

An Algebraic Structure of Music Theory

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Abstract We may define a binary relation. Then a nonempty finite set equipped with the binary relation is called a circle set. And we define a bijective mapping of the circle set, and the mapping is called a shift. We may construct a pitch structure over a circle set. And we may define a tonic and step of a pitch structure. Then the ordered pair of the tonic and step is called the key of the pitch structure. Then we define a key transpose along a shift. And a key transpose is said to be regular if it consists of stretches, shrinks and a shift. A key transpose is regular if and only if it satisfies some hypotheses.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In [definition 3.1](#), we define a binary relation ' \emptyset '. Then a non-vacuous finite set P equipped with the binary relation \emptyset is called a circle set, and we define a bijective mapping δ that is called shift if the mapping is compatible with \emptyset , see [definition 3.2](#).

A circle set has no heads, but we may select a member as a head. Hence we define a tonic(cf. [4]) τ of P in [definition 3.3](#).

Let $\mathbb{S} := \{\blacksquare, \dashv, \emptyset\}$ be a set. The members of \mathbb{S} is called scales(cf. [4]), and we define a function $\lambda: P \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$ given by assigning to an ordered pair of P a scale, see [definition 3.4](#) for more details.

Two unary relations ' \sharp ' and ' \flat ' on a circle set P are defined in [definitions 3.5](#) and [3.6](#), respectively.

Let $\mathcal{L} := \{\lambda, \tau, \mathbb{S}, \emptyset\}$ be a language. Then we may construct a partial structure \mathbf{M} of the language \mathcal{L} over a circle set P , and the partial structure \mathbf{M} is called the pitch structure, see [definition 3.7](#) for more details.

Then we obtain a sequence of the scales, the sequence is called the step of the pitch structure \mathbf{M} , and denoted by $SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M})$, see [definition 3.8](#) for more details. The ordered pair $\langle \tau_M, SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) \rangle$ is called the key(cf. [4]) of \mathbf{M} , see [definition 3.9](#).

Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are two pitch structures over a circle set P . Then a bijective mapping $\kappa: SS(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS(\mathbf{N})$ is called a key transpose(cf. [4]) along a shift δ if the mapping κ satisfies the hypotheses of [definition 3.10](#).

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We say that a key transpose κ is regular if κ consists of stretches, shrinks and a shift, see [definitions 3.11](#) and [3.12](#) for details. And some members of P , that is invariant under κ , are called κ -invariant, see [definition 3.13](#). A key transpose κ is regular if and only if [lemma 3.1](#) and [lemma 3.2](#) holds, see [proposition 3.2](#) for more details.

2. PRELIMINARIES

We recall some definitions in universal algebra.

Definition 2.1 ([2, 3]). An ordered pair $\langle L, \sigma \rangle$ is said to be a (first-order) **language** provided that

- L is a nonempty set,
- $\sigma: L \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a mapping.

A language $\langle L, \sigma \rangle$ is denoted by \mathcal{L} . If $f \in \mathcal{L}$ and $\sigma(f) \geq 0$ then f is called an **operation symbol**, and $\sigma(f)$ is called the **arity** of f . If $r \in \mathcal{L}$ and $\sigma(r) < 0$, then r is called a **relation symbol**, and $-\sigma(r)$ is called the **arity** of r . A language is said to be **algebraic** if it has no relation symbols.

Definition 2.2 ([2]). Let X be a nonempty class and n a nonnegative integer. Then an n -ary **partial operation** on X is a mapping from a subclass of X^n to X . If the domain of the mapping is X^n , then it is called an n -ary **operation**. And an n -ary **relation** is a subclass of X^n where $n > 0$. An operation(relation) is said to be **unary**, **binary** or **ternary** if the arity of the operation(relation) is 1, 2 or 3, respectively. And an operation is called **nullary** if the arity is 0.

Definition 2.3 ([2]). An ordered pair $\mathbf{A} := \langle A, \mathcal{L} \rangle$ is said to be a **structure** of a language \mathcal{L} if A is a nonempty class and there exists a mapping which assigns to every n -ary operation symbol $f \in \mathcal{L}$ an n -ary operation f^A on \mathbf{A} and assigns to every n -ary relation symbol $r \in \mathcal{L}$ an n -ary relation r^A on \mathbf{A} . If all operation on \mathbf{A} are partial operations, then \mathbf{A} is called a **partial structure**. A (partial)structure \mathbf{A} is said to be a **(partial)algebra** if the language \mathcal{L} is algebraic.

