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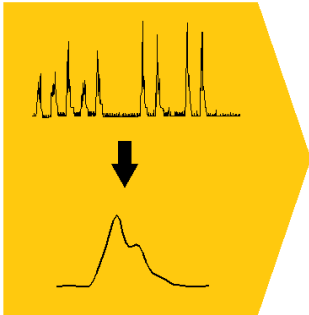
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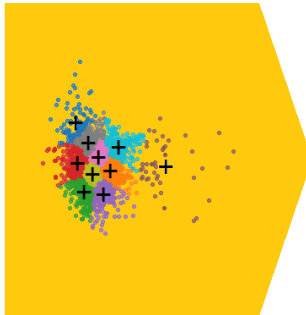
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- In more detail, the goal was to investigate the usage of various **time series representations** for seasonal time series, **clustering**, and **forecasting methods** for **electricity consumption forecasting accuracy improvement**.

# Approach Overview

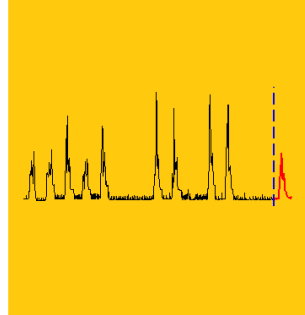
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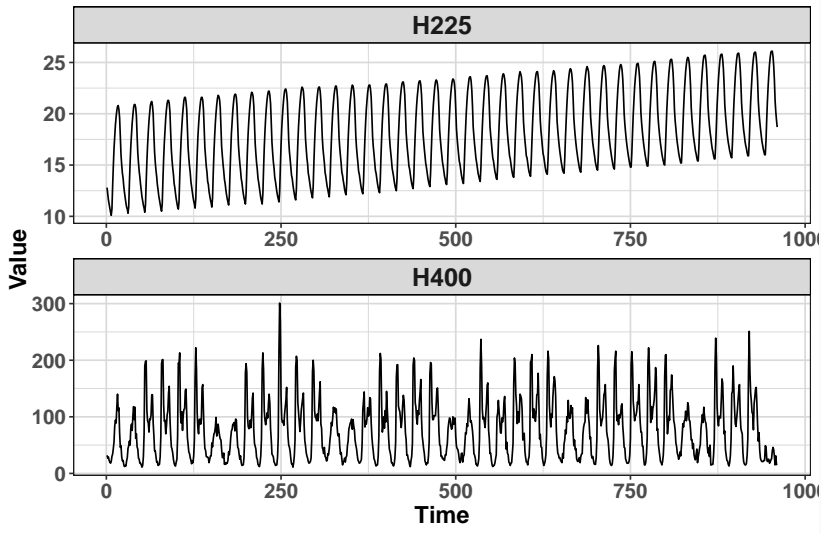
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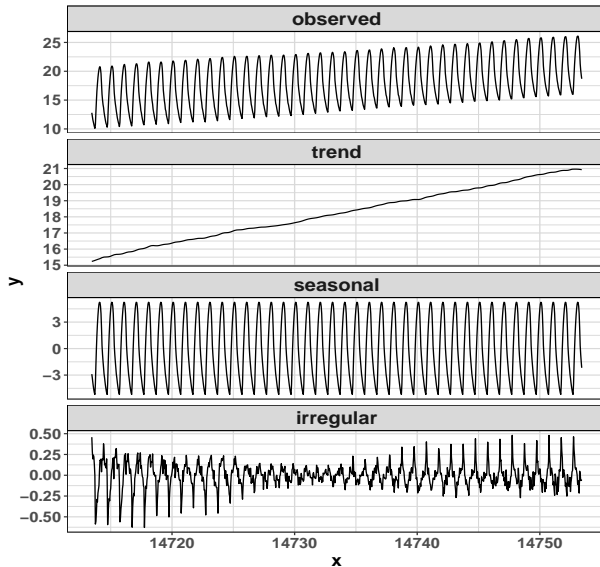
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### Domains, where TS can occur:

- Economy, stock exchange, demography, energetics, weather, web traffic, insurance, IoT sensors and many more.



