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Canone Monodico a 2

Canone mensurale su un tema di Igor Stravinsky

for digitally controlled sawtooth wave generator, two performers

(Interlock 3)

For Timm Roller & Thilo Ruck

Duration: 6'30"

Introduction

Interlock 3 has been written for two performers controlling a single sawtooth wave generator. The two performers simultaneously control the frequency of the same monophonic sound throughout the entire piece.

Both performers play on a fixed range of two octaves. Their impact on the sound, however, is different: While the two octaves of the first performer change the resulting frequency in a range of slightly more than one octave, the second performer controls a range of approximately five octaves, resulting in rather odd scales.

The diminution and augmentation of the range played on by the performers corresponds to the organisation of the musical text that is being performed:

Interlock 3 is a proportional canon. While the first performer plays the text twice, the second performer plays it only once, in half speed.

The text itself is composed of nothing else but augmentations and diminutions (in both time and pitch) along with their inversions and retrogrades, all derived from the opening theme of Stravinsky's "Le sacre du printemps".

The overall organisation of those variations is laid out in the form of one long downwards glissando, which corresponds to the waveform used to play the piece, the sawtooth wave.

Interlock 3 is also a "table canon". Just like the sawtooth waveform, (comprised of all harmonics with their relative amplitudes being their respective inverted [sic!] index), the entire piece is symmetrical: it is its own inverted retrograde.

Notation

This score comes with three differently notated versions of the same piece. The first, written in tenor (and soprano) clef, is the original version in which the organisation of the piece becomes most evident.

The second version is written in treble clef utilising a friendlier handling of accidentals. This version is most likely to be used for performances. Both versions are identical in respect to the result, however.

The third version is a notation of the actually sounding result of this piece. It is not intended for use in performance.

Performance Instructions

Starting simultaneously, player one will play the text twice at the tempo indicated in the score, while player two, performing the same text in half the speed, will play the score only once.

Since deviations in volume are not subject to the composition, no dynamic indications are given in the score. The general dynamic level should stay the same throughout the piece, although a slight crescendo from approximately the middle till the end might be advisable.

All in all, the piece should be performed at very high levels.

The first note automatically triggers a quick glissando up to the highest pitch. Immediately after the end of the score, the wave generator is to be switched off.

Technical Information

This piece is written for two performers controlling a single sawtooth wave generator. Any two digital controllers capable of transmitting 25 separate pitches each, e.g. two midi keyboards with 25 keys, can be used.

The two performers will both control the same single monophonic sound throughout the entire piece.

Should you decide to perform this piece using a digital wave generator on a computer, a Csound-Patch is already available online at www.marcoll.de, ready to use.

There are of course other possibilities (for example midi to cv conversion and analogue oscillator) and I want to encourage anyone interested to implement their own solution.

This is what you will need to know:

The default frequency, which is played when both controllers send their highest control signal (e.g. c'' on a c'-c'' midi controller), is 2093 Hz, which corresponds to c'''@440Hz.

The two controllers use different ranges:

Controller 1 uses a mapping of 1.2 octaves on 24 steps (highest pitch = no deviation, hence 24, not 25), corresponding to a single step size of 60 cents. Controller 2 uses a mapping of 5.05 octaves on 24 steps, resulting in a single step size of 252.5 cents.

If you are using midi controllers with a range from c' to c'' (midi notes 60-84), the factors to deviate from the default frequency are derived from the following simple equations:

$$\text{Controller 1: } a = (2^{1.2/24})^{\text{midinote} - 84} \quad \text{Controller 2: } b = (2^{5.05/24})^{\text{midinote} - 84}$$

The resulting frequency will then be $f = 2093 * a * b$ [Hz]

A transition ramp of approximately 10 ms in duration is recommended for each pitch change.

The piece should begin with a 300 ms exponential glissando from 1 Hz to the default pitch of 2093 Hz. Before the first note is triggered by the performers, there should be silence.

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$\text{♩} = 100 - 110$

The scope of natural signs is limited to one single note only.

