

# Antifragile Persistent Homology using Fisher Information



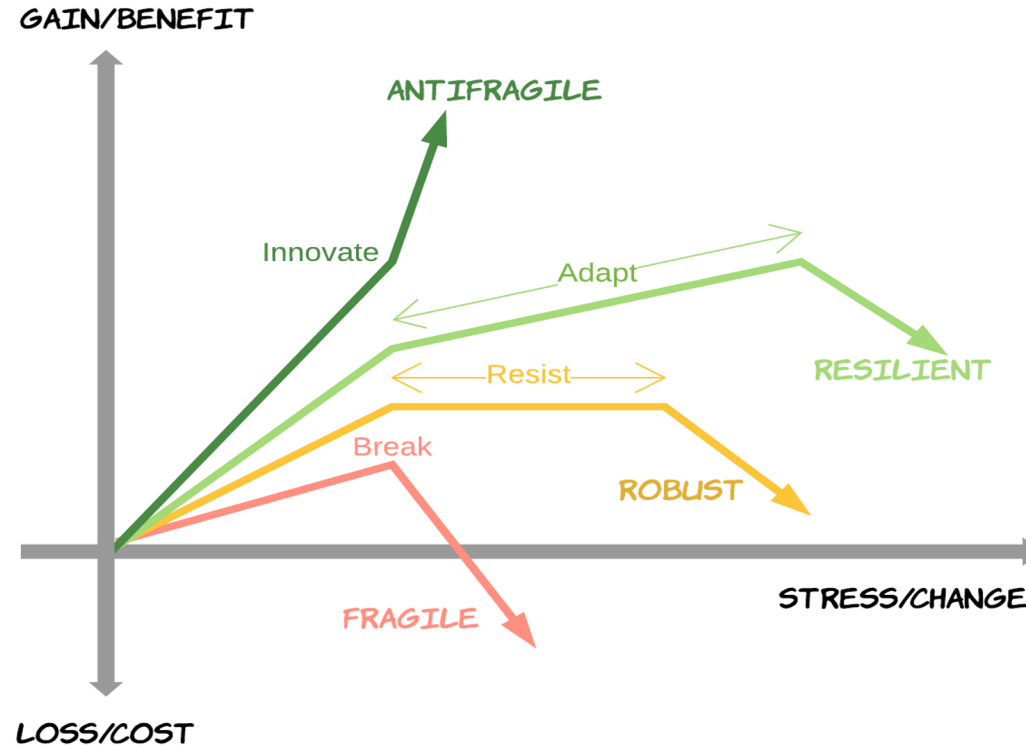
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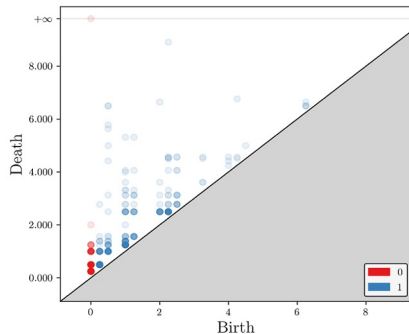
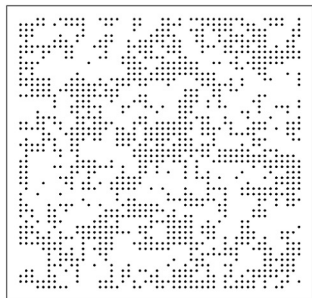
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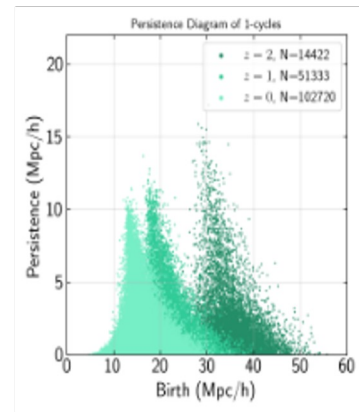
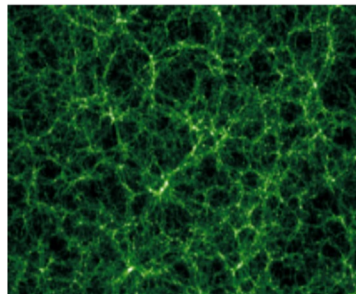
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# Motivation



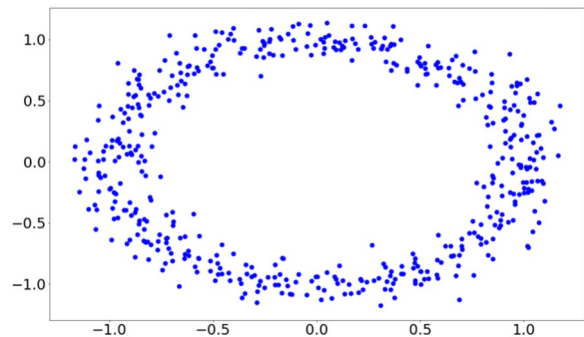
PD for spins on a lattice. [1]



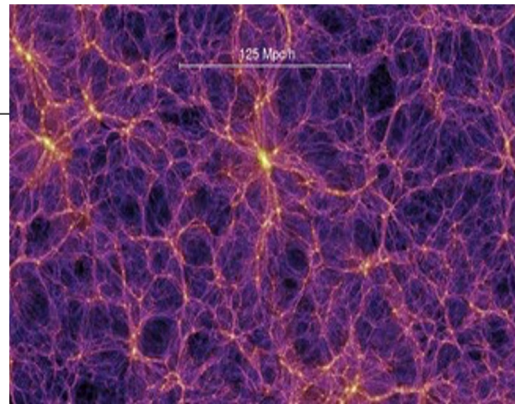
PD for LSS of universe. [2]

- Is there a **problem-adaptable** way of constructing filtrations and persistent summaries?
- How to *quantify* if the persistence diagram is a *good* summary of the input?

