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MUSIC STRUCTURE: WHAT IS SIMILAR ?

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Why interest in music similarity/ structure ?

2001 Research on Audio Identification by fingerprint

- -> Closest Matches = Music Similarity
 - -> But Similarity is not homogeneous within a track

-> Music Structure





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What is Similarity ?

What is Music Structure ?

Sequence approach

Factor Oracle

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State approach

Summarizing time-evolution Hidden Markov Model

Model-based

Joint key/chord/structure estimation



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What is similarity ?



- The sound timbre approach
 - Experiment (Lakatos, McAdams)
 - MDS sound timbre space
 - Then find the best acoustic correlates (audio features)
- The music similarity approach
 - Develop the technology then validate
 - Validation ?
 - Perceptual Experiment ?
 - What is the spread of the considered music space
 - Results are good if same Genre, Artist
 - Perform experiment: Find Outlier
 - Use Pandora recommendation



Lakatos, McAdams Sound Timbre MDS Space



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0. What is music structure/ similarity ?



Franco Fabbri, « Verse, Chorus (Refrain), Bridge: Analysing Formal Structures of the Beatles' Songs »



0.What is music structure/ similarity ? Various possible definitions of Structure [Peeters, Deruty, 2009]

- I) based on Musical Role
 - Music role that a part plays in a song
 - Introduction, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Ending
 - Problems:
 - Intro, Outro= time position, can be the Chorus
 - Several version of Chorus and Verse
 - Definition of Chorus and verse not clear (Rap, R'n'B)

• 2) based on Acoustic Similarity

- Acoustic similarity between parts
- Problems:
 - Similar= identical, What about if small variation ?
 - How to quantify ?
 - How to put the threshold ?
 - What criteria for similarity ?Timbre ? Harmony ? Rhythm ? Lyrics ?

- 3) based on Instrument Role
 - Location of lead singer, location of solo guitar
 - Problems:
 - Few insights into the global structure
 - Identify instrument: huge number of labels (guitar= classical ? Folk ? Electric ? WhaWha ?)
 - Solution: Describe the instrument role: Primary Lead, Secondary Lead

• 4) based on Perceptual Tests

- Average human perception of structure
- Problems:
 - Very costly !
 - Labels used by people are usually not shared



0. What is music structure/ similarity ? Various view-points on the content

- Moby « Natral Blues »
 - Different views on the content highlight different structure



Harmonic Self-Similarity-Matrix



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0. What is music structure/ similarity ? Proposal of a Multi-dimensional annotation system [Peeters, Deruty, 2009]



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I. Sequence approach

Sequence approach:

what is it ?

$$[a, b, c] == [a, b, c]$$





I. Sequence approach Factor Oracle [Laburthe, Peeters 2002]

• Converting audio to symbols

$$[x(1), x(2) \cdots x(t) \cdots x(T)] \in R \to [a, b \cdots c \cdots a]$$
$$a == a$$
$$a \neq b$$

• Compute Factor Oracle [Alauzen, Crochemore, 1999]

Fonction add_letter(Oracle($p = p_1 p_2 \dots p_m$), σ) Create a new state m + 11.Create a new transition from m to m + 1 labeled by σ 2. $k \leftarrow S_p(m)$ 3. While k > -1 and there is no transition from k by σ Do 4. 5.Create a new transition from k to m + 1 by σ 6. $k \leftarrow S_p(k)$ 7. End While 8. If (k = -1) Then $s \leftarrow 0$ 9. Else $s \leftarrow$ where leads the transition from k by σ . 10. $S_{p\sigma}(m+1) \leftarrow s$ 11. **Return** Oracle $(p = p_1 p_2 \dots p_m \sigma)$



I. Sequence approach **Factor Oracle** [Laburthe, Peeters 2002]

• Compute Length Repeated Suffix (LRS) using FO [Lefevre, Lecroq, 2000]



- Structural matrix based on LRS (from longest to shortest LRS)
- Grouping matrix based on pattern similarity



I. Sequence approach Factor Oracle [Laburthe, Peeters 2002]

• Converting distance to equivalence $d(x(t), x(t')) \le \tau \to t == t'$

$$d(x(t), x(t')) > \tau \to t \neq t'$$

• Adaptive Factor Oracle



FIG. 4.17 – Matrice de décomposition sur 'Day Tripper' des Beatles: Oracle sur valeurs réelles seuil de ressemblance=0.05

FIG. 4.18 – Matrice de décomposition sur 'Day Tripper' des Beatles: Oracle sur valeurs réelles seuil de ressemblance=0.0025

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I. Sequence approach Dynamic Time Warping [Mueller, 2012]

Compute distance between continuous values ۲

$$[x(1), x(2) \cdots x(t) \cdots x(T)] \in R$$

$$d(x(t), x(t'))$$

insertion, deletion, minimum - cost - path

Find the best alignments between sub-sequences ۲





2. State approach

State approach: what is it ? [A = A = A] == [A = A = A]





2. State approach Modeling Time Evolution

Instead of comparing distances between sequences $[x(1), x(2) \cdots x(t) \cdots x(T)]$

- We model the evolution of x(t) over time: $f([x(t-\delta)\cdots x(t)\cdots x(t+\delta)]) \rightarrow x'(t)$
- Then compute the distance between the models (discriminant, invariant) $d(x^\prime(t),x^\prime(t^\prime))$
- Two similar sequences will have two similar models -> state representation



2. State approach Modeling Time Evolution

Some time evolution models:

• Modulation Spectrum [Peeters, Rodet, 2002]





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Some time evolution models:

• Scattering Transform [Anden, Mallat, 2014]



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Some time evolution models:

• Multi-Prob Histogram [Kaiser, Sikora, 2011]



(a) Similarity Matrix with Chroma (b) MPH Similarity Matrix, L = 50 Vectors frames

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2. State approach **Hidden Markov Model for Structure Estimation** [Logan, 2000] [Aucouturier, 2001] [Peeters, 2002]

- The hidden states of the HMM represent the various parts (repeated or not) of the music track
- The observations are x'(t)





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3. Model Approach Joint Estimation: Structure/Chord/Key [Pauwels, Peeters, 2013]



Questions ?



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