

Appendix

A Algorithms

We begin by recalling the algorithms derived by [Mensch and Blondel \(2018\)](#) for computing the value, gradient, directional derivative and Hessian product of $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ in $O(mn)$ time and space. The lines in light gray indicate values that must be set in order to handle edge cases. The Gibbs distribution (5) is equivalent to a random walk (finite Markov chain) on the directed acyclic graph pictured in Figure 1. The matrix $\mathbf{P} \in (0, 1]^{m \times n \times 3}$ computed in Algorithm 1 contains the transition probabilities for this random walk. Although modern automatic differentiation frameworks can in principle derive Algorithms 2–4 automatically from the first output of Algorithm 1, these frameworks are typically not well suited for tight loops operating over triplets of values, such as the ones in Algorithm 1. We argue that a manual implementation of the algorithms below is more efficient on CPU. The algorithms also play an important role to compute $\text{SHARP}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ and $\text{MEAN_COST}(\mathbf{C})$, as we describe later.

Algorithm 1 Soft-DTW value and transition probabilities

Input: Cost matrix $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\gamma \geq 0$
 $V_{:,0} \leftarrow \infty$, $V_{0,:} \leftarrow \infty$, $V_{0,0} \leftarrow 0$
for $i \in [1, \dots, m]$, $j \in [1, \dots, n]$ **do**
 $V_{i,j} \leftarrow C_{i,j} + \min_\gamma(V_{i,j-1}, V_{i-1,j-1}, V_{i-1,j}) \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\mathbf{P}_{i,j} \leftarrow \nabla \min_\gamma(V_{i,j-1}, V_{i-1,j-1}, V_{i-1,j}) \in \Delta^3$
Return: $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) = V_{m,n} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{P} \in (0, 1]^{m \times n \times 3}$

Algorithm 2 Soft-DTW gradient (expected alignment)

Input: $\mathbf{P} \in (0, 1]^{m \times n \times 3}$ (Algorithm 1 or Algorithm 5)
 $E_{m+1,:} \leftarrow 0$, $E_{:,n+1} \leftarrow 0$, $E_{m+1,n+1} \leftarrow 1$, $\mathbf{P}_{m+1,:} \leftarrow (0, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{P}_{:,n+1} \leftarrow (0, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{P}_{m+1,n+1} \leftarrow (0, 1, 0)$
for $j \in [n, \dots, 1]$, $i \in [m, \dots, 1]$ **do**
 $E_{i,j} \leftarrow P_{i,j+1,1} \cdot E_{i,j+1} + P_{i+1,j+1,2} \cdot E_{i+1,j+1} + P_{i+1,j,3} \cdot E_{i+1,j}$
Return: $\nabla_{\mathbf{C}} \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{E} \in (0, 1]^{m \times n}$

Algorithm 3 Soft-DTW directional derivative in the direction of \mathbf{Z} and intermediate computations

Input: $\mathbf{P} \in (0, 1]^{m \times n \times 3}$ (Algorithm 1 or Algorithm 5), $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
 $\dot{V}_{:,0} \leftarrow 0$, $\dot{V}_{0,:} \leftarrow 0$
for $i \in [1, \dots, m]$, $j \in [1, \dots, n]$ **do**
 $\dot{V}_{i,j} \leftarrow Z_{i,j} + P_{i,j,1} \cdot \dot{V}_{i,j-1} + P_{i,j,2} \cdot \dot{V}_{i-1,j-1} + P_{i,j,3} \cdot \dot{V}_{i-1,j}$
Return: $\langle \nabla_{\mathbf{C}} \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{Z} \rangle = \dot{V}_{m,n} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\dot{\mathbf{V}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Algorithm 4 Soft-DTW Hessian product

Input: $\mathbf{P} \in (0, 1]^{m \times n \times 3}$ (Algorithm 1), $\dot{\mathbf{V}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ (Algorithm 3), $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
 $\dot{E}_{m+1,:} \leftarrow 0$, $\dot{E}_{:,n+1} \leftarrow 0$, $\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{m+1,:} \leftarrow (0, 0, 0)$, $\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{:,n+1} \leftarrow (0, 0, 0)$
for $j \in [n, \dots, 1]$, $i \in [m, \dots, 1]$ **do**
 $s \leftarrow P_{i,j,1} \cdot \dot{V}_{i,j-1} + P_{i,j,2} \cdot \dot{V}_{i-1,j-1} + P_{i,j,3} \cdot \dot{V}_{i-1,j}$
 $\dot{P}_{i,j,1} \leftarrow P_{i,j,1} \cdot (s - \dot{V}_{i,j-1})$, $\dot{P}_{i,j,2} \leftarrow P_{i,j,2} \cdot (s - \dot{V}_{i-1,j-1})$, $\dot{P}_{i,j,3} \leftarrow P_{i,j,3} \cdot (s - \dot{V}_{i-1,j})$
 $\dot{E}_{i,j} \leftarrow \dot{P}_{i,j+1,1} \cdot E_{i,j+1} + P_{i,j+1,1} \cdot \dot{E}_{i,j+1} + \dot{P}_{i+1,j+1,2} \cdot E_{i+1,j+1} + P_{i+1,j+1,2} \cdot \dot{E}_{i+1,j+1} +$
 $\dot{P}_{i+1,j,3} \cdot E_{i+1,j} + P_{i+1,j,3} \cdot \dot{E}_{i+1,j}$
Return: $\nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) \mathbf{Z} = \dot{\mathbf{E}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Since $\text{SHARP}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ is the directional derivative of $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ in the direction of \mathbf{C} , we can compute it using Algorithm 3 with \mathbf{P} coming from Algorithm 1 and $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{C}$. The gradient of $\text{SHARP}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ w.r.t. \mathbf{C} , see (15), involves the product with the Hessian of $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ and can be computed using Algorithm 4, again with $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{C}$.

We continue with an algorithm to compute $\text{MEAN_COST}(\mathbf{C})$. This algorithm is new to our knowledge. We start by a known recursion for computing the cardinality $|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|$ (Sulanke, 2003). The key modification we make is to build a transition probability matrix \mathbf{P} along the way, mirroring Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 5 Cardinality $|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|$ and transition probabilities

Input: Cost matrix $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$V_{:,0} \leftarrow 0, V_{0,:} \leftarrow 0, V_{0,0} \leftarrow 1$

for $i \in [1, \dots, m], j \in [1, \dots, n]$ **do**

$V_{i,j} \leftarrow V_{i,j-1} + V_{i-1,j-1} + V_{i-1,j}$

$P_{i,j,1} \leftarrow V_{i,j-1}/V_{i,j}, P_{i,j,2} \leftarrow V_{i-1,j-1}/V_{i,j}, P_{i,j,3} \leftarrow V_{i-1,j}/V_{i,j}$.

Return: $|\mathcal{A}(m, n)| = V_{m,n} \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{P} \in (0, 1]^{m \times n \times 3}$

This modification allows us to reuse previous algorithms. Indeed, we can now compute $\text{MEAN_COST}(\mathbf{C})$ by using Algorithm 3 with the above \mathbf{P} and $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{C}$ as inputs. Alternatively, we can use Algorithm 2 to compute $\mathbf{E} = \mathbb{E}[A]$, where A is uniformly distributed over $\mathcal{A}(m, n)$, to then obtain $\text{MEAN_COST}(\mathbf{C}) = \langle \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$. Note that \mathbf{E} is also the gradient of $\text{MEAN_COST}(\mathbf{C})$ w.r.t. \mathbf{C} .

To summarize, we have described algorithms for computing $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$, $\text{SHARP}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ and $\text{MEAN_COST}(\mathbf{C})$ in $O(mn)$ time and space. These, in turn, can be used to compute $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ (soft-DTW divergence), $S_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ (sharp divergence) and $M^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ (mean-cost divergence) in $O(\max\{m, n\}^2)$ time.

B Proofs

B.1 Sensitivity analysis w.r.t. γ

Proposition 6. *Derivatives w.r.t. γ*

We have for all $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$\frac{\partial \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})}{\partial \gamma} = -H(\mathbf{p}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})}{\partial \gamma^2} = \frac{1}{\gamma^3} \langle \mathbf{C}, \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) \mathbf{C} \rangle \leq 0.$$

Proof. Recalling that $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) = \gamma \text{SDTW}_1(\mathbf{C}/\gamma)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})}{\partial \gamma} &= \text{SDTW}_1(\mathbf{C}/\gamma) - \frac{1}{\gamma} \langle \mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{C}/\gamma), \mathbf{C} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma} \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{\gamma} \langle \mathbf{E}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{C} \rangle \\ &= -H(\mathbf{p}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we used (13) and the fact that H is non-negative over the simplex. Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})}{\partial \gamma^2} &= -\frac{1}{\gamma^2} \langle \mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{C}/\gamma), \mathbf{C} \rangle + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \langle \mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{C}/\gamma), \mathbf{C} \rangle + \frac{1}{\gamma^3} \langle \mathbf{C}, \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_1(\mathbf{C}/\gamma) \mathbf{C} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma^3} \langle \mathbf{C}, \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) \mathbf{C} \rangle \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the concavity of SDTW_γ w.r.t. \mathbf{C} . □

B.2 Product with the Jacobian of the squared Euclidean cost

For the squared Euclidean cost (1), we have

$$C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{diag}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top) \mathbf{1}_n^\top + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{1}_m \text{diag}(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^\top)^\top - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

where $\text{diag}(\mathbf{M})$ is a vector containing the diagonal elements of \mathbf{M} . With some abuse of notation, we denote

$$C(\mathbf{X}) := C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}.$$

Product with the Jacobian transpose (“VJP”). For fixed $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$, we have for all $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$[(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^\top \mathbf{E}]_{i,k} = \sum_{j=1}^n e_{i,j} (x_{i,k} - y_{j,k}) \quad i \in [m], k \in [d] \quad (18)$$

or equivalently

$$(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^\top \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{X} \circ (\mathbf{E} \mathbf{1}_{n \times d}) - \mathbf{E} \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d},$$

where \circ denotes the Hadamard product. Similarly, we have for all $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

$$[(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}))^\top \mathbf{E}]_{i,k} = \sum_{j=1}^n (e_{i,j} + e_{j,i}) (x_{i,k} - x_{j,k}) \quad i \in [m], k \in [d] \quad (19)$$

or equivalently

$$(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}))^\top \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{X} \circ ((\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{E}^\top) \mathbf{1}_{m \times d}) - (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{E}^\top) \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}.$$

If \mathbf{E} is symmetric, we therefore have at $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$

$$(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}))^\top \mathbf{E} = 2(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^\top \mathbf{E}. \quad (20)$$

Product with the Jacobian (“JVP”). For fixed \mathbf{Y} , we have for all $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$

$$[J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z}]_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^d z_{i,k} (x_{i,k} - y_{j,k}) \quad i \in [m], j \in [n]$$

or equivalently

$$J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}^\top) \mathbf{1}_n^\top - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Y}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}.$$

Similarly, we have for all $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$

$$[J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z}]_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^d (z_{i,k} - z_{j,k}) (x_{i,k} - x_{j,k}) \quad i \in [m], j \in [m]$$

or equivalently

$$J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}^\top) \mathbf{1}_m^\top + \mathbf{1}_m \text{diag}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{X}^\top)^\top - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{X}^\top - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}.$$

We therefore have at $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$

$$J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z} = J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z} + (J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z})^\top, \quad (21)$$

i.e., $J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z}$ is the symmetrization of $J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z}$.

