

# Sub-Sequence-Based Dynamic Time Warping

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**Abstract:** In time series classification the most commonly used approach is  $k$  Nearest Neighbor classification, where  $k = 1$ , coupled with Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) similarity checking. A challenge is that the DTW process is computationally expensive. This paper presents a new approach for speeding-up the DTW process, Sub-Sequence-Based DTW, which offers the additional benefit of improving accuracy. This paper also presents an analysis of the impact of the Sub-Sequence-Based method in terms of efficiency and effectiveness in comparison with standard DTW and the Sakoe-Chiba Band technique.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

A time series is a set of sequentially recorded points where each point references some numerical value; examples include daily stock market prices (Chen and Chen, 2015) or temperature recordings (Byakatonda et al., 2018). Time series analysis is concerned with the acquisition of an application specific understanding of data. A common application domain is the classification of time series according to a predefined set of labels. The most frequently used time series classification technique is the  $k$  Nearest Neighbour ( $k$ NN) technique with  $k = 1$  (1-NN) (Tan et al., 2018; Silva et al., 2018). Alternatives include Decision Trees (Brunello et al., 2019), Artificial Neural Networks and Support Vector Machines (SVM) (Agrawal and Jayaswal, 2019).

When using  $k$ NN time series classification, and many other time series classification techniques, the choice of similarity measure to be used is a significant one. The criteria for selecting the most suitable distance measure depends on the nature of the data (Rakthanmanon et al., 2012). In time series data, to measure the similarity between two time series, Euclidean Distance is commonly used. However, alternatives have been found to be more effective. One of these alternatives is the Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) technique (Silva et al., 2018; Tan et al., 2018; Silva and Batista, 2016). The process of DTW can be described as follows. Given two time series,  $S_1 = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_x]$  and  $S_2 = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_y]$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are the lengths of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  respec-

tively, a distance matrix  $M$  of size  $x \times y$  is dynamically constructed. The value held at each cell in  $M$  is derived by applying a distance calculation to the associated points  $p_i \in S_1$  and  $q_j \in S_2$  using Equation 1, where  $d_{i,j} = |p_i - q_j|$  is the absolute difference between the value  $p_i$  and  $q_j$ . At the end of the process the minimum warping distance ( $wd$ ) will be held at  $m_{x,y}$  which in turn provides a similarity measure. The minimum warping distance is associated with the minimum warping path from  $m_{0,0}$  to  $m_{x,y}$ , which in turn will approximate to the leading diagonal. Note that if  $wd = 0$  the two time series in question will be identical and the minimum warping path will equate to the leading diagonal. DTW offers the additional advantage that the time series being compared do not have to be of the same length, not the case when considering Euclidean distance similarity.

$$m_{i,j} = d_{i,j} + \min\{m_{i-1,j}, m_{i,j-1}, m_{i-1,j-1}\} \quad (1)$$

The computational complexity of DTW is given by  $O(x \times y)$ . One of the challenges of DTW is thus that the time complexity increases exponentially with the size of the time series to be compared, an issue that is compounded in the context of  $k$ NN time series classification which involves many comparisons. One way of addressing this issue is to consider a subset of cells in  $M$  defined by a *warping window*, the cells located near the leading diagonal where a “best” minimum warping path is likely to exist. The nature of the warping window can be predefined or learnt using training data. The first involves the user pre-specifying the dimensions of the warping window and is the most

straight forward; the dimensions are often referred to as *global constraints* (global constraints on the minimum warping path generation process). Examples include the Sakoe-Chiba band (S-C Band) (Sakoe and Chiba, 1978) and the Itakura parallelogram (Itakura, 1975).

Table 1: Symbol Table.

Symbol	Description
$p$ or $q$	A point in a time series described by a single value.
$S$	A time series such that $S = [p_1, p_2, \dots]$ or $S = [q_1, q_2, \dots]$ .
$x$ or $y$	The length of a given time series.
$M$	A distance matrix measuring $x \times y$ .
$m_{i,j}$	The distance value at location $i, j$ in $M$ .
$WP$	A warping path $[w_1, w_2, \dots]$ where $w_i \in M$ .
$wd$	A warping distance derived from $WP$ .
$\ell$	the band width of a warping window (for the Sakoe-Chiba band).
$\alpha$	A warping window such as that generated using the Sakoe-Chiba band.
$s$	A number of sub-sequences into which a given time series is split.
$C$	A set of class labels $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots\}$ .
$D$	A collection of time series $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_r\}$
$r$	The number of time series in $D$ .
$z$	The runtime (secs.) to process a single point $p$ in the context of DTW.

