

# Searching and Mining Trillions of Time Series Subsequences under Dynamic Time Warping

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# Introduction

- Time Series Data Mining

$$T = [(p_1, t_1), (p_2, t_2), (p_3, t_3) \dots (p_i, t_i), \dots (p_n, t_n)]$$

$t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_i < \dots < t_n$  where,  $p_i$  is a data point in d-dimensional space and each  $t_i$  is a time stamp at which  $p_i$  occurs

- Two key aspects of achieving effective and efficient Time-Series data mining process:
  - Representation Methods – e.g Discrete Fourier Transform, Single Value Decomposition, etc
  - **Similarity Measures** – e.g Euclidean Distance, **Dynamic Time Warping**, Longest Common Subsequence

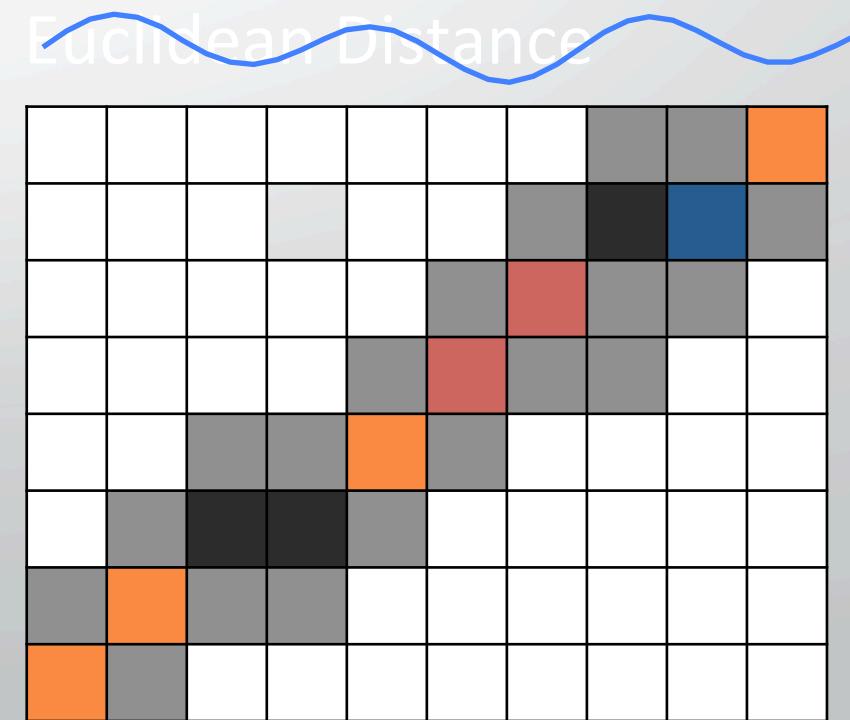
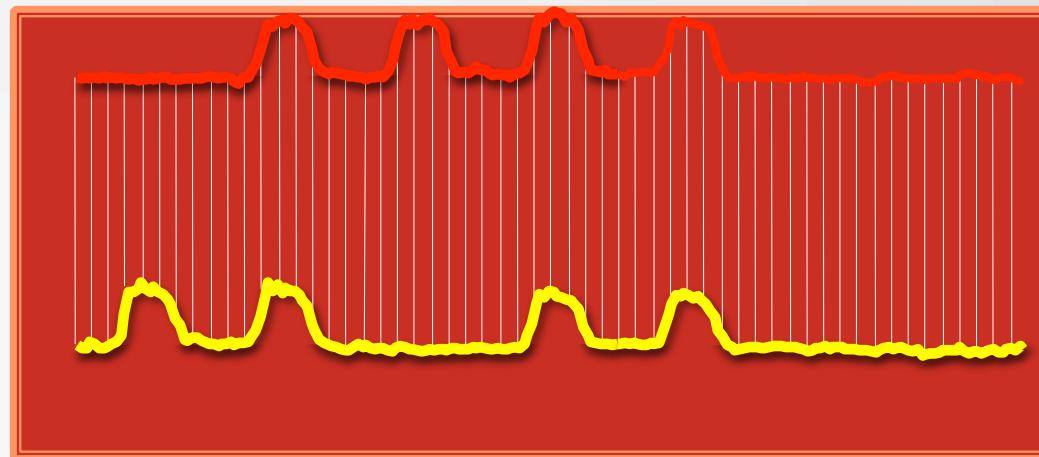
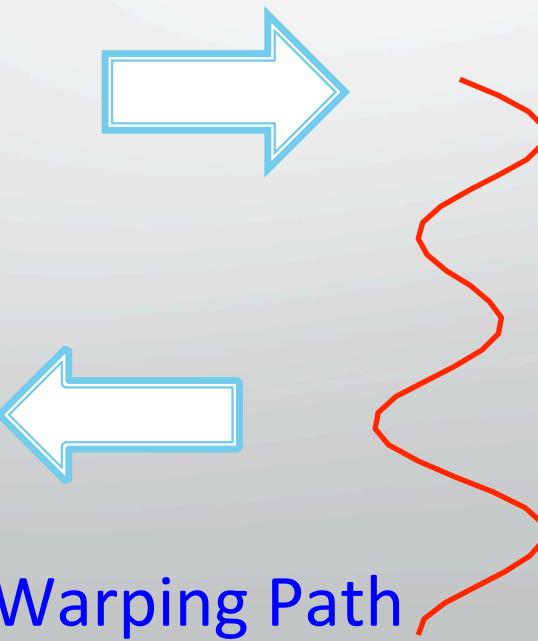
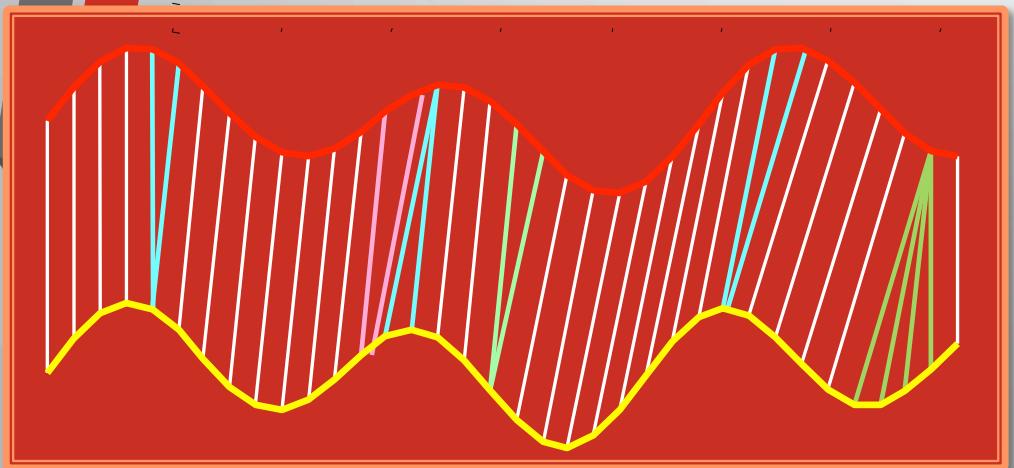
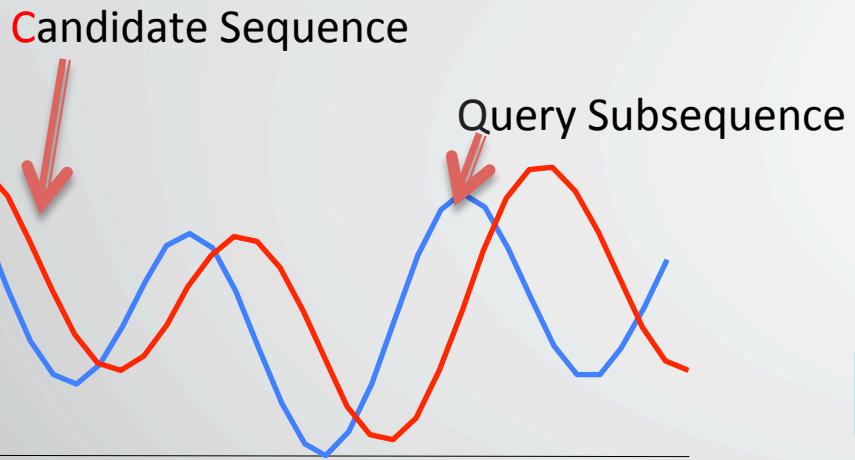
For a detailed comparison study please refer: H. Ding et. al, Querying and Mining of Time Series Data: Experimental Comparison of Representations and Distance Measures. VLDB '08,

