

# 15-826: Multimedia (Databases) and Data Mining

Lecture #25: Time series mining and  
forecasting

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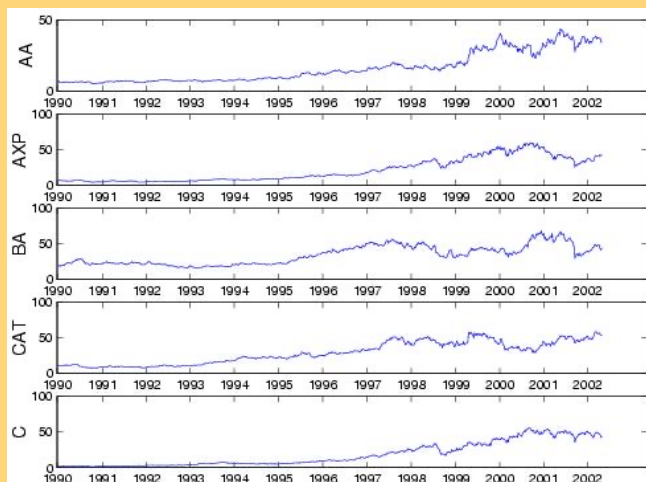
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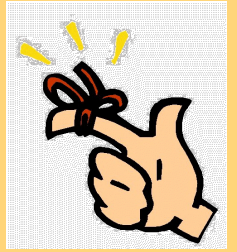




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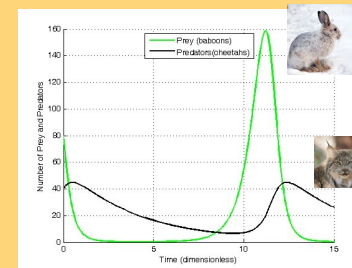
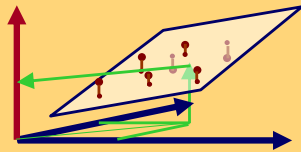
Q: mine/forecast (one, or more)  
time sequences





# 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**



# Must-Read Material

- Byong-Kee Yi, Nikolaos D. Sidiropoulos, Theodore Johnson, H.V. Jagadish, Christos Faloutsos and Alex Biliris, *Online Data Mining for Co-Evolving Time Sequences*, ICDE, Feb 2000.
- Chungmin Melvin Chen and Nick Roussopoulos, *Adaptive Selectivity Estimation Using Query Feedbacks*, SIGMOD 1994

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# Outline

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

- Given: one or more sequences

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t, \dots$

$(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_t, \dots$

$\dots)$

- Find
  - similar sequences; forecasts
  - patterns; clusters; outliers



# Motivation - Applications

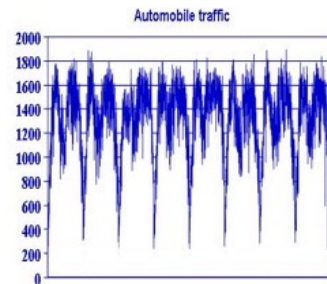
- Financial, sales, economic series
- Medical
  - ECGs +; blood pressure etc monitoring
  - reactions to new drugs
  - elderly care

# Motivation - Applications (cont' d)

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

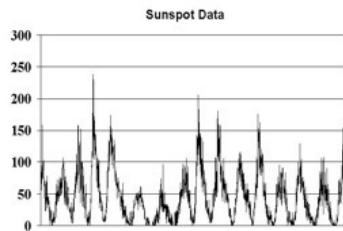
# Motivation - Applications (cont' d)

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



# Motivation - Applications (cont' d)

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

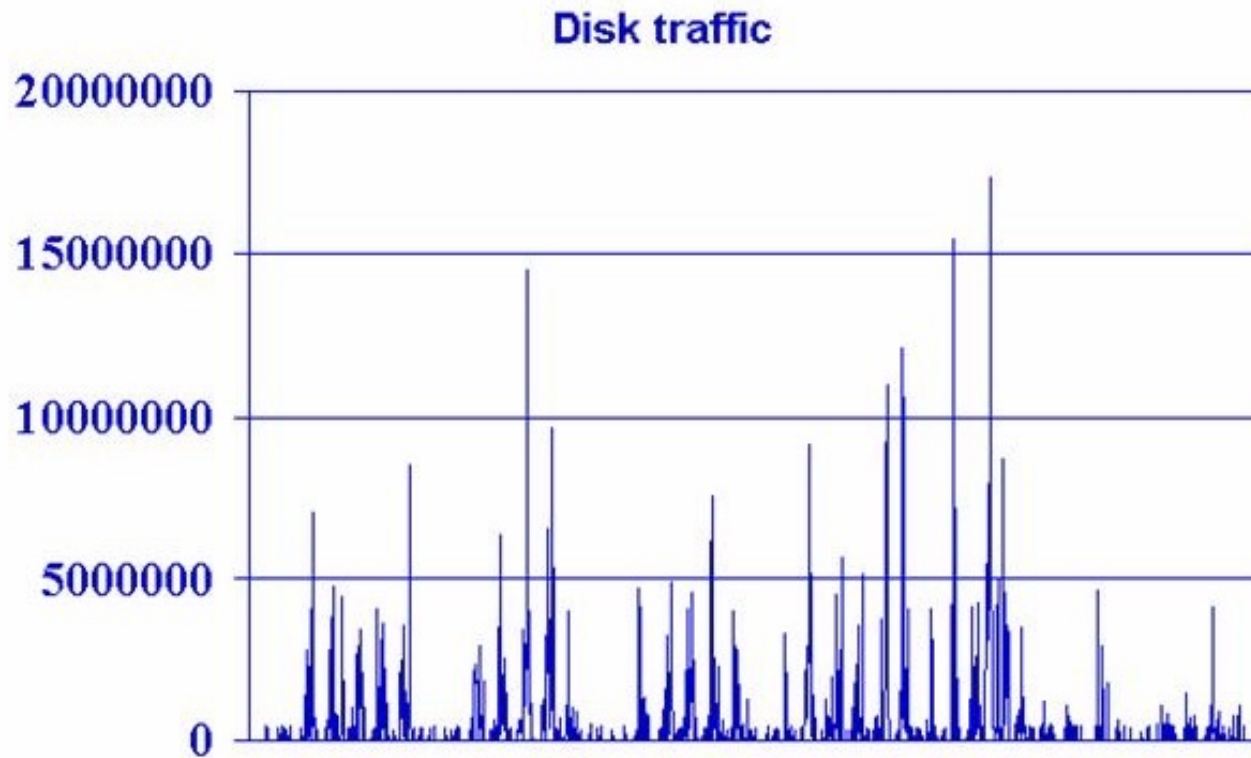


# Motivation - Applications (cont' d)

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

# Stream Data: Disk accesses

#bytes

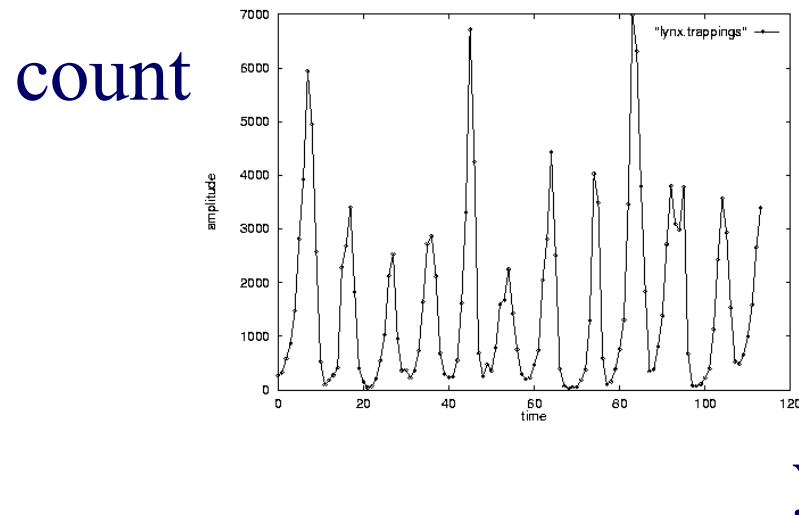


time

# Problem #1:

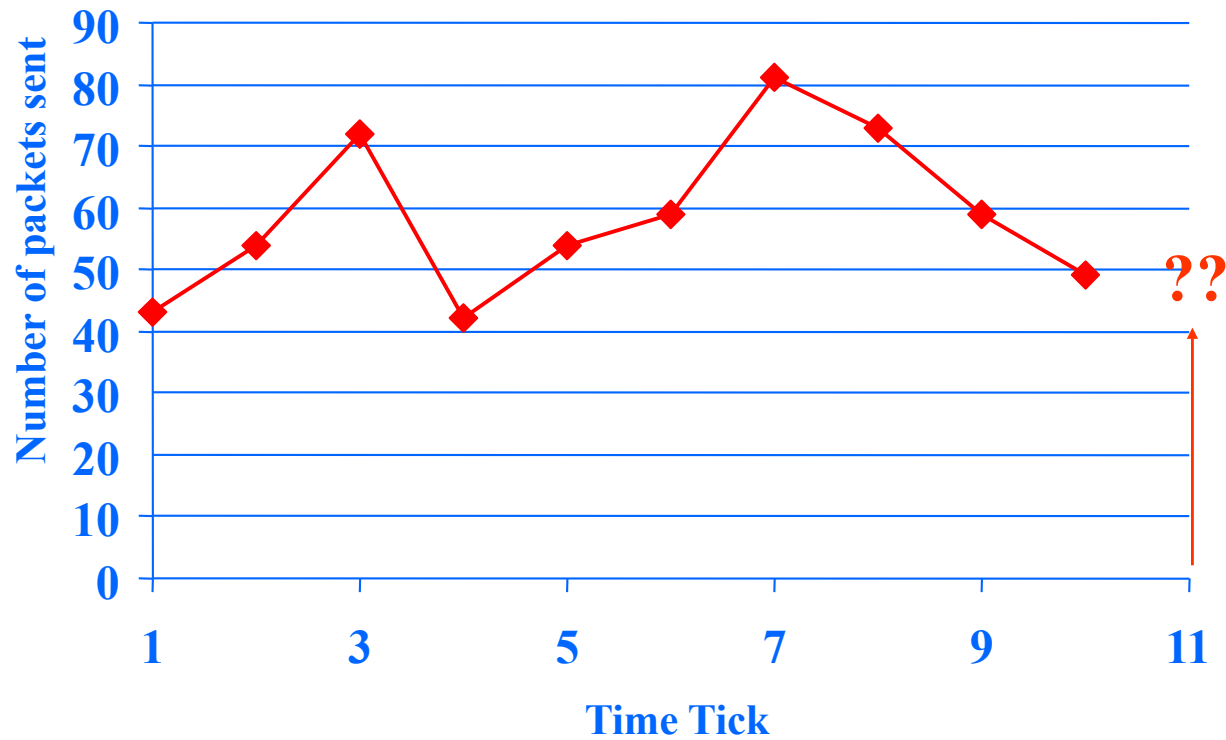
Goal: given a signal (e.g., #packets over time)

Find: patterns, periodicities, and/or compress



# Problem#2: Forecast

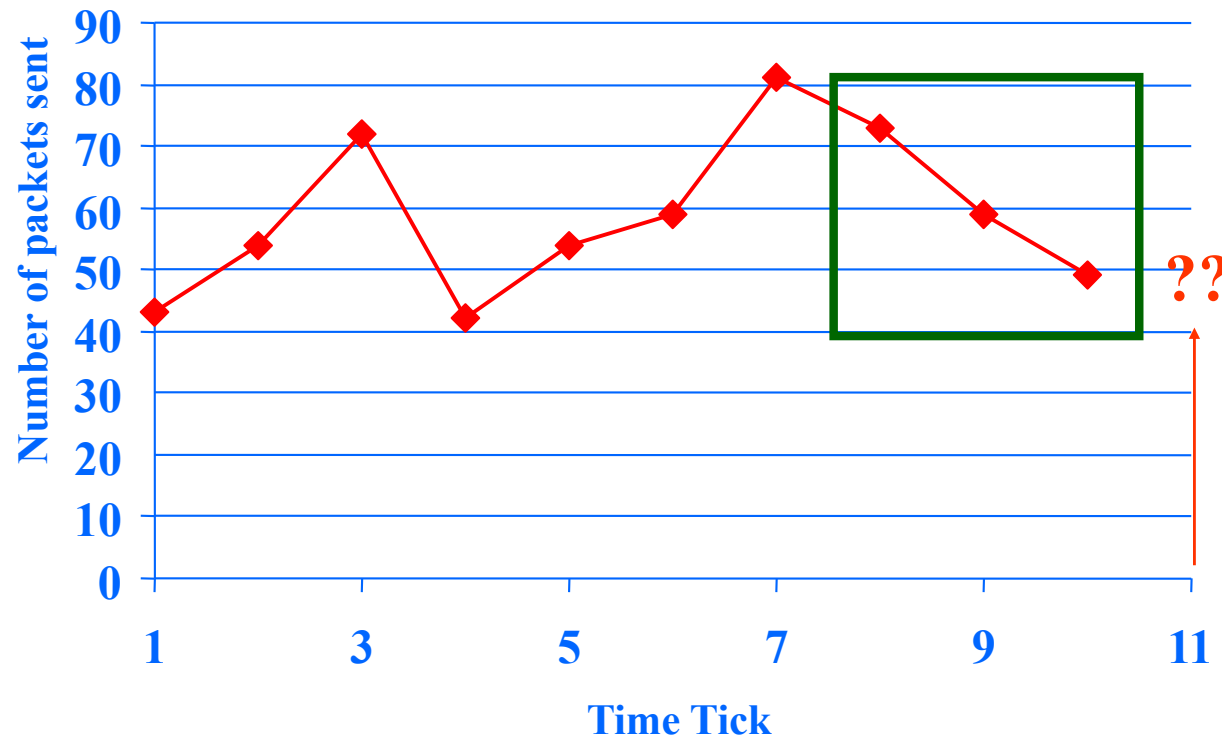
Given  $x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots$ , forecast  $x_{t+1}$





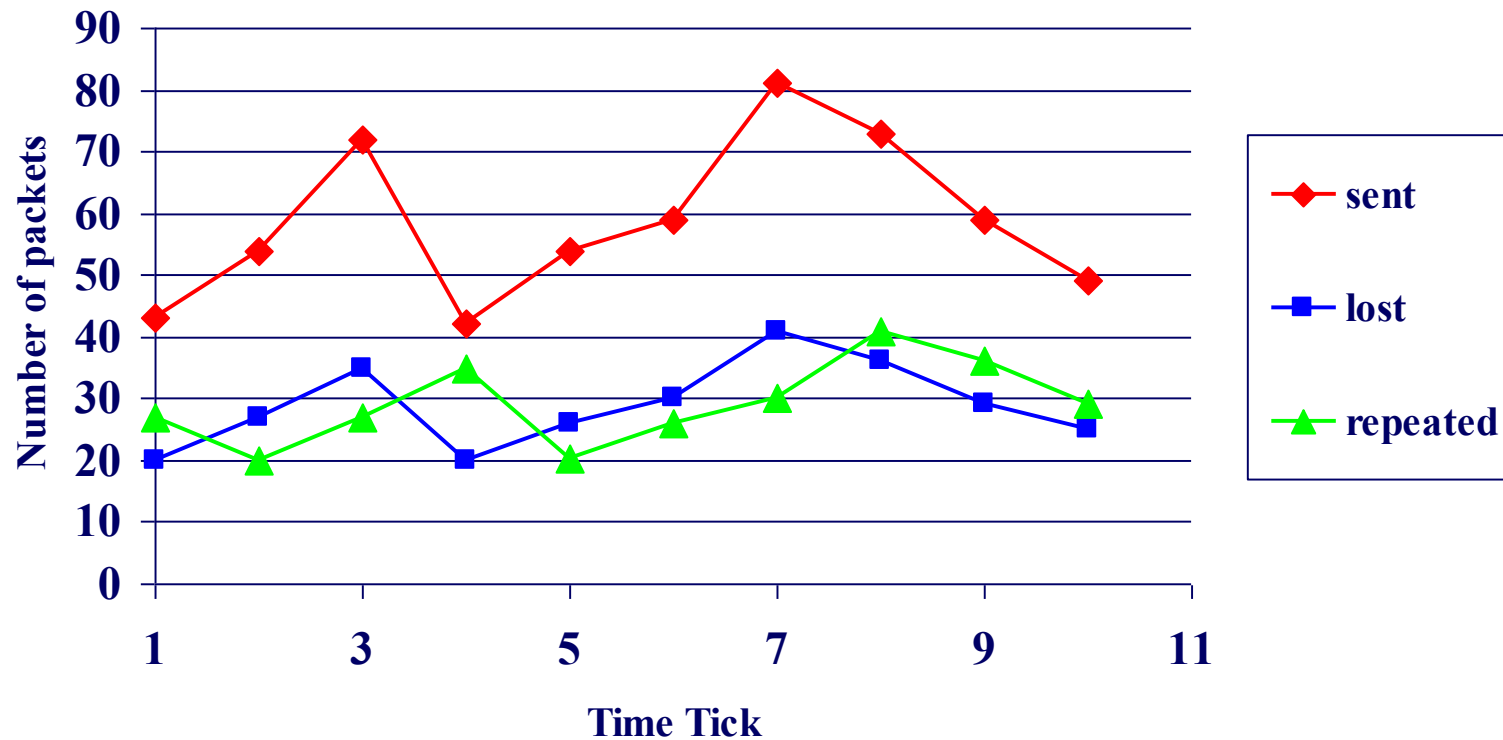
# Problem#2' : Similarity search

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



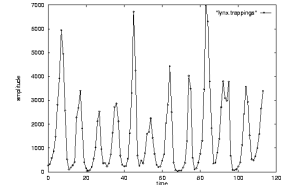
# Problem #3:

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



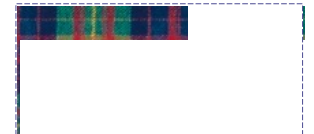


# Important observations



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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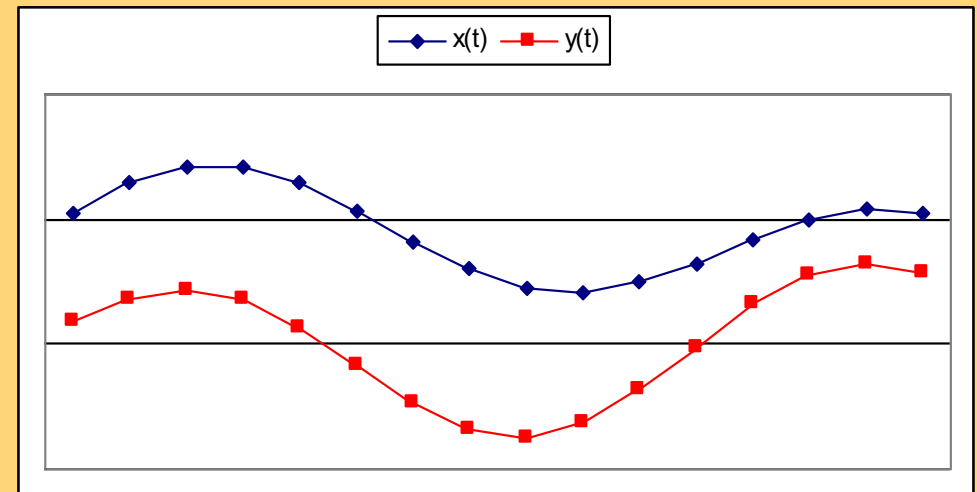
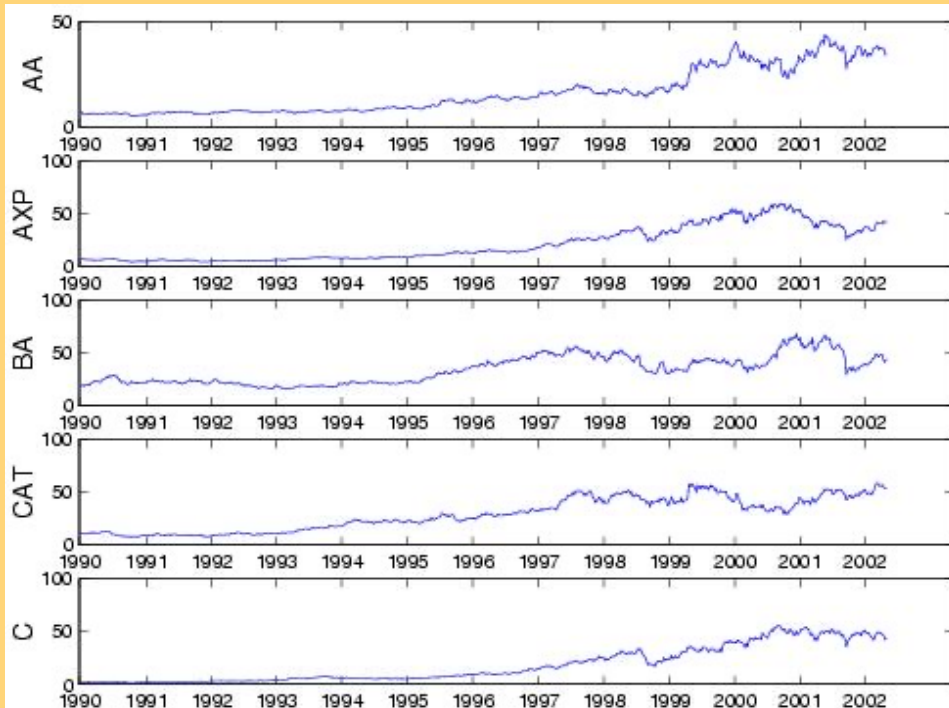
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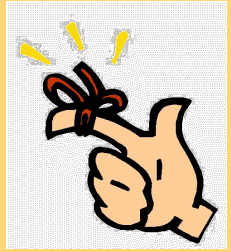
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- ➔ • Similarity search and distance functions
  - Euclidean
  - Time-warping
- ...



# Problem:

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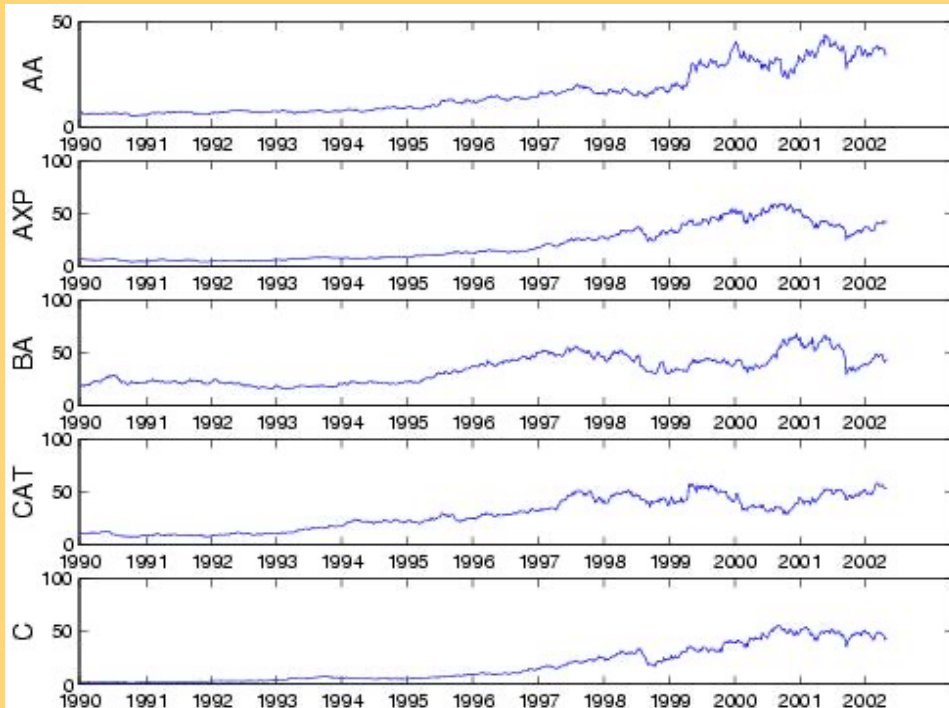




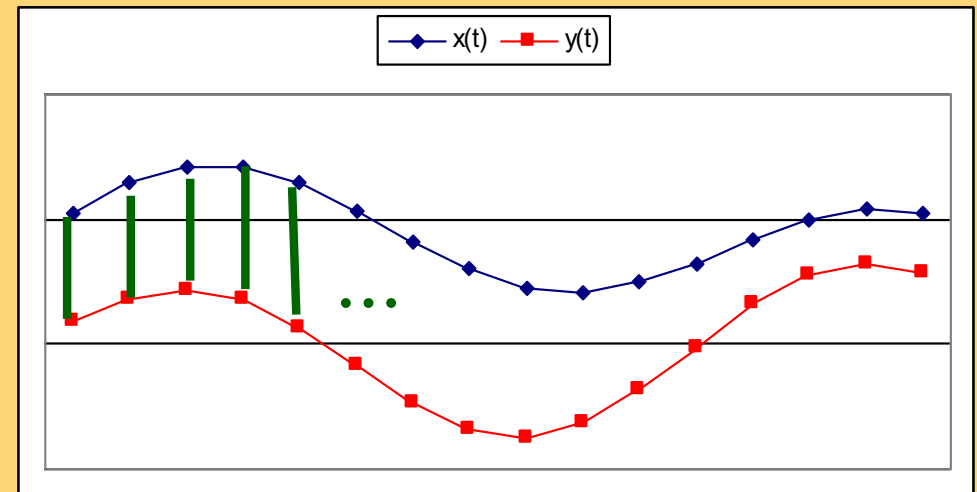
# Answer:

Q: How similar are two sequences?

