Capturing topological and geometric features for protein docking

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Docking problem
 Partial matching

- Extract features
 - Extract feature points
 - More global features?







- Curvature
 - Too local
- Connolly function
 - Ratio of inside/outside perimeters
- Atomic density (Kuhn et al.)
 FADE, PADRE

Our goal: more than good feature pts



Height Function

- Height function $h : M \rightarrow R$
- Morse function
 - No degenerate critical pts
 - No two critical pts have same function value
- Critical points
 - Capture topological features
- Pairs of critical pts
 - Persistence Alg. (ELZ01)
 - Pairing decided by order of heights





X

General Manifold

- Height function + persistent alg.
 - Good at capturing/measuring vertical features
- All direction
 - Elevation on earth
- For general manifolds
 - No good choice for origin



Function invariant under rigid motion



Family of Height Functions

- Fix an arbitrary origin
- Given $u \in S^2$, define $h_u : M \to R$, as ■ $h_u(x) = \langle x, u \rangle$
- H: M x S² → R : a family of height functions
 H(x, u) = h_u(x)





■ Each x ∈ M critical in normal direction

Pair (x,y)

• Persistence $p(x) = p(y) = |h_u(x) - h_u(y)|$







- Define E : M → R as
 E(x) = p(x)
- Interested in max of E
 - Each x ∈ M captures feature in its normal direction
 - E(x) indicates size of feature

However, E not everywhere continuous



Surgery

Reason: singular tangency

- Inflexion pt (birth-death pt)
- Double tangency (interchange)

- Blame the manifold!
 - M' : apply surgery on M
 - Elevation function:
 - E : M' \rightarrow R





Pedal Surface

- Goal: help understand E
- Definition for $P : M \rightarrow R^3$
- Singularities
 - Inflexion pt ⇔ cusp
 - Double tangency ⇔ xing







- Critical pts for h_u ⇔ P ∩ l(u)
 P = P(M)
- Singularities of P along
 l(u)





Dictionary of Singularities

| М | Height | Р |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| inflexion pt | birth-death pt | cusp |
| double tangency | interchange | xing |
| Jacobi pt | 2 birth-death pts | dovetail pt |
| triple tangency | 3 interchanges | triple pt |
| | bd-pt + interchange | cusp intersection |
| | 2 birth-death pts | cusp-cusp crossing |
| | 2 interchanges | xing-xing crossing |
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Examples of *triple pt* and *cusp + intersection*





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An inflexion pt x cannot be a maximum



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Classification of Max for E

- Four types of max x
- No singularity involved:
 - 1-legged : x regular, paired w/ regular pt
- Singularity involved:
 - 2-legged : x regular, paired w/ double pt
 - 3-legged : x regular, paired w/ triple pt
 - 4-legged : x double pt, paired w/ double pt







Characterization of Max







- Elevation function
- Relation w/ pedal function
- Classification of max of Elevation function
- Compute max for PL-case
- More efficient alg. to compute max
- Matching (docking)

