

Low Rank Tensor Learning for Spatiotemporal Traffic Data Modeling

Spatiotemporal Traffic Data Imputation (STDI)

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- **Multivariate**: matrix form, i.e., spatial locations \times time slots, such as Guangzhou speed traffic data ¹
- **Multidimensional**: tensor form, i.e., zones \times zones \times time slots, such as Abilene data ²
- **Sparsity**: insufficient sampling³
- **Time-varying behavior**: time series model⁴ and Bayesian factorization^{5,6}
- **Spatial similarity**

¹<https://github.com/xinychen/transdim>

²<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo>

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For any given partially observed traffic matrix Y whose columns IJ correspond to time slots and rows M correspond to sensors

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{y}_1 & \mathbf{y}_2 \cdots \mathbf{y}_{IJ} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times (IJ)}$$

- Matrix (road segment \times time series)
- Third-order tensor (road segment \times day \times time point)
- Fourth-order tensor (**spatiotemporal**)

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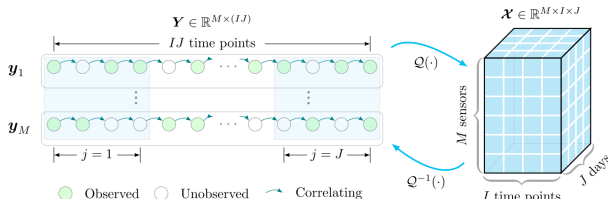
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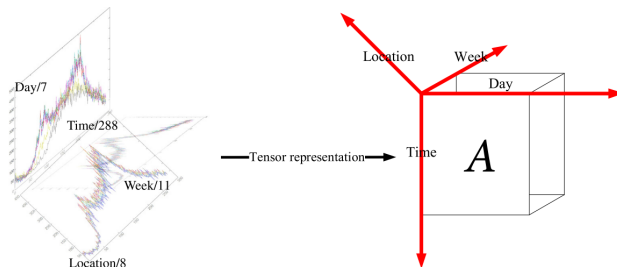
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Converts the traffic time series matrix into a **third-order tensor**⁷



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Converts the traffic time series matrix into a **fourth-order tensor**⁸



⁸Bin Ran et al. "Tensor based missing traffic data completion with spatial-temporal correlation". In: *Physica A : Statistical Mechanics and its Applications* 446 (2016), pp. 54–63.

Tensorization operator

Applies MDT⁹ /Hankelization¹⁰ operator along the **spatial and temporal modes of traffic matrix**

(a) Duplication matrix

$$\mathbf{S}^\top = \begin{matrix} & \tau(T - \tau + 1) \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_\tau & & & & \\ & \mathbf{I}_\tau & & & \\ & & \mathbf{I}_\tau & & \\ & & & \mathbf{I}_\tau & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & \mathbf{I}_\tau \end{bmatrix} & T \end{matrix} \quad \mathbf{I}_\tau = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}_\tau$$

(b) Single way delay-embedding of multiple time-series

$$\begin{matrix} T \\ I \end{matrix} \cdot \mathbf{S}^\top \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \tau(T - \tau + 1) = \tau \hat{T} \\ I \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \tau \\ \hat{T} \end{matrix}$$

(c) Example

$$\begin{matrix} I \\ x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ \dots \ x_T \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_\tau} \begin{matrix} \tau \\ \tilde{x}_1 \ \tilde{x}_2 \ \dots \ \tilde{x}_T \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{concat}} \begin{matrix} \tau \\ \hat{\mathcal{X}} \end{matrix}$$

⁹Farnaz Sedighin et al. "Matrix and Tensor Completion in Multiway Delay Embedded Space Using Tensor Train, With Application to Signal Reconstruction". In: *IEEE Signal Processing Letters* 27 (2020), pp. 810–814.

¹⁰Qiquan Shi et al. *Block Hankel Tensor ARIMA for Multiple Short Time Series Forecasting*. 2020. arXiv: 2002.12135 [cs.LG].

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- **Candès & Recht'09:** Convex nuclear norm minimization for matrix completion.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{X}} \quad & \|\mathbf{X}\|_* \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y}) \end{aligned}$$

- **Cai, Candès & Shen'10:** Singular value thresholding algorithm.

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{X}^\ell = \mathcal{D}_\tau(\mathbf{Z}^{\ell-1}) \\ \mathbf{Z}^\ell = \mathbf{Z}^{\ell-1} + \delta_\ell \mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}^\ell) \end{cases}$$

- **Zhang et al.'12:** Nonconvex truncated nuclear norm minimization.

