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15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture #25: Time series mining and
forecasting

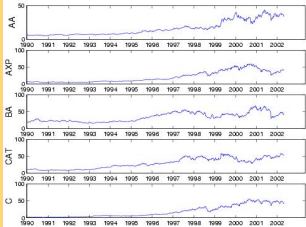

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Problem:



Q: mine/forecast (one, or more)
time sequences

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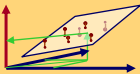

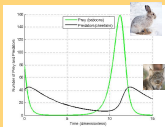
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Answers

- Similarity search: **Euclidean**/time-warping; **feature extraction** and **SAMs**
- Linear Forecasting: **AR** (Box-Jenkins)
- Non-linear forecasting: **lag-plots**
- Gray-box modeling: **Lotka-Volterra**

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Must-Read Material


- Byong-Kee Yi, Nikolaos D. Sidiropoulos, Theodore Johnson, H.V. Jagadish, Christos Faloutsos and Alex Biliiris, *Online Data Mining for Co-Evolving Time Sequences*, ICDE, Feb 2000.
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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

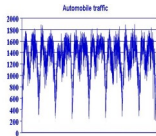
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Motivation - Applications (cont' d)

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



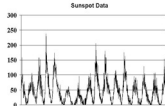
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Motivation - Applications (cont' d)

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



The graph shows sunspot data over time. The y-axis is labeled 'Sunspot Data' and ranges from 0 to 300 in increments of 50. The x-axis represents time, with several peaks and troughs. The highest peak is around 250, and the lowest is around 50.

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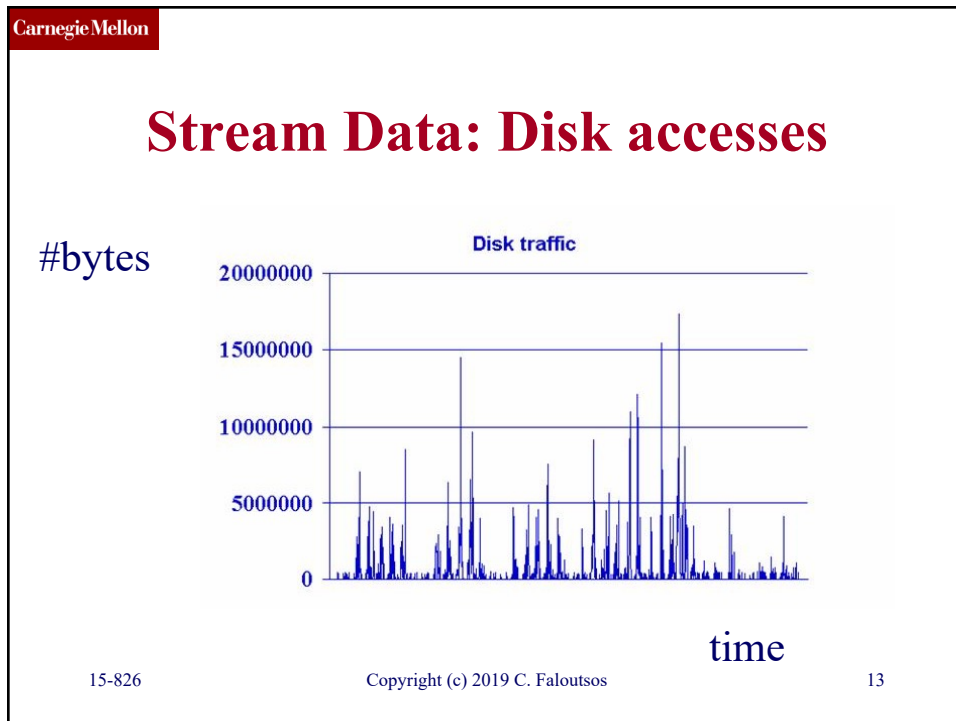
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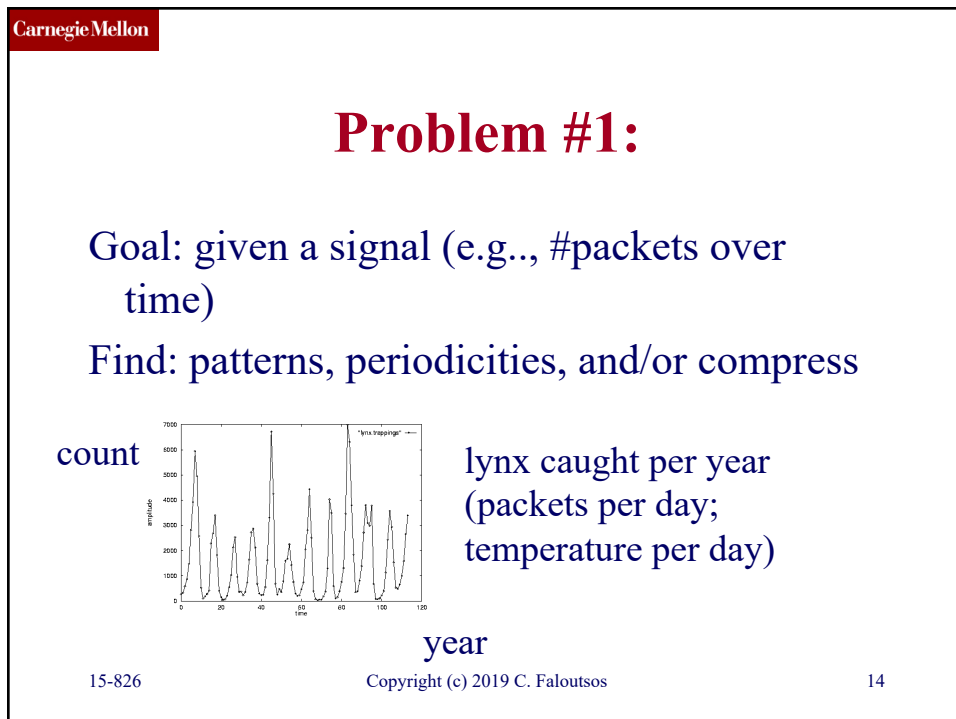
- Computer systems
 - ‘Active Disks’ (buffering, prefetching)
 - web servers (ditto)
 - network traffic monitoring
 - ...

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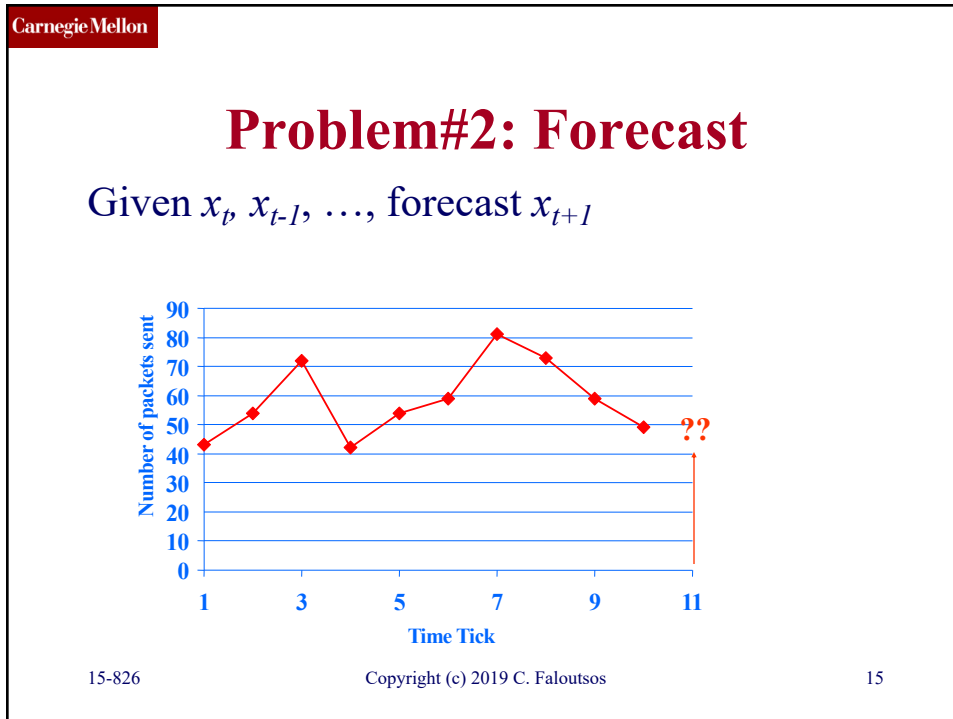
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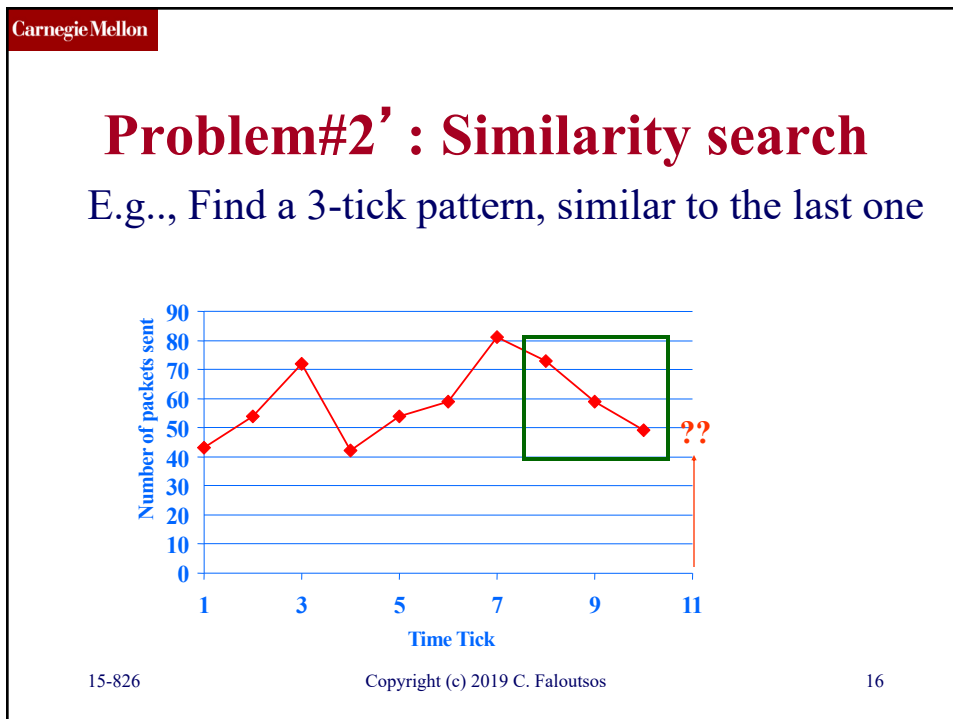
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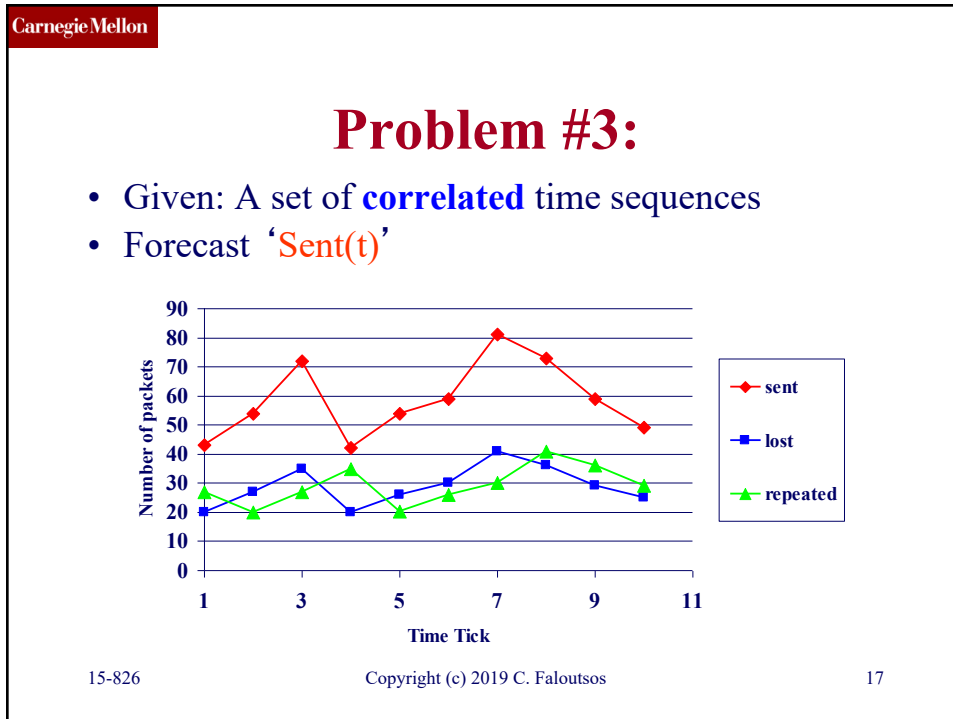
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Important observations

