

Generating Equivalent Rhythmic Notations based on Rhythm Tree Languages

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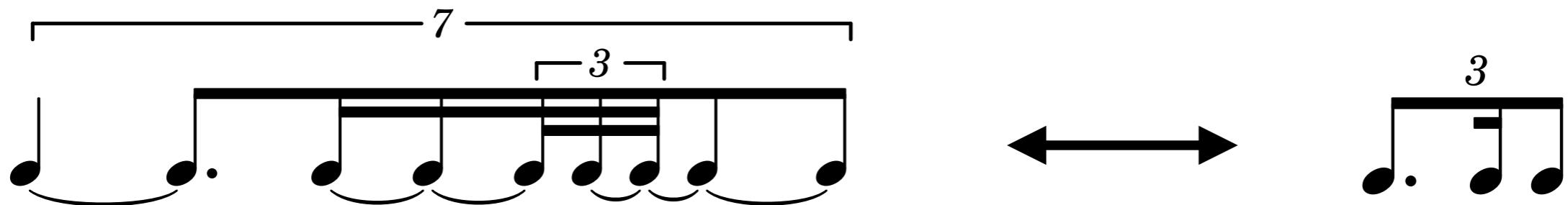
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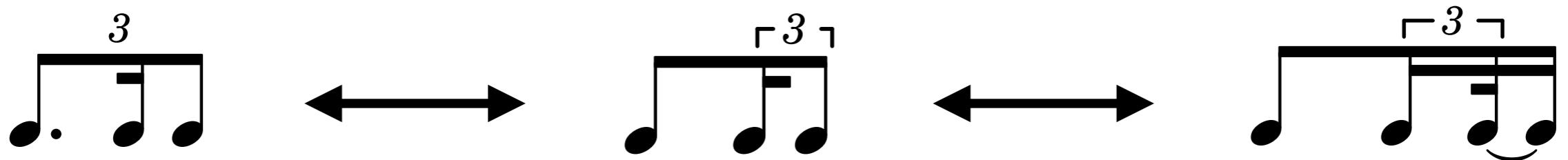
problem

enumerate all rhythms notations
equivalent to a given rhythm

simplify,... or complexify



emphasize meter



problem

enumerate **all** rhythms notations
equivalent to a given rhythm

equivalent: defining the same sequences of durations (IOI)

enumerate:

- from simplest to more complicated... or opposite
- lazily: don't compute all rhythms first and then sort

all: really?

definition of a rhythm notation domain = language:
what kind of tuplets? how many nested divisions?...

plan

enumerate all rhythms notations
equivalent to a given rhythm

1. rhythm tree representation
rhythm (formal) languages
2. efficient lazy enumeration algorithm
3. conclusion & applications

rhythm tree representation

hierarchical representation of sequences of events with durations

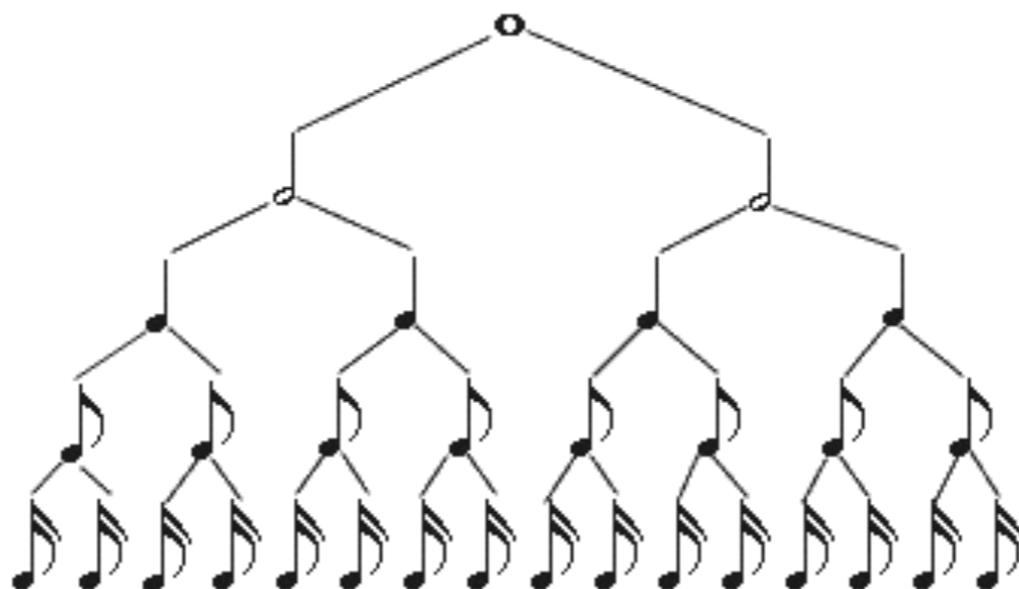
used in composition assistance environments since years

