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## 15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture #25: Time series mining and forecasting  
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## Must-Read Material

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- ➔ • Motivation
  - Similarity search – distance functions
  - Linear Forecasting
  - Bursty traffic - fractals and multifractals
  - Non-linear forecasting
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## Problem definition

- Given: one or more sequences  
 $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T, \dots$   
 $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_p, \dots)$   
 ... )
- Find
  - similar sequences; forecasts
  - patterns; clusters; outliers

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## Motivation - Applications

- Financial, sales, economic series
- Medical
  - ECGs +; blood pressure etc monitoring
  - reactions to new drugs
  - elderly care

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## Motivation - Applications (cont'd)

- 'Smart house'
  - sensors monitor temperature, humidity, air quality
- video surveillance

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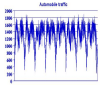
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## Motivation - Applications (cont'd)

- civil/automobile infrastructure
  - bridge vibrations [Oppenheim+02]
  - road conditions / traffic monitoring



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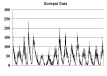
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## Motivation - Applications (cont'd)

- Weather, environment/anti-pollution
  - volcano monitoring
  - air/water pollutant monitoring



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## Motivation - Applications (cont'd)

- Computer systems
  - ‘Active Disks’ (buffering, prefetching)
  - web servers (ditto)
  - network traffic monitoring
  - ...

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## Stream Data: Disk accesses

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## Problem #1:

Goal: given a signal (e.g., #packets over time)

Find: patterns, periodicities, and/or compress

lynx caught per year (packets per day; temperature per day)

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### Problem#2: Forecast

Given  $x_p, x_{t-1}, \dots$ , forecast  $x_{t+1}$

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### Problem#2': Similarity search

E.g., Find a 3-tick pattern, similar to the last one

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### Problem #3:

- Given: A set of **correlated** time sequences
- Forecast 'Sent(t)'

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## Important observations

Patterns, rules, forecasting and similarity indexing are closely related:

- To do forecasting, we need
  - to find patterns/rules
  - to find similar settings in the past
- to find outliers, we need to have forecasts
  - (outlier = too far away from our forecast)

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  - Euclidean
  - Time-warping
- ...

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## Importance of distance functions

Subtle, but **absolutely necessary**:

- A ‘must’ for similarity indexing (-> forecasting)
- A ‘must’ for clustering

Two major families

- Euclidean and  $L_p$  norms
- Time warping and variations

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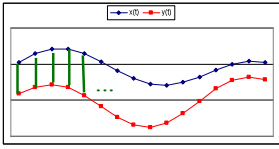
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## Euclidean and $L_p$



$$D(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2$$

$$L_p(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p$$

- $L_1$ : city-block = Manhattan
- $L_2$  = Euclidean
- $L_\infty$

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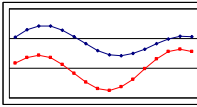
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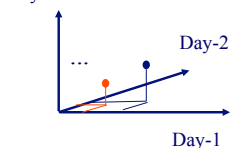
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## Observation #1



- Time sequence -> n-d vector



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## Observation #2

Euclidean distance is closely related to

- cosine similarity
- dot product
- 'cross-correlation' function

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## Time Warping

- allow accelerations - decelerations
  - (with or w/o penalty)
- THEN compute the (Euclidean) distance (+ penalty)
- related to the string-editing distance

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## Time Warping

'stutters':

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## Time warping

Q: how to compute it?  
 A: dynamic programming  
 $D(i, j)$  = cost to match  
 prefix of length  $i$  of first sequence  $x$  with prefix  
 of length  $j$  of second sequence  $y$

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## Time warping

Thus, with no penalty for stutter, for sequences  
 $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_j$

$$D(i, j) = \|x[i] - y[j]\| + \min \begin{cases} D(i-1, j-1) & \text{no stutter} \\ D(i, j-1) & \text{x-stutter} \\ D(i-1, j) & \text{y-stutter} \end{cases}$$

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## Time warping

VERY SIMILAR to the string-editing distance

$$D(i, j) = \|x[i] - y[j]\| + \min \begin{cases} D(i-1, j-1) & \text{no stutter} \\ D(i, j-1) & \text{x-stutter} \\ D(i-1, j) & \text{y-stutter} \end{cases}$$

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### Time warping

- Complexity:  $O(M*N)$  - quadratic on the length of the strings
- **Many** variations (penalty for stutters; limit on the number/percentage of stutters; ...)
- popular in voice processing [Rabiner + Juang]

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### Other Distance functions

- piece-wise linear/flat approx.; compare pieces [Keogh+01] [Faloutsos+97]
- ‘cepstrum’ (for voice [Rabiner+Juang])
  - do DFT; take log of amplitude; do DFT again!
- Allow for small gaps [Agrawal+95]

See tutorial by [Gunopulos + Das, SIGMOD01]

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### Other Distance functions

- In [Keogh+, KDD’04]: parameter-free, MDL based

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## Conclusions

Prevailing distances:

- Euclidean and
- time-warping

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# Linear Forecasting

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## Forecasting

"Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future." - Nils Bohr

<http://www.hfac.uh.edu/MediaFutures/thoughts.html>

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### Problem#2: Forecast

- Example: give  $x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots$ , forecast  $x_t$

