

025:250 COMPOSITION: ELECTRONIC MEDIA I

Assignment 4

Due Sept. 16, 1996

Purpose: To create a mono Sound Designer file consisting of 48 sawtooth pitches derived from the four 12-tone transformations of your Assignment 3.

- 1) Do some housekeeping by backing up any personal files on the EMS drive, dragging them to the trash, then emptying the trash. We need the disk space.
- 2) Launch Sound Designer and create a new mono file entitled "YI.Assign.4".
- 3) Go to the folder EMS/Class Sounds/Sawtooth Pitches and open the file for any pitch that you like.
- 4) Copy any part of the pitch (up to 2.5 seconds) and paste it into "YI.Assign.4".
- 5) Repeat steps 3-4 to create a monophonic (single line with no overlapping sounds) composition consisting of the 48 pitches derived from the four 12-tone transformations of your Assignment 3.
- 6) Since this assignment is part of a larger series of assignments, obey the following restrictions for now:
 - a) Do shape the envelope of each note by fading in/out as desired.
 - b) Do modify the gain of each note as desired (note that the source sounds are normalized, so always reduce the gain, never increase it).
 - c) Do not modify the pitch or time expansion/compression in any way.
 - d) Do not use any filter or EQ commands.
 - e) Do not mix sounds together.
 - f) Do not overlap sounds (i.e., your sounds should be separated by at least a small amount of silence).
- 7) Grading criteria: pitch variety (use wide registers), durational variety (use interesting combinations of short and long sounds), rhythmic variety (use interesting rhythmic and arhythmic patterns, incorporating silence as a musical element), structural interest (shape your phrases registrally, rhythmically, and dynamically--also try to create small quasi-sequential patterns).
- 8) Note that all sounds will be timbrally and dynamically bland due to the restrictions of the assignment.
We will improve on this aspect in Assignment 5 next week.
- 9) Save your work to your Zip disk and remove any traces of your presence from the EMS disk.