A Fatgraph Model of Protein Structure

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Fatgraphs and Surfaces

(in math, originally due to Bob Penner)



Examples of Associated Surfaces







Euler characteristic $\chi(F) = v(G) - e(G)$ $\chi(F) = 2 - 2g - r$ *F* orientable $\chi(F) = 2 - g - r$ *F* non-orientable



Moebius strip: Non-orientable

How to determine g and r? Permutations σ and τ on stubs



 $\sigma(G_1) = \sigma(G_2) = \sigma(G_3) = (1, 2, 3)(4, 5, 6)(7, 8, 9),$ $\tau_u(G_1) = (2, 8)(3, 6)(4, 7)(5, 9), \tau_t(G_1) = 1_S,$ $\tau_u(G_2) = (2, 8)(3, 6)(4, 9)(5, 7), \tau_t(G_2) = 1_S,$ $\tau_u(G_3) = (2, 8)(3, 6)(5, 9), \tau_t(G_3) = (4, 7).$







Building the Fatgraph



Protein Classification

- More than 50,000 known protein structures and 200,000 domains stored in PDB
- Protein Classification
 - CATH and SCOP; largely manual
 - Assisted by secondary structure knowledge
- Automated classification
 - Rogen and co-workers; geometric classification

CATH



The classification is hierarchical with the four main levels called *Class*, *Architecture*, *Topology*, and *Homology*, respectively.

CATH Size of topology class in CATH



Genus by Class



Mainly Alpha



Distorted Sandwich - 13 topologies (in "mainly beta")

Distorted Sandwich (2.70)



Genus

Mainly Alpha – 24 largest topologies

(Nearest Neighbour with 25)



Mainly Alpha – 24 largest homologies

(Nearest Neighbour with 25)

76%



Classify "Unknown" Topology ("Mainly beta"; 12 largest topologies)



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Ramachandran Plot



phi

Boundaries by Class



Twistedness by Class

