

Rewriting & Music

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Plan

<u>part 0.</u> (today)	Examples in Musical Creation at different Representation Levels	acoustic/physical domain & notated/symbolic domain
<u>part I.</u> (today)	Sequential Music Representations Melodic Similarity , Computational Musicology Weighted String Rewriting Systems & Edit Distances	notated/symbolic domain
<u>part 2.</u> (tomorrow)	Tree-structured Music Representations Music Notation Processing, Transcription Term Rewriting Systems & Weighted Tree Automata	notated/symbolic domain

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Part II

Hierarchical Representations of Music Notation Music Transcription & Score Processing

Term Rewriting Weighted Tree Automata

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Ircam, Paris, [Jean Bresson](#)

Plan

1. (digital) music scores
2. Tree-structured representations of music notation
Rhythm Trees : a hierarchical representation of time
3. **Rewriting** theory of rhythm notation
4. Rhythm Tree **languages** & Enumeration
5. Application to Automated Music **Transcription**



Digital Music Scores

Besides Audio Data:

Processing & Information Retrieval for **Music Notation?**



composition class of Henri Büsser, National Music Conservatory of Paris, 1945

music notation: an essential vector of **transmission** in Western musical practice
a means of **preserving** cultural heritage

Music Notation for Music Practitioners

Music notation = graphical format for music data
since ~1000 (Guido d'Arezzo)

(digital) music scores, a tool for

- **composers**
authoring, exchange
- **performers**
performance : real-time reading or memoization
- **editors**
online digital score libraries e.g. nkoda.com
- **teachers & students**
transmission
- **librarians**
heritage : e.g. Gallica
- **scholars** (historians, musicologists...)
research, analysis

Common Western Music Notation, a tool for composers

Philippe Manoury - Tensio

for string quartet and electronic (2010)

virtual quartet (electronics)

this 3 staves are written in traditional music notation
(instead of a DSL for sound processing), in order to
express synchronisation with the parts of the string quartet
consistently.

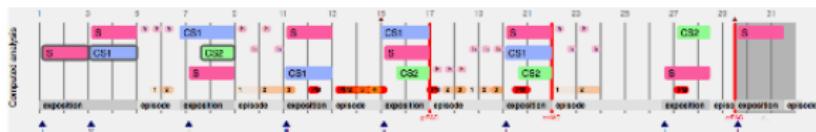
real string quartet

digital music scores often contain PDF files (online stores etc)



XML score formats emerged in 2000's (MusicXML, MEI...)

they enable search and retrieval by content
for scholars, corpus analysis by **digital musicology**
(statistics, classification, similarity evaluation)
on individual scores or databases *cf. Music 21* (MIT)



digitalisation (from paper scores):
Optical Music Recognition (**OMR**) or automated music **transcription**



iPad **displays** (stands) for music ensembles
annotation, synchronisation, archiving...

Brussels' Philharmonics
using NeoScores app



The Sheet Music Interface
for multimodal music presentation and navigation

score following (realtime alignment)
for instruments' teaching (with feedback)
or automatic accompaniment

SmartMusic "tutor with infinite patience"

Digital Music Scores, accessibility

digital (XML) scores can be modified by **musicians** (performers)

- page skip, arrangements (e.g. ossia),
- notation (fingering, synchronization instructions...),
- adaptations for accessibility (magnify fonts, coloured notes, Braille),
- for gamers, visual artists...



copyright-free scores 

Score authorship belongs to composers and editors → limitations for copying and sharing
crowdsourcing project [OpenScore](#) involving



database of free scores (mostly PDF scans)

 free and open source (GPL) music edition software

Tree Representations in Music Information Retrieval and Music Notation Processing

Tree representations in Jazz Harmonic Analysis

Daniel Harasim, Martin Rohrmeier, Timothy J. O'Donnell
A Generalized Parsing Framework For Generative Models Of Harmonic Syntax
ISMIR 2018, Journal of Mathematics and Music 5(1) 2011

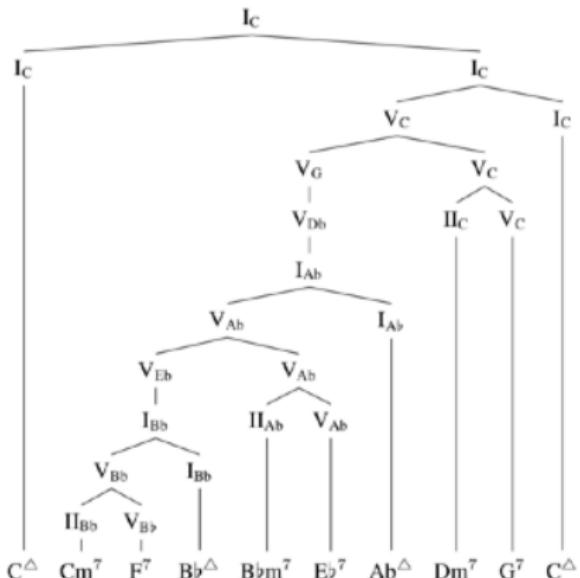


Figure 1. Hierarchical analysis of the A-part of the Jazz-standard *Afternoon in Paris*.

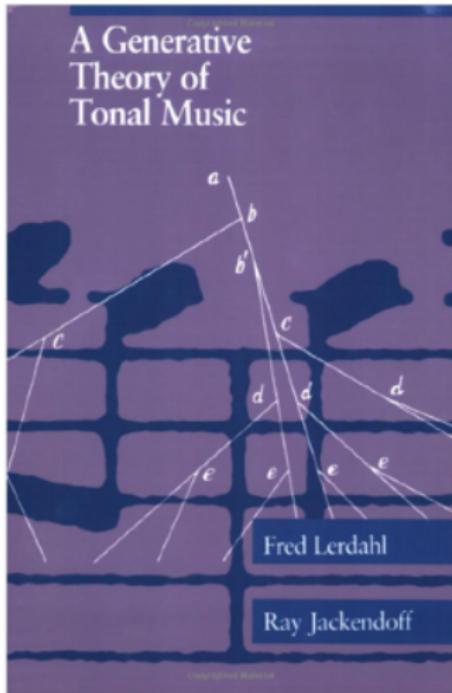
Tree representations of Shenkerian Analysis

Fred Lerdahl, Ray S. Jackendoff
GTTM
MIT press, 1983

tree representations of Shenkerian analyses



Generative Theory of Hip-Hop
Jonah Katz (MIT)



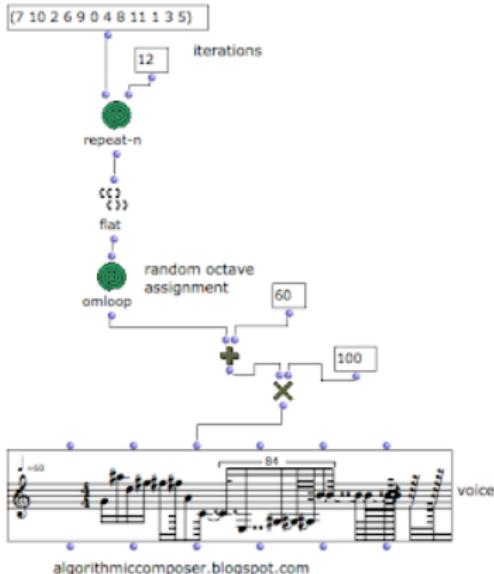
Rhythm Trees in Computer Aided Computation

Open Music Rhythm Trees

intermediate representation of rhythms in
in OpenMusic, a LISP programming graphical environment for assisted composition

Michael Laurson

Patchwork: A Visual Programming Language
Helsinki: Sibelius Academy, 1996



Carlos Agon, Karim Haddad, Gérard Assayag

Representation and Rendering of Rhythm Structures
JIM, 2002

Rizo

Symbolic music comparison with tree data structures
PhD thesis U. Alicante, 2010

Rhythm Notation & Meter

Beat Hierarchies



Beat Making hardware

16 beats



= 2 * 8 beats



= 4 * 4 beats (quadruple meter)

meter

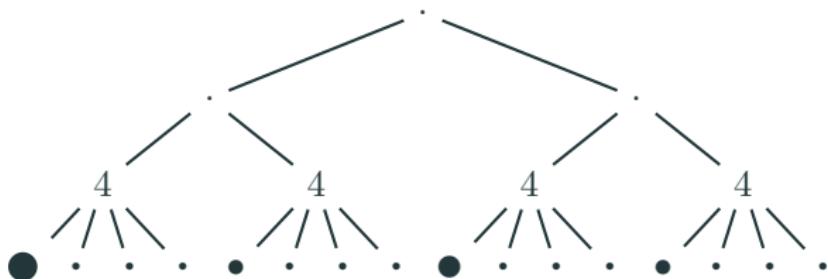
X X X X
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XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

strong beat (accent)

weak beat

Example beatmaking

Tree representation of a 4×4 meter for the previous beatmaking hardware – the 16 beats are in the leaves.



size of dot = metrical strength

in musical notation, 16 beats in 4 measures separated by barlines
(time signature = $4/4 = 4$ beats, also denoted by 'C'):



Beats Hierarchies (2)

Beat Making software
Patterning Drum Machine



4 * 4 beats

meter

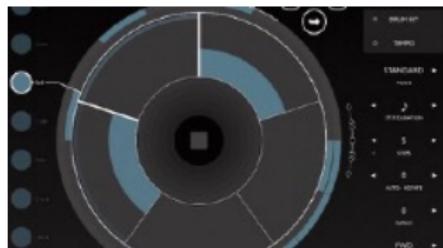
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X X X X X X X X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



3 * 4 beats

meter

X X X
X X X X X X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX



5 beats

Meter

The **meter** is a hierarchical organization of time,
with regularly recurring patterns of strong and weak beats (**accents**).

Think of

- steps in dances
- greek/latin antic poetry (inspired the notion of meter in Western music notation)

Beats are time positions.

Strong beats may or may not correspond to events.

Strong beat without an event = surprise

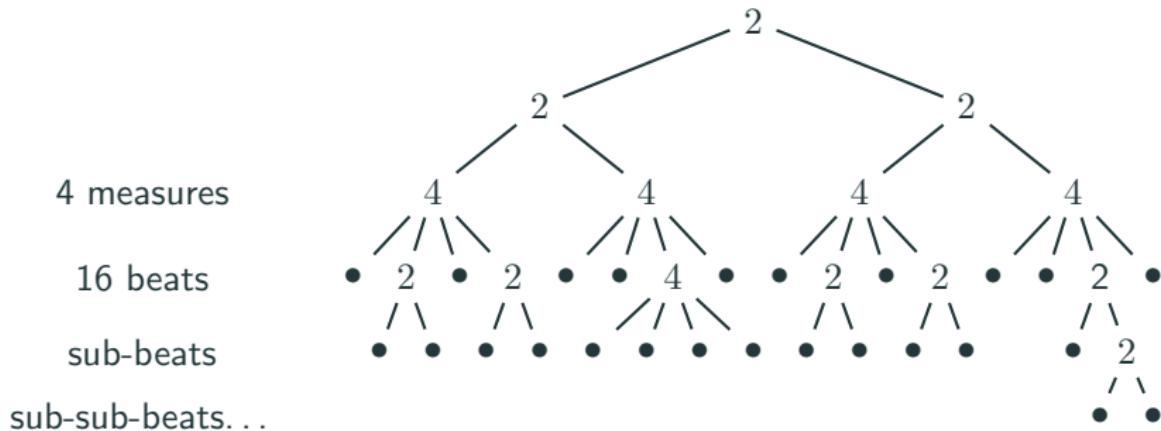
(**syncopation**, because it is against listener's expectation).

Simple Quadruple Meter

A time signature defines a meter.

example *beatmakers*: 16 beats organized in 4 measures
quadruple meter, time signature 4/4:

- each **measure** contains 4 **beats**
- each beat can be subdivided by 2 (**simple meter**)
- and nested subdivisions by 2 etc.



Simple Meters (2)

Similarly for **simple triple meters** (e.g. time signatures $3/2$, $3/4$, $3/8$)

- each **measure** contains **3 beats**
- each beat can be subdivided by 2
- and nested subdivisions by 2 etc.

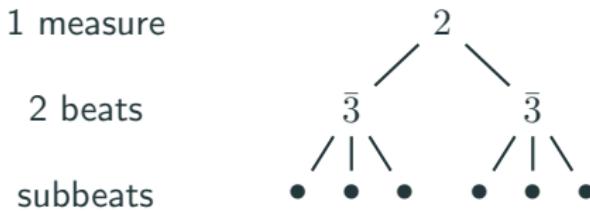
There are also simple **duple meters** (e.g. time signature $2/2$, $2/4$, $2/8$),
quintuple meters, **septuple meters**, etc.

Compound Meters

Time signature 6/8 = compound duple meter

each measure contains 2 beats,

each beat can be subdivided by 3 (compound meter).