Laurson

Patchwork: A Visual Programming Language
Helsinki: Sibelius Academy, 1996

Agon, Haddad, Assayag

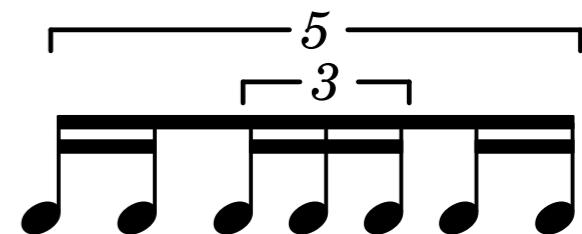
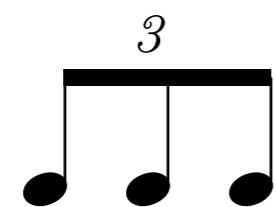
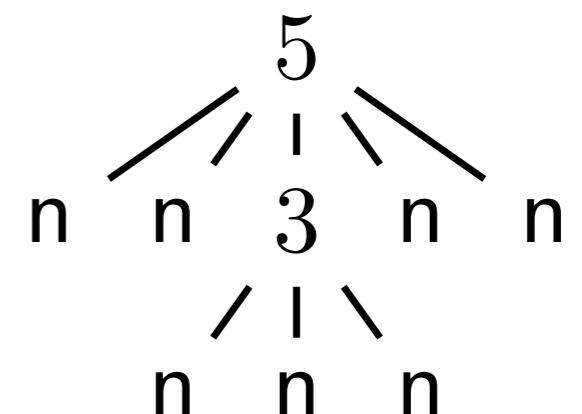
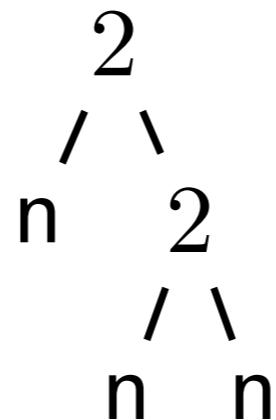
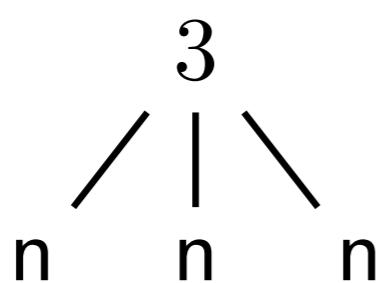
Rhythmic structures representation and rendering
ICMC, 2002



rhythm trees

principle: “*the data is in the structure*”

- leaves contain events
- branching defines durations by uniform division of a time interval



duration
sequence

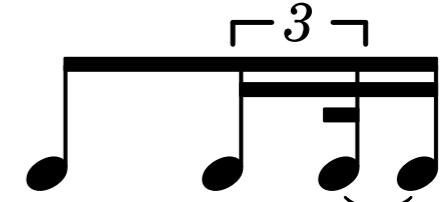
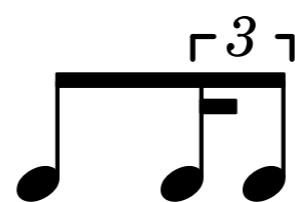
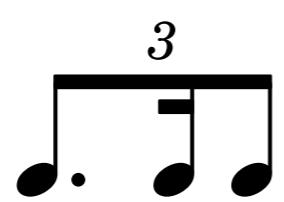
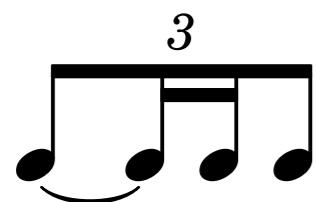
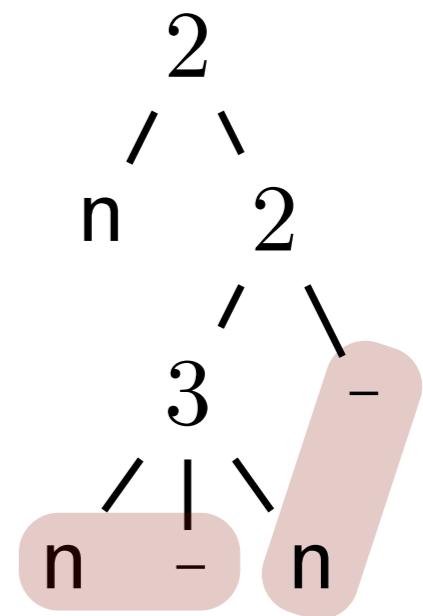
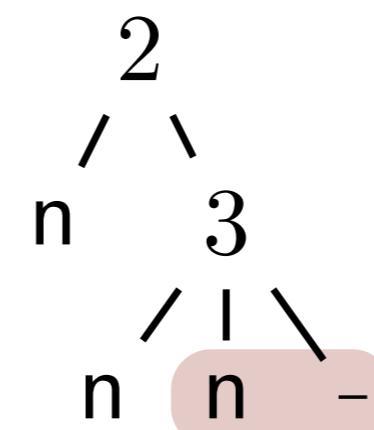
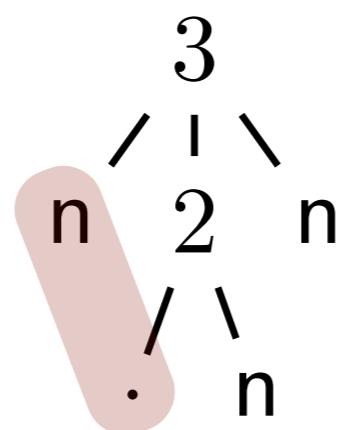
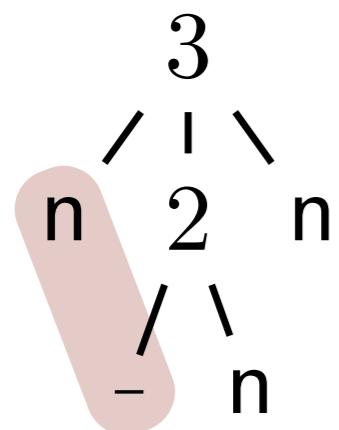
$$\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{4}$$

