# Topological Data Analysis Part I: Persistent homology 

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- $\mathbf{R}$ is the poset category of $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$


## The pipeline of topological data analysis



Geometry


Topology


Algebra


Combinatorics
point cloud
$\downarrow$ distance
function

topological spaces

vector spaces

intervals

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Column $m_{j}$ is reduced:

- pivot of col $m_{j}$ minimal under left-to-right column additions


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Matrix $M$ is reduced:

- all columns are reduced (equivalently: pivots are unique)


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Then the persistence barcode of $H_{*}\left(C_{n}\right)$ consists of

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