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#### **Music Information Retrieval**

# **Harmony Analysis**

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### **Chapter 5: Chord Recognition**

- 5.1 Basic Theory of Harmony
- 5.2 Template-Based Chord Recognition
- 5.3 HMM-Based Chord Recognition
- 5.4 Further Notes



In Chapter 5, we consider the problem of analyzing harmonic properties of a piece of music by determining a descriptive progression of chords from a given audio recording. We take this opportunity to first discuss some basic theory of harmony including concepts such as intervals, chords, and scales. Then, motivated by the automated chord recognition scenario, we introduce template-based matching procedures and hidden Markov models—a concept of central importance for the analysis of temporal patterns in time-dependent data streams including speech, gestures, and music.

### **Dissertation: Tonality-Based Style Analysis**

Christof Weiß Computational Methods for Tonality-Based Style Analysis of Classical Music Audio Recordings Dissertation, Technical University of Ilmenau 2017 to appear

Chapter 5: Analysis Methods for Key and Scale Structures Chapter 6: Design of Tonal Features

### **Recall: Chroma Features**

- Human perception of pitch is periodic
- Two components: tone height (octave) and chroma (pitch class)





Shepard's helix of pitch

### **Recall: Chroma Features**



#### **Recall: Chroma Representations**





#### **Recall: Chroma Representations**

Orchestra



L. van Beethoven, *Fidelio*, Overture, Slovak Philharmonic

Piano



*Fidelio*, Overture, arr. Alexander Zemlinsky M. Namekawa, D.R. Davies, piano four hands



#### **Recall: Chroma Representations**



Gómez, Tonal Description of Polyphonic Audio, PhD thesis, Barcelona 2006

Müller / Ewert, Towards Timbre-Invariant Audio Features for Harmony-Based Music, IEEE TASLP, 2010

Mauch / Dixon, Approximate Note Transcription for the Improved Identification of Difficult Chords, ISMIR 2010

### **Tonal Structures**



```
Let It Be chords
The Beatles 1970 (Let It Be)
[Intro]
CGAMFCG
FCDmC
[Verse 1]
          G
                               Am
     C
                                          F
When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
С
             G
                          FCDmC
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
   C
             G
                            Am
                                          F
And in my hour of darkness, she is standing right in front of me
С
             G
                         FCDmC
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
[Chorus]
C Am G F C
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
C G F C Dm C
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be
```



Source: www.ultimate-guitar.com







## **Chord Recognition: Basics**

• Templates: Major Triads



## **Chord Recognition: Basics**

• Templates: Major Triads



### **Chord Recognition: Basics**

Templates: Minor Triads



#### **Chord Recognition: Template Matching**



	С	C♯	D	•••	Cm	C♯m	Dm	•••
В	0	0	0		0	0	0	
A♯	0	0	0		0	0	0	
А	0	0	1		0	0	1	
G♯	0	1	0		0	1	0	
G	1	0	0		1	0	0	
F♯	0	0	1		0	0	0	
F	0	1	0		0	0	1	
Е	1	0	0		0	1	0	
D♯	0	0	0		1	0	0	
D	0	0	1		0	0	1	
C♯	0	1	0		0	1	0	
С	1	0	0		1	0	0	

### **Chord Recognition: Template Matching**

Similarity measure: Cosine similarity (inner product of normalized vectors)

Chord template:  $t \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$ 

Chroma vector:

$$c \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$$

Similarity measure:

$$s(\boldsymbol{t},\boldsymbol{c}) = \frac{\langle \boldsymbol{t} | \boldsymbol{c} \rangle}{\|\boldsymbol{t}\| \cdot \|\boldsymbol{c}\|}$$

#### **Chord Recognition: Template Matching**



#### **Chord Recognition: Label Assignment**



#### **Chord Recognition: Label Assignment**



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## Chord Recognition: Evaluation





### Chord Recognition: Evaluation

- "No-Chord" annotations: not every frame labeled
- Different evaluation measures:
  - Precision:  $P = \frac{\#\text{TP}}{\#\text{TP} + \#\text{FP}}$
  - Recall:  $R = \frac{\#\text{TP}}{\#\text{TP} + \#\text{FN}}$
  - F-Measure (balances precision and recall):

$$F = \frac{2 \cdot P \cdot R}{P + R}$$

• Without "No-Chord" label: P = R = F

### **Chord Recognition: Smoothing**

• Apply average filter of length  $L \in \mathbb{N}$ :







## Chord Recognition: Smoothing









#### **Chord Recognition: Smoothing**

Evaluation on all Beatles songs



### **Markov Chains**

- Probabilistic model for sequential data
- Markov property: Next state only depends on current state (no "memory")
- Consist of:
  - Set of states (hidden)
  - State transition probabilities
  - Initial state probabilities



## **Markov Chains**

#### Notation:



0.7

✓ 0.6

0.3

### **Markov Chains**

- Application examples:
  - Compute probability of a sequence using given a model (evaluation)
  - Compare two sequences using a given model
  - Evaluate a sequence with two different models (classification)



- States as hidden variables
- Consist of:
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- States as hidden variables
- Consist of:
  - Set of states (hidden)
  - State transition probabilities
  - Initial state probabilities
  - Observations (visible)



- States as hidden variables
- Consist of:
  - Set of states (hidden)
  - State transition probabilities
  - Initial state probabilities
  - Observations (visible)
  - Emission probabilities



#### Notation:



Only observation sequence is visible!

