



Pattern Matching Techniques (*Dynamic Time Warping*)

Deterministic Approach

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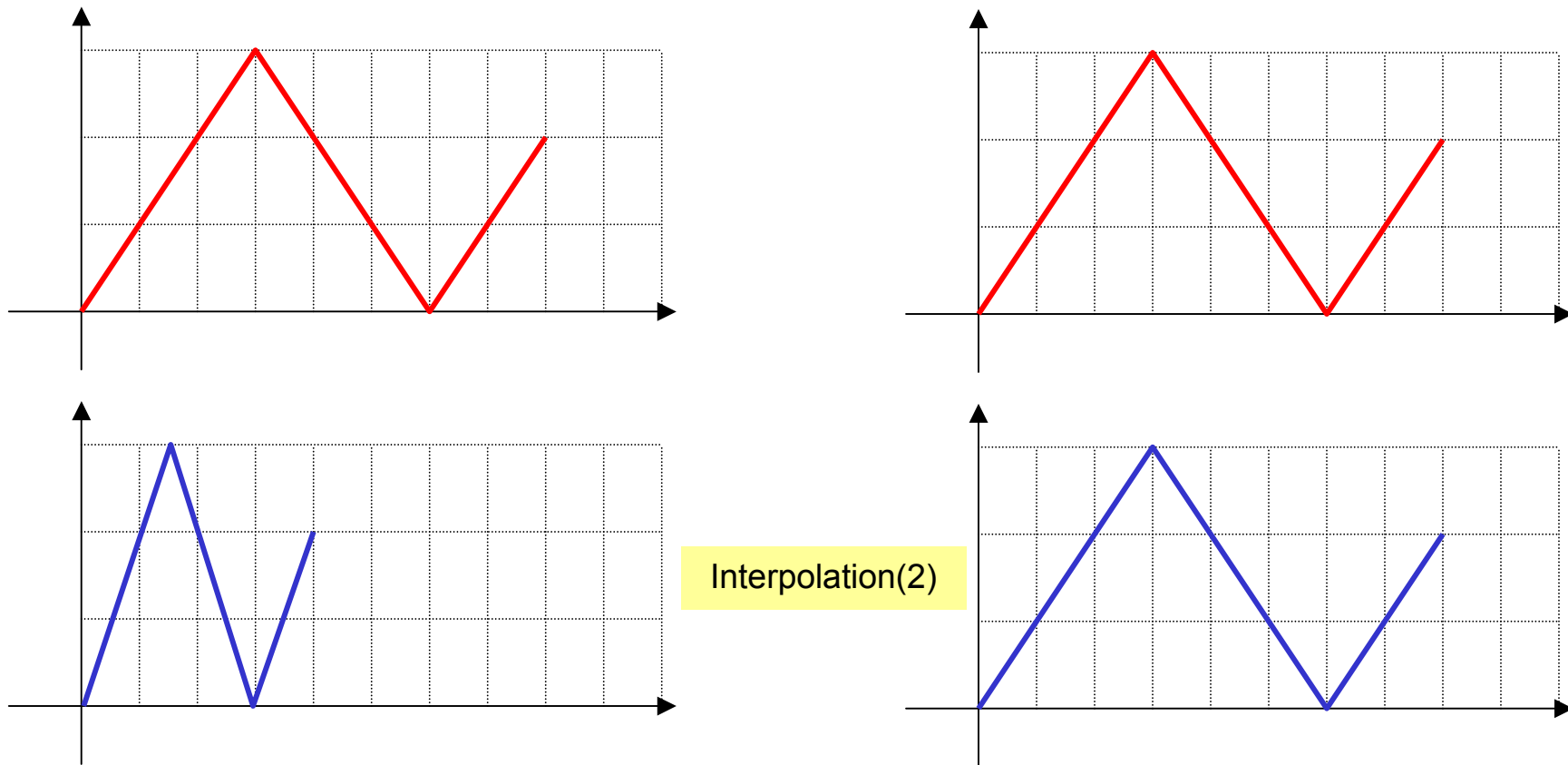
1.- Introduction.

- Common Patterns with Timing Variations:
 - Speech Signals.
 - Growth of Animals.
 - Economics.
 - Biological Signals.
 - Etc.
- Temporal Variability:
 - Uniform: Upsampling, Downsampling.
 - Not Uniform: Phonemes (Vowels \Leftrightarrow Consonants).
 - Non-Linear Temporal Alignment.



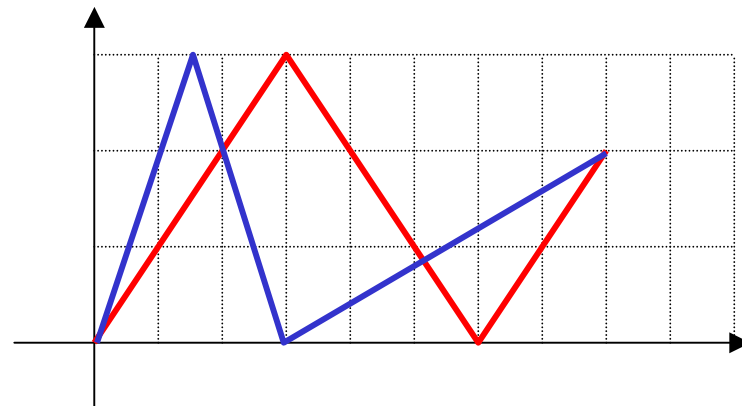
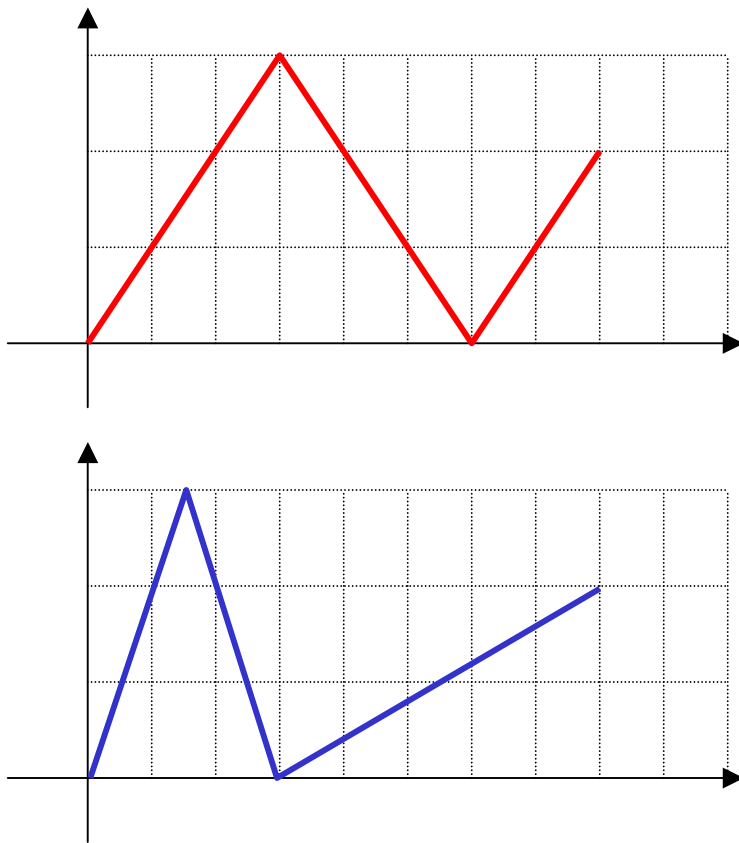
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- Example: Linear Temporal Alignment.



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- Example: Non-Linear Temporal Alignment.





1.- Introduction.

- Elastic Template-Matching Technique.
- Aimed at finding the “optimal” alignment application between two sequences.
- Local Metric between pairs.
- Dissimilarity measure.
 - Nomenclature:
 - x, y : Sequences.
 - $[]$ Discrete Time Vector or Matrix Index.
 - $()$ Continuous Time Vector or Matrix Index.



1.- Introduction.

Definitions:

Objects: x, y

n_x :Length of Object x

n_y :Length of Object y

n_F :Length of Alignment Path

I_x :Definition Interval of Object x

I_y :Definition Interval of Object y

I_F :Definition Interval of Alignment Path

F :Alignment Application

1.- Introduction.

Definitions:

Alignment Axis: i, j

Independent Variable: $k \in I_F$

Path: $F(k) = (i(k), j(k)), i(k) \in I_x, j(k) \in I_y, k \in I_F$

Local Metric: $d(x, y)$

Dissimilarity Measure:

$$\Delta_F = \frac{\int d(x(i(k)), y(j(k))) dk}{\int_{I_F} dk}$$

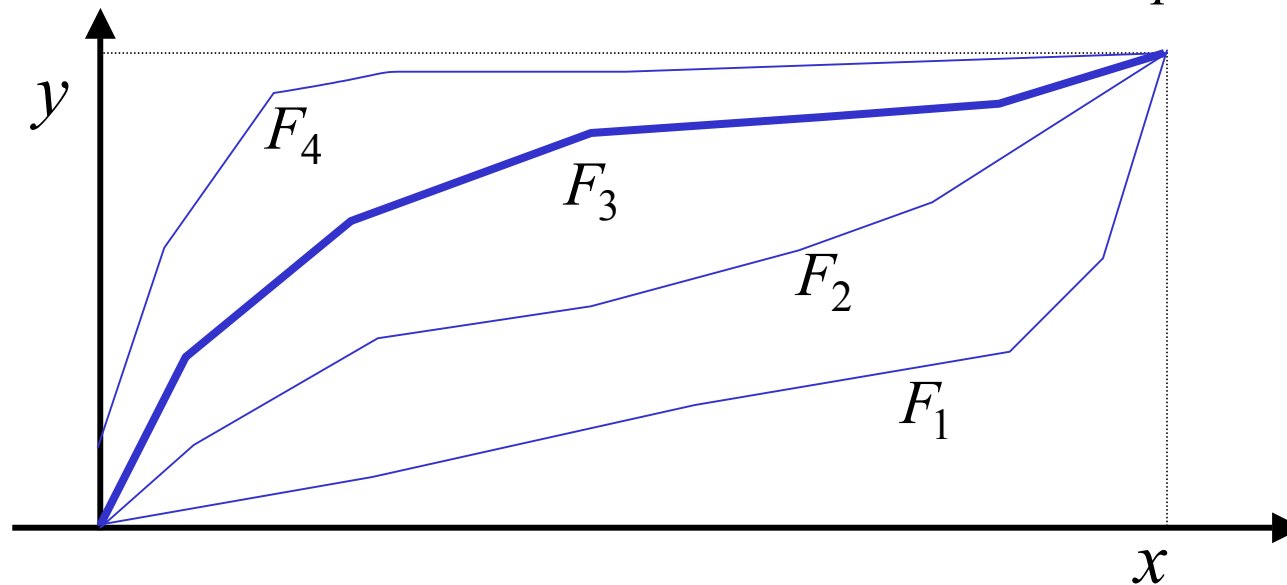
Normalization
Factor

1.- Introduction.

Definitions:

Optimal Path: $F_o = \operatorname{argmin}_F (D_F(x, y))$

Minimal Dissimilarity: $\Delta(x, y) = \Delta_{F_o}(x, y) = \min_F (\Delta_F(x, y))$





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2.- Discrete Time Formulation.

Input feature sequences x and y .

$$x[n] = \{x[0], x[1], \dots, x[n_x - 1]\}$$

$$y[n] = \{y[0], y[1], \dots, y[n_y - 1]\}$$

Path: $F[k] = (i[k], j[k]), 0 \leq i[k] < n_x, 0 \leq j[k] < n_y, k \in I_F$

$$\Delta_F = \frac{\sum_{I_F} d(x[i[k]], y[j[k]])}{L(F)}$$

2.- Discrete Time Formulation.

Alignment Plane \rightarrow Dynamic Programming Matrix G .

$$G = \{g_{ij}\} = \begin{pmatrix} G[0,0] & G[1,0] & \dots & G[n_x - 1,0] \\ G[0,1] & & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & & \dots & \dots \\ G[0,n_y - 1] & G[1,n_y - 1] & \dots & G[n_x - 1,n_y - 1] \end{pmatrix}$$

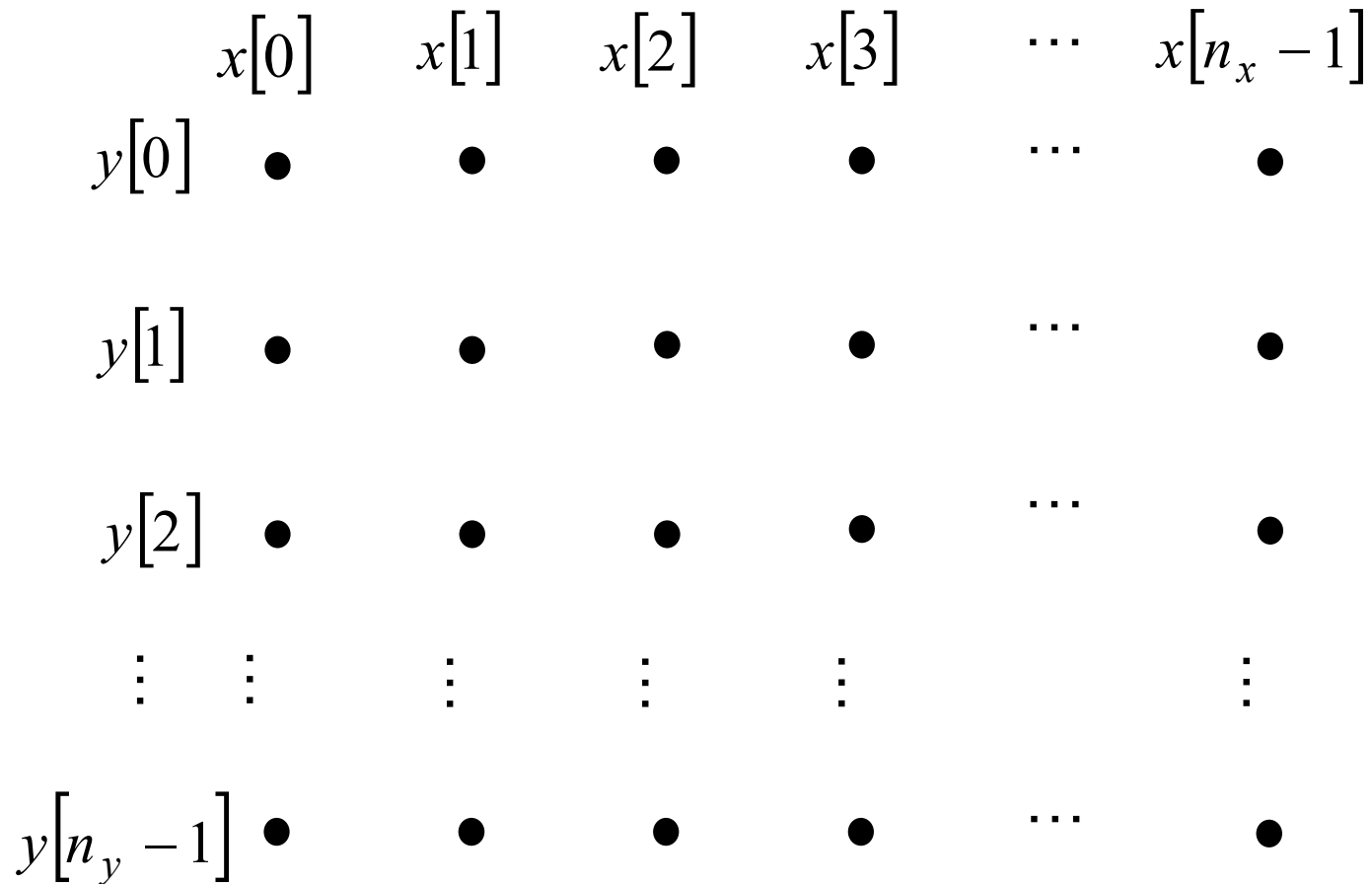
Each element of G : Node.

