## A Topological Tree of Shapes

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Introduction

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How to visualize/quantify topological differences between


For example, we can use tools of persistent homology:


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## Contributions

- New hierarchical models
- Unification of well-known hierarchical models
- Theoretical study


## Graphical abstract (for those who are too tired. . .)



Graph of valued shapes
Transitive reduction


Topological monotonic tree

## Overview

Introduction

Component-tree
Component-tree as a topological descriptor
Step 1 - Enrichment: Graph of valued shapes
Step 2 - Simplification: Tree of valued shapes
Step 3 - Compression: New trees of shapes
Links between hierarchical structures
Conclusion

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Component-trees as topological descriptor: a step forward
Add topological links between valued min- and max-trees thanks to the notion of adjacency-tree.

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## In other words

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## Valued min-tree + valued max-tree $+\sum$ adjacency trees



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## Good news

- The graph of valued shapes is a directed acyclic graph (DAG)
$\Rightarrow$ It induces an order relation $\sqsubseteq \equiv$
- We can simplify it. . .


## Step 2 - Simplification: Tree of valued shapes

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- $(\Theta, \triangleleft \Theta)$ is a lossless compression of $(\equiv, \triangleleft$ )

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## Topological compression: strong deletability

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## Strong deletability vs. homotopy

- $\mathbb{U}=\mathbb{Z}^{2}$ : strong deletability $\Leftrightarrow$ decreasing homotopy
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- a bijection between the CCs of $\mathbb{U} \backslash X$ and the CCs if $\mathbb{U} \backslash Y$


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## Remarks on strong deletability

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## Thank you!