# Problem Statement



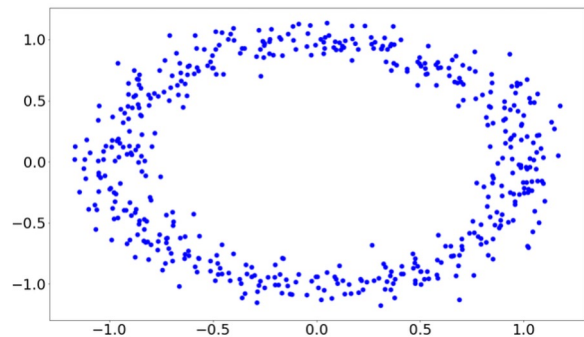
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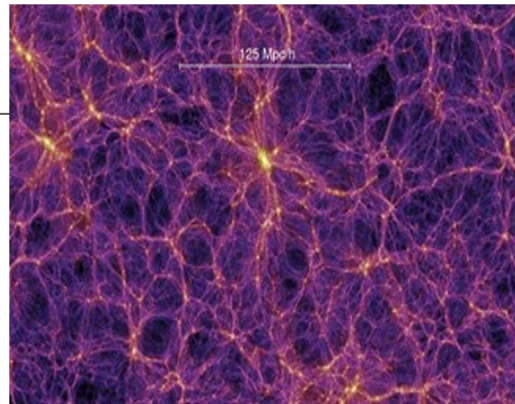
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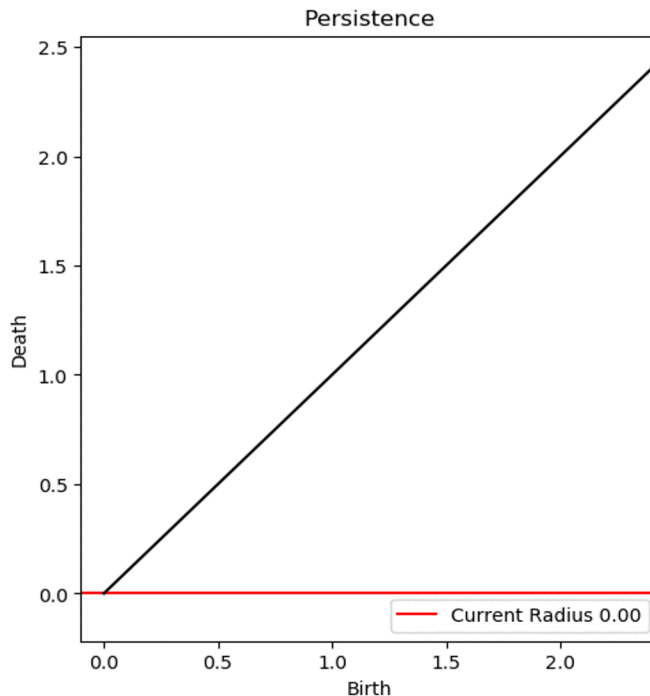
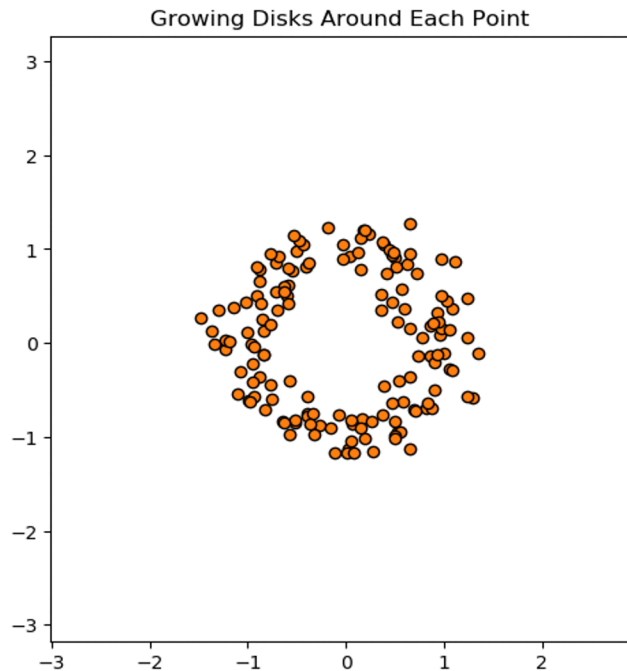
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- Objective function - Fisher Information.

# Outline

- Mathematical Preliminaries
  - Persistent Homology
  - Fisher Information
  - Vectorization of PD
- Finding the Optimal Filtration
  - The Pipeline
  - Examples
- Outlook

# Persistent Homology - The Physics Way



- PD keeps track of the multiscale topology of point sets.
- It stores the scales at which topological features born (b) and get destroyed (d).

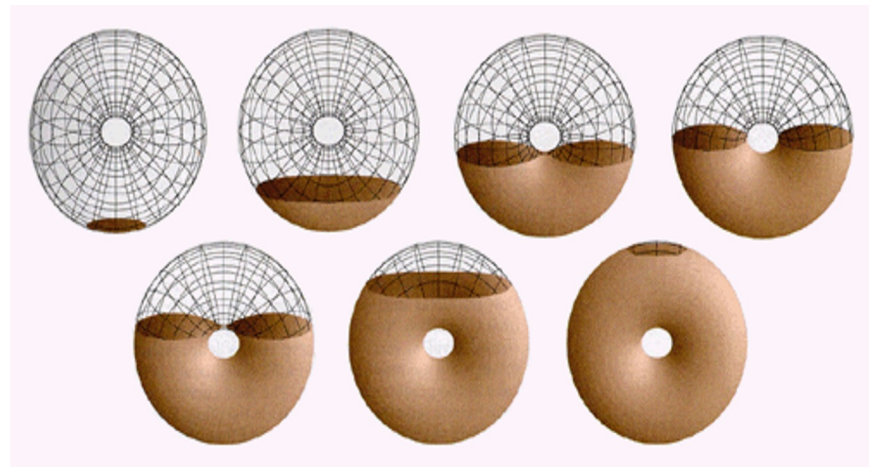
# Persistent Homology - The Math Way

- Filtrations -  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Assigns a number to each simplex

in  $K$ .

$$SubL(a) = f^{-1}[-\infty, a]$$

- PH keeps track of changes in  
topology of  $SubL(a)$ .



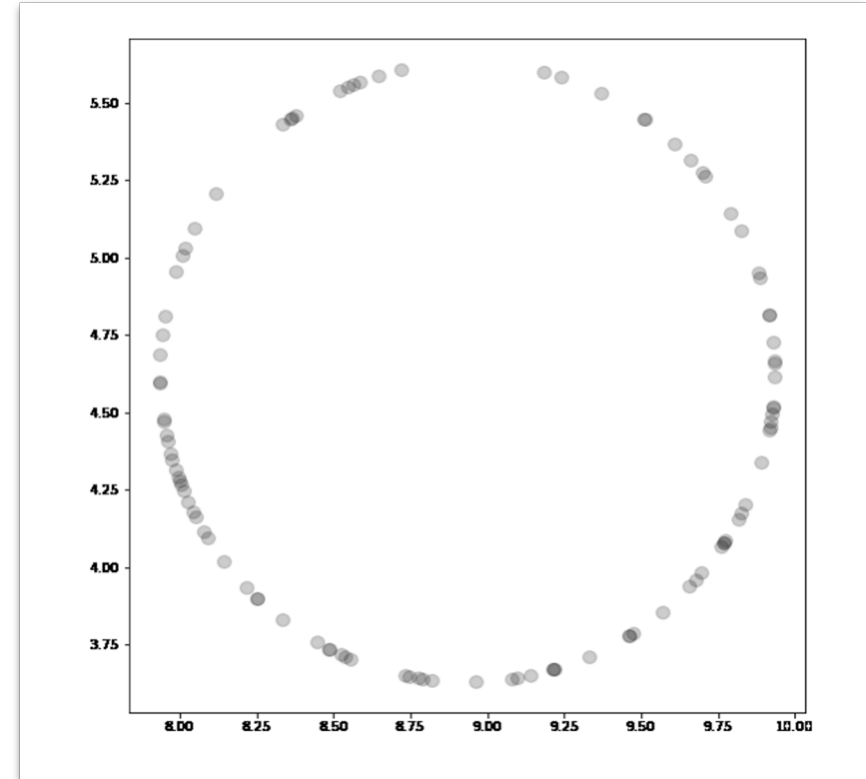
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# Sublevel Sets - Example II

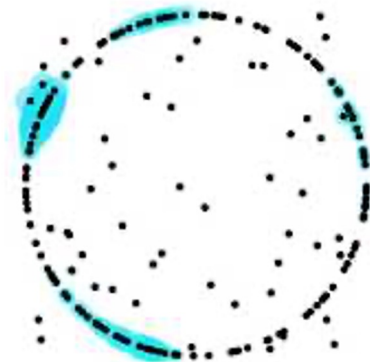
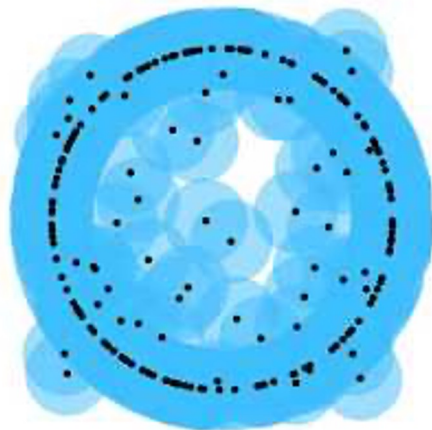
- Evolution of sublevel sets as the *level* “a” is varied.
- Shaded region - sublevel sets.
- A simplex (s) is added at *level* “a” if  $f(s) < a$ .

