

## Manifolds as a Useful Data Structure

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# Motivation

## C. Anderson, “The End of Theory”

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- “Traditional scientific method based on hypotheses would become obsolete”.
- “No more theories or hypotheses, no more discussions about whether the experimental results refute or confirm the original hypotheses”.
  - “In this new era, sophisticated algorithms and statistical tools are needed to sift through vast amounts of data and find information that can be turned into knowledge”.

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<sup>1</sup><http://archive.wired.com/science/discovery/journal/>

# Data-driven versus hypothesis-driven research

## Question 1

Is data-driven research a genuine way to gain knowledge, or is it primarily a tool for identifying potentially useful information?

## Question 2

If we consider Newtonian models based on rough approximations to reality that are wrong at the atomic level, what do we conclude about their usefulness?

# Inverse Problems

## 1st Answer

- The relationship between data and its model is analyzed using inverse problems
- They tell us about parameters that we cannot directly observe ... but
- They influence our judgment of the model validity in relation to the available data.
- The formally expressed relationship is

$$d_{obs} = F(p).$$

- The inverse problem is to determine the model parameters  $p$  that produce the data  $d_{obs}$ .

**The inverse problem is unstable  $\Rightarrow$  the direct problem is ill-posed**

# Inverse Problem in the Form of a Fredholm Integral Equation

$$d(x) = \int_{\Omega} K(x, t)p(t)dt,$$

where function  $p$  has to be found given the continuous kernel  $K$ , function  $d$ , and domain  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- For sufficiently smooth kernels  $K$ , the operator  $F$  is compact in a reasonable space;
- any solution  $p$  (defined up to an additive function lying in the null space) is unstable;
- the Tikhonov regularization is applicable if the solution (not known a priori) has a sufficiently small  $L^2$  norm.

# Data-Driven Modeling on Manifolds

- Consider data lying on a low dimensional **manifold** embedded in a high-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^\ell$ ;
- Show that a space with a **fuzzy partition** has a manifold structure;
- Find the closest manifold suitable for data representation (data-driven aspect);
- Use theory of **F-transforms** as a source of non-local operators including the Laplacian
- Use **non-local Laplacian** in the inverse problem where the corresponding direct is connected with the dimensionality reduction.

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# Topological Manifold

## Definition. Gauss, Riemann, Poincare

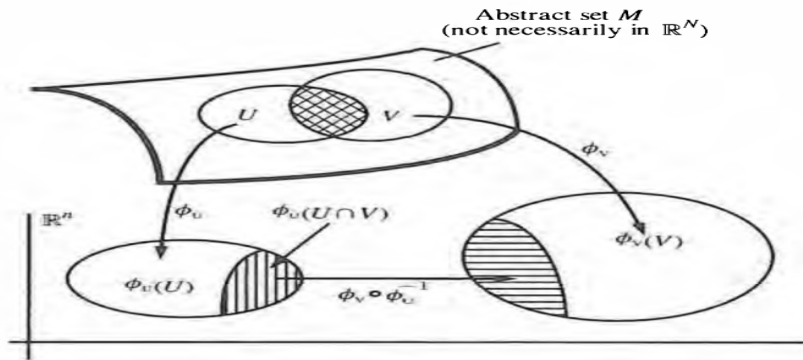
An  $n$ -dimensional topological manifold<sup>2</sup> is a **topological space**  $M$  that

- can be covered by a collection of open subsets  $\{U_i\}$  which are called **local coordinate neighborhoods** with
- bi-continuous, one-to-one mappings (homeomorphisms)  $\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , which are called **coordinate maps** (or charts).
- A collection of charts which covers manifold  $M$  is called an **atlas** of  $M$ . Since all subsets  $U_i$ 's cover  $M$ , we write  $M = \bigcup U_i$ .
- Since  $\phi_i$  is invertible, the  $\phi_i^{-1}$  exists and it is continuous as well.