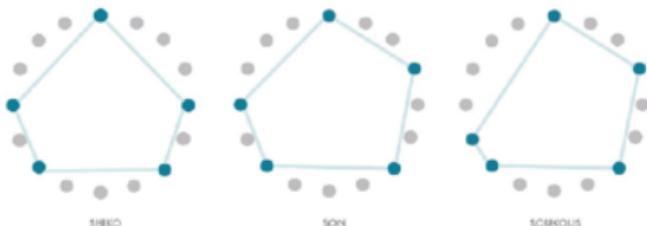


Similarly: compound triple metre (time signature 9/8) compound quadruple metre (time signature 12/8)...

Euclidian Rhythms

The Geometry of Musical Rhythm:
What Makes a "Good" Rhythm Good?
Godfried Toussaint
CRC Press

The distance geometry of music
Godfried Toussaint et al.
Computational Geometry 42 (2009) 429–454



Hierarchical Structure of Music Notation

The notation gives clues (to player) of the metric structure

bar	1	2	3	4	5
beat	1.1 1.2 1.3	2.1 2.2 2.3	3.1 3.2	3.3 4.1	4.2 4.3
subbeat	1.1.1 1.1.2	2.1.1 2.1.2	3.1.1 3.1.2	3.3.1 3.3.2 4.1.1	4.1.2 4.2.1 4.2.1

Polonaise in D minor from Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach BWV Anh II 128

durations:

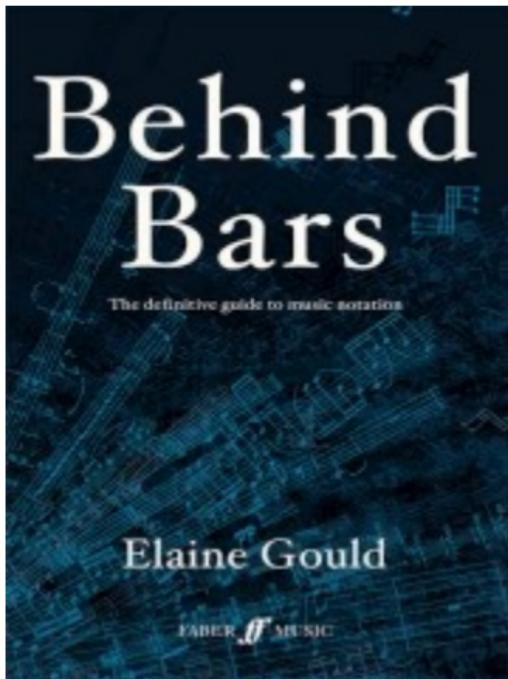
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Term Rewriter's rhythmic notation

with hierarchical encoding of durations: “*the (duration) data is in the structure*”

- the tree leaves contain the events
- the branching define durations, by uniform division of time intervals

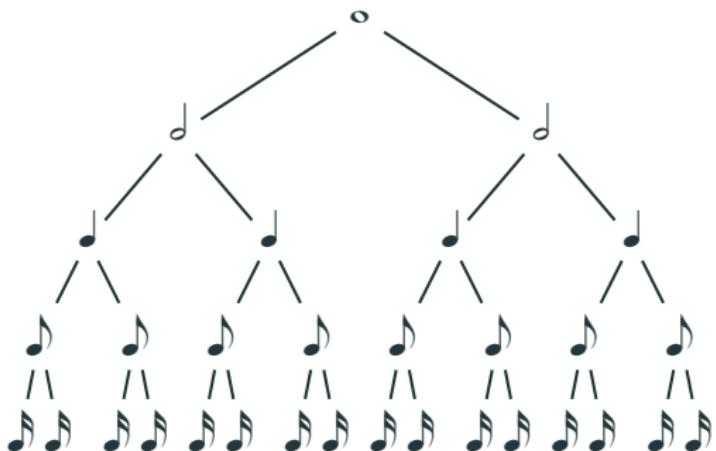
Rhythm Trees



Behind Bars: The Definitive Guide to Music Notation
Elaine Gould
Faber Music

Hierarchical Notation of Time

In Common Western Music Notation, duration are expressed hierarchically, by nested divisions (of measures, beats, etc.)



Durations in Common Western Music Notation

Notation of individual notes (with different **note heads** and **flags**) and groups of notes (with **beams**)

o	♩	♪	♪	♪♪	♪	♪♪♪
4	2	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$

other "irregular" groups, e.g. triplet & quintuplet in simple meters:

$\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{♪♪} \end{smallmatrix}$	$\begin{smallmatrix} 5 \\ \text{♪♪♪♪} \end{smallmatrix}$
$\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5}$

not every sequence of durations can acceptably be written

$\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{♪} \end{smallmatrix}$	$\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{♪} \end{smallmatrix}$	$\begin{smallmatrix} 5 \\ \text{♪} \end{smallmatrix}$??
$\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{5}$			

Rhythm Trees

Signature Σ :

constant symbols:

• : 1 note event

binary symbols:

2 : binary division of time interval, without beam,

$\bar{2}$: binary division with beam

ternary symbols:

3 : ternary division of time interval, without beam,

$\bar{3}$: ternary division with beam.

Rhythm Trees

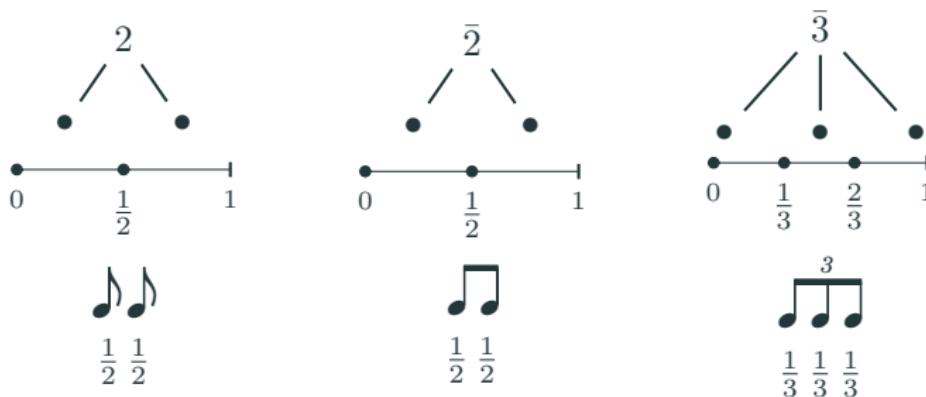
A **Rhythm Tree** is a ground term in $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$.

RT first examples

Beams (ligatures) are horizontal lines connecting notes, substituting the individual flags (with same meaning for durations).

They are used for grouping, in order to

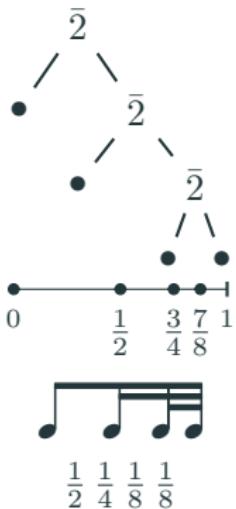
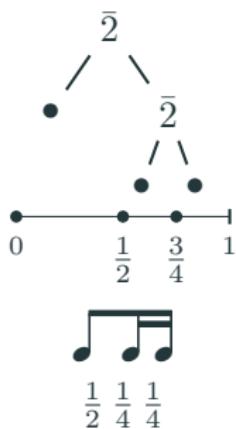
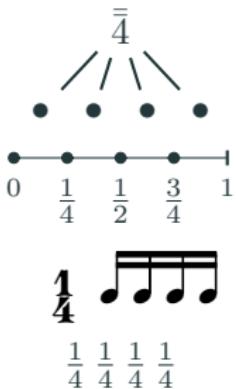
- simplify the reading of notation, and
- highlight the meter.



Note the mark '3' (= 3:2) for the triplet in simple meters.

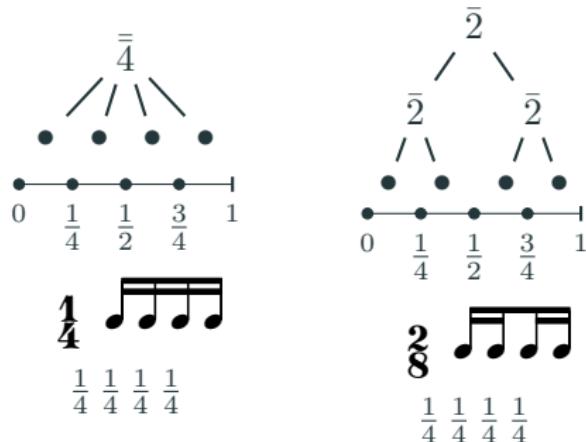
Nested RTs

Tree nesting is denoted with beaming
roughly: **depth** = number of beams/flags



RT nesting

Different nesting/beamings for different meters.



Note the **broken** secondary beams dividing the grouping,
It indicates metric separation and eases reading.

Broken secondary beams

The diagram illustrates the concept of 'broken secondary beams' in musical notation. It shows two measures of music in 2/4 time. The first measure consists of four groups of two eighth notes each, connected by vertical beams. Above these groups, two horizontal dotted lines labeled with a bar over a 2 (bar 2) indicate the start of a secondary beam system. The second measure also consists of four groups of two eighth notes each, connected by vertical beams. Above these groups, two horizontal dotted lines labeled with a bar over a 2 (bar 2) indicate the continuation of the secondary beam system. The notes are represented by black dots on a five-line staff.

The number of beams separating two subgroups must be proportional to the duration of the groups they separate.

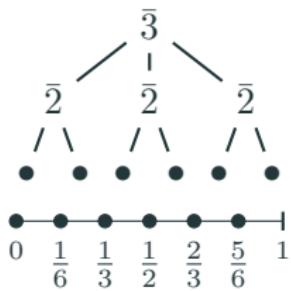
Helen Gould Behinds Bar

Beaming & Meter

Broken beams can also be used to suggest an **alternative meter** (to the meter defined by time signature).

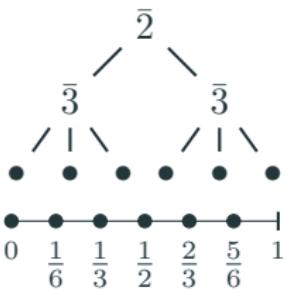
In this example, the time signature is $3/8$ = simple triple meter.

ternary meter
(normal for $3/8$)



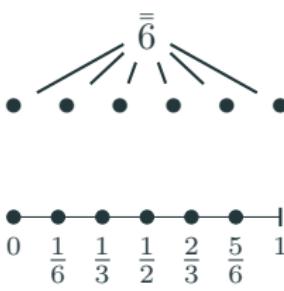
$\frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6}$

binary meter
(alternative)



$\frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6}$

unspecified

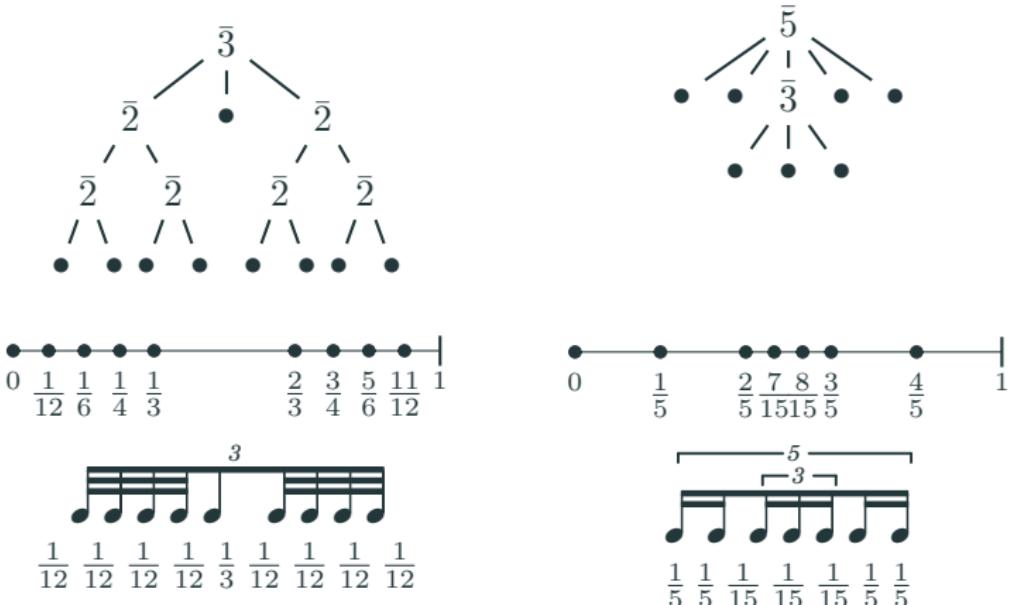


$\frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6}$

Nested Tuples

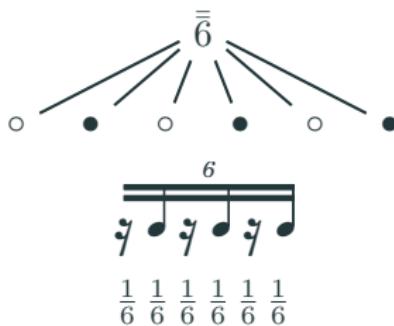
Special **tuplet** notation, for divisions not corresponding to the meter.

