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CHAPTER

ONE

THE AUXJAD PACKAGE

1.1 auxjad

Auxiliary functions and classes for Abjad 3.1. All classes and functions have a __doc__ attribute with usage instructions.

Documentation is available at https://gilbertohasnofb.github.io/auxjad-docs/. A pdf version of the documentation is also available in the *docs* directory.

Bugs can be reported to https://github.com/gilbertohasnofb/auxjad/issues.

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1.2 CartographyContainer

class auxjad.CartographyContainer (container: list, *, decay rate: float = 0.75)

A container used to store, manipulate, and select objects using a decaying weighted function.

The container should be initialised with a list of objects. The contents of the list can be absolutely anything.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> container.contents
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

The default decay rate is 0.75; that is, the weight of any given elements is the weight of the previous one multiplied by 0.75. The weights are associated with the index position, not the elements themselves.

```
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 0.75, 0.5625, 0.421875, 0.31640625]
```

Applying the len() function to the container will give the length of the container.

```
>>> len(container)
5
```

Calling the container will output one of its elements, selected according to its weight function.

```
>>> result = ''
>>> for _ in range(30):
... result += str(container())
>>> result
203001402200011111101400310140
```

The keyword argument decay_rate can be used to set a different decay rate when creating a container.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4], decay_rate=0.5, )
>>> cartography_container.weights
[1.0, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625]
```

The decay rate can also be set after the creation of a container, using the method set_decay_rate().

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> container.set_decay_rate(0.2)
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 0.2, 0.040000000000001, 0.00800000000000000,
0.0016000000000000000]
>>> result = ''
>>> for _ in range(30):
...     result += str(container())
>>> result
'000001002100000201001030000100'
```

Appending is a type of container transformation. It discards the first element of the container, shifts all others leftwards, and then appends the new element to the rightmost index.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> container.contents
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> container.append(5)
>>> container.contents
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> container.append(42)
>>> container.contents
[2, 3, 4, 5, 42]
```

The method append_keeping_n() is similar to append(), but it keeps the first n indeces untouched. It thus discards the n+1-th element, shifts all the next ones lefwards and then appends the new element at the end of the container.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([10, 7, 14, 31, 98])
>>> container.contents
[10, 7, 14, 31, 98]
>>> container.append_keeping_n(100, 2)
>>> container.contents
[10, 7, 31, 98, 100]
```

Prepending is another type of container transformation. It discards the last element of the container, shifts all others rightwards, and then prepends the new element to the leftmost index.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> container.contents
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> container.prepend(-1)
>>> container.contents
[-1, 0, 1, 2, 3]
>>> container.prepend(71)
>>> container.contents
[71, -1, 0, 1, 2]
```

Rotation is another type of container transformation. It rotates all elements rightwards, while moving the right-most element into the leftmost index. It can take the optional keyword argument anticlockwise which if set to True will rotate in the opposite direction.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> container.contents
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> container.rotate()
>>> container.contents
[1, 2, 3, 4, 0]
>>> container.rotate(anticlockwise=True)
>>> container.contents
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> container.rotate(anticlockwise=True)
>>> container.rotate(anticlockwise=True)
>>> container.rotate(anticlockwise=True)
```

The method randomise() will randomise the position of the elements of a container.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> container.contents
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> container.randomise()
>>> container.contents
[1, 4, 3, 0, 2]
```

The contents of a container can also be altered after it has been initialised using the set_container() method. The length of the container can change too.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([0, 1, 2, 3, 4],
... decay_rate=0.5,
... )
>>> len(container)
5
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625]
>>> container.set_container([10, 7, 14, 31, 98, 47, 32])
>>> container.contents
[10, 7, 14, 31, 98, 47, 32]
>>> len(container)
7
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625, 0.03125, 0.015625]
```

To method replace_element() replaces a specific element at a specified index.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([10, 7, 14, 31, 98])
>>> container.contents
[10, 7, 14, 31, 98]
>>> container.replace_element(100, 2)
>>> container.contents
[10, 7, 100, 31, 98]
```

The attribute previous_index stores the previously selected index. It can be used with the get_element() method in order to retrieve the last value output by the object.

