## 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


## Pipeline



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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:

$$
S(u, v)=\max _{i} \sum_{a, b} \min \left\{f_{u}^{(i)}(a, b), f_{v}^{(0)}(a, b)\right\}
$$

- 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

$$
S(u, v)=\max _{i} \sum_{a, b} \min \left\{f_{u}^{(i)}(a, b), f_{v}^{(0)}(a, b)\right\}
$$

- A table is established to maintain the mapping from (a, b) to recording.
- Given a pair (a, b), we could get $\left\{\left(v, f_{v}^{(0)}(a, b)\right) \mid f_{v}^{(0)}(a, b)>0\right\}$ 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 $(a, b) \in\left\{(a, b) \mid f_{u}^{(i)}(a, b)>0\right\}$, we find $\left\{\left(v, f_{v}^{(0)}(a, b)\right) \mid f_{v}^{(0)}(a, b)>0\right\}$ with the help of table.
- Enumerating $i \in\{-5,-4 \ldots 5\}$, 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 | $O\left(N M^{2}\right)$ |
| Silva et al. [19] | 0.478 | 0.126 | 8.49 | 3.71 | $O(N M S)$ |
| Serra et al. [21] | 0.525 | 0.132 | 9.43 | 2419.20 | $O\left(N M^{2}\right)$ |
| Silva et al. [18] | 0.591 | 0.140 | 7.91 | 18.72 | $O(N M \log M)$ |
| Rafii CQT [22] | 0.521 | 0.122 | 9.75 | - | $O\left(N M^{2}\right)$ |
| Rafii fingerprint [22] | $\mathbf{0 . 6 4 8}$ | 0.145 | 8.27 | - | $O\left(N M^{2}\right)$ |
| Skipping bigrams | 0.617 | $\mathbf{0 . 1 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 4 0}$ | $O(N \log K)$ |

## 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!

