### Time Series Filtering



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# Introduction



Problem: We wish to extract some measure of "similarity" between stocks, but they are noisy. Can we separate noise and signal?

▶ Useful in e.g. pairs trading.

► A possible solution: Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA).



Consider<sup>1</sup> a time series  $Z_T = (z_1, \ldots z_T)$ . With fixed window length L and with K := T - L + 1:

1. Construct the (Hankel) trajectory matrix:

$$\mathbf{X} := \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & \dots & z_K \\ z_2 & z_3 & z_4 & \dots & z_{K+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_L & z_{L+1} & z_{L+2} & \dots & z_T \end{bmatrix}$$
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<sup>1</sup>Hassani, Mahmoudvand, et al. 2011.

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2. Compute SVD (via HMT algorithm) of  $\mathbf{X}:$ 

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

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

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



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

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



(2)

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

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

with associated norm

$$||Z_T||_w^2 := (Z_T, Z_T)_w.$$



2. We then construct the w-correlation

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

which we use as a measure of seperability. It can be shown<sup>2</sup> that a choice of  $L = \frac{T+1}{2}$  minimises  $\rho_w$ .



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





We measure similarity of two time (de-noised) time series using the Time Warped Edit Distance<sup>3</sup> (TWED). First define

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

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



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

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



Figure 1: Initialised TWED grid.



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

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

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

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

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

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

with

- $\blacktriangleright$   $\lambda$ : deletion penalty
- $\blacktriangleright$   $\nu$ : stiffness parameter



## TWED: Graphical Example

1	$\infty$	18	17	16
$Y_T 1$	$\infty$	13	12	13
9	$\infty$	4	13	14
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
		5	-3	1

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

 $X_T$ 





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



# Current Results: TWED-Closeness Analysis



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

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



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### Key takeaways:

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





Current Results: Inter-Industry Similarity (StDev) 16

### Key takeaways:

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





Current Results: Similarity Composition for JPM 17





### ▶ Neural-network based approaches

- ▶ There is promising work being done on *Siamese Neural* Networks<sup>4</sup>, which use a pair of Recurrent Neural Networks that share weights to classify time series.
- ▶ Fine-tuning the choice of SSA parameters to better classify data

### ► Forecasting?







# Thank you for listening!





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## Siamese Neural Networks



Figure 5: Overview of an SNN, as used in SigNet<sup>5</sup>.



 ${}^{5}$ Dey et al. 2017.

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

1. Recurrent forecasting<sup>6</sup>: Consider the left singular vectors  $u_1, u_2, \ldots u_r$ . Take their  $L^{th}$  components, denoted  $\pi_i$ , and define

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

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



#### Then define

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

and thus construct

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

for a forecast to h steps ahead.



SSA Forecasting: Vector Forecasting

2. Vector forecasting<sup>7</sup>: First define

$$\mathbf{\hat{U}}=\left[\hat{u}_{1},\ldots\hat{u}_{r}\right],$$

and construct

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

Finally, construct the operator  $\Theta$  s.t.

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

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



<sup>7</sup>Ghodsi et al. 2018.

#### Define now

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

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

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

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