They can be nested.



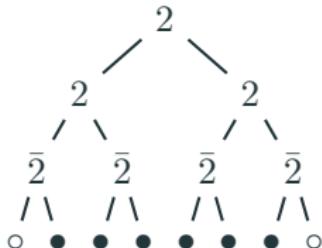
Rests

Rests (silence) are events in the Rhythm Tree encoding, they are represented by a constant symbol \circ .



Beaming in simple quadruple meter

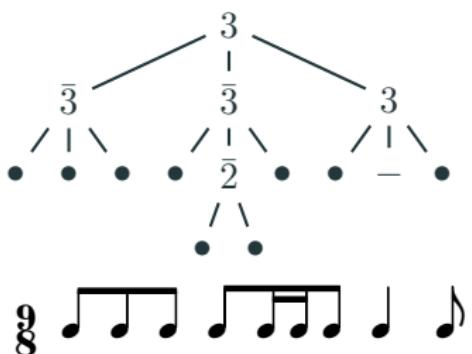
Various notations for $\left[\frac{1}{2}\right] \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ in a 4/4 time signature.



By convention, in the 4/4 time signature there are never beams between the notes of beat 2 and of beat 3, in order to keep visible the middle point of the measure.

Beaming in a compound triple meter

Time signature 9/8: 3 beats per measure, each beat is divided into 3.



Grace notes

A grace note is an out-of-time event, with duration zero.

Signature Σ :

constant symbols:

$\circ = 1$ rest event

$\bullet = 1$ note event

$\bullet_1 = 1$ grace note followed by 1 note event

$\bullet_2 = 2$ grace notes followed by 1 note event

...

binary symbols:

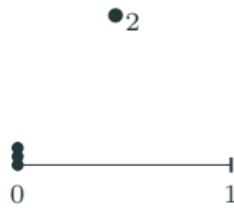
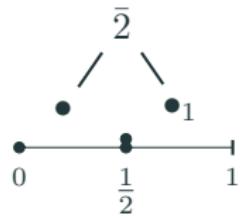
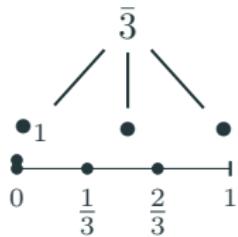
2 (binary division without beam),

$\bar{2}$ (binary division with beam)

...

- fix bounds for a finite signature.
- extended frameworks for infinite signature.

Grace notes (2)

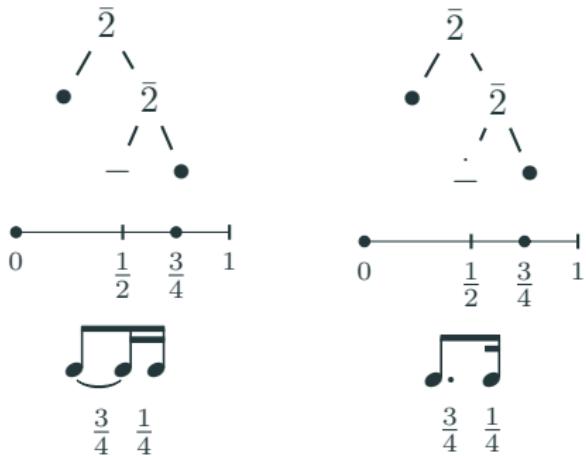


practical interpretation: 'play as you wish'.

Such loose semantics makes it difficult to handle grace note in transcription. Without care, all events could be transcribed as grace-notes!

Ties and Dots

A leaf labeled by – (tie) augments the duration of the previous leaf.
Hence it represents no new event.



Ties and Dots (2)

RT: durations of positions

For a rhythm tree t ,

$$\text{dur}(\text{root}) = 1 \text{ beat}$$

if p is a leaf, $p \neq \text{root}(t)$, $\text{nextleaf}(p)$ exists and $t(\text{nextleaf}(p)) = -$

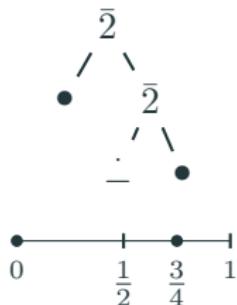
$$\text{dur}(p) = \frac{\text{dur}(\text{parent}(p))}{\text{arity}(\text{parent}(p))} + \text{dur}(\text{nextleaf}(p))$$

otherwise, if $p \neq \text{root}(t)$

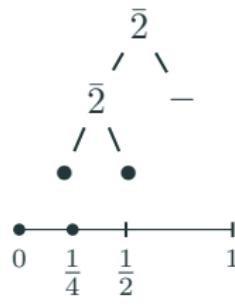
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Ties and Dots (2)

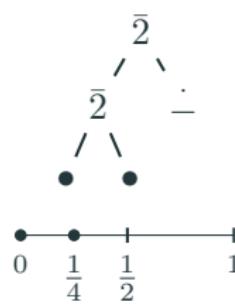
One dot augments the duration of a note by $\frac{1}{2}$ of its original duration.



$\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$



$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$



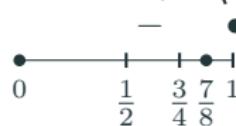
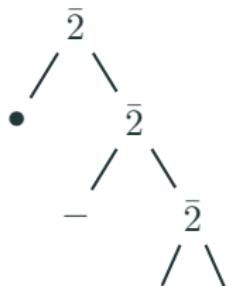
$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

Ties and Dots (3)

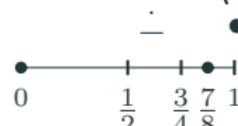
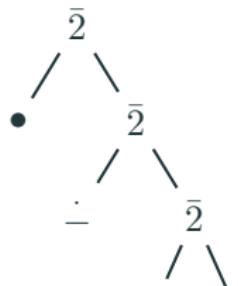
Dots can be cumulated, i.e. n dots after a note augments its duration by $\frac{2^n-1}{2^n}$ of its original duration ($\frac{3}{4}$ for 2 dots, $\frac{7}{8}$ for 3 dots).

In practice, $n \leq 3$.

Example with 2 dots.



$$\frac{7}{8} \frac{1}{8}$$



$$\frac{7}{8} \frac{1}{8}$$

Dots equivalence

Dots are useful to switch between simple and compound meters.



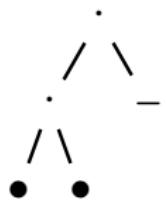
→ **equational theory** to convert one into the other (in a few slides)

Rhythm DAGs

Rhythm Dags vs Rhythm Trees

representation of sum of durations by node sharing

rhythm tree



≡ rhythm dag



$$\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4}$$



$$\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4}$$



rhythm tree



≡ rhythm dag



$$\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{4}$$



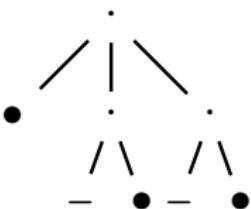
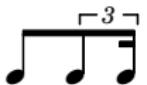
$$\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{4}$$



Rhythm Dags vs Rhythm Trees (2)



$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{6}$



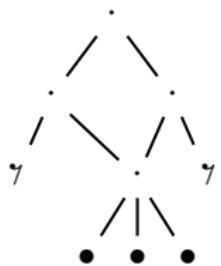
$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{6}$



Rhythm Dags vs Rhythm Trees (3) : ratios

representation of a whole bar by a Dag.
both examples contain a join (node sharing) followed by a fork (division)

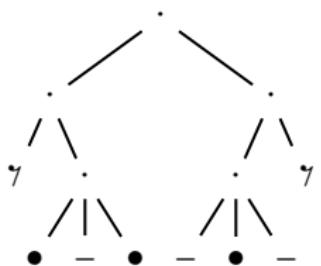
rhythm dag



$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{1}{4}$



≡ rhythm tree



rhythm dag



$\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{1}{4}$



The 'ratio' notation

p:q = p in the time of q

scintillante
grazioso

Oboe { 2 10

68

5

116

3

2 8

5:4

116 5:4 3:2

2 8

116 5:4 3:2

2 8

116 5:4 3:2

2 8

116 5:4 3:2

Brian Ferneyhough
Etudes Transcendantales (1982-85)
oboe part
first bar of movement 1

Structural Theory of Rhythm Notation

Rewrite Rules

$$p = 2, 3\dots$$

addition of rests

$$p(\circ, \dots, \circ) \rightarrow \circ$$

$$p(\circ, -, \dots, -) \rightarrow \circ$$

normalization of ties

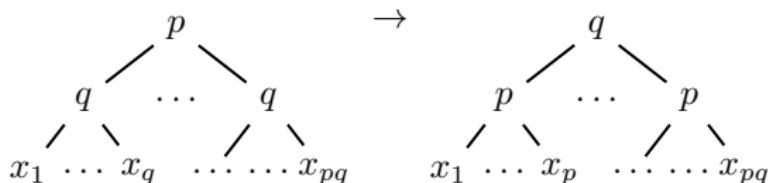
$$p(-, \dots, -) \rightarrow -$$

$$p(\bullet, -, \dots, -) \rightarrow \bullet$$

(same for dots)

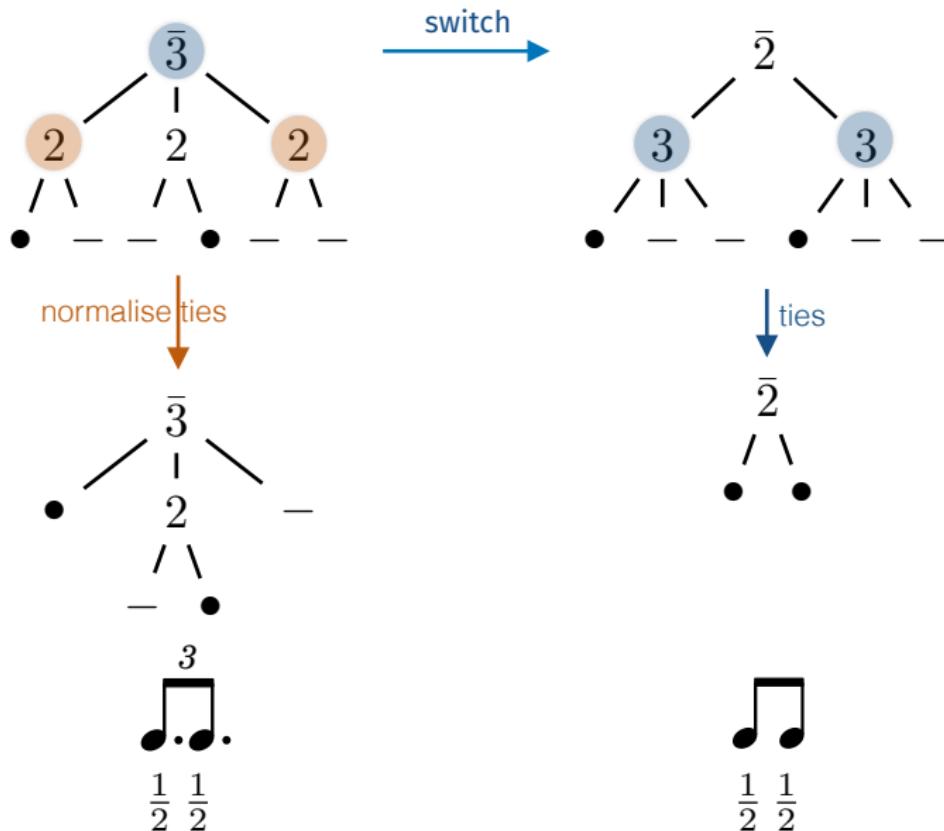
arity switch

$$p(q(x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,q}), \dots, q(x_{p,1}, \dots, x_{p,q})) \rightarrow q(p(x_{1,1}, \dots), \dots, p(\dots, x_{p,q}))$$

