PAT 498/598 (Winter 2025)

# Music & Al

### **Lecture 15: Pianoroll-based Music Generation**

Instructor: Hao-Wen Dong



## Homework 5: AI Song Contest

- Please listen to the ten <u>finalists</u> of AI Song Contest 2024
- **Read the about pages** by clicking the cover arts
- Answer the following questions (in 5-10 sentences each)
  - Which is your favorite song?
  - Following Q1, what did they do well?
  - Following Q1, what can be improved?
  - Based on the ten finalists, **what tasks are easy** for current AI in music production?
  - Based on the ten finalists, **what tasks are difficult** for current AI in music production?

## Homework 5: AI Song Contest

- Instructions will be released on the <u>course website</u>
- Please submit your work to <u>Gradescope</u>
- Due at 11:59pm ET on March 14
- Late submissions: 1 point deducted per day
- No late submission is allowed a week after the due date

## Project

- **Open-ended group project** (group size: 2–3)
  - Building a new AI music tool or Exploring creative & artistic use of AI tools
- Milestones
  - Pitch: Mar 19
  - Presentation: Apr 21
  - Final report: Apr 28
- Due at 11:59pm ET on the date specified
- No late submissions! Submit your work early and update it later.

## Project Pitch

- Brief 10-min presentation
  - Team member introduction
  - **Topic**: What do you want to work on?
  - **Topic**: Who is the target audience/user/customer/reader?
  - **Methodology**: How are you going to approach it?
  - **Methodology**: What are the tools (programming languages, platforms, plugins, hardware, etc.) that you'll be using?
  - **Expected results**: What are the expected deliverables (e.g., an instrument, a plugin, a web/mobile app, a standalone software, an installation, a performance, a composition)?
  - **Planning**: What are the milestones? What do you expect to achieve by the end of February and March?

## Project Pitch

- Send me an email with the following info by **11:59 PM ET on March 19** 
  - Names and U-M IDs of all team members
  - **Topic**: What do you want to work on?
  - **Topic**: Who is the target audience/user/customer/reader?
  - **Methodology**: How are you going to approach it?
  - **Methodology**: What are the tools (programming languages, platforms, plugins, hardware, etc.) that you'll be using?
  - **Expected results**: What are the expected deliverables (e.g., an instrument, a plugin, a web/mobile app, a standalone software, an installation, a performance, a composition)?
  - **Planning**: What are the milestones? What do you expect to achieve by the end of February and March?

## (Recap) Al Song Contest

 Annual international competition showcasing the creative potential of human-Al co-creativity in the songwriting process



aisongcontest.com

### (Recap) Yaboi Hanoi – Entering Demons & Gods (2022)



youtu.be/PbrRoR3nEVw

soundcloud.com/yaboi hanoi/enter-demonsand-gods



### (Recap) The Making of Entering Demons & Gods (2022)

"It was like a saxophonist trained in classical Thai motifs, who played a special 'Thai Edition' saxophone with Phi Nai tunings, had joined the musical conversation. The same was true with the trumpet model and the ບລຸ່ຍ 'Khlui' - a flute from Thai, Laos and Cambodian repertoire. I could assemble a transcultural ensemble to expand the sonic palette of Thai motifs, whilst adhering to underlying tunings and idiomatic inflections like never before."

lamtharnhantrakul.gith ub.io/enter-demonsand-gods/



### (Recap) How can Al Augment Human Creativity?



(Source: Huang et al., 2020)

### (Recap) Four Paradigms of Music Generation



Today, we also have many latent-space based systems!

## (Recap) Topics of Symbolic Music Generation

### Unconditional

### Symbolic music generation • $\emptyset \rightarrow$ melody • $\emptyset \rightarrow$ lead sheet $\stackrel{\text{Melody}}{\& \text{chords}}$ • $\emptyset \rightarrow$ sheet music

Today's topic!

### Conditional

### Automatic arrangement

- Melody  $\rightarrow$  lead sheet
- Melody  $\rightarrow$  multitrack
- Lead sheet  $\rightarrow$  multitrack
- Solo → multitrack
- Multitrack  $\rightarrow$  simple version

### **Performance rendering**

• Sheet music  $\rightarrow$  performance

### **Improvisation systems**

Performance → performance

### Multimodal

X-to-music generation

- Text → sheet music
- Video → sheet music
- X  $\rightarrow$  sheet music

## (Recap) Two Paradigms of Symbolic Music Generation

### **Text-based**

- Treat music like **text**
- Sharing models with natural language processing (NLP)
  - RNNs, LSTMs, Transformers, etc.