Alignment Path results from joining nodes.

Path Length is ponderated according to some weights .



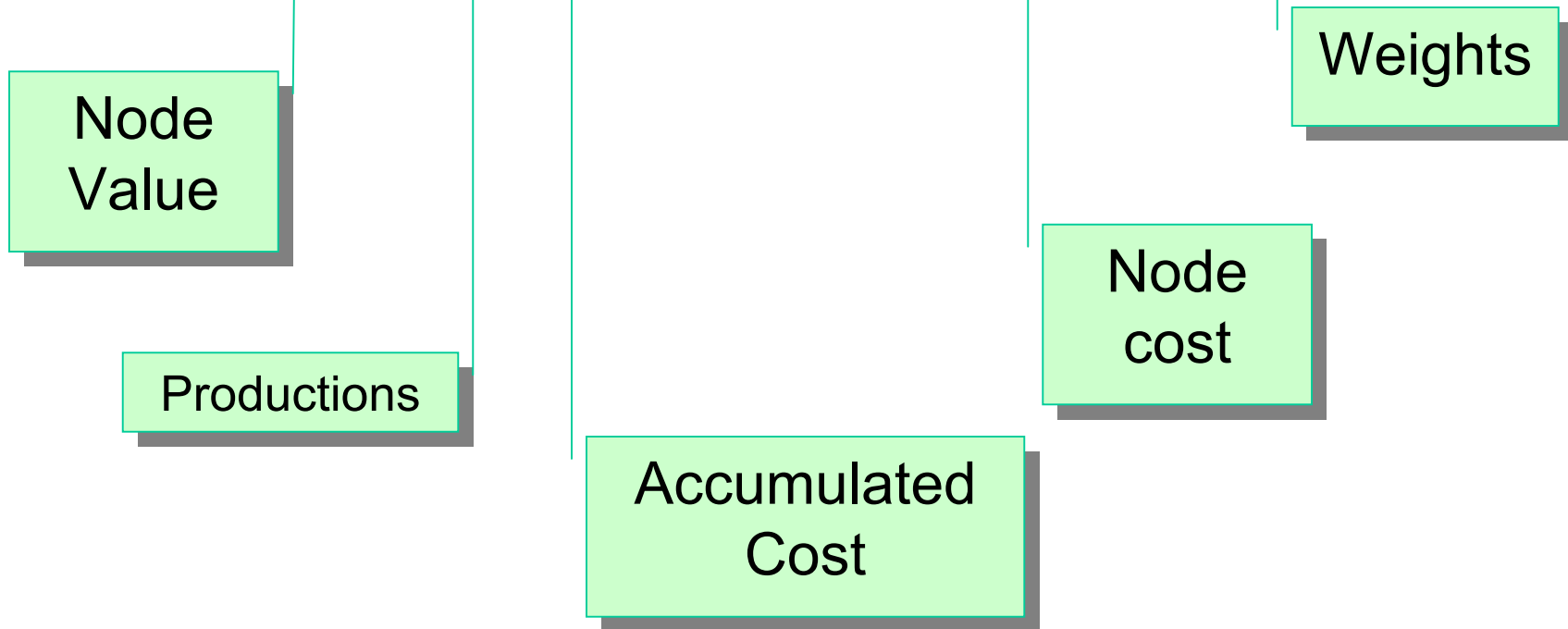
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$$G[i, j] = \min_{(a,b) \in P} (G[i-a, j-b] + d(x[i], y[j])w(a, b))$$



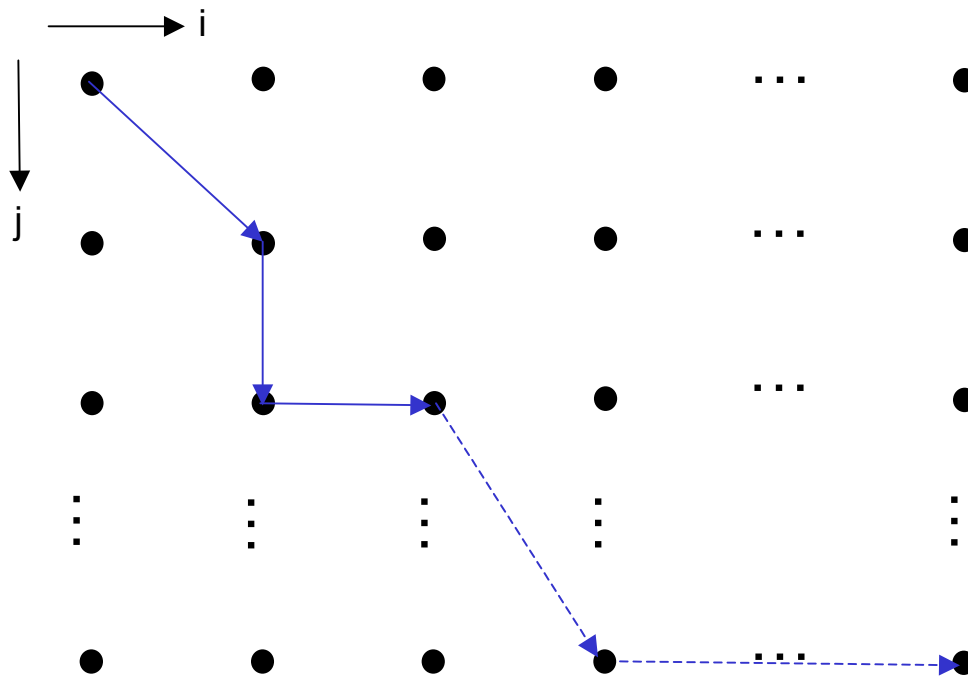


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3.- The Alignment Path.

$$F = \{(i[0], j[0]), (i[1], j[1]), \dots, (i[k], j[k]), \dots, (i[K-1], j[K-1])\}$$



Cost:

$$O(n_x n_y)$$

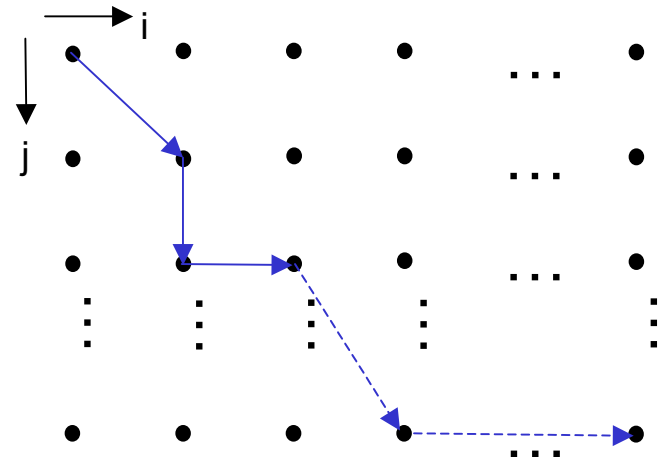
3.- The Alignment Path.

Weighted Directed Path: **Arcs**

Insertion : $\{G[i, j], G[i, j + 1]\} \rightarrow w(0,1)$

Deletion : $\{G[i, j], G[i + 1, j]\} \rightarrow w(1,0)$

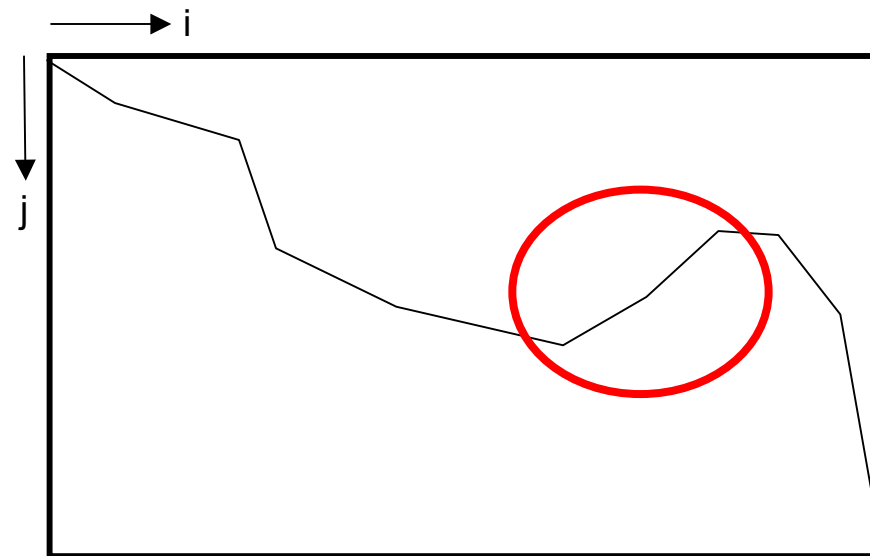
Change or Substitution : $\{G[i, j], G[i + 1, j + 1]\} \rightarrow w(1,1)$



3.1.- Properties.

1.- Monotonic : $i[k] \leq i[k+1], j[k] \leq j[k+1]$

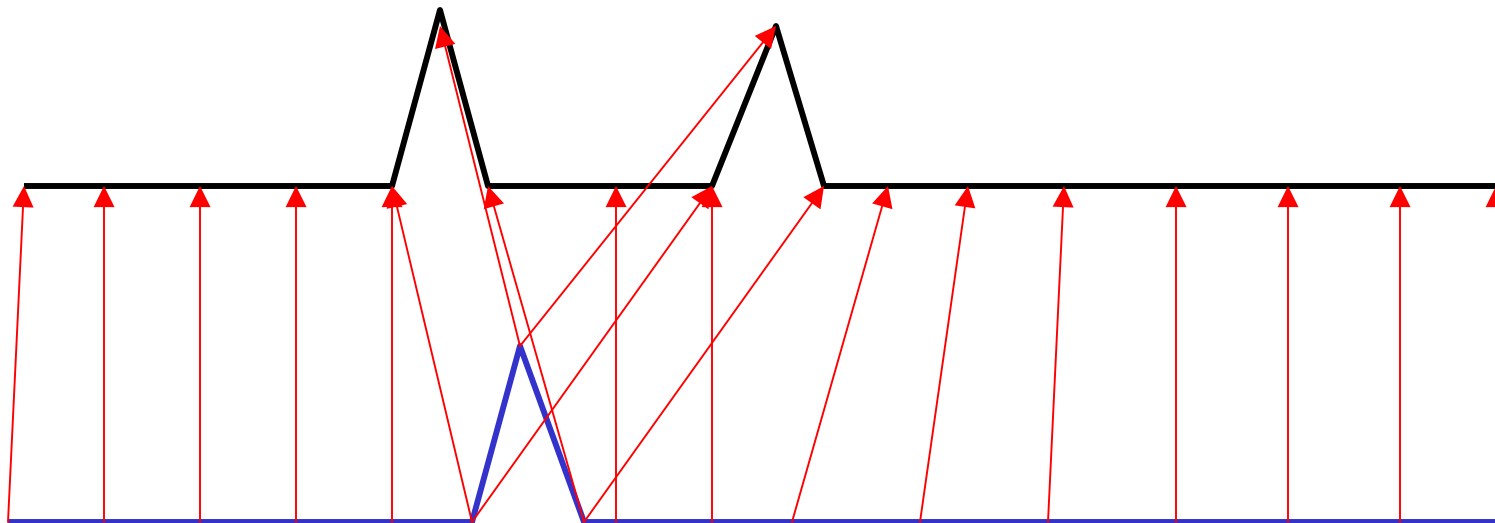
The alignment path should not go back in “time” index:



otherwise...