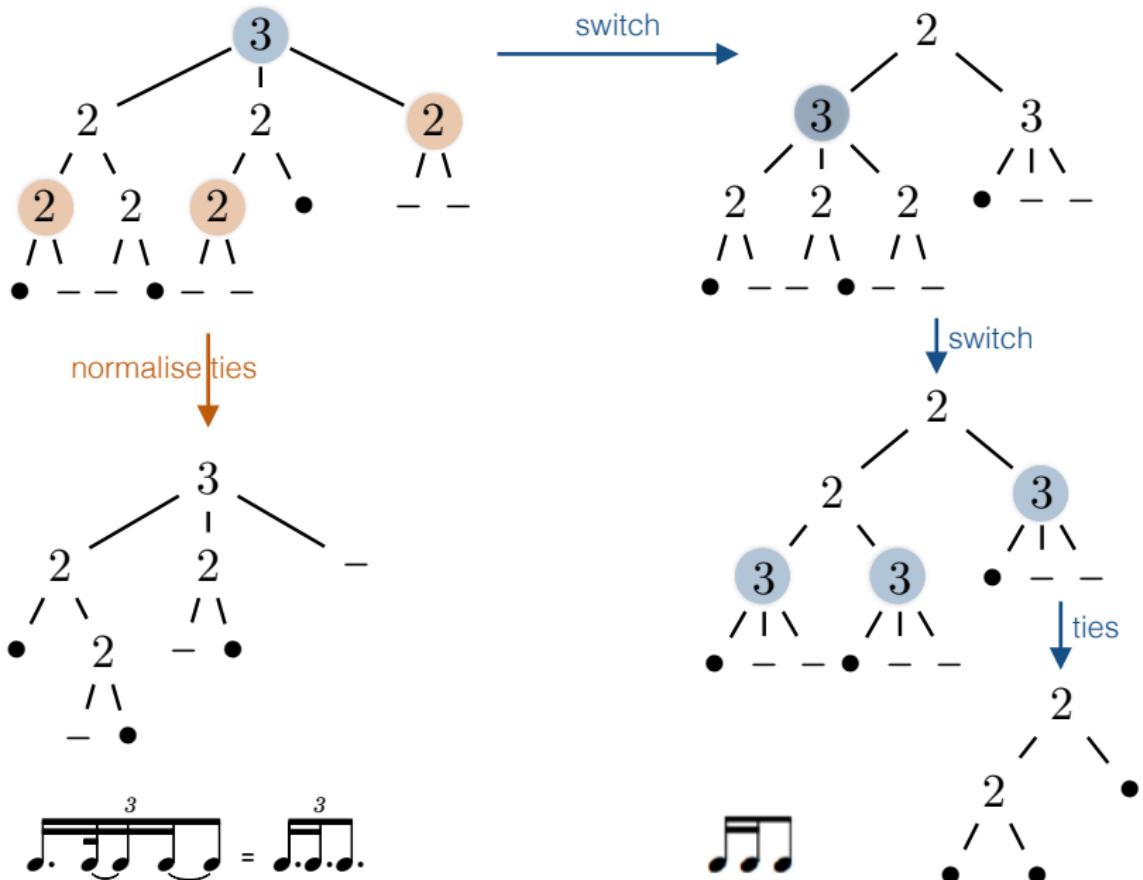


Rewriting Example

Switch from ternary to binary meter.



Rewrite Peak



Equivalence

The rewrite rules preserve the durations of leaves.

Equivalent trees

Every two rhythm trees equivalent modulo \leftrightarrow have the same duration sequence.

Confluence

The TRS STRN is not ground confluent.

Hence there is in general no canonical form for rhythm trees.

But that's actually not needed!

- showing equivalence of two RTs is easy (compute duration sequences)
- generation of trees equivalent to a given tree t is more interesting.

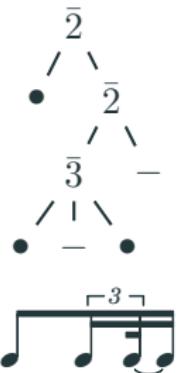
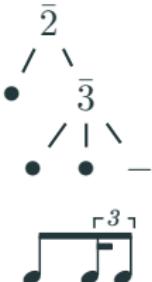
We want efficient representation and enumeration of equivalence classes (sets of rhythm trees with same duration sequence).

Tree Enumeration Example

Example: enumerate Rhythm Trees of $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$ with a duration sequence:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{3}.$$

e.g.



Tree Enumeration (principle)

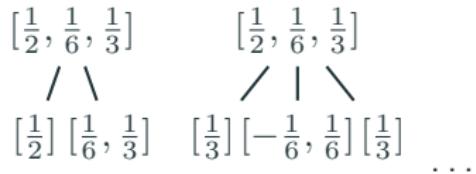
enumerate Rhythm Trees of $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$ with a duration sequence: $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}$, by increasing size.

key property: **monotonicity** of size.

csq: a smallest tree (in size) is made of smallest subtrees.

Tree Enumeration Example (2)

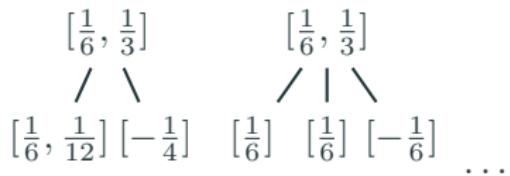
enumerate Rhythm Trees of $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$ with a duration sequence: $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}$, by increasing size.



$$\begin{aligned} best[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}] &= \min \left(\begin{array}{l} \bar{2}(best[\frac{1}{2}], best[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}]) \\ \bar{3}(best[\frac{1}{3}], best[-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}], best[\frac{1}{3}]) \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \\ &= \min \left(\begin{array}{l} \bar{2}(\bullet, best[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}]) \\ \bar{3}(\bullet, best[-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}], \bullet) \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where min is the tree of minimal size.

Tree Enumeration Example (3)



$$\begin{aligned} best\left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}\right] &= \min \left(\begin{array}{l} \bar{2}(best[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12}], best[-\frac{1}{4}]) \\ \bar{3}(best[\frac{1}{6}], best[\frac{1}{6}], best[-\frac{1}{6}]) \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \\ &= \min \left(\begin{array}{l} \bar{2}(best[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12}], -) \\ \bar{3}(\bullet, \bullet, -) \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

By bounding the branching and depth,
computation of *best* is exponential in time.

Enumeration of 1st best, 2d best, 3d best...
by maintaining set of candidate trees instead of min.

Enumeration of Equivalence Classes

given:

- a finite description D of a set L of allowed RTs
- a RT t

compute:

- a finite description D' of the subset $L' \subseteq L$ of RTs with the same rhythmic value as t .

enumerate:

- the trees in L' .

objective:

- size of D' linear in the size of D .
- enumeration of the k best trees in time $O(k.\text{size}(D')^2)$.

Rhythmic Languages

**Music Notation &
Tree Series**

Is Music a Language?



Leonard Bernstein

Norton Lectures at Harvard, 1973

« The Unanswered Question: Six Talks at Harvard »

idea of music as a kind of universal language
notion of a worldwide, « inborn musical grammar »

cf. **Noam Chomsky** « Language and Mind »
theory of innate grammatical competence

Is Music Notation a Language?

Music Notation Processing as a particular case of **Natural Language Processing** ?

- **musical deep structure:**
melodic motives and phrases, chordal progressions, rhythmic figures, etc
- **musical surface structure:**
the actual music (sequence of notes)

Music Notation is a **Domain Specific Language** (not a natural language)

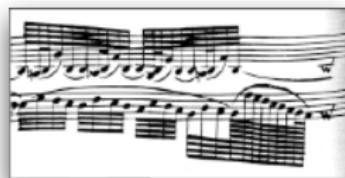
- formal language for exchange (transmission),
- encoding with a small number of symbols,
- semantics (divisions of time).

→ definition of fragments (sub-language of music notation)
preferred in certain contexts.
as a regular tree language.

*do prefer notations
like this*



or that?



source: Donald Byrd
Indiana University Bloomington.

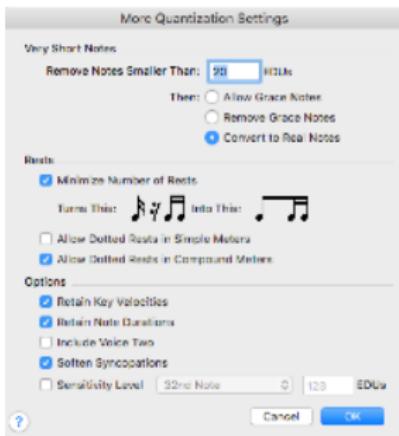
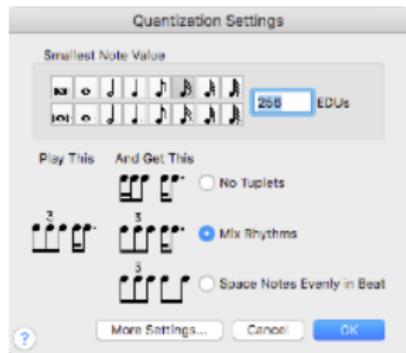
User preferences



Finale quantization Settings dialog boxes

Mix definition of output rhythm langage and quantization options

→ Trial & error approach to transcription



Reading Common Western Music Notation

Common Western Music Notation is a language for **Real-Time** execution:

- it must be parseable easily, on-the-fly, by performers
- counting symbols (or other computations) cannot be afforded
- it must give clues of the meter (accents)

It is crucial for a music score to be easily readable
→ importance of **notation choices** and preferences



**Tree
Automata
Techniques and
Applications**

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TA

A **tree automaton** $\mathcal{A} = \langle Q, \Delta \rangle$ over a signature Σ is made of

- a finite set of **state** symbols $Q = \{q, q_0, \dots\}$ disjoint from Σ ,
- a finite set Δ of rewrite rules over $\Sigma \cup Q$ (**transitions**),
of the form $a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \rightarrow q_0$
where $a \in \Sigma$, of arity $n \geq 0$ and $q_0, \dots, q_n \in Q$.

The language of \mathcal{A} in a state $q \in Q$ is the set of ground terms

$$\mathcal{L}_q = \{t \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma) \mid t \xrightarrow[\Delta]{} q\}$$

Tree Automata Example

Acyclic Tree Automaton \mathcal{A} for Rhythm Trees with:

division by 2 and then by 2 or 3,
or division by 3 and then by 2.

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$$

$$\Delta =$$

$$\begin{array}{llllllll} \bar{2}(q_1, q_1) & \rightarrow & q_0 & \bar{3}(q_2, q_2, q_2) & \rightarrow & q_0 & \bullet & \rightarrow & q_0 \\ \bar{2}(q_3, q_3) & \rightarrow & q_1 & \bar{3}(q_3, q_3, q_3) & \rightarrow & q_1 & \bullet & \rightarrow & q_1 \\ \bar{2}(q_3, q_3) & \rightarrow & q_2 & & & & \bullet & \rightarrow & q_2 \\ & & & & & & \bullet & \rightarrow & q_3 \\ & & & & & & & - & \rightarrow & q_1 \\ & & & & & & & - & \rightarrow & q_2 \\ & & & & & & & - & \rightarrow & q_3 \end{array}$$

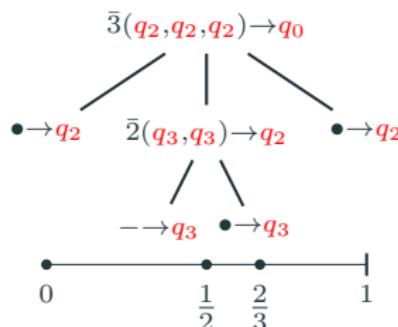
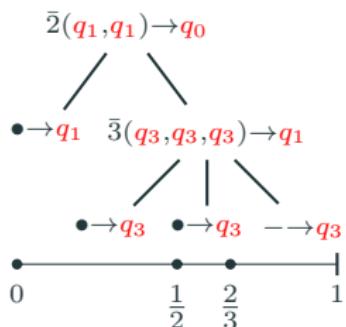
Example RTs in TA language

computation of \mathcal{A} on $t = \bar{2}(\bullet, \bar{3}(\bullet, \bullet, -))$

$$t \xrightarrow{\Delta} \bar{2}(\textcolor{red}{q_1}, \bar{3}(\bullet, \bullet, -)) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \bar{2}(\textcolor{red}{q_1}, \bar{3}(q_3, q_3, q_3)) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \bar{2}(q_1, q_1) \xrightarrow{\Delta} q_0$$

represented by a tree (called **run**)

- with the shape of t
- labeled by the rules of Δ involved



Example: correct placement of dots

exercise: when can we label a node by a dot instead of a tie?

we can characterize the following patterns with dots
(remember that a dot must have half the duration the related note):

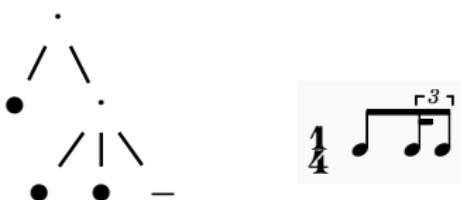


using the following production rules:

$$\begin{array}{llll} q_0 \rightarrow q_1, q_2 & q_1 \rightarrow \bullet & q_2 \rightarrow q_{\cdot}, q_x & q_{\cdot} \rightarrow \div \\ q_0 \rightarrow q'_2, q'_1 & q'_1 \rightarrow \div & q'_2 \rightarrow q_x, q_{\bullet} & q_{\bullet} \rightarrow \bullet \\ q_x \rightarrow \dots & & & \end{array}$$

Introduction of weight values

in some cases, you may prefer division of beat by 2
e.g. (binary meter)



in some other cases, you may prefer division of beat by 3
e.g. (ternary meter)



but we do not want to exclude completely the other case...
→ quantify the preferences in term of beaming etc.
→ introduction of weight values in TA transition rules

Weight values are chosen in a semiring

Semirings

A *semiring* $\mathcal{S} = \langle \mathbb{S}, \oplus, \mathbb{0}, \otimes, \mathbb{1} \rangle$ is a structure with

- a domain $\mathbb{S} = \text{dom}(\mathcal{S})$
- two **associative** binary operators \oplus and \otimes with neutral elements $\mathbb{0}$ and $\mathbb{1}$; and such that
- \oplus is **commutative**
- \otimes **distributes** over \oplus : $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{S}, x \otimes (y \oplus z) = (x \otimes y) \oplus (x \otimes z)$,
- $\mathbb{0}$ is **absorbing** for \otimes : $\forall x \in \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{0} \otimes x = x \otimes \mathbb{0} = \mathbb{0}$

Intuitively,

\oplus is for selection of a best value

\otimes is for composition of values

Semiring Properties

\mathcal{S} is **commutative** if \otimes is commutative

\mathcal{S} is **monotonic** wrt a partial ordering \leq iff for all x, y, z , $x \leq y$ implies $x \oplus z \leq y \oplus z$, $x \otimes z \leq y \otimes z$ and $z \otimes x \leq z \otimes y$.

