# COMPRESSIVE SENSING BASED SIGNAL RECOVERY WITH DIFFERENT TRANSFORMS

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#### ABSTRACT

Compressive sensing (CS) is a new technique that give an approach to reconstruct the signal with few numbers of observations or measurements. The CS is based on  $L_1$  -norm minimizations to find the sparse solutions and it is known as basis pursuit.

In this investigation, CS scheme with different transforms is proposed. The three utilized transform techniques are: Discrete Fourier Transform(DFT), Discrete Cosine Transform(DCT) and Discrete Wavelet Transform(DWT) with daubechies1(DB1) and coiflets1(coif1) basis. The proposed system is tested by employing the following signals: Blocks, Heavy Sine, 'Bumps' and 'Doppler' which cover wide range of applications. The four testing signals are represented in sparse domain using different transforms. In order to threshold the coefficients of the signals in sparse domain, the universal threshold is utilized in the case of CS with FFT and DWT whereas, the universal threshold is modified to prune the DCT coefficients.

The main aim of this study is to investigate the differences among CS with DFT, CS with DCT and CS with DWT, and consequently a suitable transform domain used with CS to be selected. The comparative study is established by assessing the performance of the proposed system using Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), output SNR, and the time required to reconstruct approximated signals.

Simulation results have shown that the CS with DWT outperforms the CS with FFT and DCT. CS with DWT has achieved good RMSE values about (0.0014 to 3.359e-8) even when half of the signal elements are removed. CS with FFT and DCT enhanced the noisy Blocks and Bumps signals by 3dB and 1dB respectively, while it is failed to enhance noisy Heavy Sine and Doppler signals. CS with DWT of two basis and for single decomposition level have improved the noisy Blocks, Bumps, Heavy Sine and Doppler signals by 5dB, 4dB, 3dB, and 3dB respectively.

KEYWORDS: Compressive Sensing, Sparsity, DCT, DFT, DWT, L1-Norm.

#### **1- INTRODUCTION**

n the period of digital technology Linnovation, the data acquisition/sensing instruments are producing enormous amount of data that should be transmitted, processed, or stored. This is a popular issue in sensing systems dealing with multimedia signals, medical and biomedical data, radar signals, and so forth. The required amount of digital information given as the number of digital samples, measurements or observations per time instance is determined based on Shannon–Nyquist sampling theorem. Consequently, a signal can be recovered if the sampling frequency  $(F_s)$  is at least greater than two times the maximum frequency contained in the signal  $(2f_{max})$ . Clearly, the sampling technique results in a large number of samples for signals with significantly high maximal frequency [1].

The signal acquisition process in the real applications was mainly done as stated by the Nyquist rate. To respond to the storage, transmission, and computational challenges, the data are compressed up to the acceptable quality by applying complex and demanding algorithms for data compression.

Discrete-time signals can be transformed into other domains using different signal transformations. A few signals that have a dense representation in one domain could be sparse in some domain such as time, frequency or space. A signal, which has a few nonzero coefficients, is called a sparse signal or its transform in another domain is sparse [2, 3].

CS is a relatively new scheme of data sampling technique, which use random sensing to sample the signal that is spares in one of its transform domain. CS allows recovering sparse signal from a reduced set of observations. A reduced set of observations can be a result of a desire to sense a sparse signal with as low as possible number of measurements/observations [4-6].

The CS technique is widely utilized in the practical applications such as speech enhancement, radar, wireless communication,

image processing, and observing the electrical activities of the human body [7, 8].

Recent results have completely demonstrated that the performance of all CS reconstruction algorithms depends on numerous parameters, for example, Sparsity level, level of under-sampling, measurement noise power, and the statistical distribution of non-zero elements of a sparse signal [9].