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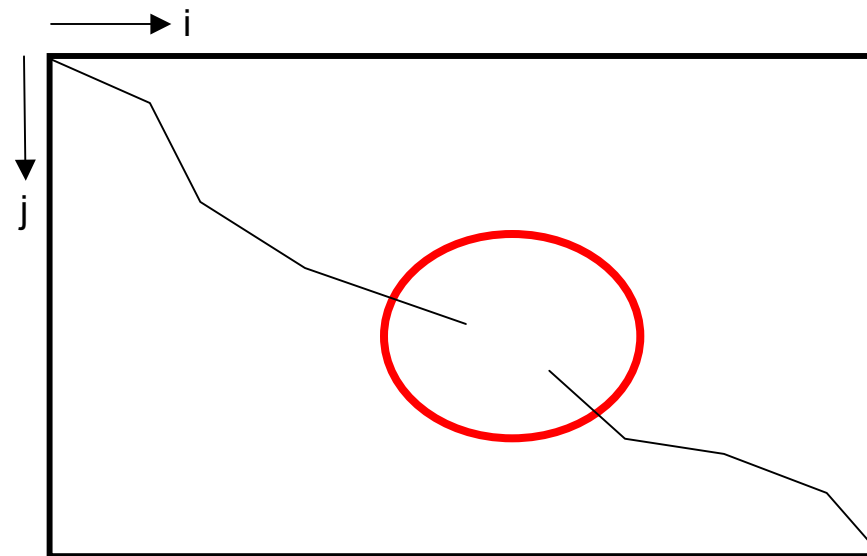
- Some features could be repeated, and therefore, the dissimilarity would not be meaningful.



3.1.- Properties.

2.- Continuity : $i[k+1]-i[k] \leq 1, j[k+1]-j[k] \leq 1$

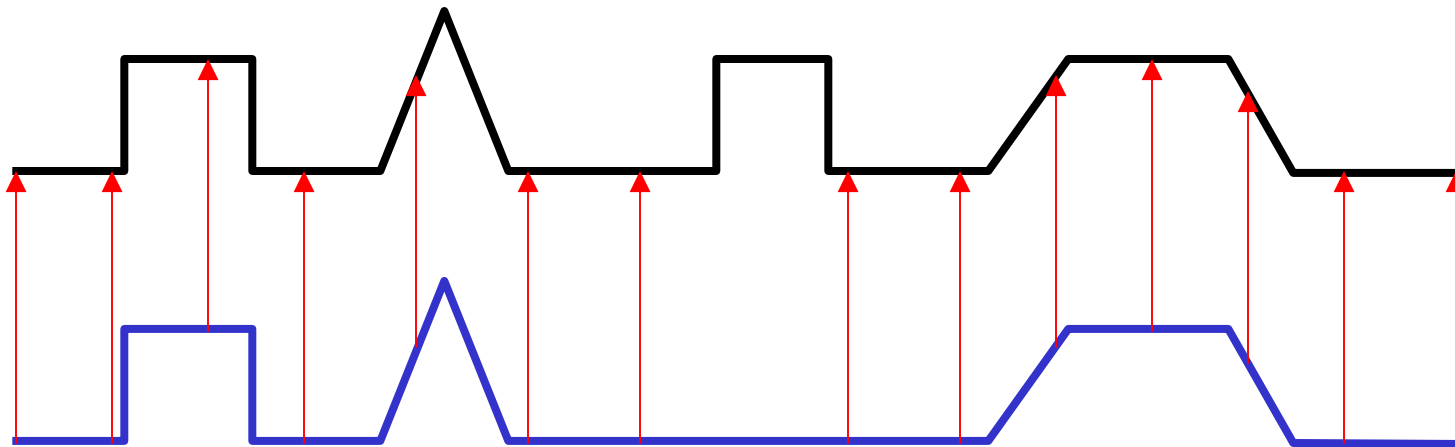
The alignment path should not jump:



otherwise...

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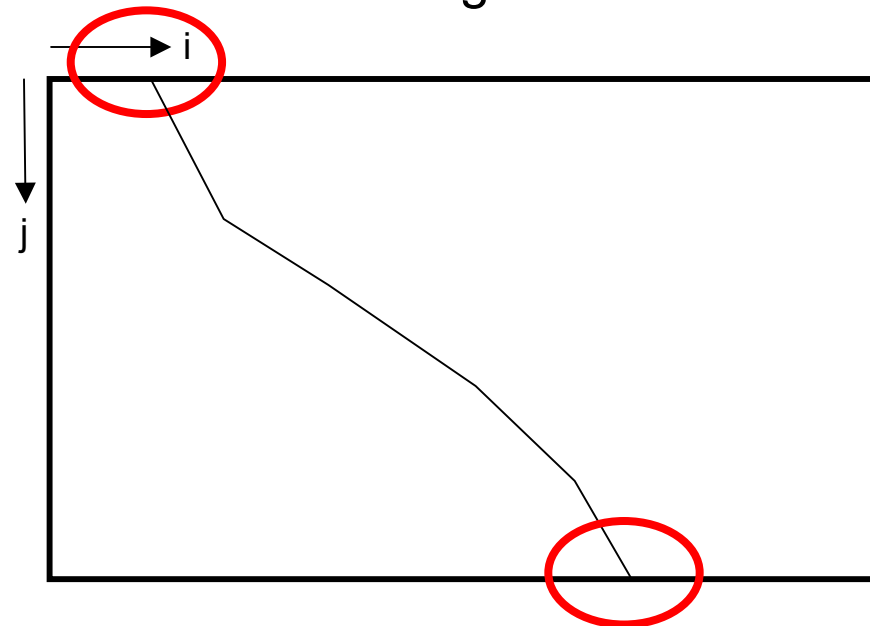
- The alignment could omit important features, and therefore, the dissimilarity would not be meaningful.



3.1.- Properties.

3.-Boundary: $i[0] = j[0] = 0, i[K-1] = I-1, j[K-1] = J-1$

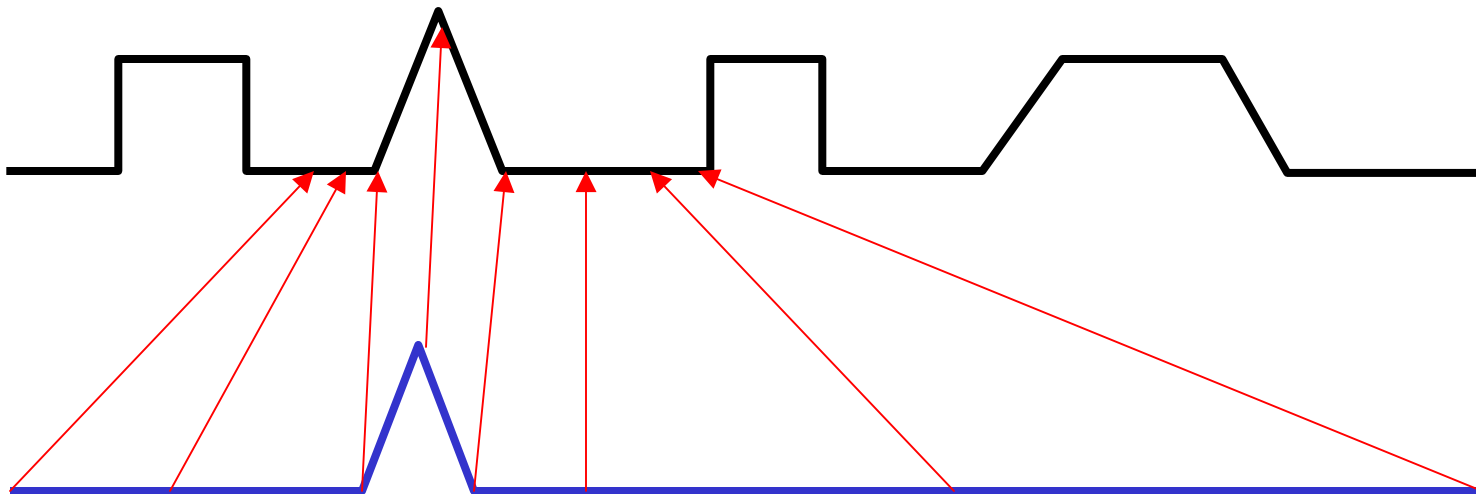
The alignment path must start at the upper left corner, and finish at the lower right corner.



otherwise...

3.1.- Properties.

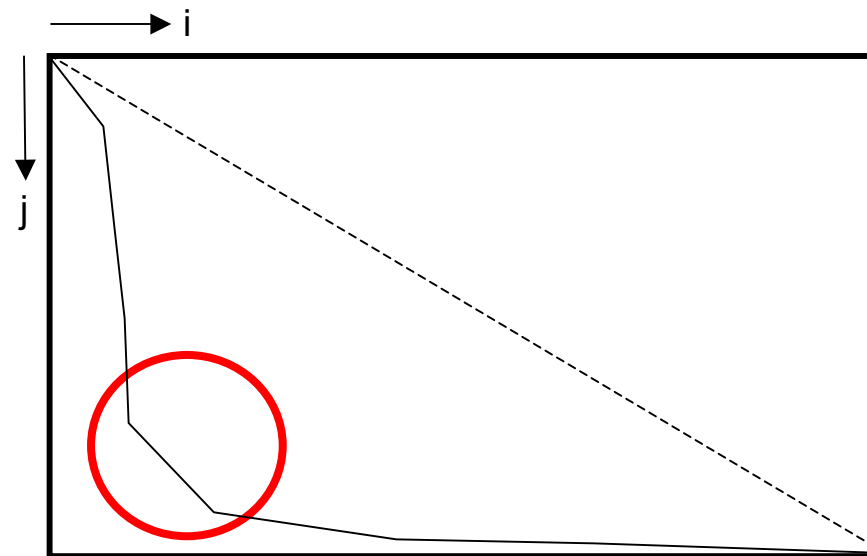
- The alignment could consider partially one of the sequences, and therefore, the dissimilarity would not be meaningful.



3.1.- Properties.

4.- Window : $|i[k] - j[k]| \leq \delta, \delta \in \mathbb{R}^+$

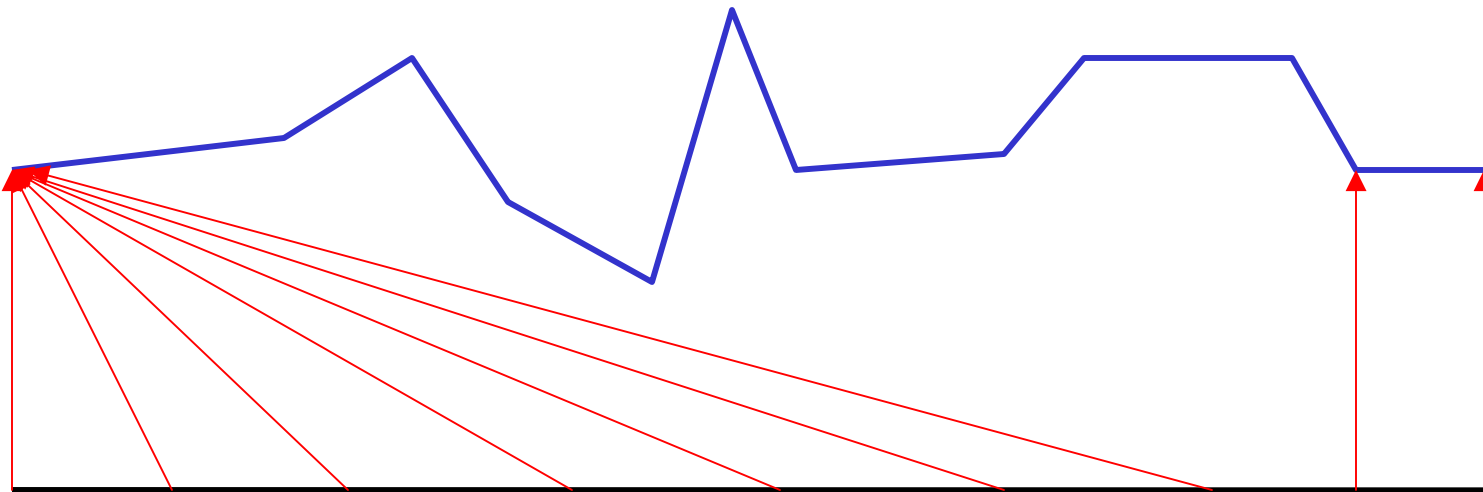
The alignment path must be “*relatively close*” to the identity path.



otherwise...

3.1.- Properties.

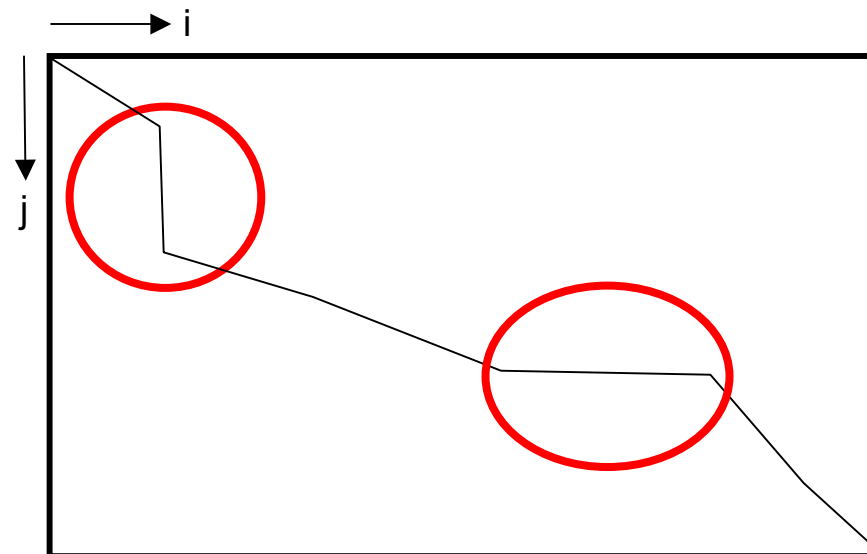
- The alignment tries to skip different features, and gets stuck at similar features, and therefore, the dissimilarity would not be meaningful.



