

The persistent topology of optimal transport based thickenings



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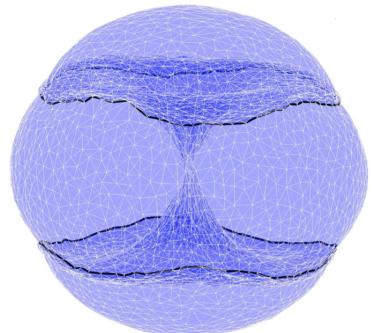
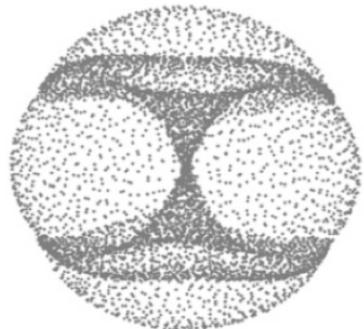
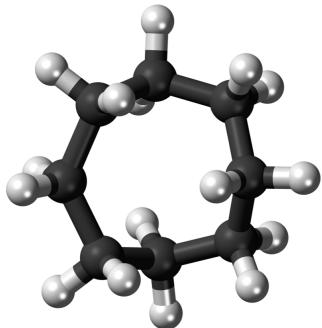
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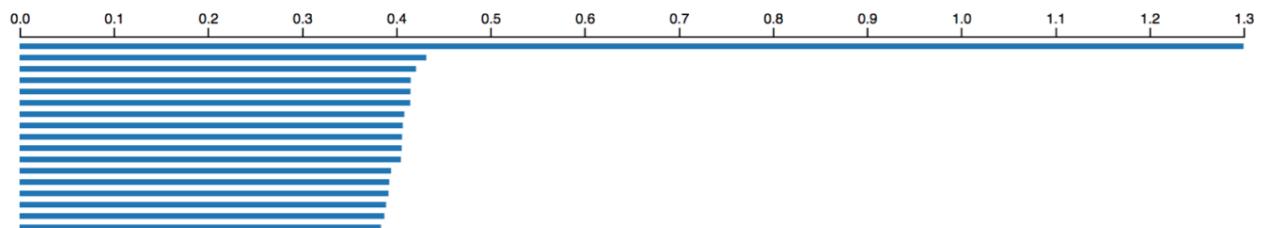
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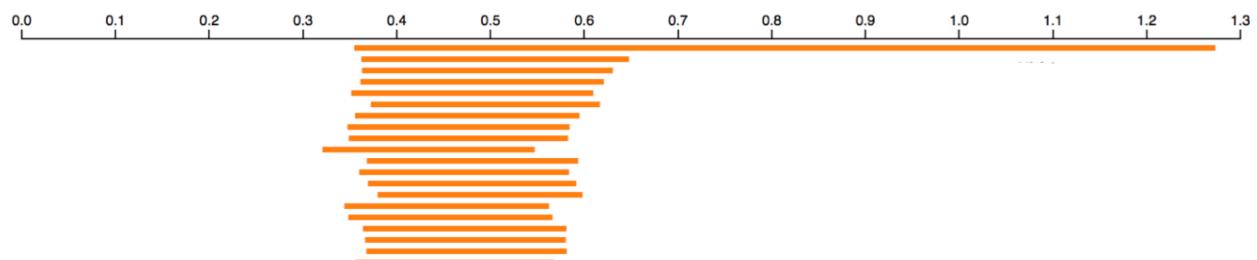
