

For a data set  $S$  of  $n$  points the clique complex  $K_\epsilon$  is hard to compute when  $n$  is large.  $K_\epsilon$

has

- $n$  vertices
- edges determined by the  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$  distances  $d(x,y)$ ,  $x, y \in S$ .
- 2-Simplices determined by the  $\frac{1}{6}n(n-1)(n-2)$  triples  $x, y, z \in S$ .
- and so on.

Yesterday's textons example

had  $|S| = 8\,000\,000$ .

## Mapper Clustering

Again based on the nerve  $N\mathcal{U}$  of an open cover of an unknown population space  $X$ .

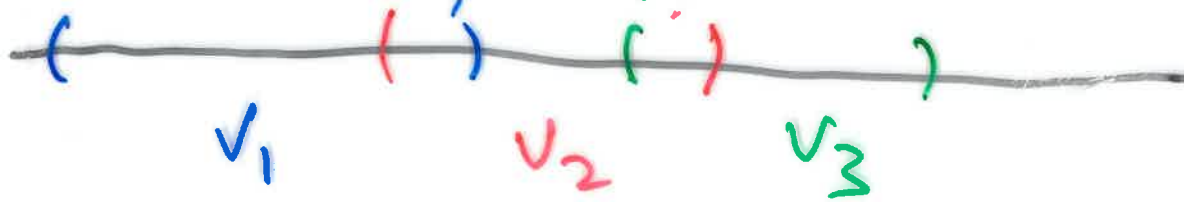
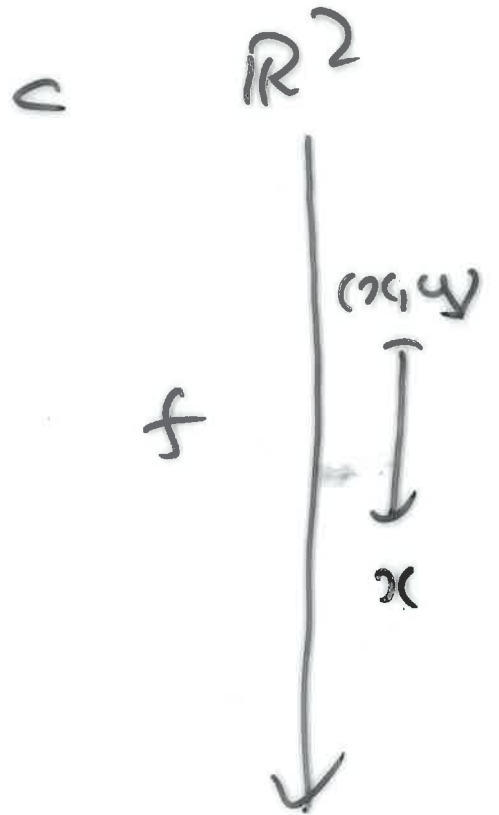
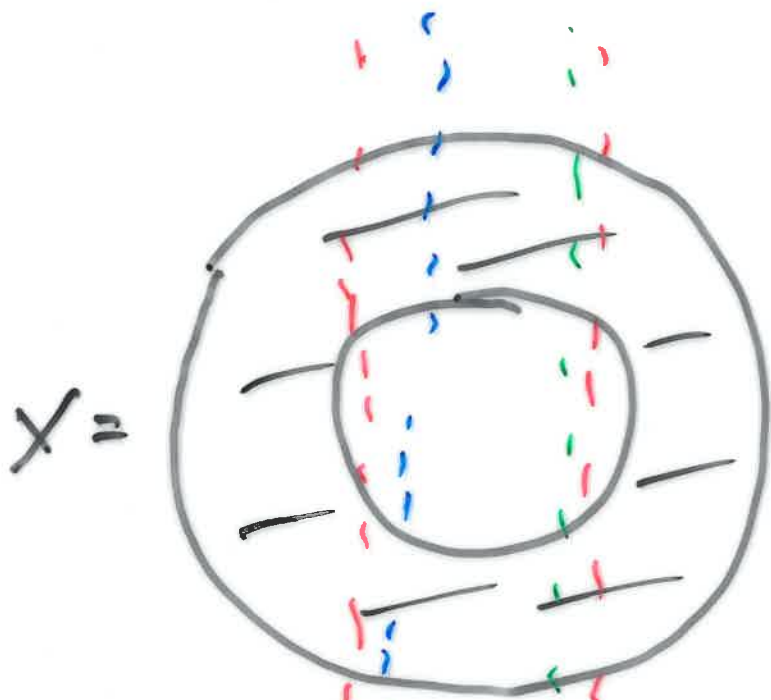
To construct such a cover  $\mathcal{U}$  we could choose:

- 1) a continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  where  $Z$  is some known (parameter) space, and where we only know  $f(x)$  for  $x$  in some finite sample  $S \subset X$ .

