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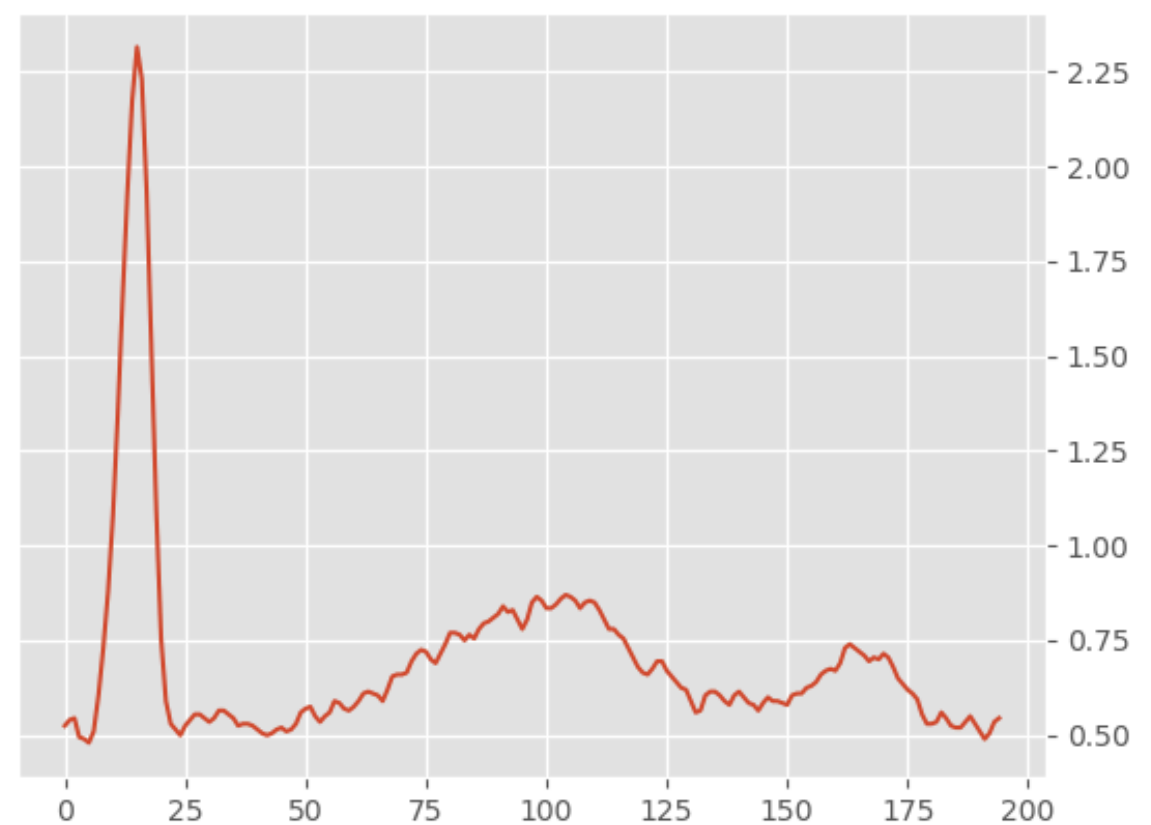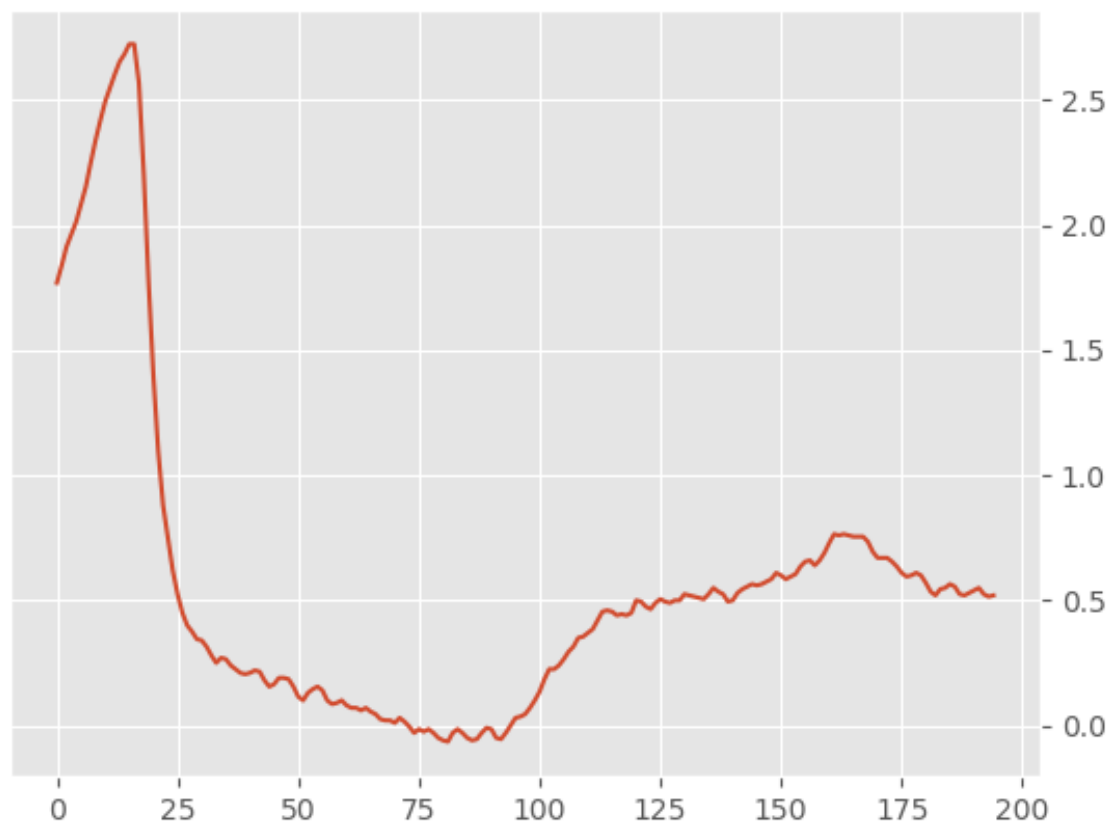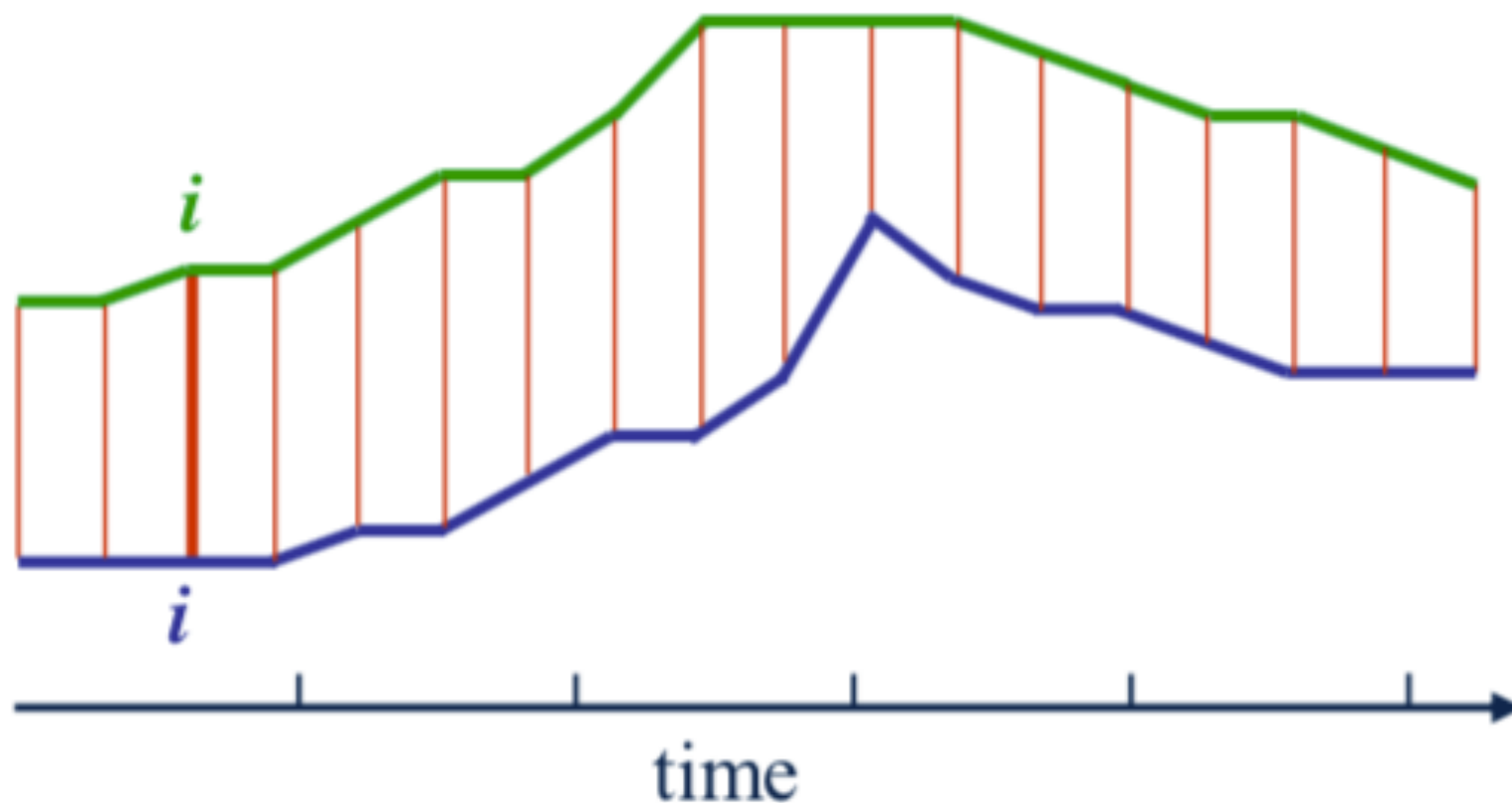
Dynamic Time Warping

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Problem

- How similar are these two signals?

- In which manners are they similar?

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Can we try ...
Euclidean, Manhattan .....?

- We can measure the similarity of two signals by calculating the distance between the i-th point on one signal and the i-th point on another signal

- Simple concept, but could not capture the similarity in shape

Source: "Dynamic Time Warping Algorithm", by Elena Tsiporkova

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How about ...

non-linear alignment .....?

- Elastic alignment between points of two signals produces a better, more intuitive similarity measure

- Allow similar shapes to match even if they are out of phase

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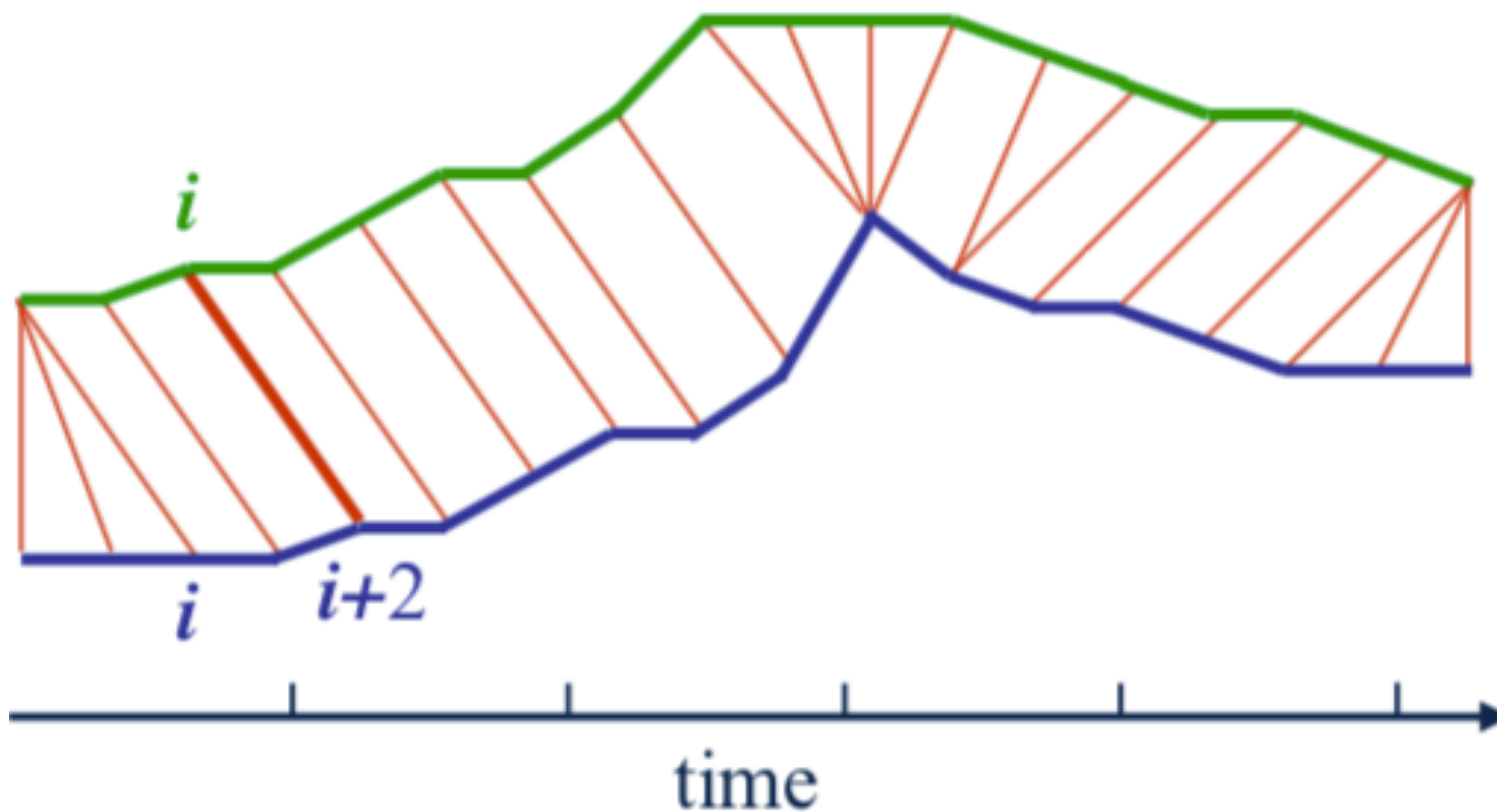
Distance
Another term to say 'similiarity'

- Consider two distinct signals

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_i, \ldots x_m]$$

$$\mathbf{y} = [y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_j, \ldots y_n]$$

- The distance between the two signals is defined as

$$d_s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

- Euclidean distance between two signals:

$$d_s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

- Problem: two signals must be of same length!

