

Finding the best K -sparse approximation of a signal in a redundant dictionary is an NP-hard problem significant for many applications. Suboptimal greedy matching pursuit (MP) algorithms are generally used for such task. We present here an acceleration technique for matching pursuit-based algorithms acting on a multi-Gabor dictionary; a concatenation of several Gabor-type time-frequency dictionaries; each of which consisting of translations and modulations of a possibly different prototype window and time and frequency shift parameters. The technique is based on pre-computing and thresholding inner products between atoms and on updating the residuum and the approximation error estimate directly in the coefficient domain i.e. without the round-trip to the signal domain. We provide an implementation written in C (compatible with C99 and C++11) and we also provide Matlab and GNU Octave wrappers. For some settings, the implementation is almost 100 times faster than the standard Matching Pursuit Toolkit (MPTK) [1].

Multi-Gabor dictionary

A Gabor dictionary $\mathbf{D}_{(\mathbf{g},a,M)}$ generated from a window $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{R}^L, \|\mathbf{g}\|_2 = 1$, time shift a and a number of modulations M is given as

$$\mathbf{D}_{(\mathbf{g},a,M)}(l, m + nM) = \mathbf{d}_{m+nM}(l) = \mathbf{T}_{na}\mathbf{M}_{m/M}\mathbf{g}(l) = \mathbf{g}(l - na)e^{i2\pi m(l-na)/M}$$

for $l = 0, \dots, L-1$ and $m = 0, \dots, M-1$ for each $n = 0, \dots, N-1$, where $N = L/a$ is the number of window time shifts and the overall number of atoms is $P = MN$. The expression $(l - na)$ is assumed to be evaluated modulo L according to the circular indexing.

A multi-Gabor dictionary consisting of W Gabor dictionaries is defined as

$$[\mathbf{D}_{(\mathbf{g}_1,a_1,M_1)} | \mathbf{D}_{(\mathbf{g}_2,a_2,M_2)} | \dots | \mathbf{D}_{(\mathbf{g}_W,a_W,M_W)}]$$

The parameters a_w and M_w are restricted such that M_w/a_w is an integer and every pair a_w, a_v and M_w, M_v is divisible by $a_{\min} = \min\{a_w, a_v\}$ and $M_{\min} = \min\{M_w, M_v\}$ respectively. Windows \mathbf{g}_w are chosen such that the overall dictionary forms a frame for \mathbb{C}^L .

Gram Matrix

A cross-Gram matrix from dictionary v to dictionary w will be denoted as $\mathbf{G}_{w,v} = \mathbf{D}_w^* \mathbf{D}_v$ and the overall Gram matrix has the following block structure

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_{1,1} & \mathbf{G}_{1,2} & \dots & \mathbf{G}_{1,W} \\ \mathbf{G}_{2,1} & \mathbf{G}_{2,2} & \dots & \mathbf{G}_{2,W} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{G}_{W,1} & \mathbf{G}_{W,2} & \dots & \mathbf{G}_{W,W} \end{bmatrix}$$

If $a_v = a_w$ and $M_v = M_w$,

the cross-Gram matrix exhibits the following structure

$$\mathbf{G}_{w,v}(m + nM, k + jM) = \mathbf{h}_{w,v}(m - k, n - j)M e^{i2\pi k \frac{a}{M}(n-j)}$$

for $m = 0, \dots, M-1$ for each $n = 0, \dots, N-1$ and $k = 0, \dots, M-1$ for each $j = 0, \dots, N-1$ where

