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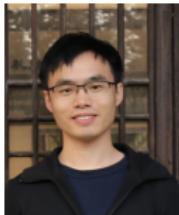


Nonstationary Temporal Matrix Factorization for Multivariate Time Series Forecasting

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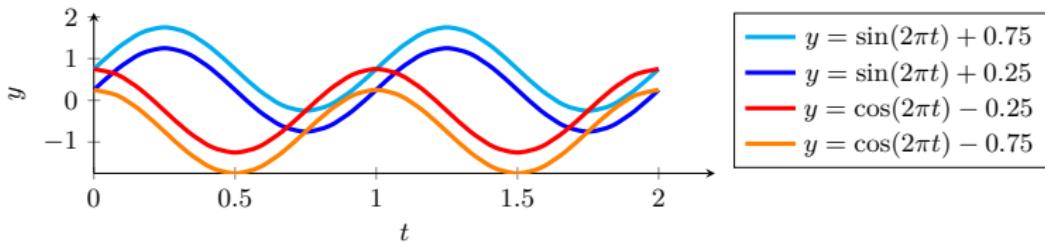
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- ❶ **Preprint:** Xinyu Chen, Chengyuan Zhang, Xi-Le Zhao, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2022). Nonstationary temporal matrix factorization for multivariate time series forecasting. arXiv preprint arXiv:2203.10651.
- ❷ **Data & Python code:** <https://github.com/xinyuchen/tracebase>
- ❸ **Blog post:** <https://medium.com/@xinyu.chen>
- ❹ **Slides:** <https://xinyuchen.github.io/slides/notmf.pdf>

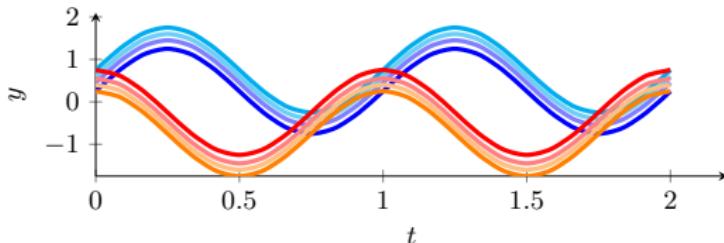
Motivation

[M1] High-dimensional time series could stem from a relatively small number of latent temporal factors.

- Four sequences with two kinds of temporal dynamics (Sine & Cosine).



- Several sequences with two kinds of temporal dynamics.



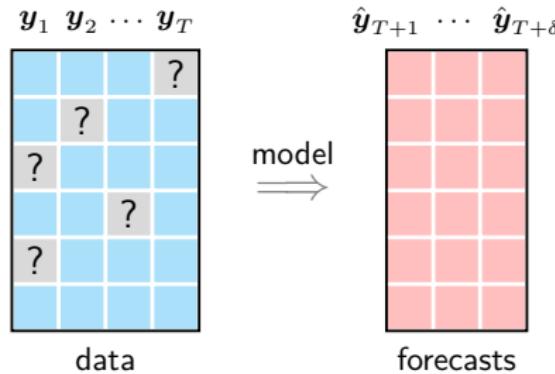
[M2] Sparse time series may reveal low-rank patterns.

[M3] Modern time series usually show nonstationarity, e.g., seasonality.

Objective

Multivariate time series forecasting

- Given a partially observed data $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$ consisting of time series $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_T \in \mathbb{R}^N$, forecast data points $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{T+\delta}, \delta \in \mathbb{N}^+$.



[Q]

- How to learn from *high-dimensional* and *sparse* data?
- How to model *nonstationarity* in time series?
- How to perform forecasting on these time series?