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Dynamic Time Warping
DTW

- An algorithm to measure similarity between two temporal sequences (signal), which may vary in speed

- DTW calculates an optimal match between two given sequences

- Sequences are warped along time dimension to determine similarity independent of variations in time

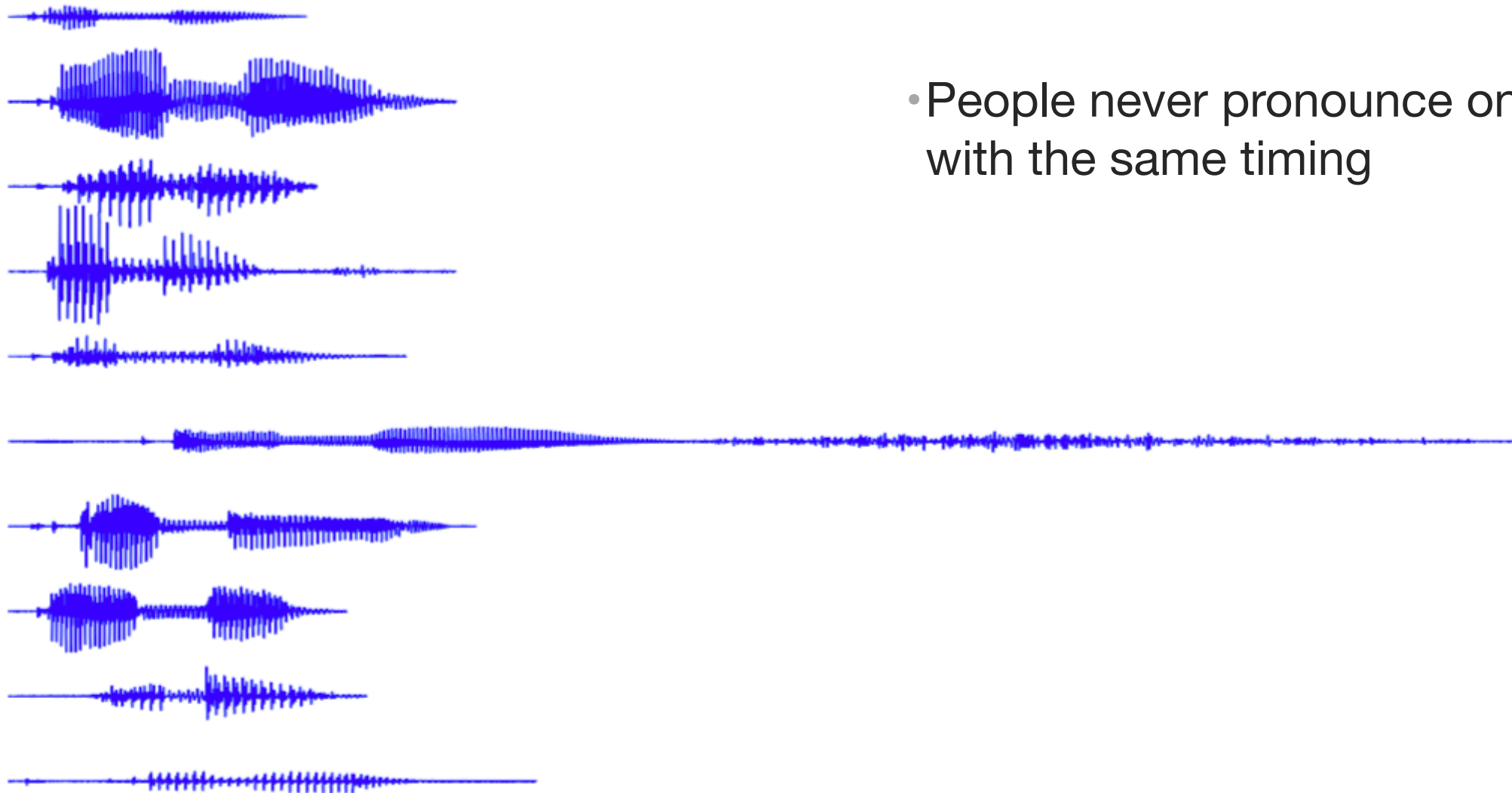- DTW produces warping path, which enables alignment between two signals
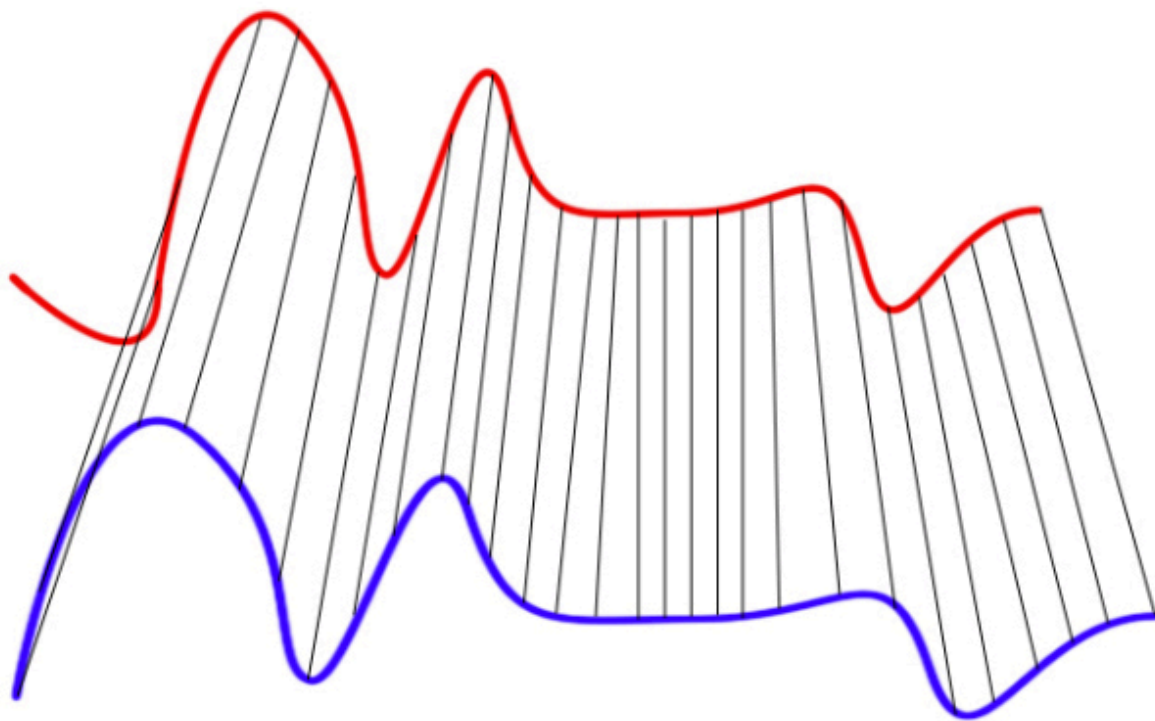
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Dynamic Time Warping
Usage

- Commonly used in speech recognition

- Individual never pronounces one word twice in exact way

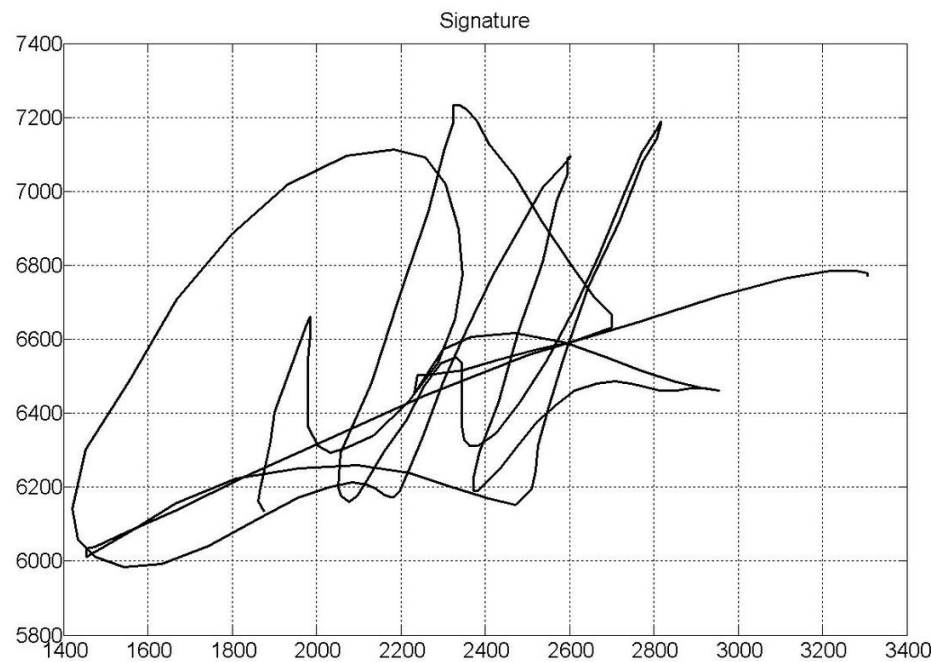- People never pronounce one word with the same timing

"timing"

Source: "Speech Recognition - Intro and DTW", by Jan Černocky
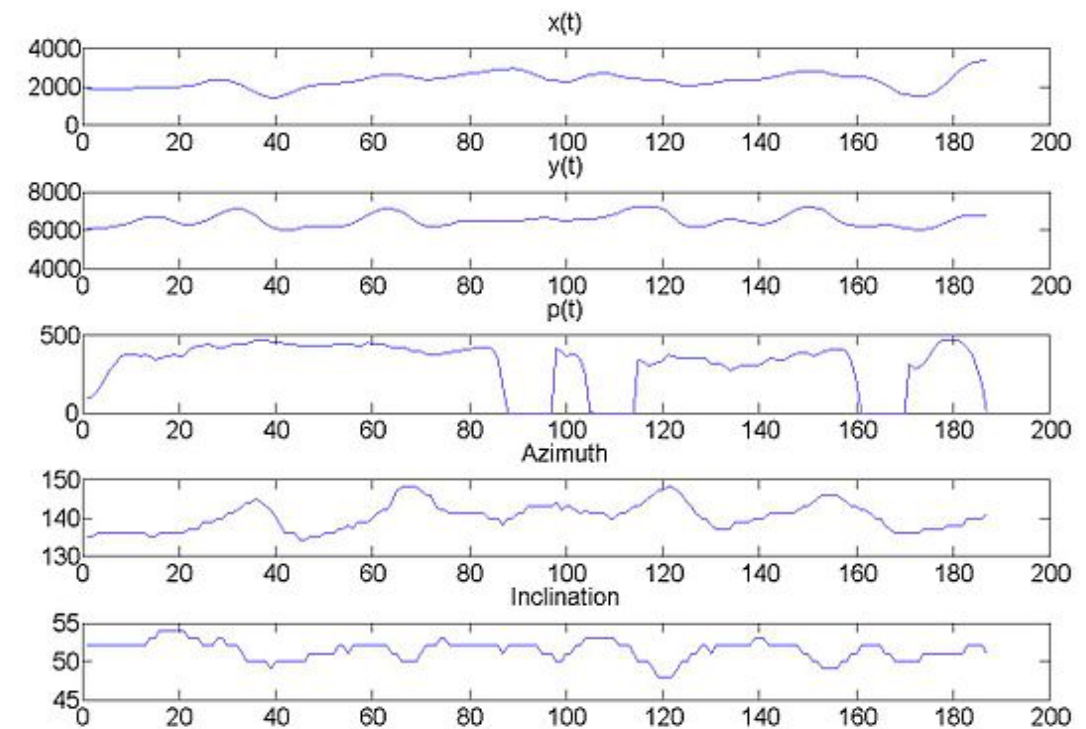
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Dynamic Time Warping
Dynamic signature recognition

- Users sign their signature on digital tablet

- Dynamic information captured:
  - x position
  - y position
  - pressure
  - azimuth
  - inclination

- Use DTW to check / match signature

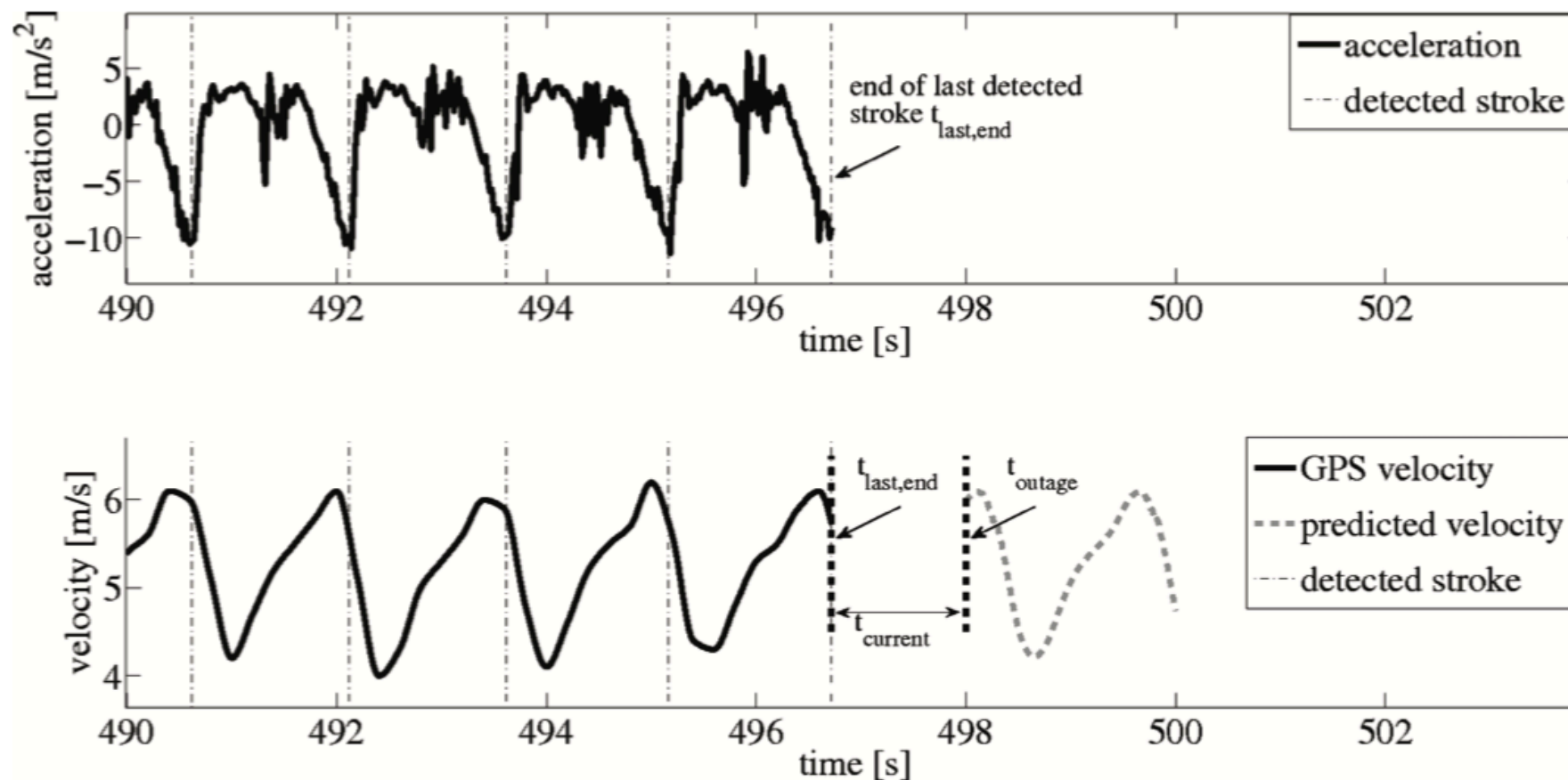Source: "Speech Recognition - Intro and DTW", by Jan Černocky

Dynamic Time Warping
Stroke detection (rowing)

- Use DTW to detect stroke (used in rowing competitions)

- With strokes detected, predict boat's movement and position when sensor transmission lost

Source: "Movement prediction in rowing using a dynamic time warping base stroke detection", by Groh et al.

