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## Introduction

If we consider the twelve-tone series as a means of maintaining an all-pitch-class saturated texture, then the all-interval-series (henceforth AIS) may be seen as an extension of the saturation concept to another dimension. Such series have been used most notably by Berg in the LYRIC SUITE and in more recent works by Nono, Stockhausen, Babbitt and others. This paper explores the structure and properties of AISs, their various sub-groups and some of their combinatorial properties. It was found convenient to tabulate certain final and intermediate results with computer programs, but we prefer to keep that aspect of our work in the background, as computer application was not the object of our study. Our results illustrate several interesting properties and provide, in addition, some useful compositional material.

# **ALL-INTERVAL SERIES**

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## Basics

An all-interval series is a twelve-tone row among whose eleven successive intervals there are no repetitions, where the interval between two successive pitch-classes (PCs) is the mod-12 difference of the second minus the first. The last note of an AIS is always separated from the first by the interval 6, which is the mod-12 sum of the intervals 1 through 11, no matter what their order. Considering the series as a cycle, with the first note succeeding the last, there are always two 6s and one of each of the other intervals. Thus among the cyclic permutations of an AIS, there is exactly one other form that fits our definition, with eleven distinct intervals. The other cyclic permutations are degenerate, having two 6s and lacking some other interval. A cyclic permutation whose "outer interval" is 6 is rotationally normal. Since the all-interval property is

unaffected by the level of transposition, there will always be a transpositionally normal form of any AIS, whose first PC is zero. An AIS that is both transpositionally and rotationally normal is in normal form. There are 3856 such series.

### Generation

A simple FORTRAN program is provided in Table 1, which may be used to generate the entire corpus of AISs. It works essentially along the lines of the algorithm described by Bauer-Mengelberg.\*1 No detailed analysis of the program is provided, as it is short enough and utilizes so little memory that it can easily be hand-simulated. On an IBM 370/155 computer, it requires about 12 seconds to complete.

Its output is a succession of AISs in ascending alphabetical order by PCs; each series considered as a 12-digit, base-12 number is higher than its predecessors. We can now refer to normal-form AISs by number, an integer between 1 and 3856. The program does not, in fact, generate all 3856 of the series, but stops at number 1928, which is the half-way point. The AISs remaining are the inversions of those already enumerated. The entire list is symmetrical about the pair 1928-1929, with AIS number  $3857 - n$  always being the inversion of AIS number  $n$ , which results from the fact that the program in effect examines incrementally numbered pitch permutations, which considered as a set also exhibit this "mirror property."

### Closed operations

The set of AISs (henceforth implicitly in normal form) is closed under retrograde (R), inversion (I), and the note-wise multiplication of the series by 5, mod-12 (M). In addition, there is always a  $w$  such that the rotation of an AIS  $w$  places yields again a rotationally normal AIS.\*2 We arbitrarily call this operation Q. One must transpose the results of Q and R so that they are transpositionally normal. For example:\*3

P	:	0	1	4	9	3	2	A	8	5	7	B	6
R(P):		0	5	1	B	2	4	8	9	3	A	7	6
I(P):		0	B	8	3	9	A	2	4	7	5	1	6
M(P):		0	5	8	9	3	A	2	4	1	B	7	6
Q(P):		0	B	7	5	2	4	8	3	9	A	1	6

Table 2 gives a note-wise description of the operations.

## TABLE

1

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      DIMENSION N(12), I(12), NX(11), IX(11)
      DATA J, K, N/1, 12*0, 6/, I, NX/6, 22*0/, IX/11*0/
C MOVE RIGHT
7     J=J+1
      IF(J.GT.11)GO TO 1
      N(J)=1
C IS N(J) A DUPLICATED NOTE ?
4     IF(NX(N(J)).EQ.0)GO TO 2
5     N(J)=N(J)+1
      IF(N(J).EQ.6)GO TO 5
      IF(N(J).GT.11)GO TO 3
      GO TO 4
C CALCULATE I(J), THE INTERVAL
2     I(J)=N(J)-N(J-1)
      IF(I(J).LT.0)I(J)=I(J)+12
C IS I(J) A DUPLICATED INTERVAL ?
6     IF(IX(I(J)).EQ.1)GO TO 5
      NX(N(J))=1
      IX(I(J))=1
      GO TO 7
C CALCULATE THE 11TH INTERVAL
1     I(J)=N(12)-N(11)
      IF(I(J).LT.0)I(J)=I(J)+12
      IF(IX(I(J)).EQ.1)GO TO 3
C LAND HERE WHEN AN AIS IS FOUND
      K=K+1
C STATEMENT BELOW IS OPTIONAL—SHORTENS THE TABLE
      IF(K.GE.1929)STOP
      WRITE(6, 8)K, N, I
8     FORMAT (I5, 2(4X, 12I3))
C MOVE LEFT
3     J=J-1
      IF(J.EQ.1)STOP
      NX(N(J))=0
      IX(I(J))=0
      GO TO 5
      END