3.1.- Properties.

$$5.- \text{ Slope: } \frac{j[k_1] - j[k_0]}{i[k_1] - i[k_0]} \leq \delta, \delta \geq 0, \frac{i[k_1] - i[k_0]}{j[k_1] - j[k_0]} \leq \gamma, \gamma \geq 0$$

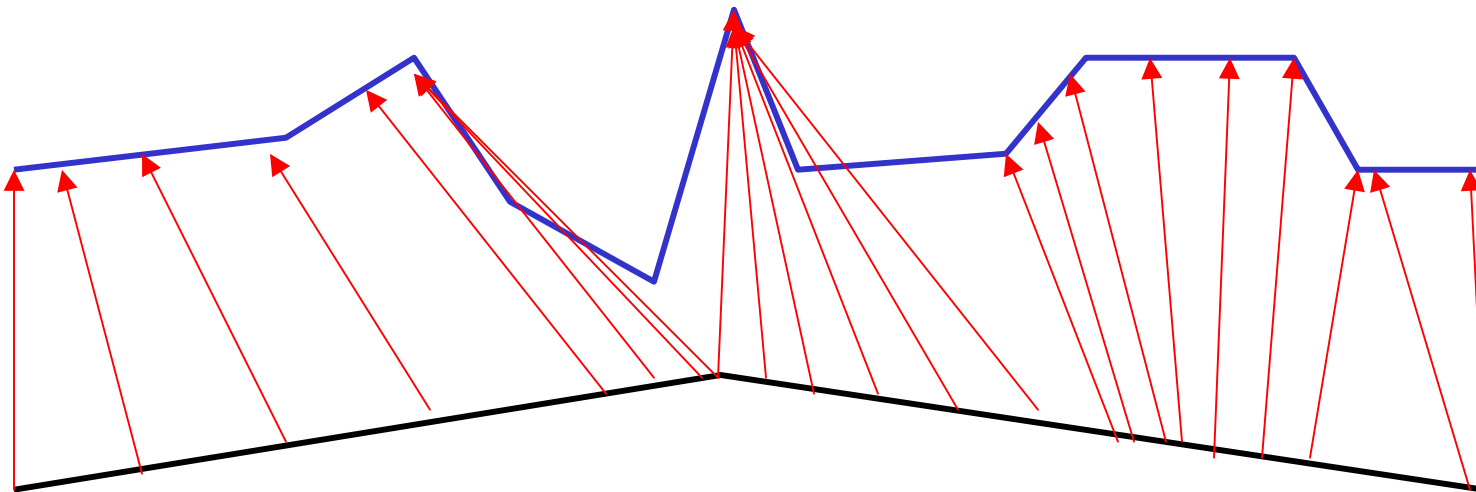
The alignment path must be neither too steep nor too gentle.



otherwise...

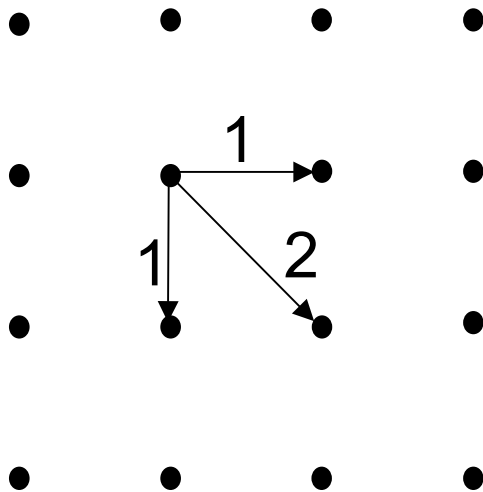
3.1.- Properties.

- Similar to window property, but locally. Diagonal path corresponds to linear alignment. The further we are from the diagonal, the more different sequences are. Very long parts are matched with very short parts.



3.2.- Constraints.

- Local Constraints:



Constraint DP1

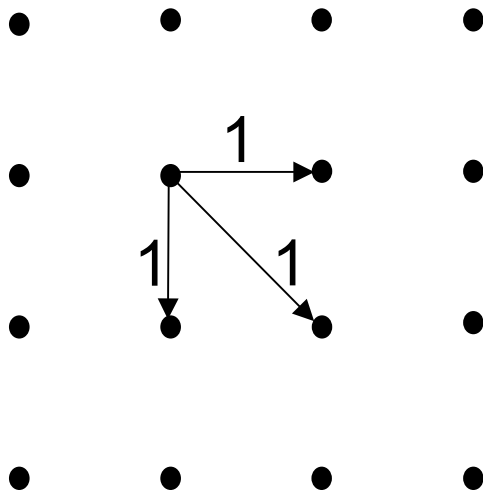
$$G[0,0] = 2d[0,0]$$

$$G[i, j] = \min \begin{cases} G[i, j-1] + d[i, j] \\ G[i-1, j-1] + 2d[i, j] \\ G[i-1, j] + d[i, j] \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta(x, y) = \frac{G[n_x - 1, n_y - 1]}{n_x + n_y}$$

3.2.- Constraints.

- Local Constraints:



Constraint DP2

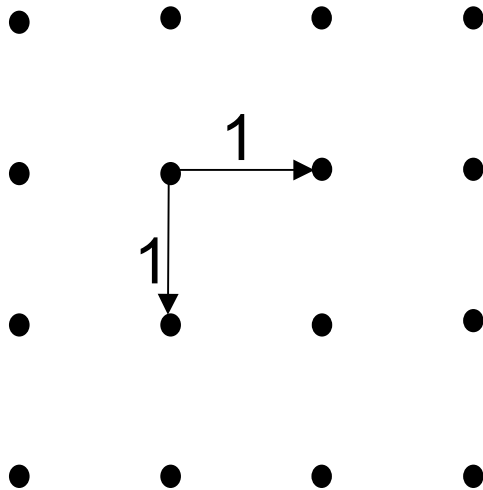
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$$G[i, j] = \min \begin{cases} G[i, j-1] + d[i, j] \\ G[i-1, j-1] + d[i, j] \\ G[i, j-1] + d[i, j] \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta(x, y) = \frac{G[n_x - 1, n_y - 1]}{n_x + n_y}$$

3.2.- Constraints.

- Local Constraints:



$$G[0,0] = 2d[0,0]$$

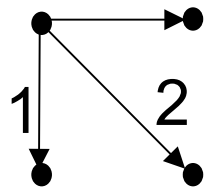
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Constraint DP3

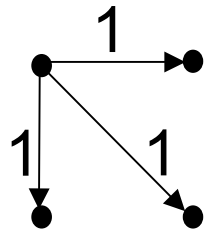
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- Properties Derived from Local Constraints:



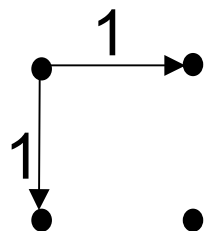
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Compatibility with
Linear Temporal
Alignment



Commutative

Temporal
Reversibility



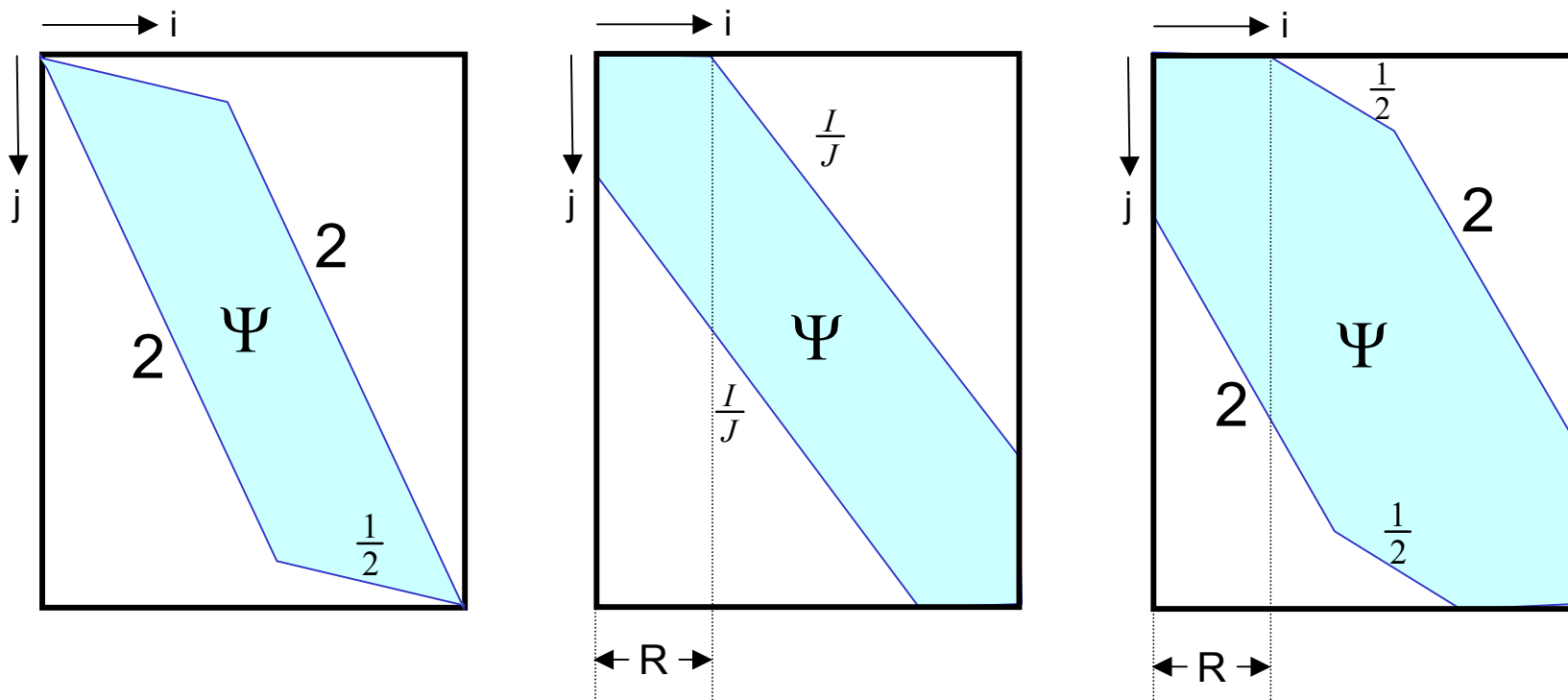
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3.2.- Constraints.

- Global Constraints:

$$G[i, j] = \infty \quad \forall (i, j) \notin \Psi$$





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4.- Local Cost Functions.

$$d(i, j) = |x[i] - y[j]|$$

$$d(i, j) = x[i]y[j] - \beta P(F)$$

$$d(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x[i] = y[j] \\ 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

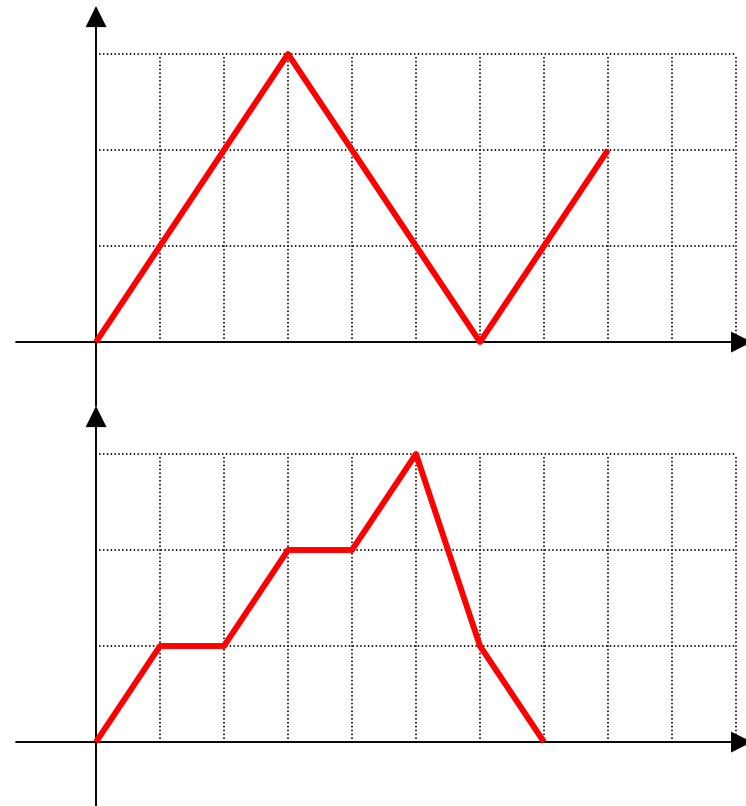
$$d(i, j) = \left| \frac{x[i+1] - x[i-1]}{2} - \frac{y[j+1] - y[j-1]}{2} \right|$$

4.- Local Cost Functions.

- **Example:** Find the alignment path and dissimilarity of the following two sequences, according to the issues explained so far.

$$x[n] = \{0,1,2,3,2,1,0,1,2\}$$

$$y[n] = \{0,1,1,2,2,3,1,0\}$$



4.- Local Cost Functions.