A: Euclidean distance (<-> cosine similarity)



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



# Importance of distance functions

Subtle, but **absolutely necessary**:

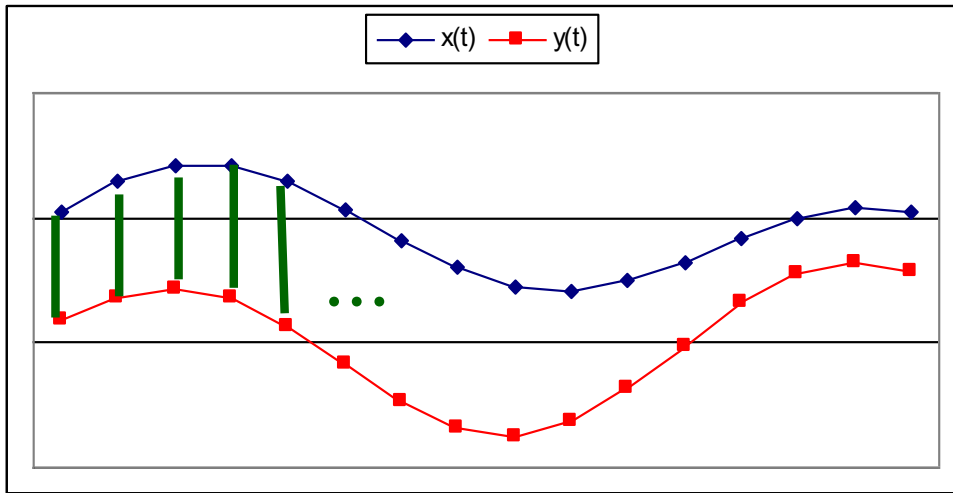
- A ‘must’ for similarity indexing (-> forecasting)
- A ‘must’ for clustering

Two major families

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



# Euclidean and Lp

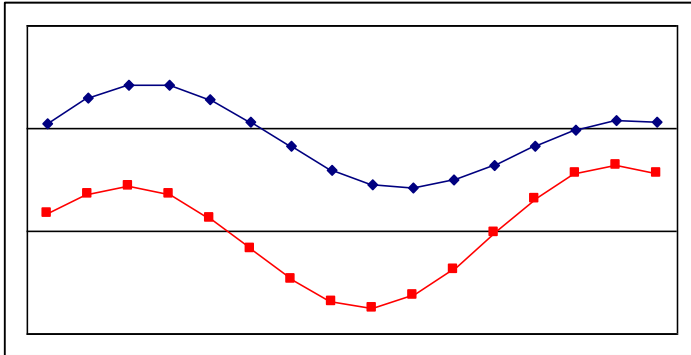


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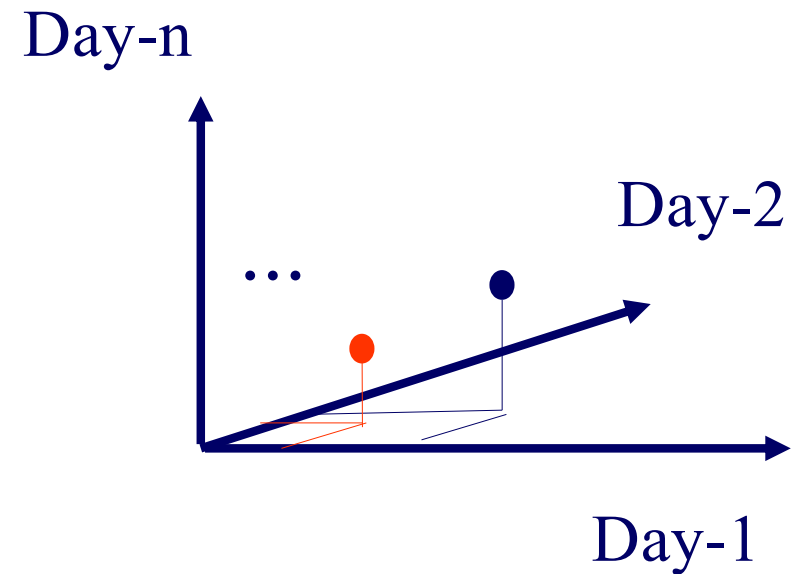
$$L_p(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p$$

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

# Observation #1



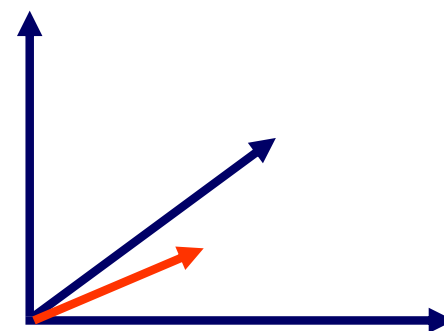
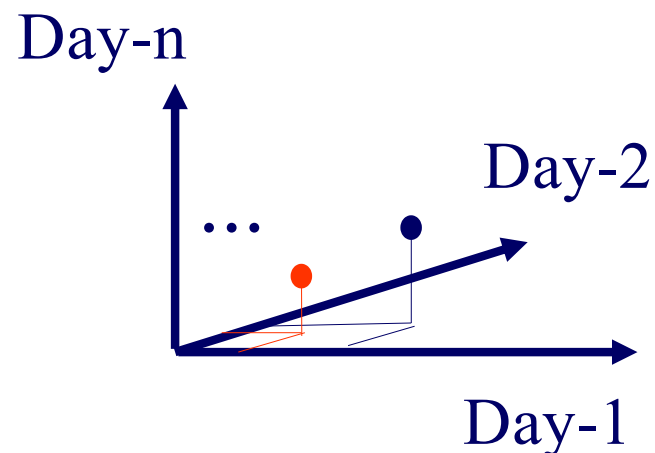
- Time sequence  $\rightarrow$  n-d vector



# Observation #2

Euclidean distance is closely related to

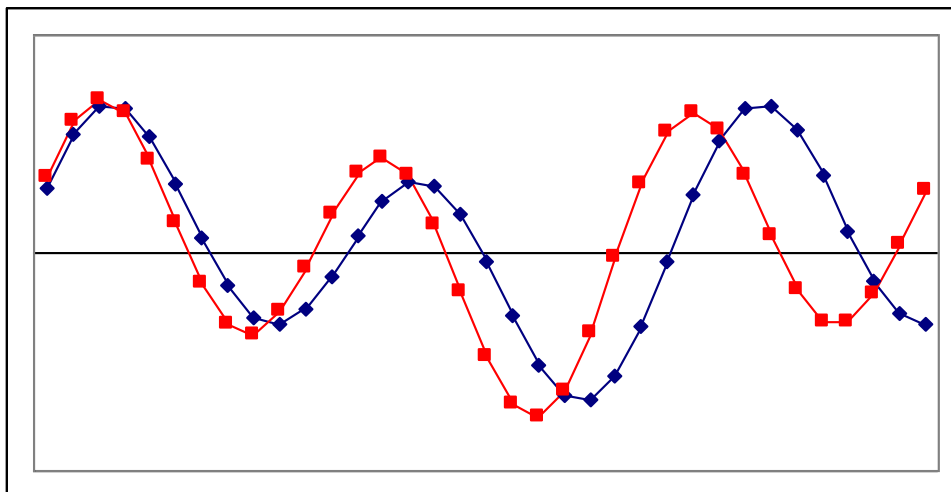
- cosine similarity
- dot product
- ‘cross-correlation’ function



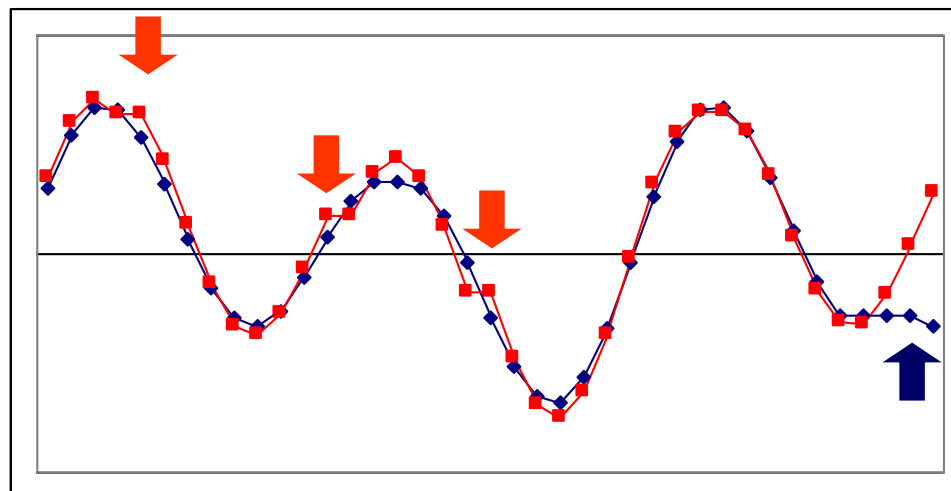
# Time Warping

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

# Time Warping



‘stutters’ :



# 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  $y$

reminder

# 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

SURVEY  
SURGERY

# 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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# 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

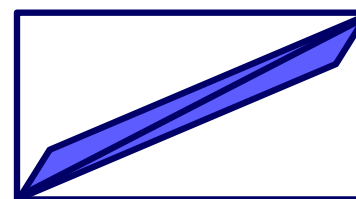
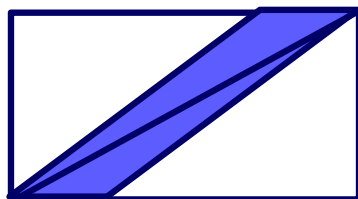
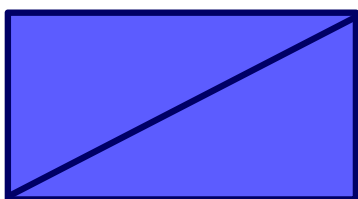
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String editing

$$\text{cost}(i, j) = \min \begin{cases} 1 + \text{cost}(i-1, j-1) // \text{ sub.} \\ 1 + \text{cost}(i, j-1) // \text{ del.} \\ 1 + \text{cost}(i-1, j) // \text{ ins.} \end{cases}$$

# 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]



# 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]

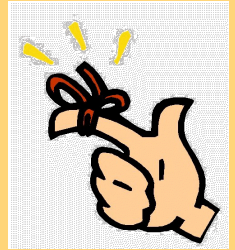
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- In [Keogh+, KDD' 04]: parameter-free, MDL based

# Conclusions

Prevailing distances:

- Euclidean and
- time-warping

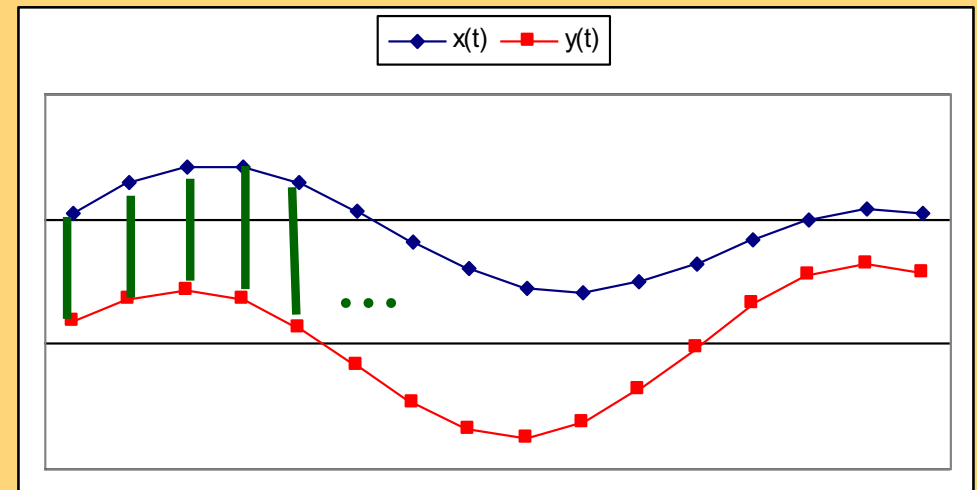
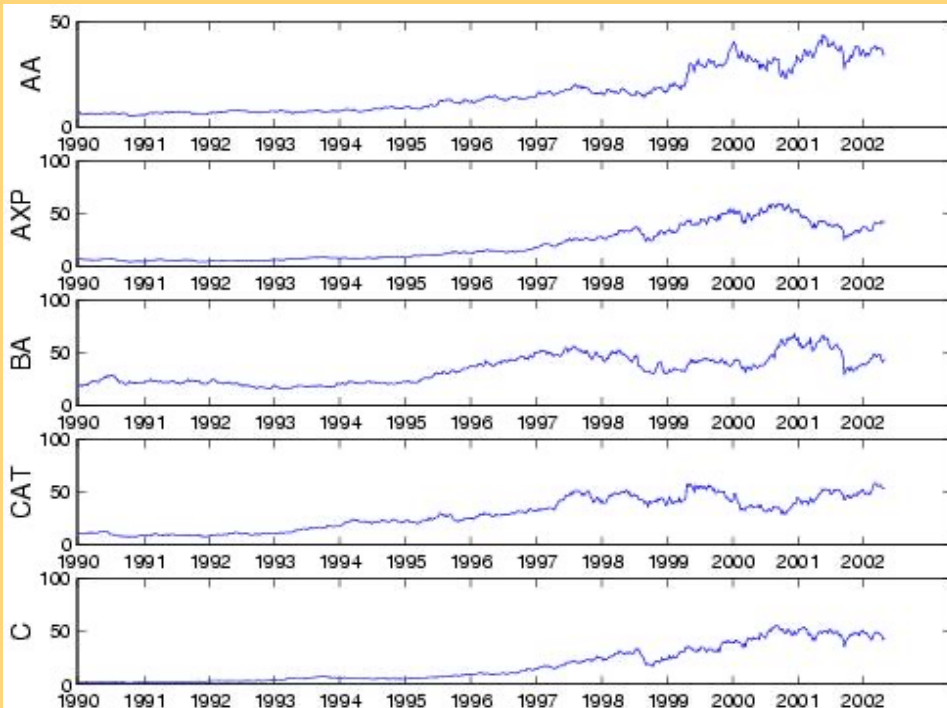


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# Linear Forecasting

# Forecasting

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

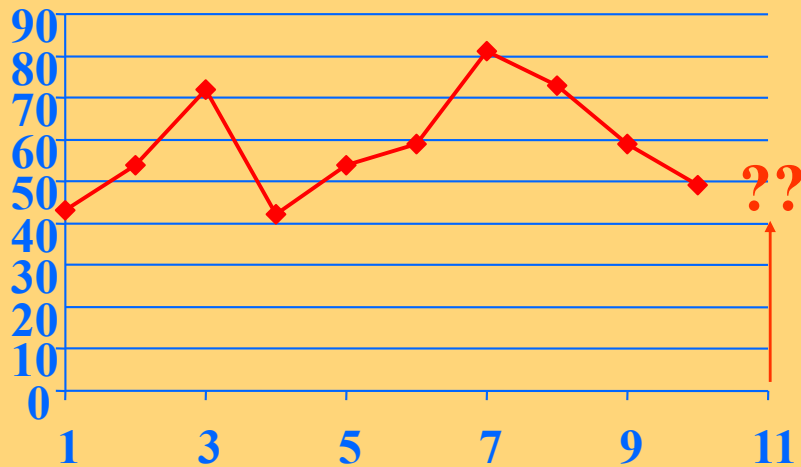
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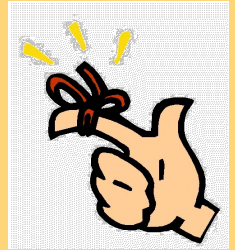




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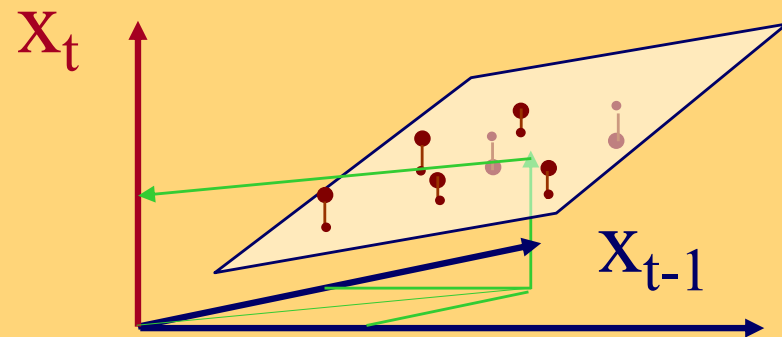
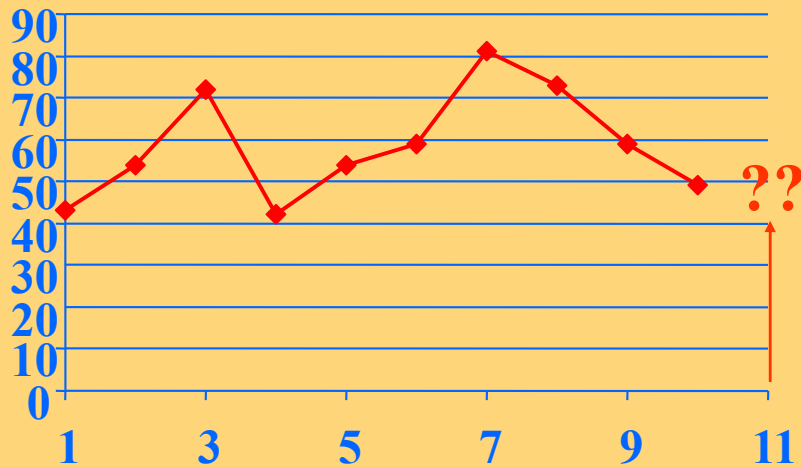
- given  $x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots,$
- Q: forecast  $x_t$





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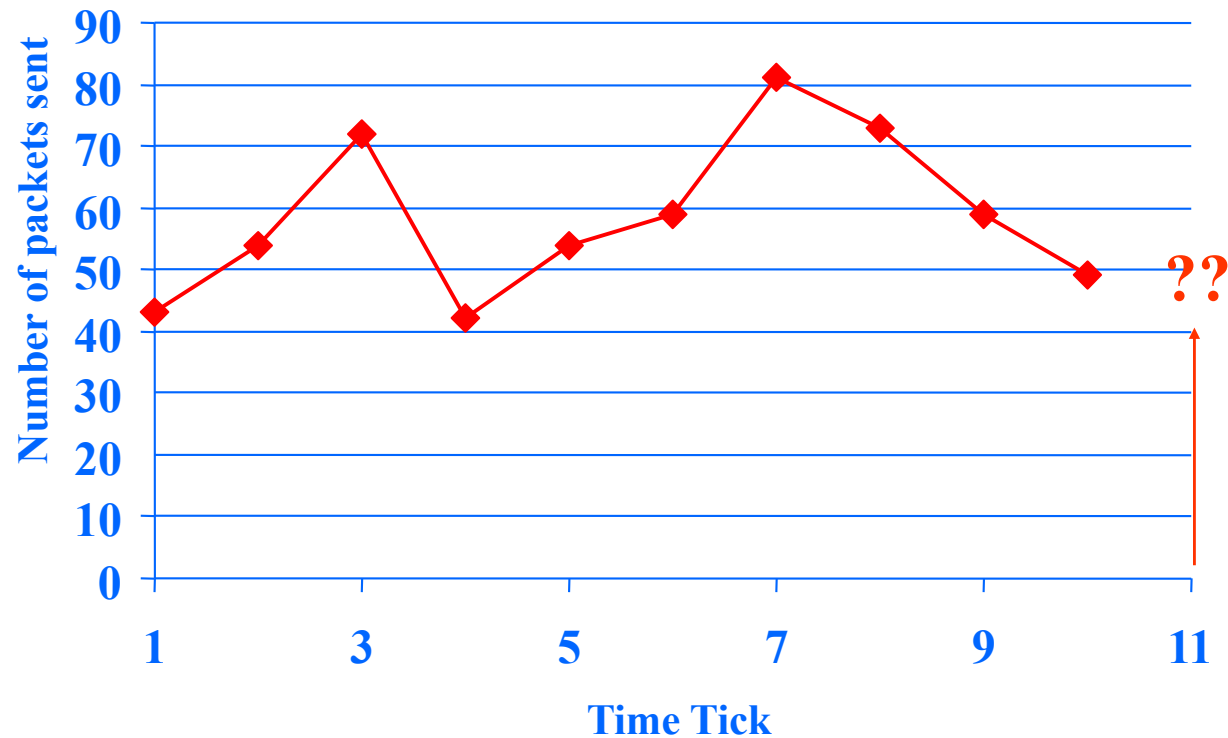
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[Yi+00] Byoung-Kee Yi et al.: *Online Data Mining for Co-Evolving Time Sequences*, ICDE 2000.  
(Describes MUSCLES and Recursive Least Squares)

# Problem#2: Forecast

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

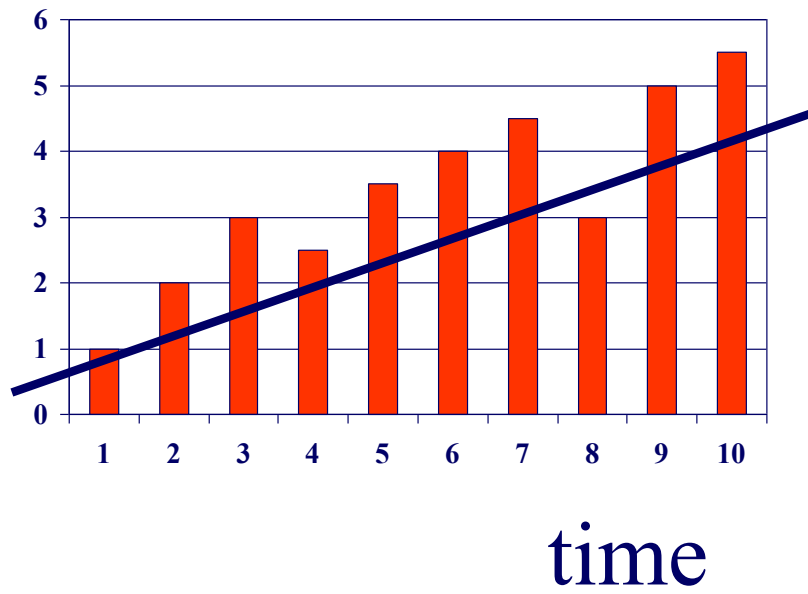




# Forecasting: Preprocessing

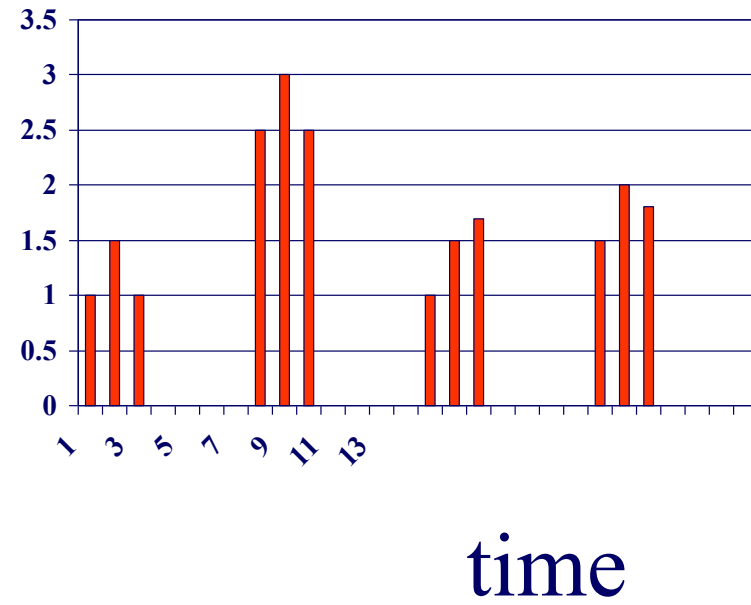
MANUALLY:

remove trends



spot periodicities

7 days



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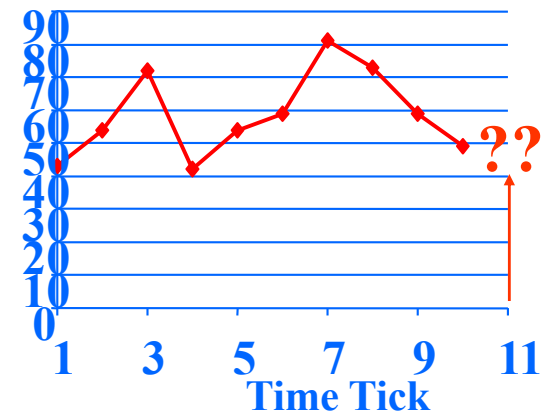
- Solution: try to express