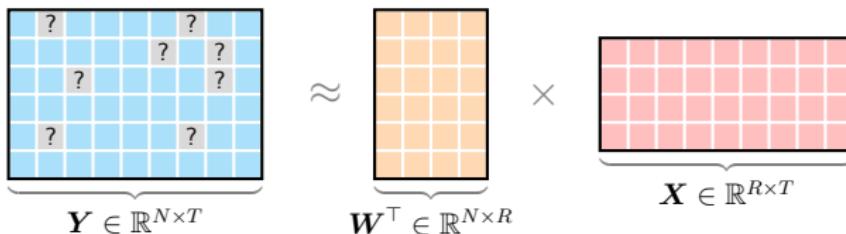
Methodology

Low-rank matrix factorization (Koren et al.'09)

Given any partially observed data matrix $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$ with observed index set Ω , then the optimization problem of matrix factorization with rank R can be formulated as

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X})\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} (\|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2). \quad (1)$$

- :(Cannot capture temporal correlations.
- :(Cannot perform time series forecasting.



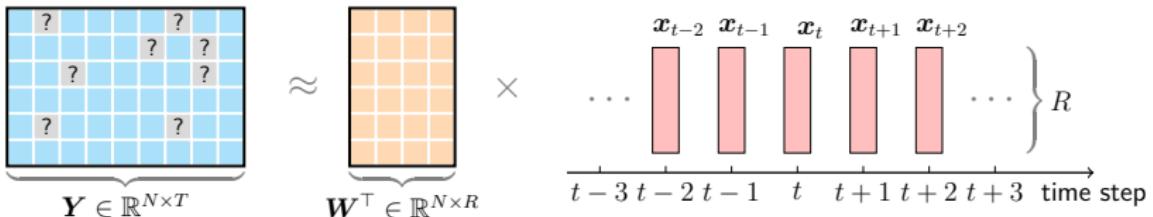
Methodology

Temporal matrix factorization (Yu et al.'16; Chen & Sun'21)

Given any partially observed time series data $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$ with observed index set Ω , then temporal matrix factorization assumes a d th-order vector autoregressive (VAR) process on the temporal factor matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X}, \{\mathbf{A}_k\}_{k=1}^d} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X})\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} (\|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2) \\ & + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{t=d+1}^T \|\mathbf{x}_t - \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_{t-k}\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

 VAR is usually built on stationary time series (temporal factors).



Methodology

Nonstationary temporal matrix factorization (NoTMF)

Given any partially observed time series data $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$ with observed index set Ω , then we assume a season- m differencing on the latent temporal factors:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X}, \{\mathbf{A}_k\}_{k=1}^d} & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y}) - \mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X})\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} (\|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2) \\ & + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{t=d+m+1}^T \|(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{t-m}) - \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{A}_k (\mathbf{x}_{t-k} - \mathbf{x}_{t-m-k})\|_2^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

- Stationarizing a time series with differencing can improve the prediction.

Methodology

Rewrite VAR in the form of matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X}\Psi_0^\top - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_d \otimes \mathbf{X})\Psi^\top\|_F^2 \\ & \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=d+m+1}^T \|(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{t-m}) - \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{A}_k (\mathbf{x}_{t-k} - \mathbf{x}_{t-m-k})\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

- Coefficient matrix $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{A}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{A}_d]$.
- Temporal operators

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_k &\triangleq \left[\mathbf{0}_{(T-d-m) \times (d-k)} \quad -\mathbf{I}_{T-d-m} \quad \mathbf{0}_{(T-d-m) \times (k+m)} \right] \\ &+ \left[\mathbf{0}_{(T-d-m) \times (d+m-k)} \quad \mathbf{I}_{T-d-m} \quad \mathbf{0}_{(T-d-m) \times k} \right] \\ &\in \mathbb{R}^{(T-d-m) \times T}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, d, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \Psi = [\Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_d] \in \mathbb{R}^{(T-d-m) \times (dT)}.$$

Rewrite NoTMF:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X})\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} (\|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2) \\ & + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{X}\Psi_0^\top - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_d \otimes \mathbf{X})\Psi^\top\|_F^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Methodology