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### Forecasting: Preprocessing

MANUALLY:

- remove trends
- spot periodicities

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### Problem#2: Forecast

- Solution: try to express  $x_t$  as a linear function of the past:  $x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots$  (up to a window of  $w$ )

Formally:

$$x_t \approx a_1 x_{t-1} + \dots + a_w x_{t-w} + noise$$

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### (Problem: Back-cast; interpolate)

- Solution - interpolate: try to express  $x_t$  as a linear function of the past AND the future:
 
$$x_{t+1}, x_{t+2}, \dots, x_{t+w_{future}}; x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-w_{past}}$$
 (up to windows of  $w_{past}, w_{future}$ )
- EXACTLY the same algo's

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### Linear Regression: idea

patient	weight	height
1	27	43
2	43	54
3	54	72
...	...	...
N	25	??

- express what we don't know (= 'dependent variable')
- as a linear function of what we know (= 'indep. variable(s)')

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### Linear Auto Regression:

Time	Packets Sent(t)
1	43
2	54
3	72
...	...
N	??

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## Linear Auto Regression:

Time	Packets Sent (t-1)	Packets Sent(t)
1	-	43
2	43	54
3	54	72
...	...	...
N	25	??

Number of packets sent (t)

Number of packets sent (t-1)

'lag-plot'

- lag  $w=1$
- Dependent variable = # of packets sent ( $S[t]$ )
- Independent variable = # of packets sent ( $S[t-1]$ )

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## More details:

- Q1: Can it work with window  $w>1$ ?
- A1: YES!

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### More details:

- Q1: Can it work with window  $w > 1$ ?
- A1: YES! (we'll fit a hyper-plane, then!)

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### More details:

- Q1: Can it work with window  $w > 1$ ?
- A1: YES! The problem becomes:
 
$$\mathbf{X}_{[N \times w]} \times \mathbf{a}_{[w \times 1]} = \mathbf{y}_{[N \times 1]}$$
- **OVER-CONSTRAINED**
  - $\mathbf{a}$  is the vector of the regression coefficients
  - $\mathbf{X}$  has the  $N$  values of the  $w$  indep. variables
  - $\mathbf{y}$  has the  $N$  values of the dependent variable

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### More details:

- $\mathbf{X}_{[N \times w]} \times \mathbf{a}_{[w \times 1]} = \mathbf{y}_{[N \times 1]}$

Ind-var1                      Ind-var-w

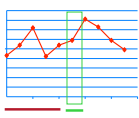
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$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{1w} \\ X_{21}, X_{22}, \dots, X_{2w} \\ \vdots \\ X_{N1}, X_{N2}, \dots, X_{Nw} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\times \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_w \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}$$



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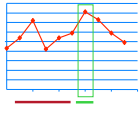
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### More details

- Q2: How to estimate  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_w = \mathbf{a}$ ?
- A2: with Least Squares fit

$$\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{X})^{-1} \times (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{y})$$

- (Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse)
- $\mathbf{a}$  is the vector that minimizes the RMSE from  $\mathbf{y}$
- <identical math with 'query feedbacks'>

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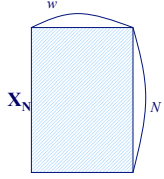
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### More details

- Straightforward solution:
 

$$\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{X})^{-1} \times (\mathbf{X}^T \times \mathbf{y})$$

$\mathbf{a}$  : Regression Coeff. Vector  
 $\mathbf{X}$  : Sample Matrix



$\mathbf{X}_N$        $w$        $N$

- Observations:
  - Sample matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  grows over time
  - needs matrix inversion
  - $\mathbf{O}(N \times w^2)$  computation
  - $\mathbf{O}(N \times w)$  storage

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### Even more details

- Q3: Can we estimate  $\mathbf{a}$  incrementally?
- A3: Yes, with the brilliant, classic method of ‘Recursive Least Squares’ (RLS) (see, e.g., [Yi+00], for details).
- We can do the matrix inversion, WITHOUT inversion! (How is that possible?!)

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- A: our matrix has special form:  $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})$

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### More details

At the  $N+1$  time tick:

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### More details

- Let  $G_N = (X_N^T \times X_N)^{-1}$  ("gain matrix")
- $G_{N+1}$  can be computed recursively from  $G_N$

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### EVEN more details:

$$G_{N+1} = G_N - [c]^{-1} \times [G_N \times x_{N+1}^T] \times x_{N+1} \times G_N$$

$\swarrow$   
 $1 \times w$  row vector

$$c = [1 + x_{N+1} \times G_N \times x_{N+1}^T]$$

Let's elaborate  
(VERY IMPORTANT, VERY VALUABLE!)