$x_t$

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

Formally:

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



# (Problem: Back-cast; interpolate)

- Solution - interpolate: try to express

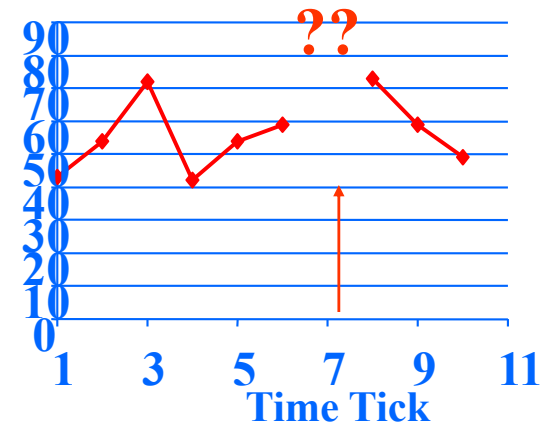
$$x_t$$

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  $w_{past}$ ,  $w_{future}$ )

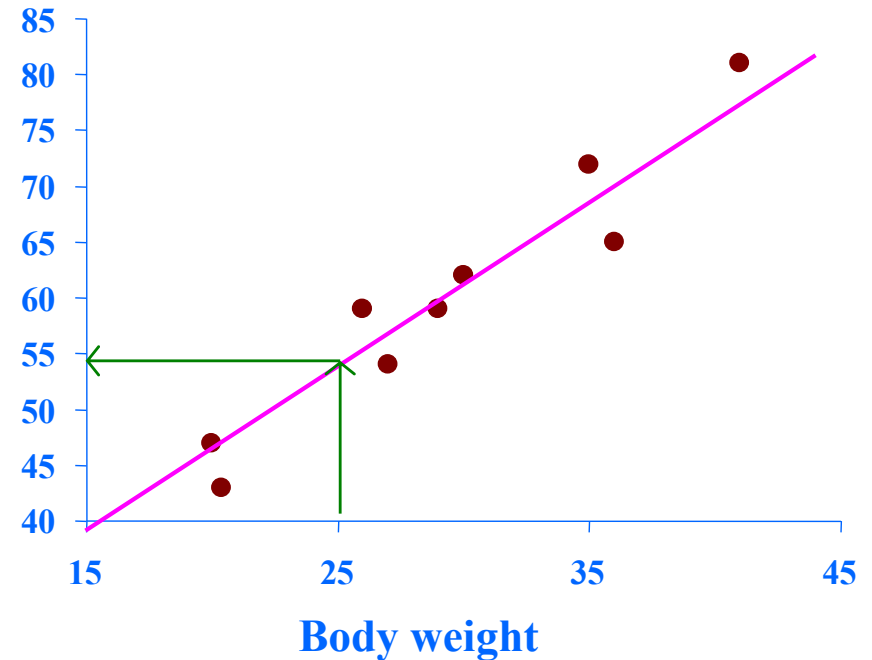
- EXACTLY the same algo's



# 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



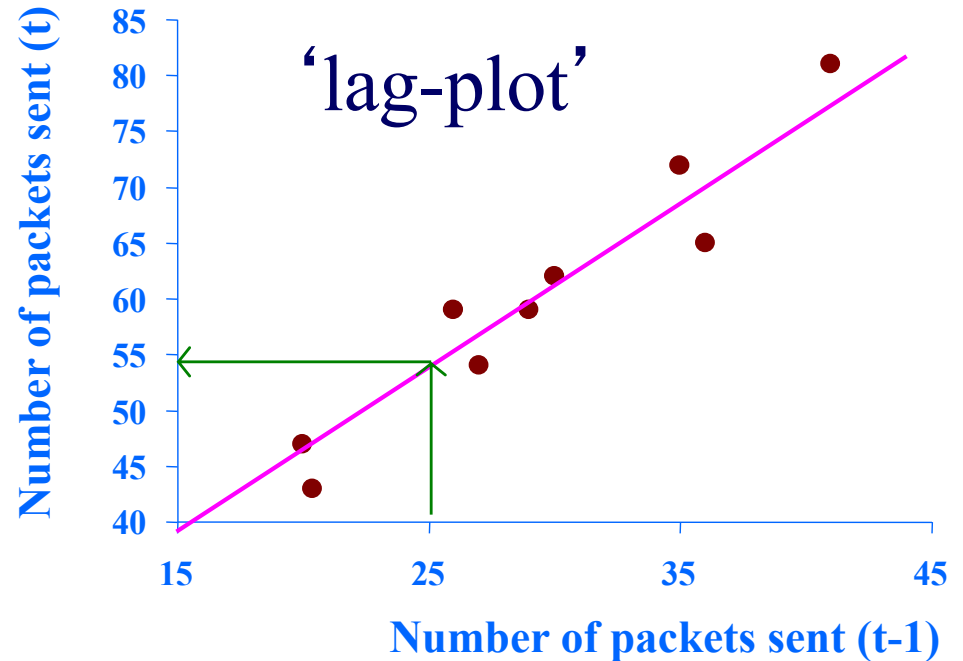
- express what we don't know (= 'dependent variable')
- as a linear function of what we know (= 'indep. variable(s)')

# Linear Auto Regression:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Packets Sent(t)</i>
1	43
2	54
3	72
...	...
N	??

# Linear Auto Regression:

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



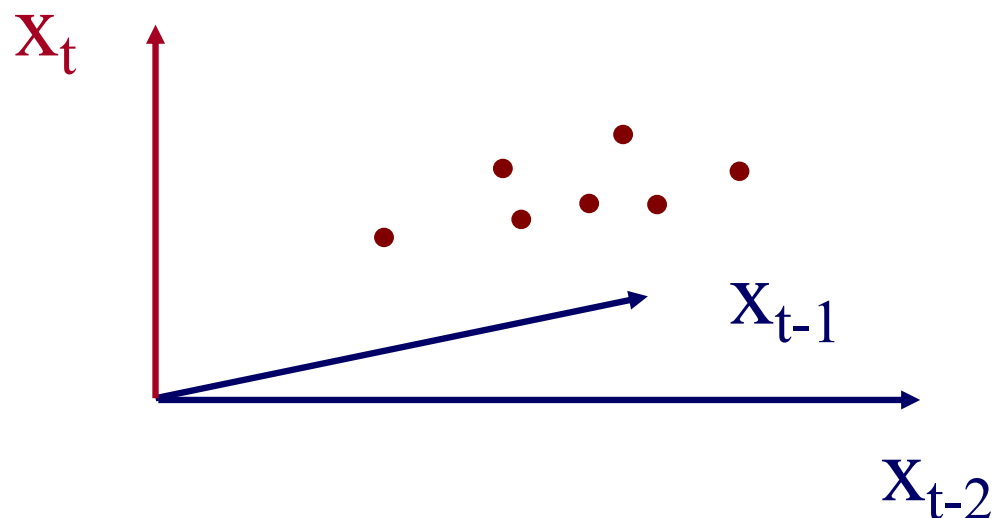
- lag  $w=1$
- Dependent variable = # of packets sent ( $S[t]$ )
- Independent variable = # of packets sent ( $S[t-1]$ )

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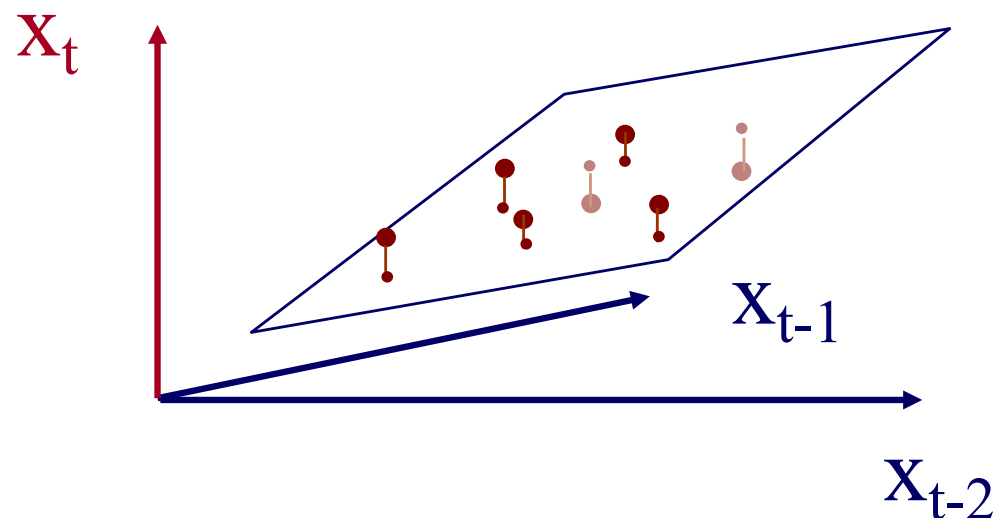
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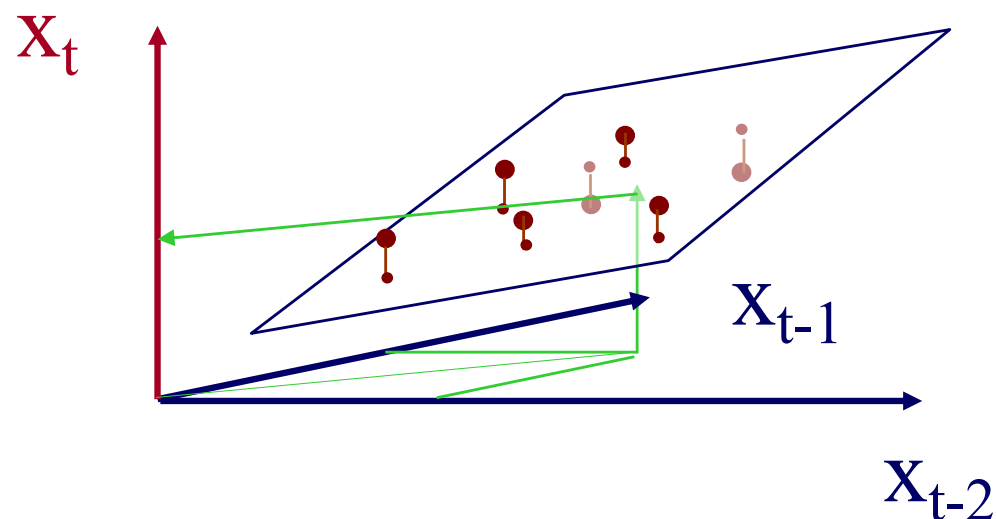
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- A1: YES! The problem becomes:

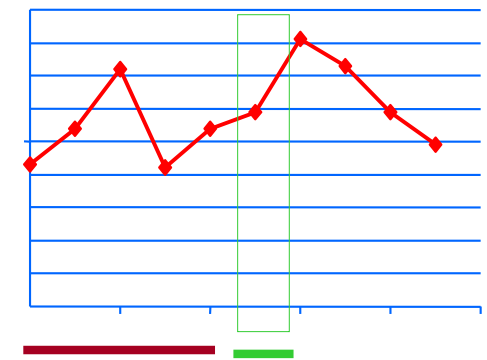
$$\mathbf{X}_{[N \times w]} \times \mathbf{a}_{[w \times 1]} = \mathbf{y}_{[N \times 1]}$$

- **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-var 1
Ind-var-w



time

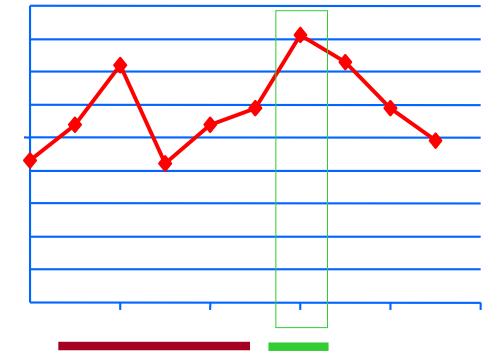
$$\begin{bmatrix}
 \underline{X_{11}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{1w}} \\
 X_{21}, X_{22}, \dots, X_{2w} \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots \\
 X_{N1}, X_{N2}, \dots, X_{Nw}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \times
 \begin{bmatrix}
 a_1 \\
 a_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 a_w
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \underline{y_1} \\
 y_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots \\
 y_N
 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Ind-var-w



time

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{1w} \\ X_{21}, X_{22}, \dots, X_{2w} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ X_{N1}, X_{N2}, \dots, X_{Nw} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  is annotated with a red horizontal line under the second row and a blue arrow pointing to the first row. The vector  $\mathbf{a}$  has a green horizontal line under the second element. The vector  $\mathbf{y}$  has a green horizontal line under the second element. A blue arrow labeled 'time' points downwards on the left side of the matrix.

# 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’ >

## More details

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Identical to earlier formula (proof?)

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Where

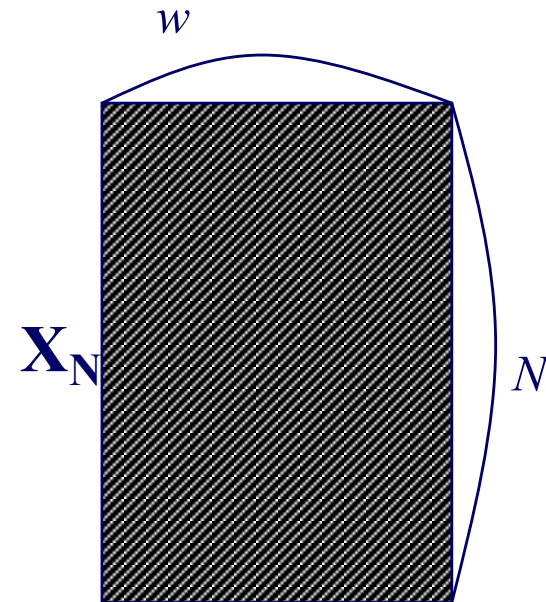
$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{\Lambda} \times \mathbf{V}^T$$

# 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
  - $\mathbf{O}(N \times w^2)$  computation
  - $\mathbf{O}(N \times w)$  storage



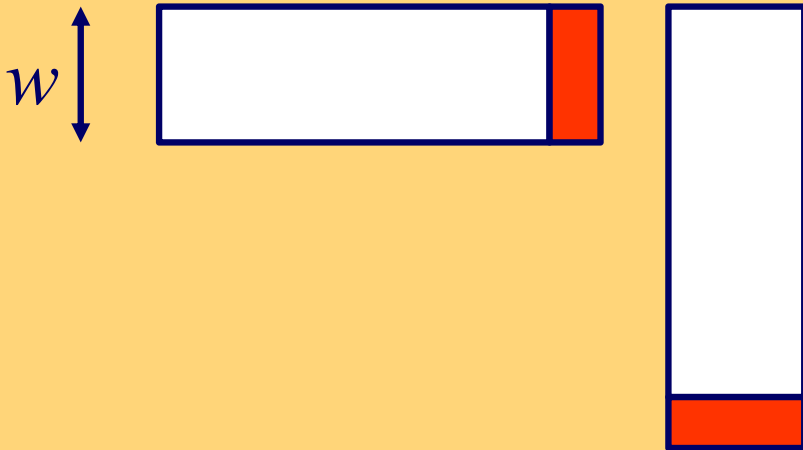
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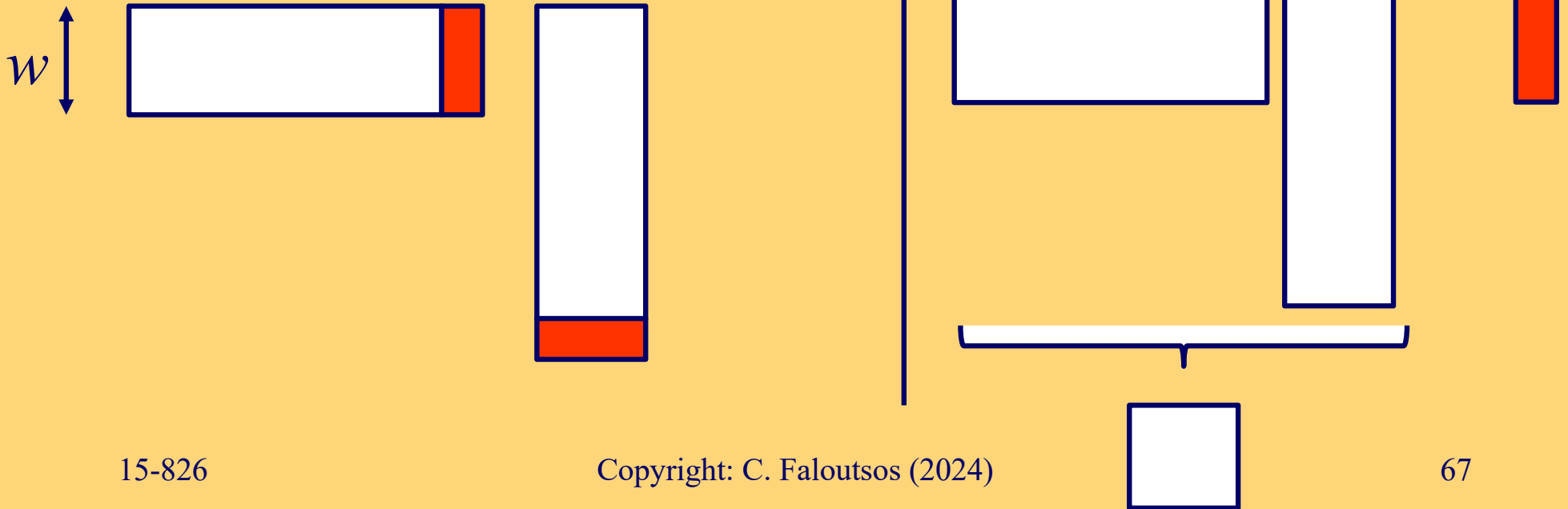




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A: keep a  $w \times w$  matrix,  
& update it



## Even more details

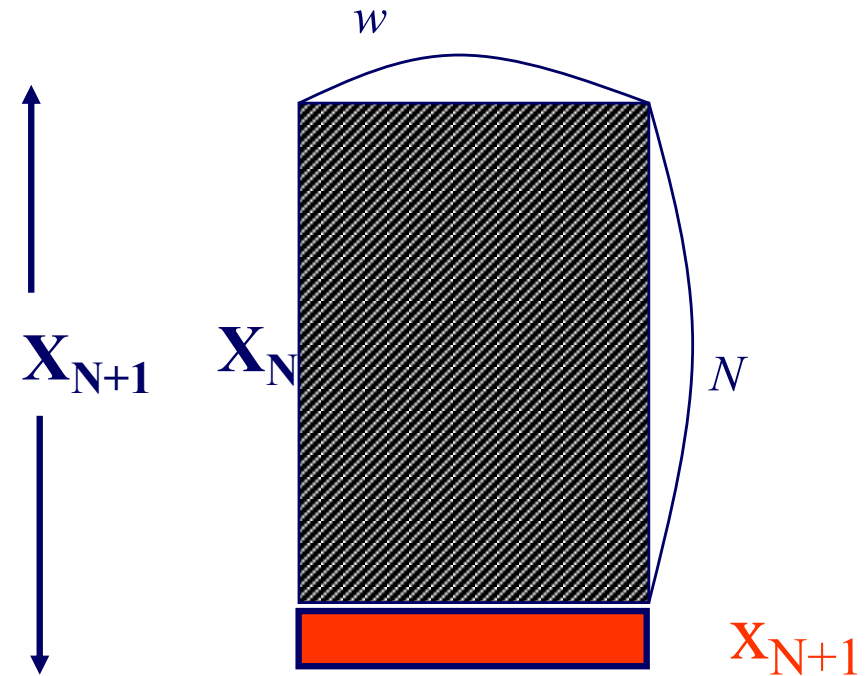
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- A: our matrix has special form:  $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})$

# 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  $s_k \div k$

# More details

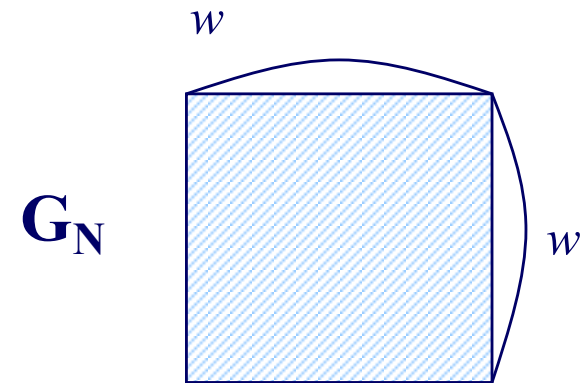
At the  $N+1$  time tick:



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

## 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  $\mathbf{G}_N$



## 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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[(N+1) x w]

[w x (N+1)]

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**Altogether:**

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# Altogether:

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

where

$I$ :  $w \times w$  identity matrix

$\delta$ : a large positive number (say,  $10^4$ )



# Comparison:

- **Straightforward Least Squares**

- Needs huge matrix  
(**growing** in size)  
 $O(N \times w)$
- Costly matrix operation  
 $O(N \times w^2)$

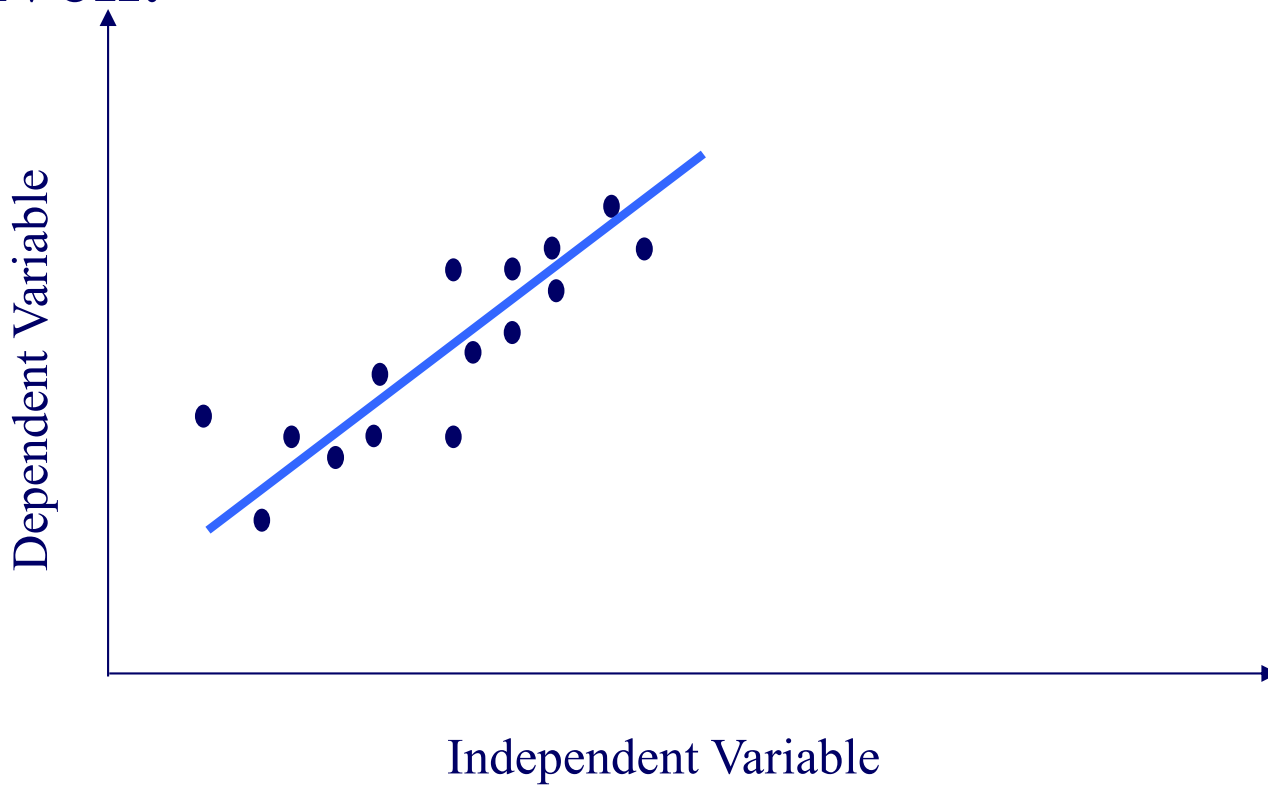
- **Recursive LS**

- Need much smaller, fixed size matrix  
 $O(w \times w)$
- Fast, incremental computation  $O(1 \times w^2)$
- **no matrix inversion**