#### Today's topic!

Program\_change\_0, Note\_on\_60, Time\_shift\_2, Note\_off\_60, Note\_on\_60, Time\_shift\_2, Note\_off\_60, Note\_on\_76, Time\_shift\_2, Note\_off\_67, Note\_on\_67, Time\_shift\_2, Note\_off\_67, ...

- Treat music like **images**
- Sharing models with computer vision (CV)

**Image-based** 

- GANs, VAEs, diffusion models, etc.



## (Recap) Language Models

• Predicting the next word given the past sequence of words





## (Recap) Language Models (Mathematically)

Next word

A class of machine learning models that learn the next word probability



## (Recap) Language Models – Generation

• How do we generate a new sentence using a trained language model?

A transformer is a	$\rightarrow$	Model	$\rightarrow$	deep
A transformer is a <mark>deep</mark>	$\rightarrow$	Model	$\rightarrow$	learning
A transformer is a deep learning	$\rightarrow$	Model	$\rightarrow$	model
A transformer is a deep learning model	$\rightarrow$	Model	$\rightarrow$	introduced
A transformer is a deep learning model introduced	$\rightarrow$	Model	$\rightarrow$	in
A transformer is a deep learning model introduced in		Model	$\rightarrow$	2017

## (Recap) Designing a Machine-readable Music Language

- How can we "represent" music in a way that machines understand?
  - Musical representation is a key component of a music generation system
- Why not using sheet music "images" directly?
  - Machines still have a hard time reading sheet music
  - A challenging task known as "optical music recognition" (OMR)
- Examples:
  - ABC notation
  - MIDI



### (Recap) An Example of ABC Notation



## (Recap) Example System: Folk RNN (Sturm et al., 2015)

#### Data

- Collections of folk tunes
- Representation
  - ABC notation without metadata
- Model
  - LSTM (long short-term memory)
  - Working on the character level

## folk**RNN**

generate a folk tune with a recurrent neura

	PRESS TO GENERATE TUNE			
Com	pose			
	MODEL			
thesession.org (w/ :   :)				
TEMPERATURE	SEED			
1	62063			
METER	MODE			
4/4	C Major			
	INITIAL ABC			
Enter start of tune in ABC	C notation			

### folkrnn.org

### (Recap) Demystifying LSTMs (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997)



<u>colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/</u> Sepp Hochreiter and Jürgen Schmidhuber, "<u>Long Short-Term Memory</u>," *Neural Computation*, 9(8):1735-1780, 1997.

## (Recap) Representing Polyphonic Music

- We can now handle music with multi-pitch at the same time
  - In the literature, "polyphonic" & "multi-pitch" are often used interchangeably



Note_on_65, Note_on_68	Time_shift_eighth_note	Note_on_77, Note_on_80				
Time_shift_half_note	Note_off_77, Note_off_80	Note_on_73, Note_on_77]				
Time_shift_dotted_quarter_note, Note_off_65, Note_off_68,						

## (Recap) Example: Performance RNN (Oore et al., 2020)

### • Data

- Yamaha e-Piano Competition dataset (MAESTRO)
- Representation
  - 128 Note-On events
  - 128 Note-Off events
  - 125 Time-Shift events (8ms-1s)
  - 32 Set-Velocity events 

     Handle dynamics
- Model
  - LSTM

### Examples of generated music



### (Recap) Example: A.I. Duet (Mann et al., 2016)



<u>experiments.withgoogle.</u> <u>com/ai/ai-duet/view/</u>



### youtu.be/0ZE1bfPtvZo

## (Recap) Example: Music Transformer (Huang et al., 2019)

### • Data

Yamaha e-Piano Competition dataset (MAESTRO)

Almost the same representation as

PerformanceRNN

### Representation

- 128 Note-On events
- 128 Note-Off events
- 100 Time-Shift events (10ms-1s)
- 32 Set-Velocity events 

   Handle dynamics
- Model
  - Transformer

### Examples of generated music



(Recap) Self-attention Mechanism (Cheng et al., 2016)



#### Transformers learn what to attend to from big data!

## (Recap) Visualizing Musical Self-attention

(Each color represents an attention head)



(Source: Huang et al., 2018)

Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Ashish Vaswani, Jakob Uszkoreit, Noam Shazeer, Ian Simon, Curtis Hawthorne, Andrew M. Dai, Matthew D. Hoffman, Monica Dinculescu, and Douglas Eck, "<u>Music Transformer: Generating Music with Long-Term Structure</u>," *ICLR*, 2019.

Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Ashish Vaswani, Jakob Uszkoreit, Noam Shazeer, Ian Simon, Curtis Hawthorne, Andrew M. Dai, Matthew D. Hoffman, Monica Dinculescu, and Douglas Eck, "<u>Music Transformer: Generating Music with Long-Term Structure</u>," *Magenta Blog*, December 13, 2018.

### (Recap) Visualizing Musical Self-attention

(Each color represents an attention head)



(Source: Huang et al., 2018)

Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Ashish Vaswani, Jakob Uszkoreit, Noam Shazeer, Ian Simon, Curtis Hawthorne, Andrew M. Dai, Matthew D. Hoffman, Monica Dinculescu, and Douglas Eck, "<u>Music Transformer: Generating Music with Long-Term Structure</u>," *ICLR*, 2019.

Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Ashish Vaswani, Jakob Uszkoreit, Noam Shazeer, Ian Simon, Curtis Hawthorne, Andrew M. Dai, Matthew D. Hoffman, Monica Dinculescu, and Douglas Eck, "<u>Music Transformer: Generating Music with Long-Term Structure</u>," *Magenta Blog*, December 13, 2018.

### (Recap) Example: MuseNet (Payne et al., 2019)

- **Data**: ClassicalArchives + BitMidi + MAESTRO
- Representation: "instrument:velocity:pitch"
  - Time shifts in real time (sec)
- Model: Transformer

bach piano\_strings start tempo90
piano:v72:G1 piano:v72:G2 piano:v72:B4
piano:v72:D4 violin:v80:G4 piano:v72:G4
piano:v72:B5 piano:v72:D5 wait:12
piano:v0:B5 wait:5 piano:v72:D5 wait:12
....

Example of generated music



### (Recap) Example: Multitrack Music Transformer (Dong et al., 2023)

- **Data**: Symbolic Orchestral Database (SOD)
- Representation: "(beat, position, pitch, duration, instrument)"

• No time shift events Why?

• Model: Multi-dimensional Transformer

(0,	0,	0,	0,	0,	0)	Start of song
(1,	0,	0,	0,	0,	15)	Instrument: accordion
(1,	0,	0,	0,	0,	36)	Instrument: trombone
(1,	0,	0,	0,	0,	39)	Instrument: brasses
(2,	0,	0,	0,	0,	0)	Start of notes
(3,	1,	1,	41,	15,	36)	Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=E2, duration=48, instrument=trombone
(3,	1,	1,	65,	4,	39)	Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=E4, duration=12, instrument=brasses
(3,	1,	1,	65,	17,	15)	Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=E4, duration=72, instrument=accordion
(3,	1,	1,	68,	4,	39)	Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=G4, duration=12, instrument=brasses
(3,	1,	1,	68,	17,	15)	Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=G4, duration=72, instrument=accordion
(3,	1,	1,	73,	17,	15)	Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=C5, duration=72, instrument=accordion
(3,	1,	13,	68,	4,	39)	Note: beat=1, position=13, pitch=G4, duration=12, instrument=brasses
(3,	1,	13,	73,	4,	39)	Note: beat=1, position=13, pitch=C5, duration=12, instrument=brasses
(3,	2,	1,	73,	12,	39)	Note: beat=2, position=1, pitch=C5, duration=36, instrument=brasses
(3,	2,	1,	77,	12,	39)	Note: beat=2, position=1, pitch=E5, duration=36, instrument=brasses
			••			
(4,	0,	0,	0,	0,	0)	End of song (Source: Dong et al., 2023)





Hao-Wen Dong, Ke Chen, Shlomo Dubnov, Julian McAuley, and Taylor Berg-Kirkpatrick, "Multitrack Music Transformer," ICASSP, 2023.

## Generative Adversarial Nets (GANs)

### Discriminative vs Generative Models

Discriminative



Discriminative models learn the decision boundary

P(y|x)





Generative models learn the underlying distribution

P(x) or P(x|y)

### Generating Data from a Random Distribution

Random distribution

**Data distribution** 



If we can learn this mapping, we can easily generate new samples from the data distribution

### A Loss Function for Distributions



But what about another neural network!?

