
Task 1 - Initial Constraint System and Melody String Generation

About the task ...

This task sets up the minimum constraints – octaves and note durations – needed to generate the melodies for a music sample. A note object is set up to represent the different characteristics of a note: pitch, duration, octave, and its string representation for EasyABC. A global variable for the total number of beats is used to generate melodies of the same length. Durations are generated first, then pitches, and lastly the note objects are generated. More tweaking of constraints will need to be done at a later stage to create better sounding melodies.

Demo

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[2]> ( demo--generate-melodies )
Melody 1: (A/2' B' B/2' G2' F/2' C/2' D2' A/2' G' A/2' G' B2'
F2' B/2' D2' E' B' C/2' A/2' B' A2' B' D2' G/2')
Melody 2: (C/2' B/2' D2' A/2' B' C/2' B/2' E' D2' B' B2' G2' B'
D2' A/2' B' F/2' F2' A/2' G' G' A/2' G/2' A2')
Melody 3: (A, A2, B, C2, E, B2, C4, G, E4, A, F2, G, C, A2, F,)

Melody 1: (A F2 G2 D/2 A D D F/2 A/2 E/2 F2 B/2 G G/2 B2 E/2 F/2
G2 E A E/2 C2 D/2 G G)
Melody 2: (G' B' E2' F/2' D2' G' E' E2' B2' E' C' F' F' E/2'
D/2' C' C/2' A2' D/2' G/2' B2' C' B/2' C/2')
Melody 3: (D2, D, B, D2, B2, C4, A2, D4, D, G4, C2, E,)

Melody 1: (G2' B/2' D/2' D/2' F' A2' A/2' C2' E2' F2' G' C/2'
D2' G2' G/2' D/2' E2' G/2' C' A/2' C2' D/2')
Melody 2: (D/2 C/2 E/2 D D2 D/2 D2 D G2 A/2 F/2 F2 F2 E2 F2 D2
B/2 F/2 A2 G/2 D C/2)
Melody 3: (E4, C4, G2, A, C, G4, C4, E2, B4,)
NIL
[3]> ( demo--generate-melodies )
Melody 1: (E' D' F' G/2' C2' A2' G2' G' C' E' E/2' E2' G' G2'
D/2' D2' E' E2' A' G/2' F')
Melody 2: (D' F/2' B2' C' D2' G' D2' F2' D/2' A' D2' C/2' E2'
D/2' C/2' F' G2' F2' F2' G/2')
Melody 3: (A, A, F, A, G, F4, D2, E, F2, A, G, C, A2, D4, G2,
G,)
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Melody 1: (A2' B2' C' C/2' B2' F/2' E' B/2' C/2' F/2' F2' E'
C/2' E' G' C' F' F' E/2' D2' A' F2' E' E/2')
Melody 2: (F B2 F B/2 A2 A/2 E/2 A G/2 G/2 D2 D A D/2 B C/2 E2 C
F A2 D2 D2 E/2)
Melody 3: (G2, G4, G, D2, F4, E4, F2, G2, D2, E2, F,)

Melody 1: (E/2' D' F2' A/2' A' D2' B' F2' C/2' D/2' C2' G2' E2'
D' D2' C' D/2' B2' G2' C/2')
Melody 2: (E2' C' A' C2' A/2' B' D' C/2' E/2' D/2' D2' F2' D'
D/2' G2' B2' G2' F2' C/2' D2')
Melody 3: (G4, B, G4, G, G2, F4, B, G4, G, G4,)
NIL
[4]> ( demo--generate-melodies )
Melody 1: (A2 F2 F2 E/2 B/2 A2 D/2 C A B/2 A/2 A/2 A/2 E/2 B2 A
G2 C/2 F C E2 D E B/2)
Melody 2: (E2 A2 A2 G/2 F/2 E2 F/2 E E F/2 E/2 E/2 E/2 G/2 F2 E
B2 E/2 A E G2 F G F/2)
Melody 3: (C, D, A4, C4, F, E2, E4, E2, C4, E, D2,)

Melody 1: (A2' B/2' A2' G' G' C2' F/2' F' F/2' F' F/2' B' D' F2'
C2' B' G2' F/2' D' E' E2' E/2')
Melody 2: (E2' A2' B' A2' F/2' D' E/2' G' C2' D' C2' F/2' E'
B/2' F' F' G' F2' F/2' B' F/2' G2')
Melody 3: (E, A4, E2, C4, D2, C2, G2, A2, D, E2, A, G2, C,)

Melody 1: (E/2 E2 F D2 E/2 A E D D2 A2 G F2 F B B E2 F/2 C2 G2
G/2)
Melody 2: (G/2 G2 A F2 G/2 E G F F2 E2 B A2 A F F G2 A/2 E2 B2
B/2)
Melody 3: (E2, C2, G, C2, F, B2, F4, B4, D4, F2, G2,)
NIL
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Code for the demo

