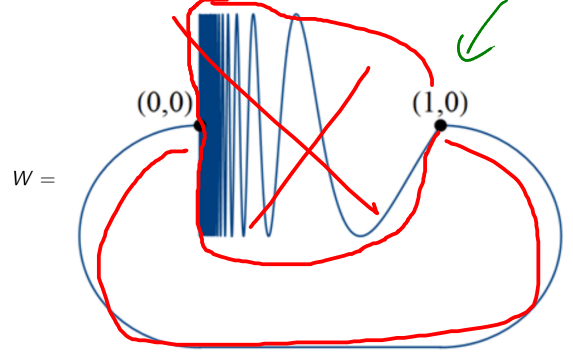
$\forall n$

The good



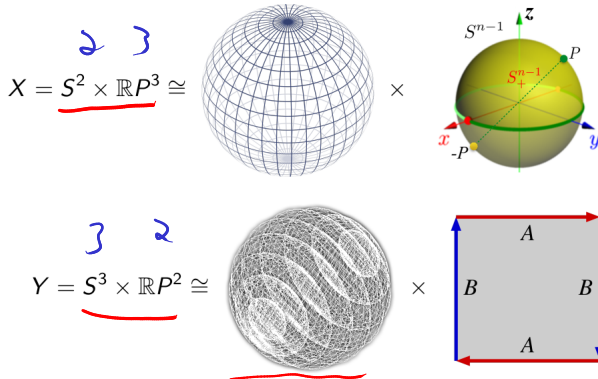
- ▶ The space  $X$  has trivial homotopy  $\pi_*(X) \cong 0$
- ▶ The space  $X$  is trivial  $X \simeq \text{point}$

The bad



- ▶ The Warsaw circle  $W$  has trivial homotopy  $\pi_*(W) \cong 0$
- ▶ The Warsaw circle  $W$  is not trivial  $W \not\simeq \text{point}$

The ugly



- ▶ The connected cell complexes  $X, Y$  have the same  $\pi_*$   $X \simeq Y$  by Whitehead?
- ▶ The connected cell complexes  $X, Y$  have different  $H_*$   $X \not\simeq Y!$
- ▶ What fails? There is no  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  inducing all isomorphisms

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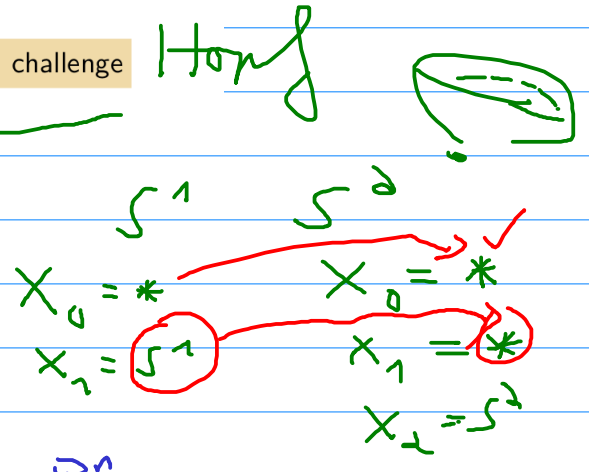
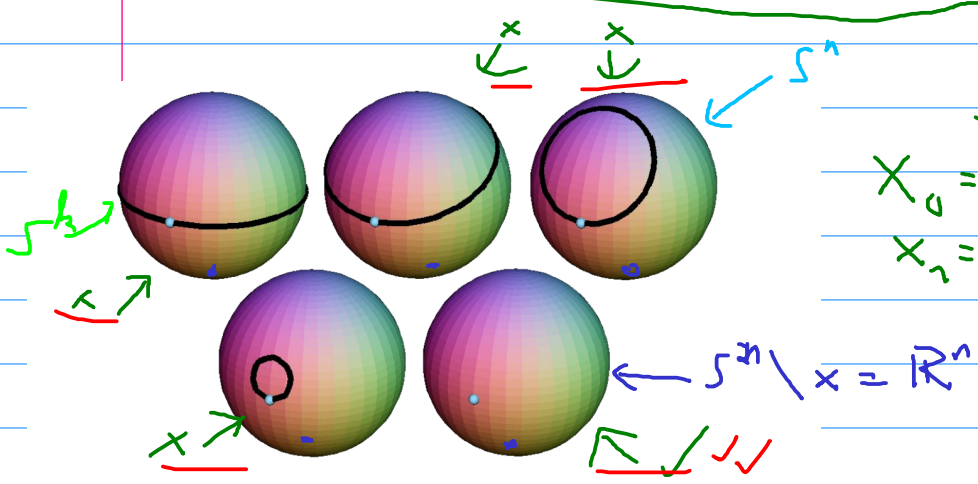
(b)  $f_*: \pi_1(X) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y)$  is an isomorphism and (some)  $\tilde{f}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$  gives an isomorphism  $\tilde{f}_*: H_*(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_*(\tilde{Y})$  **Algebra**