- **Liu et al.'13:** Convex nuclear norm minimization for tensor completion.

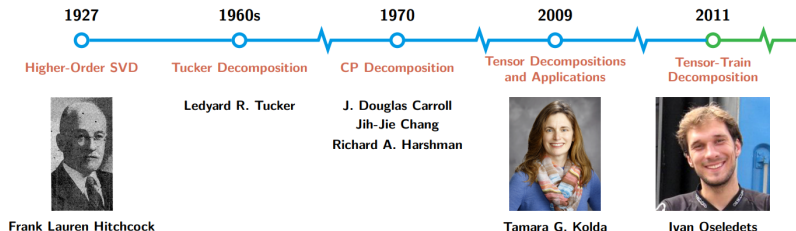
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- **Lu, Peng & Wei'19:** Tensor nuclear norm induced by linear transform.

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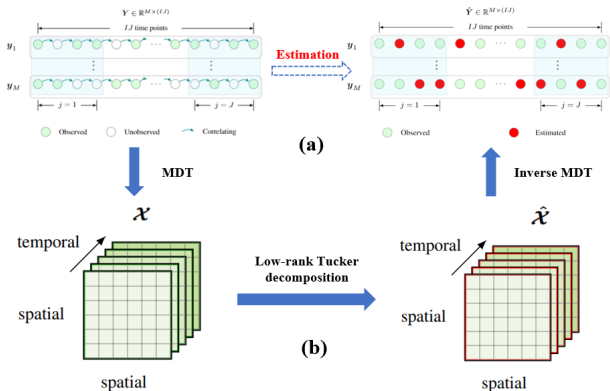
Time line: low-rank tensor approximation

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Tucker-based low-rank tensor approximation



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Tensor representation : reshapes traffic time series into a third-order tensor^{13, 14}; reshapes into **fourth-order tensor**^{15, 16}

- Convex nuclear norm minimization
- Tubal rank minimization

¹³Xinyu Chen, Jinming Yang, and Lijun Sun. "A nonconvex low-rank tensor completion model for spatiotemporal traffic data imputation". In: *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies* 117 (2020), p. 102673.

¹⁴Kun Xie et al. "Accurate Recovery of Internet Traffic Data: A Sequential Tensor Completion Approach". In: *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking* 26.2 (2018), pp. 793–806.

¹⁵Bin Ran et al. "Tensor based missing traffic data completion with spatial-temporal correlation". In: *Physica A : Statistical Mechanics and its Applications* 446 (2016), pp. 54–63.

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- **Low-Tucker rank**: approximate spatiotemporal traffic data using bilinear or multi-linear factorization models with a **predefined rank**
 - Regularization^{17, 18}
 - Toeplitz matrix¹⁹
 - Spatio-temporal predictor²⁰
- Tensor factorization²¹ and Tensor-train decomposition²²

¹⁷Xinyu Chen, Zhaocheng He, and Jiawei Wang. "Spatial-temporal traffic speed patterns discovery and incomplete data recovery via SVD-combined tensor decomposition". In: *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies* 86 (2018), pp. 59–77.

¹⁸Yuankai Wu et al. "A Fused CP Factorization Method for Incomplete Tensors". In: *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems* 30.3 (2019), pp. 751–764.

¹⁹Yang Wang et al. "Traffic Data Reconstruction via Adaptive Spatial-Temporal Correlations". In: *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems* 20.4 (2019), pp. 1531–1543.

²⁰Koh Takeuchi, Hisashi Kashima, and Naonori Ueda. "Autoregressive Tensor Factorization for Spatio-Temporal Predictions". In: *2017 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*. 2017, pp. 1105–1110.

²¹Pan Zhou et al. "Tensor Factorization for Low-Rank Tensor Completion". In: *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing* 27.3 (2018), pp. 1152–1163.

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- Time series model:
 - Temporal matrix factorization²³
 - AR/VAR model^{24, 25}
- Bayesian model: Matrix²⁶, Tensor^{27, 28} factorization

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²⁵Xinyu Chen et al. "Scalable low-rank tensor learning for spatiotemporal traffic data imputation". In: *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies* 129 (2021), p. 103226.

²⁶Ruslan Salakhutdinov and Andriy Mnih. "Bayesian Probabilistic Matrix Factorization Using Markov Chain Monte Carlo". In: *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Machine Learning*. 2008, pp. 880–887.