\mathcal{S} is **idempotent** if $\forall x \in \mathcal{S}$, $x \oplus x = x$.

in this case, the **natural ordering** $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$ defined by:

$$\forall x, y, x \leq_{\mathcal{S}} y \text{ iff } x \oplus y = x$$

Semirings Examples

semiring	domain	\oplus	\emptyset	\otimes	1	natural ordering
Boolean	$\{0, 1\}$	\vee	0	\wedge	1	$1 \leq_S 0$
Viterbi	$[0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}_+$	max	0	.	1	$x \leq_S y$ iff $x \geq y$
min-plus	$\mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$	min	$+\infty$	+	0	$x \leq_S y$ iff $x \leq y$
max-plus	$\mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$	max	$-\infty$	+	0	$x \leq_S y$ iff $x \geq y$

These semirings are

commutative: \otimes is commutative

idempotent: $\forall x, x \oplus x = x$

have an induced **total** natural ordering \leq_S defined by:

$$\forall x, y, x \leq_S y \text{ iff } x \oplus y = x$$

monotonic wrt \leq_S : $\forall x, y, z, x \leq_S y$ implies

$$x \oplus z \leq_S y \oplus z$$

$$x \otimes z \leq_S y \otimes z$$

Weighted Tree Automata

WTA

A **Weighted Tree Automaton** (WTA) $\mathcal{A} = \langle Q, \Delta \rangle$ over a signature Σ and a semiring $\mathcal{S} = \langle \mathbb{S}, \oplus, \emptyset, \otimes, \mathbb{1} \rangle$ is made of

- a finite set of **state** symbols $Q = \{q, q_0, \dots\}$ disjoint from Σ ,
- a finite set Δ of **weighted** rewrite rules over $\Sigma \cup Q$ and \mathcal{S} of the form $a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w} q_0$ where $a \in \Sigma$, of arity $n \geq 0$, $w \in \mathcal{S}$, and $q_0, \dots, q_n \in Q$.

The **tree series** defined by \mathcal{A} and state $q \in Q$ is the function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}_q : \quad \mathcal{T}(\Sigma) &\rightarrow \mathcal{S} \\ t &\mapsto \bigoplus_{t \xrightarrow[\Delta]{\sigma} q} \text{weight}(\sigma)\end{aligned}$$

where $\text{weight}(\sigma)$, the weight of the rewrite sequence σ is the product with \otimes of the rules of Δ involved.

Such tree series is called **recognizable**.

Example Weighted Tree Automata

Acyclic WTA \mathcal{A} over a min-plus (tropical) Semiring for Rhythm Trees with:

division by 2 and then by 2 or 3,
or division by 3 and then by 2.

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$$

$$\Delta =$$

$$\begin{array}{llllllll} \bar{2}(q_1, q_1) & \xrightarrow{25} & q_0 & \bar{3}(q_2, q_2, q_2) & \xrightarrow{45} & q_0 & \bullet & \xrightarrow{15} & q_0 \\ \bar{2}(q_3, q_3) & \xrightarrow{20} & q_1 & \bar{3}(q_3, q_3, q_3) & \xrightarrow{70} & q_1 & \bullet & \xrightarrow{10} & q_1 \\ \bar{2}(q_3, q_3) & \xrightarrow{50} & q_2 & & & & \bullet & \xrightarrow{10} & q_2 \\ & & & & & & \bullet & \xrightarrow{15} & q_3 \\ & & & & & & & & \xrightarrow{25} & q_1 \\ & & & & & & & & \xrightarrow{25} & q_2 \\ & & & & & & & & \xrightarrow{35} & q_3 \end{array}$$

Since \emptyset is absorbing ($+\infty$ is the above case of min-plus), a rule with weight \emptyset or a **missing transition** rule are the same thing.

WTA over a Viterbi Semiring:

generalization of **PCFG** (Probabilistic Context-Free Grammars)

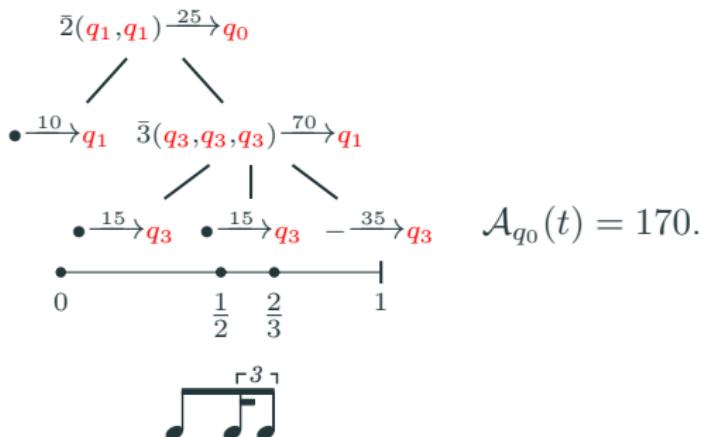
Example RT weight for WTA

the weight $\mathcal{A}_{q_0}(t)$ of $t = \bar{2}(\bullet, \bar{3}(\bullet, \bullet, -))$ is the sum with \oplus (min in tropical semiring) of weights of all of its runs headed by q_0 .

There is only one run r of \mathcal{A} over t headed by q_0 .

$$t \xrightarrow[\Delta]{10} \bar{2}(q_1, \bar{3}(\bullet, \bullet, -)) \xrightarrow[\Delta]{15+15+35} \bar{2}(q_1, \bar{3}(q_3, q_3, q_3)) \xrightarrow[\Delta]{70} \bar{2}(q_1, q_1) \xrightarrow[\Delta]{25} q_0$$

Hence $\mathcal{A}_{q_0}(t)$ is the product with \otimes (sum in tropical semiring) of the weights of rules labeling the nodes of r .



WTA Determinism

A WTA $\mathcal{A} = \langle Q, \Delta \rangle$ is deterministic if for all $a \in \Sigma$ of arity n and $q_1, \dots, q_n \in Q$, there exists at most $q \in Q$ such that $a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w \neq \emptyset} q$ is a rule of Δ .

Determinization of WTA : under conditions on semiring \mathcal{S} powerset construction: new states in \mathcal{S}^Q , gives a finite state set when \mathcal{S} is locally finite (every finite subset of \mathcal{S} has a finite closure under $\emptyset, 1, \oplus, \otimes$).

Tiburon library [May and Knight 06]

Minimization of deterministic WTA: PTIME for deterministic WTA over commutative semifields [Maletti 09], [Hanneforth, Maletti, Quernheim 17]

1-best Parsing for WTAs

1-best

For a WTA \mathcal{A} over Σ and an idempotent semiring $\mathcal{S} = \langle \$, \oplus, \emptyset, \otimes, \mathbb{1} \rangle$,
for a state q of \mathcal{A} ,
find a tree $t \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$ such that $\mathcal{A}_q(t)$ is minimal wrt $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$.

For **deterministic** WTA, there is a unique run for each tree.
→ we focus here on the computation of the **minimal run**.

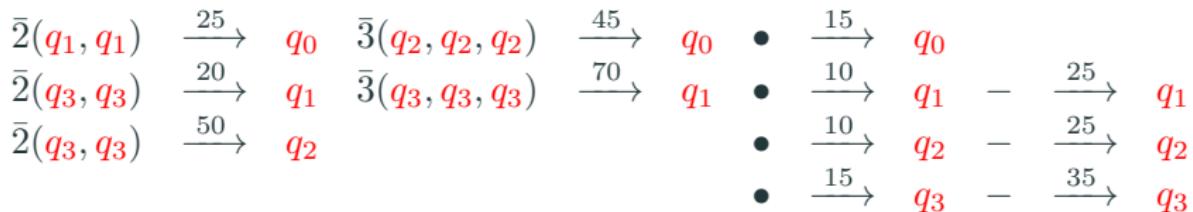
Hypotheses for the semiring \mathcal{S} :

\otimes is commutative

\mathcal{S} is monotonic wrt $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$

$\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$ is total: $\forall x, y, x \oplus y = x$ or $x \oplus y = y$

1-best Parsing Example



$$\begin{aligned}
 best(q_0) &= 25 \otimes best(q_1) \otimes best(q_1), \\
 &\oplus 45 \otimes best(q_2) \otimes best_1(q_2) \otimes best_1(q_2), \\
 &\oplus 15 \\
 best(q_1) &= 20 \otimes best(q_3) \otimes best(q_3), \\
 &\oplus 70 \otimes best(q_3) \otimes best_1(q_3) \otimes best_1(q_3), \\
 &\oplus 10 \oplus 25 \\
 best(q_2) &= 50 \otimes best(q_3) \otimes best(q_3), \\
 &\oplus 10 \oplus 25 \\
 best(q_3) &= 15 \oplus 35
 \end{aligned}$$

1-best Computation for WTAs

1-best

For a WTA \mathcal{A} over Σ and an idempotent semiring $\mathcal{S} = \langle \mathbb{S}, \oplus, \emptyset, \otimes, \mathbb{1} \rangle$,
for a state $\textcolor{red}{q}$ of \mathcal{A} ,
find a tree $t \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$ such that $\mathcal{A}_{\textcolor{red}{q}}(t)$ is minimal wrt $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$.

Hypotheses:

$\mathcal{A} = \langle Q, \Delta \rangle$ is acyclic

\otimes is commutative

\mathcal{S} is monotonic wrt $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$

$\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$ is total: $\forall x, y, x \oplus y = x$ or $x \oplus y = y$

The following $\text{best}(\textcolor{red}{q})$ returns a best run of \mathcal{A} headed by $\textcolor{red}{q}$

$$\text{best}(\textcolor{red}{q}) = \bigoplus_{\rho_0 = a \xrightarrow{w} \textcolor{red}{q}} \rho_0 \oplus \left[\bigoplus_{\rho = a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w} q} \rho(\text{best}(q_1), \dots, \text{best}(q_n)) \right]$$

Using a table for storing all the $\text{best}(\textcolor{red}{q})$,
the time complexity is $O(|Q| \cdot |\Delta|)$.

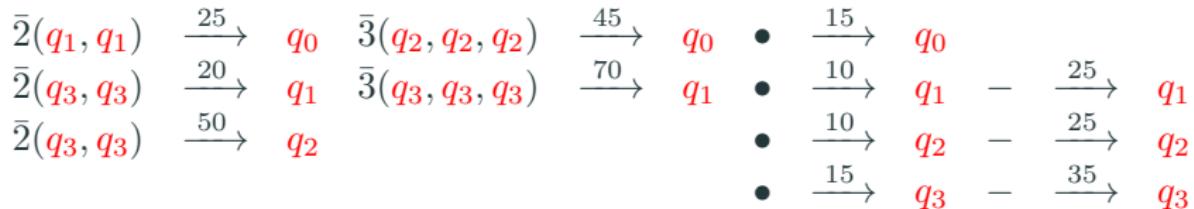
k -best

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for a state $\textcolor{red}{q}$ of \mathcal{A} , and $k \geq 1$
find the k trees $t \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$ with $\mathcal{A}_{\textcolor{red}{q}}(t)$ is minimal wrt $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$.

