

Hamilton Cycle Splines														
4-note chords are played with 3 and 7 up an octave and A110 = 0														
y factor														
(next)														
Anchor Note (melodic contour) Transform Folder														
Group	Bar	Chord	a, b, c, d	Type	Transition	pitch shift	cello	flute	cello	flute	cello	flute	cello	flute
1	1	A+M7	A,C#,E#,G#	[4,4,3]	a+	0,8,16,23	A110	Ab415	3	3	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	2	Bbm7	Bb,Db,F,Ab	[3,4,3]	d-	1,8,16,23	Bb (+1)	Ab415	3	3	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	3	G@7_1	Bb,Db,F,G	[3,4,2]	a-	1,8,16,22	Bb (+1)	G (-2)	3	3	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	4	A7#5	A,C#,E#,G	[4,4,2]	d-	0,8,16,22	A110	G	3	3	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
2	5	F#mM7_1	A,C#,E#,F#	[4,4,1]	a+	0,8,16,21	C# (+4)	F# (-3)	3	3	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	6	F#M7_1	A#,C#,E#,F#	[3,4,1]	b+	1,8,16,21	C#	F#	3	3	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	7	F#+M7_1	A#,D,E#,F#	[4,3,1]	c-	1,8,17,21	D (+5)	F#	3	3	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	8	F#7#5_1	A#,D,E,F#	[4,2,2]	c-	1,7,17,21	D	F#	3	3	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
3	9	EbmM7_2	Bb,D,Eb,Gb	[4,1,3]	d+	1,6,17,21	Eb (+6)	F#	3	3	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	10	EbM7_2	Bb,D,Eb,G	[4,1,4]	a+	1,6,17,22	Eb	G (-2)	3	3	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	11	Eb+M7_2	B,D,Eb,G	[3,1,4]	b-	2,6,17,22	Eb	G	3	3	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
	12	Eb7#5_2	B,Db,Eb,G	[2,2,4]	b-	2,6,16,22	Eb	G	3	3	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s3	fluteA440/mel-s3
4	13	CmM7_3	B,C,Eb,G	[1,3,4]	a-	2,6,15,22	C (+3)	Eb (-6)	2.5	2.5	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s2.5	fluteA440/mel-s2.5
	14	Cm7_3	Bb,C,Eb,G	[2,3,4]	d-	1,6,15,22	C	Eb	2.5	2.5	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s2.5	fluteA440/mel-s2.5
	15	C@7_3	Bb,C,Eb,Gb	[2,3,3]	a-	1,6,15,21	C	Eb	2.5	2.5	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s2.5	fluteA440/mel-s2.5
	16	Ao7	A,C,Eb,Gb	[3,3,3]	a-	0,6,15,21	C	Eb	2.5	2.5	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s2.5	fluteA440/mel-s2.5
5	17	Ab7	Ab,C,Eb,Gb	[4,3,3]	d+	-1,6,15,21	Ab (-1)	C (-9)	2	2	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s2.0	fluteA440/mel-s2.0
	18	AbM7	Ab,C,Eb,G	[4,3,4]	a+	-1,6,15,22	Ab	C	2	2	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s2.0	fluteA440/mel-s2.0
	19	A@7	A,C,Eb,G	[3,3,4]	b+	0,6,15,22	A (0)	C	2	2	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s2.0	fluteA440/mel-s2.0
	20	A7b5	A,C#,Eb,G	[4,2,4]	a+	0,6,16,22	A	C# (-8)	2	2	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s2.0	fluteA440/mel-s2.0
6	21	Eb7_2	Bb,Db,Eb,G	[3,2,4]	d-	1,6,16,22	C# (+4)	Eb (-6)	1.5	1.5	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s1.5	fluteA440/mel-s1.5
	22	Ebm7_2	Bb,Db,Eb,Gb	[3,2,3]	a-	1,6,16,21	C#	Eb	1.5	1.5	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s1.5	fluteA440/mel-s1.5
	23	Eb@7_2	A,Db,Eb,Gb	[4,2,3]	c+	0,6,16,21	C#	Eb	1.5	1.5	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s1.5	fluteA440/mel-s1.5
	24	F#m7_1	A,C#,E,F#	[4,3,2]	a+	0,7,16,21	C#	E (-5)	1.5	1.5	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s1.5	fluteA440/mel-s1.5
7	25	F#7_1	A#,C#,E,F#	[3,3,2]	b-	1,7,16,21	C# (+4)	E	1	1	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s1.0	fluteA440/mel-s1.0
	26	F#7b5_1	A#,C,E,F#	[2,4,2]	d+	1,7,15,21	C (+3)	E	1	1	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s1.0	fluteA440/mel-s1.0
	27	C7_3	A#,C,E,G	[2,4,3]	a+	1,7,15,22	C	E	1	1	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s1.0	fluteA440/mel-s1.0
	28	CM7_3	B,C,E,G	[1,4,3]	d+	2,7,15,22	C	E	1	1	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s1.0	fluteA440/mel-s1.0
8	29	C+M7_3	B,C,E,G#	[1,4,4]	a-	2,7,15,23	B (+2)	E (-5)	0.75	0.75	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s0.75	fluteA440/mel-s0.75
	30	C7#5_3	Bb,C,E,G#	[2,4,4]	a-	1,7,15,23	Bb (+1)	E	0.75	0.75	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s0.75	fluteA440/mel-s0.75
	31	AmM7	A,C,E,G#	[3,4,4]	a-	0,7,15,23	A (0)	E	0.75	0.75	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s0.75	fluteA440/mel-s0.75
	32	Ab+M	Ab,C,E,Ab	[4,4,4]	c+	-1,7,15,23	Ab (-1)	E	0.75	0.75	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s0.75	fluteA440/mel-s0.75

