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In the standard Compressed Sensing paradigm, the $N \times \mathcal{C}$ measurement matrix Φ is required to act as a near isometry on the set of all k -sparse signals (Restricted Isometry Property or RIP). If Φ satisfies the RIP, then Basis Pursuit or Matching Pursuit recovery algorithms can be used to recover any k -sparse vector α from the m measurements $\Phi\alpha$. Although it is known that certain probabilistic processes generate $N \times \mathcal{C}$ matrices that satisfy RIP with high probability, there is no practical algorithm for verifying whether a given sensing matrix Φ has this property. In contrast we provide simple criteria that guarantee that a deterministic sensing matrix acts as a near isometry on an overwhelming majority of k -sparse signals; in particular, most such signals have a unique representation in the measurement domain. An essential element in our construction is that we require the columns of the sensing matrix to form a group under pointwise multiplication. The construction allows recovery methods for which the expected performance is sub-linear in \mathcal{C} , and only quadratic in N , as compared to the super-linear complexity in \mathcal{C} of the Basis Pursuit or Matching Pursuit algorithms. (Received September 18, 2009)