# Parts of time series



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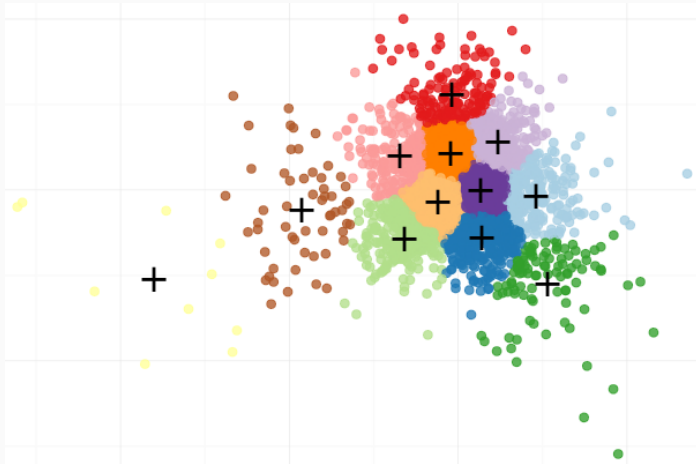


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  - TS forecasting,
  - TS anomaly detection,
  - TS motif discovery,
  - TS indexing.

# Clustering

You should know...



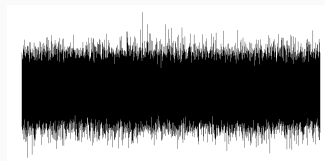
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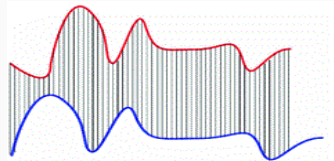
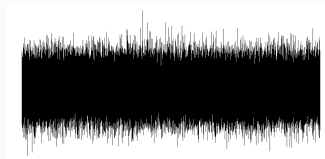
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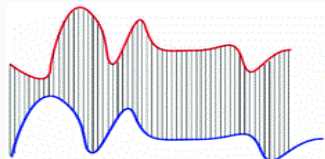
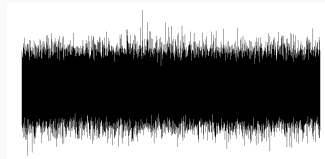
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They are excellent to:

- Reduce memory load.
- Accelerate subsequent machine learning algorithms.
- Implicitly remove noise from the data.
- Emphasize the essential characteristics of the data.
- Help to find patterns in data (or motifs).

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## Four types of time series representation methods:

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3. Model based,
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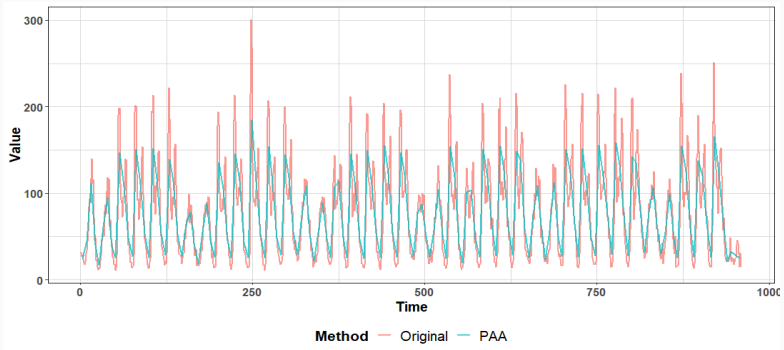
## Methods:

- Piecewise Aggregate Approximation (PAA),
- Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT),
- Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT),
- Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT),
- Perceptually Important Points (PIP).

# PAA

PAA - Piecewise Aggregate Approximation.

$$\hat{x}_i = \frac{d}{n} \sum_{j=(n/d)(i-1)+1}^{(n/d)i} x_j.$$



We can also extract: median, standard deviation, maximum . . .

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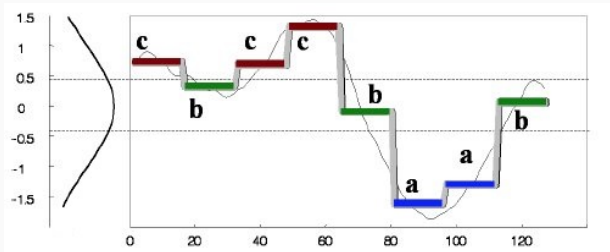
- Symbolic Aggregate approXimation (SAX),
- Adaptive Piecewise Constant Approximation (APCA),
- Piecewise Linear Approximation (PLA),
- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD),
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA).