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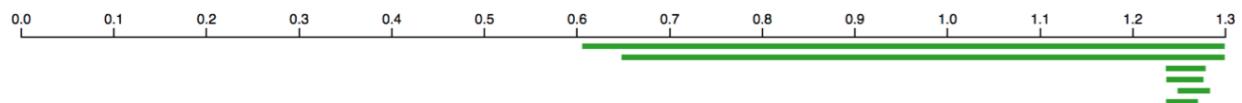
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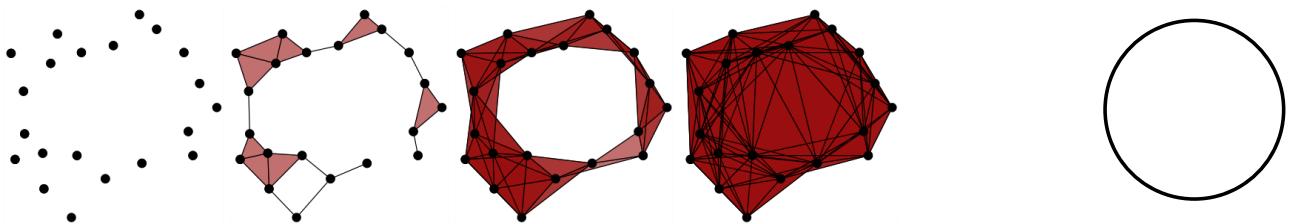
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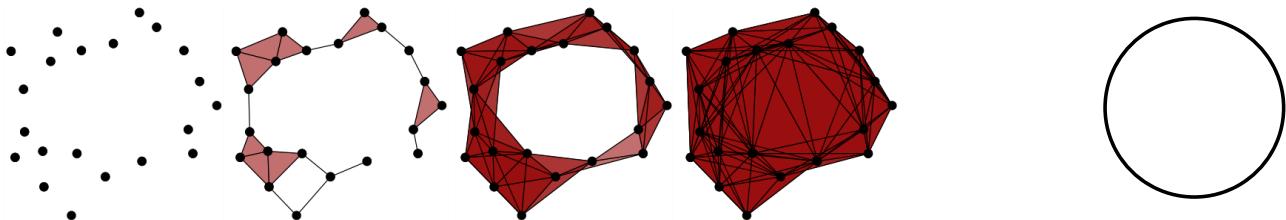
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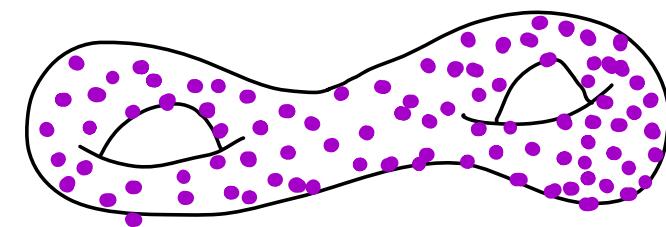
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Chazal, de Silva, Oudot, 2014