$$\mathbf{h}_{w,v} = \mathbf{D}_w^* \mathbf{g}_v \in \mathbb{C}^{MN}.$$

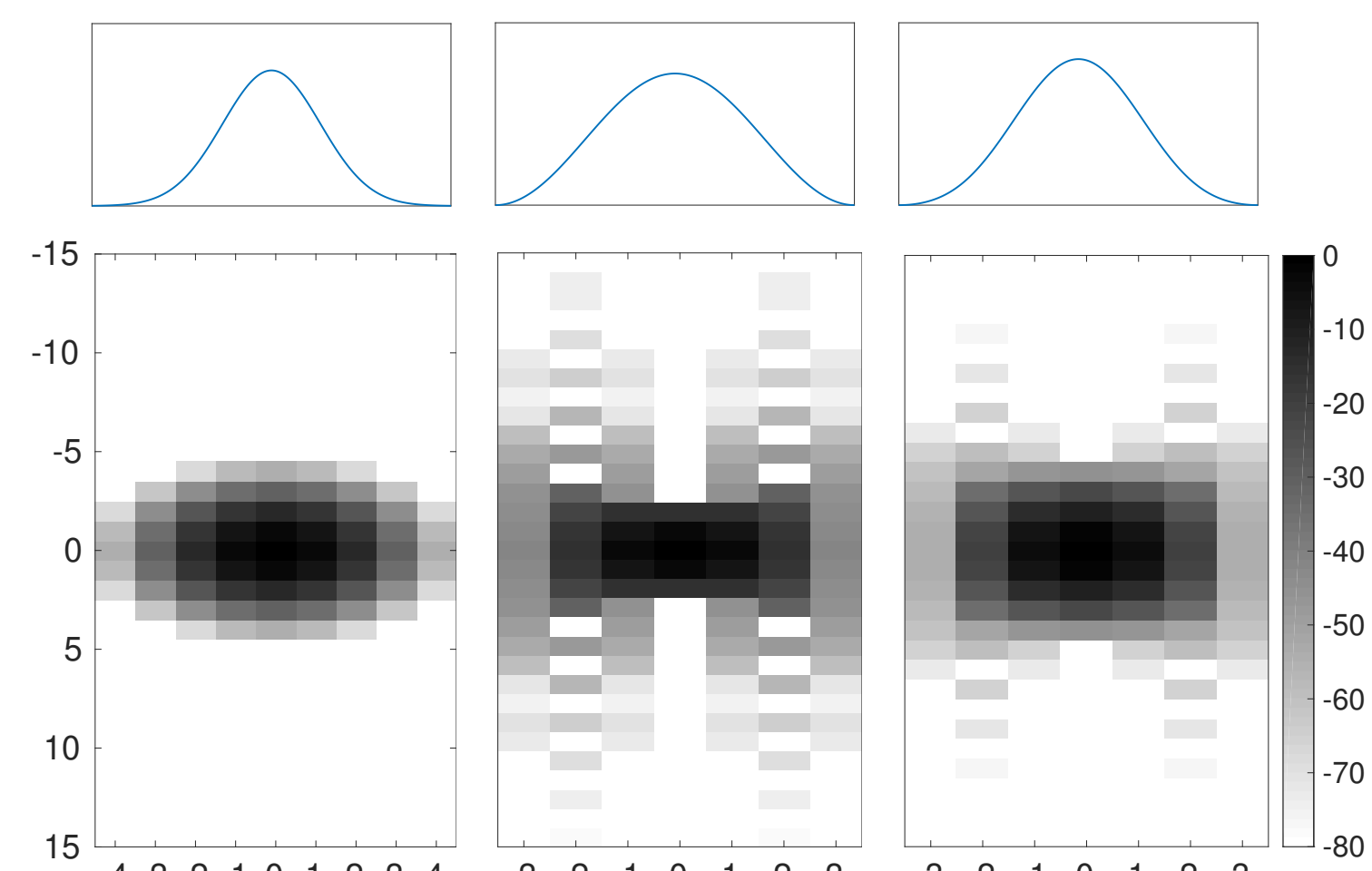


Figure: Examples of abs. values of truncated kernels. (Left) Gaussian, (middle) Hann and (right) Blackman windows.

If $a_v \neq a_w$ or $M_v \neq M_w$,

the cross-Gram matrix can be constructed by sub-sampling a kernel computed for the common lattice $a_{\min} = \min\{a_v, a_w\}$, $M_{\max} = \max\{M_v, M_w\}$ as

$$\mathbf{h}_{w,v} = \mathbf{D}_{(\mathbf{g}_w, a_{\min}, M_{\max})}^* \mathbf{g}_v \in \mathbb{C}^{M_{\max}L/a_{\min}}$$