The idea presented in this paper, instead of considering the time series to be compared in their entirety, is to split the time series into  $s$  sub-sequences and to compare the sub-sequences. The time complexity then decreases from  $O(x \times y)$  to  $O(\frac{x \times y}{s})$ . The questions to be answered then are: (i) does this retain an adequate level of accuracy? And (ii) how should  $s$  be defined? This paper explores both these questions in the context of 1-NN classification coupled with standard DTW, and coupled with DTW applied only over a “warping window” (the Sakoe-Chiba band). The presented analysis was conducted using 10 different time series datasets taken from the UEA and UCR (University of East Anglia and University of California Riverside) Time Series Classification Repository (Bagnall et al., 2017).

The rest of this paper is organised as follows. A review of previous work is presented in Section 2. The operation of the proposed Sub-Sequence-Based DTW method is then presented in Section 3 followed by brief a description of  $k$ NN (1NN) time series classification in Section 4. The theoretical computational complexity of the proposed approach is then discussed in Section 5. The evaluation of the proposed approach is presented in Section 6. The paper is concluded in Section 7. For convenience, a symbol table is given in Table 1 listing the symbols used throughout this paper.

## 2 PREVIOUS WORK

This section presents a review of previous work that has been conducted to speed up DTW. Previously proposed techniques have mostly been directed at limit-

ing the number of distance matrix values to be calculated by defining a “warping window”  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha \subseteq M$ . In other words, by placing constraints on the matrix area to be considered when calculating a minimum warping path. These techniques can be categorised as follows:

1. **Predefined:** Techniques where the nature of the warping window is predefined using one or more parameters (global constraints).
2. **Learnt:** Techniques where the nature of the warping window is learnt using training data.

The use of a warping window  $\alpha$  thus defines a constrained area inside the matrix  $M$  for which cell values need to be calculated. In addition, it prevents any pathological alignment by forcing the warping path to remain inside the constrained warping window area.

### 2.1 Predefinition

The simplest mechanism for predefining a warping window is to define a band, of width  $\ell$ , stretching from  $m_{0,0}$  to  $m_{x,y}$  (given two time series  $S_1 = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_x]$  and  $S_2 = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_y]$ ). From the literature the most well-documented example of this approach is the Sakoe-Chiba band (Sakoe and Chiba, 1978), originally introduced and used by the speech analysis community. In (Sakoe and Chiba, 1978) it was suggested that that the value for  $\ell$  defining the band width should be set to 10% of the time series length.

An alternative to using a warping window in the shape of a band is to use a parallelogram thus avoiding unnecessary calculation at the start and end of the warping path. The best-known example of this is the Itakura parallelogram where the warping window  $\alpha$  is defined by two slope constraints (Itakura, 1975). The Sakoe-Chiba band and the Itakura parallelogram are illustrated in Figure 1.

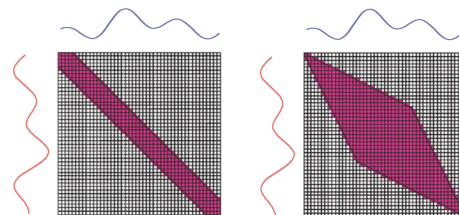


Figure 1: Left: The Sakoe-Chiba band, Right: The Itakura Parallelogram (Niennattrakul and Ratanamahatana, 2009).

### 2.2 Learning

The predefinition of a warping window requires the user to, more-or-less, guess at the required definition of the window; users thus tend to err on the

side of caution. A more accurate way of defining the warping window is to use a machine learning approach, although this requires training data. The idea of learning the nature of the warping window was first proposed in (Niennattrakul and Ratanamahatana, 2009) in the context of time series classification. The idea here was to produce an arbitrarily shaped window. This was defined by considering each class in the training set in turn and identifying the minimum warping path for each pair of time series subscribing to that class. The collected warping paths for each class then defined warping sub-windows which were then merged to define a global warping window. The approach is illustrated in Figure 2 where the training set features three classes (red, blue and green) whose associated warping sub-windows are merged to form a global window.