```
>>> container = auxjad.CartographyContainer([10, 7, 14, 31, 98])
>>> container()
```

```
31
>>> previous_index = container.previous_index
>>> previous_index
3
>>> container.get_element(previous_index)
31
```

1.3 container_comparator

```
auxjad.container_comparator(container1: abjad.core.Container.Container, container2: abjad.core.Container, *, include_indicators: bool = False)
```

A comparator function returning True when two containers are identical and False when they are not.

When the pitches and effective durations of all leaves in both containers are identical, this function returns True:

```
>>> container1 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 d'4 e'4 f'4 <g' a'>2 r2")
>>> container2 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 d'4 e'4 f'4 <g' a'>2 r2")
>>> auxjad.container_comparator(container1, container2)
True
```

Even if all leaves of both containers are identical in pitches and in written_duration, the function considers the effective duration so that situations like the one below do not yield a false positive:

By default, this function ignores indicators, so the containers in the example below are understood to be identical:

```
>>> container1 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4\pp d'4 e'4-. f'4 <g' a'>2-> r2")
>>> container2 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 d'4 e'4 f'4 <g' a'>2 r2")
>>> auxjad.container_comparator(container1, container2)
True
```

Setting the argument include_indicators to True forces the function to include indicators in its comparison. In that case, the containers in the example above are not considered identical any longer:

This function also handles grace notes:

```
>>> container1 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 d'4 e'4 f'4")
>>> container2 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 \grace{d'4} d'4 e'4 f'4")
```

```
>>> auxjad.container_comparator(container1, container2)
False
```

```
>>> container1 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 d'4 e'4 f'4 <g' a'>2 r2")
>>> container2 = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 \grace{c''4} d'4 e'4 "
... "f'4 <g' a'>2 r2")
>>> auxjad.container_comparator(container1, container2)
False
```

1.4 LeafDynMaker

class auxjad.LeafDynMaker (*, increase_monotonic: bool = None, forbidden_note_duration:

Union[abjad.utilities.Duration.Duration, Tuple[int, int]] = None, forbidden_rest_duration: Union[abjad.utilities.Duration.Duration, Tuple[int, int]] = None, skips_instead_of_rests: bool = None, tag: abjad.system.Tag.Tag = None, use_multimeasure_rests: bool = None)
An extension of abjad.LeafMaker which can also take optional lists of dynamics and articulations.

Usage is similar to LeafMaker:

```
>>> pitches = [0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9]
>>> durations = [(1, 32), (2, 32), (3, 32), (4, 32), (5, 32), (6, 32)]
>>> dynamics = ['pp', 'p', 'mp', 'mf', 'f', 'ff']
>>> articulations = ['.', '>', '-', '_', '^', '+']
>>> leaf_dyn_maker = auxjad.LeafDynMaker()
>>> notes = leaf_dyn_maker(pitches, durations, dynamics, articulations)
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    c'32
    /pp
    -\staccato
    d'16
    /p
    -\accent
    e'16.
    \mp
    -\tenuto
```

```
f'8
  \mf
  -\portato
  g'8
  \f
  -\marcato
  ~
  g'32
  a'8.
  \ff
  -\stopped
}
```

Tuple elements in pitches result in chords. None-valued elements in pitches result in rests:

```
>>> pitches = [5, None, (0, 2, 7)]
>>> durations = [(1, 4), (1, 8), (1, 16)]
>>> dynamics = ['p', None, 'f']
>>> articulations = ['staccato', None, 'tenuto']
>>> leaf_dyn_maker = auxjad.LeafDynMaker()
>>> notes = leaf_dyn_maker(pitches, durations, dynamics, articulations)
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
   f'4
   \p
   -\staccato
   r8
   <c' d' g'>16
   \f
    -\tenuto
```

Can omit repeated dynamics with the keyword argument no_repeat:

```
>>> pitches = [0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9]
>>> durations = [(1, 32), (2, 32), (3, 32), (4, 32), (5, 32), (6, 32)]
>>> dynamics = ['pp', 'pp', 'mp', 'f', 'f', 'p']
>>> leaf_dyn_maker = auxjad.LeafDynMaker()
>>> notes = leaf_dyn_maker(pitches,
                            durations,
. . .
                            dynamics,
                            no_repeat=True,
. . .
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
{
   c'32
   /pp
   d'16
   e'16.
    \mp
    f'8
    \f
    g'8
```