# What is **not great** about homotopy?

Easier than the fundamental groups? **No!**

	$\pi_1$	$\pi_2$	$\pi_3$	$\pi_4$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_6$	$\pi_7$	$\pi_8$	$\pi_9$	$\pi_{10}$	$\pi_{11}$	$\pi_{12}$	$\pi_{13}$	$\pi_{14}$	$\pi_{15}$
$S^0$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$S^1$	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$S^2$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	$\mathbb{Z}_{15}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{12} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{84} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$
$S^3$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	$\mathbb{Z}_{15}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{12} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{84} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$
$S^4$	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$S^5$	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$S^6$	0	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$S^7$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$S^8$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$

- ▶ The south west part is "obvious" **Not exciting**
- ▶ The north east part is still **mostly unknown**
- ▶ Not even all  $\pi_n(S^2)$  are known **Even computing  $\pi_3(S^2)$  is a challenge**



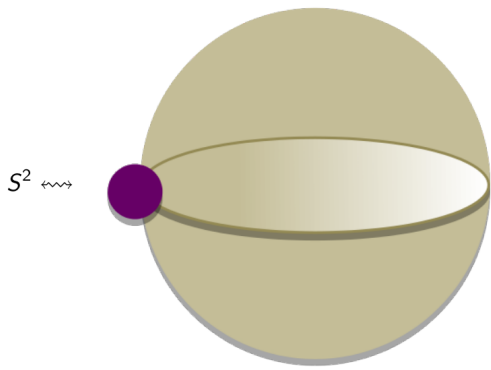
- ▶ **Goal** Show  $\pi_k(S^n) \cong 0$  for  $k < n$
- ▶ **Strategy** Poke a hole into  $S^n$  and contract the rest along with  $S^k \rightarrow S^n$
- ▶ **Catch** Need to show that any  $S^k \rightarrow S^n$  misses a point

$S^2, S^1$

A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between cell complexes is called **cellular** if

$$f(k\text{-skeleton}) \subset k\text{-skeleton} \quad \forall k$$

Every map between cell complex is homotopic to a cellular map



- ▶ Take the balloon cell structure on  $S^n$  **One 0- and one  $n$ -cell**
- ▶  $S^k \rightarrow S^n$  can be assumed to end in the  $k$ -skeleton of  $S^n$
- ▶ The  $k$ -skeleton of  $S^n$  is trivial for  $k < n$  **Done!** ✓

## The idea of homology is pervasive in mathematics!

### Group homology [edit]

Main article: [Group cohomology](#)