# Similarity Measures – Euclidean Distance

- Linear and easy to compute
- Parameter-free
- But, very sensitive to noise, misalignments in time (out-of-phase time series such as “spoken speech recognition”)
- Solution: Dynamic Time Warping (DTW)
  - Berndt & Clifford: Using dynamic time warping to find patterns in time series. KDD Workshop, 1994
  - Also, Parameter-free
  - Amortized cost is linear
  - Suitable for long query sequences

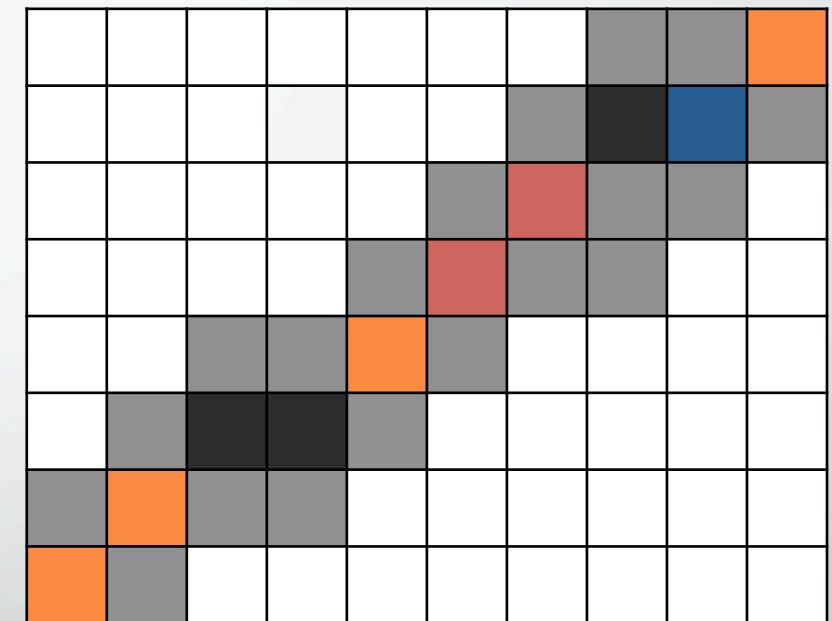
# TIME WARPING

# One to one mapping in Euclidean Distance measure

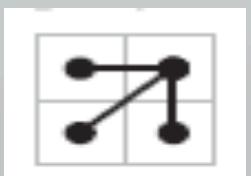


# Dynamic Time Warping

- Allows time-series to be compressed and stretched. Hence, the name “time warping”
- Basic Observations:
  - Monotonicity – (i, j) indexes either stay the same or increase, but never decrease
  - Continuity - Path always advances 1 step, and doesn't include jumps
  - Boundary condition – each sequence has a start and end
  - Adjustment/Warping Window or “Reach” – A good path never wanders too much from the diagonal
  - Slope Constraint – Should not be too steep or too shallow
- These observations lead us to optimizations as well



$$\gamma(i,j) = d(q_i, c_j) + \min\{ \gamma(i-1, j-1), \gamma(i-1, j), \gamma(i, j-1) \}$$



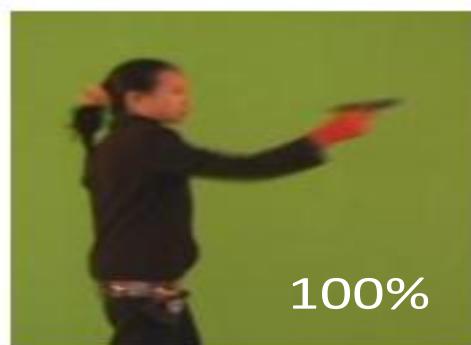
# Assumptions #1

- Both the dataset and query subsequence must be *normalized*.



Un-normalized and  
1NN classifier error-  
rate 0.326

Gun/NoGun data



100%

Z-normalized and  
DTW-1NN classifier  
error-rate 0.087



90%

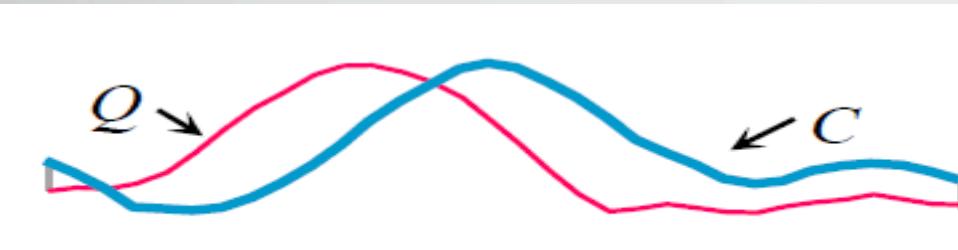
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rate 0.193

# Other assumptions

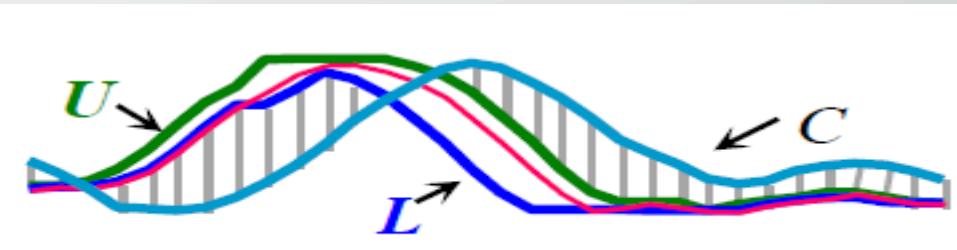
- 2.** DTW is best measure possible,
  - and that's the one we should optimize
- 3.** Arbitrary Query lengths cannot be indexed
  - Due to High growth of time series data, and Indexes roughly occupy close 1/10 the size of data hence posing “Space Constraints”
  - Indexes need to build for each supported query lengths
- 4.** Waiting time is not much of a concern

# Known optimizations

1. Omit the the square root calculation
  - Even then both ED and DTW will be monotonic, making calculations faster
2. Use multi-cores – Parallelization
3. Lower Bounding
  - Prune-off unpromising candidate subsequences



LB\_Kim: Using First & Last Pair of points in Candidate and Query subsequence as lower bound.  $O(1)$

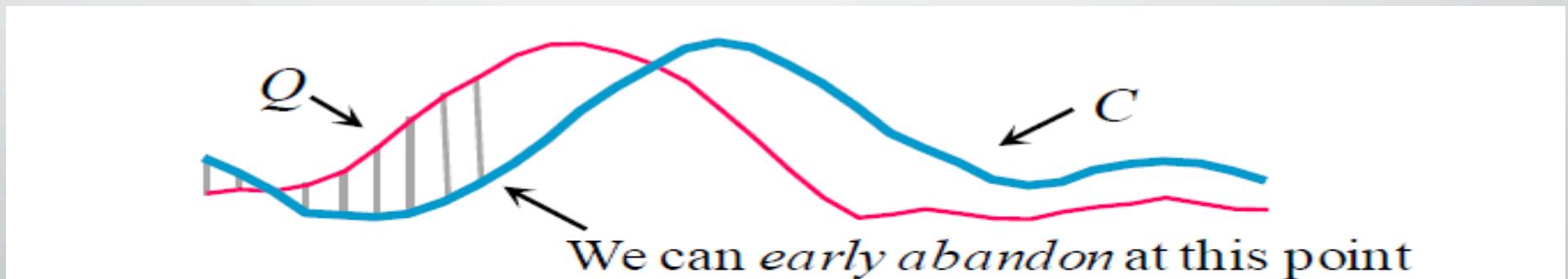


LB\_Keogh: Using Euclidean distance between Candidate sequence and closer of  $\{U, L\}$  as lower bound .  $O(n)$

