

Music Transcription Using Recurrent Neural Networks

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- Idea** Use a Feed Forward Translation Invariant Neural Network ([THFK18])

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\Rightarrow Try a Recurrent Neural Network

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- ▶ Sample rate of 44,100Hz
- ▶ Labels: digital MIDI scores which contain notes and the instrument by which it is played
- ▶ Alignment using Dynamic Time Warping minimizing a cost function in the performance space

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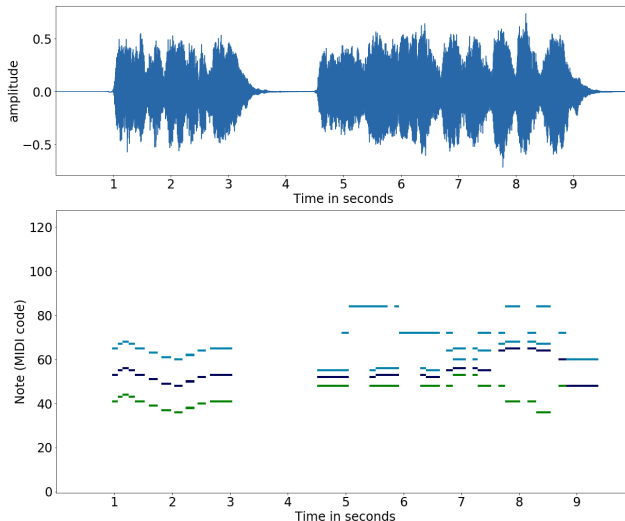


Figure: First 10 seconds of String Quartet No 11 in F minor from Beethoven, first movement Allegro con brio (recording-ID 2494)

Application of data augmentation to every minibatch
[THFK18]

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generally between -5 and $+5$ semitones
 $s_{pitchshift} \in \mathbb{Z} \cap [-5, +5]$

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Having scaling factor $s_{scaling} = s_{pitchshift} + s_{jittering}$ apply the multiplication in the frequency domain by $2^{s_{scaling}/12}$

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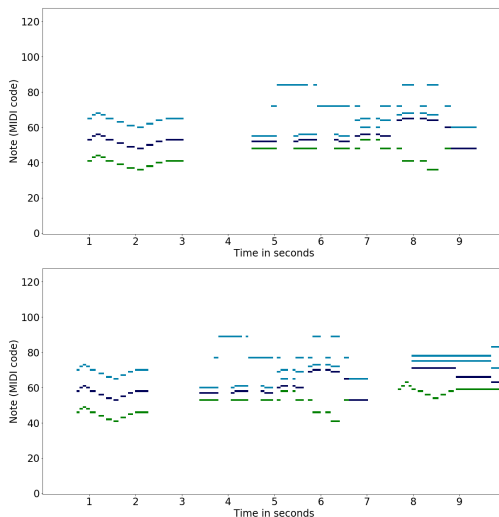


Figure: First 10 seconds of recording No. 2494: before and after applying a 5 semitone pitch shift

MusicNet: Normalization

- ▶ Amplitude: volume of the music
- ▶ Preprocessing of each window: $x \mapsto x / \|x\|_2$
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The mean of the training data set has been calculated and is approximately zero (-3.5×10^{-7}).

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\Rightarrow Learn the feature map $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$
by minimizing square loss

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Prediction at output layer by linear classification

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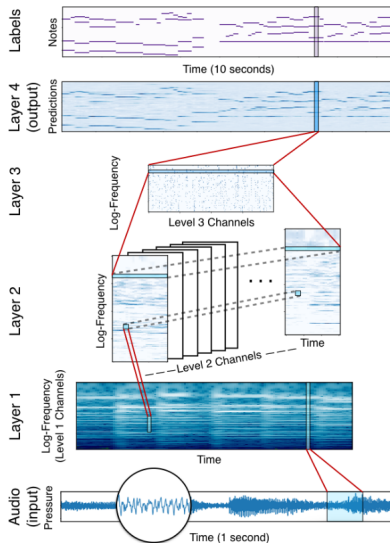


