

Follow-up Work of Delay Embedding: Skeleton-based Action Recognition

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Robustness of Delay Embedding (DE)

Invariant to:

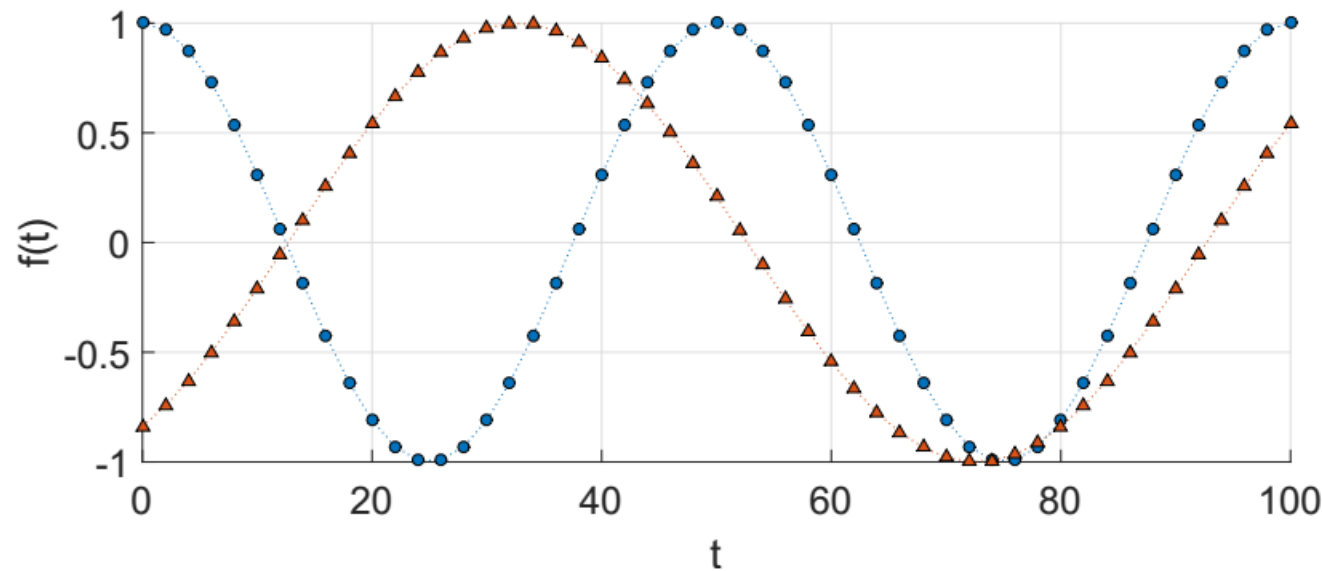
- Phase variation
- Starting time
- Repeat rate of patterns
- Sequence length

Robust to:

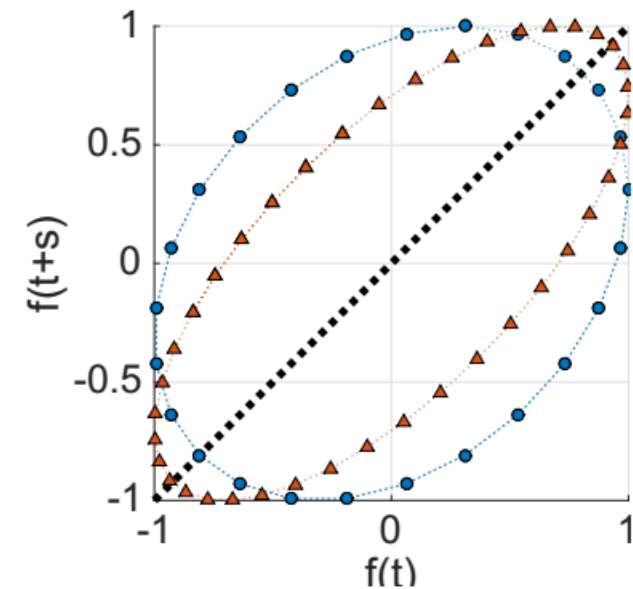
- Frequency variation
- Scale variation

Robustness of Delay Embedding (DE)

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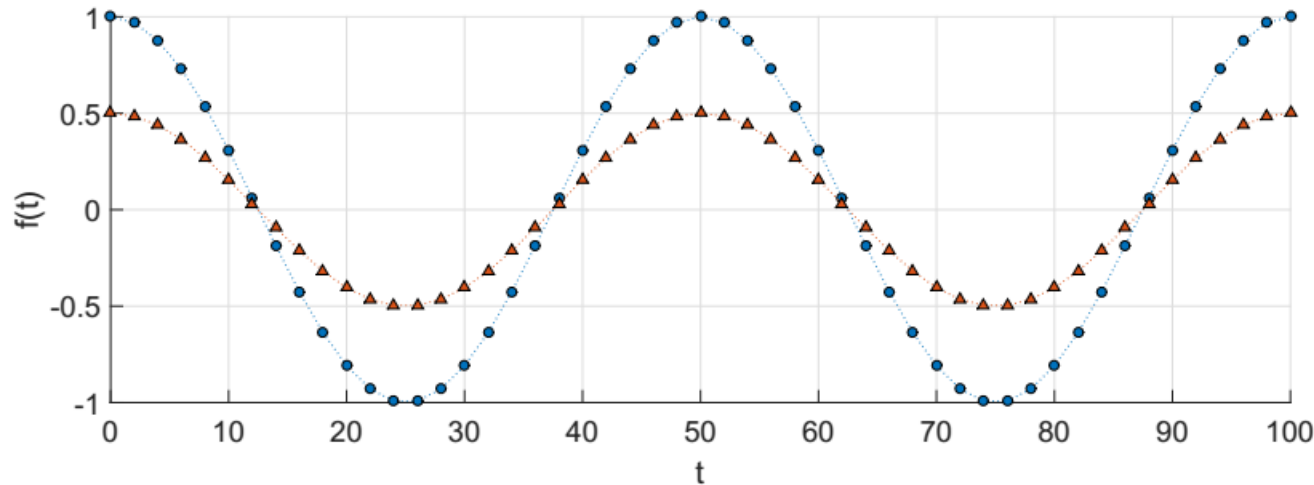
(a) Observation sequences