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

- To do forecasting, we need
 - to find patterns/rules
 - **compress**
 - 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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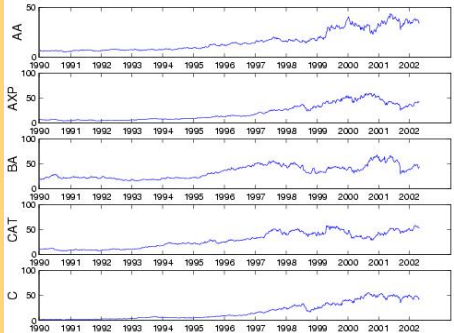
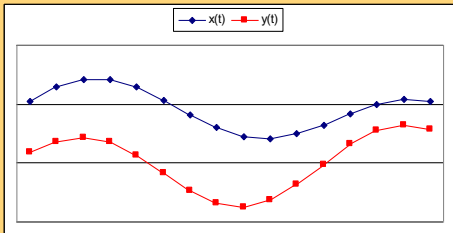
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Problem:


Q: How similar are two sequences?

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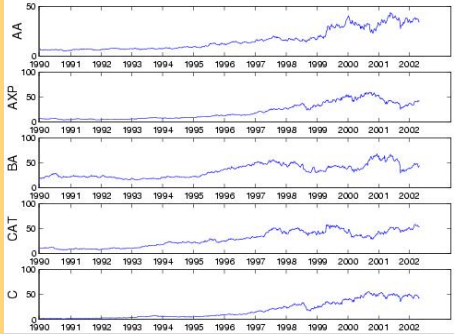
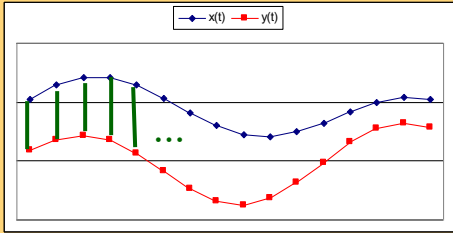
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Answer:

Q: How similar are two sequences?
A: Euclidean distance (<-> cosine similarity)

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

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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

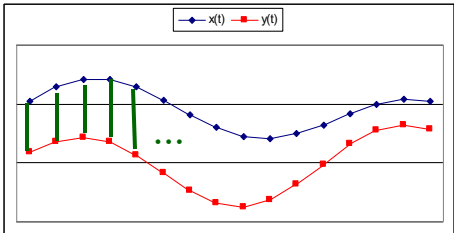
- Euclidean and Lp norms
- Time warping and variations

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Euclidean and Lp



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

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

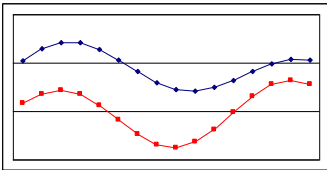
- L_1 : city-block = Manhattan
- L_2 = Euclidean
- L_∞

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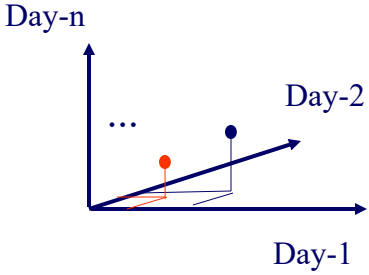
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Observation #1



- Time sequence \rightarrow n-d vector



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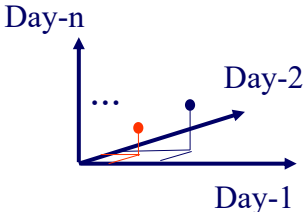
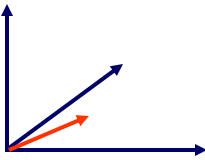
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Observation #2

Euclidean distance is closely related to

- cosine similarity
- dot product
- ‘cross-correlation’ function

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Time Warping

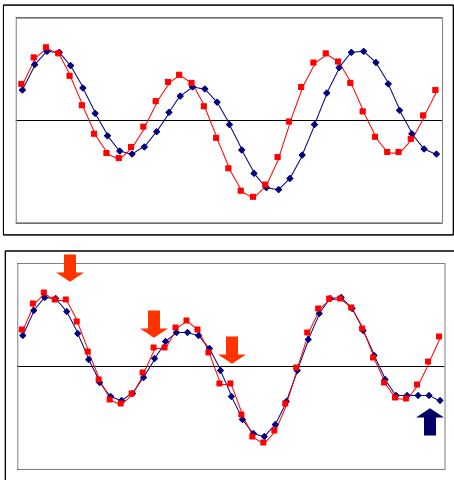
- allow accelerations - decelerations
 - (with or w/o penalty)
- THEN compute the (Euclidean) distance (+ penalty)
- related to the string-editing distance

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Time Warping



‘stutters’ :

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Time warping

Q: how to compute it?
 A: dynamic programming

$D(i, j) = \text{cost to match}$
 prefix of length i of first sequence x with prefix
 of length j of second sequence y

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Full-text scanning

- Approximate matching - **string editing distance**:
 $d(\text{'survey'}, \text{'surgery'}) = 2$
 = min # of insertions, deletions, substitutions to transform the first string into the second

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 SURGERY

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Time warping

Thus, with no penalty for stutter, for sequences

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \quad y_1, y_2, \dots, y_j$$

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

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Time warping

VERY SIMILAR to the string-editing distance

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reminder

Full-text scanning

if $s[i] = t[j]$ then
 $\text{cost}(i, j) = \text{cost}(i-1, j-1)$
 else
 $\text{cost}(i, j) = \min ($
 $1 + \text{cost}(i, j-1)$ // deletion
 $1 + \text{cost}(i-1, j-1)$ // substitution
 $1 + \text{cost}(i-1, j)$ // insertion
 $)$

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Time warping

VERY SIMILAR to the string-editing distance

Time-warping	String editing
$D(i, j) = \ x[i] - y[j]\ + \min \begin{cases} D(i-1, j-1) \\ D(i, j-1) \\ D(i-1, j) \end{cases}$	$\text{cost}(i, j) = \min \begin{cases} 1 + \text{cost}(i-1, j-1) // \text{sub.} \\ 1 + \text{cost}(i, j-1) // \text{del.} \\ 1 + \text{cost}(i-1, j) // \text{ins.} \end{cases}$

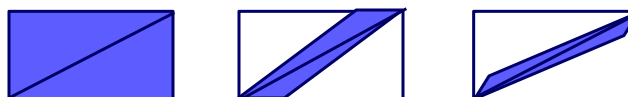
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Time warping

- 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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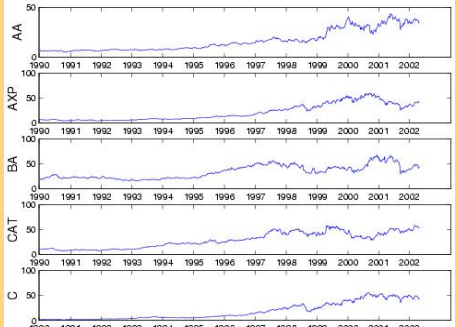
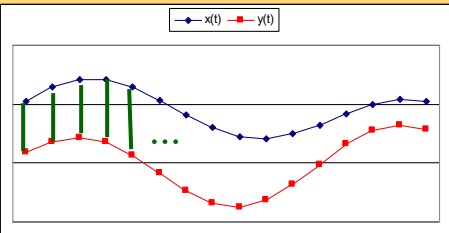
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Linear Forecasting

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Forecasting

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


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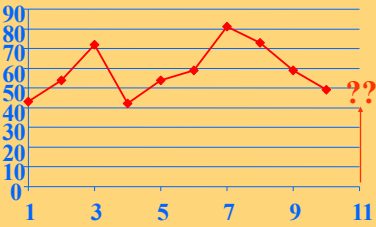
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Problem#2: Forecast


- given $x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots,$
- Q: forecast x_t



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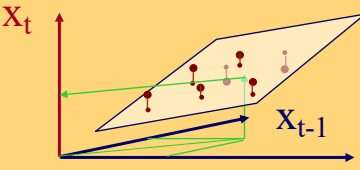
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Solution: AR(IMA)

- given $x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots,$
- Q: forecast x_t
- A: AR(IMA) = Box-Jenkins (< Holt-Winters, Kalman)

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(Describes MUSCLES and Recursive Least Squares)

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Problem#2: Forecast

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

Time Tick	Number of packets sent
1	45
2	55
3	70
4	45
5	55
6	60
7	80
8	70
9	60
10	50
11	??