## Known Optimizations (contd.)

### 4. Early Abandoning of ED and LB\_keogh

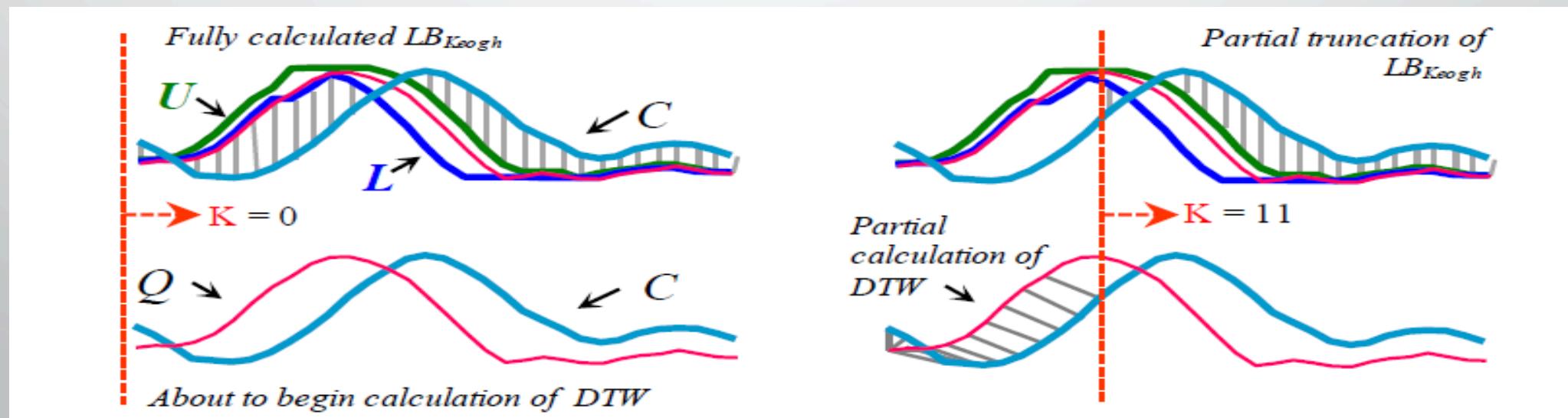
- During computation of Similarity measure if current sum of squared differences between each pair of data points is greater than “best-so-far” then we abandon!



# Known Optimizations (contd.)

## 5. Early Abandoning of DTW

- Do calculation of DTW along with LB computation
- Stop and Abandon if exceeds “best-so-far”



# Novel Optimizations

## 1. Early Abandoning Z-Normalization

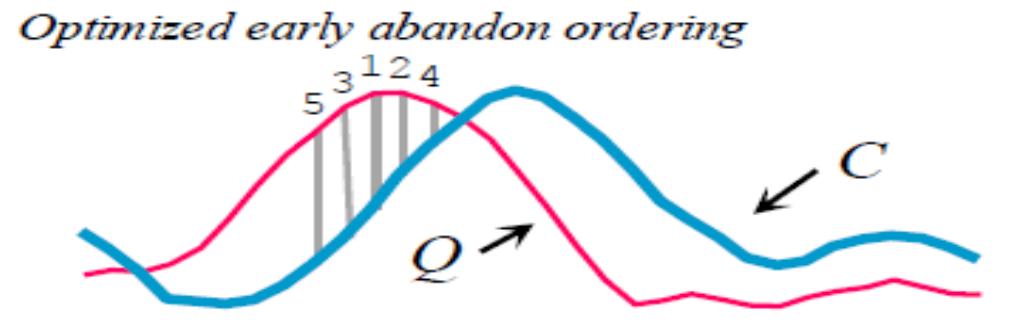
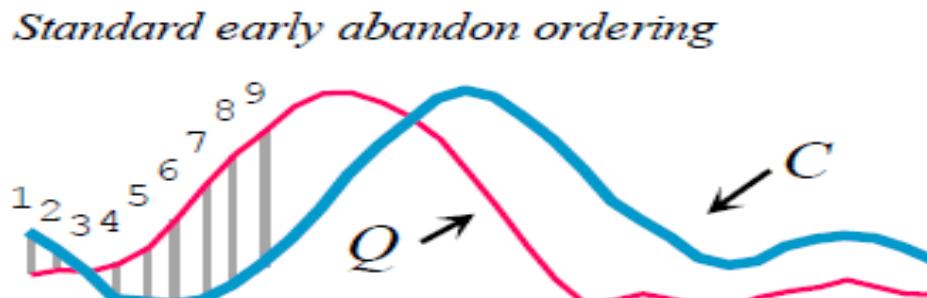
- Optimize the normalization step
- Incrementally compute Z-normalization and also compute Euclidean Distance by maintaining 2 running sums of long candidate time series which have a lag of exactly 'm' values

Algorithm	Similarity Search
Procedure	$[nn] = \text{SimilaritySearch} (T, Q)$
1	$\text{best-so-far} \leftarrow \infty, \text{count} \leftarrow 0$
2	$Q \leftarrow z\text{-normalize}(Q)$
3	<b>while</b> $\text{!next}(T)$
4	$i \leftarrow \text{mod}(\text{count}, m)$
5	$X[i] \leftarrow \text{next}(T)$
6	$ex \leftarrow ex + X[i], ex2 \leftarrow ex2 + X[i]^2$
7	<b>if</b> $\text{count} \geq m-1$
8	$\mu \leftarrow ex/m, \sigma \leftarrow \sqrt{ex2/m - \mu^2}$
9	$j \leftarrow 0, dist \leftarrow 0$
10	<b>while</b> $j < m$ <b>and</b> $dist < \text{best-so-far}$
11	$dist \leftarrow dist + (Q[j] - (X[\text{mod}(i+1+j, m)] - \mu) / \sigma)^2$
12	$j \leftarrow j+1$
13	<b>if</b> $dist < \text{best-so-far}$
14	$\text{best-so-far} \leftarrow dist, nn \leftarrow \text{count}$
15	$ex \leftarrow ex - X[\text{mod}(i+1, m)]$
16	$ex2 \leftarrow ex2 - X[\text{mod}(i+1, m)]^2$
17	$\text{count} \leftarrow \text{count} + 1$

# Novel Optimizations

## 2. Re-ordering early abandoning

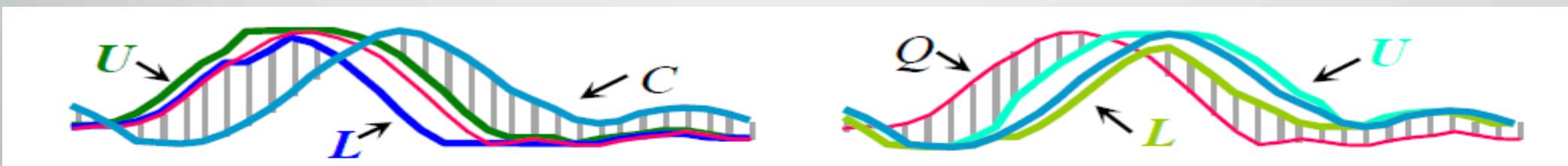
- Universal optimal order is to sort based on absolute values of the Z-normalized Q
- Intuition: Is that sections farthest from the mean, will have the largest contribution to the distance measure



# Novel Optimizations

## 3. Reversing the Query/Data Role in LB\_keogh

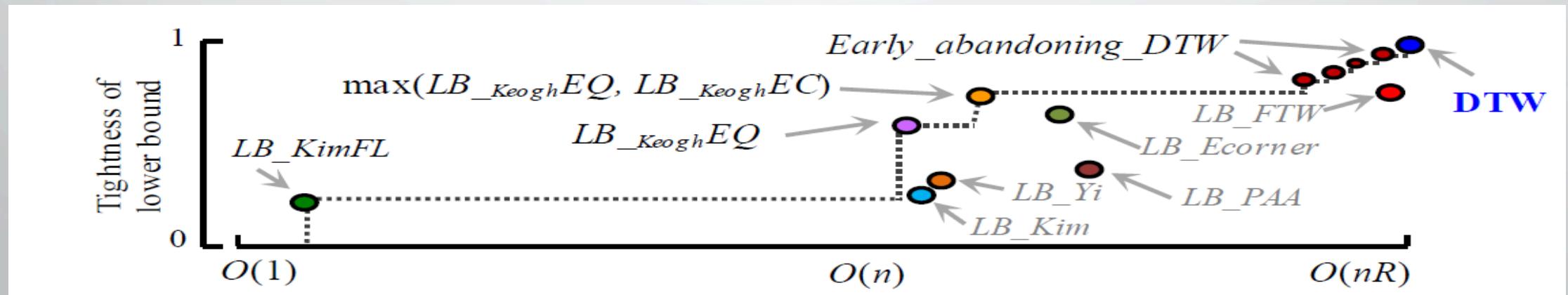
- Build LB envelope around the candidate sequence as well, in “*just-in-time*” fashion *only if* other methods fail to prune off