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TABLE

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Basic Operations

op	notes	normalization constant	w	intervals
I:	$\hat{n}_j \leftarrow \ominus n_j$	none	$\hat{w} \leftarrow w$	$\hat{i}_j \leftarrow \ominus i_j$
M:	$\hat{n}_j \leftarrow 5 \boxtimes n_j$	none	$\hat{w} \leftarrow w$	$\hat{i}_j \leftarrow 5 \boxtimes i_j$
Q:	$\hat{n}_j \leftarrow n_{j \oplus w}$	$\ominus n_{w \oplus 1}$	$\hat{w} \leftarrow \ominus w$	$\hat{i}_j \leftarrow i_{j \oplus w}$
R:	$\hat{n}_j \leftarrow n_{11 \ominus j}$	$\oplus 6$	$\hat{w} \leftarrow \ominus w$	$\hat{i}_j \leftarrow \ominus i_{\ominus j}$

Explanation:  $n_j$  and  $i_j$  are the  $j$ th note and interval of a given AIS in normal form, and  $\hat{n}_j$  and  $\hat{i}_j$  are the corresponding note and interval of the row resulting from a particular operation. The normalization constant is the interval to which  $\hat{n}_j$  must be transposed to normalize the resultant row. The operators  $\oplus$ ,  $\ominus$  and  $\boxtimes$  correspond to the familiar +, - and x of arithmetic, with the result being taken mod-12.

All four operations are such that if applied an even number of times, one gets what one started with, and all four are commutable with each other. It follows therefrom that there are fifteen distinct composite-operations obtainable by applying from one to four of the basic operations in any order. The so-called M7-operation is the same as the composite MI and need not, therefore, be considered as a basic operation.\*4 AISs may then be divided into constellations of sixteen or fewer, allowing for possible duplicate forms, related to each other by some basic or composite operation. It is convenient to display these forms in a Karnaugh-graph, in which adjacent squares are separated by exactly one operation:

		I	IM	M
	P	I(P)	I(M(P))	M(P)
R	R(P)	R(I(P))	(R(I(M(P))))	R(M(P))
QR	Q(R(P))	Q(R(I(P)))	Q(R(I(M(P))))	Q(R(M(P)))
Q	Q(P)	Q(I(P))	Q(I(M(P)))	Q(M(P))

The graph "wraps around" vertically and horizontally so that the top and bottom rows are adjacent, as are the left- and right-most columns. One can, with this arrangement, refer to a sub-constellation related by certain operations in common. The I-sub-group, for instance, constitutes the middle two columns, the MQ-sub-group is the lower right quarter of the graph, and so forth. One can trace various closed paths through the graph which result from the successive applications of single functions.

Under QR, the ordered content of an AIS, split in two between the notes  $w - 1$  and  $w$ , exhibits a useful identity, which is not in fact restricted to the rotation specified by Q, or to AISs at all for that matter. For example:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 P: & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 7 & A & 8 & 4 & B & | & 5 & 9 & 6 \\
 Q(R(P)): & B & 4 & 8 & A & 7 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & | & 6 & 9 & 5
 \end{array}$$

Note that the QR-form has not been transpositionally normalized. Each partition maps under retrograde into the corresponding partition in the other form. Where  $w$  is 6, this identity finds applications in constructing hexachordal combinatorialities (to be discussed later). An analogous phenomenon occurs under QRI in the successive intervals associated with each row. For example:

P: 0 1 3 2 7 A 8 4 B 5 9 6

1 2 B 5 3 A 8 7 6 4 9

[intervals associated with P]

Q(R(I(P))): 1 8 4 2 5 A 9 B 0 6 3 7

7 8 A 3 5 B 2 1 6 9 4

[intervals associated with Q(R(I(P)))]

#### Source series \*5

The basic operations and their composites impose a partition on the set of all AISs, separating them into distinct constellations. Since the members of each constellation have structural similarities to each other, the task of examining the set of all AISs for various characteristics is expedited by calculating an abbreviated table in which each constellation is represented only once. It turns out that this shorter listing of source-AISs (henceforth SAISs) has 267 entries corresponding to constellations of sizes 8 and 16, with each constellation represented by its lowest numbered, and hence alphabetically lowest, member. The test for whether or not an AIS is an SAIS is to generate the (up to) 15 other forms of the series and compare their numbers with that of the series in question. If any of the relative's numbers are lower, the series in question is discarded. The Appendix consists of a listing of the SAISs.

#### Invariant forms

In constellations containing only eight distinct forms instead of the more prevalent sixteen, there is an operation under which the members of the constellation are invariant. The SAISs exhibit three different invariances: R, QI, and QRMI.\*6 No more than one type of invariance is present in any constellation.

R-invariance is present in the familiar "wedge-row";\*7

0 B 1 A 2 9 3 8 4 7 5 6

Twenty-two constellations exhibit this invariance. In each case, the tritone occurs in the center of the row; w is 6. While the notes of these rows are a transposition of their own retrograde, the intervals form an 11-element "row" which reproduces itself under retrograde-inversion, since the retrograde operation "inverts" the interval succession. Note that the classical RI-invariance is ruled out in AISs, as it would imply the systematic duplication of intervals.



