

# A Wasserstein Subsequence Kernel for Time Series

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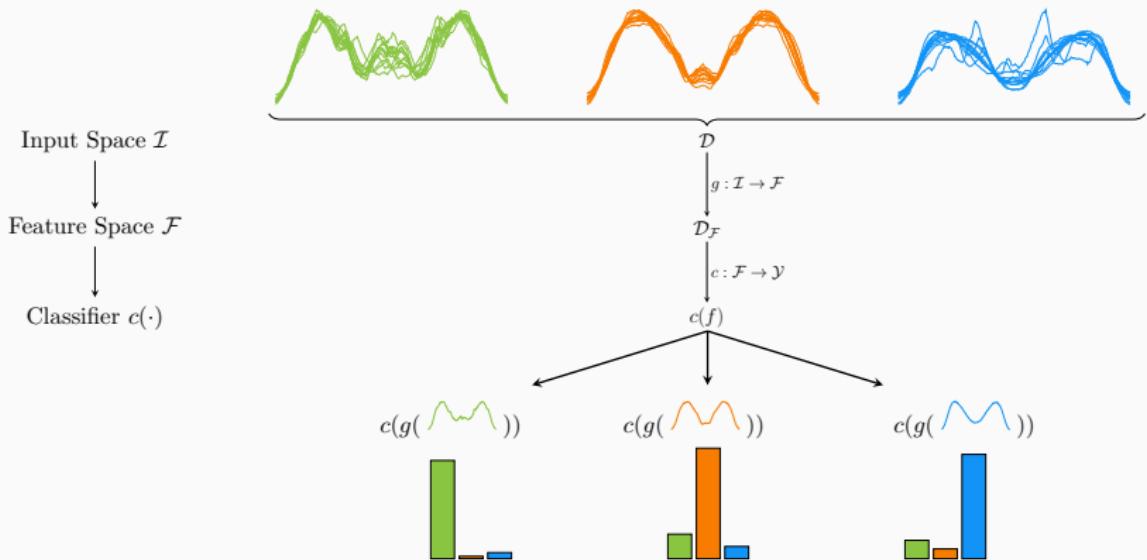
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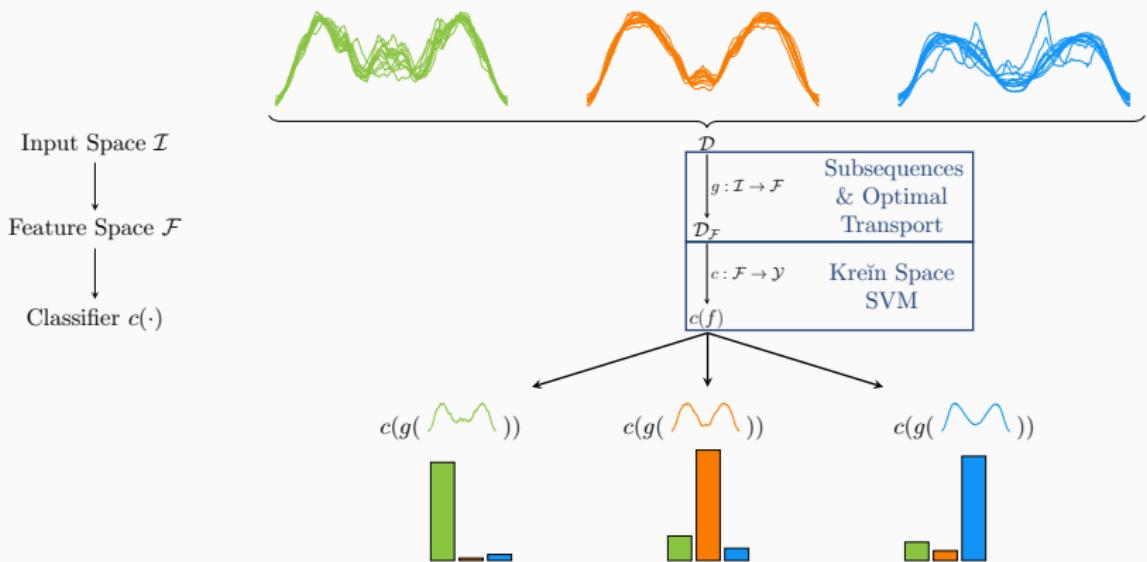
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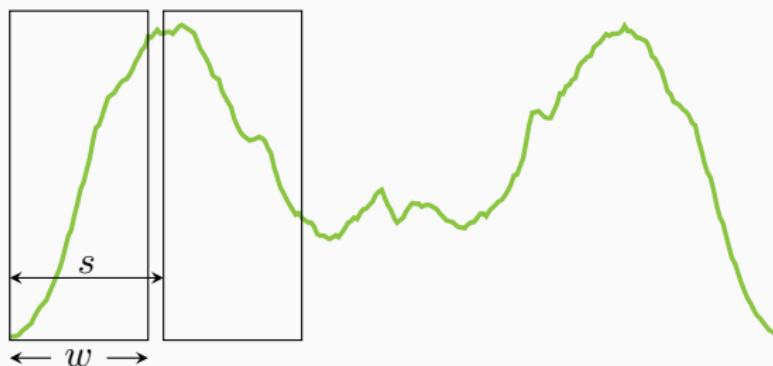
## **Feature Space: Subsequences and Optimal Transport**