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- Graph convolutional neural networks²⁹
- Graph-based regularization³⁰, graph Laplacian matrix³¹
- Graph Fourier transform³² (graph-tensor product)

²⁹Zahraa Al Sahili and Mariette Awad. *Spatio-Temporal Graph Neural Networks: A Survey*. 2023.

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- **Task:** Spatiotemporal Traffic Data (**Matrix**) imputation (STDI) **using sparse observations** (high-level missing)
- **Novelty:** fourth-order Hankel structured tensor, **balanced spatiotemporal unfolding** to approximate the tensor rank

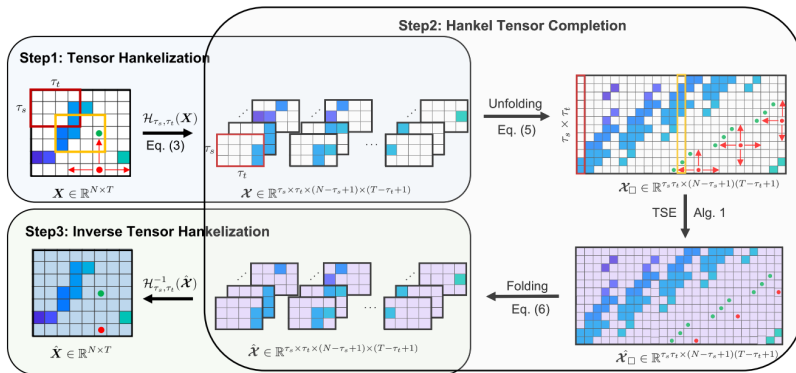
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{X}} \quad & \|\mathcal{X}_{\square}\|_{r,*} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{cases} \mathbf{X} = \mathcal{H}_{\tau_s, \tau_t}(\mathbf{Z}), \\ \mathbf{Z}_{\Omega} = \mathbf{Y}_{\Omega} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{X}_{\square} = \text{reshape}(\mathcal{X}, [p, q]),$$

$$p = \tau_s \times \tau_t \text{ and } q = (N - \tau_s + 1) \times (T - \tau_t + 1).$$

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- **Task:** STDI, three Missing scenarios
- **Novelty:** temporal variation (AR)

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{A}} \quad & \|\mathcal{X}\|_{r,*} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{Z}\|_{\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{H}} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{Z}), \quad \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Y}), \end{aligned}$$

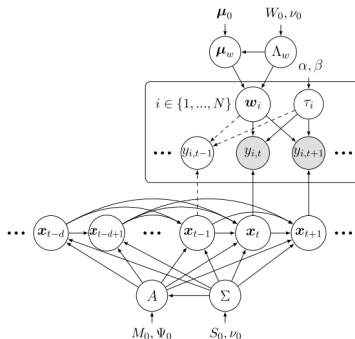
- **Extension:** slice matrix SVD³⁴

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{X}, \mathbf{Z}} \quad & \|\mathcal{X}\|_* + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_t \|\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{z}_{t-1}\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{cases} \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{Z}), \\ \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Y}) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

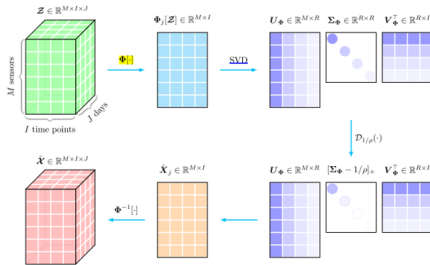
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- **General idea:** Integrates low-rank matrix/tensor factorization and vector autoregressive (VAR) process into a single probabilistic graphical model
- **Novelty:** Bayesian: perform probabilistic predictions and produce uncertainty estimates



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Algorithm 1: $\text{imputer}(\mathbf{Y}, \rho, \lambda)$

Initialize \mathcal{T}^0 as zeros. Set $\mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}^0) = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Y})$ and $\ell = 0$.

while not converged **do**

 Update ρ by $\rho = \min\{1.05 \times \rho, \rho_{\max}\}$;

for $j = 1$ to J **do**

 Update $\mathbf{X}_j^{\ell+1}$ by Eq. (13);

 Update $\mathbf{Z}^{\ell+1}$ by Eq. (20);

 Update $\mathcal{T}^{\ell+1}$ by Eq. (8);

 Transform the observation information by letting $\mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}^{\ell+1}) = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Y})$;

$\ell := \ell + 1$;

return recovered matrix $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$.

