Exercises for Multimedia Databases

Sheet 4 (until 26.05.2011)

Exercises have to be turned in until Thursday before the next lecture and should be completed in teams of two students each. Write both names and “Matrikelnummer” on each page. If you have multiple pages, staple them together! Please hand in your solutions on paper into the mailbox at the IFIS floor or to our secretary (Mühlenpförtstraße 23, 2nd floor). You may answer in either German or English.

Exercise 1: Audio Low level Features (15P)
   a) Please enumerate 4 typical audio low level features, and describe them shortly.
      (2P)
   b) What is a spectrogram and how can we use it besides searching for cat images in songs? (1P)
   c) How can we differentiate between music and speech? (2P)
   d) Use the “Lu Hankinson” algorithm provided in the lecture to classify the sounds provided in the “audio.zip” archive, linked in the exercise section. Explain the classification. (Read the note section). (10P)

Exercise 2: Pitch recognition (5P)
   a) What is pitch, what is a harmonic and how are they connected? (2P)
   b) How can we determine the pitch of a sound? (1P)
   c) What is Auto Correlation Function and why does it work for pitch tracking? (2P)

NOTE for exercise 1.d): You can use the starter kit provided in the exercise section. For the bandwidth and brightness provide the plotted figures for the wave and frequency of all 3 figures. For the silence feature, provide a histogram of each of the 3, each with 100 bins. The silence in the histogram will be represented by the first bin (representing the smallest amplitudes). For the zero crossing features provide the value calculated for each of the 3 sounds. Classify according to the algorithm, but provide on paper also the above mentioned intermediate results, even if the algorithm would indicate a stop.