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# Subsequence Extraction

## The Sliding Window Approach

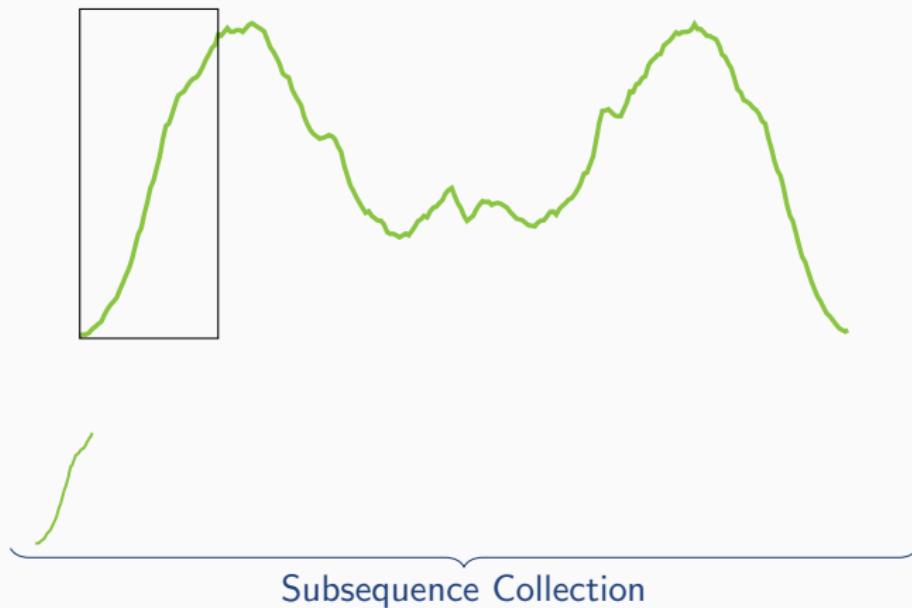
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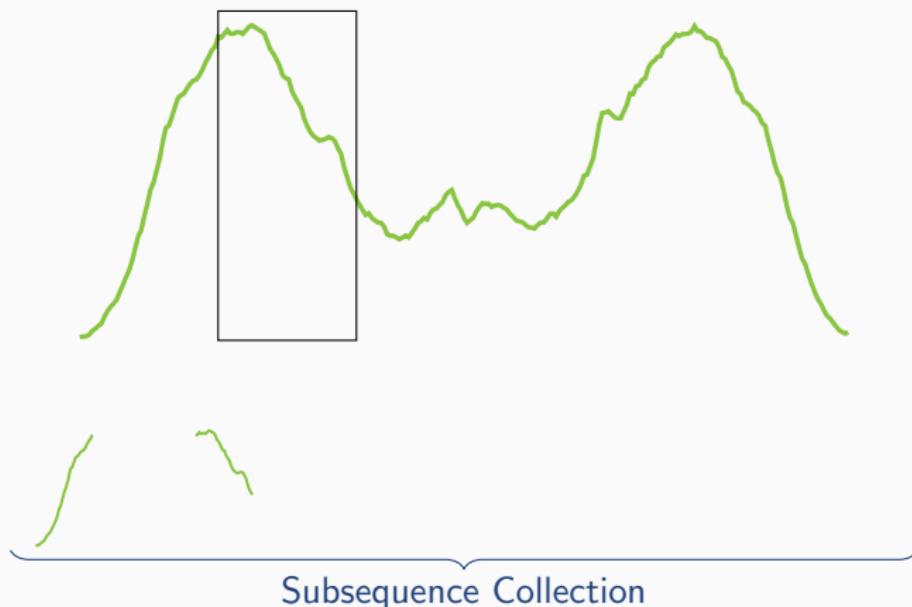
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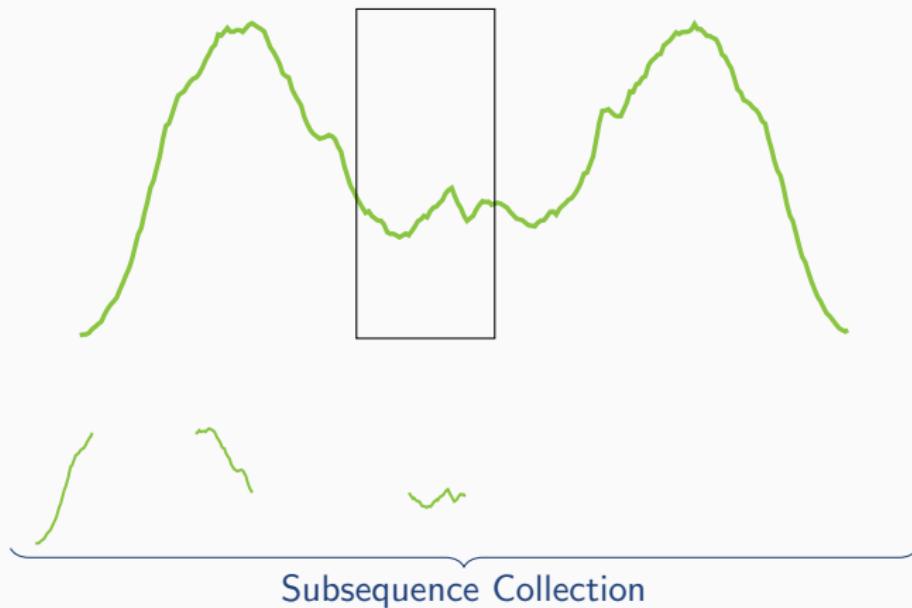