There are fifteen constellations exhibiting the QI-invariance. As in R-invariance,  $w$  must again equal 6, which implies, one notes, that the position of the 6 is not sufficient information to determine the properties of an AIS. For example:

2 1 4 0 5 3 9 A 7 B 6 8

Among the fifteen constellations exhibiting QRMI-invariance,  $w$  takes on an even value and the inner tritone occurs between PCs 3 and 9 for rows in normal form. The explanation for this is that, following the rules in Table 2, the interval-wise description of the QRMI-composite may be constructed as follows:

$$i_j = 5^{wi} e(j\phi w)$$

which becomes an equality when invariance exists under the operation:

$$i_j = 5^{wi} e(j\phi w)$$

Two examples follow with brackets connecting the pairs of intervals which map to each other under  $M$  in a symmetrical pattern:

Figure (a)  $w = 4$       notes:    0 1 4 9 3 2 A 8 5 7 B 6  
intervals: (6) 1 3 5 6 B 8 A 9 2 4 7

Figure (b)  $w = 10$       notes:    0 1 5 7 2 B A 8 4 9 3 6  
intervals: (6) 1 4 2 7 9 B A 8 5 6 3

The intervals 3, 6 and 9 map into themselves under  $M$ ;  $3 = 5\phi 3$ ,  $6 = 5\phi 6$  and  $9 = 5\phi 9$ . For these intervals, then,

$$i_j = 5^{wi} e(j\phi w) = i_{e(j\phi w)}$$

So that

$$j = e(j\phi w)$$

which we may re-write as

$$j\phi j = w = 2\phi j$$

from which it follows that  $ew$ , and hence  $w$  are even.

Now consider the sums of the intervals on either side of the interval 6. Each participating M-pair will contribute some multiple of 6 to the sum, since

$$x \oplus (5 \otimes x) = (x \otimes 1) \oplus (5 \otimes x) = (1 \oplus 5) \otimes x = 6 \otimes x$$

Thus the sum of all M-pair contributors will be either 0 or 6. Adding this to the 3 or 9 at the center of either M-nest yields again a 3 or 9 as a grand sum, for which reason, the  $w$ th note of a normal-form QRMI-invariant AIS must be either 3 or 9.

Tritone pairs and nests

The chromatic scale may be divided into six pairs of notes a tritone apart from each other:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0-6 & 1-7 & 2-8 \\ 3-9 & 4-A & 5-B \end{array}$$

We connect these pairs of notes with brackets as they lie in an AIS to produce a tritone-nest (TN):

$$\overbrace{0 \quad \overbrace{4 \quad A} \quad \overbrace{B} \quad \overbrace{7 \quad 5} \quad \overbrace{2 \quad \overbrace{9 \quad 8} \quad 1} \quad 3 \quad 6}^{\quad}$$

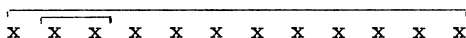
AISs related inversionally, by M, or by MI, will have the same TN. Thus, TNs may be used to partition the set of all AISs into constellations containing at least four members. Since it has already been determined that invariance only occurs under R, QI, and QRMI, the four TN-related forms of each AIS must be distinct. Some TN-constellations will be larger, as in the case of the AISs possessing the R-invariance, all of which are constrained to have a TN of the following symmetrical shape:

$$\overbrace{x \quad x \quad x \quad x \quad \overbrace{x \quad \overbrace{x \quad x} \quad x} \quad x \quad x \quad x \quad x}^{\quad}$$

So that the TN-constellation containing them must include all 176 such AISs (and as it turns out, no others).

While it is possible to generate  $12 \div (2^6 \times 6!) = 10,395$  distinct TNs, only 204 of them can be found in the entire corpus of AISs. In order for a TN to generate an AIS, the first and last notes

must be bracketed to form the outer tritone. Then of the nine remaining adjacent unbracketed pairs, exactly one pair must be bracketed to form the internal tritone:



Additional brackets may be added provided that (1) no more adjacent pairs are connected, and (2) no two brackets of the same span may have both feet adjacent:



as this would imply the duplication of the interval between either pair of consecutive feet.

Using this construction method, it is possible to generate 230 distinct tritone-nests, which implies that 26 of them, or about one ninth of the total, generate no AISs. Table 2a gives nine TNs which under the operation Q, R, and QR generate the 26 fruitless TNs generable with the above algorithm. We were unable to find any systematic explanation of these nine nests, without which a very powerful generalization about AIS structure would result.