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# Variational Filtrations

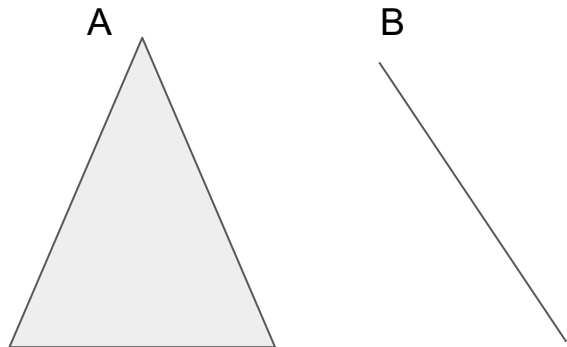
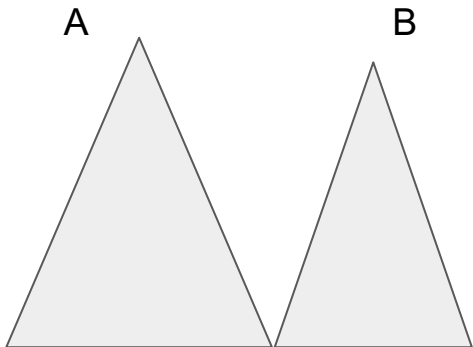
- Uniform growth of balls  $\rightarrow$  Parametrized.
- The filtration  $f$  is parametrized by a variational family  $\phi$ .
- Right - DTM filtrations.
  - Density controlled.
  - Less dense implies late start of growth of balls.



# Persistence Pairs

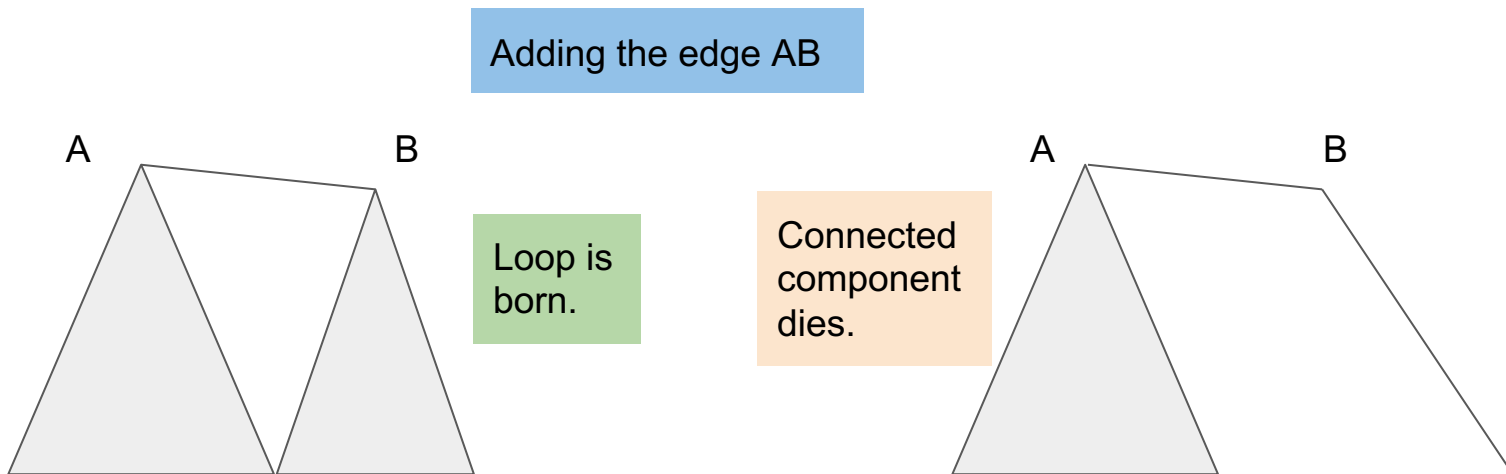
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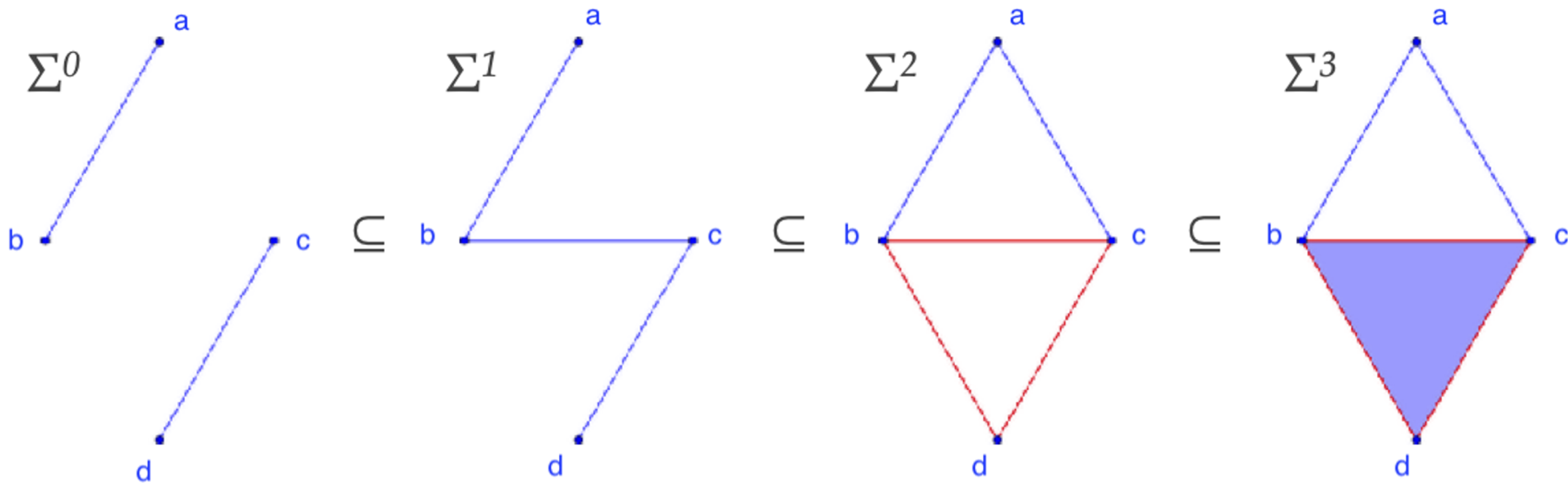


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- Persistence pairs are simplices that create  $(\sigma_b)$  and destroy  $(\sigma_d)$  topological features.
- The birth and death of a topological feature can be written in terms of the filtration “ $f$ ” and the persistence pairs.

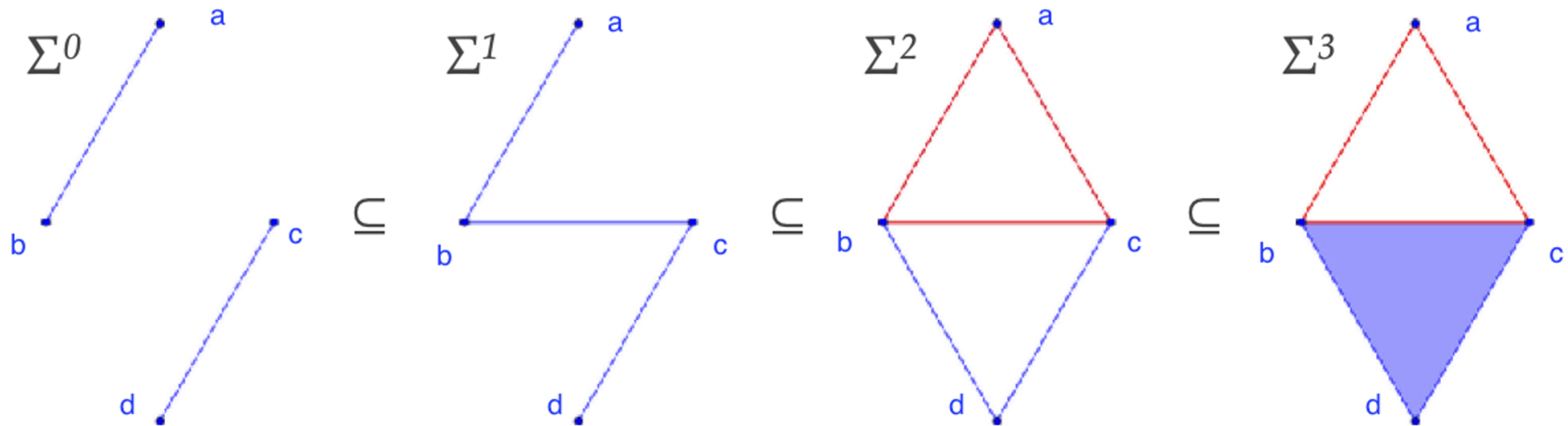
$$b = f(\sigma_b), d = f(\sigma_d)$$

Let  $f(s)$  be the step at which 's' was added.  $f(bc) = 1$ ,  $f(ac) = 2$ .



