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Review: for a function  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we saw in last class

- # Critical point: all partial derivatives are 0  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = 0 \forall i$
- # Non-degenerate critical point:  $\det(H(x)) \neq 0$   
i.e. the Hessian is non-singular ( $2^{\text{nd}}$  derivative non zero in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

- # Morse Lemma: Given  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . if  $u$  is non-degenerate critical point then there exists local co-ordinate chart with  $u = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$  s.t.  

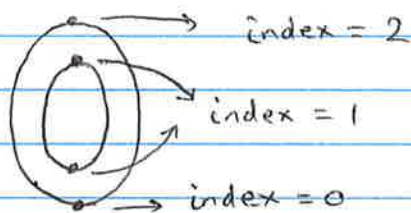
$$f(x) = f(u) - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - \dots - x_l^2 + x_{l+1}^2 + \dots + x_d^2$$

for every point  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$  in small neighborhood of  $u$

[follows from Taylor series expansion about  $u$ . if  $H(x)$  is non-singular then  $2^{\text{nd}}$  order terms dominate]

- # Index of critical point: # of -ve coefficients in the quadratic polynomial.

for  $d$  dimensions  $\rightarrow d+1$  possible index values.



local minima: index 0

local maxima: index  $d$

saddles:  $0 < \text{index} < d$

- # Morse functions:  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that
  - (a) all critical points are non-degenerate
  - (b) critical values are distinct.

- # Morse Inequality:  $M$ :  $d$ -dimensional manifold,  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
and  $C_q = \#$  critical points with index  $q$

(a) weak version:  $C_q \geq \beta_q(M)$  for all  $q$

(b) strong version:  $\sum_{q=0}^j (-1)^{j-q} C_q \geq \sum_{q=0}^j (-1)^{j-q} \beta_q(M)$

when  $j = d$ , equality holds.

## Piecewise Linear (PL) functions

In most cases, we don't know  $f$ . We can only sample function values at discrete points  
 eg. elevation of terrain: measured at grid points  
 for all intermediate points, function value is approximated using interpolation: piecewise linear functions.

Let  $K$  be a simplicial complex with real values specified at all vertices. (Assume distinct values)

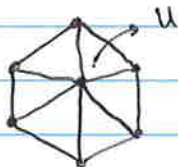
$$f: |K| \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) f(u_i)$$

where  $b_i(x)$  are barycentric coordinates of  $x$  w.r.t. vertices. i.e. function value at  $x$  is linear combination of function values at vertices (known) weighted by barycentric coordinate.

→ Order vertices by increasing value ~~with~~ i.e.  
 $f(u_1) < f(u_2) < \dots < f(u_n)$

$K_i$ : subcomplex formed by first  $i$  vertices in ordering.

def: Star of vertex  $u_i$ :  $St\ u_i$ : Set of co-faces of  $u_i$  in  $K$   
 ⇒ add missing faces to get closed star  $\overline{St\ u_i}$



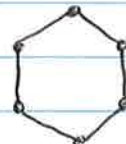
$K$



$St\ u$



$\overline{St\ u}$



$LK\ u$

def:- Link of vertex  $u_i$ :  $LK\ u_i$  set of simplices that are in the closed star of  $u_i$  but not in star of  $u_i$   
 $LK\ u_i = \{ \sigma \in \overline{St\ u_i} \mid \sigma \notin St\ u_i \}$

def: Lower star of vertex  $u_i$ :  $St_{-} u_i$  set of co-faces of  $u_i$  such that  $f(u_i)$  is the maxima

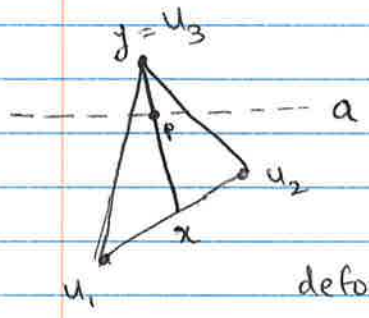
$$St_{-} u_i = \{ \sigma \in St u_i \mid x \in \sigma \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(u_i) \}$$

→ if vertices are ordered by function values then  $K_i$  is the union of lower stars of first  $i$  vertices.

the filtration  $\emptyset = K_0 < K_1 < \dots < K_n = K$  is called lower star filtration

sub-level set  $|K|_a = f^{-1}(-\infty, a] \simeq K_i$  for

$$f(u_i) \leq a < f(u_{i+1})$$



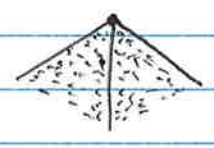
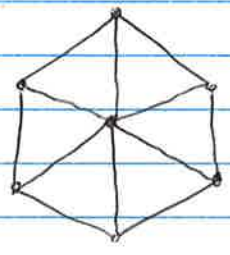
$$p = (1-t)y + tx$$

$t$  going from 0 to 1 gives a continuous deformation of level set to  $(u_1, u_2)$  from  $u_3$  showing that  $|K|_a \simeq K_i$