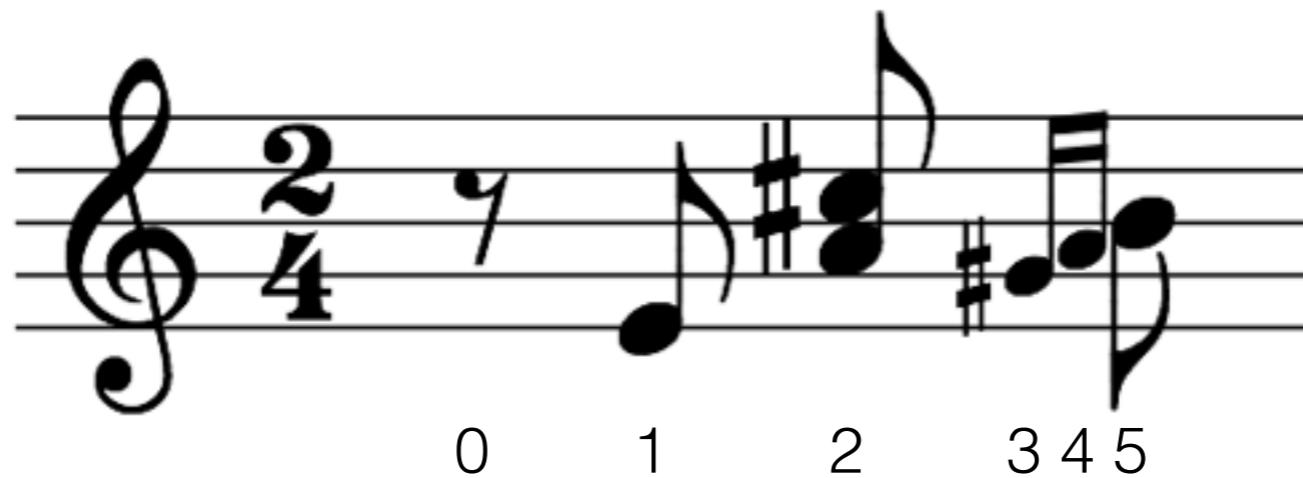
$$\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{15} \frac{1}{15} \frac{1}{15} \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5}$$

rhythm trees: ties and dots

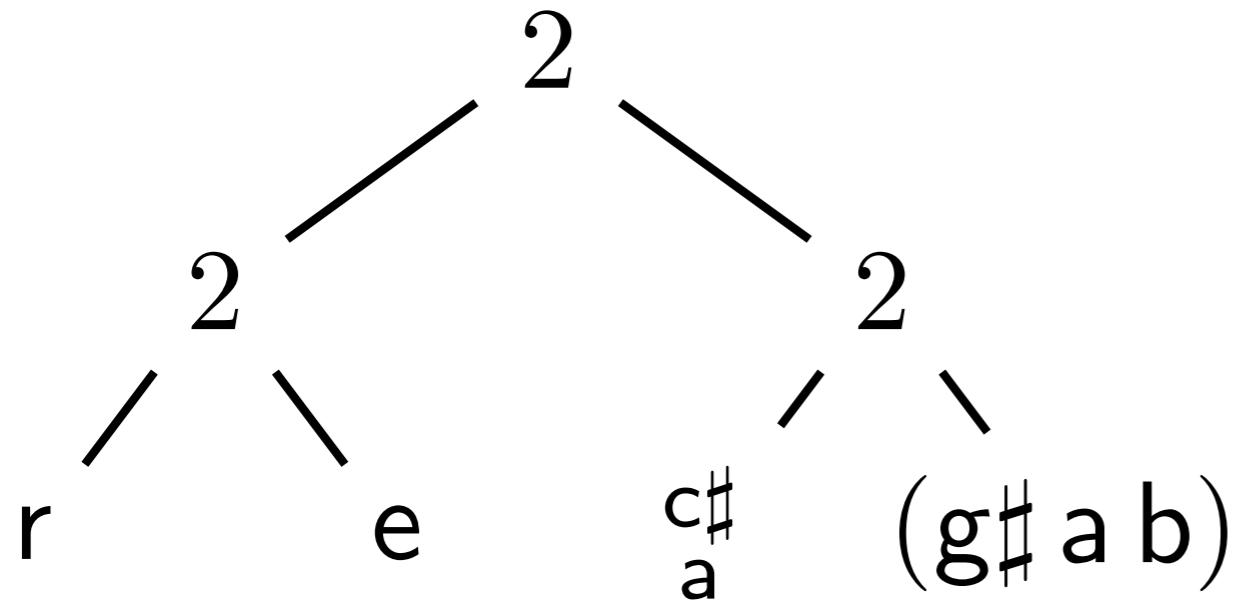
duration
sequence $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{3}$



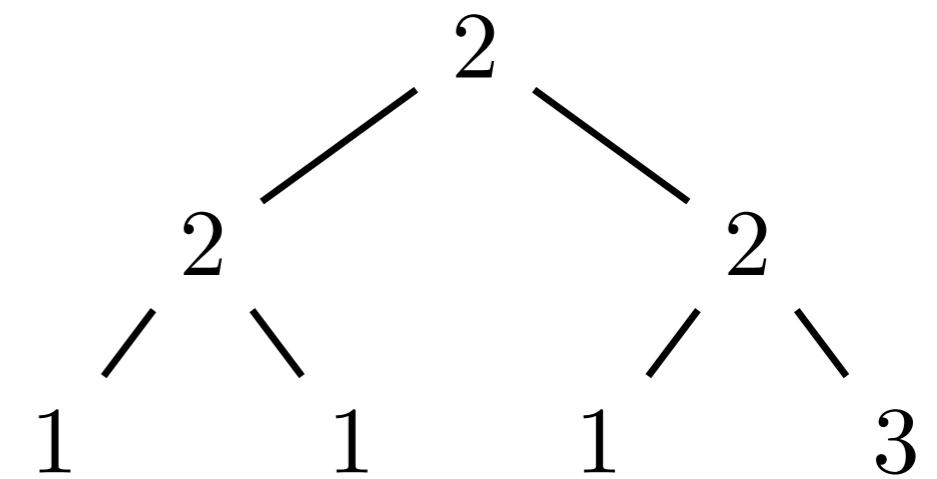
pitches, rests, grace notes...