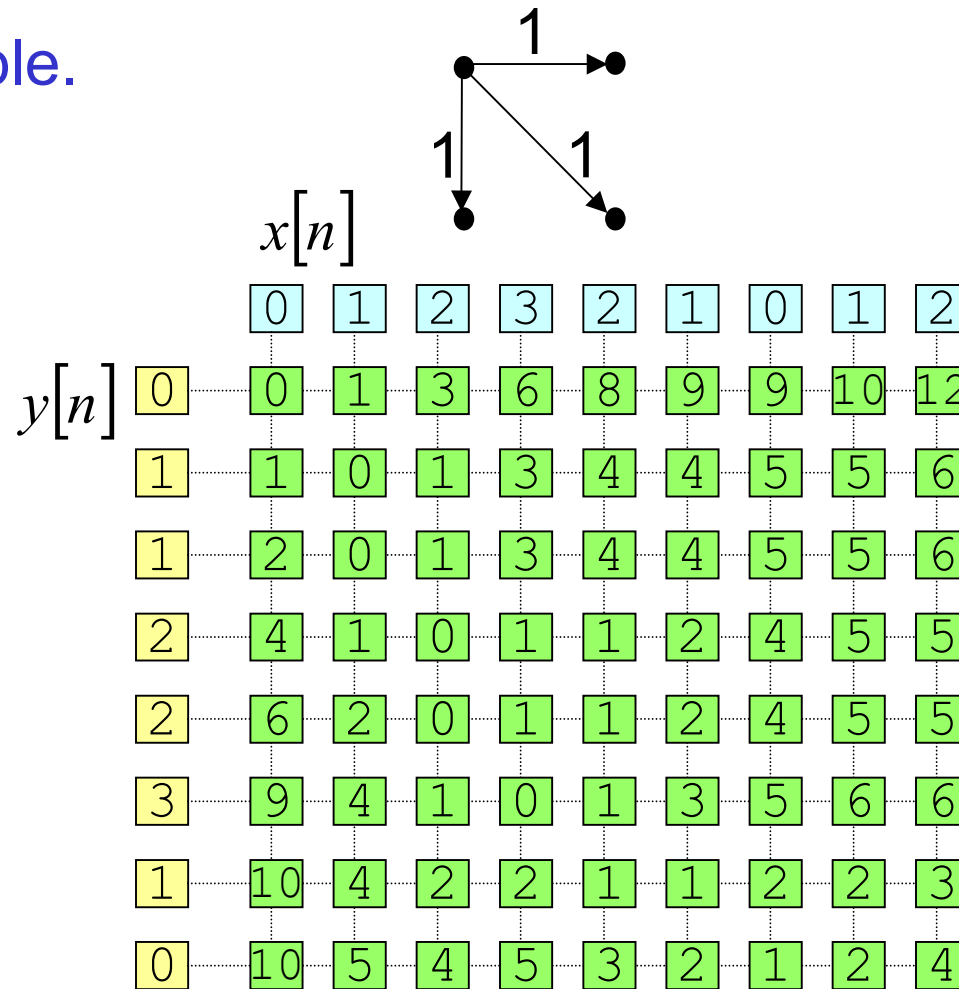
- Example.

$$d(i, j) = |x[i] - y[j]|$$

| | | $x[n]$ | | | | | | | | |
|--------|---|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| $y[n]$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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4.- Local Cost Functions.

- Example.





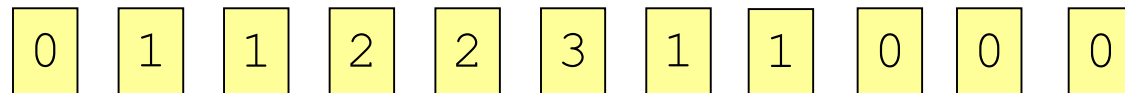
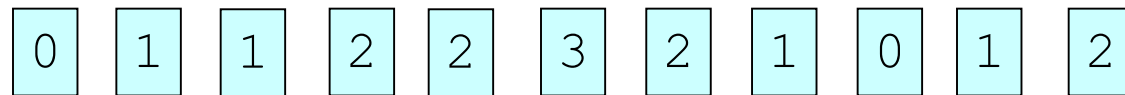
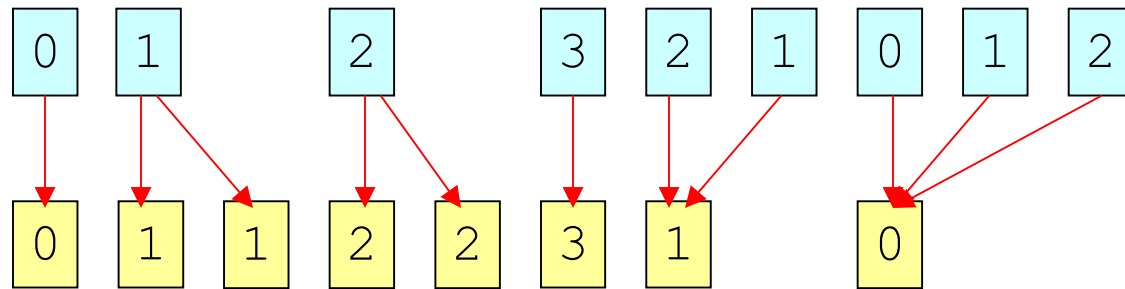
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- Example. Boundary Constraints.



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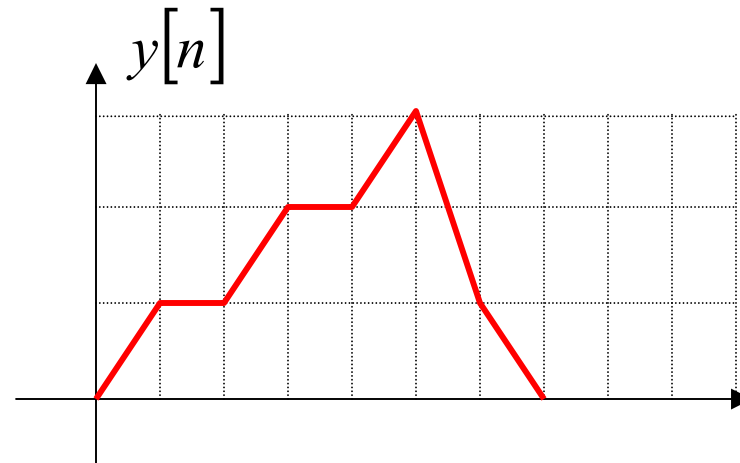
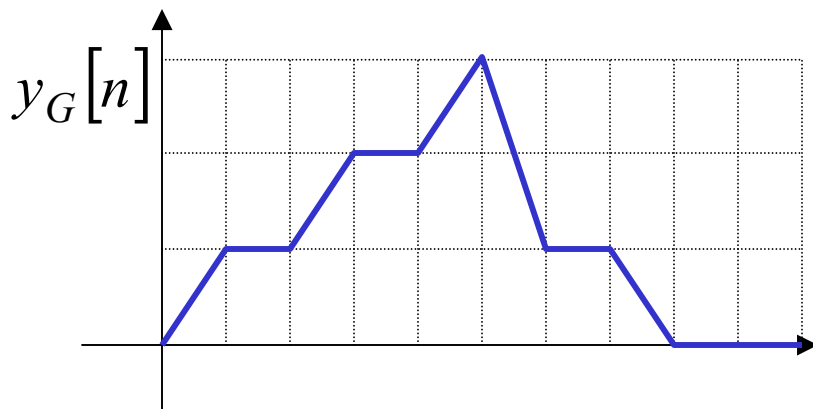
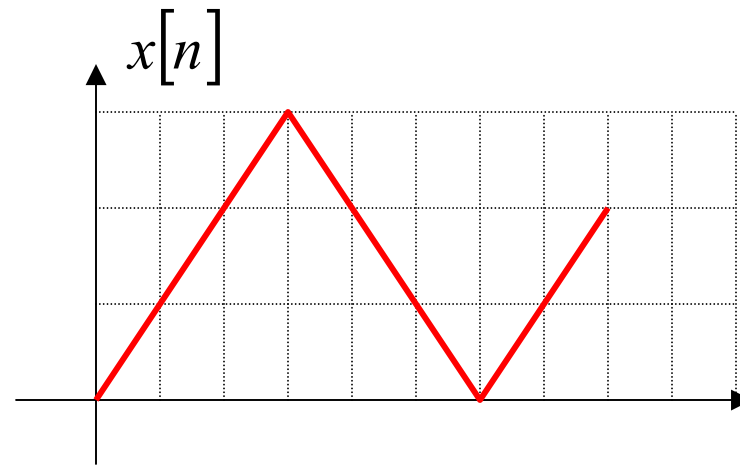
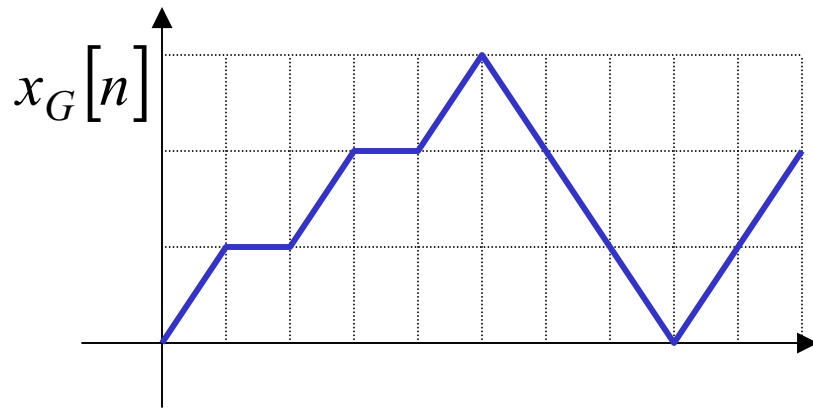
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4.- Local Cost Functions.

- Example.





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5.- Algorithms.

```
for i=1 to i=nx-1 do G[i][ny-1] ← INFINITY   endfor
for j=1 to j=ny-1 do G[nx-1][j] ← INFINITY   endfor
```

Global Constraints

```
for i=1 to i=nx-1 do
  for j=1 to j=ny-1 do
    NodeCost ← CalculateNodeCost(x, i, y, j)
    Diagonal ← G[i-1][j-1]+w[1][1]*NodeCost
    Horizontal ← G[i-1][j]+w[1][0]*NodeCost
    Vertical ← G[i][j-1]+w[0][1]*NodeCost
    if ((Diagonal<=Horizontal) AND (Diagonal<=Vertical))
      G[i][j] ← Diagonal
    elseif ((Horizontal<=Diagonal) AND (Horizontal<=Vertical))
      G[i][j] ← Horizontal
    else G[i][j] ← Vertical
    endif
  endfor
endfor
```

Basic Algorithm



5.- Algorithms.

```
for i=1 to i=nx-1 do
  for j=1 to j=ny-1 do
    if (G[i][j]≠Infinity)
      NodeCost ← CalculateNodeCost(x,i,y,j)
      Diagonal ← G[i-1][j-1]+w[1][1]*NodeCost
      Horizontal ← G[i-1][j]+w[1][0]*NodeCost
      Vertical ← G[i][j-1]+w[0][1]*NodeCost
      if((Diagonal≤Horizontal)AND(Diagonal≤Vertical))
        G[i][j] ← Diagonal
      elseif ((Horizontal≤Diagonal)AND(Horizontal≤Vertical))
        G[i][j] ← Horizontal
      else G[i][j] ← Vertical
      endif
    endif
  endfor
endfor
```

Basic Algorithm with
Global Constraints

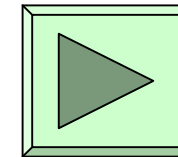
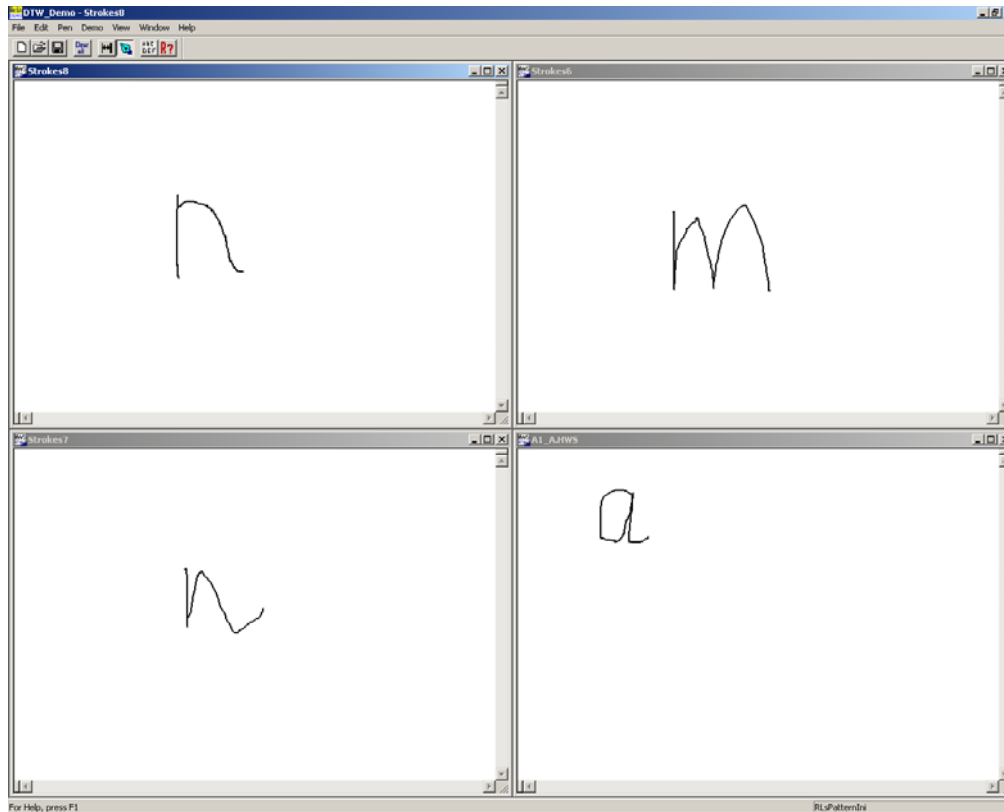


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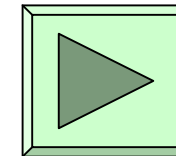
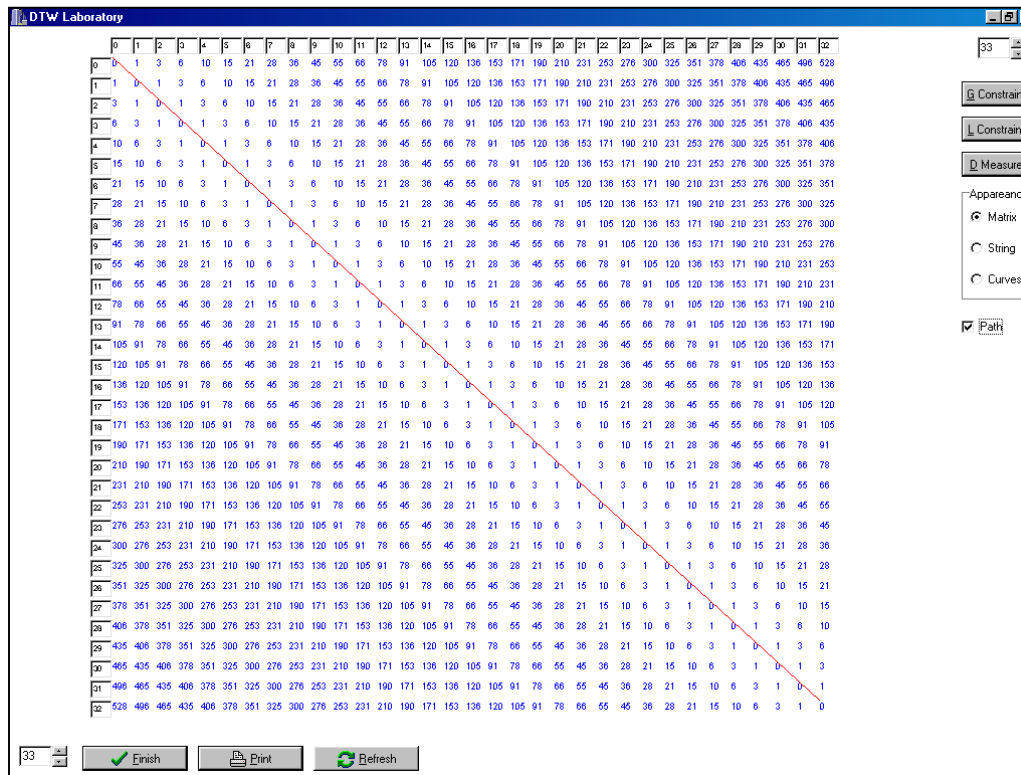
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7.- Decision Rules.

