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# **Self-Organizing Maps for Sound Corpus Organization**

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**Abstract** An english abstract.

**Zusammenfassung** Die Zusammenfassung auch auf Deutsch.

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## **1 Introduction**

This is the Introduction. Here's a citation about Self-Organizing Maps (SOMs)(Kohonen, 1990).

### **1.1 Motivation and Problem Description**

### **1.2 Aims and Objectives**

### **1.3 Previous Work**

## 2 Background

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### 2.1 Audio Feature Extraction

Make sure to quote Lerch (2012), Rawlinson et al. (2015), Rawlinson et al. (2019a), Mathieu et al. (2010) Mathieu et al. (2019).

#### 2.1.1 Fundamentals

#### 2.1.2 Audio Pre-Processing

#### 2.1.3 Time-Domain Features

Define  $x[n]$ ,  $n$

**2.1.3.1 Root Mean Square (RMS)** measures the power of a signal (Lerch, 2012, p.73f). It describes sound intensity and is sometimes used as a simple measure for loudness (Rawlinson et al., 2019b) that does not take the nonlinearity of human hearing into account (Fletcher and Munson, 1933). It is calculated for an audio frame  $x[n]$  consisting of  $n$  samples such that

$$v_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x(i)^2}{n}}. \quad (1)$$

**2.1.3.2 Zero-Crossing Rate (ZCR)** represents the rate of the number of sign changes in a signal. It can be used as a measure of the tonalness of a sound (Lykartsis, 2014) and as a simple pitch detection method for monophonic signals (de la Cuadra, 2019). It is defined as

$$v_{ZCR} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot n} \sum_{i=1}^n |sgn[x(i)] - sgn[x(i-1)]|. \quad (2)$$

#### 2.1.4 Frequency-Domain Features

Define  $N_{FFT}$ ,  $X(k)$

**2.1.4.1 Spectral Centroid** is a measure of the center of gravity of a spectrum. A higher value indicates a brighter, sharper sound (Lerch, 2012). The spectral centroid is defined as

$$v_{SC} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} k \cdot |X(k)|^2}{\sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} |X(k)|^2}. \quad (3)$$

**2.1.4.2 Spectral Flatness** is a measure for the tonality or noisiness of a signal, defined as the ratio of the geometric and arithmetic means of its magnitude spectrum. Higher values indicate a flatter (and therefore noisier) spectrum, whereas lower values point towards more tonal spectral content. It is defined as

$$v_{SFL} = \frac{\sqrt[N_{FFT}/2]{\prod_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} |X(k)|}}{(2/N_{FFT}) \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} |X(k)|}. \quad (4)$$

**2.1.4.3 Spectral Kurtosis** indicates whether a given magnitude spectrum's distribution is similar to a Gaussian distribution. Negative values result from a flatter distribution, whereas positive values indicate a peakier distribution. A Gaussian distribution would result in a value of 0. Spectral Kurtosis is defined as

$$v_{SKU} = \frac{2 \sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} (|X(k)| - \mu_{|X|})^4}{N_{FFT} \cdot \sigma_{|X|}^4} - 3, \quad (5)$$

where  $\mu_{|X|}$  represents the mean and  $\sigma_{|X|}$  the standard deviation of the magnitude spectrum  $|X|$ .

**2.1.4.4 Spectral Skewness** assesses the symmetry of a magnitude spectrum distribution. It is defined as

$$v_{SSK} = \frac{2 \sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} (|X(k)| - \mu_{|X|})^3}{N_{FFT} \cdot \sigma_{|X|}^3}. \quad (6)$$

**2.1.4.5 Spectral Slope** represents a measure of how sloped or inclined a given spectral distribution is. The spectral slope is calculated using a linear regression of the magnitude spectrum such that

$$v_{SSL} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} (k - \mu_k)(|X(k)| - \mu_{|X|})}{\sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} (k - \mu_k)^2}. \quad (7)$$

**2.1.4.6 Spectral Spread** is a descriptor of the concentration of a magnitude spectrum around the Spectral Centroid and assesses the corresponding signal's bandwidth. It is defined as

$$v_{SSP} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} (k - v_{SC})^2 \cdot |X(k)|^2}{\sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} |X(k)|^2}. \quad (8)$$

**2.1.4.7 Spectral Rolloff** measures the bandwidth of a given signal by calculating that frequency bin below which lie  $\kappa$  percent of the sum of magnitudes of  $X(k)$ . Common values for  $\kappa$  are 0.85, 0.95 (Lerch, 2012) or 0.99 (Rawlinson et al., 2019b). It is defined as

$$v_{SR} = i \left| \sum_{k=0}^i |X(k)| = \kappa \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{N_{FFT}/2-1} |X(k)| \right|. \quad (9)$$

## 2.1.5 Perceptual Features

### 2.1.5.1 Loudness (Peeters, 2004)

## 2.2 Self-Organizing Map

Something about SOMs and also neurons have IDs.

## **3 Implementation**

This is the Implementation.

### **3.1 Groundwork: CataRT Extension**

### **3.2 SOM Browser**

## **4 Evaluation**

This is the Evaluation.

### **4.1 Measuring SOM-Induced Quantization**

### **4.2 Online Sound Similarity Survey**

### **4.3 Semistructured User Interviews**

## 5 Results

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## **6 Discussion**

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### **6.1 Outlook**



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# Appendices

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## **B   Thesis Bibliography**

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## **Glossary**

ID A name or number that identifies an object.

## **Acronyms**

SOM Self-Organizing Map.

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