

The mathematical language, the programming languages, etc.

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From scores to programs

Changing the scale

$$(3/2)^{53} / 2^{31} = 1.0020$$

much better than $(3/2)^{12} / 2^7 = 1.0136$

A scale with 53 intervals

- makes it more difficult to design an instrument
- makes it more difficult to play the instrument
- requires a new way to write music

in the XIX^e century almost impossible

With electronic instruments : difficult, but not impossible

Using tapes as instruments (phasing)

Inspired by) *Clapping music* (Reich, 1972).

A one minute piece. One musician claps 61 times (every second)

Another 62 times (every $60/61$) seconds

Difficult to play without a device (but easy with tapes or electronic instruments)

Only way to write down this piece with traditional notation:

set the tempo to $60 \times 61 = 3660$ quarter-note/mn

Then in one score between two notes 61 rests and 60 for the other

Not very useful

A compact notation

```
for i = 0 to 3660  
do if i mod 61 = 0 then clap () done
```

The notion of complexity (in the tradition of Kolmogorov)

Size of the **shortest** program generating some datum

The sequence 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ... has a simpler complexity than
the sequence 1 6 2 6 3 2 9 ...

Maximal complexity : random sequence (shortest program =
sequence)

Minimal complexity : Bach's fugues

A real time issue

Two scores :

```
for i = 0 to 3660  
do if i mod 61 = 0 then clap () done
```

and

```
for i = 0 to 3660  
do if i mod 60 = 0 then clap () done
```

- a rest needed when i is **not a multiple** of 60
- some kind of **synchronization** of the musicians is needed
- the **tempo** has to be taken into account

One step back

A score expresses some object

That can be expressed in other languages (e.g. programming language)

But what kind of object does a score express ?

A function of time (continuous variable)

or a sequence (function of a discrete variable)

Traditional notation: a score is a function of a discrete variable

Lists

Discrete variable, finite time: finite sequence

Finite sequences are not functions but lists

```
let c n = if n mod 61 = 0 then Clap else Rest
in build 0 3660 c
```

```
[Clap; Rest; Rest; ... Rest; Clap; Rest; ...]
```

The program is a **better** description than the list

- shorter
- the intention of the composer are easier to understand

Streams (infinite lists)

The finiteness may be a key issue or not

```
let s =
```

```
let c n = if n mod 61 = 0 then Some Clap else Some Rest
```

```
in from c
```

```
note Stream.t = <abstr>
```

An infinite list `s` is “built”

Each single individual element has not been computed yet

Computed on demand

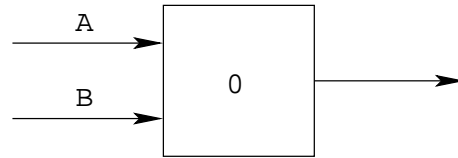
```
next s : Clap
```

```
next s : Rest
```

Stream languages

Stream languages : *Synchronous languages* (*Lustre, Lucid synchone, Signal, Esterel, ...*)

Reactive systems



In state 0 (resp. 1) transmit A (resp. B) and switch to 1 (resp. 0)

From the streams **3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3 5 ...** and **0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 ...** builds **3 1 4 3 5 5 2 7 5 9 5**

Other examples : add one fifth, delay, ...

Catch

From programs to specifications

Another step back

instead of writing **one** note after the other

we can describe the score in a more **abstract** way

as a **program** building an object (function, list, stream, ...)

Computational ?

Programs are **computational** definitions of objects

computational : music must be performed, after all

Computability can come in a **second** step

There is a time to define, and a time to compute

How do we define a function in mathematic ?

We define a relation

$$x = 2y \text{ or } x = 2y + 1$$

$(0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 1), (3, 1), (4, 2), (5, 2), \dots$

Then we prove that this relation is functional

$$\forall x \exists_1 y (x = 2y \text{ or } x = 2y + 1)$$

The relation $x = 2y$ or $x = 2y + 1$ tells **what** to compute, not **how**

Computable *a posteriori*

The function

$$x \mapsto [y \mid x = 2y \text{ or } x = 2y + 1]$$

is computable

But it is not **defined** as an algorithm

Underspecification

Sometimes the relation is not functional

$$2x \leq y$$

We cannot prove

$$\forall x \exists_1 y \ 2x \leq y$$

yet we can prove

$$\forall x \exists y \ 2x \leq y$$

The relations defined a family of function $x \mapsto 2x + 5$, $x \mapsto 3x$, ...

Some of which may be computable

Proofs of programs

The relation

$$x = 2y \text{ or } x = 2y + 1$$

is a **specification**

Define the function **another time** as an algorithm

let rec div x = if x <= 1 then 0 else 1 + div(x - 2)

Prove

$$y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow R(x, y)$$

or $y = f(x) \Rightarrow R(x, y)$ if underspecified)

More specifications

In this case, any property of the function can serve as a specification

$$\forall t \ f(t + 60) = f(t)$$

$$\forall t \ g(t + 61) = g(t)$$

specifies *Clapping music* and many other phasing pieces

Specifying data

When the specified object is a function

$$\forall x \exists y R(x, y)$$

When the specified object is a datum (e.g. list)

$$\exists y P(y)$$

e.g. $\exists y \forall n (nth\ n\ y) = (nth\ (n + 61)\ y)$

Can we specify non computable functions ?

Yes:

$(y = 1 \text{ and } (x \text{ terminates})) \text{ or } (y = 0 \text{ and not}(x \text{ terminates}))$

Defines the function that maps a program to 1 if the program terminates and 0 otherwise

This function is not computable (Turing, Church-Kleene, 1936)

Can we define non computable functions ?

But can we prove

$\forall x \exists y ((y = 1 \text{ and } (x \text{ terminates})) \text{ or } (y = 0 \text{ and not}(x \text{ terminates})))$

Yes. The proof uses the fact that

$(x \text{ terminates}) \text{ or not}(x \text{ terminates})$

$A \text{ or not } A$

The **excluded middle**

A function whose proof of existence does not use the excluded middle (**constructive** proof) is always computable

The witness property

From a constructive proof of

$$\forall x \exists y S(x, y)$$

build a constructive proof of

$$\exists y S(n, y)$$

Then, from a constructive proof of a statement

$$\exists y S(n, y)$$

compute a witness, i.e. a datum p that verifies the property $S(n, p)$

For data specification

Even easier :

From a constructive proof of a statement

$$\exists y P(y)$$

compute a witness, i.e. a datum l that verifies the property $P(l)$

Programming with proofs *v.s.* constraint programming

$$S(x, y)$$

Programming with proofs: We build a constructive proof (either automatically or not) of $\forall x \exists y S(x, y)$

When we have an input n , we get a proof of $\exists y S(n, y)$ and we compute the witness from this proof (output)

Constraint programming: When we have an input n , we (automatically) build a constructive proof of $\exists y S(n, y)$ and compute the witness from this proof (output)

Programming with specifications

Old fashion design: I have something in mind, I write it down step by step

A higher-level approach: (proofs of programs, programming with proofs, constraint programming)

The important part is the specification **what**, not the program **how**

Describe your **expectation**, let the computer fulfill it

If your expectation is underspecified one solution or another may be given to you : you accept to have only a partial control