B.3 Proof of Proposition 2 (limitations of sdtw_γ)

We assume assumptions A.1-A.3 hold.

1. The fact that $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) \xrightarrow{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} -\infty$ follows from (13). From Proposition 6, for all $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ is concave w.r.t. γ and non-increasing on $[0, \infty)$. Since $\text{DTW}(\mathbf{C}) \geq 0$ and $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) \xrightarrow{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} -\infty$, from the intermediate value theorem, there exists $\gamma_0 \in [0, \infty)$ such that $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C}) \leq 0$ for all $\gamma \geq \gamma_0$.
2. If the cost C satisfies assumption A.2, then for any $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ the diagonal alignment $I_m \in \mathcal{A}(m, m)$ satisfies $\langle I_m, C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^m [C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})]_{i,i} = 0$. Therefore, $\text{DTW}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})) = 0$. Using the fact that $\gamma \mapsto \text{SDTW}_\gamma(\mathbf{C})$ is non-increasing on $\gamma \in [0, \infty)$, we obtain $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})) \leq 0$ for all $\gamma \in [0, \infty)$.
3. If the minimum of $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))$ is achieved at $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$, then the gradient (9) should be equal to $\mathbf{0}_{m \times d}$ or put differently, $\mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))$ should be in the nullspace of $(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^\top$. For the squared Euclidean cost, from (18), a matrix $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is in the nullspace of $(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^\top$ if for all $i \in [m], k \in [d]$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n e_{i,j} (x_{i,k} - y_{j,k}) = 0.$$

Since $e_{i,j} > 0$, this is equivalent to

$$x_{i,k} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n e_{i,j} y_{j,k}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e_{i,j}} \neq y_{i,k}.$$

B.4 Proof of Proposition 3 (valid divergence)

Positivity with the log-augmented squared Euclidean cost. The fact that (10) is positive definite (p.d.) under the cost (11) was proved by [Cuturi et al. \(2007\)](#). More precisely, in their Theorem 1, the authors show that the kernel $K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \exp(-\text{SDTW}_1(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})/\gamma)$ is positive definite if the kernel $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \exp(-c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))$ is such that $\tilde{k} := \frac{k}{1+k}$ is positive definite. In particular, setting

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2/2)}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2/2)} = \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2/2)}{2 - \exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2/2)}$$

ensures that $\tilde{k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2/2)$ is positive definite, and therefore so is K_γ^C . The associated cost is then, for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = -\log(k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) = \frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2}{2} + \log\left(2 - \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2}{2}\right)\right),$$

which is exactly the cost (11). Using this cost, the fact that the kernel K_γ^C is positive definite implies that the Gram matrix

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) & K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \\ K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}) & K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}) \end{bmatrix}$$

is positive semi-definite (p.s.d.), i.e., its determinant is non-negative. Using (10), we obtain using the cost (11)

$$\det(\mathbf{K}) = K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}) - K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \geq 0,$$

which proves the non-negativity of D_γ^C . We are now going to prove the converse, i.e., the fact that if $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0$ then $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$. First notice from the previous equation that if $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0$ then $\det(\mathbf{K}) = 0$, i.e., \mathbf{K} is of rank at most 1 (\mathbf{K} is a 2×2 matrix). [Cuturi et al. \(2007\)](#) showed that when \tilde{k} is a positive definite kernel, then

$$\mathbf{K} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{K}_i, \tag{22}$$

where, for any $i \geq 1$, \mathbf{K}_i is the p.s.d. Gram matrix of the positive definite kernel K_i given by:

$$K_i(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}(i,n)} \sum_{\mathbf{B} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}(i,m)} \prod_{j=1}^i \tilde{k}([\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}]_j, [\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y}]_j),$$

where $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}(u, v) \subset \mathcal{A}(u, v)$ is the set of path matrices that only use the \downarrow and \searrow moves. In other words, K_i compares \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} by first “extending” them to length i by repeating some entries (corresponding to the $i \times d$ sequences \mathbf{AX} and \mathbf{BY}), and then comparing each of the i terms of \mathbf{AX} with the corresponding term in \mathbf{BY} with \tilde{k} . When \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} have the same length ($m = n$), we notice that $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}(n, n)$ is reduced to the identity matrix (there is a single way to “extend” \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} to length n , which is not to repeat any entry), and therefore:

$$K_n(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \prod_{j=1}^n \tilde{k}([\mathbf{X}]_j, [\mathbf{Y}]_j).$$

This shows in particular that $K_n(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = K_n(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{1}{2^n}$ and $K_n(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) < \frac{1}{2^n}$ if and only if $\mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{Y}$ (because $\tilde{k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) < 1/2$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$). In particular, \mathbf{K}_n has rank 2 if and only if $\mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{Y}$. Since by (22) $\text{rank}(\mathbf{K}) \geq \max_i \text{rank}(\mathbf{K}_i)$, this shows that $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0 \implies \text{rank}(\mathbf{K}) < 2 \implies \text{rank}(\mathbf{K}_n) < 2 \implies \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$. When \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} do not have the same length, on the other hand (assuming without loss of generality $m < n$), then $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}(m, n) = \emptyset$ which gives $K_m(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2^m}$ and $K_m(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = K_m(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0$, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{K}_m = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2^m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

showing that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{K}_m) = 1$ and $\ker(\mathbf{K}_m) = \text{span}\{(0, 1)^\top\}$. Similarly,

$$\mathbf{K}_n = \begin{bmatrix} > 0 & > 0 \\ > 0 & 1/2^n \end{bmatrix},$$

showing that $\mathbf{K}_n \times (0, 1)^\top \neq 0$ and therefore $\ker(\mathbf{K}_m) \cap \ker(\mathbf{K}_n) = \{0\}$. By (22), $\ker(\mathbf{K}) \subset \ker(\mathbf{K}_m) \cap \ker(\mathbf{K}_n)$, and therefore $\ker(\mathbf{K}) = \{0\}$. In other words, when \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} do not have the same length (which implies in particular that $\mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{Y}$), then $\det(\mathbf{K}) > 0$ and therefore $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) > 0$. This finishes to prove that $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$.

Positivity with absolute value cost. We now consider the absolute value on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$c(x, y) = |x - y|,$$

and show that K_γ^C is positive definite for this cost. The corresponding kernel is

$$k(x, y) = \exp(-c(x, y)) = \exp(-|x - y|),$$

namely the Laplacian kernel. Following the paragraph above, we show that $\tilde{k} = \frac{k}{1+k}$ is p.d. We first note that \tilde{k} is translation invariant and rewrites $\tilde{k}(x, y) = f(x - y)$, where

$$f(w) := \frac{1}{1 + \exp(|w|)}.$$

From Bochner’s theorem, the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is p.d. (i.e. \tilde{k} is p.d.) if and only if it is the Fourier transform of a positive measure. Since f is integrable and square integrable, it suffices to study the sign of its Fourier transform. For all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[f](\omega) &:= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i\omega x}}{1 + e^{|x|}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{e^{-i\omega x}}{1 + e^{-x}} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i\omega x}}{1 + e^x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i\omega x}}{1 + e^x} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega x}}{1 + e^x} dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos(\omega x)}{1 + e^x} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\omega} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos(x)}{1 + e^{x/\omega}} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\omega} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos(x)}{1 + e^{x/\omega + 2k\pi/\omega}} dx \\ &:= \frac{2}{\omega} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} a_k. \end{aligned}$$

Let us further decompose the sequence $(a_k)_{k=0}^\infty$ by splitting the integral into four parts and using the periodicity of the cosine function. For all $k \geq 0$,

$$a_k = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(x) \left(\sigma_k(x) + \sigma_k(2\pi - x) - \sigma_k(\pi + x) - \sigma_k(\pi - x) \right) dx := \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(x) f_k(x) dx$$

where $\sigma_k(x) := \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{1}{2k\pi+x}}}$. Note that σ_k is convex, so that its derivative σ'_k is increasing on \mathbb{R} . Therefore, for all $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, we have $\sigma'_k(x) \leq \sigma'_k(\pi - x)$ and $\sigma'_k(\pi + x) \leq \sigma'_k(2\pi - x)$. Hence, for all $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, $f'_k(x) \leq 0$, which implies $f_k(x) \geq f_k(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$. We conclude that $\mathcal{F}[f] \geq 0$ on \mathbb{R} , and therefore $\tilde{k} = \frac{k}{1+k}$ is p.d. Theorem 1 of [Cuturi et al. \(2007\)](#) ensures that K_γ^C is positive definite, so that D_γ^C is non-negative. To prove that $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$, we proceed exactly as for the log-augmented squared Euclidean cost.