```
~
g'32
a'8.
\p
}
```

The lengths of both dynamics and articulations can be shorter than the lengths of pitches and durations (whatever is the greatest):

```
>>> pitches = [0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9]
>>> durations = (1, 4)
>>> dynamics = ['p', 'f', 'ff']
>>> articulations = ['.', '>']
>>> leaf_dyn_maker = auxjad.LeafDynMaker()
>>> notes = leaf_dyn_maker(pitches, durations, dynamics, articulations)
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
{
    c'4
    \p
    -\staccato
    d'4
    \f
    -\accent
    e'4
    \ff
    f'4
    g ' 4
    a'4
```

If the length of articulations is 1, it will apply to all elements. If the length of dynamics is 1, it will apply to the first element only:

```
>>> pitches = [0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9]
>>> durations = (1, 4)
>>> dynamics = 'p'
>>> articulations = '.'
>>> leaf_dyn_maker = auxjad.LeafDynMaker()
>>> notes = leaf_dyn_maker(pitches, durations, dynamics, articulations)
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    c'4
    \p
    -\staccato
    d'4
    -\staccato
    e '4
    -\staccato
    f'4
    -\staccato
    g ' 4
    -\staccato
```

```
a'4
-\staccato
}
```

Similarly to abjad's native classes, it accepts many types of elements in its input lists:

```
>>> pitches = [0,
                "d'",
                'E4',
. . .
                abjad.NumberedPitch(5),
. . .
                abjad.NamedPitch("g'"),
. . .
                abjad.NamedPitch("A4"),
. . .
                1
>>> durations = [(1, 32),
                   "2/32",
                   abjad.Duration("3/32"),
. . .
                  abjad.Duration(0.125),
. . .
                  abjad.Duration(5, 32),
. . .
                  abjad.Duration(6/32),
. . .
                  ]
. . .
>>> leaf_dyn_maker = auxjad.LeafDynMaker()
>>> notes = leaf_dyn_maker(pitches, durations)
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
\new Staff
    c'32
    d'16
    e'16.
    f'8
    g'8
    q'32
    a'8.
```

1.5 LoopWindowByElements

```
class auxjad.LoopWindowByElements (container: abjad.core.Container.Container, elements_per_window: int, *, step_size: int = 1, max_steps: int = 1, repetition_chance: float = 0.0, initial_head_position: int = 0)
```

Takes a container as input as well as an integer representing the number of elements per looping window, then outputs a container with the elements processed in the looping process. For instance, if the initial container had the leaves [A, B, C, D, E, F] and the looping window was size three, the output would be: A B C B C D C D E D E F E F F, which can be better visualised as:

```
A B C
B C D
C D E
D E F
E F
F
```

Usage is similar to other factory classes. It takes a container (or child class equivalent) and the size of the

window. Each call of the object, in thi case looper(), will output the result and move the window forwards. Notice that the time signatures in the example below are commented out with %%% because abjad only adds them to the score once the leaves are part of a staff:

```
>>> input_music = abjad.Container(r"c'4 d'2 e'4 f'2 ~ f'8 g'1")
>>> looper = auxjad.LoopWindowByElements(input_music, 3)
>>> notes = looper()
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    \time 4/4
    c'4
    d'2
    e'4
>>> notes = looper()
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    \time 11/8
    d'2
    e'4
    f'2
    f'8
```

The method get_current_window() will output the current window without moving the head forwards.

```
>>> notes = looper.get_current_window()
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(notes)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
{
   \time 11/8
   d'2
   e'4
   f'2
   ~
   f'8
}
```

This class can take many optional keyword arguments during its creation. step_size dictates the size of each individual step in number of elements (default value is 1). max_steps sets the maximum number of steps that the window can advance when the object is called, ranging between 1 and the input value (default is also 1). repetition_chance sets the chance of a window result repeating itself (that is, the window not moving forward when called). It should range from 0.0 to 1.0 (default 0.0, i.e. no repetition). Finally, initial_head_position can be used to offset the starting position of the looping window (default is 0).