Use

- one table for storing all the $\text{best}(\textcolor{red}{q}, i)$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and
- one set of candidate runs $\text{cand}(\textcolor{red}{q})$ for each $\textcolor{red}{q}$.

k -best Parsing Example



Initially, by monotonicity of \mathcal{S} ,

$$cand(q_0) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 25 \otimes best(q_1, 1) \otimes best(q_1, 1), \\ 45 \otimes best(q_2, 1) \otimes best_1(q_2, 1) \otimes best_1(q_2, 1), \\ 15 \end{array} \right\}$$

Assume that, after computation, we obtain that:

$$best(q_0, 1) = 25 \otimes best(q_1, 1) \otimes best(q_1, 1)$$

Then start a second round with:

$$cand(q_0) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 25 \otimes best(q_1, 1) \otimes best(q_1, 2), \\ 25 \otimes best(q_1, 2) \otimes best(q_1, 1), \\ 45 \otimes best(q_2, 1) \otimes best_1(q_2, 1) \otimes best_1(q_2, 1), \\ 15 \end{array} \right\}$$

...

k -best

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for a state q of \mathcal{A} , and $k \geq 1$
find the k trees $t \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$ with $\mathcal{A}_q(t)$ is minimal wrt $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$.

Use one table for storing all the $best(q, i)$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$
and one set of candidate runs $cand(q)$ for each q .

Time complexity is $O(k \cdot |Q| \cdot \|\Delta\|)$.

And after having computed the k bests,
one can continue with the k next (with same complexity).

WTA Closure

Let s_1, s_2 be recognizable tree series over Σ and S ,
and let $x \in S$.

The following tree series are recognizable when S commutative:

1. $x \otimes s_1 : t \mapsto x \otimes s_1(t)$ (closure under scalar product)
2. $s_1 \oplus s_2 : t \mapsto s_1(t) \oplus s_2(t)$ (closure under sum)
3. $s_1 \otimes s_2 : t \mapsto s_1(t) \otimes s_2(t)$ (closure under Hadamard product)

1. product by x in the (assumed) final transition rule
2. disjoint union construction.
3. Cartesian product construction.

WTA : closure under scalar product

Assume that the tree series s_1 is recognized by $\mathcal{A}_1 = \langle Q_1, \Delta_1 \rangle$ in a state $p_1 \in Q_1$.

We assume *wlog* that p_1 is not reentering:

$a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{\emptyset} q$ as soon as one q_i , at least, is p_1 .

Update the weighted transition rules as follows:

$a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{x \otimes w} p_1 \quad \text{if } a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w} p_1 \in \Delta_1,$

$a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w} q \quad \text{if } a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w} q \in \Delta_1 \text{ and } q \neq p_1.$

WTA : closure under sum

disjoint union construction

Assume that s_1, s_2 are recognized resp. by

$\mathcal{A}_1 = \langle Q_1, \Delta_1 \rangle$ in a state $p_1 \in Q_1$, and

$\mathcal{A}_2 = \langle Q_2, \Delta_2 \rangle$ in a state $p_2 \in Q_2$

and that Q_1 and Q_2 are disjoint.

We construct a new WTA $\mathcal{A} = (Q_1 \uplus Q_2, \Delta)$.

It recognizes $s_1 \oplus s_2$ in state $\{p_1, p_2\}$ when Δ is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow[\Delta]{w_1} q &\text{ if } a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w_1} q \in \Delta_1 && \text{and } q, q_1, \dots, q_n \in Q_1 \\ a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow[\Delta]{w_2} q &\text{ if } a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{w_2} q \in \Delta_2 && \text{and } q, q_1, \dots, q_n \in Q_2 \\ a(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow[\Delta]{\emptyset} q &&& \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

WTA : closure under Hadamard product

Cartesian product construction

Assume that s_1, s_2 are recognized resp. by

$\mathcal{A}_1 = (Q_1, \Delta_1)$ in a state $p_1 \in Q_1$, and

$\mathcal{A}_2 = (Q_2, \Delta_2)$ in a state $p_2 \in Q_2$.

and that Q_1 and Q_2 are disjoint.

We construct a new WTA $\mathcal{A} = (Q_1 \times Q_2, \Delta)$.

It recognizes $s_1 \otimes s_2$ in state $\langle p_1, p_2 \rangle$ when Δ is defined by:

$$a(\langle q_1^1, q_1^2 \rangle, \dots, \langle q_n^1, q_n^2 \rangle) \xrightarrow[\Delta]{w_1 \otimes w_2} \langle q^1, q^2 \rangle$$

when $a(q_1^1, \dots, q_n^1) \xrightarrow{w_1} q^1 \in \Delta_1$ and $a(q_1^2, \dots, q_n^2) \xrightarrow{w_2} q^2 \in \Delta_2$.

Enumeration of Equivalent Classes of Trees

approach similar to the principle used for transcription

Enumeration of equivalent RTs

given:

- a WTA \mathcal{A} over Σ and an idempotent semiring \mathcal{S} , a state q_0 of \mathcal{A}
- a RT t

return: a WTA \mathcal{A}' and a state q'_0 of \mathcal{A}' such that for all $t' \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}'_{q'_0}(t') &= \mathcal{A}_{q_0}(t') \text{ if } t' \text{ has the same rhythmic value as } t, \\ \mathcal{A}'_{q'_0}(t') &= \emptyset \text{ otherwise.}\end{aligned}$$

enumerate: the tree series $\mathcal{A}'_{q'_0}$, following $\leq_{\mathcal{S}}$.

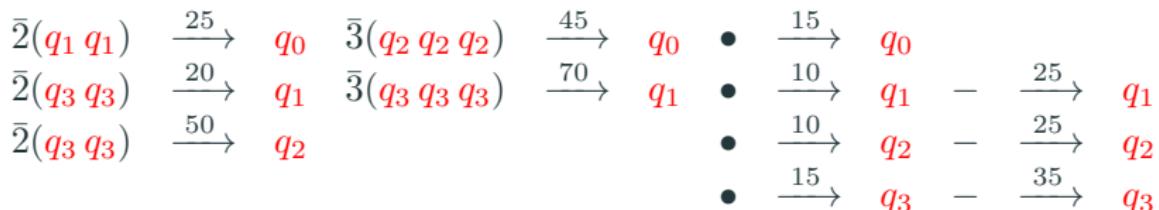
\mathcal{A}' is the Hadamard product of \mathcal{A} and an automaton \mathcal{A}_t for the divisions of the duration sequence of t (all its rules have weight $\mathbb{1}$).

$$q'_0 = \langle q_0, ds(t) \rangle.$$

- \mathcal{A}_t can be built in a way that the size of \mathcal{A}' is linear in the size of \mathcal{A} .
- the enumeration of the k best trees is done in time $O(k \cdot |\text{states}(\mathcal{A}')| \cdot \|\text{rules}(\mathcal{A}')\|)$.

Enumeration of Equivalent RTs (example)

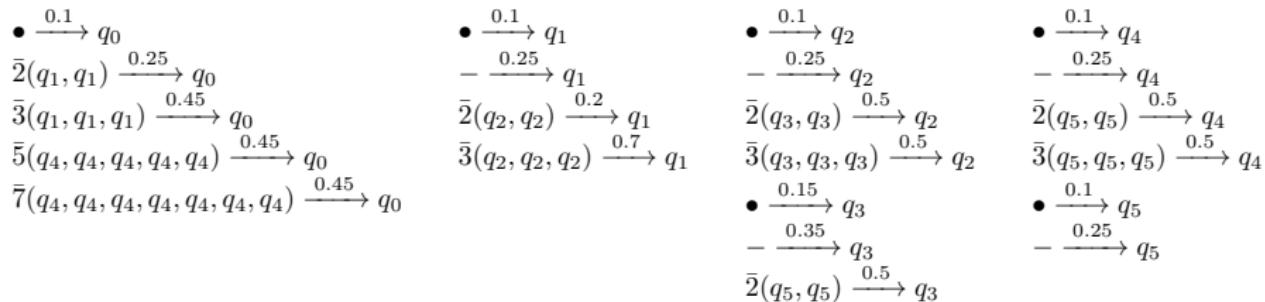
Trees with duration sequence: $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{3}$



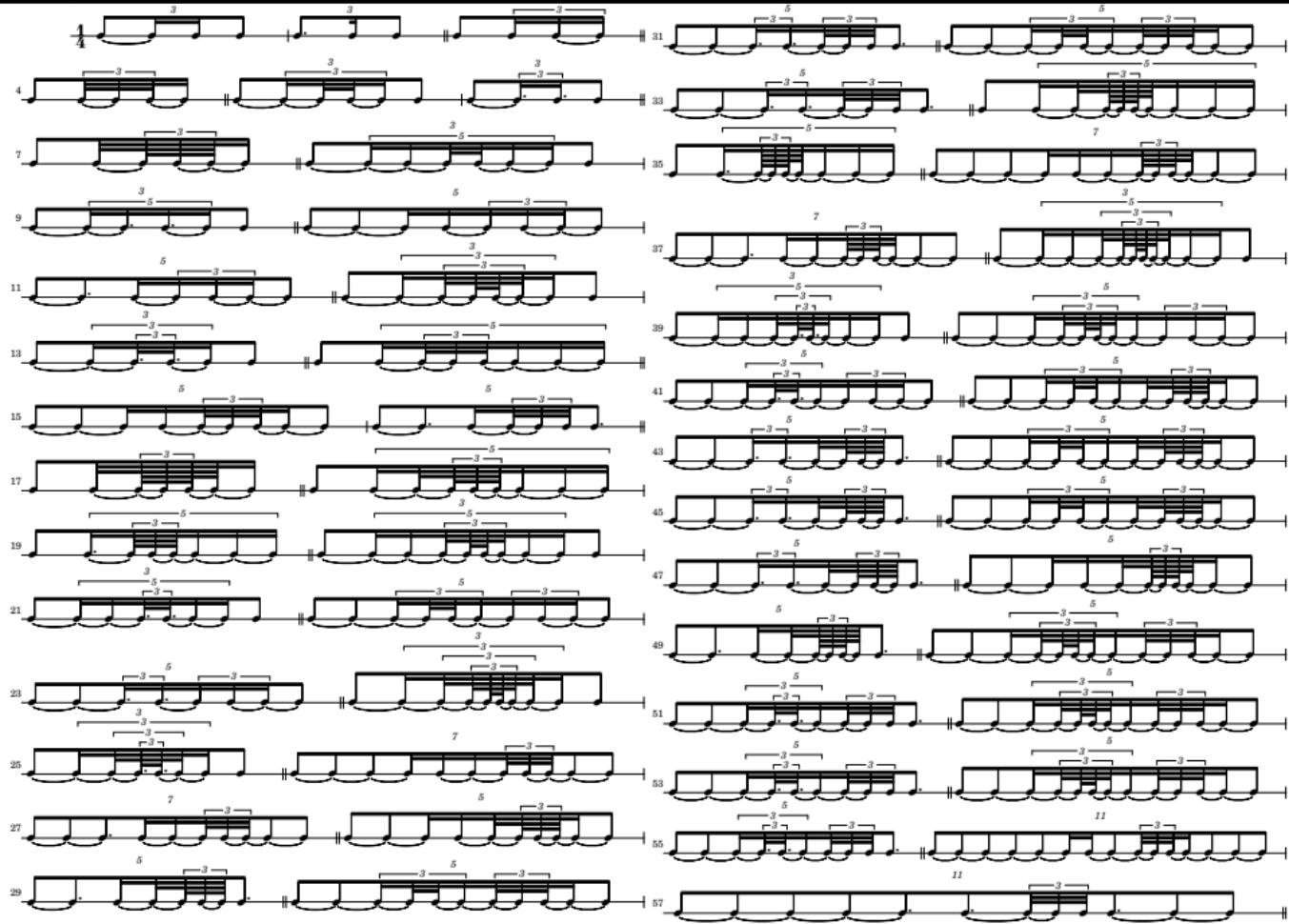
Only 3 trees (others have weight 0).



Enumeration of Equivalent RTs (example 2)



Enumeration of More Equivalent RTs (example 3)



Representation of polyrhythms

Chopin Nocturne si majeur opus 9 No 3

A musical score for piano in G major (two sharps) and common time. The left hand plays a continuous eighth-note bass line. The right hand plays a more complex pattern. A red box highlights a specific section of the right-hand pattern in bar 9, starting with a sixteenth-note followed by two eighth-note pairs. Above the box, there are numerical markings: 3 5, 2 3, 1 4, and 1. Below the box, there are performance instructions: 'Tend.' (twice), an asterisk, 'Tend.', another asterisk, and 'Tend. simile').

merging hands for 1st half of bar 9: [1/5 2/15 1/15 1/5 1/15 2/15 1/5] in 6 alt. notations

Six different musical notations for the first half of bar 9, each representing a different way to merge the hands while maintaining the specified polyrhythmic pattern of [1/5 2/15 1/15 1/5 1/15 2/15 1/5]. The notations use various rhythmic groupings and note heads to represent the same underlying pattern.

James Bean - dn-m

iPad app that allows performers to interact with the musical notation
 simple and clear textual input language for the composer to input his/her music
 → integration of the rhythm enumeration algorithm.

www.jamesbean.info/denm

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff begins with a time signature of $\frac{9}{16}$, followed by a measure of $\frac{7}{9}$, then a measure of $\frac{5}{6}$ highlighted with an orange box. The bottom staff begins with a time signature of $\frac{11}{16}$, followed by measures of $\frac{9}{7}$, $\frac{7}{8}$, $\frac{5}{4}$, and $\frac{9}{8}$. The notation includes various note heads (solid black, hollow white, and some with dots), stems (upward and downward), and rests. Measure lines are indicated by vertical bar lines, and the overall structure is divided into measures by horizontal bar lines.