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<sup>2</sup>J. P. Fortney, *A Visual Introduction to Differential Forms and Calculus on Manifolds*, Springer, 2018

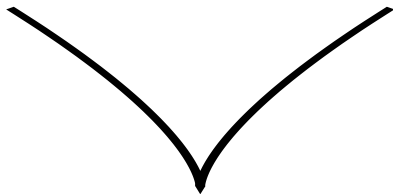
# Illustration. Charts



# 1-Manifold Example

A Cusp - upside down graph of a membership function

The graph of  $y = x^{2/3}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a topological manifold. It is locally Euclidean, because it is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$  via  $(x, x^{2/3}) \rightarrow x$ .



# Connected 1-manifolds

## Examples of connected 1-manifolds

- The real line  $\mathbb{R}$
- The half-line  $\mathbb{R}_+$
- The circle  $S^1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$
- The closed interval  $I = [0, 1]$

## Topological classification of connected 1-manifolds

### Theorem.

Any connected 1-manifold is homeomorphic to one of the four manifolds:  
 $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $S^1$ ,  $I$ .

**No two of these manifolds are homeomorphic to each other**

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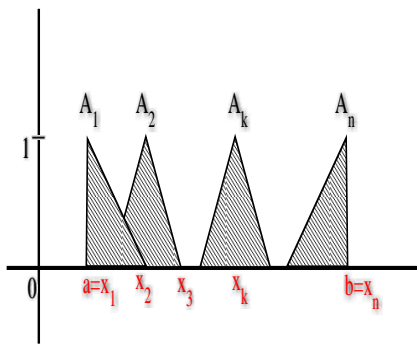
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Fuzzy sets  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  with **continuous** membership functions form a **fuzzy partition** with nodes  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  if for each  $k = 1 \dots, n$

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- $A_k(x) = 0$  if  $x \notin (x_{k-1}, x_{k+1})$
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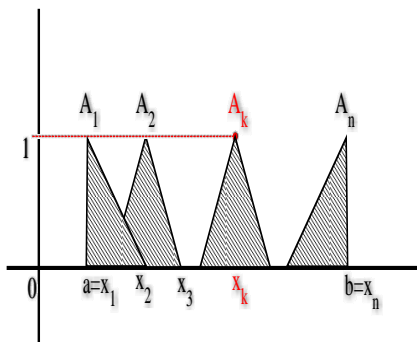
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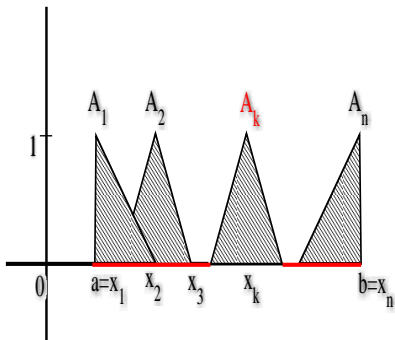
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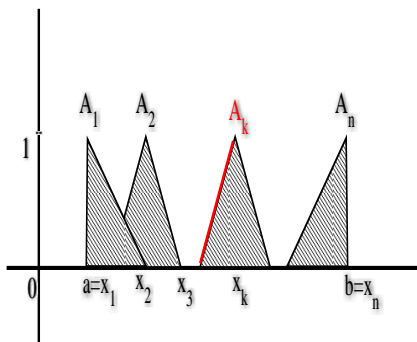




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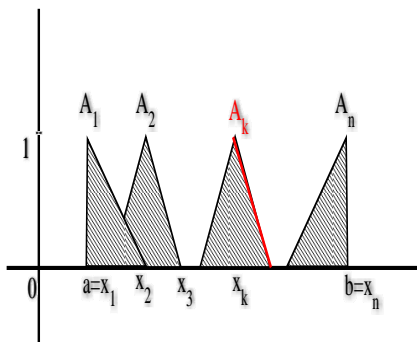