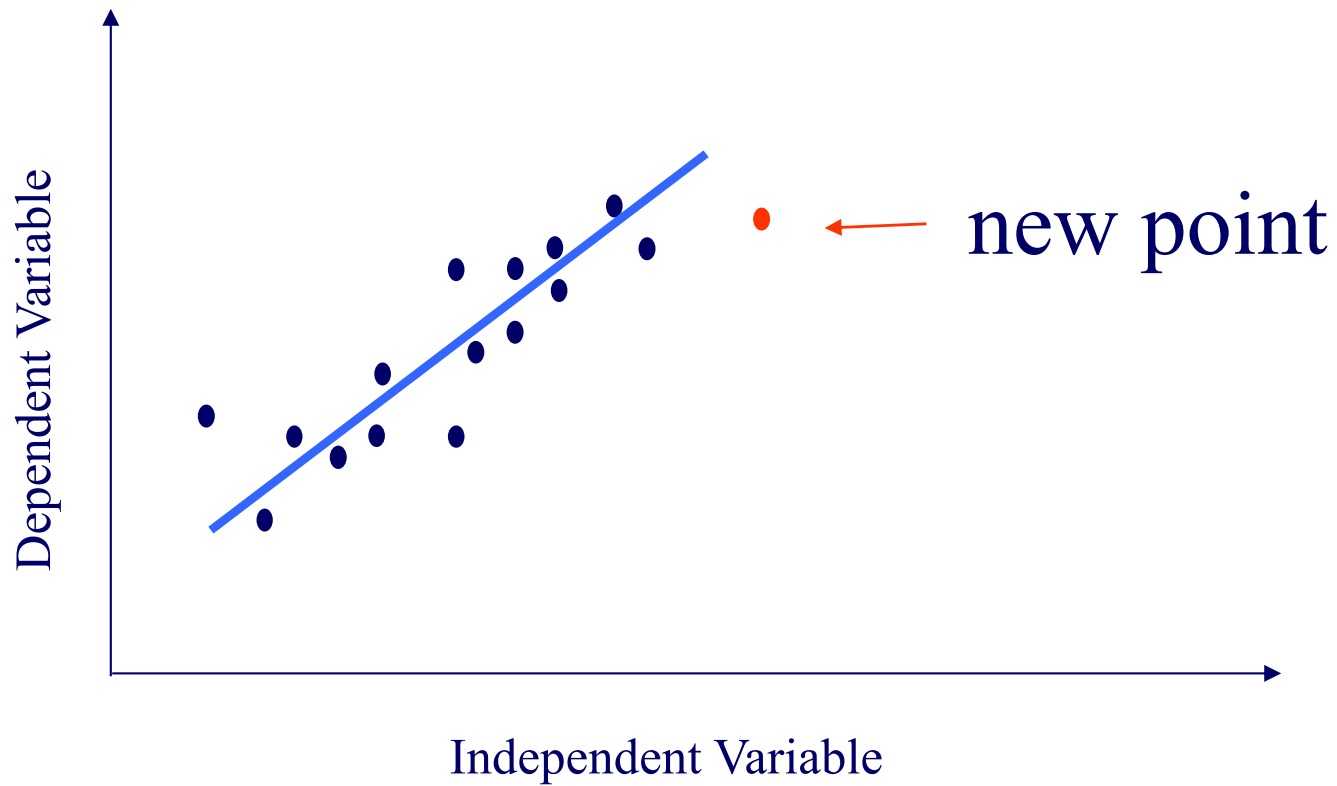
$$N = 10^6, \quad w = 1-100$$

# Pictorially:

- Given:

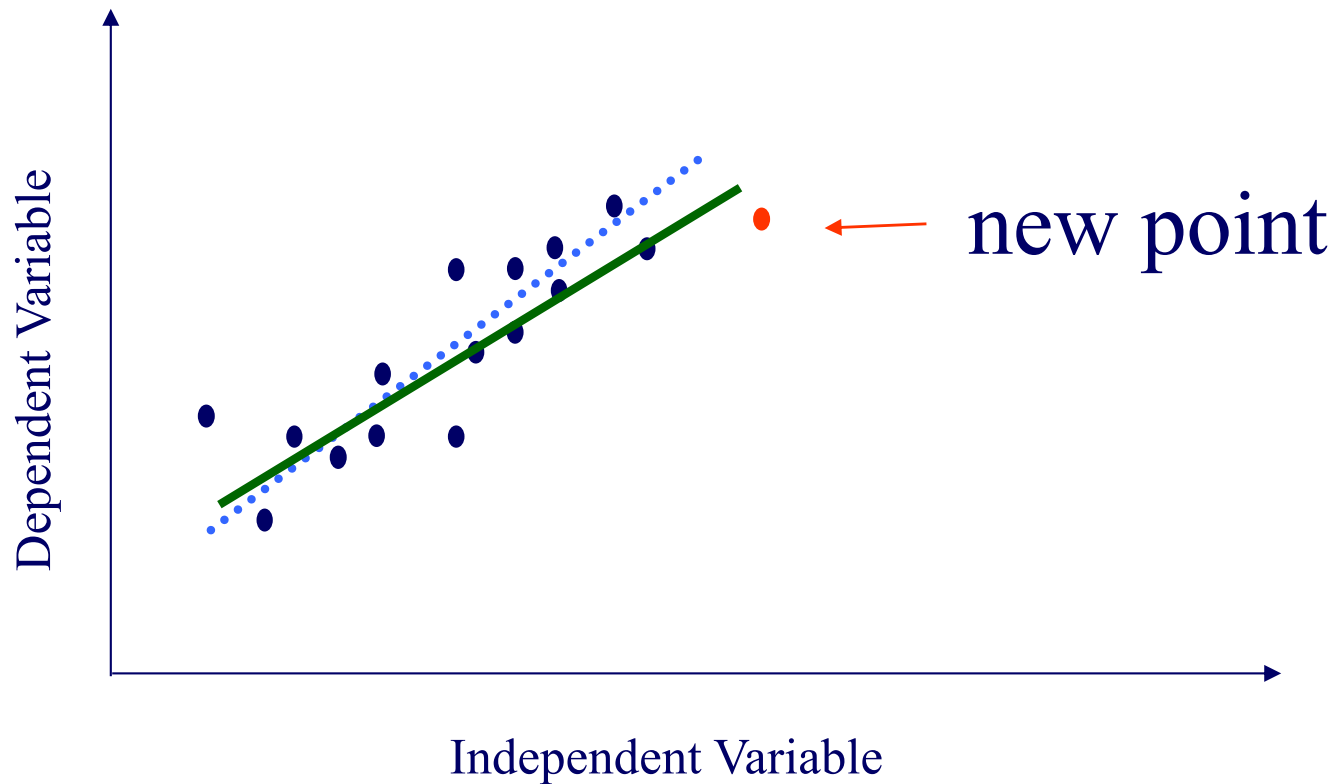


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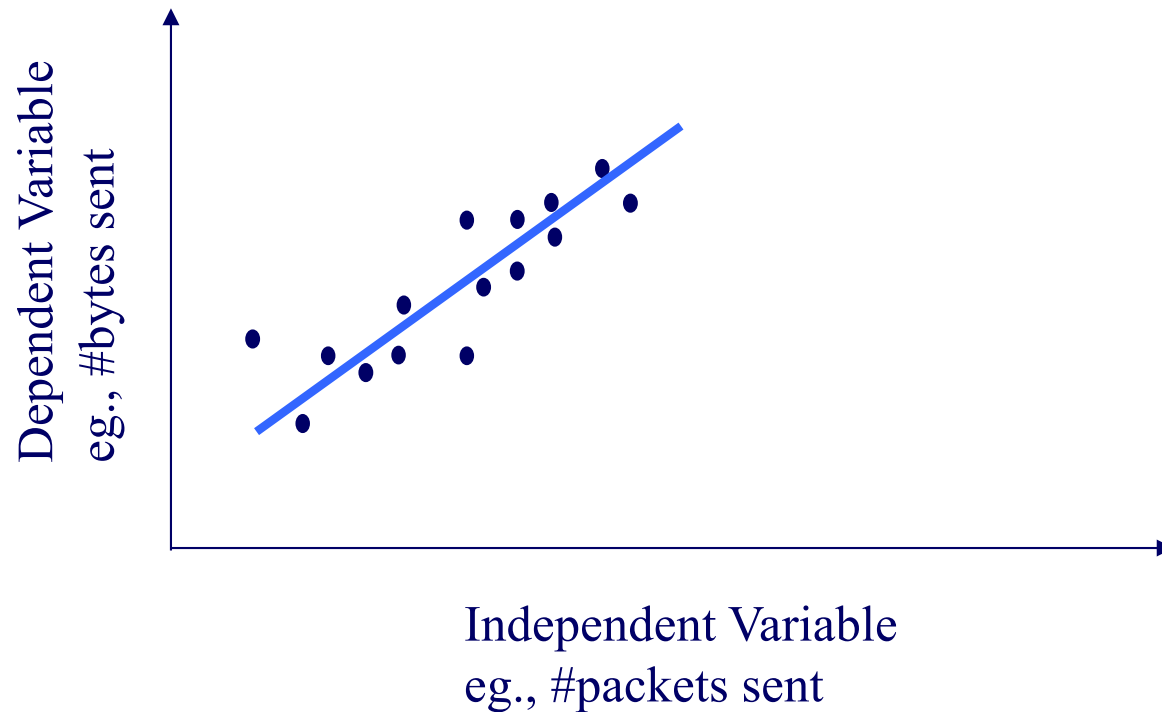
RLS: quickly compute new best fit



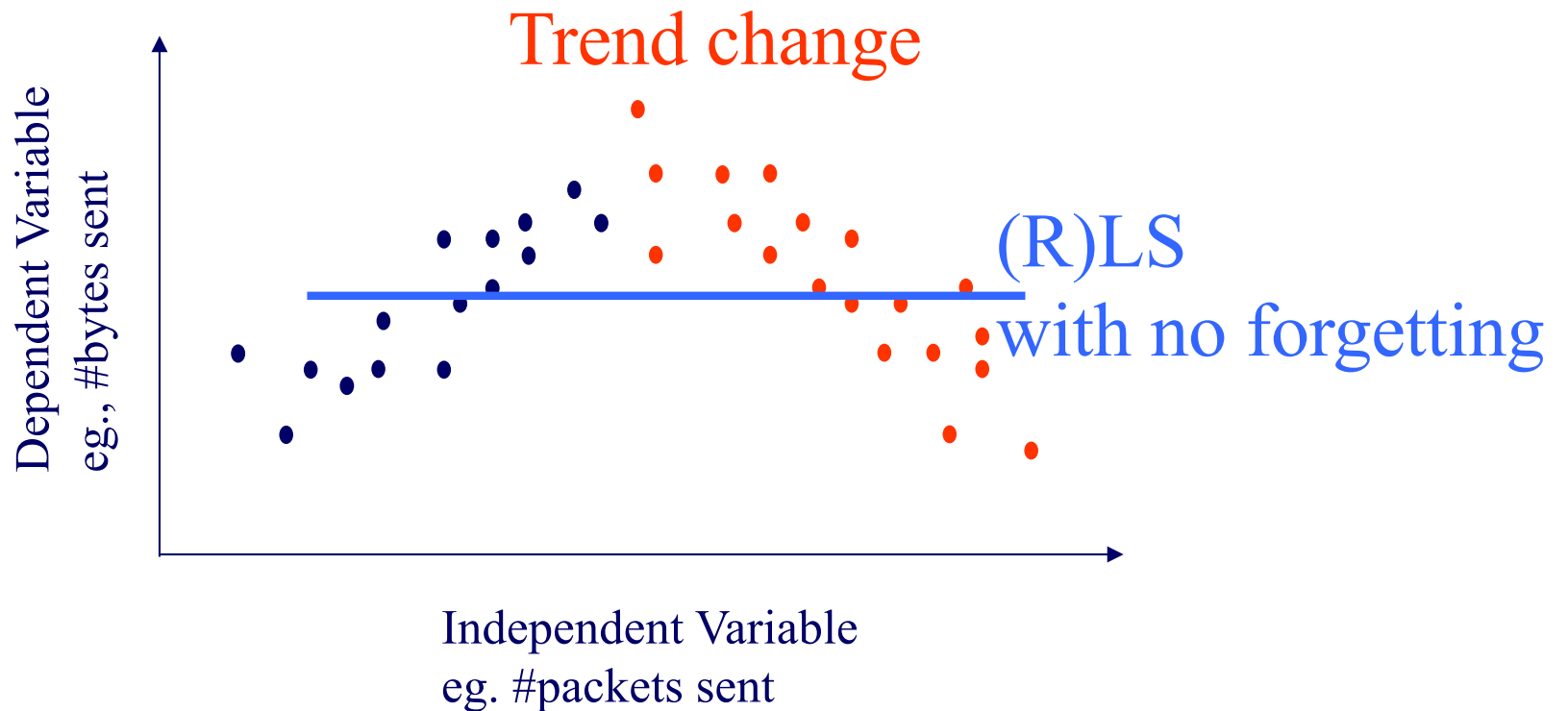
# Even more details

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

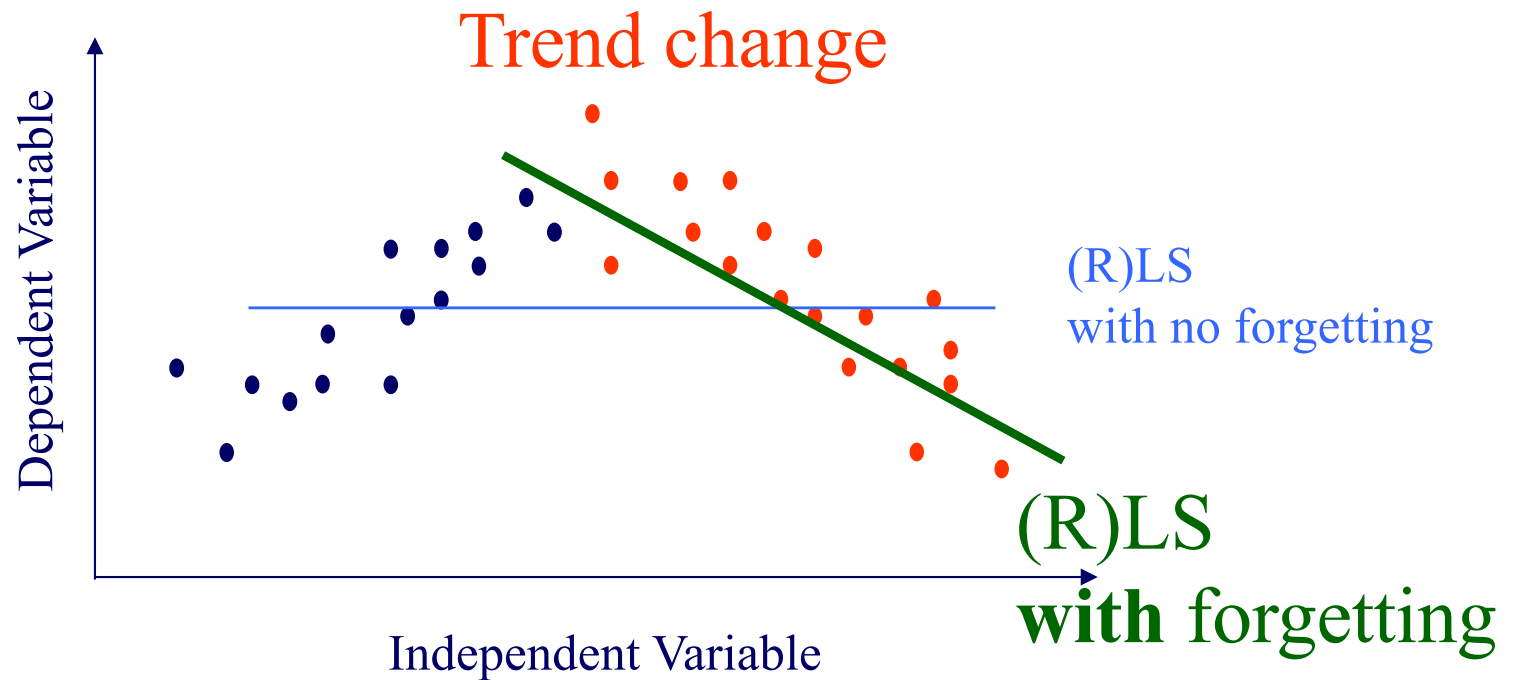
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- RLS: can \*trivially\* handle 'forgetting' (see [Yi+,2000])



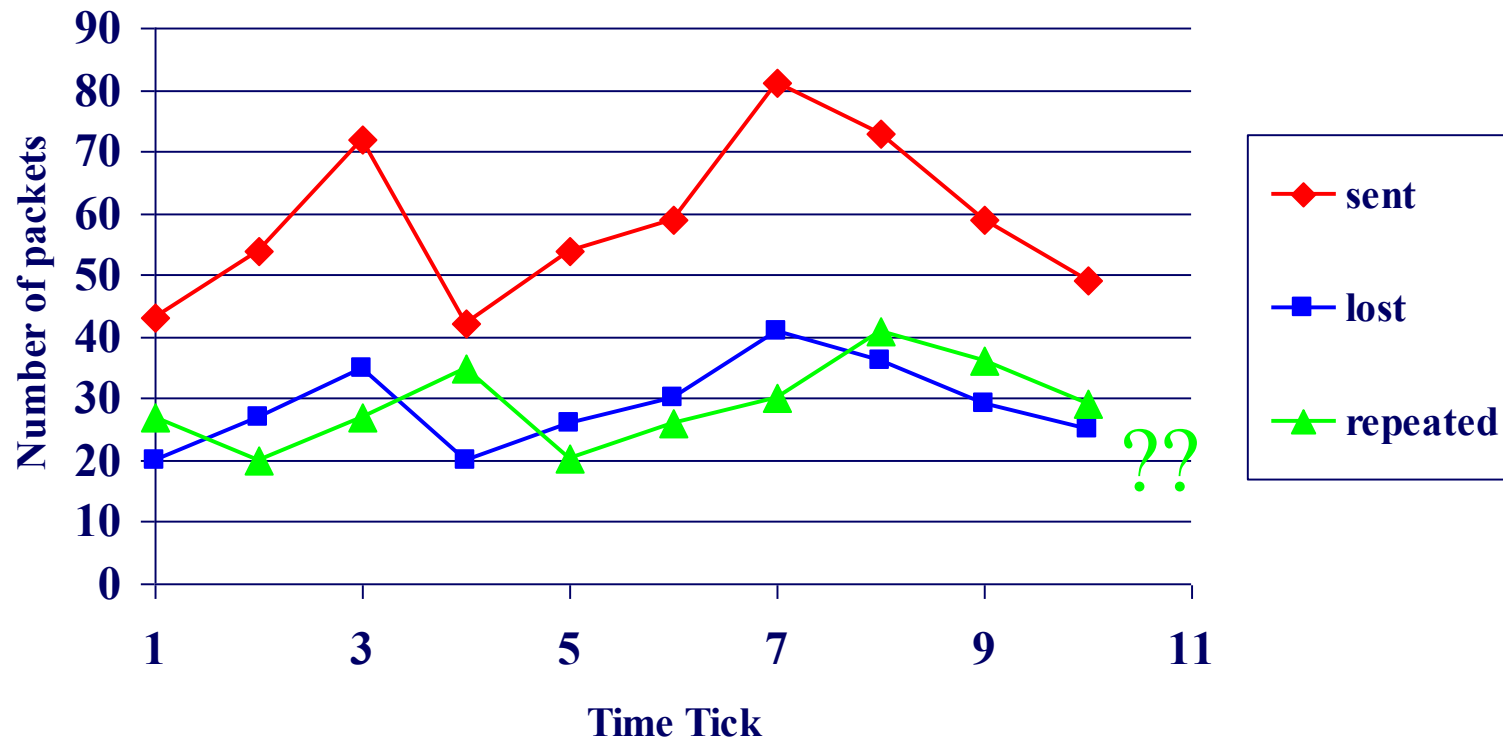
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# Co-Evolving Time Sequences

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



# Solution:


Q: what should we do?

# 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])

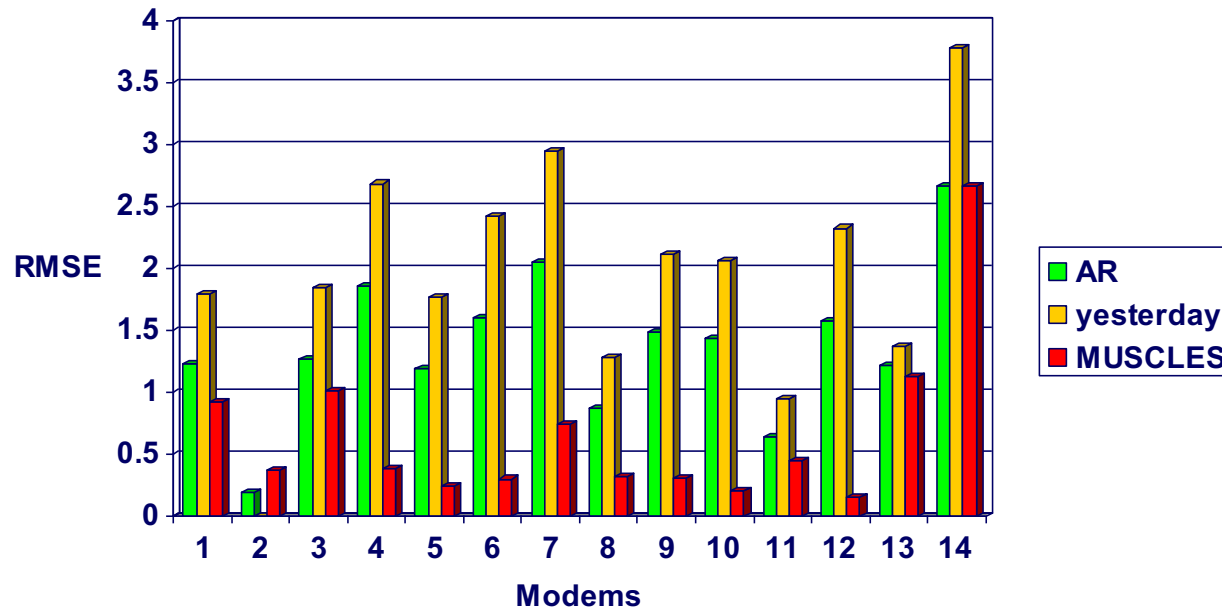
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# Examples - Experiments

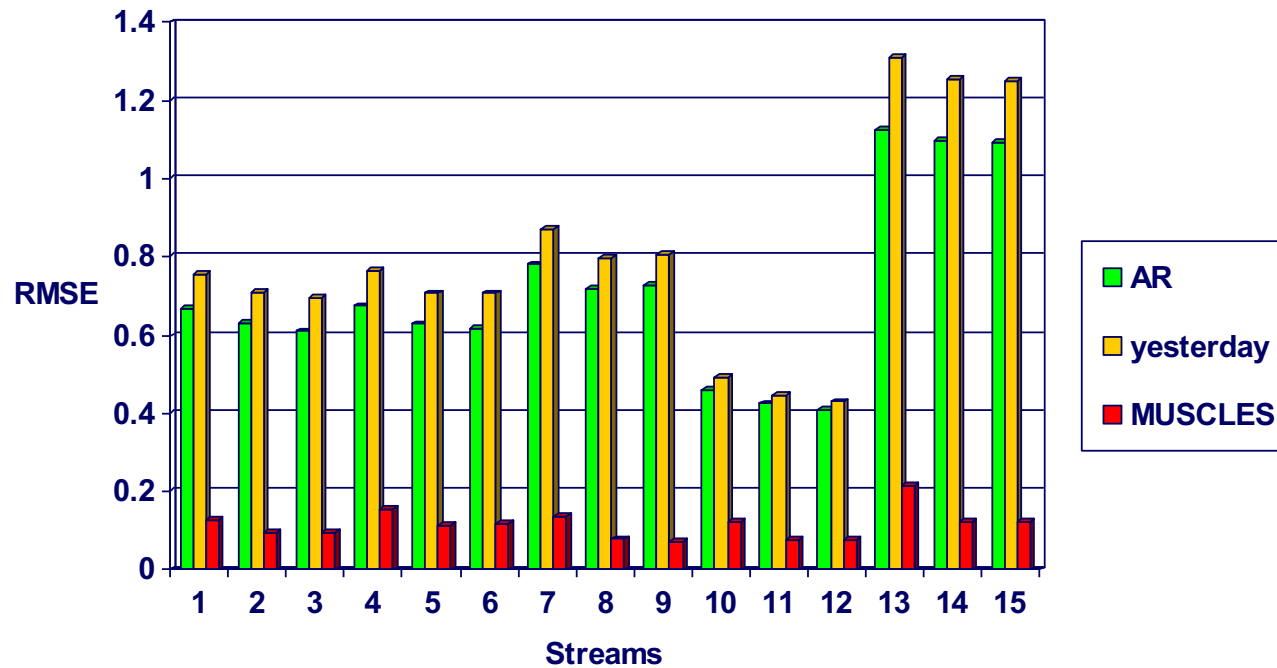
- Datasets
  - Modem pool traffic (14 modems, 1500 time-ticks; #packets per time unit)
  - AT&T WorldNet internet usage (several data streams; 980 time-ticks)
- Measures of success
  - Accuracy : Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)

