



Data Mining

Dynamic Time Warping

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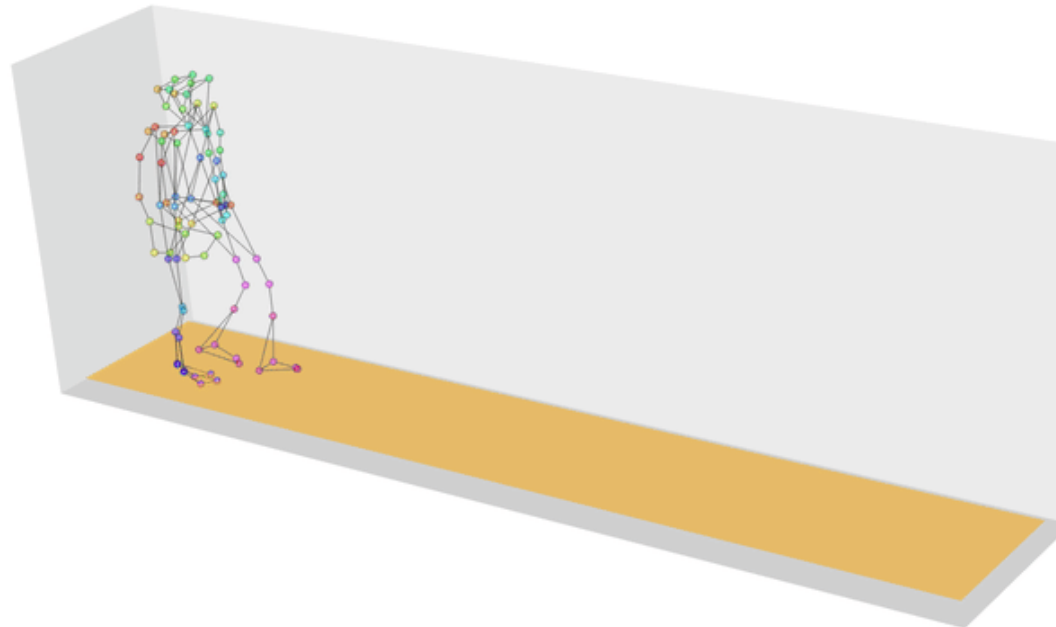
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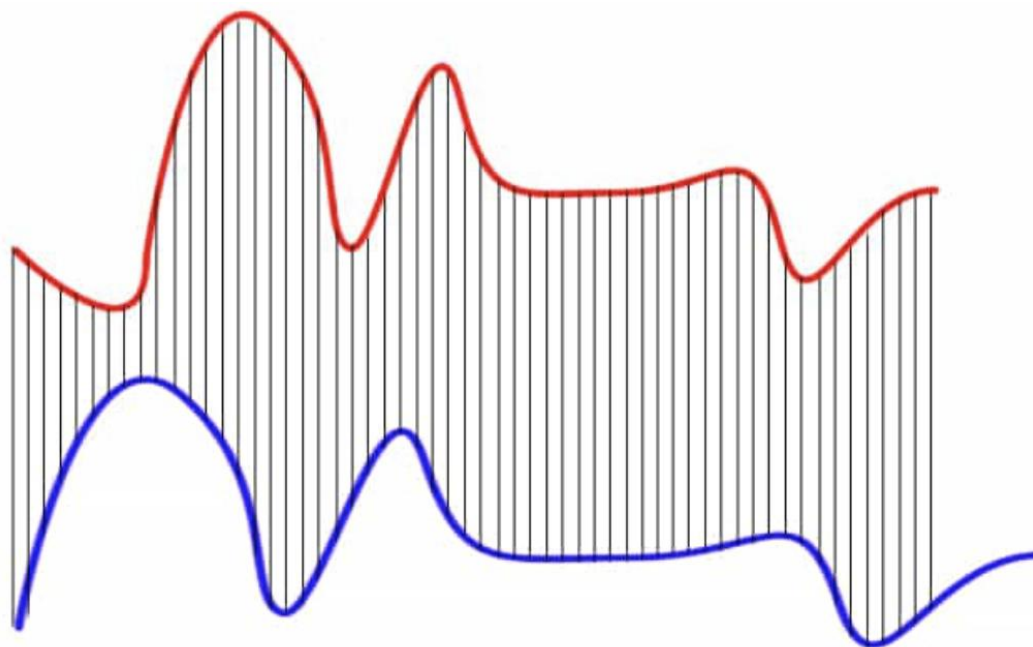
- Data characteristics, reduction, transformation
- Frequency analysis
 - Spectral analysis
 - Continuous Wavelet Transform
- **Dynamic Time Warping**
- Similarity join, Matrix profile, Signature method

In many application, there is the need to analyze multiple time series at the same time to find similarities between time series.