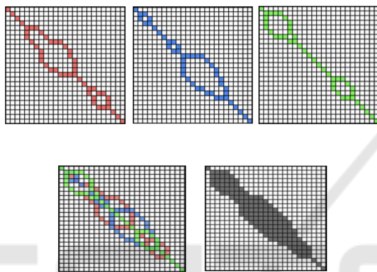


Figure 2: Warping Window learning example using three individual classes (red, blue, green) (Niennattrakul and Ratanamahatana, 2009).

### 3 SUB-SEQUENCE-BASED DTW

In this section the proposed Sub-Sequence-Based DTW mechanism is presented. The proposed process is similar to the fundamental (standard) DTW process; the only difference is the splitting of the time series into sub-sequences. Thus given two time series  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  these are divided into  $s$  sub-sequences so that we have  $S_1 = [U_{1,1}, U_{1,2}, \dots, U_{1,s}]$  and  $S_2 = [U_{2,1}, U_{2,2}, \dots, U_{2,s}]$ . DTW is then applied to each sub-sequence pairing  $U_{1,i}, U_{1,j}$  where  $i = j$ . The final minimum warping distance arrived at will be the accumulated warping distance for all sub-sequences after  $s$  application of DTW. There are two mechanisms whereby  $s$  can be defined:

1. **Fixed Number:** Directly by specifying a value for  $s$ , a number of sub-sequences.
2. **Fixed Length:** In terms of a predefined sub-sequence length  $len$ , such that  $s = \frac{x}{len}$ , where  $x$  is the length of the two time series to be compared (assuming they are of equal length).

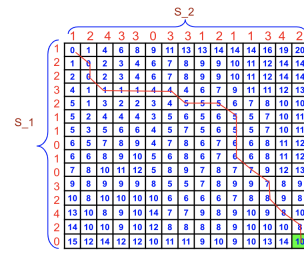


Figure 3: Distance Matrix and Warping Path (red line) for the example time series  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  generated using standard DTW.

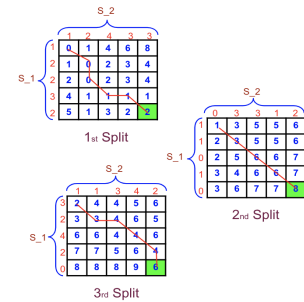


Figure 4: Distance Matrices and Warping Paths (red lines) for the example time series  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  generated using the Sub-Sequence-Based method ( $s = 3$ ).

Considering two time series,  $S_1 = [1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 3, 2, 4, 2, 0]$  and  $S_2 = [1, 2, 4, 3, 3, 0, 3, 3, 1, 2, 1, 1, 3, 4, 2]$ , using standard DTW the matrix  $M$  will measure  $15 \times 15$  (the lengths of the two time series); Figure 3 shows the distance matrix. However; in case of the Sub-Sequence-Based method the first step is to define the number of splits  $s$ . Assuming  $s = 3$  there will be three sub-sequences in each time series,  $S_1 = [U_{1,1}, U_{1,2}, U_{1,3}] = [[1, 2, 2, 3, 2], [1, 1, 0, 1, 0], [3, 2, 4, 2, 0]]$  and  $S_2 = [U_{2,1}, U_{2,2}, U_{2,3}] = [[1, 2, 4, 3, 3], [0, 3, 3, 1, 2], [1, 1, 3, 4, 2]]$ . Figure 4 shows the three resulting distance matrices. Figure 5 shows the resulting distance matrix using a Sakoe-Chiba band warping window when sub-sequence splitting is not used, and Figure 6 when sub-sequence splitting is used, with respect to the same example data. Where the green cell presents the value of the warping distance  $wd$ .

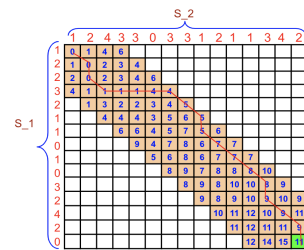


Figure 5: Distance Matrix and Warping Path (red line) for the example time series  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  generated using standard DTW coupled with a Sakoe-Chiba band warping window.

