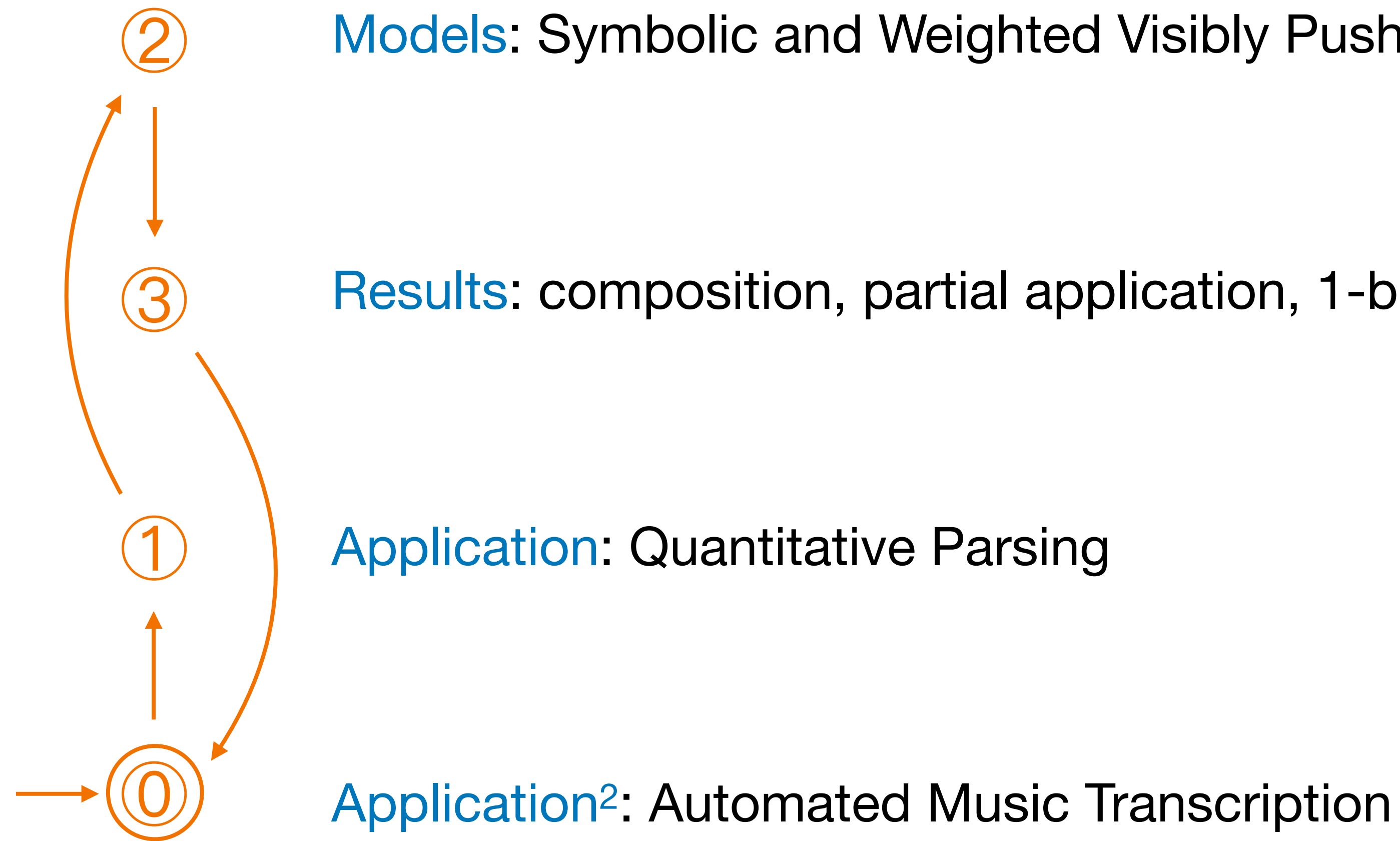


Symbolic Weighted Language Models, Quantitative Parsing and Automated Music Transcription

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Conversion of a recorded music performance into a music score ~ *speech-to-text* in NLP
 a holy graal in Computer Music since 1970's

articles

Perception of melodies

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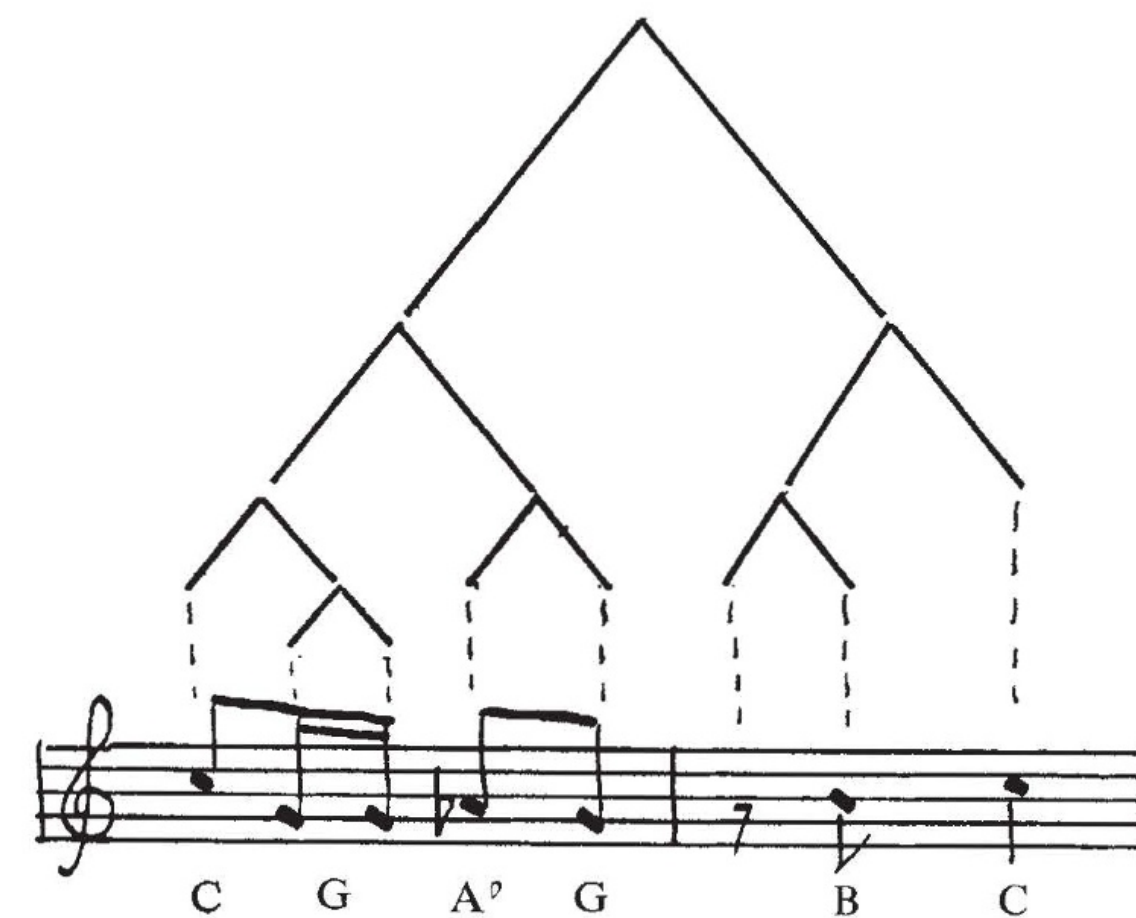
A computer program has been written which will transcribe a live performance of a classical melody into the equivalent of standard musical notation. It is intended to embody, in computational form, a psychological theory of how Western musicians perceive the rhythmic and tonal relationships between the notes of such melodies.

A SEARCHING test of practical musicianship is the 'aural test' in which the subject is required to write down, in standard, musical notation, a melody which he has never heard before. His transcription is not to be construed as a detailed record of the actual performance, which will inevitably be more or less out of time and out of tune, but as an indication of the rhythmic and tonal relations between the individual notes. How the musical listener perceives these relationships is a matter of some interest to the cognitive psychologist. In this paper I outline a theory of the perception of classical Western melodies, and describe a computer program, based on the theory, which displays, as best it can, the rhythmic and tonal relationships between the notes of a melody as played by a human performer on an organ console.

The basic premise of the theory is that in perceiving a melody the listener builds a conceptual structure representing the rhythmic groupings of the notes and the musical intervals between them. It is this structure which he commits to memory, and which subsequently enables him to recognise the tune, and

to reproduce it in sound or in writing if he happens to be a skilled musician. A second premise is that much can be learned about the structural relationships in any ordinary piece of music from a study of its orthographic representation. Take, for example, the musical cliché notated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



Automated Music Transcription

Conversion of a recorded music performance into a music score

source(s)



MIDI device
(score edition)



Algorithmic composition
DAW



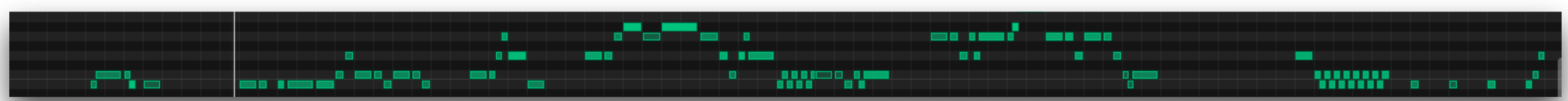
audio Music Information Retrieval

- fundamental freq. estimation
- onset detection
- beat tracking ...

intermediate representation

piano roll (MIDI file)

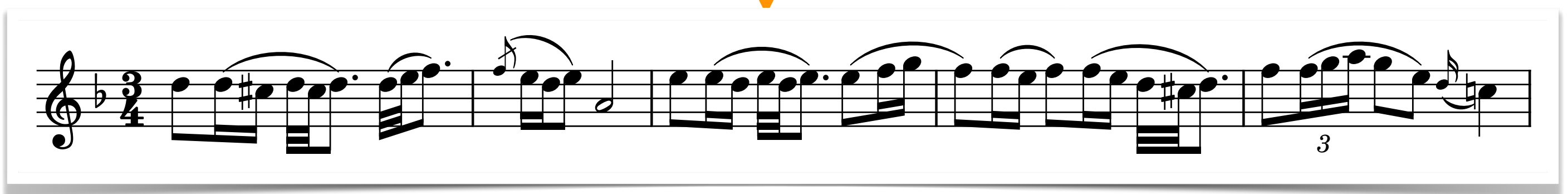
- unquantized onsets, durations
- quantized pitches



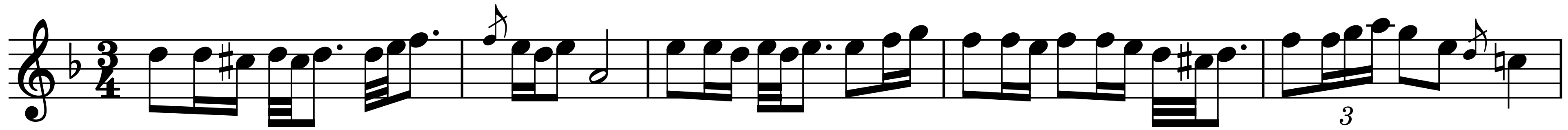
symbolic Music Information Retrieval

- rhythm quantization
- tempo tracking
- score engraving...

