Ratio Estimation for Dynamic Range Compressors

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Automatic Control Through The Ages



Related Work

- 1. Parameter Automation in a Dynamic Range Compressor (2013)
 - a. High level user control—adapts to input signal
 - b. Real time, time domain features
- 2. Feature Selection for Dynamic Range Compressor Parameter Estimation (2018)
 - a. Using reference audio to set parameters
 - b. Variety of time domain and frequency domain features

Dataset

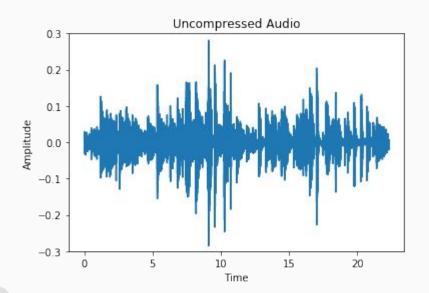
1. GuitarSet

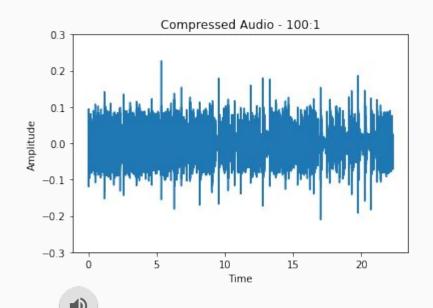
- a. "Mic" subset
- b. 360 examples
 - i. Split into 5 second segments
- c. Good mix of transient and tonal information

2. Compression

- a. Segments compressed at random ratios, then features are extracted
- b. Feedforward, Peak detector
- c. Ratios = 1:1, 8:1, 100:1, Threshold = -40 dB, attack = 1.3 ms, release = 300 ms, knee = 0 dB

Compression Visualized







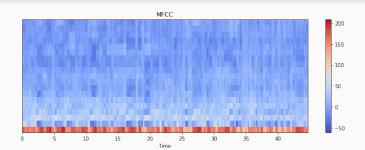
Features

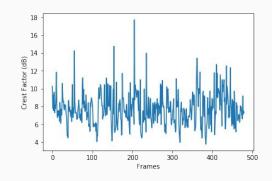
1. MFCC

a. Timbre

2. Crest Factor

- a. Dynamic Range—ratio of peak level to RMS level
- b. Frame Length = 2048 samples, no overlap
- c. Converted to dB





Training and Evaluation

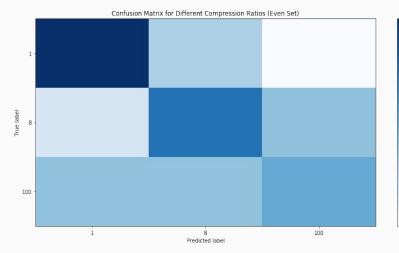
1. 2 datasets

- a. "Even" 668 1:1, 666 8:1, 666 10:1
 - i. training: 1600, validation: 200, training: 200
- b. "Uneven" 2004 1:1, 666 8:1: 666 10:1
 - i. training: 2670, validation: 333, test: 333
 - ii. would overlap / more data help?
- 2. scikit-learn Nearest Neighbors

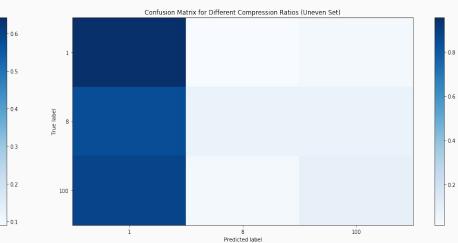


Results

Accuracy Score = .505
Balanced Accuracy Score = 0.505
f1 = 0.50
k = 50



Accuracy Score = 0.607
Balanced Accuracy Score = 0.373
f1 = 0.508
k = 10



Discussion

1. How did we do?

- a. Compressed / not compressed detector
 - i. We need better discrimination

2. Data

- a. More examples use all capture methods?
- b. Use multiple variations of same example
- c. Split example at note onsets?

Thank You!