B.5 Numerical verifications for the squared Euclidean cost case

Numerical evidence of the positive definiteness of K_γ^C . We conjecture that K_γ^C is positive definite when C is the squared Euclidean cost (1). This is evidenced by the following numerical experiment. Given M time series $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_M$, we can form the $M \times M$ Gram matrix defined by

$$[\mathbf{K}]_{i,j} = K_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) \quad i, j \in [M].$$

If K_γ^C were not positive definite, the following minimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_M, \mathbf{v}} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}$$

would give negative values. We solved this non-convex optimization problem for different values of M using L-BFGS, and could never find negative values. The positive definiteness of K_γ^C would imply the non-negativity of D_γ^C using the squared Euclidean cost.

Disproving a conjecture. [Cuturi et al. \(2007\)](#) notice that the Gaussian kernel $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2/2)$ is such that $\frac{k}{1+k}$ empirically yields positive semidefinite Gram matrices, and leave open the question of whether $\frac{k}{1+k}$ is indeed a p.d. kernel, which would prove that K_γ^C is p.d. as well (cf. Appendix B.4). We rigorously derive a counter-example showing that this is not the case. The kernel $\tilde{k} = \frac{k}{1+k}$ is translation invariant and rewrites

$$\tilde{k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{where} \quad f(\mathbf{t}) := \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{t}\|^2/2)}{1 + \exp(-\|\mathbf{t}\|^2)}.$$

From Bochner's theorem, the function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is p.d. if and only if it is the Fourier transform of a positive measure. Since f is integrable and square integrable, it suffices to study the sign of its Fourier transform. For that purpose, let us rewrite f as a power series:

$$\forall \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \quad f(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{t}\|^2}{2}}}{1 + e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{t}\|^2}{2}}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} e^{-\frac{n\|\mathbf{t}\|^2}{2}}.$$

The convergence is absolute since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{n\|\mathbf{t}\|^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\|\mathbf{t}\|^2}{2}} - 1} < \infty.$$

Moreover, this function is integrable. By the theorem of dominated convergence, the Fourier transform of f ,

$$\mathcal{F}[f](\boldsymbol{\omega}) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{x}) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{x},$$

is equal to a converging series of Fourier transforms:

$$\mathcal{F}[f](\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \mathcal{F} \left[e^{-\frac{n\|\cdot\|^2}{2}} \right] (\boldsymbol{\omega}).$$

It is well-known that, for any $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$,

$$\mathcal{F}\left[e^{-a\|\cdot\|^2}\right](\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2}{4a}},$$

which gives with $a = \frac{n}{2}$

$$\mathcal{F}[f](\boldsymbol{\omega}) = (\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2}{2n}}.$$

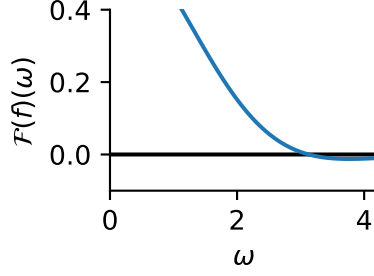


Figure 5: Fourier transform of $\tilde{k} = \frac{k}{1+k}$ when k is the Gaussian kernel. The Fourier transform can be negative.

We may thus compute approximately the coefficients $\mathcal{F}[f](\boldsymbol{\omega})$ for all $\boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. In dimension $d = 1$, truncating the series at $N = 10^6$, we obtain the curve presented in Figure 5, and observe negative coefficients. To ensure that the infinite sum is negative, we now bound the residual when we truncate the sum at $2N$ (for $d = 1$):

$$\begin{aligned} R_N(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=2N+1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2}{2n}} \\ &= \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2}{2(2n+1)}}}{\sqrt{2n+1}} - \frac{e^{-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2}{2(2n+2)}}}{\sqrt{2n+2}} \right] \\ &\leq \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2}{2(2n+2)}}}{\sqrt{2n+1}} - \frac{e^{-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2}{2(2n+2)}}}{\sqrt{2n+2}} \right] \\ &\leq \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+2}} \right] \\ &= \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2n+2}} \right] \\ &\leq \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}(2n+2)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \int_{N-1}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2(N-1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

For $N = 10^6$, this gives $R_N(\boldsymbol{\omega}) < 2 \times 10^{-3}$. We observed numerically some values strictly smaller than -2×10^{-3} for the truncation at $N = 10^6$ of the series: in particular, $\mathcal{F}[f](2.65) = -0.012$, which implies that the infinite sum is negative. We therefore conclude that $\frac{k}{k+1}$ is not positive definite when k is the Gaussian kernel. Note, however, that this does not disprove the positive definiteness of K_γ^C using the squared Euclidean cost.

B.6 Proof of Proposition 4 (stationary point using the squared Euclidean cost)

Soft-DTW divergence. We recall that we denote $C(\mathbf{X}) := C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$. Using (9), we have

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} D_{\gamma}^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^{\top} \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) - \frac{1}{2} (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}))^{\top} \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X})).$$

Under the squared Euclidean cost, $C(\mathbf{X})$ is a symmetric matrix. For any $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, m)$, there exists $\mathbf{A}^{\top} \in \mathcal{A}(m, m)$. Moreover for any symmetric matrix \mathbf{C} , the probability $\mathbb{P}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{C})$ is the same as $\mathbb{P}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{A}^{\top}; \mathbf{C})$. From (6), we therefore have that $\mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X})) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is a symmetric matrix. In order to have $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} D_{\gamma}^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{0}_{m \times d}$ at $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$, it suffices that $(J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^{\top}$ and $\frac{1}{2} (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}))^{\top}$ map symmetric matrices to the same matrix. From (20), this is indeed the case for the squared Euclidean cost.

Sharp divergence. Using (15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \text{SHARP}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) &= (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^{\top} \nabla_{\mathbf{C}} \text{SHARP}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) \\ &= (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^{\top} [\mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})] \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) + \frac{1}{\gamma} (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^{\top} \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}). \end{aligned}$$

We therefore have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} S_{\gamma}^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} D_{\gamma}^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) + \frac{1}{\gamma} (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^{\top} \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\gamma} (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}))^{\top} \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X})) C(\mathbf{X}). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

From the previous paragraph, we know that $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} D_{\gamma}^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{0}_{m \times d}$ at $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$ using the squared Euclidean cost. It remains to show that the sum of the other two terms in (23) is also equal to $\mathbf{0}_{m \times d}$. Since $(J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^{\top}$ and $\frac{1}{2} (J_{\mathbf{X}} C(\mathbf{X}))^{\top}$ map symmetric matrices to the same matrix using the squared Euclidean cost, it suffices to show that $\nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(C(\mathbf{X})) C(\mathbf{X})$ is a symmetric matrix.

It is well-known that the Hessian of the log-partition under a Gibbs distribution is equal to the covariance matrix (Wainwright and Jordan, 2008). The Hessian can be seen as a $mn \times mn$ matrix. Accounting for the negative sign in (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}) &= -\mathbb{E}_{\gamma}[\text{vec}(A - \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C})) \text{vec}(A - \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}))^{\top}] \\ &= -\sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, n)} \mathbb{P}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{C}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{C})) \text{vec}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{C}))^{\top} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\gamma}[\text{vec}(A)] \mathbb{E}_{\gamma}[\text{vec}(A)]^{\top} - \mathbb{E}_{\gamma}[\text{vec}(A) \text{vec}(A)^{\top}], \end{aligned}$$

where A is a random alignment matrix distributed according to $\mathbb{P}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{C})$. Equivalently, we can see the Hessian as linear map from $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ to $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Applying that map to a matrix $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}) \mathbf{M} &= -\sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, n)} \mathbb{P}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{C}) (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C})) \langle \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{M} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{M} \rangle \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}) - \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, n)} \mathbb{P}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{C}) \langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M} \rangle \mathbf{A} \\ &= \langle \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{M} \rangle \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}) - \mathbb{E}_{\gamma}[\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M} \rangle \mathbf{A}]. \end{aligned}$$

We now assume $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{M} = C(\mathbf{X})$. We already proved that $\mathbf{E}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C})$ is a symmetric matrix. Using the same argument $\mathbb{E}_{\gamma}[\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M} \rangle \mathbf{A}]$ is also symmetric. Therefore $\nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{C}) \mathbf{M}$ is a symmetric matrix, concluding the proof.

B.7 Multiplication with the Hessian

For completeness, we also include a discussion on the multiplication with the Hessian w.r.t. \mathbf{X} . The product between the Hessian $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))$ and any $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ is equal to the product between the Jacobian of $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))$ and \mathbf{Z} :

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))\mathbf{Z} = J_{\mathbf{X}}[\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))]\mathbf{Z} = J_{\mathbf{X}}[J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})^\top \mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))]\mathbf{Z}.$$

Using the product rule and the chain rule, we obtain

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))\mathbf{Z} = \underbrace{[J_{\mathbf{X}}(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^\top \mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))]}_{\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})}\mathbf{Z} + (J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z}.$$

Similarly,

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))\mathbf{Z} = \underbrace{[J_{\mathbf{X}}(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}))^\top \mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))]}_{\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X})}\mathbf{Z} + (J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}))^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z}.$$

From now on, we assume the squared Euclidean cost. Using (18), we obtain

$$[\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z}]_{i,k} = \sum_{j=1}^n [\mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))]_{i,j} z_{i,k} \quad i \in [m], k \in [d]$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z} \circ (\mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))\mathbf{1}_{n \times d}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}.$$

Similarly, using (19) and the fact that $\mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))$ is a symmetric matrix, we obtain

$$[\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z}]_{i,k} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^n [\mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))]_{i,j} (z_{i,k} - z_{j,k})$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z} = 2\mathbf{Z} \circ (\mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))\mathbf{1}_{m \times d}) - 2\mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}.$$

At $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$, we therefore get

$$\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{B}_\gamma(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))^\top \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))\mathbf{Z}.$$

At $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$, from (20) and (21), we also have

$$(J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}))^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z} = 2J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X})) (J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z} + (J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z})^\top).$$

Putting everything together, at $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z} &= \nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))\mathbf{Z} - \frac{1}{2}\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))\mathbf{Z} \\ &= \mathbf{E}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}))\mathbf{Z} - J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{C}}^2 \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X})) (J_{\mathbf{X}}C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})\mathbf{Z})^\top. \end{aligned}$$

An open question is to prove that $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$ is a local minimum, i.e., $\langle \mathbf{Z}, \nabla_{\mathbf{X}}^2 D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{Z} \rangle > 0$ for all $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$.