Figure: The translation-invariant network for note classification. Figure from [THFK18]

The Training

- ▶ Momentum Optimizer (Momentum = 0.95)
- ▶ 300,000 iterations using batches of size 150
- ▶ Initial learning rate .00001 (apply learning rate decay)
- ▶ Moving Average of the weights for evaluation

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Analysis:

- ▶ Average Precision: scikit-learn version 0.19.1
- ▶ Accuracy and Error: mireval [RMH⁺14]
global prediction threshold of 0.4

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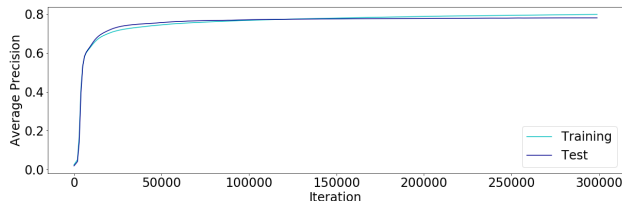


Figure: Development of the average precision during training of replica of the translation-invariant neural network.

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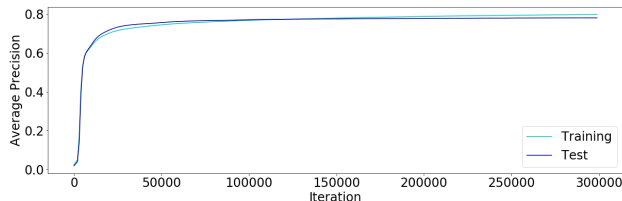


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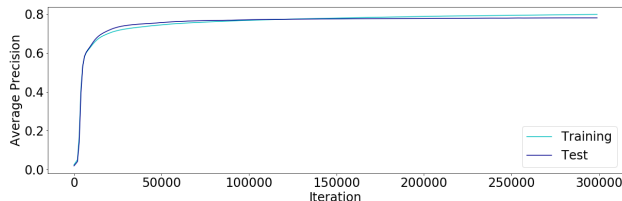


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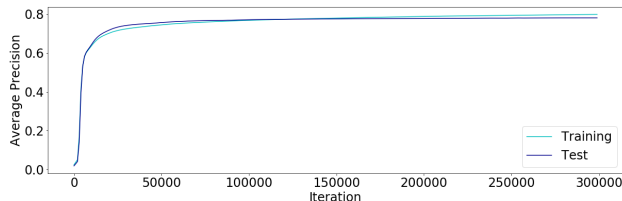


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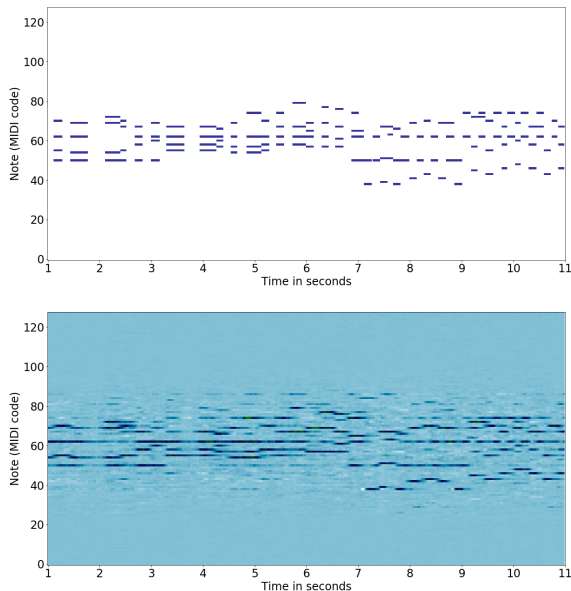


Figure: Direct Output and original score for recording No. 2628 (Violin Sonata No. 10 in G major from Beethoven, 3rd movement (Scherzo))