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Forecasting: Preprocessing

MANUALLY:

remove trends

time

spot periodicities
7 days

time

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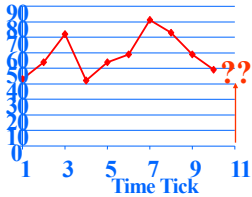
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Problem#2: Forecast

- 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:

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


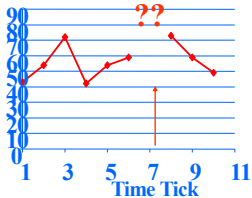
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(Problem: Back-cast; interpolate)

- 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

<i>patient</i>	<i>weight</i>	<i>height</i>
1	27	43
2	43	54
3	54	72
...
N	25	??

Body height

Body weight

- 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:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Packets Sent(t)</i>
1	43
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...	...
N	??

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Linear Auto Regression:

Time	Packets Sent (t-1)	Packets Sent(t)
1	-	43
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...
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'lag-plot'

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

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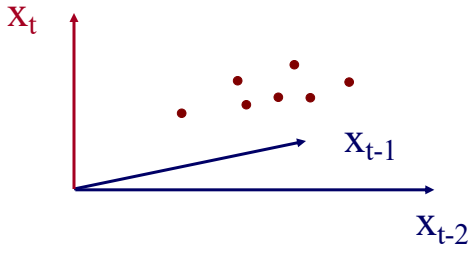
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More details:

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



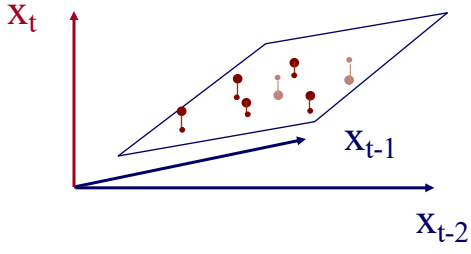
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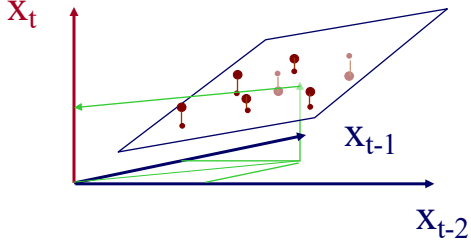
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More details:

- 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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Ind-var1 Ind-var-w

time

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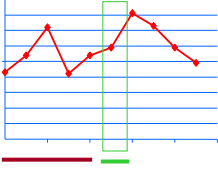
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\times

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

$=$

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



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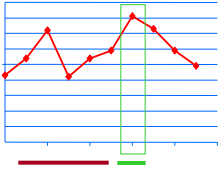
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$=$

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



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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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Identical to earlier formula (proof?)

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{\Lambda}^{(-1)} \times \mathbf{U}^T \times \mathbf{y}$$

Where

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{\Lambda} \times \mathbf{V}^T$$

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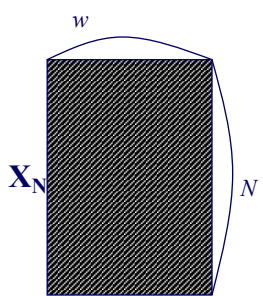
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More details

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

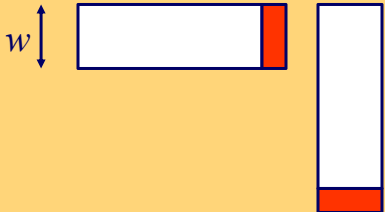
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Sub-Problem: matrix inversion

- How to invert: $(X^T X)^{-1}$
- Incrementally
- WITHOUT inverting (!)



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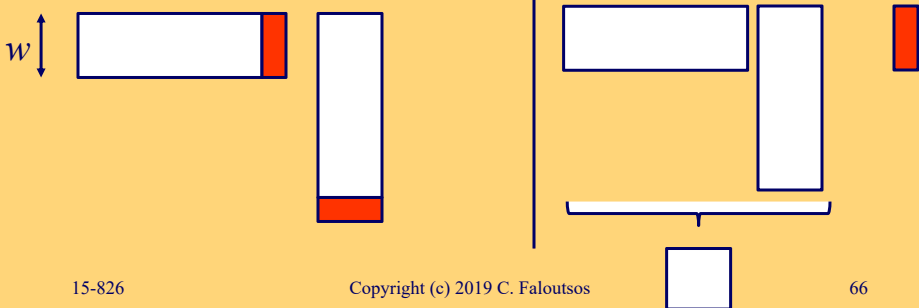
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Sub-Problem: matrix inversion

- How to invert: $(X^T X)^{-1}$
- Incrementally
- WITHOUT inverting (!)

A: keep a $w \times w$ matrix, & update it



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Even more details

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- We can do the matrix inversion, WITHOUT inversion! (How is that possible?!)
- A: our matrix has special form: $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})$

Intuition:

- How to compute the average of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n
- Incrementally
- Solution: ‘sufficient statistics’
 - Count ‘ k ’ so far : $k += 1$
 - Sum ‘ s_k ’ so far : $s_{k+1} \leftarrow s_k + x_{k+1}$
 - Return $s_k \div k$

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More details

At the $N+1$ time tick:

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

More details

- Let $\mathbf{G}_N = (\mathbf{X}_N^T \times \mathbf{X}_N)^{-1}$ (“gain matrix”)
- \mathbf{G}_{N+1} can be computed recursively from \mathbf{G}_N

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EVEN more details:

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

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

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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

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

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EVEN more details:

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

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EVEN more details:

1x1

wxw wxw

wxw wx1

1xw

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

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:

$$G_0 \equiv \delta I \quad \text{IMPORTANT!}$$

where

- I: $w \times w$ identity matrix
- δ : a large positive number (say, 10^4)

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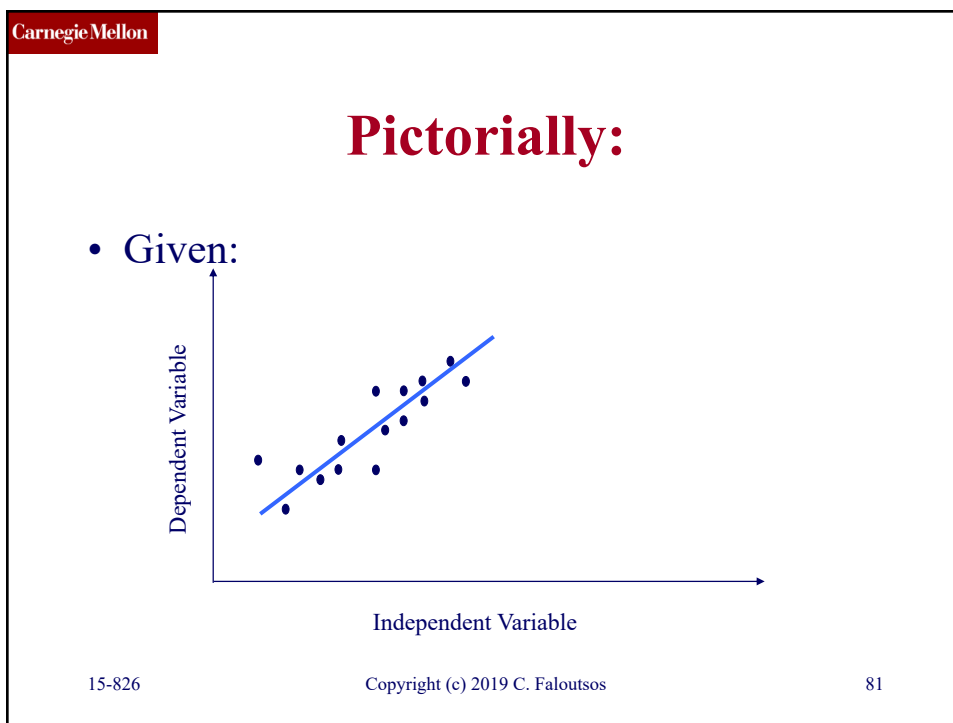
Comparison:

- **Straightforward Least Squares**
 - Needs huge matrix (**growing** in size) $O(N \times w)$
 - Costly matrix operation $O(N \times w^2)$
- **Recursive LS**
 - Need much smaller, fixed size matrix $O(w \times w)$
 - Fast, incremental computation $O(1 \times w^2)$
 - **no matrix inversion**