### Hand-generation of AISs possessing invariances

The program presented earlier generates an exhaustive roster of AISs, in the course of which there is a considerable amount of trial and error or backtracking, for which reason it is not feasible to perform the calculation by hand. AISs were not therefore readily available to earlier generations of 12-tone composers, except for the R-invariant rows,\*8 which one can construct by hand from various hexachords, the amount of backtracking being minimal. Knowing, however, that QI- and QRMI-invariances also exist, it becomes no longer difficult to hand-calculate rows of these types. This puts us in a position of being able to hand-calculate 416 AISs or about one ninth of the entire corpus.

Referring back to the TN for R-invariant AISs (see the previous section), we note that the second half of the series must have the same unordered content as the first half, transposed by the interval 6, and that since R-invariance causes all the

other intervals to be paired with their complements in the other half of the series, one must begin the generation process by selecting from the following hexachords, all of which contain interval-classes 1-5, but not 6. All four such hexachords do, in fact, generate AISs:

interval vector	itches
*543210	012345
*343230	01235A
323430	012459
*143250	01358A

One simply "fiddles" with the pitch-ordering of the hexachord chosen until no interval-class is repeated between successive notes. The hexachord 012345 might, for example, be permuted to get 214053, whose interval-class-succession is 13452. The remainder of an R-invariant series is produced by retrograding and transposing by the interval 6: 214053-9B6A78.

The hand-algorithm for QI-invariant AISs differs in that we must select a hexachord that is disjunct from some inverted form of itself:

interval vector	itches
*543210	012345
443211	012346
342231	012357
*343230	01235A
323421	012458
322431	012489
143241	01357A
223431	013589
*143250	01358A

The hexachords marked with an asterisk here and in the previous table are common to both tables, which might be a compositionally useful relationship between different rows generated from the same hexachord. Referring to the previous example, in which we arrived at the permutation 214053 derived from the first hexachord on the list, a related QI-invariant row can



also be generated from the same first half, by following these notes with another group of six obtained by subtracting 214053 from 11, yielding the row 214053-9A7B68, a QI-invariant AIS. Note, however, that the "fiddling" required for this class of invariance is a bit more involved than with the R-invariant class. Not only must the permutation exhibit each of PCs 1-5, but the constant with respect to which we invert the hexachord must be such that a tritone results between the two hexachords.

The procedure for calculating the QRMI-invariant AISs involves constructing an M-nest as shown above in figures (a) and (b). First decide on an even value of  $w$ , placing the interval 6 in that position. This splits the pitch sequence into two even-lengthed parts, at the centers of which we place the intervals 3 and 9. The first and last notes are then assigned to some tritone-pair. For example:

let  $W = 4$

notes: 7 n n n n n n n n n 1

intervals: i 3 i 6 i i i 9 i i i

The remaining M-related interval pairs can then be inserted to form symmetrical nests on either side of the interval 6, taking care that no duplicated pitches are implied by the placement of the intervals:

notes: 7 0 3 4 A 5 9 B 8 6 2 1

intervals: 5 3 1 6 7 4 2 9 A 8 B

### Swapping relationships

Glancing through a complete listing of the AISs, one notices many instances where two series are essentially the same except for the displacement of a pair or handful of notes. For example:

0 1 4 9 3 B A 8 5 7 2 6

0 1 4 9 3 2 A 8 5 7 B 6

A computer search shows that more than half of all AISs possess some pair of notes which, if swapped, yield another series in which the all-interval property is preserved, and which is not necessarily related by other operations or by a common tritone-nest. (Note, however, that the swapping of tritone-related

pairs does preserve the nest). The performed search was extended to examine the effect of swapping the first and last notes of a series, which turned out in many cases to yield AISs that were neither rotationally nor transpositionally normal. It is possible that some similar re-ordering scheme could, possibly in conjunction with other operations, link all AISs together by chains of relations, which would be an elegant description of the generation of AISs and would doubtless provide interesting compositional devices for pitch-ordering.

Let us, however, make an observation about swap-related AISs. If the swapping of two notes retains the all-interval property, it follows that a corresponding re-ordering of the intervals has occurred. There are two cases to consider: (1) where the swapped notes are adjacent (N.B.: the first and last notes are "adjacent"), and (2) where there are intervening notes. The swapped notes are labelled A and B and the reordered intervals K, L, M and N. D is the interval B $\ominus$ A:

case (1) A and B are adjacent:

notes: ... x x x A B x x x ...  
 intervals: ... i i K D M i i ...

case (2) intervening notes:

notes: ... x x x A  $\overbrace{\quad D \quad}^{\quad}$  x . . . x B x x ...  
 intervals: ... i i K L i . . i M N i ...