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$$\sigma_b = bd, \sigma_d = bcd$$



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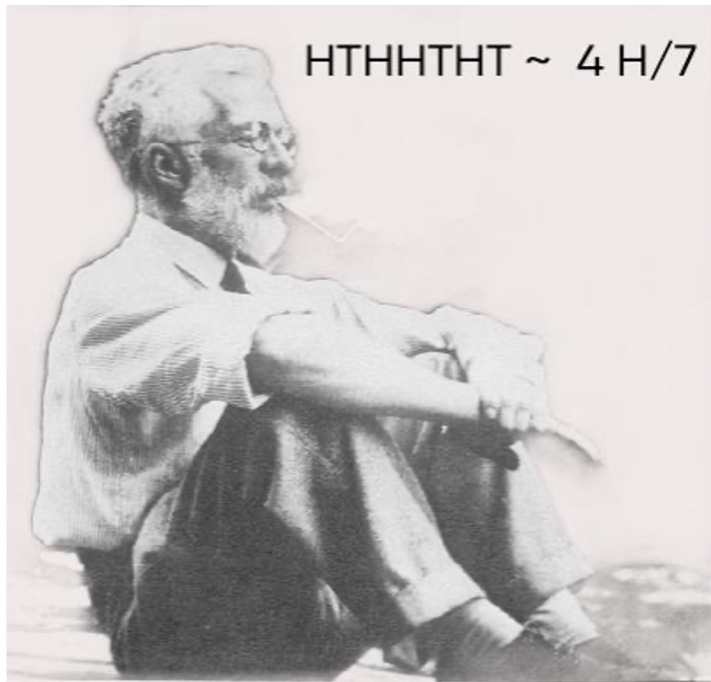
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# Fisher Information

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# Fisher Information - Motivation



- FI is used to quantify the information stored in a summary statistic.
- Is the summary sensitive to the model parameters ( $\theta$ ) as much as the raw data?
- Given a biased coin with  $P(H) = \theta$ , a summary statistic is the number of head.

# Mathematical Formulation of FI

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- Example - Coin Toss with  $P(H) = \theta$ ,  $I(\theta) = ((1 - \theta)\theta)^{-1}$ . High information near  $\theta = 0, 1$ .
- The Fisher Information signifies how well we can **contrast** data drawn from  $P(X|\theta)$  and  $P(X|\theta + \varepsilon)$ .

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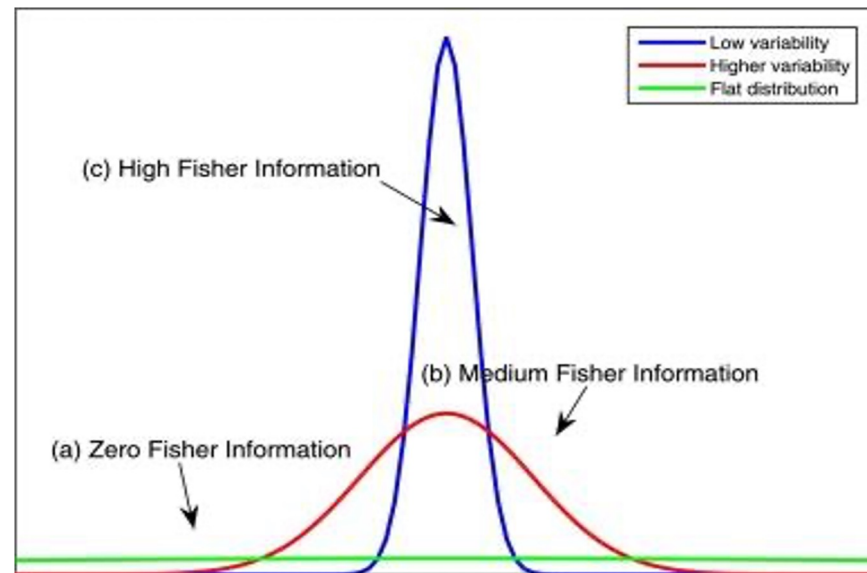
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  - The summary is expected to be precise - low variance.
  - The summary is sensitive to  $\theta$ .



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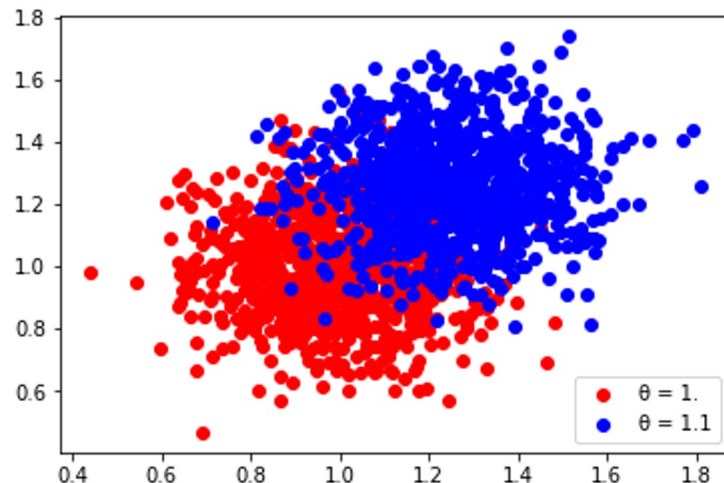
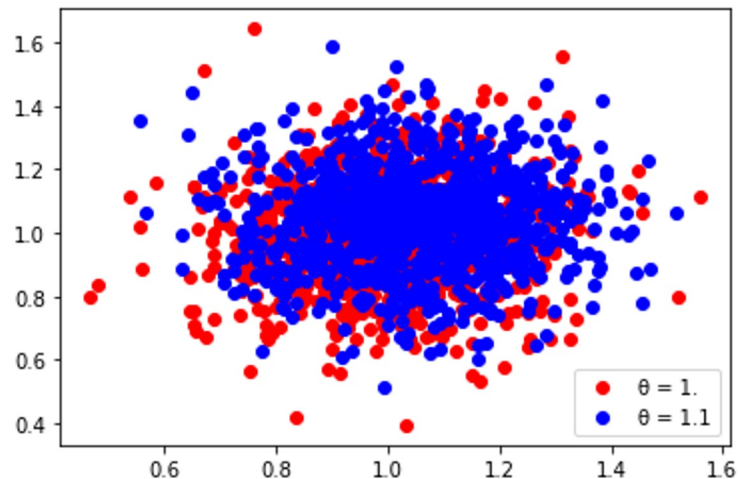
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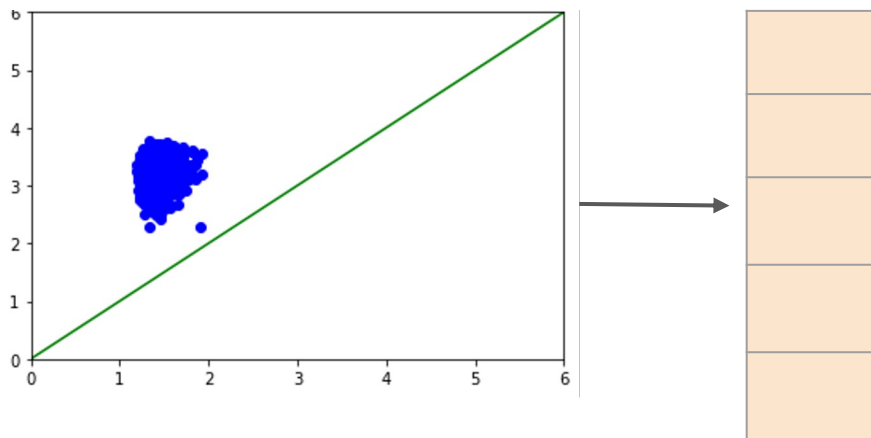
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- We use this expression
  - To measure the information in the persistence summaries, making a Gaussian approximation.
  - As the **loss function** to learn the optimal filtration.

