

TIME-SERIES FORECASTING –

Using Echo State Networks and Takens' Theorem

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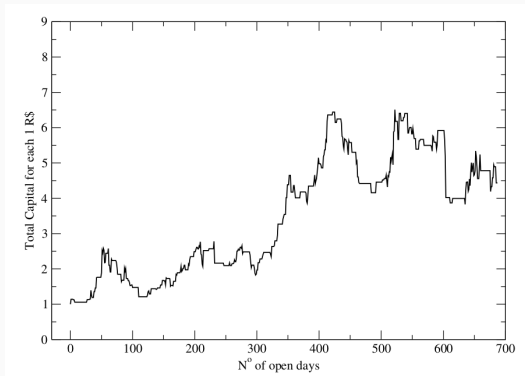
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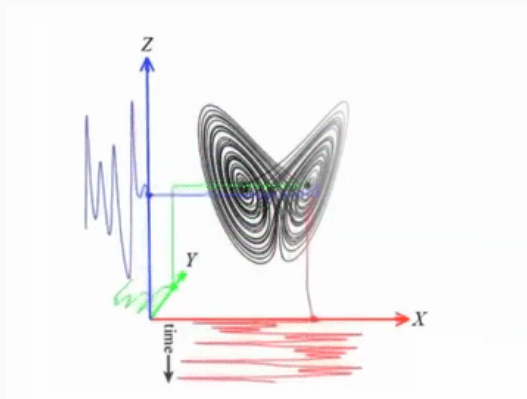
INTRODUCTION

- Real time-series forecasting using Artificial Neural Networks:
 - We don't need to know the underlying equations of the system's dynamics, only past data is needed.



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- Takens' Theorem and Attractor Reconstruction
 - It is possible to have “access” to other dimensions of your system;
 - Through only one dimensional measurement.



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TIME-SERIES AND TAKENS' THEOREM

Lorenz's System Equations:

$$\dot{x} = \sigma(y - x);$$

$$\dot{y} = x(\rho - z);$$

$$\dot{z} = xz - \beta z;$$

Parameters:

$$\sigma = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\rho = 10$$

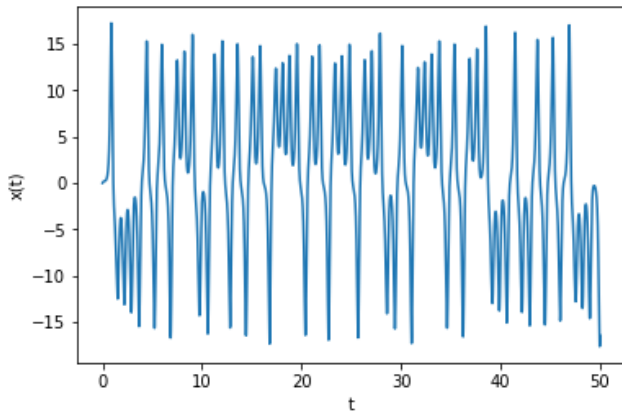
$$\beta = 28$$

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- State Space Representation of Lorenz's Equations:

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- Lorenz's $x(t)$ "measurement":



TIME-SERIES AND TAKENS' THEOREM

· Takens' Embedding Theorem:

Let M be a compact manifold of dimension n , X a smooth vector field on M and ϕ_t a smooth function on M . It is a generic property that

$$(\phi_t, \phi_{t^2}) : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$$

is an embedding, where ϕ_t is the flow on M and

$$(\phi_t, \phi_{t^2}) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_t \\ \phi_{t^2} \end{pmatrix} : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$$

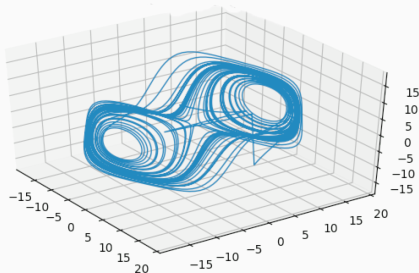
Source: ϕ_t

(1981)