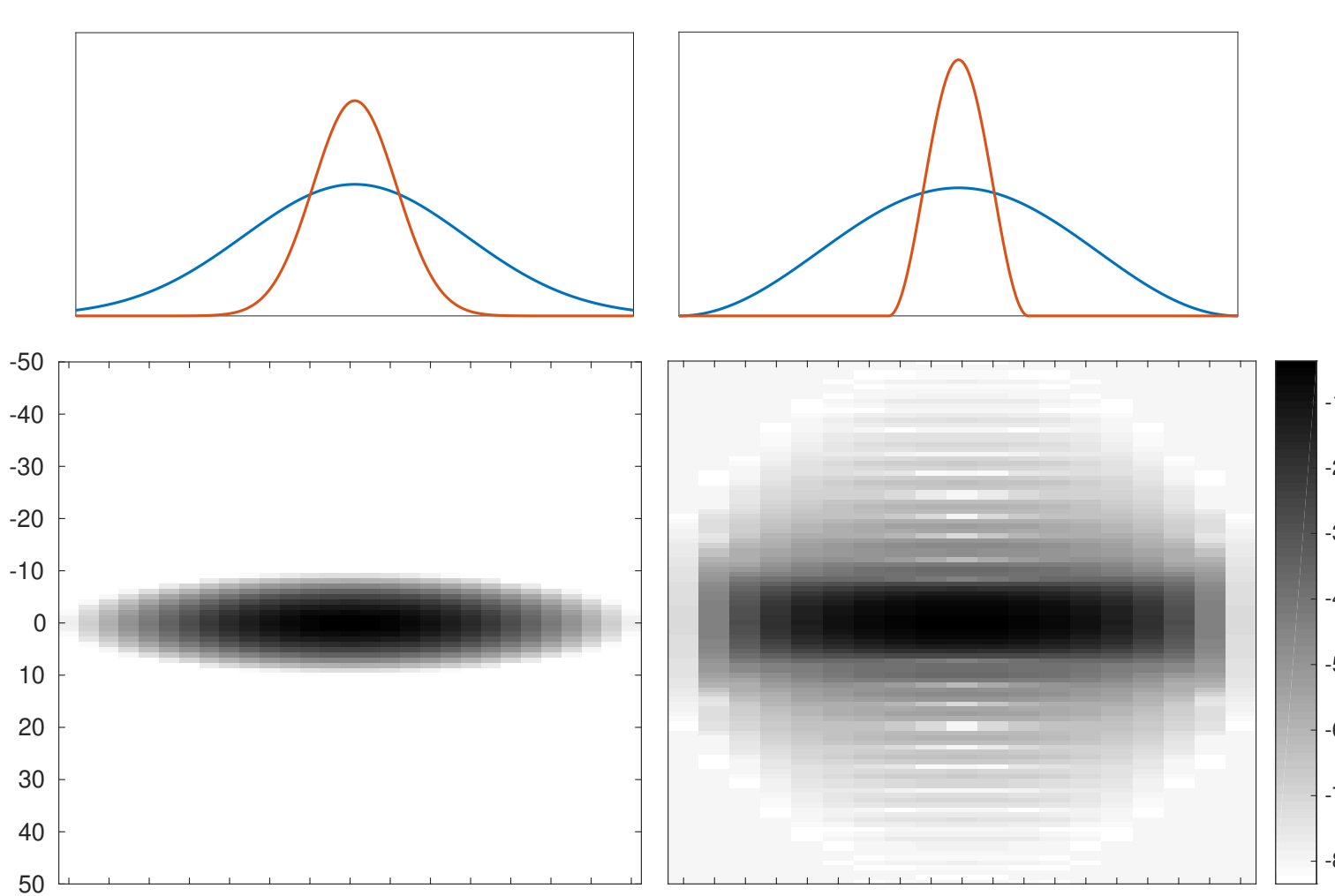


Figure: Examples of abs. values of truncated cross-kernels. (Left) Gaussian and (right) Hann windows.

$$\mathbf{c}(m, n)_M = \mathbf{c}(m + nM)$$

Matching Pursuit

The best K -sparse approximation of a signal $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^L$ in an overcomplete dictionary of P normalized atoms (vectors) $\mathbf{D} = [\mathbf{d}_0 | \mathbf{d}_1 | \dots | \mathbf{d}_{P-1}] \in \mathbb{C}^{L \times P}$, $\|\mathbf{d}_p\|_2 = 1$ can be formally written as the solution to

$$\min \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{c}\|_2 \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{c}\|_0 \leq K.$$

The matching pursuit (MP) algorithm [2] finds a *suboptimal* solution by an iterative greedy atom selection.