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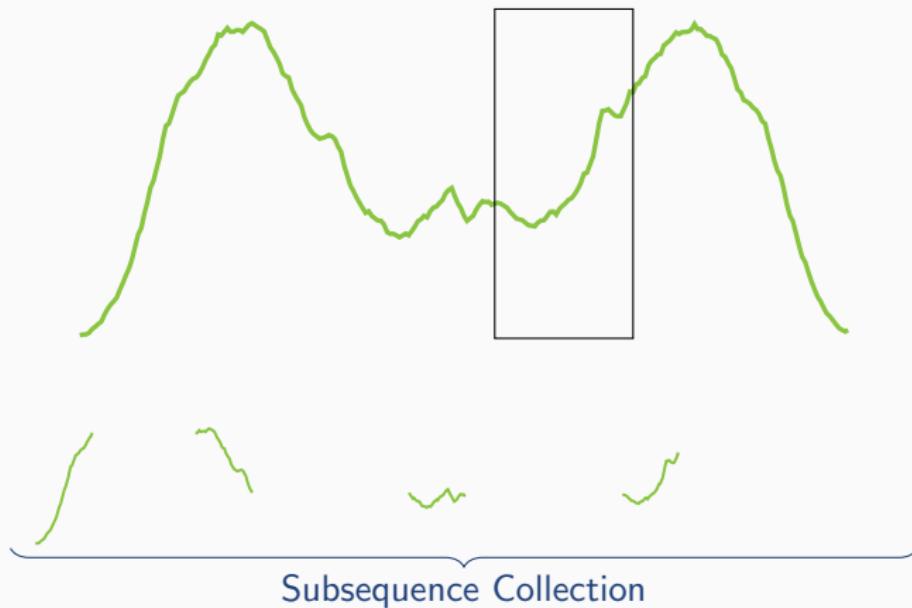
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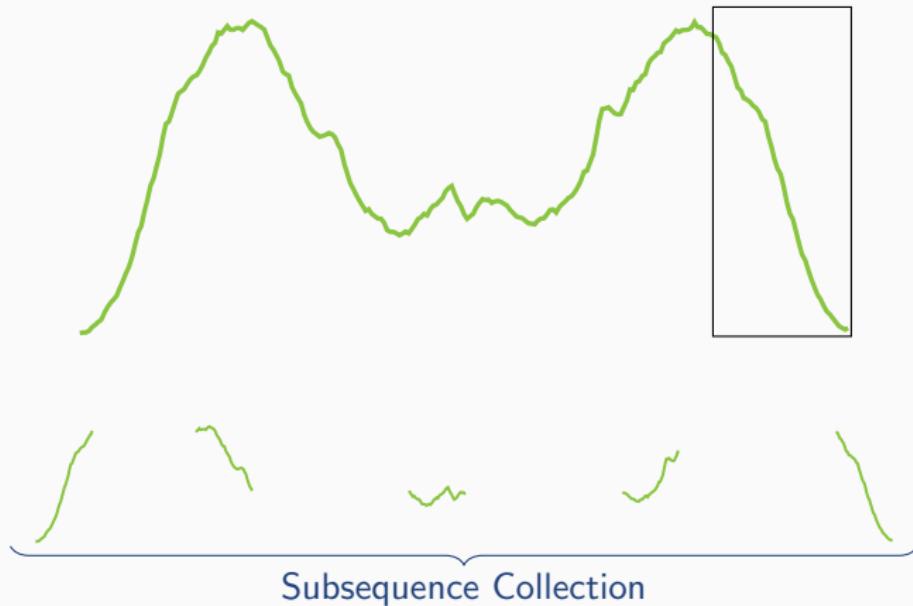
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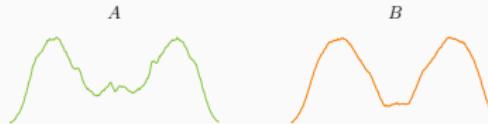
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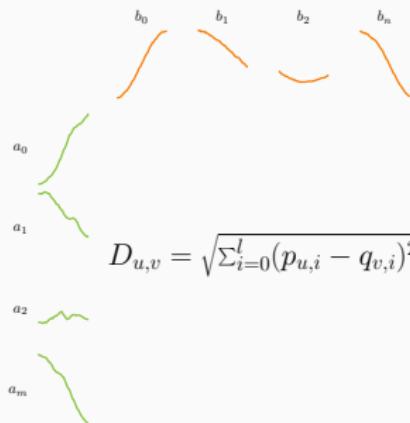