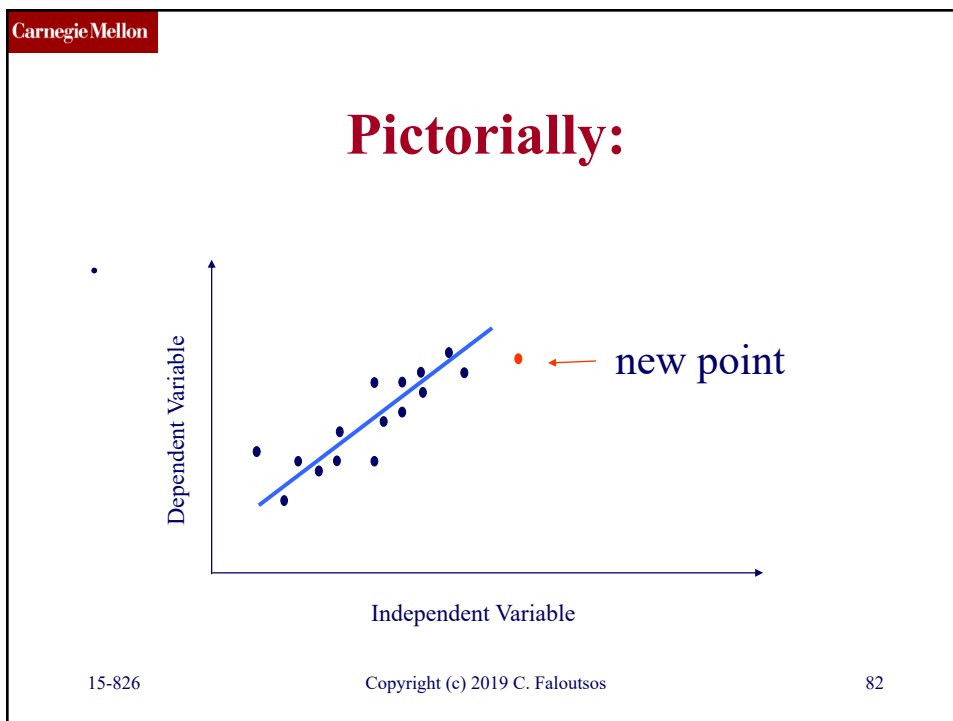
$N = 10^6, \quad w = 1-100$

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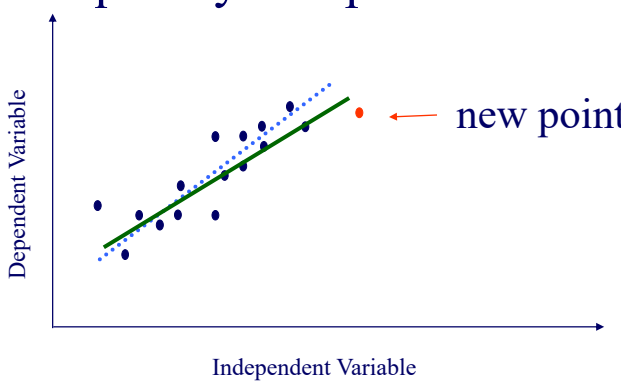


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Pictorially:

RLS: quickly compute new best fit



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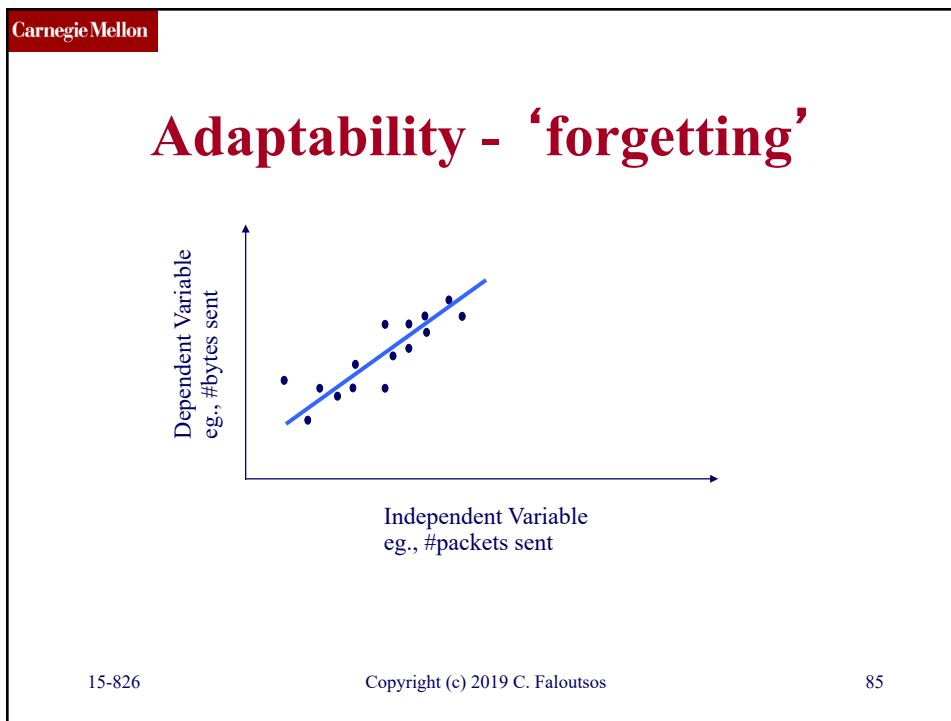
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Even more details

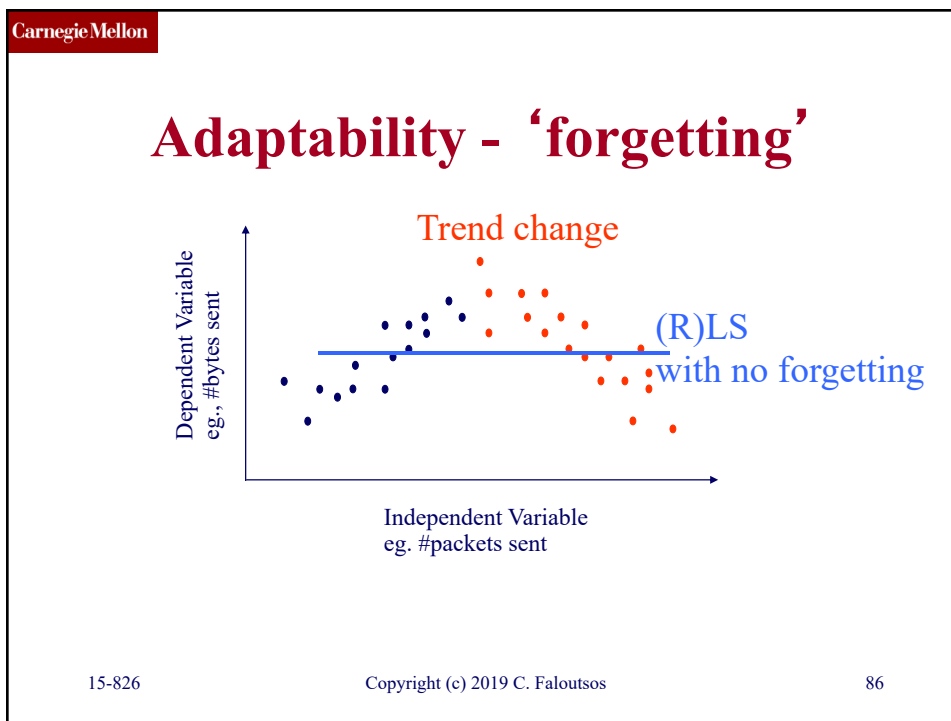
- Q4: can we 'forget' the older samples?
- A4: Yes - RLS can easily handle that $[Y_{i+00}]$:

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Adaptability - 'forgetting'

Dependent Variable

Independent Variable

Trend change

(R)LS with no forgetting

(R)LS with forgetting

- RLS: can *trivially* handle 'forgetting' (see [Yi+,2000])

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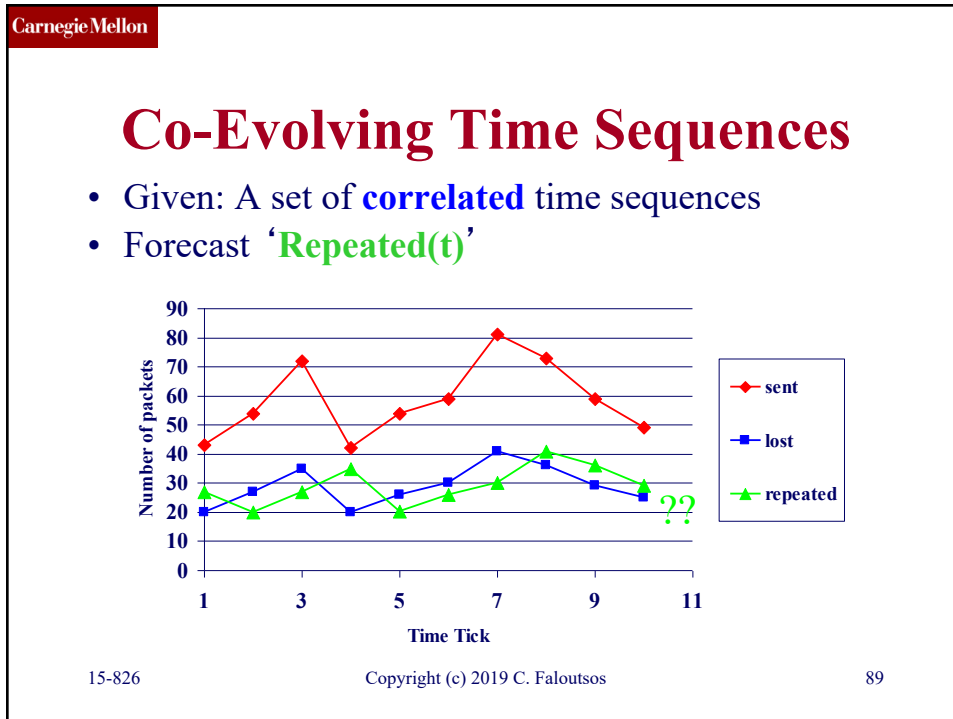
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Detailed Outline

- Motivation
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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])