In this work, the CS scheme is applied on four types of testing signals. These can cover a wide range of applications. For every signal, three transformation techniques are utilized to sparsify the interested signal. The performance of the proposed system with different transform domains is assessed using root mean square error (RMSE) and the time taken by the reconstruction process to recover the signal. In the second part of this study, the testing signals are corrupted by AWG N and the CS system is used as a denoising scheme. In addition, the universal threshold is modified for trimming the DCT coefficients. The system performance in this time is evaluated using  $SNR_o$  for each case.

The remaining of this paper is organized in the following way: The second section, provides the Fundamentals principles of the CS. The third Section, deals with the proposed system. Simulation results with conclusions are given in sections 4 and 5 respectively.

#### 2- Fundamentals of CS

The CS system can be implemented through two phases. These are the sampling/sensing phase and the reconstruction phase. Figure (1) shows the schematic diagram of the CS system. The two phases are explained in the next sub-sections.



Fig. (1):- The Schematic Diagram of the CS System [10]

## **2-1 Sensing Phase**

Assume that x(n) is a real-valued, discretetime signal of limited length. It can be viewed as a N×1 column vector x with constituents  $x_i$ , i = 1, ..., N. The signal x can be expressed as

 $\mathbf{x} = \Psi \mathbf{f}$  ------ (1)

Where  $\Psi$  is an N × N orthonormal basis matrix and **f** is the vector of coefficients, a N × 1 column vector. **x** and **f** are descriptions of the signal in different domains. Here, the time and the frequency domains are considered. Familiar basis

or representations are DFT, DCT, and DWT. The signal  $\mathbf{x}$  is considered as a *K*-sparse function, if  $\mathbf{f}$  has K significant and (N - K) non-significant coefficients. In general,  $\mathbf{x}$  is compressible if the coefficient vector has a few large elements, while the remaining elements are small.

Based on what mentioned above, in this part we can clarify whether one can discard an extensive portion of the coefficients  $f_i$  without much loss in x or not. Accordingly, we consider  $x_{\tau} = \Psi f_{\tau}$  ------ (2)

Where  $x_{\tau}$  is the vector of coefficients  $x_i$  with all but the K-largest coefficients set to zero. In

other words, after the thresholding process the signal can be represented by a linear combination of K (K<<N) basis function.

Now consider a measurement of the signal x which results in the vector y having M < N elements, representing the M

measurements. This is characterized by

 $y = \Phi$  -----(3)

with the M<<N measurement matrix. In the case of random sampling,  $\Phi$  is composed of M rows of a N×N identity matrix. This corresponds to selecting M out of N samples of x. Substituting Eq. (1) into Eq.(3) we have



where the  $M \times N$  matrix  $\Theta$  is called the sensing matrix or sampling matrix[11].

For successful compressive sensing, suitable sensing matrix is required. Some of the most used sensing matrices include matrix randomly sampled from Fourier transform or Walsh–Hadamard transform, random matrix, Toeplitz matrix, Circulant matrix, random demodulation matrix, Gaussian or Bernoulli matrix, deterministic matrix, random convolution matrix, and DCT [12].

In this paper, the random Gaussian matrix is utilized to sample the input signal. Random Gaussian matrix is opted because it is simple, universal and easy to implement. Universality means that the signal can be sparse in any domain or any basis.

#### **2-2 Reconstruction Phase**

Once CS based sampling is performed, producing a sub-sampled signal *y*, it becomes the responsibility of the CS recovery algorithm to produce an estimate of the input signal *x*. There are various algorithms developed specifically for CS recovery, and can be classified into one of the following: greedy methods , convex-optimization techniques and combinatorial methods. The CS recovery algorithms, all sparse recovery methods must optimize the following.

- Minimal number of measurements.
- Robustness to noise and mismatch errors.
- Speed of computation.
- Performance guarantee on recovery.

Equation (4) is an underdetermined system of M equations with N unknowns, the N elements of f. However, if f is sparse, CS theory shows that it is possible to find a solution if  $\Theta$  satisfies the restricted isometry property RIP [13]. A vector that minimizes the L1 norm gives the solution.