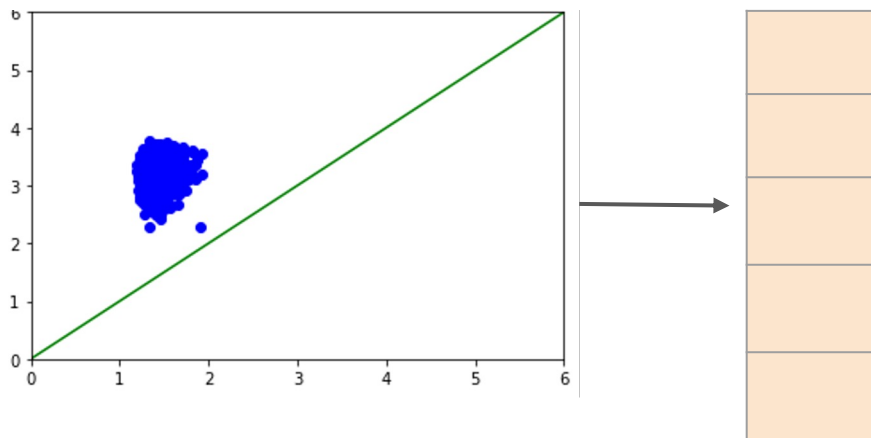
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- For statistical analysis, it is easier to work with vectors than sets.
- $Vec$  can be parametrized by a variational family and an *optimal vectorization* can be learnt [3].

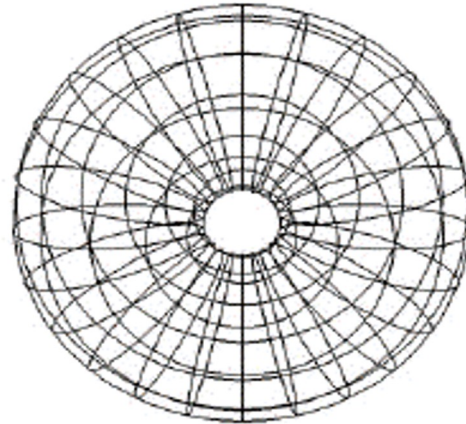
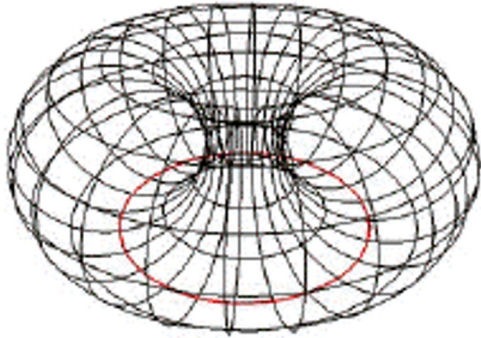
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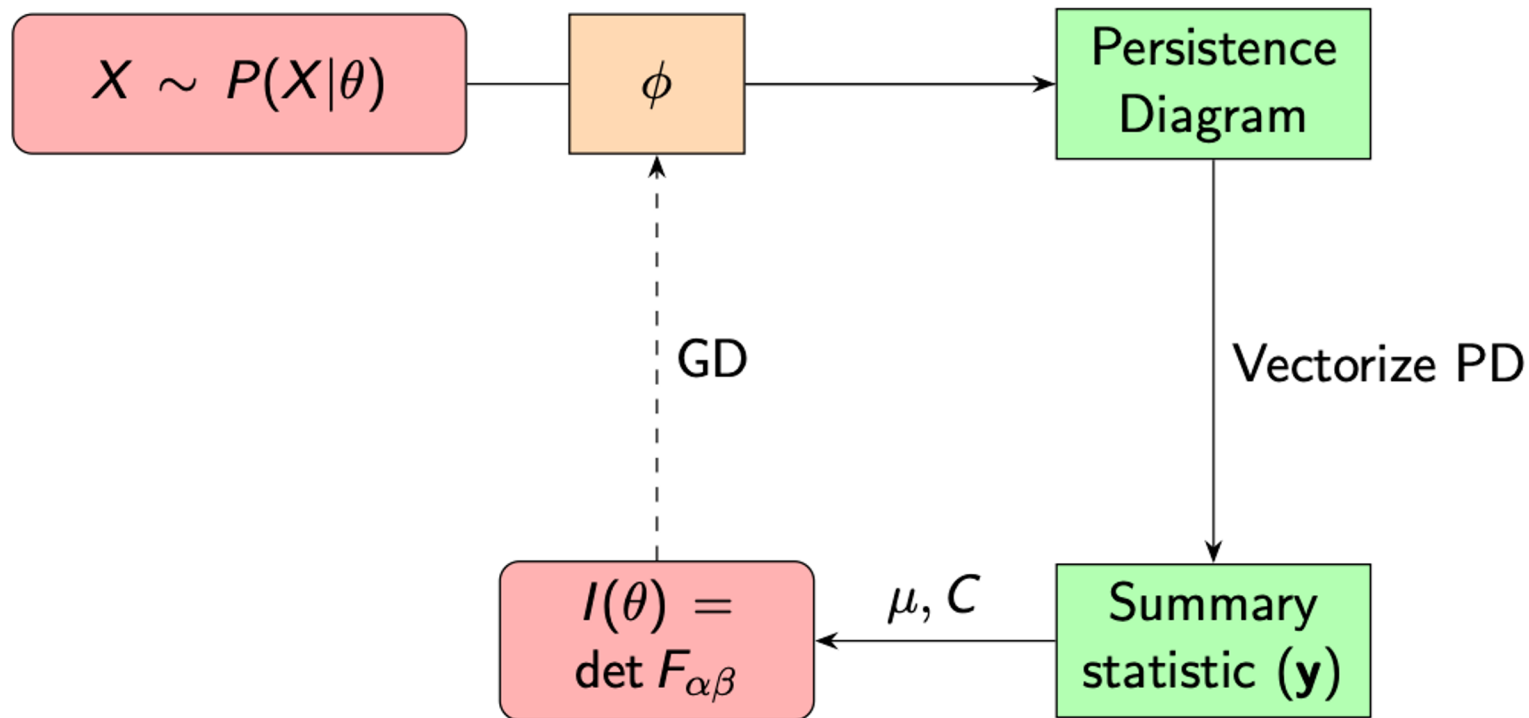
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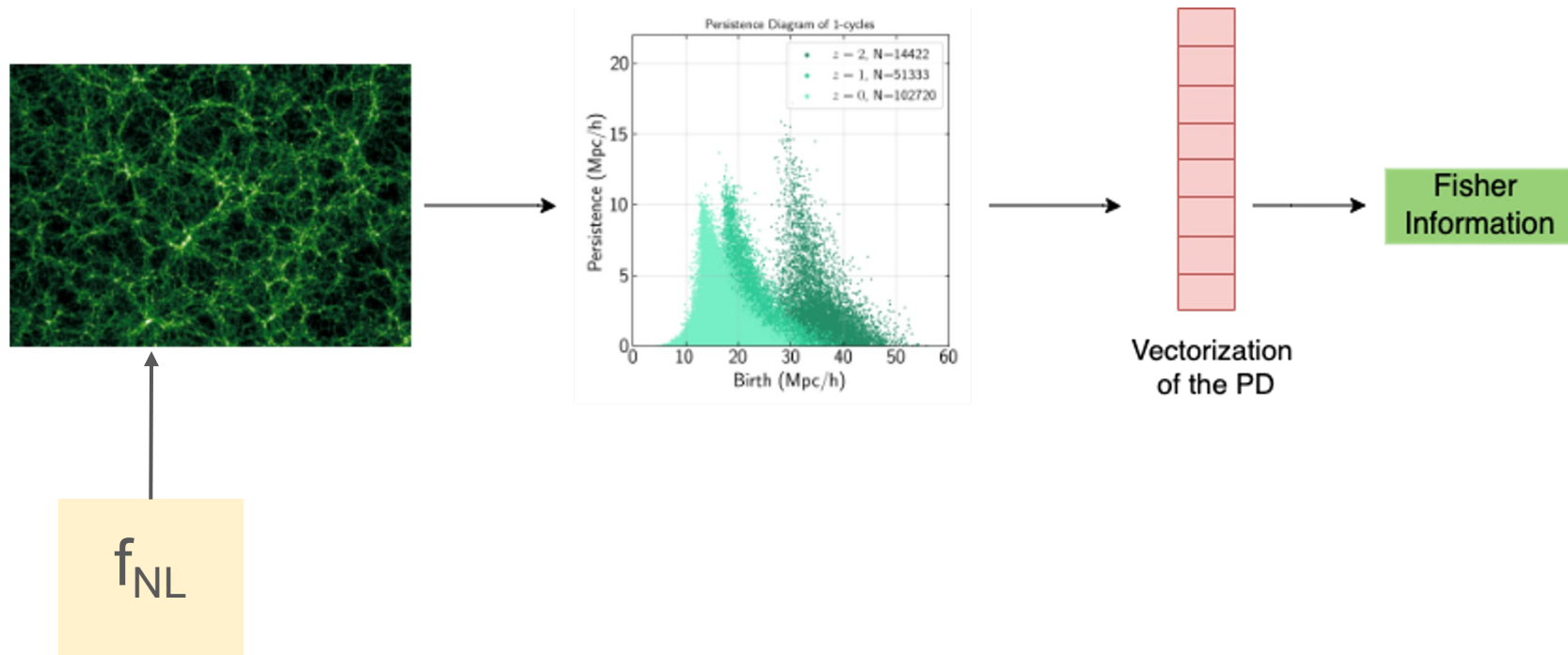
d = ?