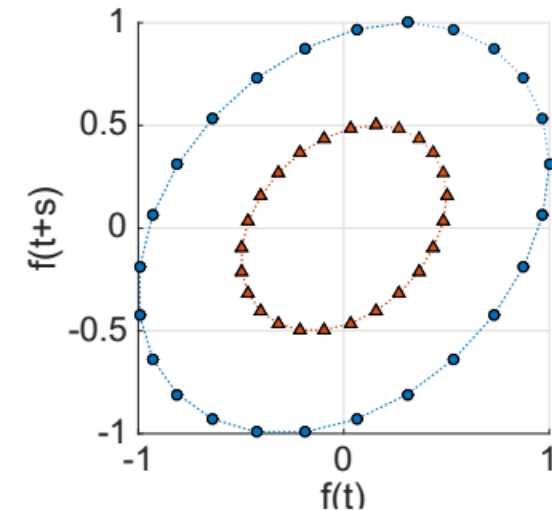
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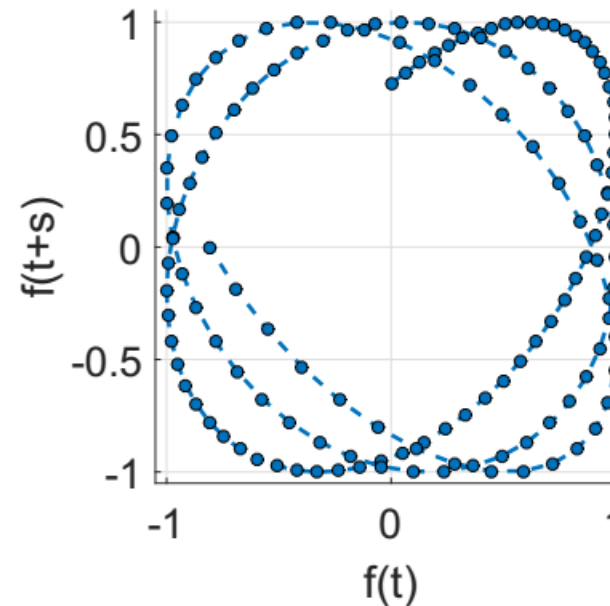
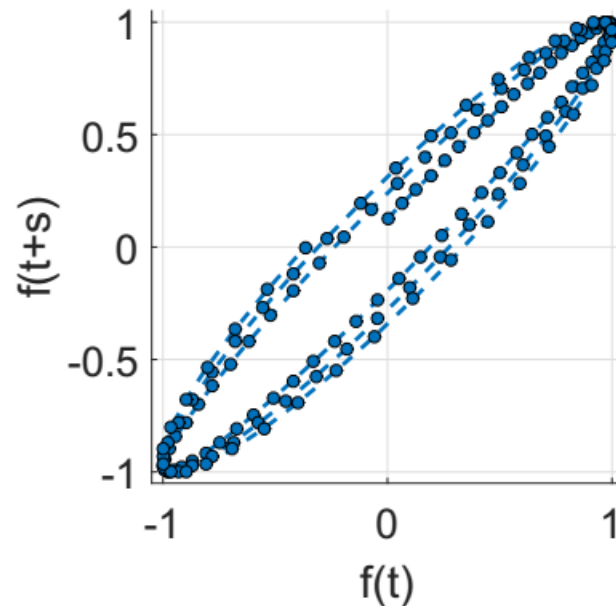
(b) DE

Parameter Setting of DE

$$\Phi(x_t; d, s) = (f(t), f(t + s), \dots, f(t + (d - 1)s))$$

d --- False nearest neighbor [\[M. Kennel et al., 1992\]](#)

s --- Period-based [\[J. A. Perea and J. Harer, 2013\]](#)