# Subsequence Distance Matrix

Given Two Time Series



we Construct the Subsequence Distance Matrix  $D$

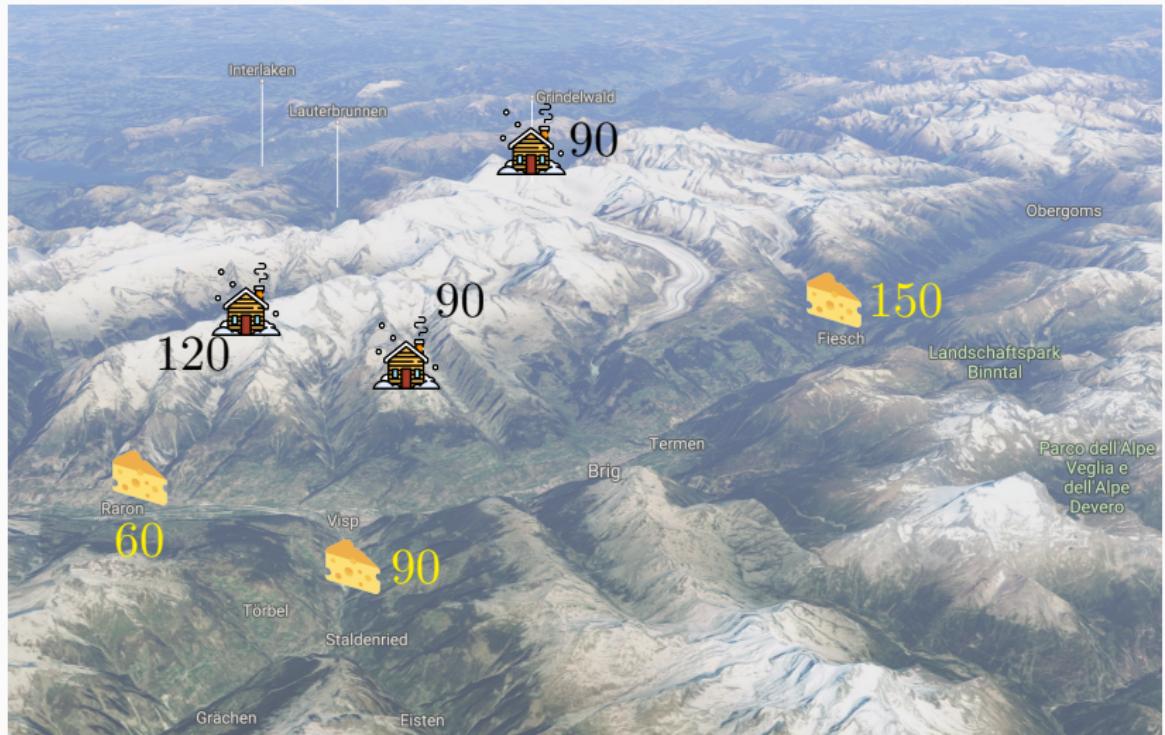


and obtain  $W_1(A, B) = \min_{P \in \Gamma(A, B)} \langle D, P \rangle_F$

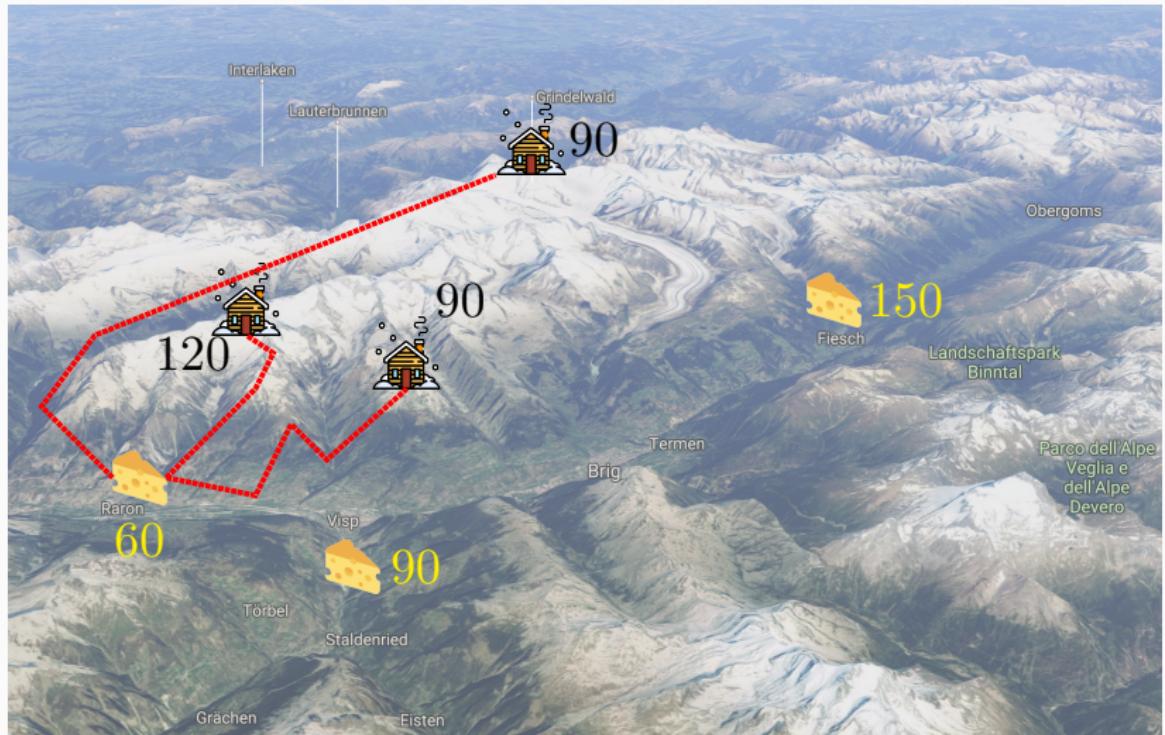
# **Optimal Transport and the Wasserstein Distance**