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# The Pipeline



# Pipeline Example





# Why use Fisher Information to choose the filtration?

- Cramér–Rao Bound

- $\text{var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq 1/I(\theta)$

- Better estimators require more informative summary statistics.

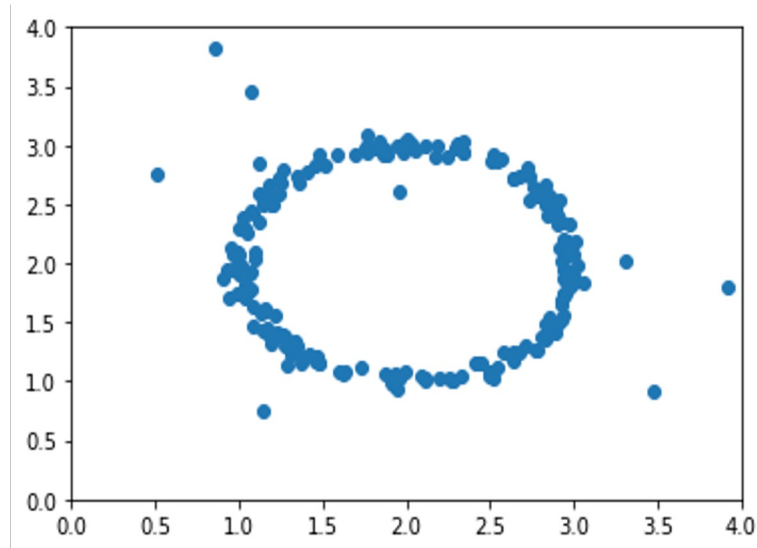
- FI measures the relevance of the filtration for a specific *task*, facilitating customization.

# Implementation Details

- Update equation for  $\phi : \phi_{\text{new}} = \phi_{\text{old}} + \alpha \nabla_{\phi} I(\theta)$
- Chain rule to calculate the intermediate gradients.
- Differentiating the persistence diagram - Identify the persistence pairs, and their dependence on  $\phi$ .  
$$b = f_{\phi}(\sigma_b), d = f_{\phi}(\sigma_d)$$
- Implemented using GUDHI, PyTorch.

# Input Data

- Input points chosen with radius  $\sim$  Gaussian (1, 0.2).
- Angles chosen uniformly randomly.
- Some noisy background points.



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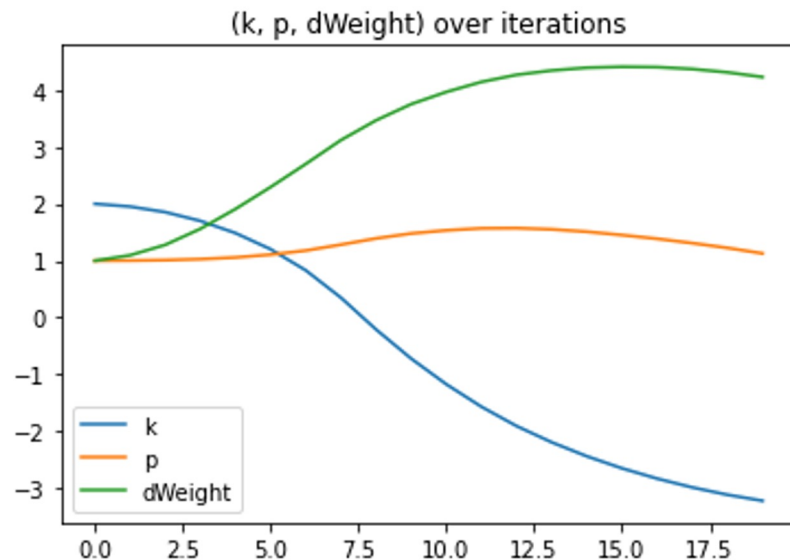
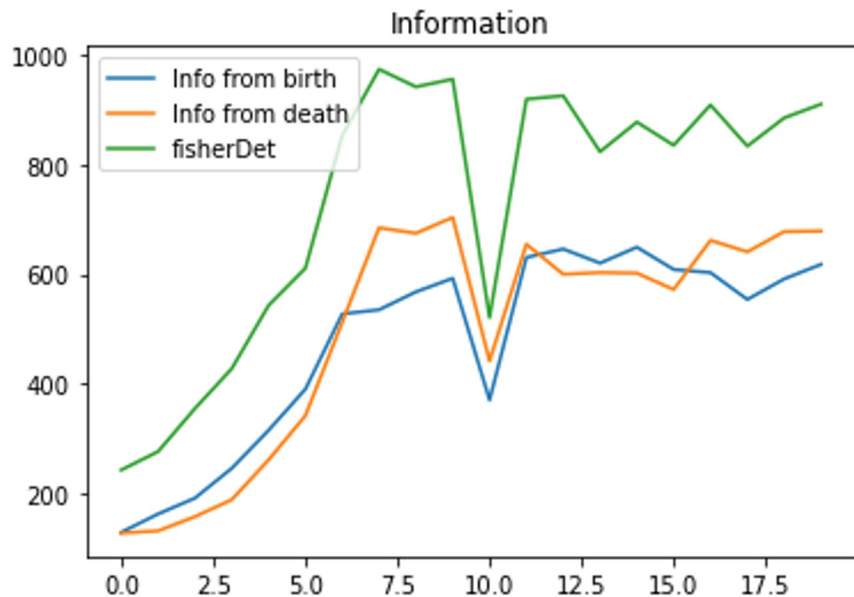
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- $y = (b, d)$  of the most persistent pair. Need not be hand crafted generally.