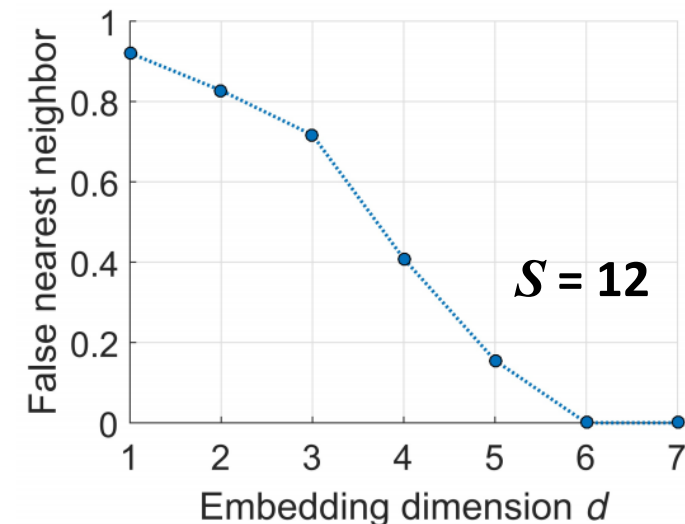
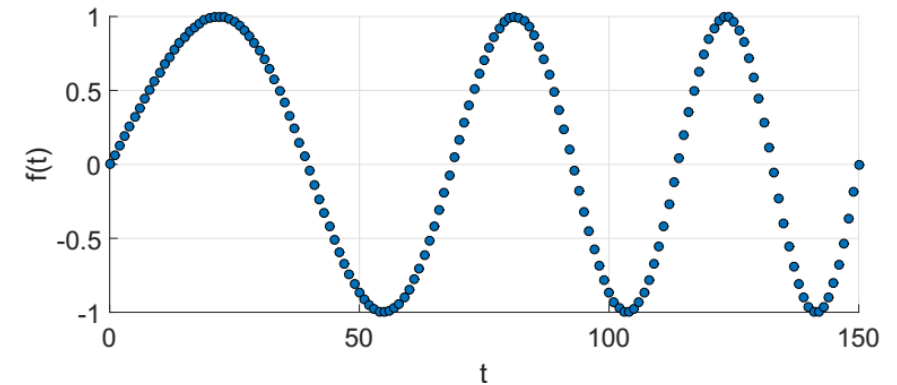
Parameter Setting of DE --- Embedding Dimension d

False nearest neighbor [M. Kennel et al., 1992]

1. Given a state $\Phi(x_i)$ in the d -dimensional embedding space, find a neighbor $\Phi(x_j)$ so that $\|\Phi(x_i) - \Phi(x_j)\|_2 < \varepsilon$, where ε is a small constant usually not larger than $1/10$ of the standard deviation of the time series.
2. Based on the neighbors, compute the normalized distance R_i between the $(m+1)$ th embedding coordinate of state $\Phi(x_i)$ and $\Phi(x_j)$:

$$R_i = \frac{\|y_{i+d \times s} - y_{j+d \times s}\|_2}{\|\Phi(x_i) - \Phi(x_j)\|_2} \quad (9)$$

3. If R_i is larger than a given threshold R_{th} , then $\Phi(x_i)$ is marked as having a false nearest neighbor.
4. Apply Eq. 9 for the whole time series and for various $m = 1, 2, \dots$ until the fraction of points for which $R_i > R_{th}$ is negligible. According to [8], $R_{th} = 10$ has proven to be a good choice for most data sets.



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Drawbacks:

- s and d are coupled
- Does not work well in practice (inter-class variation)
- Larger d does not necessarily increase classification accuracy but will decrease computational efficiency.

In practice, try $d = 2$ or 3 .

Parameter Setting of DE --- Delay Step s

Period-based [\[J. A. Perea and J. Harer, 2013\]](#)

$$2\pi \times d \times s \times \frac{f}{f_s} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$$

where f and f_s denote the resonant and sampling frequency

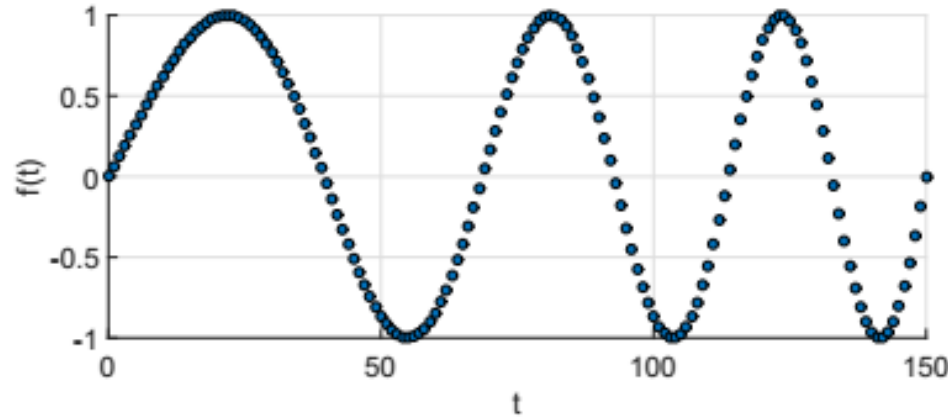
Applying Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