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**EVEN more details:**

$$a = [X_{N+1}^T \times X_{N+1}]^{-1} \times [X_{N+1}^T \times y_{N+1}]$$

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**EVEN more details:**

$$a = [X_{N+1}^T \times X_{N+1}]^{-1} \times [X_{N+1}^T \times y_{N+1}]$$

$[w \times 1]$                        $[(N+1) \times w]$                        $[(N+1) \times 1]$   
 $[w \times (N+1)]$                        $[w \times (N+1)]$

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**EVEN more details:**

$$a = [X_{N+1}^T \times X_{N+1}]^{-1} \times [X_{N+1}^T \times y_{N+1}]$$

$[(N+1) \times w]$   
 $[w \times (N+1)]$

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**EVEN more details:**

$$a = [X_{N+1}^T \times X_{N+1}]^{-1} \times [X_{N+1}^T \times y_{N+1}]$$

'gain matrix',  $G_{N+1} \equiv [X_{N+1}^T \times X_{N+1}]^{-1}$  1 x w row vector

$$G_{N+1} = G_N - [c]^{-1} \times [G_N \times x_{N+1}^T] \times x_{N+1} \times G_N$$

$$c = [1 + x_{N+1} \times G_N \times x_{N+1}^T]$$

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**EVEN more details:**

1x1

1xw

wxw   wxw   wxw   wx1   wxw

$$G_{N+1} = G_N - [c]^{-1} \times [G_N \times x_{N+1}^T] \times x_{N+1} \times G_N$$

**SCALAR!**  $c = [1 + x_{N+1} \times G_N \times x_{N+1}^T]$

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**Altogether:**

$$a = [X_{N+1}^T \times X_{N+1}]^{-1} \times [X_{N+1}^T \times y_{N+1}]$$

$$G_{N+1} \equiv [X_{N+1}^T \times X_{N+1}]^{-1}$$

$$G_{N+1} = G_N - [c]^{-1} \times [G_N \times x_{N+1}^T] \times x_{N+1} \times G_N$$

$$c = [1 + x_{N+1} \times G_N \times x_{N+1}^T]$$

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**Altogether:**

$$G_0 \equiv \delta I$$

where  
 I: w x w identity matrix  
 δ: a large positive number

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**Comparison:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Straightforward Least Squares</b></li> <li>- Needs huge matrix (growing in size) <math>O(N \times w)</math></li> <li>- Costly matrix operation <math>O(N \times w^2)</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recursive LS</b></li> <li>- Need much smaller, fixed size matrix <math>O(w \times w)</math></li> <li>- Fast, incremental computation <math>O(1 \times w^2)</math></li> <li>- <b>no matrix inversion</b></li> </ul>
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$N = 10^6, \quad w = 1-100$

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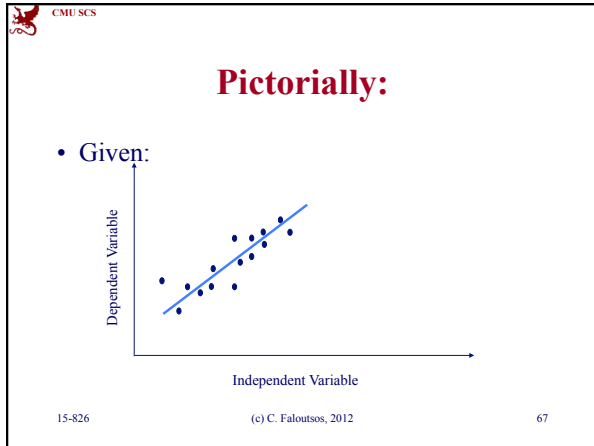
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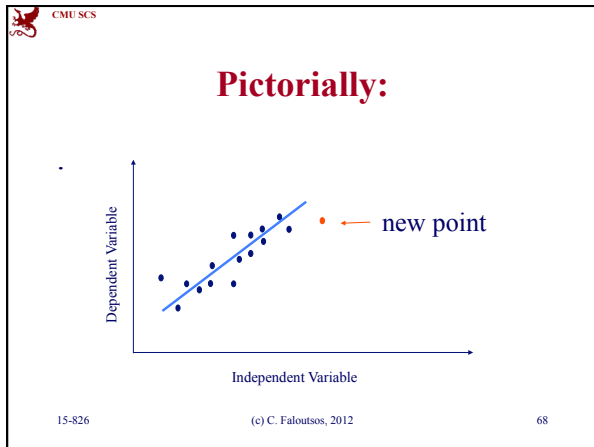
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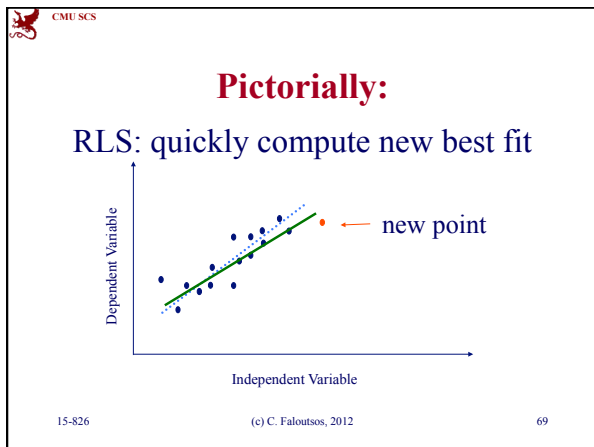
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### Even more details

- Q4: can we ‘forget’ the older samples?
- A4: Yes - RLS can easily handle that  $[Y_i+00]$ :

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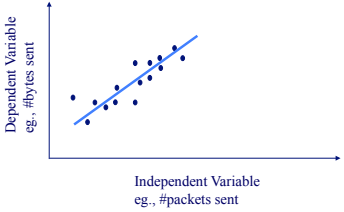
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### Adaptability - ‘forgetting’



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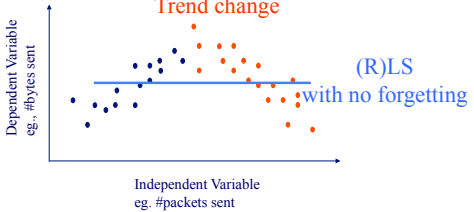
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### Adaptability - ‘forgetting’



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## Adaptability - 'forgetting'

Trend change

(R)LS with no forgetting

(R)LS with forgetting

- RLS: can \*trivially\* handle 'forgetting'

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## How to choose 'w'?