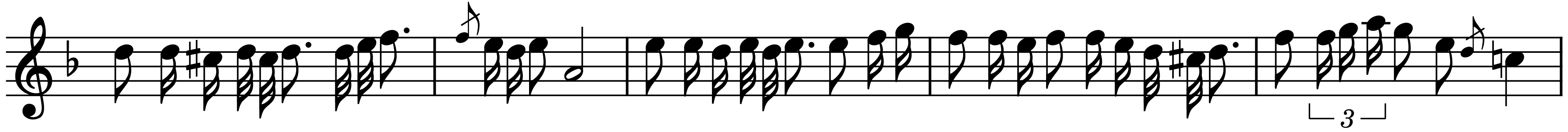
target
music score
(XML file)



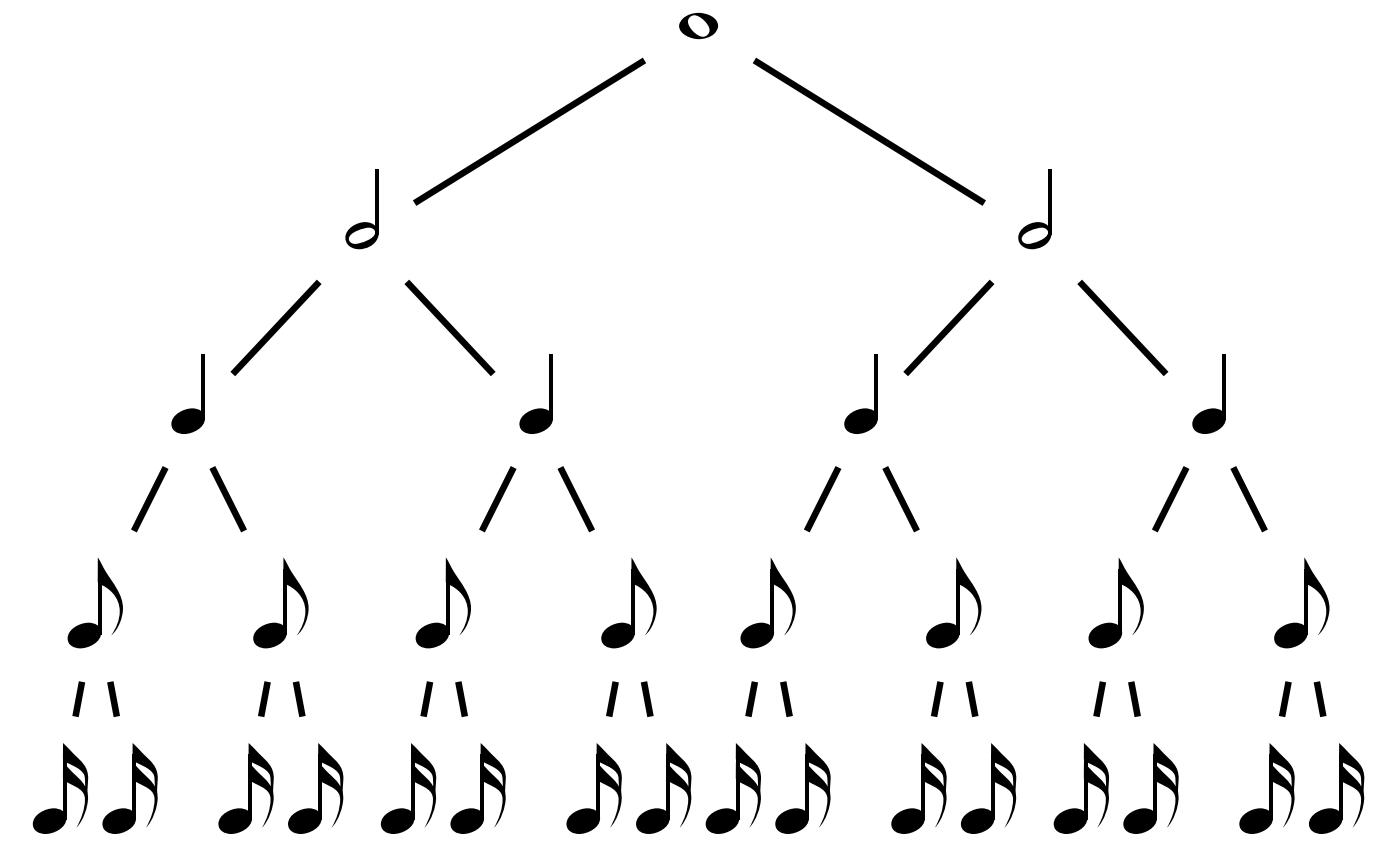
beamed



unbeamed



hierarchical
note
durations



metric structure

bar	1			2		3		4		5									
beat	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2	5.3				
subbeat	1.1.1	1.1.2		2.1.1	2.1.2		3.1.1	3.1.2	3.3.1	3.3.2	4.1.1	4.1.2	4.2.1	4.2.1		5.1.1	5.1.2	5.2.1	5.2.2

beamed

unbeamed

grouping notes with measure bars and beams

- eases readability (player reads in a real-time context)
- highlight the metric structure hierarchy of strong / weak beats

Polonaise in D minor from Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach BWV Anh II 128

metric structure

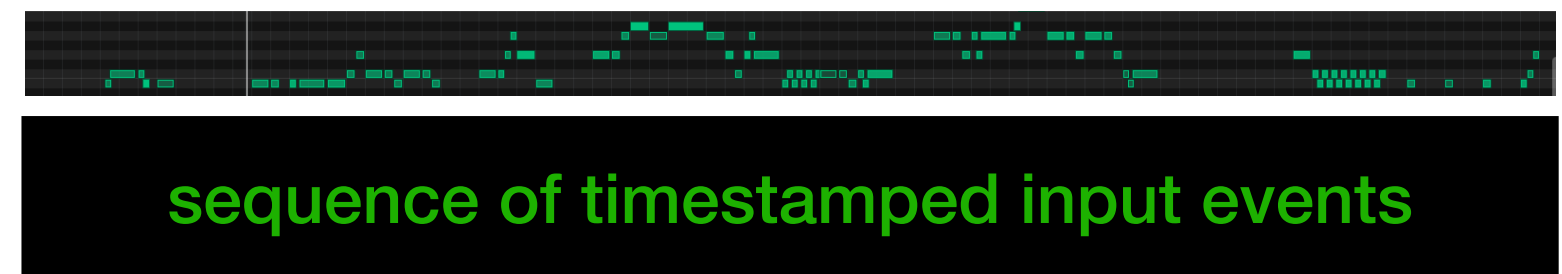
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durations: $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{16} \frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{16} \frac{3}{4}$ 0 $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{16} \frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{16} \frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$ 0 1

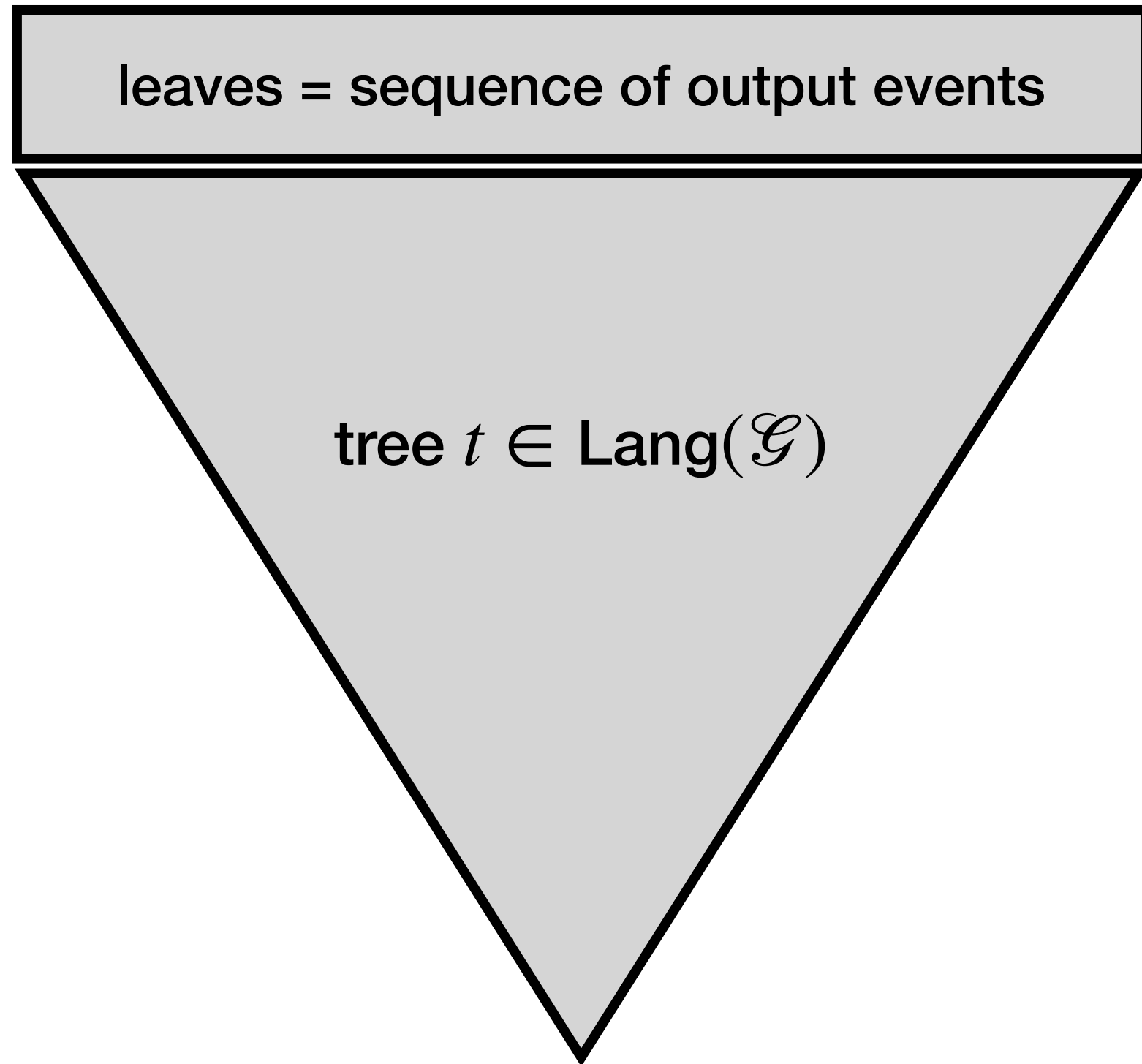
music notation = tree-structure, not linear structure