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; Method to demo all three melody generation
( defmethod demo--generate-melodies ()
  ;Iteration 1

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( setf melody1-notes ( generate-melody1 ) )
( setf melody2-notes ( generate-melody2 melody1-notes ) )
( setf melody3-notes ( generate-bassline ) )
( format t "Melody 1: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody1-notes ) )
( format t "Melody 2: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody2-notes ) )
( format t "Melody 3: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody3-notes ) )
(terpri)
;Iteration 2
( setf melody1-notes ( generate-melody1 ) )
( setf melody2-notes ( generate-melody2 melody1-notes ) )
( setf melody3-notes ( generate-bassline ) )
( format t "Melody 1: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody1-notes ) )
( format t "Melody 2: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody2-notes ) )
( format t "Melody 3: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody3-notes ) )
(terpri)
;Iteration 3
( setf melody1-notes ( generate-melody1 ) )
( setf melody2-notes ( generate-melody2 melody1-notes ) )
( setf melody3-notes ( generate-bassline ) )
( format t "Melody 1: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody1-notes ) )
( format t "Melody 2: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody2-notes ) )
( format t "Melody 3: ~A~%" ( display-notes-list melody3-notes ) )
)

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Code for the Initial Constraint System and Melody String Generation

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1 ; File: acga.lisp
2 ; Hybridized constraint system and genetic algorithm for
3 ; user-interactive algorithmic composition.
4
5 ( setf *beat-total* 26 )
6 ; Global var for current constraint array we are working with
7 ( setf *constraint-arr* '() )
8
9
10 ; Method to generate a random melody based on the constraints
11 ; of the first melody in the proposal
12 ; note: use format t for EasyABC display method :)
13 ( defmethod generate-melody1 ()
14   ( setf *constraint-arr* *melody-durations* )
15   ( setf dlist ( generate-durations '() ) )
16   ( setf plist ( generate-pitches dlist ) )
17   ( generate-notes dlist plist '() ( select-random-arr-element *melody-octaves* ) )
18 )
19
20 ; Method to generate melody2 as either a harmonization,
21 ; permutation, or random melody
22 ( defmethod generate-melody2 ( ( m1-notes list ) )
23   ( setf choice ( random 3 ) )
24   (cond
25     (( = choice 0 )
26      ( create-harmonization m1-notes )
27     )
28     (( = choice 1 )
29      ; permutation
30      ( list-permutation m1-notes )
31     )
32     (( = choice 2 )
33      ;random melody
34      ( generate-melody1 )
35     )
36   )
37 )
38 )
39
40 ; Method to create a harmony given a list of notes
41 ( defmethod create-harmonization ( ( notes-list list ) )
42   (cond
43     (( = 0 ( length notes-list ) )
44      '()

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40 ; Method to create a harmony given a list of notes
41 ( defmethod create-harmonization ( ( notes-list list ) )
42   (cond
43     (( = 0 ( length notes-list ) )
44      '()
45     )
46     (t
47      ( setf current-pitch ( note-pitch ( car notes-list ) ) )
48      ( setf current-pitch-interval ( position current-pitch *CMAJOR* ) )
49      (cond
50        (( > ( + current-pitch-interval 2 ) ( - (length *CMAJOR*) 1 ) )
51         ( setf new-pitch ( nth ( - current-pitch-interval 3 ) *CMAJOR* ) )
52         ( setf new-note
53           ( make-instance 'note
54             :pitch new-pitch
55             :duration ( note-duration ( car notes-list ) )
56             :octave ( note-octave ( car notes-list ) )
57             :str-representation ( generate-str-representation new-pitch ( note-duration ( car notes-list ) ) ( note-octave ( car notes-list ) ) )
58           )
59         )
60         ( cons new-note ( create-harmonization ( cdr notes-list ) ) )
61       )
62       (t
63        ( setf new-pitch ( nth ( + current-pitch-interval 2 ) *CMAJOR* ) )
64        ( setf new-note
65          ( make-instance 'note
66            :pitch new-pitch
67            :duration ( note-duration ( car notes-list ) )
68            :octave ( note-octave ( car notes-list ) )
69            :str-representation ( generate-str-representation new-pitch ( note-duration ( car notes-list ) ) ( note-octave ( car notes-list ) ) )
70          )
71        )
72        ( cons new-note ( create-harmonization ( cdr notes-list ) ) )
73      )
74    )
75  )
76 )
77 )
78 )
79 )
80 )

