David Clampitt* (david.clampitt@yale.edu), Yale University, Department of Music, P. O. Box 208310, New Haven, CT 06520-8310. Mathematical Aspects of Pairwise Well-formed Scales.

Pairwise well-formed scales include important collections in world music. Pairwise well-formedness is a second-order notion, based upon that of well-formedness. A scale is well-formed if it is generated by an interval of constant span and size, i.e., if all the notes of the scale may be linked together in a chain, where the links are intervals of the same size that span the same number of scale steps. That is, for θ real and an integer N > 1, consider $S = \{n\theta - \lfloor n\theta \rfloor \mid 0 \le n < N\}$. Then $S = \{s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_{N-1}\}$, where $0 = s_0 < \ldots < s_{N-1}$, is well-formed if and only if there exists a unit $u \mod N$ such that $\mu : \mathbb{Z}_N \to \mathbb{Z}_N$ maps z to $uz \mod N$ where $s_{\mu(z)} = z\theta - \lfloor z\theta \rfloor$. A scale is non-degenerate well-formed if it is well-formed and its step intervals (differences $s_{i+1} - s_i$) come in two sizes. A scale is pairwise well-formed (PWWF) if, when any pair of its step-interval sizes is taken to be equivalent, the resulting pattern is that of a non-degenerate well-formed scale. (Received September 15, 2006)