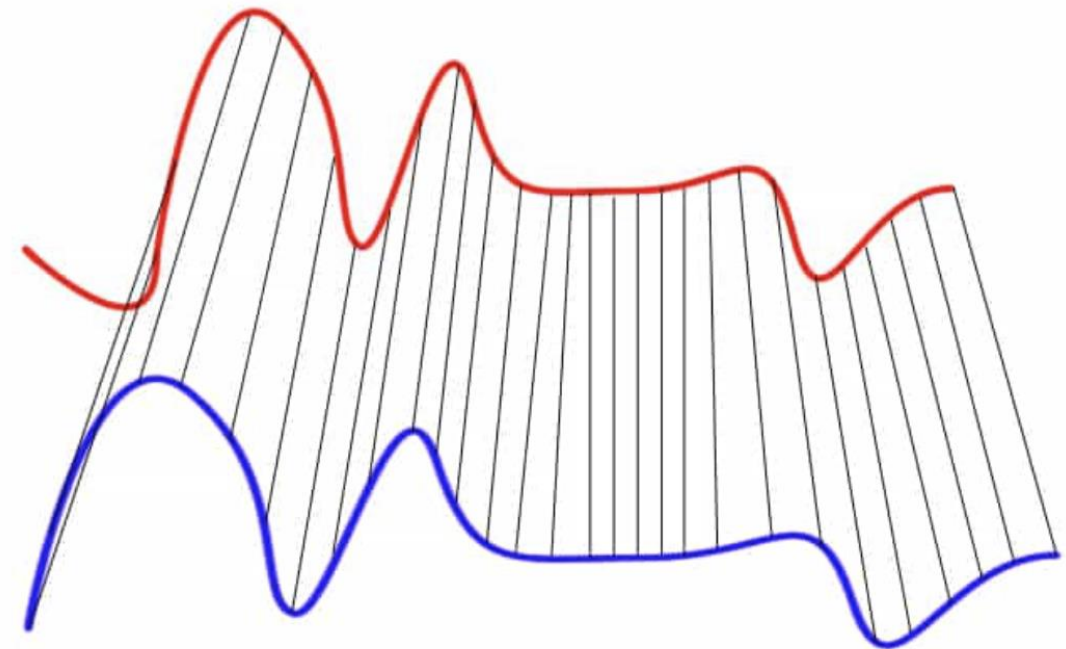
- E.g., speech recognition, signature recognition, similarity in walking, ...



Euclidean distance does not work for time series that are not perfectly synchronized.



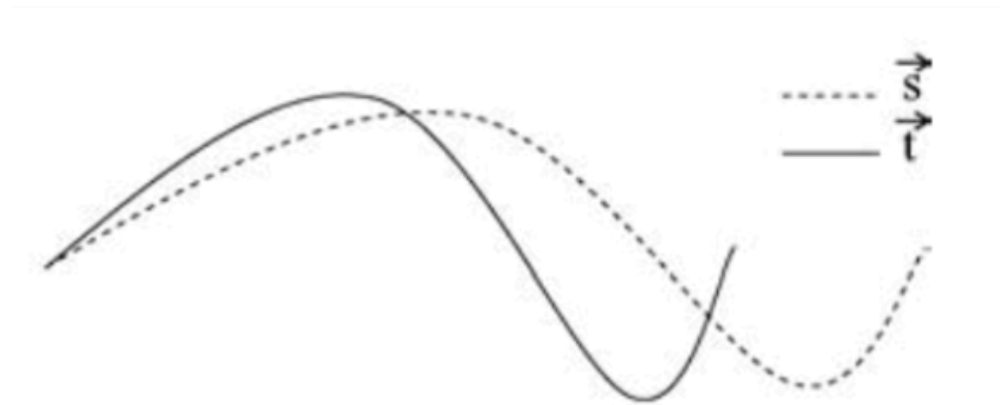
Euclidean Matching



Dynamic Time Warping Matching

Dynamic time warping (DTW) is an algorithm to measure similarity between two time-series that may **vary in speed and time**.