9	33	Fm_1	Ab,C,F,Ab	[4,5,3]	b-	-1,8,15,23	Ab (-1)	F (-4)	0.5	0.5	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s0.5	fluteA440/mel-s0.5
	34	Fo_1	Ab,B,F,Ab	[3,6,3]	c-	-1,8,14,23	Ab (-1)	F	0.5	0.5	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s0.5	fluteA440/mel-s0.5
	35	EM_1	G#,B,E,G#	[3,5,4]	c-	-1,7,14,23	G# (-1)	E (-5)	0.5	0.5	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s0.5	fluteA440/mel-s0.5
	36	G#m	G#,B,D#,G#	[3,4,5]	c-	-1,6,14,23	G# (-1)	D# (-6)	0.5	0.5	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s0.5	fluteA440/mel-s0.5
10	37	Abo	Ab,B,D,Ab	[3,3,6]	a-d-	-1,5,14,23	Ab (-1)	D (-7)	0.25	0.25	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s0.25	fluteA440/mel-s0.25
	38	G	G,B,D,G	[4,3,5]	a-d-	-2,5,14,22	G (-2)	D	0.25	0.25	invers	invers	cello189/mel-s0.25	fluteA440/mel-s0.25
	39	Bm_2	F#,B,D,F#	[5,3,4]	a-d-	-3,5,14,21	F# (-3)	D	0.25	0.25	retro	retro	cello189/mel-s0.25	fluteA440/mel-s0.25
	40	Bo_2	F,B,D,F	[6,3,3]	b-	-4,5,14,20	F (-4)	D	0.25	0.25	ret-inv	ret-inv	cello189/mel-s0.25	fluteA440/mel-s0.25
11	41	BbM_2	F,Bb,D,F	[5,4,3]	(a+)	-4,5,13,20	F (-4)	D (-7)	0	0	prime	prime	cello189/mel-s0.0	fluteA440/mel-s0.0
(here the cycle could return to type 1:)														
		F#+M7	Gb,Bb,D,F	[4,4,3]	etc									
Notes by column left to right:														
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1	group = 4 bar chunk for melodic transforms in order prime, inversion, retrograde, retrograde inversion													
2	bar = one chord arpeggiated then twice as block, 41 bars total for the Hamilton cycle through all types													
3	chord = seventh chord name, using underscore _n for inversion n, @ for half diminished, + for augmented													
4	a,b,c,d = notes of chord in standard form (within one octave), pitch low to high													
5	[x,y,z] = semitone separation type, x=b-a (# semitones between a and b), y=c-b, z=d-c													
6	transition = which note(s) to raise or lower by one semitone to reach the next chord in the sequence													
7	pitch shift = numeric value of notes with A110 = 0, counting up or down in semitones													
8	Anchor note (cello/flute) = one note in melodic fragment tied to this anchor note in chord,													
9	first note for prime and inversion, last for retrograde and retrograde inversion													
10	y factor (melodic) = scaled y axis for melodic contour, with max 3 chosen to give initial pitch spread of about one octave													
11	and scaling down in discrete chunks toward zero which means no change of y-value, so no change in pitch													
12	transform = prime (melodic fragment from spline cycle, scaled), inversion (negate y), retrograde (run backwards),													
13	retrograde inversion (run backwards and negate y)													
14	folder = directory (flute/cello) to find files for given melodic fragments													
15	(same)													
Other Notes:														
	1 Chords are played in Hamilton Cycle Splines with notes b and d up an octave, so in pitch increasing order: a,c,b,d													
	2 So the Dominant seventh chord in root position, with type [4,3,3] for example, is voiced: Ab,Eb,C,Gb													
	3 See [1] for details about the set of 41 [x,y,z] types and constraint-based systems of seventh chords.													
	4 The name is a pun on "cycle" which is used in the harmonic progression which follows a Hamilton Cycle (see [1]), and in the melodic contours, which are generated using spline models of cycles extracted from audio samples, or Cycle Splines (see [2] and [3]).													