The bracket is labelled with the interval between A and B. After swapping, we get the following arrangement:

case (1)      x   x   x   B   A   x   x   x  
                     K $\oplus$ D    $\ominus$ D   M $\oplus$ D  
 case (2)      x   x    $\overbrace{\quad B \quad}^{\quad \ominus D \quad}$  x   .   .   .   x   A   x   x  
                     K $\oplus$ D   L $\ominus$ D                      M $\ominus$ D   N $\oplus$ D

If the all-interval property is preserved, the intervals must map into each other as follows:

case (1)       $\{K, D, M\} = \{K\oplus D, \ominus D, M\oplus D\}$   
 case (2)       $\{K, L, M, N\} = \{K\oplus D, L\ominus D, M\ominus D, N\oplus D\}$

Thus the possibility of note-swapping may be determined by inspecting the intervals. Returning to our previous example, we observe the behavior of the intervals:

0 1 4 9 3 B A 8 5 7 2 6  
8 B 7 4

0 1 4 9 3 2 A 8 5 7 B 6  
B 8 4 7

As a second example, we take a case where the swapped notes are adjacent:

0 1 4 2 A 3 9 8 5 7 B 6  
5 6 B

0 1 4 2 A 9 3 8 5 7 B 6  
B 6 5

Here, the swapping causes the series to lose its QI-invariance, which shows that by adding the swapping operation to our hand-calculation repertoire, non-invariant AISs become hand-calculable, as are the QI-, R-, and QRMI-forms from which they may be derived.

#### Hexachordal Combinatoriality of AISs

Though AISs are highly restricted in their structure, it is still quite possible to construct fruitful combinatorialities among members of source-constellations. Most of the classical combinatorialities are possible as are some others using variants generated under the Q- and M-operations. Hexachordal combinatoriality (henceforth HC) occurs when two related row-forms can be stated as

$$\begin{aligned} P &= A, B \\ F(P) &= B, A \end{aligned}$$

where A and B are disjunct hexachords. Table 3 shows the resultant HCs where function F is some composite of I, R, and M, and T<sub>n</sub> is transposition to the interval n.\*9 While the table only shows rows in their relation to P, the same HCs are possible after applying any composite operation or transposition to both participating members.

Where w = 6, the Q operator is effectively the same as R, simply swapping the two hexachords of the row. Thus RI and



## TABLE

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## Hexachordal Combinatorialities

F	condition	
P	$A = T_n(B)$	for some $n$
i	$A = T_n(I(B))$	for some $n$
RI	$A = T_n(I(A))$	for some $n$
R(trivial)	$A = \text{anything}$	
R(non-trivial)	$A = TN(A)$	for some $n$
M	$A = T_n(M(B))$	for some $n$
MR	$A = T_n(M(A))$	for some $n$
MI	$A = T_n(M(I(B)))$	for some $n$
MRI	$A = T_n(M(I(A)))$	for some $n$

QI, MI and QRMI, QRI and I and so forth become interchangeable.

If the operator M or MI generates a HC, the hexachord in question must be self-symmetric under M, which implies that positions 1 and 5 of its interval vector must be the same, because the M operation causes these two figures to swap places.\*10 For example:

interval vector	itches
421242	012567

Where  $w = 6$ , the Q operation generates hexachords C and D, which are not necessarily related to hexachords in the prime form of the series.

$$P = A, B$$

$$Q(P) = C, D$$

Three possibilities arise. If  $A \neq B \neq C \neq D$ , then no HCs involving Q or its composites are possible. If  $A = D$  and  $B = C$ , then Q may be treated again as if it were R, as where  $w = 6$ . Finally, where  $A = C$  and  $B = D$ , P and Q(P) are hexachordally equivalent, so that Q may be applied to any operation that already generates HCs. The application of M and Q may, however, produce hexachords related by other composite operations. The same "source" hexachord might be produced, but inverted or in its alternate Z-form.\*11 It is also possible that, under the Q-operation, an M-related hexachord is generated, in which case P becomes hexachordally equivalent to QM.

#### Tetrachordal combinatoriality

Tetrachordal combinatoriality (henceforth TC) is more restricted than HC, as only 7 out of 29 tetrachords generate it and no trivial forms exist analogous to the R-type HC which is possible for any row (see Martino). Classical TC is based on transposition in which P is combined with  $T_4(P)$  and  $T_8(P)$ :

$$P = a, b, c$$

$$T_4(P) = T_4(a), T_4(b), T_4(c)$$

$$T_8(P) = T_8(a), T_8(b), T_8(c)$$

These three forms must be disjunct, which implies that position 4 of the interval vectors of a, b and c must be 0 (see Forte or

Babbitt for discussion of transpositional invariance). Herein lies the restriction to seven tetrachords. One can, of course, substitute any transform of P which is also of the form  $T_n(a)$ ,  $T_n(b)$ ,  $T_n(c)$ . Table 4 gives the rules for classical TC.\*12

Being restricted to tetrachords lacking interval class 4, we can discard many AISs from candidacy for TC with a simple test. Dividing an arbitrary AIS into three four-note segments, we note that if the interval 4 or 8 occurs within a segment, that series must be discarded, for at least one tetrachord contains interval-class 4. For example:

(a) notes: 0 1 3 9 2 A 5 4 7 b 8 6  
 intervals: 1 2 6 5 8 7 B 3 4 9 A

TC is impossible

(b) notes: 0 1 3 A 2 B 5 8 4 9 7 6  
 intervals: 1 2 7 4 9 6 3 8 5 A B

While this is a necessary condition, it is not however a sufficient one. If the representative of a constellation fails the test, so do the forms related by composite operations of I, M, and R. It is possible, however, that the Q-form passes the test when the prime form does not and vice versa.