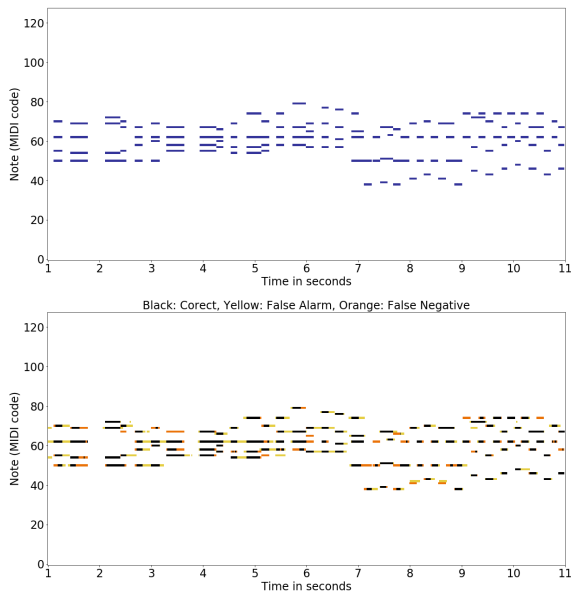


Figure: Comparison of original/predicted score for recording No. 2628

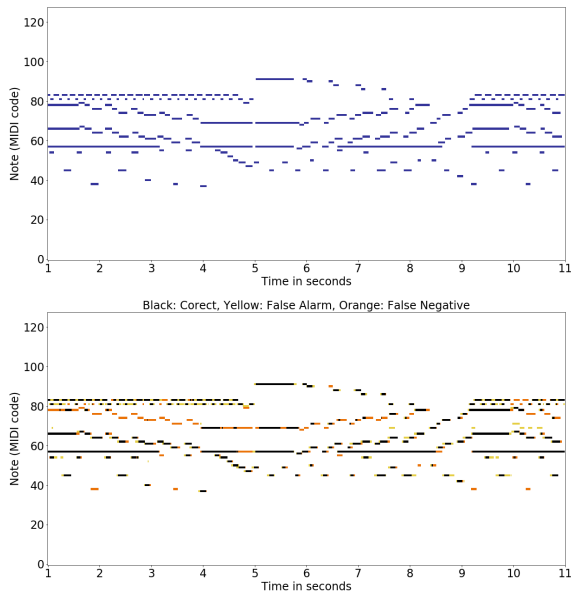


Figure: Direct Output and comparison of original/predicted score for recording No. 2718

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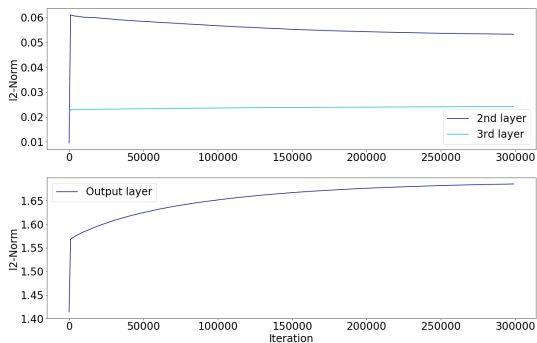


Figure: Norm of the weights during the training of second, third and output layer.

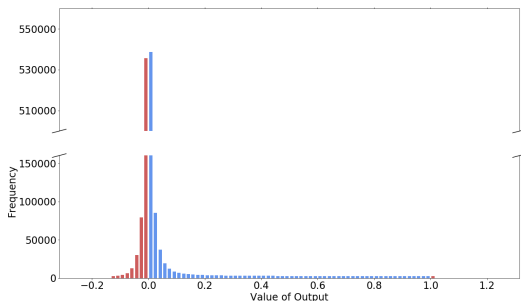


Figure: Histogram showing the distribution of the output values when applying my replica of the translation-invariant neural network to test set.