Music Transcription as Parsing

piano roll



structuring a linear representation according to a language model = parsing



tree-structured representation of an output music score
conform to a prior language (expected notation)
defined by a Regular Tree Grammar \mathcal{G}

two extensions of parsing are needed for the case music transcription:

1. **weighted** extension
 - a. find best tree
when prior grammar is ambiguous
 - b. input / output measure
2. **symbolic** extension
 - infinite alphabet

piano roll

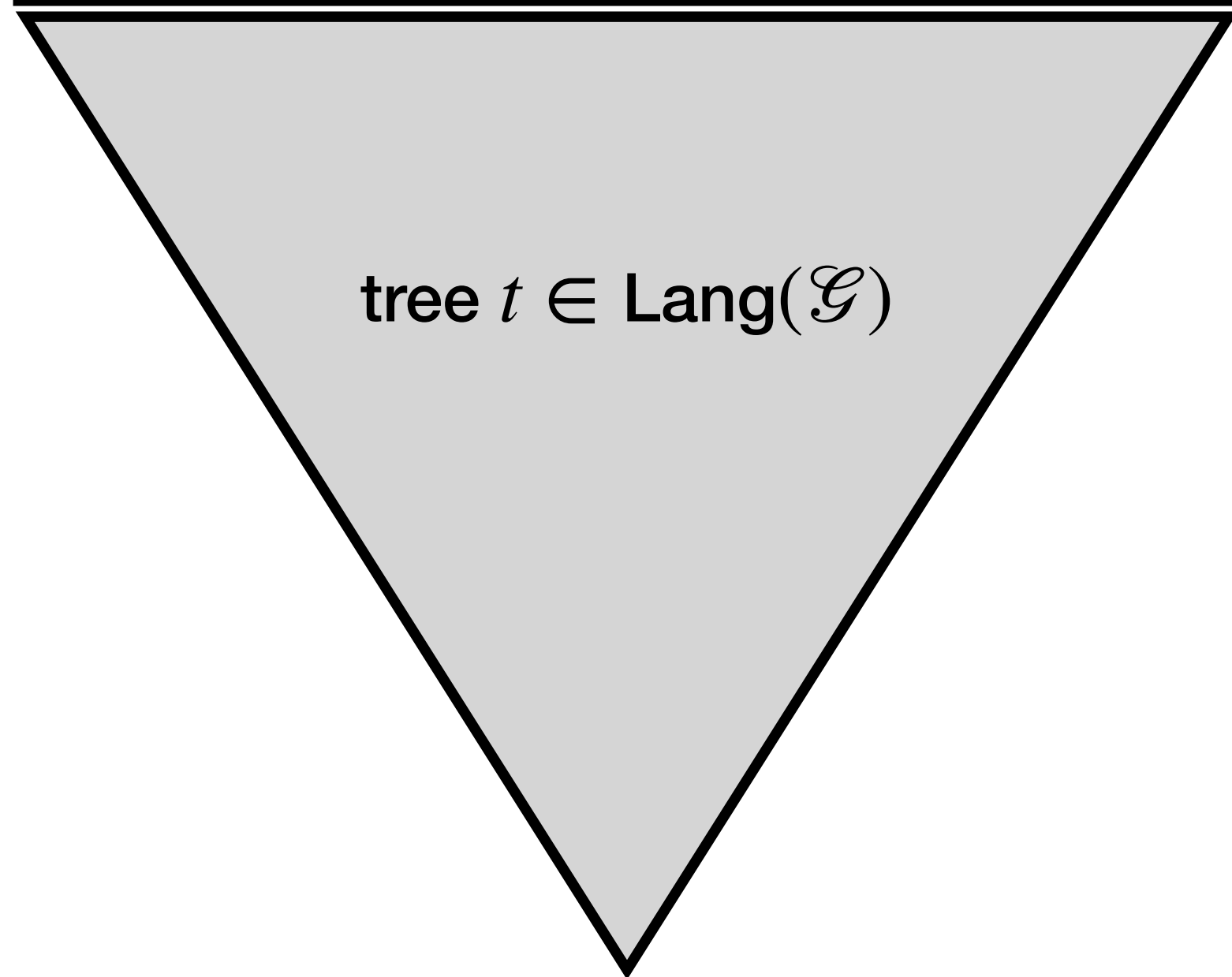


sequence of input events

parsing



leaves = output event sequence



tree $t \in \text{Lang}(\mathcal{G})$

Decision problem:
does there exist a tree t
in the language of \mathcal{G} such that
the leaf sequence of t yields
the input event sequence ?

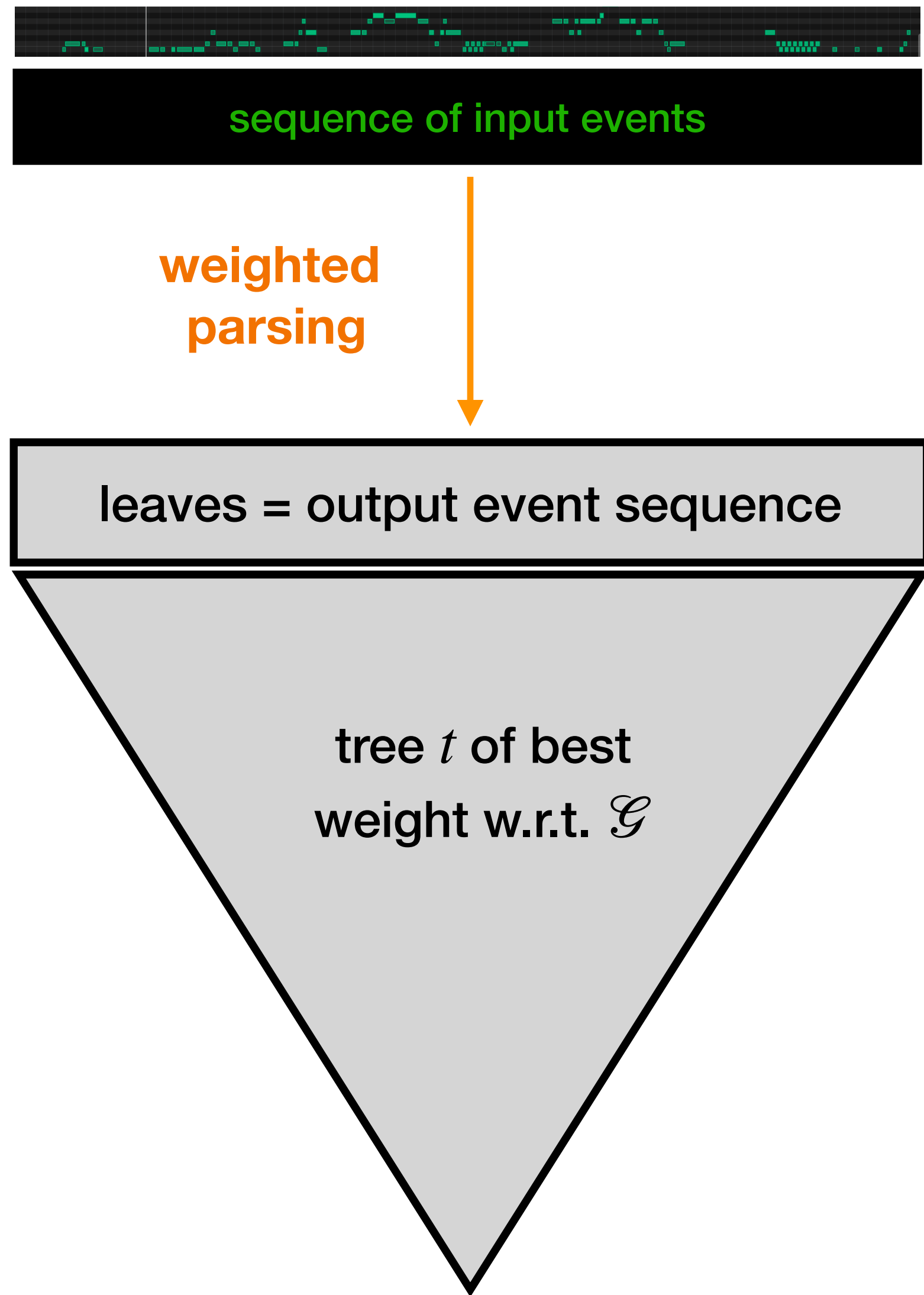
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Music Transcription as Weighted Parsing (extension 1.a)

piano roll



Joshua Goodman
Semiring Parsing, Comp. Linguistics, 1999

Richard Mörbitz, Heiko Vogler
Weighted Parsing, FSM & NLP, 2019

tree-structured representation
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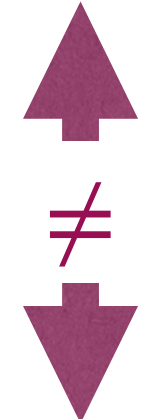
defined by a **Regular Tree Grammar** \mathcal{G}

effective construction of t :
there exist several such trees
when the prior grammar \mathcal{G} is ambiguous

