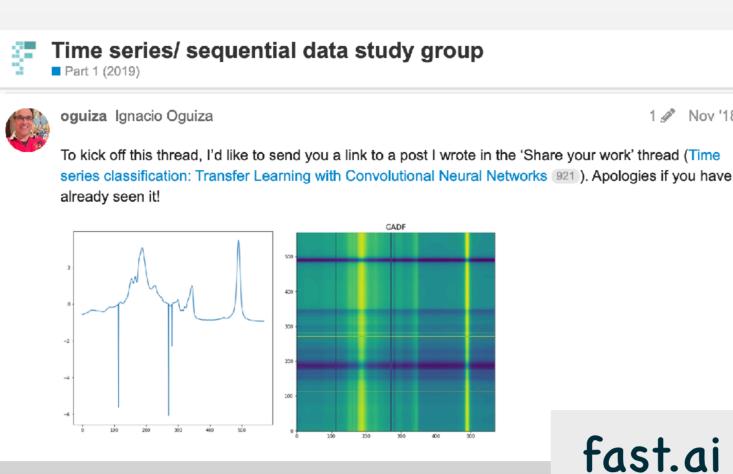
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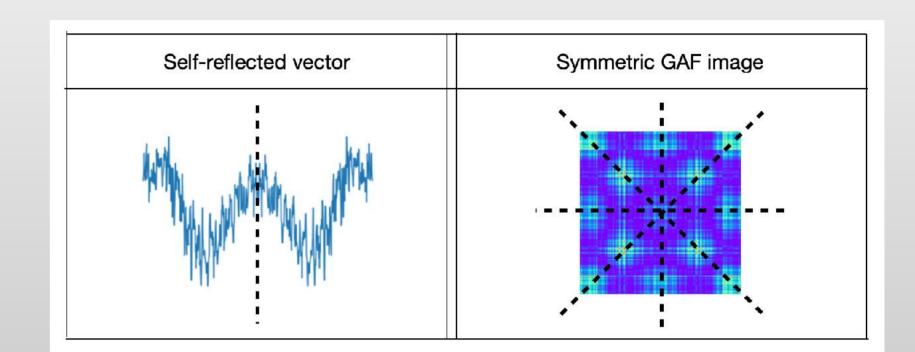
PAIRWISE VECTORS METHOD

We were inspired by fast.ai student Ignacio Oguiza method: GAF image transfer learning classification

- Encode time series to GAF images based on polar coordinate transformation
- Classify GAF images through CNN image classification
- By fast.ai transfer learning fine tuned ImageNet model using a small dataset.

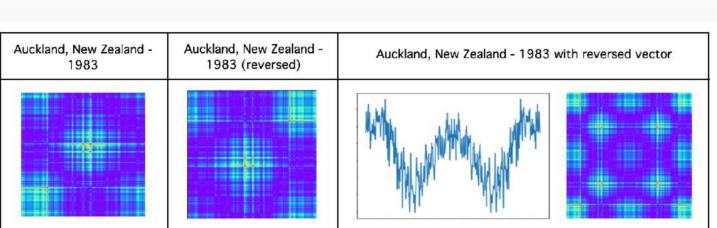


- Our method applies these techniques to unlabeled data
- Creates pairwise vectors by concatenating pairs of vectors
- Transforms vectors to symmetric or asymmetric GAF images.



DATA

- Average daily temperatures from January 1, 1980 to September 30, 2020 for 1000 most populous cities in the world
- Embedded vectors of the length 365 for average daily temperatures by city and by year
- Combined vectors pairs reversing second vectors.



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TRAINING

Small data set:

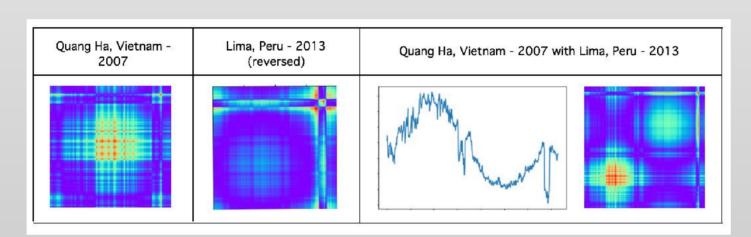
- 2K symmetric
- 2K asymmetric

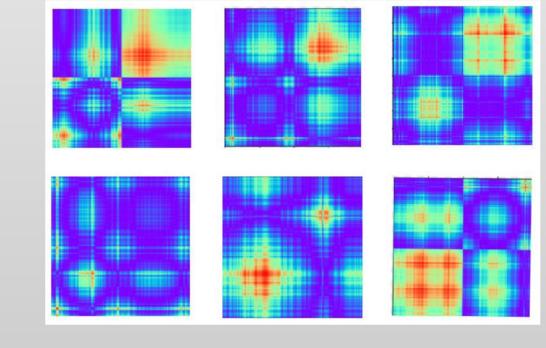
Accuracy metric:

96.5%

asymmetric

symmetric

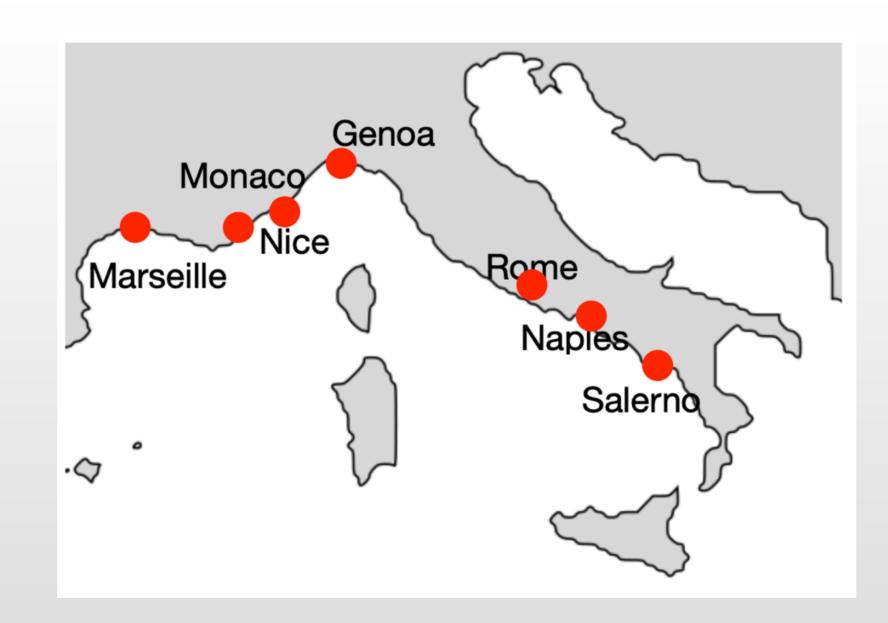




EXPERIMENTS

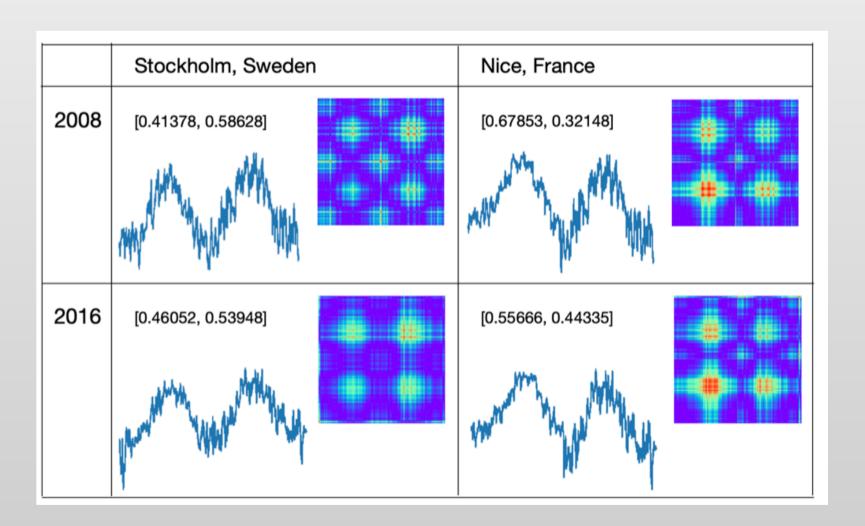
- 66 cities from West Europe, year 1992
- Hypothesis: inconsistency of entity pairs with two way relationships
- Inconsistent city pairs about 15%. Examples:

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Pairs of Cities	diff	same
Helsinki (Finland) Bern (Switzerland)	0.41	0.59
Bern (Switzerland) Helsinki (Finland)	0.74	0.26
Turin (Italy) Monaco (Monaco)	0.53	0.47
Monaco (Monaco) Turin (Italy)	0.18	0.82
Naples (Italy) Lisbon (Portugal)	0.25	0.75
Lisbon (Portugal) Naples (Italy)	0.92	0.08



- Compare city average daily temperatures with average of average for 66 cities
- Cities on Mediterranean Sea have high probability to be similar to average of average very smooth line

- Compare with the most centrally located city: Stuttgart (Germany)
- Nearby cities had similar, faraway city different daily temperature to Stuttgart
- Example: cities 'on the border'



CONCLUSION

- Transforming pairwise vectors to symmetric or asymmetric GAF images
- Training CNN image classification model on fast.ai transfer learning
- Proved model insufficiency for entity pairs with two-way relationships
- For one-way relationships showed that European cities with the most smooth climate are located on Mediterranean Sea.

BROADER IMPACT

- Pairwise vectors method can be applied to words, documents, images, videos, and many other embeddable entities
- Model trained on symmetric / asymmetric GAF images on one data domain can be used for other data domains
- The 'same' probability metric can also be used to measure differences between vectors like cosine similarity
- Through this metric direct graphs can be built for graph mining.