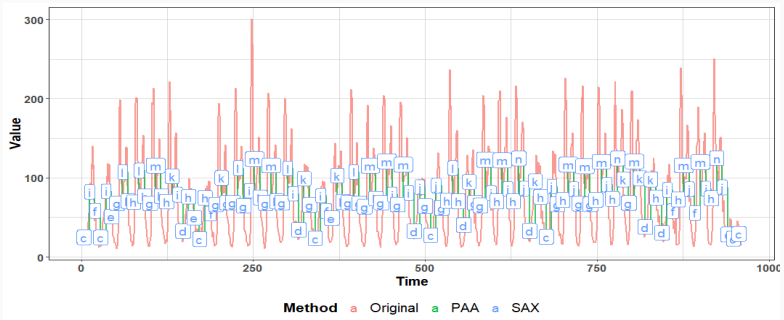
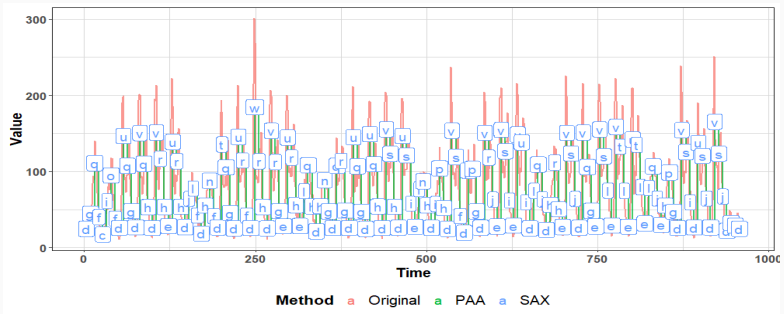
# SAX

**SAX** - Symbolic Aggregate approXimation.

Firstly transforms a time series by PAA and then averages are transformed to symbols according to normal distribution quantiles.



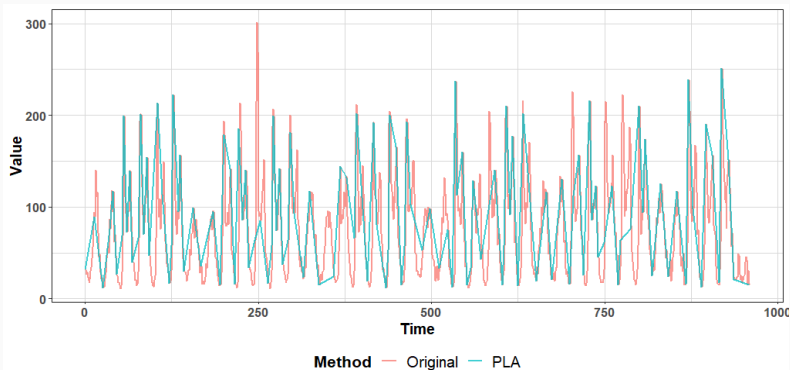
We can change length of a "piece" and length of an alphabet.



# PLA

PLA - Piecewise Linear Approximation.

It begins by creating a simple approximation of the time series, i.e.,  $n/2$  segments are used and then iteratively connects pairs of segments with the least losses, until it reaches to the given number of segments.



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## Methods:

- ARIMA,
- Hidden Markov Chains,
- Seasonal models:
  - Seasonal averages,
  - Regression coefficients (MLR, RLM, GAM),
  - Holt-Winters exponential smoothing seasonal coefficients,

# Seasonal model-based repr.

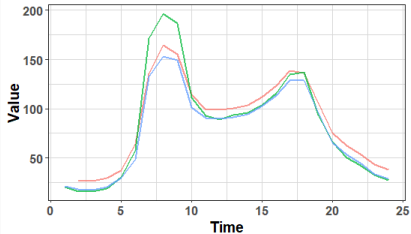
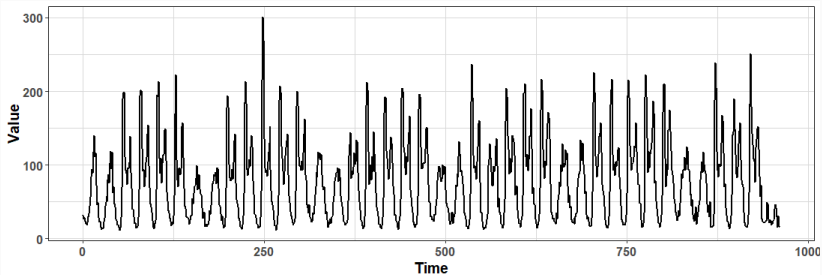
Creation of a representation which is long as a frequency of a time series.

$$x_i = \beta_1 u_{i1} + \beta_2 u_{i2} + \cdots + \beta_{seas} u_{iseas} + \varepsilon_i, \text{ where } i = 1, \dots, n$$

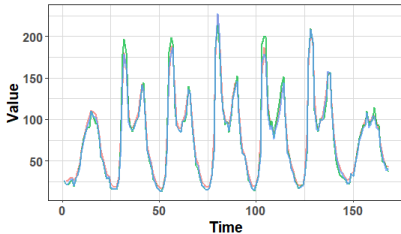
New representation:  $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{seas})$ .