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Dynamic Time Warping
Peak alignment in DNA sequencing

- Use DTW to align peaks in electropherogram (a plot generated by DNA sequencer)

- Accurate alignment gives better interpretation (e.g. better RNA secondary structure prediction)

with reagent

without reagent
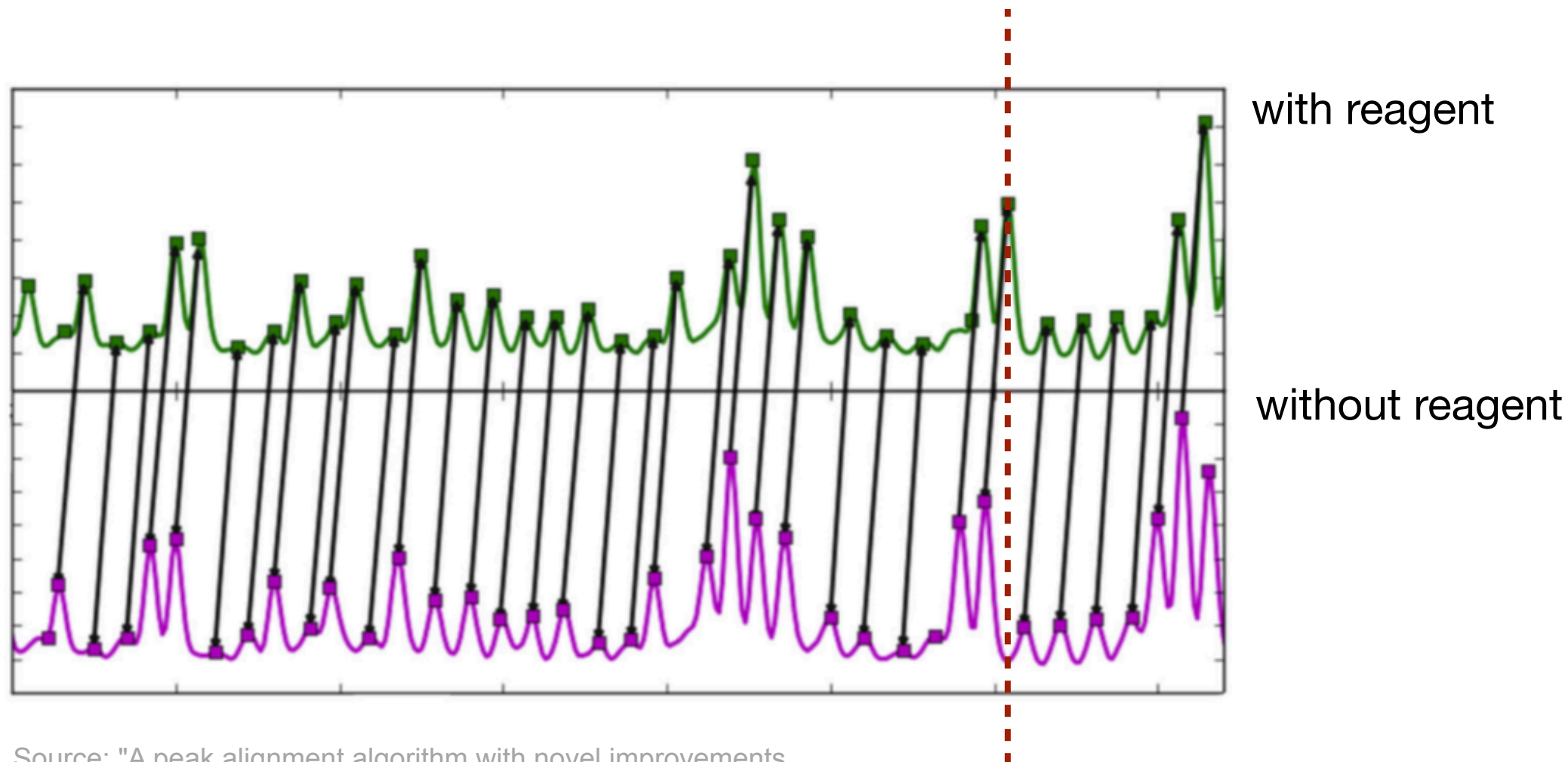
Source: "A peak alignment algorithm with novel improvements in application to electropherogram analysis", by Karabiber

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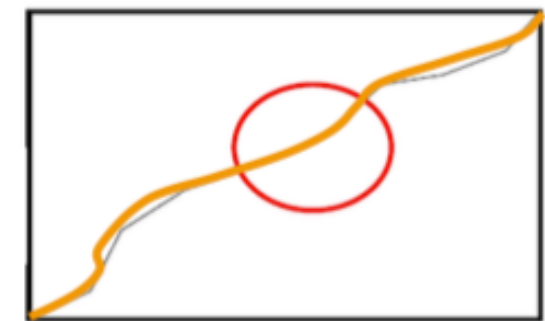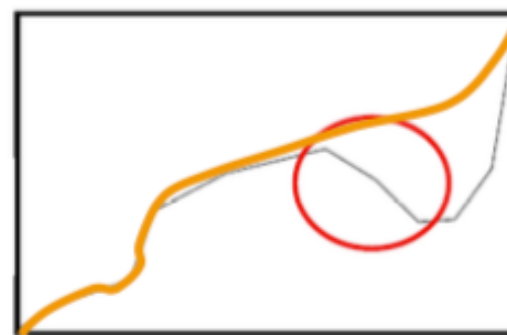
Dynamic Time Warping

Overview of algorithm

- Start by constructing *n* x *m* matrix *D*, in which

$$D_{i,j} = d_s(y_i, x_j)$$

- where

$$d_s(y_i, x_j) = (y_i - x_j)^2$$

- Create a warping path *w* that maps points between x and y, the path w must satisfy the following:
  - Boundary conditions
  - Monotonicity
  - Continuity
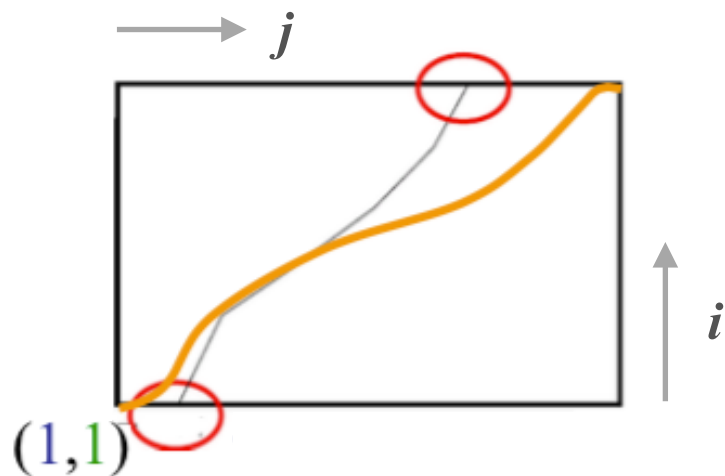
Source: "Dynamic time warping algorithm", by Elena Tsiporkova

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Dynamic Time Warping

Overview of algorithm

- DTW algorithm consists of mainly 3 parts:

  1. Compute distance matrix
  2. Compute accumulated cost matrix
  3. Search the optimal path

- To start the code, import the necessary libraries, and setup a bit

```
> import numpy as np
> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
> import pandas as pd

> plt.style.use('ggplot')
> plt.rcParams['ytick.right']     = True
> plt.rcParams['ytick.labelright']= True
> plt.rcParams['ytick.left']      = False
> plt.rcParams['ytick.labelleft'] = False
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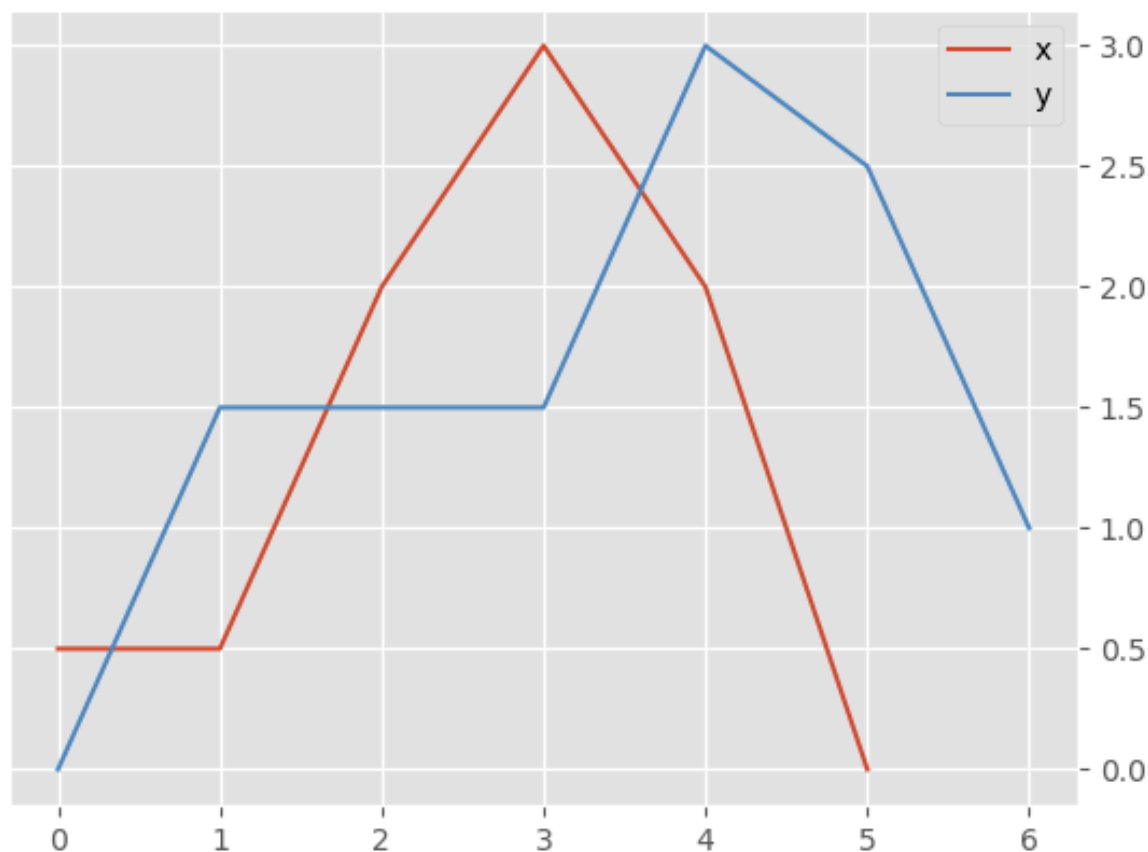
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1. Compute distance matrix

•Define two simple short signals:

```
> x = np.array([0.5,0.5,2.0,3.0,2.0,0.0])
> y = np.array([0.0,1.5,1.5,1.5,3.0,2.5,1.0])
```

•Plot the two signals

```
> plt.figure()
> plt.plot(x,
           color="C0",
           label='x')
> plt.plot(y,
           color="C1",
           label='y')
> plt.legend()
```

Dynamic Time Warping

1. Compute distance matrix

• Compute the distance matrix is straightforward, since the matrix is defined as

$$D_{i,j} = d_s(y_i, x_j)$$

• and

$$d_s(y_i, x_j) = (y_i - x_j)^2$$

• The corresponding code

```
> dists = np.zeros((len(y),len(x)))

> for i in range(len(y)):
      for j in range(len(x)):
          dists[i,j] = (y[i]-x[j])**2
```

dists

```
[[0.25, 0.25, 4.  , 9.  , 4.  , 0.  ],
 [1.  , 1.  , 0.25, 2.25, 0.25, 2.25],
 [1.  , 1.  , 0.25, 2.25, 0.25, 2.25],
 [1.  , 1.  , 0.25, 2.25, 0.25, 2.25],
 [6.25, 6.25, 1.  , 0.  , 1.  , 9.  ],
 [4.  , 4.  , 0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 6.25],
 [0.25, 0.25, 1.  , 4.  , 1.  , 1.  ]]
```

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Dynamic Time Warping

1. Compute distance matrix

• Create a function to do a plot on the distance matrix

```python
> def pltDistances(dists,xlab="X",ylab="Y",clrmap="viridis"):
    imgplt  = plt.figure()
    plt.imshow(dists,
                interpolation='nearest',
                cmap=clrmap)

    plt.gca().invert_yaxis()
    plt.xlabel(xlab)
    plt.ylabel(ylab)
    plt.grid()
    plt.colorbar()

    return imgplt


> pltDistances(dists,clrmap='Reds')
```
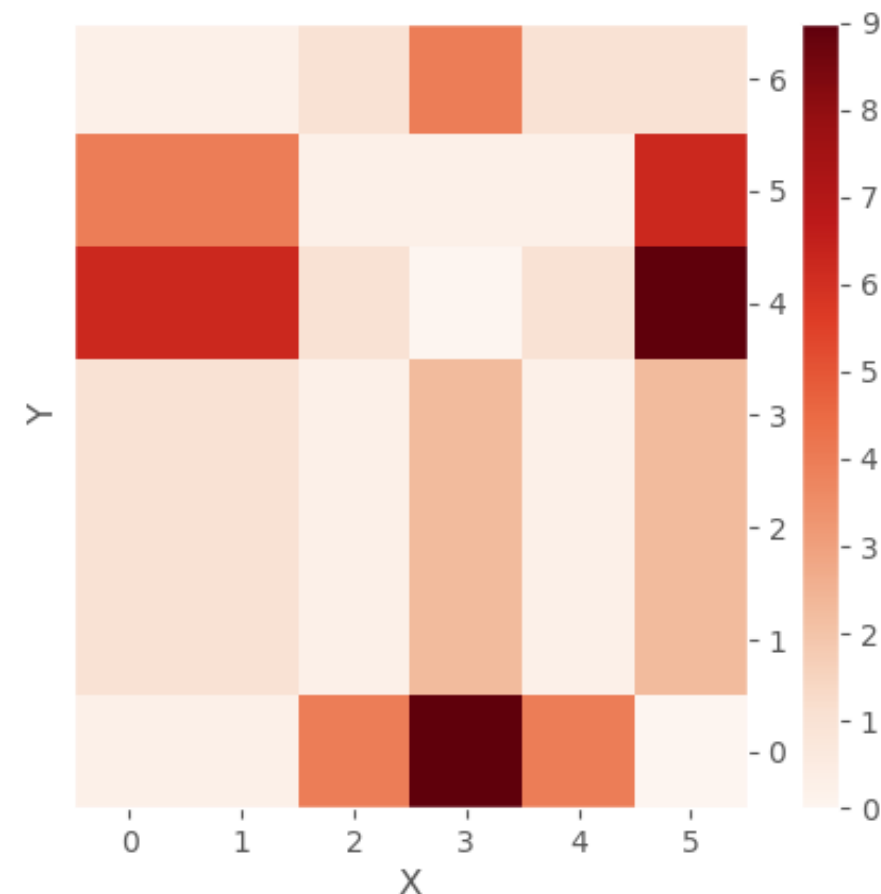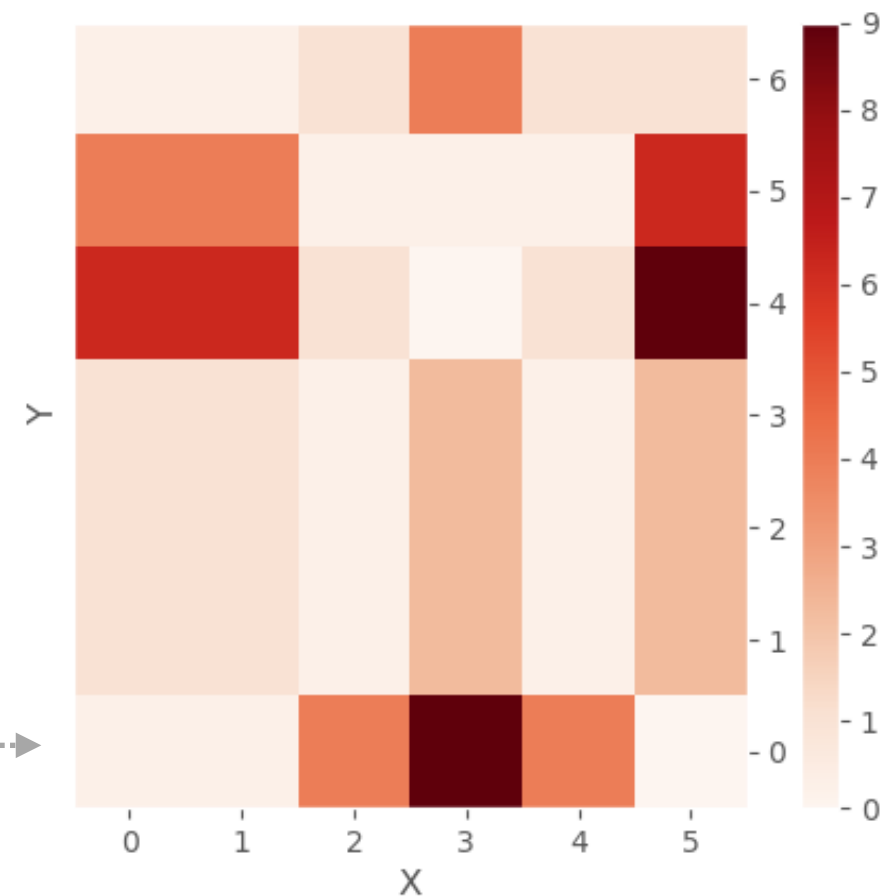
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1. Compute distance matrix

- Do take note, in the plot, the y axis is inverted

- Thus, first row of the matrix corresponds to the last row in the figure