- 2) an open cover

$$V = \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$$

of  $Z$



$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

For  $\alpha \in A$  the pre-image

$$U_\alpha = f^{-1}(V_\alpha)$$

is open since  $f$  is continuous.

In general  $U_\alpha$  may have many connected components.

In the example



$$U_1 = f^{-1}(V_2)$$



In general

$$U_\alpha = U_{\alpha 1} \sqcup U_{\alpha 2} \sqcup \dots \sqcup U_{\alpha n_\alpha},$$

with  $U_{\alpha i}$  a connected component.

So we get an open cover

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha, i}\}_{\substack{\alpha \in A \\ 1 \leq i \leq n_\alpha}}$$

of  $X$ .

The nerve  $N\mathcal{U}$  is our "approximation" to  $X$ .

If  $f$  and  $V$  are well chosen, we would hope to get  $|N\mathcal{U}|$  homotopy equivalent to  $X$ .

However we can't construct

the  $U_{\alpha,i}$  since we don't know  $X$ . We approximate

$U_{\alpha,i}$  by

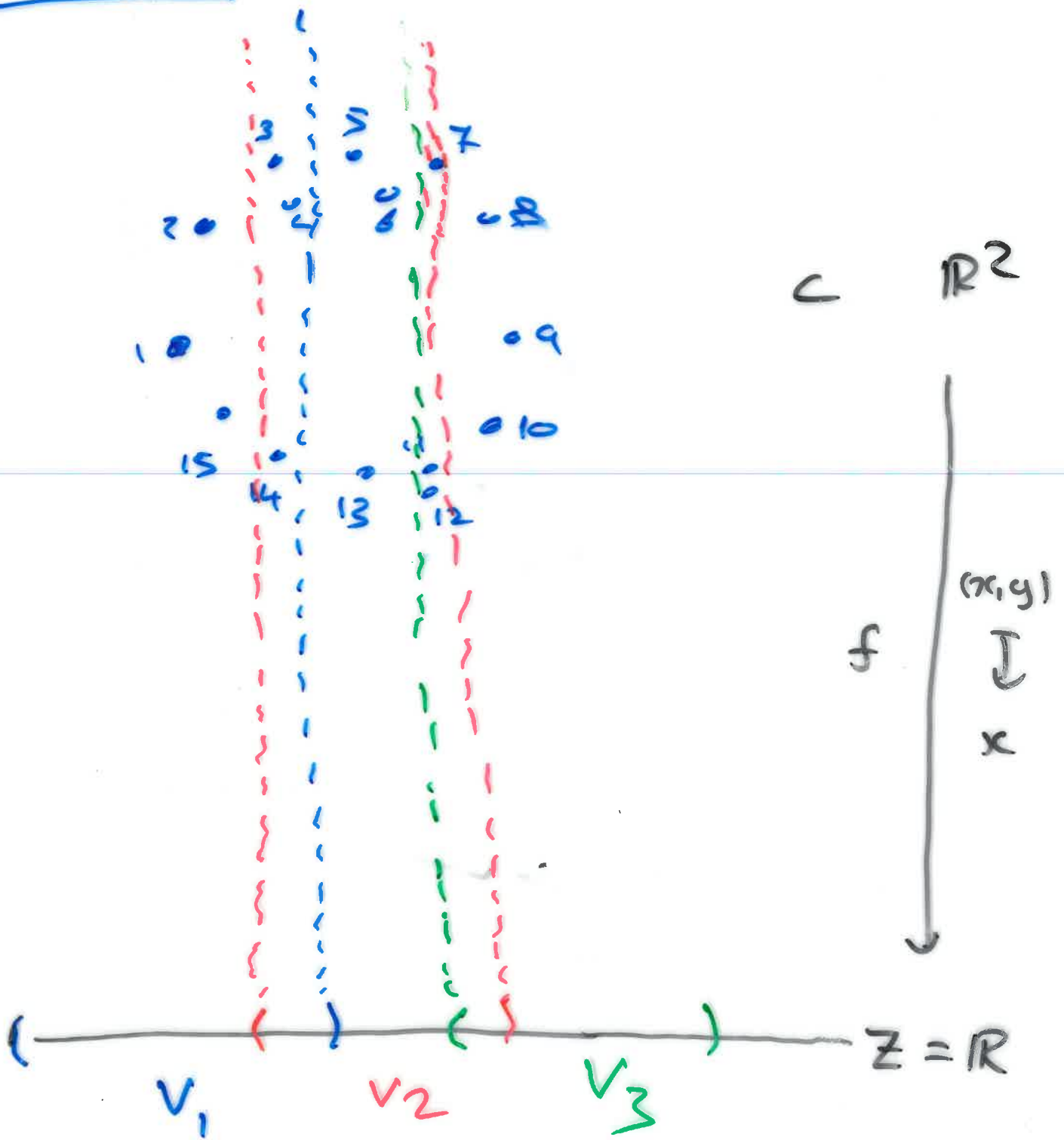
$$f^{-1}(V_{\alpha}) \cap S = S_{\alpha,1} \sqcup S_{\alpha,2} \sqcup \dots \sqcup S_{\alpha,n_{\alpha}}$$