Definition 2.4 ([2, 3]). Let \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} be (partial)structures of a language \mathcal{L} . A mapping $\varphi: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is said to be a **homomorphism** provided that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f^A(a_1, \dots, a_n)) &= f^B(\varphi(a_1), \dots, \varphi(a_n)) \text{ for every } n\text{-ary operation } f; \\ r^A(a_1, \dots, a_n) &\implies r^B(\varphi(a_1), \dots, \varphi(a_n)) \text{ for every } n\text{-ary relation } r. \end{aligned}$$

A homomorphism φ is called an **isomorphism** if φ is bijective.

3. AN ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURE OF MUSIC THEORY

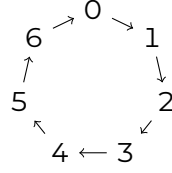
Definition 3.1. Suppose that P is a nonempty finite set. We may define a binary relation ' \otimes ' on P as follows. For every $s \in P$,

- there is exactly one $u \in P$ such that $u \otimes s$, and
- there is exactly one $v \in P$ such that $s \otimes v$.

Remark. The binary relation ' \otimes ' is *not* an order relation.

Definition 3.2. A **circle set** is a nonempty finite set equipped with the binary relation ' \otimes ' defined in [definition 3.1](#). Let P be a circle set. Then a bijective mapping $\delta: P \rightarrow P$ is said to be a **shift** if δ preserves the order of P , i.e., $\delta(p_i) \otimes \delta(p_j)$ if and only if $p_i \otimes p_j$.

Example 3.1. The set $X := \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \bmod 7\}$ can be regarded as a circle set.



And it is a shift that a mapping is defined by $i \mapsto (i + 1) \bmod 7$ for $i \in X$.

Example 3.2. Let A be a non-vacuous finite ordered set, B a non-vacuous countable ordered set. Suppose that $(a_0, b_0), (a_1, b_1) \in A \times B$. If we define

$$(3.1) \quad (a_0, b_0) \leq (a_1, b_1) \text{ if } \begin{cases} a_0 \leq a_1 & \text{for } b_0 = b_1; \\ b_0 \leq b_1 & \text{for } b_0 \neq b_1, \end{cases}$$

then $A \times B$ is an ordered set. Now, let $(a_0, b_0) \sim (a_1, b_1)$ if $a_0 = a_1$. It is clear that \sim is an equivalence relation. Then the quotient[1] set $(A \times B)/\sim$ can be regarded as a circle set.

A circle set P has no head members. But we may select a member τ as a head.

Definition 3.3. Suppose that P is a circle set. Let $\tau := p$ for an arbitrary $p \in P$. We call τ a **tonic** of P .

And we have the following important definitions.

Definition 3.4. Suppose that P is a circle set. Let \mathbb{S} be the set $\{\blacksquare, \dashv, \otimes\}$. We may define a function $\lambda: P \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$ given by

$$(3.2) \quad \lambda(p, p') = \begin{cases} \blacksquare \text{ or } \dashv & \text{if } p \otimes p', \\ \otimes & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

And the elements of the set \mathbb{S} is called **scales**.

Recall the definition of unary relations which is defined in [definition 2.2](#). And we have the following definitions.

Definition 3.5. Suppose that P is a circle set. Let \sharp be a unary relation on P such that

$$(1) \quad \lambda(\sharp(s), \sharp(p)) = \lambda(s, p);$$

$$(2) \quad \lambda(s, \sharp(p)) = \begin{cases} \blacksquare & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \dashv, \\ \otimes & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \blacksquare; \end{cases}$$

$$(3) \quad \lambda(\sharp(s), p) = \begin{cases} \dashv & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \blacksquare, \\ \otimes & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \dashv \end{cases}$$

for every $s, p \in P$ with $s \otimes p$.

Definition 3.6. Suppose that P is a circle set. Let \flat be a unary relation on P such that

$$(1) \quad \lambda(\flat(s), \flat(p)) = \lambda(s, p);$$

$$(2) \quad \lambda(s, \flat(p)) = \begin{cases} \dashv & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \blacksquare, \\ \otimes & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \dashv; \end{cases}$$

$$(3) \quad \lambda(b(s), p) = \begin{cases} \text{---} & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \text{---}, \\ \otimes & \text{if } \lambda(s, p) = \text{---} \end{cases}$$

for every $s, p \in P$ with $s \otimes p$.