```
[[0.25, 0.25, 4.  , 9.  , 4.  , 0.  ],

 [1.  , 1.  , 0.25, 2.25, 0.25, 2.25],

 [1.  , 1.  , 0.25, 2.25, 0.25, 2.25],

 [1.  , 1.  , 0.25, 2.25, 0.25, 2.25],

 [6.25, 6.25, 1.  , 0.  , 1.  , 9.  ],

 [4.  , 4.  , 0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 6.25],

 [0.25, 0.25, 1.  , 4.  , 1.  , 1.  ]]
```

Dynamic Time Warping

2. Compute accumulated cost matrix

- The accumulated cost matrix is defined

$$A_{i,j} = D_{i,j} + \min\left(A_{i-1,j}, A_{i,j-1}, A_{i-1,j-1}\right)$$

$A_{i,j}$ equals to $D_{i,j}$ plus either $A_{i-1,j-1}$, $A_{i,j-1}$ or $A_{i-1,j}$, whichever has the lowest value

- When i and j equals to 0

$$A_{0,0} = D_{0,0}$$

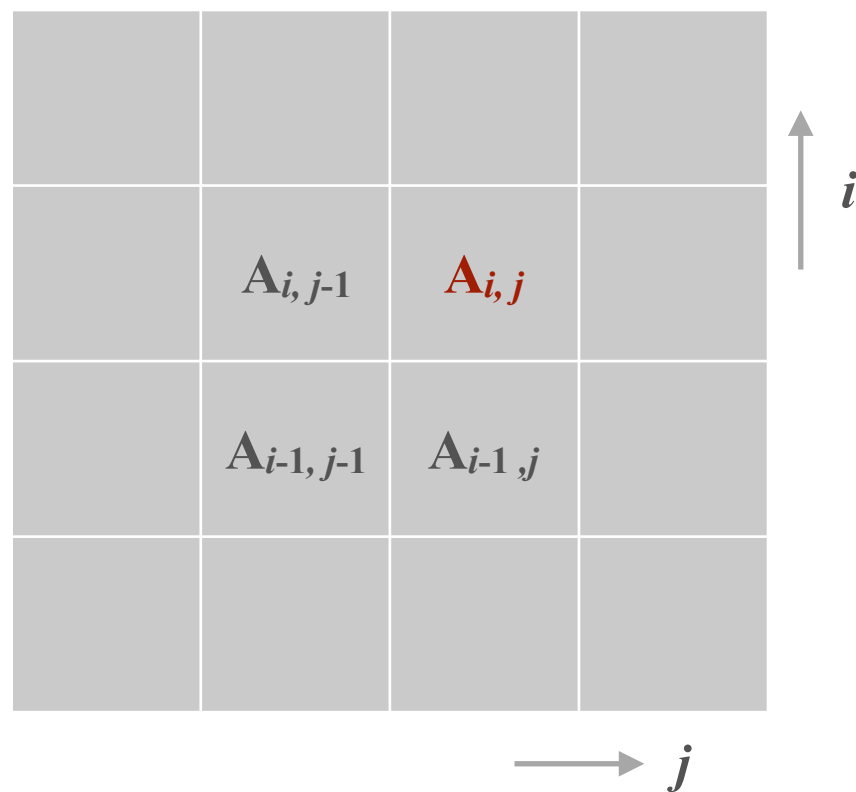
- When i equals to 0 (first row)

$$A_{0,j} = D_{0,j} + A_{0,j-1}$$

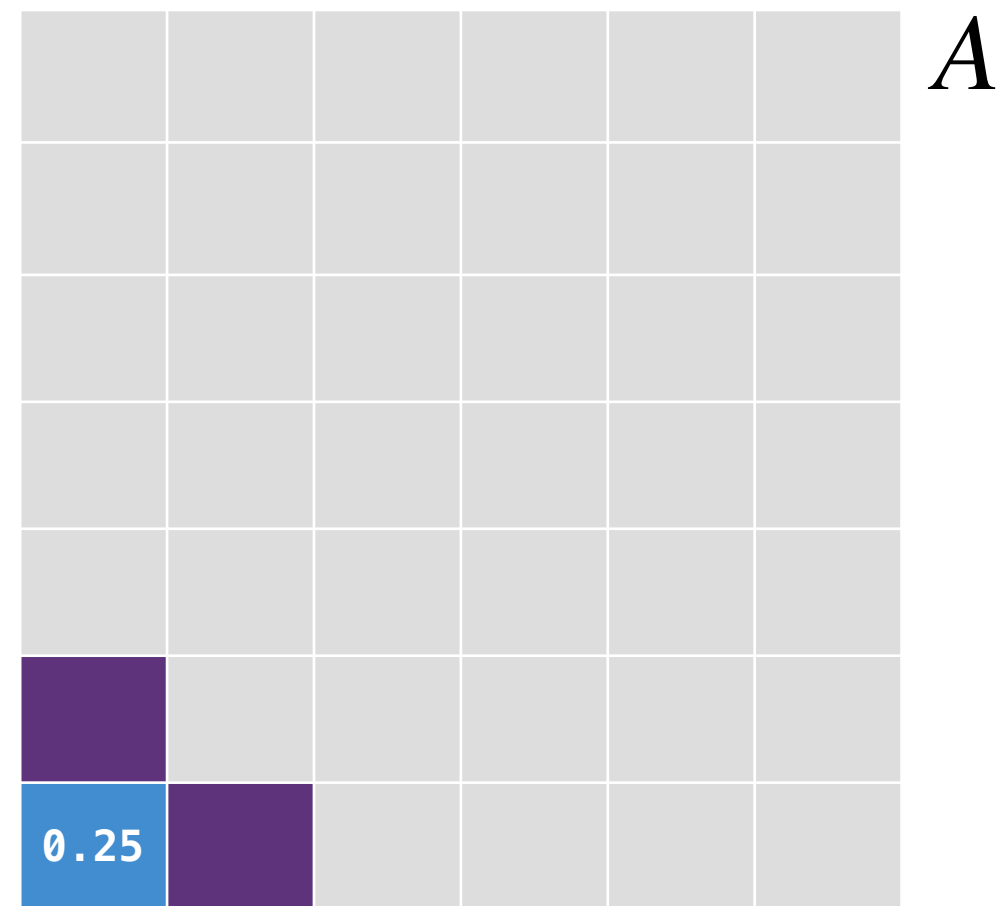- When j equals to 0 (first column)

$$A_{i,0} = D_{i,0} + A_{i-1,0}$$

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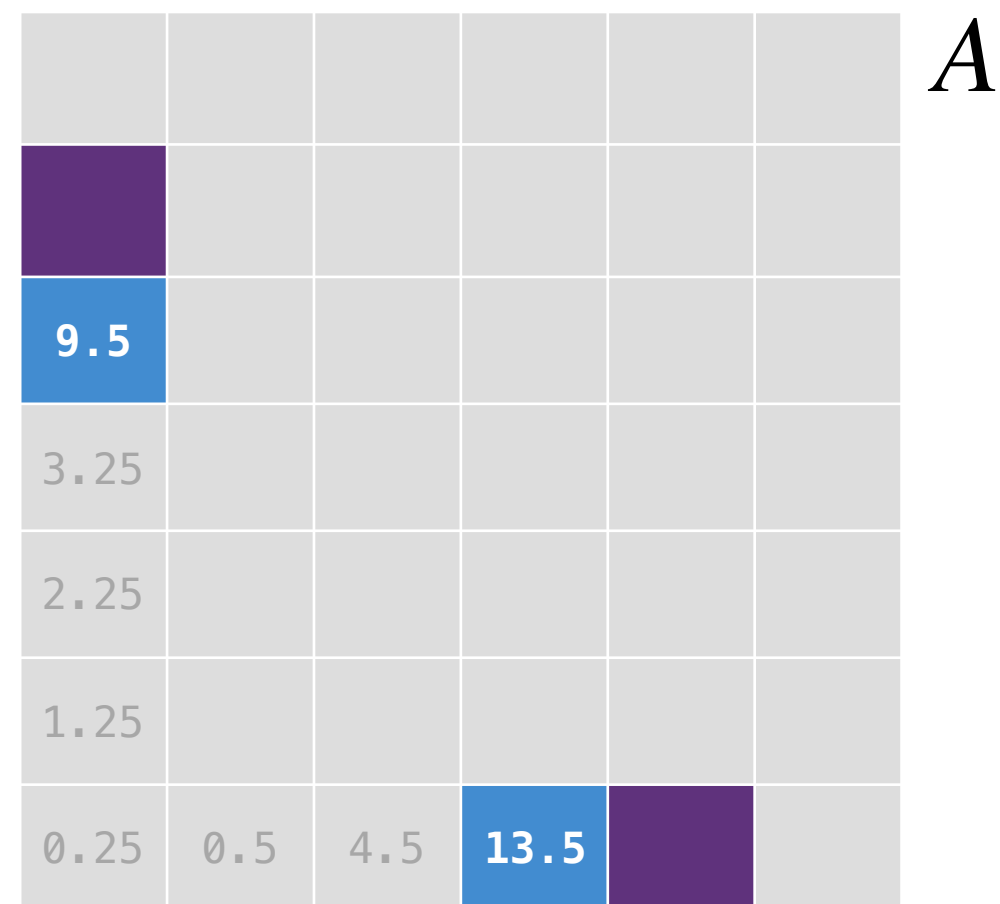
Dynamic Time Warping

2. Compute accumulated cost matrix

- When i equals to 0 (first row)

$$A_{0,j} = D_{0,j} + A_{0,j-1}$$

- When j equals to 0 (first column)

$$A_{i,0} = D_{i,0} + A_{i-1,0}$$

$\longrightarrow j$

						D
0.25	0.25	1	4	1	1	
4	4	0.25	0.25	0.25	6.25	
6.25	6.25	1	0	1	9	
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25	
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25	
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25	
0.25	0.25	4	9	4	0	

i

						A
0.25						

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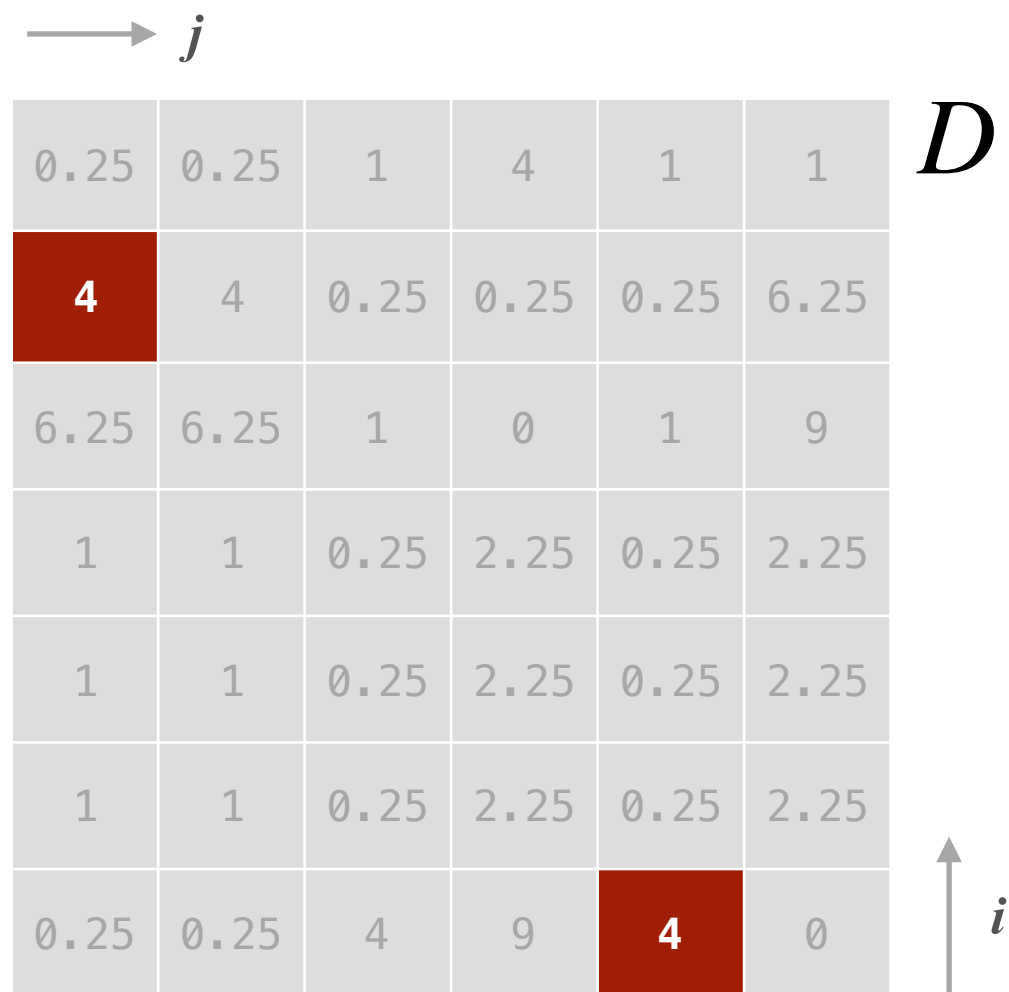
Dynamic Time Warping

2. Compute accumulated cost matrix

- When i equals to 0 (first row)

$$A_{0,j} = D_{0,j} + A_{0,j-1}$$

- When j equals to 0 (first column)
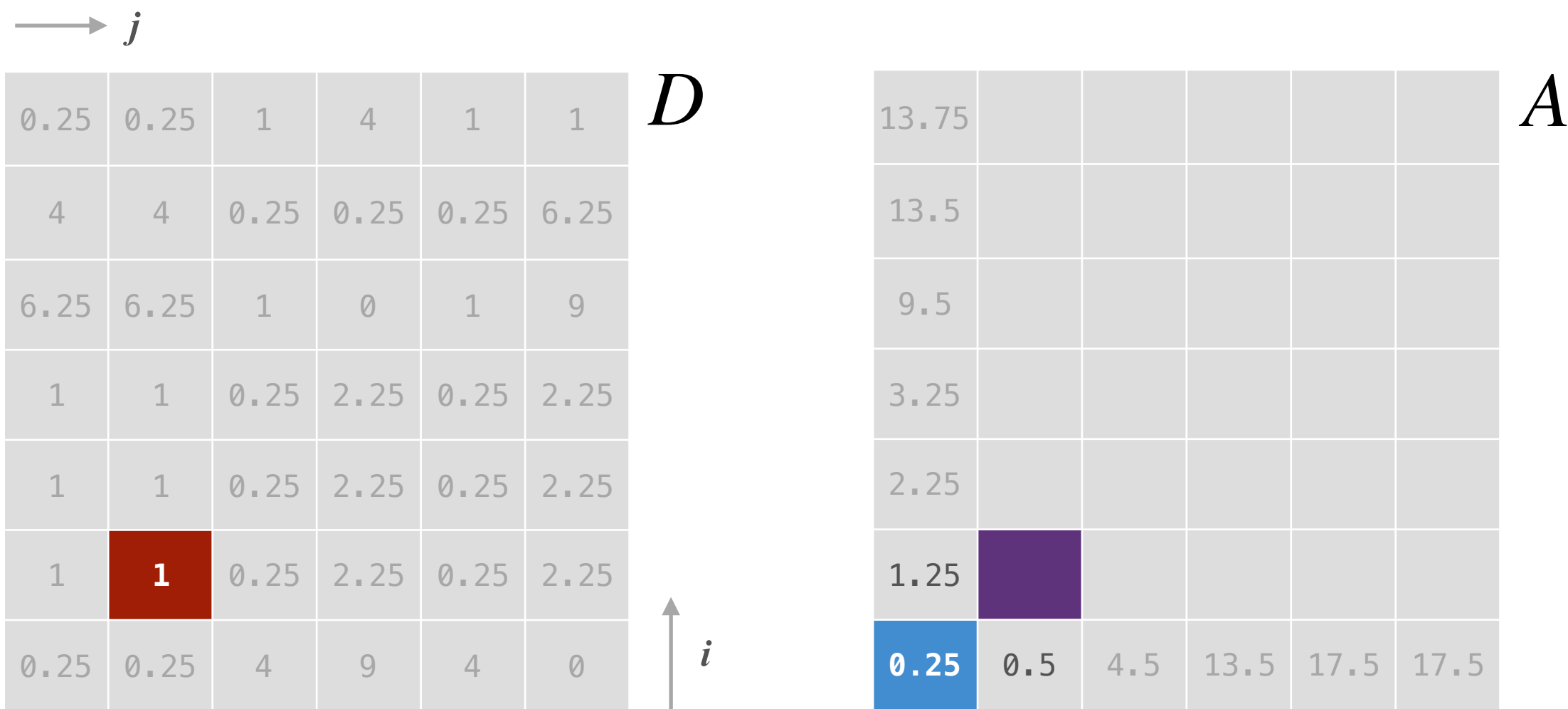
$$A_{i,0} = D_{i,0} + A_{i-1,0}$$

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2. Compute accumulated cost matrix

• Else

$$A_{i,j} = D_{i,j} + \min(A_{i-1,j}, A_{i,j-1}, A_{i-1,j-1})$$

$\longrightarrow j$

0.25	0.25	1	4	1	1	D
4	4	0.25	0.25	0.25	6.25
6.25	6.25	1	0	1	9
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25
1	**1**	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25
0.25	0.25	4	9	4	0

i

13.75						A
13.5					
9.5					
3.25					
2.25					
1.25					
0.25	0.5	4.5	13.5	17.5	17.5

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2. Compute accumulated cost
matrix

- Else

$$A_{i,j} = D_{i,j} + \min(A_{i-1,j}, A_{i,j-1}, A_{i-1,j-1})$$

$j \longrightarrow$

D

0.25	0.25	1	4	1	1
4	4	0.25	0.25	0.25	6.25
6.25	6.25	1	0	1	**9**
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25
1	1	0.25	2.25	0.25	2.25
0.25	0.25	4	9	4	0

i

A

13.75					
13.5					
9.5	9.5	2.25	1.25	**2.25**	
3.25	3.25	1.25	3.25	**3.25**	5.5
2.25	2.25	1	3	3.25	5.5
1.25	1.25	0.75	3	3.25	5.5
0.25	0.5	4.5	13.5	17.5	17.5

Dynamic Time Warping

2. Compute accumulated cost matrix