Solve NoTMF:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X})\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} (\|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2) \\ & + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_0^\top - \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{I}_d \otimes \mathbf{X}) \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\top\|_F^2 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Alternating minimization method:

- w.r.t. \mathbf{W} :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = -\mathbf{X} \mathcal{P}_\Omega^\top (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X}) + \rho \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{0} \tag{7}$$

- w.r.t. \mathbf{X} :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = -\mathbf{W} \mathcal{P}_\Omega (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X}) + \rho \mathbf{X} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^d \mathbf{A}_k^\top \left(\sum_{h=0}^d \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_h^\top \right) \boldsymbol{\Psi}_k = \mathbf{0} \tag{8}$$

- w.r.t. \mathbf{A} :

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_0^\top [(\mathbf{I}_d \otimes \mathbf{X}) \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\top]^\dagger \tag{9}$$

Methodology

Solve generalized Sylvester equation:

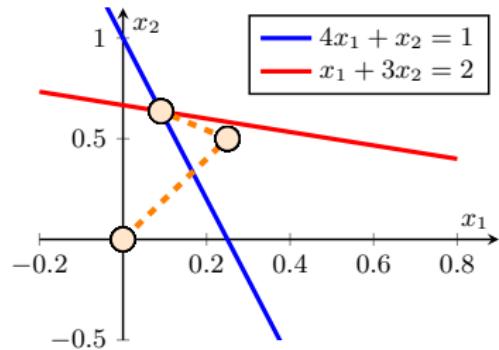
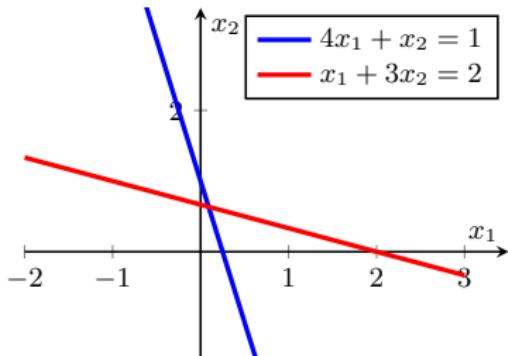
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = -\mathbf{W}\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X}) + \rho \mathbf{X} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^d \mathbf{A}_k^\top \left(\sum_{h=0}^d \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{X} \Psi_h^\top \right) \Psi_k = \mathbf{0}$$
$$\implies \underbrace{\mathbf{W}\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X}) + \rho \mathbf{X} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^d \mathbf{A}_k^\top \left(\sum_{h=0}^d \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{X} \Psi_h^\top \right) \Psi_k}_{\mathcal{L}_x(\mathbf{X}) \triangleq \text{vec}(\cdot)} = \mathbf{W}\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y})$$

- Conjugate gradient for inferring \mathbf{X} :

- Initialize \mathbf{x} as \mathbf{x}_0 , and compute the residual
 $r_0 := \text{vec}(\mathbf{W}\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{Y})) - \mathcal{L}_x(\mathbf{X}_0)$. Let $\mathbf{q}_0 := \mathbf{r}_0$.
- Repeat:
 - Convert \mathbf{q}_ℓ into matrix \mathbf{Q}_ℓ .
 - Compute $\alpha_\ell := \frac{\mathbf{r}_\ell^\top \mathbf{r}_\ell}{\mathbf{q}_\ell^\top \mathcal{L}_x(\mathbf{Q}_\ell)}$, and update
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{\ell+1} := \mathbf{x}_\ell + \alpha_\ell \mathbf{q}_\ell \\ \mathbf{r}_{\ell+1} := \mathbf{r}_\ell - \alpha_\ell \mathcal{L}_x(\mathbf{Q}_\ell) \end{cases}.$$
 - Compute $\beta_\ell := \frac{\mathbf{r}_{\ell+1}^\top \mathbf{r}_{\ell+1}}{\mathbf{r}_\ell^\top \mathbf{r}_\ell}$, and update $\mathbf{q}_{\ell+1} := \mathbf{r}_{\ell+1} + \beta_\ell \mathbf{q}_\ell$.
 - Update $\ell := \ell + 1$.