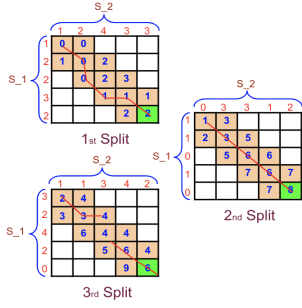


Figure 6: Distance Matrices and Warping Paths (red lines) for the example time series  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  generated using the Sub-Sequence-Based method ( $s = 3$ ) and a Sakoe-Chiba band warping window.

## 4 K-NN TIME SERIES CLASSIFICATION

In time series classification the most appropriate classification technique to be adapted depends on the nature of the data (Rakthanmanon et al., 2012). As noted earlier in this paper,  $k$ -nearest neighbour classification is the most common technique used in time series classification;  $k = 1$  is most frequently used (Silva et al., 2018; Tan et al., 2018; Silva and Batista, 2016).

The fundamental idea of  $k$ NN (1NN) classification is to use pre-labelled data as a data bank (a data repository)  $D$ , comprised of  $r$  examples each associated with a class  $c$  taken from set of class labels  $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots\}$ . A new time series to be labelled is then compared with every time series in  $D$  and the labels associated with the  $k$  most similar time series used to label the new time series. Where  $k > 1$  there is a possibility of conflict, in which case a conflict resolution mechanism, such as voting, is required. Where  $k = 1$  this issue does not arise. Further detail concerning the  $k$ -NN algorithm can be found in (Singh et al., 2016).

## 5 TIME COMPLEXITY

From the foregoing the time complexity for comparing two time series using standard DTW was given by  $O(x \times y)$ . However, in most 1NN applications the time series to be considered are all of the same length, in which case the standard DTW time complexity ( $DTW_{complexityStand}$ ) can be expressed as:

$$DTW_{complexityStand} = O(x^2 \times z) \quad (2)$$

where  $z$  is a constant describing the time complexity

associated with a single cell  $m_{i,j}$  in the distance matrix  $M$ . The time complexity, when standard DTW is combined with the Sakoe-Chiba band warping window ( $DTW_{complexityStand+SC}$ ), using the proposed sub-sequence-based mechanism ( $DTW_{complexitySplit+SC}$ ) and the proposed mechanism with the Sakoe-Chiba band warping window ( $DTW_{complexitySplit+SC}$ ) can be expressed as follows:

$$DTW_{complexityStand+SC} = O\left(x^2 \times \frac{\ell}{100} \times z\right) \quad (3)$$

$$DTW_{complexitySplit} = O\left(\frac{x^2}{s} \times z\right) \quad (4)$$

$$DTW_{complexitySplit+SC} = O\left(\frac{x^2 \times \frac{\ell}{100}}{s} \times z\right) \quad (5)$$

If we have a data repository with  $r$  examples the time complexity to classify a single record using 1NN is given by:

$$O(r \times DTW_{complexity}) \quad (6)$$

If there are  $t$  new time series to be classified ( $t > 1$ ) the complexity is given by:

$$O(r \times DTW_{complexity} \times t) \quad (7)$$

In the case of cross-validation, as presented in the following section, the complexity becomes:

$$O(r \times DTW_{complexity} \times t \times numFolds) \quad (8)$$

When using ten cross validation the data set  $D$  is split into tenths, in which case  $r = \frac{9 \times |D|}{10}$ ,  $t = \frac{|D|}{10}$  and the number of fold will equal 10:

$$O\left(\frac{9 \times |D|}{10} \times DTW_{complexity} \times \frac{|D|}{10} \times 10\right) \quad (9)$$

Which simplifies to:

$$O\left(\frac{9 \times |D|^2}{100} \times DTW_{complexity}\right) \quad (10)$$

## 6 EVALUATION

The evaluation of the proposed Sub-Sequence-Based DTW is presented in this section. The evaluation was conducted using 1NN classification and ten selected datasets from the UEA and UCR Time Series Classification repository (Bagnall et al., 2017). Further detail concerning the data sets used for the experiments is given in Sub-section 6.1 below. Experiments were

Table 2: Time Series Datasets Used for Evaluation Purposes.