```
> acuCost      = np.zeros(dists.shape)
> acuCost[0,0]= dists[0,0]
```

$$A_{0,0} = D_{0,0}$$

$$A_{0,j} = D_{0,j} + A_{0,j-1}$$
first row

```
> for j in range(1,dists.shape[1]):
      acuCost[0,j]    = dists[0,j]+acuCost[0,j-1]
```

$$A_{i,0} = D_{i,0} + A_{i-1,0}$$
first column

```
> for i in range(1,dists.shape[0]):
      acuCost[i,0]    = dists[i,0]+acuCost[i-1,0]
```

```
> for i in range(1,dists.shape[0]):
      for j in range(1,dists.shape[1]):
          acuCost[i,j]    = min(acuCost[i-1,j-1],
                                acuCost[i-1,j],
                                acuCost[i,j-1])+dists[i,j]
```

$$A_{i,j} = D_{i,j} + \min\left(A_{i-1,j}, A_{i,j-1}, A_{i-1,j-1}\right)$$

```
> pltDistances(acuCost,clrmap='Reds')
```

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2. Compute accumulated cost
matrix

• Can you see the warping / optimal
path?

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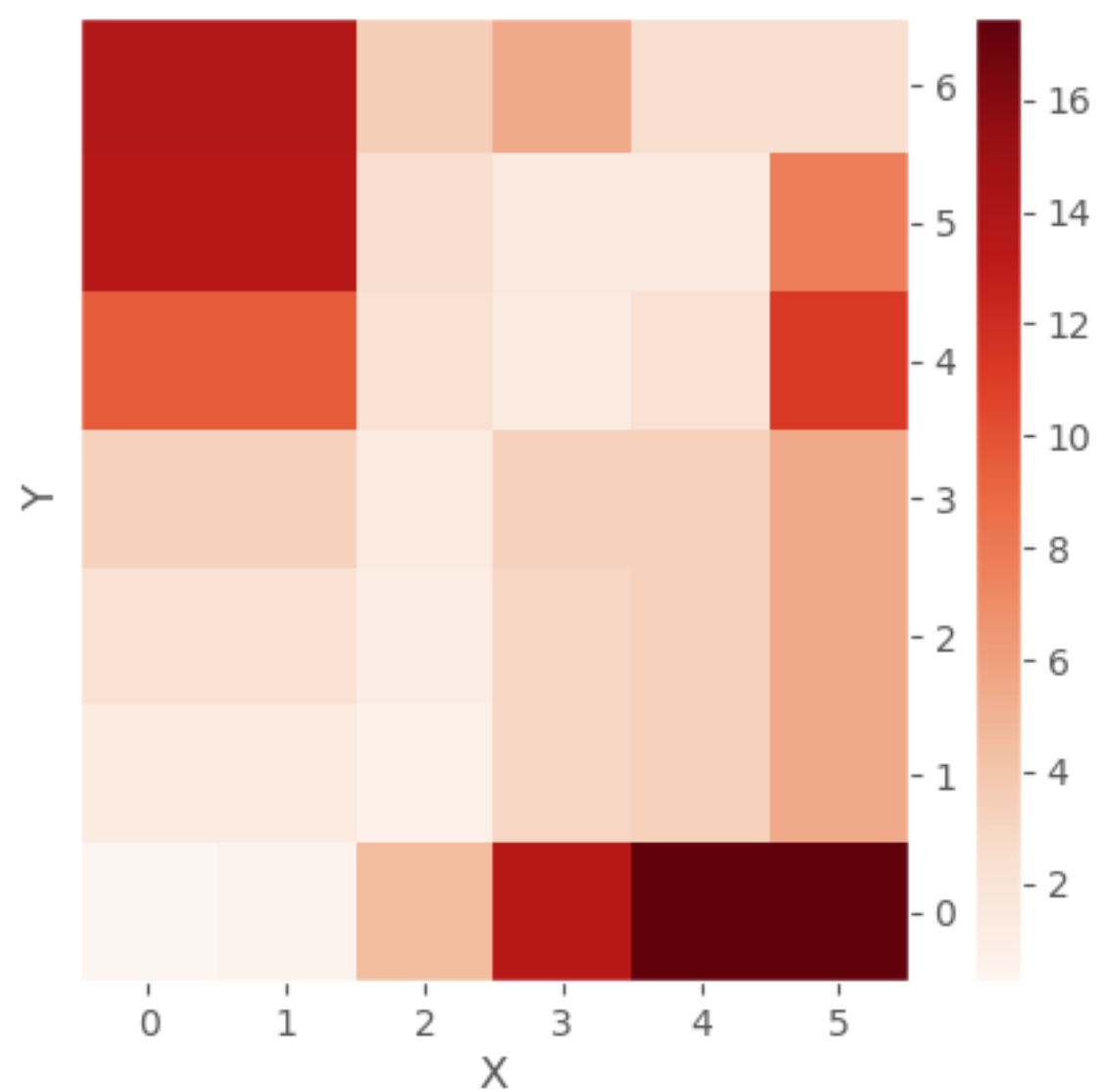
3. Search the optimal path

```
> i       = len(y)-1
> j       = len(x)-1
> path    = [[j,i]]
> while (i > 0) and (j > 0):
      if i==0:
          j   = j-1
      elif j==0:
          i   = i-1
      else:
          if acuCost[i-1,j] == min(acuCost[i-1,j-1],
                                   acuCost[i-1,j],
                                   acuCost[i,j-1]):
              i   = i-1
          elif acuCost[i,j-1] == min(acuCost[i-1,j-1],
                                     acuCost[i-1,j],
                                     acuCost[i,j-1]):
              j   = j-1
          else:
              i   = i-1
              j   = j-1
      path.append([j,i])
> path.append([0,0])
```

it starts
from here

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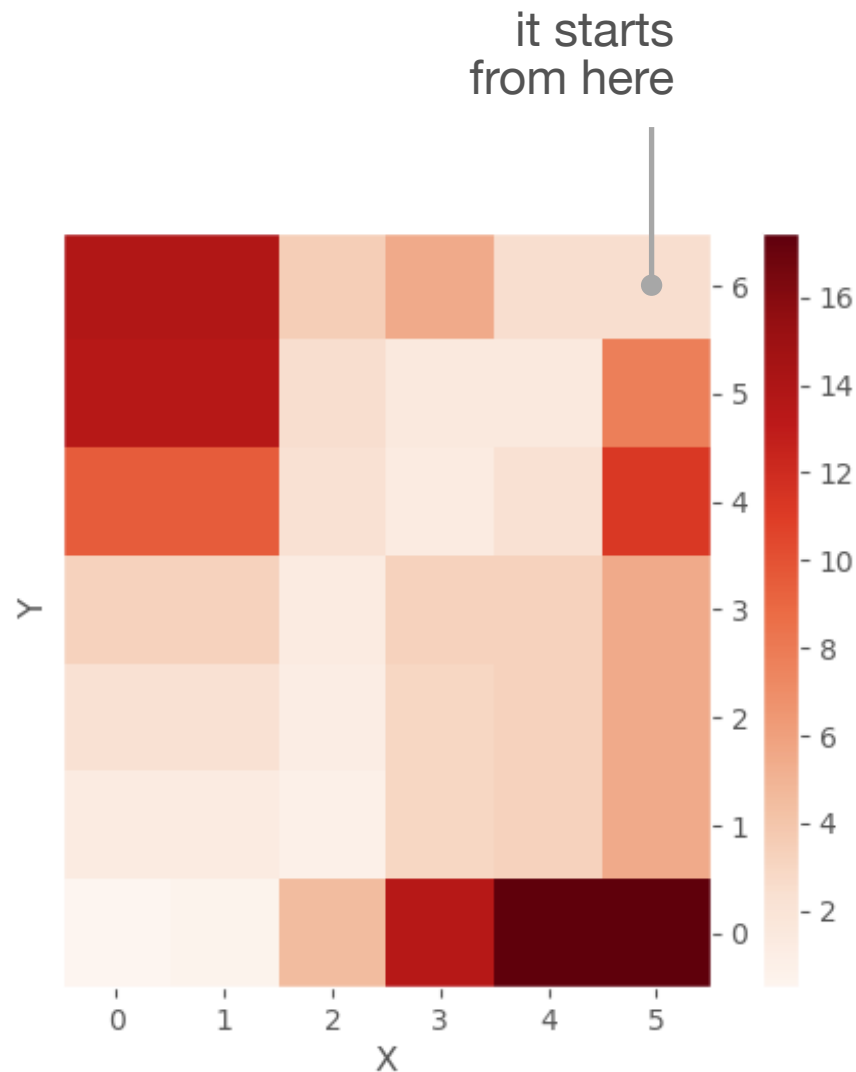
• Create a function that plots the path

```
> def pltCostAndPath(acuCost,path,xlab="X",ylab="Y",clrmap="viridis"):
    px       = [pt[0] for pt in path]
    py       = [pt[1] for pt in path]

    imgplt  = pltDistances(acuCost,
                           xlab=xlab,
                           ylab=ylab,
                           clrmap=clrmap)
    plt.plot(px,py)