When  $w$  is 4 or 8, the tetrachords map into each other cyclically under Q. If in such a case another row-form X can be derived which is the remaining cyclic form, a TC will result. Table 5 gives the rules for such combinatorialities. These combinatorialities are not restricted to the narrow selection demanded by the classical TCs, as the placement of  $w$  violates the conditions shown in the above paragraph. A larger number of SAISs can generate them, and if P can generate such a TC, so can  $Q(P)$ .

Even where  $w$  has some value other than 4 or 8, Q-involved TCs are still possible where the same trio of tetrachords is reproduced under Q or one of its composites. In general, where

$$P = a, b, c$$

$$Q(P) = d, e, f$$

and F is some composite of M and I, there are six useful cases to consider:

## TABLE

## 4

## Classical Tetrachordal Combinatorialities

combination	condition	
$T_n(I(P)) = P$	$T_n(I(a)) = a$	for some $n$
$T_4(P)$	$T_n(I(b)) = b$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_n(I(c)) = c$	
NB: The tetrachords involved here are self-symmetric under inversion		
$T_n(R(I(P))) = P$	$T_n(I(a)) = c$	for some $n$
$T_4(P)$	$T_n(I(c)) = a$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_n(I(b)) = b$	
NB: same tetrachords as above		
$T_6(R(P)) = P$	$T_6(a) = c$	
$T_4(P)$	$T_6(c) = a$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_6(b) = b$	
$T_6(P) = P$	$T_6(a) = a$	
$T_4(P)$	$T_6(b) = b$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_6(c) = c$	
NB: In the latter two combinations only two tetrachords will work		
$T_t(M(P)) = P$	$T_t(M(a)) = a$	for some $t$
$T_4(P)$	$T_t(M(b)) = b$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_t(N(c)) = c$	
$T_t(M(R(P))) = P$	$T_t(M(c)) = a$	for some $t$
$T_4(P)$	$T_t(M(b)) = b$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_t(M(a)) = c$	
$T_t(I(M(P))) = P$	$T_t(I(M(a))) = a$	for some $t$
$T_4(P)$	$T_t(I(M(b))) = b$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_t(I(M(c))) = c$	
$T_t(M(R(I(P)))) = P$	$T_t(I(M(a))) = c$	for some $t$
$T_4(P)$	$T_t(I(M(b))) = b$	
$T_8(P)$	$T_t(I(M(c))) = a$	

## TABLE

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Q-involved TCs		
combination	conditions	
P	$a = T_6(b)$	
$Q(P)$	$b = T_6(a)$	
$T_6(R(P))$	$c = T_6(c)$	
	NB: c has the 'P/R' property	
$T_t(R(I(P)))$	$a = T_t(I(b))$	for some t
$Q(P)$	$b = T_t(I(a))$	
$R(P)$	$c = T_t(c)$	
	NB: c has the 'RI/I' property	
$T_t(M(P))$	$a = T_t(M(b))$	for some t
$R(Q(P))$	$b = T_t(M(a))$	
P	$c = T_t(M(c))$	
	NB: c has the 'MR' property	
$T_t(M(R(I(P))))$	$a = T_t(I(M(b)))$	for some t
$Q(P)$	$b = T_t(I(M(a)))$	
P	$c = T_t(I(M(c)))$	
	NB: c has the 'MRI' property	

- (1)  $a = F(d)$        $F(Q(P)) \equiv P$   
       $b = F(e)$   
       $c = F(f)$
- (2)  $a = F(e)$       same situation as where  $w = 4$   
       $b = F(f)$   
       $c = F(d)$
- (3)  $a = F(f)$       same situation as where  $w = 8$   
       $b = F(d)$   
       $c = F(e)$
- (4)  $a = F(f)$        $F(Q(R(P))) \equiv P$   
       $b = F(e)$   
       $c = F(d)$
- (5)  $a = F(e)$        $F(Q(R(P)))$  behaves like  $Q$  where  $w = 8$   
       $b = F(d)$   
       $c = F(f)$
- (6)  $a = F(d)$        $F(Q(R(P)))$  behaves like  $Q$  where  $w = 4$   
       $b = F(f)$   
       $c = F(e)$

### Conclusions

The possibility of a non-backtracking generation algorithm is still to be realized, as is some function or ensemble of functions which would allow any AIS to be mapped into any other. We have observed that many AISs exhibit the multiple order properties described in Batstone MOF, Babbitt TRE, and elsewhere, whereby a transformation of  $P$  may be partitioned such that  $P$  results when the partitions are re-ordered. Here the invariant AISs present a rather obvious example, in which there is only one partition. A rather intriguing case is SAIS 44 \*13 (see Appendix), which generates a transposition of itself when one "leap-frogs" through it, no matter how many notes are skipped:

P: 0 1 4 2 9 5 B 3 8 A 7 6

every 2nd note: 1 2 5 3 A 6 0 4 9 B 8 7

every 3rd note: 4 5 8 6 1 9 3 7 0 2 B 8

every nth note, et cetera. . .