ID No.	Dataset	Length (x)	No. records (r)	Size x.r	No. Classes	Type
1	GunPoint	150	200	30000	2	Motion
2	OliveOil	570	60	34200	4	Spectro
3	Trace	275	200	55000	4	Sensor
4	ToeSegment2	343	166	56938	2	Motion
5	Car	577	120	69240	4	Sensor
6	Lightning2	637	121	77077	2	Sensor
7	ShapeletSim	500	200	100000	2	Simulated
8	DiatomSizeRed	345	322	36000	4	Image
9	Adiac	176	781	137456	37	Image
10	HouseTwenty	2000	159	318000	2	Image

conducted using: (i) Standard DTW, the benchmark approach (Standard DTW); (ii) DTW coupled with time series splitting (Subsequence DTW); (iii) Standard DTW coupled with the Sakoe-Chiba band warping window (Standard DTW + SC) and (iv) DTW coupled with time series splitting and the Sakoe-Chiba band warping window (Subsequence DTW + SC). To define the Sakoe-Chiba band,  $\ell = 10\%$  was used as proposed in (Sakoe and Chiba, 1978).

The objectives of the evaluation were:

1. To determine the most suitable mechanism for selecting a value for  $s$  (fixed number or fixed length).
2. To evaluate the run-time advantages gained using the time series Sub-Sequence-Based approach.
3. To determine whether the classification accuracy of the proposed approach was commensurate with that obtained using standard DTW.

The first two are considered in Sub-section 6.2 and the third in Sub-section 6.3. Ten Cross Validation (TCV) was adopted throughout (Roberts et al., 2017). For the experiments, a desktop computer with a 3.5 GHz Intel Core i5 processor and 16 GB, 2400 MHz, DDR4 of primary memory was used. The evaluation metrics collected comprised run time (seconds), and accuracy and the F1-score; the later derived from a confusion matrix (Deng et al., 2016). The values reported later in this section are average values, collected with respect to each “fold” of the TCV, together with standard deviation values to indicate the “spread” of the results obtained.

## 6.1 Data Sets

This section presents a brief overview of the data sets used for the DTW analysis presented in this section. In total ten datasets were downloaded from the UEA

and UCR repository. These were selected so that a mix of datasets was obtained in terms of number of points, number of records, number of classes and the nature (type) of the data sets. An overview of the ten data sets is given in Table 2. Column five,  $x \times r$ , gives an indication of the overall size of each dataset, a measure referenced later in this section. The “Type” of the data set describes the nature of the data set; the terminology used is that used with respect to the UEA and UCR repository (Bagnall et al., 2017). Sensor data is time series data obtained by some form of sensor such as an electric power signal sensor. Motion data is time series data describing some of the body motion. Spectro data is time series data collected using a spectrograph. Image data is time series data collected through some boundary identification process applied as a consequence of image segmentation. Simulated data is artificial time series data generated using some form of simulation.

## 6.2 Selection of the $s$ Parameter

This subsection reports on the experiments conducted to determine the most appropriate mechanism for selecting  $s$ , fixed number or fixed length, and what the most appropriate value for  $s$  should be. The criteria were: (i) a recorded accuracy commensurate with DTW methods without splitting, and (ii) a reduced run time compared to DTW methods without splitting. Experiments were conducted comparing the use of the Sub-Sequence-Based approach coupled with “Standard” DTW and the Sub-Sequence-Based approach coupled with a Sakoe-Chiba band warping window. For the fixed number, experiments a range of values for  $s$  was used from  $s = 1$  to 10 increasing in steps of 1. Note that  $s = 1$  is equivalent to not using splitting at all. For fixed length, a range of sub-sequence size was considered from  $len = 10$  to 50 points increasing in steps of 10 points. The anticipation was that as  $s$  increased runtime would decrease in a corresponding manner, whilst accuracy would remain the same or better in most cases for the higher values of  $s$ .

The run time results are presented in Tables 3 to 6. From the tables it can be seen that, as expected, as  $s$  increased the recorded runtime correspondingly decreased. Figure 7 and 8 show the fixed number of sub-sequences runtime results, taken from Tables 3 and 4, for two selected data sets, “Lightning2” dataset and “ShapeletSim” dataset. In the figures, best results, using the Sub-Sequence-Based approach, are highlighted in green. For completeness, best results without sub-sequencing are also included ( $s = 1$ ).

The accuracy results are given in Tables 7 and 8.

From the tables, it can be seen that the accuracy obtained using a fixed number of sub-sequences was better than the accuracy obtained using fixed length sub-sequences. However, there was no single best value for  $s$ . Therefore, it is suggested that the best value of  $s$  should be learnt using a training data set as in the case of work on learning warping windows (Niennatrukul and Ratanamahatana, 2009).