B.8 Proof of Proposition 5 (limits w.r.t. γ)

Limit to zero. Since both $\text{SDTW}_\gamma(C)$ and $\text{SHARP}_\gamma(C)$ converge to $\text{DTW}(C)$ when $\gamma \rightarrow 0$, both $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ and $S_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ converge to

$$\text{DTW}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) - \frac{1}{2}\text{DTW}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})) - \frac{1}{2}\text{DTW}(C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y})).$$

Since the optimal alignment of $\mathbf{A}^*(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}))$ is the identity matrix under assumption A.2, we have $\text{DTW}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})) = 0$ and similarly $\text{DTW}(C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y})) = 0$. Therefore, both $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ and $S_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ converge to $\text{DTW}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))$.

Limit to infinity. From (7), when $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$, the solution becomes the maximum entropy one, $\mathbf{p}^* = \mathbf{1}/|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|$. Hence, $\langle \mathbf{p}^*, s(\mathbf{C}) \rangle$ converge to the mean cost (16). This gives the limit for the S_γ^C case. For the D_γ^C case, we also need to take into account the entropy terms

$$-\gamma H(\mathbf{p}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))) + \frac{\gamma}{2} H(\mathbf{p}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}))) + \frac{\gamma}{2} H(\mathbf{p}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}))).$$

When $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$, each term attains the maximum entropy value and we get

$$-\gamma \log |\mathcal{A}(m, n)| + \frac{\gamma}{2} \log |\mathcal{A}(m, m)| + \frac{\gamma}{2} \log |\mathcal{A}(n, n)| = \frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{|\mathcal{A}(m, m)||\mathcal{A}(n, n)|}{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|^2}.$$

When $m = n$, the terms cancel out. Hence, $D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ converge. When, $m \neq n$, the positive terms are stronger, and the limit goes to ∞ . By definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) &= \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) - \frac{1}{2} \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})) - \frac{1}{2} \text{SDTW}_\gamma(C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y})) \\ &= -\gamma \log \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, n)} \exp(-\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \rangle / \gamma) \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma}{2} \log \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, m)} \exp(-\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) \rangle / \gamma) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \log \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(n, n)} \exp(-\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}) \rangle / \gamma) \\ &= -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|^2}{|\mathcal{A}(m, m)||\mathcal{A}(n, n)|} - \gamma \log \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|} \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, n)} \exp(-\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \rangle / \gamma) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma}{2} \log \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}(m, m)|} \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, m)} \exp(-\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) \rangle / \gamma) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma}{2} \log \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}(n, n)|} \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(n, n)} \exp(-\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}) \rangle / \gamma) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Let us first consider the limit of the second term in this sum when $\gamma \rightarrow +\infty$:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \log \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|} \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, n)} \exp(-\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \rangle / \gamma) \right] &= \gamma \log \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|} \sum_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}(m, n)} \left(1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{A}, C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \rangle}{\gamma} + o(1/\gamma) \right) \right] \\ &= \gamma \log \left[1 - \frac{\text{MEAN_COST}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}))}{\gamma} + o(1/\gamma) \right] \\ &= -\text{MEAN_COST}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) + o(1). \end{aligned}$$

A similar computation for the third and fourth term in (24) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) &= -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|^2}{|\mathcal{A}(m, m)||\mathcal{A}(n, n)|} + \text{MEAN_COST}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) - \frac{1}{2} \text{MEAN_COST}(C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \text{MEAN_COST}(C(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y})) + o(1) \\ &= -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|^2}{|\mathcal{A}(m, m)||\mathcal{A}(n, n)|} + M^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) + o(1). \end{aligned}$$

When $m = n$, the first term is equal to 0, so we get $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow +\infty} D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = M^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$. When $m \neq n$, on the other hand, we can use the fact that for any integers m, n :

$$|\mathcal{A}(m, n)| = \text{Delannoy}(m-1, n-1),$$

where $\text{Delannoy}(m, n)$ is the Delannoy number, i.e., the number of paths on a rectangular grid from the origin $(0, 0)$ to the northeast corner (m, n) , using only single steps north, east or northeast (the $(m-1, n-1)$ term

stems from the fact that alignment matrices represent paths starting from $(1, 1)$ and not $(0, 0)$. We can now use Lemma 1 below to get, when $m \neq n$:

$$\log \frac{|\mathcal{A}(m, n)|^2}{|\mathcal{A}(m, m)||\mathcal{A}(n, n)|} = \log \frac{\text{Delannoy}(m-1, n-1)^2}{\text{Delannoy}(m-1, m-1) \times \text{Delannoy}(n-1, n-1)} < 0,$$

and therefore that $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow +\infty} D_\gamma^C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = +\infty$.

Lemma 1. *For any $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $m \neq n$ then*

$$\log \frac{\text{Delannoy}(m, n)^2}{\text{Delannoy}(m, m) \times \text{Delannoy}(n, n)} < 0.$$

Proof. We use the following characterization of Delannoy numbers (e.g., [Banderier and Schwer, 2005](#)):

$$\text{Delannoy}(m, n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\min(m, n)} \binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{k} 2^k,$$

to obtain, assuming without loss of generality that $m < n$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Delannoy}(m, n)^2 &= \left[\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{k} 2^k \right]^2 \\ &\leq \left[\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k}^2 2^k \right] \times \left[\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k}^2 2^k \right] \\ &< \left[\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k}^2 2^k \right] \times \left[\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 2^k \right] \\ &= \text{Delannoy}(m, m) \times \text{Delannoy}(n, n), \end{aligned}$$

where we used Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for the first inequality, and the fact that $m < n$ for the second (strict) inequality. \square

C Additional empirical results

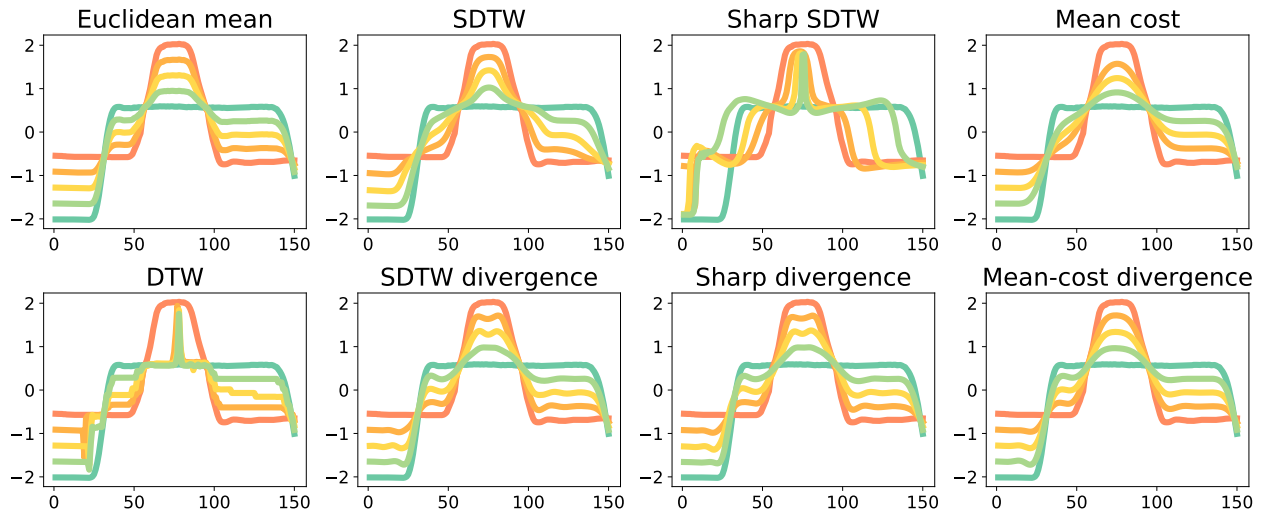
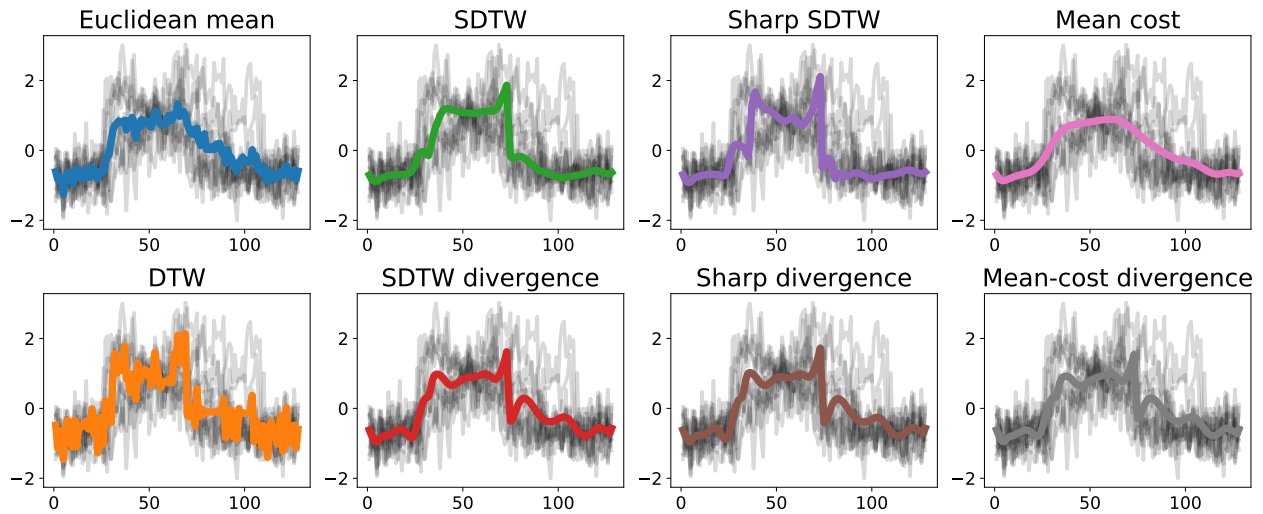


Figure 6: Interpolation between two time series, from the GunPoint dataset.


 Figure 7: Barycenters on the **CBF** dataset.