with additional symbols for leaves

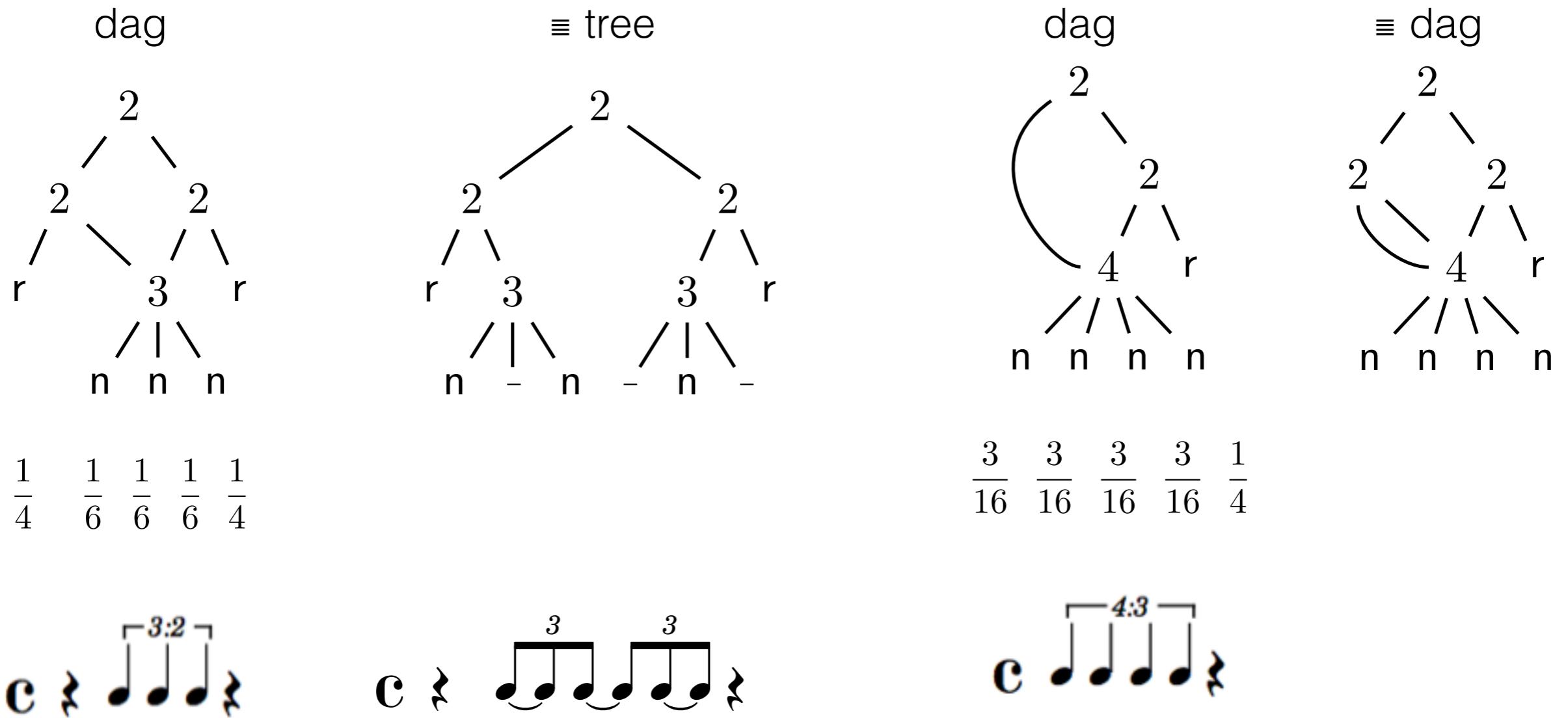


with event counters



rhythm dags

extension of RT to *join then split = ratio* notations (p in the time of q)
no symbol _: sum of durations represented by node sharing (data in structure)



rhythm languages

fix the set of rhythm notations that we want to support
using formal language tools

Lee

The rhythmic interpretation
of simple musical sequences
Musical Structure and Cognition, 1985

Andrew McLoed, Mark Steedman
Meter Detection in Symbolic Music
Using a Lexicalized PCFG