### Generative Adversarial Nets (GANs) (Goodfellow et al., 2014)



Ian J. Goodfellow, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, and Yoshua Bengio, "Generative Adversarial Networks," NeurIPS, 2014.

### Generative Adversarial Nets (GANs) – Training



Ian J. Goodfellow, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, and Yoshua Bengio, "Generative Adversarial Networks," NeurIPS, 2014.

### Generative Adversarial Nets (GANs) – Generation



Ian J. Goodfellow, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, and Yoshua Bengio, "Generative Adversarial Networks," NeurIPS, 2014.
# Deep Convolutional GANs (DCGANs) (Radford et al., 2014)



# MuseGAN – A GAN for Pianorolls (Dong et al., 2018)

The generator improves over time

So does the discriminator!



(Source: Dong et al., 2018)

# Piano Roll Representation

# Piano Rolls



(Source: Draconichiaro)

(Source: Tangerineduel)

Draconichiaro, CC By-SA 4.0, via <u>Wikimedia Commons</u> Tangerineduel, CC By-SA 4.0, via <u>Wikimedia Commons</u>

# Player Pianos



youtu.be/07krQ661fok



# **Piano Roll Representation**



# (Recap) Reusable Pattern Detectors



# Why Piano Rolls?



Many musical patterns like melodies, chords, scales and arpeggios are translational invariant in the temporal and pitch axes

# Music Generation using GANs

# Example: MidiNet (Yang et al., 2017)



(Source: Yang et al., 2017)

# (Recap) Generative Adversarial Nets (GANs) (Goodfellow et al., 2014)



Ian J. Goodfellow, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, and Yoshua Bengio, "Generative Adversarial Networks," NeurIPS, 2014.

# Example: MidiNet (Yang et al., 2017)

# Examples of generated music



#### MidiNet generates music measure-by-measure by conditioning on the last measure generated

# Example: MidiNet (Yang et al., 2017)



(Source: Yang et al., 2017)

Li-Chia Yang, Szu-Yu Chou, and Yi-Hsuan Yang, "MidiNet: A Convolutional Generative Adversarial Network for Symbolic-domain Music Generation," ISMIR, 2017.

# Example: MuseGAN (Dong et al., 2018)



## Example: MuseGAN (Dong et al., 2018)



(Source: Dong et al., 2018)

## Example: MuseGAN (Dong et al., 2018)

# Examples of generated music





(Source: Dong et al., 2018)

# **Diffusion Models**

# Autoencoders

• A neural network where the **input and output are the same** 



# Autoencoders – Reconstruction Examples



(Source: tensorflow.org)

## Denoising Autoencoders (Pascal et al., 2008)



tensorflow.org/tutorials/generative/autoencoder

(Source: tensorflow.org)

Pascal Vincent, Hugo Larochelle, Yoshua Bengio, and Pierre-Antoine Manzagol, "Extracting and Composing Robust Features with Denoising Autoencoders," *ICML*, 2008. Pascal Vincent, Hugo Larochelle, Isabelle Lajoie, Yoshua Bengio, and Pierre-Antoine Manzagol, "Stacked Denoising Autoencoders: Learning Useful Representations in a Deep Network with a Local Denoising Criterion," *PMLR*, 11(110):3371-2408, 2010.

# (Recap) Generating Data from a Random Distribution

Random distribution

Data distribution



If we can learn this mapping, we can easily generate new samples from the data distribution

# Diffusion Models (Ho et al., 2020)

• Intuition: Many denoising autoencoders stacked together



# Diffusion Models – Training

• Intuition: Many denoising autoencoders stacked together



# Diffusion Models (Ho et al., 2020)

• Intuition: Many denoising autoencoders stacked together



# **Diffusion Models – Generation**

#### Remove noise gradually

(Backward diffusion process)

# Input Output

**Coarse shapes** (low-frequency components) **Fine details** (high-frequency components)

(Source: Ho et al., 2020)

# Music Generation using Diffusion Models

# Example: Polyffusion (Min et al., 2023)



(Source: Min et al., 2023)

#### polyffusion.github.io



(Source: Wang et al., 2024)



Ziyu Wang, Lejun Min, and Gus Xia, "Whole-Song Hierarchical Generation of Symbolic Music Using Cascaded Diffusion Models," ICLR, 2024.