Applied methods:

Multiple Linear Regression. Robust Linear Model. Quantile Regression. Generalized Additive Model.

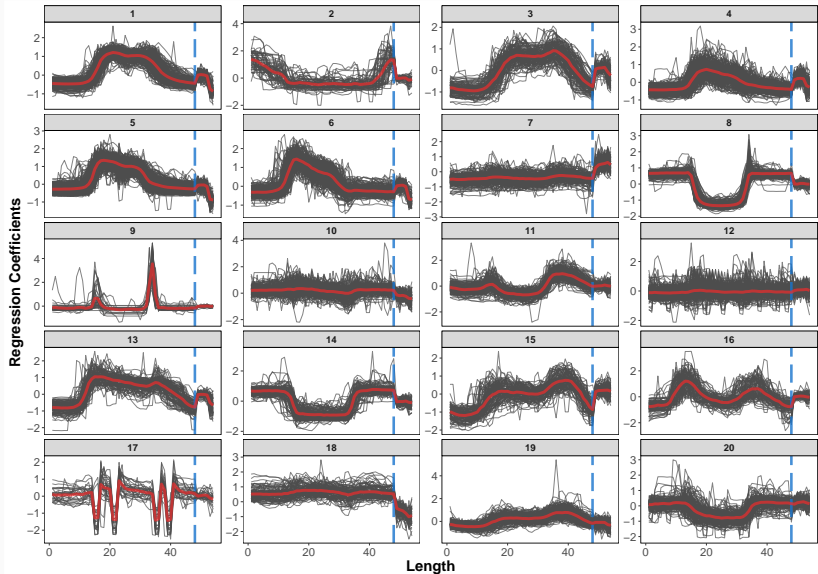


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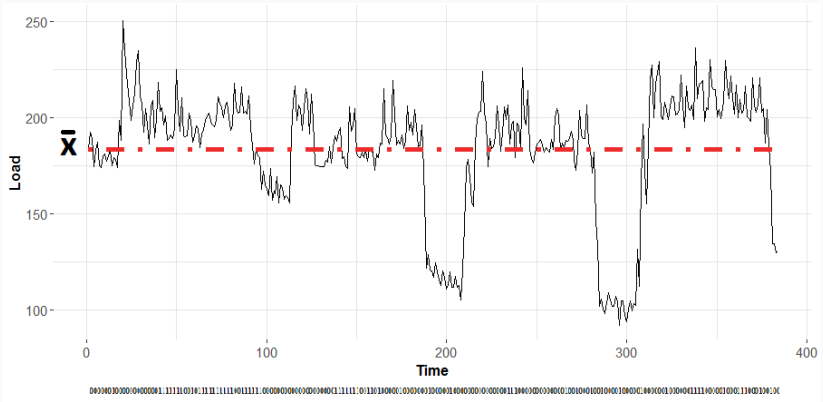
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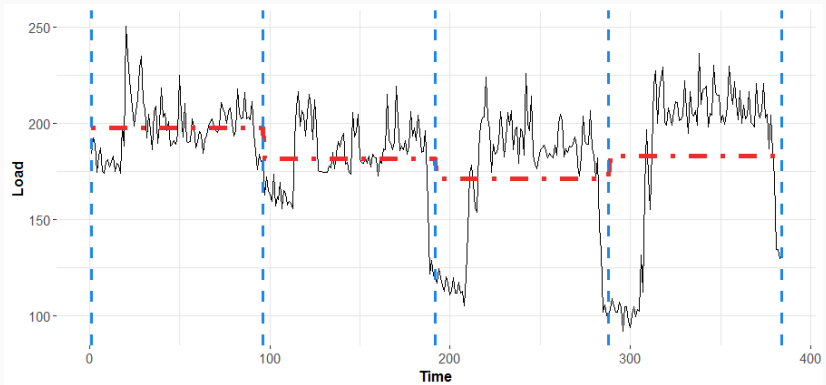
$$\hat{x}_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_t > \mu \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Clipped - bit level representation



# Clipping - RLE

RLE - Run Length Encoding. Windowing - one day.