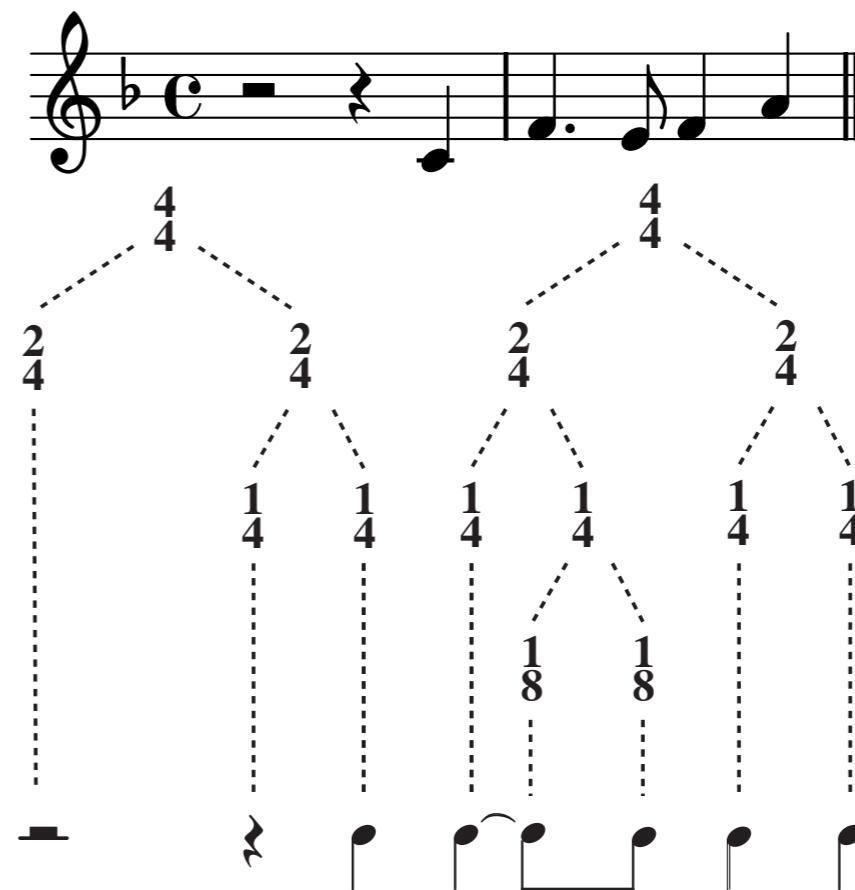
SMC 2017

$$c \rightarrow o \mid - \mid \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{4}$$

$$\frac{2}{4} \rightarrow \text{d} \mid - \mid \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \text{e} \mid \text{z} \mid \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \rightarrow \text{f} \mid \text{g} \mid \dots$$



parse tree \cong rhythm tree

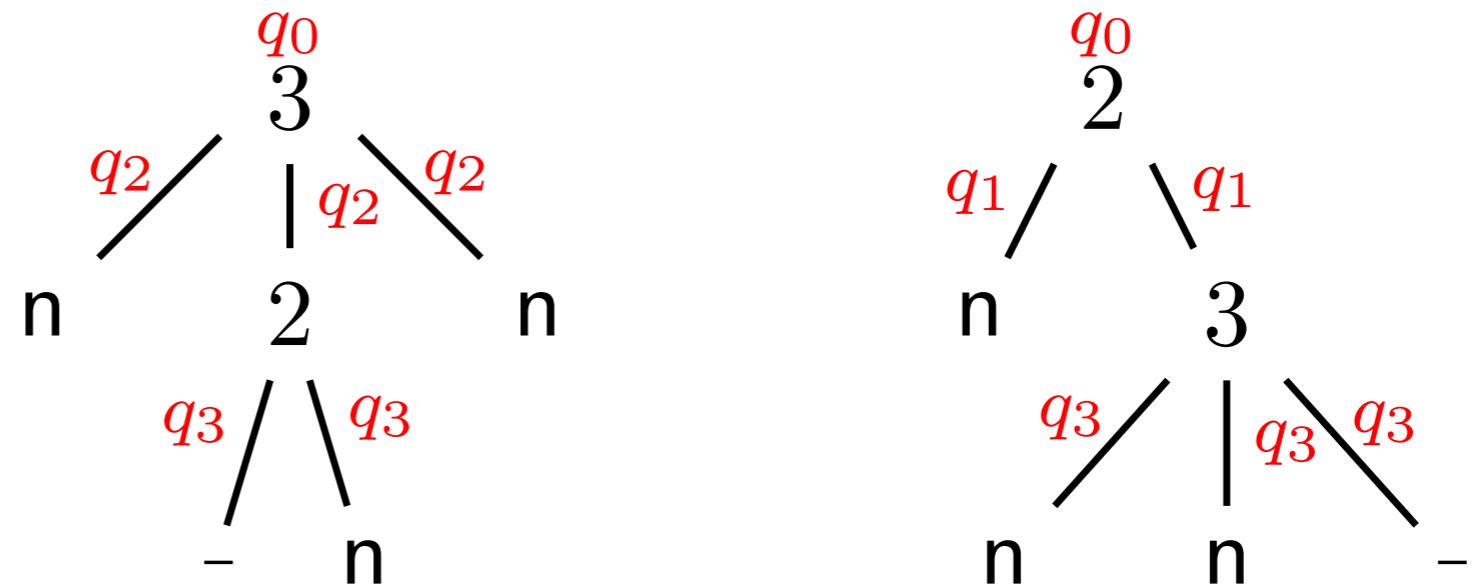
rhythm grammars

definition of allowed nested divisions
by rules of an acyclic Context-Free grammar

divide by 2 then by 2 or 3, or divide by 3 then by 2

$$\begin{array}{llll} G = q_0 \rightarrow q_1, q_1 & q_1 \rightarrow q_3, q_3 & q_2 \rightarrow q_3, q_3 & q_3 \rightarrow n \\ q_0 \rightarrow q_2, q_2, q_2 & q_1 \rightarrow q_3, q_3, q_3 & q_2 \rightarrow n & q_3 \rightarrow - \\ q_0 \rightarrow n & q_1 \rightarrow n & q_2 \rightarrow - & \\ & q_1 \rightarrow - & & \end{array}$$

language $L(G)$
of generated
rhythm trees
=
derivation trees
of the grammar



weighted rhythm grammars

rhythm tree ranking: assign a weight value to every tree of $L(G)$
by extension of grammar with weight values in production rules

