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Metric reconstruction via Vietoris-Rips complexes and optimal transport

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X metric space, $r > 0$

Def The Vietoris-Rips simplicial complex $VR(X; r)$ has

- vertex set X
- finite simplex σ when $\text{diam}(\sigma) \leq r$



[History]

Leopold Vietoris Cohomology theory for metric spaces

(Vietoris homology - counterpart to Alexander-Spanier cohomology)

Cohomology same as Čech cohomology if compact

Ilya Rips Geometric group theory

$VR(\delta\text{-hyperbolic group}; r) \cong *$ for $r \geq 4\delta$
w/ word metric

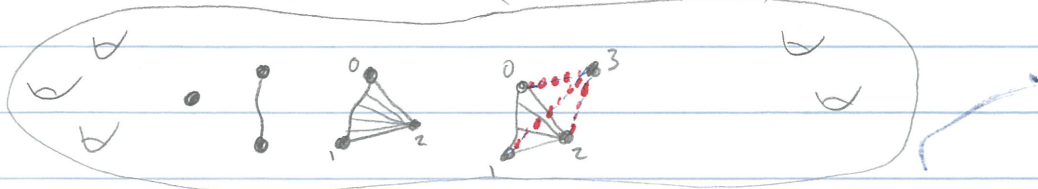
Thm

(Hausmann '95) M compact Riemannian manifold.

Then $\exists r_0 > 0$ s.t. $VR(M; r) \cong M \quad \forall r < r_0$

Sketch

Map $VR(M; r) \rightarrow M$: (not canonical)



Thm

(Latscher '01) M compact Riemannian manifold.

Then $\forall r < r_0 \quad \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. if $d_{GH}(X, M) < \delta$,
then $VR(X; r) \cong M$.

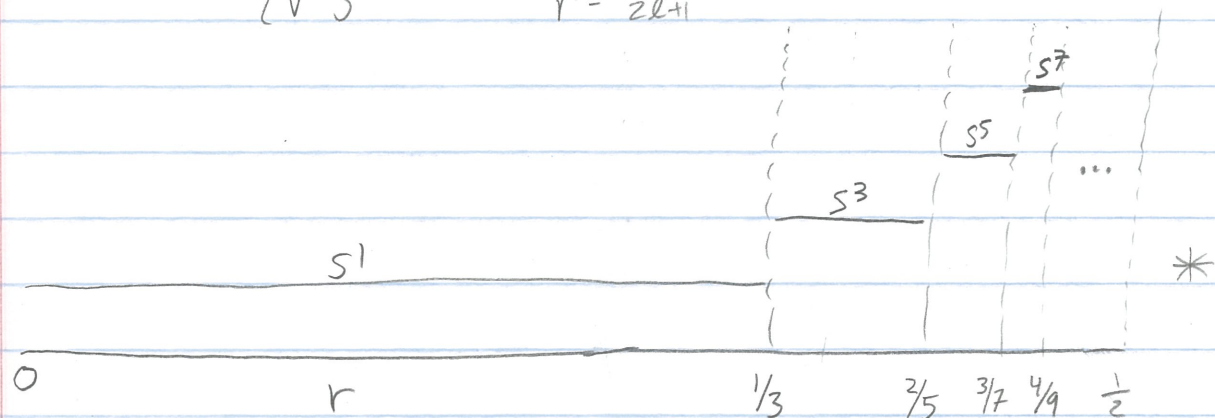


Mm

S^1 = circle of unit circumference w/ geodesic metric

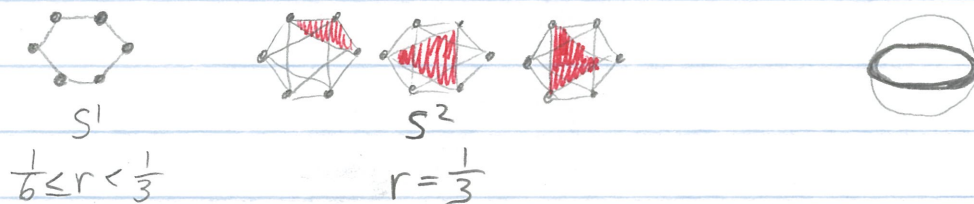
(Adamaszek, A)

$$VR(S^1; r) \approx \begin{cases} S^{2l+1} & \frac{l}{2l+1} < r < \frac{l+1}{2l+3} \\ V^\infty S^{2l} & r = \frac{l}{2l+1} \end{cases} \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{N}$$

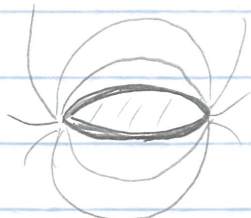
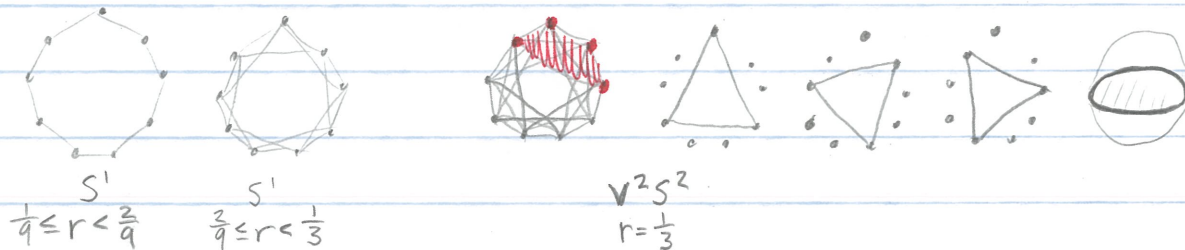