```
initial_head_position=0,
initial_head_position=0,

>>> looper.elements_per_window

3
>>> looper.step_size
1
>>> looper.repetition_chance
0.25
>>> looper.max_steps
2
>>> looper.current_head_position
0
```

This class has an internal counter which counts the number of times it has been called. It can be reset with the method reset_counter(). Resetting the counter will not reset the current_head_position. To change the head position, use the method set_head_position(). Notice that the counter simply counts the number of calls, while the current_head_position only moves forwards after a call (since it may not move at all when using repetition_chance). It also stays at 0 after the very first call, since that is when the 0-th window is output.

```
>>> input_music = abjad.Container(r"c'4 d'2 e'4 f'2 ~ f'8 g'1")
>>> looper = auxjad.LoopWindowByElements(input_music, 3)
>>> looper.counter
0
>>> looper.current_head_position
0
>>> for _ in range(4):
... looper()
>>> looper.current_head_position
3
>>> looper.current_head_position
3
>>> looper.reset_counter()
>>> looper.current_head_position
4
>>> looper.current_head_position
0
>>> looper.current_head_position
0
>>> looper.current_head_position
0
>>> looper.current_head_position
0
>>> looper.current_head_position
```

The function len() can be used to get the total number of elements in the container.

```
>>> input_music = abjad.Container(r"c'4 d'2 e'4 f'2 ~ f'8 g'1")
>>> looper = auxjad.LoopWindowByElements(input_music, 3)
>>> len(looper)
5
```

To run through the whole process automatically, from the initial head position until the process outputs the single last element, use the method output_all(). A property named done will also change to True once the process has reached the end.

```
>>> input_music = abjad.Container(r"c'4 d'4 e'4 f'4")
>>> looper = auxjad.LoopWindowByElements(input_music, 2)
>>> looper.done
```

```
False
>>> window = looper.output_all()
>>> looper.done
>>> abjad.f(window)
\new Staff
    \times 2/4
    c'4
    d'4
    \times 2/4
    d'4
    e'4
    \times 2/4
    e'4
    f'4
    \times 1/4
    f'4
```

This class can handle tuplets, but the output is not ideal and so this functionality should be considered experimental. Time signatures will be correct when dealing with partial tuplets (thus having non-standard values in their denominators), but each individual note of a tuplet will have the ratio printed above it.

```
>>> input_music = abjad.Container(r"c'4 d'8 \times 2/3 {a4 g2}")
>>> looper = auxjad.LoopWindowByElements(input_music, 2)
>>> window = looper.output_all()
>>> abjad.f(window)
\new Staff
    \times 3/8
    c'4
    d'8
    #(ly:expect-warning "strange time signature found")
    \time 7/24
    d'8
    \tweak edge-height #'(0.7 . 0)
    \times 2/3 {
        a4
    \tweak edge-height #'(0.7 . 0)
    \times 2/3 {
        \times 2/4
        a4
    \t edge-height #'(0.7.0)
    \times 2/3 {
        g2
    \tweak edge-height #'(0.7 . 0)
    \times 2/3 {
        #(ly:expect-warning "strange time signature found")
        \times 2/6
        g2
```

1.6 remove_repeated_dynamics

```
auxjad.remove_repeated_dynamics (container: abjad.core.Container.Container, *, ignore_hairpins: bool = False, reset_after_rests: bool = False) \rightarrow abjad.core.Container.Container
```

A function which removes all consecutive repeated dynamics. It removes consecutive effective dynamics, even if separated by any number of notes without one. It resets its memory of what was the previous dynamic every time it finds a hairpin, since notation such as "c'4f> c'4f>" is quite common; this behaviour can be toggled off using the ignore_hairpins keyword. By default, it remembers the previous dynamic even with notes separated by rests; this can be toggled off using reset_after_rests=True. To set a maximum length of silence after which dynamics are restated, set reset_after_rests to a duration using abjad.Duration() or any other duration format accepted by Abjad.

When two consecutive leaves have identical dynamics, the second one is removed:

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(r"c'4\pp d'8\pp | c'4\f d'8\f")
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    c'4
    \pp
    d'8
    \pp
    c'4
    \f
    d'8
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_dynamics(staff)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    c'4
    \pp
    d'8
    c'4
    \f
    d'8
```