How we use the distance among objects in a set, for classification?

Set of Objects: P

Feature Space: R

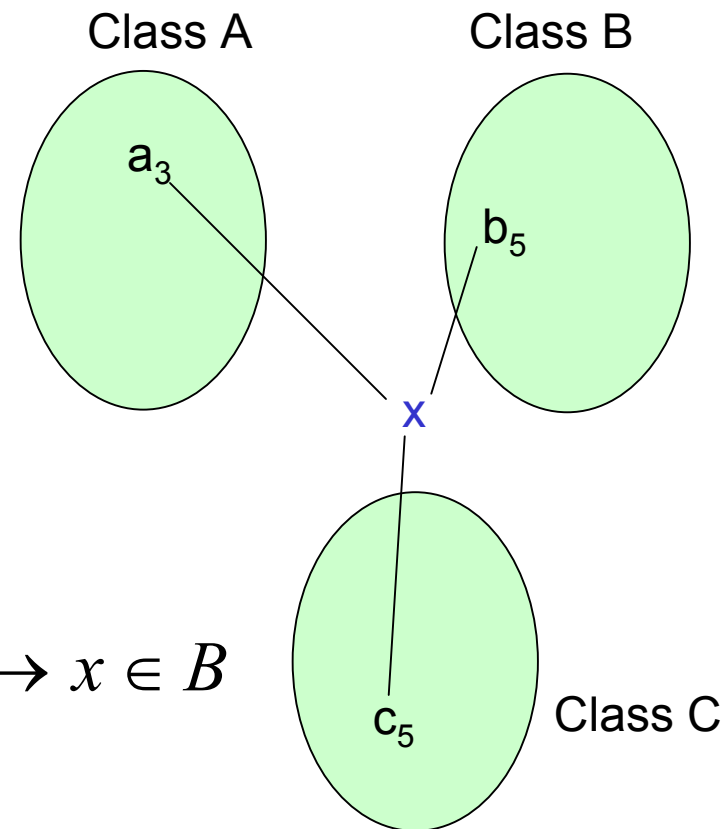
Object: x

Dissimilarity Measure: $\Delta : R \times R \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^{\geq 0}$

Space Partition: $\Omega = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$

7.- Decision Rules.

- Minimum Distance(MD)
- One prototype per class.



$$\Omega = \{A, B, C\}$$

$$\min(\Delta_{DM}(x, \Omega)) = \Delta_{DM}(x, b_5) \rightarrow x \in B$$

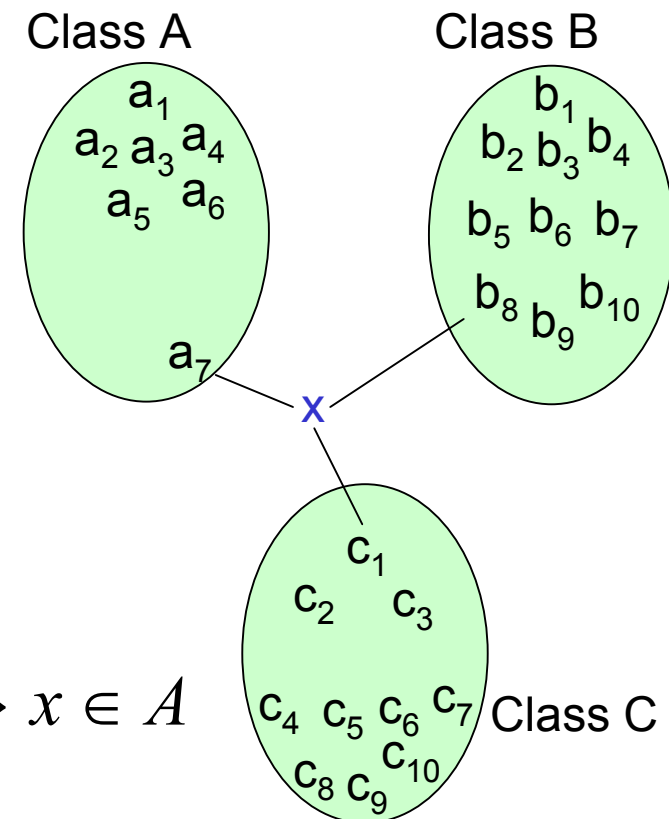
7.- Decision Rules.

- Nearest Neighbour(NN)

- Some prototypes per class.
- One distance considered.

$$\Omega = \{A, B, C\}$$

$$\min(\Delta_{NN}(x, \Omega)) = \Delta_{NN}(x, a_7) \rightarrow x \in A$$



7.- Decision Rules.

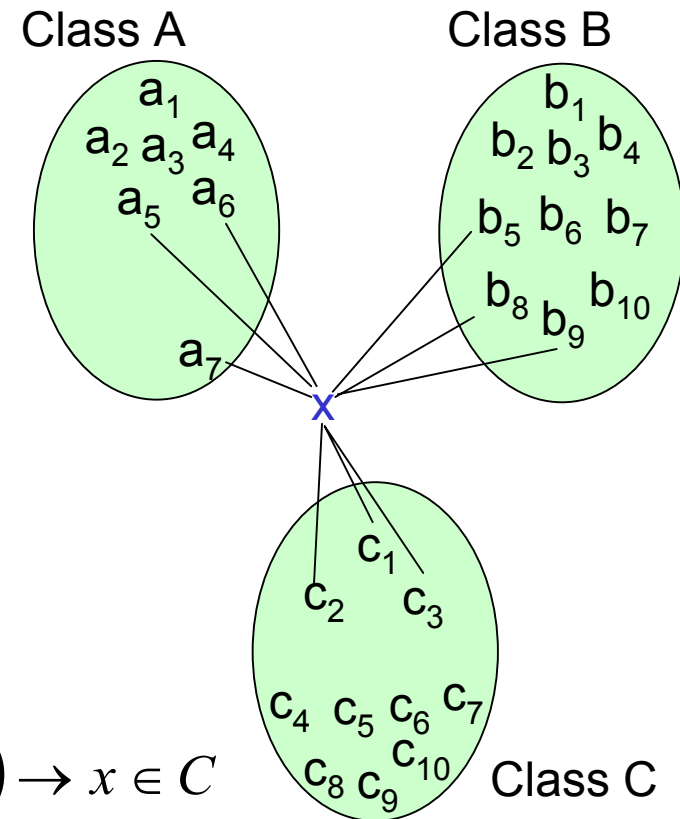
- K-Nearest Neighbour(K-NN)

- Some prototypes per class.
- K Distances considered.

$$\Omega = \{A, B, C\}$$

$$K = 3$$

$$\min(\Delta_{K-NN}(x, \Omega)) = \Delta_{K-NN}(x, \{c_1, c_2, c_3\}) \rightarrow x \in C$$





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- Speech Recognition.
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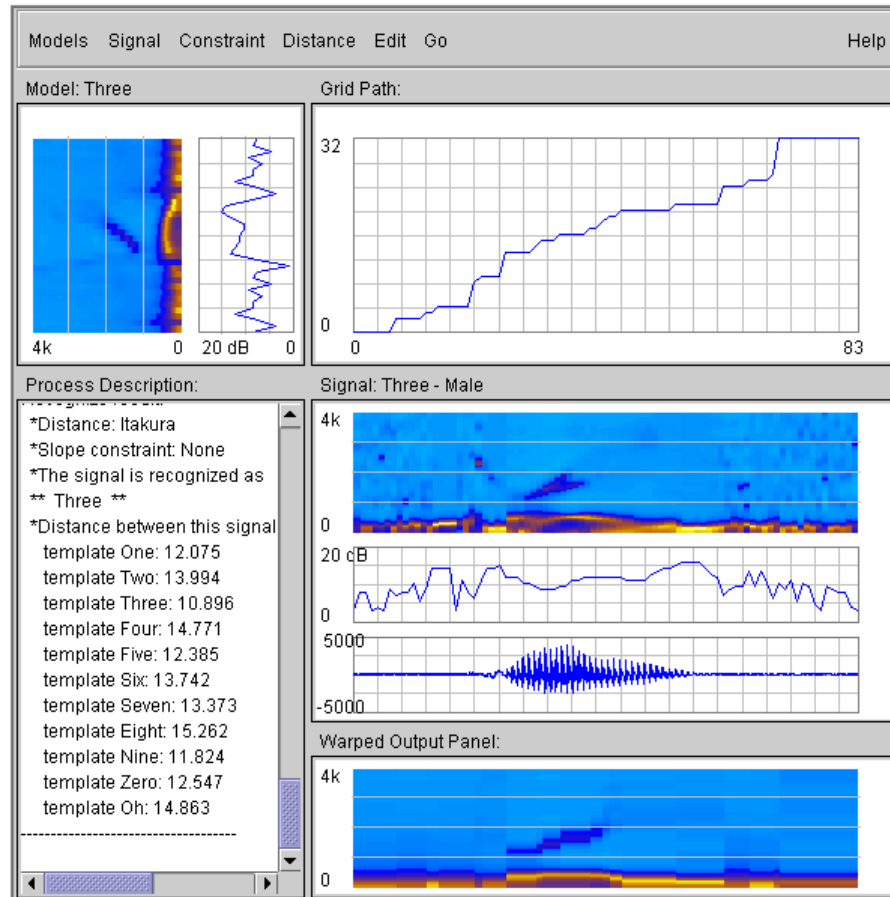
- **Speech Recognition.**
 - For each word in the vocabulary, store at least one reference pattern.
 - Record a spoken word.
 - Apply the feature extraction method.
 - Compute the dissimilarity measure with all the reference patterns.
 - Recognize the word with the lowest dissimilarity.
 - *For small vocabularies and speaker-dependent recognition.*



8.- Applications.

- Speech Recognition (Using LPC Coefficients).

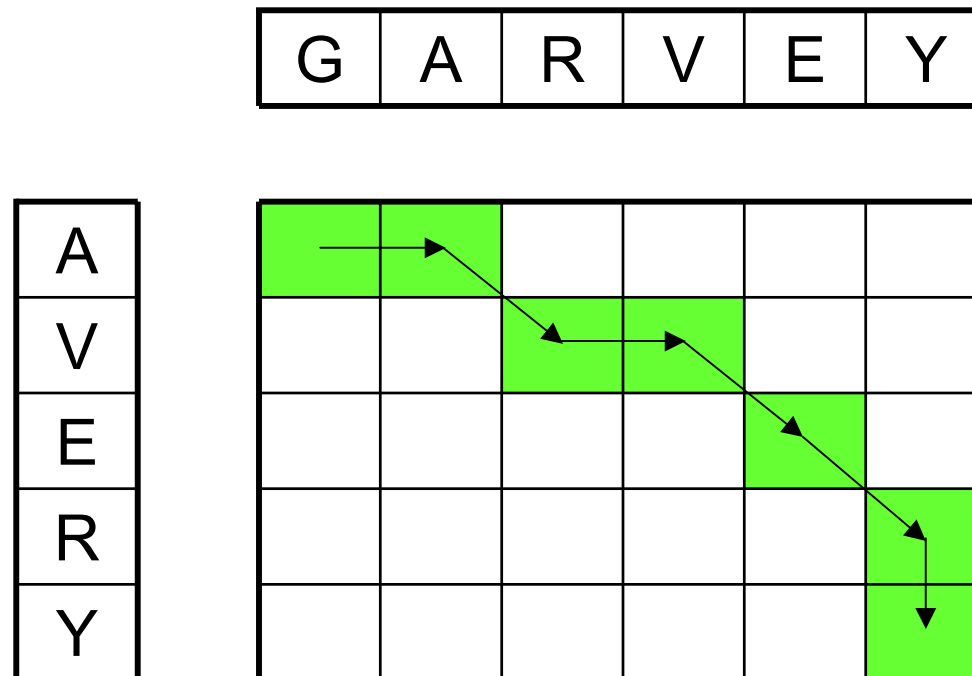
DYNAMIC TIME WARPING DIGIT RECOGNIZER



<http://www.isip.msstate.edu/projects/speech/software/demonstrations/applets/>

8.- Applications.