- goal: capture arbitrary periodicities
- with NO human intervention
- on a semi-infinite stream

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**Answer:**

- ‘AWSOM’ (Arbitrary Window Stream fOrecasting Method) [Papadimitriou+, vldb2003]
- idea: do AR on each wavelet level
- in detail:

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**AWSOM**

The diagram illustrates the AWSOM process. It shows a signal  $x_t$  being decomposed into wavelet levels  $W_{i,j}$  and  $V_{i,j}$ . The vertical axis is labeled 'frequency' and the horizontal axis is labeled 'time'. Two specific wavelet levels,  $W_{2,1}$  and  $W_{2,2}$ , are circled in red and connected by an equals sign, indicating that an AR model is applied to these levels. Below the decomposition, the reconstructed signal  $W_{i,j}$  and the residual  $V_{i,j}$  are shown.

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**AWSOM**

This diagram is similar to the previous one, showing the decomposition of  $x_t$  into  $W_{i,j}$  and  $V_{i,j}$ . In this version, the top row of wavelet levels  $W_{1,1}$ ,  $W_{1,2}$ ,  $W_{1,3}$ , and  $W_{1,4}$  are circled in red, indicating that an AR model is applied to these levels. The reconstructed signal  $W_{i,j}$  and residual  $V_{i,j}$  are also shown.

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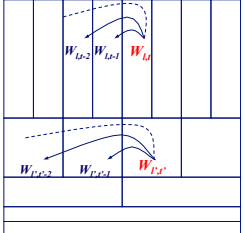
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### AWSOM - idea



$$W_{L,t} = \beta_{L,1}W_{L,t-1} + \beta_{L,2}W_{L,t-2} + \dots$$

$$W_{L,t-1} = \beta_{L,1}W_{L,t-1-1} + \beta_{L,2}W_{L,t-1-2} + \dots$$

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### More details...

- Update of wavelet coefficients (incremental)
- Update of linear models (incremental; RLS)
- Feature selection (single-pass)
  - Not all correlations are significant
  - Throw away the insignificant ones (“noise”)

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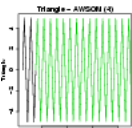
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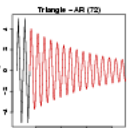
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### Results - Synthetic data

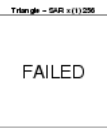
**AWSOM**



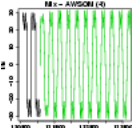
**AR**



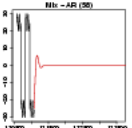
**Seasonal AR**




**Mix - AWSOM (4)**



**Mix - AR (20)**



**Mix - SAR (1) (1) (250)**



- Triangle pulse
- Mix (sine + square)
- AR captures wrong trend (or none)
- Seasonal AR estimation fails

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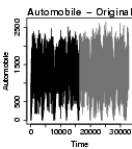
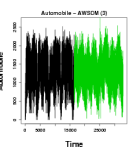
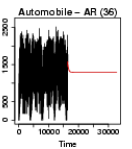
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### Results - Real data

Automobile - SAR

FAILED

- Automobile traffic
  - Daily periodicity
  - Bursty “noise” at smaller scales
- AR fails to capture any trend
- Seasonal AR estimation fails

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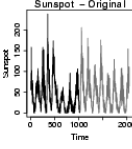
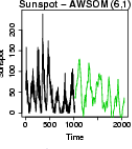
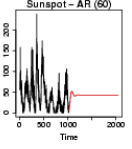
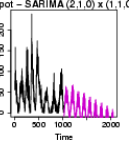
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### Results - real data

- Sunspot intensity
  - Slightly time-varying “period”
- AR captures wrong trend
- Seasonal ARIMA
  - wrong downward trend, despite help by human!

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### Complexity

- Model update
  - Space:  $O(\lg N + mk^2) \approx O(\lg N)$
  - Time:  $O(k^2) \approx O(1)$
- Where
  - $N$ : number of points (so far)
  - $k$ : number of regression coefficients; fixed
  - $m$ : number of linear models;  $O(\lg N)$

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## Outline

- Motivation
- ...
- Linear Forecasting
  - Auto-regression: Least Squares; RLS
  - ➔ – Co-evolving time sequences
  - Examples
  - Conclusions

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## Co-Evolving Time Sequences

- Given: A set of **correlated** time sequences
- Forecast '**Repeated(t)**'

Time Tick	sent	lost	repeated
1	40	20	20
2	55	25	25
3	70	30	30
4	45	20	25
5	55	25	20
6	60	30	25
7	75	35	30
8	70	30	35
9	60	25	30
10	50	20	25
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## Solution:

Q: what should we do?