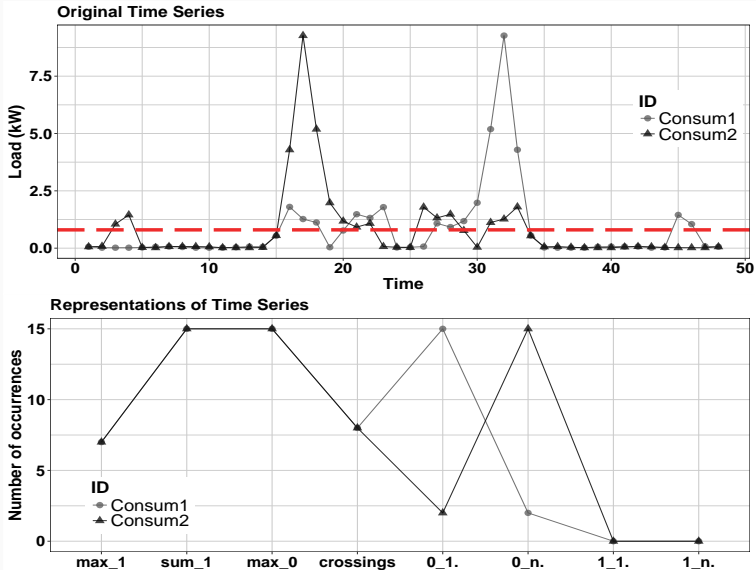
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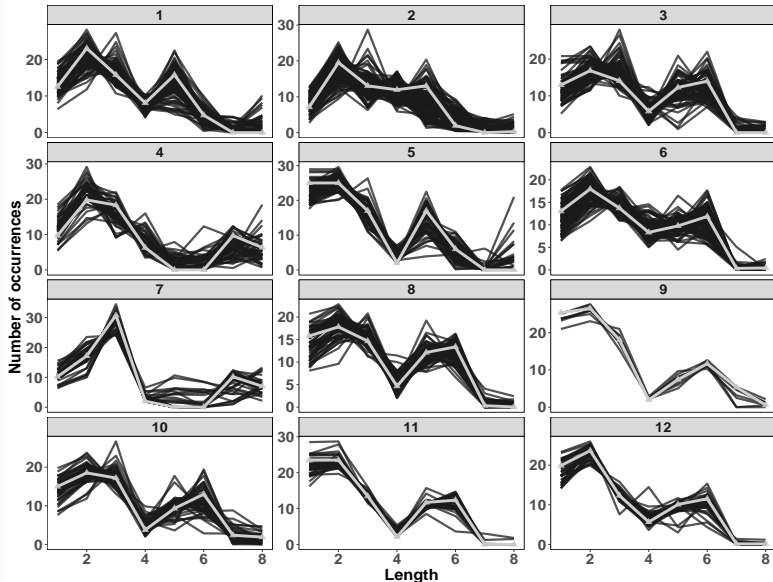
Feature extraction from the clipped representation.

$$\hat{x} = \{ \begin{array}{l} max_1 = \text{max. from run lengths of ones,} \\ sum_1 = \text{sum of run lengths of ones,} \\ max_0 = \text{max. from run lengths of zeros,} \\ crossings = \text{length of RLE encoding} - 1, \\ f_0 = \text{number of first zeros,} \\ l_0 = \text{number of last zeros,} \\ f_1 = \text{number of first ones,} \\ l_1 = \text{number of last ones,} \end{array} \}.$$

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- DWT - Discrete Wavelet Transform ( `repr_dwt` )
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- PIP - Perceptually Important Points ( `repr_pip` )
- SAX - Symbolic Aggregate Approximation ( `repr_sax` )
- PLA - Piecewise Linear Approximation ( `repr_pla` )
- Mean seasonal profile ( `repr_seas_profile` )
- Model-based seasonal representations based on linear model ( `repr_lm` )
- FeaClip - Feature extraction from clipping representation ( `repr_feaclip` )

Additional useful functions are implemented as:

- Windowing ( `repr_windowing` )
- Matrix of representations ( `repr_matrix` )
- Normalisation functions - z-score ( `norm_z` ), min-max ( `norm_min_max` )

# TS can be lagged, with different speed. . .

## Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) distance -

Suppose we have two time series, a sequence  $Q$  of length  $n$ , and a sequence  $C$  of length  $m$ , where

