1056-C1-1246 Joshua P. Case* (joshua.case@maine.edu), P.O. Box 71, New Vineyard, ME 04956. Measuring Complexity of d-Note Pitch Collections Within a c-Note Chromatic Universe.

Music theorists describe the complexity of pitch-class sets (collections of musical notes) by computing the number of "differences", "ambiguities", and "contradictions" found among the generic intervals. Norman Carey has developed a formula to determine the maximum number of differences for sets of cardinality N. However, due to the restrictions of the c-note chromatic universe in which a d-note pitch-class set is contained, this maximal value may not be reached. I desire to develop a formula that will yield the maximum number of differences given the values d and c. If such a formula can be developed, what can it reveal about a set's chromatic universe and its ability to contain complex collections? What will this formula tell us about the collections themselves? While differences will be a main focus, other formulas dealing with complexity (incorporating both c and d) will also be considered. (Received September 21, 2009)