Automated Music Transcription

Automated Transcription

in Natural Language Processing:
speech-to-text or voice recognition

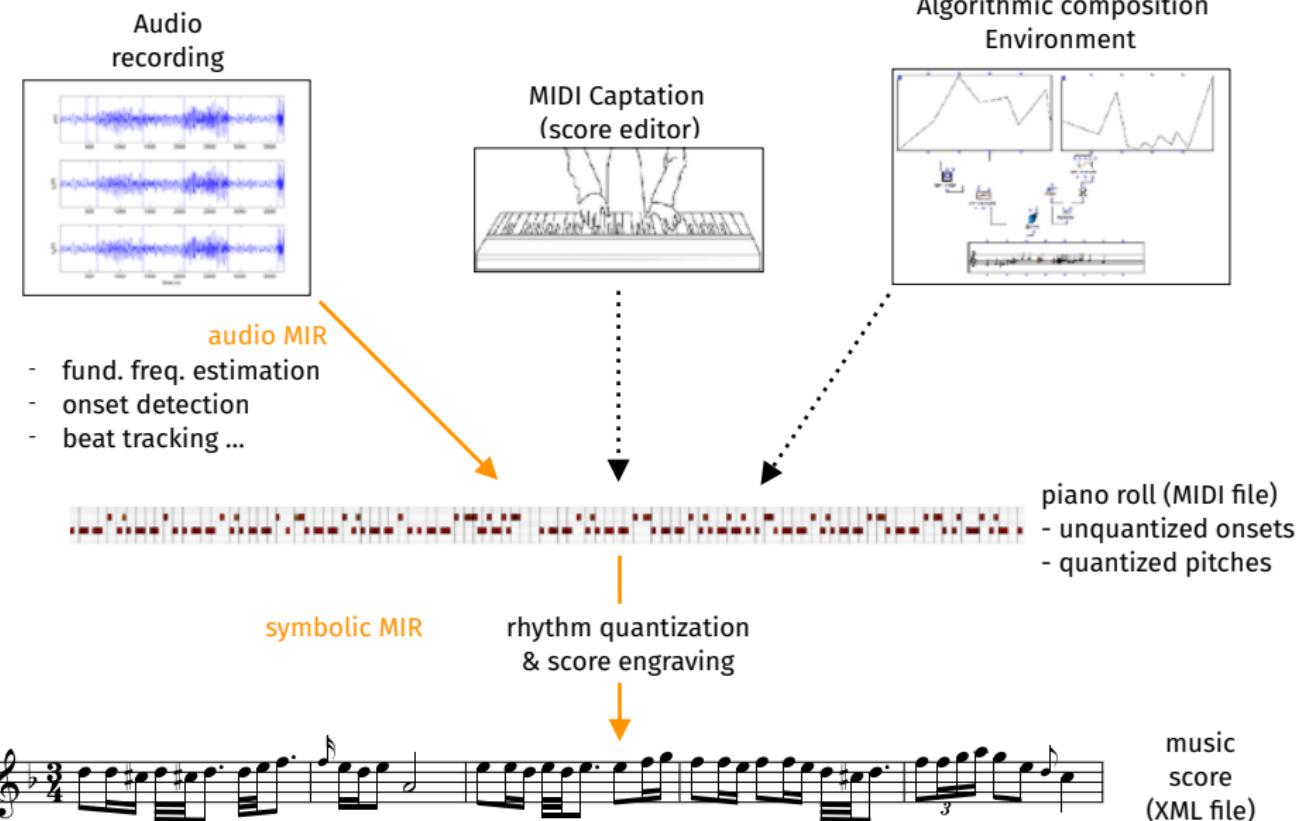
poor's man music transcription



« My dad accidentally texted me with voice recognition while playing the tuba »

Automated Music Transcription

conversion of a recorded music performance into a music score



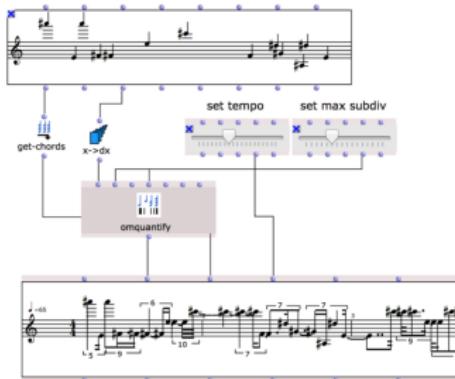
Grid-based approach to Rhythm quantization

Implemented in most of the Digital Audio Workstation software

assume a fixed minimal duration = **tatum**.

alignment of notes to closest multiples of tatum

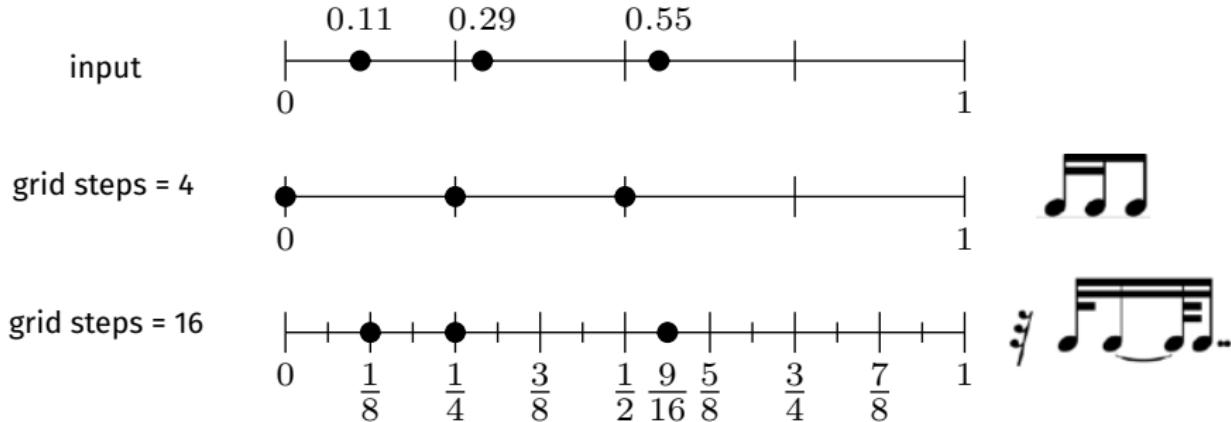
- + efficient quantization: try a few tatum values
- transcription result can be über-complicated



transcription in Open Music

Grid-based Approaches to Rhythm Quantization

overfitting



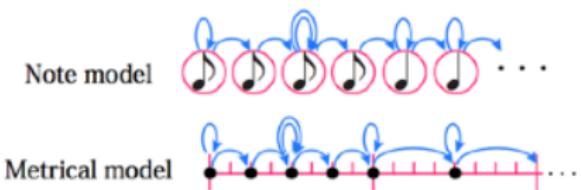
- find good compromise between precision and complexity of notation
(multicriteria optimisation)
 - quantitative parsing

Sequential models of music notation

Can be learned (from score corpora). Popular for transcription since 2000's.

Sequential score models:

HMMs: the probability of a note's duration depends on the previous note's duration and the input duration



Markov model of note values
[Sagayama et al 2002]

Markov process on meter positions
[Raphael 2001], [Goto et al 2003],
[Cemgil et al 2003]

Hierarchical score models:

Probabilistic Context-Free Grammars (PCFG): [Tanji, Ando, Iba 2008]
model defines the probability of subdivisions (recursively)

+ larger search window (approx. 1 or 2 measure)

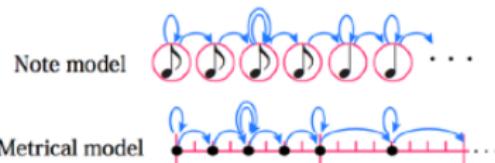
MIDI to score transcription with independent subtasks

transcription approaches with sequential models of durations

1. Rhythm Quantization



with HMM

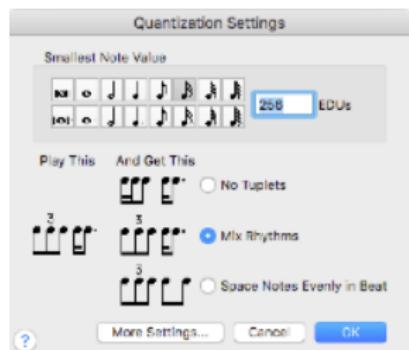


2. Score Engraving



delegated to functionality of a score editor
(*MIDI import*)

- ## 3. Interface between the 2 subtasks? Problems with
- complex rhythm, deep nesting
 - mixed tuplets
 - rests, grace notes...



MIDI to score transcription with coupled RQ & score engraving

unquantized MIDI	→	tree	~	XML score file
sequential data	→	1/2 structured data	1/2 structured data	

transcription approach with:

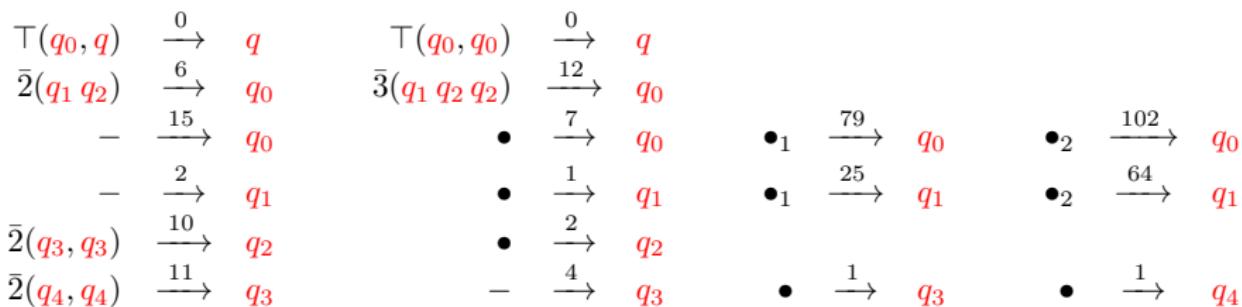
- Rhythm Tree representations
- Weighted WTA model of music notation
- computing solutions with quantitative parsing techniques (1-best or lk -best)
efficient and modular

a priori Language of Notation

a WTA is given, that represents notational preferences.

example over a min-plus semiring: weight values are penalties (costs)
(toy) language of sequences of 1/4 measures containing RTs

state symbols: q (measure seq.), q_0 (1 measure = 1 beat), q_1, q_2, \dots



a priori Language of Notation

weight =
notational
complexity

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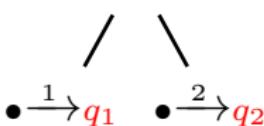
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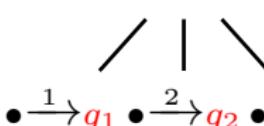
= product with \otimes of weights of rules involved

run

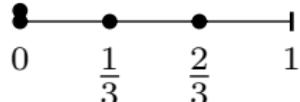
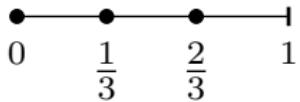
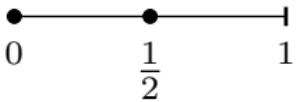
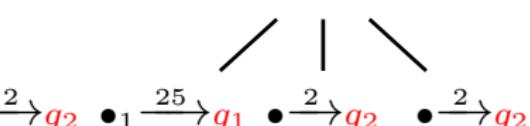
$$\bar{2}(q_1, q_2) \xrightarrow{6} q_0$$



