

2. Requirements Analysis – Data and Operations

- **Motifs**

A motif is the smallest musical element. It is a short pattern of rhythmic and/or tonal elements.

Operations

- `select_random_motif()`: Chooses and returns a random motif from the motif table.
- `create_motif()`: Allows developers (maybe users) to add a motif to the database.
- `select_motif(style)`: Returns a motif that matches the style argument.
- `generate_random_motif()`: Creates a random motif and adds it to the database.

- **Notes**

This is a collection of all possible musical notes within the range of the standard, 88 key piano. This includes all accidentals.

Operations

- `add_to_motif(note)`: Adds the argument note to the set of notes in an existing motif.
- `remove_from_motif(note)`: Removes the specified note from an existing motif.
- `get_notes_for_scale(scale)`: Returns a list of all notes in the specified scale.
- `up_octave(note)`: Returns the given note, raised one octave.
- `down_octave(note)`: Returns the given note, lowered one octave.
- `stepwise_note(note)`: Returns a note for a stepwise sequence.

- **Tempo**

This is a collection of all available tempos, along with ranges for the classical names (Allegro, etc.). We will allow 40 bpm to 240 bpm.

Operations

- `increase_tempo(bpm)`: Increments the current tempo by bpm.
- `decrease_tempo(bpm)`: Decrements the current tempo by bpm.
- `set_tempo(bpm)`: Sets the tempo to bpm.

- **Instruments**

Collection of all instruments we'll allow, along with their range, and any associated MIDI information.

Operations

- `add_instrument(inst)`: Adds the specified instrument to a composition
- `remove_instrument(inst)`: Removes the specified instrument to a composition.
- `chorus(instr)`: Creates a chorus effect for the specified instrument.
- `solo(instr)`: Creates a solo instrument sound.

- **Rhythms**

Holds rhythmic patterns that can be used for motifs or styles. These will typically be just a couple measures long or shorter. Durations will be specified by w (whole note), h (half), q (quarter), e (eighth), s (sixteenth).

Operations

- `get_random_rhythm(measures, time_sig)`: Returns a random rhythm that is of length *measures* and fits the specified time signature.
- `add_rhythm(rhythm)`: Adds specified rhythm to the database.

- **Scales**

Holds the notes and steps associated with the common scales in western music. Notes and step values (whole or half) need to be stored.

Operations

- `create_scale(scale)`: Adds user generated scale to the database.
- `generate_motif(scale)`: Generates a pseudo random motif that fits the scale.

- **Progressions**

Stores standard classical chord progressions for major and minor modes. Progressions will be represented as a finite state machine: a predominant moves to a dominant, a dominant moves to a tonic or third, etc.

Operations

- `move(state)`: returns a list of available chords to move to from the current chord (*state*).

- **Chords**

Represents the possible combinations of notes to form the most common chords: major and minor triads, seventh chords, etc.

Operations

- `augment(chord)`: Returns an augmented version of the specified chord.
- `diminish(chord)`: Returns a diminished version of the specified chord.
- `harmonization(chord)`: Returns possible melody notes that harmonize the chord.

- **Styles**

Representations of different styles of music. This includes typical rhythmic patterns, tempos, scales, chords, instruments, etc. For example, if a user wants a MIDI file in a “blues” style, this would mean guitar drums and base, 12-bar blues organization, I-IV-V progressions, and blues scales.

Operations

- `add_style(style)`: Allows for adding user generated styles to the database.

- **Time Signatures**

Stores all available time signatures.

Operations

- `double_time(time_sig)`: Changes the current time signature to double time.
- `half_time(time_sig)`: Changes the current time signature to half time.
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