



ICTS-NCBS Dynamic Friday

Title : Introduction to Topological Data Analysis (TDA)

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Date : Friday, January 3, 2020

Time : 2:00 PM

Venue : CES Seminar Hall, IISc (3rd floor of the Biological Sciences

Building)

Abstract : In this talk, I will give an introduction to Topological Data

Analysis (TDA), which uses techniques in Topology to uncover hidden patterns in data cloud. At the heart of TDA lies the philosophy that data has a shape, and shape carries meaning. In other words, data cloud can be thought of as points distributed over a smooth manifold. TDA focuses on understanding the shape of the manifold by suitably projecting the data to two

dimensions.

I will focus on certain case studies and talk about the merits of TDA in gaining a qualitative understanding of data.