That is from all vectors f' satisfying  $\Theta f' = \mathbf{y}$ we select the one with minimum l1 norm. Once we know  $\hat{f}$ , we can reconstruct the signal  $\mathbf{x} = \Psi \, \hat{f} \quad \dots \qquad (6)$ 

Finding  $\hat{f}$  is an optimization problem, which can be solved in a linear program.

### 2-3 RIP

There are two essential conditions that should be met in order to accomplish successful reconstruction for a wider range of sparsity level. First, is the (RIP). For a proper isometry constant, RIP ensures that any subset of columns in  $\Theta$  with sparsity level less than K, is approximately orthogonal. This will ensure the successful signal reconstruction from small set of measurements. The second condition is a small correlation between the transform representation matrix and the measurement matrix (incoherence property).

The random Gaussian measurement matrix satisfy the RIP. Each type of measurement matrix has a different lower bound for the number of measurements. Hence, in the case of Gaussian random matrix with zero mean and variance 1/M, the lower bound:

$$M \ge C.K.\log\left(\frac{N}{K}\right)$$
 .....(7)

is achievable and can guarantee the exact reconstruction of x (C is a positive constant).

#### **3- PROPOSED SYSTEM**

This paper considers four types of testing signals suggested by donoho and jonosten [14]. These signals are HeavySine, Blocks, Doppler and Bumps. Figure (2), shows the flowchart of the proposed system. It illustrates CS implementation steps.



Fig. (2):- the flowchart of the proposed system

At first, the signals are generated. These signals are dense in time domain but they can be sparse in the proper basis. The signals are sparsified using different transforms. The transforms are DFT, DWT and DCT. Once, the signal is transformed to a new domain in which

the signal is sparse, some elements must be pruned by setting different values for M (number of observations). After that, the sensing matrix is generated and the testing signals are sampled using compressive sampling.

In the case of corrupted signals by AWGN, a hard threshold is applied. The elements that are less than the threshold value  $\gamma$  are deleted and the number of measurements M is adjusted by computing the non-zero elements.

$$\gamma = \sigma(2\ln(N))^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad -----(8)$$

It can be noticed that the coefficients of the DCT are scaled by  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{N}}$ , thus we suggest to use  $\gamma$  as in equation (8) but after scaling it by  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{N}}$  as given in equation (11).

At this point, the  $L_1$ - Norm minimization algorithm is utilized to reconstruct the approximated input signals. Then the inverse transform is determined using IDFT, IDWT and IDCT.

With the completion of these steps, the assessing parameters for each reconstructed signal are calculated.

In this work, the following evaluation factors are used:

a- Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) is defined as

Where x(n) and  $\hat{x}(n)$  are the original and reconstructed (estimated) signals respectively.

**b-** Output SNR

$$SNR_o = 10 \log \left[ \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} x(n)^2}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} |x(n) - \hat{x}(n)|^2} \right] \dots \dots (13)$$

Where N is the signal length,  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of zero mean AWGN, estimated by Donoho and Johnoston, and c is the detail coefficient of DWT. The FFT and DWT coefficients are pruned using equation (8).

In order to suggest a threshold value for the DCT coefficients, we have to recall the equation of the DCT, which is given in equation (10)[15].

### 4- Simulation Results

This section describes the simulation of the proposed system with its results using MATLAB software package. A MATLAB script is written to examine the ability of the proposed scheme in recovering the testing signals from compressed samples. The first step in this process was to generate the four testing signals Blocks, Bumps, HeavySine, and Doppler using wnoise() function. Each signal is characterized by 2048 samples. Prior to the compressive sampling process, the four signals are preprocessed using different transformation techniques which are FFT, DCT and DWT, and consequently, the four signals are sparsified. After converting the testing signals from dense domain to sparse domains, the random Gaussian sensing matrix is created. On the completion of sensing matrix generation, the signals are compressively sampled through multiplying the sensing matrix by testing signals. Following this treatment, the testing signals are recovered by utilizing a free software package called L1-Magic [16]. At the finale, the signals are re-backed to time domain using IFFT, IDCT and IDWT functions. The results of this work are average values over 5 runs for the four testing signals.