→ Going from  $K_{i-1}$  to  $K_i$  is same as gluing closed lower star of  $u_i$  to  $K_{i-1}$  along the lower link

def: lower link of vertex  $u_i$

$$LK_{-} u_i = \{ \sigma \in LK u_i \mid x \in \sigma \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(u_i) \}$$



$St_{-} u$



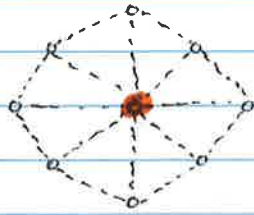
$LK_{-} u_i$

# We can classify vertices using reduced Betti numbers of the lower link.



$$\tilde{\beta}_0 = \tilde{\beta}_1 = 0$$

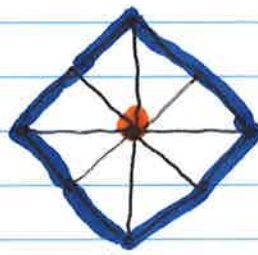
Regular vertex



if  $u$  is local minima

$LK_u$  is empty

$$\tilde{\beta}_{-1} = 1$$

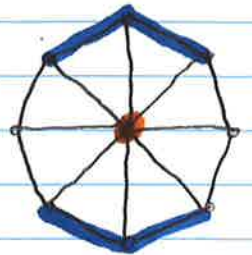


if  $u$  is local maxima

$LK_u$  forms a loop

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$$\tilde{\beta}_1 = 1$$



if  $u$  is simple saddle

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$$\tilde{\beta}_0 = 1$$

Def: Simple PL critical vertex of index  $q$ : if the lower link of vertex  $u$   $LK_u$  has reduced homology of  $(q-1)$ -sphere then it is called a simple PL vertex of index  $q$ .

[  $\tilde{\beta}_{q-1} = 1$  is the only non-zero reduced Betti number of  $LK_u$  ]

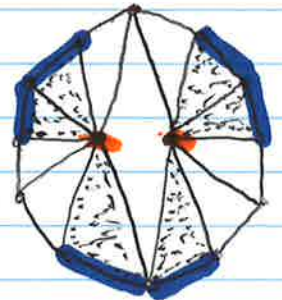
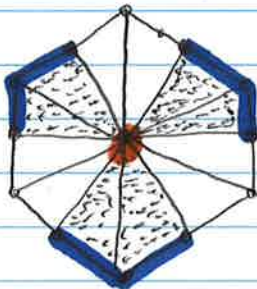
Def: PL Morse function:  $f: |K| \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is PL Morse function if

- Each vertex of  $K$  is either a regular vertex or a simple PL critical vertex
- function values at vertices are distinct.

$\rightarrow \tilde{\beta}_0 = 2 \therefore$  2-fold saddle

can be "unfolded" into

2 simple saddles  $\rightarrow$



Each vertex is a simple PL critical vertex

$\therefore \tilde{\beta}_0 = 1$  for both.

PL version of Monkey Saddle

$\tilde{\beta}_0 = 2 (\neq 1) \therefore$  Not a simple PL Critical vertex

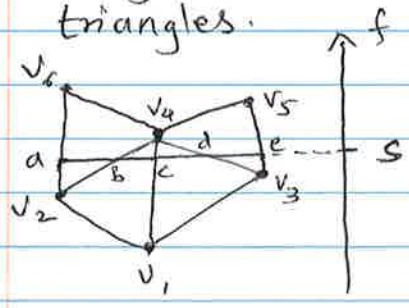
PL Morse Inequalities Let  $K$  be triangulation of a  $d$ -manifold and  $f: |K| \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a PL Morse function. Let  $C_q$  be the number of PL critical vertices of index  $q$ .

- (a) Weak version:  $C_q \geq \beta_q(K)$  for all  $q$
- (b) Strong version:  $\sum_{q=0}^j (-1)^{j-q} C_q \leq \sum_{q=0}^j (-1)^{j-q} \beta_q(K) \quad \forall j$

# Constructing Reeb graph Consider  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $M$  is a triangulated 2-manifold and  $f$  is PL Morse.

$\Rightarrow$  Sort vertices s.t.  $f(v_i) < f(v_{i+1}) \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$

$\rightarrow$  Each contour in the triangulation is a sequence of line segments. Each line segment falls on a triangle  $\Rightarrow$  we can represent contours as list of triangles.



$f^{-1}(s)$  is made up of line segments  $ab, bc, cd, de$ . Each segment falls on one triangle in the triangulation:  $\{v_2v_4v_1, v_2v_4v_3, v_1v_3v_4, v_3v_4v_5\}$

$\rightarrow$  also note that the list of triangles remains the same for all  $f(v_3) < s < f(v_4)$

- Important to note! contours represented by list of triangles. The list only changes when we pass through a vertex.

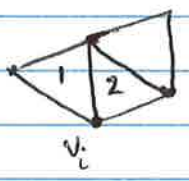
$\Rightarrow$  sub-level set filtration can be achieved by only looking at how the triangle list changes at vertices.