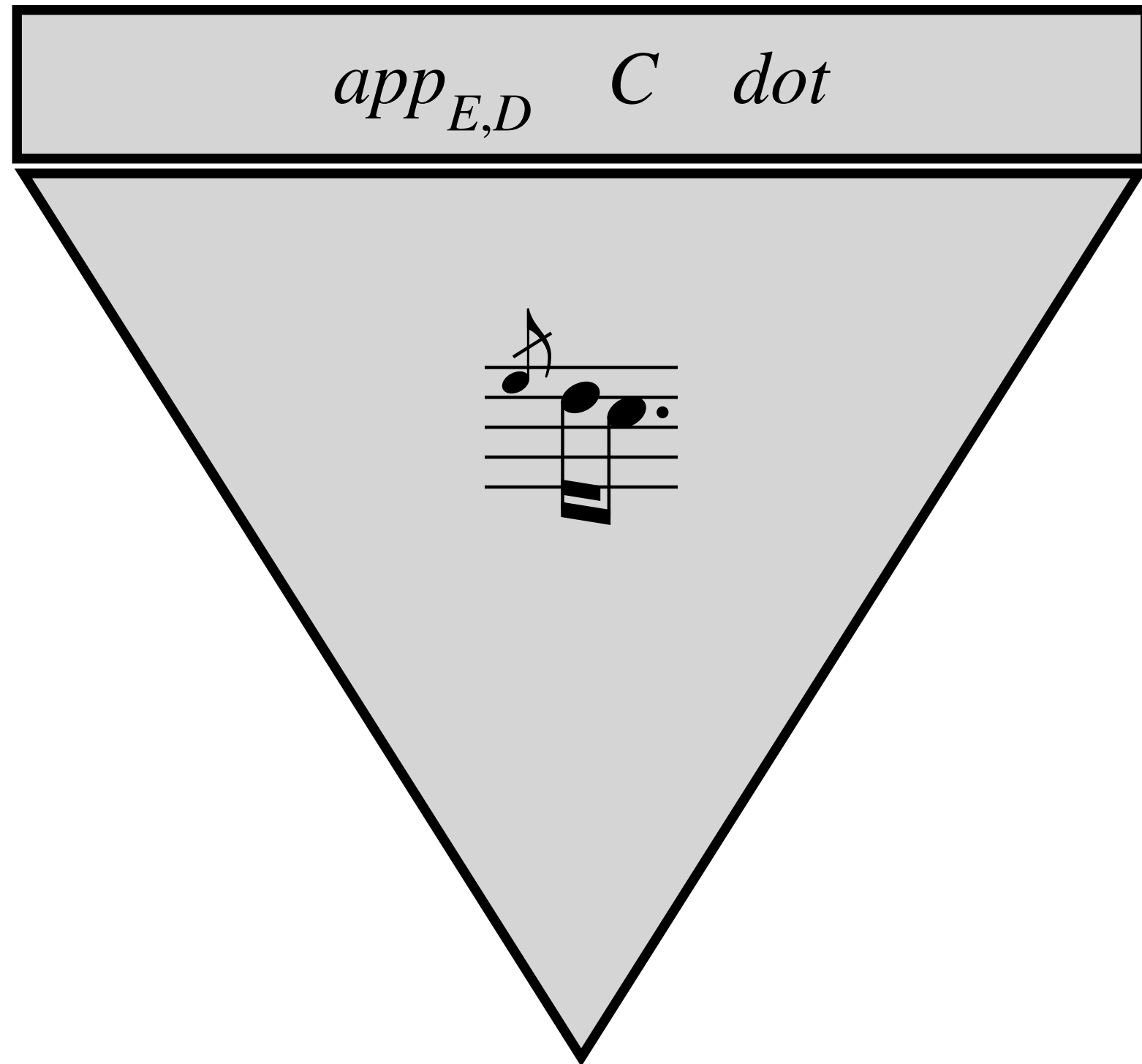
In order to choose one best trees,
rank trees according to their **weight values**,
computed by a **Weighted Tree Grammar**.

Music Transcription as Weighted Parsing (extension 1.b)

piano roll
= sequence of timestamped input events



the input and output sequences:
- are of different length,
- contain symbols of different nature.

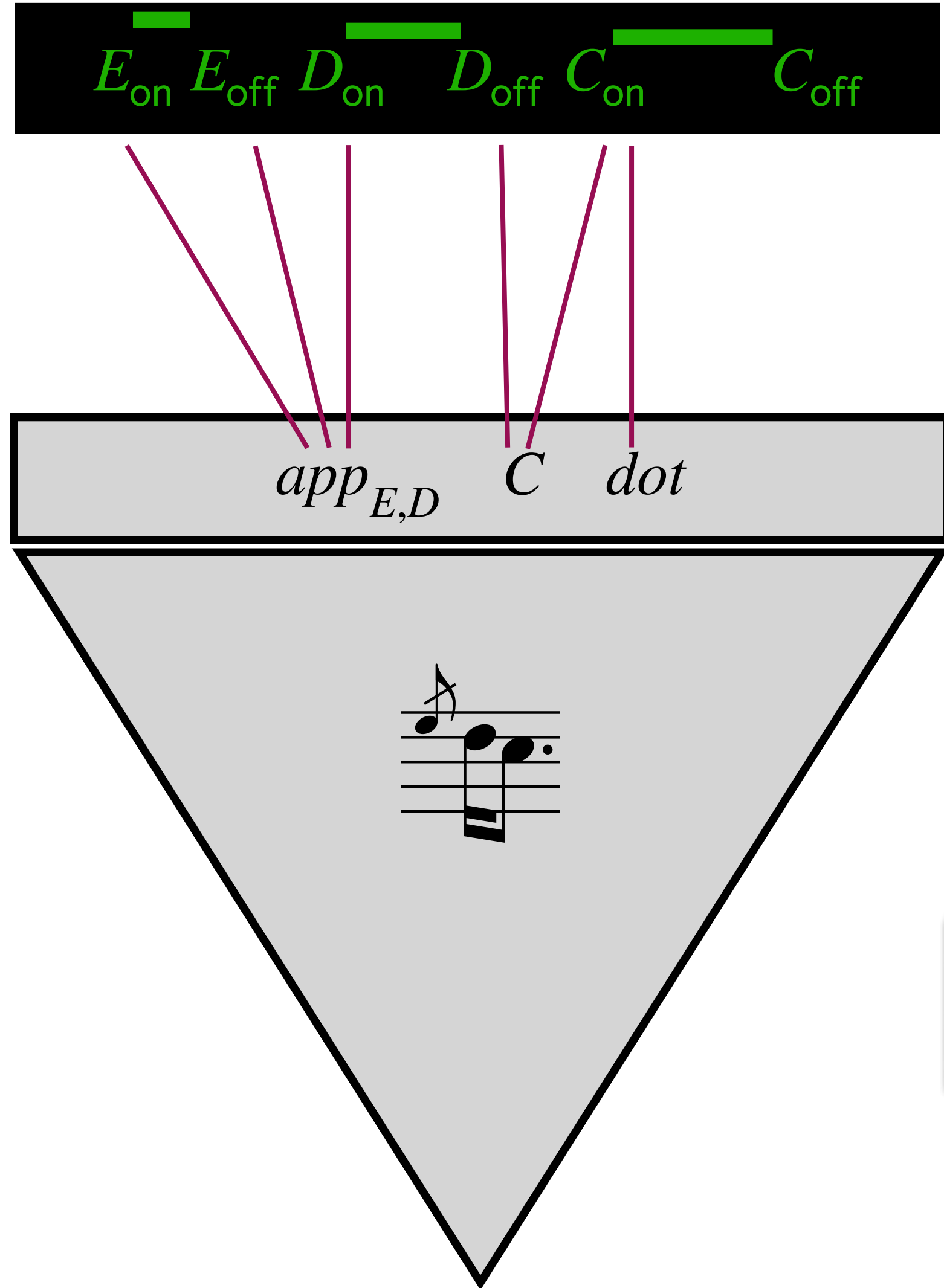


tree-structured representation
of an output **music score**

conform to a prior language
(expected notation)
defined by a **Regular Tree Grammar** \mathcal{G}

Music Transcription as Weighted Parsing (extension 1.b)

piano roll
= sequence of timestamped input events



measure of input-output alignment
asynchronous computation by a
Weighted word-to-word Transducer
(stateful definition of an edit-distance)

tree-structured representation
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to be combined (for ranking of solutions)
with the weight value computed
by the Weighted Tree Grammar.

Mehryar Mohri
Edit-Distance of Weighted Automata, CIAA 2003

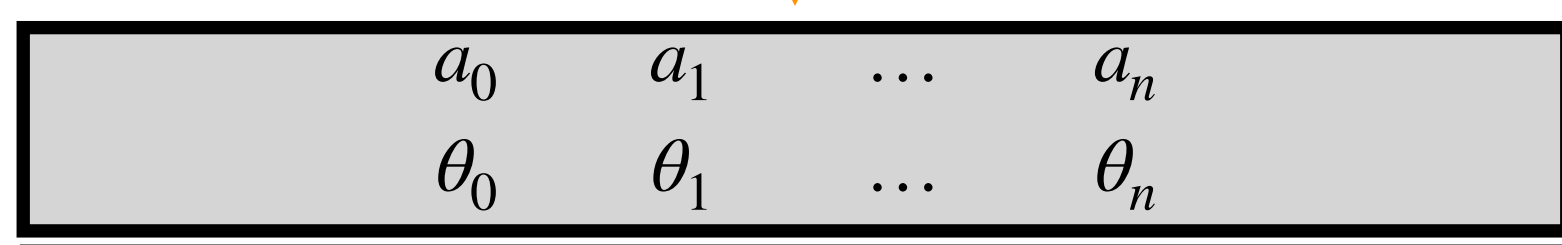
Music Transcription as Quantitative Parsing (extension 2 - Symbolic)

in the context of music transcription, the symbols are timestamped \rightarrow infinite alphabet Σ_{inf}