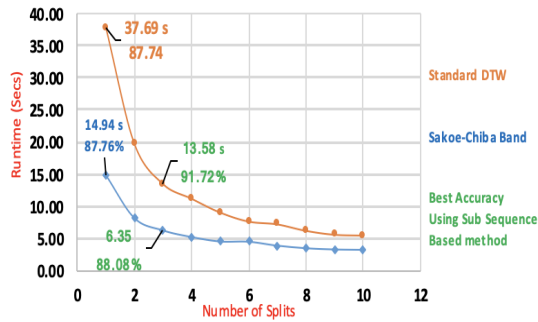


Figure 7: Runtime Results for Lighting2 Dataset.

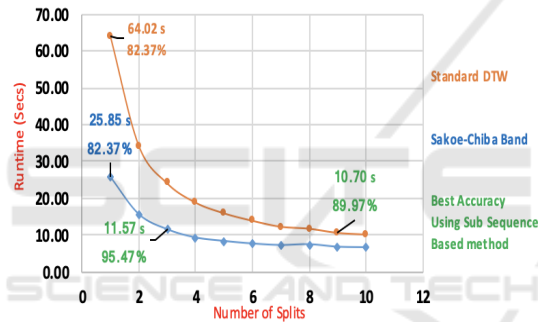


Figure 8: Runtime Results for ShapeletSim Dataset.

Table 3: Recorded runtime (Secs) using fixed number time series sub-sequences, the Standard DTW, and a range of values for  $s$ .

Dataset	$s$				
	1	3	5	7	9
GunPoint	8.11	5.03	4.54	4.38	4.26
OliveOil	8.06	3.28	2.44	1.98	1.7
Trace	18.41	7.33	5.57	4.79	4.91
ToeSegment2	23.81	9.06	6.82	6.18	5.29
Car	32.45	11.37	7.49	6.19	5.12
Lightning2	37.69	13.58	9.18	7.35	5.75
ShapeletSim	64.02	24.13	16.00	12.36	10.7
DiatomSizeRed	77.91	30.83	22.10	18.38	16.87
Adiac	156	74.83	65.94	60.87	58.3
HouseTwenty	727	224	133	93	74.3

### 6.3 Performance Comparison

The performance of the proposed Sub-Sequence-Based method, in terms of accuracy and the F1 measure, compared to standard approaches, is considered in this sub-section. The best results are presented in

Table 4: Recorded runtime (Secs) using fixed number time series sub-sequences, the Sakoe-Chiba band, and a range of values for  $s$ .

Dataset	$s$				
	1	3	5	7	9
GunPoint	5.51	3.72	4.56	4.30	4.11
OliveOil	4.03	1.98	1.52	1.40	1.25
Trace	8.18	4.65	4.25	3.96	3.78
ToeSegment2	10.1	5.13	4.66	4.31	4.14
Car	13.67	5.5	4.25	3.50	3.20
Lightning2	14.94	6.35	4.63	3.98	3.39
ShapeletSim	25.85	11.57	8.37	7.47	6.79
DiatomSizeRed	34.21	17.11	13.52	13.37	12.21
Adiac	83.58	55.34	52.65	51.93	51.41
HouseTwenty	328.21	84.26	49.94	37.36	29.76

Table 5: Recorded runtime (Secs) using fixed length time series sub-sequences, the standard DTW, and a range of values for  $len$  ( $s = \frac{x}{len}$ ).

Dataset Name	$len$				
	10	20	30	40	50
GunPoint	7.26	6.94	6.92	6.74	6.56
OliveOil	1.96	1.90	1.81	1.81	1.77
Trace	7.27	7.19	7.12	6.76	6.58
ToeSegment2	7.90	7.63	7.58	7.52	7.03
Car	5.04	4.72	4.72	4.41	4.25
Lightning2	5.83	5.49	5.48	5.26	4.92
ShapeletSim	13.41	12.31	12.25	11.96	11.71
DiatomSizeRed	24.25	22.33	21.29	21.04	19.72
Adiac	101.00	98.71	98.32	96.55	91.99
HouseTwenty	22.65	20.43	19.47	17.03	16.57

Table 6: Recorded runtime (Secs) using fixed length time series sub-sequences, the Sakoe-Chiba band, and a range of values for  $len$  ( $s = \frac{x}{len}$ ).