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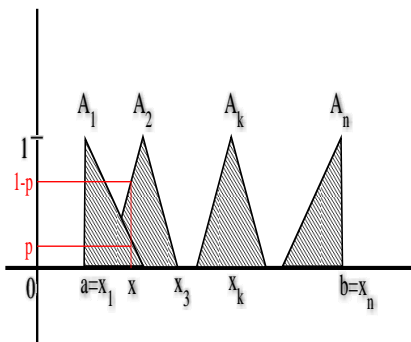


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# Fuzzy Partition $\Rightarrow$ 1-Manifold

Let fuzzy sets  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be a non-overlapping **fuzzy partition** of  $[a, b]$  with nodes  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  where  $A_k : (x_{k-1}, x_{k+1}) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . Then the collection of charts

$$\{(U_1, \phi_1), (U_2, \phi_2), \dots, (U_n, \phi_n)\}$$

where  $U_k = \{(x, A_k(x)) \mid x \in (x_{k-1}, x_{k+1})\}$  and  $\phi_k : (x, A_k(x)) \rightarrow x$  is a 1-dimensional manifold  $M_{A_1, \dots, A_n}$  with boundaries  $(x_1, 0), \dots, (x_n, 0)$  ( $a = x_1, b = x_n$ ), i.e.

$$M_{A_1, \dots, A_n} = \{(U_1, \phi_1), (U_2, \phi_2), \dots, (U_n, \phi_n), (x_1, 0), \dots, (x_n, 0)\}.$$

# 1-Manifold $\Rightarrow$ Fuzzy Partition

- Let  $M$  be a connected 1-dimensional manifold with  $n$  boundary points  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ , i.e.

$$M = \{(U_1, \phi_1), (U_2, \phi_2), \dots, (U_n, \phi_n), p_1, \dots, p_n\},$$

so that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow p_1} \phi_1(p) = a, \quad \lim_{p \rightarrow p_n} \phi_n(p) = b, \quad a < b.$$

- Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be a fuzzy partition of  $[a, b]$  with nodes  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
- Let  $M_{A_1, \dots, A_n}$  be the corresponding manifold.

Then manifolds  $M$  and  $M_{A_1, \dots, A_n}$  are **homeomorphic**.

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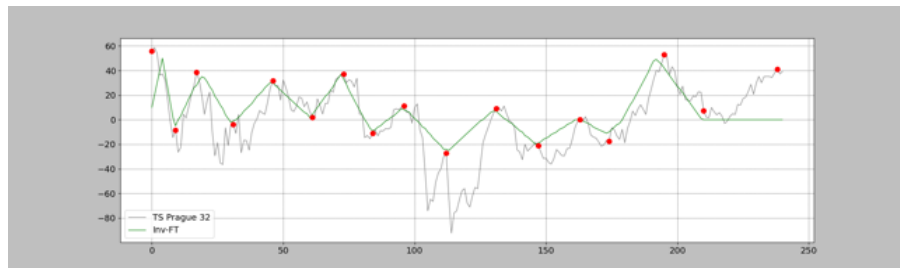
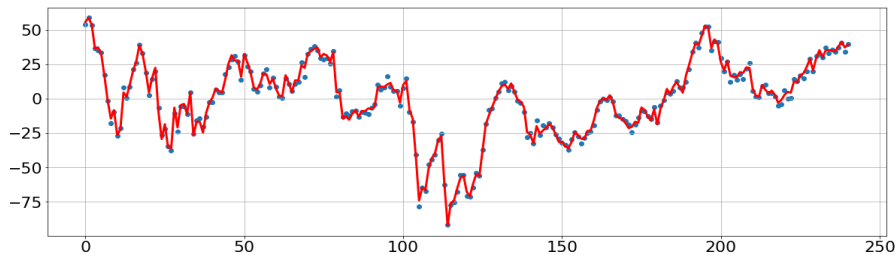
# Motivating Problem

- A continuous function of  $p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , variables on a bounded domain can be represented by its projections (components of the F-transform) onto the nearest manifold with a finite number of connected components, so that the charts of the latter can be used to approximate the function by its inverse F-transform.
- The goal is:

To find the nearest manifold and use it in the invFT

HOW THIS CAN BE DONE?