References: (at <https://azrael.digipen.edu/research/>)

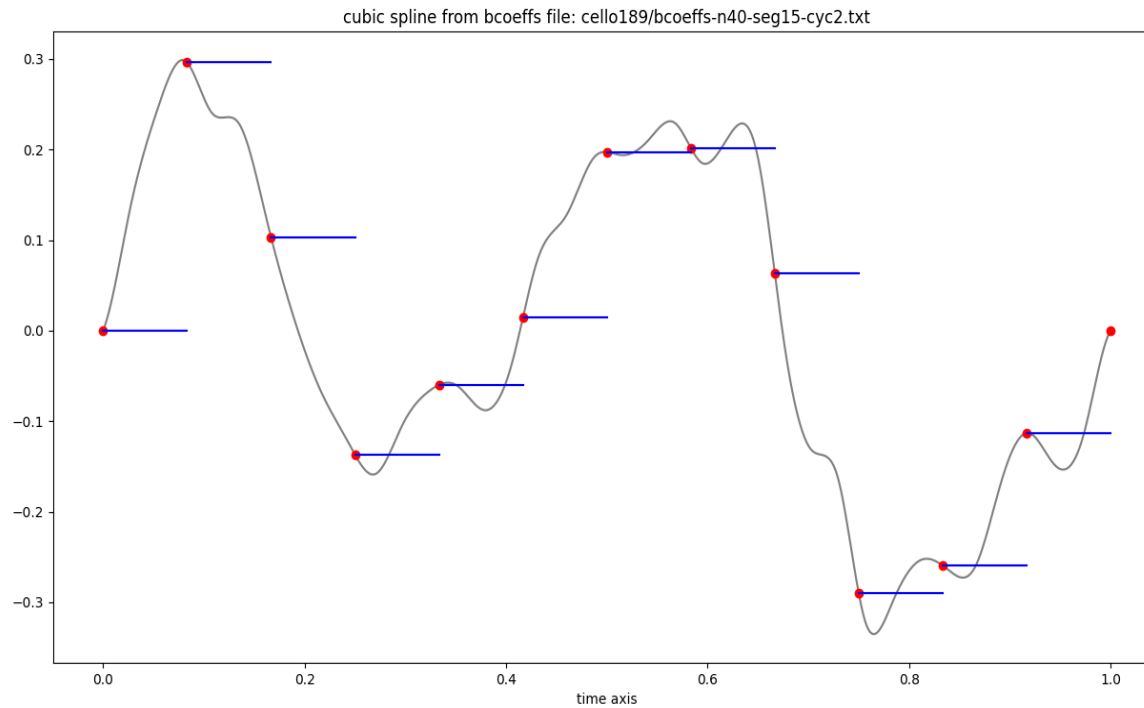
- [1] Constraint-Based Systems of Triads and Seventh Chords, and Parsimonious Voice-Leading, MCM 2019
- [2] Spline modeling of audio signals and cycle interpolation, MCM2022
- [3] Melodic Contour Generation with Spline Models of Cycles, MCM2024
- [4] TorchAudioSplines (github) <https://github.com/mattjklassen/TorchAudioSplines>

Notes on graphs of melodic contours:

- 1 The following two plots are outputs from matplotlib in python. Each plot represents one cycle from an audio sample of one note played on cello or flute.
- 2 For discussion of cycles based on zero crossings see [2] and for their use as melodic contours see [3].
- 3 These two contours are the only ones used in the composition Hamilton Cycle Splines.
- 4 The y factor scales the y axis before determining pitches with fundamental frequency $f_0 = F_0 * 2^y$, with some reference or starting frequency F_0 .
- 5 The cent value of the interval from F_0 to $F_0 * 2^y$ is then simply $1200 * y$.
- 6 Since the cello max value is about 0.3 we get with scale factor 3 the max of about 0.9, or cent value $1200 * 0.9 = 1080$, a slightly flat major seventh
- 7 Since the flute max value is about 0.275 we get with scale factor 3 the max of about 0.825, or cent value $1200 * 0.825 = 990$, a slightly flat minor seventh
- 8 More precise cent values for the melodic fragments with y scale value 3 are given below after each plot.