Dataset Name	$length$				
	10	20	30	40	50
GunPoint	7.75	7.36	6.37	6.28	6.10
OliveOil	2.63	1.85	1.64	1.57	1.56
Trace	6.8	5.93	5.78	5.53	5.47
ToeSegment2	7.11	6.57	6.00	5.87	5.77
Car	4.55	3.82	3.75	3.69	3.62
Lightning2	5.71	4.33	4.16	4.12	4.08
ShapeletSim	11.45	9.81	9.17	9.46	9.05
DiatomSizeRed	20.44	18.48	17.81	16.87	16.54
Adiac	96.06	89.89	85.01	84.77	83.77
HouseTwenty	18.64	13.18	12.92	12.34	12.11

Table 7 and 8, and included the  $s$  values that produced the best results. The figures in parenthesis are the standard deviations recorded after averaging over the ten folds of the TCV. From the table it can be seen that the performance using the proposed splitting method is not adversely affected; in some cases, the performance improves. Where the performance is

Table 7: Fixed Number: Best accuracy and F1 results, overall best accuracies and F1 values highlighted in bold font.

ID #	Dataset	Benchmark Standard DTW		#s	Splitting Standard DTW		DTW Using the S-C Band $\ell = 10\%$		#s	Splitting the S-C Band $\ell = 10\%$	
		Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)		Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)	Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)		Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)
1	GunPoint	93.97 (0.04)	0.94 (0.05)	4, 7, 8, 10	<b>99.00</b> ( <b>0.02</b> )	0.99 (0.02)	97.47 (0.02)	0.98 (0.03)	4	<b>100</b> ( <b>0.00</b> )	1.00 (0.00)
2	OliveOil	89.52 (0.15)	0.88 (0.16)	4, 8, 10	<b>90.95</b> ( <b>0.16</b> )	0.91 (0.16)	98.50 (0.15)	0.89 (0.16)	4, 7, 8, 9, 10	<b>90.95</b> ( <b>0.13</b> )	0.90 (0.14)
3	Trace	<b>99.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.99 (0.03)	2	<b>99.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.99 (0.03)	<b>99.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.99 (0.03)	2	98.50 (0.05)	0.99 (0.05)
4	ToeSegment	89.07 (0.09)	00.88 (0.10)	7	<b>93.33</b> ( <b>0.05</b> )	0.93 (0.05)	92.71 (0.06)	0.92 (0.07)	3	<b>92.23</b> ( <b>0.04</b> )	0.92 (0.04)
5	Car	80.83 (0.07)	0.80 (0.09)	5	<b>82.50</b> ( <b>0.07</b> )	0.82 (0.09)	81.67 (0.07)	0.81 (0.08)	10	<b>83.33</b> ( <b>0.11</b> )	0.82 (0.13)
6	Lighting2	87.74 (0.09)	0.87 (0.08)	3	<b>91.72</b> ( <b>0.05</b> )	0.91 (0.06)	87.76 (0.08)	0.87 (0.09)	3	<b>88.08</b> ( <b>0.09</b> )	0.88 (0.10)
7	DiatomSizeReduct	99.36 (0.01)	0.99 (0.01)	3, 6 - 10	<b>100</b> ( <b>0.00</b> )	1.00 (0.00)	99.69 (0.01)	0.99 (0.01)	2 - 10	<b>100</b> ( <b>0.00</b> )	1.00 (0.00)
8	ShapeletSim	82.37 (0.09)	0.81 (0.11)	9	<b>89.97</b> ( <b>0.06</b> )	0.90 (0.06)	82.37 (0.11)	0.82 (0.11)	4	<b>95.47</b> ( <b>0.04</b> )	0.96 (0.04)
9	Adiac	64.63 (0.03)	0.62 (0.04)	7	<b>65.74</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.63 (0.03)	64.63 (0.03)	0.62 (0.04)	7	<b>65.89</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.63 (0.03)
10	HouseTwenty	<b>95.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.95 (0.05)	2	<b>95.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.95 (0.05)	93.08 (0.05)	0.93 (0.05)	10	<b>93.71</b> ( <b>0.04</b> )	0.93 (0.05)

Table 8: Fixed Length: Best accuracy and F1 results, overall best accuracies and F1 values highlighted in bold font.