# Motivating Example





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# Direct F-transform - details

## Definition

Assume that

- $x \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,
- $\{A_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an  $h$ -uniform fuzzy partition of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The sequence  $F[x] = (X_k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$ , where

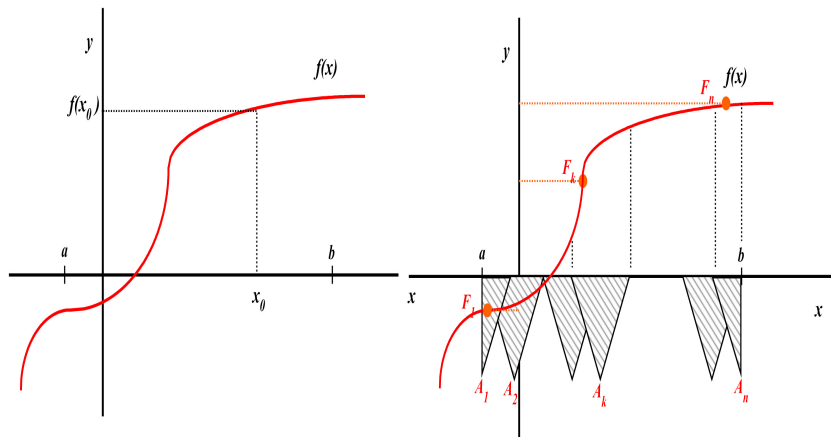
$$X_k = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_k(s) \cdot x(s) ds}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_k(s) ds} = \frac{1}{H} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_k(s) \cdot x(s) ds$$

is the (*direct*) *F-transform* of  $x$  with respect to  $\{A_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ <sup>3</sup>. Real numbers  $X_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , are the *F-transform components* of  $x$ .

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<sup>3</sup>I. Perfilieva, Fuzzy transforms: Theory and applications Fuzzy Sets and Systems 157 (2006) 993 – 1023

## (Fuzzy) F-Transform Schematically



# Main Properties of the F-Transform

## Best Approximation

Component  $F_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , **minimizes the following criterion**

$$\Phi_k(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (f(x) - y)^2 A_k(x) dx.$$

# Main Properties of the F-Transform

## F-Transform of Constants

Components  $C_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , of a **constant function**  $c$  coincide with  $c$ , i.e.

$$\mathbf{F}_n(c) = (c, \dots, c).$$

# Main Properties of the F-Transform

## Linearity

The F-transform is an **image of a linear operator**  $\mathbf{F}_n$ , i.e. for all  $f, h \in (L_2[a, b]; A_1, \dots, A_n)$  and for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mathbf{F}_n(\alpha f + \beta h) = \alpha \mathbf{F}_n(f) + \beta \mathbf{F}_n(h).$$

# Inverse F-transform - details

## Inversion Formula

Let

- $\mathbf{x} = (X_k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$  be an arbitrary sequence of reals,
  - $\{A_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be an  $h$ -uniform fuzzy partition of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,
- and The following *inversion formula*<sup>4</sup>

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^F(t) = \frac{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X_k \cdot A_k(t)}{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} A_k(t)}, t \in \mathbb{R},$$

converts the sequence  $\mathbf{x}$  into the real function  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^F$  such that  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

## Definition

$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^F$  is the *inverse F-transform of the sequence*  $\mathbf{x} = (X_k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$  with respect to the fuzzy partition  $\{A_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

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<sup>4</sup>I. Perfilieva, M. Holcapek, V. Kreinovich, A new reconstruction from the F-transform components, FSS 2016

# The nearest 1-manifold. Specification

## Parameters To be Found

- Boundary points - Keypoints;
- Collection of charts  $\{(U_1, \phi_1), (U_2, \phi_2), \dots, (U_n, \phi_n)\}$  - Local pieces of topologically close points;
- Measure of “goodness”.

