# Online Discovery and Maintenance of Time Series Motifs

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### **Time Series Motifs**

• Repeated pattern in a time series



- Utility:
  - Activity/Event discovery
  - Summarization
  - Classification
- Application
  - Data Center Chiller Management (Patnaik, et al. KDD 09)
  - Designing Smart Cane for Elders (Vahdatpour, et al. IJCAI 09)



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## **Online Time Series Motifs**

- Streaming time series
- Sliding window of the recent history
  - What minute long trace repeated in the last hour?



### **Problem Formulation**

### Discovery



### Maintenance

time:1001 time:1002 time:1003 time:1004 time:1005





## Challenge

- A subsequence is a high dimensional point
  The dynamic closest pair of points problem
- Closest pair may change upon every update
- Naïve approach: Do quadratic comparisons.



## Our Approach

- Goal: Algorithm with Linear update time
- Previous method for dynamic closest pair (Eppstein,00)
  - A matrix of all-pair distances is maintained
    - O(w<sup>2</sup>) space required
  - Quad-tree is used to update the matrix
- Maintain a set of neighbors and reverse neighbors for all points
- We do it in  $O(w\sqrt{w})$  space



### Outline

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- Methods
- Evaluation
- Extensions
- Case Studies
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## **Maintaining Motif**

- Smallest nearest neighbor → Closest pair
- Upon insertion
  - Find the nearest neighbor; Needs O(w) comparisons.
- Upon deletion
  - Find the next NN of all the reverse NN



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### Data Structure



### **Observations**

### While inserting

- Updating NN of old points is not necessary
- A point can be removed from the neighbor list if it violates the temporal order









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## **Evaluation**



- Up to 8x speedup from general dynamic closest pair
- **Stable space cost** per point with increasing window size



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### Extension

- Multidimensional Motif
  - Maintain motif in Multiple Synchronous time series
  - Points in one series can have neighbors in others
- Arbitrary Data Rate
  - Load shedding: Skip points if can't handle



## **Case Study 1: Online Compression**

- Replace all the occurrences of a motif by a pointer to that motif.
- For signals with regular repetitions
  - Higher compression rate with less error.





### Case Study 2: Closing The Loop

- Check if a robot closed a loop
- Convert the stream of video frames to stream of color histograms.
- Most similar color histograms are good candidates for loop detection.





## Conclusion

- First attempt to maintain time series motif online
  - Maintains minutes long repetition in hours long sliding window
- Linear update time with less space cost than quad-tree based method

 $-O(w\sqrt{w}) Vs O(w^2)$ 

• Faster than general dynamic closest pair solution





Code and Data: http://www.cs.ucr.edu/~mueen/OnlineMotif