Methodology

- [Q] $Ax = b$ with known $A \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the solution of $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$?
- **Conjugate gradient** method:
 - Initialize x as x_0 , and compute the residual $r_0 := b - Ax_0$. Let $q_0 := r_0$.
 - Repeat:
 - Compute $\alpha_\ell := \frac{r_\ell^\top r_\ell}{q_\ell^\top A q_\ell}$, and update $\begin{cases} x_{\ell+1} := x_\ell + \alpha_\ell q_\ell \\ r_{\ell+1} := r_\ell - \alpha_\ell A q_\ell \end{cases}$.
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Forecasting

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times t}}_{\text{Matrix } \mathbf{Y}_t}$$

$$R \left\{ \begin{array}{cccccc} \mathbf{x}_{t-3} & \mathbf{x}_{t-2} & \mathbf{x}_{t-1} & \mathbf{x}_t & \mathbf{x}_{t+1} \\ \hline t-3 & t-2 & t-1 & t & t+1 & t+2 & t+3 & \text{time step} \end{array} \right.$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_{t+1-m} + \text{VAR}(d, m)$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (t+1)}}_{\text{Matrix } \mathbf{Y}_{t+1}}$$

$$R \left\{ \begin{array}{cccccc} \mathbf{x}_{t-3} & \mathbf{x}_{t-2} & \mathbf{x}_{t-1} & \mathbf{x}_t & \mathbf{x}_{t+1} & \mathbf{x}_{t+2} \\ \hline t-3 & t-2 & t-1 & t & t+1 & t+2 & t+3 & \text{time step} \end{array} \right.$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+2} = \mathbf{x}_{t+2-m} + \text{VAR}(d, m)$$

Uber Movement Data

High-dimensionality & Sparsity

- Uber (hourly) movement speed data¹



NYC movement



Seattle movement

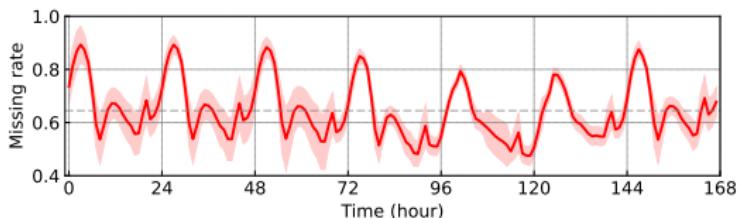
- The average speed on a given road segment for each hour of each day.
- Hourly speeds are computed when road segments have 5+ unique trips.
- **Issue:** insufficient sampling of ridesharing vehicles on the road network.

¹<https://movement.uber.com/>

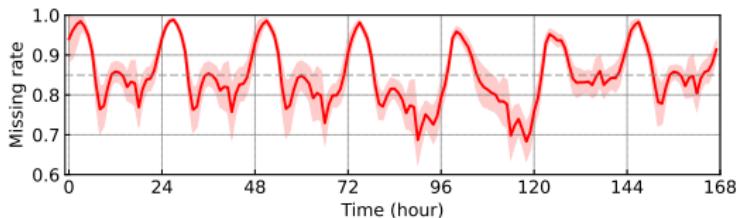
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High-dimensionality & Sparsity

- **NYC** movement speed data (2019)
 - 98,210 road segments & 8,760 time steps (hours)
 - Whole missing rate: **64.43%**