Player 2: half tempo

The sheet music consists of 14 staves of mensural notation for two players. The notation is based on a theme by Igor Stravinsky and uses interlocking 3-note patterns. The music is in common time (indicated by a 'C') and has a key signature of three flats (indicated by three flat symbols). The notation includes various note heads, stems, and bar lines, with some notes having natural signs. Measure numbers 1 through 36 are indicated on the left side of each staff. The music is divided into sections by measure numbers 1, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 24, 28, 32, and 36. The notation is dense and requires careful reading to follow the patterns. The music is intended for two players, with Player 1 playing the top line and Player 2 playing the bottom line. The tempo is marked as 'half tempo' for Player 2.

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41 8

Transp. in A^b

Player 1: 2x
Player 2: 1x

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Player 2: half tempo

1

3

5

8

11

14

17

20

24

28

32

36

2

41

46

50

54

58

62

66

69

72

75

77

79

Player 1: 2x

Player 2: 1x

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Result Notation

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The musical score consists of seven staves of music for two voices. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a bass clef, followed by a bass clef. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and continues with a bass clef. The notation uses various note heads and stems, with numerical values (e.g., +10c, -10c, +20c, -20c) placed above or below the notes. The score is numbered from 1 to 14 on the left side.

Staff 1: Treble clef, Bass clef. Measures 1-2. Key signature: A major (two sharps). Time signature: Common time. Dynamics: 8va (octave up).

Staff 2: Bass clef. Measures 3-4. Key signature: E major (no sharps or flats). Time signature: Common time. Dynamics: 8va (octave up).

Staff 3: Bass clef. Measures 5-6. Key signature: C major (no sharps or flats). Time signature: Common time. Dynamics: 8va (octave up).

Staff 4: Bass clef. Measures 7-8. Key signature: G major (one sharp). Time signature: Common time. Dynamics: 8va (octave up).

Staff 5: Bass clef. Measures 9-10. Key signature: D major (two sharps). Time signature: Common time. Dynamics: 8va (octave up).

Staff 6: Bass clef. Measures 11-12. Key signature: A major (two sharps). Time signature: Common time. Dynamics: 8va (octave up).

Staff 7: Bass clef. Measures 13-14. Key signature: E major (no sharps or flats). Time signature: Common time. Dynamics: 8va (octave up).

Musical score for piano, page 16, featuring a series of notes on a staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The notes are primarily eighth notes, with some sixteenth notes and quarter notes. Each note is accompanied by a small number indicating its pitch bend in cents relative to a standard note. The notes are grouped by measure lines. The first measure starts with a note at -23c. Subsequent notes include +20c, +12c, +12c, +12c, +12c, +15c, +7c, -13c, -8c, +2c, +5c, +5c, +5c, +5c, +10c, +10c, +10c, +10c, +25c, +25c, +5c, +15c, +7c, and ends at -23c. There are two instances of "8va" (Octave Up) markings. The score is set against a background of horizontal dashed lines.

20

-18c -15c -15c -18c +22c +12c +22c +2c -15c +10c +10c -20c 8va -23c -23c -20c -10c -23c +7c +5c +7c -3c -5c +25c -3c +7c +20c -20c -5c +15c

22

8va - 1
-20c -20c -5c +25c +12c -18c -13c -3c -13c -3c -23c -13c -5c -5c -13c -3c -3c -3c -10c +20c +17c +22c -8c 8va - 1

-13c -15c -15c +25c -23c +17c +17c +17c

Musical score for page 24, featuring a single melodic line on a staff. The notes are marked with various pitch bends and dynamics, such as +10c, -15c, +25c, +20c, +25c, -15c, +17c, +17c, +25c +5c, +25c, -5c, -23c, +25c, -5c, -5c, -3c, 8va, -13c, and -23c.

Musical score for page 26, measures 26-27. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 26 starts with a note with a +17c dynamic. The following notes have dynamics: +17c, +10c, -10c, +10c, -18c, +2c, +12c, +20c, 8va, -10c, -23c, -3c, +7c, -18c, +13c, +7c, -5c, +25c, -20c, +10c, -13c, 8va, -3c, -10c, -13c, -3c. Measure 27 continues with a note with a +13c dynamic.

30

8va

-20c

+2c

+2c

+22c

-23c

+22c

-13c

-18c

-8c

+2c

+15c

+15c

8va

+10c

+10c

+10c

-20c

+2c

+10c

+12c

+20c

+7c

32

8va

Notes with pitch intervals: -5c, -15c, -23c, -13c, -23c, -15c, -20c, +10c, -18c, -10c, +2c, -18c, +2c, -10c, -8c, +20c, +10c, +10c.