Assumption 3.1. Let P be a circle set. For simplicity, we assume that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(b(p), \sharp(q)) &= \otimes; \\ \lambda(\sharp(p), b(q)) &= \otimes, \end{aligned}$$

for all $p, q \in P$. Since \sharp and b are unary relations, we have that $\sharp(\sharp(p))$, $\sharp(b(p))$, $b(\sharp(p))$ and $b(b(p))$ are invalid for all $p \in P$. So we have not 'double sharp' and 'flat flat'.

Remark 3.1. In fact, that \sharp and b are not real unary relations.

Let $M = P \cup \{\text{---}, \text{---}, \otimes\}$. By definitions 3.4 to 3.6, we have that λ is a partial binary operation on M , and that --- , --- and \otimes are nullary operations. Hence we may define a partial structure[definition 2.3] of a language[definition 2.1] \mathfrak{L} . Then we have the following definitions.

Definition 3.7. A partial structure $\mathbf{M} := \langle M, \mathfrak{L} \rangle$ of the language \mathfrak{L} is called a **pitch structure** over a circle set P provided that the underlying set $M = P \cup \mathbb{S}$ where P equipped with \otimes is a circle set[definition 3.2], and the language is defined to be the set $\mathfrak{L} := \{\lambda, \tau, \mathbb{S}, \otimes\}$ where λ is a partial binary operation defined in definition 3.4, \otimes is a binary relation defined in definition 3.1, τ is a nullary operation defined in definition 3.3, and $\mathbb{S} = \{\text{---}, \text{---}, \otimes\}$ is the set of nullary operations defined in definition 3.4.

Suppose that \mathbf{M} is a pitch structure over a circle set P . We may assume that $|P| = n$ and $\tau := m_0$ for $m_0 \in P$. If $m_i \otimes m_{((i+1) \bmod n)} \in P$, then $\{\lambda(m_i, m_{((i+1) \bmod n)})\}$ constitutes a scale sequence, e.g., $\{\text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \dots, \text{---}\}$.

Definition 3.8. Let \mathbf{M} be a pitch structure over a circle set P , $|P| = n$, and $\tau := m_0$ for $m_0 \in P$. Then we define $SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M})$ to be the following sequence

$$(3.3) \quad \{\lambda(m_0, m_1), \lambda(m_1, m_2), \dots, \lambda(m_{n-2}, m_{n-1}), \lambda(m_{n-1}, m_0)\},$$

if we have $m_0 \otimes m_1 \otimes m_2 \otimes \dots \otimes m_{n-2} \otimes m_{n-1} \otimes m_0 \in P$. And the sequence $SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M})$ is called a **step** of the pitch structure \mathbf{M} at the tonic m_0 .

Remark. For all pitch structure \mathbf{M} , we have $\otimes \notin SS_{\tau}(\mathbf{M})$.

Proposition 3.1. Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are two pitch structures. We have that $\mathbf{M} \cong \mathbf{N}$ implies $SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) = SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$.

Proof. Let $\varphi: \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ be an isomorphism. Since the scales in set $\mathbb{S} = \{\text{---}, \text{---}, \otimes\}$ and τ_M are nullary operations of \mathbf{M} , we have that $\varphi|_{\mathbb{S}}$ is an identity mapping of \mathbb{S} and $\varphi(\tau_M) = \tau_N$. Observe that λ is a binary operation. By definition 2.4, it is obvious that $SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) = SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$. \square

Remark 3.2. Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are pitch structures. If there exists a homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$, then φ must be an isomorphism. This is an immediate consequence of definitions 2.4 and 3.1. The isomorphism φ is unique. If we assume that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} have same underlying set $M = \mathbb{S} \cup P$, then it is clear that $\varphi|_P$ is a shift. Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are pitch structures over a circle set P . Let $\tau_M = \tau_N$ and $\mathbf{M} \not\cong \mathbf{N}$. Then it follows $\lambda_M \neq \lambda_N$.

Definition 3.9. Suppose that \mathbf{M} is a pitch structure over a circle set P , and the tonic $\tau = m_0$. Then the ordered pair $\langle \tau_M, SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) \rangle$ is called the **key** of \mathbf{M} .