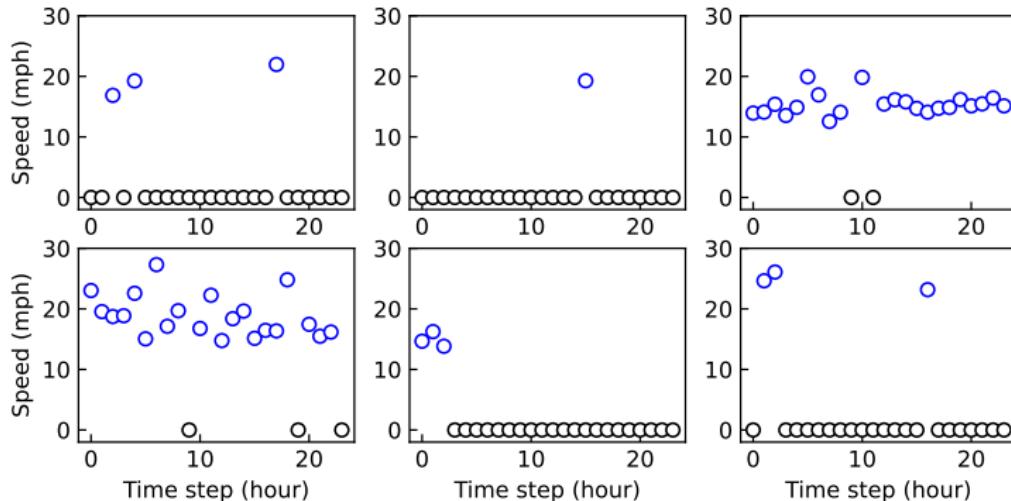


- **Seattle** movement speed data (2019)
 - 63,490 road segments & 8,760 time steps (hours)
 - Whole missing rate: **84.95%**



Uber Movement Data

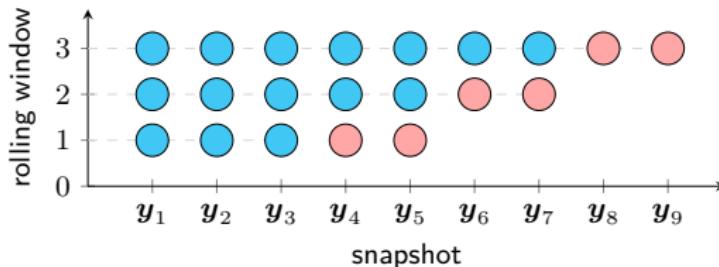
- Movement speed of 6 road segments of January 1st, 2019 (24 hours) in NYC.



Experiments

Experiment setup

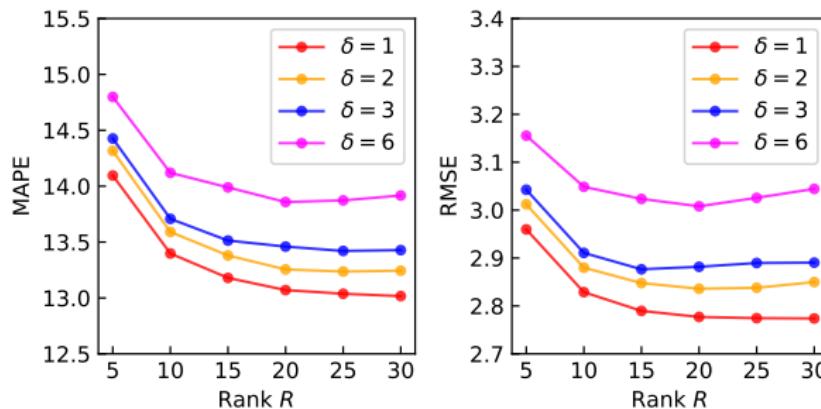
- NYC movement speed dataset:
 - Ten-week data of size 98210×1680
 - Contain 66.56% missing values
- Rolling forecasting setup:
 - Training set: 8-week data
 - Validation set: 1-week data
 - Test set: 1-week data
 - Time horizon: $\delta = 1, 2, 3, 6$
- Rolling forecasting illustration ($\delta = 2$):



Experiments

Rank selection

- A larger rank essentially provides higher accuracy but the increase becomes marginal when $R > 15$.
- We choose $R = 10$ for a good balance between performance and computational cost.