$$f = n f_s / N$$

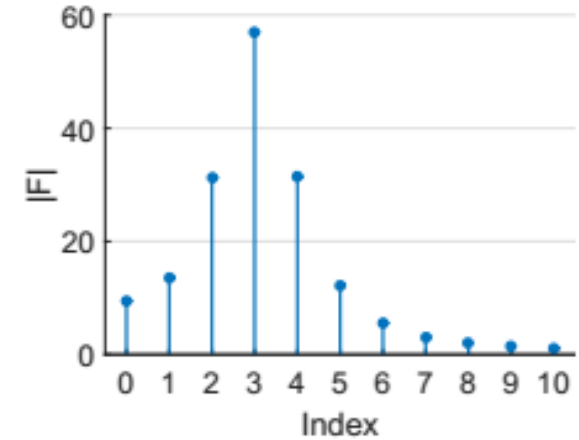
$$s = \frac{N}{2d \times n}$$

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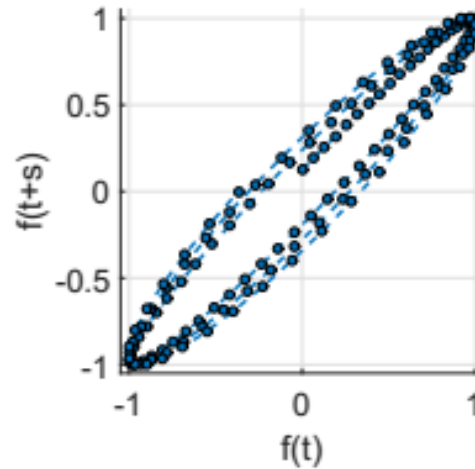


(a) Time series

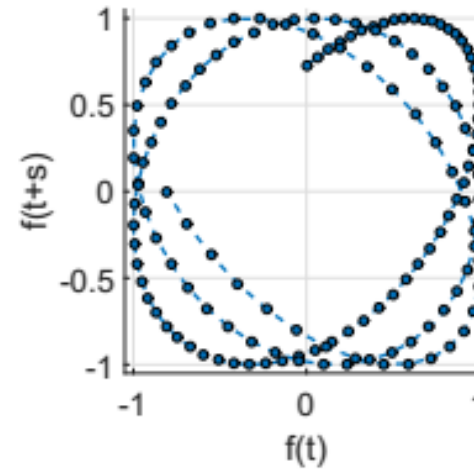


(b) FFT

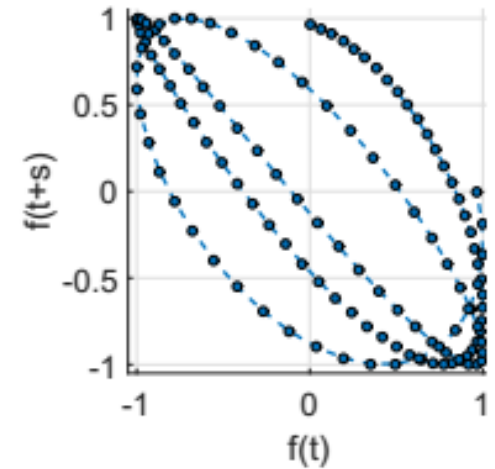
$$s = 151/(2 \times 2 \times 3)$$
$$\approx 12.58$$



(c) $s = 2$



(d) $s = 12$



(e) $s = 25$

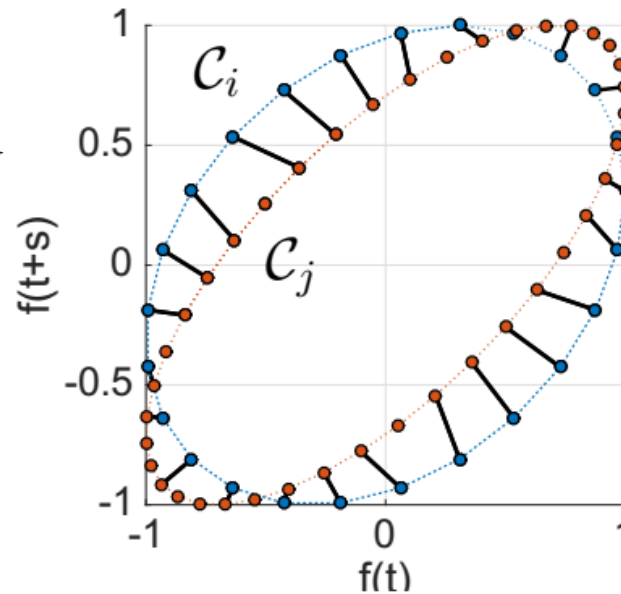
Metric to Compare the Trajectories

Discrete version:

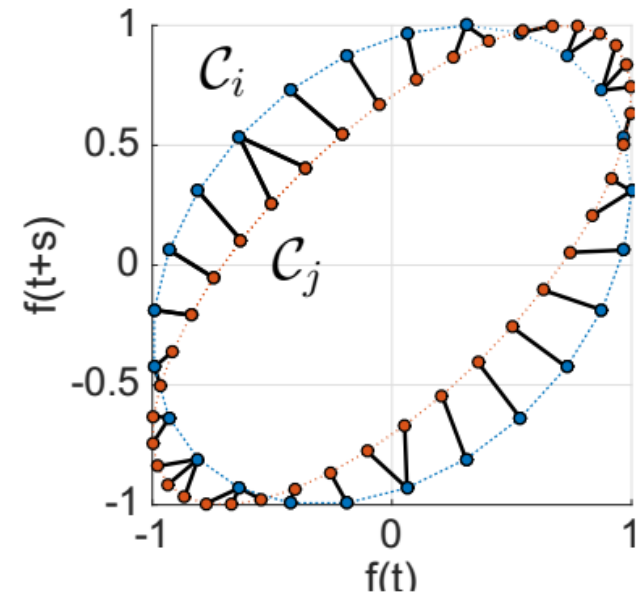
Modified Hausdorff distance:

$$d(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) \approx \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{C}_i} \min_{y \in \mathcal{C}_j} \{ \|x - y\|_2 \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_H(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) &= \min \left\{ \frac{1}{L_i} \int_{\mathcal{C}_i} \inf_{y \in \mathcal{C}_j} \|x - y\|_2 dx, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{L_j} \int_{\mathcal{C}_j} \inf_{x \in \mathcal{C}_i} \|x - y\|_2 dy \right\} \\ &= \min \{ d(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j), d(\mathcal{C}_j, \mathcal{C}_i) \}, \end{aligned}$$



