# Induced matchings and the algebraic stability of persistence barcodes 

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## Corollary (Algebraic stability via induced matchings)

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