34

+15c, -15c, -20c, +20c, -20c, -10c, -10c, +10c, -10c, +25c, -15c, +20c, -10c, -20c, -8c, +17c, -13c.

36

+10c, -20c, -10c, -20c, +15c, -5c, -13c, -23c, +22c, -18c, +2c, +17c, +7c, -13c, -23c, -10c, +20c.

38

+7c, -23c, +12c, +7c, +17c, -23c, +22c, -18c, +3c, -13c, +10c, +7c, +7c, +20c.

40

-20c, +17c, -13c, +22c, -18c, -13c, +17c, +12c, -20c, -8c, +7c, +12c, -23c.

42

+22c, +15c, +10c, +20c, -20c, +12c, +22c, -13c, -3c, +15c, -20c, +20c.

44

+5c, +25c, +10c, +25c, -5c, +10c, -8c, -18c, +22c, +2c, +17c, +7c, -8c, +12c.

46

+2c, +12c, +22c, -8c, +12c, -15c, +10c, -8c, +10c, +25c, +20c, -13c, +5c.

4

48

-20c +10c -13c +22c -18c -5c +25c -3c +17c -3c -13c +17c +2c +18c +20c +10c -23c -13c -23c

50

-3c +17c -15c -5c -15c +15c +2c +22c -18c +22c +17c -23c -23c +10c +10c +20c -20c -10c -15c +17c -23c -23c +12c -8c

52

-10c +10c -5c +5c -5c +7c +7c -23c -10c -10c +20c -20c +10c +7c +10c

54

-5c +5c -5c +22c -15c -15c -25c -15c -15c +5c -23c -15c -13c -3c -3c +2c -13c -23c

56

+12c +2c -8c +12c -8c +10c +17c -3c +7c +7c +17c +20c -10c -20c -18c +2c +2c -3c -13c +15c -5c # -5c -13c -23c -3c

58

-13c +5c +10c +5c +5c -10c -15c +7c -10c +17c +7c -5c +5c -5c -20c -20c -10c -20c -10c -20c -10c +10c +20c +25c -5c -5c

60

-23c -3c +2c +22c -23c +25c +17c -3c -13c +25c +5c -8c +2c -8c -5c +15c +15c -15c -13c -23c +10c -23c -23c

A musical score for system 62, featuring two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves have a common time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note pairs. Above each note pair, a number indicates a pitch interval in cents. The intervals for the top staff are: -3c, -3c, -3c, +10c, +7c, +20c, -10c, +12c, +2c, -8c, -13c, +12c, +22c, +12c, -8c, -15c, +5c, -5c, -15c. The intervals for the bottom staff are: -15c, -15c, -13c, -3c. The score is set against a background of horizontal grid lines.

Musical score for system 64, featuring two staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Various note heads are shown with associated microtonal labels such as -3c, +17c, -23c, +7c, +5c, -15c, -13c, -23c, -15c, -8c, +22c, +2c, +22c, +22c, -20c, -20c, -20c, +5c, -15c, and +5c.

Musical score for page 66, measures 1-10. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). Measure 1 starts with a whole note followed by a half note. Measure 2 starts with a half note followed by a whole note. Measures 3-4 show a sequence of eighth notes. Measures 5-6 show a sequence of sixteenth notes. Measures 7-8 show a sequence of eighth notes. Measures 9-10 show a sequence of sixteenth notes.

Musical score for page 70, featuring two staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Various pitch intervals are labeled above the notes in each measure, such as +25c, -5c, +22c, +2c, -18c, +12c, +22c, -23c, -3c, +17c, +7c, +7c, -3c, -10c, -20c, +20c, and +10c.

Musical score for system 72, featuring a single melodic line on a treble and bass staff. The score consists of two measures separated by a vertical bar line. Above the notes, various pitch intervals are labeled in cents: +10c, +20c, -5c, +25c, +15c, -15c, +5c, -5c, +5c, -5c, -8c, -18c, +12c, +12c, -8c, +12c, +2c, +12c, +7c, -13c, +7c, -13c, +5c, +25c, -15c. The notes are primarily quarter notes, with some eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The bass staff begins with a B-flat, and the treble staff begins with a G-sharp.