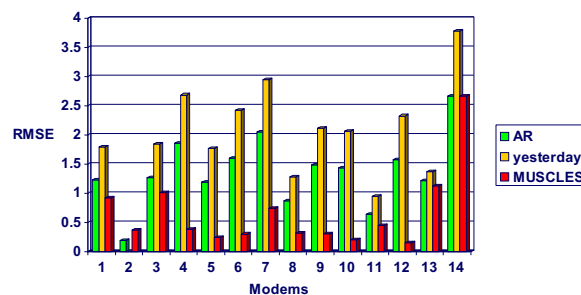
Forecasting - Outline

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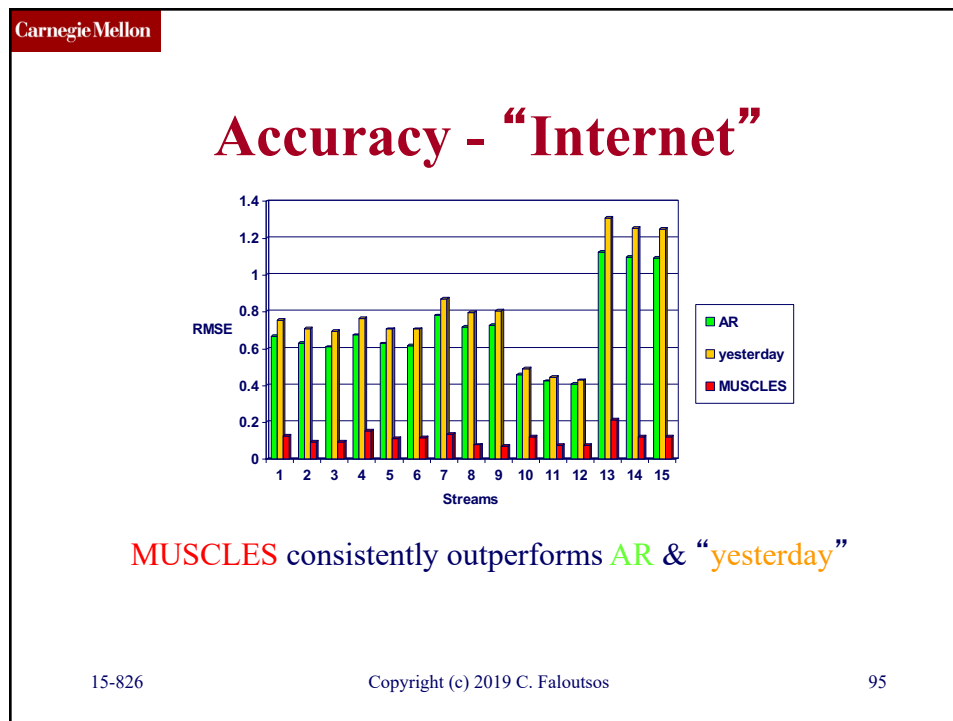
Examples - Experiments

- 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)

Accuracy - “Modem”



MUSCLES outperforms **AR** & “yesterday”



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Linear forecasting - Outline

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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]

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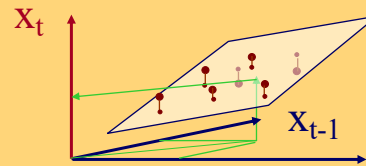
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Solution: AR(IMA)

- given x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots ,
- Q: forecast x_t
- A: AR(IMA) = Box-Jenkins (< Holt-Winters, Kalman)



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Resources: software and urls

- free-ware: 'R' for stat. analysis
(clone of Splus)
<http://cran.r-project.org/>
- python script for RLS
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~christos/SRC/rls-all.tar>

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Bursty Traffic & fractals

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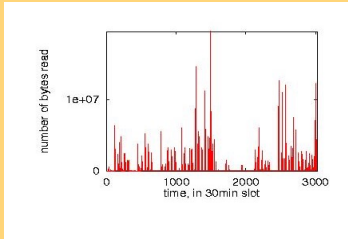
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Bursty traffic

- Q: Any pattern?



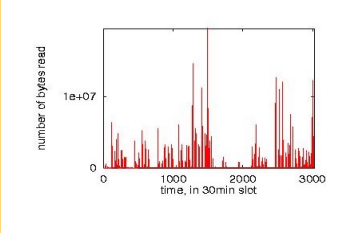
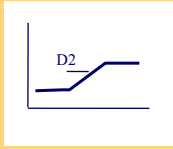
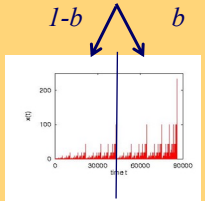
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Bursty traffic

- Q: Any pattern?
- A: fractal dimension (‘ b ’ model e.g. 80/20)

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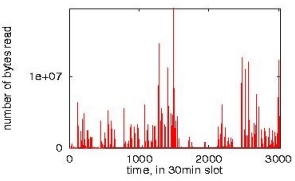
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Recall: Problem #1:

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

#bytes



time

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

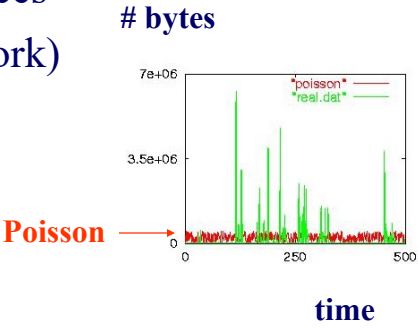
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Problem #1

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



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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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But:

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

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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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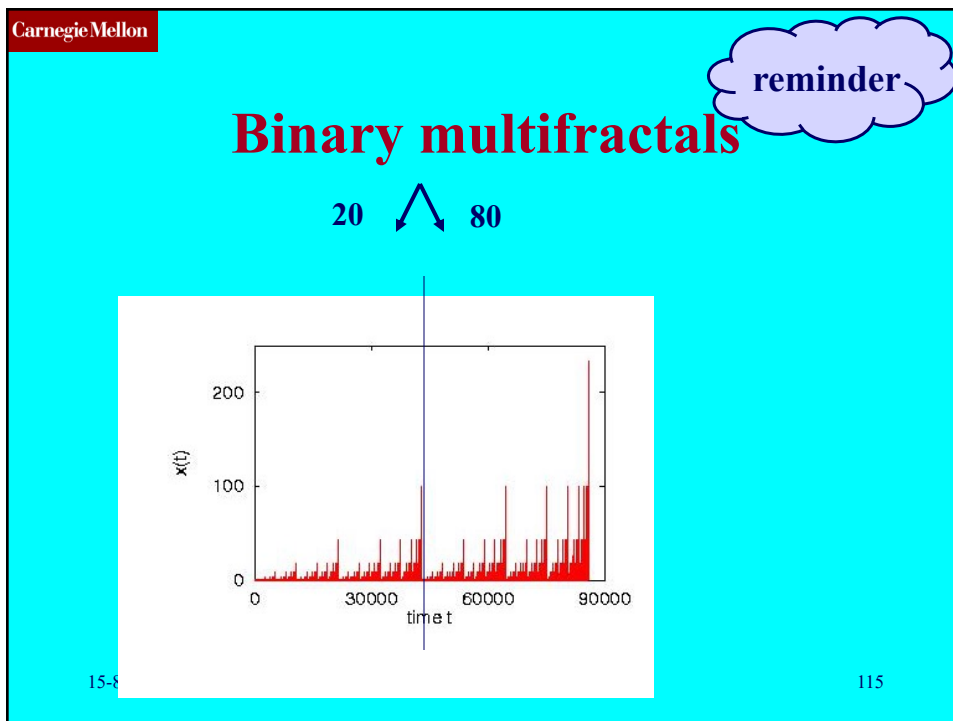
Approach

reminder

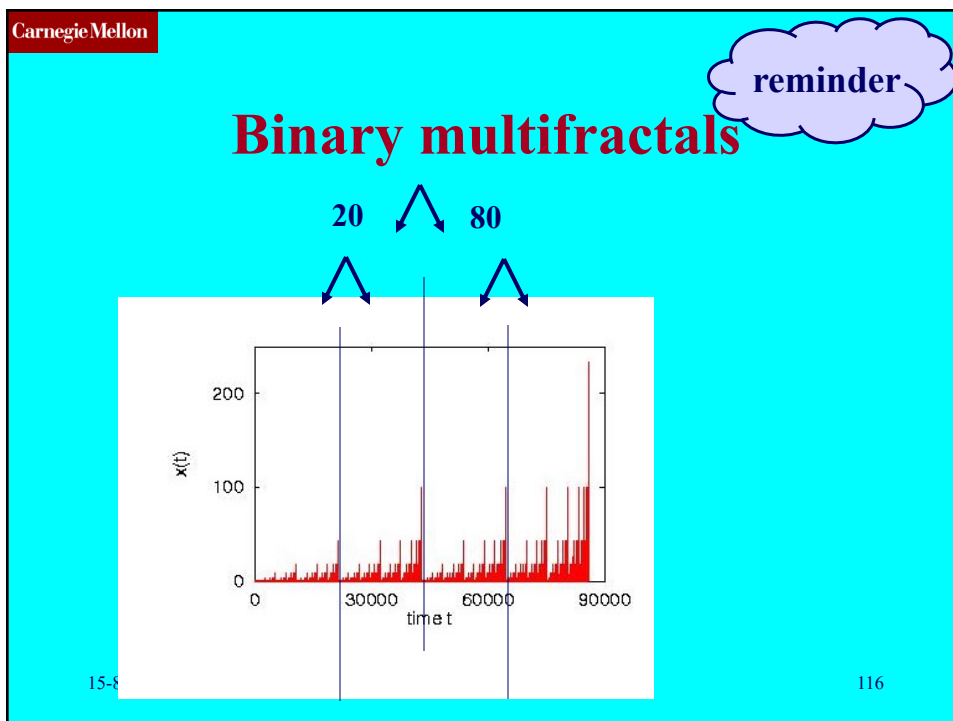
- A: 'binomial multifractal' [Wang+02]
- ~ 80-20 'law':
 - 80% of bytes/queries etc on first half
 - repeat recursively
- b : bias factor (eg., 80%)

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Could you use IFS?

To generate such traffic?

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Could you use IFS?

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A: Yes – which transformations?

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Could you use IFS?

To generate such traffic?

A: Yes – which transformations?

A:

$$x' = x / 2 \quad (p = 0.2)$$
$$x' = x / 2 + 0.5 \quad (p = 0.8)$$

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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')
 - Fractal dimension (D2)
 - Or D1 ('entropy plot' [Wang+02])


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Fractal dimension

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

Dim = 1 

Dim=0 

$0 < \text{Dim} < 1$ 

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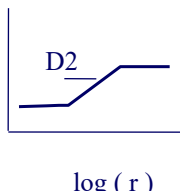
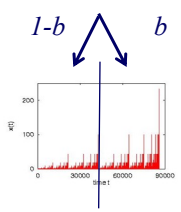
Estimating 'b'

- **Exercise:** Show that $\text{Log}(\#\text{pairs}(<r))$

$$D_2 = -\log_2 (b^2 + (1-b)^2)$$

Sanity checks:

- $b = 1.0$ $D_2 = ??$
- $b = 0.5$ $D_2 = ??$

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(Fractals, again)

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

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- Eliminate the middle third
- Recursively!