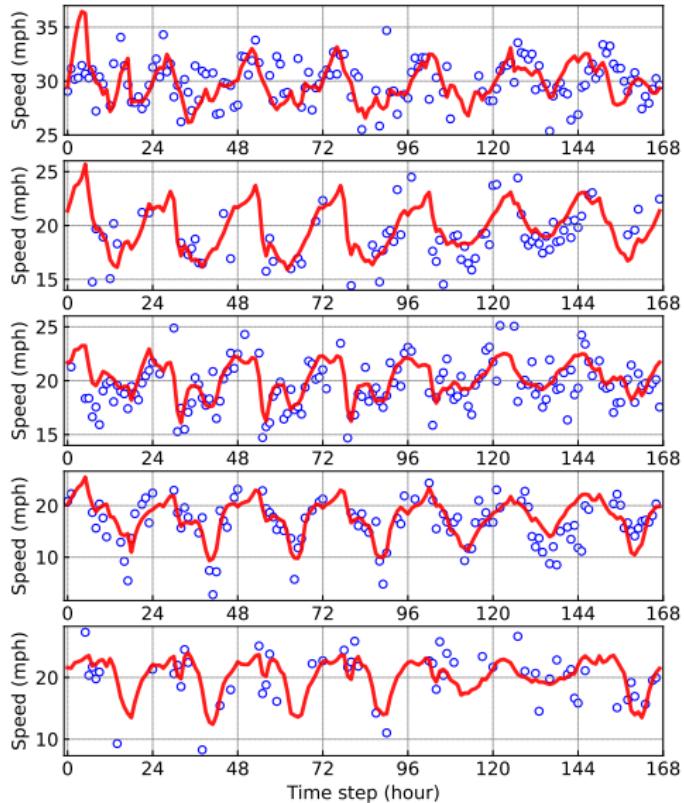


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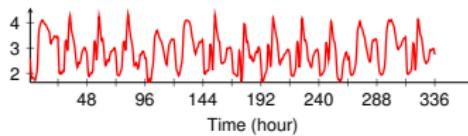
Findings:

- NoTMF outperforms other models.
- Seasonal differencing in NoTMF is important.