Chazal, Cohen-Steiner, Guibas, Mémoli, Oudot, 2009

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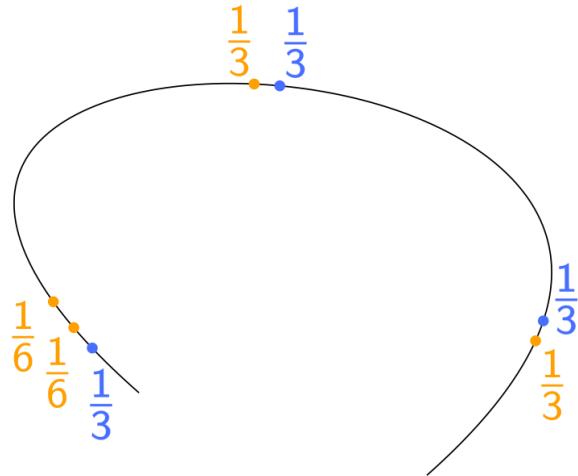
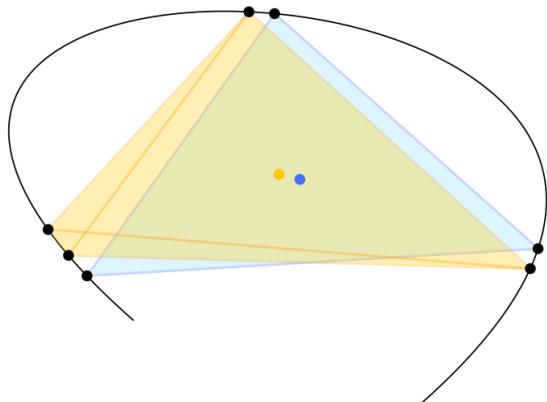
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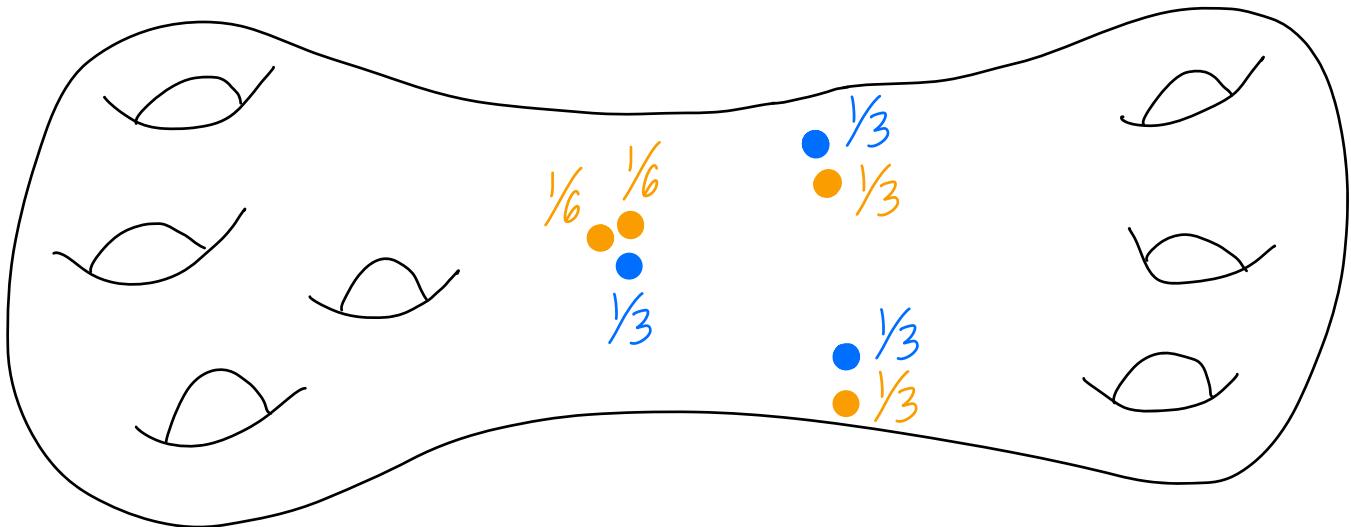
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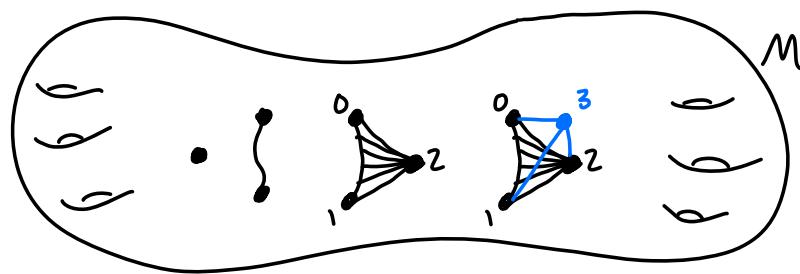


Thm Hausmann 1995

M compact Riemannian manifold.
 Then $\exists r_0 > 0$ such that $VR(M; r) \simeq M \quad \forall r < r_0$.

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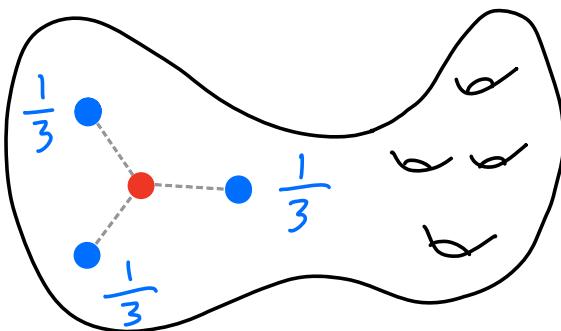
$$VR(M; r) \downarrow M$$



- Not canonical
- $M \hookrightarrow VR(M; r)$ not continuous.