# Accuracy - “Modem”



MUSCLES outperforms AR & “yesterday”

# Accuracy - “Internet”



MUSCLES consistently outperforms AR & “yesterday”

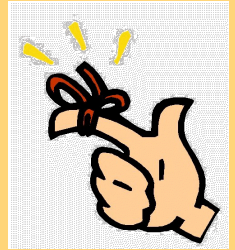


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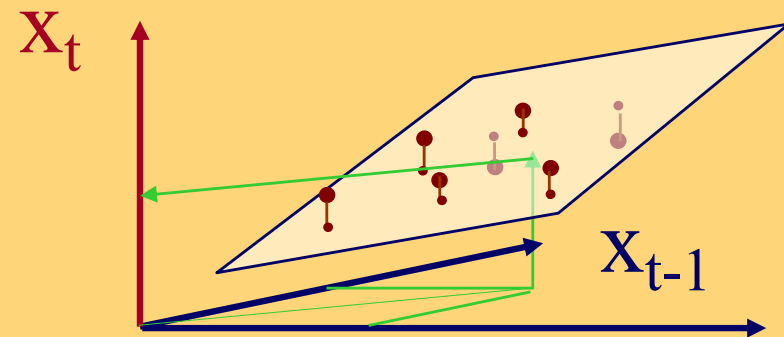
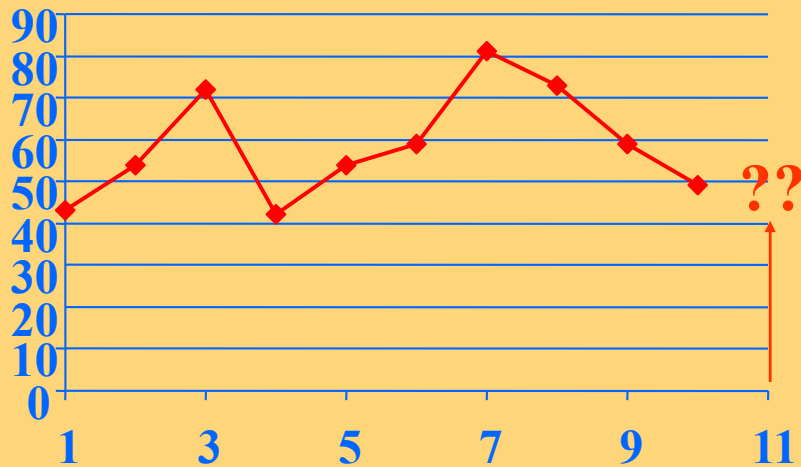
# Conclusions - Practitioner's guide

- AR(IMA) methodology: prevailing method for linear forecasting
- Brilliant method of Recursive Least Squares for fast, incremental estimation.
- See [Box-Jenkins]



# Solution: AR(IMA)

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



# 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>

# 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.

# Additional Reading

- [Papadimitriou+ vldb2003] Spiros Papadimitriou, Anthony Brockwell and Christos Faloutsos  
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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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# Bursty Traffic & fractals



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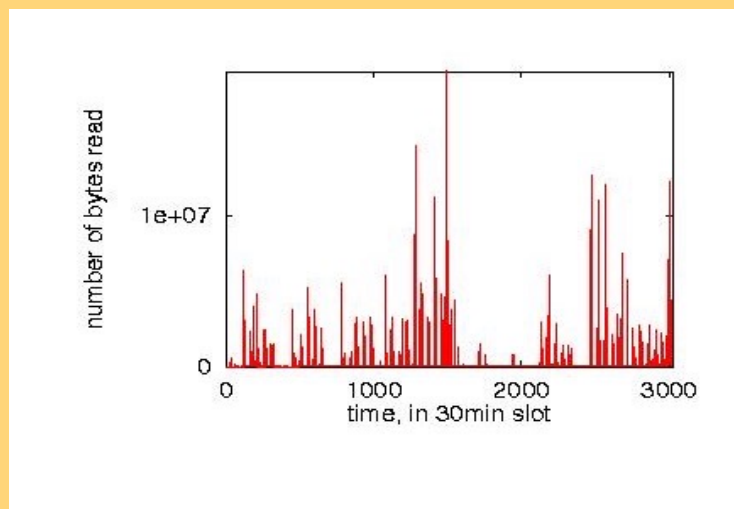
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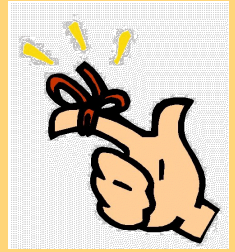
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# Bursty traffic

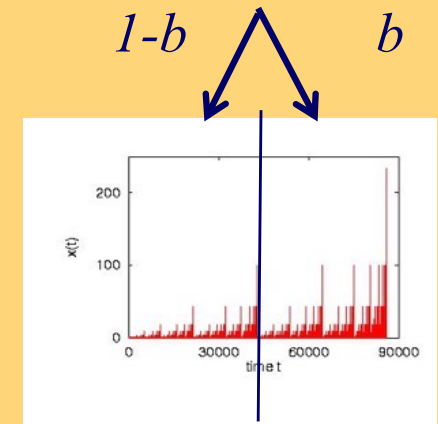
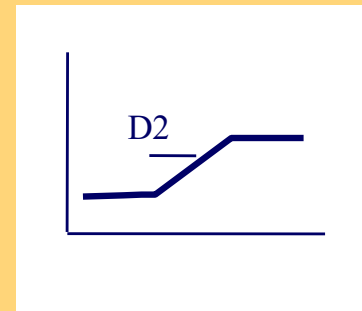
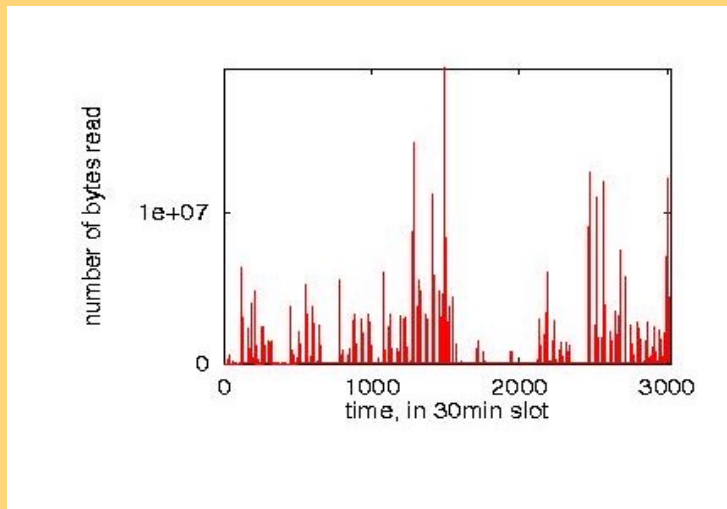
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# Bursty traffic

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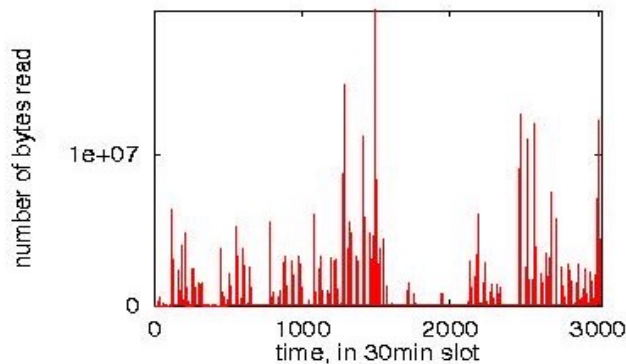


# Recall: Problem #1:

Goal: given a signal (eg., #bytes over time)

Find: patterns, periodicities, and/or compress

#bytes



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

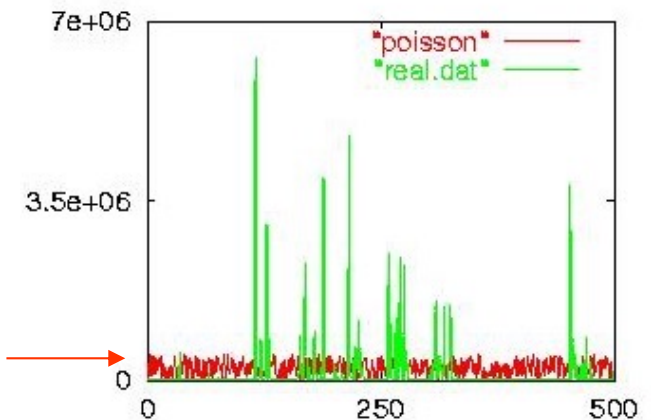
time

# Problem #1

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

Poisson

# bytes



time

# Motivation

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

# 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

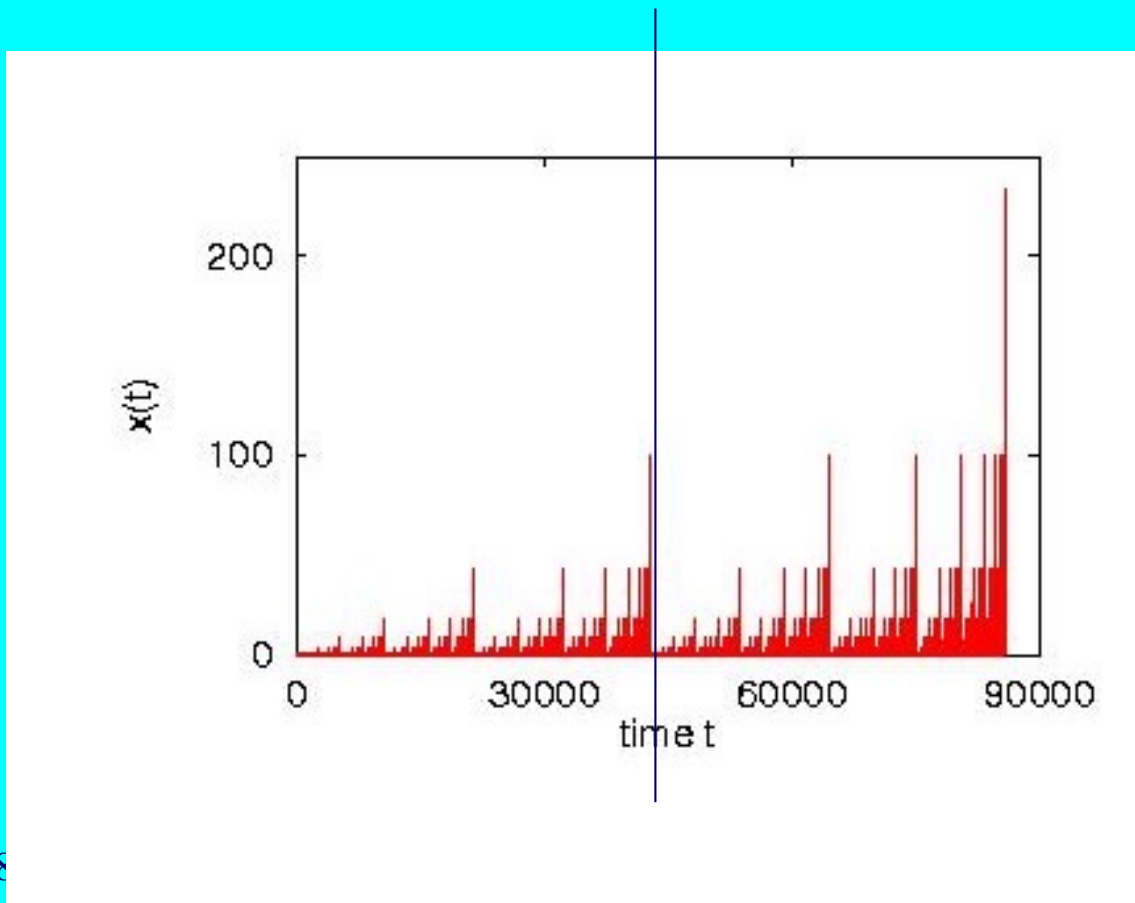
# Approach

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



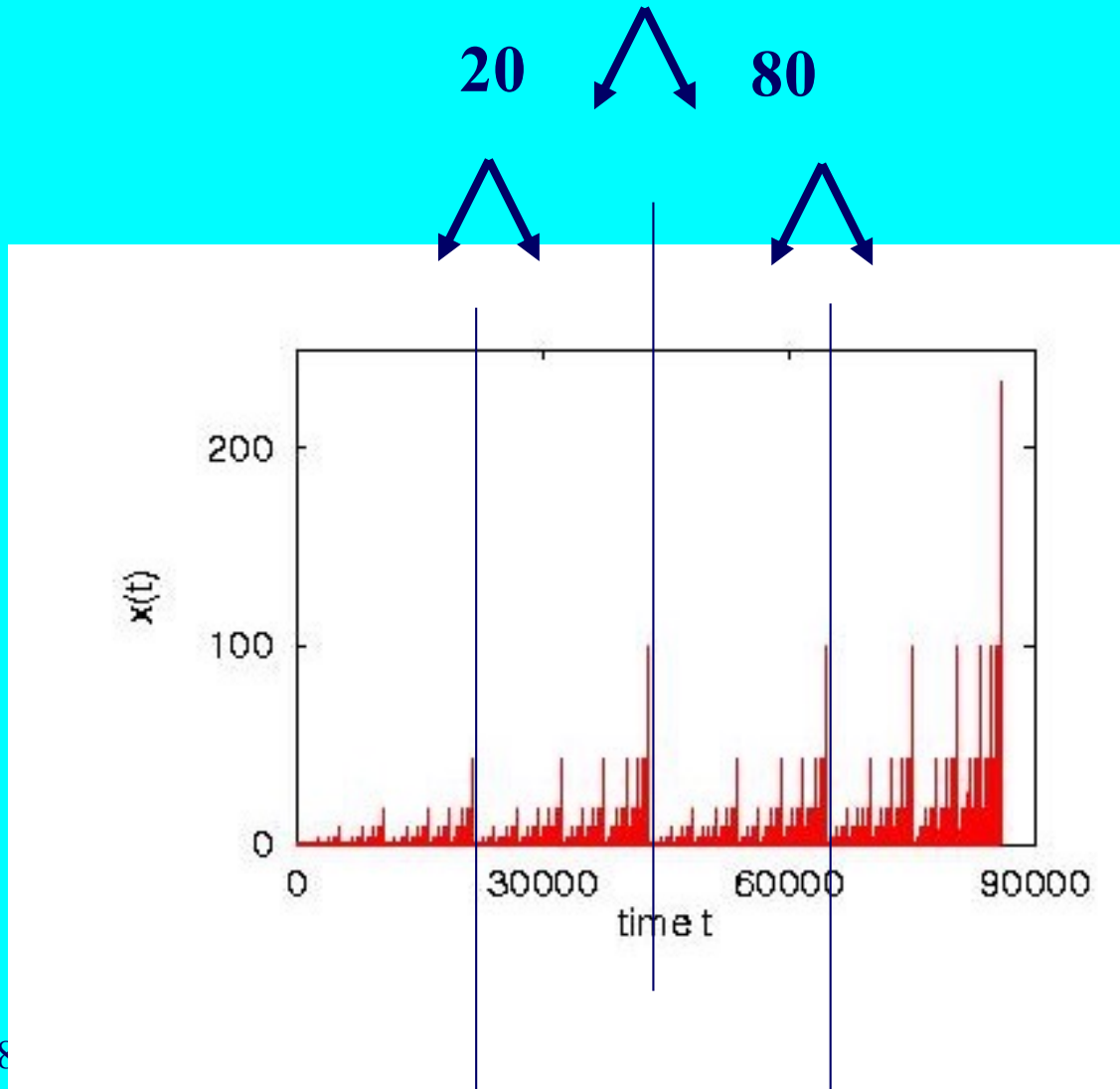
# Binary multifractals

20 ↙ ↘ 80



reminder

# Binary multifractals



# Could you use IFS?

To generate such traffic?

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A:

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

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



# Parameter estimation

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

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- A: MANY ways [Crovella+96]
  - Hurst exponent
  - variance plot
  - even DFT amplitude spectrum!  
( ‘periodogram’ )
  - Fractal dimension (D2)
    - Or D1 ( ‘entropy plot’ [Wang+02])

# Fractal dimension

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

Dim = 1



Dim=0



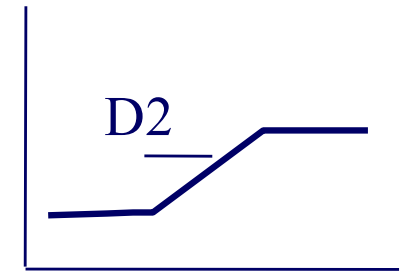
$0 < \text{Dim} < 1$



# Estimating 'b'

- **Exercise:** Show that

Log (#pairs(<r))



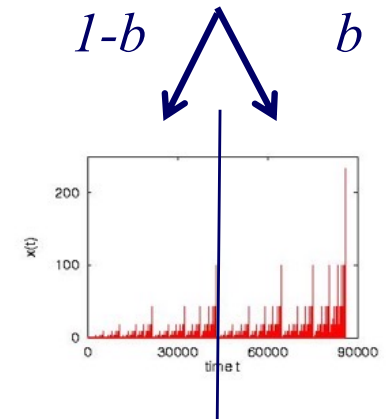
log ( r )

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

Sanity checks:

-  $b = 1.0$        $D_2 = ??$

-  $b = 0.5$        $D_2 = ??$



# (Fractals, again)

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

# Cantor dust

- Eliminate the middle third
- Recursively!

# Cantor dust

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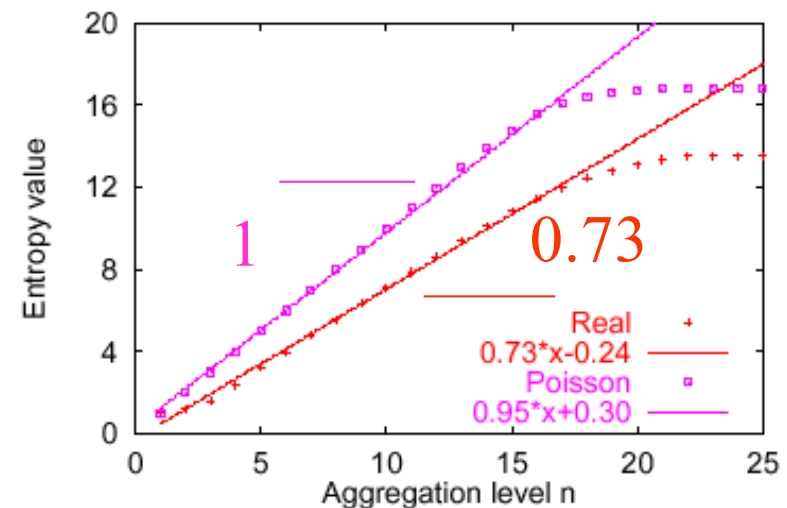
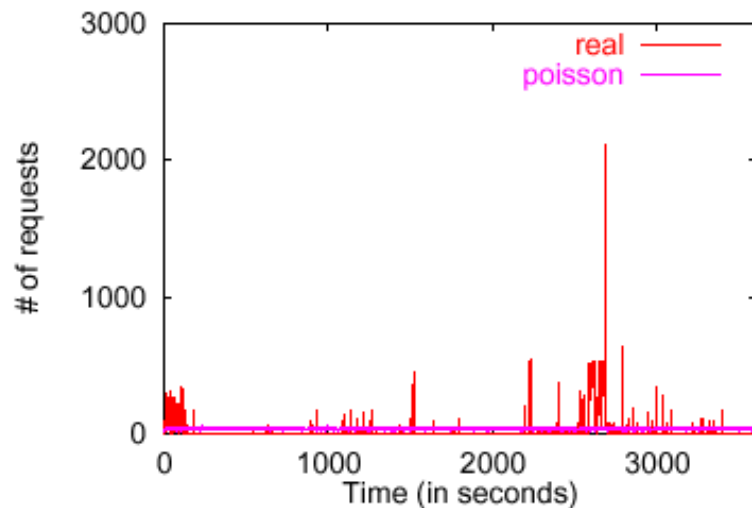
# Cantor dust



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

# Some plots:

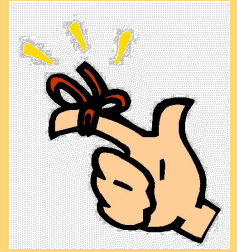
- Poisson vs real



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

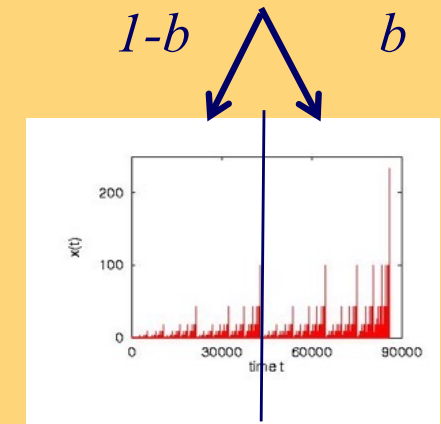
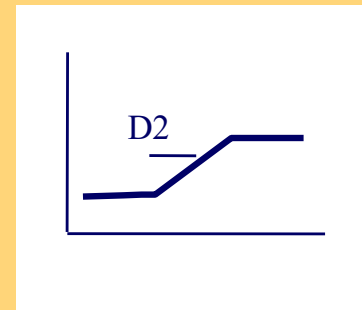
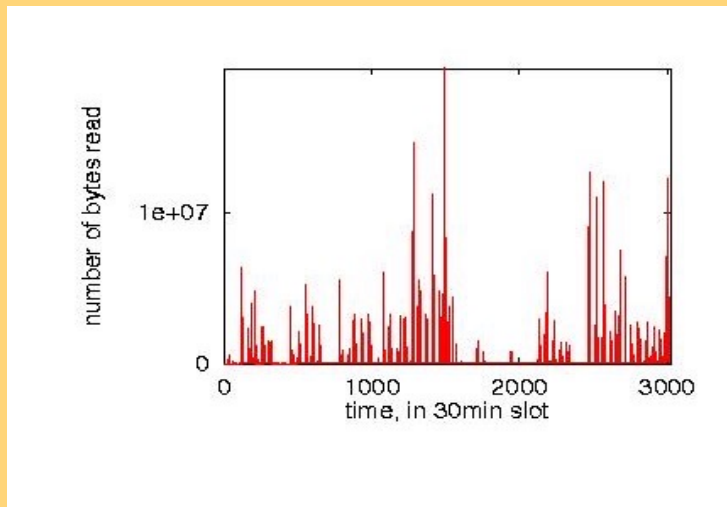
# Conclusions

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



# Bursty traffic

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



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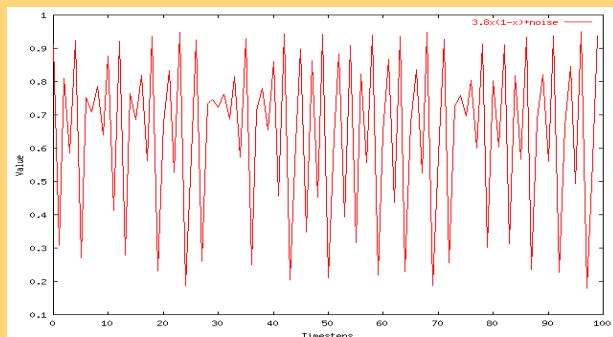
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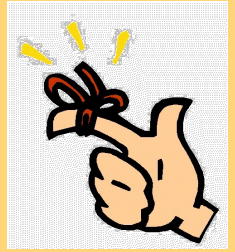
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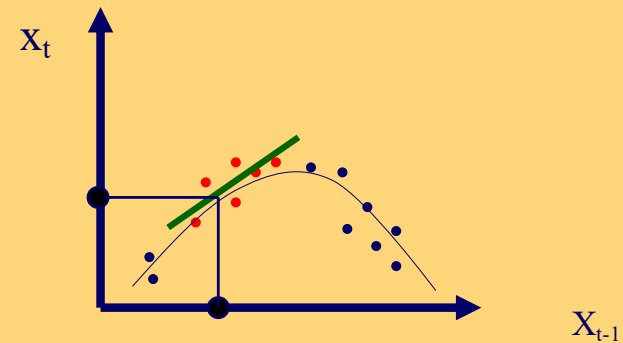
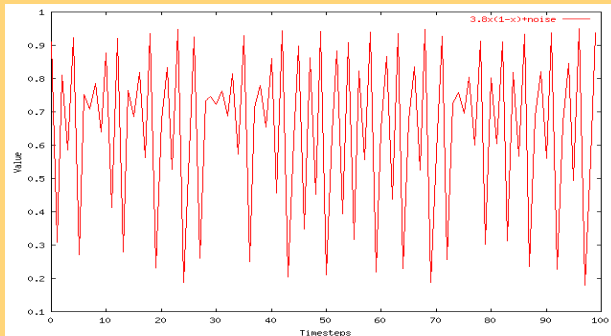
- given  $x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots$ , ('chaotic'/non-linear)
- Q: forecast  $x_t$





