Time Series Filtering



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- ▶ Problem: We wish to extract some measure of "similarity" between stock prices, but they are noisy. Can we separate noise and signal?
 - ▶ Useful in e.g. pairs trading.
- ► Solution: Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA).



Consider¹ a time series $Z_T = (z_1, \dots z_T)$. With fixed window length L and rank r, and with K := T - L + 1:

1. Construct the (Hankel) trajectory matrix:

$$\mathbf{X} := \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & \dots & z_K \\ z_2 & z_3 & z_4 & \dots & z_{K+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_L & z_{L+1} & z_{L+2} & \dots & z_T \end{bmatrix}$$
(1)

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2. Compute SVD (via HMT algorithm) of X:

$$\mathbf{X} = U\Sigma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i^T \sigma_i$$

3. Truncate the SVD to r rank-1 matrices, with r chosen s.t. $r \le n$:

$$\mathbf{X} \approx \mathcal{X} = \sum_{i=1}^{r} u_i v_i^T \sigma_i$$

4. \mathcal{X} is not necessarily Hankel, so re-diagonalise on the off-diagonals to reconstruct a de-noised series $\bar{Z}_T = (\bar{z}_1, \dots \bar{z}_T)$ from the averaged Hankel matrix

$$\vec{\mathbf{X}} := \begin{bmatrix}
\bar{z}_1 & \bar{z}_2 & \bar{z}_3 & \dots & \bar{z}_K \\
\bar{z}_2 & \bar{z}_3 & \bar{z}_4 & \dots & \bar{z}_{K+1} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\bar{z}_L & \bar{z}_{L+1} & \bar{z}_{L+2} & \dots & \bar{z}_T
\end{bmatrix}$$
(2)



1. To set L, we first define the weighted inner product

$$(Z_T, Y_T)_w := \sum_{i=1}^T \min\{i, L, T - i + 1\} z_i y_i$$
 (3)

with associated norm

$$||Z_T||_w^2 := (Z_T, Z_T)_w$$
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2. We then construct the w-correlation

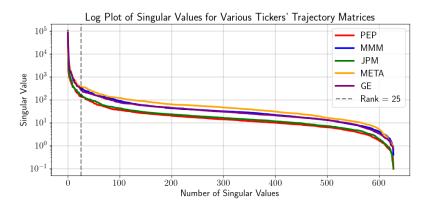
$$\rho_w(Z_T, Y_T) := \frac{(Z_T, Y_T)_w}{\|Z_T\|_w \|Y_T\|_w}$$

which we use as a measure of seperability.

It can be shown² that a choice of $L = \frac{T+1}{2}$ minimises ρ_w .



To choose r, examine the scree plot showing a knee at approximately 25 singular values.





We measure similarity of two time (de-noised) time series using the Time Warped Edit Distance³ (TWED). First define

$$f(x_i, y_j) = |x_i - y_j|$$

for two time series $X_T = (x_1, \dots x_T)$ and $Y_T = (y_1, \dots y_T)$ as a "difference measurement".



Next, we initialise a grid $D_{i,j}$ s.t.

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

 $D_{0,j} = \infty \quad j = 1, \dots T,$
 $D_{i,0} = \infty \quad i = 1, \dots T.$

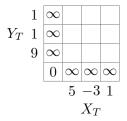


Figure 1: Initialised TWED grid.

Then define the TWED-Closeness by $D_{T,T}$, where we construct

$$D_{i,j} = \min \{ D_{i-1,j-1} + \Gamma_{X,Y}, D_{i-1,j} + \Gamma_X, D_{i,j-1} + \Gamma_Y \}$$
 (4)

for $1 \leq i, j \leq T$, where

$$\Gamma_{X,Y} = f(x_i, y_j) + f(x_{i-1}, y_{j-1}) + 2\nu |i - j|,$$
 (5)

$$\Gamma_X = f(x_i, x_{i-1}) + \nu + \lambda, \tag{6}$$

$$\Gamma_Y = f(y_j, y_{j-1}) + \nu + \lambda, \tag{7}$$

with

- \triangleright λ : deletion penalty
- $\triangleright \nu$: stiffness parameter



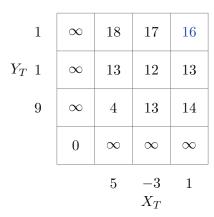


Figure 2: Populated TWED grid, with $\nu = \lambda = 0.5$. $D_{T,T} = 16$.



