# Looking for intuition behind discrete topologies 

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## Expectations from topology

get the big picture
partially self-validated

$$
\chi=\sum_{i=0}^{d}(-1)^{i} \cdot m_{i}
$$

global (high info) from local (low cost)

## Applications that motivated me



reservoir characterization from huge seismic data

surface extraction and reconstruction

vector field de-noising

## Intuition?

quick and ready insight immediate apprehension or cognition
 something an industry engineer accepts

## Today's filtration


topological objects discrete theories some examples
discussions

## Topological objects



Manifolds,
Subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$


## Submersion intuition


subset of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ respecting a condition $f$
$\Rightarrow$ closer to real data

## Submersion topology


critical set of $f$ (Morse lemma)
$\Rightarrow$ global from local function analysis

## Usual critical sets

minima<br>new<br>component


saddles
maxima
joins / splits
components

end
component

## Immersion intuition


locally equivalent to $\mathbb{R}^{d}$
$\Rightarrow$ intuitive differential tools

## Immersion Morse topology


critical set of a function on the manifold
$\Rightarrow$ global from local function analysis

## Morse-Smale complex


relation between critical points
$\Rightarrow$ local function analysis + graph

## Vector field



## sparse invariant sets

## Vector field topology


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isolated singularities behavior
$\Rightarrow$ local analysis (Hartman Grobman)+graph

+ closed orbits + non-generic


## Gradient vector field


generic gradient
$\Rightarrow$ Morse-Smale structure

## Morse theory


topology from local function analysis

+ Smale complex / topological graph


## Morse theory

Manifold

$$
\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}
$$

Function

$$
f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}
$$

Critical point

$$
\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}, \partial f(\mathbf{x})=0
$$

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## Function analysis is intuitive



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## Intuition:

quick and ready insight immediate apprehension or cognition

## More topological objects


differential

discrete

# Local function analysis <br> in the discrete setting??? 



Sampled function + interpolation


Weight on graph structures

## Discrete function analysis?


not intuitive:

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finite difference (polynomial interpolation)
Fourier derivative (harmonic interpolation)
finite elements (template approximation)
on manifold?

## Discrete analysis?

## Discrete Morse theories


piecewise-linear interpolation
$\Rightarrow$ Banchoff's approach
combinatorial formulation
$\Rightarrow$ Forman's approach

## Banchoff's approach


regular

minimum

saddle

maximum

degenerated
intuition: sampling of $f$
guarantees: Euler $\chi$, Gauss Bonnet local linear interpolations

$\Rightarrow$ critical vertices

## PL Morse-Smale complex


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## numerical integration of streamlines

$\Rightarrow$ Morse-Smale structure

## Morse theory

Object $\quad \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$
Function $\quad f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
Critical set $\partial f^{-1}(\{0\})$
Index $\quad \# E i g\left(\partial^{2} f\right) \cap \mathbb{R}_{-}$
Topology $\quad \chi=\sum(-1)^{i} \cdot m_{i} \ldots$

## $\partial, \mathrm{PL}$ - Morse theories

## $\partial$

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PL
$|\mathcal{K}| \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$
$f: \mathcal{K}_{0} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$


0 I..n-I $n$
$\chi$

# Forman's approach: differential topology view 



Start from Morse-Smale complex Subdivide to reach your complex arrows $\Rightarrow$ gradient vector field

# Forman's approach, algorithmic views 


combinatorial field

$\Rightarrow$ matching along the flow<br>$\Rightarrow$ critical $=$ unmatched

gradient field no closed gradient path $\Rightarrow$ acyclic

## Acyclic matching



# Forman's approach: differential topology view 


guarantees: nD, homotopy, Witten homology...
intuition without differential function?


Morse inequalities,

## Discrete Smale Compelx


from cancellations

## $\partial, \mathrm{PL}$ - Morse theories

## $\partial$

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# $\partial$, Forman - Morse theories 

$\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$
$f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $\partial f^{-1}(\{0\})$ $\# E i g\left(\partial^{2} f\right) \cap \mathbb{R}_{-}$cell dimension $\chi=\sum(-1)^{i} \cdot m_{i} \ldots \chi=\sum(-1)^{i} \cdot m_{i}$

Forman
CW complex $\mathcal{K}$ acyclic matching
unmatched cells

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## A priori pros and cons



## Banchoff's approach

+ intuitive / geometric
+ controlled critical set
+ many numerical tools
- nD guarantees?
- global robustness?

Forman's approach

+ correct global topology
+ robust (graph algorithms)
+ efficient (combinatorial)
- critical set localization?
- graph intuition?


## Some monster cases



Poincaré's homological sphere (missing critical points)


Bing's
house of 2 rooms
(extra critical cell)

## Learning from examples


matemática

## Isosurface extraction



## Isosurface extraction



Topological cases of Marching Cubes
$\Rightarrow$ differentiable function analysis

# Large isosurface topology 



Topology without the isosurface
Mid-scale control and filtering
global + efficiency $\Rightarrow$ Forman's line

## Some Isosurfaces’ Topology


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Smale complex
Reeb graph

## Surface reconstruction


noisy, sparse point set
$\Rightarrow$ correct topology?

## Surface reconstruction


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## interactive topology edition

 local critical regions
$\Rightarrow$ Banchoff's line

# Topology-aware reconstruction 


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## Vector field de-noising



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noise at the scale of the data
clean data + "important" vortices
local interpolation analysis

## Interactive de-noising

Original field


Filtering




## Scale-dependent singularity



# Topology-aware de-noising 



Impinging plate



Smoothed


Reconstructed
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## Some common points


singular points only


## $\Rightarrow$ several applications

topology: intuitive interfaces
noise / scale problems

## A note on noise / resolution


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## Persistence approach:

Usual in Morse theory
Smale used it for optimal Morse functions
Keep singularities in place

## Persistence is universal?


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+ smooth and both discrete settings
- noise has a complex impact on topology
- discrete setting intrinsically resolution dependent on image and domain

$$
f: \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}_{\substack{n \\ \text { pucuction }}}^{n} \mathbb{R}
$$

## Scale-dependent critical set


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Forman's critical set results from global construction:
number of critical cells quality of the field approximation


## Partial conclusion



## Banchoff

+ good critical points
+ intuitive!
- globally stable?

Forman

+ good global behavior
+ flexible discretization
- local precision?


## Recent improvements



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## In-between both worlds



On triangulated surface, greedy construction of Forman's vector field keeps Banchoff's critical set for slowly varying function $f: \mathcal{K}_{0} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$

## Next challenges

Higher dimension (besides NP)<br>L., Lopes, Tavares, Joswig, Pfetsch...<br>More general cases (infinite complexes)<br>Ayala, Vilches...<br>More complex objects (tensors, $\left\{f_{i}\right\}$ )<br>Forman, Tricoche,Tong, Desbrun...<br>More theoretical guarantees<br>L., Zhang, Mischaikow.

## Global from local?


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