- String Matching.
 - Basic Operations: Insertion, Deletion, Substitution.



8.- Applications.

- String Matching.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G | A | R | V | E | Y | Y |
| A | A | V | V | E | R | Y |

Dissimilarity:

$$\frac{3}{7} = 0.43$$

8.- Applications.

Computing the Minimal Editing Distance

Editing Steps:

b_{j+1} b_j a_i a_{i+1} substitute b_{j+1} by a_{i+1}

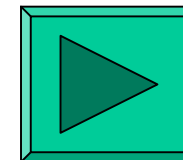
b_{j+1} b_j a_i a_{i+1} insert a_{i+1}

b_{j+1} b_j a_i a_{i+1} delete b_{j+1}

Dynamic Programming Matrix:

INIT STEP Typed: Reference:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| L | | | | | | | | | | |
| C | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| S | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| E | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| K | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| A | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| R | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| B | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | B | A | K | E | R | I | E | S | C |



<http://isl.ira.uka.de/speechCourse/slides/dtw/editdist/applet/applet.html>

8.- Applications.

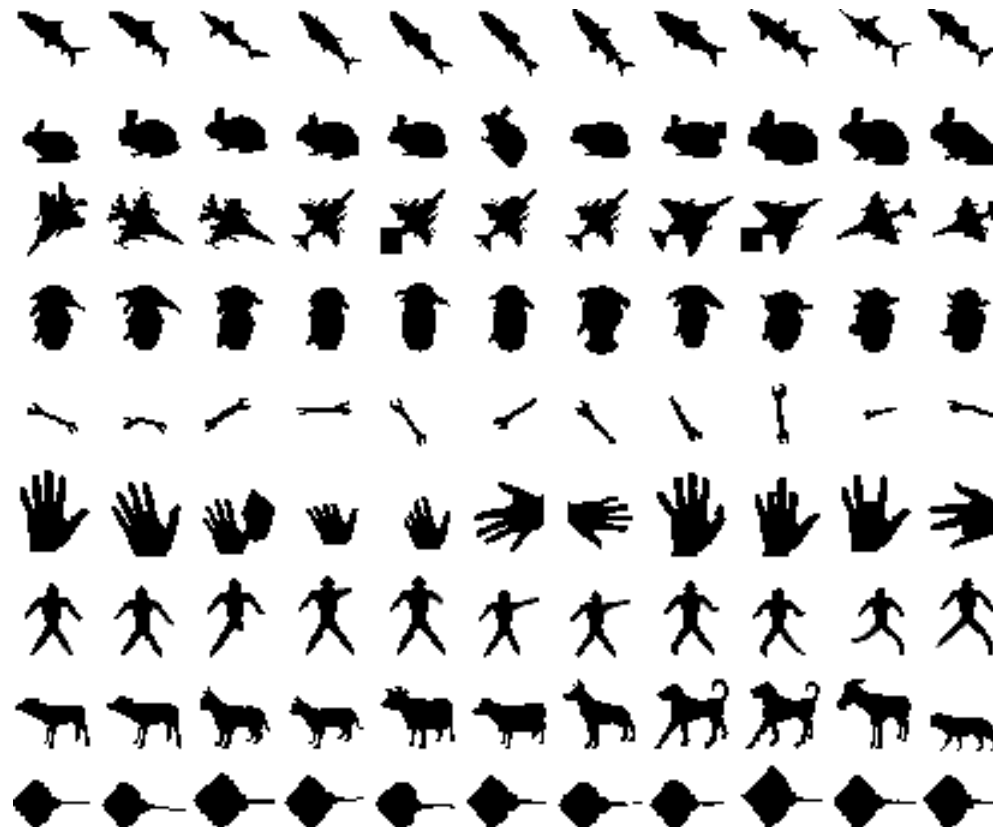
- Handwritten Character Recognition.

| | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | U | 6 | 6 |
| | 4 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 14 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |) | / |) |
| | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 10 |
| 2 | 2 | 7 | Z | 3 |) |
| | 4 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 15 |
| 6 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | 2 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 7 | 7 | 2 |) | 1 | Z |
| | 2 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 13 |
| 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 6 | U |
| | 12 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 21 |
| 9 | 9 | E | S | 5 | C |
| | 6 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 15 |
| 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | U |
| | 5 | 12 | 19 | 19 | 19 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| L | L | 1 | / | 1 |) |
| | 4 | 11 | 15 | 16 | 18 |
| m | m | N | ^ | W | 3 |
| | 5 | 15 | 17 | 21 | 22 |
| N | N | m | - | W | 0 |
| | 4 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 18 |
| P | P | V | 0 | 0 | ^ |
| | 4 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 19 |
| S | S |) | 9 | 5 | 1 |
| | 4 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| V | V | U | 0 | 0 | P |
| | 5 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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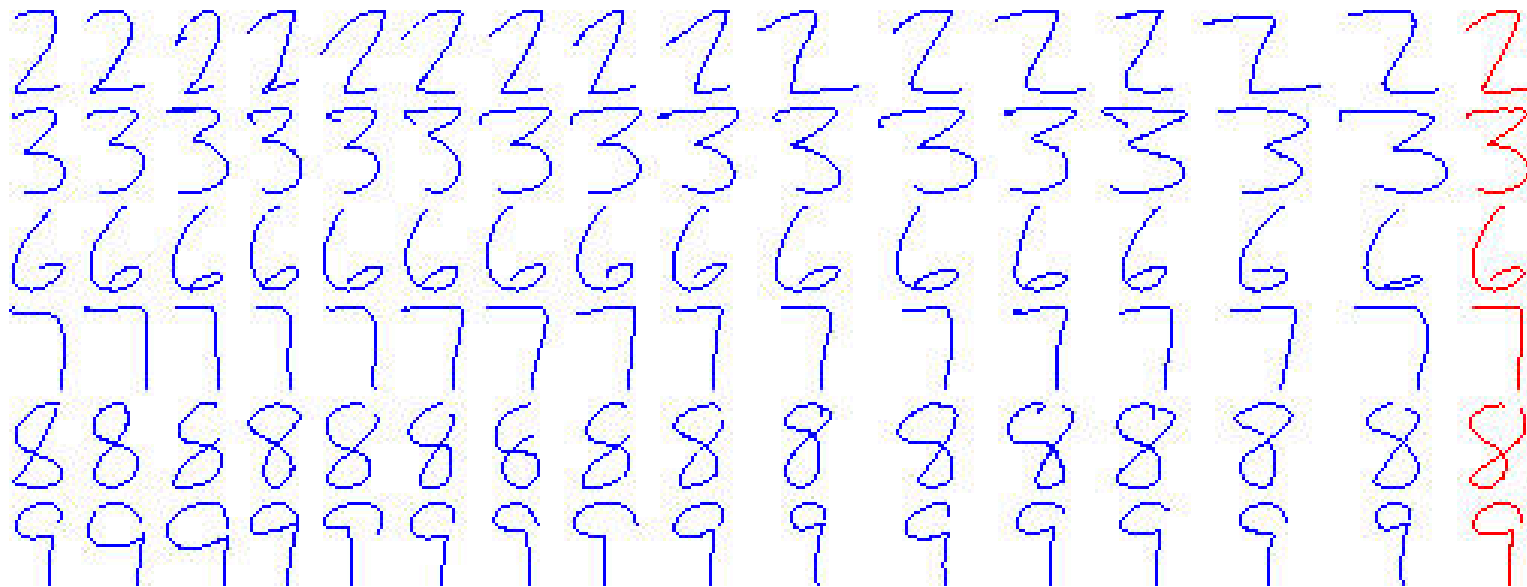
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- Object Recognition.



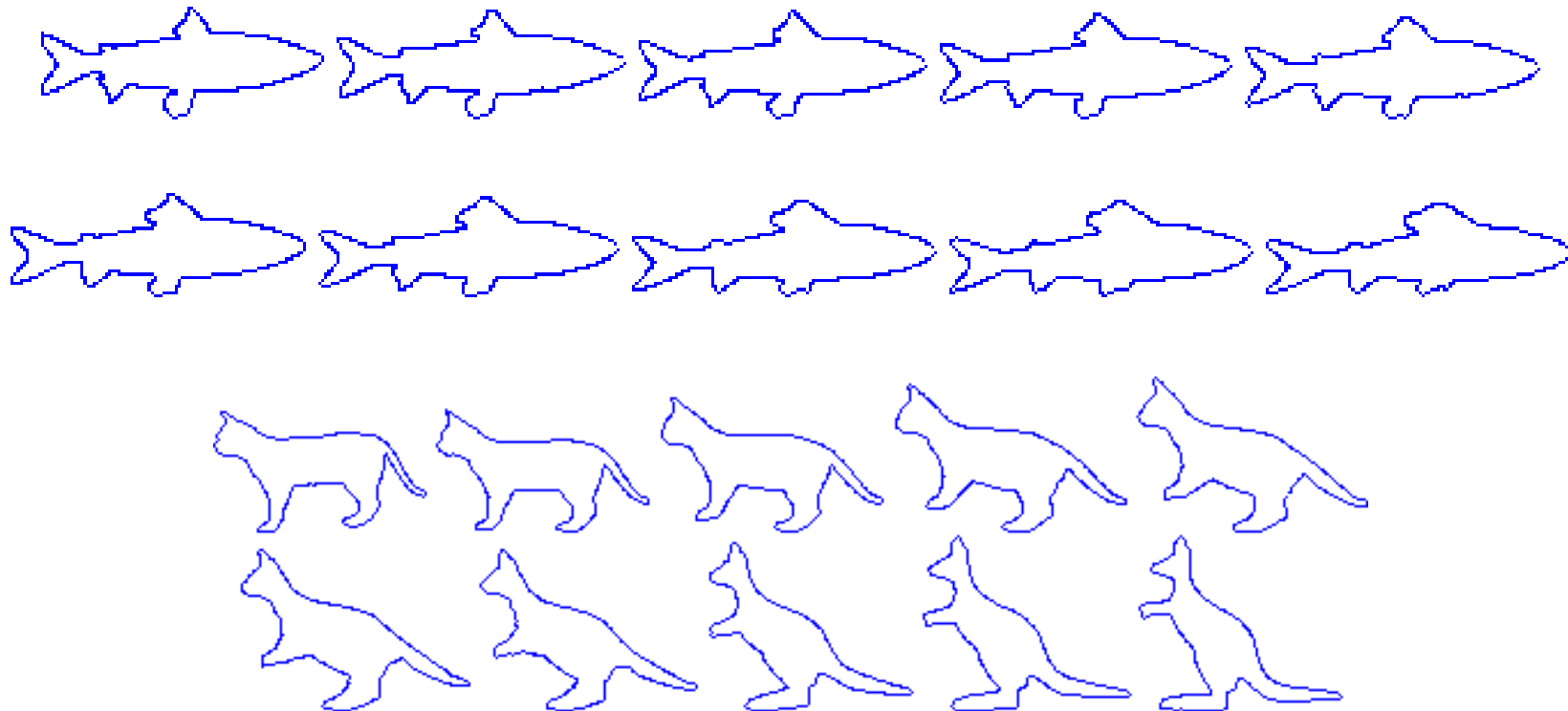
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- Prototype Formation.
 - Non-Linear Average using DTW



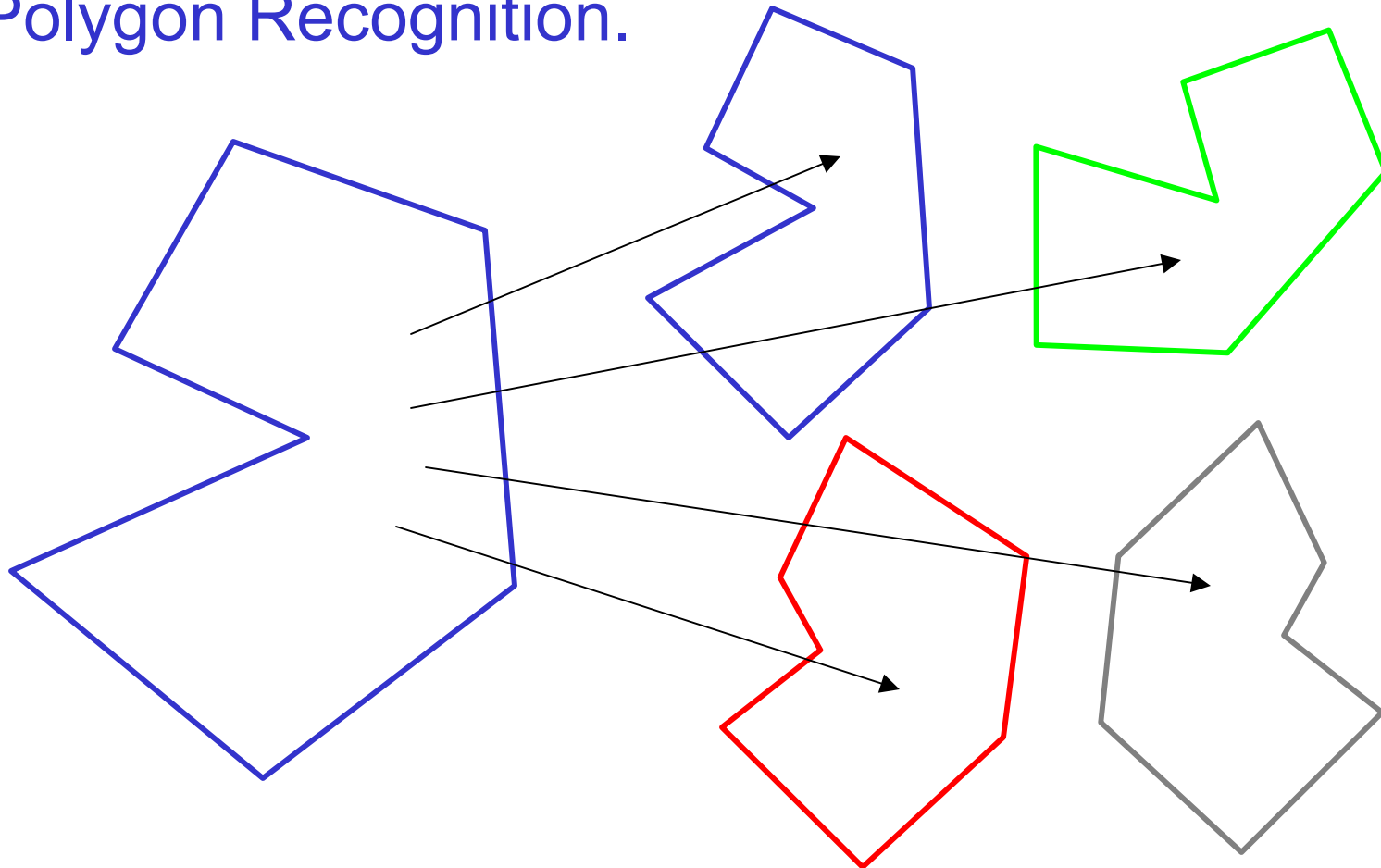
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- Morphing.