Figure 3: Different rank SSA reconstructions. Note underfitting at r=5, and overfitting at r=300.



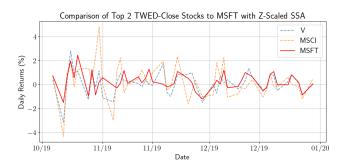
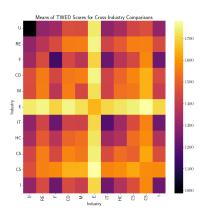


Figure 4: Returns over 50 days for the top 2 most "similar" stocks to MSFT. Note how when returns diverge, they eventually reconverge.

With n time series of length m, TWED-scoring complexity is $O(m^2n^2) \sim 12$ hours for 500 stocks over 5 years.

Key takeaways:

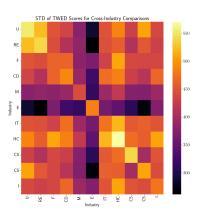
- Energy,
 Consumer
 Staples sector
 dissimilar to
 other sectors.
- ► Utilities, Finance, IT show strong intersimilarity.



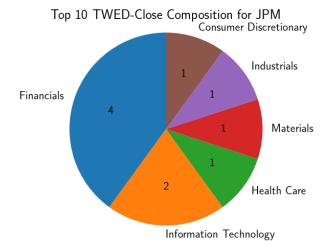


Key takeaways:

- ► Energy sector conclusions strong.
- ► Utilities, Health Care conclusion very weak.









- ► Neural-network based approaches
 - ► There is promising work being done on *Siamese Neural Networks*⁴, which use a pair of Recurrent Neural Networks that share weights to classify time series.
- ► Fine-tuning the choice of SSA parameters to better classify data
- ► Forecasting?



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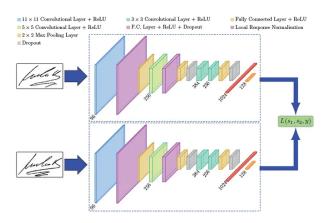


Figure 5: Overview of an SNN, as used in SigNet⁵.



There exist two different types of SSA forecasting: recurrent, and vector. We go over them in turn:

1. Recurrent forecasting⁶: Consider the left singular vectors $u_1, u_2, \ldots u_r$. Take their L^{th} components, denoted π_i , and define

$$v^2 := \sum_{i=1}^r \pi_i^2. (8)$$

Denote by \hat{u}_i the $L-1 \times 1$ vector which is u_i with the final component removed.



Then define

$$A = (\alpha_{L-1}, \dots \alpha_1)^T = \frac{1}{1 - v^2} \sum_{i=1}^r \pi_i \hat{u}_i,$$

and thus construct

$$z_{t} = \begin{cases} \bar{z}_{t} & t = 1, \dots T, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} \alpha_{i} z_{t-i} & t = T+1, \dots T+h, \end{cases}$$

for a forecast to h steps ahead.



2. Vector forecasting⁷: First define

$$\mathbf{\hat{U}} = \left[\hat{u}_1, \dots \hat{u}_r\right],\,$$

and construct

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \hat{\mathbf{U}}\hat{\mathbf{U}}^T + (1 - v^2)AA^T.$$

Finally, construct the operator Θ s.t.

$$\Theta V := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Pi} \hat{V} \\ A^T \hat{V} \end{bmatrix},$$

where \hat{V} denotes the vector V with the last element removed.



Define now

$$\Xi_i = \begin{cases} \mathcal{X}_i & i = 1, \dots K, \\ \Theta \Xi_{i-1} & i = K+1, \dots K+h+L-1, \end{cases}$$

where \mathcal{X}_i are the columns of \mathcal{X} . Next construct

$$\mathbf{\Xi} = \left[\Xi_1, \dots \Xi_{K+h+L-1}\right],$$

and hankelise to get the matrix $\bar{\Xi}$ from which we recover an "extended" time series containing forecasted values.