(a) $d(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) = 0.1640$



(b) $d(\mathcal{C}_j, \mathcal{C}_i) = 0.2604$

Metric to Compare the Trajectories

DE- v H:

$$m(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) = \frac{1}{L_i} \int_{\mathcal{C}_i} \inf_{y \in \mathcal{C}_j} (\|x - y\|_2 + \alpha e^{\arccos \left\langle \frac{\dot{x}}{\|\dot{x}\|_2}, \frac{\dot{y}}{\|\dot{y}\|_2} \right\rangle}) dx$$

$$D_{vH}(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) = \min \{m(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j), m(\mathcal{C}_j, \mathcal{C}_i)\}$$

Experimental Results --- Dataset and Setup

Datasets used in the experiments

Dataset	Act.	Sub.	Rep.	Seq.
MSR Action3D	20	10	2~3	557
UTKinect-Action3D	10	10	2	199
UTD-MHAD	27	8	4	861

Protocol	Description
cross-subject (Li et al., 2010)	This is especially designed for the MSR Action3D dataset. The 20 actions were divided into three subsets, each having 8 actions. Half of the subjects were used as training and the rest subjects were used as testing. The final accuracy is obtained by averaging the results from the three subsets.
half-vs-half (Wang et al., 2012)	half of the subjects are used for training while the remaining for testing
leave-one-out (Xia et al., 2012)	leave one sequence out cross validation

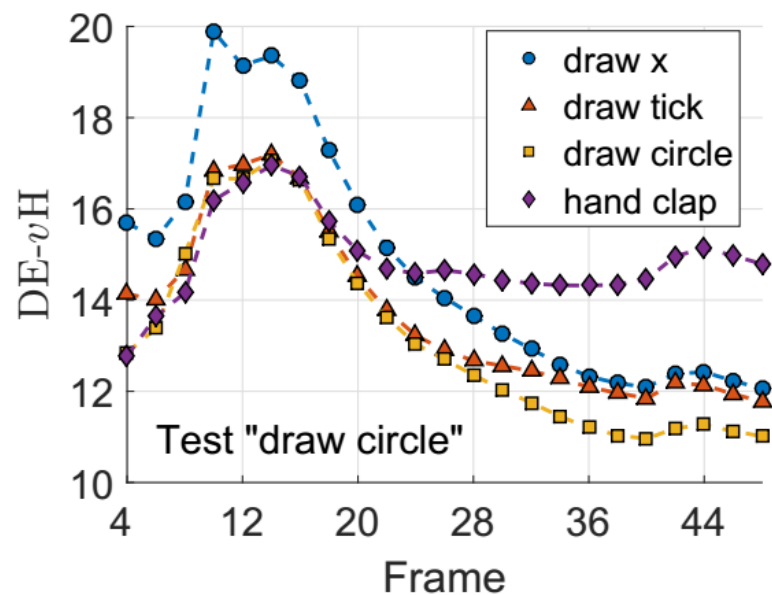
Experimental Results --- Real-time Performance

2.4 GHz Intel Core i7 CPU + Matlab

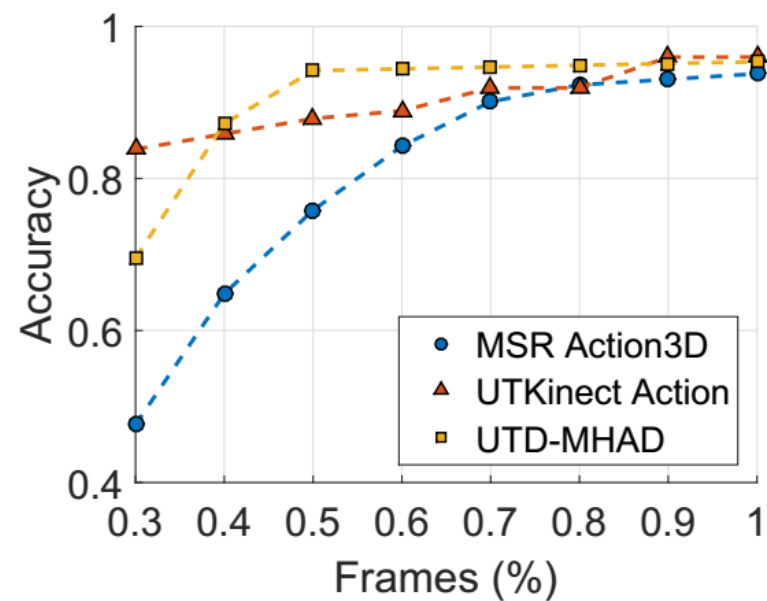
Run time (in fps) of DE-vH		
Dataset	Training	Testing
MSR Action3D	5348	1282
UTKinect-Action3D	3763	625
UTD-MHAD	4136	326

The state-of-the-art speed is **140 fps** [H. Rahmani et al., 2014] for testing on the MSR Action3D dataset, and they got the accuracy of **86%**. We got **93.77%**.