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### Solution:

Least Squares, with

- Dep. Variable: Repeated(t)
- Indep. Variables: Sent(t-1) ... Sent(t-w);  
Lost(t-1) ... Lost(t-w); Repeated(t-1), ...
- (named: 'MUSCLES' [Yi+00])

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### Forecasting - Outline

- Auto-regression
- Least Squares; recursive least squares
- Co-evolving time sequences
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### Examples - Experiments

- Datasets
  - Modem pool traffic (14 modems, 1500 time-ticks; #packets per time unit)
  - AT&T WorldNet internet usage (several data streams; 980 time-ticks)
- Measures of success
  - Accuracy : Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)

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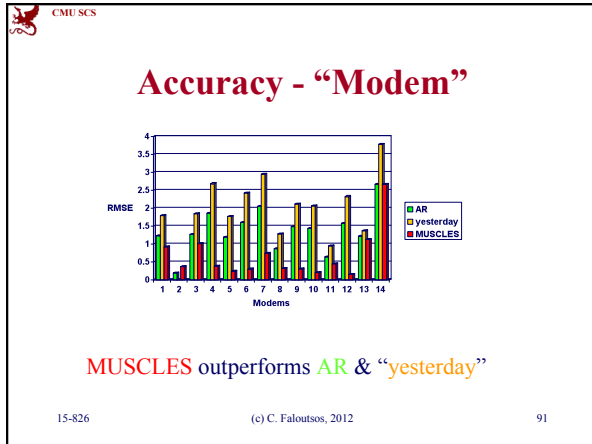
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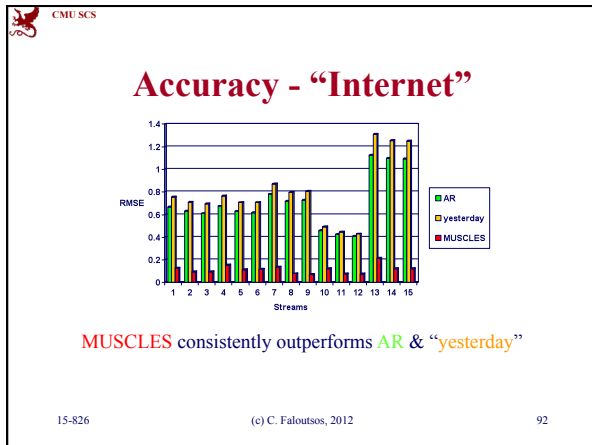
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- Linear forecasting - Outline**
- Auto-regression
  - Least Squares; recursive least squares
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  - ➔ Conclusions
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## Conclusions - Practitioner's guide

- AR(IMA) methodology: prevailing method for linear forecasting
- Brilliant method of Recursive Least Squares for fast, incremental estimation.
- See [Box-Jenkins]
- (AWSOM: no human intervention)

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## Resources: software and urls

- MUSCLES: Prof. Byoung-Kee Yi:  
<http://www.postech.ac.kr/~bkyi/>  
or [christos@cs.cmu.edu](mailto:christos@cs.cmu.edu)
- free-ware: 'R' for stat. analysis  
(clone of Splus)  
<http://cran.r-project.org/>

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## Books

- George E.P. Box and Gwilym M. Jenkins and Gregory C. Reinsel, *Time Series Analysis: Forecasting and Control*, Prentice Hall, 1994 (the classic book on ARIMA, 3rd ed.)
- Brockwell, P. J. and R. A. Davis (1987). *Time Series: Theory and Methods*. New York, Springer Verlag.

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- [Yi+00] Byoung-Kee Yi et al.: *Online Data Mining for Co-Evolving Time Sequences*, ICDE 2000. (Describes MUSCLES and Recursive Least Squares)

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## Outline

- Motivation
- Similarity search and distance functions
- Linear Forecasting
- ➔ • Bursty traffic - fractals and multifractals
- Non-linear forecasting
- Conclusions

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## Outline

- Motivation
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- Bursty traffic - fractals and multifractals
  - - Problem
  - Main idea (80/20, Hurst exponent)
  - Results

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Full thesis: CMU-CS-05-185  
*Performance Modeling of Storage Devices using Machine Learning* Mengzhi Wang, Ph.D. Thesis  
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## Recall: Problem #1:

Goal: given a signal (eg., #bytes over time)  
 Find: patterns, periodicities, and/or compress

#bytes

Bytes per 30'  
 (packets per day;  
 earthquakes per year)

time

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## Problem #1

- model bursty traffic
- generate realistic traces
- (Poisson does not work)

# bytes

time

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## Motivation

- predict queue length distributions (e.g., to give probabilistic guarantees)
- “learn” traffic, for buffering, prefetching, ‘active disks’, web servers

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## Q: any ‘pattern’?

- Not Poisson
- spike; silence; more spikes; more silence...
- any rules?