piano roll
= sequence of timestamped input events

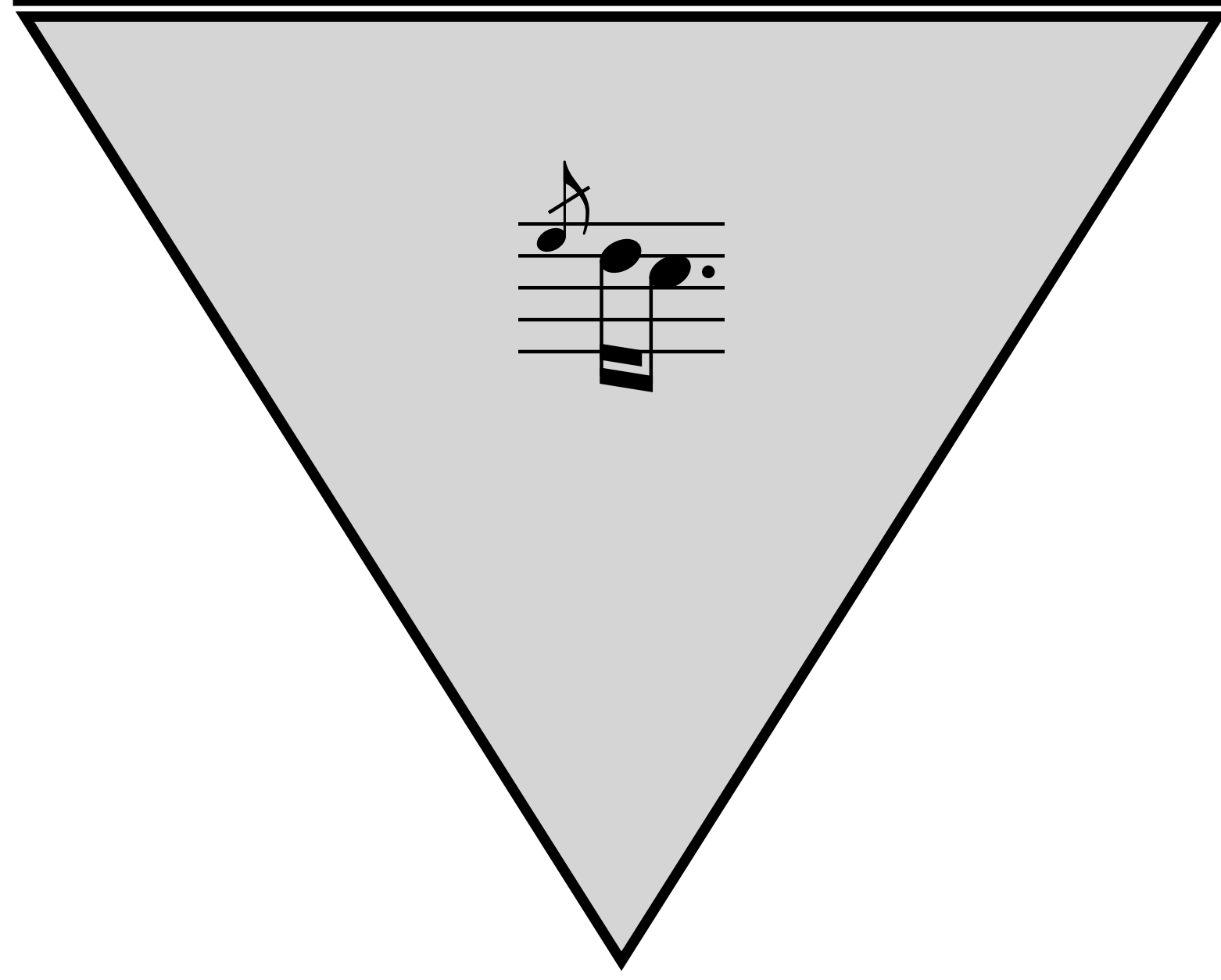


quantitative parsing



using Symbolic automata and transducers

Margus Veanes, Loris d'Antoni et al.
CAV 2017, CACM 2021



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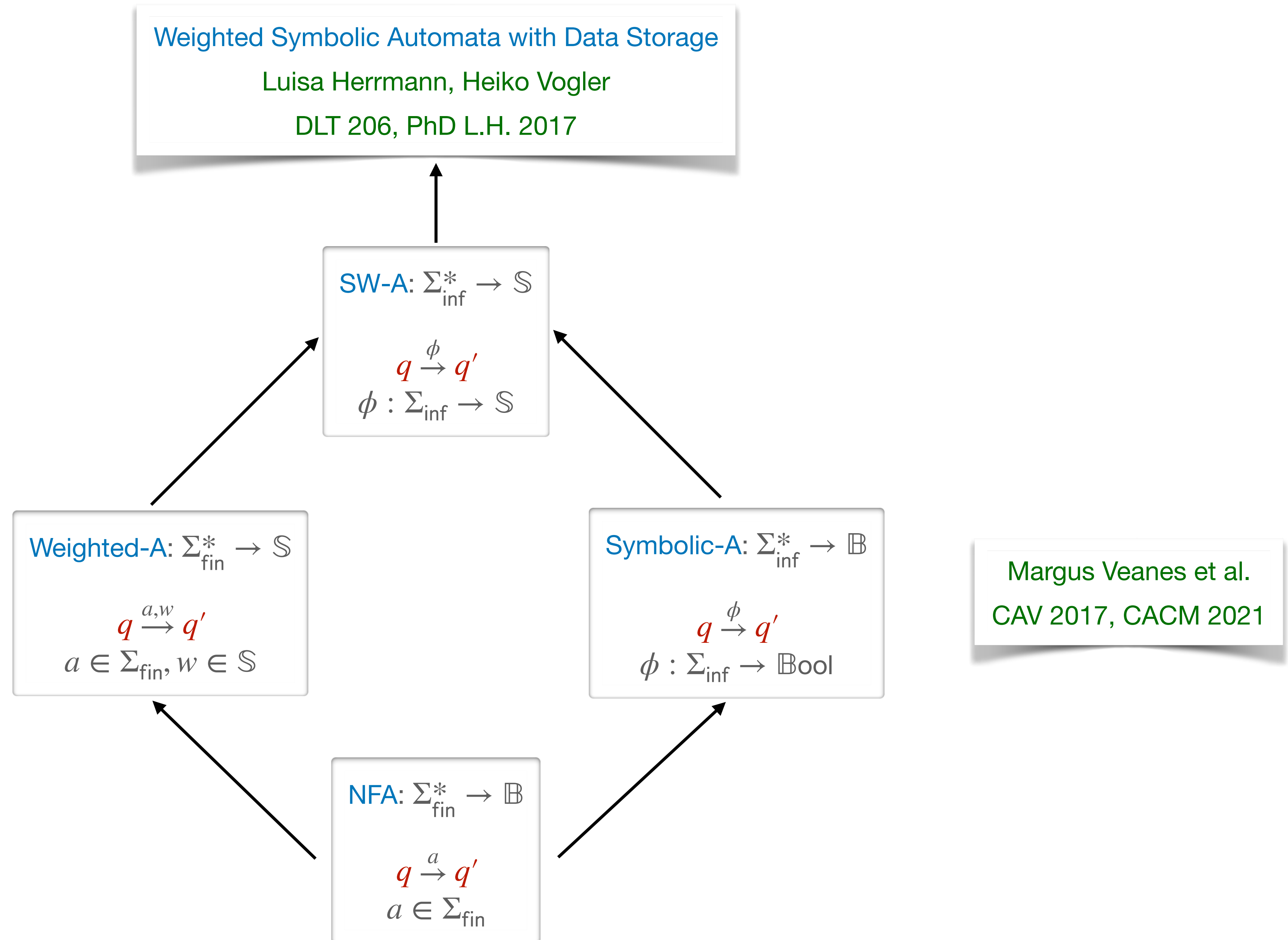
Symbolic Weighted Automata

\mathbb{B} is the Boolean algebra

\mathcal{S} is a semiring

Σ_{fin} is a finite alphabet

Σ_{inf} is an infinite alphabet



In general, the weight values are taken in a **Semiring** $\langle \mathbb{S}, \oplus, \ominus, \otimes, \mathbb{1} \rangle$

- \oplus is associative and commutative, with neutral element \ominus
- \otimes is associative, with neutral element $\mathbb{1}$
- \otimes distributes over \oplus : $x \otimes (y \oplus z) = (x \otimes y) \oplus (x \otimes z)$
- \ominus is absorbing for \otimes : $\ominus \otimes x = \ominus$

\mathbb{S} is:

- **commutative** if \otimes is commutative
- **idempotent** if $x \oplus x = x$
- **complete** if \oplus extends to infinite sums, denoted by $\bigoplus_{i \in I} x_i$ for $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

$\bigoplus_{i \in I}$ associative, commutative and \otimes distributes over $\bigoplus_{i \in I}$

	domain	\oplus	\otimes	\ominus	$\mathbb{1}$
Boolean	$\{\perp, \top\}$	\vee	\wedge	\perp	\top
Viterbi	$[0,1] \subset \mathbb{R}$	max	\times	0	1
Tropical min-plus	$\mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$	min	+	$+\infty$	0

Manfred Droste, Werner Kuich, Heiko Vogler
Handbook of Weighted Automata, 2009

Intuitively, \otimes is for the aggregating the weight of the transitions involved in a computation

\oplus is for selecting a best computation

A SW-A \mathcal{A} over Σ infinite and \mathbb{S} commutative is made of:

- a finite state set Q
- a state entering function $\text{in} : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- a state leaving function $\text{out} : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- a transition function $w : Q \times \Sigma \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$

The weight $\mathcal{A}(s) \in \mathbb{S}$ of a word $s \in \Sigma^*$ is defined by:

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q, e u, q') = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w(q, e, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q'', u, q') \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{transition step,} \\ e \in \Sigma, u \in \Sigma^* \end{array}$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q, \varepsilon, q) = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q, \varepsilon, q') = \mathbb{0} \text{ if } q \neq q'$$

} end-of-computation

$$\mathcal{A}(s) = \bigoplus_{q, q' \in Q} \text{in}(q) \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q, s, q') \otimes \text{out}(q') \quad s \in \Sigma^*$$

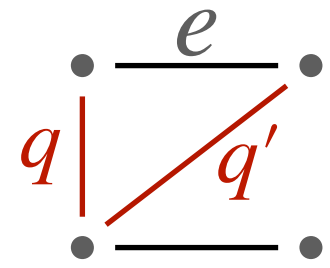
The transition function w is total.

A *missing* transition from q to q' can be specified with $w(q, a, q') = \mathbb{0}$.

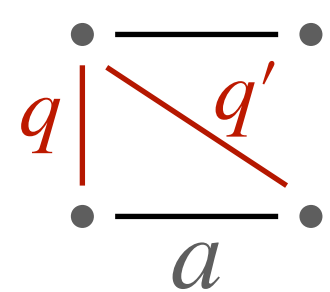
A SW-T \mathcal{T} over Σ (input), Δ (output), and \mathbb{S} commutative is made of:

- a finite state set Q
- a state entering function in : $Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- a state leaving function out : $Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- transition functions

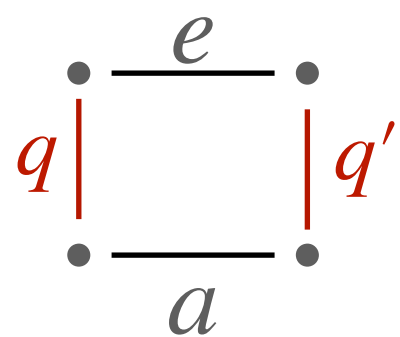
$$w_{10} : Q \times \Sigma \times \{\varepsilon\} \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$



$$w_{01} : Q \times \{\varepsilon\} \times \Delta \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$



$$w_{11} : Q \times \Sigma \times \Delta \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$



The weight $\mathcal{T}(s, t)$ of a pair of words $\langle s, t \rangle \in \Sigma^* \times \Delta^*$ is defined by:

transition: stateful edit-distance

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q, e u, a v, q') = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{10}(q, e, \varepsilon, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q'', u, a v, q') \quad \text{DEL}$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{01}(q, \varepsilon, a, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q'', e u, v, q') \quad \text{INS}$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{11}(q, e, a, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q'', u, v, q') \quad \text{SUBST}$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q, e u, \varepsilon, q') = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{10}(q, e, \varepsilon, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q'', u, \varepsilon, q')$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q, \varepsilon, a v, q') = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{01}(q, \varepsilon, a, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q'', \varepsilon, v, q')$$

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$$\mathcal{T}(s, t) = \bigoplus_{q, q' \in Q} \text{in}(q) \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q, s, t, q') \otimes \text{out}(q')$$