$$\bar{3}(q_1, q_2, q_3) \xrightarrow{12} q_0$$



$$\bar{3}(q_1, q_2, q_3) \xrightarrow{12} q_0$$



corresponding
notation



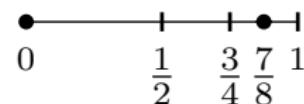
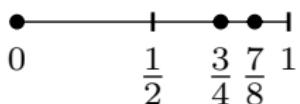
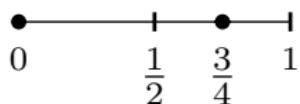
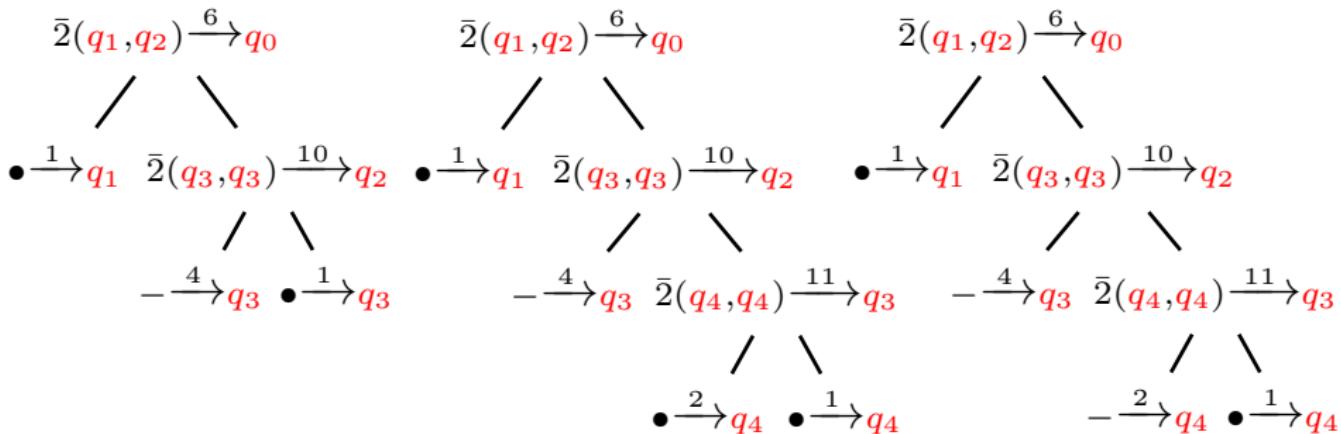
a priori Language of Notation

notational complexity

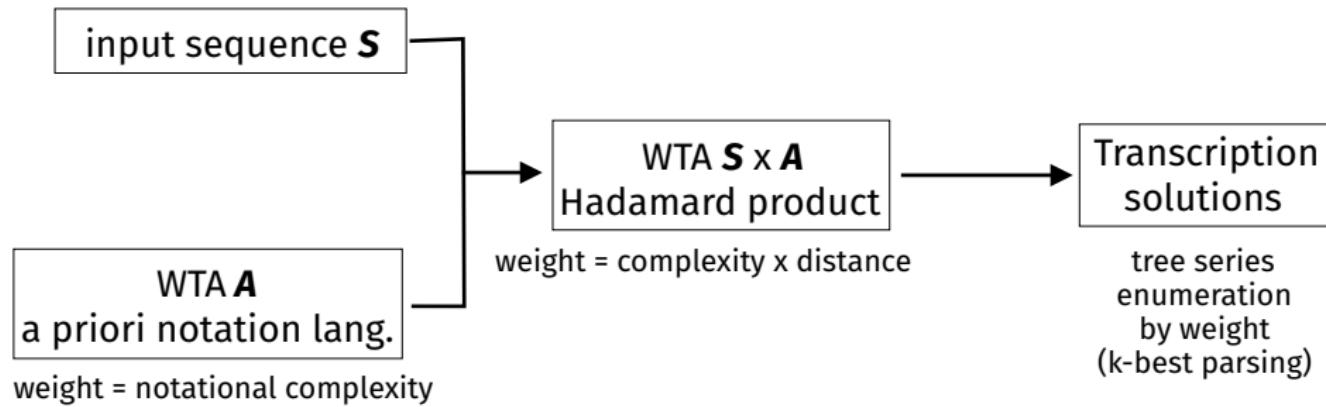
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Rhythm Transcription in by k-best parsing



Transcription by k-best parsing

an **input** to transcribe is a sequence σ of musical events with dates

it is composed with the **a priori WTA** \mathcal{A} for notational preferences
(**Hadamard product**).

in the product automaton \mathcal{A}_σ , the weights in transition are computed by product with \otimes of the notational complexity (defined by \mathcal{A}) and a distance of transcription to the input σ .

- with a Viterbi semiring, \otimes is a probability product to maximize.
- with a min-plus semiring \otimes is a sum to minimize.
similar to scalarization by weighted sum in **multi-criteria optimization**.

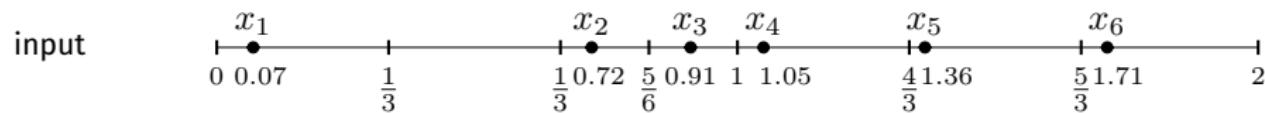
Solution to transcription are computed (as RT) by 1-best or k -best **parsing**, applied to the product WTA.

for efficiency, the product automaton \mathcal{A}_σ is actually computed **on-the-fly** (lazily) during parsing.

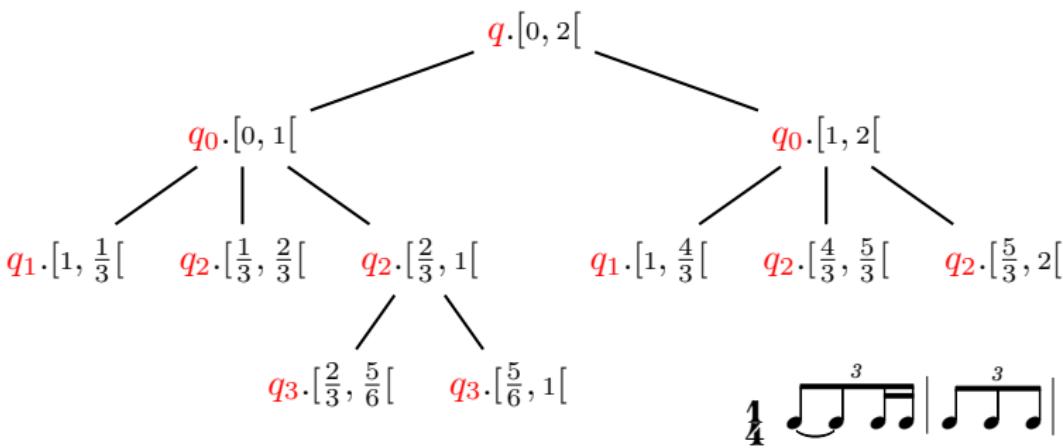
The RT solutions are converted into **music scores** (XML/MEI).

Transcription by 1-best parsing

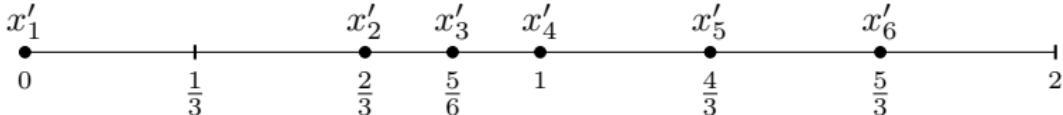
ex.1: steady tempo, all-left alignments



best
parse tree

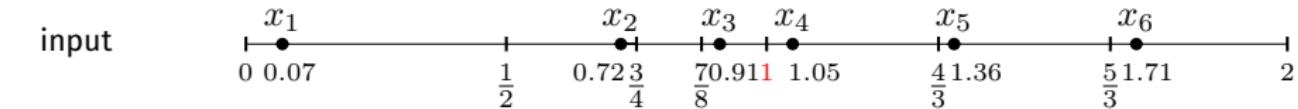


serialization

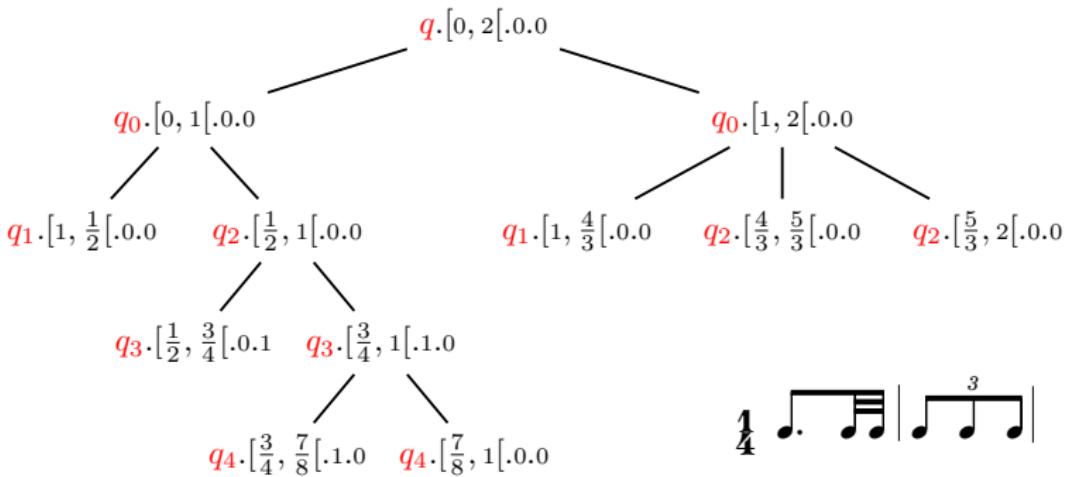


Transcription by 1-best parsing

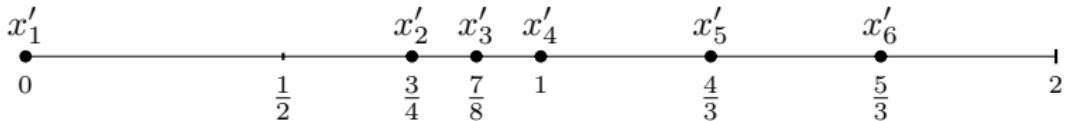
ex.2: another extension for transcription with steady tempo, alignments to left or right



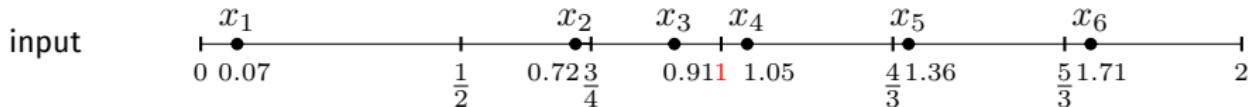
best
parse tree



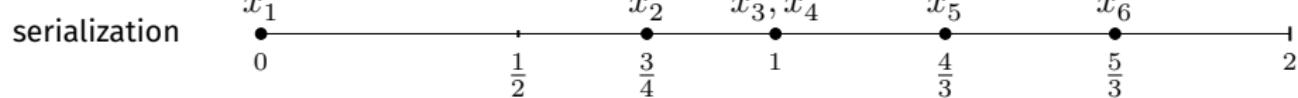
serialization



Transcription by 1-best parsing



if we reduce the penalty for grace-notes, $q_1 \xrightarrow{7} \bullet_1$
the best parse tree corresponds to:



Former Development : Open Music RQ lib

OpenMusic RQ 2016-17

Adrien Ycart

Jean Bresson

<https://forge.ircam.fr/p/omlibraries/downloads/>
<http://repmus.ircam.fr/cao/rq>



CommonLisp/CLOS, 350 functions, 4900 lines of code

UI: Open Music object

input from chord-seq (notes, onset, dur) + segmentation marks,
output to voice (OM rhythm trees)

kernel: table construction and enumeration algo

Current Development : sparse C++ library

qparse standalone lib

C++, 25000 lines of code
automata constructions and parsing
MIDI input,
XML/MEI, Lilypond, Guido output
command line prototypes for evaluation
objective: plugin for integration into a score editor

<https://qparse.gitlabpages.inria.fr>
<https://gitlab.inria.fr/qparse/qparselib>



Implementation, Results

transcription: MIDI recording to XML/MEI

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original score

Beethoven, Trio
for violin, cello
and piano, op.70
n.2 (2d mov)

Allegretto
Violin

p dolce

ff

transcription
of MIDI
recording
with
qparse

The transcription shows significant deviations from the original score, particularly in the first and second measures where note heads and dynamics are incorrect.

Implementation, Results

transcription: MIDI recording to MusicXML

finale.
music notation software

original score

Beethoven, Trio
for violin, cello
and piano, op.70
n.2 (2d mov)

Allegretto
Violin

p dolce

Measure 1: Dotted quarter note, eighth note, eighth note, eighth note.

Measure 2: Sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes.

Measure 3: Sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes. Dynamic 'p' and measure repeat sign.

Measure 4: Sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes, sixteenth notes. Fermata over the first two notes of the next measure.

transcription of MIDI recording with Finale.

options:
mixed rhythms,
tuplets
smallest note = 32nd
The time signature and the
tempo are given.

Measure 7: Rhythmic errors highlighted with red circles. The transcription fails to correctly handle the mixed rhythms and tuplets.

Measure 8: Rhythmic errors highlighted with red circles. The transcription fails to correctly handle the mixed rhythms and tuplets.

Measure 9: Rhythmic errors highlighted with red circles. The transcription fails to correctly handle the mixed rhythms and tuplets.

Implementation, Results

C++ library. MIDI input, XML/MEI or Lilypond output

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original score

Polonaise in D minor
from Notebook for Anna
Magdalena Bach BWV
Anh II 128



transcription
of MIDI
recording
(100 ms) by
qparse with generic
grammar

MEI output,
display
with Verovio