# bytes

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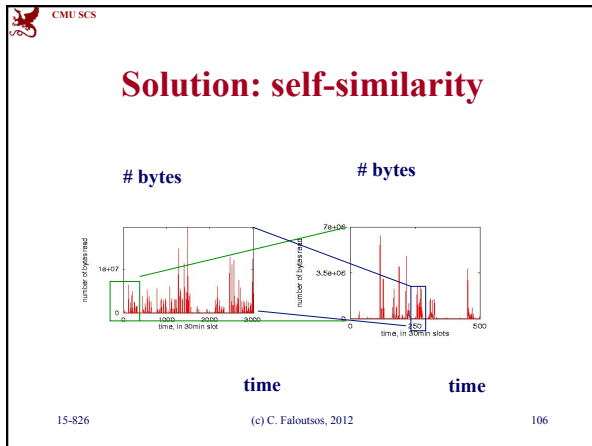
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**But:**

- Q1: How to generate realistic traces; extrapolate; give guarantees?
- Q2: How to estimate the model parameters?

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- Motivation
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  - ➔ – Main idea (80/20, Hurst exponent)
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## Approach

- Q1: How to generate a sequence, that is
  - bursty
  - self-similar
  - and has similar queue length distributions

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## Approach

- A: ‘binomial multifractal’ [Wang+02]
- ~ 80-20 ‘law’:
  - 80% of bytes/queries etc on first half
  - repeat recursively
- $b$ : bias factor (eg., 80%)

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## Binary multifractals

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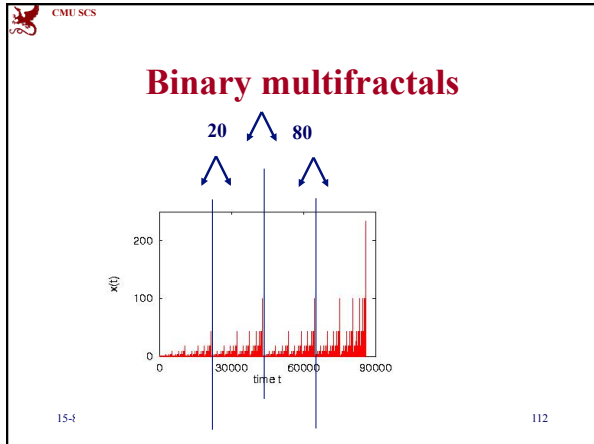
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**Parameter estimation**

- Q2: How to estimate the bias factor  $b$ ?

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**Parameter estimation**

- Q2: How to estimate the bias factor  $b$ ?
- A: MANY ways [Crovella+96]
  - Hurst exponent
  - variance plot
  - even DFT amplitude spectrum! ('periodogram')
  - More robust: 'entropy plot' [Wang+02]

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## Entropy plot

- Rationale:
  - burstiness: inverse of uniformity
  - entropy measures uniformity of a distribution
  - find entropy at several granularities, to see whether/how our distribution is close to uniform.

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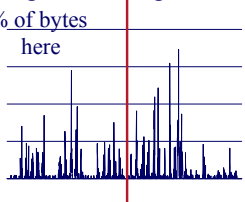
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## Entropy plot

p1 p2

% of bytes here



- Entropy  $E(n)$  after  $n$  levels of splits
- $n=1: E(1) = -p_1 \log_2(p_1) - p_2 \log_2(p_2)$

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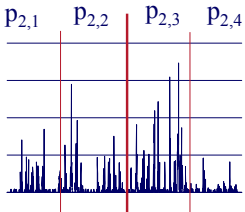
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## Entropy plot

$p_{2,1}$   $p_{2,2}$   $p_{2,3}$   $p_{2,4}$



- Entropy  $E(n)$  after  $n$  levels of splits
- $n=1: E(1) = -p_1 \log_2(p_1) - p_2 \log_2(p_2)$
- $n=2: E(2) = -\sum_i p_{2,i} \log_2(p_{2,i})$

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### Real traffic

Entropy  $E(n)$

• Has linear entropy plot (-> self-similar)

# of levels ( $n$ )

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### Observation - intuition:

Entropy  $E(n)$

intuition: slope =  
intrinsic dimensionality =  
info-bits per coordinate-bit

- unif. Dataset: slope = ?
- multi-point: slope = ?

# of levels ( $n$ )

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### Observation - intuition:

Entropy  $E(n)$

intuition: slope =  
intrinsic dimensionality =  
info-bits per coordinate-bit

- unif. Dataset: slope = 1
- multi-point: slope = 0

# of levels ( $n$ )

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### Entropy plot - Intuition

- Slope ~ intrinsic dimensionality (in fact, 'Information fractal dimension')
- = info bit per coordinate bit - eg

Dim = 1 

Pick a point;  
reveal its coordinate bit-by-bit -  
how much info is each bit worth to me?

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### Entropy plot

- Slope ~ intrinsic dimensionality (in fact, 'Information fractal dimension')
- = info bit per coordinate bit - eg

Dim = 1 

↑ Is MSB 0?  
'info' value = E(1): 1 bit

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### Entropy plot

- Slope ~ intrinsic dimensionality (in fact, 'Information fractal dimension')
- = info bit per coordinate bit - eg

Dim = 1 

↑ Is MSB 0?

↑ Is next MSB =0?

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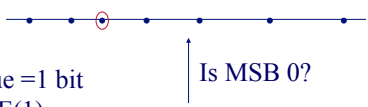
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### Entropy plot

- Slope ~ intrinsic dimensionality (in fact, 'Information fractal dimension')
- = info bit per coordinate bit - eg

Dim = 1 

Info value = 1 bit  
 $= E(2) - E(1) =$   
 slope!

