

Convolutive Block-Matching Segmentation Algorithm with Application to Music Structure Analysis

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Poster summary

This poster presents an algorithm aiming at segmenting autosimilarity matrices, called Convolutive Block-Matching (CBM) algorithm.

The CBM algorithm aims at framing blocks of high self-similarity in an autosimilarity matrix, *i.e.* homogeneous regions.

The CBM is introduced for the task of Music Structure Analysis (MSA), by segmenting songs sampled at the barscale.

The proposed algorithm achieves a level of performance competitive to that of supervised State-of-the-Art methods on 3 among 4 metrics while being unsupervised.



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Barwise processing





Figure 1. The spectrogram is cut at each downbeat, and the information contained in each bar is vectorized. This results in a **Barwise TF matrix**, of size $B \times TF$.

Autosimilarity matrix

An autosimilarity matrix $A(X) \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times B}$ contains the similarity between all pair of bars:



Figure 2. The spectrogram is cut on each downbeat, and the information contained in each bar is vectorized. This results in a **Barwise TF matrix**, of size $B \times TF$.

Three similarity functions are studied here:

$$s(X_i, X_j) = \begin{cases} \text{Cosine similarity} &: \quad \frac{\langle X_i, X_j \rangle}{\|X_i\|_2 \|X_j\|_2} \\ \text{Covariance similarity} &: \quad \frac{\langle X_i - \bar{x}, X_j - \bar{x} \rangle}{\|X_i - \bar{x}\|_2 \|X_j - \bar{x}\|_2} \end{cases}$$

 $u(S_i) = \frac{1}{\nu |S_i|} \sum_{k=1}^{|S_i|} \sum_{l=1}^{|S_i|} A_{S_i}(X)_{kl} K_{kl} - \lambda p(|S_i|).$ (4)**Convolution kernels (block-weighting)** Penalty function $\begin{array}{cc} 0 & \text{if } |S_i| = 8 \end{array}$ ■ 1 □ 0 $p(|S_i|) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{else if } |S_i| \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{else if } |S_i| \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ otherwise (a) Full kernel (b) 3-band (c) 7-band (5)Figure 4. Different kernels, of size 10

Quantitative results

Results according to parameters of the CBM:



Figure 5. Results according to the similarity function and convolution kernel. F_{3s} on the RWC Pop dataset.





Figure 3. Cosine, Covariance and RBF autosimilarities on the song POP01 from RWC Pop.

Algorithm principles

Notations:

• $Z^*_{[b_i:b_j]}$: optimal segmentation (set of boundaries) between bars b_i and b_j . • u(): score function (for a segment or a set of segments).

Framed as a Longest-path in a graph (directed and acyclic)



Best results, compared with State-of-the-Art algorithms (SOTA) [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]



Open-source toolbox



https://gitlab.imt-atlantique.fr/a23marmo/autosimilarity_segmentation/-/tree/WASPAA23

Take home messages

- 1. A new segmentation algorithm!
 - High performances, without supervision (still necessitates downbeat estimation)
 - Low-complexity and easily customizable,
- 2. May be used with any representation-learning algorithm (e.g. your favourite neural network).
- 3. Barwise sampling participates in boosting the performance of music structure estimation (more experiments in the future detailed version).

Perspectives (contact me! :))

1. Studying (or learning) different types of kernels,

Formally, this is written as an optimization problem, depending on the function u:

$$Z^* = \underset{Z \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \sum_{i=1}^{E-1} u(S_i).$$

- 2. Improving the penalty function (empirical),
- 3. Replace the simple similarity functions with more complex ones (e.g. learned by means of a neural network).

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