$$q_0 \xrightarrow{0.25} q_1, q_1$$

$$q_0 \xrightarrow{0.45} q_2, q_2, q_2$$

$$q_0 \xrightarrow{0.1} n$$

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0.2} q_3, q_3$$

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0.7} q_3, q_3, q_3$$

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0.1} n$$

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0.25} -$$

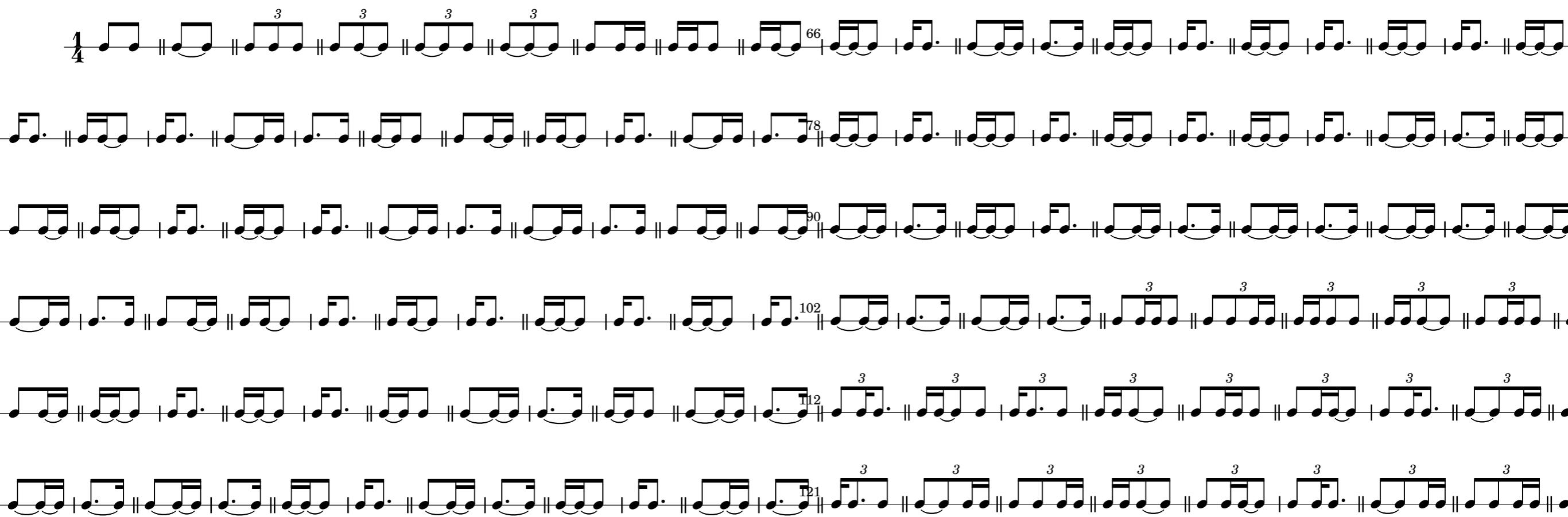
$$q_2 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_3, q_3$$

$$q_2 \xrightarrow{0.1} n$$

$$q_2 \xrightarrow{0.25} -$$

$$q_3 \xrightarrow{0.15} n$$

$$q_3 \xrightarrow{0.35} -$$



weight domains

	sum	product
penalties	min	+
probabilities	max	.

$$t = a(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

$$\text{weight}(t, q) = \sum_{q \xrightarrow{v} q_1, \dots, q_n} v \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \text{weight}(t_i, q_i)$$

grammars construction

- incremental construction
by composition of elementary languages
using composition operators
(union, intersection, *etc*)
- learning weighted grammar from score corpus
→ compact representation of rhythm notations in corpus

enumeration: k -best parsing

$best(k, q_i)$ is the k^{th} best weighted tree generated by q_i
 defined recursively thanks to the monotonicity of weight evaluation

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 q_0 \xrightarrow{0.25} q_1, q_1 & q_1 \xrightarrow{0.2} q_3, q_3 & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_3, q_3 & q_3 \xrightarrow{0.15} n \\
 q_0 \xrightarrow{0.45} q_2, q_2, q_2 & q_1 \xrightarrow{0.7} q_3, q_3, q_3 & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.1} n & q_3 \xrightarrow{0.35} - \\
 q_0 \xrightarrow{0.1} n & q_1 \xrightarrow{0.1} n & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.25} - &
 \end{array}$$

$$best(1, q_0) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2(best(1, q_1), best(1, q_1)), \\ 3(best(1, q_2), best(1, q_2), best(1, q_2)), \\ n \end{array} \right\}$$