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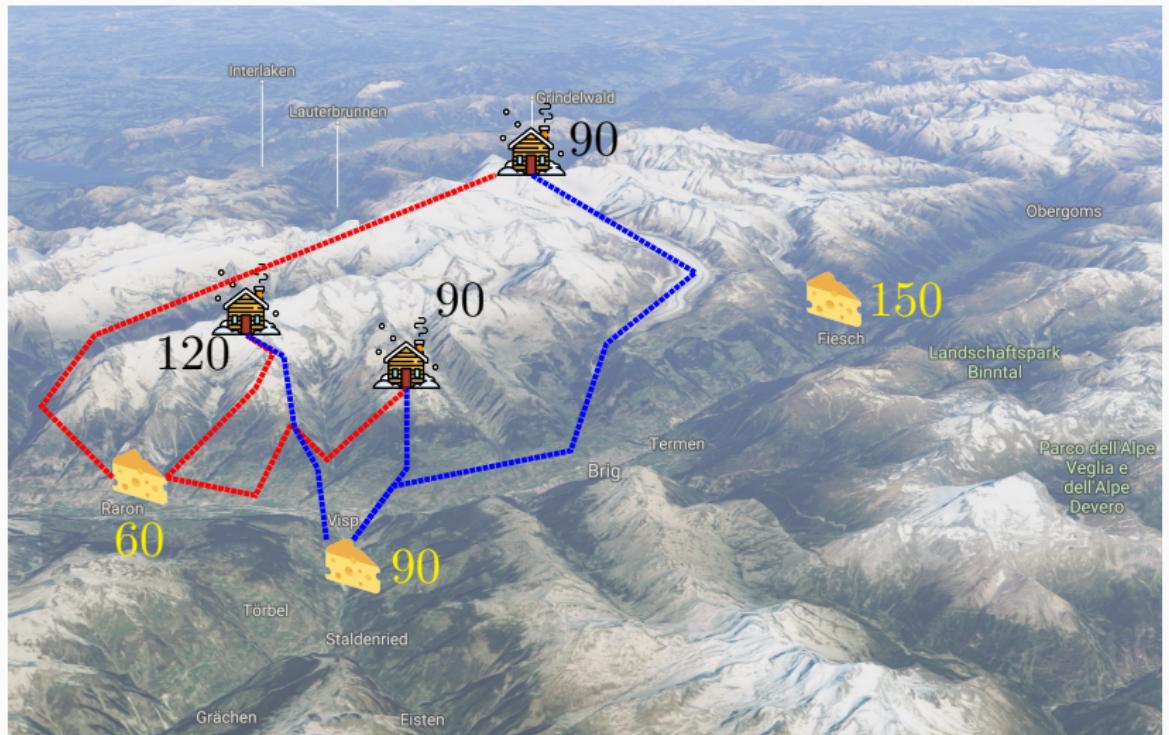
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