The combinatoriality of trichords, dyads, and unequal partitions have been omitted for reasons of space. An intriguing line of

inquiry would be to find the restrictions needed to generate combinatorialities whose vertical aggregates could be ordered so that AISs always result. The topics of swapping and TNS might also be further explored, and not, for that matter, restricted to the context of AISs or even to ordered pitch-collections.\*14

The AISs tend to comprise a microcosm of the set of all rows, representing most of the combinatorial properties generally available as well as some of the more exotic ordering relations. It should be noted that the intervals of an AIS sum to 66, which is the average of the highest and lowest possible values, 121 and 11 respectively, that the interval succession of any 12 pitch-row can assume.

AISs tend to present an interesting extension to Babbitt's time-point system of rhythmic serialism, for an AIS used for such purposes could create an 11-element "row" of distinct durational values from one "attack point" to the next.



## APPENDIX

1	1	01327A848596	68	75	014A27985386
2	2	013295A47886	69	76	014A32957886
3	3	0132574885A6	70	77	014A38585726
4	4	0137258A8496	71	78	014A53867926
5	5	01372A885496	72	79	014A83592876
6	6	0137284A4586	73	81	014A95728386
7	7	0137284A4586	74	82	0148392A8576
8	8	0137429885A6	75	83	014852A37986
9	9	0137489825A6	76	85	0148528A376
10	10	013752984A6	77	86	0148A3795286
11	11	013752A45886	78	87	0148A7359286
12	12	0137584A9286	79	89	0148A8273596
13	13	01382597A8A6	80	90	0148A8573926
14	14	01382A547896	81	91	0152A53A8E76
15	15	01384758A296	82	95	0152A89387A6
16	16	0138587A9426	83	97	015287A38946
17	17	01387A489526	84	58	01528A385476
18	18	013885942A76	85	99	015297388A46
19	20	01388954A726	86	100	0152984A8736
20	21	01392A547886	87	101	0152987A4386
21	22	01392A754886	88	102	015298A47386
22	23	01392A854786	89	103	0152A8398A76
23	24	0139287A5486	90	107	0153924887A6
24	25	01395A874826	91	108	0153A9288746
25	26	01398425A786	92	109	015384728A96
26	27	01398475A286	93	112	0154728A3896
27	28	013A25874586	94	113	015472A35886
28	29	013A25884976	95	114	0154728938A6
29	30	013A28875496	96	115	0154A8382796
30	31	013A28584976	97	118	01572A438856
31	32	013A488895276	98	119	01572A884396
32	34	013A87495826	99	121	015728A84936
33	35	013A92587486	100	122	0157388A4296
34	36	013A95827486	101	124	015742A39886
35	37	0138274A5986	102	127	01574532A886
36	38	01384287A596	103	132	01574A382986
37	39	01384A725986	104	138	0157A3284896
38	40	01384A872596	105	139	015838A42796
39	41	0138527A9486	106	142	0158A3942876
40	42	013894825A76	107	144	015A42988736
41	43	0138985A4726	108	145	015A42879836
42	44	01427985E3A6	109	146	015A47329886
43	45	0142938578A6	110	148	015A79438286
44	46	014295838A76	111	150	015A82879436
45	47	01429588A376	112	152	015A88724396
46	48	0142A3758586	113	153	015A58742836
47	49	0142A3985786	114	154	0158297438A6
48	50	0142A5838786	115	155	01582A794386
49	51	0142A9385786	116	158	015874298A36
50	52	0143792A5886	117	159	01587A832496
51	53	0143752A8586	118	160	0158832497A6
52	54	0143795A8286	119	161	015887942A36
53	55	014382A57896	120	162	01588A942736
54	57	014392A57886	121	163	017253848A96
55	58	014392A85786	122	164	0172548A3896
56	59	0143A2795886	123	165	0172A3548896
57	60	0143A8587926	124	166	0172A8549836
58	61	014835892A76	125	167	0172A8598A36
59	62	014872A35896	126	168	0172A8835496
60	63	0148728935A6	127	169	0172A8843596
61	65	0148792853A6	128	170	0172A9848536
62	67	0148A5392876	129	173	01738A254986
63	68	014932A57886	130	174	0173A2549886
64	69	014932A85786	131	175	0173A8549826
65	71	014938A85726	132	182	017498A53826
66	73	0149852A8376	133	183	01745832A586
67	74	0149882A5376	134	184	017482A35986