The function also removes dynamics that are separated by an arbitrary number of leaves without dynamics:

The input container can also handle subcontainers:

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff([abjad.Note("c'2"),
                         abjad.Chord("<d' f'>2"),
                         abjad.Tuplet((2, 3), "g2 a2 b2"),
                         ])
. . .
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.Dynamic('ppp'), staff[0])
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.Dynamic('ppp'), staff[1])
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.Dynamic('ppp'), staff[2][0])
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
{
    c'2
   \ppp
    <d' f'>2
    /ppp
    \times 2/3 {
       g2
        \ppp
        a2
        b2
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_dynamics(staff)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
   c'2
    \ppp
    <d' f'>2
    \times 2/3 {
        g2
        a2
        b2
```

By default, repeated dynamics with hairpins in between are not removed, but consecutive ones will.

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(r"c'4\pp\< d'8\f\> | c'4\f d'8\f")
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
{
    c'4
    \pp
```

```
\setminus <
    d'8
    \f
    \>
    c'4
    \f
    d'8
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_dynamics(staff)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    c'4
    /pp
    \<
    d'8
    \f
    \backslash >
    c'4
    \f
    d'8
```

To override the previous behaviour, set ignore_hairpins to True and hairpins will be ignored.

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(r"c'4\pp\< d'8\f\> | c'4\f d'8\f")
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    c'4
    \pp
    \setminus <
    d'8
    \f
    \>
    c'4
    \f
    d'8
    \f
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_dynamics(staff,
                                                ignore_hairpins=True,
. . .
. . .
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    c'4
    /pp
    \ <
    d'8
    \f
    \>
    c'4
    d'8
```

By default, rests are treated just like any other leaf and thus notes with an identical dynamic separated by an arbitrary number of rests will be considered as repeated and the second dynamic will be removed.

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(r"c'4\pp r2. | c'4\pp")
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_dynamics(staff)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
{
    c'4
    \pp
    r2.
    c'4
}
```

To override the previous behaviour, set reset_after_rests to True and dynamics will always be restated after a rest.

The argument reset_after_rests takes not only boolean values but also duration (abjad.Duration, tuple, float, etc.). This sets the maximum length of rests before which identical dynamics are restated. If the total length of rests falls below that value, then repeated dynamics are removed.

In the case below, a rest of r2. is shorter than a duration of (4, 4), so the repeated dynamic is removed.

But setting the duration to 2/4 forces the dynamic to be restated.

```
{
    c'4
    \pp
    r2.
    c'4
    \pp
}
```

The function also handles measure rests with reset_after_rests.

1.7 remove_repeated_time_signatures

```
auxjad.remove_repeated_time_signatures (container: abjad.core.Container.Container) \rightarrow abjad.core.Container
```

A function which removes all unecessary time signatures. It removes consecutive effective time signatures, even if separated by any number of bars with no time signature.

When two consecutive bars have identical time signatures, the second one is removed:

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 d'8 | c'4 d'8")
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.TimeSignature((3, 8)), staff[0])
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.TimeSignature((3, 8)), staff[2])
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    \time 3/8
    c'4
    d'8
    \time 3/8
    c ' 4
    d'8
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_time_signatures(staff)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    \times 3/8
    c'4
```

```
d'8
c'4
d'8
```

The function also removes time signatures that are separated by an arbitrary number of bars without one:

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff(r"c'4 d'8 e'4. c'4 d'8")
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.TimeSignature((3, 8)), staff[0])
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.TimeSignature((3, 8)), staff[3])
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    \time 3/8
    c'4
    d'8
    e'4.
    \times 3/8
    c'4
    d'8
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_time_signatures(staff)
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    \times 3/8
    c'4
    d'8
    e'4.
    c'4
    d'8
```