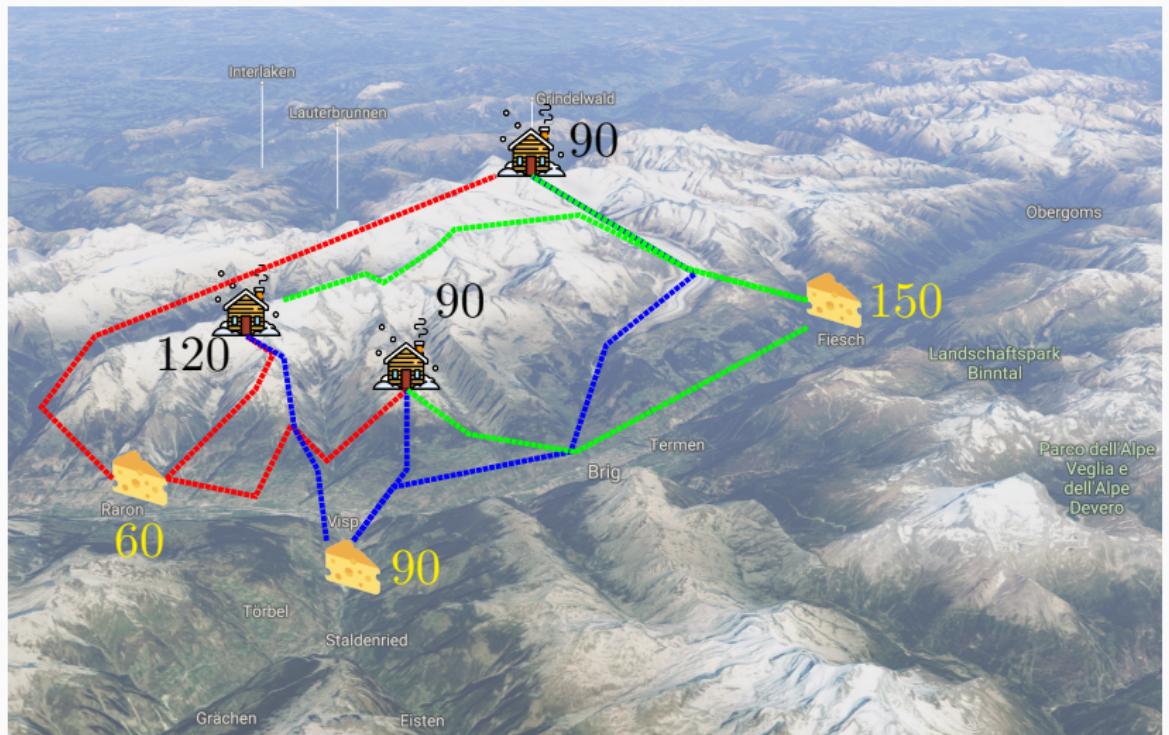
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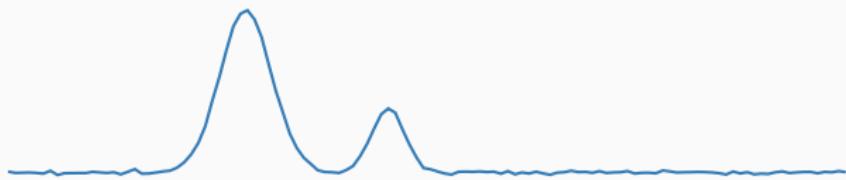
# A Wasserstein Kernel for Time Series

