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**Table 1.** Summary of Terminology Related to Features



**Example 1.** Brahms, String Quartet Op. 51, No. 1, mvt.1, mm. 1–6



**Example 2.** Some Sample Sets from Forte’s Motivic Analysis of Brahms Op. 51, No. 1, mvt. 1




**Table 2.** Prevalence of “Alpha” Patterns in First Movements of Brahms’s String Quartets



**Table 3a.** Instances of “Alpha” Patterns Involving Pitch-class Doubling



**Table 3b.** Instances of “Alpha” Patterns Following a Rest



**Table 3c.** Instances of “Alpha” Patterns Preceding a Rest



**Table 3d.** Instances of “Alpha” Patterns Coinciding with Slur or Phrase Onsets



**Table 3e.** Instances of “Alpha” Patterns Beginning a Measure



**Table 3f.** Instances of “Alpha” Patterns in Outer-Most Voices



**Table 4a.** Comparison of the Salience of the (+2,+1) Interval Patterns



**Table 4b.** Comparison of the Salience of the (-2,-1) Interval Patterns



**Table 4c.** Comparison of the Salience of the (-1,-2) Interval Patterns



**Table 4d.** Comparison of the Salience of the (+1,+2) Interval Patterns



**Table 5.** Second Order Delta-duration Patterns in Brahms String Quartets



**Table 6a.** Durational Context of “Alpha” Patterns for Brahms Quartet No. 1 (1st movement)



**Table 6b.** Durational Context of “Alpha” Patterns for Brahms Quartet No. 2 (1st movement)



**Table 6c.** Durational Context of “Alpha” Patterns for Brahms Quartet No. 3 (1st movement)



**Table 7.** Interval Dyad Contexts for ‘Shorter-Longer’ Durational Patterns in Brahms Quartet No. 1 (1st movement)



**Table 8.** Pitch Contour Patterns for Brahms Quartet No. 1 (1st movement)



**Example 3.** Schematic Representation of the Principal Motive in Brahms Op. 51, No. 1, mvt. 1 as Developed Using a Comparative Analysis Method