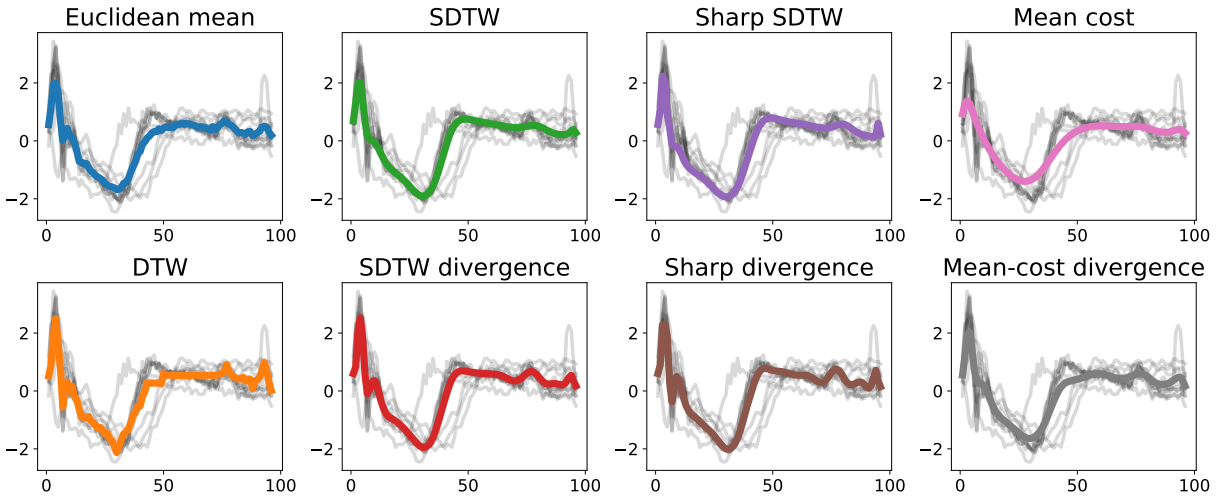


Figure 8: Barycenters on the **ECG200** dataset.

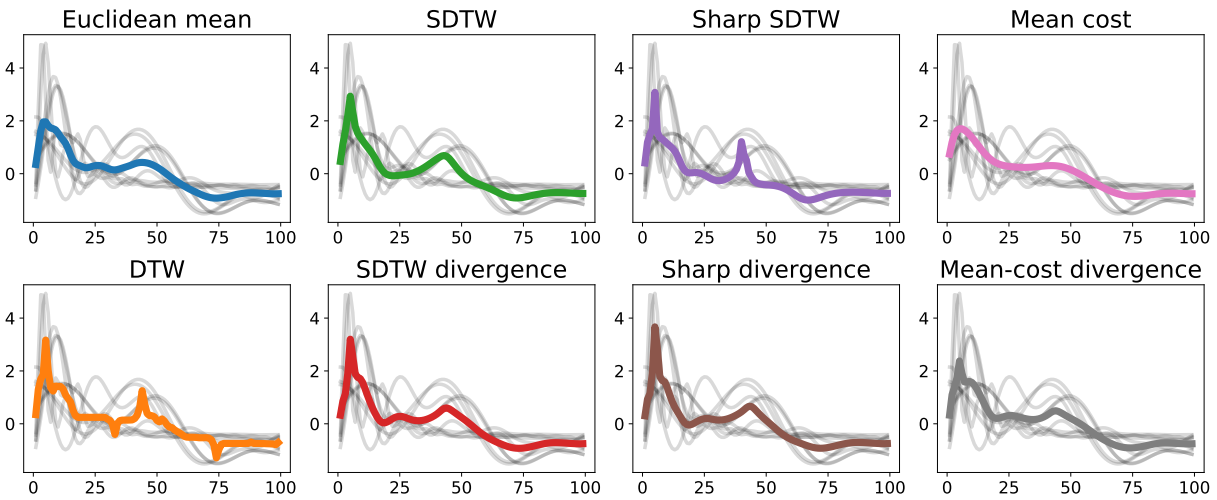


Figure 9: Barycenters on the **Medical Images** dataset.

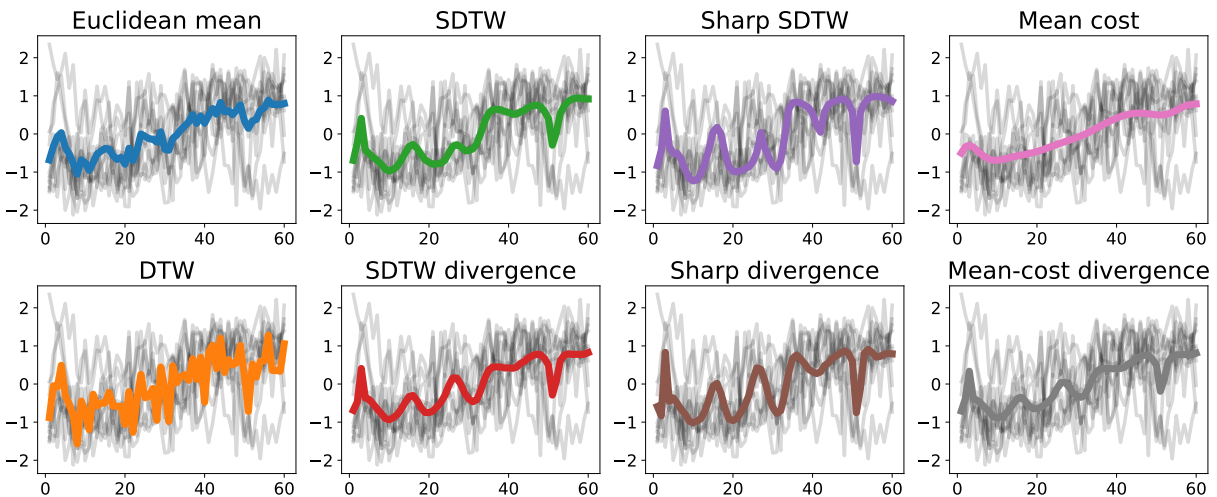


Figure 10: Barycenters on the **synthetic control** dataset.

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Table 4: **Three nearest neighbors results.** Each number indicates the percentage of datasets in the UCR archive for which using A in the nearest neighbor classifier is within 99% or better than using B .

A (\downarrow) vs. B (\rightarrow)	Euc.	DTW	SDTW	SDTW div	Sharp	Sharp div	Mean cost	Mean-cost div
Euc.	-	39.29	29.49	31.17	37.18	28.00	95.24	65.48
DTW	70.24	-	53.85	45.45	57.69	42.67	90.48	83.33
SDTW	82.05	88.46	-	66.23	83.33	58.67	98.72	89.74
SDTW div	90.91	84.42	85.71	-	83.12	70.67	98.70	94.81
Sharp	78.21	82.05	64.10	58.44	-	53.33	98.72	87.18
Sharp div	86.67	90.67	81.33	77.33	89.33	-	98.67	96.00
Mean cost	8.33	13.10	6.41	3.90	5.13	4.00	-	44.05
Mean-cost div	46.43	34.52	24.36	20.78	24.36	21.33	98.81	-

Table 5: **Five nearest neighbor results.** Each number indicates the percentage of datasets in the UCR archive for which using A in the nearest neighbor classifier is within 99% or better than using B .

A (\downarrow) vs. B (\rightarrow)	Euc.	DTW	SDTW	SDTW div	Sharp	Sharp div	Mean cost	Mean-cost div
Euc.	-	40.48	30.77	28.57	33.33	24.68	95.29	70.24
DTW	73.81	-	48.72	44.16	55.13	45.45	88.10	83.33
SDTW	85.90	84.62	-	61.04	74.36	63.64	94.87	82.05
SDTW div	84.42	88.31	81.82	-	81.82	74.03	96.10	85.71
Sharp	85.90	87.18	70.51	58.44	-	59.74	97.44	82.05
Sharp div	90.91	84.42	80.52	76.62	84.42	-	96.10	87.01
Mean cost	10.59	13.10	10.26	7.79	7.69	7.79	-	45.24
Mean-cost div	45.24	32.14	26.92	20.78	26.92	19.48	98.81	-

Table 6: Nearest neighbor classification accuracy with $k = 1$.