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# Time Series Pairwise Distance Calculation



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# Wasserstein Distance Matrix

# From Distance to Kernels

## Definition (Wasserstein time series kernel)

Let  $T_i$  and  $T_j$  be two time series, and  $s_{i1}, \dots, s_{iU}$  as well as  $s_{j1}, \dots, s_{jV}$  be their respective subsequences. Moreover, let  $D$  be a  $U \times V$  matrix that contains the pairwise distances of all subsequences, such that  $D_{uv} := \text{dist}(s_{iu}, s_{jv})$ , where  $\text{dist}(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the usual Euclidean distance. The optimisation problem

$$W_1(T_i, T_j) := \min_{P \in \Gamma(T_i, T_j)} \langle D, P \rangle_F, \quad (1)$$

yields the optimal transport cost to transform  $T_i$  into  $T_j$  by means of their subsequences. Then, given  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , we can define

$$\text{WTK}(T_i, T_j) := \exp(-\lambda W_1(T_i, T_j)), \quad (2)$$

which we refer to as our *Wasserstein-based subsequence kernel*;

# Wasserstein Time Series Kernel

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## Algorithm 1 Wasserstein Time Series Kernel

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**Input:** Time series for training and testing  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{train}}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{test}}$ ; subsequence length  $w$ ; kernel weight factor  $\lambda$