$$(f^{-1}(V_{\alpha}) = U_{\alpha,1} \sqcup \dots \sqcup U_{\alpha,n_{\alpha}})$$

The connected component  $U_{\alpha,i}$  is replaced by a cluster  $S_{\alpha,i}$  obtained by applying any clustering algorithm

to  $f^{-1}(V_\alpha) \cap S$ .

Example



$$f^{-1}(U_1) \cap S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 15\} = S_{1,1}$$

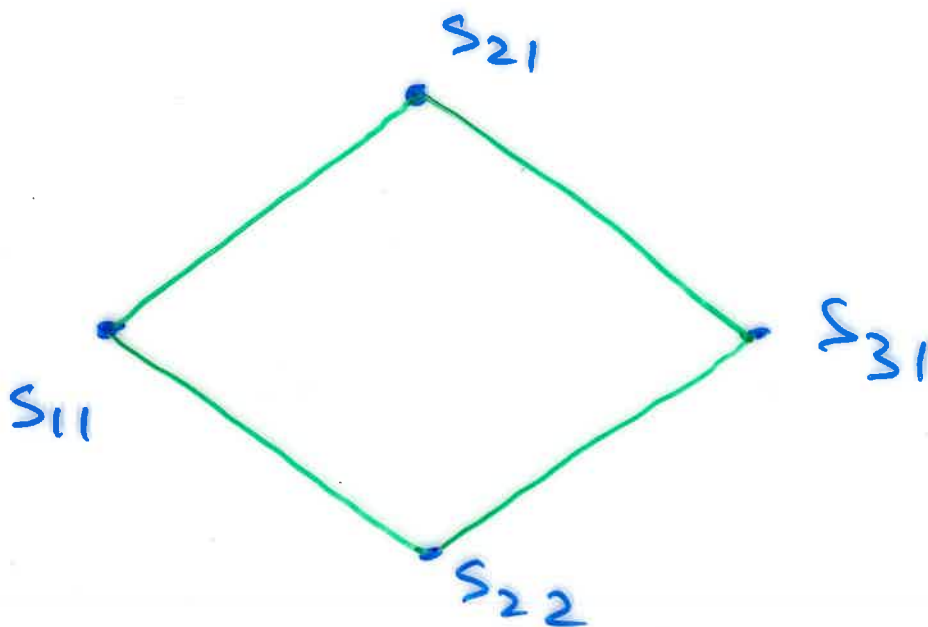
$$f^{-1}(U_2) \cap S = \{3, 4, \underbrace{5, 6, 7}_{S_{2,1}}\} \cup \underbrace{\{11, 12, 13, 14\}}_{S_{2,2}}$$

$$f^{-1}(U_3) \cap S = \{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\} = S_{3,1}$$

$$\text{So } S_{1,1} \cup S_{2,1} \cup S_{2,2} \cup S_{3,1} = S$$

or  $\{S_{\alpha_i}\}$  is a cover of  $S$ .

The nerve  $N\{S_{\alpha_i}\}$  is



So this nerve is homeomorphic to a circle  $S^1$ .