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discursive points of musical and philosophical scholarship they involve, especially with regard to recent research and cutting-edge critique.