In the simulation part, two experiments are executed. At first the effect of number of

measurements or observations on the RMSE for each reconstructed signal are obtained. The Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 display the RMSE values of four signals with different tested values of measurements M and different transform. The DWT is implemented using two families, which are daubechies1 and coiflets 1 because they are widely used in signal denoising. In the case of CS with DWT, the CS is applied individually on approximation coefficients (CA) and details coefficients (CD). The RMSE values of the reconstructed signals using CS with DWT applied on CA are not acceptable thus, it is not recommended to apply CS on CA of the DWT because most of these coefficients are significant values. As can be seen from the above tables, the CS with DWT applied on CD is outperform CS with DCT and CS with FFT, for the four testing signals. As a comparison between CS with DCT and CS with FFT, CS with DCT performs better than CS with FFT. Figure (3), Figure (4), Figure (5) and Figure (6), display the reconstructed Doppler, HeavySine, Blocks and Bumps signals, which are sampled by a sensing matrix of size (M×N), (M=1024, N=2048) thus the signals are reconstructed after deleting half of the samples.

Table (1):-RMSE	Values of the Reco	nstructed Blocks Sig	gnal for	different	values of	f M
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Measurements M	DCT	FFT	DWT DB1 CA	DWT DB1 CD	DWT Coif1 CA	DWT Coif1 CD
400	0.7340	1.4710	4.5373	3.2861e-7	4.4693	1.1796e-6
800	0.4083	0.6734	4.1350	1.5225e-7	3.9809	1.1363e-7
1200	0.2510	0.4785	3.4781	4.3511e-8	3.3887	3.359e-8
1600	0.1555	0.1671	2.5729	4.1980e-8	2.5208	3.4376e-8
2000	0.0454	0.0353	0.8930	1.1672e-8	0.9205	5.2908e-9

 Table (2):- RMSE Values of the Reconstructed Bumps Signal for different values of M

Measurements M	DCT	FFT	DWT DB1 CA	DWT DB1 CD	DWT Coif1 CA	DWT Coif1 CD
400	0.3738	0.9589	2.6067	0.0567	2.6059	0.0071
800	0.0537	0.7029	2.1785	0.0287	2.1087	0.0034
1200	0.0044	0.3028	1.0287	0.0124	1.2423	0.0014
1600	1.3712e-4	0.0580	0.1161	0.0014	0.0891	9.6451e-5
2000	1.3296e-5	3.2051e-5	0.0015	1.0521e-5	0.0024	1.4689e-6

Table (3):- RMSE Values of the Reconstructed HeavySine Signal for different values of M

Measurements M	DCT	FFT	DWT DB1 CA	DWT DB1 CD	DWT Coif1 CA	DWT Coif1 CD
400	0.1365	0.2183	4.7437	0.0130	4.5280	6.5989e-5
800	0.0852	0.1492	4.2143	0.0122	4.2324	6.1338e-5
1200	0.0558	0.0866	3.5825	0.0107	3.6793	5.3381e-5
1600	0.0325	0.0440	2.7364	0.0092	2.8175	4.3605e-5
2000	0.0078	0.0079	0.8827	0.0043	0.9286	2.296e-5

Table (4):- RMSE Values of the Reconstructed Doppler Signal for different values of M

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Measurements M	DCT	FFT	DWT DB1 CA	DWT DB1 CD	DWT Coif1 CA	DWT Coif1 CD
400	0.0864	0.2043	0.4276	0.0118	0.4268	0.0027
800	0.0359	0.0779	0.4050	0.0080	0.4139	4.5295e-4
1200	0.0122	0.0489	0.3470	0.0048	0.3520	1.1297e-4
1600	0.0019	0.0184	0.2831	0.0024	0.2766	2.2186e-5
2000	1.905e-5	8.4336e-5	0.0978	5.3385e-4	0.1068	3.228e-6



Figures (3), The reconstructed Doppler signal using CS with different transforms (M=1024)



Figures (4), The reconstructed HeavySine signal using CS with different transforms (M=1024)



Figures (5), The reconstructed Blocks signal using CS with different transforms (M=1024)



Figures (6), The reconstructed Bumps signal using CS with different transforms (M=1024)

The tables 5, 6, 7 and 8 provide the time taken (in seconds) by the L1-magic function to

reconstruct the four testing signals. Again, the CS with DWT outperforms the others.