**This Requires to Establish a Calculus on a Manifold !**



# Weighted Graph as a Model of a Manifold

- Let  $G = (V, E, w)$  be a weighted graph where  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_\ell\}$  is a finite set of vertices, and  $E$  ( $E \subset V \times V$ ) is a set of weighted edges so that  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ .
- The edge  $e = (v_i, v_j)$  connects two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , and then the weight of  $e$  is  $w(v_i, v_j)$  or just  $w_{ij}$ .
- Weights are set using the function  $w : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , which is symmetric ( $w_{ij} = w_{ji}, \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq \ell$ ), non-negative ( $w_{ij} \geq 0$ ) and  $w_{ij} = 0$  if  $(v_i, v_j) \notin E$ .
- The notation  $v_i \sim v_j$  denotes two adjacent vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  with an existing edge connecting them.

## Two Hilbert spaces on a Weighted Graph

- Let  $H(V)$  denote the Hilbert space of real-valued functions on the set of vertices  $V$  of the graph, where if  $f, h \in H(V)$  and  $f, h : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The **inner product**

$$\langle f, h \rangle_{H(V)} = \sum_{v \in V} f(v)h(v).$$

- Similarly,  $H(E)$  denotes the space of real-valued functions defined on the set  $E$  of edges of a graph  $G$ . This space has the **inner product**

$$\langle F, H \rangle_{H(E)} = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} F(u, v)H(u, v) = \sum_{u \in V} \sum_{v \sim u} F(u, v)H(u, v),$$

where  $F, H : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are two functions on  $H(E)$ .

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# Directional Derivative of a Function on a Graph

Let  $G = (V, E, w)$  be a weighted graph, and let  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function in  $H(V)$ . The difference operator  $d : H(V) \rightarrow H(E)$  of  $f$ , is defined on  $(u, v) \in E$  by

$$(df)(u, v) = \sqrt{w(u, v)} (f(v) - f(u)).$$

The **directional derivative** of  $f$ , at vertex  $v \in V$ , along the edge  $e = (u, v)$ , is defined as:

$$\partial_v f(u) = (df)(u, v).$$

# Adjoint to the Difference Operator

The adjoint to the difference operator  $d^* : H(E) \rightarrow H(V)$ , is a linear operator defined by:

$$\langle df, H \rangle_{H(E)} = \langle f, d^* H \rangle_{H(V)},$$

for any function  $H \in H(E)$  and function  $f \in H(V)$ .

## Proposition

The adjoint operator  $d^*$  can be expressed at a vertex  $u \in V$  by the following formula:

$$(d^* H)(u) = \sum_{v \sim u} \sqrt{w(u, v)} (H(v, u) - H(u, v)).$$

The divergence operator, defined by  $-d^*$ , measures the network outflow of a function in  $H(E)$ , at each vertex of the graph.

# The Weighted Laplace Operator

The weighted gradient operator of  $f \in H(V)$ , at vertex  $u \in V$ ,  $\forall (u, v_i) \in E$ , is a column vector:

$$\nabla_w f(u) = (\partial_v f(u) : v \sim u)^T = (\partial_{v_1} f(u), \dots, \partial_{v_k} f(u))^T.$$

The weighted Laplace operator  $\Delta_w : H(V) \rightarrow H(V)$ , is defined by:

$$\Delta_w f = -\frac{1}{2} d^*(df).$$

# w-Laplace Operator and Measure of “Goodness”

## Proposition

The weighted Laplace operator  $\Delta_w$  at  $f \in H(V)$  acts as follows:

$$(\Delta_w f)(u) = - \sum_{v \sim u} w(u, v)(f(v) - f(u)).$$

This Laplace operator is linear and corresponds to the graph Laplacian.