Musical score for page 74, featuring two staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Various note heads are shown with associated cent values above them, such as +10c, -10c, +20c, -20c, +10c, -10c, -10c, -23c, -3c, +17c, +7c, -23c, +17c, +15c, -5c, +15c, +25c, +15c, +5c, -5c, +20c, -10c, and -10c.

6

76

-10c -10c +20c

+22c -8c +2c -18c -8c +12c +22c +12c -20c -10c -20c -10c +10c +20c

-10c +10c -10c -18c -8c -18c +12c +2c +12c +2c -8c -18c +2c -8c -5c -15c -5c +5c +5c +15c +15c

78

-13c +7c +7c +17c +7c +17c +17c -13c -23c -23c -20c +10c +10c -10c -10c +20c

-5c -15c -5c +5c +15c +5c -15c -5c -3c -13c -3c -13c -3c +7c +17c +7c +5c -15c -5c +5c +15c +25c -15c -13c +17c

80

+2c +22c -8c +2c -8c +2c -8c +22c

+15c

+17c -13c

-3c -13c -3c -13c

82

+12c

+2c +12c +2c +12c -18c +2c

-15c

-23c +7c -3c +7c -3c +7c -23c -3c

84

-20c +10c +10c -10c +22c +22c +12c -18c -18c -8c -18c -8c +12c -8c

+15c +25c -15c -5c +5c +15c +5c +2c -8c -18c -8c +2c +12c +2c +12c +2c +5c +15c +5c -5c +5c +15c +5c

86

+7c -3c +17c +7c -3c -13c -3c -13c +17c +7c +17c +10c -10c +10c

-20c -10c +10c +20c +20c -23c -13c -23c -13c +7c +17c -3c +7c -23c

-15c -5c -15c -5c +5c +15c +5c

-20c +10c +10c

88

+10c +10c -20c +5c -5c -15c +25c -15c +5c -5c -18c +22c -8c -18c

+2c +22c -8c +2c +2c +10c +10c +20c -20c +10c +20c -20c +10c -10c -5c +25c

90

92

94

96

98

100

102

This musical score consists of eight staves of music, each with two measures. The music is written in treble and bass clef. The notes are represented by dots with numerical values above them, indicating pitch or duration. The values are in cents (c) and include positive and negative values such as +15c, -5c, +25c, etc. The score is numbered 90 through 102. The first staff (treble) starts at measure 90 with a note at +15c followed by a note at +25c. The second staff (bass) starts at measure 90 with a note at -5c followed by a note at -15c. The third staff (treble) starts at measure 90 with a note at +15c followed by a note at -15c. The fourth staff (bass) starts at measure 90 with a note at -8c followed by a note at +12c. The fifth staff (treble) starts at measure 90 with a note at -8c followed by a note at +12c. The sixth staff (bass) starts at measure 90 with a note at -8c followed by a note at +12c. The seventh staff (treble) starts at measure 90 with a note at -8c followed by a note at +12c. The eighth staff (bass) starts at measure 90 with a note at -8c followed by a note at +12c. The music continues in this pattern for the remaining staves and measures.

8

104

+10c +20c +10c -20c +10c +20c +20c
+5c +5c +25c -10c +10c +5c -5c +5c -18c -8c +10c +10c +15c -5c -8c -5c -8c +12c +12c
8vb-----

106

+2c +22c +12c +5c +5c -15c +2c +12c +2c -3c -3c +17c +10c -20c -18c -8c -8c +2c -18c -10c +20c +7c -13c +7c +7c -3c -13c
8vb-----

108

+22c +22c +2c +22c +2c +12c +15c +22c -5c +15c +25c +7c -23c -5c +15c +5c -5c +5c
8vb-----

110

-8c -3c -13c +17c -23c -10c +20c -20c +10c +20c +20c +22c -8c -8c +5c -5c +5c +15c -10c +10c +5c
8vb-----

112

+7c -13c +22c +22c -18c +2c +15c +15c +10c +20c +25c -20c -10c -10c +22c +22c -18c -23c +17c -23c +3c -15c +15c +5c +15c -18c +2c
8vb-----