Dataset name	Euc.	DTW	SDTW	SDTW div	Sharp	Sharp div	Mean cost	Mean-cost div
50words	63.08	69.01	80.66	81.54	79.12	79.78	58.90	67.91
Adiac	61.13	60.36	61.38	71.36	60.10	72.12	28.39	54.48
ArrowHead	80.00	70.29	77.14	81.71	80.57	79.43	72.57	78.86
Beef	66.67	63.33	63.33	63.33	63.33	63.33	20.00	20.00
BeetleFly	75.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	75.00	50.00	50.00
BirdChicken	55.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00
CBF	85.22	99.67	99.67	99.67	99.67	99.67	78.78	95.00
Car	73.33	73.33	73.33	75.00	75.00	78.33	23.33	23.33
ChlorineConcentration	65.00	64.84	62.29	64.84	65.05	65.65	38.20	55.44
CinC_ECG_torso	89.71	65.07	93.41	93.55	92.54	93.84	25.36	25.36
Coffee	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	53.57	96.43
Computers	57.60	70.00	69.60	70.00	69.20	67.20	50.00	50.00
Cricket_X	57.69	75.38	77.69	80.00	77.95	79.23	42.56	61.54
Cricket_Y	56.67	74.36	76.67	78.72	74.36	77.18	47.95	61.28
Cricket_Z	58.72	75.38	77.69	80.26	77.69	79.74	43.08	63.33
DiatomSizeReduction	93.46	96.73	92.16	94.44	92.81	93.46	92.16	93.46
DistalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	78.25	79.25	79.25	79.75	79.50	80.50	59.50	76.75
DistalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	75.17	76.83	79.00	76.83	76.83	75.17	36.83	71.33
DistalPhalanxTW	72.75	70.75	73.25	72.25	74.50	72.50	51.00	71.00
ECG200	88.00	77.00	86.00	88.00	82.00	87.00	87.00	88.00
ECG5000	92.49	92.44	93.07	92.36	92.78	92.47	91.80	92.38
ECGFiveDays	79.67	76.77	61.67	93.50	62.49	91.17	61.44	83.86
Earthquakes	67.39	74.22	82.61	74.53	82.61	74.22	81.99	81.99
ElectricDevices	54.93	60.02	NA	NA	NA	NA	26.17	59.12
FISH	78.29	82.29	92.00	92.57	90.29	91.43	12.57	12.57
FaceAll	71.36	80.77	74.38	82.31	76.27	82.78	25.33	81.89
FaceFour	78.41	82.95	82.95	89.77	87.50	89.77	62.50	84.09
FacesUCR	76.93	90.49	92.34	94.78	92.34	94.54	45.90	80.44
FordA	65.90	56.21	NA	NA	NA	NA	51.26	51.26
FordB	55.78	59.41	58.55	NA	58.83	NA	48.84	48.84
Gun_Point	91.33	90.67	97.33	98.00	98.00	98.00	82.00	90.00
Ham	60.00	46.67	49.52	58.10	58.10	61.90	48.57	48.57
HandOutlines	80.10	79.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	63.80	63.80
Haptics	37.01	37.66	39.94	39.94	40.26	41.56	21.75	21.75
Herring	51.56	53.12	57.81	57.81	60.94	62.50	59.38	59.38
InlineSkate	34.18	38.36	42.55	43.09	42.00	42.36	15.64	15.64
InsectWingbeatSound	56.16	35.51	55.05	56.87	56.26	57.07	54.55	56.97
ItalyPowerDemand	95.53	95.04	93.68	95.04	94.07	95.43	90.38	94.95
LargeKitchenAppliances	49.33	79.47	79.73	79.73	79.73	79.73	33.33	33.33
Lighting2	75.41	86.89	90.16	88.52	90.16	86.89	54.10	54.10
Lighting7	57.53	72.60	73.97	78.08	75.34	82.19	57.53	68.49
MALLAT	91.43	93.39	89.72	91.39	90.62	92.24	12.54	12.54
Meat	93.33	93.33	95.00	93.33	95.00	93.33	33.33	33.33
MedicalImages	68.42	73.68	74.61	75.92	76.18	77.76	57.89	69.61
MiddlePhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	74.00	75.00	71.00	73.25	75.25	73.75	66.25	73.25
MiddlePhalanxOutlineCorrect	75.33	64.83	72.67	76.33	66.83	71.83	35.33	70.67
MiddlePhalanxTW	56.14	58.40	58.40	58.40	58.40	58.40	52.63	59.15
MoteStrain	87.86	83.47	90.18	89.86	91.53	87.62	88.18	80.35
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax1	82.90	78.98	NA	NA	NA	2.44	2.44	2.44
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax2	87.99	86.46	NA	NA	NA	2.44	2.44	2.44
OSULeaf	52.07	59.09	70.25	69.83	70.25	69.83	9.50	9.50
OliveOil	86.67	83.33	86.67	86.67	86.67	86.67	16.67	16.67
PhalangesOutlinesCorrect	76.11	72.61	74.59	77.04	71.91	77.39	42.31	73.08
Phoneme	10.92	22.84	24.00	22.73	21.89	23.26	2.00	2.00
Plane	96.19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	84.76	96.19
ProximalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	78.54	80.49	75.12	80.98	80.98	80.98	46.34	76.59
ProximalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	80.76	77.66	79.04	83.51	74.23	83.51	31.96	73.20
ProximalPhalanxTW	70.75	74.00	74.75	70.25	75.00	73.25	45.25	70.25
RefrigerationDevices	39.47	46.40	45.87	44.80	45.60	NA	33.33	33.33
ScreenType	36.00	40.00	41.33	40.27	39.47	39.47	33.33	33.33
ShapeletSim	53.89	65.00	58.33	87.22	64.44	82.78	50.00	50.00
ShapesAll	75.17	76.83	83.67	84.33	80.83	82.17	1.67	1.67
SmallKitchenAppliances	34.40	64.27	66.67	66.67	67.47	65.87	33.33	33.33
SonyAIBORobotSurface	69.55	72.55	72.55	76.71	72.55	76.54	45.42	76.04
SonyAIBORobotSurfaceII	85.94	83.11	84.26	84.89	83.11	83.95	76.39	84.05
StarLightCurves	84.88	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	57.72	NA
Strawberry	93.80	93.96	93.96	93.80	93.80	93.64	79.45	93.80
SwedishLeaf	78.88	79.20	82.40	88.16	82.24	89.12	46.72	79.84
Symbols	89.95	94.97	96.18	95.38	95.18	95.28	86.93	90.15
ToeSegmentation1	67.98	77.19	83.33	82.89	80.26	81.58	63.16	63.16
ToeSegmentation2	80.77	83.85	90.77	86.15	92.31	92.31	79.23	83.85
Trace	76.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	47.00	72.00
TwoLeadECG	74.71	90.52	90.52	90.43	89.73	88.59	57.77	70.15
Two_Patterns	90.68	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	94.78	96.72
UWaveGestureLibraryAll	94.81	89.17	NA	NA	NA	NA	12.53	12.53
Wine	61.11	57.41	55.56	62.96	55.56	62.96	50.00	61.11
WordsSynonyms	61.76	64.89	76.80	78.06	74.92	76.49	55.33	65.20
Worms	36.46	46.41	47.51	48.07	49.17	42.54	41.99	41.99
WormsTwoClass	58.56	66.30	55.80	67.40	57.46	64.09	41.99	41.99
synthetic_control	88.00	99.33	97.67	99.33	99.33	99.33	76.67	98.67
uWaveGestureLibrary_X	73.93	72.75	78.48	78.73	77.58	78.00	72.84	74.37
uWaveGestureLibrary_Y	66.16	63.40	70.30	NA	69.82	71.13	64.43	67.42
uWaveGestureLibrary_Z	64.96	65.83	68.51	69.65	68.06	68.90	62.90	64.91
wafer	99.55	97.99	99.30	99.56	99.43	99.59	99.25	99.51
yoga	83.03	83.67	83.97	85.30	84.70	83.57	46.43	46.43

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Table 7: Nearest neighbor classification accuracy with $k = 3$.

Dataset name	Euc.	DTW	SDTW	SDTW div	Sharp	Sharp div	Mean cost	Mean-cost div
50words	61.98	66.37	80.22	80.66	77.80	78.90	59.34	66.81
Adiac	55.24	57.29	56.78	69.05	54.99	66.50	26.34	49.10
ArrowHead	79.43	70.86	80.57	79.43	78.86	82.86	72.57	84.57
Beef	60.00	56.67	53.33	56.67	56.67	56.67	20.00	20.00
BeetleFly	65.00	70.00	50.00	65.00	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00
BirdChicken	45.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	50.00	50.00
CBF	83.78	99.67	99.67	99.67	99.67	99.67	82.56	89.78
Car	66.67	55.00	61.67	66.67	56.67	56.67	23.33	23.33
ChlorineConcentration	56.59	56.69	56.12	56.54	56.69	56.69	38.44	51.54
CinC_ECG_torso	85.22	49.78	86.67	86.67	85.87	85.58	24.78	24.78
Coffee	100.00	92.86	92.86	92.86	92.86	92.86	53.57	92.86
Computers	62.00	71.20	71.20	71.20	71.20	71.20	50.00	50.00
Cricket_X	51.79	74.36	75.38	77.44	72.56	75.13	42.05	55.38
Cricket_Y	50.51	70.51	71.03	76.41	71.03	73.33	44.62	56.92
Cricket_Z	54.62	75.38	77.95	78.72	76.92	78.97	42.31	59.23
DiatomSizeReduction	89.22	92.81	89.22	89.87	89.87	89.87	87.58	89.54
DistalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	78.50	83.50	83.75	79.75	83.25	79.25	59.25	79.25
DistalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	75.83	79.83	79.33	79.83	79.83	80.67	36.67	74.33
DistalPhalanxTW	75.75	73.00	72.75	75.00	75.00	76.75	53.75	72.75
ECG200	90.00	80.00	88.00	89.00	88.00	89.00	86.00	88.00
ECG5000	93.49	93.98	94.00	94.16	93.98	94.20	93.44	93.47
ECGFiveDays	73.98	62.02	67.25	82.00	66.32	82.81	52.50	80.02
Earthquakes	74.22	78.88	78.88	78.88	78.88	78.88	81.99	81.99
ElectricDevices	56.40	61.08	NA	NA	NA	NA	25.77	60.42
FISH	75.43	79.43	90.29	90.29	90.29	91.43	12.57	12.57
FaceAll	67.22	80.77	79.94	83.37	75.09	84.97	28.46	80.53
FaceFour	65.91	68.18	68.18	72.73	59.09	77.27	46.59	69.32
FacesUCR	67.76	88.63	90.44	93.90	91.32	93.41	47.17	71.32
FordA	67.15	57.46	NA	NA	NA	NA	51.26	51.26
FordB	58.33	61.83	61.94	NA	61.83	NA	51.16	51.16
Gun_Point	87.33	88.67	97.33	98.00	98.00	98.00	84.67	84.67
Ham	59.05	51.43	52.38	62.86	57.14	61.90	51.43	51.43
HandOutlines	84.90	81.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	63.80	63.80
Haptics	38.64	42.86	41.23	41.56	37.01	43.51	21.75	21.75
Herring	56.25	48.44	64.06	60.94	62.50	65.62	59.38	59.38
InlineSkate	23.82	35.64	37.45	37.64	35.82	35.45	15.64	15.64
InsectWingbeatSound	59.24	36.21	56.67	58.18	57.22	58.33	57.07	58.28
ItalyPowerDemand	95.63	94.56	94.95	95.14	94.56	95.04	89.60	94.95
LargeKitchenAppliances	45.60	80.00	80.00	77.60	80.00	77.07	33.33	33.33
Lighting2	77.05	86.89	91.80	90.16	83.61	85.25	45.90	45.90
Lighting7	60.27	71.23	79.45	82.19	78.08	82.19	57.53	71.23
MALLAT	91.98	92.84	92.54	92.88	92.15	92.75	12.45	12.45
Meat	93.33	93.33	93.33	93.33	93.33	91.67	33.33	33.33
MedicalImages	67.76	70.92	72.11	73.42	72.76	74.61	57.24	69.21
MiddlePhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	73.50	76.00	76.00	74.50	76.00	76.00	67.75	74.50
MiddlePhalanxOutlineCorrect	77.17	72.17	74.50	77.67	73.67	76.00	35.50	75.33
MiddlePhalanxTW	58.40	61.15	60.65	61.15	61.65	62.16	51.88	58.65
MoteStrain	86.18	81.39	88.18	87.46	89.54	87.86	85.14	83.87
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax1	82.54	78.63	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.54	2.54
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax2	88.40	86.31	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.54	2.54
OSULeaf	50.41	57.44	59.50	61.98	64.88	65.29	19.01	19.01
OliveOil	90.00	86.67	86.67	86.67	86.67	86.67	40.00	40.00
PhalangesOutlinesCorrect	77.97	75.41	76.57	79.37	76.57	79.14	42.07	73.66
Phoneme	10.34	23.95	21.99	23.58	23.10	25.05	7.07	7.07
Plane	96.19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	84.76	96.19
ProximalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	81.95	80.98	81.46	80.98	81.95	81.95	48.78	80.49
ProximalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	84.88	83.16	81.79	85.57	78.01	84.19	31.62	74.91
ProximalPhalanxTW	77.00	79.00	78.50	77.50	77.25	78.75	45.50	78.00
RefrigerationDevices	39.20	46.40	46.13	45.87	46.67	46.13	33.33	33.33
ScreenType	38.40	39.20	42.13	36.53	39.20	37.07	33.33	33.33
ShapeletSim	52.78	62.78	62.78	80.00	68.33	81.67	50.00	50.00
ShapesAll	69.00	71.00	77.33	77.67	75.67	NA	1.67	1.67
SmallKitchenAppliances	36.53	67.47	70.67	70.67	67.73	67.20	33.33	33.33
SonyAIBORobotSurface	57.40	61.73	61.73	61.73	61.73	61.73	43.59	67.22
SonyAIBORobotSurfaceII	79.85	80.27	77.65	79.12	79.01	80.90	76.50	80.06
StarLightCurves	84.82	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberry	92.33	91.84	91.68	92.01	90.05	91.03	78.96	90.38
SwedishLeaf	71.84	77.92	80.48	86.56	78.88	87.36	47.84	77.44
Symbols	85.03	92.86	96.18	96.18	95.98	96.08	81.91	86.13
ToeSegmentation1	60.53	75.44	82.02	77.63	75.88	78.51	57.46	63.60
ToeSegmentation2	82.31	81.54	89.23	89.23	91.54	93.08	82.31	86.15
Trace	65.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	47.00	64.00
TwoLeadECG	63.48	85.16	85.34	63.48	82.44	63.74	55.66	63.21
Two_Patterns	85.95	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.72	94.20
UWaveGestureLibraryAll	94.39	89.53	NA	NA	NA	NA	12.62	12.62
Wine	55.56	57.41	62.96	62.96	51.85	61.11	50.00	61.11
WordsSynonyms	56.74	59.56	72.41	69.59	70.85	72.10	54.23	59.56
Worms	36.46	42.54	42.54	42.54	42.54	42.54	13.81	13.81
WormsTwoClass	59.12	64.09	70.17	70.17	65.19	65.19	58.01	58.01
synthetic_control	91.00	98.33	98.33	98.33	98.33	98.33	74.67	98.67
uWaveGestureLibrary_X	73.03	73.73	78.00	78.31	76.97	77.41	71.94	73.84
uWaveGestureLibrary_Y	66.67	63.18	70.63	71.36	70.18	NA	65.47	67.17
uWaveGestureLibrary_Z	65.75	66.78	68.37	69.43	67.87	68.87	64.38	66.50
wafer	99.38	97.52	99.06	99.42	99.06	99.45	99.06	99.45
yoga	79.23	82.17	82.53	82.33	82.23	82.33	46.43	46.43