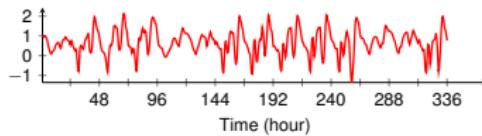
| δ | d | NoTMF ($m = 24$) | NoTMF ($m = 168$) | NoTMF-1st ($m = 168$) | TMF | TRMF | BTMF |
|----------|-----|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | 13.63/2.88 | 13.53/2.86 | 13.45/2.85 | 13.74/2.90 | 14.50/3.12 | 14.94/3.13 |
| | 2 | 13.47/2.84 | 13.41/2.84 | 13.42/2.84 | 13.53/2.85 | 14.14/3.05 | 15.70/3.41 |
| | 3 | 13.46/2.84 | 13.39/2.83 | 13.43/2.84 | 13.47/2.83 | 13.87/2.96 | 15.80/3.34 |
| | 6 | 13.41/ 2.83 | 13.39/2.83 | 13.41/ 2.83 | 13.40/ 2.83 | 14.00/2.98 | 15.45/3.27 |
| 2 | 1 | 13.91/2.96 | 13.76/2.94 | 13.70/2.92 | 14.24/3.00 | 15.85/3.43 | 15.33/3.21 |
| | 2 | 13.77/2.92 | 13.63/2.89 | 13.72/2.92 | 13.87/2.91 | 15.04/3.31 | 15.87/3.32 |
| | 3 | 13.72/2.91 | 13.61/2.89 | 13.73/2.92 | 13.81/2.89 | 15.25/3.36 | 15.69/3.33 |
| | 6 | 13.59/2.87 | 13.57/2.88 | 13.68/2.91 | 13.63/2.86 | 14.92/3.24 | 15.91/3.39 |
| 3 | 1 | 14.30/3.05 | 14.06/3.02 | 14.02/3.00 | 14.81/3.12 | 17.52/3.83 | 15.86/3.32 |
| | 2 | 14.01/2.98 | 13.84/2.94 | 13.96/2.98 | 14.26/2.98 | 17.32/4.00 | 16.30/3.40 |
| | 3 | 13.95/2.97 | 13.79/2.93 | 13.98/2.98 | 14.04/2.94 | 16.91/3.71 | 16.56/3.49 |
| | 6 | 13.78/ 2.92 | 13.73/2.92 | 13.91/2.96 | 13.94/2.92 | 16.72/3.65 | 15.49/3.27 |
| 6 | 1 | 14.61/3.11 | 14.67/3.20 | 14.98/3.32 | 15.41/3.21 | 21.20/4.70 | 15.99/3.32 |
| | 2 | 14.30/3.03 | 14.33/3.09 | 14.90/3.28 | 14.85/3.07 | 20.87/5.01 | 16.04/3.33 |
| | 3 | 14.26/3.03 | 14.28/3.09 | 14.86/3.26 | 14.57/3.01 | 20.08/4.65 | 15.67/3.28 |
| | 6 | 14.06/2.97 | 14.16/3.06 | 14.80/3.23 | 14.47/3.00 | 20.40/4.35 | 16.38/3.50 |



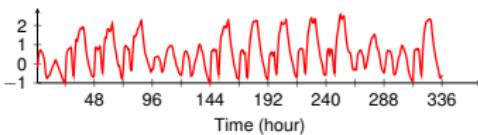
Temporal factor #1



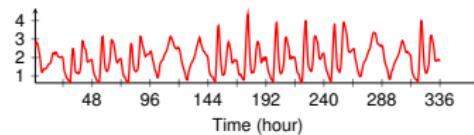
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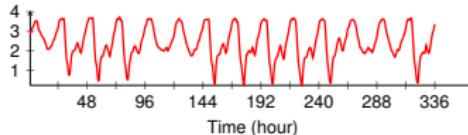
Temporal factor #3



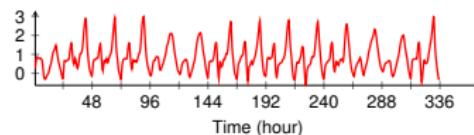
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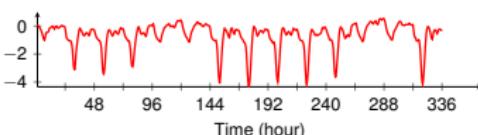
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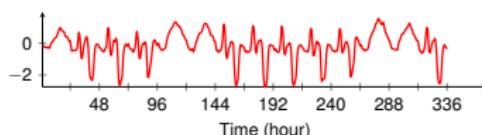
Temporal factor #6



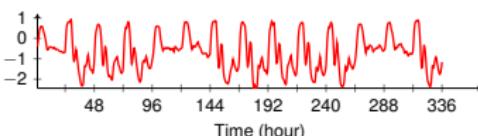
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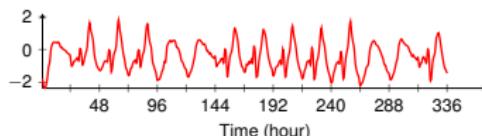
Temporal factor #8



Temporal factor #9



Temporal factor #10



Concluding Remarks

- Nonstationarity issue is important but mostly ignored.
 - e.g. the importance of stationarity in traffic forecasting (Rodrigues'22).
- Proper differencing operations are needed for addressing nonstationarity in real-world time series.

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