ID #	Dataset Name	Benchmark Standard DTW		Size	Splitting Standard DTW		DTW Using the S-C Band $\ell = 10\%$		Size	Splitting the S-C Band $\ell = 10\%$	
		Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)		Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)	Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)		Acc (SD)	F1 (SD)
1	GunPoint	93.97 (0.04)	0.94 (0.05)	40	<b>99.47</b> ( <b>0.02</b> )	0.99 (0.02)	97.47 (0.02)	0.98 (0.03)	20	<b>99.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.99 (0.03)
2	Olive Oil	89.52 (0.15)	0.88 (0.16)	10 - 50	<b>90.95</b> ( <b>0.16</b> )	0.91 (0.16)	98.50 (0.15)	0.89 (0.16)	10, 30 - 50	<b>90.95</b> ( <b>0.13</b> )	0.90 (0.14)
3	Trace	<b>99.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.99 (0.03)	4, 50	97.50 (0.03)	0.98 (0.04)	<b>99.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.99 (0.03)	50	96.00 (0.06)	0.96 (0.07)
4	Toe Segment	89.07 (0.09)	00.88 (0.10)	50	<b>92.75</b> ( <b>0.06</b> )	0.92 (0.06)	92.71 (0.06)	0.92 (0.07)	50	<b>90.46</b> ( <b>0.06</b> )	0.90 (0.07)
5	Car	80.83 (0.07)	0.80 (0.09)	40	<b>83.33</b> ( <b>0.10</b> )	0.82 (0.11)	81.67 (0.07)	0.81 (0.08)	40	<b>83.33</b> ( <b>0.09</b> )	0.82 (0.10)
6	Lighting2	<b>87.74</b> ( <b>0.09</b> )	0.87 (0.08)	10	83.30 (0.06)	0.83 (0.06)	<b>87.76</b> ( <b>0.08</b> )	0.87 (0.09)	20	84.07 (0.08)	0.88 (0.10)
7	DiatomSize Reduct	99.36 (0.01)	0.99 (0.01)	10 - 50	<b>100</b> ( <b>0.00</b> )	1.00 (0.00)	99.69 (0.01)	0.99 (0.01)	10 - 50	<b>100</b> ( <b>0.00</b> )	1.00 (0.00)
8	ShapeletSim	82.37 (0.09)	0.81 (0.11)	40	<b>89.97</b> ( <b>0.06</b> )	0.90 (0.06)	82.37 (0.11)	0.82 (0.11)	40	<b>89.42</b> ( <b>0.08</b> )	0.89 (0.08)
9	Adiac	64.63 (0.03)	0.62 (0.04)	10	<b>65.51</b> ( <b>0.04</b> )	0.63 (0.04)	64.63 (0.03)	0.62 (0.04)	50	<b>65.17</b> ( <b>0.06</b> )	0.62 (0.07)
10	HouseTwenty	<b>95.00</b> ( <b>0.03</b> )	0.95 (0.05)	10	93.71 (0.06)	0.94 (0.06)	<b>93.08</b> ( <b>0.05</b> )	0.93 (0.05)	50	93.04 (0.05)	0.93 (0.06)

improved, it is conjectured that this is because the effect of noise is reduced when using splitting. The results highlight the issue of selecting the best number of splits, as noted earlier, there is no single best value for  $s$ . In some cases, there is a range of values for  $s$  that give the same accuracy and F1 score (GunPoint and OliveOil).

## 7 CONCLUSION

In this paper, a novel technique (known as Sub-Sequence-Based DTW) to speed-up runtime of DTW has been proposed. An analysis of the runtime complexity and accuracy of DTW using the Sub-Sequence-Based method was presented. The analysis was conducted with ten time series datasets using the  $k$ NN classification technique with  $k = 1$ . Different numbers of splits (sub-sequences), defined using the parameter  $s$  were considered. A comparison between the Sub-Sequence-Based approach and Standard DTW and Standard DTW coupled with the Sakoe-Chiba Band was also presented. The recorded evaluation results indicated that the DTW runtime using the Sub-Sequence-Based approach decreases as the number of splits increased. The effect of  $s$  on accuracy depends on the nature of the data, therefore it is suggested that selecting the most appropriate value for  $s$  should be conducted using training data. It should also be noted that the Sub-Sequence-Based approach can be applied in any technique founded on the use of DTW where time series are compared.

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