8.- Applications.

- Polygon Recognition.



8.- Applications.

- Polygon Recognition.
- Symbols with attributes to deal with scaling and rotation.

$$P = \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$$

$$\text{symbols} \begin{cases} \alpha_i, \beta_i \in [-180^\circ, +180^\circ] \\ \lambda_i, \mu_i \in [0,1], \left(\lambda_i = \frac{l_i}{l(P)} \right) \end{cases}$$

8.- Applications.

- Polygon Recognition.

$$\begin{aligned} [x] &= \left\{ \alpha_0, \lambda_0, \dots, \alpha_{n_x-1}, \lambda_{n_x-1} \right\} \\ [y] &= \left\{ \beta_0, \mu_0, \dots, \beta_{n_y-1}, \mu_{n_y-1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

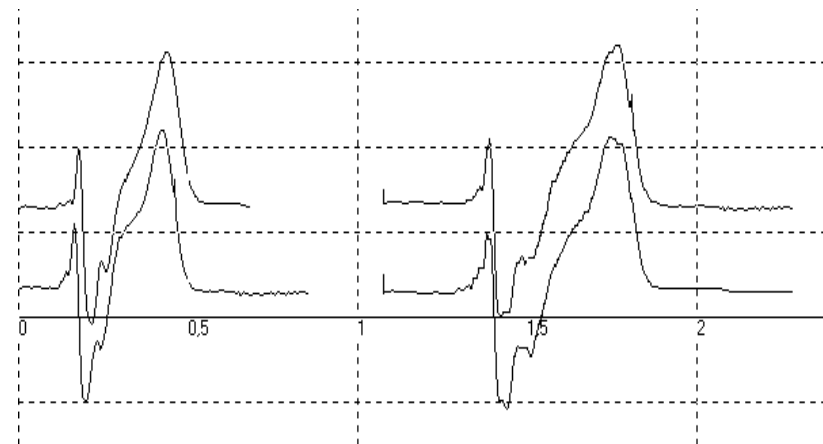
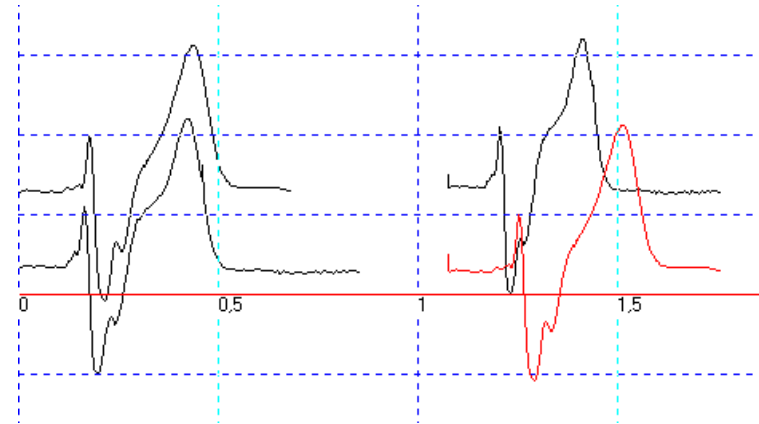
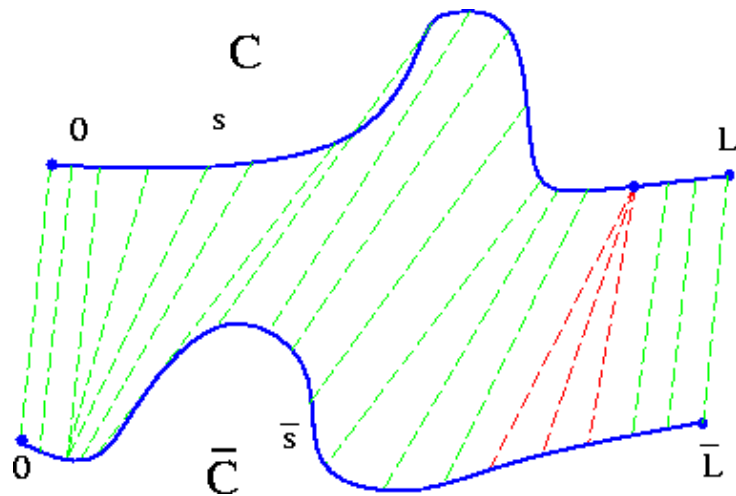
$$\Delta = \min(\delta([x], [y]))$$

$$d(\alpha_i, \beta_j) = |\alpha_i - \beta_j|$$

$$d(\lambda_i, \mu_j) = w|\lambda_i - \mu_j|$$

8.- Applications.

- Curve Alignment.





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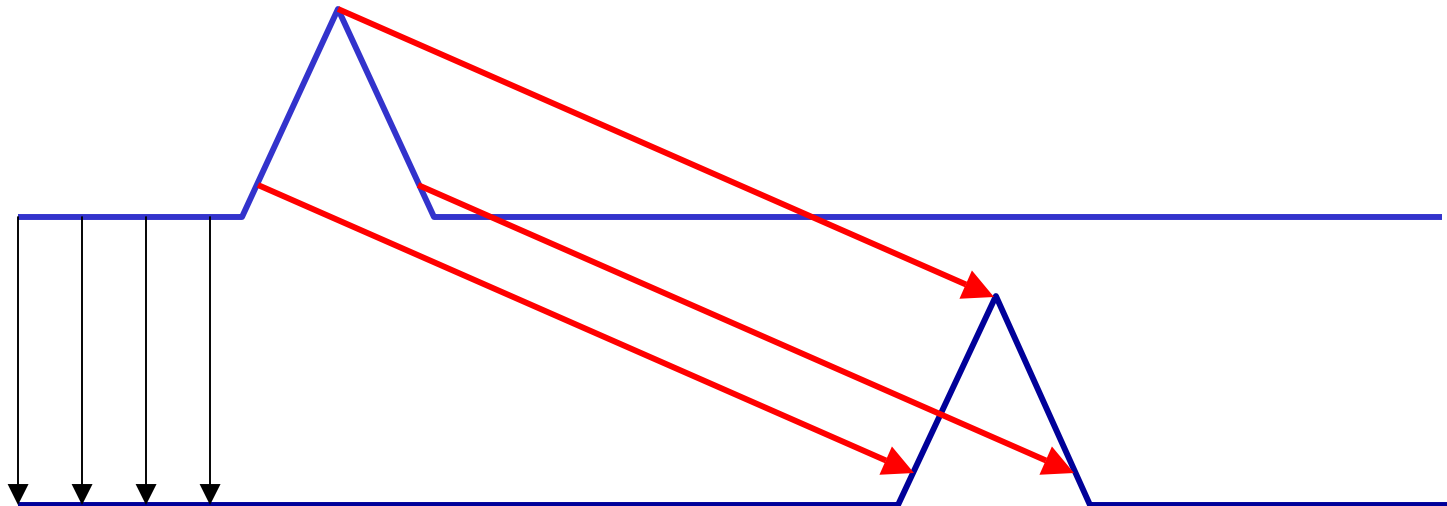
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9.- Other Issues.

DTW Applied to Cyclic Patterns.

- Linear strings: difficult to find the proper starting symbol → **CYCLIC STRINGS**.
- Increasing slightly the computational cost, but the dissimilarity measure does not depend on the starting symbol.





9.- Other Issues.

DTW Applied to Cyclic Patterns.

$$\sigma(a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n) = a_2 a_3 \dots a_n a_1$$

$$\forall k \in \mathfrak{N}, \sigma^k$$

$$[x] = \sigma^k(x), 0 \leq k \leq n_x - 1$$

$$\Delta([x], [y]) = \min \left\{ \delta(\sigma^k(x), \sigma^l(y)), k, l \in \mathfrak{N} \right\}$$



9.- Other Issues.

DTW Applied to Cyclic Patterns.

Brute Force Method:

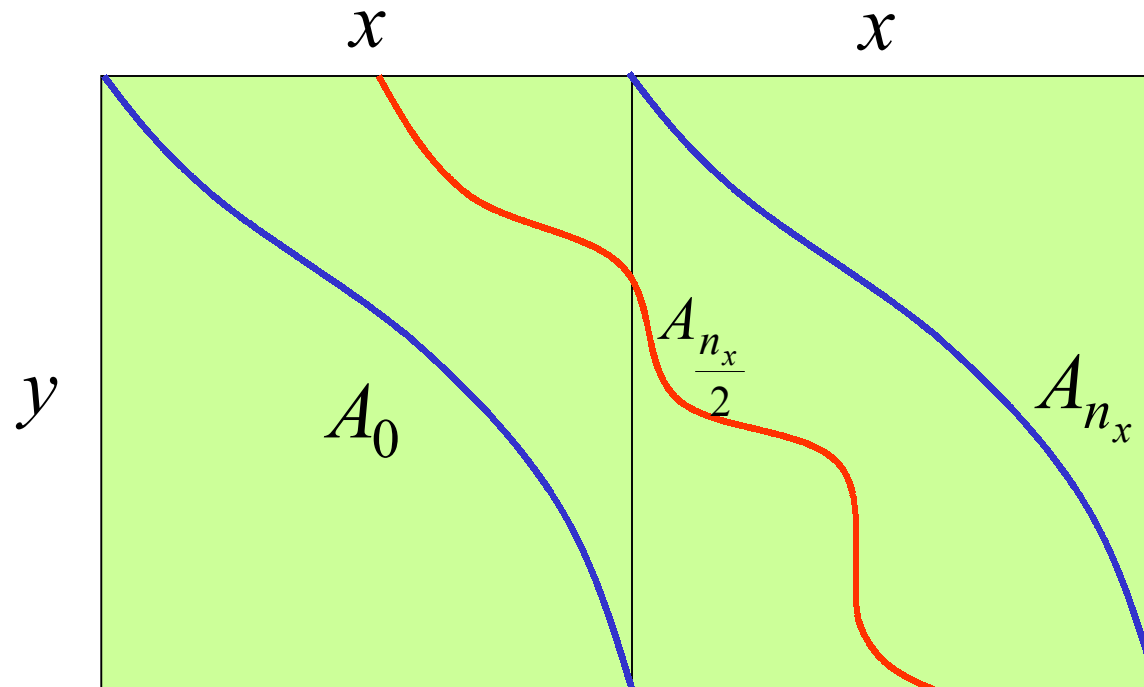
$$\Delta(x, \sigma^l(y)), \forall l \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n_y - 1\} \quad (O(n_x n_y^2))$$

Indirect Method (Paths do not intersect):

$$\Delta(x, \sigma^l(y)), \text{ from } G[0, l] \text{ to } G[n_x - 1, n_y + l - 1] \quad (O(n_x n_y \log n_y))$$

9.- Other Issues.

DTW Applied to Cyclic Patterns.





9.- Other Issues.

Beam Search.

- It is not necessary to calculate all the nodes to get the alignment path. Pruning method.
- A limited window is considered at each node.
 - Fixed size k : ($O(nk)$).
 - Variable size according to a predefined threshold. Data dependent.
- Not optimal.
- Works well in practice.



9.- Other Issues.

Approximate String Matching Techniques.

- Associate strings of symbols with another one according to some similarity criteria:
 - Positional Similarity: matched symbols are in the same position.
 - Ordinal Similarity: matched symbols are in the same order.
 - Material Similarity: measure of the strings symbols coincidence degree.
- Node costs 0 or 1.
- $O(nm) \Rightarrow O(sn)$ or $O(n)$.

9.- Other Issues.

DTW Dissimilarity and Metric Properties.

- DTW dissimilarity does not satisfy the properties of a metric (triangle inequality).

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| <p>(i) $\Delta(x, y) \geq 0$, $\Delta(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$ (Always)</p> <p>(ii) $\Delta(x, y) = \Delta(y, x)$ (Depends on Production)</p> <p>(iii) $\Delta(x, y) + \Delta(y, z) \geq \Delta(x, z)$ (NO!)</p> |
|--|

- Therefore, DTW dissimilarity can not be considered a metric.
- In practice, there is “some” satisfaction of such properties.
- A computation reduction can be applied when calculating “distances” between a sequence, and each class prototype.



9.- Other Issues.

High Level DTW.

- DTW is computationally expensive. $O(nm)$.
- Sequence length reduction using higher data abstraction.
 - Polynomial approximation of the data (linear).
 - Symbol approximation.
- Significant computational reduction, depending on abstraction grade.
- Detail loss – Exactitude Degradation.



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10.- Summary.

- Dynamic Time Warping is a technique to align two sequences in order to obtain a dissimilarity measure using non-linear temporal alignment.
- Computational cost $O(nm)$. Dynamic matrix calculation G and path according to dynamic programming principle.
- Local distance measure can be L_1 , L_2 , derivative based, etc.
- Global and local constraints applied to the search.
- Cyclic string matching techniques also available.
- Many applications: Speech processing, string matching, polygonal shapes recognition, etc.



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