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- Takens' Embedding Theorem (more digestible form):

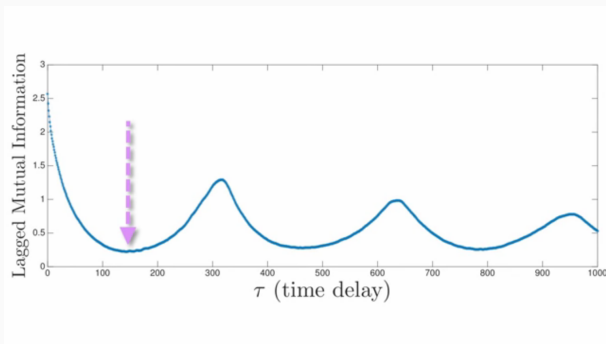
For the right ($\epsilon > 0$) and enough dimensions $2 + 1$ for the Takens' Vectors, the embedded dynamics are diffeomorphic to the original state space dynamics:



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One of the methods used for choosing the appropriate τ :

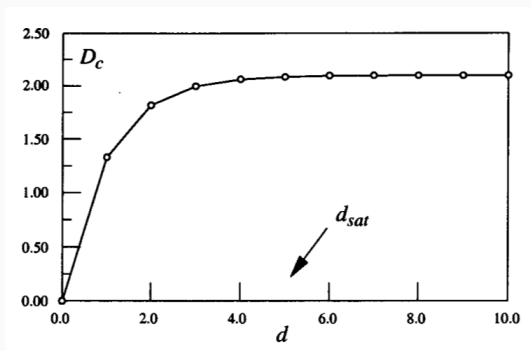
- Mutual information – You can choose the first or the second minima, or even the first maxima. (Note: this choice is heuristic)



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And for choosing the appropriate dimension:

- False Nearest Neighbors (the chosen threshold is also heuristic); or
- Correlation (Grassberger-Procaccia) dimension:



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Some **caveats** to **be aware** of:

- Noise in the data;
- Limited length of data;
- Variation on the temporal sampling;
- And non-stationarity (dynamics changes) on the data;

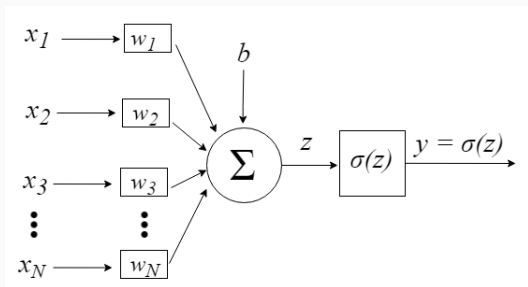
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- Forecast of a time-series:
 - It is possible to use Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) to make short-term forecasts and long-term reproduction of the system's "climate":

FEED-FORWARD NEURAL NETWORK

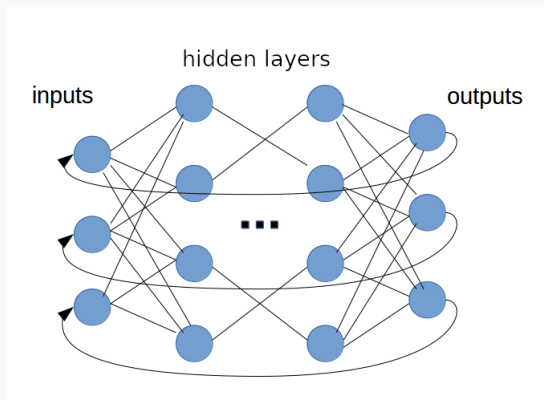
- Prediction formula:

$$\hat{y} = \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{w} + b$$



RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORKS

Representation of a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN):