Measurements M	DCT	FFT	DWT DB1 CA	DWT DB1 CD	DWT Coif1 CA	DWT Coif1 CD
400	2.445489	4.984162	0.565039	0.311339	0.653135	0.565727
800	5.911202	8.305987	1.015677	0.4422887	1.088137	0.656686
1200	12.001254	12.15079	1.803465	0.757201	1.895024	0.913502
1600	21.400325	38.528599	2.863318	1.019992	3.131341	1.223524
2000	28.1607	69.755147	3.419567	1.53494	3.597302	1.685283

Table (6):-Time taken (in seconds) by L1-magic to Reconstruct Bumps Signal for different values of M

Measurements M	DCT	FFI	DWT DB1 CA	DWI DBI CD	CA	CD
400	2.616347	4.706586	0.629739	0.539427	0.591839	0.517094
800	7.281437	8.199710	1.016012	1.001984	1.056784	0.95074
1200	15.066650	27.935582	1.911401	1.854934	1.789974	1.635013
1600	24.932513	88.882971	3.34314	3.022442	3.59434	2.722893
2000	18.264106	131.623723	5.261913	4.960288	5.367138	2.967109

 Table (7):- Time taken (in seconds) by L1-magic to Reconstruct HeavySine Signal for different values of M

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Measurements M	DCT	FFT	DWT DB1 CA	DWT DB1 CD	DWT Coif1 CA	DWT Coif1 CD
400	2.692652	4.125602	0.580958	0.585103	0.600505	0.56922
800	6.385464	11.232797	1.399249	0.986099	1.057430	0.810918
1200	11.975623	24.074669	1.959287	1.500744	1.770792	1.226418
1600	19.683648	98.402756	2.817492	2.433053	2.860797	1.849281
2000	28.939284	157.121291	7.119102	3.290138	3.208479	2.706948
800 1200 1600 2000	6.385464 11.975623 19.683648 28.939284	4.123602 11.232797 24.074669 98.402756 157.121291	0.380938           1.399249           1.959287           2.817492           7.119102	0.383103 0.986099 1.500744 2.433053 3.290138	0.600303           1.057430           1.770792           2.860797           3.208479	0.36922 0.810918 1.226418 1.849281 2.706948

 Table (8):- Time taken (in seconds) by L1-magic to Reconstruct Doppler Signal for different values of M

Measurements M	DCT	FFT	DWT DB1 CA	DWT DB1 CD	DWT Coif1 CA	DWT Coif1 CD
400	2.581048	1.749504	0.505288	0.540821	0.518549	0.544389
800	6.635624	8.780828	1.005269	0.969398	1.044102	0.987540
1200	12.632409	14.985458	1.731112	1.4585	1.803332	1.595637
1600	25.284833	77.059023	2.617687	2.326997	2.771761	2.368390
2000	27.41301	115.93344	3.09954	2.680331	3.160513	2.724257

Secondly, the four testing signals are corrupted by AWGN then; the CS scheme is utilized as a denoising technique. The universal threshold as explained section 3 is used in pruning the elements of the sparse signals. Table (9) gives the results of denoising Blocks signal, it can be seen that CS with FFT and DCT achieves enhancement of 3dB, on the other hand CS with DWT of two basis and for single decomposition level accomplishes enhancement of 5dB. Table (10) provides the result of denoising Bumps signal, CS with FFT and DCT improve the signal by 1 dB while CS with DWT of DB1 and Coif1 basis improves the signal by 4dB. Tables 11 and 12 present the results of Heavy Sine and Doppler signals; it can be noticed that CS with DWT reduces the noise by 3dB but no increase in SNR is obtained using CS with DCT and FFT.