Notes on video of Hamilton Cycle Splines playing back through Reaper:

- 1 The tracks in Reaper contain short wav file segments, with "cello-like" on top, chords in the middle, and "flute-like" at the bottom.
- 2 Bar numbers are at the top in small red dots, and chord symbols appear as labels at the top of each bar.
- 3 A "+1" or a "-1" appears in front of any voice which is about to change by one semitone.
- 4 In the first 3 groups (12 bars) there is no change to the pitch spread in the melodic parts, since all have y factor 3.
- 5 In the first 3 groups the melodic parts are shifted about, or transposed, which can be seen by noting the anchor notes.
- 6 In bar 13 the melodic fragments are slightly contracted in spread, with y factor 2.5.
- 7 Starting with bar 13, or group 4, each successive group has contracted pitch spread.



melody summary:

number of notes = 12, initial f0 = 110.0

first note duration = 0.125, total time in seconds = 1.5

prime sequence of intervals between notes as cent values:

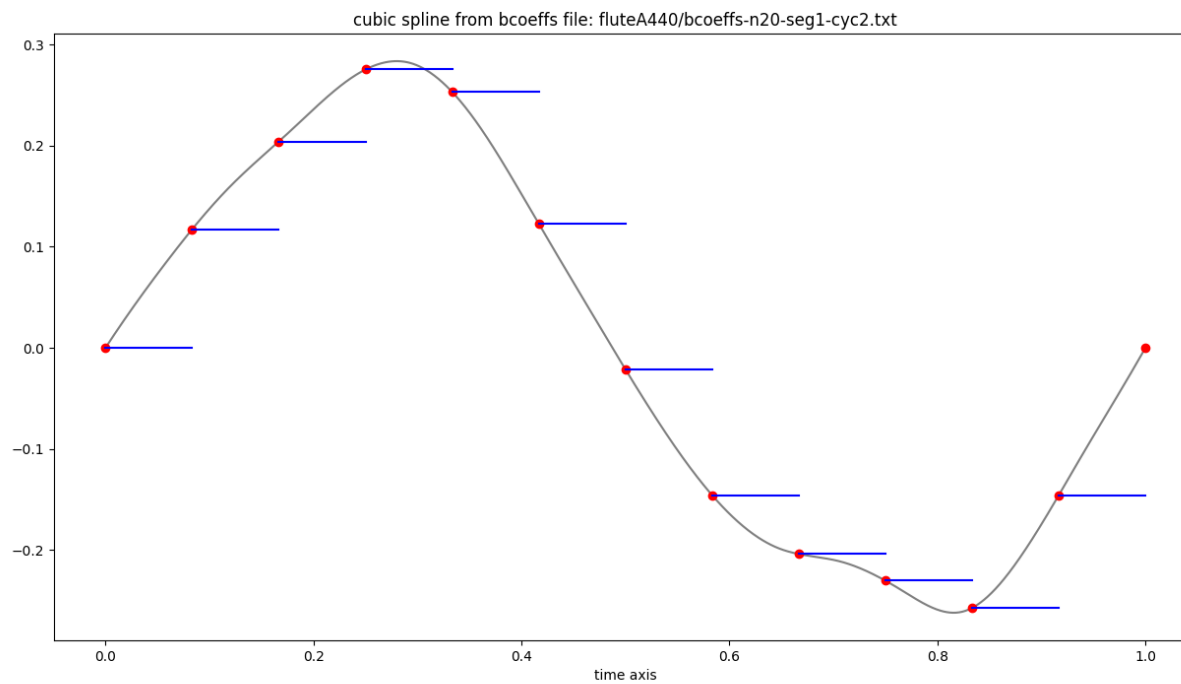
1065, -693, -864, 277, 267, 658, 15, -498, -1272, 110, 527

prime sequence of intervals relative to initial f0 as 0:

0, 1065, 371, -493, -215, 51, 710, 726, 228, -1044, -933, -406

prime sequence of fundamental frequency f0 values:

110, 203, 136, 82, 97, 113, 165, 167, 125, 60, 64, 86



number of notes = 12, initial f0 = 440.0

first note duration = 0.125, total time in seconds = 1.5

prime sequence of intervals between notes as cent values:

422, 312, 256, -79, -470, -518, -448, -209, -95, -97, 401

prime sequence of intervals relative to initial f0 as 0:

0, 422, 735, 991, 911, 441, -76, -525, -734, -829, -926, -525

prime sequence of fundamental frequency f0 values:

440, 561, 672, 780, 745, 567, 420, 324, 287, 272, 257, 324