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The diagram shows a single horizontal black line. Below it, two shorter horizontal black line segments are positioned, each starting at the same x-coordinate as the top line and ending at the same x-coordinate as the top line, with a gap between them.

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The diagram shows three horizontal black lines. The top line is the same as in the previous step. Below it, two shorter horizontal black line segments are positioned, each starting at the same x-coordinate as the top line and ending at the same x-coordinate as the top line, with a gap between them. Below these two segments, four even shorter horizontal black line segments are positioned, each starting at the same x-coordinate as the top line and ending at the same x-coordinate as the top line, with a gap between them.

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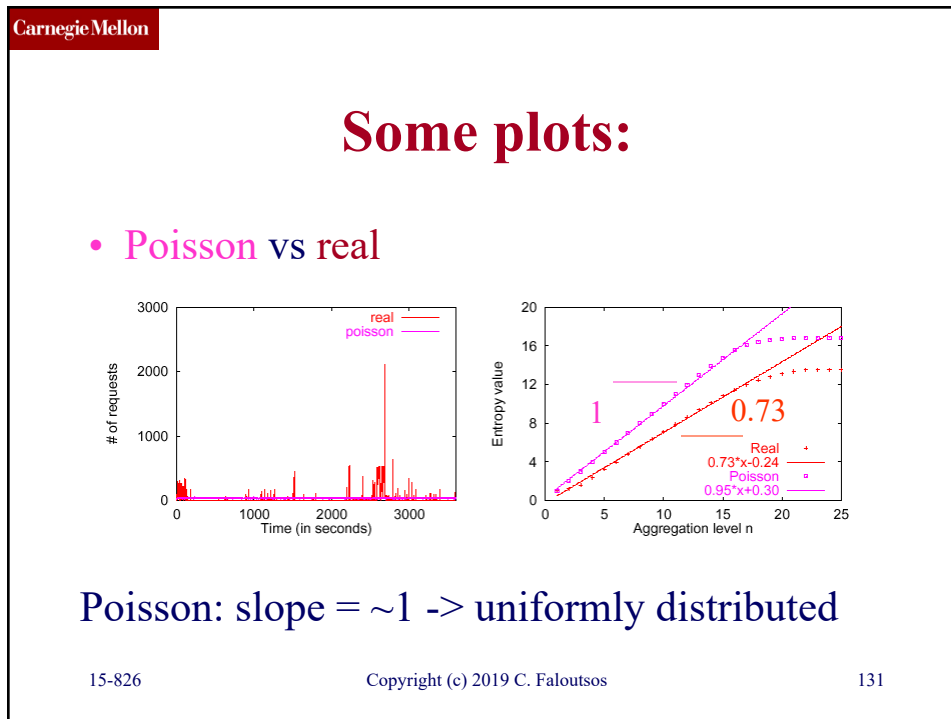
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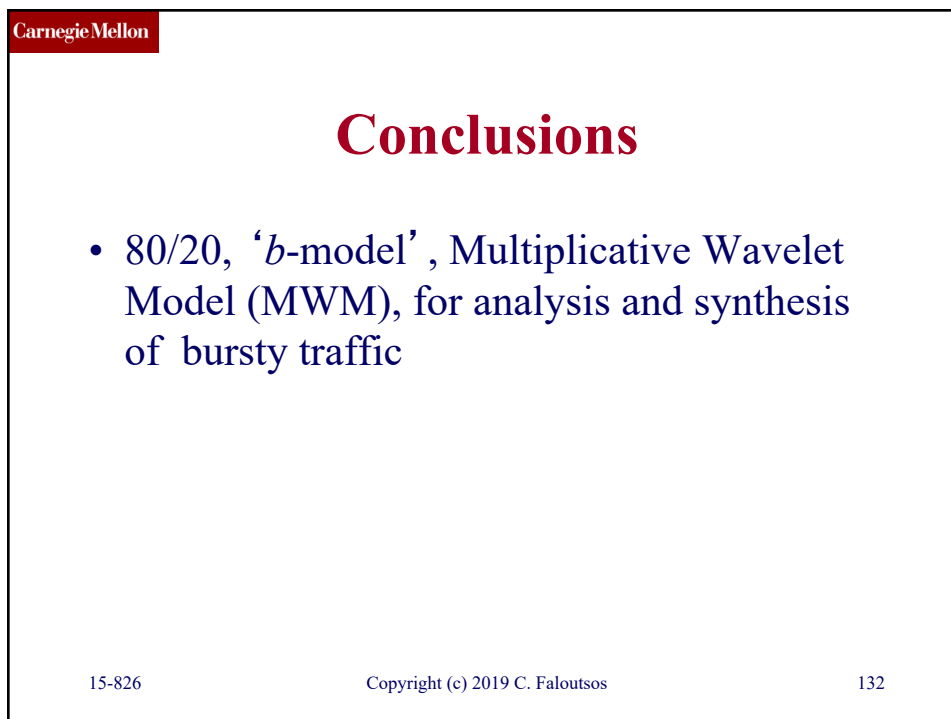
Dimensionality?
(no length; infinite # points!)
Answer: $\log 2 / \log 3 = 0.6$

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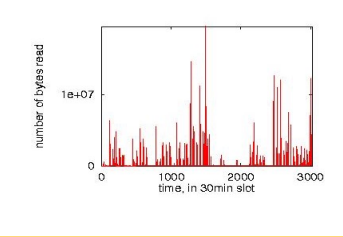
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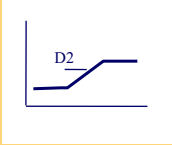
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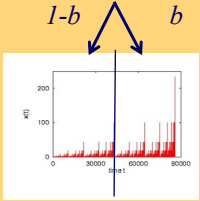


Bursty traffic

- Q: Any pattern?
- A: fractal dimension (' b ' model e.g. 80/20)







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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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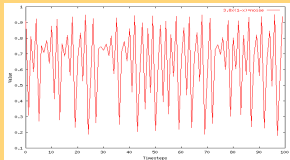
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Problem: Forecast


- given x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots , ('chaotic'/non-linear)
- Q: forecast x_t



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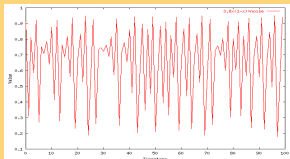
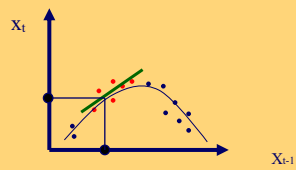
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Solution

- given x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots , ('chaotic'/non-linear)
- Q: forecast x_t
- A: lag-plots + sim. search (= 'Delayed Coordinate Embedding')

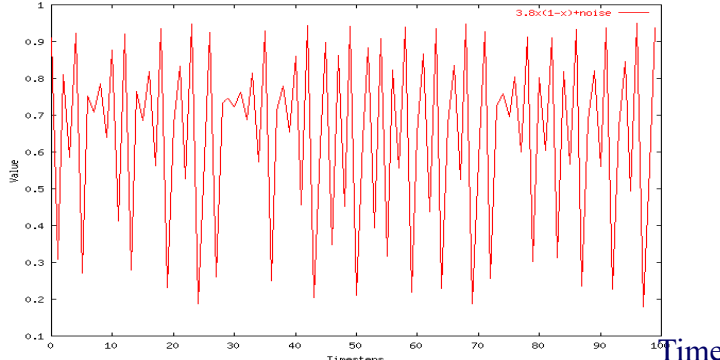
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Recall: Problem #1

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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How to forecast?

- ARIMA - but: linearity assumption
- ANSWER: ‘Delayed Coordinate Embedding’ = Lag Plots [Sauer94]


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ARIMA pitfall

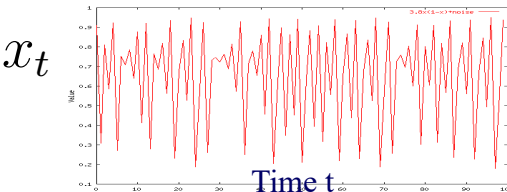
Example: logistic parabola

Models population of flies [R. May/1976] 

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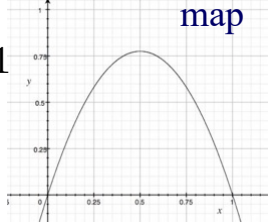
Logistic map

Time-series plot



x_t

x_{t+1}



x_t


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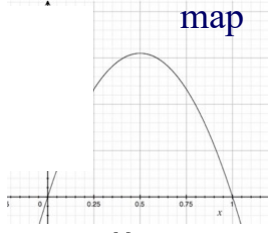
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Logistic map

- = SI virus prop. model
- ~ Bass equation (market penetration)
- Special case of Lotka-Volterra




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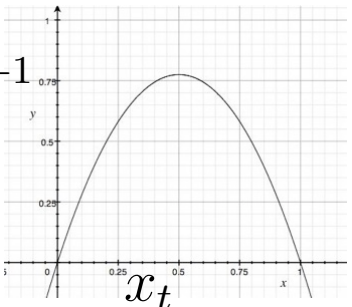
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ARIMA pitfall

Linear equations, e.g., AR, ARIMA, ...





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ARIMA pitfall

Linear equations, e.g., AR, ARIMA, ...

e.g., AR(1)

$$x_{t+1} = ax_t + \epsilon$$

x_{t+1}

x_t

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ARIMA pitfall

Linear equations, e.g., AR, ARIMA, ...

e.g., AR(1)

$$x_{t+1} = ax_t + \epsilon$$

x_{t+1}

x_t

AR fit: fails

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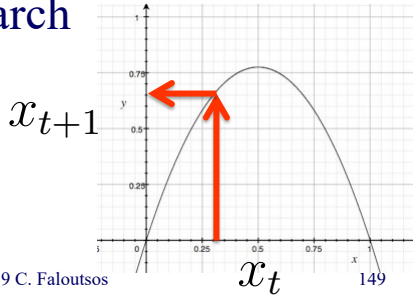
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Solution?