Different algorithmic problems:

#### Evaluation problem

- Given: observation sequence and model
- Calculate how well the model matches the sequence

#### Uncovering problem:

- Given: observation sequence and model
- Find: optimal hidden state sequence
- **Estimation problem** ("training" the HMM):
  - Given: observation sequence
  - Find: model parameters
  - Baum-Welch algorithm (Expectation-Maximization)
- Given: observation sequence  $O = (o_1, ..., o_N)$  of length  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and HMM  $\Theta$  (model parameters)
- Find: optimal hidden state sequence  $S^* = (s_1^*, ..., s_N^*)$
- Corresponds to chord estimation task!



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- **Optimal** hidden state sequence?
  - "Best explains" given observation sequence O
  - Maximizes probability P[O, S | Θ]

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$$Prob^* = \max_{S} P[O, S | \Theta]$$
$$S^* = \operatorname*{argmax}_{S} P[O, S | \Theta]$$

- Straight-forward computation (naive approach):
  - Compute probability for each possible sequence *S*
  - Number of possible sequences of length N (I = number of states):

$$I \cdot I \cdot \ldots \cdot I = I^{N}$$

$$computationally infeasible!$$

$$N \text{ factors}$$

- Based on dynamic programming (similar to DTW)
- Idea: Recursive computation from subproblems
- Use truncated versions of observation sequence

 $O(1:n) \coloneqq (o_1, \dots, o_n)$ , length  $n \in [1:N]$ 

• Define D(i, n) as the highest probability along a single state sequence  $(s_1, ..., s_n)$  that ends in state  $s_n = \alpha_i$ 

$$\mathbf{D}(i,n) = \max_{(s_1,\dots,s_n)} P[O(1:n), (s_1,\dots,s_{n-1},s_n = \alpha_i) \mid \Theta]$$

Then, our solution is the state sequence yielding

$$\operatorname{Prob}^* = \max_{i \in [1:I]} \mathbf{D}(i, N)$$

- **D**: matrix of size  $I \times N$
- Recursive computation of D(i, n) along the column index n
- Initialization:
  - *n* = 1
  - Truncated observation sequence:  $O(1) = (o_1)$
  - Current observation:  $o_1 = \beta_{k_1}$

 $\mathbf{D}(i,1) = c_i \cdot b_{ik_1} \quad \text{for some } i \in [1:I]$ 

- **D**: matrix of size  $I \times N$
- Recursive computation of D(i, n) along the column index n
- Recursion:
  - $n \in [2:N]$
  - Truncated observation sequence:  $O(1:n) = (o_1, ..., o_n)$

• Last observation: 
$$o_n = \beta_{k_n}$$

$$\mathbf{D}(i,n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot a_{j^*i} \cdot P[O(1:n-1), (s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} = \alpha_{j^*}) \mid \Theta] \quad \text{for } i \in [1:I]$$
  
must be maximal!

 $\mathbf{D}(i,n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot a_{j^*i} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j^*, n-1)$ 

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must be maximal!

 $\mathbf{D}(i,n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot a_{j^*i} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j^*, n-1)$ must be maximal (best index  $j^*$ )

 $\mathbf{D}(i,n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot \max_{j \in [1:I]} \left( a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j,n-1) \right)$ 

- **D** given find optimal state sequence  $S^* = (s_1^*, ..., s_N^*) \coloneqq (\alpha_{i_1}, ..., \alpha_{i_N})$
- Backtracking procedure (reverse order)
- Last element:
  - *n* = *N*
  - Optimal state:  $\alpha_{i_N}$

$$i_N = \underset{j \in [1:I]}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbf{D}(i, n)$$

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- Further elements:
  - n = N 1, N 2, ..., 1
  - Optimal state:  $\alpha_{i_n}$

$$i_n = \operatorname*{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} \left( a_{ji_{n+1}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(i,n) \right)$$

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Simplification of backtracking: Keep track of maximizing index j in

$$\mathbf{D}(i,n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot \max_{j \in [1:I]} \left( a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j,n-1) \right)$$

