

## *A general problem*

*Given a set  $S$  of points randomly sampled from an unknown manifold  $X$ , what can we infer about the topology of  $X$ ?*

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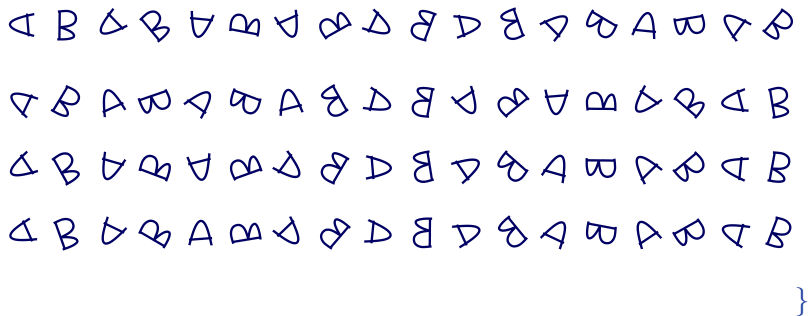
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From this definition we see

$$B_n = \dim(H_n(K))$$

observation: If  $L$  is a subcomplex of the simplicial complex  $K$  (i.e.  $L$  is a simplicial complex with  $L \subset K$ ) then

$C_n L$  is a subspace of  $C_n K$ .

In fact we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \vdots & & \vdots \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_3 L & \longrightarrow & C_3 K \\ \downarrow d_3 & & \downarrow d_3 \\ C_2 L & \longrightarrow & C_2 K \\ \downarrow d_2 & & \downarrow d_2 \\ C_1 L & \longrightarrow & C_1 K \\ \downarrow d_1 & & \downarrow d_1 \\ C_0 L & \longrightarrow & C_0 K \end{array}$$



This diagram induces a homomorphism of vector spaces

$$H_n(L) \longrightarrow H_n(K)$$

which is not in general injective.

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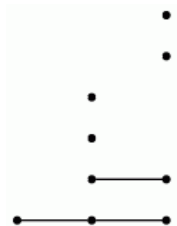
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*Key observation:*

$$H_n^{ij}(K) = \frac{\ker(d_n^i)}{\text{image}(d_{n+1}^j) \cap C_n(K_i)}$$

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$$\dim(C_n(K_4)) = 12, \quad \dim(C_{n-1}(K_4)) = 14, \quad \dim(C_n(K_3)) = 9, \quad \dots$$

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$$\dim(\ker(d_n^4)) = 3, \quad \dim(\text{image}(d_n^4) \cap C_{n-1}(K_2)) = 7, \quad \dots$$