Ziyu Wang, Lejun Min, and Gus Xia, "Whole-Song Hierarchical Generation of Symbolic Music Using Cascaded Diffusion Models," ICLR, 2024.



(Source: Wang et al., 2024)

#### wholesonggen.github.io

Ziyu Wang, Lejun Min, and Gus Xia, "Whole-Song Hierarchical Generation of Symbolic Music Using Cascaded Diffusion Models," ICLR, 2024.

# Music Infilling Models

#### Example: DeepBach (Hadjeres et al., 2017)



(Source: Hadjeres et al., 2017)

## Example: DeepBach (Hadjeres et al., 2017)



Algorithm 1 Pseudo-Gibbs sampling

- 1: **Input:** Chorale length L, metadata  $\mathcal{M}$  containing lists of length L, probability distributions  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ , maximum number of iterations M
- 2: Create four lists  $\mathcal{V} = (\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2, \mathcal{V}_3, \mathcal{V}_4)$  of length L
- 3: {The lists are initialized with random notes drawn from the ranges of the corresponding voices (sampled uniformly or from the marginal distributions of the notes)}
- 4: for m from 1 to M do
- 5: Choose voice *i* uniformly between 1 and 4
- 6: Choose time t uniformly between 1 and L
- 7: Re-sample  $\mathcal{V}_i^t$  from  $p_i(\mathcal{V}_i^t | \mathcal{V}_{\setminus i,t}, \mathcal{M}, \theta_i)$
- 8: end for
- 9: **Output:**  $\mathcal{V} = (\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2, \mathcal{V}_3, \mathcal{V}_4)$

<sup>(</sup>Source: Hadjeres et al., 2017)

# Example: DeepBach (Hadjeres et al., 2017)

#### **Reharmonization example**



#### youtu.be/QiBM7-5hA6o
• Based on Orderless NADE (Uria et al, 2014)



(Source: Huang et al., 2019)

Benigno Uria, Iain Murray, and Hugo Larochelle, "<u>A Deep and Tractable Density Estimator</u>," *ICML*, 2014. Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Tim Cooijmans, Adam Roberts, Aaron Courville, and Douglas Eck, "<u>Counterpoint by Convolution</u>," *ISMIR*, 2017. Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Tim Cooijmans, Monica Dinculescu, Adam Roberts, and Curtis Hawthorne, "<u>Coconet: the ML model behind today's Bach Doodle</u>," *Magenta Blog*, 2019.



(Source: Huang et al., 2019)

Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Tim Cooijmans, Adam Roberts, Aaron Courville, and Douglas Eck, "<u>Counterpoint by Convolution</u>," *ISMIR*, 2017. Cheng-Zhi Anna Huang, Tim Cooijmans, Monica Dinculescu, Adam Roberts, and Curtis Hawthorne, "<u>Coconet: the ML model behind today's Bach Doodle</u>," *Magenta Blog*, 2019.



(Source: Huang et al., 2017)



(Source: Huang et al., 2017)

# Example: JS Bach Doodle (2019)



youtu.be/XBfYPp6KF2g & magenta.tensorflow.org/coconet

doodles.google/doodle/ celebrating-johannsebastian-bach/



# **Controllable Music Generation**

## Example: Music FaderNet (Tan & Herremans, 2020)



(Source: Tan & Herremeans, 2020)

# Valence-Arousal Model for Emotion



(Source: mrAnmol)

## Example: Music FaderNet (Tan & Herremans, 2020)



(Source: Tan & Herremeans, 2020)

music-fadernets.github.io

# Example: Music SketchNet (Chen et al., 2020)





(Source: Chen et al., 2020)

Ke Chen, Cheng-i Wang, Taylor Berg-Kirkpatrick, and Shlomo Dubnov, "Music FaderNets: Controllable Music Generation Based On High-Level Features via Low-Level Feature Modelling," ISMIR, 2020.

#### Example: Music SketchNet (Chen et al., 2020)



(Source: Chen et al., 2020)

Ke Chen, Cheng-i Wang, Taylor Berg-Kirkpatrick, and Shlomo Dubnov, "Music FaderNets: Controllable Music Generation Based On High-Level Features via Low-Level Feature Modelling," ISMIR, 2020.