Definition 3.10. Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are pitch structures over a circle set P , and $\tau_M = m_i, \tau_N = m_j$ for $m_i, m_j \in P$. Let δ be a shift [definition 3.2] which assigns m_j to m_i . Then a bijective mapping $\kappa: SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$ is called a **key transpose** along δ provided that κ assigns $\lambda_N(\delta(m), \delta(m'))$ to $\lambda_M(m, m')$ for every $m, m' \in P$ with $m \otimes m'$.

Remark. We have that $\mathbf{M} \cong \mathbf{N}$ implies that κ is an identity mapping.

Example 3.3. Suppose that $P := \{m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4\}$ is a circle set, \mathbf{M} is a pitch structure over P , and $\tau := m_0$. Let $SS(\mathbf{M}) = \{\text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}\}$. If we take \sharp, \flat on some members of \mathbf{M} , e.g., $\sharp(m_0)$ and $\flat(m_2)$, then we obtain a new sequence

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\lambda(\sharp(m_0), m_1), \lambda(m_1, \flat(m_2)), \lambda(\flat(m_2), m_3), \lambda(m_3, m_4), \lambda(m_4, \sharp(m_0)))\} \\ & = \{\text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where the unary relations \sharp and \flat are defined in definitions 3.5 and 3.6.

Example 3.4. With the notations of example 3.3, if we change the value of τ , e.g., let $\tau := m_2$, then we also obtain a new sequence

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\lambda(m_2, m_3), \lambda(m_3, m_4), \lambda(m_4, m_0), \lambda(m_0, m_1), \lambda(m_1, m_2)\} \\ & = \{\text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.11. Suppose that \mathbf{M} is a pitch structure over a circle set P , and

$$P := \{m_0 \otimes m_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes m_{n-1} \otimes m_0\}.$$

Let $m_i, m_j \in \mathbf{M}$ with $m_i \otimes m_j$ for $0 \leq i \leq n-1, j = (i+1) \bmod n$. The scale of $\langle m_i, m_j \rangle$ is said to be **shrinkable** if $\lambda(m_i, m_j) = \text{---}$. By definitions 3.5 and 3.6, we have that both $\lambda(\sharp(m_i), m_j)$ and $\lambda(m_i, \flat(m_j))$ are --- . Hence we call $\lambda(\sharp(m_i), m_j)$ and $\lambda(m_i, \flat(m_j))$ a \sharp -**shrink** and \flat -**shrink**, respectively. The scale of $\langle m_i, m_j \rangle$ is said to be **stretchable** if $\lambda(m_i, m_j) = \text{---}$. And we have that $\lambda(m_i, \sharp(m_j))$ and $\lambda(\flat(m_i), m_j)$ are a \sharp -**stretch** and \flat -**stretch**, respectively.

Example 3.5. Let the hypotheses be as in example 3.3. We have that the scale of $\langle m_0, m_1 \rangle$ is shrinkable, the scale of $\langle m_4, m_0 \rangle$ is stretchable. And we have that $\lambda(\sharp(m_0), m_1)$ and $\lambda(m_4, \sharp(m_0))$ are a \sharp -shrink and \sharp -stretch respectively, and $\lambda(\flat(m_2), m_3)$ and $\lambda(m_1, \flat(m_2))$ are a \flat -stretch and \flat -shrink respectively.

We may take the two classes of the transposition in examples 3.3 and 3.4 on a pitch structure \mathbf{M} simultaneously.

Example 3.6. Let the notations be as in examples 3.3 and 3.4. Suppose that \mathbf{N} is a pitch structure over the circle set P , and $\tau_N := m_2$. Let δ be a shift which assigns m_2 to m_0 , and $\kappa: SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$ a key transpose along δ . If we assume that

$$SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N}) := \{\text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}, \text{---}\},$$

then it is clear that κ is equivalent to the process which is defined as follows:

- I. Take \sharp and \flat on m_0 and m_2 respectively, as described in example 3.3.
- II. Let $\tau_M = m_2$, as described in example 3.4.

Therefore, we may say that the key transpose κ consists of a stretch, shrink and shift. And the order of the process is not important.

Definition 3.12. Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are pitch structures over a circle set P . If $SS(\mathbf{M})$ is transposed to $SS(\mathbf{N})$ by a key transpose κ in such a way that is described in [examples 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6](#), that is, the key transpose consists of stretches[\[definition 3.11\]](#), shrinks[\[definition 3.11\]](#) and a shift[\[definition 3.2\]](#), then we say that the key transpose κ is **regular**.