# Novel Optimization

## 4. Cascading Lower Bounds

- Use a bunch of LB methods (based on their tightness of lower bound and computation complexity) in a “cascade” i.e one after the other



# Experimental Results

- Setup:
  - Naive
    - Each subsequence is Z-normalized from scratch. The full ED or the DTW is used at each step.
  - State-of-the-art (SOTA)
    - Each sequence is Z-normalized from scratch, early abandoning is used, and the  $LB_{Keogh}$  lower bound is used for DTW
  - UCR
    - Use all of the speedup techniques in this paper

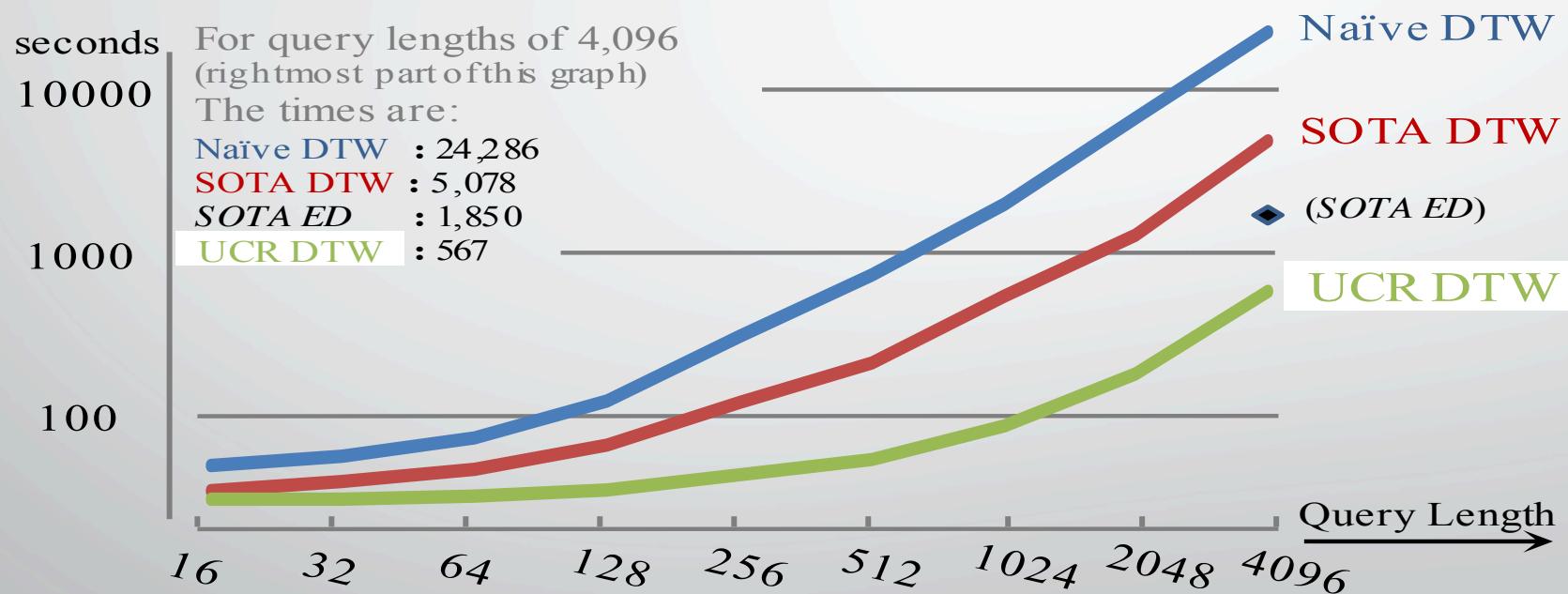
# Baseline tests on Random Walk

- Random walks model financial data very well and are often used to test similarity search schemes
- Easily reproducible
- Using a bunch of high quality random number generator (that has a period longer than the longest dataset in consideration).

- Using short queries  $|Q| = 128$

	Million ( <i>Seconds</i> )	Billion ( <i>Minutes</i> )	Trillion ( <i>Hours</i> )
<b>UCR-ED</b>	0.034	0.22	3.16
<b>SOTA-ED</b>	0.243	2.40	39.80
<b>UCR-DTW</b>	<b>0.159</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>34.09</b>
<b>SOTA-DTW</b>	<b>2.447</b>	<b>38.14</b>	<b>472.80</b>

- Using long queries  $|Q| = 4096$



# Real-world Data Examples

- EEG
  - From a single patient gathered 0.3 trillion data points
  - Query made up of prototypical epileptic spike (from averaging spikes from other patient)
    - $|Q| = 7000$

Note that only ED is considered here because DTW may produce false positives caused by eye blinks	<b>UCR-ED</b>	<b>SOTA-ED</b>
	<b>EEG</b>	3.4 hours

- DNA Sequences
  - Converted a section of Human Chromosome 2 in to time series
  - $|C| = \sim 2 * 10^9$  base-pairs in length
  - $|Q| = 72500$

	Naïve	SOTA	UCR
Time Taken	38.7 days	34.6 days	14.6 hours

# Conclusion

- Paper, focuses on fast sequential search for DTW, is faster than all known methods
- After including all optimizations speed-up is 2 to 164 times faster than the state-of-the-art, depending on the query/data.
- Applicable to several real-time problems such Gesture recognitions, tasks which were prohibitive with DTW



# Adaptive Selectivity Estimation Using Query Feedback

C. M. Chen and N. Roussopoulos

Proceedings of the  
1994 ACM-SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, 1994.

# Introduction

- Query optimizers in RDBMS use several measures to choose the right plan for query execution
- One of them is “*Selectivity*”

$$\text{Selectivity} = \text{cardinality} / \#\text{records} * 100$$

cardinality – number of unique values that can appear in column of table

- Example: Use of Indexes based on selectivity
  - For Lower the selectivity do not use indexes
- Attribute Value Distribution: Refers to values that columns in data-tables can take
  - Useful to know before hand when executing complex queries

# Selectivity

- Different estimation procedures:
  - Non-parameteric: dividing “attribute value distribution” into histogram like data-structures and using special ML algorithms to estimate selectivity measure
    - High storage costs
  - Parametric: Using statistical tech. to approx. actual distribution using some mathematical distributions function
    - But assumes database value distribution conforms to those distributions thus must know a priori
  - Curve-fitting: Using a polynomial function and then using Least-Squares-Sum estimate to approx. attribute value distribution
    - But, if degree of polynomial is high it leads to oscillation error and rounding off errors
  - Sampling: Collect samples of tuples from relations in RDBMS to collect statistics
    - Sampling must be re-done after enough updates to database

# Main Recipe

- Approximate “Attribute Value Distribution” using query feedback to better estimate “selectivity”
- By using feedback from each query we avoid over-head of statistics collection
- With each query run on the database, we regress the distribution
- Such that it adapts better to query localities and database updates
- Inspiration: Improved Data Knowledge Acquisition
  - since the statistics gathering tasks are prohibitive due to large database sizes

# Strategy: Recursive and Weighted Least-Square-Error

- Given a sequence of queries  $q_0, q_1, q_2, \dots$  and distribution  $f$  as a sequence  $f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots$
- Where  $f_{i-1}$  is used to estimate the selectivity of query  $q_i$ ,
- After  $q_i$  is executed,  $f_{i-1}$  is further adjusted into  $f_i$  using the feedback  $T_i$  that contains the actual selectivity  $s_i$
- Estimated Selectivity:

$$\hat{s} = \int_l^{h+1} f(x)dx = F(h+1) - F(l) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j [\Phi_j(h+1) - \Phi_j(l)].$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{s}_i - s_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \sum_{j=0}^n a_j [\Phi_j(h_i + 1) - \Phi_j(l_i)] - s_i \right)^2.$$