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### Entropy plot

- Repeat, for all points at same position:

Dim=0 

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### Entropy plot

- Repeat, for all points at same position:
- we need 0 bits of info, to determine position
- -> slope = 0 = intrinsic dimensionality

Dim=0 

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### Entropy plot

- Real (and 80-20) datasets can be in-between: bursts, gaps, smaller bursts, smaller gaps, at every scale

Dim = 1 

Dim=0 

0<Dim<1 

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### (Fractals, again)

- What set of points could have behavior between point and line?

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### Cantor dust

- Eliminate the middle third
- Recursively!

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## Cantor dust

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## Cantor dust

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## Cantor dust

Dimensionality?  
(no length; infinite # points!)  
Answer:  $\log_2 / \log_3 = 0.6$

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## Some more entropy plots:

- Poisson vs real

Poisson: slope =  $\sim 1$   $\rightarrow$  uniformly distributed

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## b-model

$E(n)$

- b-model traffic gives perfectly linear plot
- Lemma: its slope is  $slope = -b \log_2 b - (1-b) \log_2 (1-b)$
- Fitting: do entropy plot; get slope; solve for  $b$

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## Outline

- Motivation
- ...
- Linear Forecasting
- Bursty traffic - fractals and multifractals
  - Problem
  - Main idea (80/20, Hurst exponent)
  - ➔ – Experiments - Results

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## Experimental setup

- Disk traces (from HP [Wilkes 93])
- web traces from LBL  
<http://repository.cs.vt.edu/lbl-conn-7.tar.Z>

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## Model validation

- Linear entropy plots

(a) Disk Traces

(b) Web Traces

Bias factors  $b$ : 0.6-0.8  
smallest  $b$  / smoothest: nntp traffic

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## Web traffic - results

- LBL, NCDF of queue lengths (log-log scales)

Prob( $>l$ )

(a) lbl-all

(b) lbl-nntp

(c) lbl-smtp

(d) lbl-ftp

Queue length distribution

How to give guarantees? (queue length  $l$ )

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## Web traffic - results

- LBL, NCDF of queue lengths (log-log scales)

Prob( $>l$ )

20% of the requests will see queue lengths  $<100$

(queue length  $l$ )

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## Conclusions

- Multifractals (80/20, ‘b-model’, Multiplicative Wavelet Model (MWM)) for analysis and synthesis of bursty traffic

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## Books

- Fractals: Manfred Schroeder: *Fractals, Chaos, Power Laws: Minutes from an Infinite Paradise* W.H. Freeman and Company, 1991 (Probably the BEST book on fractals!)

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Entropy plots

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# Chaos and non-linear forecasting

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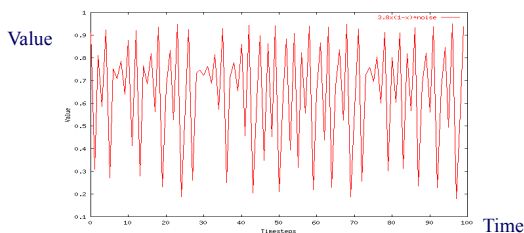
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## Recall: Problem #1



Value

Time

Given a time series  $\{x_t\}$ , predict its future course, that is,  $x_{t+1}, x_{t+2}, \dots$

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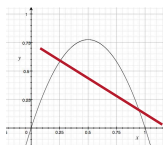
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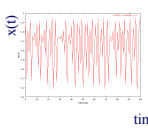
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## Datasets

Logistic Parabola:  
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 Models population of flies [R. May/1976]



Lag-plot  
ARIMA: fails



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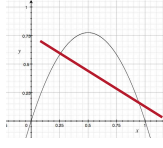
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## How to forecast?

- ARIMA - but: linearity assumption



Lag-plot  
ARIMA: fails

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## How to forecast?

- ARIMA - but: linearity assumption
- ANSWER: ‘Delayed Coordinate Embedding’ = Lag Plots [Sauer92]  
 ~ nearest-neighbor search, for past incidents

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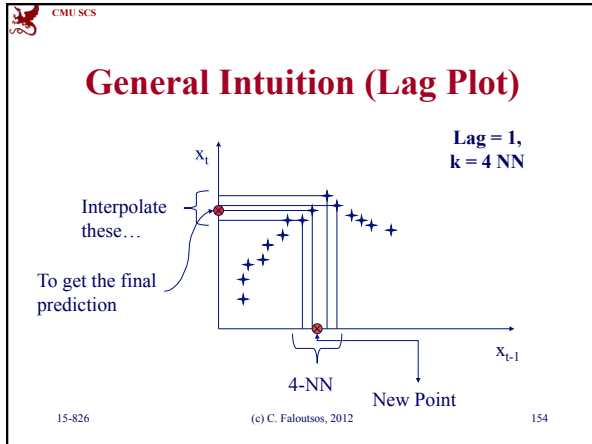
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**Questions:**

- Q1: How to choose lag  $L$ ?
- Q2: How to choose  $k$  (the # of NN)?
- Q3: How to interpolate?
- Q4: why should this work at all?

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**Q1: Choosing lag  $L$**

- Manually (16, in award winning system by [Sauer94])

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## Q2: Choosing number of neighbors $k$

- Manually (typically ~ 1-10)

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## Q3: How to interpolate?