# Solution

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





# How to forecast?

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



# ARIMA pitfall

## Example: logistic parabola

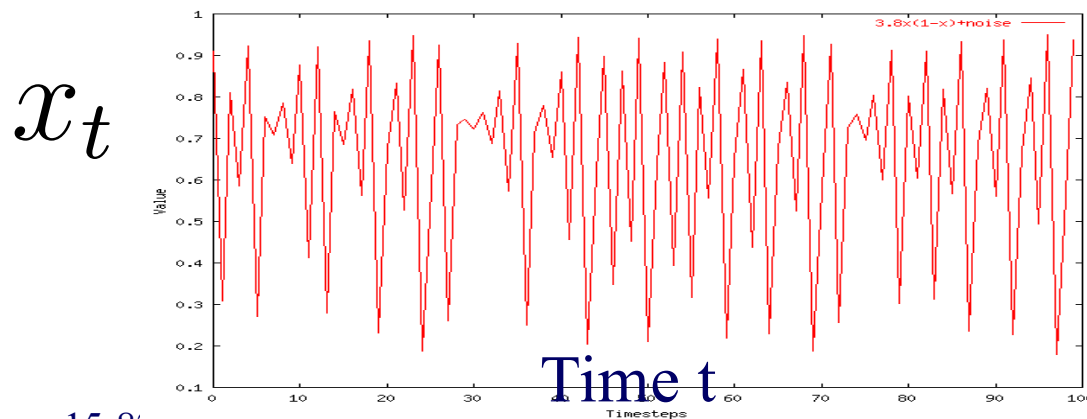
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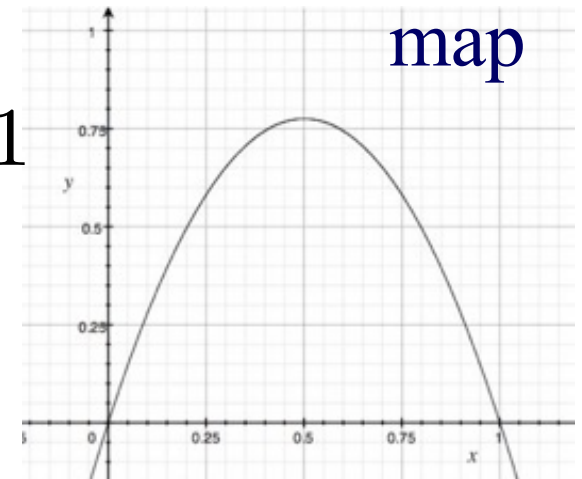
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Logistic  
map

Time-series plot



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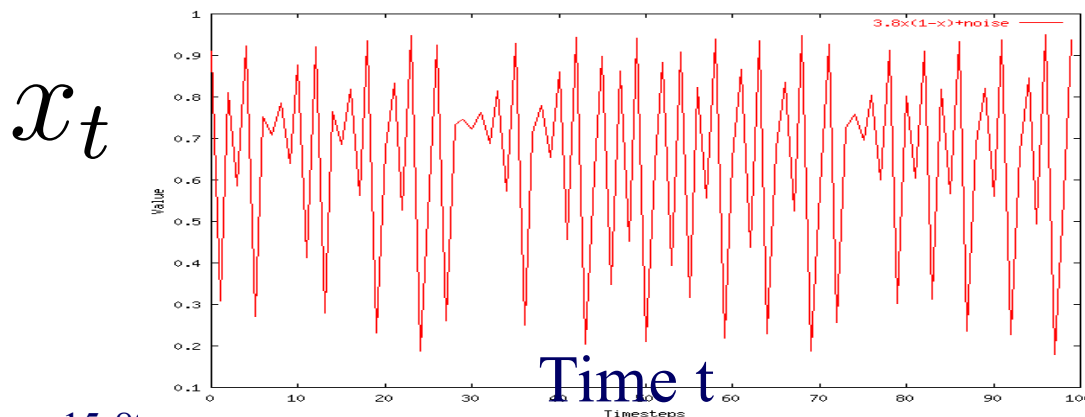
#flies(t+1)

Reproductive  
rate

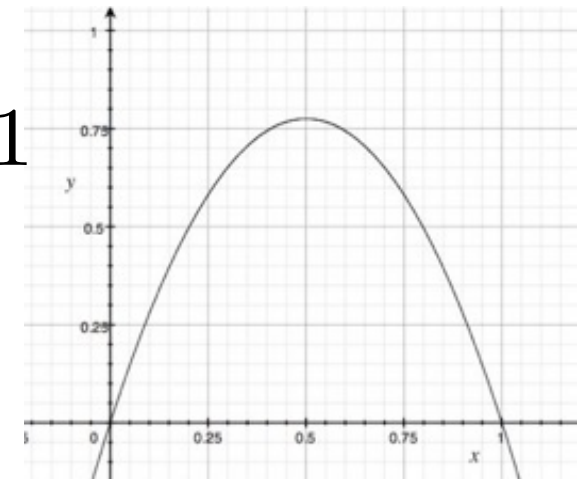
Max# flies

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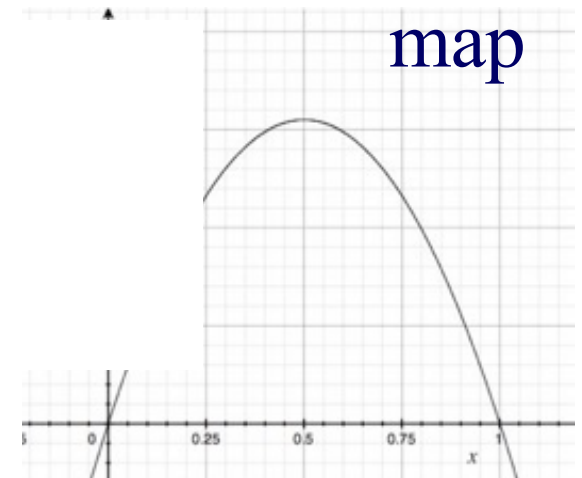
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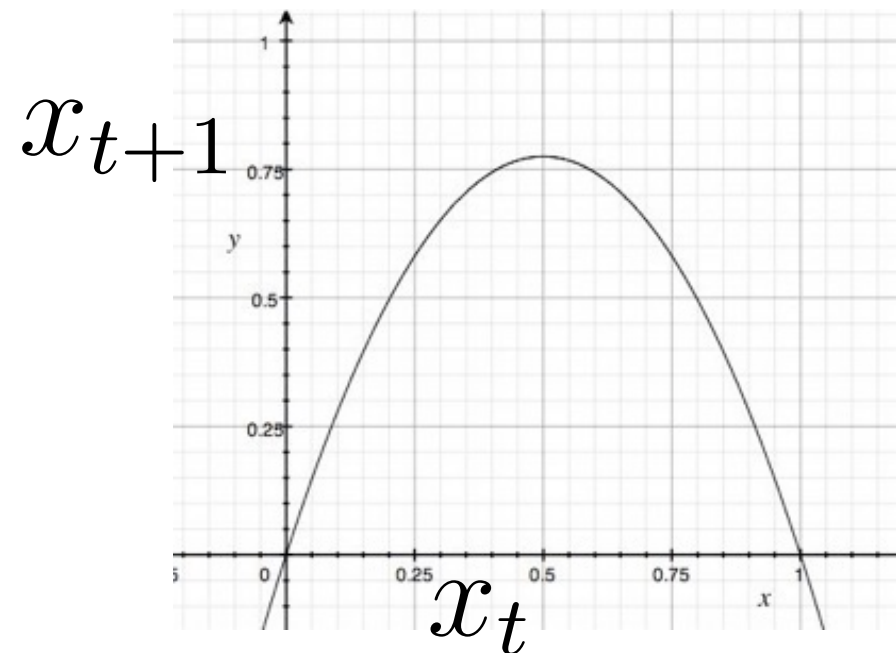
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- = SI virus prop. model
- ~ Bass equation (market penetration)
- Special case of Lotka-Volterra



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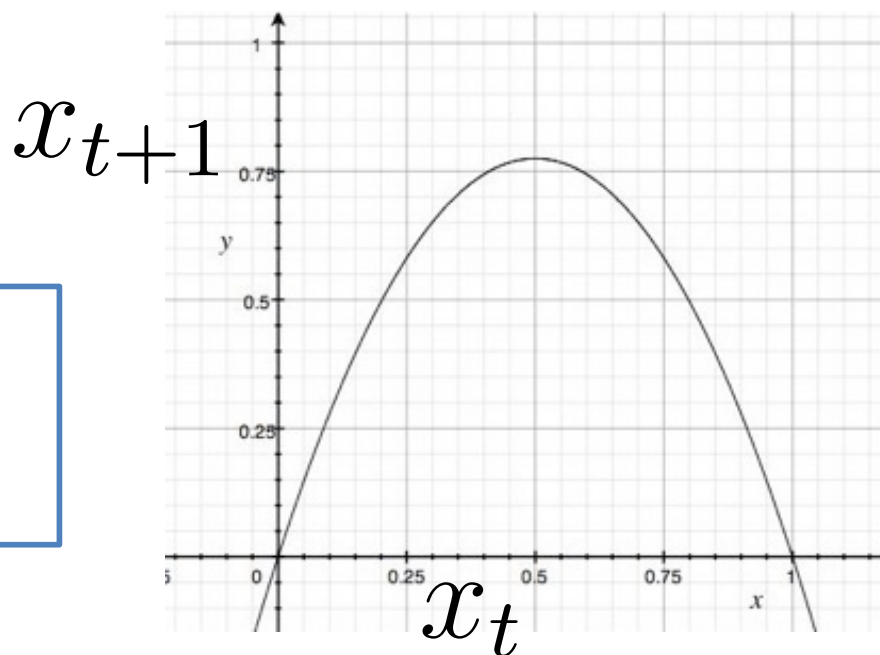


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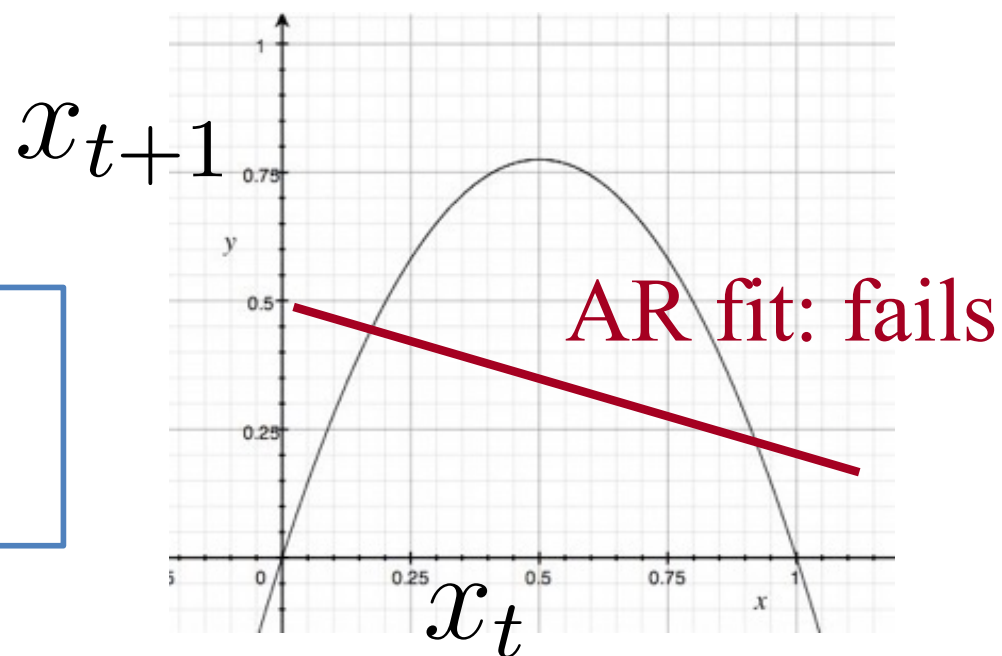


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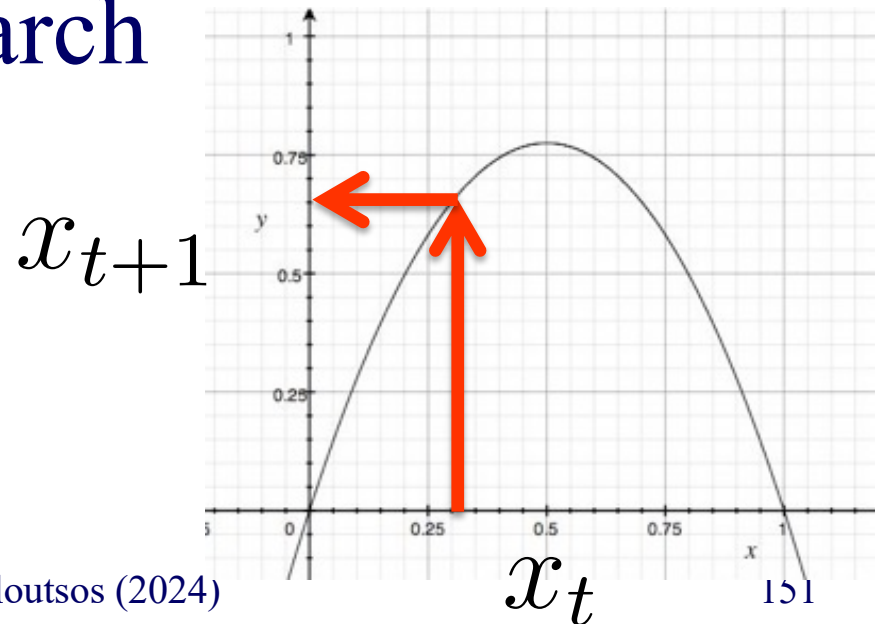
# Solution?

“Delayed Coordinate Embedding”

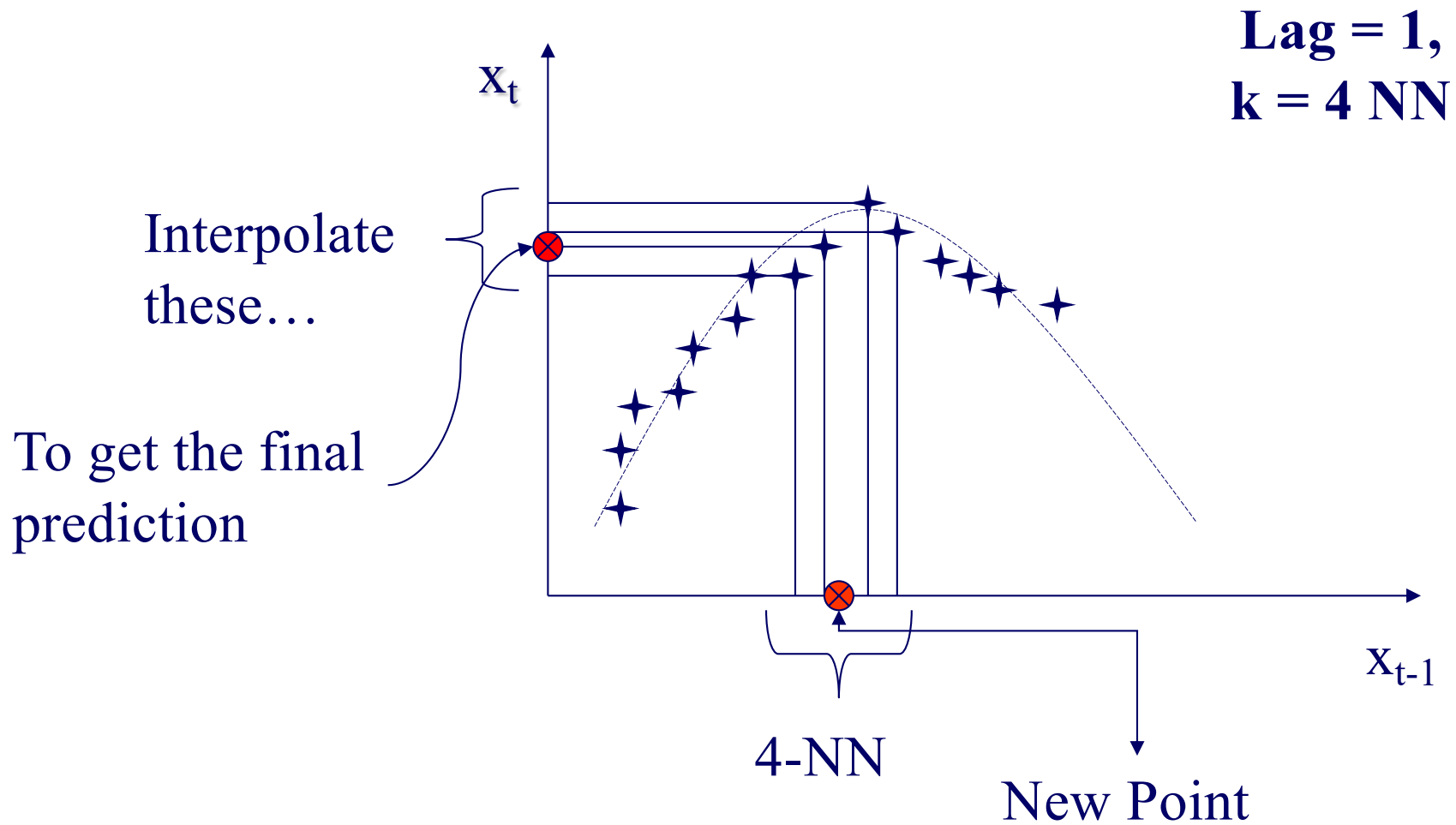
= Lag Plots

[Sauer94]

k-nearest neighbor search



# General Intuition (Lag Plot)





# 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?

# Q1: Choosing lag $L$

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

## Q2: Choosing number of neighbors $k$

- Manually (typically  $\sim 1-10$ )

## Q3: How to interpolate?

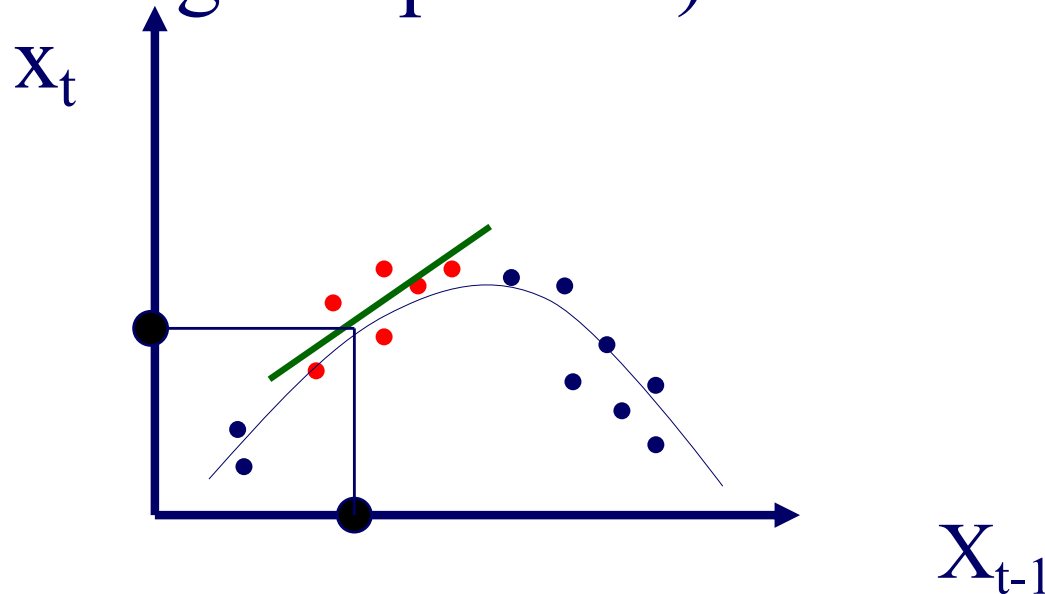
How do we interpolate between the  $k$  nearest neighbors?

A1: Average

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

## Q3: How to interpolate?

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

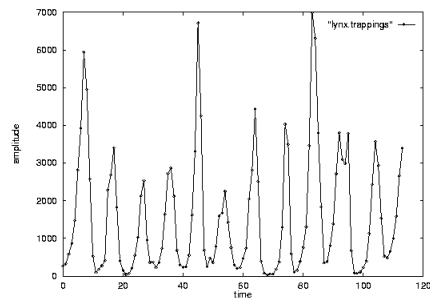


**Q4: Any theory behind it?**

**A4: YES!**

# 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)



# Theoretical foundation

Example: Lotka-Volterra equations

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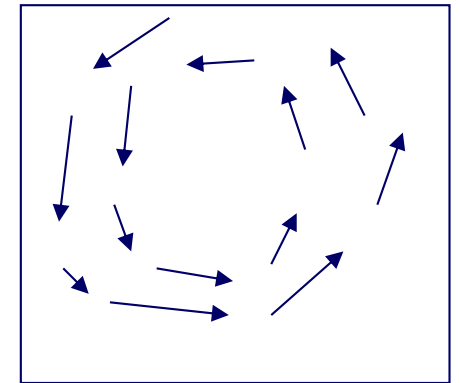
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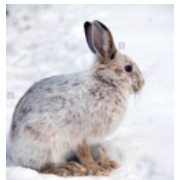
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P



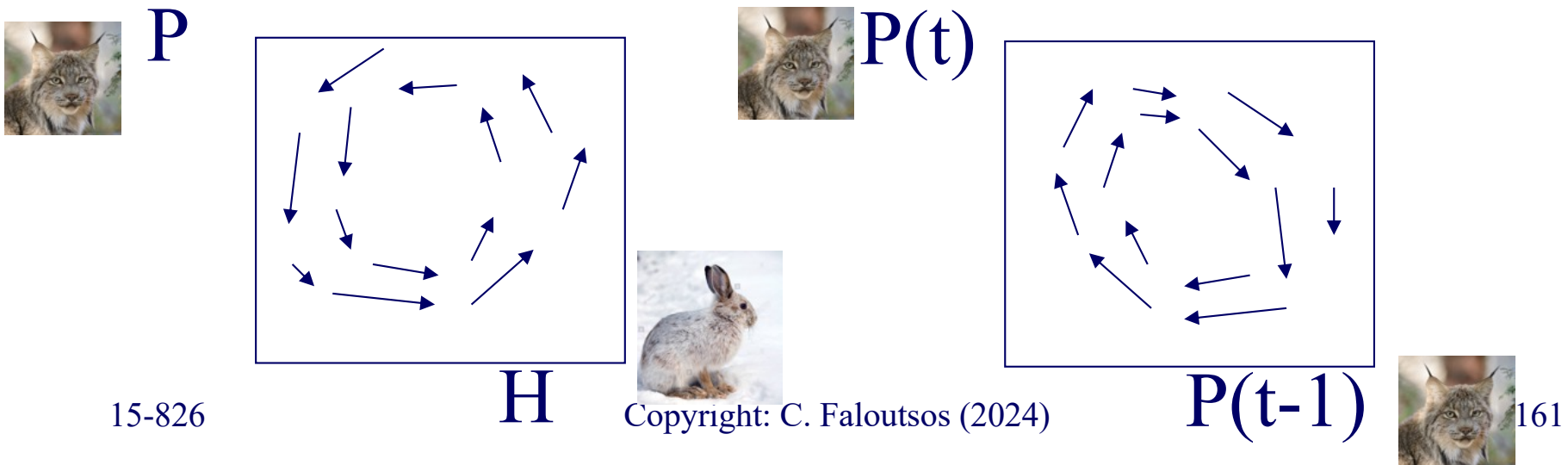
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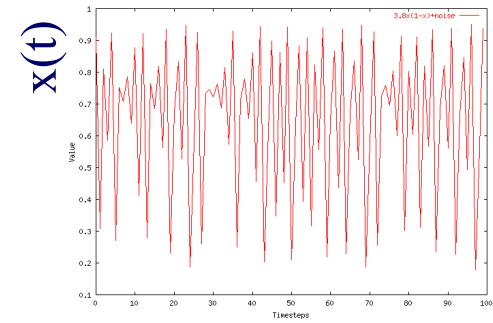
- But the delay vector space is a faithful reconstruction of the internal system state
- So prediction in **delay vector space** is as good as prediction in **state space**



# Detailed Outline

- Non-linear forecasting
  - Problem
  - Idea
  - How-to
  -  – Experiments
  - Conclusions