Our Proof for VR_∞

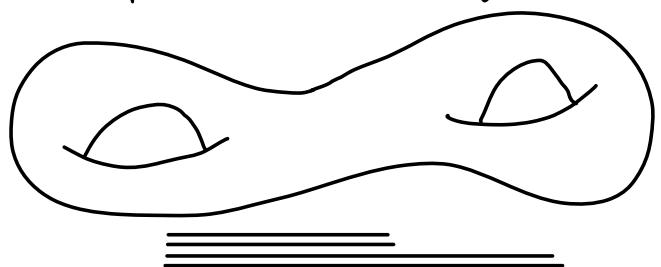
$$VR_\infty(M; r) \xrightarrow{M} \sum \lambda_i \delta_{x_i} \xrightarrow{\text{Frechet mean}}$$



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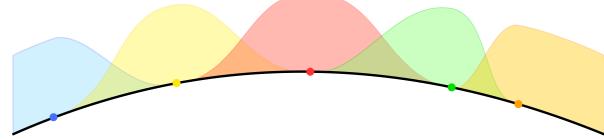
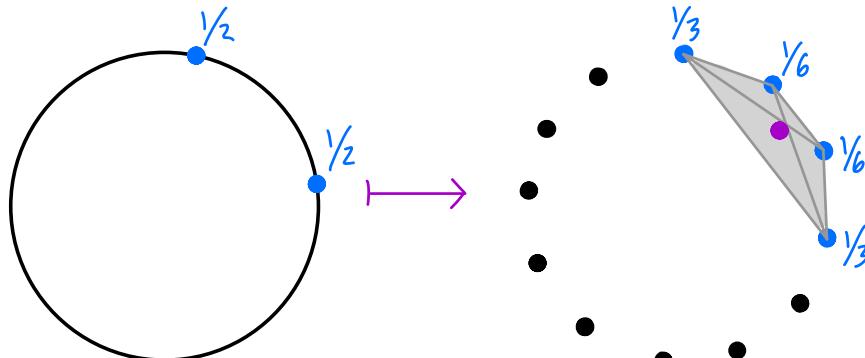