# Applying Transformations

$$A^* = (X^t X)^{-1} X^t Y.$$

Possible Drawbacks: Size of X and Y increases proportionally to the number of query feedbacks 'm'. Hence needs to be re-computed every time

$$P = X^t X = \sum_{i=1}^m X_i^t X_i, \quad N = \sum_{i=1}^m X_i^t s_i,$$

$$A_i^* = P_i^{-1} N_i, \text{ for } i = n+1, n+2, \dots \text{ where}$$

$$P_i = P_{i-1} + X_i^t X_i, \quad N_i = N_{i-1} + X_i^t s_i, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots,$$

Applying above transformation, dimension of both P and N are now independent of 'm'

# Finally: Recursive LSE

- Another transformation: to get rid of expensive transformation  $P_i^{-1}$
- Using a concept of Gain Matrix

$$A_i^* = A_{i-1}^* - G_i X_i^t (X_i A_{i-1}^* - s_i),$$

$$G_i = G_{i-1} - G_{i-1} X_i^t (1 + X_i G_{i-1} X_i^t)^{-1} X_i G_{i-1},$$

- Choosing appropriate values of  $A_o$  and  $G_o$ , so that  $A^*$  converges efficiently is important

# Weighted version

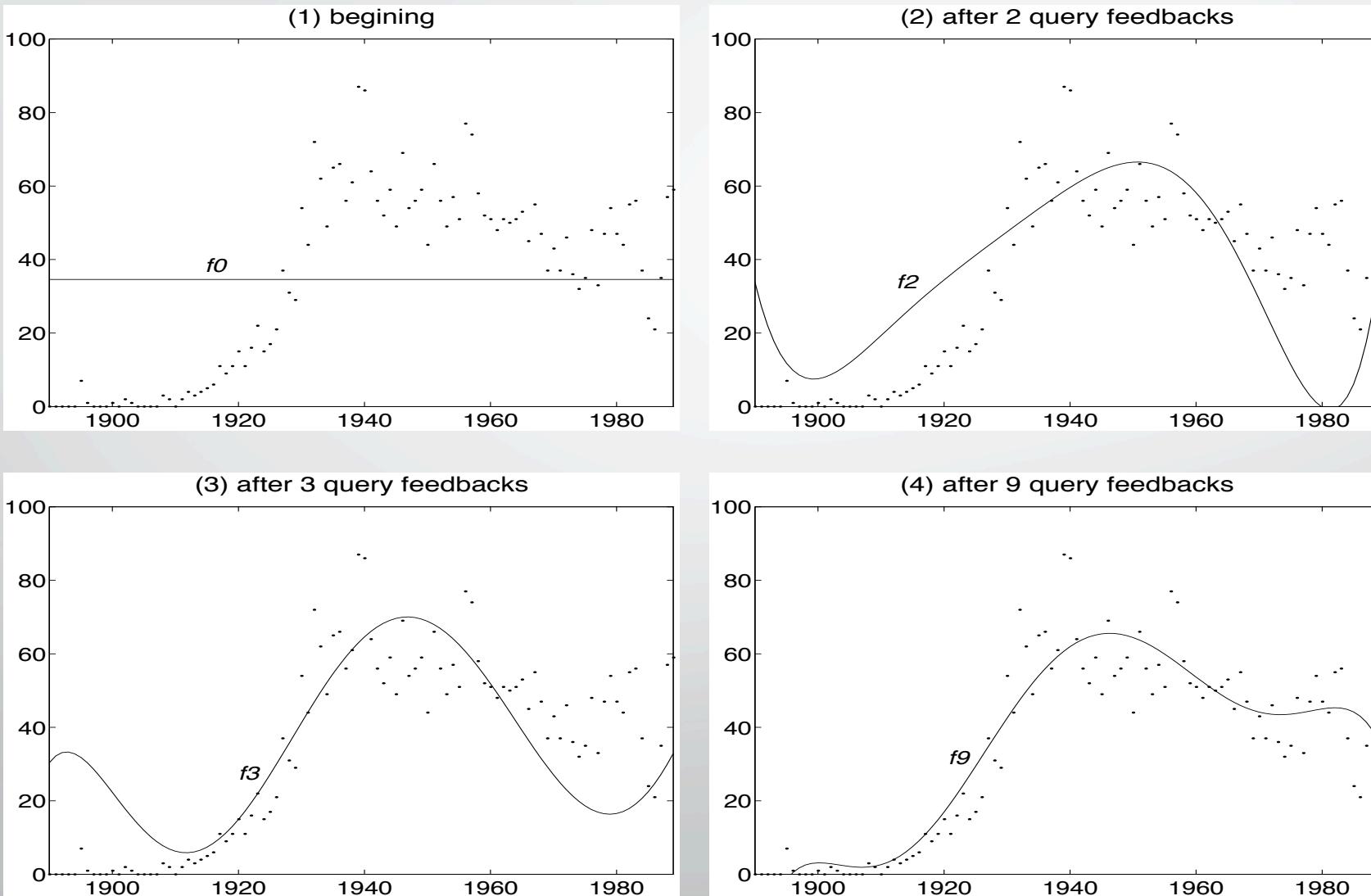
- Accommodating Update Adaptiveness: using Weighted LSE
  - By associating different weights with the query feedbacks, such that outdated feedback are suppressed
  - $\beta_i$  - importance weight
  - $\alpha_i$  - fading weight to estimation errors of all previous queries

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \left( \prod_{j=i+1}^m \alpha_j \right) \cdot \beta_i \cdot (\hat{s}_i - s_i) \right]^2.$$

$$A_i^* = A_{i-1}^* - \beta_i^2 G_i X_i^t (X_i A_{i-1}^* - s_i),$$

$$G_i = \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_i} \right)^2 G_{i-1} - \left( \frac{\beta_i}{\alpha_i} \right)^2 G_{i-1} X_i^t (\alpha_i^2 + \beta_i^2 X_i G_{i-1} X_i^t)^{-1} X_i G_{i-1},$$

# Experimental Result: Adaptation Dynamics





# Online Data Mining for Co-Evolving Time Sequences

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# Outline

- Introduction
- Challenges
- MUSCLES and its capabilities
- Applications
- Methodology
- Experiments
- conclusion

# Introduction

- Data in Many applications: are multiple sequences evolve over time
- Sequences are not independent and frequently have high correlation
- Much useful information lost if each sequence is analyzed individually
  - Example:
  - Network traffic data from different network elements
  - Patient data varying over time
  - ...

- Goal: study the entire set of sequences
- Challenges:
  - Number of sequences can be very large
  - Being Online: Results of analysis being available immediately
    - Require: capability to repeat analysis over next element(or batch of elements)
  - Analytical technique should have low incremental computational complexity

# MUSCLES (MULTi-SequenCe LEast Squares)

- A technique for analysis multiple time series:
- Can estimate delayed/ missed / corrupted values
- Can recognize the outlier
- Can extract the correlation of the sequence with other sequences
- It is online and fast, operating in time independent of number of samples( $N$ ) or number of past time-ticks
- It scales up well with the number of time sequences,  $k$ .
- It is capable of adapting quickly to the change of trends

# Applications

- Network Management: Time sequences of measurements ( Number of packets lost, sent, received for a collection of nodes)
  - Find missing/ delayed values, find outliers as trouble or spam, forecast and alarm for troubles
- Web and intranet management: Time sequence of number of hits per minute for each site
  - Find correlation between access patterns
  - Forecast future requests( prefetching and caching)
  - Detect outlier as intruders

# MUSCLES (MUlti-SequenCe LEast Squares)

- Problem1: Delayed Sequence:
- Input:  $k$  time sequences:  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  is updated at every time-tick
- One of them(  $s_1$ ) be consistently late
- Make the best guess for  $s_1[t]$

sequence time	$s_1$ packets-sent	$s_2$ packets-lost	$s_3$ packets-corrupted	$s_4$ packets-repeated
1	50	20	10	3
2	55	20	10	10
:	:	:	:	:
$N - 1$	73	25	18	12
$N$	??	25	18	18

Symbol	Definition
MUSCLES	Multi-Sequence Least Squares
$v$	number of independent variables in multi-variate regression
$k$	number of co-evolving sequences
$y$	the <i>dependent</i> variable, that we try to estimate
$\hat{y}$	estimate of the dependent variable $y$
$\mathbf{y}$	the column vector with all samples of the dependent variable $x$
$y[j]$	the $j$ -th sample of the dependent variable $y$
$x_i$	the $i$ -th independent variable
$x_i[j]$	the $j$ -th sample of the variable $x_i$
$\mathbf{x}_i$	the column vector with all the samples of the variable $x_i$
$\mathbf{x}[j]$	the row vector with $j$ -th samples of variables $x_i$ , span of tracking window
$w$	count of ‘best’ ind. variables, used for Sel. MUSCLES
$b$	forgetting factor (1, when we don’t forget the past)