135	185	01748958A326	202	323	01A587398426
136	187	01752A584836	203	324	01A587938426
137	190	0175A2988436	204	329	01A827954836
138	191	01792A854836	205	331	01A838547926
139	203	0182537498A6	206	332	01A838592476
140	205	0182A7549836	207	337	01A872495836
141	206	0182A7598436	208	338	01A872593846
142	209	01842578A396	209	345	01A972583846
143	210	0184258A3796	210	346	01A985384726
144	211	0184A3257896	211	355	01B43A795826
145	212	0185392478A6	212	357	01B47398A526
146	215	01857A938426	213	358	01B482573A96
147	217	01857892A436	214	362	01B5249837A6
148	218	018598A42736	215	364	01B5843A2796
149	219	0185832457A6	216	365	01B5843A7926
150	220	0185892437A6	217	366	01B5873A2496
151	221	01858A249736	218	368	01B72548A356
152	222	018752A49836	219	379	01B8A3954726
153	225	018A28549736	220	383	02149583A786
154	226	018A28754936	221	384	0214978583A6
155	228	018A75493826	222	385	02148395A786
156	229	018A93847526	223	386	0214839785A6
157	235	018B75A24396	224	389	0214893785A6
158	236	018B9524A376	225	393	0215A7848936
159	238	018BA3957426	226	395	02158B749A836
160	239	018BA42273596	227	396	021587A83496
161	241	0192437A5886	228	397	0215883497A6
162	243	019243A78586	229	403	021845A78936
163	245	0192583A8746	230	404	0218475A8396
164	250	01935A874826	231	405	021849A75836
165	251	01938A754826	232	406	021849A78536
166	254	01942588A376	233	407	0218583497A6
167	255	019428578A36	234	408	0218835745A6
168	257	01942858A376	235	409	0218853749A6
169	258	019435A78286	236	410	0218893745A6
170	259	019438A75826	237	419	021A38594786
171	260	01947588A326	238	422	021A59384786
172	261	019478A35286	239	427	021B583749A6
173	265	019728548A36	240	437	0237148585A6
174	266	0197435A2886	241	438	023718A58496
175	271	019748A35826	242	452	02384718A596
176	275	0197A3548826	243	453	023848A17596
177	280	0198553A2746	244	456	0238548917A6
178	281	019853274A586	245	459	0238597148A6
179	282	0198437A5286	246	467	023A15874986
180	283	019843A75826	247	470	023A78514586
181	285	0198A4758326	248	471	023A87851496
182	287	01A258794386	249	472	023A88715496
183	289	01A279438586	250	475	0238417A5986
184	292	01A297388546	251	476	0238471A5986
185	293	01A298538476	252	484	02517843A896
186	294	01A298547386	253	485	025178A83496
187	295	01A325879486	254	493	0253891748A6
188	298	01A329785846	255	495	0253894178A6
189	300	01A358984726	256	502	02549173A886
190	301	01A372589846	257	516	025A91734886
191	303	01A3758298A6	258	520	0258318749A6
192	304	01A379542886	259	673	02A547183896
193	305	01A379548286	260	674	02A547813356
194	308	01A398725486	261	751	0215887249A6
195	310	01A385879426	262	766	0318785249A6
196	311	01A389482576	263	791	03248715A856
197	314	01A483892576	264	844	034278518A96
198	316	01A498758376	265	863	0345785218A6
199	317	01A482735986	266	1019	0391248875A6
200	320	01A538479826	267	1020	0391275483A6
201	321	01A573988426			

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- 1 See Bauer-Mengelberg EIR.
- 2  $w$  takes on values from 2 to 10. If  $w = 1$  or 11, the internal and external tri-tones would be adjacent, duplicating a PC in the series.
- 3 The symbols 'A' and 'B' denote 10 and 11 respectively, here and in subsequent tables and examples.
- 4 For a detailed treatment of multiplicative operations on PCs, see Howe CPP.
- 5 The derivation of source series or "generators" from the 3856 AIS has been discussed by David Cohen in RAIR. Cohen asserts there are "266 independent eleven-interval row generators."
- 6 R invariance in AISs is discussed in Bauer-Mengelberg EIR and earlier (1940) in Krenek SIC.
- 7 The AISs of the LYRIC SUITE, Nono's IL CANTO SOSPEO (the so-called wedge-row) and Stockhausen's GRUPPEN all have R-invariance. Stockhausen subjects his row to order-number transpositions, but never by  $w$  places.  

Berg: 5409728136AB  
 Nono: 9A8B70615243  
 Stockhausen: 7385460AB291
- 8 However, in Krenek, SIC, the series  $E^b$ ,  $G^b$ ,  $D^b$ , G, C, D, B,  $B^b$ ,  $A^b$ , E, F, A where  $w = 3$  is given as an example.
- 9 After Babbitt SS and Martino SAF.
- 10 Forte's  $R_1$  similarity includes such an interchange.
- 11 In Forte TSM, the unordered sets are said to be in the Z-relation if they have the same interval content but do not map into one another under  $T_t$  or I.
- 12 After Martino SAF.
- 13 This row is mentioned in Lewin CTR and was discovered by Pohlman Mallalieu.
- 14 Indeed the equations in Forte DRS (pp.176, 177) describing the relationship between Z-pairs are relevant to the TN concept.

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