

Methods for Polyphonic Music Transcription

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Abstract

This paper presents a review of modern methods for polyphonic music transcription. NNN

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1. Motivation

2. Problem Statement

3. Related Work

4. Methodologies

The two main methodologies in modern polyphonic music transcription reflect the supervised/unsupervised learning dichotomy in machine learning. The first approach learns separate discriminative models for the presence of a note over spectral features.

4.1. Spectrogram

4.2. Constant Q transform

4.3. Semitone filter bank

4.4. Discriminative models

4.5. SVM

4.6. Feed forward neural network

4.7. Non-negative matrix factorization

4.8. Bayesian nonparametric models

4.9. Smoothing

4.9.1. HMM smoothing

4.9.2. Probabilistic spectral smoothness

4.10. Recurrent neural network

5. Evaluation

6. Conclusion

7. Individual Effort

- **Jeremy** wrote and evaluated the SVM method in [1], the Bayesian nonparametric method in [2], and the sparse non-negative matrix factorization method in [3]. Jeremy also wrote the paper.
- **Mark** implemented the hidden Markov model in [1] and the LSTM network in [4].
- **Paul** implemented the LSTM network in [4].

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