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ABSTRACT

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For my parents, Alice and Bob.

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NOTATION AND SYMBOLS

α	fine-structure (dimensionless) constant, approximately $1/137$
α	radiation of doubly-ionized helium ions, He^{++}
β	radiation of electrons
γ	radiation of very high frequency, beyond that of X rays
γ	Euler's constant, approximately $0.577\,215 \dots$
δ	stepsize in numerical integration
$\delta(x)$	Dirac's famous function
ϵ	a tiny number, usually in the context of a limit to zero
$\zeta(x)$	the famous Riemann zeta function
\dots	\dots
$\psi(x)$	logarithmic derivative of the gamma function
ω	frequency

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In 1952 L.A. Hiller and L.M. Issacson ushered forth a new era of the study of both music and computer science when they introduced the Illiac Suite – the first composition that was created solely by a computer [?]. The computational study of music presents unique challenges to both fields given the highly subjective nature of music paired with the highly quantitative and mathematical nature of computer science. There have been impressive advances in the field, particularly in digital technology, which have led to the rise of entirely new musical genres and musical production. This technology has fundamentally changed the interface between music and the way we listen to it - but it is yet to be discovered how computation can change the actual way we study, compose, and perform music on a more fundamental level. It is possible that new developments could reshape the way we think about music itself.

To reach such a point, it is necessary to view the field from the lens of Artificially Intelligent musical systems that are able to reason themselves about music. In general, Artificially Intelligent systems have seen immense progress in the last decade due to the rise of Machine Learning (particularly with Deep Learning) and its applications in several different domains. Music has been one of these domains and has seen impressive advances in several musical tasks such as musical composition[?], instrument sound synthesis[?], and musical analysis[?].

One of the more intriguing problems in computer music is the creation of an expressive performance generation system. There are several commercially available notation and playback software systems¹ that are able to automatically generate musical performances from a purely symbolic musical representation in the form of a score (more commonly known as sheet music). The systems are built based on a predefined set of rules that create

¹musescore.com and www.finalemusic.com

deterministic performances given a score. Although the performances are technically an "accurate" rendering of the score, they don't contain the *human* element.

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APPENDIX C

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We also reference several journal articles [1, 2, 4, 8–10, 13–18, 22, 31, 32] and three famous doctoral theses of later winners [3, 6, 7] of the Nobel Prize in Physics (1922, 1933, and 1921):

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Mention should also be made of a famous Dutch computer scientist’s first publication [5].

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The world's first significant computer program may have been that written in 1842

by Lady Augusta Ada Lovelace (1815–1852) for the computation of Bernoulli numbers [16, 18]. She was the assistant to Charles Babbage (1791–1871), and they are the world’s first computer programmers. The programming language *Ada* is named after her, and is defined in the ANSI/MIL-STD-1815A Standard; its number commemorates the year of her birth.

We do not discuss mathematical *transforms* in this dissertation, but you can find that phrase in the index (except that this sample thesis doesn’t have one!)

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