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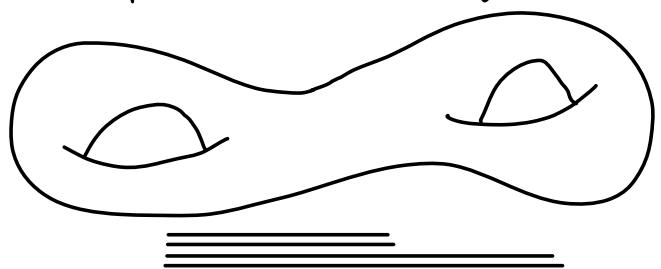
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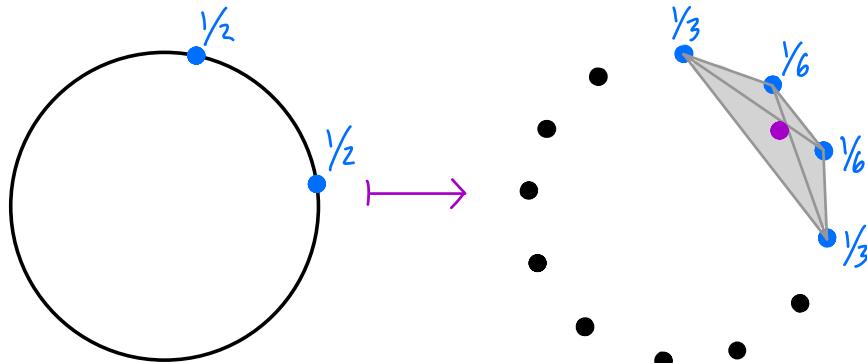
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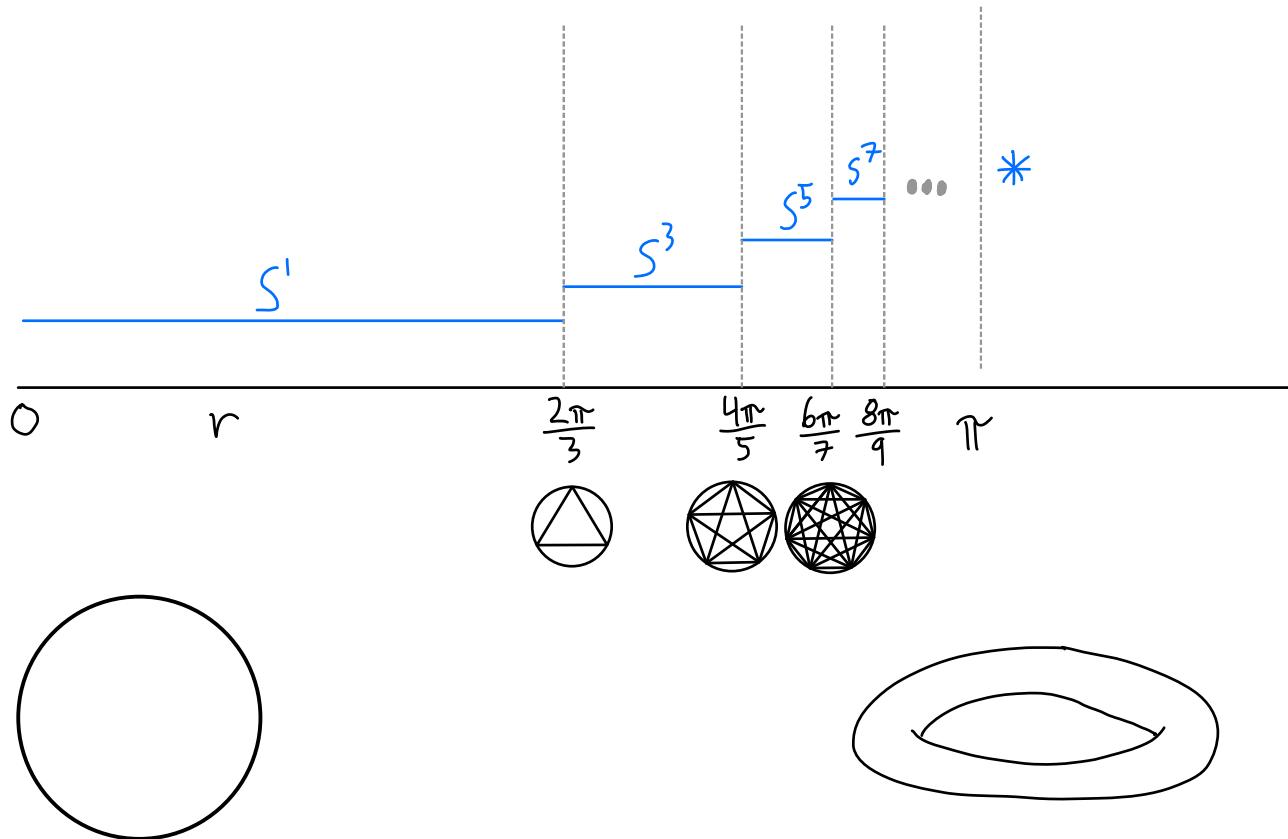
Question Is $VR_\infty(X; r) \simeq VR(X; r)$?