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- **General idea:** Toeplitz matrices for unfolding tensor
- **Novelty:** closed-form solutions

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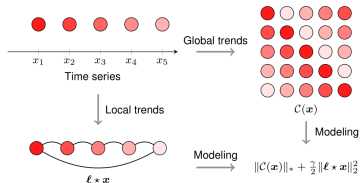
- **General idea:** Characterizing both global and local trends in STD
- **Novelty:** Laplacian kernel to temporal regularization for characterizing local trends; a fast Fourier transform (FFT) solution in a relatively low time complexity

Laplacian Convolutional Representation (LCR)

For any partially observed time series $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^T$ with observed index set Ω , LCR utilizes circulant matrix and Laplacian kernel to characterize **global and local trends** in time series, respectively, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_* + \gamma \cdot \mathcal{R}_\tau(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\|_2 \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{R}^T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{T \times T}$ denotes the circulant operator. $\|\cdot\|_*$ denotes the nuclear norm of matrix, namely, the sum of singular values.



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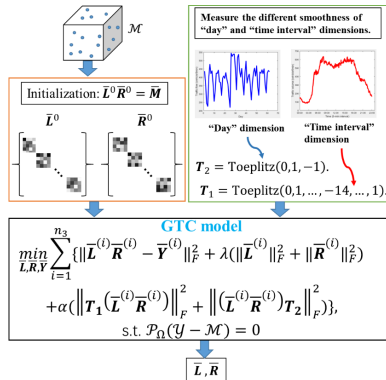
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- **General idea:** exploits the underlying topological structure of the traffic and constructs temporal regularization
- **Novelty:** introduces graph Fourier transform and adopts the high-order Toeplitz matrices



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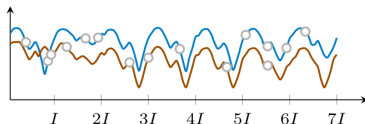
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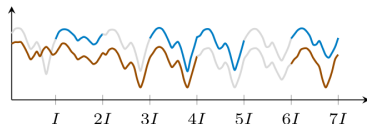
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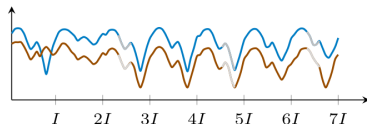
Missing data pattern⁴¹



(a) Random missing (RM).



(b) Non-random missing (NM).

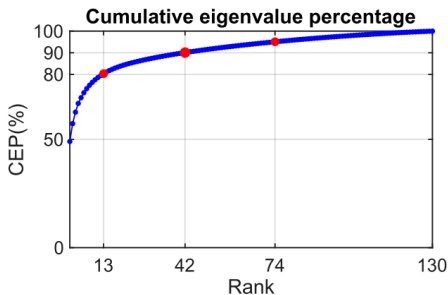


(c) Blackout missing (BM).

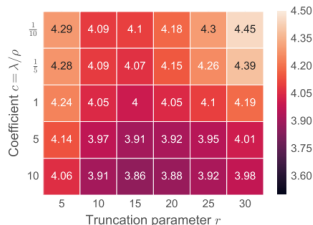
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Cumulative eigenvalue percentage

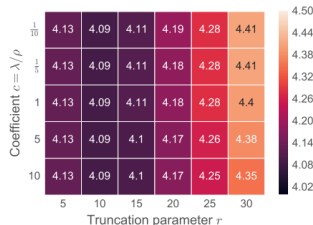
A few leading singular values have a significant contribution, e.g., the first 42 singular values cover 90% of all singular values, showing the low-rank feature.



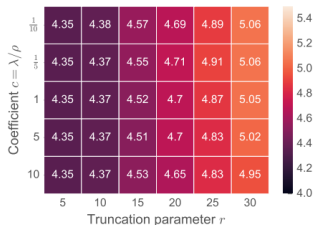
Heatmaps of imputation RMSE values



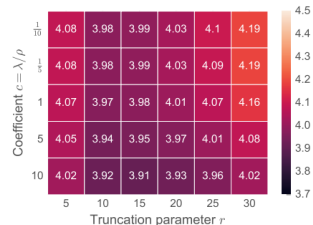
(c) 90%, RM.



(d) 30%, NM.

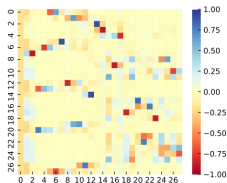


(e) 70%, NM.

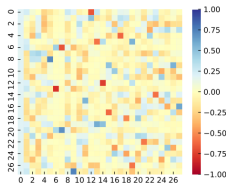


(f) 30%, BM.

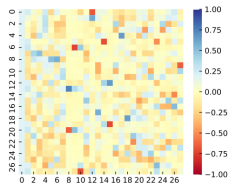
Heatmaps of unitary transform matrices (Slice matrix)



(a) The initialized one.