Remark. A key transpose may be not regular.

Example 3.7. Suppose that \mathbf{M} is a pitch structure over a circle set P , and $|P| = n$. For every $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, there are two **trivial** key transposes. One is

$$\{\sharp(m_i), \sharp(m_{(i+1) \bmod n}), \dots, \sharp(m_{((i+n-1) \bmod n)}), \sharp(m_i)\},$$

and the other is

$$\{\flat(m_i), \flat(m_{(i+1) \bmod n}), \dots, \flat(m_{((i+n-1) \bmod n)}), \flat(m_i)\}.$$

They are regular. And there are no changes on all of scales in the case of the trivial key transpose.

Definition 3.13. Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are two pitch structures over a circle set P . Let $\kappa: SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$ be a nontrivial regular key transpose and $m \in P$. The element m is said to be κ -**invariant** if there are not $\sharp(m)$ and $\flat(m)$ under the key transpose κ .

Definition 3.14. Suppose that \mathbf{M} is a pitch structure over a circle set P . Let $P := \{m_0 \otimes m_1 \otimes \dots \otimes m_{n-1} \otimes m_0\}$. Then the directions [3.4](#) and [3.5](#) are called **clockwise** and **anticlockwise**, respectively.

$$(3.4) \quad m_0 \otimes m_1 \otimes \dots \otimes m_{n-1} \otimes m_0 \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$(3.5) \quad \longleftarrow$$

We shall see what properties a key transpose satisfies if it is regular.

Lemma 3.1 (\sharp -shrink \iff \sharp -stretch). *Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are pitch structures over a circle set P , and*

$$P := \{p_0 \otimes p_1 \otimes \dots \otimes p_{n-1} \otimes p_0\}.$$

Let $\kappa: SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$ be a nontrivial key transpose along a shift δ which assigns to $\tau_M \tau_N$, and $\lambda_M(p_i, p_j) = \blacksquare$, $\lambda_N(p_i, p_j) = \blacktriangleleft$ for $p_i \otimes p_j \in P$. Then the scale of $\langle p_i, p_j \rangle$ is transformed from $\lambda_M(p_i, p_j)$ to $\lambda_N(p_i, p_j)$ under the key transpose κ via a \sharp -shrink, i.e., $\lambda_M(\sharp(p_i), p_j)$ if and only if there exist $p_{i'} \otimes p_{j'} \in P$ with $\lambda_M(p_{i'}, p_{j'}) = \blacktriangleleft$, $\lambda_N(p_{i'}, p_{j'}) = \blacksquare$ such that

- ① $j' = (i + d) \bmod n$ with $d \leq 0$, i.e., in the anticlockwise,
- ② the scale of $\langle p_{i'}, p_{j'} \rangle$ is transformed from $\lambda_M(p_{i'}, p_{j'})$ to $\lambda_N(p_{i'}, p_{j'})$ under κ via a \sharp -stretch, i.e., $\lambda_M(p_{i'}, \sharp(p_{j'}))$, hence $p_{i'}$ is κ -invariant, and
- ③ κ makes no changes on the scales of the consecutive members pairs in $\{p_{j'} \otimes \dots \otimes p_i\}$ if $p_{j'} \neq p_i$.

Proof. We assume $p_{i'} \otimes p_i \otimes p_j$. Since $\lambda_M(\sharp(p_i), p_j)$ and [assumption 3.1](#), we have that either

$$(3.6) \quad \lambda_N(p_{i'}, p_i) = \lambda_M(p_{i'}, p_i),$$

or

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_N(p_{i'}, p_i) &= \blacksquare, \\ \lambda_M(p_{i'}, p_i) &= \blacktriangleleft. \end{aligned}$$