    return imgplt

> pltCostAndPath(acuCost,path,clrmap='Reds')
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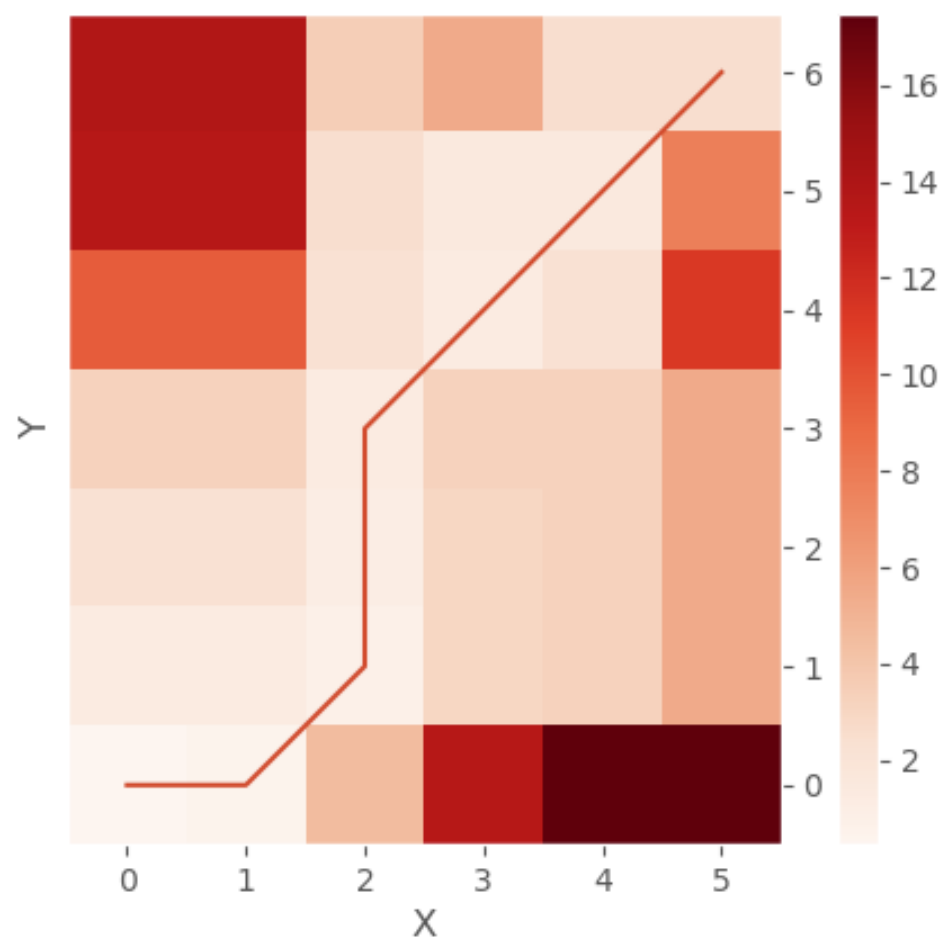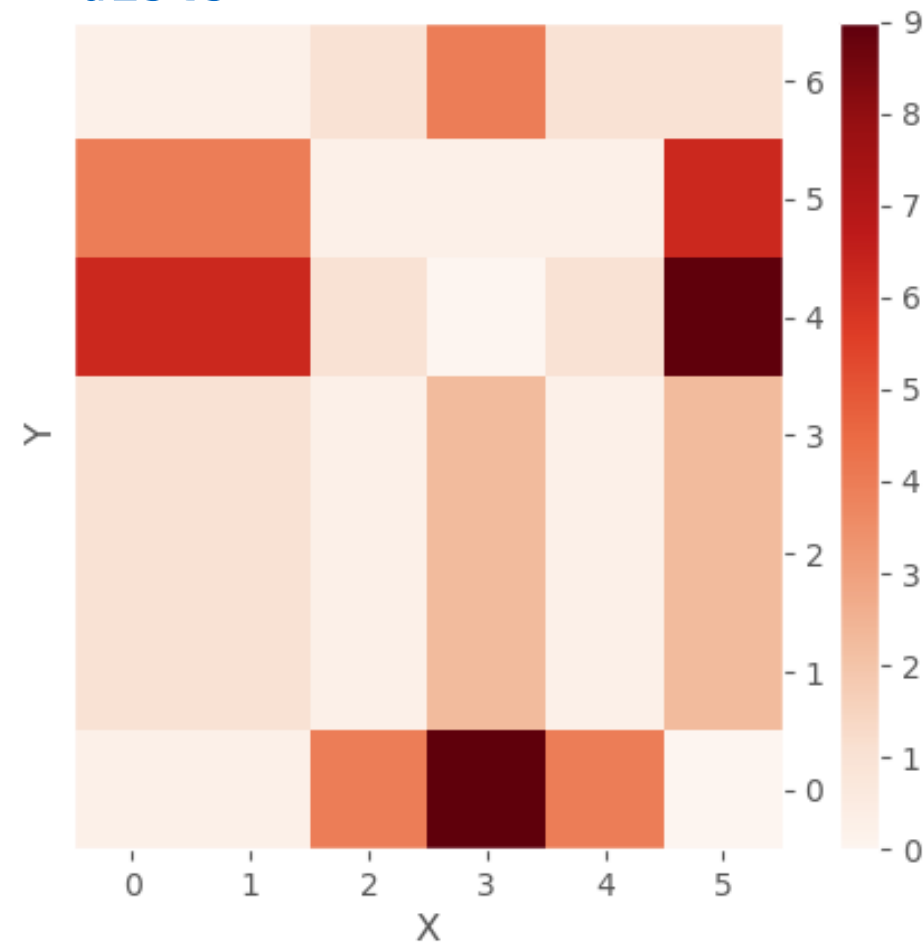
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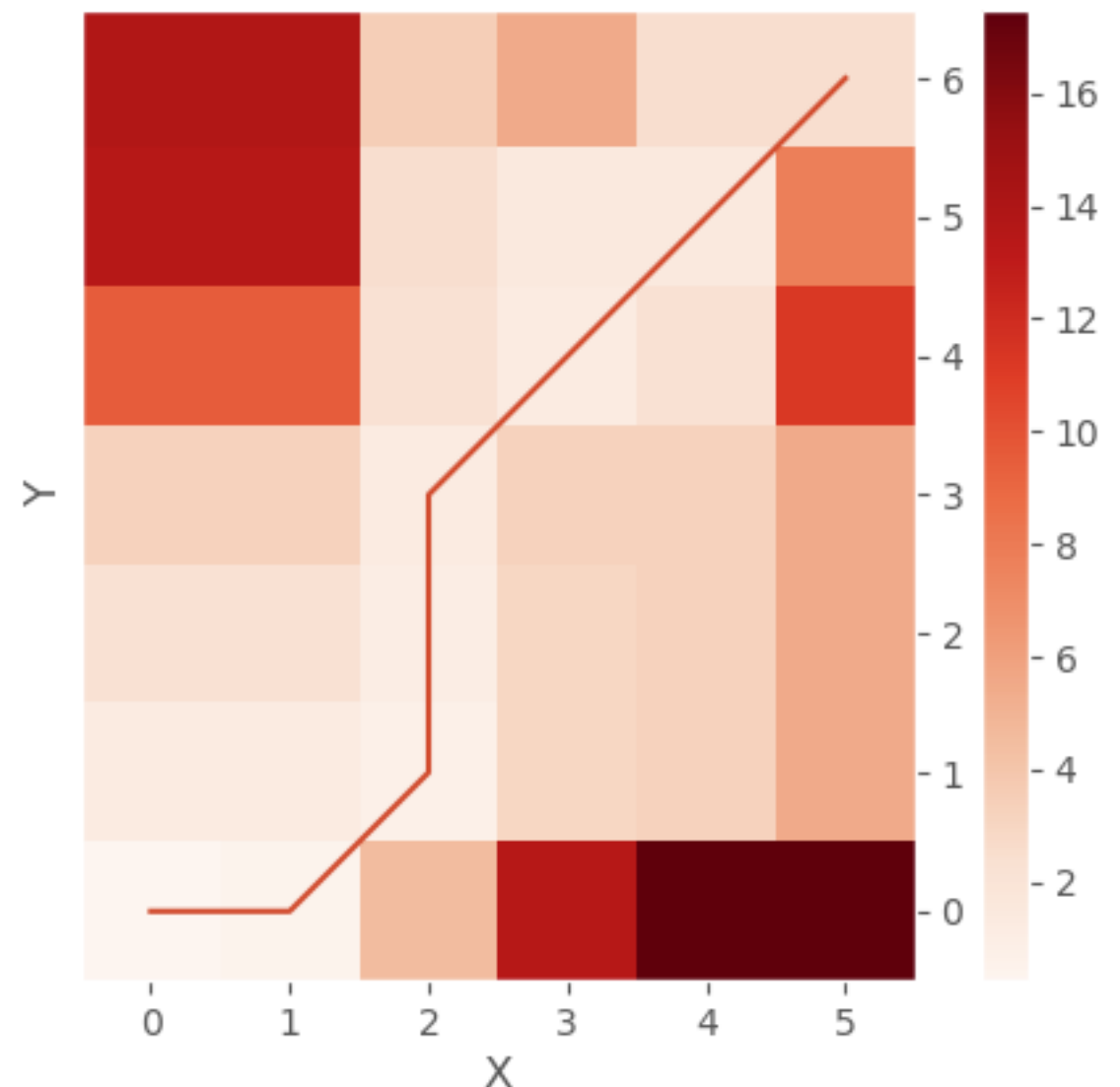
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3. Search the optimal path

- Calculate the cost based on **dists**, which can be considered as a measure for similarity / distance

```
> cost         = 0
> for [j,i] in path:
        cost    = cost+dists[i,j]
> cost
: 2.5
```


acuCost

dists

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- The implication

acuCost
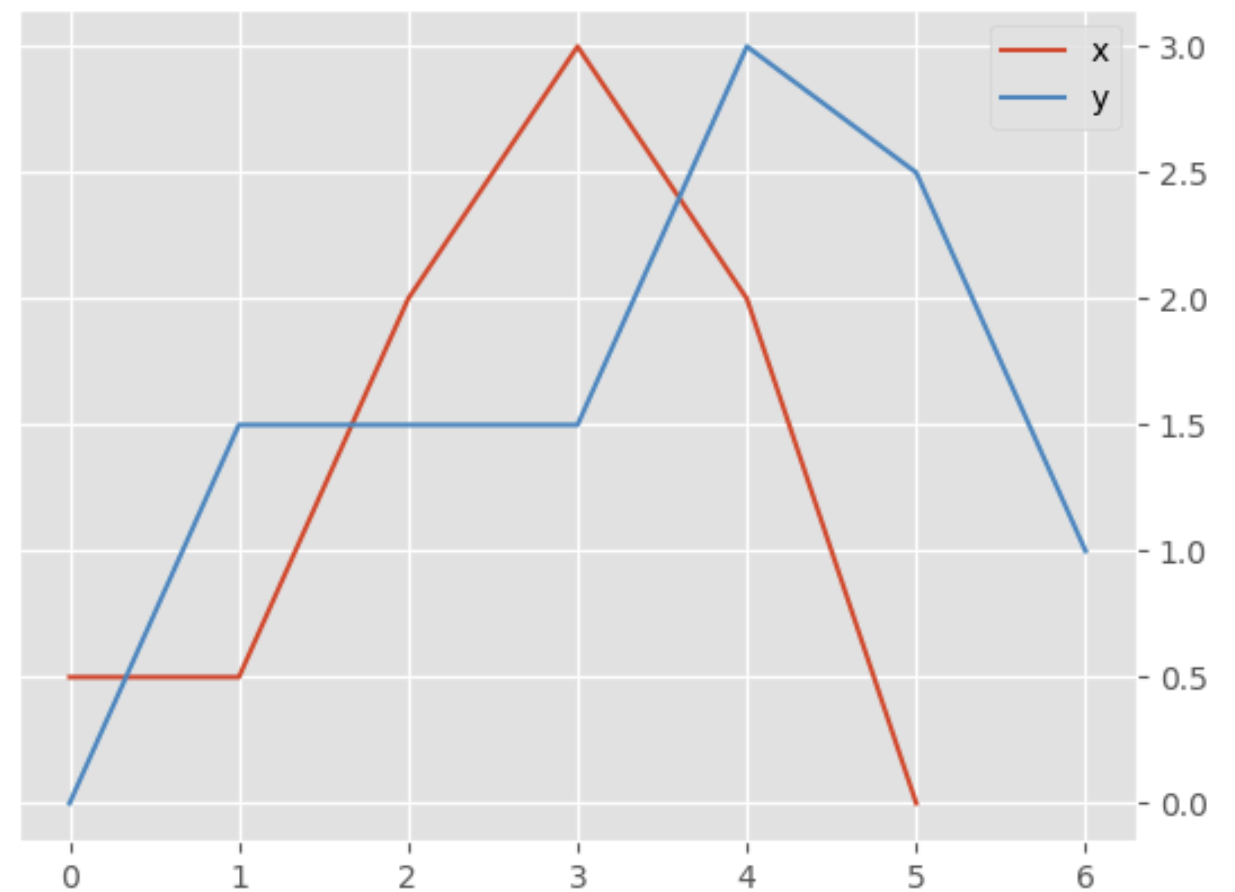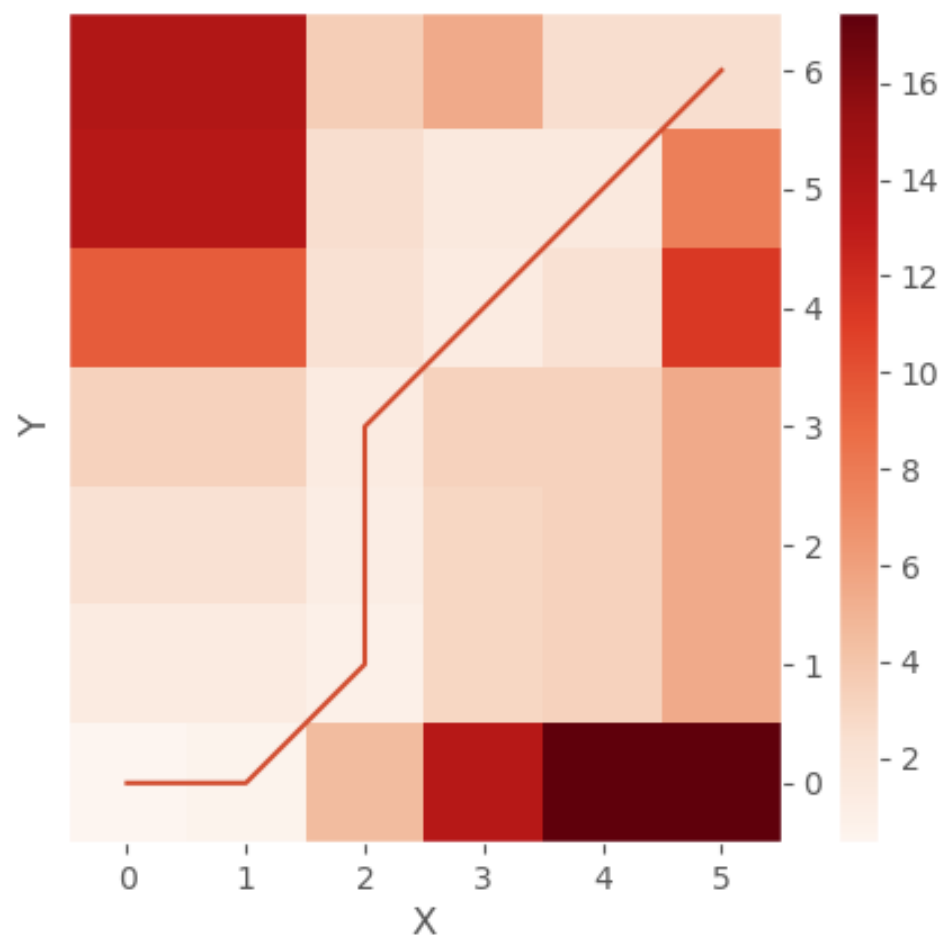
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3. Search the optimal path

• Plot the mapping of points between two signals

```
> def pltWarp(s1,s2,path,xlab="idx",ylab="Value"):
    imgplt       = plt.figure()

    for [idx1,idx2] in path:
        plt.plot([idx1,idx2],[s1[idx1],s2[idx2]],
                color="C4",
                linewidth=2)
  plt.plot(s1,
            'o-',
            color="C0",
            markersize=3)
  plt.plot(s2,
            's-',
            color="C1",
            markersize=2)
  plt.xlabel(xlab)
  plt.ylabel(ylab)

    return imgplt

> pltWarp(x,y,path)
```

Plot the connections between s1 and s2 (yellow lines)