**Output:**  $\mathcal{K}^{\text{train}}, \mathcal{K}^{\text{test}}$

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1:  $\mathcal{S}^{\text{train}} \leftarrow \text{SUBSEQUENCES}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{train}}, w)$       // Extract subsequences
2:  $\mathcal{S}^{\text{test}} \leftarrow \text{SUBSEQUENCES}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{test}}, w)$       // Extract subsequences
3: for  $T_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{train}}$  do
4:   for  $T_j \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{train}}$  do
5:      $\mathcal{D}_{ij}^{\text{train}} \leftarrow W_1(\mathcal{S}_i^{\text{train}}, \mathcal{S}_j^{\text{train}})$       // Wasserstein distance calculation (train)
6:   end for
7:   for  $T_k \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{test}}$  do
8:      $\mathcal{D}_{ik}^{\text{test}} \leftarrow W_1(\mathcal{S}_i^{\text{train}}, \mathcal{S}_k^{\text{test}})$       // Wasserstein distance calculation (test)
9:   end for
10: end for
11:  $\mathcal{K}^{\text{train}} \leftarrow \exp(-\lambda \mathcal{D}^{\text{train}})$       // Kernel matrix calculation
12:  $\mathcal{K}^{\text{test}} \leftarrow \exp(-\lambda \mathcal{D}^{\text{test}})$       // Kernel matrix calculation
13: return  $\mathcal{K}^{\text{train}}, \mathcal{K}^{\text{test}}$ 
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## Results

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# Experiments

**Datasets** *UCR Time Series Archive*

85 datasets

predetermined train/test splits

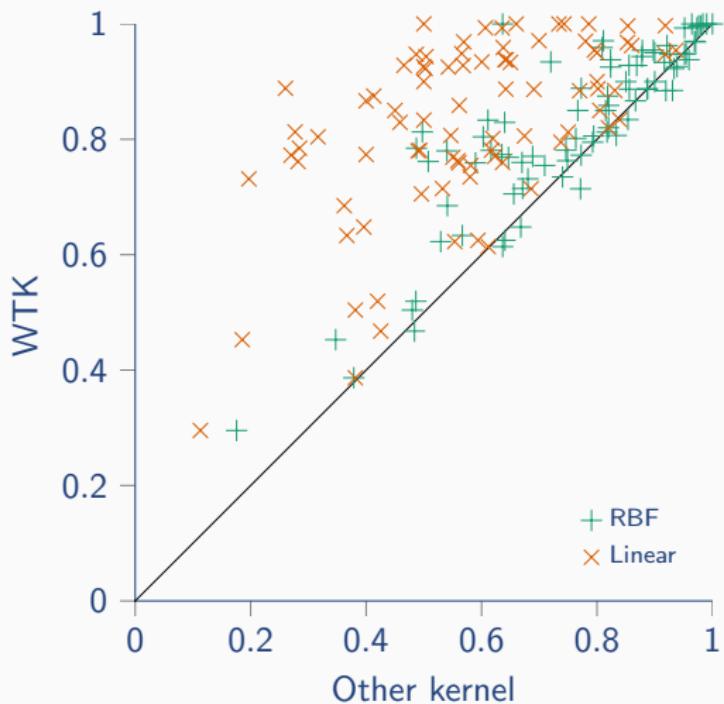
**Hyperparameters** Selected via a 5-fold cross-validation on the training set

**Evaluation metric** Classification accuracy

**Comparison partners**

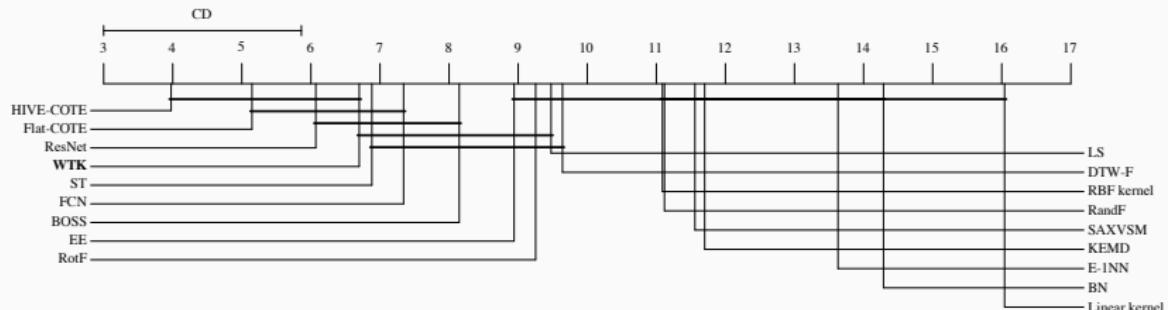
- Other kernels
- DTW-1NN
- State-of-the-art methods

## Comparison with Other Kernels



# Critical Difference Plot

The classification performances of methods sharing horizontal bars are not significantly different.



## Take aways

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**Questions?**

## References

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