

# 1 Introduction

Many links between fundamental mathematical concepts and elements of musicology have been found. Sometimes these links offer instructive ways to think about mathematical objects. As a novel example of this, consider the lexicographical ordering of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$ ,

$$(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (0, 2) < (1, 0) < (1, 1) < (1, 2) < (2, 0) < (2, 1) < (2, 2) < (3, 0) < (3, 1) < (3, 2)$$

which induces the following order on  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ :

$$0 < 4 < 8 < 9 < 1 < 5 < 6 < 10 < 2 < 3 < 7 < 11 \quad (1)$$

This order is perhaps more easily conceptualised as the order of notes in the arpeggio-like scale depicted in Figure 1. This scale itself can be conceptualised as the C augmented apppegiated triad, followed by the  $C^\sharp$  augmented apppegiated triad second inversion, followed by the D augmented apppegiated triad in first inversion, followed by the  $D^\sharp$  augmented apppegiated triad. The pattern is thus to apppegiate the C augmented chord, repeat this three more times where each repition the tonic note moves up a semi-tone, and the inversion of the chord moves down by one. In this way, the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  are interpreted as the 12 tones of an oc-

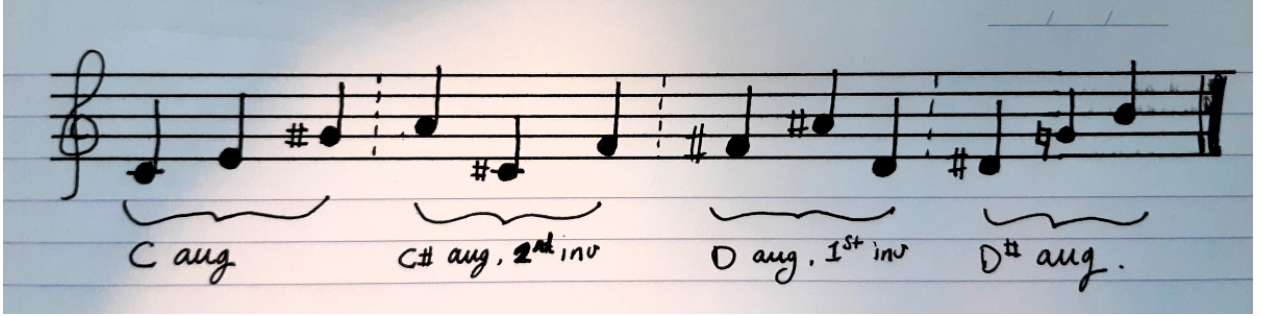


Figure 1: Appoggio-like scale representing an order on  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$

tave (under standard tuning), and  $n < m$  means  $n$  comes before  $m$  in the scale. See [1, §6.8.1] for more details.

The motivating question of this project is the following:

**Question 1.0.1.** *Are there any links between fundamental computational concepts and music?*

The first investigation will be on computation and *musical composition*. The formal objects on the side of musical composition will be *global compositions*, due to Mazzola [need citation to original paper](#). In short, a global composition consists of a collection of *local compositions*, ie, small musical snippets, along with *glueing instructions* describing how these snippets fit together. The guiding intuition which will relate this to computation is that just as a musical composer begins with a collection of motifs and organises them into a cohesive whole, a program consists of a collection of smaller programs which are slotted together. In other words, once a musical structure of a particular piece (ie, a global composition) has been written, appropriate local compositions can be *substituted* in to *realise* a complete piece. Since the language of substitution naturally arise here, we adopt the  $\lambda$ -calculus as our formalisation of a *program*. Indeed, the ultimate goal is an appropriate category of *global compositions* lying on the musical side, and an equivalence of categories between this and  $\mathcal{L}_Q$  [2], an appropriate category of  $\lambda$ -terms.

## 2 Forms, local compositions, global compositions

The following Definitions are particular instances of the extremely general formulations of those in [1] which carry the same name. The full generality is avoided here due to our underlying agenda: to relate musical

composition to computation. The indications of such a relationship described in the Introduction encourage us to look toward *global compositions*, which consist of a collection of particular *local compositions*, satisfying suitable compatibility conditions. Our approach avoids the full generality of *forms* and avoids *denotators* completely, which greatly reduces the work needed to arrive at *global compositions*.

First we Define *forms*, we differ from Mazzola’s confusing presentation “recursive Definition” and provide an inductive one instead, throughout rings are assumed to be commutative with unit.