Remark $VR_\infty(X; r)$ and $VR(X; r)$ have the same homotopy groups.

A., Frick, Virk 2022

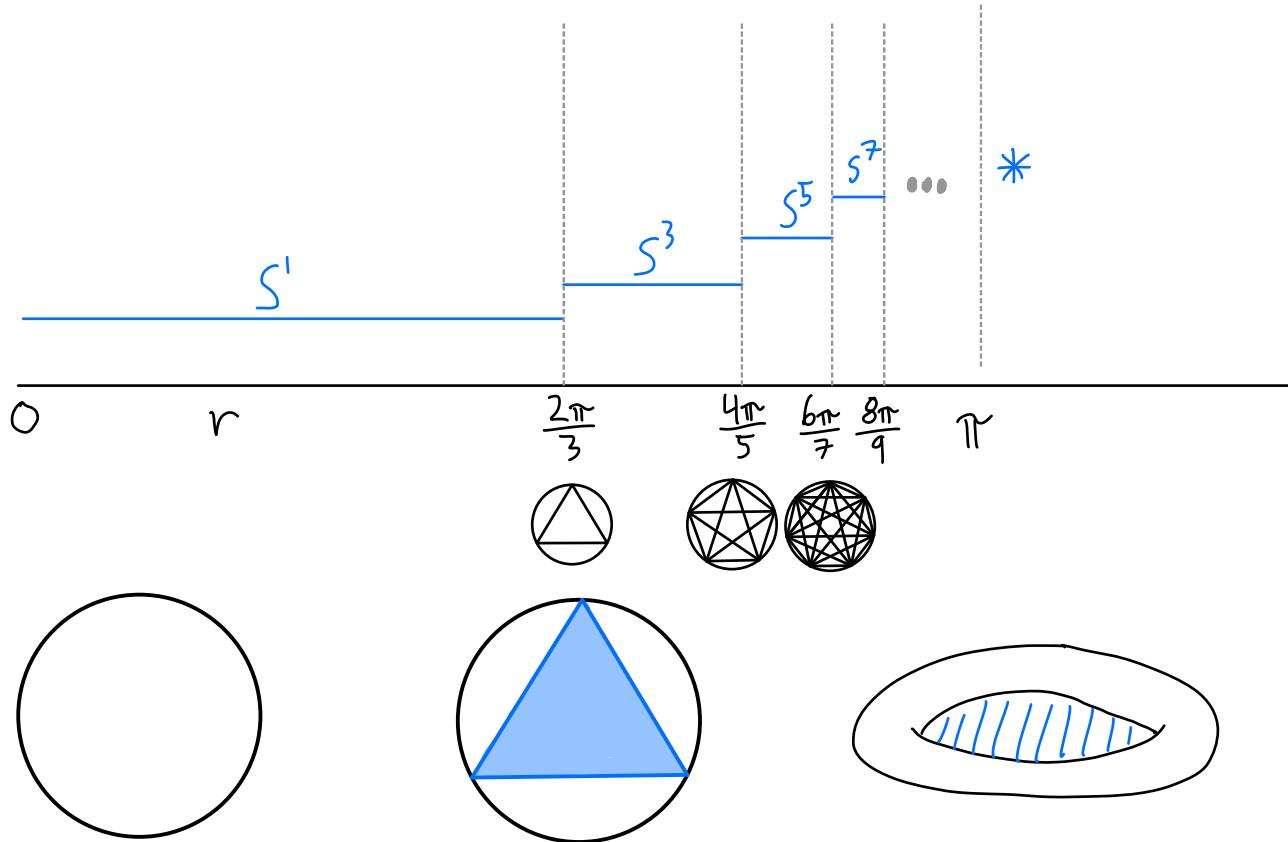
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