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- Additional Regularization: L^2 parameter norm penalty
Add the term

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \|w^{(i)}\|_2^2 ,$$

with $w^{(i)}$ being the trainable weights from layer i to the training loss

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- Sigmoid function in output layer
⇒ Predicted scores lie in interval $[0, 1]$

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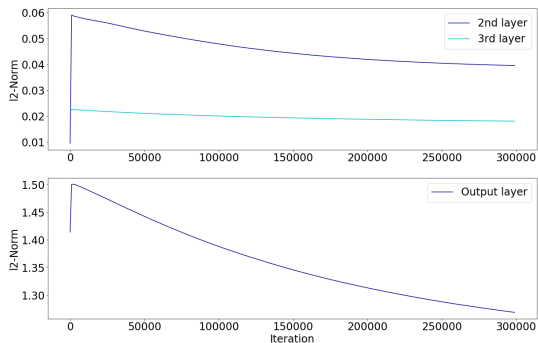


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- ▶ Harmony of notes sounding at time t :
perceived by translation-invariant convolution along the log-frequency axis in layer two
- ▶ Harmony of melodies over time:
 - ▶ pitch differences between $t - 1$ and t
 - ▶ typical chord sequences in melodic passages

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Pitch differences

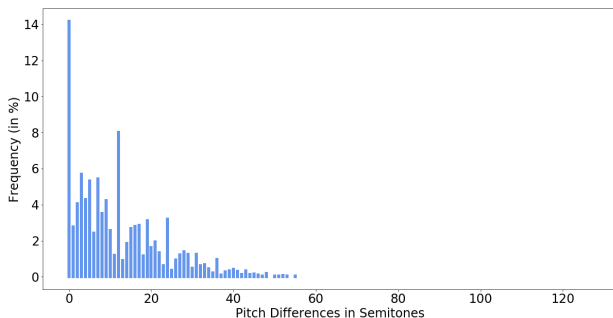


Figure: Relative Frequency of pitch differences after 0.37 seconds in MusicNet.

Pitch differences

Semitones	Chord	Relative Frequency of Interval
0	Perfect unison	14.16%
12	Perfect octave	8.0%
3	Minor third	5.68%
7	Perfect fifth	5.41%
5	Perfect fourth	5.32%
4	Major third	4.28%
9	Major sixth	4.23%
2	Major second	4.06%
8	Minor sixth	3.49%
24	Double octave	3.18%
19		3.11%
17		2.84%
16		2.79%
1	Minor second	2.77%
15		2.67%
10	Minor seventh	2.56%
6	Tritone	2.41%
21		1.93%
14		1.83%
20		1.62%
28		1.39%
22		1.31%
29		1.23%
31		1.23%
27		1.22%
11	Major seventh	1.19%
18		1.16%

Table: Harmonic pitch differences are more probable [Hin40]. Pitch differences after 0.37 seconds in MusicNet.

Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks

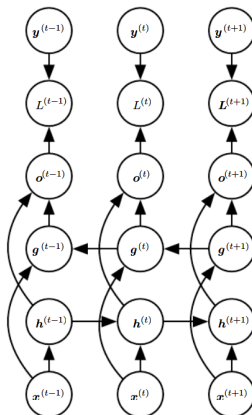


Figure: Architecture of the utilized bidirectional recurrent neural network: Given input $x^{(t)}$, the value $o^{(t)}$ of the output unit is calculated considering the information from timestep $t - 1$, namely $h^{(t-1)}$, and the information from the next timestep $g^{(t+1)}$. The loss $L^{(t)}$ is calculated comparing $o^{(t)}$ to the target $y^{(t)}$. Figure from [GBC16]

The Realization

- Use tensorflow LSTM-cell (`tf.nn.rnn_cell.LSTMCell`) enabling peephole connections varying the number of units m

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Reduction of the Feed-Forward Network