In abstract algebra, one uses homology to define [derived functors](#), for example the [Tor functors](#). Here one starts with some covariant additive functor  $F$  and some module  $X$ . The chain complex for  $X$  is defined as follows: first find a free module  $F_1$  and a surjective homomorphism  $p_1 : F_1 \rightarrow X$ . Then one finds a free module  $F_2$  and a surjective homomorphism  $p_2 : F_2 \rightarrow \ker(p_1)$ . Continuing in this fashion, a sequence of free modules  $F_n$  and homomorphisms  $p_n$  can be defined. By applying the functor  $F$  to this sequence, one obtains a chain complex; the homology  $H_n$  of this complex depends only on  $F$  and  $X$  and is, by definition, the  $n$ -th derived functor of  $F$ , applied to  $X$ . A common use of group (co)homology  $H^2(G, M)$  is to classify the possible [extension groups](#)  $E$  which contain a given  $G$ -module  $M$  as a normal subgroup and have a given quotient group  $G$ , so that  $G = E/M$ .

### Other homology theories [edit]

- Borel-Moore homology
- Cellular homology
- Cyclic homology
- Hochschild homology

- Floer homology
- Intersection homology
- K-homology
- Khovanov homology

- Morse homology
- Persistent homology
- Steenrod homology

Link  
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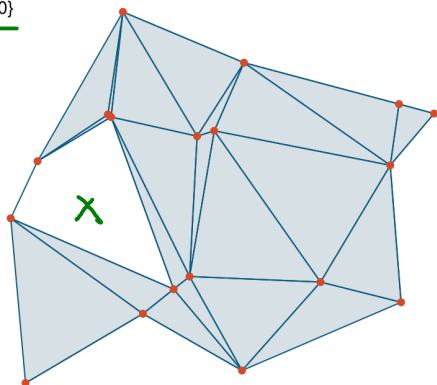
▶ As one increases a threshold, at what scale do we observe changes in data?

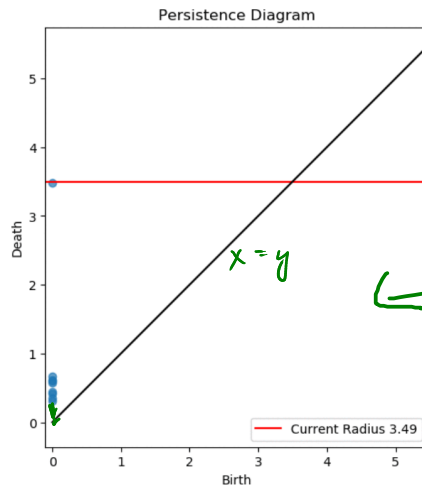
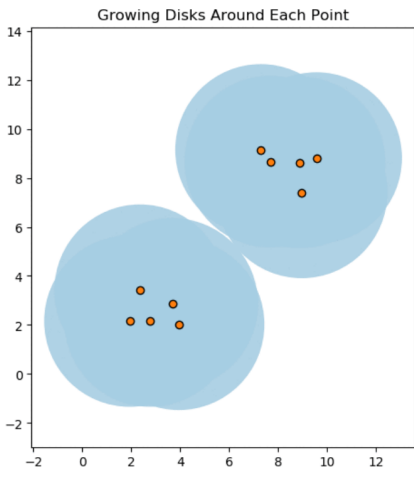
▶ There are many different flavors

▶ Today Discrete points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 &\cong \mathbb{Z} \\ H_1 &\cong \mathbb{Z} \\ H_2 &\cong \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