**Keypoints are the points of local extrema of a Laplacian !**

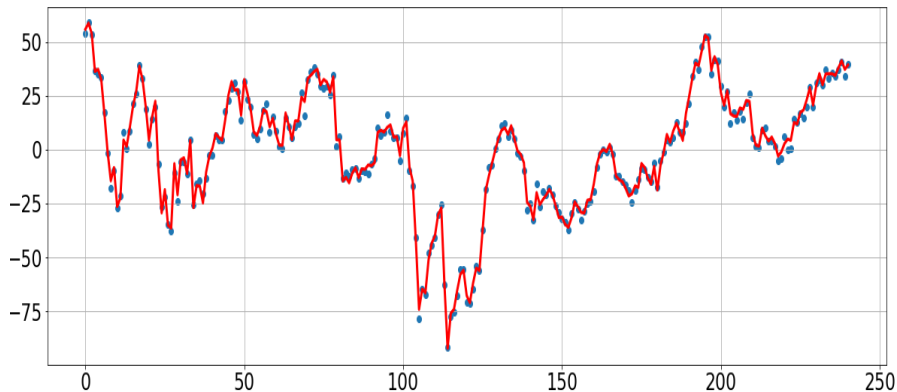
**Laplacian values regulate the charts areas !**

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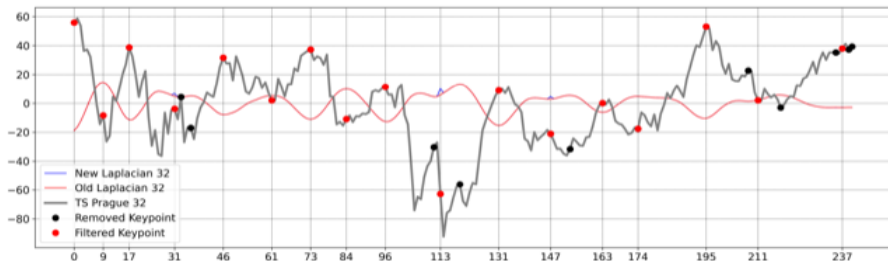
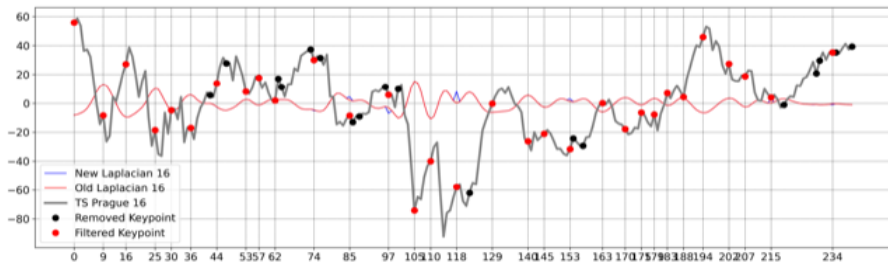