All samples of one variable  $x_1$



$X = [x_1 \& x_2 \dots & x_n] @ [102023, \dots]$

$j^{\text{th}}$  samples  
of each  
sequence

# Proposed Solution: Multi variant linear Regression

- Two source of information:
- The past samples of the given time sequence  $s_1$ :  $s_1[t-1], s_1[t-2], \dots$
- The past and present samples of the other time sequences:  $s_2, s_3, \dots, s_v$
- Estimate  $s_1[t]$  as linear combination of other values in a window of size **w**

$$\widehat{s_1}[t] = a_{1,1}s_1[t-1] + \dots + a_{1,w}s_1[t-w] + \\ a_{2,0}s_2[t] + a_{2,1}s_2[t-1] + \dots + a_{2,w}s_2[t-w] + \\ \dots \\ a_{k,0}s_k[t] + a_{k,1}s_k[t-1] + \dots + a_{k,w}s_k[t-w],$$

# Multi variant linear Regression: minimize least square error

- Find regression coefficients  $a_{i,j}$  which minimize the sum  $(s_1[t] - s_1[t])^2$  for all  $t = w+1, \dots, N$
- Optimal regression coefficients are:

$$\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{X})^{-1} \times (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{y})$$

- $\mathbf{y}$  is desired values( $s_1[t]$ )

All samples values of independent variable  $x_1$



$X = [x_1 \& x_2 \dots & x_n @ 102023 \& 112325 \dots &$

Observation of each sequence at time t

# Time Complexity and memory usage

- Optimal regression coefficients are:  $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{X})^{-1} \times (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{y})$
- $\mathbf{X}$  is  $N \times v$  matrix where:
  - $v$ = number of independent variables =  $k \times (w+1)-1$
  - $N$  = number of samples for each variable
- Memory usage to store  $\mathbf{X}$  :  $O(N \times v)$
- Computational cost:  $O(v^2 \times (N+v))$
- Computation of  $(\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{X})^{-1}$  needs quadratic disk I/O operation
- $N$  is not fixed and can grow indefinitely!

All samples values of  
independent variable x1

$\downarrow$   
 $X = [x_1 & x_2 \dots & x_n @ 102023 \& 112325 \dots \&$

Observation  
of each  
sequence at  
time t

# Solution: Matrix Inversion Lemma

- Let  $X_n$  denote the  $X$  with the first  $n=N$  samples
- Define  $G_n$  as  $(X \downarrow n \uparrow T \times X \downarrow n) \uparrow -1$
- $x[n]$  is a row vector of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  sample values
- $G_n$  can be calculated using  $G_{n-1}$ :



$$G_n = G_{n-1} - (1 + x[n] \times G_{n-1} \times x[n]^T)^{-1} \times (G_{n-1} \times x[n]^T) \times (x[n] \times G_{n-1}), \quad n > 1$$

# Advantages of Matrix Inversion Lemma

$$\mathbf{G}_n = \mathbf{G}_{n-1} - (1 + \mathbf{x}[n] \times \mathbf{G}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{x}[n]^T)^{-1} \times (\mathbf{G}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{x}[n]^T) \times (\mathbf{x}[n] \times \mathbf{G}_{n-1}), \quad n > 1$$

- Inside of the inversion is just a scalar and, hence, no matrix inversion is required in the above equation
- $\mathbf{G}_n$  ( $v \times v$  matrix) is much smaller than  $\mathbf{X}_n$  ( $N \times v$  matrix) because  $N \gg v$
- We don't need to keep the original matrix  $\mathbf{X}_n$  explicitly.
- It is more likely that we can keep  $\mathbf{G}_n$  in main memory: reduce I/O cost
- computational cost for updating regression coefficients  $a$ , is  $O(v^2)$  for each new sample

# Comparision

- A dataset of 100 sequences with 10000 samples for each one, with
$$\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{X})^{-1} \times (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{y})$$
 takes almost 84 hours to do estimation
- Larger dataset with 100 sequences with 100000 samples for each sequence, with new method takes only one hour to run.

# Adaptiveness

- There are some changes in the processes that cause multiple sequences to be correlated
- How to adapt the changes over time?
- The old coefficients are no longer correct: wrong estimation

# Exponentially Forgetting MUSCLES

- Modify MUSCLES to forget older samples gracefully
- $0 < \lambda < 1$ : Forgetting factor: determines how fast the effect of older samples fades away
- try to find the optimal regression coefficient vector  $\mathbf{a}$  to minimize:

$$\min_{\mathbf{a}} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda^{(N-i)} (y[i] - \hat{y}[i])^2$$

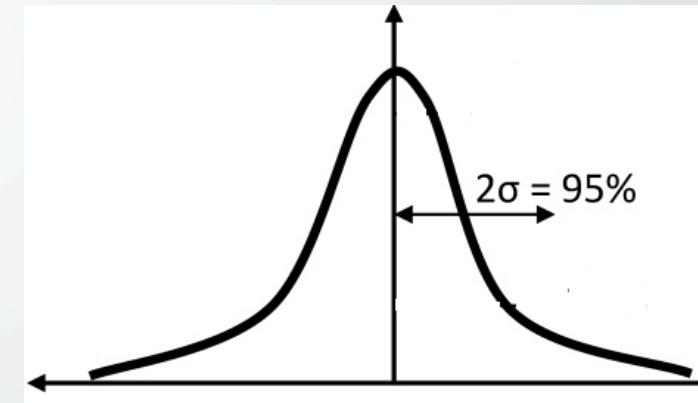
$$\mathbf{G}_n = \lambda^{-1} \mathbf{G}_{n-1} - \lambda^{-1} (\mathbf{x}[n] \times \mathbf{G}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{x}[n]^T)^{-1} \times (\mathbf{G}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{x}[n]^T) \times (\mathbf{x}[n] \times \mathbf{G}_{n-1}), \quad n > 1.$$

# Other usage of MUSCLES

- **Estimate Missing values:** For each sequence,  $s_i$ , calculate coefficients of regression based on previous data: estimate missing value immediately
- **Correlation Detection:** A high absolute value for a regression coefficient means that the corresponding variable is highly correlated to the dependent variable

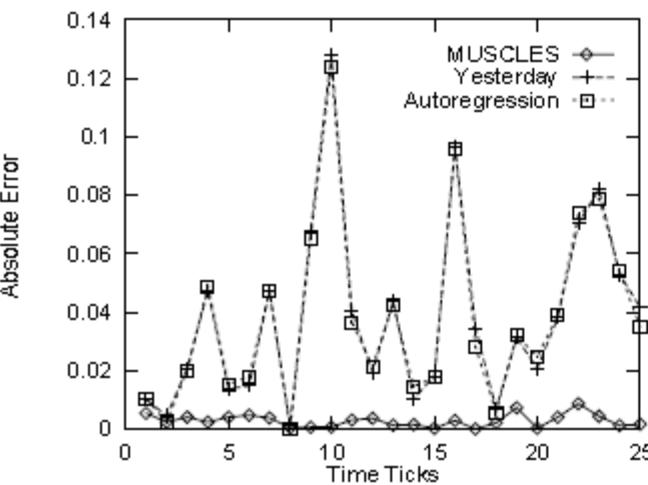
# Other usage of MUSCLES

- **On-line outlier detection:** an outlier is a value that is very different from what we expected:
  - if distance of sample value and estimated value is larger than  $2\sigma$  it detects an outlier
- **Corrupted data and back-casting:** If a value is Corrupted or suspected in our time sequences
  - Treat it as “delayed”, and forecast it :
  - Estimate past values of the time sequences as a function of the future values, and set up a multi-sequence regression model.