	SNR <sub>o</sub> dB						
<b>SNR</b> <sub>in</sub>	FFT	DCT	DWT	DWT			
dB			DB1	Coif1			
0	3.61	3.58	6.3728	6.6655			
5	8.4	8.45	11.2586	11.2517			
10	13.58	13.55	15.5946	16.2240			
15	18.56	18.5	19.4242	20.2238			

 Table(9):- Results of denoising the Blocks signal using CS with different transforms

Table(10):- Results of denoising the Bumps signal using CS with different transforms

	SNR <sub>o</sub> dB					
SNR in	FFT	DCT	DWT	DWT		
dB			DB1	Coif1		
0	1.17	1.435	4.2765	4.3327		
5	6.38	6.423	9.5884	9.3216		
10	11.26	11.3	14.2637	14.3943		
15	16.36	16.28	19.1724	19.4732		

Table( 11):- Results of denoising the Heavy Sine signal using CS with different transforms

	SNR <sub>o</sub> dB					
SNR in	FFT	DCT	DWT	DWT		
dB			DB1	Coif1		
0	0.35	0.57	3.4433	3.6359		
5	5.33	5.521	8.5082	8.0830		
10	10.24	10.33	13.2922	13.4120		
15	15.54	15.35	18.2093	18.3390		

Table (12):-, Results of denoising the Doppler signal using CS with different transforms

	SNR <sub>o</sub> dB			
<b>SNR</b> <sub>in</sub>	FFT	DCT	DWT	DWT
dB			DB1	Coif1
0	0	0.302	3.2966	3.2387
5	5.18	5.12	7.8665	8.3022
10	10.1	10.127	12.9403	13.0624
15	15.1	15.11	17.7866	18.1480

Figures 7,8,9 and 10 display the relationship between input SNR and output SNR of the signals blocks, Bumps ,Heavy Sine and Doppler after they are reconstructed by CS with different transforms. These figures have revealed that the relation between input SNR and output SNR is linear for the proposed system.







Fig.(8):-  $SNR_o$  versus  $SNR_{in}$  for the reconstructed Bumps signal



Fig. (9):-  $SNR_o$  versus  $SNR_{in}$  for the reconstructed Heavy Sine signal



Fig. (10):- SNR<sub>o</sub> versus SNR<sub>in</sub> for the reconstructed Doppler signal

#### **5- CONCLUSIONS**

In this investigation, a CS with different signal transformation is proposed and simulated. Four types of testing signals, which are Blocks, Bumps, Heavy Sine and Doppler, are used. Random Gaussian matrix is selected because it is simple, universal and easy to implement. Furthermore, a modified universal threshold is proposed for pruning the coefficients of the DCT. This paper compares the impact of DFT, DCT and DWT transformations on CS Scheme. Three parameters that are RMSE, SNR<sub>o</sub>, and time to reconstruct the signals are employed to evaluate the performance of the proposed system. In addition, this study contributes to our understanding of CS technique. Simulation results have led us to conclude the followings:

- RMSE is inversely proportioned to the number of measurements/observations (M).

- Time taken to reconstruct the signal is directly proportioned to number of measurements (M).

- The relationship between  $SNR_o$  and  $SNR_{in}$  is linear for the proposed system.

- CS with DWT outperforms the DCT and FFT in RMSE, reconstruction time, and  $SNR_o$  so we strongly recommend CS with DWT over DCT and FFT transformations.

- The proposed system has achieved less amount of SNR enhancement in the cases of Heavy Sine and Doppler signals so these type of signals require more processing.

- It is not recommended to apply CS on approximation coefficients (CA) of the DWT because most of these coefficients are significant (large values).

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