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# Hausarbeit: Symbolic Music Similarity

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**Abstract.** With an increasing need to classify musical data in terms of their content the question of similarity between musical objects becomes a challenge. While there is not a single similarity function to answer all different needs, various approaches have been introduced to the field in recent decades. In our paper, we introduce the approaches which mainly focus on symbolic data, that is, a representation of the content based on an alphabet of symbols and syntax.