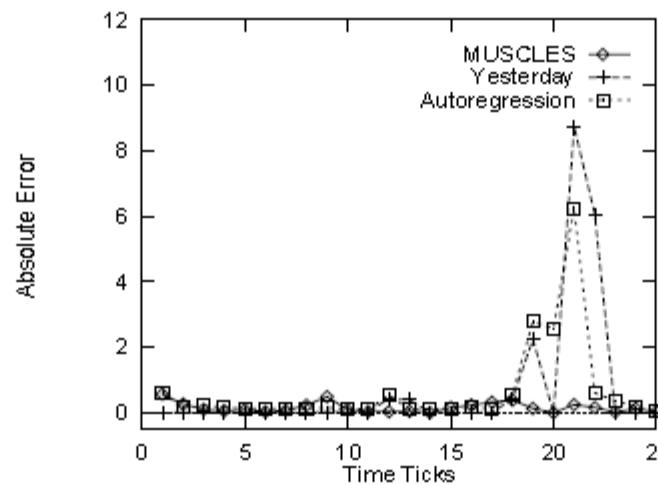


# Accuracy

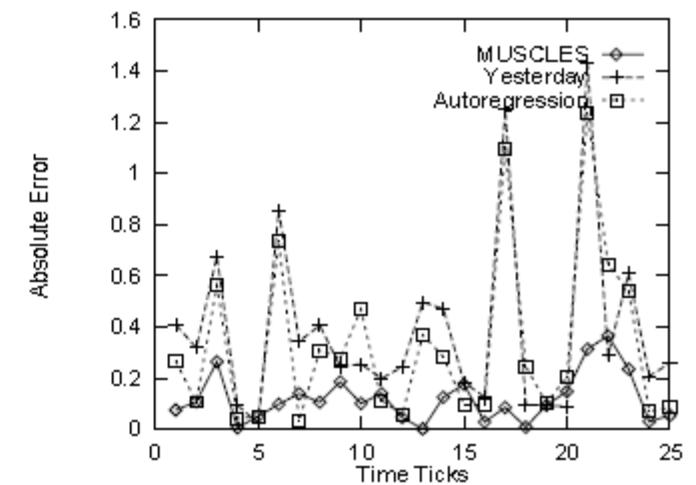
- Compare absolute estimation error of MUSCLES with 2 successful prediction methods: yesterday and single-sequence AR(auto-regressive) analysis



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(b) 10-th modem (**MODEM**)

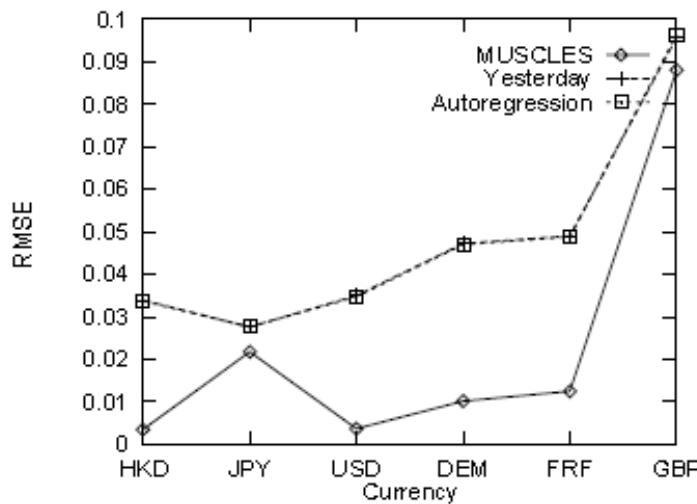


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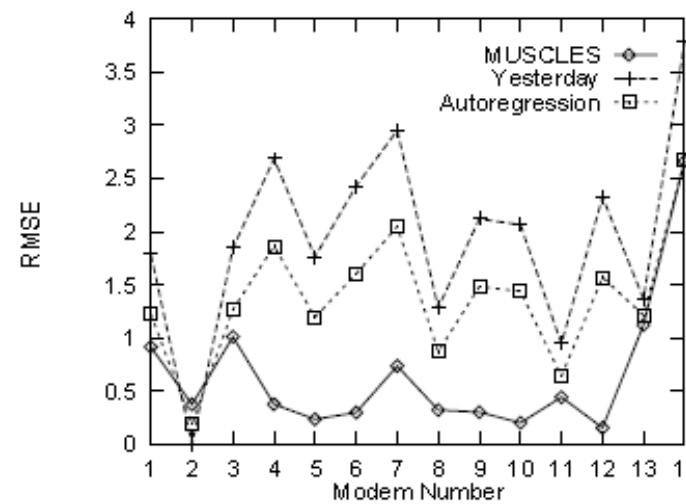
Absolute estimation error as time evolves for the selected sequences.

# Accuracy-Cont.

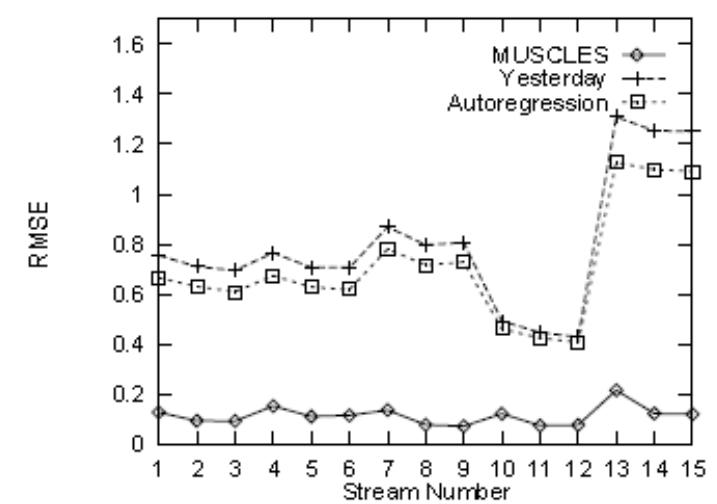
- RMS: Root Mean Square error ( mean over time-ticks)



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RMS error comparisons of several alternatives.

# Adapting to change

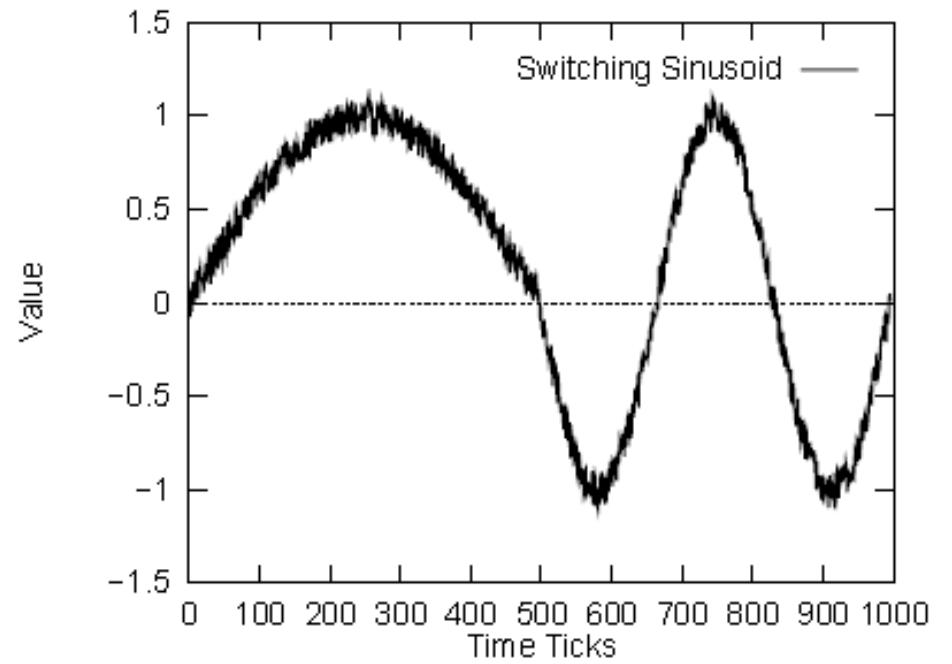
- Generate 3 sequences:

$$s_1[t] = s_2[t] + 0.1 * n[t] \quad t \leq 500$$

$$= s_3[t] + 0.1 * n'[t] \quad t > 500$$

$$s_2[t] = \sin(2\pi t/N)$$

$$s_3[t] = \sin(2\pi 3t/N)$$



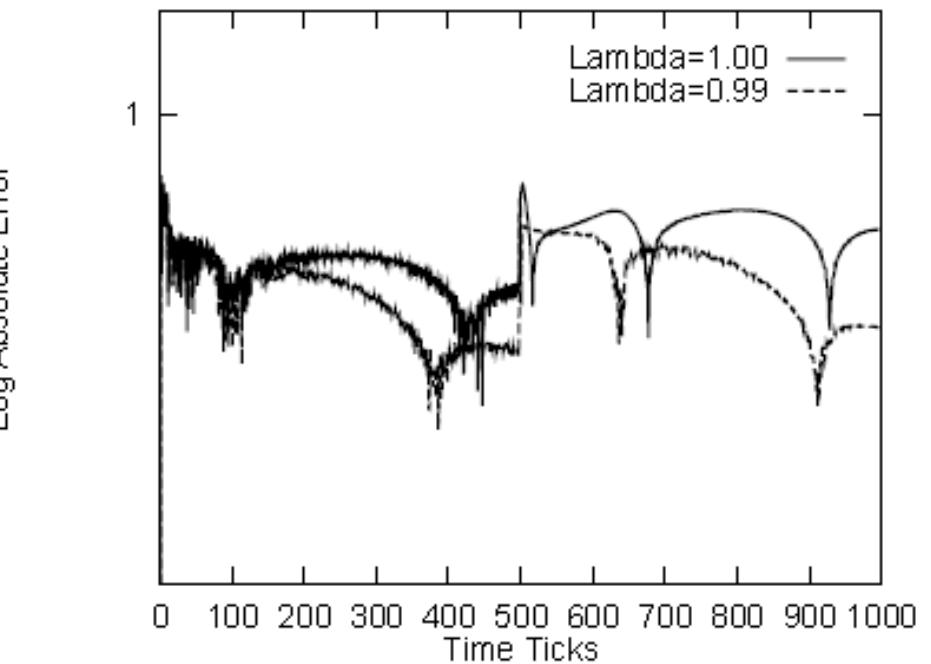
# Adapting to change

- Non-forgetting MUSCLES:  $\lambda=1$

$$\hat{s}_1[t] = 0.499 * s_2[t] + 0.499 * s_3[t]$$

- Forgetting MUSCLES:  $\lambda=0.99$

$$\hat{s}_1[t] = 0.0065 * s_2[t] + 0.993 * s_3[t]$$



Prediction errors with  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0.99$

# Scaling-up: Selective MUSCLES

- Too many time sequences: nodes in a network, producing information about their load every minute
- MUSCLES suffer to analyze these data
- Selective MUSCLES: make the estimation of missing value by using small number of selected sequences.
- Do some preprocessing to find a promising subset of sequences

# Problem : Subset selection

- Input:  $v$  independent variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_v$  and a dependent variable  $y$  and  $N$  sample each,
- Goal: find the best  $b$  ( $b < v$ ) independent variables to minimize the mean-square error for  $y$
- Need a good measure of goodness to select a subset of  $b$  variables
  - Use expected estimation error:

$$\text{EEE}(S) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y[i] - \hat{y}_S[i])^2$$

- $S$  is selected subset of variable ( until now)
- $\hat{y}_S[i]$  is the estimation based on  $S$  for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  sample

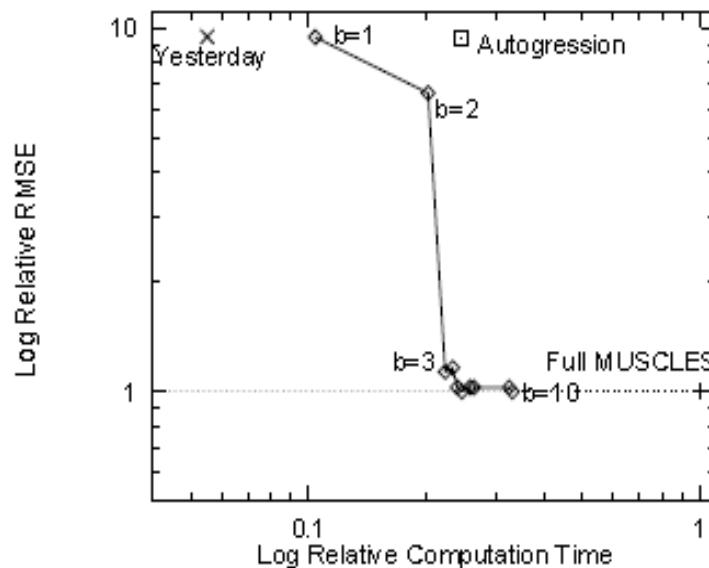
# Algorithm to select b variables

```
algorithm Selection
     $S := \{\}$ ;          /* selected var's */
     $R := \{x_1, \dots, x_v\}$ ; /* remaining var's */
    while (  $S$  contains less than  $b$  variables )
        foreach  $x$  in  $R$ 
            Compute EEE for  $S \cup \{x\}$ ;
            pick  $x$  with minimum EEE;
            remove  $x$  from  $R$  and add to  $S$ ;
    end while
    report variables in  $S$ ;
end algorithm
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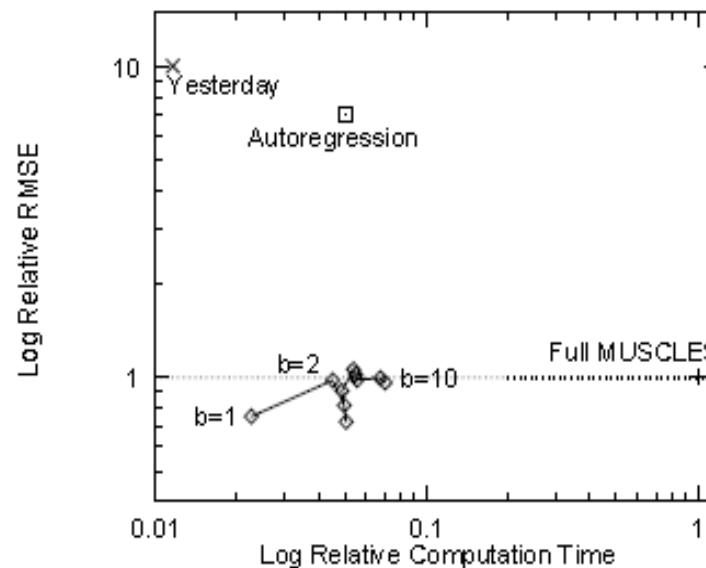
The complexity of algorithm is  $O(N \times v \times b^2)$

# Experiments: speed-accuracy trade off

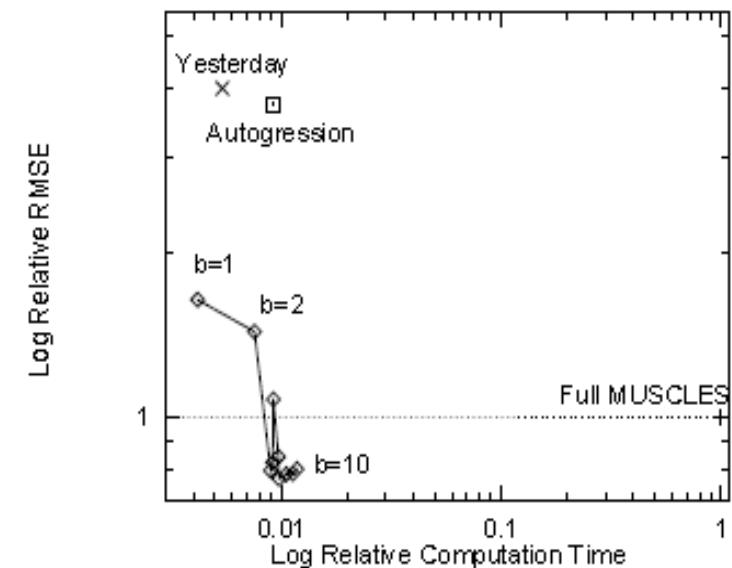
- RMS error VS. Computational time (  $b=1, \dots, 10$  )



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The relative RMS error vs. relative computation time, for several values of  $b$  ‘best-picked’ independent variables. proposed( $\diamond$ ) with varying  $b$ , Full MUSCLES(+), yesterday (x), and auto-regression(◻).

- $b=3-5$  suffice for accurate estimation
- Selective MUSCLES sometimes have more accuracy than Full-Muscles

# Question?