Depending on the vertex type we have following:

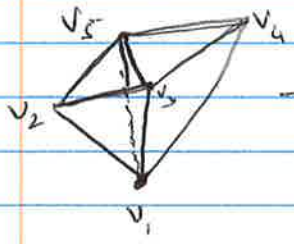
Case 1: vertex  $v_i$  is a minimum: Begins an arc in Reeb graph

→ Add a degree-1 node to graph.

→ The arc is associated with cyclic list of triangles initialize it with triangles in [star of  $v_i$ ]



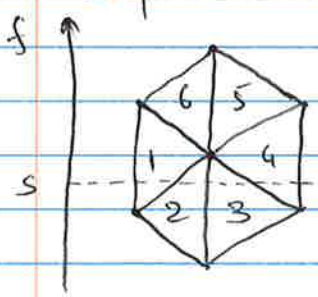
→ initialize cyclic list of triangles with triangles 1, 2



→ The list will be initialized with the four vertical faces:  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$   
→ list is cyclic.

Case 2:  $v_i$  is regular vertex. We already have one or more cyclic lists representing contours of the triangulation below  $f(v_i)$ .

→ Two or more triangles in  $St v_i$  form a contiguous sequence in one of the existing cyclic lists



Suppose  $v_i$  is the vertex at center.

We have already passed through contour corresponding to  $s$  before reaching  $v_i$  so the cyclic list of triangles we already have is  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

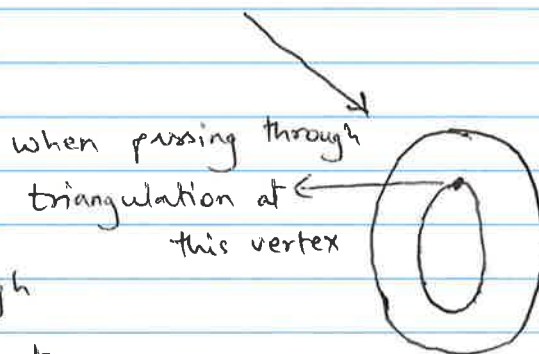
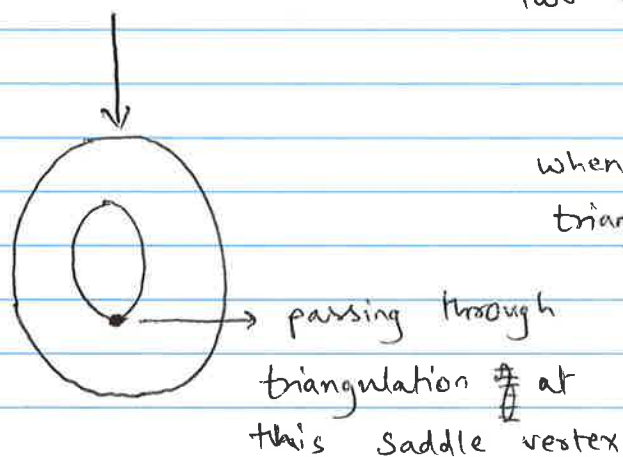
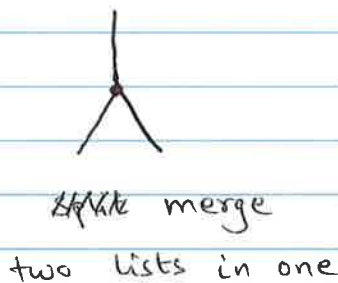
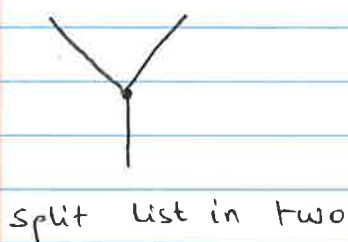
As we pass through  $v_i$  the contours will no longer fall on triangles in lower star of  $v_i$   $\{2, 3\}$

⇒ Replace triangles in lower star of  $v_i$  by triangles in upper star of  $v_i$  i.e.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 6, 5, 4\}$

Case 3!  $v_i$  is a saddle: its lower star has two or more disconnected parts  $\therefore$  The triangles in star of  $v_i$  form two or more distinct sequences in the existing cyclic lists of triangles. Same as case 2, we keep the first and last of the contiguous sequence and replace the other triangles (these are in lower star of  $v_i$ ) by triangles in upper star of  $v_i$ .

$\rightarrow$  Depending on type of saddle, this will result in either splitting a list, merging two or more lists or simply re-ordering the existing list.

first two cases  $\Rightarrow$  degree-3 nodes in Reeb graph  
 third case  $\Rightarrow$  degree-2 node.



Case 4:  $v_i$  is a maximum: Remove the cyclic list in its star (since  $v_i$  is maximum, one of the cyclic lists is entirely made up of triangles in star of  $v_i$ )

→ in the Reeb graph → add new degree-1 node.

⇒ For implementation, we need data structure with following operations:

- (a) CUT: Cut cyclic list open
  - (b) GLUE: Attach two ends of a list
  - (c) DROP: Drop triangle from open list
  - (d) APPEND: Add new triangle to open list
  - (e) FIND: find the list that contains a triangle.
- } for merging, splitting lists.  
} only at the ends.

→ Balanced Search Tree

→ Run time  $\sim O(m^2)$  where  $m = \#$  edges in triangulation.