Hence if (3.7) holds, then the proof is complete. Now we assume that equation (3.6) holds, and observe assumption 3.1. Then there exists a $p_{j'} \in P$ such that κ makes no changes on the scales of the consecutive members pairs in $\{p_{j'} \otimes \dots \otimes p_i\}$ by induction. Hence we have that κ takes \sharp on all of elements in $\{p_{j'} \otimes \dots \otimes p_i\}$. It follows that there exists a $p_{i'}$ with $p_{i'} \otimes p_{j'}$ such that $\lambda_M(p_{i'}, p_{j'}) = \text{—}$, $\lambda_N(p_{i'}, p_{j'}) = \text{—■}$, and the scale of $\langle p_{i'}, p_{j'} \rangle$ is transformed from the former to the latter under κ via a \sharp -stretch, i.e., $\lambda_M(p_{i'}, \sharp(p_{j'}))$. Otherwise, the nontrivial key transpose hypotheses would not hold. Hence it is clear that $p_{i'}$ is κ -invariant. On the other hand, we may assume $p_{i'} \otimes p_{j'} \otimes p_j$. Then the proof of the converse is similar. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 3.3. Let κ be a key transpose along δ . Then we have that κ sends $\lambda_M(p_i, p_j)$ to $\lambda_N(\delta(p_i), \delta(p_j))$ for $p_i \otimes p_j \in P$, cf. definition 3.10. But in lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, we observe $\lambda_M(p_i, p_j)$ and $\lambda_N(p_i, p_j)$.

We have the following lemma that is similar to lemma 3.1.

Lemma 3.2 (\flat -shrink \iff \flat -stretch). *Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are pitch structures over a circle set P , and*

$$P := \{p_0 \otimes p_1 \otimes \dots \otimes p_{n-1} \otimes p_0\}.$$

Let $\kappa: SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$ be a nontrivial key transpose along a shift δ which assigns to τ_M τ_N , and $\lambda_M(p_i, p_j) = \text{—■}$, $\lambda_N(p_i, p_j) = \text{—}$ for $p_i \otimes p_j \in P$. The scale of $\langle p_i, p_j \rangle$ is transformed from $\lambda_M(p_i, p_j)$ to $\lambda_N(p_i, p_j)$ under the key transpose κ via a \flat -shrink, i.e., $\lambda_M(p_i, \flat(p_j))$ if and only if there exist $p_{i'} \otimes p_{j'} \in P$ with $\lambda_M(p_{i'}, p_{j'}) = \text{—}$, $\lambda_N(p_{i'}, p_{j'}) = \text{—■}$ such that

- ① $i' = (j + d) \bmod n$ with $d \geq 0$, i.e., in the clockwise,
- ② the scale of $\langle p_{i'}, p_{j'} \rangle$ is transformed from $\lambda_M(p_{i'}, p_{j'})$ to $\lambda_N(p_{i'}, p_{j'})$ under κ via a \flat -stretch, i.e., $\lambda_M(\flat(p_{i'}), p_{j'})$, hence $p_{j'}$ is κ -invariant, and
- ③ κ makes no changes on the scales of the consecutive members pairs in $\{p_j \otimes \dots \otimes p_{i'}\}$ if $p_j \neq p_{i'}$.

Proof. This is similar to the proof of lemma 3.1. \square

Remark 3.4. Let κ be a nontrivial key transpose. We observe lemmas 3.1 and 3.2. We shall find that a \sharp -shrink must be adjoint to a \sharp -stretch, and a \flat -shrink must be adjoint to a \flat -stretch. And we have that κ makes no changes on the scales of the consecutive members pairs between an adjoint pair.

Proposition 3.2. *Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are two pitch structures over a circle set P . Let $\kappa: SS(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS(\mathbf{N})$ be a non-trivial key transpose. Then the key transpose κ is regular if and only if lemma 3.1 and lemma 3.2 hold.*

Proof. Immediate from definitions 3.10 and 3.12 and lemmas 3.1 and 3.2. \square

Remark 3.5. Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are pitch structures over a circle set P . Let $\varphi: \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ be a homomorphism. Observe remark 3.2. We have that φ is an isomorphism. By proposition 3.1, we have $SS_{\tau_M}(\mathbf{M}) = SS_{\tau_N}(\mathbf{N})$. And it is clear that $\delta := \varphi|_P$ is a shift[definition 3.2] which assigns τ_N to τ_M . If κ is a key transpose along δ then κ is an identity mapping, since we have definition 3.10. And if κ is regular then κ consists of shrinks, stretches and a shift, even if κ is an identity mapping, cf. remark 3.3.

Corollary 3.2.1. *Suppose that \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} are two pitch structures over a circle set P . Let $\kappa: SS(\mathbf{M}) \rightsquigarrow SS(\mathbf{N})$ be a non-trivial key transpose. Then the key transpose κ is regular if and only if the key transpose κ^{-1} is regular.*

Proof. It is clear that [lemma 3.1](#) and [lemma 3.2](#) hold for κ^{-1} if the lemmas hold for κ , and vice versa. \square

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