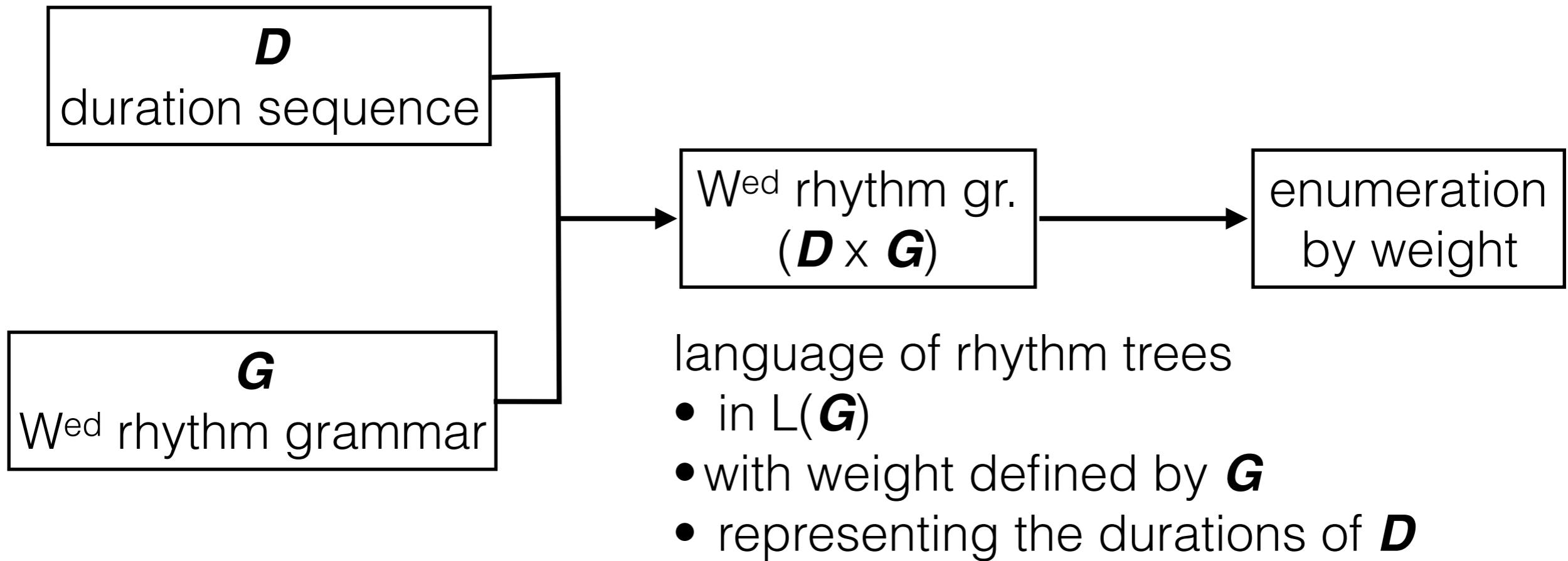
assuming it is the first term, then

$$best(2, q_0) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2(best(1, q_1), best(2, q_1)), \\ 2(best(2, q_1), best(1, q_1)), \\ 3(best(1, q_2), best(1, q_2), best(1, q_2)), \\ n \end{array} \right\} \quad etc$$

enumeration of rhythms

problem reformulation

given a grammar \mathbf{G} and a rhythm of duration sequence \mathbf{D}
enumerate **all** rhythm in $L(\mathbf{G})$ and of duration sequence \mathbf{D} ,
according to their weight in \mathbf{G}



product grammar $D \times G$

$\langle D', q_i \rangle$: trees generated from q_i and of duration sequence D'

$$D = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

from

we obtain

$$q_0 \xrightarrow{0.25} q_1, q_1$$

$$\langle D, q_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{0.25} \langle [\frac{1}{2}], q_1 \rangle, \langle [\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}], q_1 \rangle$$

$$q_0 \xrightarrow{0.45} q_2, q_2, q_2$$

$$\langle D, q_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{0.45} \langle [\frac{1}{3}], q_2 \rangle, \langle -[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}], q_2 \rangle, \langle [\frac{1}{3}], q_2 \rangle$$

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0.2} q_3, q_3$$

$$\langle [\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}], q_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{0.2} \langle [\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12}], q_3 \rangle, \langle -[\frac{1}{4}], q_3 \rangle$$

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0.7} q_3, q_3, q_3$$

$$\langle [\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}], q_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{0.7} \langle [\frac{1}{6}], q_3 \rangle, \langle [\frac{1}{6}], q_3 \rangle, \langle -[\frac{1}{6}], q_3 \rangle$$

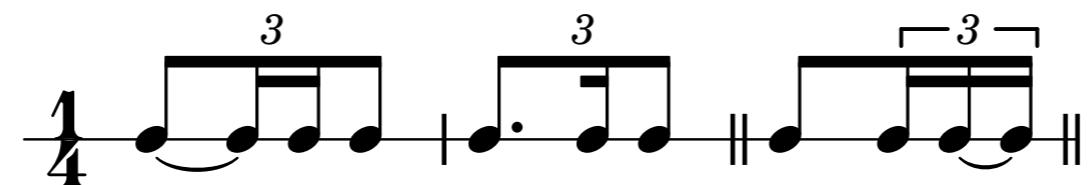
enumeration

for the product of

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} \mathbf{G} = q_0 \xrightarrow{0.1} q_1, q_1 & q_1 \xrightarrow{0.2} q_3, q_3 & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_3, q_3 & q_3 \xrightarrow{0.15} n \\ q_0 \xrightarrow{0.3} q_2, q_2, q_2 & q_1 \xrightarrow{0.7} q_3, q_3, q_3 & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.1} n & q_3 \xrightarrow{0.35} - \\ q_0 \xrightarrow{0.05} n & q_1 \xrightarrow{0.1} n & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.25} - & \end{array}$$

we obtain the following rhythms

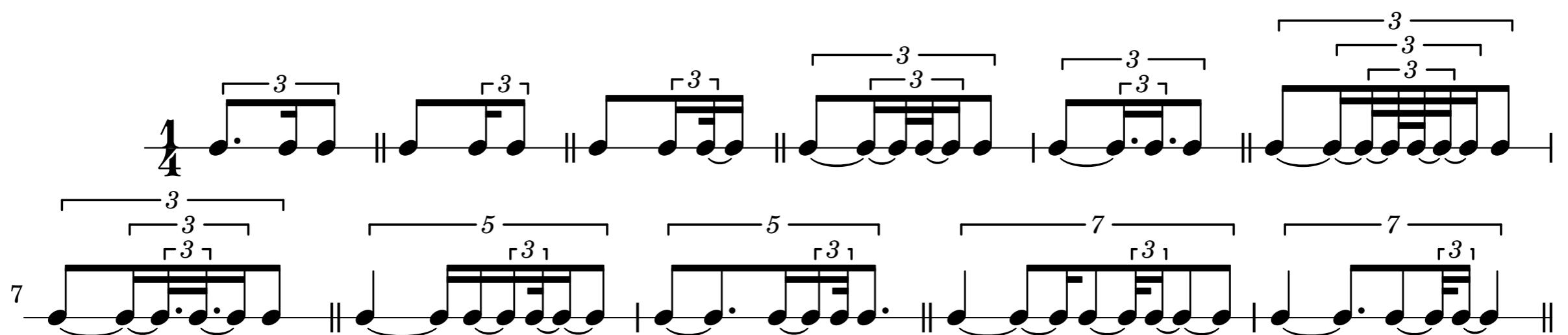


enumeration (bis)