How do we interpolate between the  $k$  nearest neighbors?

A3.1: Average

A3.2: Weighted average (weights drop with distance - how?)

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## Q3: How to interpolate?

A3.3: Using SVD - seems to perform best ([Sauer94] - first place in the Santa Fe forecasting competition)

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### Q4: Any theory behind it?

A4: YES!

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### Theoretical foundation

- Based on the ‘Takens theorem’ [Takens81]
- which says that **long enough delay vectors can do prediction**, even if there are unobserved variables in the dynamical system (= diff. equations)

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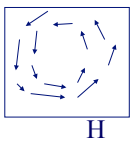
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### Theoretical foundation

Example: Lotka-Volterra equations

$$\begin{aligned} dH/dt &= r H - a H * P \\ dP/dt &= b H * P - m P \end{aligned}$$

H is count of prey (e.g., hare)  
P is count of predators (e.g., lynx)



Suppose only P(t) is observed (t=1, 2, ...).

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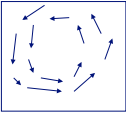
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## Theoretical foundation

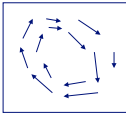
- But the delay vector space is a faithful reconstruction of the internal system state
- So prediction in **delay vector space** is as good as prediction in **state space**

P



H

P(t)



P(t-1)

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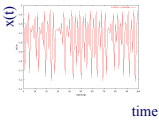
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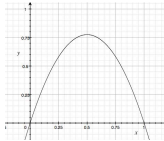
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Lag-plot

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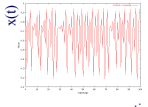
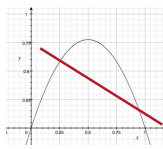
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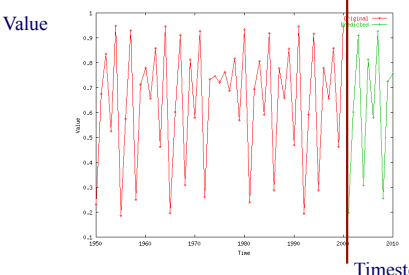
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## Logistic Parabola

Our Prediction from here



Value

Timesteps

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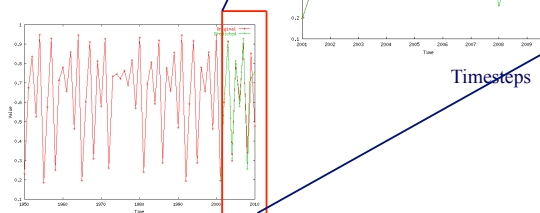
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## Logistic Parabola

Comparison of prediction to correct values



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Timesteps

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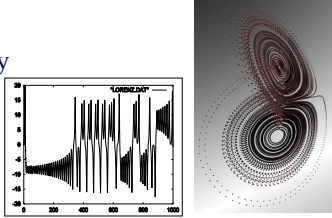
Value

## Datasets

LORENZ: Models convection currents in the air

$$dx / dt = a (y - x)$$

$$dy / dt = x (b - z) - y$$

$$dz / dt = xy - c z$$


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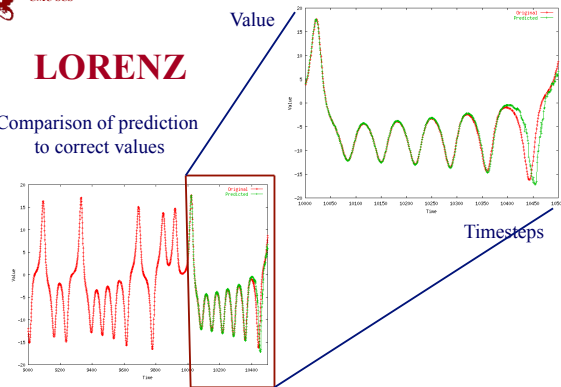
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## LORENZ

Comparison of prediction to correct values



Value

Time

Time

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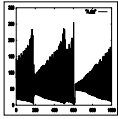
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Value

## Datasets

- LASER: fluctuations in a Laser over time (used in Santa Fe competition)



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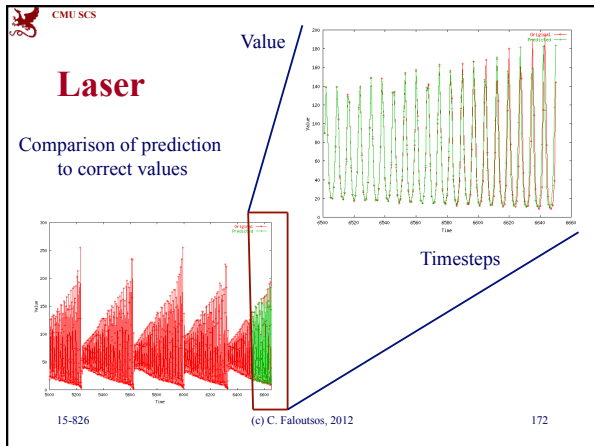
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**Conclusions**

- Lag plots for non-linear forecasting (Takens' theorem)
- suitable for 'chaotic' signals

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## Overall conclusions

- Similarity search: **Euclidean**/time-warping; **feature extraction** and **SAMs**

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- Non-linear forecasting: **lag-plots** (Takens)

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