“Delayed Coordinate Embedding”
= Lag Plots

[Sauer94]
k-nearest neighbor search



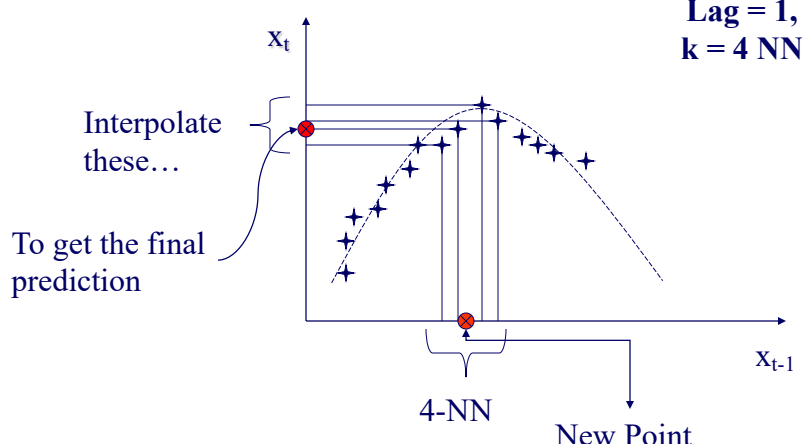
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General Intuition (Lag Plot)

Lag = 1,
k = 4 NN



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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 $\sim 1-10$)

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Q3: How to interpolate?

How do we interpolate between the k nearest neighbors?

A1: Average

A2: Weighted average (weights drop with distance - how?)

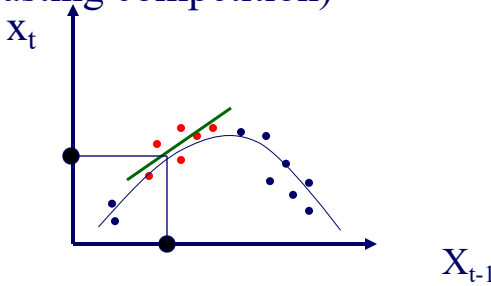
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Q3: How to interpolate?

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



The figure is a scatter plot with a coordinate system. The vertical axis is labeled X_t and the horizontal axis is labeled X_{t-1} . There are two sets of data points: red dots and blue dots. A green line represents a linear fit to the red dots, while a blue curve represents a non-linear fit to the blue dots. The red dots are clustered in the lower-left region, and the blue dots form a parabolic shape opening downwards in the upper-right region.

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Q4: Any theory behind it?

A4: YES!

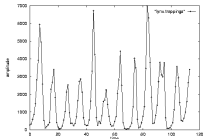

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Theoretical foundation

- 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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Example: Lotka-Volterra equations

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

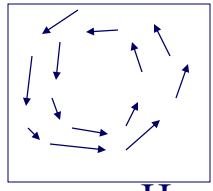
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P



H




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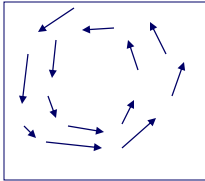
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- But the delay vector space is a faithful reconstruction of the internal system state
- So prediction in **delay vector space** is as good as prediction in **state space**




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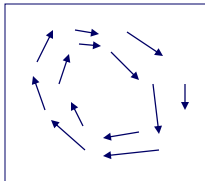


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P(t)



P(t-1)

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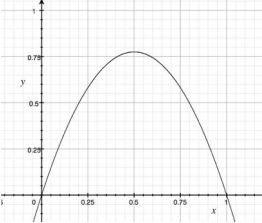
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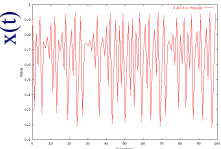
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Datasets

Logistic Parabola:
 $x_t = ax_{t-1}(1-x_{t-1}) + \text{noise}$
 Models population of flies [R. May/1976]





time



Lag-plot

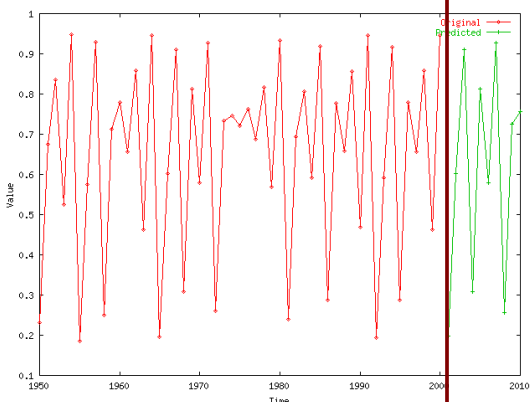
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Logistic Parabola

Value

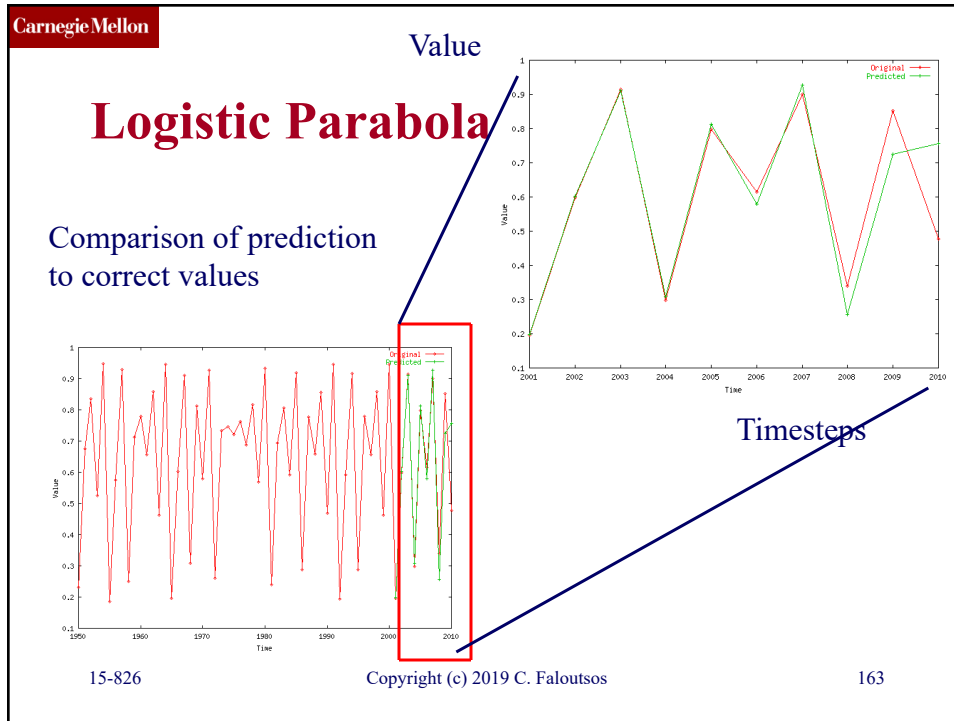


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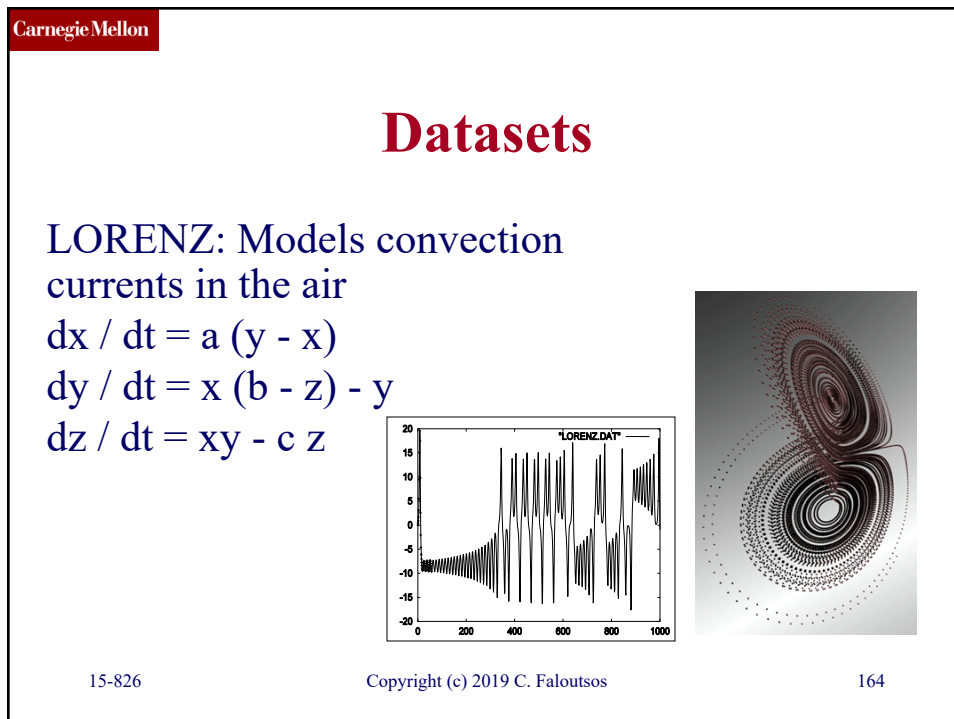
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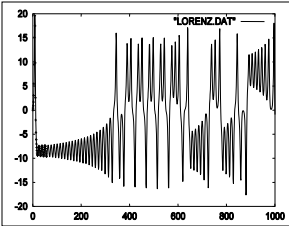
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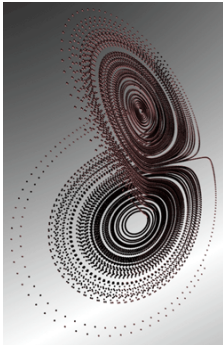


LORENZ: Models convection currents in the air

$$\begin{aligned} dx / dt &= a (y - x) \\ dy / dt &= x (b - z) - y \\ dz / dt &= xy - c z \end{aligned}$$



Time



Value

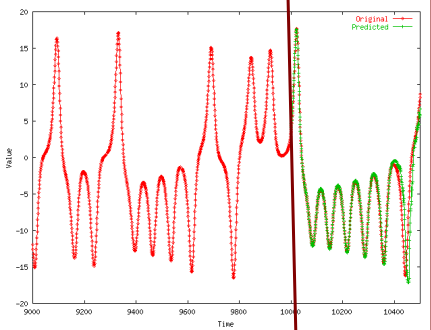
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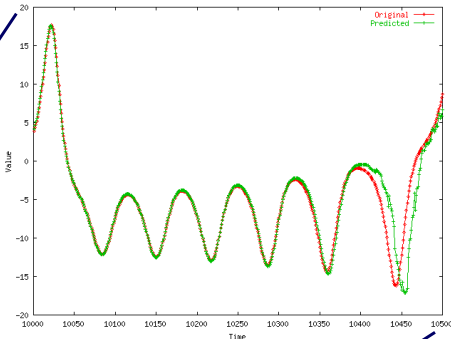
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LORENZ