• Define  $(I \times (N - 1))$  matrix **E**:

$$\mathbf{E}(i, n-1) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} \left( a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n-1) \right)$$

# Viterbi Algorithm Summary















#### Summary

Algorithm: VITERBI

**Input:** HMM specified by  $\Theta = (\mathcal{A}, A, C, \mathcal{B}, B)$ Observation sequence  $O = (o_1 = \beta_{k_1}, o_2 = \beta_{k_2}, \dots, o_N = \beta_{k_N})$ **Output:** Optimal state sequence  $S^* = (s_1^*, s_2^*, \dots, s_N^*)$ 

**Procedure:** Initialize the  $(I \times N)$  matrix **D** by  $\mathbf{D}(i, 1) = c_i b_{ik_1}$  for  $i \in [1 : I]$ . Then compute in a nested loop for n = 2, ..., N and i = 1, ..., I:

$$\mathbf{D}(i,n) = \max_{j \in [1:I]} (a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j,n-1)) \cdot b_{ik_n}$$
  
$$\mathbf{E}(i,n-1) = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} (a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j,n-1))$$

Set  $i_N = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} \mathbf{D}(j,N)$  and compute for decreasing  $n = N - 1, \dots, 1$  the maximizing indices

 $i_n = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} (a_{ji_{n+1}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j,n)) = \mathbf{E}(i_{n+1},n).$ 

The optimal state sequence  $S^* = (s_1^*, \dots, s_N^*)$  is defined by  $s_n^* = \alpha_{i_n}$  for  $n \in [1:N]$ .













HMM:



	Viterbi algorithm							
D	ο <sub>1</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>2</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	ο <sub>3</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	ο <sub>4</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>5</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>6</sub> = β <sub>2</sub>		
α <sub>1</sub>								
α2								
α3								
Е	o <sub>1</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>2</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	$o_3 = \beta_1$	o <sub>4</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>5</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	]		
α <sub>1</sub>								
α2						]		
α3						1		
	•		•			•		

#### Initialization

$$\mathbf{D}(i,1) = c_i \cdot b_{ik_1}$$

HMM:



	Viterbi algorithm							
D	ο <sub>1</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>2</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	ο <sub>3</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	ο <sub>4</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	ο <sub>5</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	ο <sub>6</sub> = β <sub>2</sub>		
α <sub>1</sub>	0.4200							
α <sub>2</sub>	0.0200							
α <sub>3</sub>	0							
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α <sub>1</sub>								
α <sub>2</sub>						]		
α3						1		
	•					•		

#### Initialization

$$\mathbf{D}(i,1) = c_i \cdot b_{ik_1}$$

#### Recursion

$$\mathbf{D}(i,n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot \max_{j \in [1:I]} \left( a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j,n-1) \right)$$
$$\mathbf{E}(i,n-1) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} \left( a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j,n-1) \right)$$

States

Α

 $\alpha_1$ 

α<sub>2</sub>

 $\alpha_3$ 

HMM:



State transition probabilities  $a_{ij}$ 



 $\beta_k$  for  $k \in [1:K]$ Emission probabilities  $b_{ik}$ 

Observation symbols







Viterbi algorithm							
D	0 <sub>1</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>2</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	ο <sub>3</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>4</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>5</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	$o_6 = \beta_2$	
α <sub>1</sub>	0.4200	0.1008	0.0564	0.0135	0.0033	0	
α <sub>2</sub>	0.0200	0	0.0010	0	0	0.0006	
α <sub>3</sub>	0	0.0336	0	0.0045	0.0022	0.0003	
Е	o <sub>1</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>2</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>3</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>4</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>5</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>		
α <sub>1</sub>	1	1	1	1	1		
α2	1	1	1	1	3		
α3	1	3	1	3	3		

#### Backtracking

$$i_N = \underset{j \in [1:I]}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbf{D}(i, n)$$

$$i_n = \mathbf{E}(i_{n+1}, n)$$

HMM:



α<sub>2</sub>

0.8 0.1 0.1

0.2 0.7 0.1

0.1 0.3 0.6

State transition probabilities  $a_{ij}$ 

α3



Observation symbols

 $\beta_k$  for  $k \in [1:K]$ 







Viterbi algorithm								
D	o <sub>1</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>2</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>3</sub> = β <sub>1</sub>	o <sub>4</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>5</sub> = β <sub>3</sub>	o <sub>6</sub> = β <sub>2</sub>		
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α <sub>1</sub>	1	1	1	1	1			
α <sub>2</sub>	1	1	1	1	3	i <sub>6</sub> = 2		
α3	1	3	1	3	3			

Α

 $\alpha_1$ 

α<sub>2</sub>

 $\alpha_3$ 

α<sub>1</sub>

#### Backtracking

$$i_N = \underset{j \in [1:I]}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbf{D}(i, n)$$

$$i_n = \mathbf{E}(i_{n+1}, n)$$





Effect of HMM-based chord estimation and smoothing:







- Parameters: Transition probabilities
- Estimated from data



- Parameters: Transition probabilities
- Estimated from data



- Parameters: Transition probabilities
- Transposition-invariant



- Parameters: Transition probabilities
- Uniform transition matrix (only smoothing)







## **Chord Recognition: Further Challenges**

Chord ambiguities





- Acoustic ambiguities (overtones)
  - Use advanced templates (model overtones, learned templates)
  - Enhanced chroma (logarithmic compression, overtone reduction)
- Tuning inconsistency

## Chord Recognition: Public System

- Chord recognition
  - Typically: Feature extraction, pattern matching, filtering (HMM)
  - "Out-of-the-box" solutions (Sonic Visualizer, Chordino plugin)



Sonic Visualizer, Chordino Vamp Plugin (Queen Mary University of London)

#### **Tonal Structures**


- Key as an important musical concept ("Symphony in C major")
- Modulations  $\rightarrow$  Local approach Key relations: Circle of fifth G Am Dm Em B D Bm Gm # b F<sup>♯</sup>m E Cm Α C♯m Fm Ε G<sup>♯</sup>m B₽m E m D<sup>♯</sup>m Β G<sup>b</sup> F<sup>♯</sup>

- Key as an important musical concept ("Symphony in C major")
- Modulations  $\rightarrow$  Local approach
- Diatonic Scales
  - Simplification of keys
  - Perfect-fifth relation



- Example: J.S. Bach, Choral "Durch Dein Gefängnis" (*Johannespassion*)
- Score Piano reduction





- Example: J.S. Bach, Choral "Durch Dein Gefängnis" (*Johannespassion*)
- **Audio** Waveform (Scholars Baroque Ensemble, Naxos 1994)



## **Tonal Structures: Local Diatonic Scales**

- Example: J.S. Bach, Choral "Durch Dein Gefängnis" (*Johannespassion*)
- Audio Spectrogram (Scholars Baroque Ensemble, Naxos 1994)



# Local Key Detection: Chroma Features

- Example: J.S. Bach, Choral "Durch Dein Gefängnis" (*Johannespassion*)
- Audio Chroma features (Scholars Baroque Ensemble, Naxos 1994)



# Local Key Detection: Chroma Smoothing

- Summarize pitch classes over a certain time
  - Chroma smoothing
  - Parameters: blocksize b and hopsize h



## Local Key Detection: Chroma Smoothing

Choral (Bach)



# Local Key Detection: Chroma Smoothing

Choral (Bach) — smoothed with b = 42 seconds and h = 15 seconds



• Choral (Bach) — Re-ordering to **perfect fifth** series



• Choral (Bach) — Re-ordering to **perfect fifth** series



Choral (Bach) — Diatonic Scale Estimation (7 fifths)



Choral (Bach) — Diatonic Scale Estimation (7 fifths)



Choral (Bach) — Diatonic Scale Estimation: Multiply chroma values\*



Choral (Bach) — Diatonic Scale Estimation: Multiply chroma values











Choral (Bach) — Diatonic Scale Estimation: Shift to global key



Choral (Bach) — 0 ≙ 4#

Weiss / Habryka, Chroma-Based Scale Matching for Audio Tonality Analysis, CIM 2014



## Local Key Detection: Examples

 L. v. Beethoven – Sonata No. 10 op. 14 Nr. 2, 1. Allegro — 0 ≙ 1 (Barenboim, EMI 1998)



# Local Key Detection: Examples

 R. Wagner, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, Vorspiel — 0 ≙ 0 (Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, J. Wildner, Naxos 1993)



- Global chroma statistics (audio)
- 1567 G. da Palestrina, Missa de Beata Virgine, Credo



Circle of fifths  $\rightarrow$ 

- Global chroma statistics (audio)
- 1725 J. S. Bach, Orchestral Suite No. 4 BWV 1069, 1. Ouverture (D major)



- Global chroma statistics (audio)
- 1783 W. A. Mozart, "Linz" symphony KV 425, 1. Adagio / Allegro (C major)



Circle of fifths  $\rightarrow$ 

- Global chroma statistics (audio)
- 1883 J. Brahms, Symphony No. 3, 1. Allegro con brio (F major)



Circle of fifths  $\rightarrow$ 

- Global chroma statistics (audio)
- **1940** A. Webern, Variations for Orchestra op. 30



Circle of fifths  $\rightarrow$ 

- Realization of complexity measure  $\Gamma$ 
  - Entropy / Flatness measures
  - Distribution over Circle of Fifths



Relating to different time scales! 



Weiss / Müller, Quantifying and Visualizing Tonal Complexity, CIM 2014