EOC

Symbolic Weighted Transducer Example

Over the min-plus semiring

read the ornament (*appoggiatura*):

$$w_{11}(q_0, e_{\text{on}} \cdot \tau, app_{e,d} \cdot \theta, q_d) = |\theta - \tau|$$

$$w_{10}(q_d, d_{\text{on}} \cdot \tau, \varepsilon, q_0) = 0$$

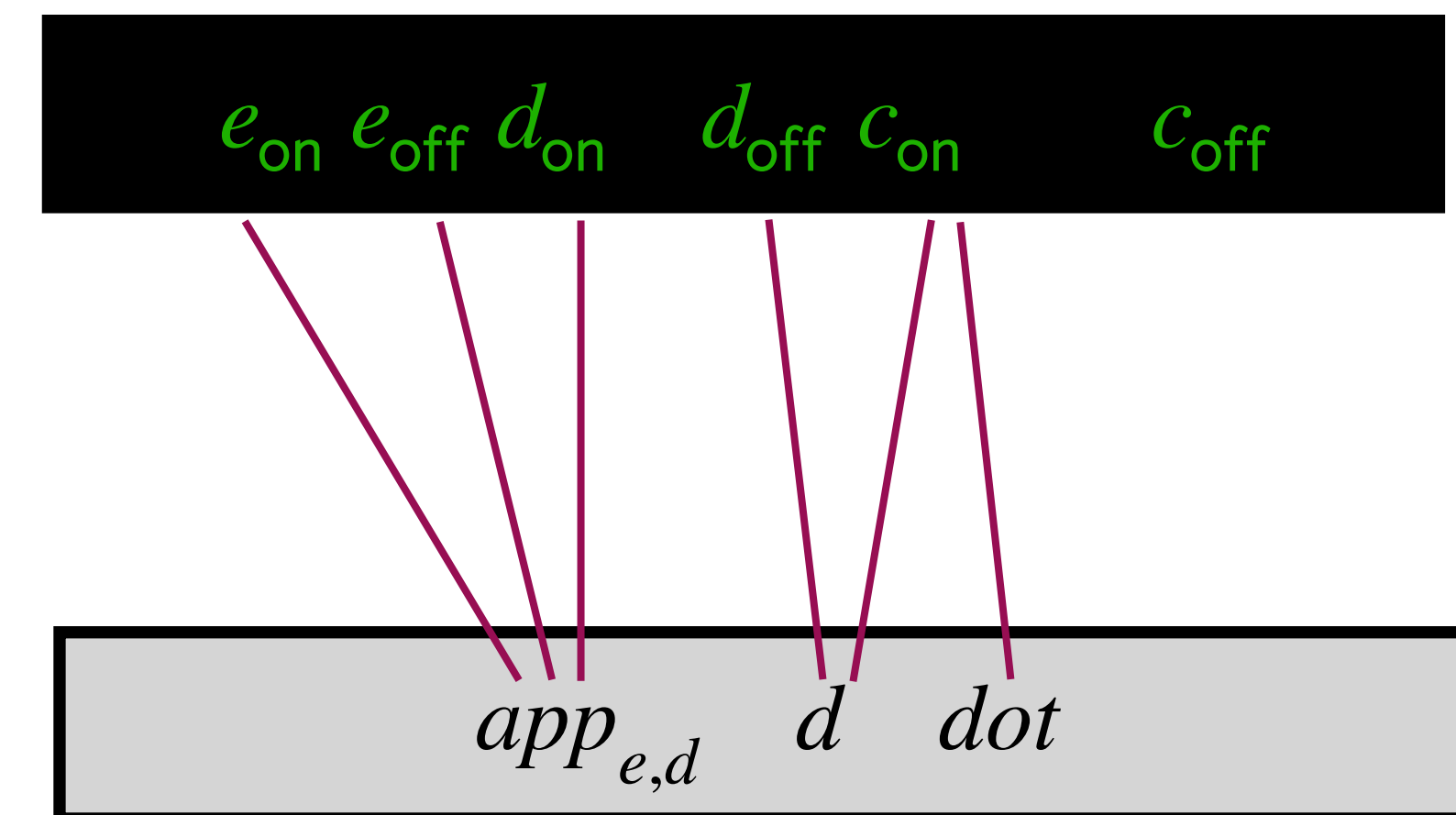
ignore the end of note *e* (*offset*)

$$w_{10}(q_0, e_{\text{off}} \cdot \tau, \varepsilon, q_0) = 0$$

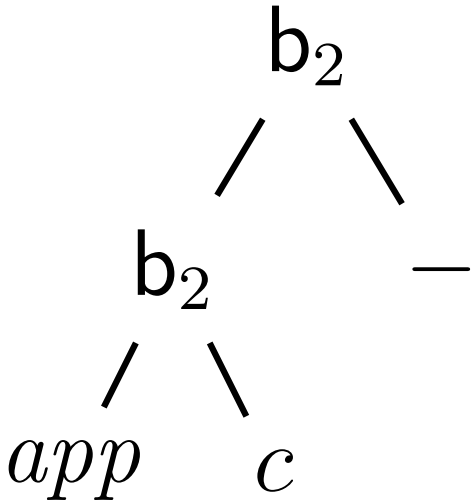
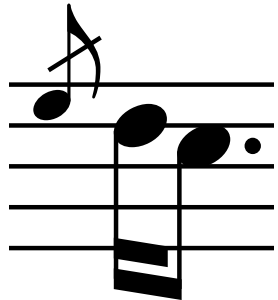
read a note continuation (*tie*)

$$w_{01}(q_0, \varepsilon, -.\theta, q_0) = 0$$

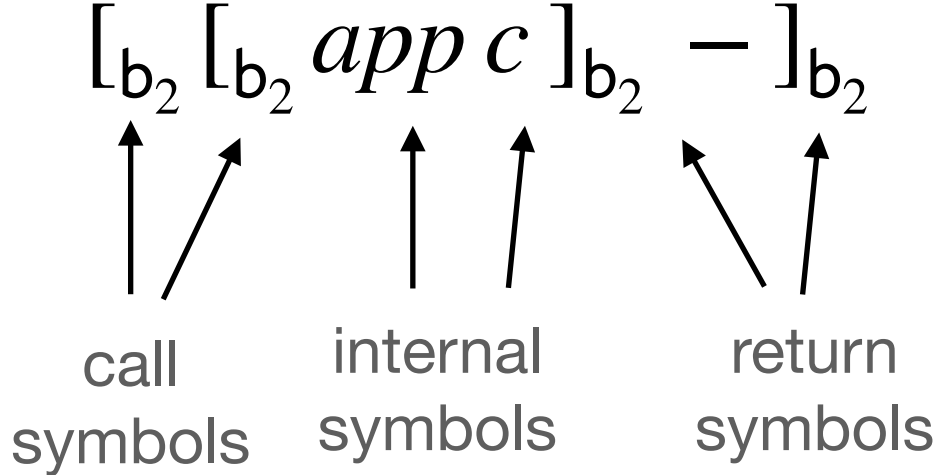
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from words to trees structured words



linearised into

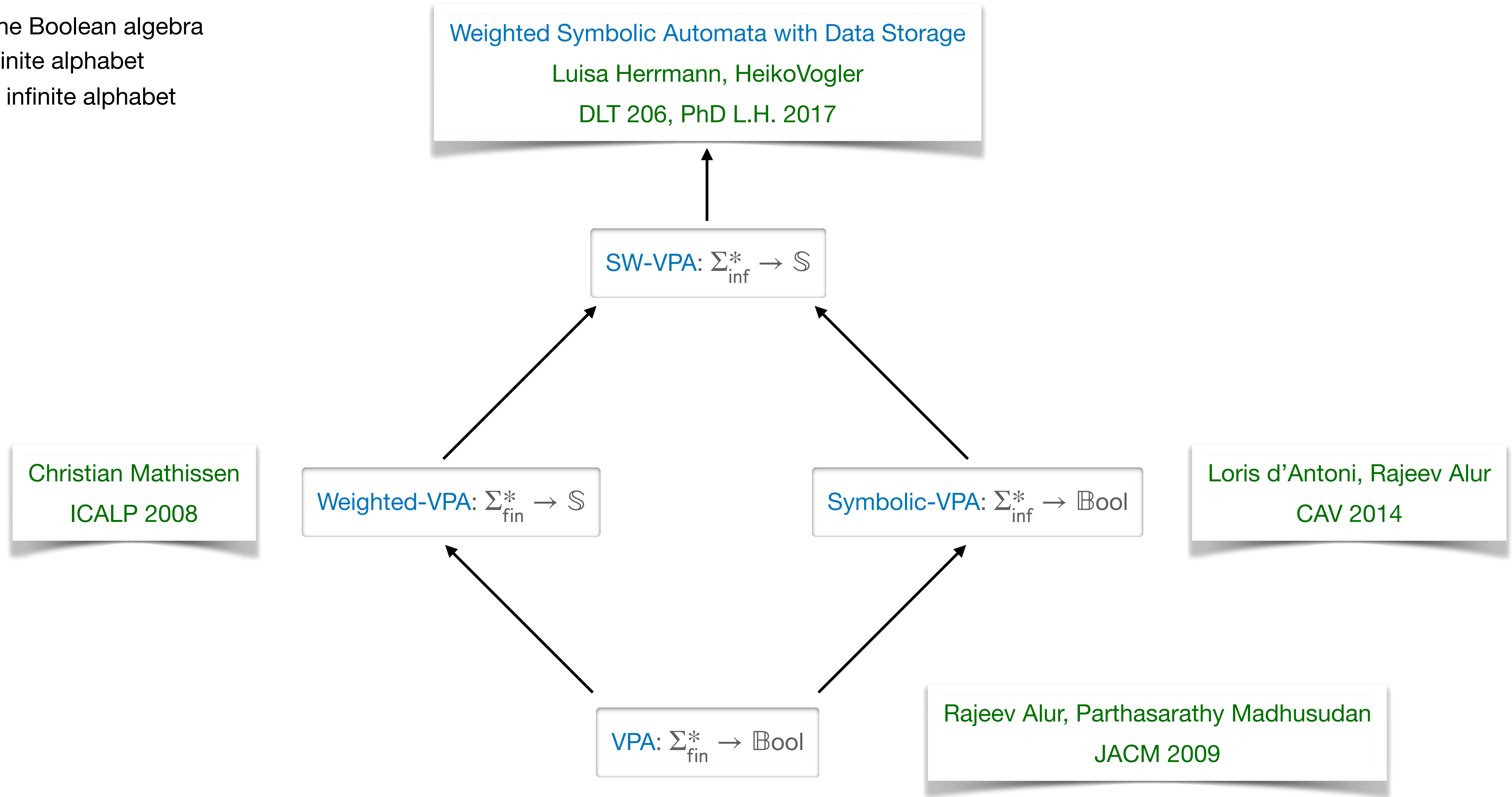


$$\Delta = \Delta_c \uplus \Delta_i \uplus \Delta_r$$

Rajeev Alur, Parthasarathy Madhusudan
Adding Nesting Structure to Words
JACM 2009

Symbolic Weighted Visibly Pushdown Automata

\mathbb{B} ool is the Boolean algebra
 Σ_{fin} is a finite alphabet
 Σ_{inf} is an infinite alphabet



A SW-VPA \mathcal{A} over $\Delta = \Delta_c \uplus \Delta_r \uplus \Delta_i$ and \mathbb{S} commutative is made of:

- a finite state set Q
- a finite set of stack symbols P
- a state entering function $\text{in} : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- a state leaving function $\text{out} : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- transition functions

$$w_i : Q \times \Delta_i \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$w_c : Q \times \Delta_c \times Q \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$w_r : Q \times \underbrace{\Delta_c \times P}_{\text{stack top}} \times \Delta_r \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q[\gamma], a v, q'[\gamma']) = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_i(q, a, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q''[\gamma], v, q'[\gamma']) \quad \begin{array}{l} a \in \Delta_i \\ v \in \Delta^* \end{array}$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q[\gamma], c v, q'[\gamma']) = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q, p \in P} w_c(q, c, q'', p) \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q''[\langle c, p \rangle \gamma], v, q'[\gamma']) \quad c \in \Delta_c$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q[\langle c, p \rangle \gamma], r v, q'[\gamma']) = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_r(q, \underbrace{c, p}_{\text{stack top}}, r, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q''[\gamma], v, q'[\gamma']) \quad r \in \Delta_r$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q[\gamma], \varepsilon, \varepsilon, q[\gamma]) = \mathbb{1} \\ \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q[\gamma], \varepsilon, \varepsilon, q'[\gamma']) = \mathbb{0} \text{ if } q \neq q' \text{ or } \gamma \neq \gamma' \end{array} \right\} \text{end-of-computation}$$

the return transition read both the a top stack and an input symbol.