- (Only connected non-constructible manifold w/ all homotopy types known)
- (Why care? PH stability theorem)

VR($\cdot \cdot \cdot$; r)



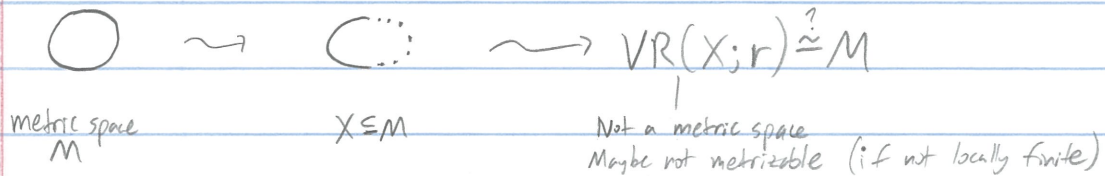
VR($\cdot \cdot \cdot$; r)



Mention

$\check{C}(S^1; r)$, regime when Nerve Lemma fails

Metric reconstruction



Def

X metric space, $r > 0$.

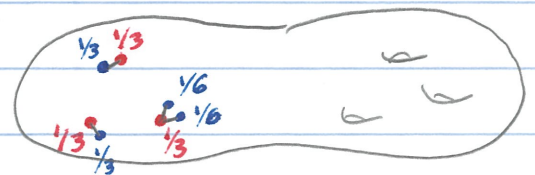
Metric space $VR^m(X; r)$ is $|VR(X; r)|$ as a set, equipped w/ the 1-Wasserstein metric.

Explicitly

$$\sum_{i=0}^k a_i x_i \in VR^m(X; r) \quad \begin{array}{l} a_i \geq 0 \\ x_i \in X \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sum a_i = 1 \\ \text{diam}([x_0, \dots, x_k]) \leq r \end{array}$$

$$d\left(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i x_i, \sum_{j=0}^{k'} a'_j x'_j\right) = \inf_{\text{matchings } \{p_{ij}\}} \sum_{i,j} p_{ij} d(x_i, x'_j)$$

$p_{ij} \geq 0$
 $\sum_j p_{ij} = a_i$
 $\sum_i p_{ij} = a'_j$



(A point is a probability measure w/ finite support & diam $\leq r$)
 (A matching is a joint pdf w/ given marginals)

Prop

$VR^m(X; r)$ is an r -thickening of X
 (extends metric, and $d(X, VR^m(X; r)) \leq r$)
 (Gromov studied in case X discrete)

Thm

(Adamaszek, A, Frick)

M complete Riemannian manifold. Let $r_0 > 0$ satisfy

- balls of radius r_0 geodesically convex
- $r_0 < \frac{\pi}{4} \Delta^{-1/2}$ where sectional curvatures $\leq \Delta$.

Then $VR^m(M; r) \cong M$ for $r < r_0$.

Sketch

$$VR^m(M; r) \rightarrow M \quad (\text{canonical})$$



$\sum a_i x_i \mapsto$ Karcher or Fréchet mean (center of mass)

Linear homotopies (inside vector space: dual space of continuous f^{ns})

Rmk

$$\begin{aligned} VR^m(S^1; \frac{1}{3}) &= VR^m(S^1; \frac{1}{3}) \setminus \text{interiors of regular } \Delta^2 \cup \Delta^2 \times S^1 \\ &\cong S^1 \times D^2 \cup D^2 \times S^1 \\ &= S^1 * S^1 \\ &= S^3 \end{aligned}$$

Thm

(Adamaszek, A, Frick)

$$VR^m(S^n; r) \cong \begin{cases} S^n & r < r_n \\ \sum^{n+1} \frac{SO(n+1)}{A_{n+1}} & r = r_n \end{cases}$$

$r_n =$ diameter of inscribed regular Δ^{n+1}

$A_{n+1} =$ rotational symmetries of Δ^{n+1}



Sketch

$$\begin{aligned} VR^m(S^n; r_n) &= VR^m(S^n; r_n) \setminus \text{interiors of regular } \Delta^{n+1} \cup \Delta^{n+1} \times \frac{SO(n+1)}{A_{n+1}} \\ &\cong S^n \times C\left(\frac{SO(n+1)}{A_{n+1}}\right) \cup C(S^n) \times \frac{SO(n+1)}{A_{n+1}} \\ &= S^n * \frac{SO(n+1)}{A_{n+1}} \\ &= \sum^{n+1} \frac{SO(n+1)}{A_{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Open

Larger r ?
Other manifolds?

(Strongly self-dual polytopes)
 VR (tori w/ L^∞ metric) Flat metric?