Auralization and Sonification

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Lecture 3 Exercises

Find and download a copy of the following paper:

Davis, S. (2006). Implied polyphony in the solo string works of J. S. Bach: A case for the perceptual relevance of structural expression. *Music Perception*, Vol. 23, Issue 5, pages 423-446.

(Hint: You should be able to find this one without a hint ©)

Now answer the following questions. (The order of the questions follows that of the paper.)

- 1. Explain what is meant by the term "implied polyphony".
- 2. How is it possible for a monophonic passage of music to be heard to be constructed from two or more voices?
- 3. Explain the meaning of the term "fission" in relation to auditory stream segregation.
- 4. What is the meaning of the term "thoroughbass"? (Hint: Go to aub.aau.dk, click on "e-håndbøger", scroll down and click on "musikvidenskab" and then select "The new Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians". Be aware that there can only be 1 simultaneous user from an AAU machine, so you may not be able to access it if someone else is!)
- 5. What are the two most important influences on the segregation of tones by proximity?
- 6. What Gestalt principles could be involved in sequential integration of events by timbre?
- 7. Use the Grove dictionary to find out what "conjunct" and "disjunct" motion mean in the context of melodic intervals.