Problem Statement



Objective: measure similarities between two temporal sequences.

Idea: Given two sequences, warp them nonlinearly in the time dimension, and calculate an optimal match between them.

Application: speech recognition, signature recognition, shape matching, etc.



(http://cst.tu-plovdiv.bg/bi/DTWimpute/DTWalgorithm.html)

System Infrastructure



Data Collection

General Setting:

- Letters: O ,I, J, L, Z, S, V, T, X, B.
- 10 people, each person writes each letter 10 times.
- Collection frequency: 100Hz

Constraints

- 1. Vertically hold, face towards the phone
- 2. Touch the screen, keep it touched until the end
- 3. Try to keep the phone vertically straight
- 4. Try to write the letter on the same plane as the phone's plane

How to draw the letters

- 1. For B, go down and up and the bumps
- 2. For I, up -> down end.
- 3. For X, Start at the left top corner

Data Preprocessing

- Scaling: Scale ax and ay independently to be inside [-1, 1].
- Sampling: take the average over every n data points.

Distance Metric: For two data points (ax1, ay1) and (ax2, ay2),

$$d = \sqrt{(a_{x1} - a_{x2})^2 + (a_{y1} - a_{y2})^2}$$

For each user's data, and each letter,

- Calculate sum{DTW distances from all other time series} for each time series.
- 2. Remove outliers
 - Calculate the mean and standard deviation of the sums
 - Remove time series *i* if sum_i is 2 standard deviation away from the mean

3. Choose Exemplary points

Select *n* time series with smallest sum of distances from other time series.

Evaluation

- Train on 9 people's data, and test on the remaining person.
- Recall = number of correct predictions / number of air gestures.
- Results when
 - Sample every 10 data points,
 - Number of exemplaries per person per letter = 1
 - Number of Nearest Neighbors (k in kNN) = 1

user1	user2	user3	user4	user5	user6	user7	user8	user9	user10	Average
57%	79%	96%	96%	96%	83%	89%	96%	92%	94%	88%

User1 behaves differently from other users.

Recall vs. Number of Nearest Neighbors (k in kNN)



- In general, performance decreases when k increases.
- We choose **k** = **1** in our system.

Number of exemplary points per person per letter = 1. Sample over every 5 letter.

Recall vs. Number of Exemplary Points



• But, runtime increase proportional to the number of exemplary points

1.4% increase vs. 10 times slower
We choose k = 1



We choose

sample rate of 10

(See runtime comparisons)

Running Time vs. Sample Rate

Runtime per 100 DTWs vs sample rate



In order to decrease the end-toend latency, we choose sample rate = 10

Misclassification rate per letter



Parameters:

- Sample rate = 10
- Number of exemplary points = 1

- K for
$$kNN = 1$$

Sequence Alignments