Experimental Results --- Real-time Performance



(a) Incremental update

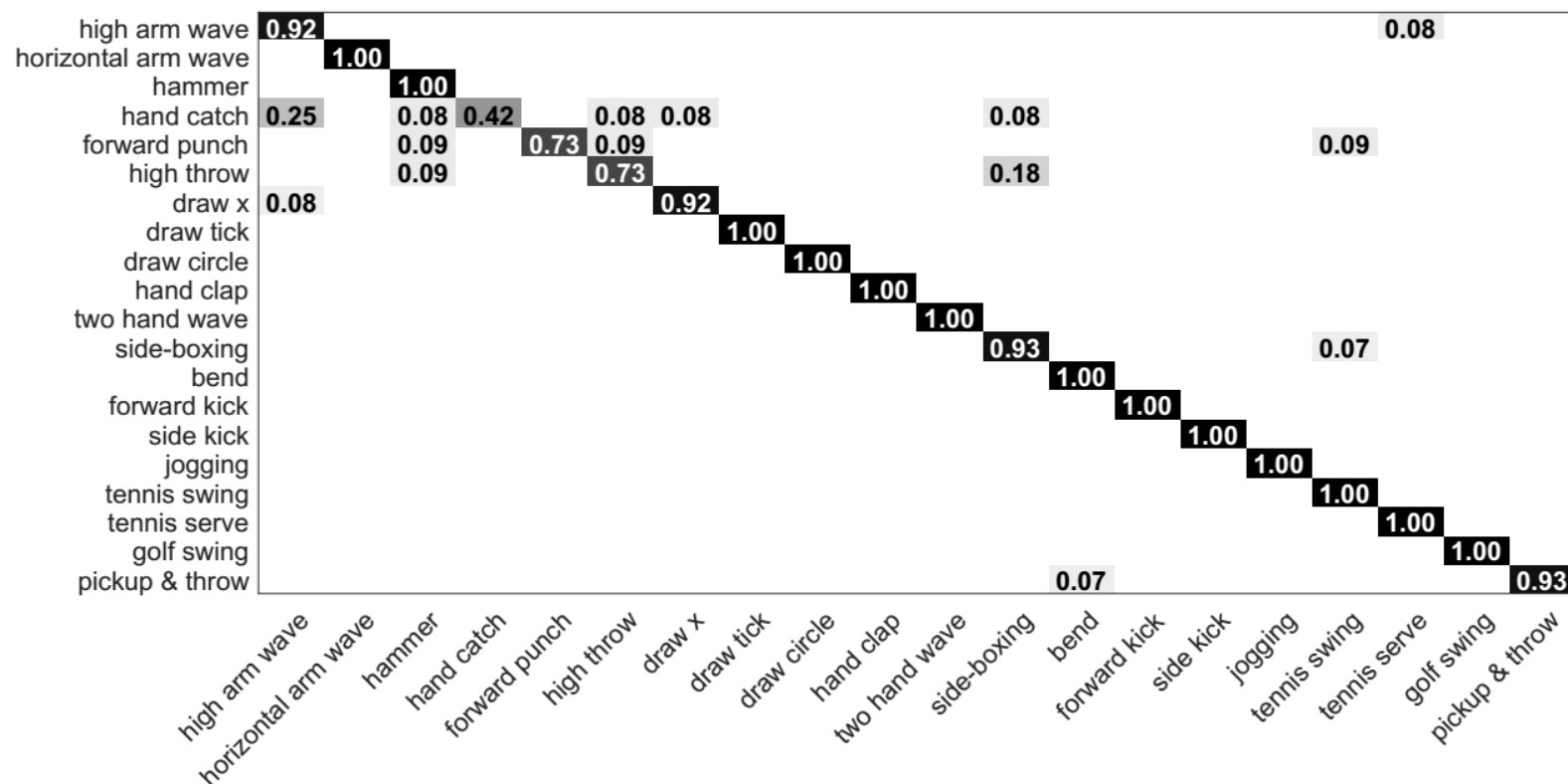


(b) Early detection

Experimental Results --- Classification Performance

Comparison on the MSR Action3D dataset

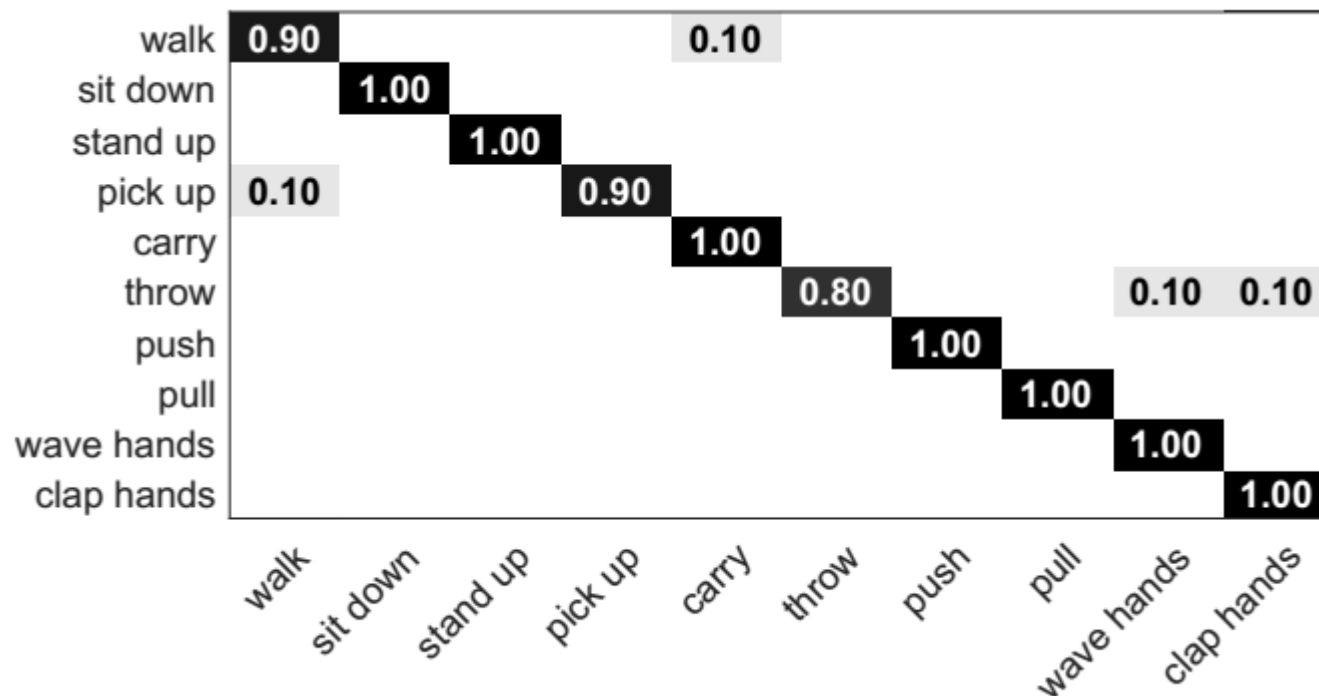
Method	Accu. (%)	Year
HOJ3D [39]	78.97	2012
HON4D [21]	88.89	2013
Cov3DJ [14]	90.53	2013
Moving pose [43]	91.70	2013
HOPC [24]	91.64	2014
DBN+HMM [38]	82.00	2014
Lie Algebra [32]	92.46	2014
Moving Poselets [30]	93.60	2015
TSRVF [3]	88.29	2015