Loris d'Antoni, Rajeev Alur
CAV 2014

$$\mathcal{A}(t) = \bigoplus_{q, q' \in Q} \text{in}(q) \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{A}}(q, t, q') \otimes \text{out}(q')$$

Symbolic Weighted Visibly Pushdown Transducers (SW-VPT)

A SW-VPT \mathcal{T} over Σ (input),
 $\Delta = \Delta_c \uplus \Delta_r \uplus \Delta_i$ (output),
and \mathbb{S} commutative is made of:

- a finite state set Q
- a state entering function $\text{in} : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- a state leaving function $\text{out} : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$
- transition functions

$$w_{10} : Q \times \Sigma \times \{\varepsilon\} \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$w_{01} : Q \times \{\varepsilon\} \times \Delta_i \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$w_{11} : Q \times \Sigma \times \Delta_i \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$w_c : Q \times \{\varepsilon\} \times \Delta_c \times Q \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$w_r : Q \times \Delta_c \times P \times \{\varepsilon\} \times \Delta_r \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

stack
input
output

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q[\gamma], e u, a v, q'[\gamma']) = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{10}(q, e, \varepsilon, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q''[\gamma], u, a v, q'[\gamma'])$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{01}(q, \varepsilon, a, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q''[\gamma], e u, v, q'[\gamma'])$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_{11}(q, e, a, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q''[\gamma], u, v, q'[\gamma'])$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e \in \Sigma \\ u \in \Sigma^* \\ a \in \Delta_i \\ v \in \Delta^* \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q[\gamma], u, c v, q'[\gamma']) = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q, p \in P} w_c(q, \varepsilon, c, q'', p) \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q''[\langle c, p \rangle \gamma], u, v, q'[\gamma']) \quad c \in \Delta_c$$

$$\text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q[\langle c, p \rangle \gamma], u, r v, q'[\gamma']) = \bigoplus_{q'' \in Q} w_r(q, c, p, \varepsilon, r, q'') \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q''[\gamma], u, v, q'[\gamma']) \quad r \in \Delta_r$$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \text{EOC} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(s, t) = \bigoplus_{q, q' \in Q} \text{in}(q) \otimes \text{weight}_{\mathcal{T}}(q, s, t, q') \otimes \text{out}(q')$$

Th.1: Given a **SW-VPT** \mathcal{T} over Σ , $\Delta = \Delta_c \uplus \Delta_r \uplus \Delta_i$, and commutative \mathbb{S} , and a **SW-VPA** \mathcal{A} over Δ , and \mathbb{S} , one can construct in PTIME a **SW-VPT** $\mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ over Σ , Δ , and \mathbb{S} such that $\forall s \in \Sigma^* (\mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{A})(s, t) = \mathcal{T}(s, t) \otimes \mathcal{A}(t)$.

proof:

Cartesian product construction to simulate synchronized computations of \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{A} :

$$w'_{10}(\langle q_{\mathcal{T}}, q_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle, e, \varepsilon, \langle q'_{\mathcal{T}}, q_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle) = w_{10}(q_{\mathcal{T}}, e, \varepsilon, q'_{\mathcal{T}})$$

$$w'_{10}(\langle q_{\mathcal{T}}, q_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle, e, \varepsilon, \langle q'_{\mathcal{T}}, q'_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle) = \mathbb{0} \quad \text{if } q_{\mathcal{A}} \neq q'_{\mathcal{A}}$$

$$w'_{01}(\langle q_{\mathcal{T}}, q_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle, \varepsilon, a, \langle q_{\mathcal{T}}, q'_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle) = w_i(q_{\mathcal{A}}, a, q'_{\mathcal{A}})$$

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$$w'_{11}(\langle q_{\mathcal{T}}, q_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle, e, a, \langle q'_{\mathcal{T}}, q'_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle) = w_{11}(q_{\mathcal{T}}, e, a, q'_{\mathcal{T}}) \otimes w_i(q_{\mathcal{A}}, a, q'_{\mathcal{A}})$$

Th.2: Given a **SW-VPT** \mathcal{T} over Σ , $\Delta = \Delta_c \uplus \Delta_r \uplus \Delta_i$, and commutative, complete, idempotent \mathbb{S} , and $s \in \Sigma$, one can construct in PTIME a **SW-VPA** \mathcal{T}_s over Δ and \mathbb{S} such that $\forall t \in \Delta^* \mathcal{T}_s(t) = \mathcal{T}(s, t)$.

proof:

1. extension of SW-VPA with ε -transitions: $w_{00} : Q \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$.

2. construction of a SW-VPA $\mathcal{T}_s^\varepsilon$ with ε -transitions such that $\forall t \in \Delta^* \mathcal{T}_s^\varepsilon(t) = \mathcal{T}(s, t)$

let $\mathcal{T} = \langle Q, P, \text{in}, w_{10}, w_{01}, w_{11}, w_c, w_r, \text{out} \rangle$ and $s = e_1 \dots e_k$. $Q' = [0..k] \times Q$, transition functions of \mathcal{T}_s :

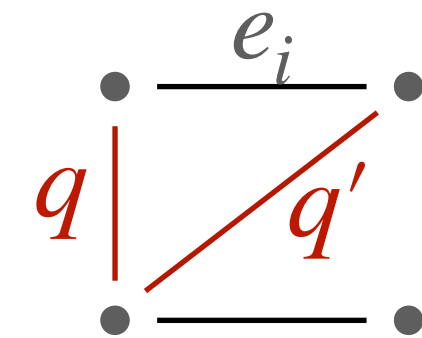
$$w_i'(\langle i, q \rangle, a, \langle i, q' \rangle) = w_{01}(q, \varepsilon, a, q')$$

$$w_i'(\langle i, q \rangle, a, \langle i+1, q' \rangle) = w_{11}(q, e_i, a, q')$$

$$w_{00}'(\langle i, q \rangle, \langle i+1, q' \rangle) = w_{10}(q, e_i, \varepsilon, q')$$

$$w_c'(\langle i, q \rangle, c, \langle i, q' \rangle, p) = w_c(q, \varepsilon, c, q', p), \quad w_r'(\langle i, q \rangle, c, p, r, \langle i, q' \rangle) = w_r(q, c, p, \varepsilon, r, q')$$

introducing ε -transition



3. removal of ε -transitions: construction of a SW-VPA \mathcal{T}_s such that $\forall t \in \Delta^* \mathcal{T}_s(t) = \mathcal{T}_s^\varepsilon(t)$

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precompute ε -sequences $\ell(q, q') = \bigoplus_{q_0=q, q_n=q'} \bigotimes_{i=0}^{n-1} w_{00}(q_i, q_{i+1})$ without repetition by **idempotency** of \mathbb{S} ,

and complete transition functions with them.

Searching for a minimal witness for a SW-VPA

Th.3: Given a effective **SW-VPA** \mathcal{A} over $\Delta = \Delta_c \uplus \Delta_r \uplus \Delta_i$, and commutative, complete, idempotent, total and bounded \mathbb{S} , one can construct in PTIME $t \in \Delta^*$ such that $\mathcal{A}(t) = \bigoplus_{v \in \Delta} \mathcal{T}(v)$.

The restrictions

\mathbb{S} is assumed :

- **idempotent** $x \oplus x = x$ It induces a partial **ordering**: $x \leq_{\oplus} y$ iff $x \oplus y = x$
- **total** : $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{S}$, either $x \oplus y = x$ or $x \oplus y = y$ i.e. \leq_{\oplus} is total
- **bounded** : $\perp \oplus x = \perp$, or equivalently: $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{S}$, $x \leq_{\oplus} x \otimes y$
i.e. combining elements with \otimes always increases their weight,
see the *non-negative weights* condition for Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm.

	domain	\oplus	\otimes	\ominus	\perp
Boolean	$\{\perp, \top\}$	\vee	\wedge	\perp	\top
Viterbi	$[0,1] \subset \mathbb{R}$	max	\times	0	1
Tropical min-plus	$\mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$	min	+	$+\infty$	0

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The restrictions

\mathcal{A} is assumed **effective**: for all $q, q' \in Q$

the global minimum $\bigoplus_{a \in \Delta_i} w_i(q, a, q')$ is known, as well as one $a_0 \in \Delta_i$ making $w_i(q, a_0, q')$ reach this minimum.

Similarly for $\bigoplus_{c \in \Delta_c} w_c(q, c, q', p)$ and $\bigoplus_{c \in \Delta_c} \bigoplus_{r \in \Delta_r} w_r(q, c, p, r, q')$.

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Let $\mathcal{A} = \langle Q, P, \text{in}, w_i, w_c, w_r, \text{out} \rangle$. We build a **weighted graph** $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A})$ with **vertices** of the form

- $\langle q, \perp, q' \rangle$: computations starting in state q with empty stack and ending in state q' with empty stack.
 - $\langle q, \top, q' \rangle$: computations starting in state q with a non-empty stack γ and ending in state q' with the same stack γ .
- and weighted **edges** expressing the extension of the represented computations:

$$- \langle q_1, \perp, q_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{a \in \Delta_i \bigoplus (w_i(q_1, a, q_2))} \langle q_0, \perp, q_3 \rangle \text{ the computation is extended with one internal transition step.}$$

$$- \langle q_1, \top, q_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{p \in P} \bigoplus_{c \in \Delta_c} (w_c(q_0, c, q_1, p)) \otimes \bigoplus_{r \in \Delta_r} w_r(q_2, c, p, r, q_3)} \langle q_0, \perp, q_3 \rangle$$

the computation is extended with one call step on the left and one return on the right.

$$- \langle q_1, \top, q_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{p \in P} \bigoplus_{c \in \Delta_c} (w_c(q_0, c, q_1, p)) \otimes \bigoplus_{r \in \Delta_r} w_r(q_2, c, p, r, q_3)} \langle q_0, \top, q_3 \rangle.$$

For all $q, q' \in Q$ search for a best path in $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A})$ from some $\langle q_0, \perp, q_0 \rangle$ or $\langle q_0, \top, q_0 \rangle$ and ending with $\langle q, \perp, q' \rangle$.