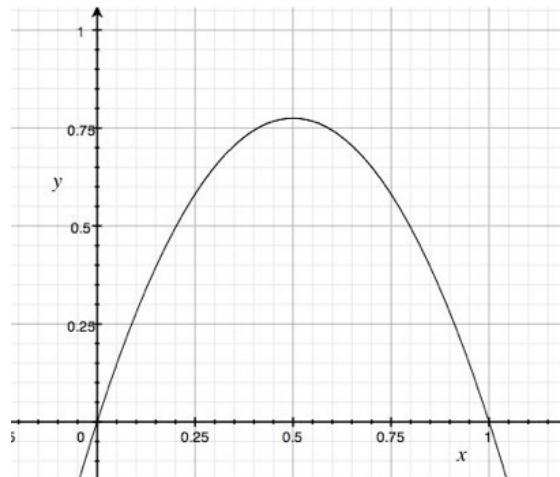
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Logistic Parabola:

$$x_t = ax_{t-1}(1-x_{t-1}) + \text{noise}$$

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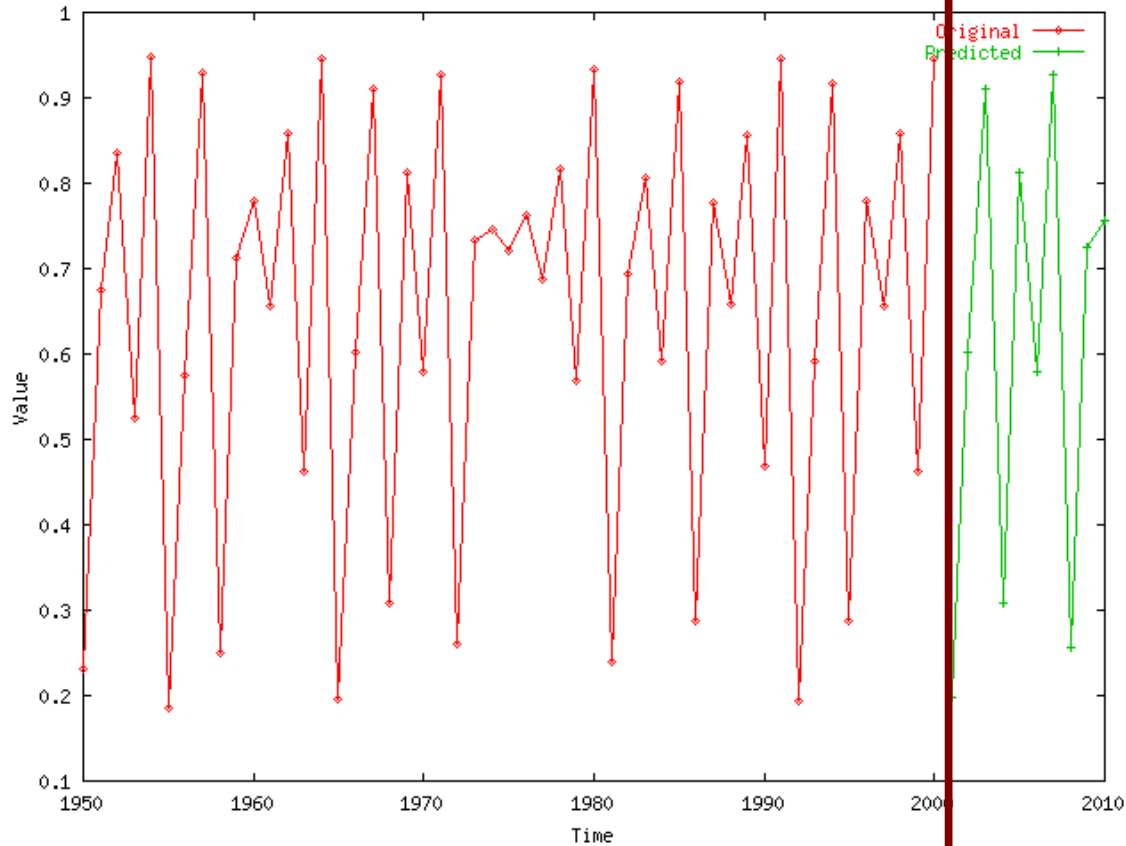
Lag-plot

# Logistic Parabola

Our Prediction from here



Value

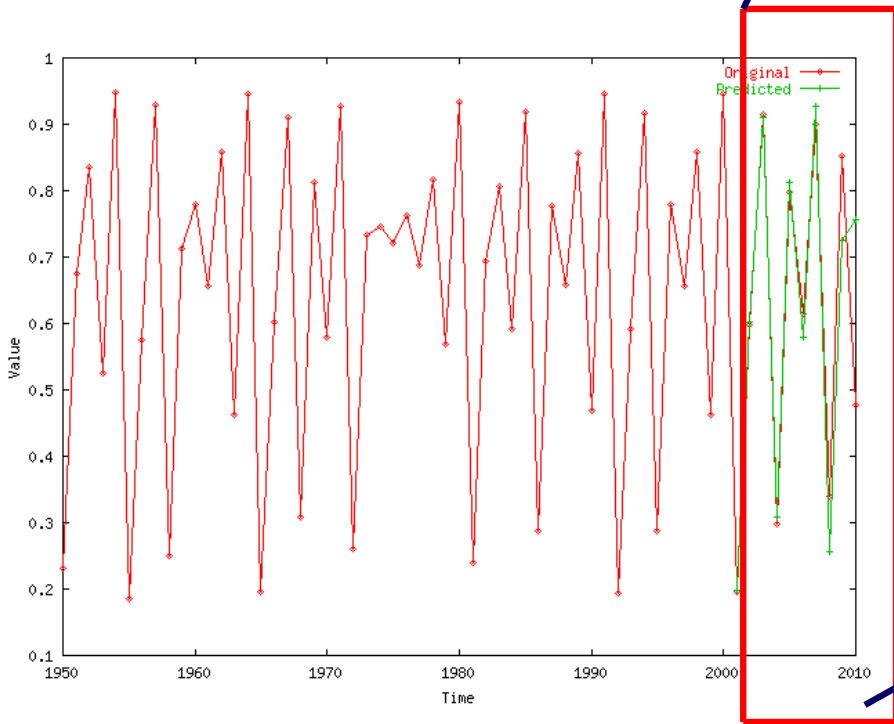
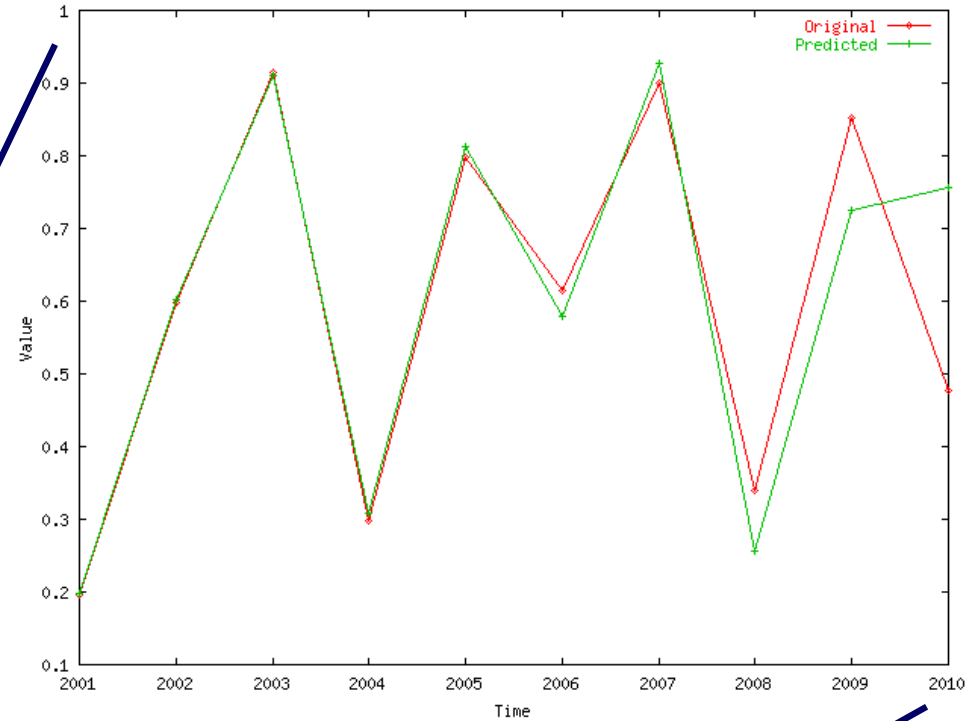


Timesteps

Value

# Logistic Parabola

Comparison of prediction to correct values



Timesteps

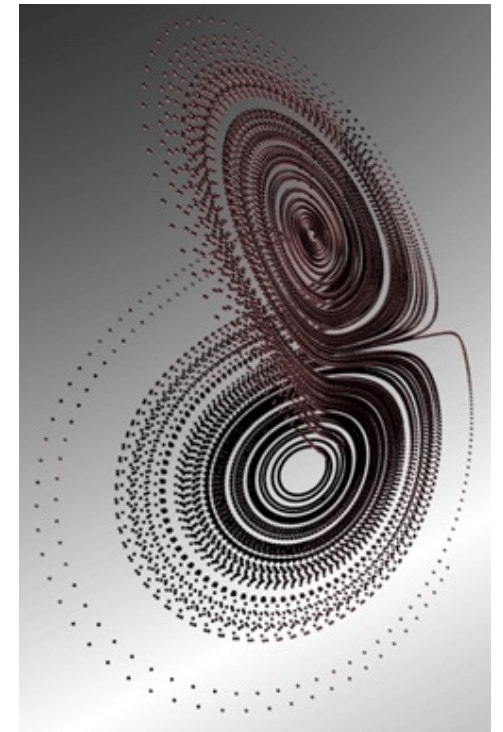
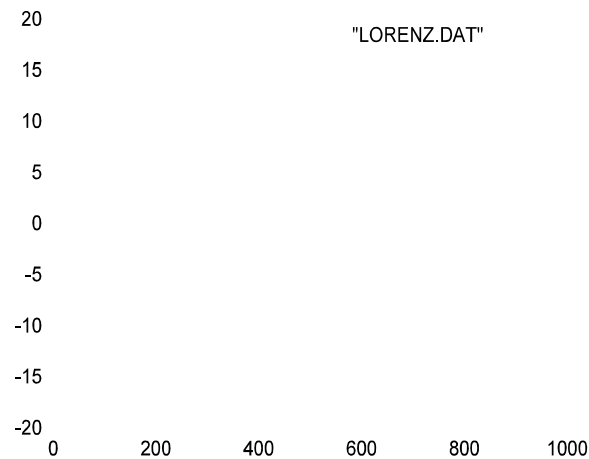
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Edward Lorenz

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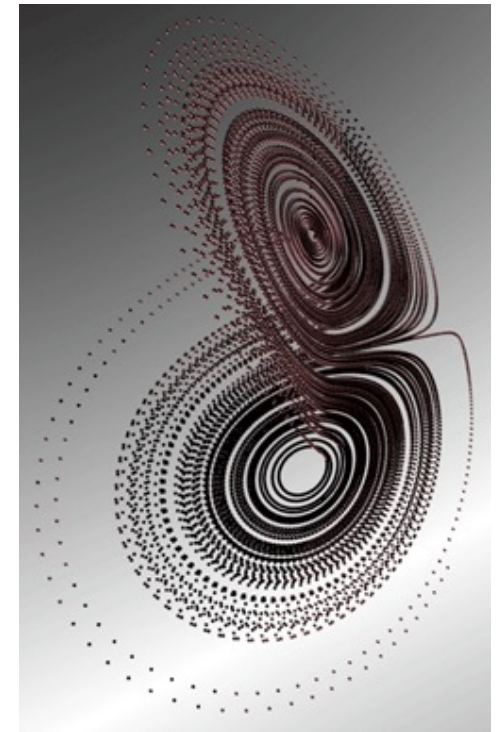
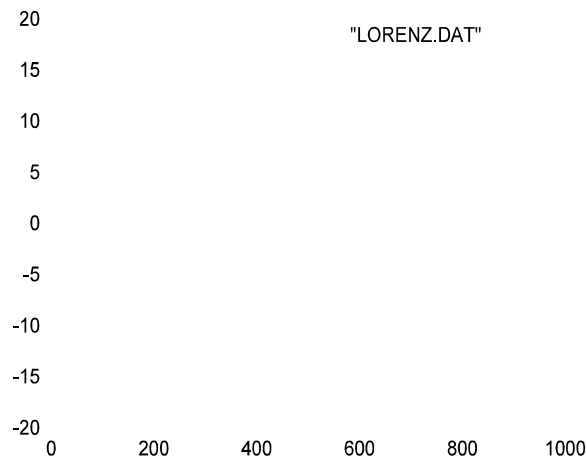
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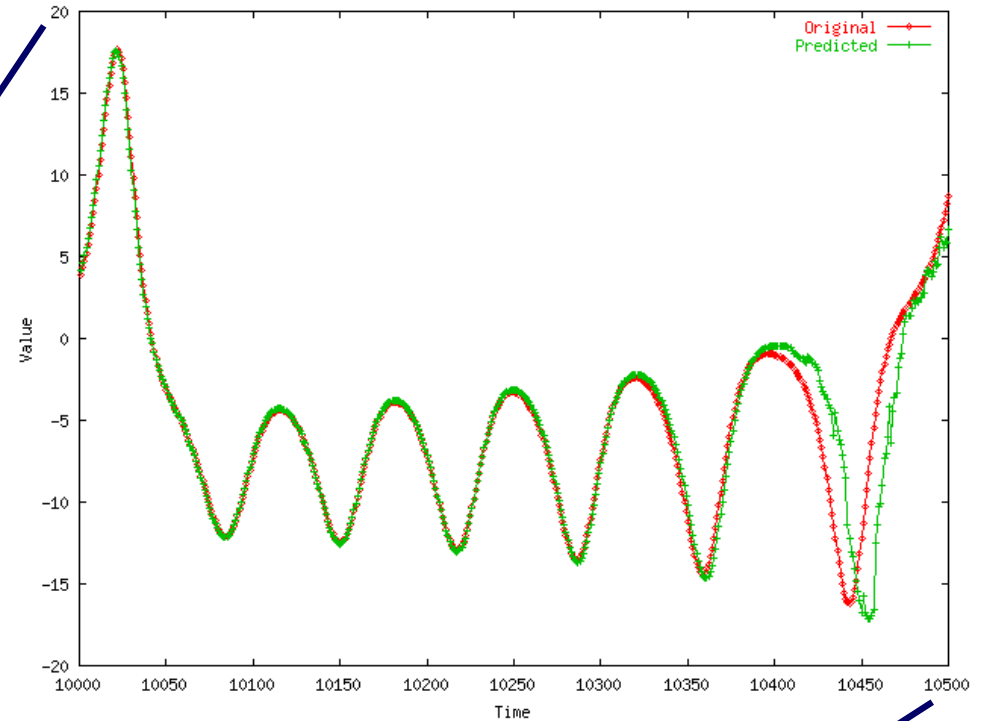
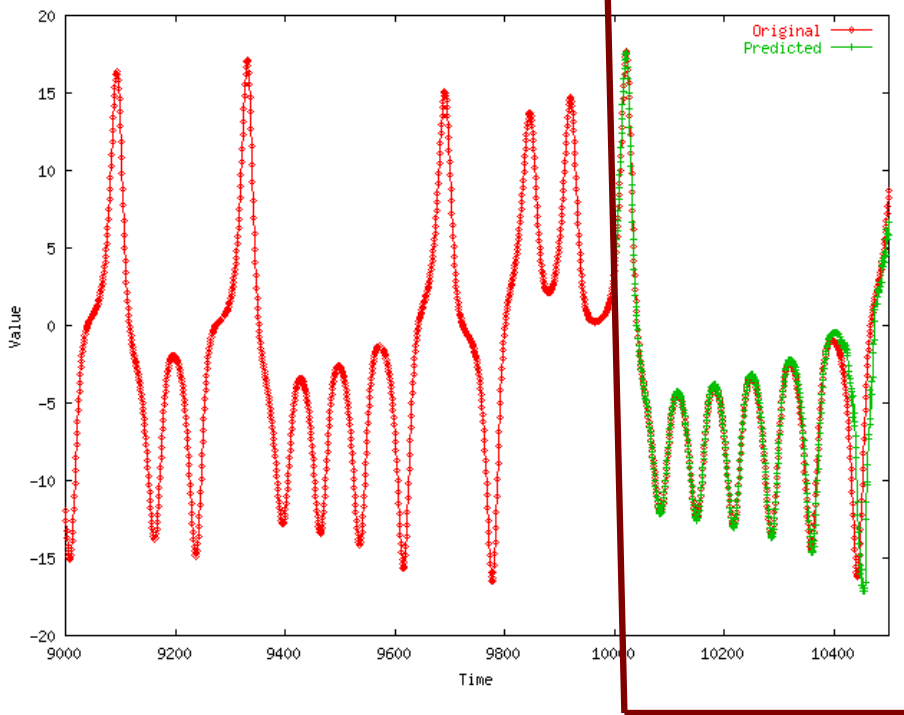
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- **Deterministic chaos**
- **‘butterfly effect’**



# LORENZ

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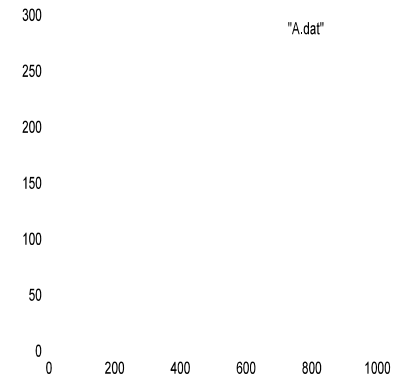




Value

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

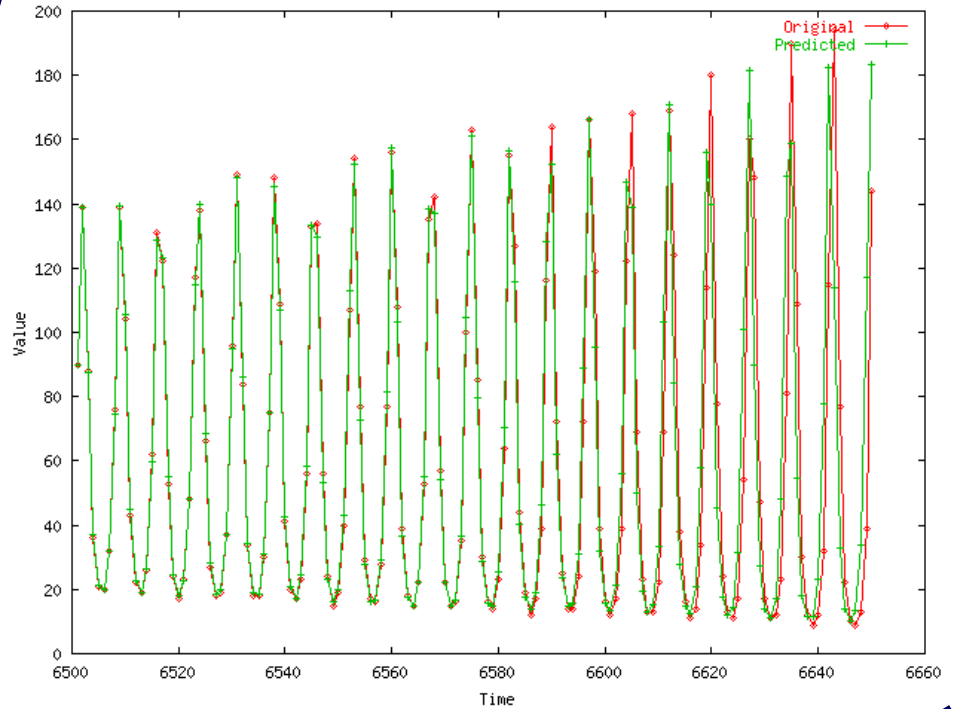


Time

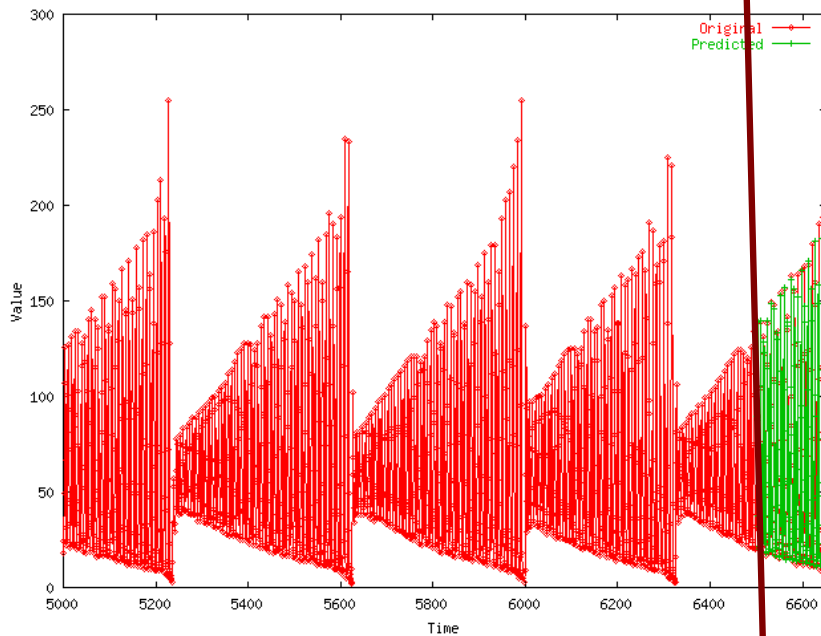
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# Conclusions

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

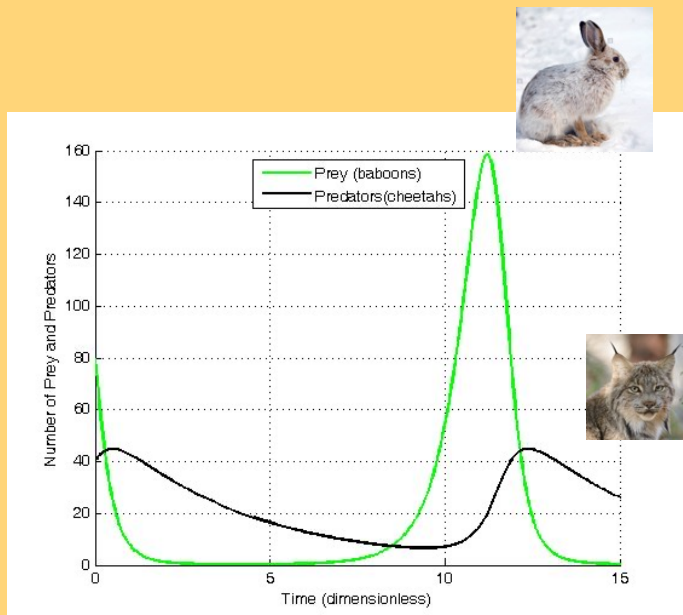
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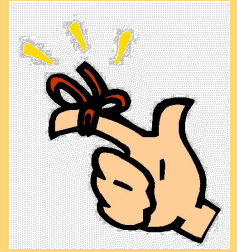
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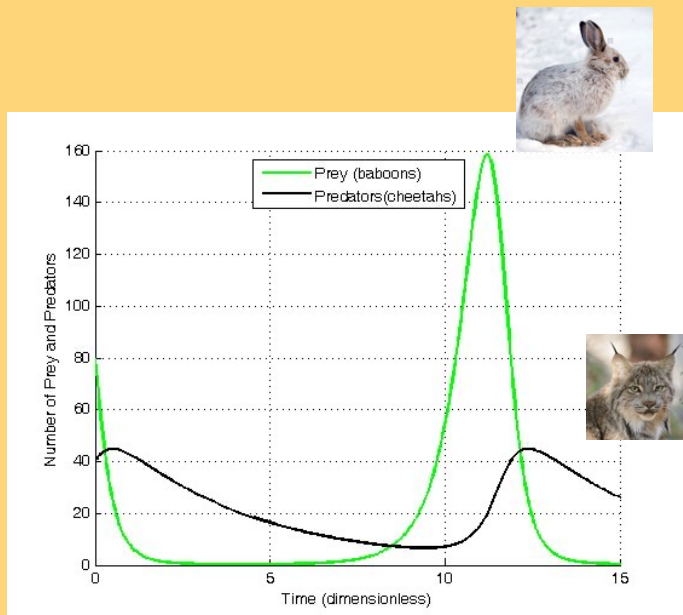




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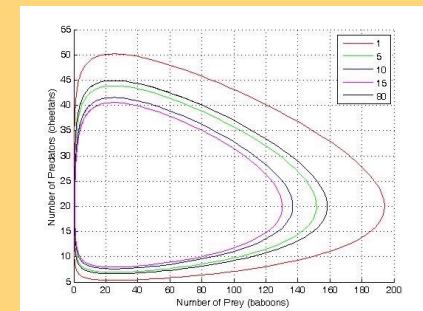
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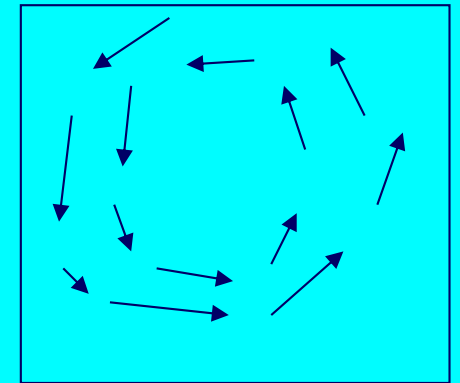
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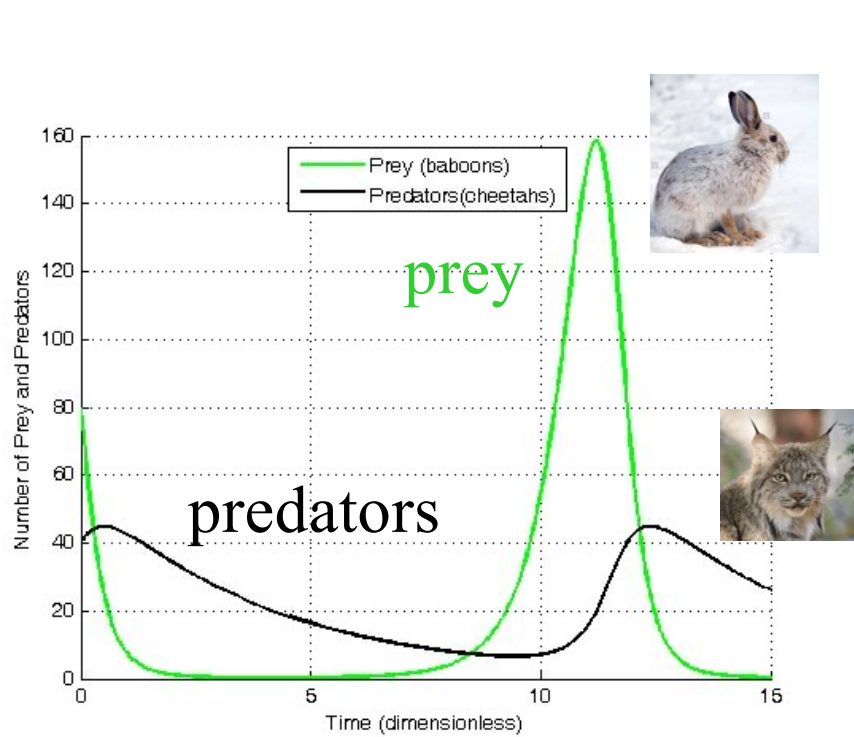
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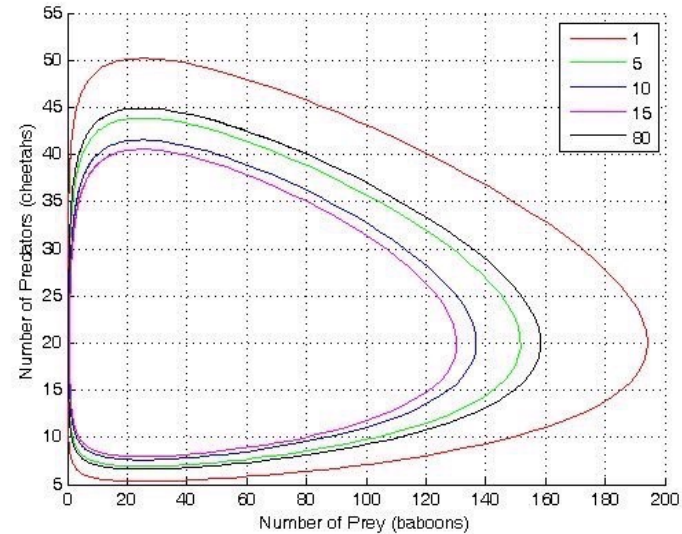
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# Solution to Lotka-Volterra eq.