Comparison of prediction to correct values



Time



Time

Timesteps

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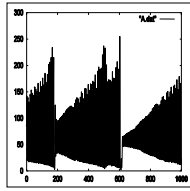
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Value

Datasets

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



Time

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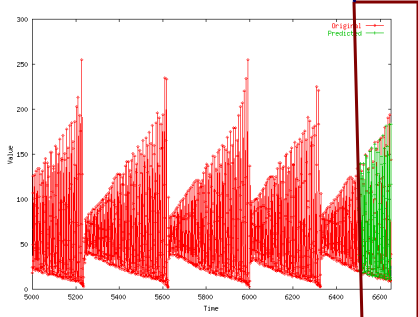
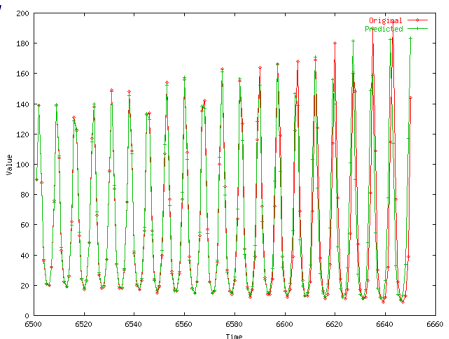
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Laser

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Conclusions

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

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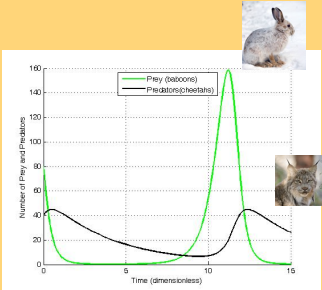
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Problem: Gray-box forecast

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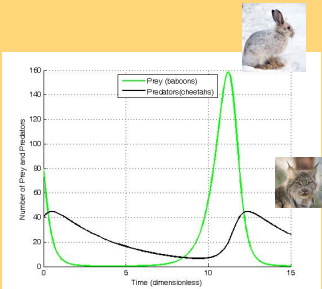
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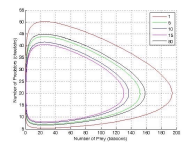
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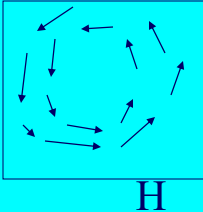
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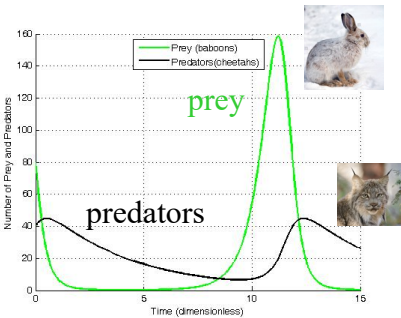


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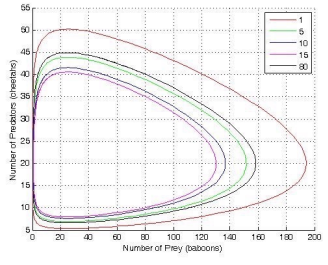
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Solution to Lotka-Volterra eq.



predators



prey

time


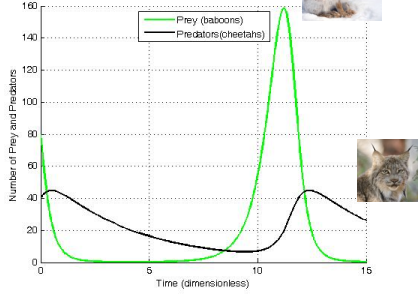
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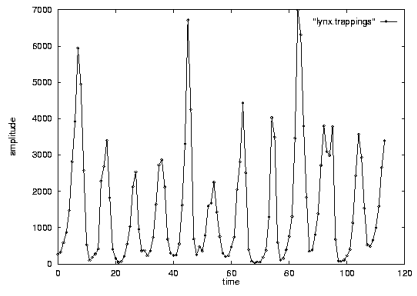
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Notice: LV are vital!

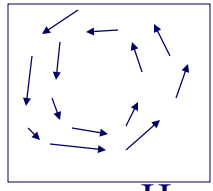
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- Prey-predator
- Competing animals (rabbits/goats)
- Self-competition (Bass model)
- Competing products (stocks/bonds)



P



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The Web as a Jungle: Non-Linear Dynamical Systems for Co-evolving Online Activities



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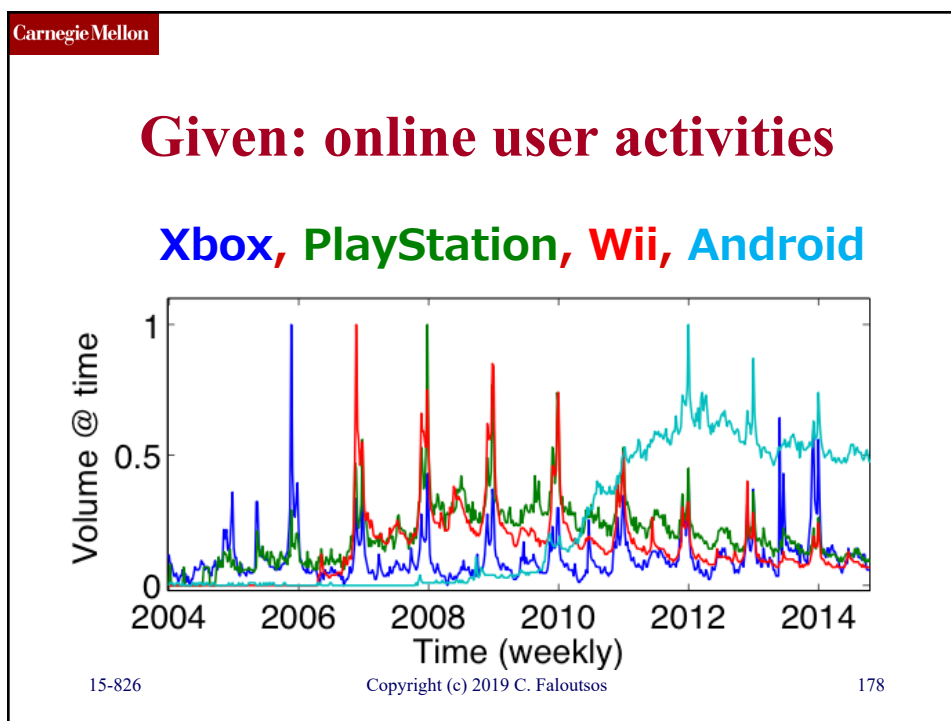


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The Web as a jungle

Ecosystem on the Web

The diagram illustrates the 'Ecosystem on the Web' by mapping gaming consoles to user demographics. At the top, four gaming consoles are listed: Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, and Android. Below each console is its respective logo. Arrows point from these logos to three demographic groups: Kids, Teens, and Adults. The Xbox logo has arrows pointing to Kids and Teens. The PlayStation logo has arrows pointing to Kids and Teens. The Wii logo has arrows pointing to Kids, Teens, and Adults. The Android logo has an arrow pointing to Adults. Each demographic group is represented by a person icon and a text box.

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Ecosystem in the Jungle

This diagram compares a natural jungle ecosystem to an online ecosystem. On the left, 'Ecosystem in the Jungle' lists four types of animals: Squirrel monkeys, Spider monkeys, Macaws, and Capybaras, each with a corresponding image. Below them are three types of food: Fruits (with an image of bananas), Nuts (with an image of nuts), and Grass (with an image of grass). On the right, 'Ecosystem on the Web' shows the same four gaming consoles (Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, Android) and their relationships to the Kids, Teens, and Adults demographics, as shown in the previous slide. A large red arrow points from the natural ecosystem on the left towards the online ecosystem on the right, indicating a comparison or mapping between the two.

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LV equations

Interaction between multiple ('d')
species/products/viruses

...

$$P_i(t+1) = P_i(t) \left[1 + r_i \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^d a_{ij} P_j(t)}{K_i} \right) \right],$$

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a_{ij} - effect of species j on species i

- (positive: hurts)

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EcoWeb at work - forecasting

Train:

2/3 sequences

Forecast:

1/3 following years

Original sequences


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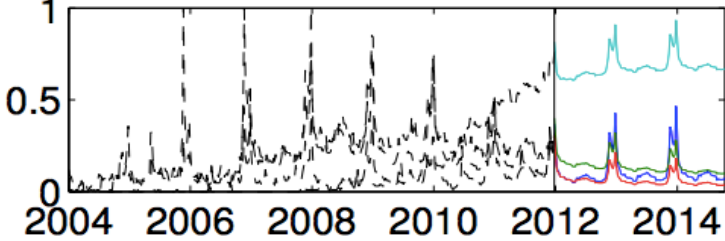
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EcoWeb 



EcoWeb can capture future patterns

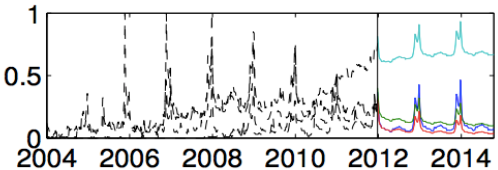
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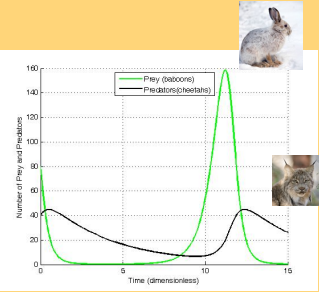
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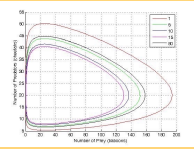
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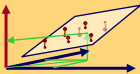

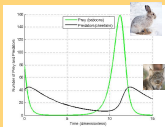
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Overall conclusions

- Similarity search: **Euclidean**/time-warping; **feature extraction** and **SAMs**
- Linear Forecasting: **AR** (Box-Jenkins)
- Non-linear forecasting: **lag-plots**
- Gray-box modeling: **Lotka-Volterra**

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