The input container can also handle subcontainers, including cases in which the time signatures are attached to leaves of subcontainers:

```
>>> staff = abjad.Staff([abjad.Note("c'2"),
                          abjad.Chord("<d' f'>2"),
. . .
                          abjad.Tuplet((2, 3), "g2 a2 b2"),
. . .
                          ])
. . .
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.TimeSignature((2, 2)), staff[0])
>>> abjad.attach(abjad.TimeSignature((2, 2)), staff[2][0])
>>> abjad.f(staff)
\new Staff
    \times 2/2
    c'2
    <d' f'>2
    \times 2/3 {
        \time 2/2
        g2
        a2
        b2
>>> staff = auxjad.remove_repeated_time_signatures(staff)
```

```
>>> abjad.f(staff)

\new Staff
{
    \time 2/2
    c'2
    <d' f'>2
    \times 2/3 {
        g2
        a2
        b2
    }
}
```

1.8 simplified_time_signature_ratio

```
auxjad.simplified_time_signature_ratio (ratio, *, min_denominator: int = 4) → tuple
```

A function simplifies the ratio of a given time signature respecting a minimum denominator value. Input is a tuple of two integers.

By default, the function simplifies the ratio of numerator/denominator using a minimum denominator value of 4 (that is, the denominator will not get smaller than 4). In the case below, (2, 4) is the simplest representation of the ratio (4, 8) with a denominator equal to or larger than 4.

```
>>> ratio = auxjad.simplified_time_signature_ratio((4, 8))
>>> time_signature = abjad.TimeSignature(ratio)
>>> format(time_signature)
abjad.TimeSignature((2, 4))
```

If a ratio cannot be simplified at all, the function returns the original values.

```
>>> ratio = auxjad.simplified_time_signature_ratio((7, 8))
>>> time_signature = abjad.TimeSignature(ratio)
>>> format(time_signature)
abjad.TimeSignature((7, 8))
```

The min_denominator can be set to values other than 4. If set to 2, the simplest representation of the ratio (4, 8) becomes (1, 2).

1.9 TenneysContainer

class auxjad. TenneysContainer (container: list, *, weights: list = None, curvature: float = 1.0)

TenneysContainer in an implementation of the Dissonant Counterpoint Algorithm by James Tenney. This class can be used to randomly select elements from an input list, giving more weight to elements which have not been selected in recent iterations. In other words, Tenney's algorithm uses feedback in order to lower the weight of recently selected elements.

This implementation is based on the paper: Polansky, L., Barnett, A. and Winter, M. (2011) 'A Few More Words About James Tenney: Dissonant Counterpoint and Statistical Feedback', Journal of Mathematics and Music, 5(2), pp. 63–82.

The container should be initialised with a list of objects. The contents of the list can be absolutely anything.

```
>>> container = auxjad.TenneysContainer(['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'])
>>> container.contents
['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F']
```

Applying the len() function to the container will give the length of the container.

```
>>> len(container)
6
```

When no other keyword arguments are used, the default probabilities of each element in the list is 1.0. Probabilities are not normalised. Use the previous_index attribute to check the previously selected index (default is None).

```
>>> container.probabilities
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container.previous_index
None
```

Calling the container will output one of its elements, selected according to the current probability values. After each call, the object updates all probability values, setting the previously selected element's probability at 0.0 and raising all other probabilities according to a growth function (more on this below).

```
>>> result = ''
>>> for _ in range(30):
...    result += container()
>>> result
'EDFACEABAFDCEDAFADCBFEDABEDFEC'
```

From the result above it is possible to see that there are no immediate repetitions of elements (since once selected, their probability is always set to 0.0 and will take at least one iteration to grow to a non-zero value). Checking the probabilities and previous index attributes will give us their current values.

```
>>> container.probabilities
[6.0, 5.0, 0.0, 3.0, 1.0, 2.0]
>>> container.previous_index
2
```

This class can take two optional keywords argument during its instantiation, namely weights and curvature. weights takes a list of floats with the individual weights of each element; by default, all weights are set to 1.0. These weights affects the effective probability of each element. The other argument, curvature, is the exponent of the growth function for all elements. The growth function takes as input the number of iterations since an element has been last selected, and raise this number by the curvature value. If curvature is set to 1.0 (which is its default value), the growth is linear with each iteration. If set to a value larger than 0.0 and less than 1.0, the growth is negative (or concave), so that the chances of an element which is not being selected will grow at ever smaller rates as the number of iterations it has not been selected increase. If the curvature is set to 1.0, the growth is linear with the number of iterations. If the curvature is larger than 1.0, the curvature is positive (or convex) and the growth will accelerate as the number of iterations an element has not been selected grows. Setting the curvature to 0.0 will result in an static probability vector with all values set to 1.0, except for the previously selected one which will be set to 0.0; this will result in a uniformly random selection without repetition.