	Parameter		Sample Rate 44.100 Hz				Sample Rate 11.025 Hz			
Input	Window size		16384	~	0.37	seconds	4096	~	0.37	seconds
	Sample rate		44100 Hz				11025 Hz			
First Layer	Receptive field		4096				1024			
	Stride		512	→	25 Regions		256	→	13 Regions	
	Filter		512 sine & cosine filterbank on frequencies				256 sine & cosine filterbank on frequencies			
	Layer-Output		1 x 25 x 512				1 x 13 x 256			
Second Layer	Time	Receptive field	512				256			
		Stride	1	→	25 Regions		1	→	13 Regions	
	Freq	Receptive field	128				128			
		Stride	2	→	193 Regions		2	→	65 Regions	
	Filter		trainable filter of size (1, 128, 1, 128)				trainable filter of size (1, 128, 1, 128)			
Layer-Output		128 x 25 x 193				128 x 13 x 65				
Third Layer	Time	Receptive field	25				13			
		Stride	1	→	1 region		1	→	1 Region	
	Freq	Receptive field	1				1			
		Stride	1	→	193 Regions		1	→	65 Regions	
	Filter		trainable filter of size (25, 1, 128, 4096)				trainable filter of size (13, 1, 128, 1024)			
Layer-Output		4096 x 1 x 193				1024 x 1 x 65				
Output Layer	Feed Forward		Reshape into shape (790528) weights of size: (790528, 128)				Reshape into shape (66560) weights of size: (66560, 128)			
Output			128				128			

Figure: Illustration of the chosen size reductions in all layers of the neural network when applying downsampling from 44,100 Hz to 11,025 Hz.

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3	256	MomOpt	59.2%	57.7%	.393	.636	140 sec

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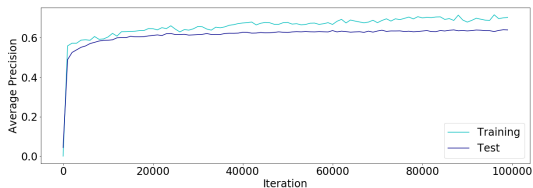
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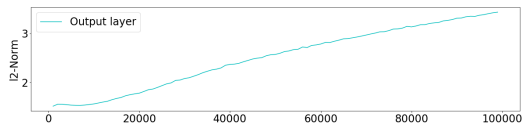
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9	1024	MomOpt	67.8%	60.6%	.401	.626	235 sec
9	1024	AdamOpt	70.3%	64.0%	.433	.589	360 sec
9	1024	AdamOpt*	70.2%	63.7%	.436	.592	350 sec
15	2048	AdamOpt*	78.7%	63.9%	.433	.589	700 sec

Table: Results for different variable choices for the recurrent neural network. (* indicates the implementation of L^2 parameter norm penalty with $\beta_{reg} = 0.01$)

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(a) Average Precision



(b) Norm of the weights of the output layer

Figure: Test statistics from the training of the three-layer translation-invariant network in the bidirectional recurrent version. $s_{time} = 9$ and $m = 1024$, trained without L^2 parameter norm penalty.

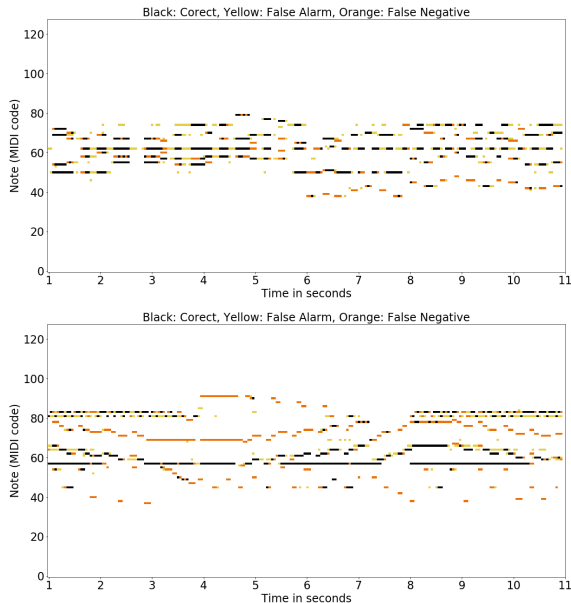


Figure: Comparison of original/predicted score for recording No. 2628 and 2718

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