Input: Input signal \mathbf{x} , dictionary \mathbf{D}

Output: Solution vector \mathbf{c}

Initialization: $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{r}_0 = \mathbf{x}$, $E_0 = \|\mathbf{r}_0\|_2^2$, $k = 0$

while Stopping criterion not met **do**

1. **Selection:** $p_{\max} = \underset{p}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{r}_k - \langle \mathbf{r}_k, \mathbf{d}_p \rangle \mathbf{d}_p\|_2^2 = \underset{p}{\operatorname{argmax}} |\langle \mathbf{r}_k, \mathbf{d}_p \rangle|$
 $c_{\max} = \langle \mathbf{r}_k, \mathbf{d}_{p_{\max}} \rangle$

2. **Update:**

2.1 **Solution:** $\mathbf{c}(p_{\max}) = \mathbf{c}(p_{\max}) + c_{\max}$

2.2 **Error:** $E_{k+1} \leftarrow E_k - |c_{\max}|^2$

2.3 **Residual:** $\mathbf{r}_{k+1} = \mathbf{r}_k - c_{\max} \mathbf{d}_{p_{\max}}$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

end

Alternative residual update step 2.3 in the coefficient domain:

$$\mathbf{D}^* \mathbf{r}_{k+1} = \mathbf{D}^* \mathbf{r}_k - c_{\max} \mathbf{G}(:, p_{\max}).$$

Faster Approximate Residual Update

Single dictionary: Employing the kernel, the residual update in the coefficient domain reduces to a subtraction of a truncated, modulated and weighted kernel

$$\mathbf{h}^{(k,j)}(m, n)_M = \mathbf{h}(m, n)_M e^{i2\pi k \frac{a}{M} n}$$

from the neighborhood of the time-frequency position k, j ($p_{\max} = k + jM$) which can be written as

$$\mathbf{D}^* \mathbf{r}_{k+1}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})_M = \mathbf{D}^* \mathbf{r}_k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})_M - c_{\max} \mathbf{h}^{(k,j)}$$

assuming \mathbf{h} has already been truncated and \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} denote the index set of the appropriate neighborhood.

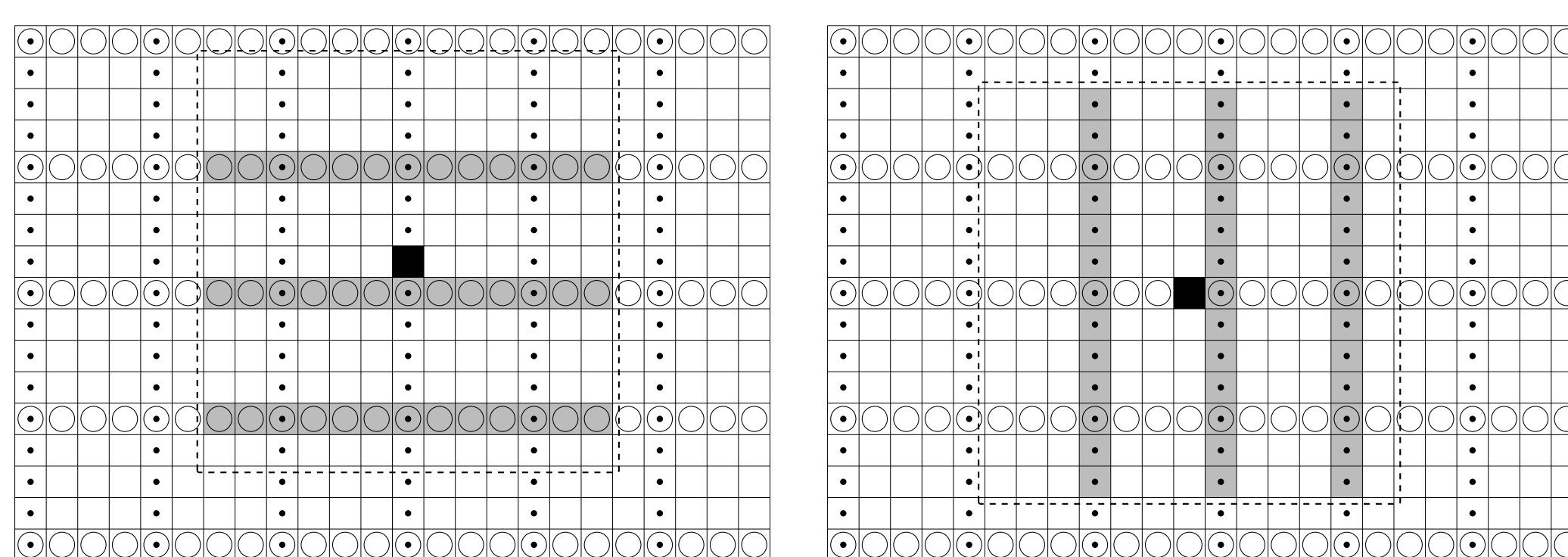
Multiple dictionaries: In addition, subsampling of the appropriate cross-kernel $\mathbf{h}_{w,v}$ during the update is introduced