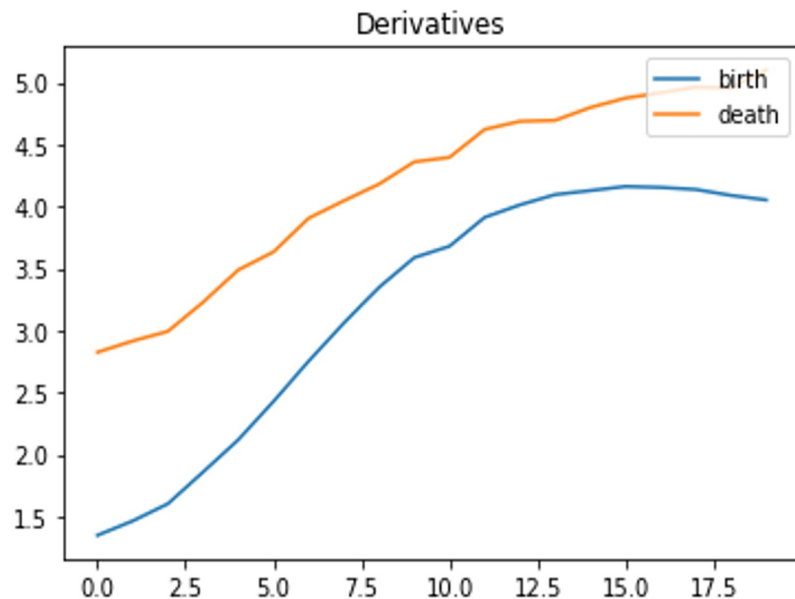
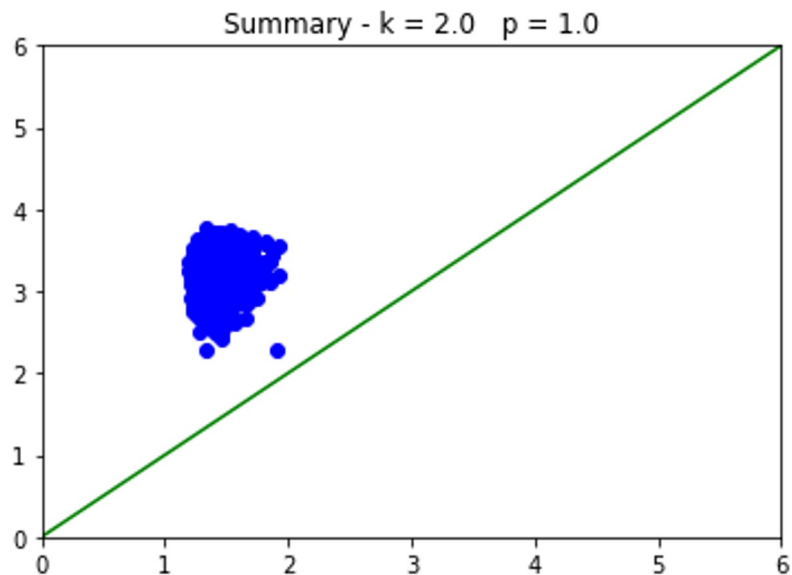
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dWeight is *learned* to increase over iterations.



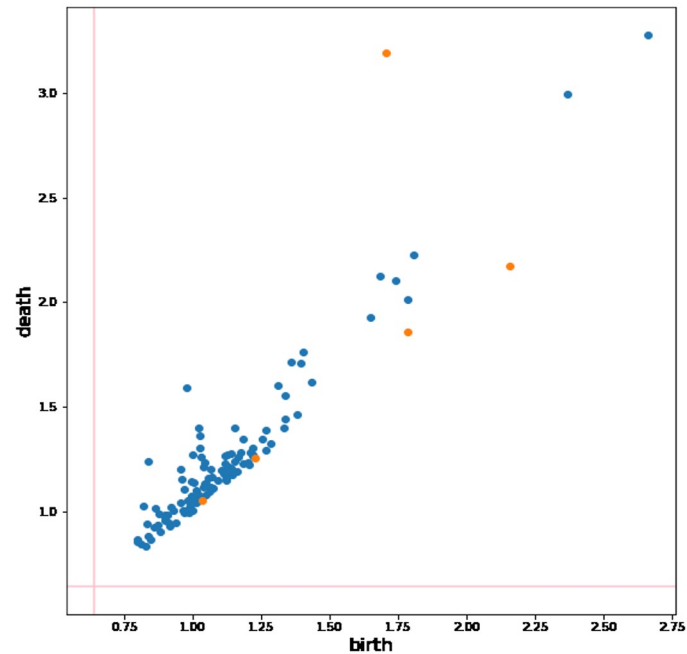
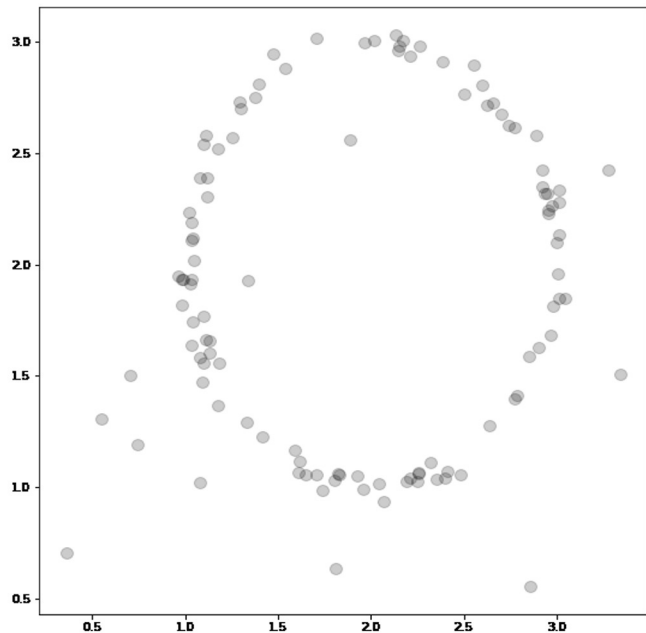
The dip in FI is due to standard gradient descent issues.