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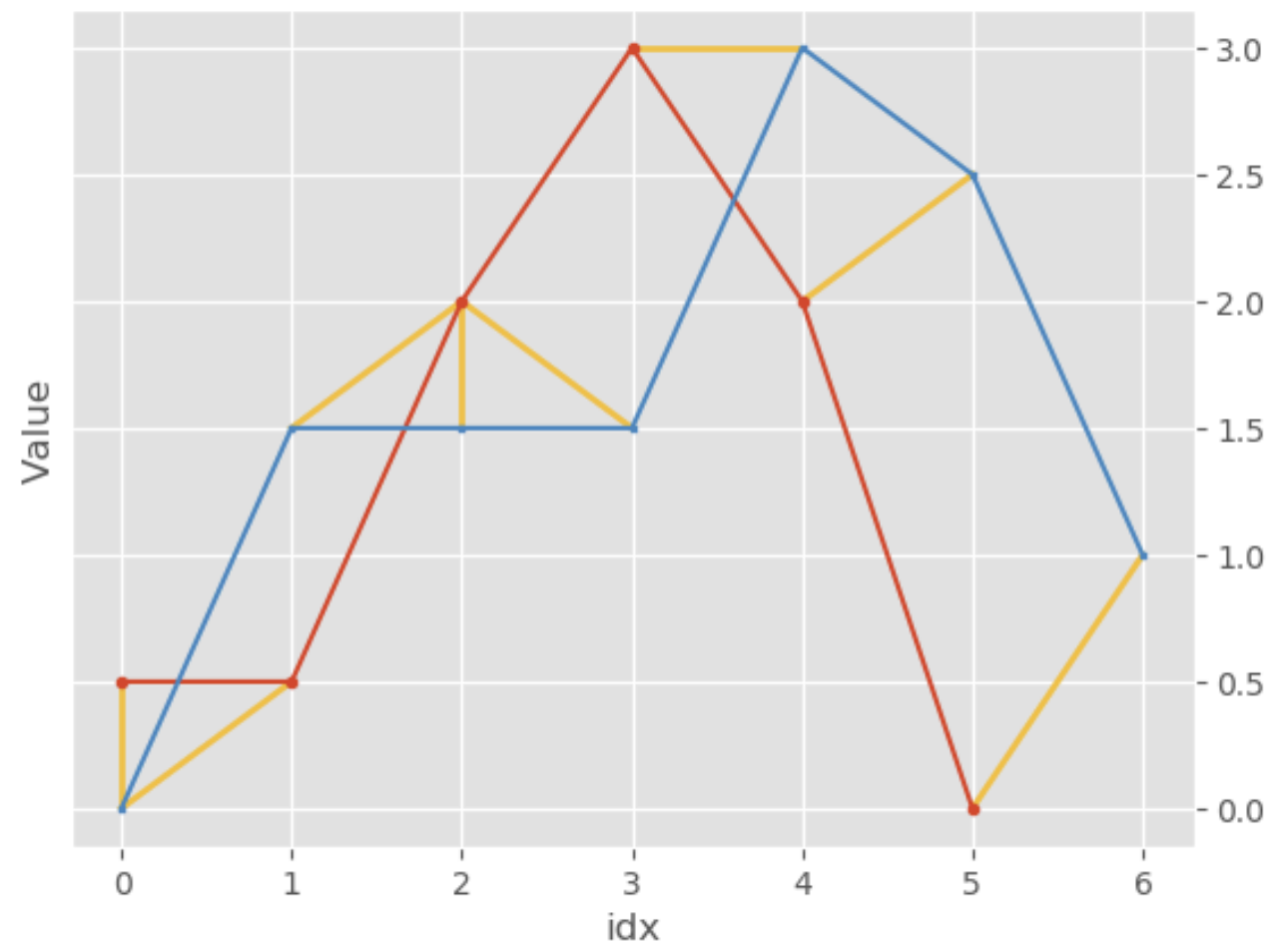
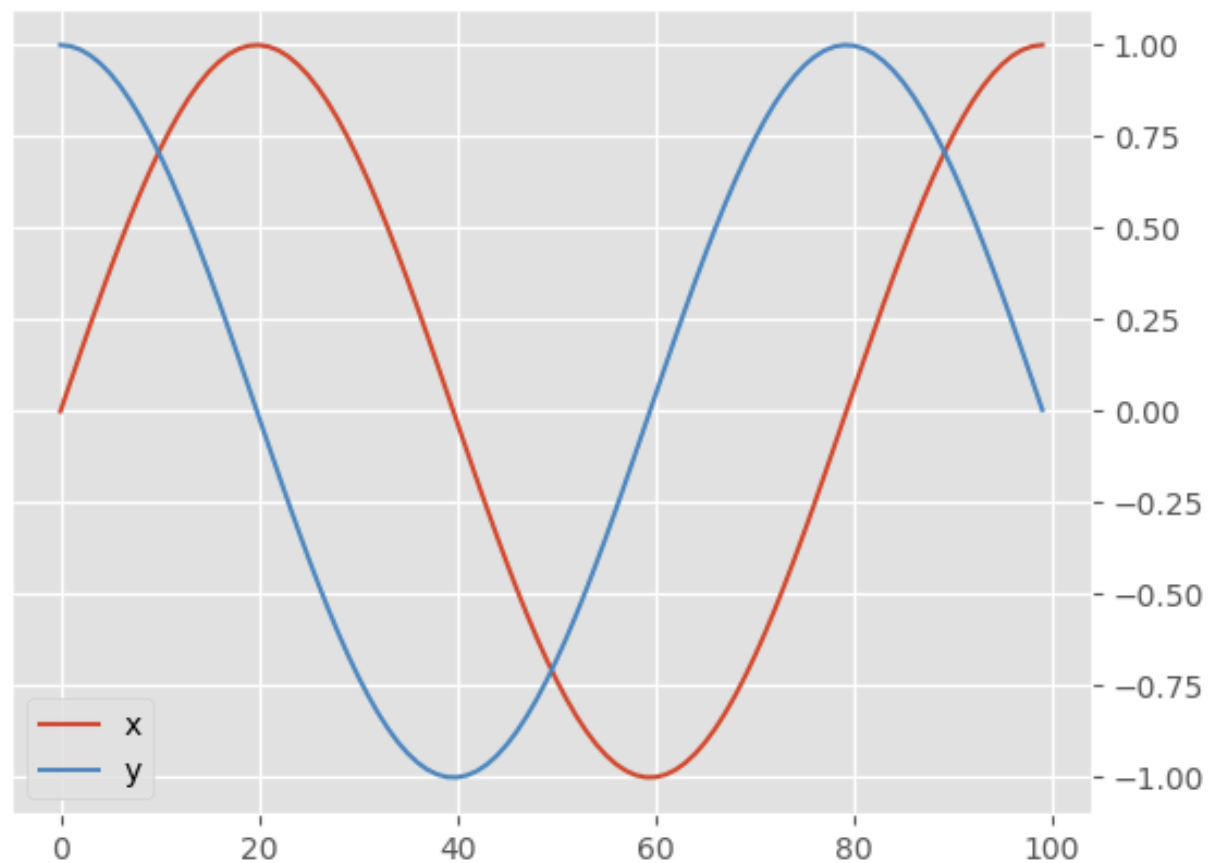# Dynamic Time Warping
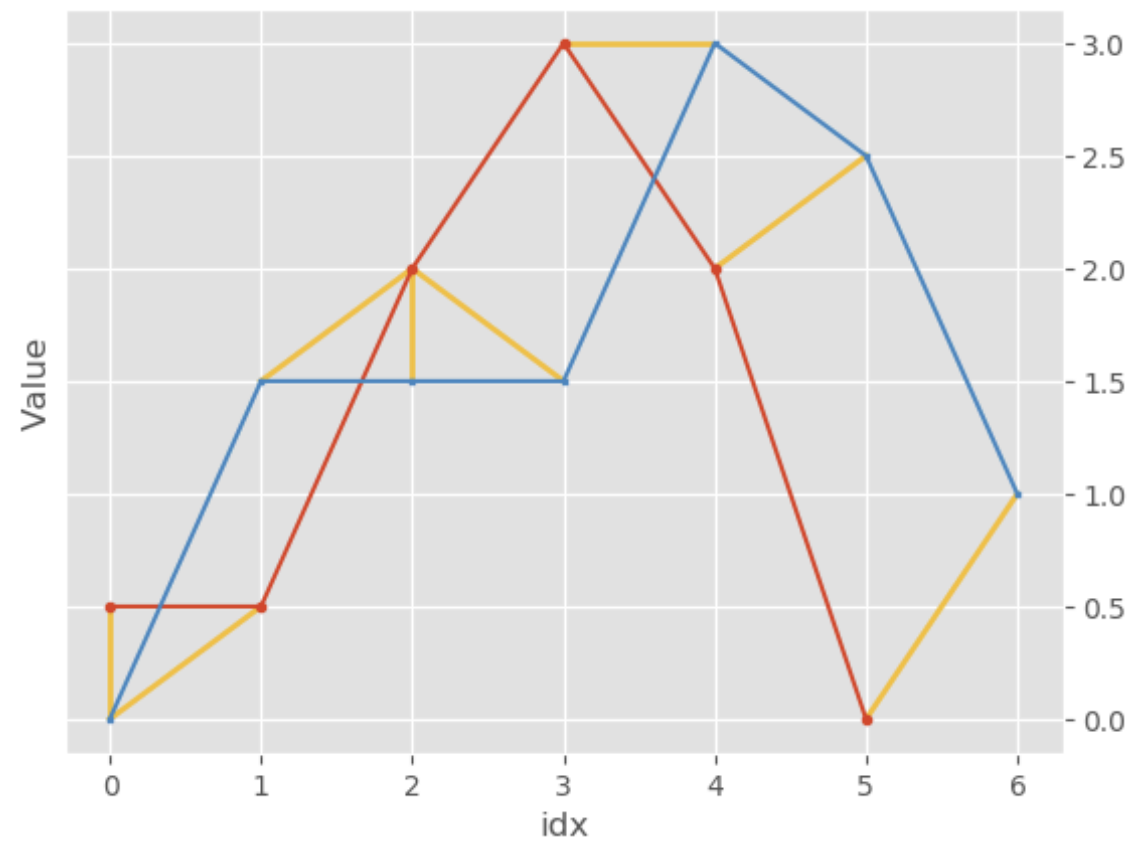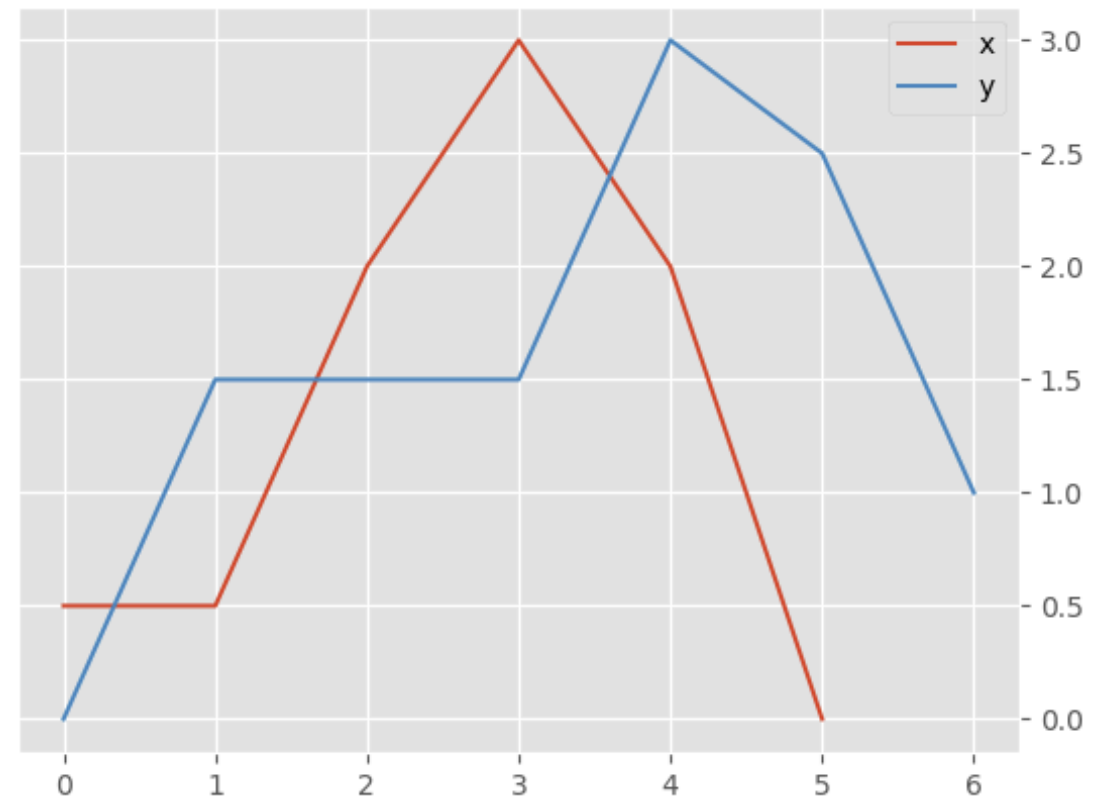
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Another example