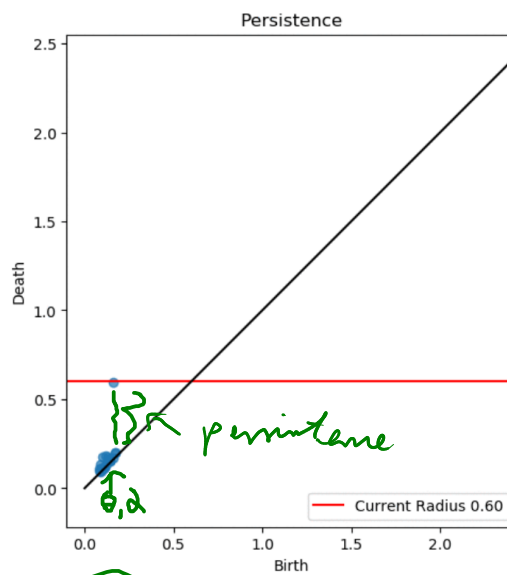
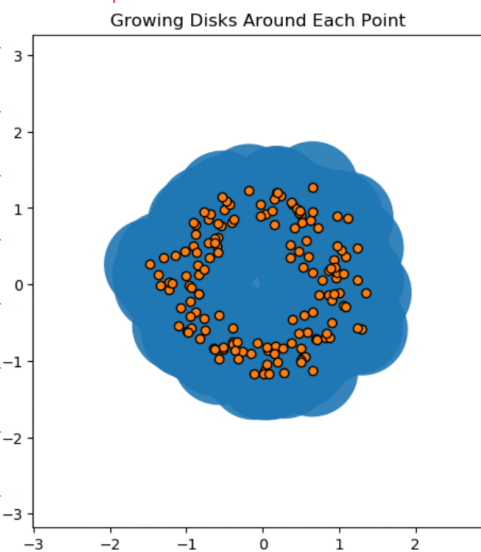
$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0 &= 1 \\ \beta_1 &= 1 \\ \beta_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$





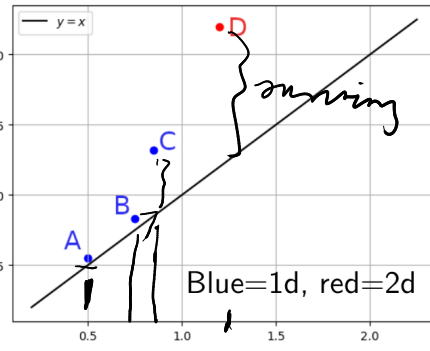
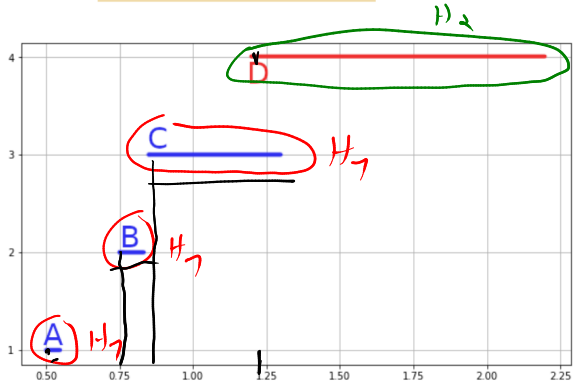
← Compute homology  
Gen. in  $H_0$  ←  $H_n$   
Born

- ▶ The 0th persistent homology measures how connected components change
- ▶ Birth New 0d holes=connected components (all born at zero at  $y = x$ )
- ▶ Death 0d holes=connected components vanish