Assuming:

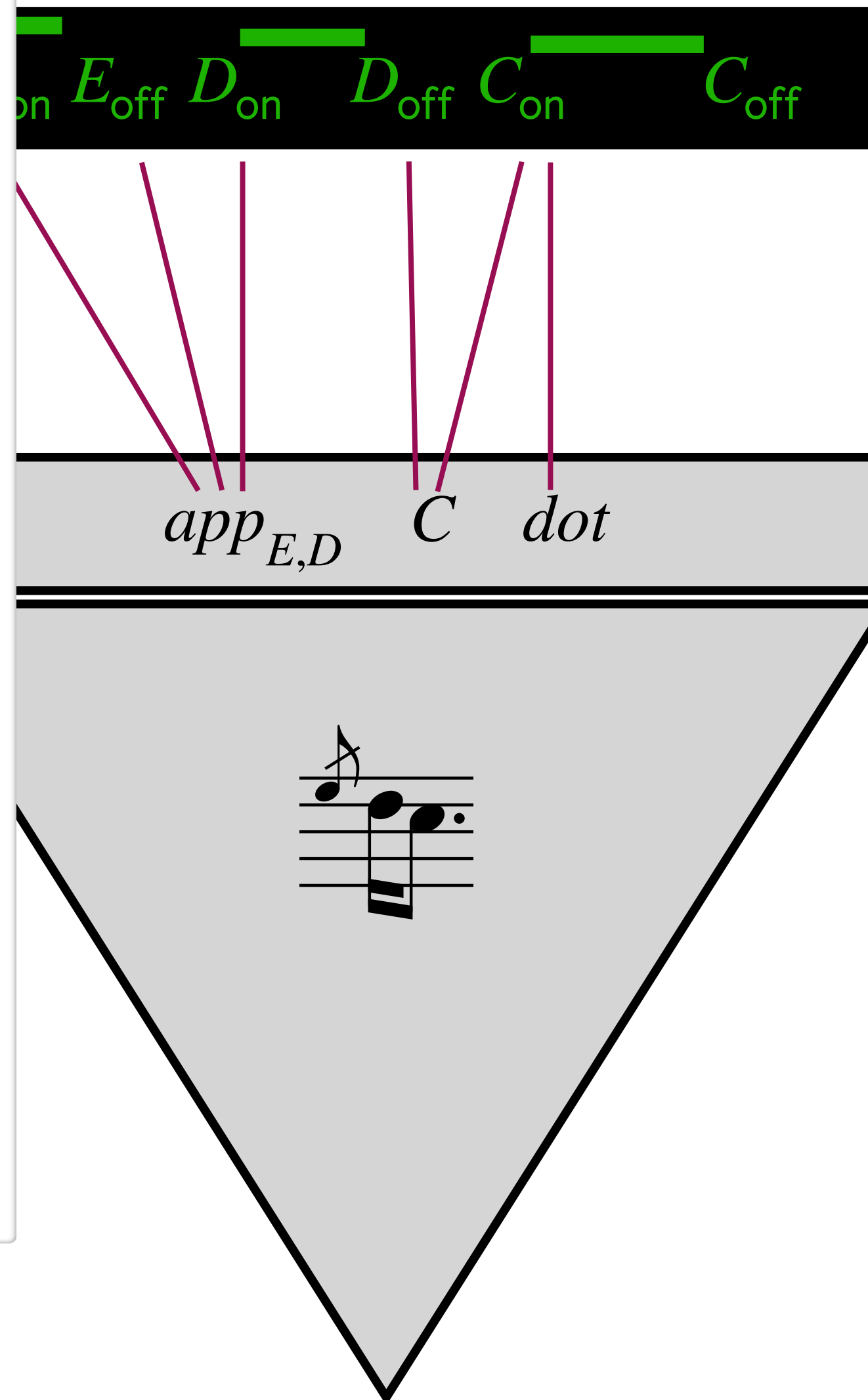
- Σ input alphabet
- $\Delta = \Delta_c \uplus \Delta_r \uplus \Delta_i$
- \mathcal{S} commutative

Given:

- a **SW-T** \mathcal{T} over Σ, Δ , and \mathcal{S}
 $\mathcal{T} : \Sigma^* \times \Delta^* \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$
- a **SW-VPA** \mathcal{A} over Δ , and \mathcal{S}
 $\mathcal{A} : \Delta^* \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$
- an unstructured **input word** $s \in \Sigma^*$

Find a tree structured **output word** $t \in \Delta^*$ s.t.

$$\mathcal{T}(s, t) \otimes \mathcal{A}(t) = \bigoplus_{v \in \Delta^*} \mathcal{T}(s, v) \otimes \mathcal{A}(v)$$



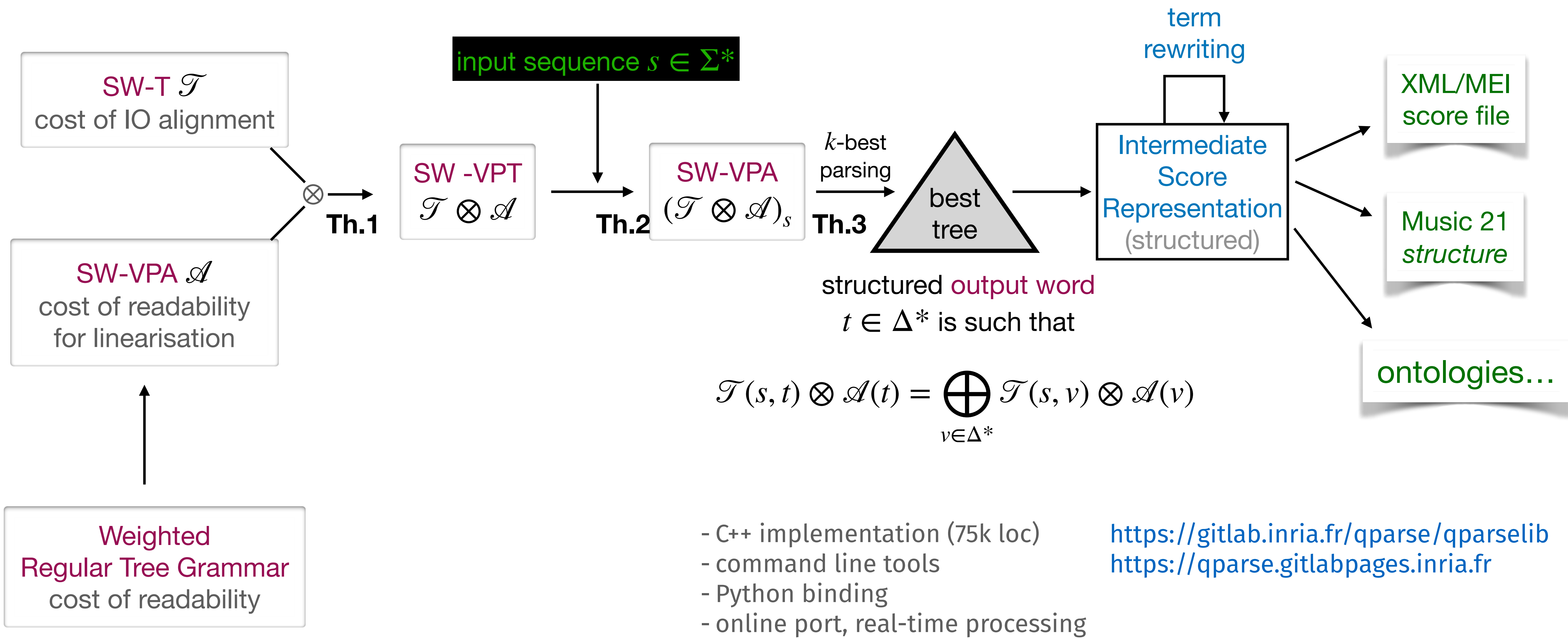
measure of input-output alignment
 computed by the
 Weighted word-to-word Transducer

$\mathcal{T}(s, t)$

\otimes

$\mathcal{A}(t)$

weight value computed
 by the Weighted Tree Grammar



Monophonic transcription: evaluation on a method for learning rhythm

monophonic : one note at a time

Good results for complex cases (ornaments, mixed tuplets, mixed note durations, silences...)

~ 100ms for the transcription of 1 score

Polonaise in D minor from Notebook for Anna Magdalena
Bach BWV Anh II 128

original score

transcription of MIDI recording by [qparse](#)

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Moderato

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FiloBass by John-Xavier Riley (QMUL, C4DM) project “*Dig That Lick*”

- jazz bass lines, acc. of saxophone
- 48 tracks,
24 recorded hours of melodies and improvisations
- qparse as backend of an audio-to-MIDI
transcription procedure
- prior beat (measure) tracking

The image displays ten staves of musical notation, each representing a measure of a bass line. The notation is written in a bass clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The measures are numbered 80, 86, 92, 98, 104, 110, 116, 122, 128, 134, 140, and 146. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes), rests, and accidentals (sharps, flats, and naturals). Some measures feature triplets, indicated by a '3' below the notes. The overall style is characteristic of jazz bass line notation, showing a mix of rhythmic patterns and melodic lines.

Groove MIDI Dataset

- by Google Magenta
- 13.6 hours, 1150 MIDI files, ~ 22000 measures recorded by professional drummers on a electronic drum kit
- audio (wav) files synthesized from (and aligned to) MIDI files for evaluation of audio-to-MIDI drum transcription
- no score files!



Scoring the GMD with qparse

Martin Digard (INALCO)

- all score files (XML) produced from the MIDI files with the same generic tree grammar (4/4 measure)
- polyphonic case-study, simpler than piano
- specific drumming constraints (hands ≤ 2 , feet ≤ 2)
- processing errors from MIDI sensors

A musical score for a drum set in 4/4 time, showing 29 measures of notation. The score is written on a grand staff with a double bar line on the left. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, such as eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, and 29 indicated. The notation is complex, with many notes and rests, and includes some dynamic markings like accents and slurs.

- closure results and 1-best parsing algorithm for classes of Symbolic Weighted (Visibly Pushdown) Automata and Transducers
- application to parsing in presence of infinite alphabets
- based on prior transducer computed distance between the input word and yield sequence

- implemented within a C++ library for Automated Music Transcription
- ongoing case studies on transcription of monophonic and polyphonic (drums, piano) collections

- extension of the 1-best theorem 3 to n-best
extension of this theorem from SW-VPA to SW-VPT

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!**

"I'll be Bach"