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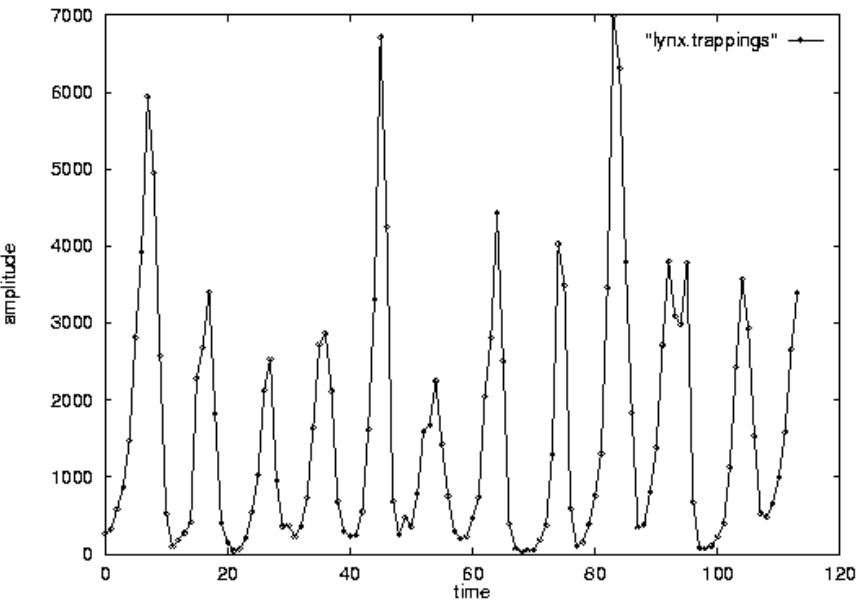
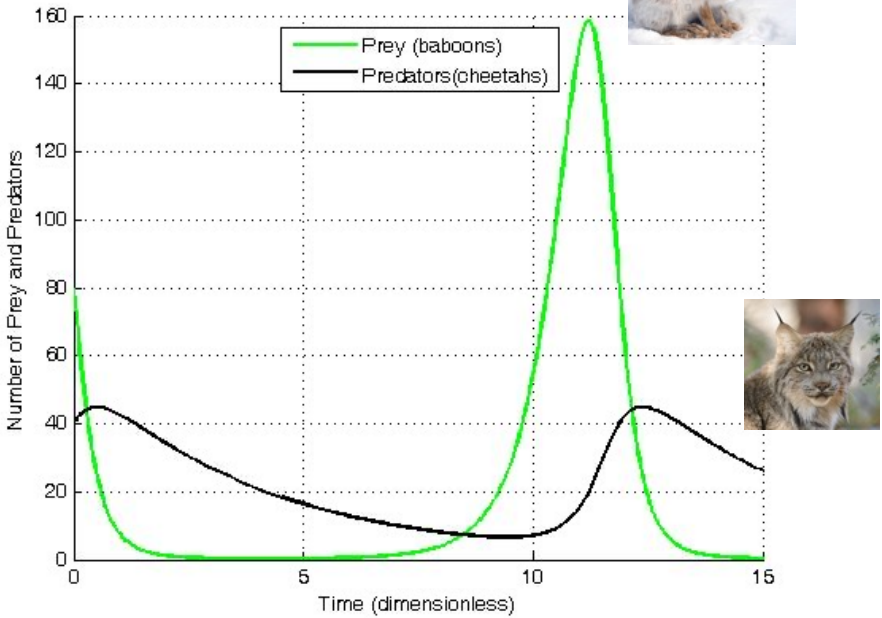


# prey

time



# Compare to reality:



# Notice: LV are vital!

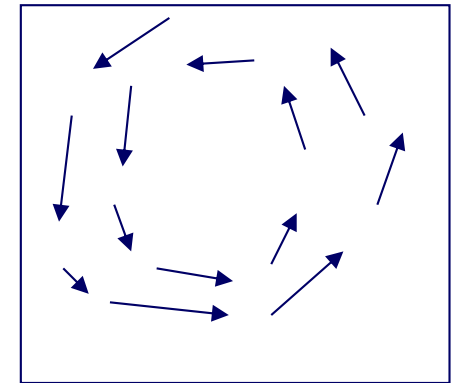
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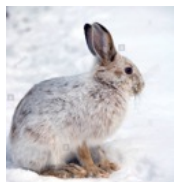
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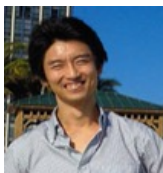


- Prey-predator
- Competing animals (rabbits/goats)
- Self-competition (Bass model)
- Competing products (stocks/bonds)

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



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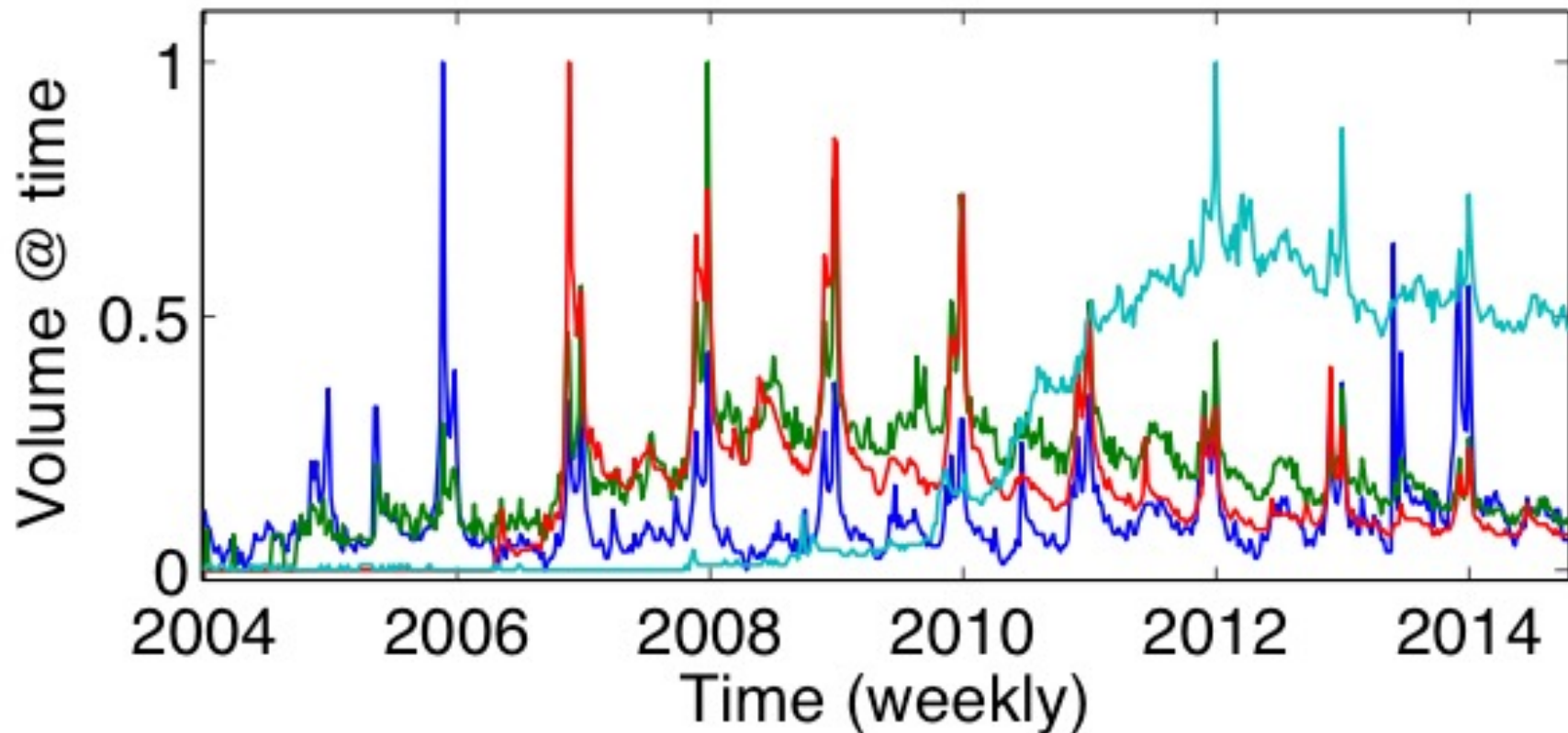
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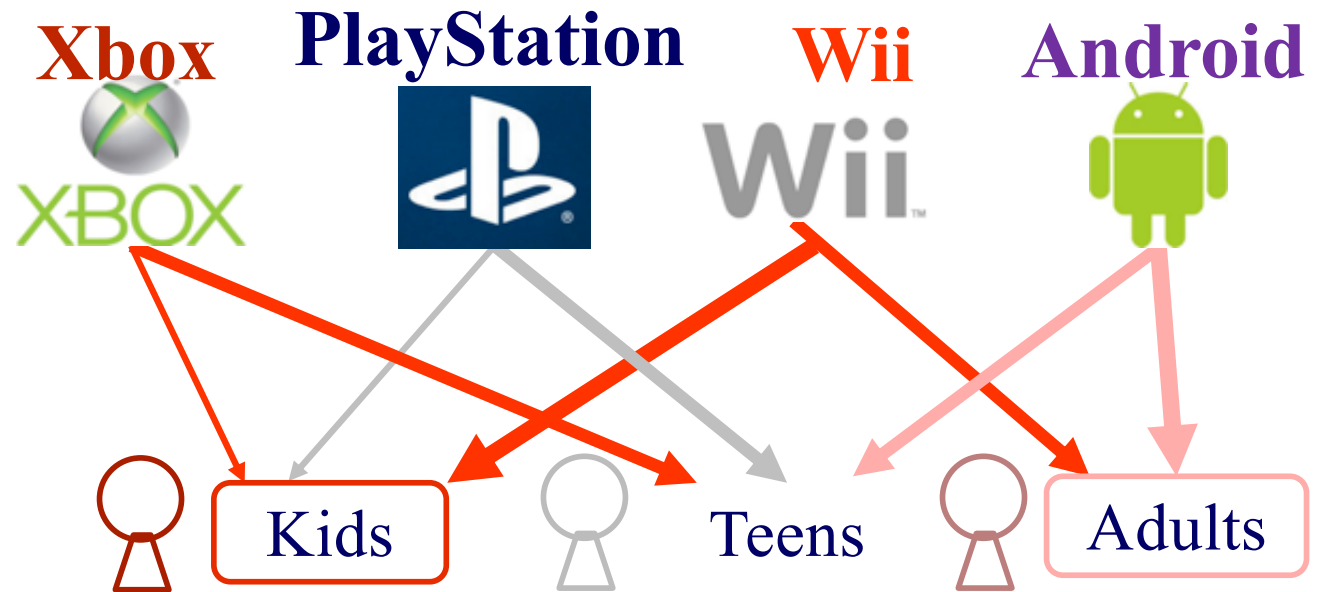
# Given: online user activities

**Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, Android**



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## Ecosystem on the Web



# The Web as a jungle

Squirrel monkeys



Spider monkeys



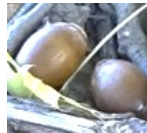
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Capibaras



Fruits

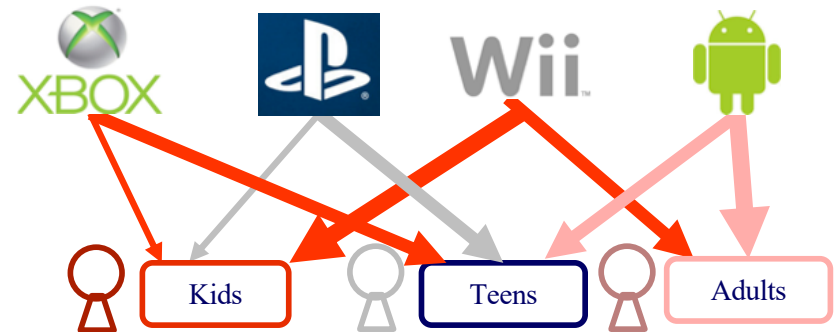


Nuts



Grass

Ecosystem in the Jungle



# LV equations

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



...



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

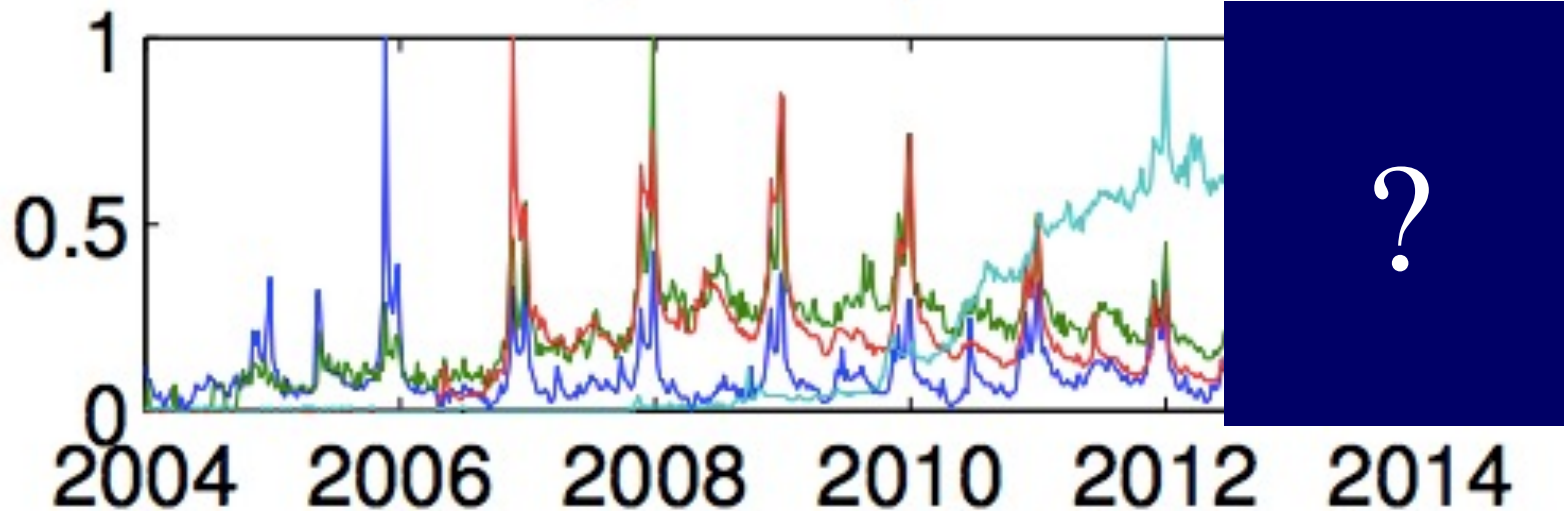
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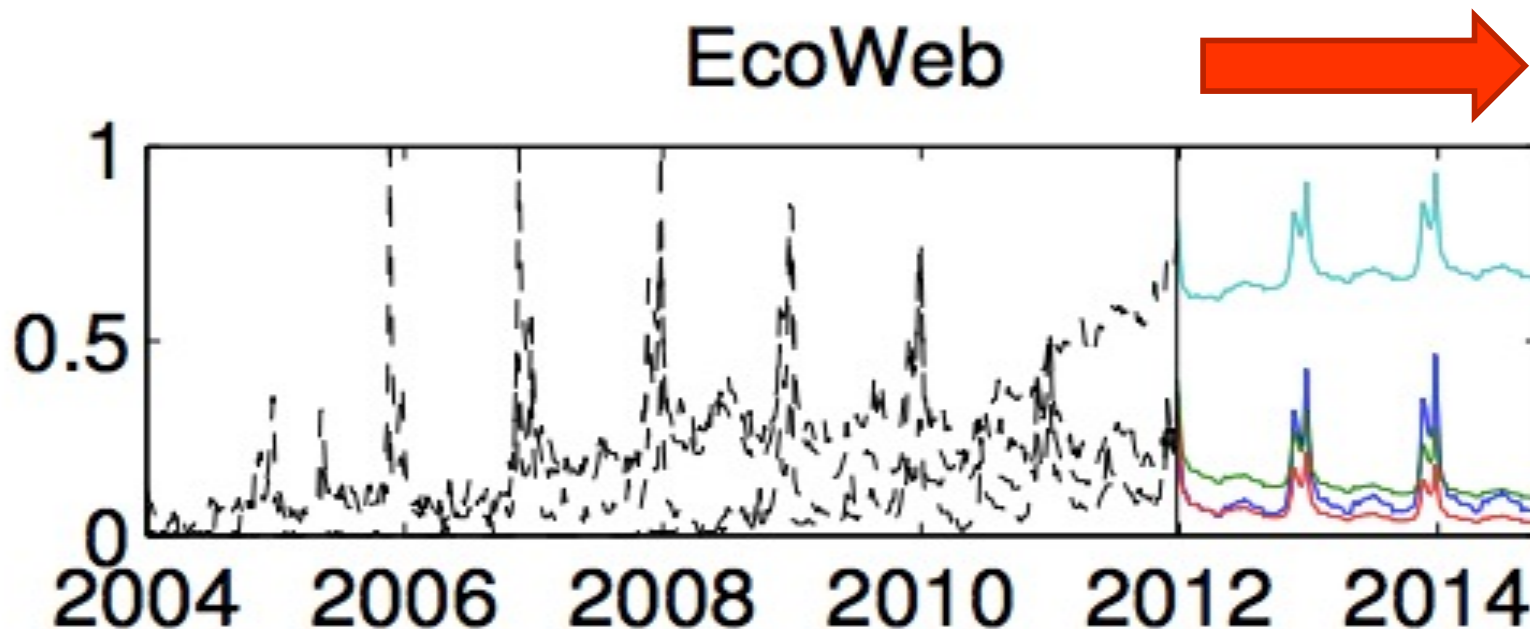




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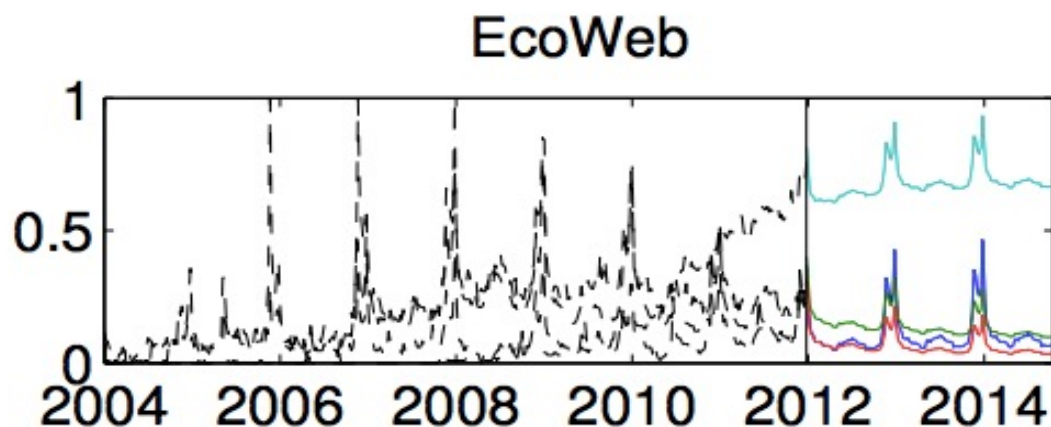
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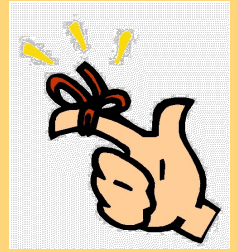


**EcoWeb** can capture future patterns

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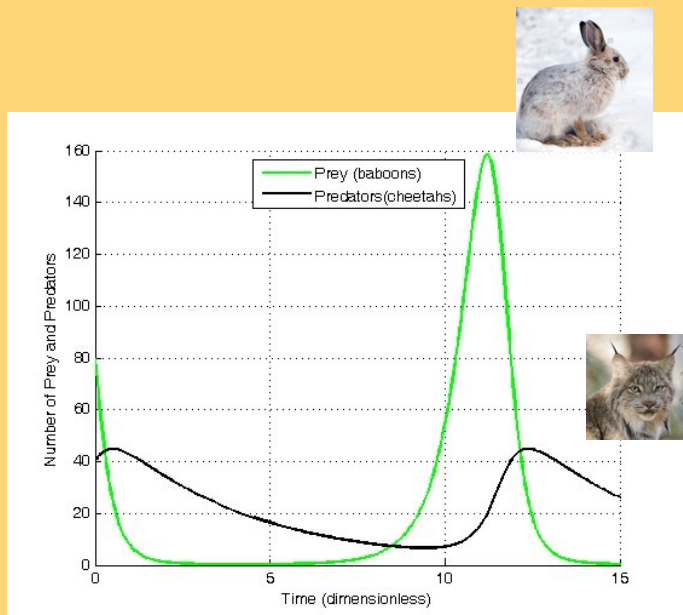
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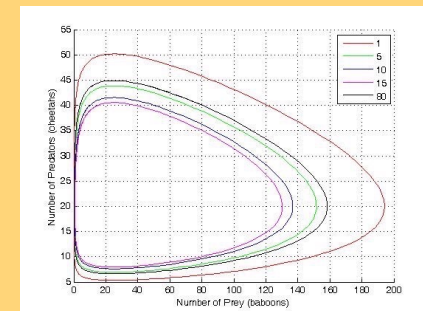
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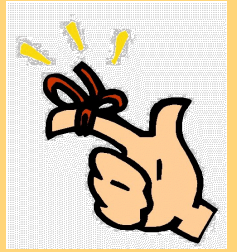
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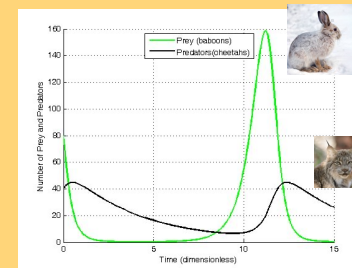
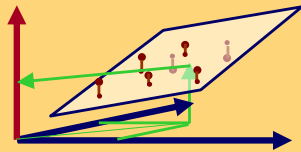
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# Overall conclusions

- 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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