$$\mathbf{D}_w^* \mathbf{r}_{k+1}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})_M = \mathbf{D}_w^* \mathbf{r}_k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})_M - c_{\max} \mathbf{h}_{w,v}^{(k,j)}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{I}),$$

where \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{I} are indices in the kernel with steps M_{\max}/M_w and a_w/a_{\min} respectively.

Example: $a_1 = 4a_{\min}$, $M_1 = 8a_{\min}$ and $a_2 = a_{\min}$, $M_2 = 2a_{\min}$. Both cross-kernels $\mathbf{h}_{1,2}$ and $\mathbf{h}_{2,1}$ are computed with $a_{\min} = a_2$ and $M_{\max} = M_1$.

• a_1, M_1 ○ a_2, M_2 □ a_{\min}, M_{\max} ■ Selected ■ Updated



Real Atoms from a Complex Dictionary

For each pair of conjugated atoms arranged into a matrix $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{d} | \bar{\mathbf{d}}] \in \mathbb{C}^{L \times 2}$, the projection can be written as $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{r}_k$ and the energy of a potential new residual becomes $\|\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{r}_k\|_2^2$. Due to the orthogonality of the projection, the pair which decreases the residual error the most is the one with highest $\|\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{r}_k\|_2$. The inverted expression can be written as

$$(\mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \langle \bar{\mathbf{d}}, \mathbf{d} \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - |\langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle|^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle \\ -\langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the *dual* pair of conjugated atoms is obtained as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = [\tilde{\mathbf{d}} | \tilde{\bar{\mathbf{d}}}] = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P})^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - |\langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle|^2} [\mathbf{d} - \langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle \bar{\mathbf{d}} | \bar{\mathbf{d}} - \langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle \mathbf{d}].$$

The energy of the projection can be written as

$$\|\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{r}_k\|_2^2 = \|\langle \mathbf{r}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \rangle \tilde{\mathbf{d}} + \langle \mathbf{r}_k, \tilde{\bar{\mathbf{d}}} \rangle \tilde{\bar{\mathbf{d}}}\|_2^2 = 2|\langle \mathbf{r}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \rangle|^2 (1 + \operatorname{Re}(e^{i2\phi} \langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle)),$$

where $\phi = \arg(\langle \mathbf{r}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \rangle)$. The inner product of the residual with the first of the dual atoms $\tilde{\mathbf{d}}$ can be expanded into