ECHO STATE NETWORK – WORKFLOW

For a input on the form \mathbf{x}^1

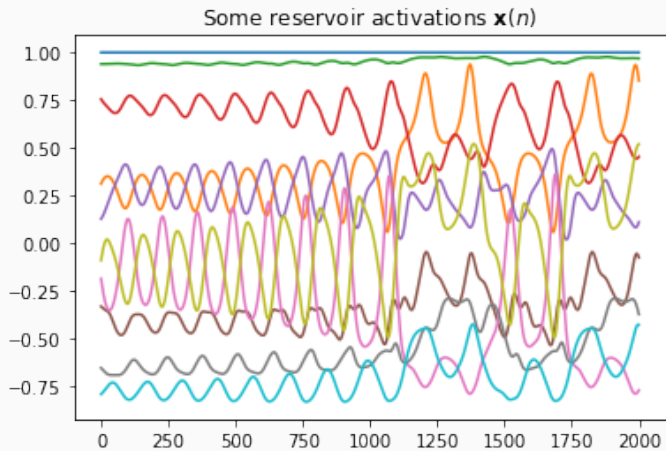
- Choose the Reservoir size and the matrix sparsity (of connections);
- Generate the input weights \mathbf{W} , from a binomial random distribution;
- Generate the Reservoir weights \mathbf{W} from a uniform distribution

- Calculate the hidden state $\mathbf{h}()$:

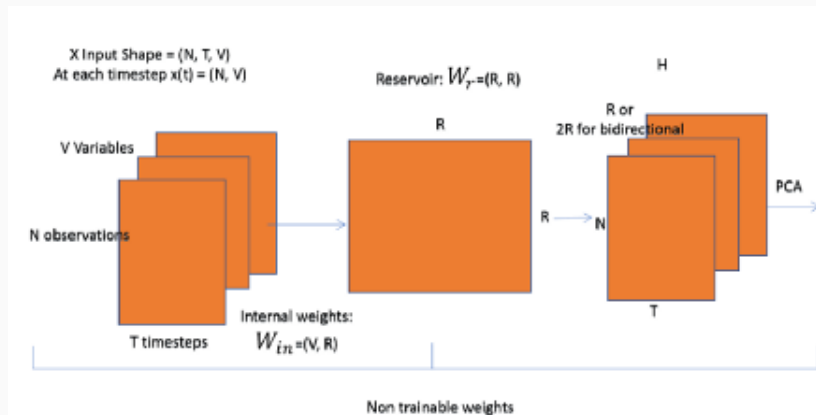
$$\mathbf{h}() = (\mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}() + \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h}(-1))$$

- Create an new input representation: A matrix with all the collected hidden states, or with roots and slopes, or a mean value of $\mathbf{h}(-1)$

ECHO STATE NETWORK



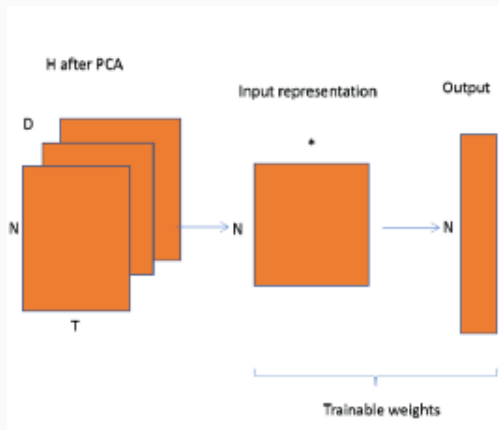
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ECHO STATE NETWORK

- Connect this new input representation to the output layer (can be a simple RNN with one or two layers)



- Advantages of ESNs:
 - The training phase is faster and doesn't suffer from backpropagation instabilities of Vanilla RNNs;
 - They are well suited for chaotic systems;
 - They are capable of “learning” short-term and long-term correlations;
- Disadvantages of ESNs:
 - Selection of tuning parameters → trial and error;
 - Limited size of Reservoir: its size is dependent of computer's memory capacity;

CONCLUSIONS

- So what does Takens' Embedding have to do with Echo State Networks?

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