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# Initial Filtration

$\alpha = 0.64$   $k = 1.00$   $p = 1.00$

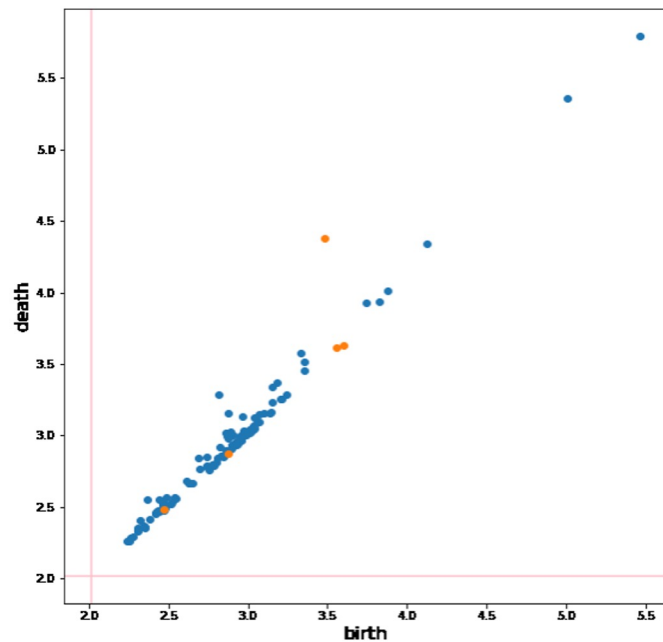
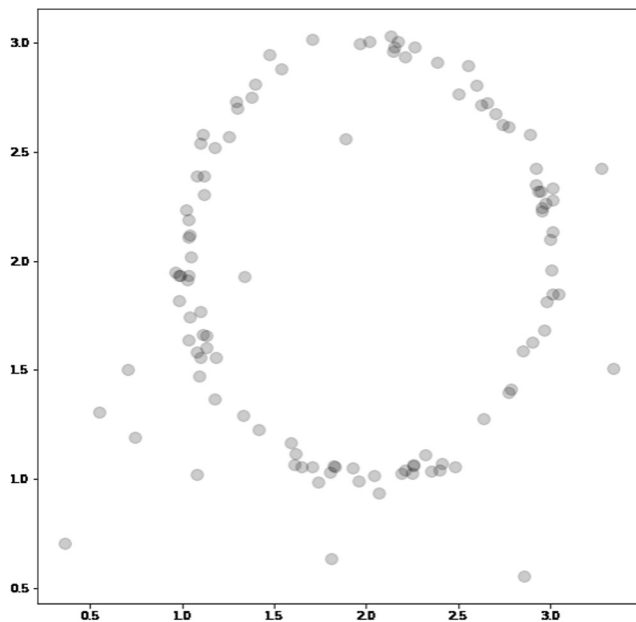




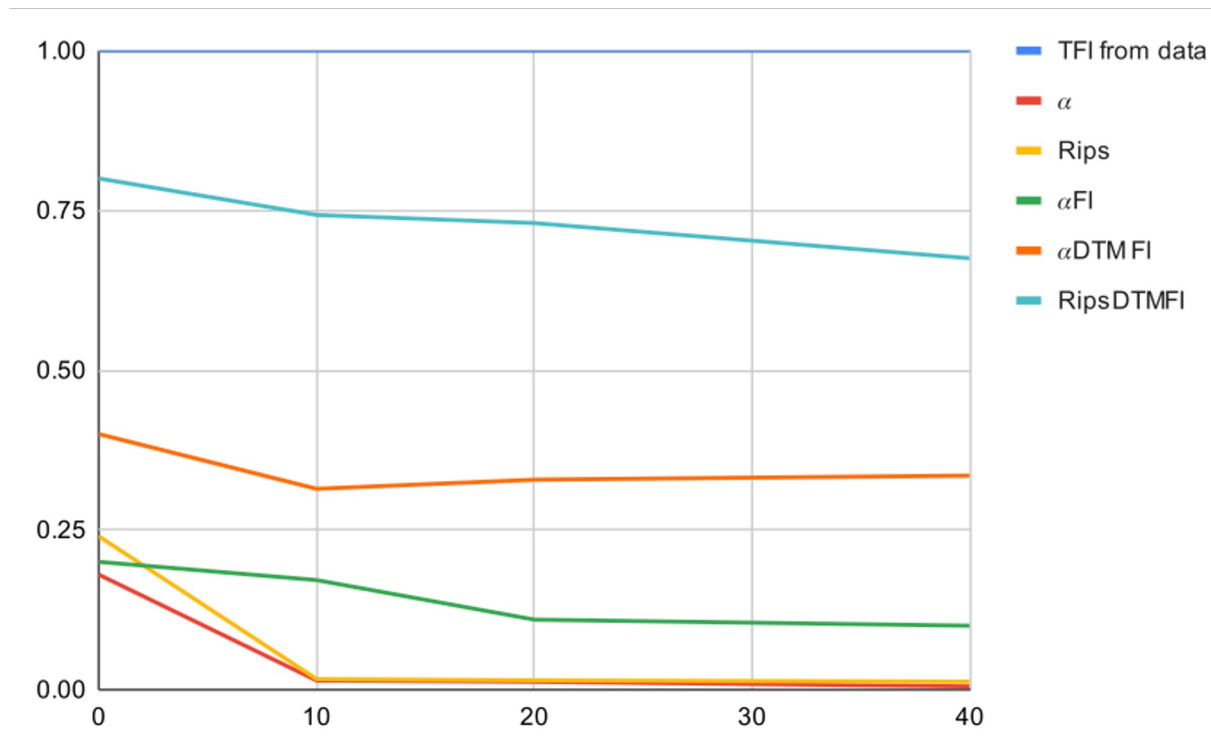
# Learnt Filtration

Learns to filter the noisy background points.

$\alpha = 2.01$   $k = 0.30$   $p = 1.20$



# Results



X axis - #bg noisy points.

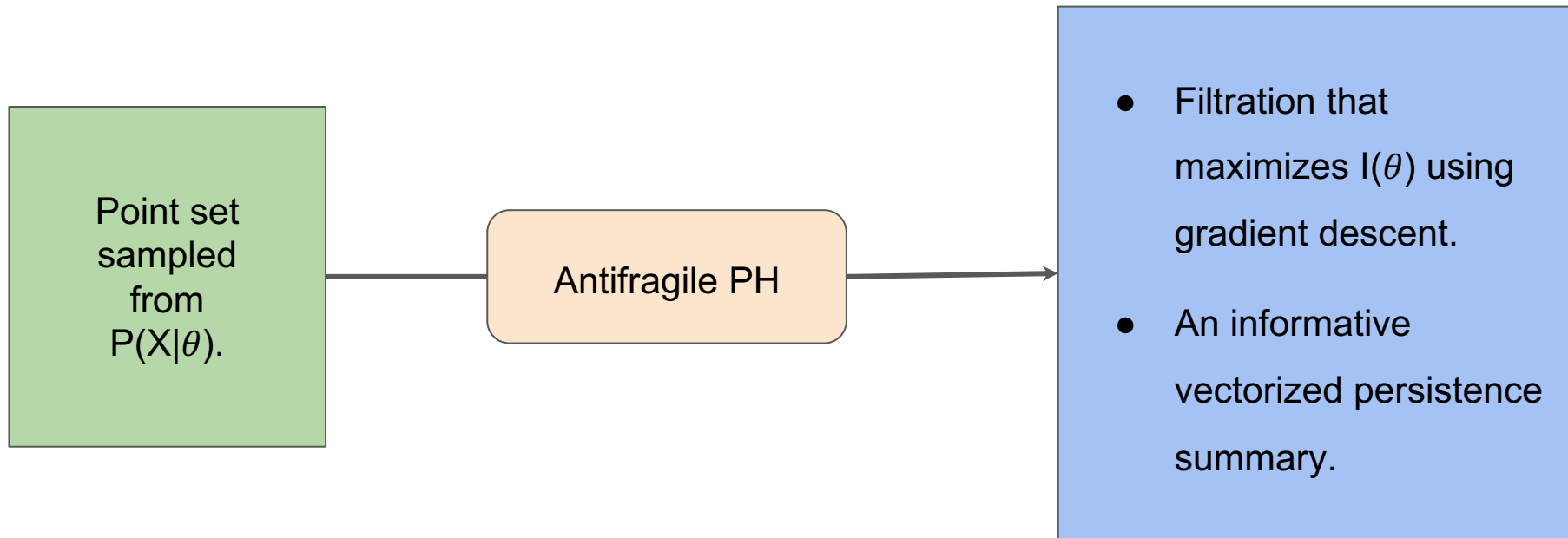
Y axis - FI(filtration)/TFI

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# Outlook

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# Summary



# Upshots

- Customized PH for a given problem.
  - Adaptive filtration and vectorization.
- Can detect less persistent features that are informative.
- From the optimal filtration, we can
  - Learn about the sensitivity of the topological features to  $\theta$ .
  - Interpret the higher order statistics in data.

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- Can we reproduce RG transformations using PH by minimizing information loss in coarse graining?

*THANK YOU!*

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