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{G} = q_0 &\xrightarrow{0.1} \mathbf{n} \\ q_0 &\xrightarrow{0.25} q_1, q_1 \\ q_0 &\xrightarrow{0.45} q_1, q_1, q_1 \\ q_0 &\xrightarrow{0.45} q_4, q_4, q_4, q_4, q_4 \\ q_0 &\xrightarrow{0.45} q_4, q_4, q_4, q_4, q_4, q_4, q_4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{llll}q_1 \xrightarrow{0.1} \mathbf{n} & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.1} \mathbf{n} & q_4 \xrightarrow{0.1} \mathbf{n} \\ q_1 \xrightarrow{0.25} - & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.25} - & q_4 \xrightarrow{0.25} - \\ q_1 \xrightarrow{0.2} q_2, q_2 & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_3, q_3 & q_4 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_5, q_5 \\ q_1 \xrightarrow{0.7} q_2, q_2, q_2 & q_2 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_3, q_3, q_3 & q_4 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_5, q_5, q_5 \\ & q_3 \xrightarrow{0.15} \mathbf{n} & q_5 \xrightarrow{0.1} \mathbf{n} \\ & q_3 \xrightarrow{0.35} - & q_5 \xrightarrow{0.25} - \\ & q_3 \xrightarrow{0.5} q_5, q_5 & \end{array}$$



rhythm notations of value [1/2 1/6 1/3] (schema-06.txt)

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merged polyrhythms



merging both rhythms gives duration sequence [1/5 2/15 1/15 1/5 1/15 2/15 1/5] and 6 alt. notations (with a complex enough grammar):

Three staves of musical notation. Staff 1 is in 4/4 time with quarter note heads. Staff 2 is in 3/4 time with eighth note heads. Staff 3 is in 5/4 time with sixteenth note heads. Each staff has horizontal brackets underneath indicating the merged rhythm. The notation shows how the merged polyrhythms can be represented using different time signatures and note heads.

conclusion

- formal grammars defining languages of weighted rhythm notations
- ranked enumeration of equivalent rhythms in a given language

applications

transcription

backend procedure (once a rhythm quantization is found)

score editors / composition assistants

propose several rhythm notations

rendering of text based notation languages

logical layout (beaming *etc*):

rhythm grammar to specify (structured) layout preferences?

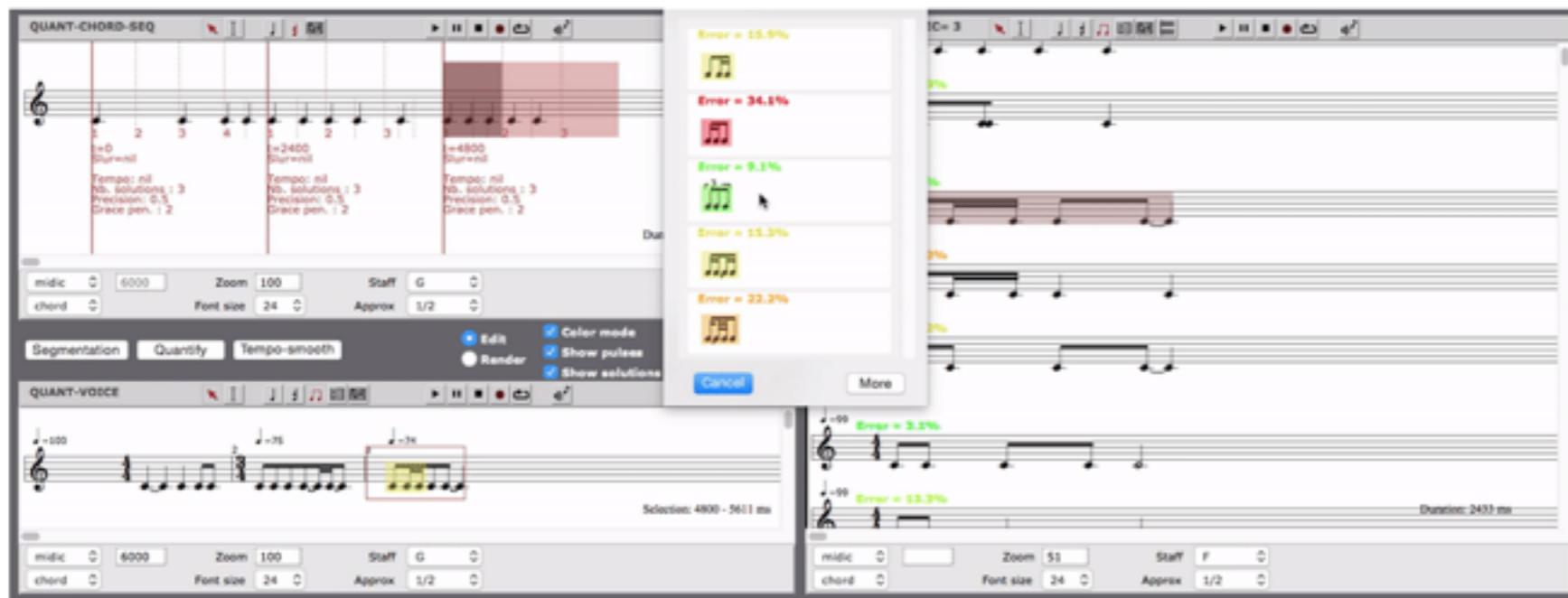
transcription

- enumerate rhythms in language $L(\mathbf{G})$ exactly of duration sequence \mathbf{D}
- enumerate rhythms in language $L(\mathbf{G})$ close to duration sequence \mathbf{D}
(\mathbf{D} unquantized in case 2.)

→ base of an interactive rhythm quantization procedure

implemented as an Open Music library

<http://repmus.ircam.fr/cao/rq>



and a C++ library

<https://gforge.inria.fr/projects/qparse>