Multi-scale [27]	91.10	2015
Deep learning		
LSTM [31]	87.78	2015
dRNN [31]	92.03	2015
HBRNN [9]	89.0%	2015
Dynamics analysis		
DE-shape [33]	87.89	2016
Tensor [17]	91.45	2016
DE-vH	93.77	2016



Experimental Results --- Classification Performance

Comparison on the UTKinect-Action3D dataset

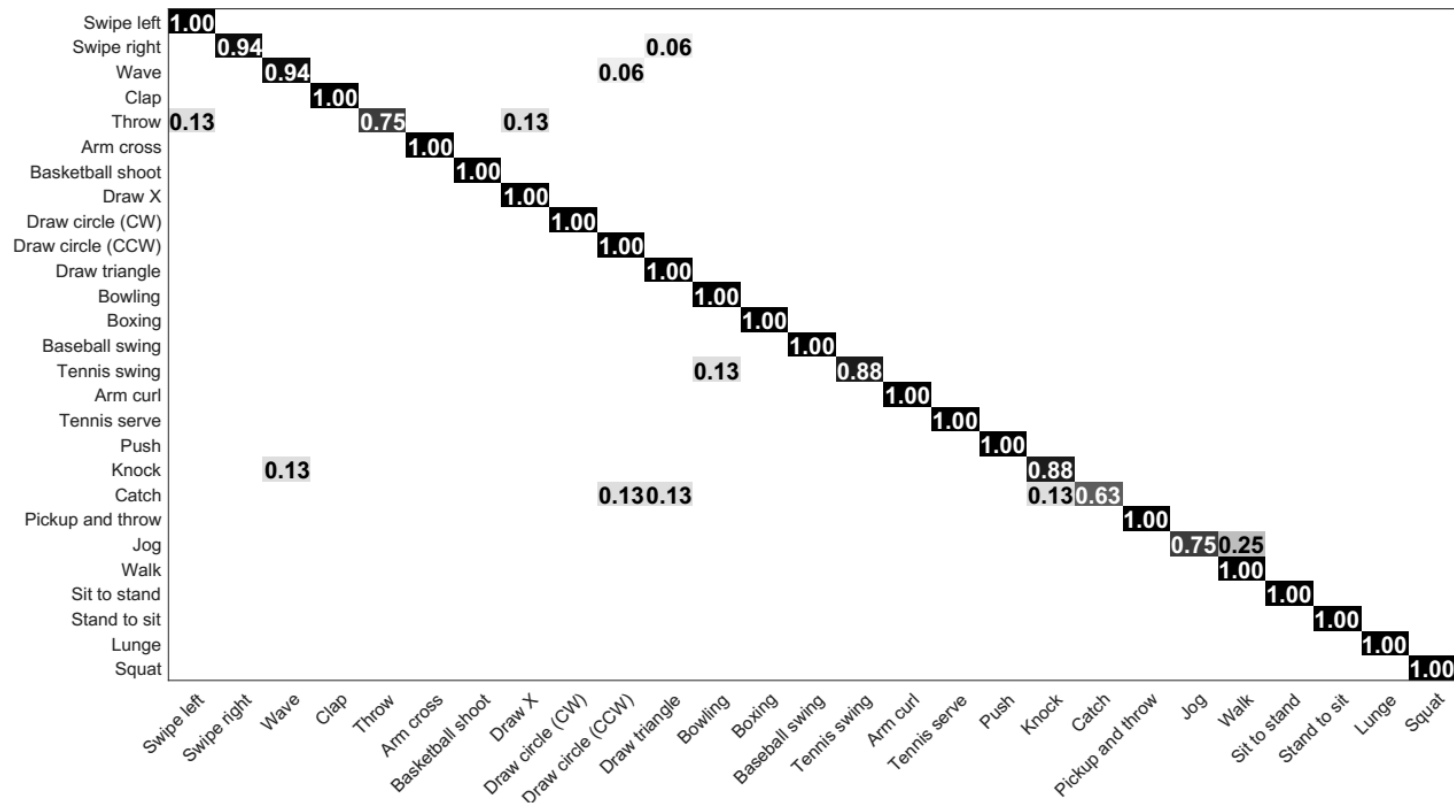
Method	Accu. (%)	Year
HOJ3D [39]	90.92	2012
Lie Algebra [32]	92.17	2014
TSRVF [3]	91.50	2015
Key-Pose-Motifs [35]	93.47	2016
ST-LSTM [19]	95.0	2016
DE- v H	95.96	2016