DTW determines the optimal global alignment between two time series.

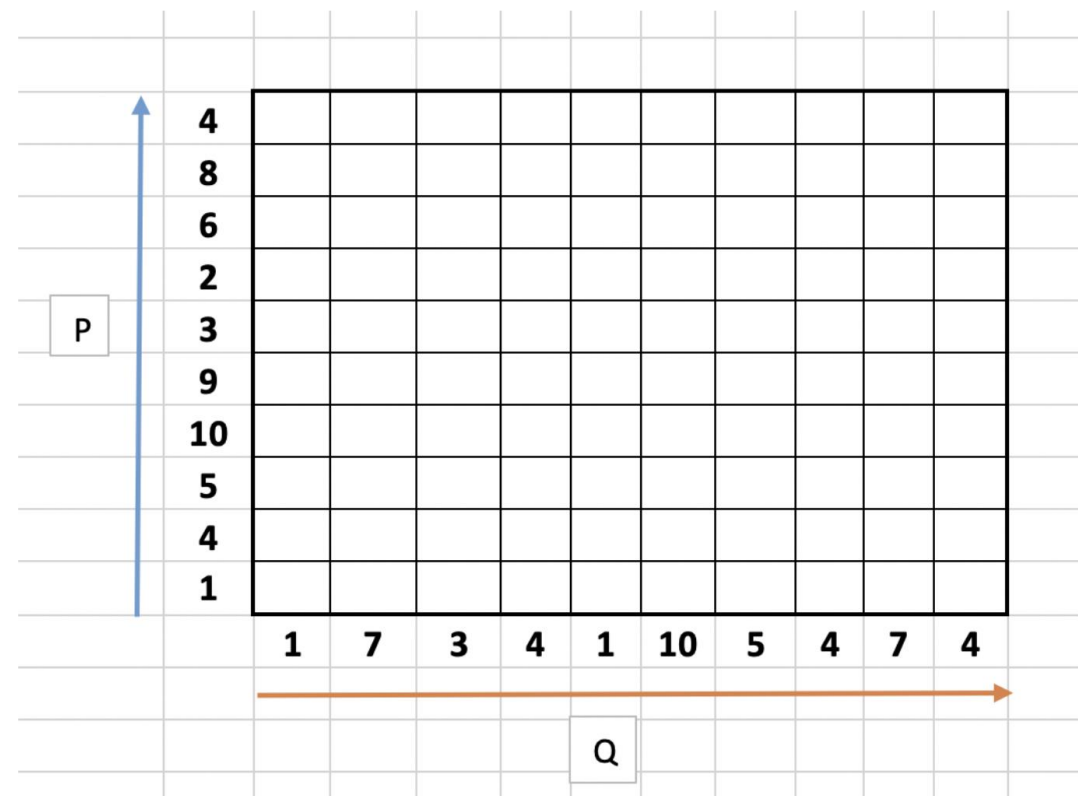


Use cases

- *Financial markets* – comparing stock trading data over similar time frames. For example, comparing monthly trading data for February (28 days) and March (31 days).
- *Wearable fitness trackers* – more accurately calculating a walker's speed and the number of steps, even if their speed varied over time.
- *Route calculation* – calculating more accurate information about a driver's ETA, if we know something about their driving habits (for example, they drive quickly on straightaways but take more time than average to make left turns).

