Integral Analysis in VIS

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Analysis "by hand":

- Encourages good familiarity with corpus
- Effective but labor intensive
- Typically applied to one piece or a small corpus

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Automated Analysis:

- Makes large corpus studies possible
- Allows for discernment of trends over time, genre, composer, or other large-scale classifications of music
- Forced us to reevaluate all of our assumptions and be aware of the finer points of our analytical approach
- Automation changed our scope, but not our fundamental approach

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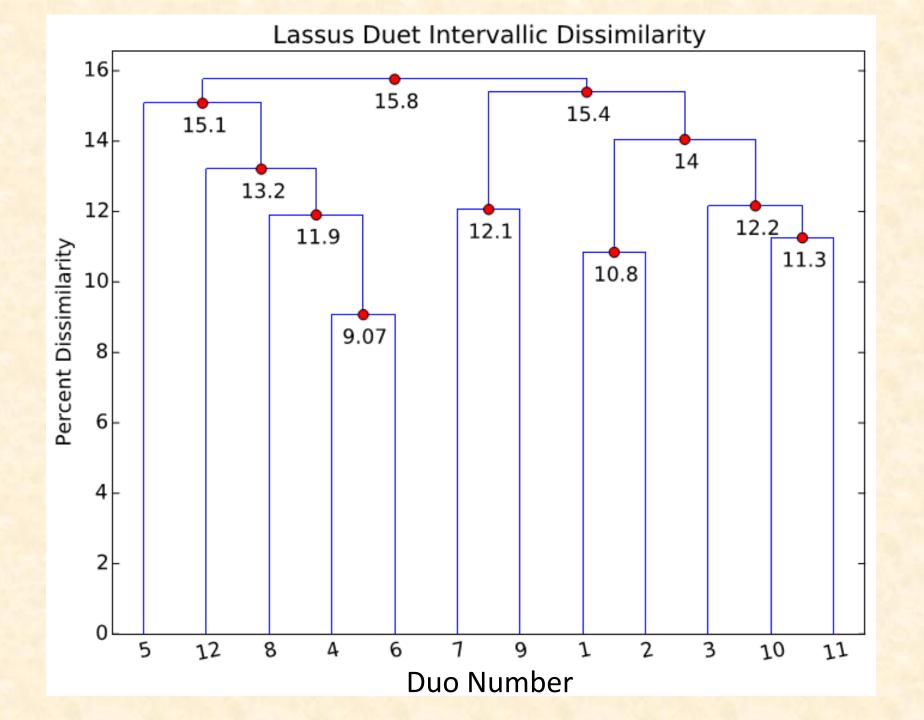
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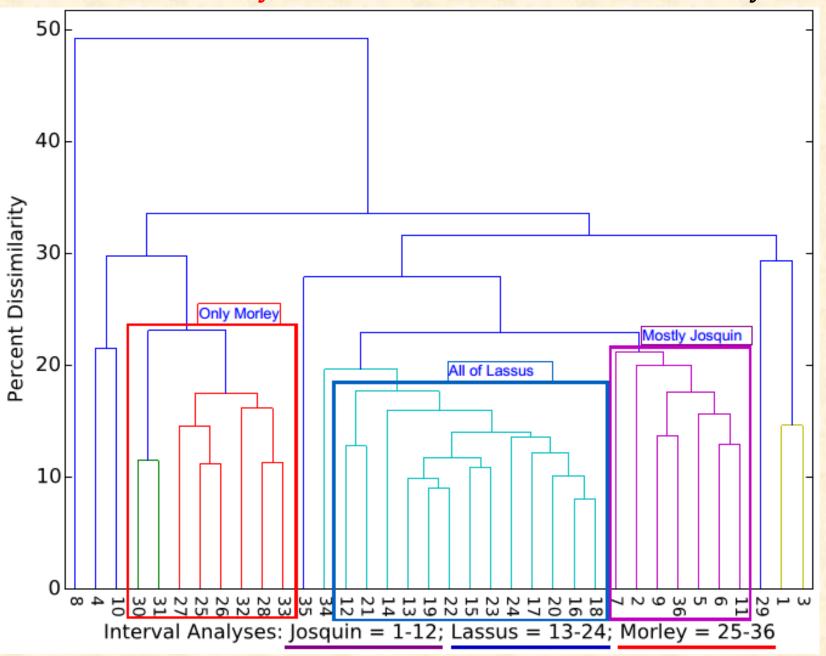
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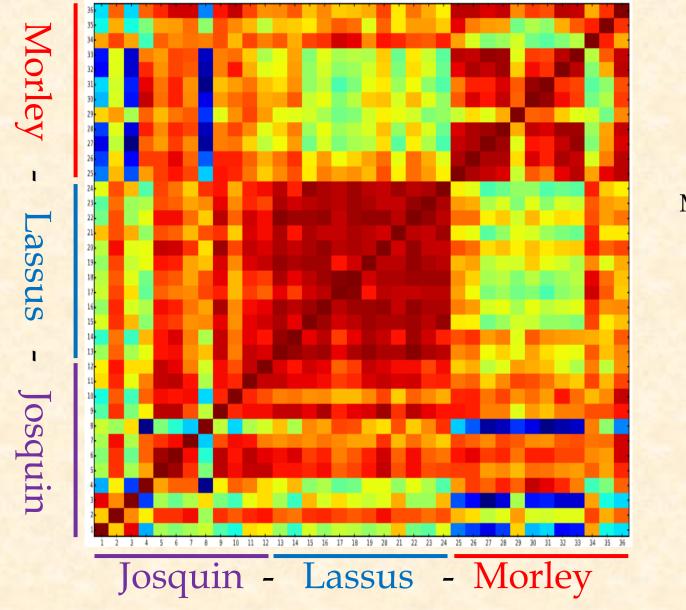
- Allows for the comparison of entire analysis profiles between pieces providing a similarity score for each pair
- Addresses selective analysis problem in a new way
- Lends itself to several useful visual representations of data



Josquin, Lassus, and Morley Duet Intervallic Dissimilarity Dendrogram



Josquin, Lassus, and Morley Duet Intervallic Dissimilarity Heat Map



Legend:

More Similar
Less Similar -

New Directions with Integral Intervallic Analysis

- Reveal latent structure in corpora
- Create expected analysis profiles for composers, genres, time periods, etc.
- Inform questions of uncertain attributions
- Quantify the intervallic differences in compositions in 2 versus 3 or more voices

Thank You!

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