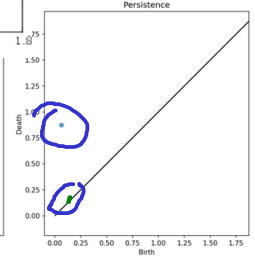
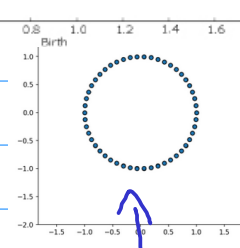
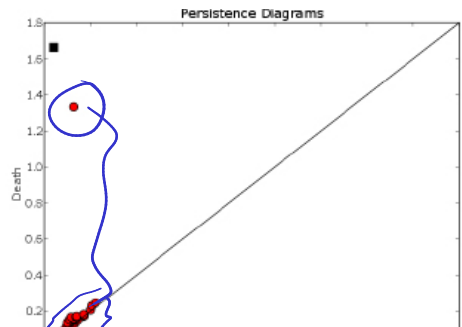
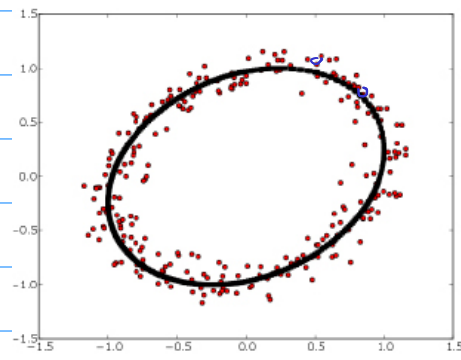
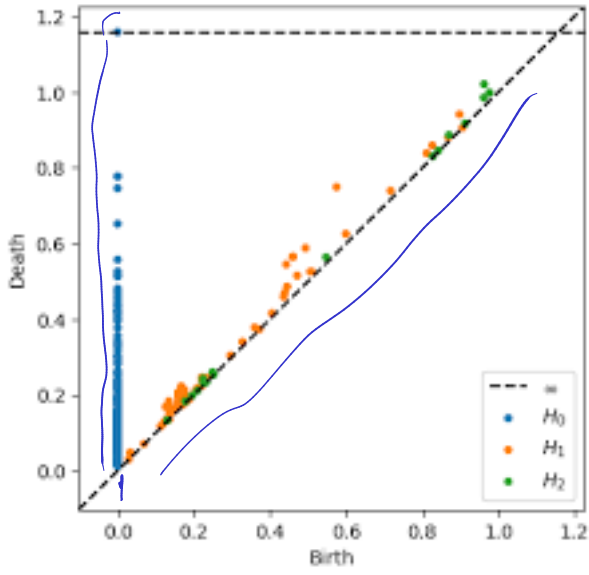
- ▶ The 1th persistent homology measures how internal circles change
- ▶ Birth New 1d holes=internal circles
- ▶ Death 1d holes=internal circles vanish

Persistence diagram Persistent  $nd$  holes are far-away from  $y = x$

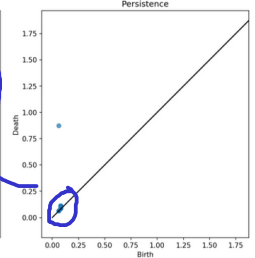
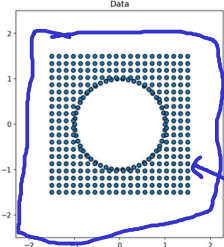


Example. C is born at 0.8 and dies at 1.3

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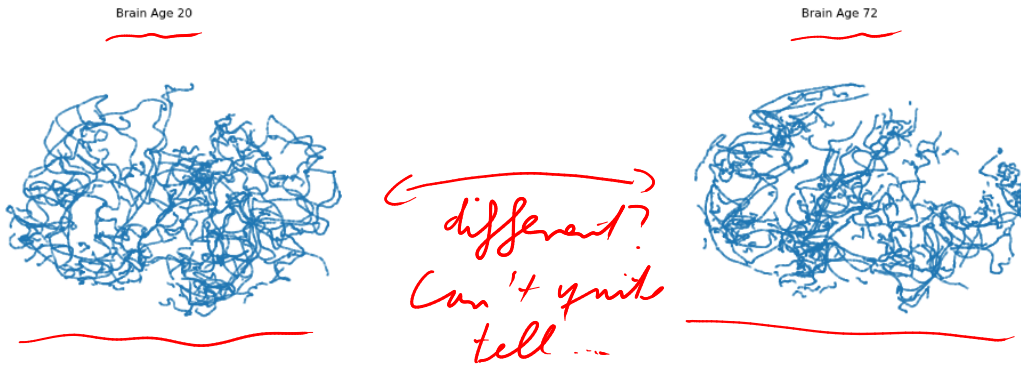


Perfect circle of data, and its corresponding single 1d persistence value.





- ▶ Homology proved useful in detecting age differences in brain artery trees
- ▶ Idea Render brain artery trees into point-clouds and use persistent homology
- ▶ Differences are subtle – like most differences in human brains – but measurable



2 brain artery trees. On the left, a 20-year old. On the right, a 72-year old.