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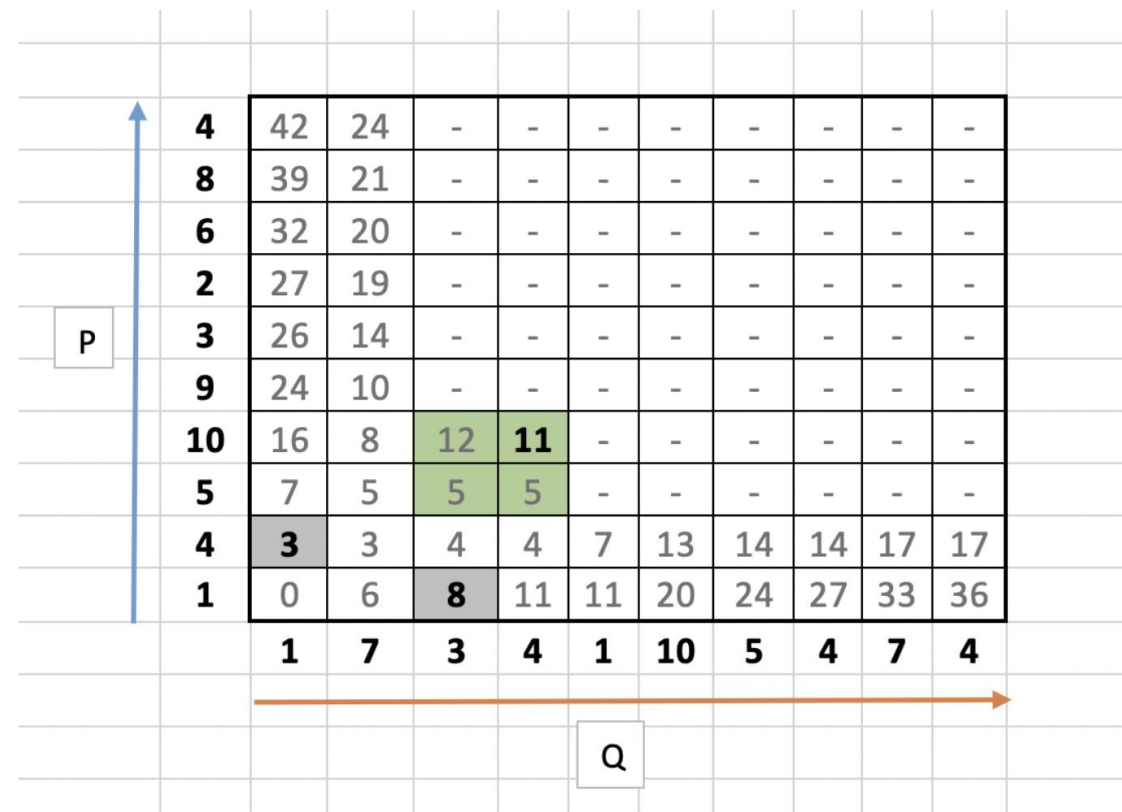
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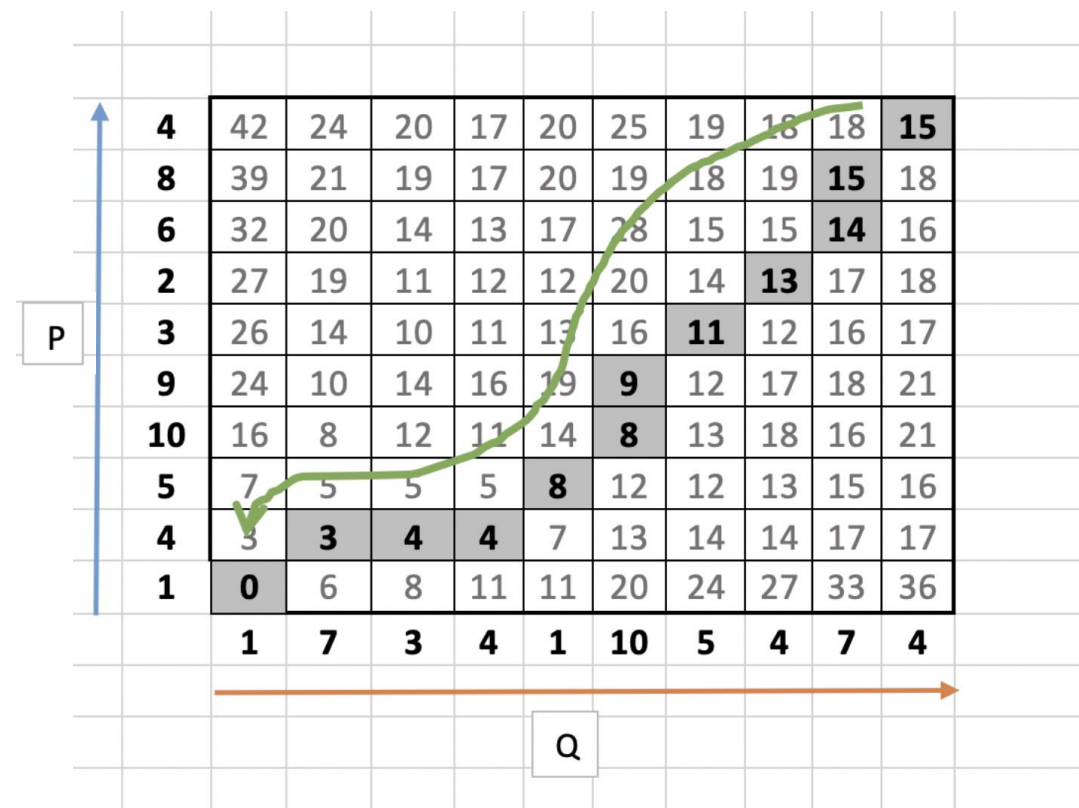
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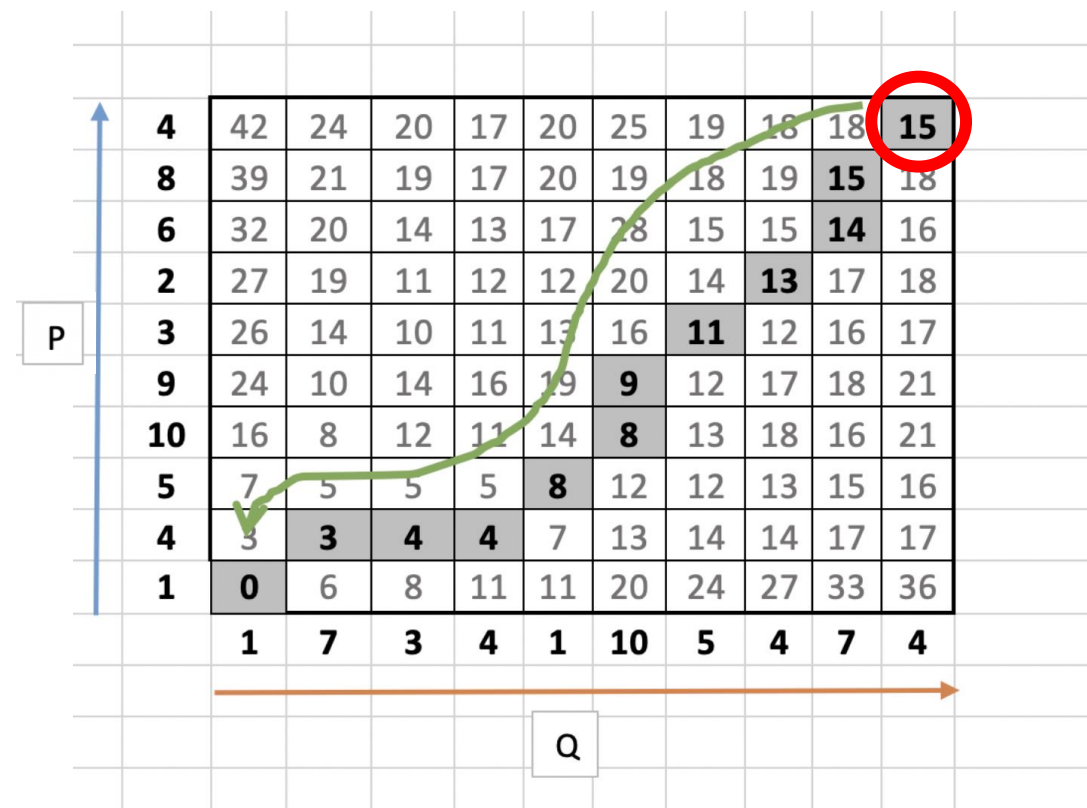
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4. Calculate the final distance D as

$$D = \sum_{(i,j) \in d} dist(x_i, y_j)$$



Pros:

- Exploit a non-linear distortion (in time) to find non-trivial similarity

Cons:

- **High computational cost.** Alternatives for computing the alignment path more efficiently have been presented.
- It needs the preparation of reliable reference templates for the set of words to be recognized.

Dynamic Time Warping Task

- Given the two time-series
 $P = [1, 9, 5, 7]$ and $Q = [3, 8, 2, 4]$
- Fill the distance matrix M
- Identify the warping path d
- Calculate the final distance D along the warping path



Any questions?