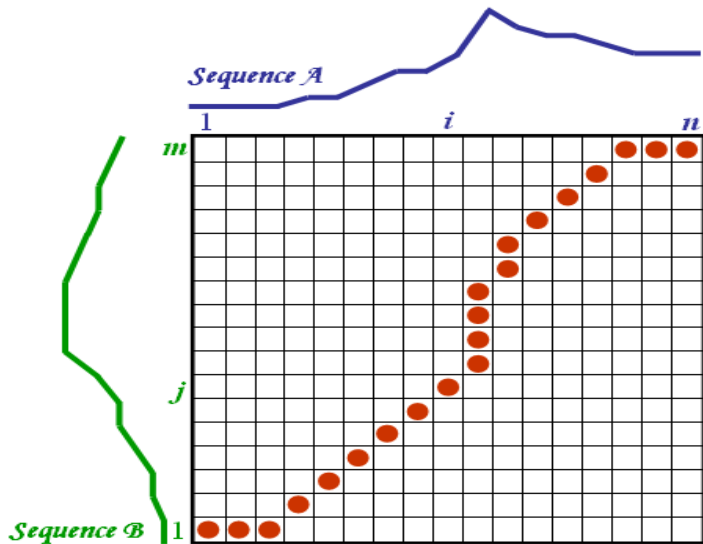
$$Q = q_1, q_2, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n$$

$$C = c_1, c_2, \dots, c_j, \dots, c_m.$$

To align these two sequences using DTW, we first construct an  $n$ -by- $m$  matrix where the  $(i^{th}, j^{th})$  element of the matrix corresponds to the squared distance,  $d(q_i, c_j) = (q_i - c_j)^2$ , which is the alignment between points  $q_i$  and  $c_j$ . To find the best match between these two sequences, we retrieve a path through the matrix that minimizes the total cumulative distance between them.



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In R packages `dtwclust`, `TSclust`, `TSdist`.

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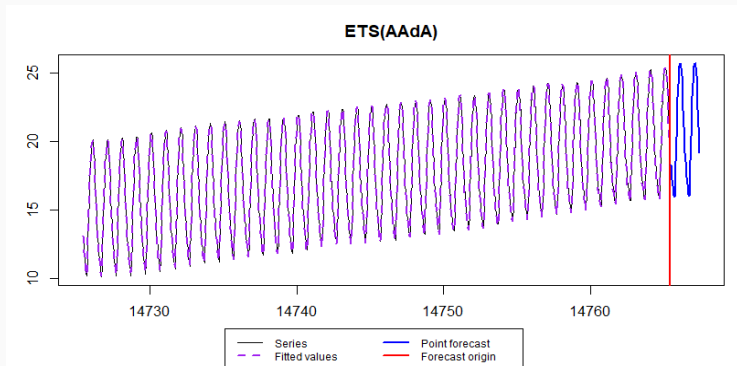
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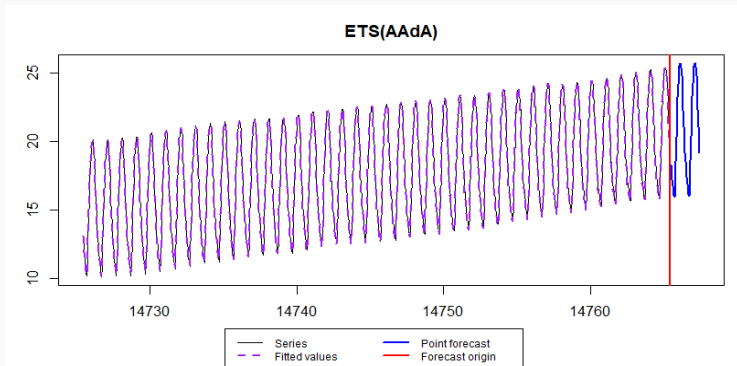
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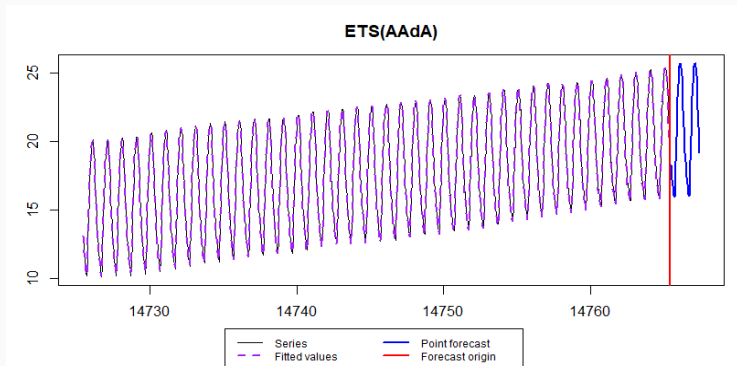
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