114

-10c -20c +25c +5c +17c -23c +10c +20c -20c +2c +12c -10c +20c -20c
8vb-----

116

-20c +12c +22c +17c -3c -18c +7c -10c -10c +15c -13c +7c -23c +17c -3c
8vb-----

118

120

122

124

126

128

130

132

10

134

+20c -20c +20c+10c +20c-20c +20c-15c -15c -3c +10c +10c+20c +10c +17c +20c -10c-18c +2c -10c +20c -3c +7c -3c -23c -15c -15c -8c

8vb

136

+2c +10c +2c +12c +20c +25c +5c -8c +12c +17c +2c +22c +10c -20c -13c -3c +7c +10c +20c +17c +10c+10c -8c -18c

8vb

138

+22c +12c +2c +5c +5c +2c +22c +2c +5c +25c -5c +25c-18c -18c +15c +25c -20c +7c -23c +25c +25c -23c +17c +15c +25c +17c -3c -10c -10c -10c +10c

8vb

140

+7c -23c -18c -18c -20c +10c +22c +18c +25c +15c +25c +5c +2c +12c +2c +5c +5c +2c +12c +2c +22c +2c +12c +2c +17c -13c -3c +5c +25c +20c +20c

8vb

142

-15c +5c +20c -20c #8c +2c -5c +25c +5c +2c +5c -5c -8c +22c +20c +10c +20c +22c +2c +12c +2c +17c -13c -3c -23c +15c +15c

8vb

144

-20c +17c +17c +7c +10c +20c -23c +7c -3c +7c +13c -20c +20c +12c +2c +2c +12c +10c +20c +10c +20c +5c +17c +7c

8vb

146

+22c +15c -15c -18c -8c -5c +25c +5c +10c -10c +2c -8c +2c -8c -3c +7c +12c -8c -15c +15c -13c -13c -13c -20c +5c +20c +2c +22c

8vb

148

-10c -10c +10c +5c -15c +5c +7c -23c -23c +17c +25c +15c +25c +20c +20c +10c +5c -5c +5c -10c -8c +2c +2c -10c -20c -18c +2c +5c +5c +2c -15c -10c +20c +25c +5c

8vb

150

+7c +17c +7c +5c +15c +20c +17c -13c +5c +5c -20c +20c -20c +20c +25c -5c -3c +17c +15c +25c +15c +25c +12c -8c -18c +2c -23c +17c -23c +22c +12c -18c -20c +2c -8c

8vb

152

-20c +2c -8c +12c +17c -23c +17c +20c +22c -20c +12c +15c -15c -20c +10c -10c +22c -18c -13c +7c -23c -20c -23c +17c -23c -20c +20c +10c +10c -10c +10c +12c +17c -13c -23c -20c +25c +15c

8vb

154

+15c +25c -15c +5c +2c -8c -3c -13c -15c +25c -5c -8c +12c +10c +12c +2c -3c +25c -23c +5c +25c +15c +12c +22c +2c +5c +15c +12c -18c +2c +22c +20c -20c -18c -15c +5c +25c -23c +25c -5c -3c +7c

8vb

156

-8c -10c +20c +22c +2c +5c -15c -13c +17c -3c -5c -8c +22c +20c +10c +12c +2c +10c +12c +12c +20c -10c -8c +12c -15c +25c -23c -3c -5c -15c +25c +5c +2c +20c -20c +20c +22c +12c +5c +7c -13c +17c +20c +10c +12c +22c

8vb

158

+17c -23c +17c +10c -20c -13c -3c +17c -23c -13c -10c -10c +20c +17c -13c -3c -3c +2c +10c +20c -10c +2c +12c -8d -13c -23c -3c -13c +25c +5c +15c +5c +2c -18c -20c +20c +22c -18c +20c +10c +20c +10c +17c -23c -13c -13c

8vb

160

+12c +2c +22c -18c -10c -20c +20c -20c +22c +12c +22c +12c +22c +18c -20c +20c +22c +20c +10c +10c +17c -23c -13c -23c -13c -13c +7c -23c +7c -13c -23c -13c -13c +7c -3c -23c -23c +17c +7c +17c +7c -13c

8vb

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+12c -18c -20c +22c +12c +22c +12c +2c -18c -20c -18c -20c +10c -20c +10c +10c

8vb

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