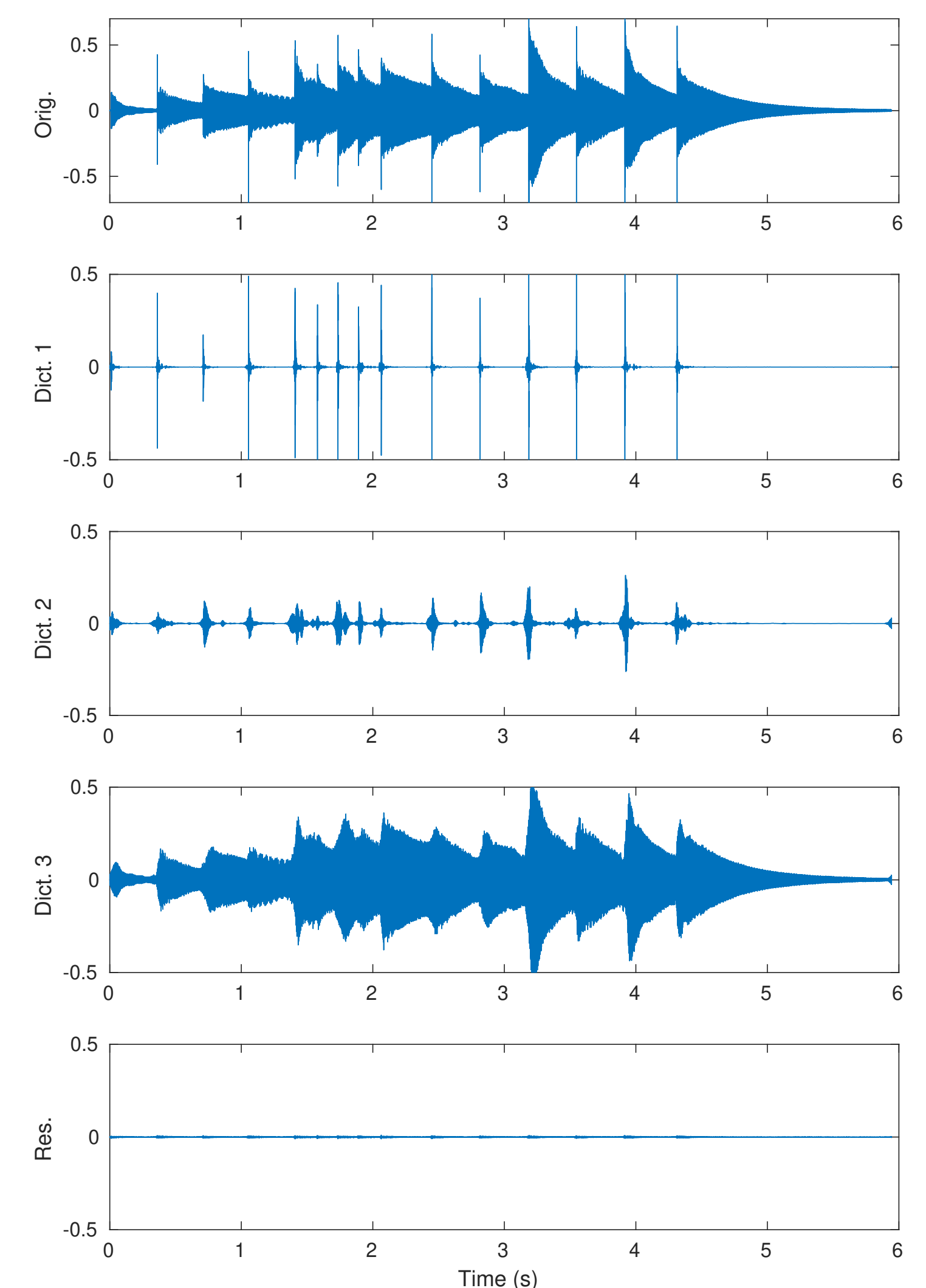
$$\tilde{c} = \langle \mathbf{r}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \rangle = (\langle \mathbf{r}_k, \mathbf{d} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle \langle \mathbf{r}_k, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle) / (1 - |\langle \mathbf{d}, \bar{\mathbf{d}} \rangle|^2),$$

and the inner product with the conjugated one is just conjugated.

Matlab Example

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[f, fs] = gspl;
[c, freq, info] = multidgtrealmp(f, ...
    {'blackman', 64, 512, ...
    'blackman', 256, 2048, ...
    'blackman', 1024, 8192});
freqcd = info.synthesize(c);
xvals = (0: numel(f)-1)/fs;
plot(xvals, f); ylabel('Orig. ');
plot(xvals, freqcd(:, 1)); ylabel('Dict. 1');
plot(xvals, freqcd(:, 2)); ylabel('Dict. 2');
plot(xvals, freqcd(:, 3)); ylabel('Dict. 3');
plot(xvals, f - freqcd); ylabel('Res. ');
atomsTotal = sum(cellfun(@numel, c));
atomsSelected = ...
sum(cellfun(@(e) numel(find(abs(e) > 0)), c));
error = 20 * log10(norm(f - freqcd)/norm(f));
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Selects atomsSelected = 8094 from atomsTotal = 3151104 with approximation error -40 dB.



(available in LTFAT at <http://lftfat.github.io>)

Comparison with MPTK [1]

Timing in seconds for performing 200 thousands iterations on a 137 seconds long piano recording sampled at 44.1 kHz totaling $6 \cdot 10^6$ samples using single Gabor dictionary with various redundancies (above) and five Gabor dictionaries (below).