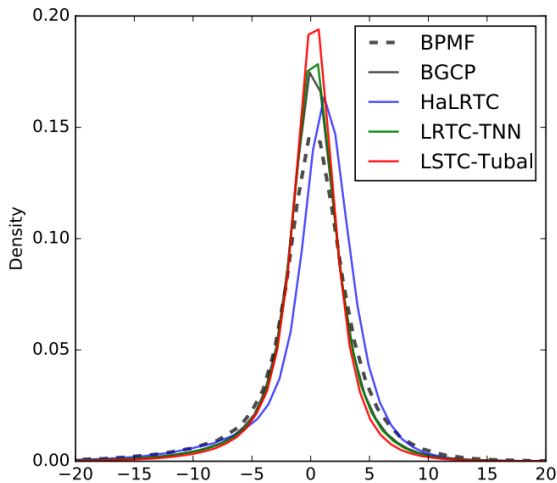
(b) At the 10th iteration.



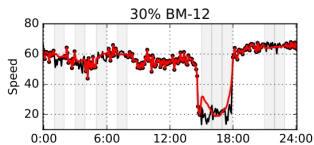
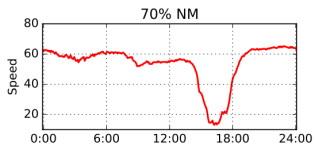
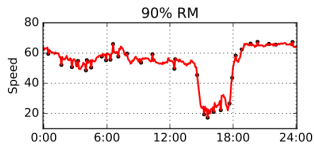
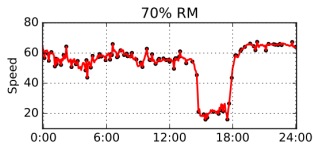
(c) At the 20th iteration.

Performance comparison

Data	Missing	LATC	LAMC	LRTC-TNN	BTMF	SPC
(G)	30%, RM	5.71/2.54	9.51/4.04	6.99/3.00	7.54/3.27	7.37/5.06
	70%, RM	7.22/3.18	10.40/4.37	8.38/3.59	8.75/3.73	8.91/4.44
	90%, RM	9.11/3.86	11.65/4.79	9.55/4.05	10.02/4.21	10.60/4.85
	30%, NM	9.63/4.09	10.11/4.23	9.61/ 4.07	10.32/4.33	9.13/5.29
	70%, NM	10.37/4.35	11.15/4.60	10.36/4.34	11.36/4.85	11.15/5.17
	30%, BM-6	9.23/3.91	12.15/5.17	9.45/3.97	12.43/7.04	11.14/5.13
(H)	30%, RM	19.12/24.97	22.65/42.94	18.87/24.90	22.37/28.66	19.82/26.21
	70%, RM	20.25/28.25	25.30/51.26	20.07/28.13	25.65/32.23	21.02/31.91
	90%, RM	24.32/ 34.44	32.30/66.13	23.46/35.84	31.51/46.24	24.97/49.68
	30%, NM	19.93/47.38	22.93/67.08	19.94/50.12	25.61/77.00	27.46/68.56
	70%, NM	24.30/47.30	29.23/63.95	23.88/45.06	34.50/70.11	46.86/98.81
	30%, BM-6	21.93/28.64	30.78/66.03	21.40/27.83	52.15/57.61	22.49/37.53
(S)	30%, RM	4.90/3.16	5.98/3.73	4.99/3.20	5.91/3.72	5.92/3.62
	70%, RM	5.96/3.71	8.02/4.70	6.10/3.77	6.47/3.98	7.38/4.30
	90%, RM	7.47/4.51	10.56/5.91	8.08/4.80	8.17/4.81	9.75/5.31
	30%, NM	7.11/4.33	6.99/4.25	6.85/4.21	9.26/5.36	8.87/4.99
	70%, NM	9.46/5.42	9.75/5.60	9.23/5.35	10.47/6.15	11.32/5.92
	30%, BM-12	9.44/5.36	27.05/13.66	9.52/5.41	14.33/13.60	11.30/5.84



Imputed values



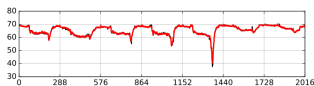
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(a) The 1st time series.



(b) The 2nd time series.



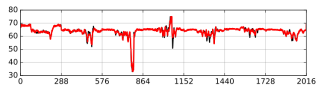
(c) The 3rd time series.



(d) The 4th time series.



(e) The 5th time series.



(f) The 6th time series.

Thank You!