With linear curvature (default value of 1.0):

```
>>> container = auxjad.TenneysContainer(['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'])
>>> container.curvature
1.0
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container()
'B'
>>> container.curvature
1.0
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[2.0, 0.0, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0]
```

Using a convex curvature:

```
>>> container = auxjad.TenneysContainer(['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'],
                                         curvature=0.2,
>>> container.curvature
0.2
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container()
' C '
>>> container.curvature
0.2
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[1.148698354997035, 1.148698354997035, 0.0, 1.148698354997035,
1.148698354997035, 1.148698354997035]
```

With a convex curvature, the growth of the probability of each non-selected term gets smaller as the number of times it is not selected increases. The smaller the curvature is, the less difference there will be between any non-previously selected elements. This results in sequences which have more chances of a same element being near each other. In the sequence below, note how there are many cases of a same element being separated only by a single other one, such as 'ACA' in index 6.

```
>>> result = ''
>>> for _ in range(30):
...    result += container()
>>> result
'DACBEDFACABDACECBEFAEDBAFBABFD'
```

Checking the probability values at this point outputs:

```
>>> container.probabilities
[1.2457309396155174, 1.148698354997035, 1.6952182030724354, 0.0,
1.5518455739153598, 1.0]
```

As we can see, all non-zero values are relatively close to each other, which is why there is a high chance of an element being selected again just two iterations apart.

Using a concave curvature:

```
>>> container = auxjad.TenneysContainer(['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'],
                                         curvature=15.2,
. . .
>>> container.curvature
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container()
' C. '
>>> container.curvature
0.2
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[37640.547696542824, 37640.547696542824, 37640.547696542824, 0.0,
37640.547696542824, 37640.547696542824]
```

With a concave curvature, the growth of the probability of each non-selected term gets larger as the number of times it is not selected increases. The larger the curvature is, the larger difference there will be between any non-previously selected elements. This results in sequences which have less chances of a same element being near each other. In the sequence below, with a curvature of 15.2, note how the elements are as far apart from each other, resulting in a repeating string of 'DFAECB'.

```
>>> result = ''
>>> for _ in range(30):
...    result += container()
>>> result
'DFAECBDFAECBDFAECBDFAECBDFAECB'
```

Checking the probability values at this point outputs:

```
>>> container.probabilities
[17874877.39956566, 0.0, 1.0, 42106007735.02238,
37640.547696542824, 1416810830.8957152]
```

As we can see, the non-zero values vary wildly. The higher the curvature, the higher the difference between these values, making some of them much more likely to be selected.

Each element can also have a fixed weight to themselves. This will affect the probability calculation. The example below uses the default linear curvature.

```
>>> container = auxjad.TenneysContainer(
...     ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'],
...     weights=[1.0, 1.0, 5.0, 5.0, 10.0, 20.0],
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 5.0, 5.0, 10.0, 20.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[1.0, 1.0, 5.0, 5.0, 10.0, 20.0]
>>> result = ''
>>> for _ in range(30):
...     result += container()
>>> result
'FBEFECFDEADFEDFEDBFECDAFCEDCFE'
```

```
>>> container.weights
[1.0, 1.0, 5.0, 5.0, 10.0, 20.0]
>>> container.probabilities
[7.0, 12.0, 10.0, 15.0, 0.0, 20.0]
```

To reset the probability to its initial value, use the method reset_probabilities().

To replace an element in the container, use the method replace_element(). This will not affect the current probability vector, and the new element will have the same probability as the one it replaced.

A new container of an arbitrary length can be set at any point using the method set_container(). Do notice that the probabilities will be reset at that point. This method can take the optional keyword argument weights similarly to when instantiating the class.

To change the curvature value at any point, use the set_curvature() method.

```
>>> container = auxjad.TenneysContainer(['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'])
>>> container.curvature
1.0
>>> container.set_curvature(0.25)
>>> container.curvature
0.25
```

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