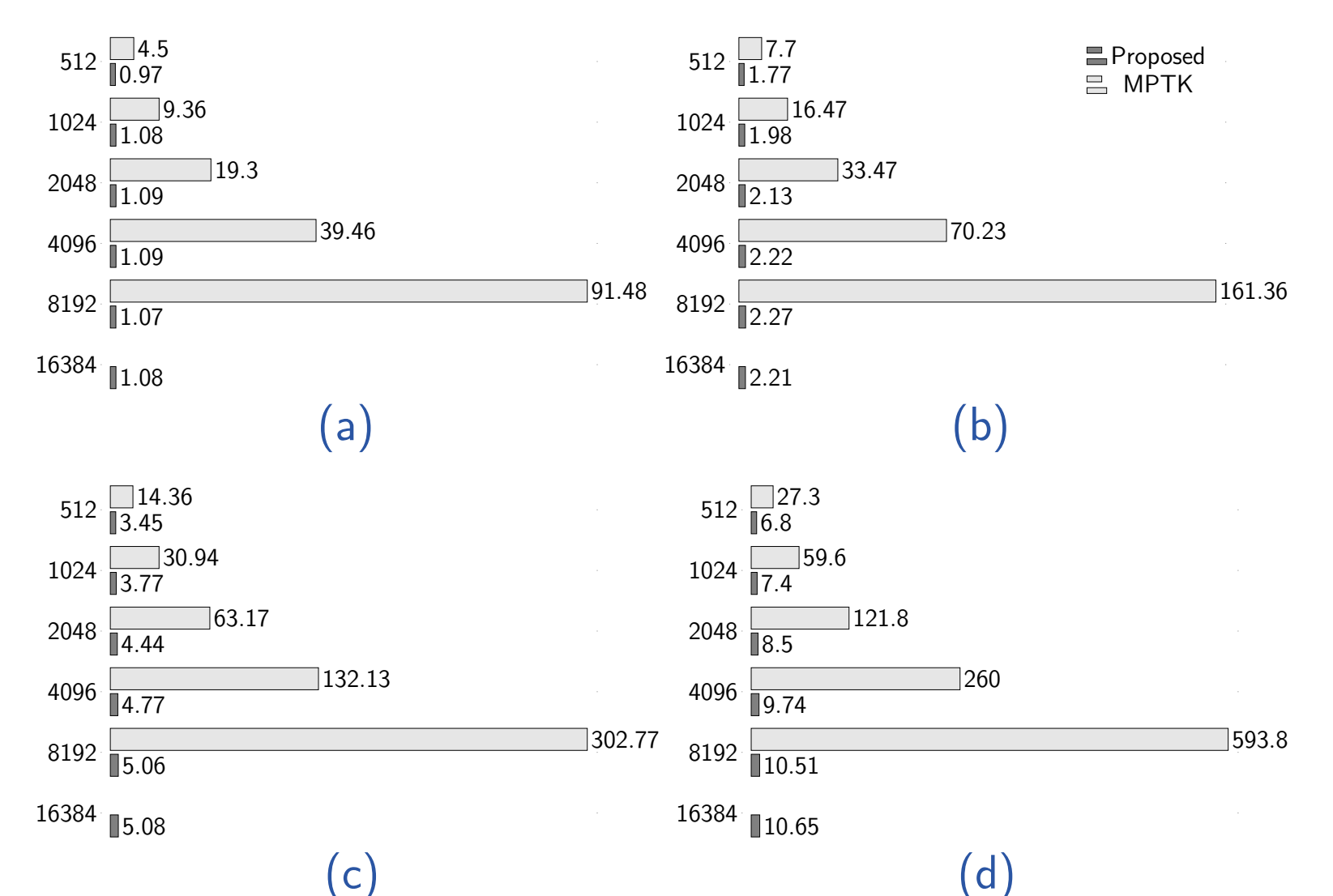


Figure: Single Gabor dictionary for different M and various redundancies: (a) $a = M/4$ (b) $a = M/8$ (c) $a = M/16$ (d) $a = M/32$.

Figure: Five Gabor dictionaries with $M_w = 512, \dots, 8192$, (a) $a_w = M_w/4$, (b) $a_w = M_w/8$

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