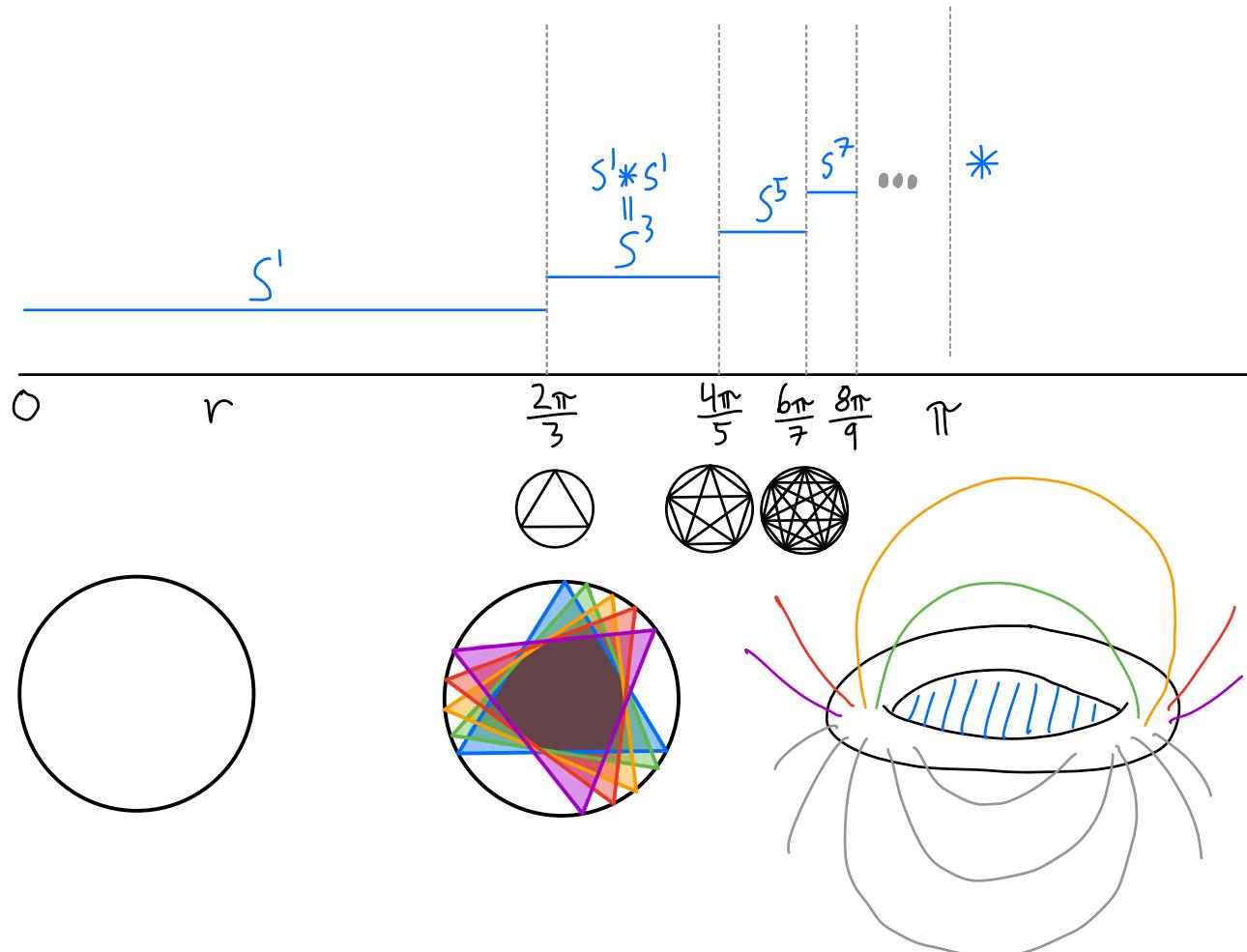
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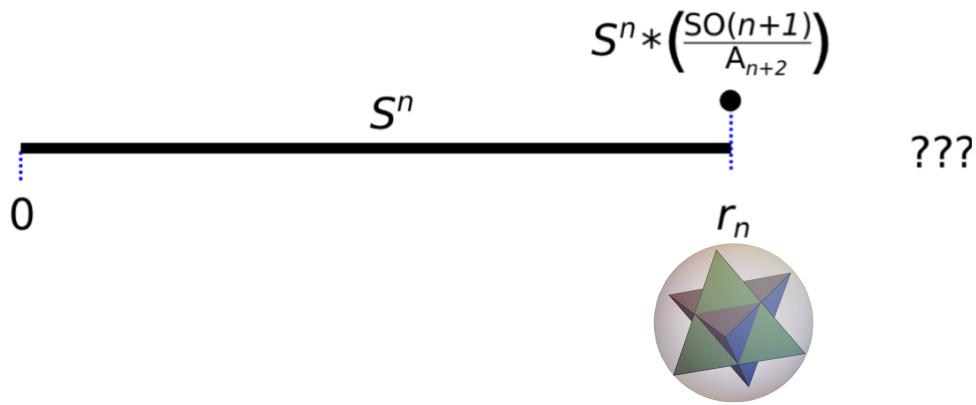
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More generally,