Table 8: Nearest neighbor classification accuracy with $k = 5$.

Dataset name	Euc.	DTW	SDTW	SDTW div	Sharp	Sharp div	Mean cost	Mean-cost div
50words	61.98	66.15	77.80	79.12	75.60	77.80	57.80	65.93
Adiac	52.17	53.20	59.34	63.68	55.75	61.64	25.06	46.55
ArrowHead	66.86	68.57	62.86	64.57	63.43	66.86	62.29	68.57
Beef	50.00	43.33	46.67	43.33	43.33	43.33	20.00	20.00
BeetleFly	60.00	70.00	60.00	65.00	70.00	80.00	50.00	50.00
BirdChicken	55.00	65.00	70.00	75.00	65.00	60.00	50.00	50.00
CBF	76.67	98.22	98.22	98.22	98.22	98.22	75.56	88.78
Car	63.33	50.00	66.67	66.67	63.33	66.67	31.67	31.67
ChlorineConcentration	54.87	54.82	54.87	54.87	54.82	54.66	44.32	51.46
CinC_ECG_torso	77.39	42.61	80.14	80.22	82.46	83.26	24.78	24.78
Coffee	96.43	96.43	96.43	96.43	96.43	96.43	60.71	96.43
Computers	60.40	68.80	69.60	68.40	69.60	68.00	50.00	50.00
Cricket_X	48.21	72.56	71.79	71.79	71.54	72.82	40.77	57.18
Cricket_Y	50.26	68.46	68.46	71.79	68.72	73.85	42.82	55.64
Cricket_Z	49.49	76.67	77.18	79.49	76.15	80.26	39.23	58.46
DiatomSizeReduction	86.93	70.92	85.62	85.62	80.07	78.43	87.25	86.93
DistalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	79.75	83.50	83.50	83.50	83.50	82.75	60.50	80.00
DistalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	76.33	78.17	79.17	78.17	78.17	79.67	35.83	74.83
DistalPhalanxTW	76.75	76.25	78.25	78.00	76.50	79.00	53.25	73.50
ECG200	90.00	79.00	86.00	87.00	87.00	88.00	85.00	89.00
ECG5000	93.91	93.84	94.33	93.84	94.24	93.84	93.89	93.87
ECGFiveDays	61.21	60.16	75.38	77.82	68.99	77.93	51.34	77.00
Earthquakes	78.57	79.19	79.19	79.19	79.19	79.19	81.99	81.99
ElectricDevices	58.38	61.03	NA	NA	NA	NA	27.19	60.80
FISH	72.00	73.14	89.14	90.86	90.86	91.43	16.57	16.57
FaceAll	64.62	81.01	71.66	85.03	74.44	80.89	30.59	79.59
FaceFour	52.27	68.18	68.18	68.18	44.32	67.05	42.05	50.00
FacesUCR	62.20	86.20	88.20	92.78	89.61	91.76	45.07	67.22
FordA	68.62	58.71	NA	NA	NA	NA	51.26	51.26
FordB	58.33	63.97	64.11	NA	63.28	NA	48.84	48.84
Gun_Point	80.00	82.67	92.67	94.67	92.00	92.67	81.33	80.67
Ham	62.86	53.33	60.95	63.81	62.86	64.76	51.43	51.43
HandOutlines	85.10	81.40	NA	NA	NA	NA	63.80	63.80
Haptics	41.56	41.23	51.30	50.97	47.73	49.03	19.16	19.16
Herring	51.56	54.69	54.69	56.25	59.38	56.25	59.38	59.38
InlineSkate	22.55	33.27	37.64	33.82	33.45	33.45	15.45	15.45
InsectWingbeatSound	59.90	35.45	57.27	59.55	56.67	59.80	56.01	59.65
ItalyPowerDemand	95.24	94.36	95.04	94.46	95.04	94.46	88.34	94.46
LargeKitchenAppliances	45.60	78.67	78.93	78.67	78.67	75.47	33.33	33.33
Lighting2	72.13	81.97	85.25	83.61	85.25	85.25	54.10	54.10
Lighting7	57.53	75.34	76.71	75.34	79.45	75.34	49.32	63.01
MALLAT	78.89	82.77	81.32	81.75	80.68	81.49	12.54	12.54
Meat	91.67	93.33	91.67	90.00	90.00	93.33	33.33	33.33
MedicalImages	66.05	69.74	71.45	71.45	71.18	71.32	54.74	69.47
MiddlePhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	76.50	76.75	76.75	75.50	76.25	77.25	68.00	74.50
MiddlePhalanxOutlineCorrect	76.00	74.50	74.33	77.17	74.50	77.50	35.67	74.67
MiddlePhalanxTW	62.16	62.91	60.15	61.15	63.66	60.65	51.38	59.90
MoteStrain	85.14	82.43	87.54	85.62	88.82	88.18	83.95	82.91
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax1	82.60	78.78	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.90	2.90
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax2	88.65	85.24	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.90	2.90
OSULeaf	47.11	54.55	57.44	58.26	64.46	62.40	18.18	18.18
OliveOil	83.33	73.33	80.00	80.00	80.00	76.67	40.00	40.00
PhalangesOutlinesCorrect	77.86	75.64	78.55	79.60	77.16	79.37	42.89	75.87
Phoneme	12.03	24.95	25.95	25.58	24.74	26.85	7.07	7.07
Plane	96.19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	83.81	96.19
ProximalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	82.44	82.44	83.41	83.41	82.93	85.85	48.78	81.46
ProximalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	84.19	80.76	84.54	86.94	80.07	86.25	31.62	79.38
ProximalPhalanxTW	79.75	79.50	79.00	78.75	79.25	79.25	45.00	80.25
RefrigerationDevices	38.93	48.27	46.40	48.27	47.47	47.47	33.33	33.33
ScreenType	41.60	42.67	42.13	40.53	42.67	39.20	33.33	33.33
ShapeletSim	54.44	63.89	63.89	72.22	63.89	76.67	50.00	50.00
ShapesAll	65.83	68.17	72.00	72.83	72.83	73.33	1.67	1.67
SmallKitchenAppliances	36.53	68.00	68.00	67.73	68.80	68.27	33.33	33.33
SonyAIBORobotSurface	46.92	52.25	52.25	52.25	52.25	52.25	42.93	56.57
SonyAIBORobotSurfaceII	77.12	77.65	74.29	76.92	77.33	77.75	75.13	79.33
StarLightCurves	84.51	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	57.72	NA
Strawberry	92.33	91.68	87.77	90.86	91.19	90.54	79.45	89.40
SwedishLeaf	71.84	78.72	78.24	85.12	77.76	85.44	48.48	78.88
Symbols	73.37	90.45	93.47	77.39	94.37	77.89	71.36	76.58
ToeSegmentation1	61.40	71.49	72.81	76.32	73.25	72.81	58.33	61.40
ToeSegmentation2	84.62	83.08	83.85	84.62	85.38	84.62	84.62	86.92
Trace	54.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	49.00	53.00
TwoLeadECG	59.70	81.39	74.54	81.56	72.61	72.87	55.14	60.76
Two_Patterns	82.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	87.62	91.52
UWaveGestureLibraryAll	93.89	89.06	NA	NA	NA	NA	12.67	12.67
Wine	53.70	48.15	59.26	51.85	66.67	59.26	50.00	53.70
WordsSynonyms	54.70	55.33	67.40	64.89	66.93	68.03	51.88	58.62
Worms	38.12	44.20	49.17	50.28	46.96	48.62	13.81	13.81
WormsTwoClass	60.22	66.85	70.72	70.72	67.40	67.96	58.01	58.01
synthetic_control	87.00	97.33	97.33	97.33	97.33	97.33	76.00	98.67
uWaveGestureLibrary_X	72.89	73.73	77.22	77.69	76.52	77.05	71.50	73.73
uWaveGestureLibrary_Y	66.36	64.10	70.46	71.08	69.74	70.71	65.75	67.59
uWaveGestureLibrary_Z	65.97	67.11	68.79	68.90	68.57	69.29	64.82	66.22
wafer	99.17	97.13	98.91	99.01	99.01	99.08	98.78	99.08
yoga	75.63	78.53	78.40	78.70	78.27	78.57	46.43	46.43