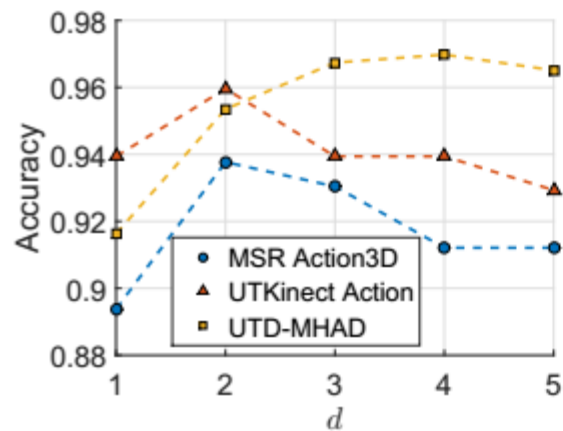
Experimental Results --- Classification Performance

Comparison on the UTD-MHAD dataset

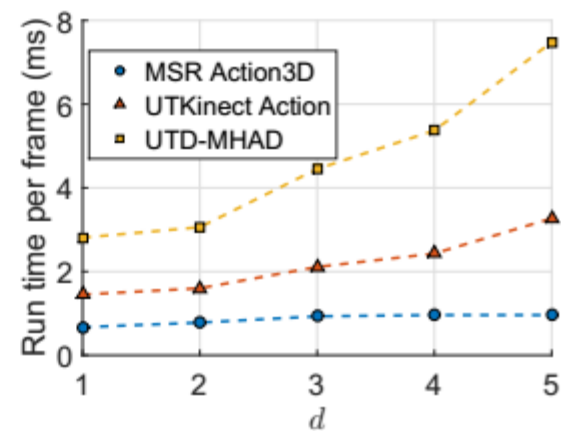
Method	Accu. (%)	Year
CRC [5]	79.10	2015
Body Part [6]	87.70	2015
Lie Algebra [32]	88.84	2014
DE-vH	95.35	2016



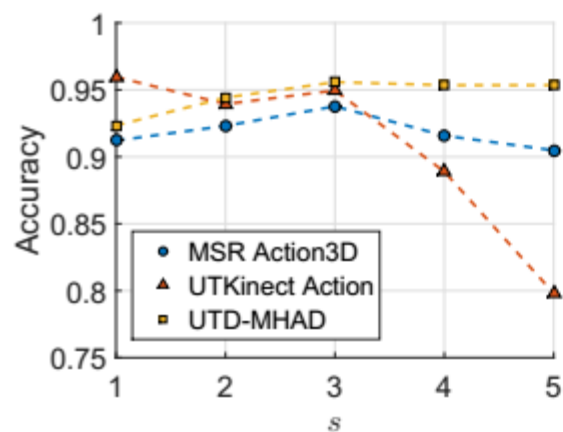
Experimental Results --- Effect of Parameter Setting



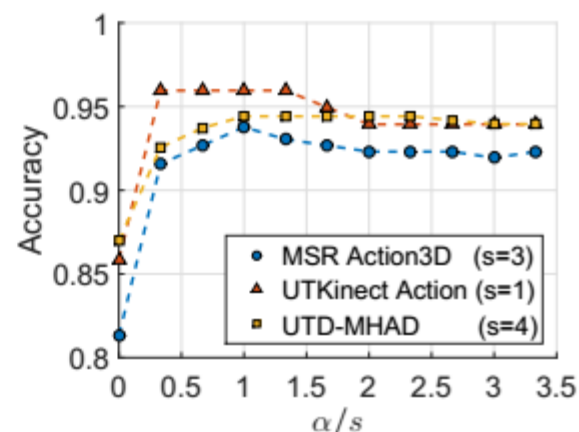
(a) Setting of d



(b) Run time of different d



(c) Setting of s



(d) Setting of α