# EFFECTIVE COVER SONG IDENTIFICATION BASED ON SKIPPING BIGRAMS

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## Outline

- What is cover song identification?
- Application: detect copyright infringement, music retrieval, etc.
- Challenge: Key transposition, structure and speed change
- Existing methods: Sequence alignment, Music representation
- Our approach
  - Represent music with skipping bigram histogram
  - Utilize inverted index to accelerate the calculation



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#### Vector quantization and encoding

- Vector quantization is used to cluster embedded vectors and a codebook is learnt for encoding.
- Reduce the impact of structural variations.
- Code sequences of cover songs reveal high similarity, while code sequences of different songs show little similarity.

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# Bigram histogram and similarity

- Count the bigram histogram f
- The similarity between two songs is defined as:

$$S(u,v) = \max_{i} \sum_{a,b} \min\{f_u^{(i)}(a,b), f_v^{(0)}(a,b)\}$$

- Why use skipping bigram?
  - Consider the structural variations in cover songs
  - A simple example: consider two code sequences {1, 2, 3} and {1, 3}, the similarity of bigram histogram is zero
  - Consider a gap s when constructing bigrams

#### Inverted index

# • How to compute the similarity efficiently $S(u, v) = \max \sum \min\{f_u^{(i)}(a, b), f_v^{(0)}(a, b)\}$

A table is established to maintain the mapping from (a, b) to recording.

• Given a pair (a, b), we could get  $\{(v, f_v^{(0)}(a, b))|f_v^{(0)}(a, b) > 0\}$  quickly with the help of the table.

#### Retrieval

- Given a query u, code sequences are generated through embedding, transposition and encoding.
- Fixed *i*, for each bigram  $(a, b) \in \{(a, b) | f_u^{(i)}(a, b) > 0\},\$ we find  $\{(v, f_v^{(0)}(a, b)) | f_v^{(0)}(a, b) > 0\}$  with the help of table.
- Enumerating  $i \in \{-5, -4 \dots 5\}$ , the algorithm computes the similarity between the query and the reference.

## Experimental setting

Evaluation metric

Mean average precision (MAP)

Precision at 10 (P@10)

Mean rank of first correctly identified cover (MR1)

Datasets

Youtube350

Music collection (MC)

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## Comparison

- Highest P@10 and MR1 compared to state-of-the-art method
- Low time complexity

	MAP	P@10	MR1	Time/s	Complexity
DTW [19]	0.425	0.114	11.69	56.50	$O(NM^2)$
Silva et al. [19]	0.478	0.126	8.49	3.71	O(NMS)
Serra et al. [21]	0.525	0.132	9.43	2419.20	$O(NM^2)$
Silva et al. [18]	0.591	0.140	7.91	18.72	$O(NM \log M)$
Rafii CQT [22]	0.521	0.122	9.75	-	$O(NM^2)$
Rafii fingerprint [22]	0.648	0.145	8.27	-	$O(NM^2)$
Skipping bigrams	0.617	0.147	7.42	3.40	$O(\dot{M}\log \acute{K})$

## Conclusion & Future work

- Propose a skipping bigram model robust against structure and speed variations
- Design an inverted index for acceleration
- Achieve a high MAP with low time cost on a recent cover song dataset
- Adapt our approach to large-scale datasets

# Thank you!