Differentiable Divergences Between Time Series

Table 9: Nearest centroid classification accuracy.

Dataset name	Euc.	DTW	SDTW	SDTW div	Sharp	Sharp div	Mean cost	Mean-cost div
50words	51.65	59.78	76.26	78.02	69.45	76.70	50.33	51.21
Adiac	54.99	47.06	67.52	68.54	66.75	67.26	44.25	46.55
ArrowHead	61.14	50.86	51.43	57.71	49.71	61.14	58.86	59.43
Beef	53.33	43.33	46.67	36.67	43.33	46.67	20.00	20.00
BeetleFly	85.00	80.00	70.00	70.00	80.00	70.00	50.00	50.00
BirdChicken	55.00	60.00	65.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	50.00	50.00
CBF	76.33	96.89	97.11	97.11	97.00	97.00	73.00	74.44
Car	61.67	61.67	70.00	73.33	73.33	75.00	23.33	23.33
ChlorineConcentration	33.31	32.45	35.23	32.19	31.98	33.41	34.82	34.95
CinC_ECG_torso	38.55	40.29	71.88	70.36	59.49	64.42	25.36	25.36
Coffee	96.43	96.43	96.43	96.43	96.43	96.43	89.29	89.29
Computers	41.60	63.20	51.60	56.80	62.80	63.20	50.00	50.00
Cricket_X	23.85	57.69	56.92	56.67	58.46	58.97	25.64	26.15
Cricket_Y	34.87	52.56	55.64	54.87	53.59	55.13	33.59	33.59
Cricket_Z	30.51	60.00	61.03	60.00	58.21	62.31	30.26	30.26
DiatomSizeReduction	95.75	95.10	96.73	96.41	96.08	95.42	94.44	95.42
DistalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	81.75	84.00	84.50	84.75	84.50	85.00	80.25	81.25
DistalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	47.17	48.17	48.00	47.33	47.00	47.17	48.17	47.17
DistalPhalanxTW	74.75	75.75	74.50	74.50	74.50	73.00	73.00	72.75
ECG200	75.00	75.00	72.00	73.00	69.00	73.00	74.00	74.00
ECG5000	86.04	84.53	86.73	85.98	86.02	86.09	81.44	83.64
ECGFiveDays	68.99	65.27	80.60	83.39	80.95	85.60	79.56	80.26
Earthquakes	75.47	58.07	82.30	65.22	71.12	72.98	81.99	81.99
ElectricDevices	48.27	53.60	57.07	61.57	53.61	51.28	50.55	50.37
FISH	56.00	65.71	81.14	84.00	81.14	82.86	13.71	13.71
FaceAll	49.17	80.71	81.60	88.58	85.98	89.17	58.88	64.56
FaceFour	84.09	82.95	86.36	89.77	88.64	90.91	78.41	77.27
FacesUCR	53.95	79.22	88.98	91.07	90.78	91.85	57.37	59.46
FordA	49.60	55.57	55.62	52.43	54.96	56.32	51.26	51.26
FordB	49.97	60.70	47.58	55.94	58.33	54.81	51.16	51.16
Gun_Point	75.33	68.00	82.00	81.33	92.00	86.00	68.67	71.33
Ham	76.19	73.33	71.43	75.24	79.05	72.38	48.57	48.57
HandOutlines	81.80	79.20	82.40	NA	NA	NA	36.20	36.20
Haptics	39.29	35.71	46.10	46.10	48.38	47.73	19.48	19.48
Herring	54.69	60.94	64.06	64.06	59.38	62.50	59.38	59.38
InlineSkate	19.27	22.73	23.45	26.36	22.73	21.45	9.64	9.64
InsectWingbeatSound	60.10	29.80	58.18	58.64	58.43	58.79	58.43	58.38
ItalyPowerDemand	91.84	74.15	88.14	90.48	85.62	87.37	71.62	84.35
LargeKitchenAppliances	44.00	71.47	72.00	73.60	74.67	72.53	33.33	33.33
Lighting2	68.85	62.30	67.21	72.13	65.57	62.30	45.90	45.90
Lighting7	58.90	72.60	78.08	83.56	56.16	58.90	61.64	63.01
MALLAT	96.67	94.93	95.74	94.84	94.80	94.88	12.54	12.54
Meat	93.33	93.33	85.00	85.00	90.00	85.00	33.33	33.33
MedicalImages	38.55	44.21	40.39	40.92	45.53	45.00	32.11	33.55
MiddlePhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	73.25	72.50	72.75	72.75	72.75	75.25	73.75	73.25
MiddlePhalanxOutlineCorrect	55.17	48.50	52.17	52.83	51.83	52.83	51.83	52.83
MiddlePhalanxTW	59.15	56.64	58.15	58.15	58.90	58.65	59.40	59.40
MoteStrain	86.10	82.43	90.42	90.18	82.27	88.82	82.99	83.87
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax1	76.95	70.13	81.63	82.29	81.12	NA	2.44	2.44
NonInvasiveFatalECG_Thorax2	80.20	76.28	87.23	87.68	87.74	NA	2.44	2.44
OSULeaf	35.95	45.87	52.07	51.24	50.00	50.41	13.22	13.22
OliveOil	86.67	76.67	83.33	86.67	83.33	83.33	16.67	16.67
PhalangesOutlinesCorrect	62.59	63.64	63.75	64.45	64.45	63.99	61.42	62.47
Phoneme	7.86	17.67	20.15	20.57	19.83	20.99	2.00	2.00
Plane	96.19	99.05	99.05	99.05	100.00	100.00	95.24	96.19
ProximalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	81.95	82.93	84.39	84.39	84.39	83.90	81.46	80.49
ProximalPhalanxOutlineCorrect	64.60	64.95	64.95	64.95	64.95	64.95	64.26	64.60
ProximalPhalanxTW	70.75	73.50	81.25	81.50	80.00	80.75	69.75	68.50
RefrigerationDevices	35.47	57.87	58.13	55.20	61.60	58.13	33.33	33.33
ScreenType	44.27	38.13	37.33	40.00	37.60	40.80	33.33	33.33
ShapletSim	50.00	61.67	73.33	72.78	57.22	68.89	50.00	50.00
ShapesAll	51.33	62.17	65.50	68.67	64.50	66.83	1.67	1.67
SmallKitchenAppliances	41.87	64.53	68.00	68.80	65.87	64.53	33.33	33.33
SonyAIBORobotSurface	81.20	82.86	82.70	82.86	80.37	81.53	80.70	78.70
SonyAIBORobotSurfaceII	79.33	76.60	79.85	76.50	80.27	78.91	77.12	76.92
StarLightCurves	76.17	82.93	83.57	83.35	81.64	NA	14.29	14.29
Strawberry	66.88	61.17	65.58	68.84	67.54	72.43	65.74	65.58
SwedishLeaf	70.24	70.40	79.36	81.12	77.12	80.00	71.36	71.52
Symbols	86.43	95.78	95.08	95.58	95.58	96.08	88.74	87.84
ToeSegmentation1	57.46	62.72	73.25	71.05	69.30	74.56	52.63	54.39
ToeSegmentation2	54.62	86.92	86.15	85.38	80.77	84.62	55.38	54.62
Trace	58.00	98.00	98.00	97.00	99.00	99.00	56.00	57.00
TwoLeadECG	55.49	76.21	78.05	83.06	78.49	89.38	57.33	57.16
Two_Patterns	46.48	98.40	98.65	98.18	98.42	98.55	56.30	50.75
UWaveGestureLibraryAll	84.95	83.45	89.31	90.90	90.09	NA	12.20	12.20
Wine	55.56	53.70	57.41	55.56	57.41	55.56	55.56	55.56
WordsSynonyms	27.12	34.33	52.19	51.72	49.84	50.78	26.33	26.49
Worms	21.55	40.33	43.65	44.75	42.54	42.54	41.99	41.99
WormsTwoClass	54.14	62.98	67.96	70.72	65.19	56.91	41.99	41.99
synthetic_control	91.67	98.33	98.00	98.67	98.33	98.00	90.33	93.00
uWaveGestureLibrary_X	63.12	69.96	67.98	69.71	68.40	69.40	63.34	63.18
uWaveGestureLibrary_Y	54.83	53.24	61.25	62.09	60.61	60.72	54.30	54.69
uWaveGestureLibrary_Z	53.74	60.58	63.34	64.52	62.53	63.04	53.38	53.69
wafer	65.44	31.86	68.82	68.93	67.86	85.92	64.93	65.07
yoga	49.70	59.97	57.10	61.70	54.50	56.23	46.43	46.43