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83 ; Method for rearranging the elements of an input list
84 ( defmethod list-permutation ( ( li list ) )
85   (cond
86     (( = 0 ( length li ) )
87      '()
88     )
89     (t
90      ( setf removed-element ( select-random-arr-element li ) )
91      ( cons removed-element ( list-permutation ( remove removed-element li ) ) )
92      )
93   )
94 )
95
96 ; Method to generate a random bassline based on the constraints of the system
97 ( defmethod generate-bassline ()
98   ( setf *constraint-arr* *bassline-durations* )
99   ( setf dlist ( generate-durations '() ) )
100   ( setf plist ( generate-pitches dlist ) )
101   ( generate-notes dlist plist '() ( select-random-arr-element *bassline-octave* ) )
102 )
103
104
105 ; Method to take pitches/durations/octaves, instantiate as note objs, and throw into list of notes
106 ( defmethod generate-notes ( ( duration-list list ) ( pitch-list list ) (note-list list) octave )
107   (cond
108     (( = 0 ( length duration-list ) )
109      note-list
110     )
111     (t
112      ( setf current-duration ( get-duration-representation ( car duration-list ) ) )
113      ( setf current-pitch ( prin1-to-string ( car pitch-list ) ) )
114      ( setf octave-rep ( get-octave-representation octave ) )
115      ( setf str-rep ( concatenate 'string current-pitch current-duration octave-rep ) )
116      ( setf current-note
117        ( make-instance 'note
118          :pitch ( car pitch-list )
119          :duration ( car duration-list )
120          :octave octave
121          :str-representation str-rep
122        )
123      )
124      ( setf note-list ( append (list current-note) note-list ) )
125      ( generate-notes ( cdr duration-list ) ( cdr pitch-list ) note-list octave )
126      )
127   )
128 )

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167 ; Method that generates a list of durations based on
168 ; the *beat-total*
169 ( defmethod generate-durations ( ( duration-list list ) )
170   ( cond
171     (( > ( sum duration-list ) *beat-total* )
172       ( generate-durations '() )
173     )
174     (( = ( sum duration-list ) *beat-total* )
175       duration-list
176     )
177     (t
178       ( setf duration-list ( append duration-list ( list ( select-random-arr-element *constraint-arr* ) ) ) )
179       ( generate-durations duration-list )
180     )
181   )
182 )
183
184 ; Help Method that sums the elements of a list together -- used for duration calculation
185 ( defmethod sum ( ( li list ) )
186   (cond
187     (( = ( length li ) 0 )
188       0
189     )
190     (t
191       ( + ( car li ) ( sum ( cdr li ) ) )
192     )
193   )
194 )
195
196 ; Helper Method that selects a random element from a list
197 ( defmethod select-random-arr-element ( ( li list ) )
198   ( nth ( random ( length li ) ) li )
199 )
200
201 ; Class for note representation
202 ( defclass note ()
203   (
204     ( pitch :accessor note-pitch :initarg :pitch )
205     ( duration :accessor note-duration :initarg :duration )
206     ( octave :accessor note-octave :initarg :octave )
207     ( str-representation :accessor note-str-representation :initarg :str-representation )
208   )
209 )

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132 ; Method to get the duration of a note as represented in EasyABC
133 ( defmethod get-duration-representation ( duration )
134   ( setf duration-assoc ( pairlis '(4 2 1 0.5 0.25) '("4" "2" "" "/2" "/4") ))
135   ( cdr ( assoc duration duration-assoc ) )
136 )
137
138 ; Method to get the octave of a note as represented in EasyABC
139 ( defmethod get-octave-representation ( octave )
140   (cond
141     (( = octave 1 )
142      "\,"
143     )
144     (( = octave 2 )
145      ""
146     )
147     (( = octave 3 )
148      "\'"
149     )
150   )
151 )
152
153 ; Method that generates a list of pitches based on the
154 ; length of duration-list
155 ( defmethod generate-pitches ( ( duration-list list ) )
156   ( cond
157     (( = ( length duration-list) 1 )
158      ( list ( select-random-arr-element *CMAJOR* ) )
159     )
160     (t
161      ( cons ( select-random-arr-element *CMAJOR* ) ( generate-pitches ( cdr duration-list ) ) )
162     )
163   )
164 )
165
166

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211 ; Method to generate the str-representation of a note
212 ; based on pitch, duration, and octave
213 ( defmethod generate-str-representation ( p d o )
214   ( setf current-duration ( get-duration-representation d ) )
215   ( setf current-pitch ( prin1-to-string p ) )
216   ( setf octave-rep ( get-octave-representation o ) )
217   ( concatenate 'string current-pitch current-duration octave-rep )
218 )
219 )
220
221 ; Method to display the list of notes nicely
222 ( defmethod display-notes-list (( notes-list list ))
223   ( mapcar #'note-str-representation notes-list )
224 )
225
226
227 ; Knowledge-Base for Constraint System
228 ( setf *CMAJOR* '( C D E F G A B ) )
229 ( setf *melody-durations* '( 2 1 0.5 ) )
230 ( setf *bassline-durations* '( 4 2 1 ) )
231 ( setf *melody-octaves* '( 2 3 ) )
232 ( setf *bassline-octave* '( 1 ) )
233

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