Adamaszek, A., Frick, 2018

$$\text{Thm } \text{VR}_\infty(S^n; r) \simeq \begin{cases} S^n & r < r_n \\ S^n * \frac{\text{SO}(n+1)}{A_{n+2}} & r = r_n. \end{cases}$$



Katz 1991

Zaremsky 2018

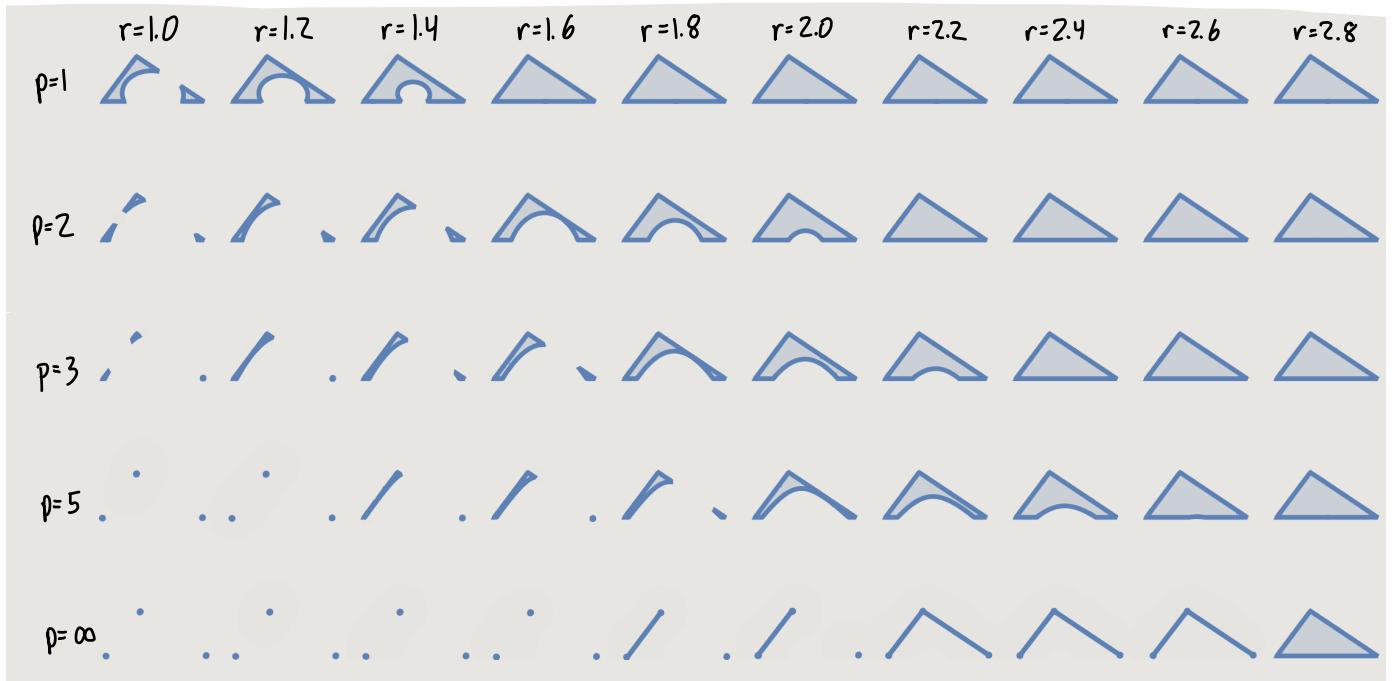
Lim, Mémoli, Okutan 2021

A., Bush, Frick 2021

Relaxation $\text{VR}_p(X; r) := \{ \text{probability measures } \mu \mid \text{diam}_p(\mu) < r \}$.

A., Mémoli, May, Wang, 2021

$$\text{diam}_p(\mu) = \left(\int_{X \times X} d(x, x')^p d(\mu \times \mu) \right)^{1/p}$$



Bifiltration $\text{VR}_p(X; r) \hookrightarrow \text{VR}_{p'}(X; r')$ for $r \leq r'$, $p \geq p'$.

Theorem $\text{VR}_p(X; r)$ is stable for all $p \in [1, \infty]$.

Theorem $\text{VR}_2(S^n; r) \cong S^n$ or $*$ for all r .

Connections to Morse theory

Katz 1991 Adamaszek, A., Frick, 2018 Mirth 2020 May 2022 Katz, Mémoli, Wang 2022

Questions

- (1) $\text{VR}_p(S^n; r)$ for larger r ?
- (2) $\check{\text{C}}\text{ech}_p(S^n; r)$?
- (3) Other manifolds? Tori, ellipsoids, $\mathbb{R}P^n$, $\mathbb{C}P^n$
- (4) Morse and Morse-Bott theories
- (5) Deeper connections to Gromov-Hausdorff distances