- Define two signals as:

```
> x = np.sin(np.linspace(0,7.85,100))
> y = np.cos(np.linspace(0,7.85,100))
```
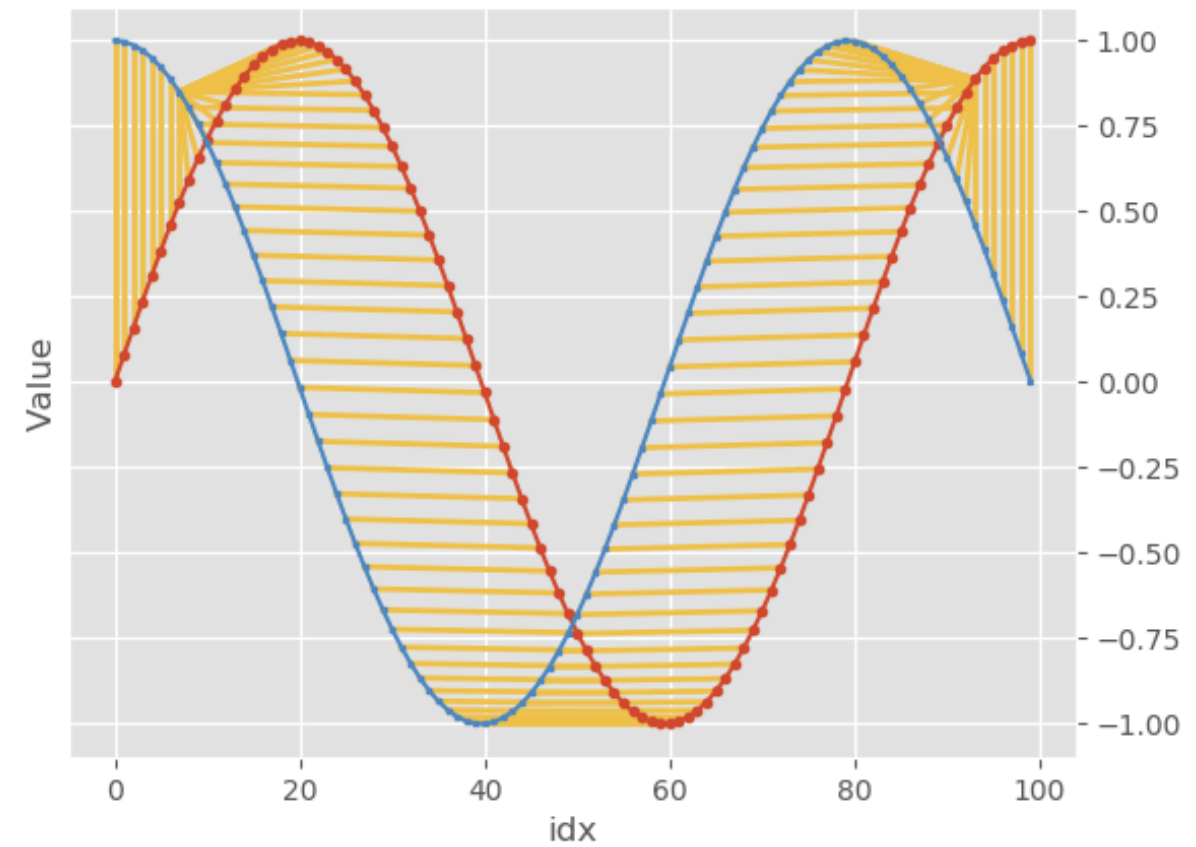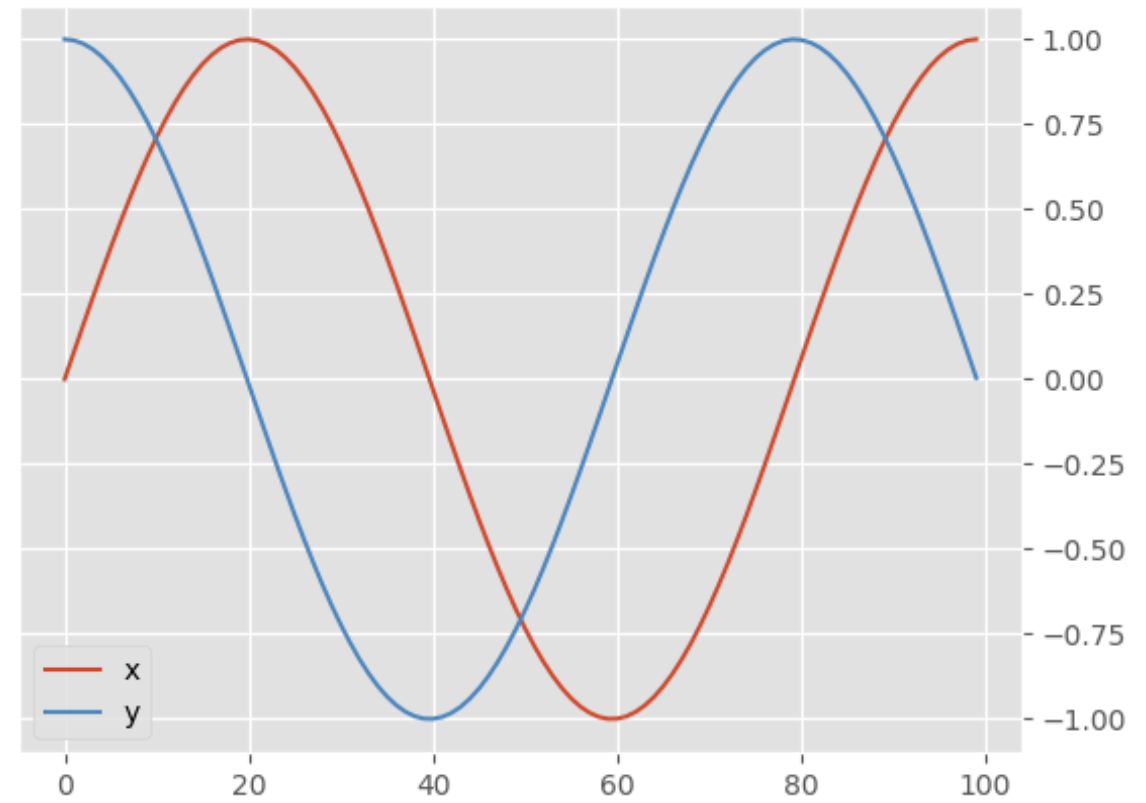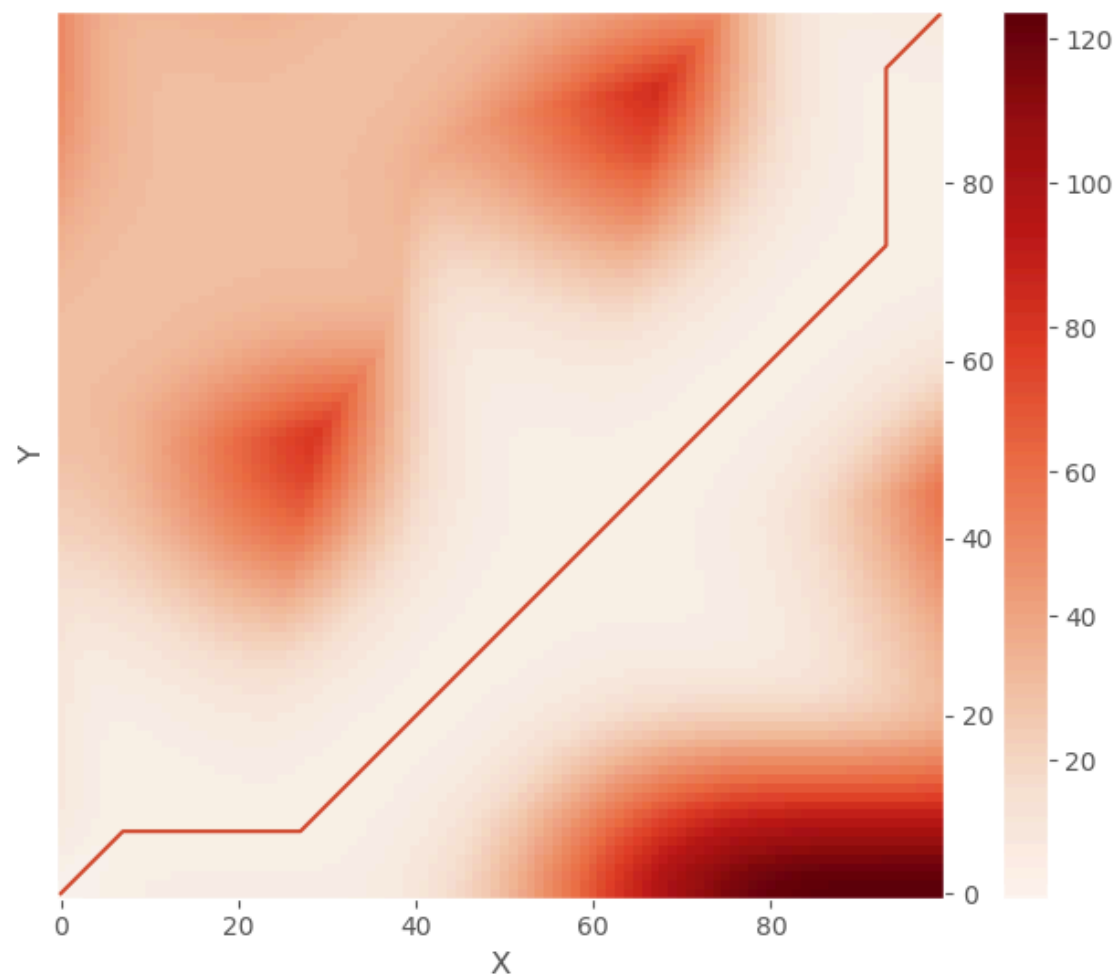
- Plot the two signals

```
> plt.figure()
> plt.plot(x,
           color="C0",
           label='x')
> plt.plot(y,
           color="C1",
           label='y')
> plt.legend()
```
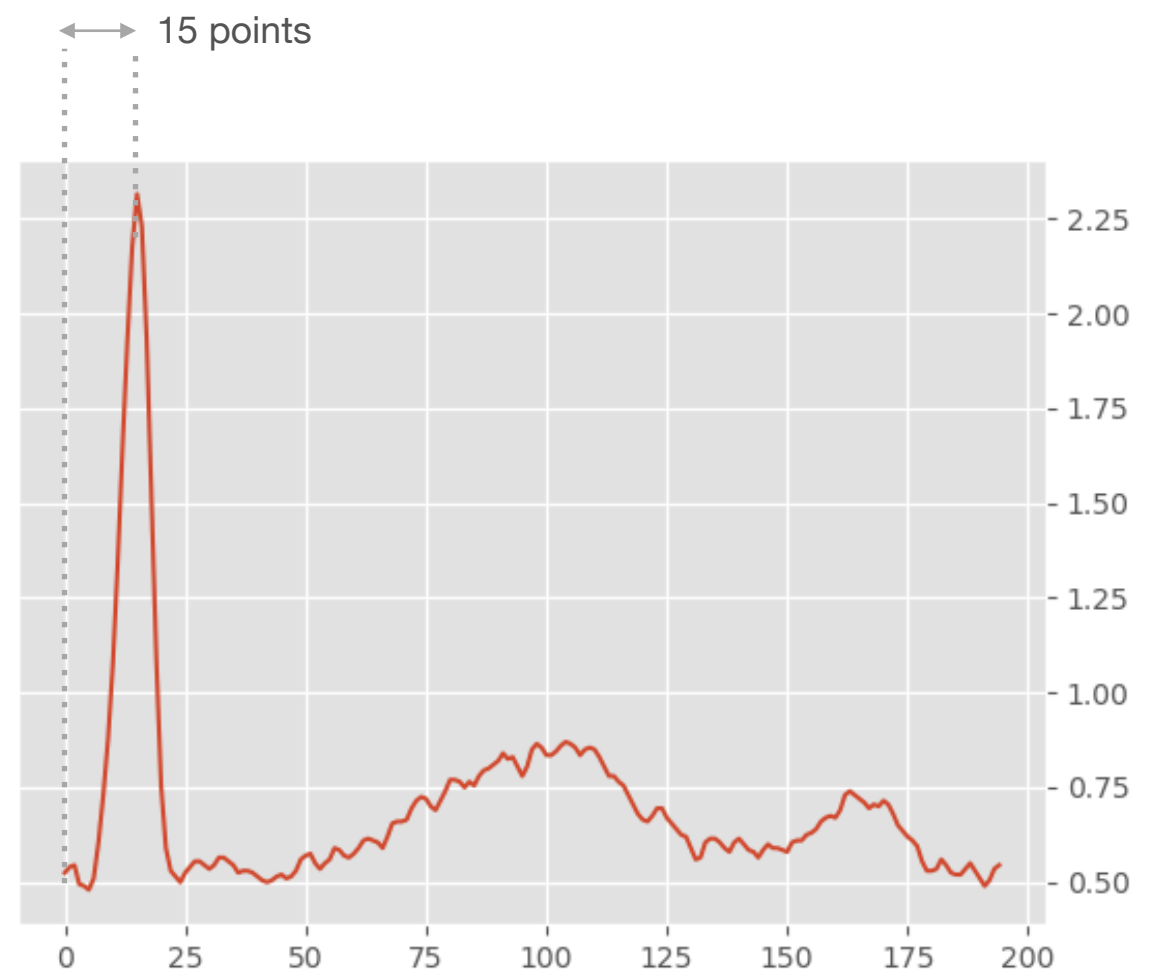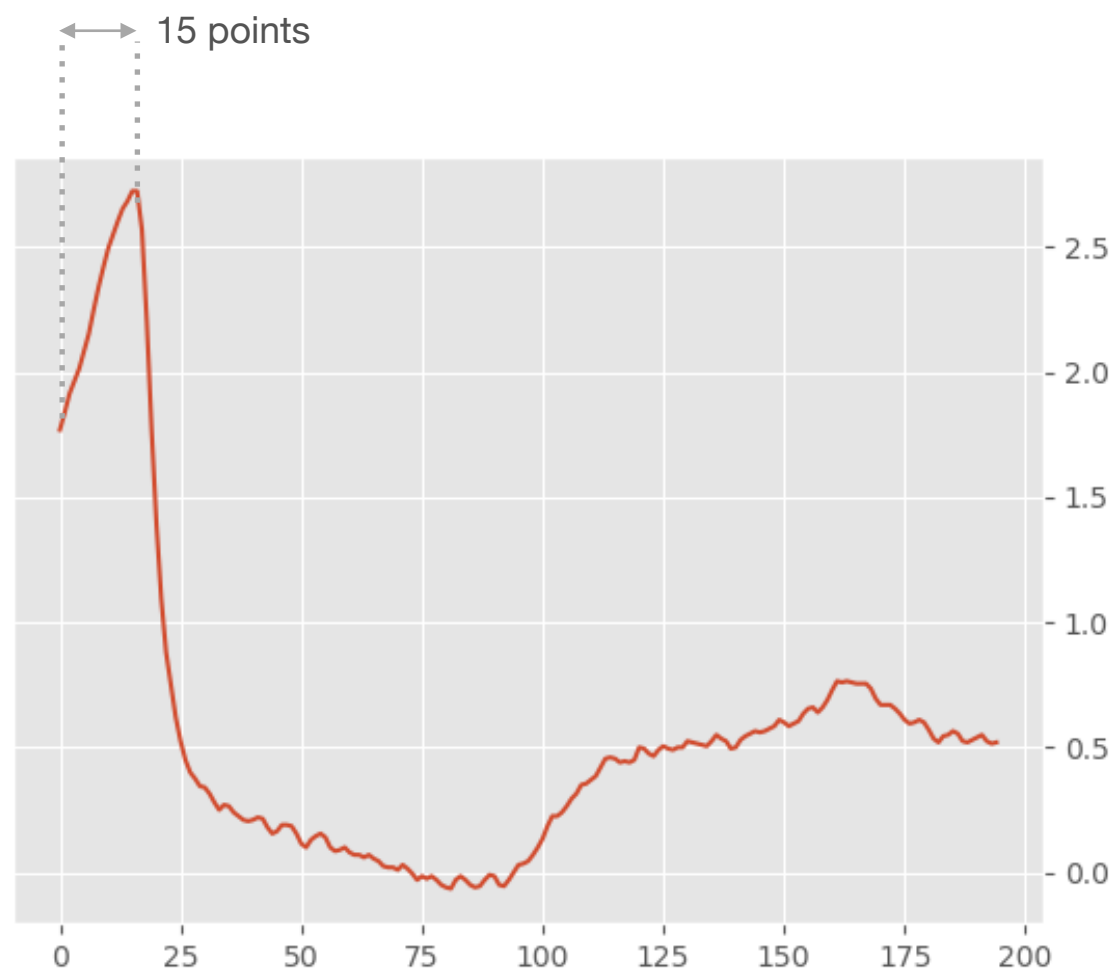
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Another example

Back to the problem
How to start?

- Before we compute similarity, must segment individual heartbeat signal

- With signal segmented, perform DTW

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To start
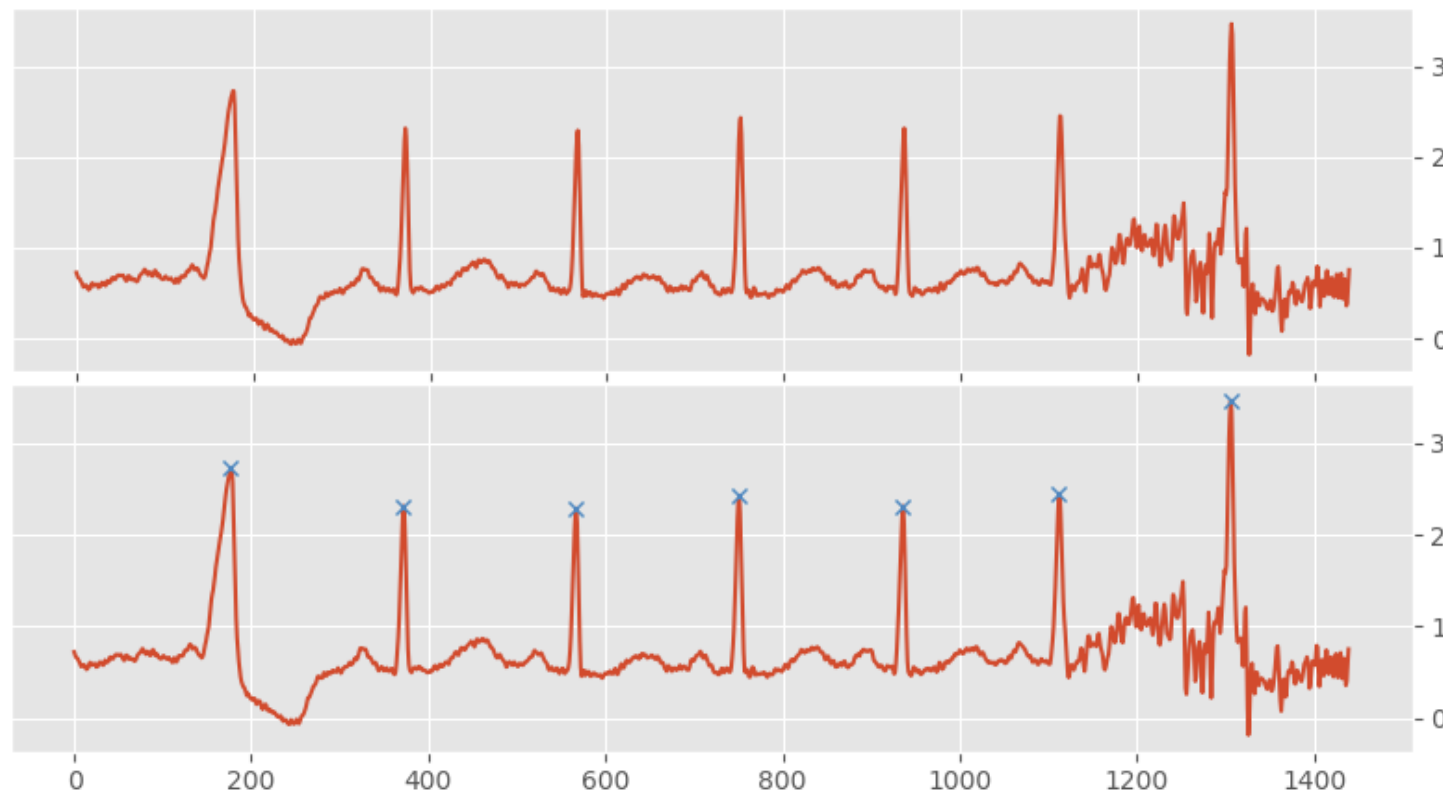
- Load the data

```
> l2D      = pd.read_csv('ecg2D.csv',
                               header=None)
> ECGs     = l2D[1].values
```

- Create a function with the below signature. The output is a list consists of all the ECG segments in a ECG signal

```
def extractECG(ecg,pks,offset=15):
```

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Compute the accumulated costs,
plot the optimal paths and warp

- Make the comparisons between
  segment
  - 1 and 2
  - 2 and 3
  - 2 and 6

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