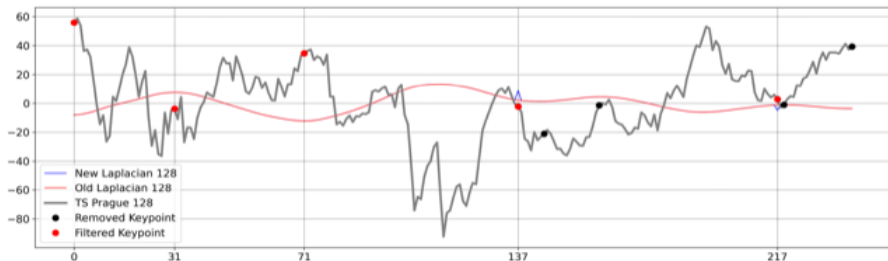
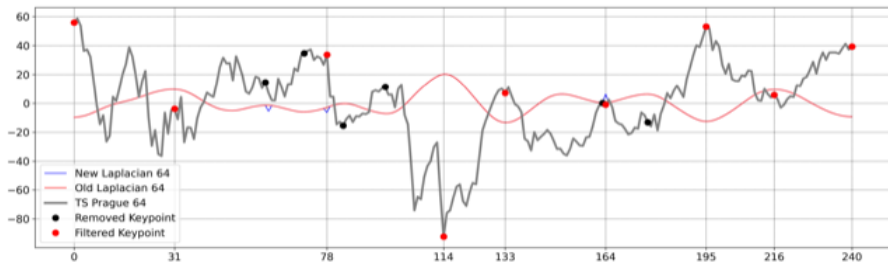
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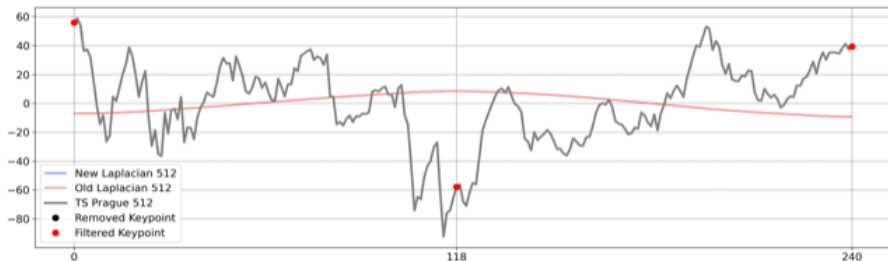
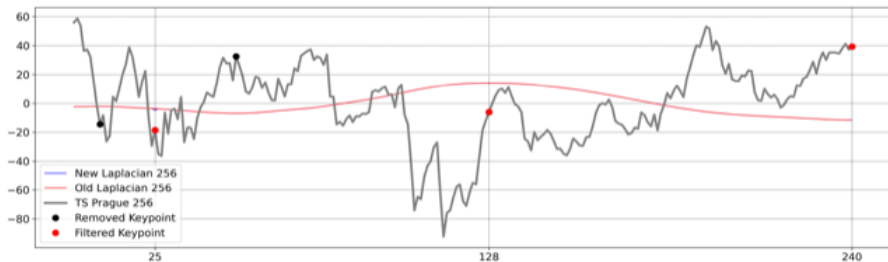


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<sup>5</sup>Yahoo Finance: The (2016) daily closing prices from international stock indices, namely Prague (PX), Paris (FCHI), Frankfurt (GDAXI) and Moscow (MOEX)

