

Automatic piano reduction (backend)
Chord identification

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Automatic Piano Reduction Chord Identification

Quick Revision

Reduction is a process that transforms complicated score into simpler

score

Chord Identification

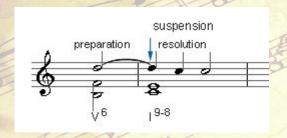
Improve performance by running Harmonic Analysis

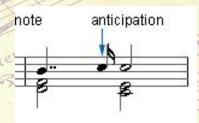
- 1. Supplementary Music Theory
- 2. Selectable Features
- 3. Experimental Result
- 4. Limitation
- 5. Future Development



Non-harmonic Note

- notes that not belongs to the chord
- may happens on both on beat and off beat
- increase the complexity of chord identification





Chord Function

3 types of function: Tonic(T), Subdominant(S), Dominant(D)

Tonic

- Most stable
- Can express the tonality most

Dominant

- Most unstable
- Tendency to T

Subdominant

- A bit unstable
- Bridge between T and D

- Progression follows rules, e.g. D->T
- Great hint in doing progression recognition



Selectable Features

Three modes of target IntervalType

- OnBeat
- AllIntervalType
- ChangedBaseline

Three choices of ProgressionFeature

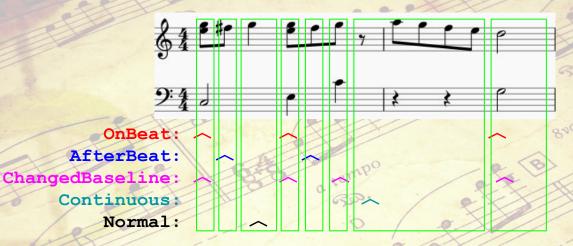
- VtoIProgression
- ChordFunction
- FirstComeFirstServe

Four combinations for each modes

- ChordFunction
- Vtol + ChordFunction
- FirstComeFirstServe
- Vtol + FirstComeFirstServe

IntervalType

ChordInterval are divided by event, concurrently playing notes



Three modes of target IntervalType

OnBeat

Select only the ChordInterval that type is OnBeat

Music usually put emphasis on Strong Beat

ChangedBaseline

Select only the ChordInterval that type is ChangedBaseline

Baseline is commonly used to build sense of chord

AllIntervalType

Select all ChordInterval except type of Continuous

Three choices of ProgressionFeature

VtoIProgression

Special emphasis is put on V-I Chord progression in classical music

ChordFunction

Select chord that make good sense in chord function to have

higher priority

FirstComeFirstServe

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1	Α	В	С	D	E	F	
1	KEY	I	I6	I64	bII	bII6	II
2	I		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y
3	I6	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	Y
4	I64	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Y
5	bII	No	No	No		Yes	N
6	bII6	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		N
7	II	Nο	Ves	Veq	Mo	No	

Select chords that make sense in the progression table



Selectable Features







Canon in D



- Excerpted bar 3-6
- Chord progression (in D major):

I-V-VI-III-IV-I-IV-V (repeat till the end)

IntervalChoice	ProgressionFeature	Total Correct	Partial Correct			
ChangedBaseline	ChordFunction	12/16 (75%)	0/16 (0%)			
ChangedBaseline	FirstComeFirstServe	16/16 (100%)	0/16 (0%)			
ChangedBaseline	VtoIProgression, ChordFunction	9/16 (56.3%)	1/16 (6.3%)			
ChangedBaseline	VtoIProgression, FirstComeFirstServe	11/16 (68.8 %)	1/16 (6.3%)			

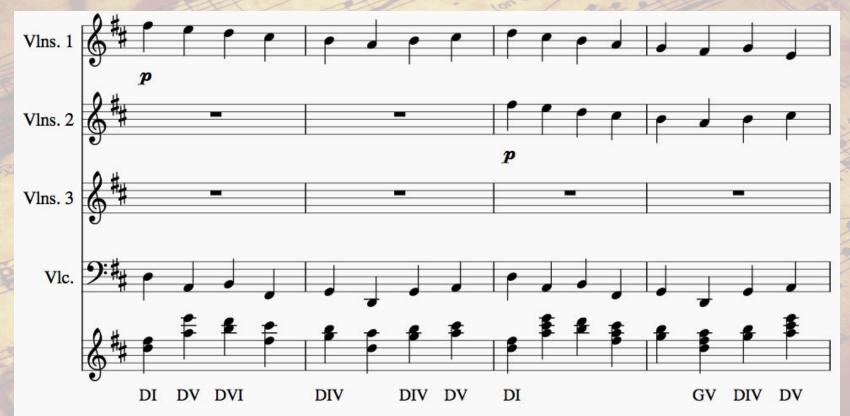
Chord Function



First Come First Serve



Chord Function, V to I Progression



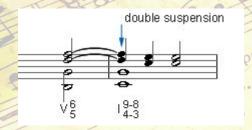
First Come First Serve, V to I Progression





Sampling range of Interval

- First Term choose between by beat and by measure
- Only one single event is used to calculate chords at present
 - On beat non-harmonic notes are not considered
- Time complexity ↑↑ if consider all events consider at the same time



Choosing suitable Features

Greedy Algorithm is applied in designing progression

turn out that it is not suitable

running music sequentially may not have the best answer

Example

V - I progression vs Subdominant,

Subdominant can be used to release tension

Tonality Change

- Tonality change is not considerd at the moment
- Can be easily achieved

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Start at 0.0 End at 0.5
Type: OnBeat ChangedBaseline
      match chords are:
Exact match chords are:
Possible match chords are:
       'Dm VII', 'Bm bII', 'Fm V+', 'C I', 'B bII', 'E bVI', 'G IV', 'F V', 'Em VI', 'Cm I+', 'Am III', 'Gm IV+'
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Future Development

- Better algorithm to sort out non-harmonic notes
 - Efficiently
 - Maintain accuracy
- Algorithm to detect music type to choose suitable features
- Algorithm to sort out possible tonality change
- HarmTrace
 - Non sequential (functional programming)
 - http://dreixel.net/research/pdf/fmmh.pdf