**Definition 2.0.1.** *The set of **simple forms**  $\mathcal{F}$  consists of tuples  $(N(F), T(F), C(F), I(F))$  where*

- *the **name**  $N(F)$  is a word in ASCII\*,*
- *the **type**  $T(F)$  is the word Simple  $\in$  ASCII\*,*
- *the **coordinator** is a ring  $R$  along with an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,*
- *the **identifier**  $I(F)$  is a presheaf  $S : \underline{Modd}^{op} \rightarrow \underline{Set}$  along with a monic  $S \mapsto \underline{Modd}(\_, M)$ .*

*We now define **compound forms**, let  $i > 0$  and  $N(F) \in \text{ASCII}^*$ ,*

- *if  $(F' = N(F'), T(F'), C(F'), I(F')) \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1}$ , then*
  - *if  $I(F) : X \rightarrow \text{Dom } I(F')$  is some monic of functors, then  $F = (N(F), \text{Syn}, F', I(F)) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ , we say  $F$  has type **synonym**,*
  - *if  $I(F) : X \rightarrow \Omega^{\text{Dom } I(F')}$  is some monic of functors, then  $F = (N(F), \text{power}, F', I(F)) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ , we say  $F$  has type **Power***
- *given a diagram  $D : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \underline{Set}^{\underline{Modd}^{op}}$  and a  $\mathcal{J}$ -indexed collection  $\{F_j : (N(F_j), T(F_j), C(F_j), I(F_j))\}_{j \in J}$  where  $F_j \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1}$  and  $D(j) = \text{Dom } I(F_j)$  then*
  - $F = (N(F), \text{Limit}, D, \text{Limit}_D \mathcal{J}) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ , *we say  $F$  has type **limit**, and*
  - $F = (N(F), \text{Colimit}, D, \text{Colimit}_D \mathcal{J}) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ , *we say  $F$  has type **colimit**.*

*As with simple forms, the **name** of a compound form  $F = (N(F), T(F), C(F), I(F))$  is  $N(F)$ , etc.*

**Example 2.0.1.** *Give the OP example*

*Note: there is an order on the local compositions corresponding to a global composition. It is “left first, followed by inner first”, this order prescribes a simplicial set whose geometric realisation is the nerve that Mazzola defines.*

### 3 $\lambda$ -terms and global compositions

Our motivating example is Figure 3, which consists of a small excerpt of music (see [1, §13.1], Figure 13.1 for a reference). Our first goal is to realise this as a *global composition* in the formal sense, and then to derive a  $\lambda$ -term which corresponds to it as a composition. From this example, we hope a general Theory will be formed.

## References

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- [2] D. Murfet, W. Troiani, *The Curry-Howard Correspondence*

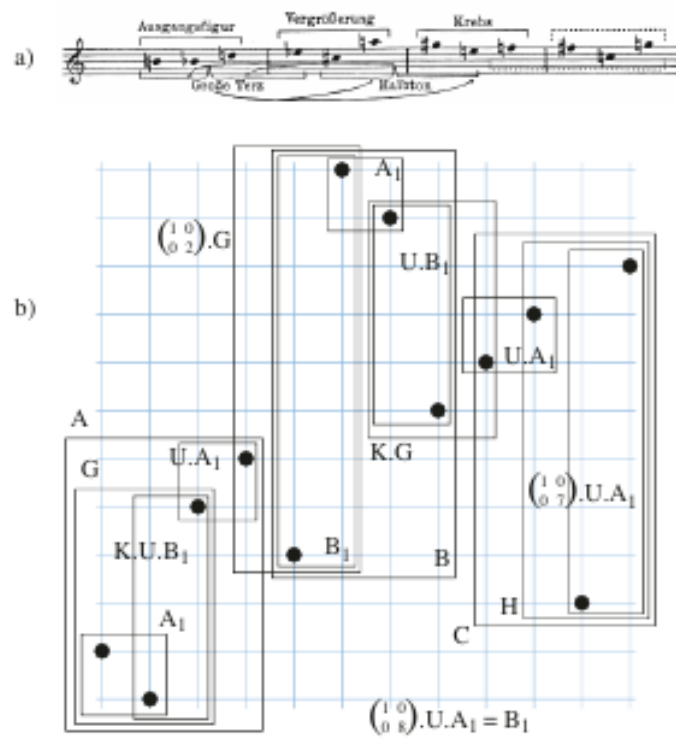


Figure 2: A global composition