Scale-Dependent Keypoints,  $w = 2^t$ ,  $t = 4, 5$ 

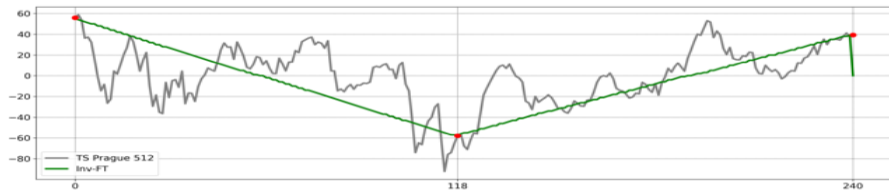
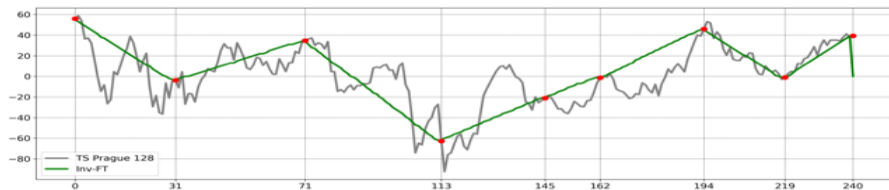
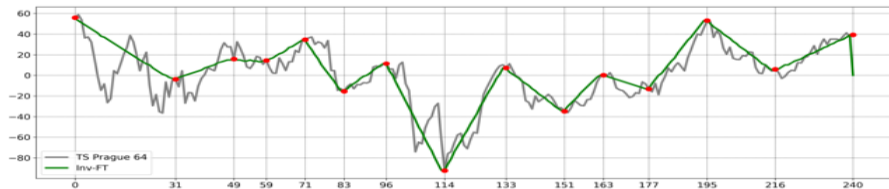
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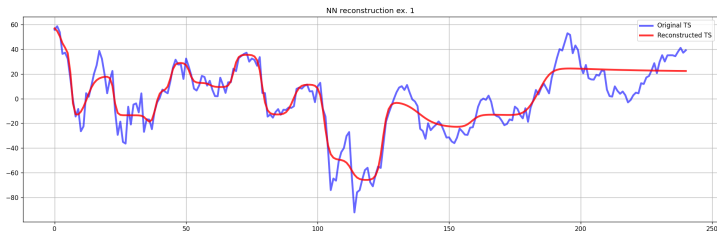
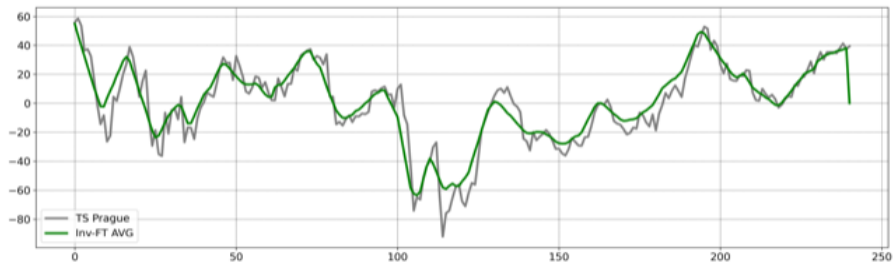
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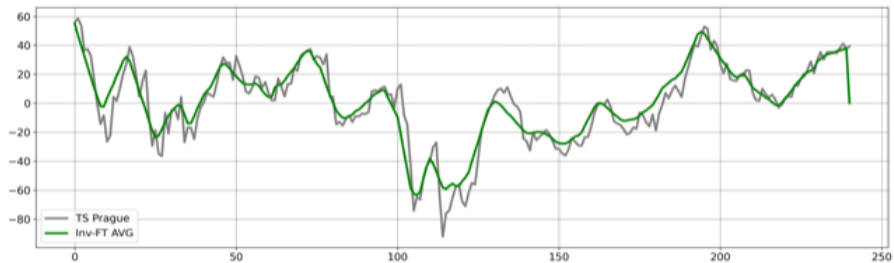
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# Aggregated Reconstructions: AggIFT – NN

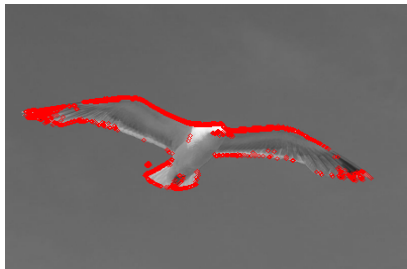


# Aggregated Reconstructions with RMSE

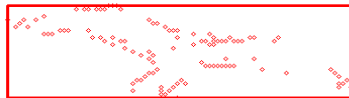




# Image and Its Scale-Dependent Keypoints



# Image and Its Reconstruction from Scale-Dependent Keypoints



# Conclusion

- We have contributed to **efficient data-driven modeling** by showing that
  - A connected 1 manifold naturally leads to a space with a fuzzy partition;
  - The data-driven modeling is about finding the nearest manifold;
  - The quality of a data-driven modeling is connected with the Laplace-Beltrami operator.
  - A continuous function on a bounded domain can be represented by its projections (components of the F-transform) onto the nearest manifold, so that the charts of the latter can be used to approximate the function using the inverse F-transform.