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# CHAPTER 1 USING THE PROGRAMS

## INTRODUCTION

Apple Music Theory is a set of programs that provide drill and practice for the skills of reading and listening to music. Each of the programs allows you to choose the level of difficulty of the problems, so as your skills improve, you can work on more difficult exercises.

The programs fall into four categories: Introduction, Terminology and Notation, Rhythm, and Pitch. Introduction is a program that demonstrates some of the things that the Apple will do in the other programs, such as generating sound and drawing pictures on the Apple's screen. Terminology and Notation contains four programs that give you practice in identifying notes, key signatures, and musical terms. In the category of Rhythm, the four programs provide drills in recognizing note types, in counting, in comparing written and performed rhythm, and in playing rhythmic patterns. Pitch covers four subcategories: interval recognition, sight and sound correlation, scales, and chords.

The main function of this manual is to teach you how to use the programs. Chapter 1 and Appendix A explain how to use the programs and how to set up the Apple II system. The manual assumes that you already know something about the music theory covered by each program (e g., knowing the names of the notes, recognizing intervals by ear, knowing how to identify key signatures, etc.) Although Appendix B does include some background information on music theory, it is just an overview and doesn't cover everything you might learn from a textbook or a course on music theory.

Chapter 2 and Appendices B and C serve a secondary function: to describe the educational framework surrounding the programs-prerequisites, objectives, and evaluation of the success of each learner. This is primarily for teachers but may be helpful to anyone who wants to use these programs to practice some of the fundamentals of music theory in a structured way.

This manual assumes that your Apple II system is correctly set up. If you're not sure that the system is ready to go, see Appendix A.

## WHAT YOU NEED

To use the Music Theory programs, you need:

- an Apple II with at least 32K of memory, an Autostart ROM, and an Applesoft card or Language card OR an Apple II Plus with at least 32K of memory
- at least one disk drive with a disk controller card containing 16-sector PROMs,
- a video monitor (or television), and
- the Music Theory Diskette.

For reference, you should have on hand a copy of the DOS manual.

## **STARTING THE PROGRAMS**

If you're reading this manual for the first time, try the procedures while you read about them--you'll learn how to use the programs faster that way. These programs are very easy to use and are very patient in helping you practice any of the music theory they describe.

You received two diskettes labeled "Apple Music Theory". Put one diskette in a safe place (away from heat, magnets, and dust). If the first copy of the diskette is damaged, you can use the second copy.

With most Apple II systems, the Music Theory programs start automatically as soon as you put the diskette in the disk drive and turn on the Apple. This process of starting the program is known as "booting". Use the following steps to boot the Music Theory diskette.

1) Place the diskette marked "Apple Music Theory" in the disk drive as shown in the DOS manual.

If you have more than one disk drive, put the diskette in Drive 1. If you hold the diskette in your right hand, with your thumb over the label, you're almost certain to insert the diskette correctly. Remember to close the drive door after inserting the diskette.

2) Turn on the Apple.

If the disk drive's IN USE light comes on, and the drive makes whirring and clicking noises, then your system is automatically booting the diskette, and you can skip to step 3.

If the disk drive doesn't start, see the DOS manual for details on the standard procedure for booting a diskette.

3) If you have a Language Card, the screen displays the message: LOADING APPLESOFT INTO LANGUAGE CARD

The screen should then show:



If this doesn't appear on the screen even though steps 1 and 2 worked properly, read Appendix A. Note that one step in booting the diskette varies, depending on which slot contains the disk controller card.

## THE MUSIC MENUS

After the title screen, Music Menu I should appear

APPLE MUS MUSIC	IC THEORY MENU I
1 AURAL INTERVALS	6 NAME THE NOTE
2 COUNTING	7 NOTE TYPES
3 ENHARMONICS	8 VISUAL INTERVALS
4 INTRODUCTION	9 TERMS 🦟
5 KEY SIGNATURES	0 MUSIC MENU II
TYPE THE NUMBER OF	THE PROGRAM YOU WANT.
(IF YOU NEED DESCRI	PTIONS, TYPE 'D'.
TO END, TYPE 'END'.	

The term "menu" is often used in computer programs to indicate a list of choices. From Music Menu I, you may choose to run one of the nine programs, to get a brief description of any program, or to get Music Menu II. From Music Menu II, you may choose to run one of its nine programs, to get a brief description of any program, or to return to Music Menu I.

To select one of the programs from the menu, type its number, then press the RETURN key. If you type the wrong number, press the left-arrow key to erase it. Then type the number you want.

If, for any reason, the program suddenly stops and leaves a blinking cursor and a prompt (> or ]), type RUN HELLO and press the RETURN key to get Music Menu I. Or reboot the system using the same steps you followed before.

## **AN INFORMAL INTRODUCTION**

From Music Menu I, type 4

and press the RETURN key to run a program that gives you a short introduction to the other programs and to the Apple. The introduction appears as a series of displays on the Apple's screen. After you read each screen, press RETURN to get the next screen. When you finish the introduction, the last screen will give you these choices

NOULD YOU LIKE TO: 1) RUN THIS PROGRAM AGAIN, 2) RUN A DIFFERENT PROGRAM, OR 3) END Please Enter 1, 2, or 3.

This is the Rerun Menu, which lets you run a program again and again. Type the number of your choice, remembering to press RETURN after the number. When you type 2 Music Menu I reappears on the screen. When you type 3 the Music Theory program quits, and the screen displays a prompt (either ], >, or \*) showing you that the Apple has returned to Applesoft, BASIC, or the Monitor. For every Music Theory program, you follow this same procedure of selecting a program, running it, and then having the three choices--running it again, running a different program, or quitting.

For now, type 2 to return to Music Menu I.

## **DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROGRAMS**

From Music Menu I, you can get a brief description of each program by
typing
D
and pressing RETURN. The screen then asks you to
TYPE THE NUMBER OF THE PROGRAM YOU
WANT DESCRIBED
For example, type
D
and press RETURN, then type
1
and press RETURN. By now, you probably have learned that you press the
RETURN key to complete each message you send to the Apple. So from now
on, when we tell you to type or press a key, you'll know that means to

At the bottom of the screen, you should see this description

APPLE MU MUSIC	SIC THEORY MENU I
1 AURAL INTERVALS	6 NAME THE NOTE
2 COUNTING	7 NOTE TYPES
3 ENHARMONICS	8 VISUAL INTERVALS
4 INTRODUCTION	9 TERMS
5 KEY SIGNATURES	0 MUSIC MENU II
AURAL INTERVALS PR Practice on Recogn Ear.	DVIDES DRILL AND Izing intervals by
DO YOU WANT ANOTHE	R DESCRIPTION?

type or press the key AND press RETURN.

If you want another description, type Y

then type the number of the program for which you want a description. If you don't want another description, type  $_{\rm N}$ 

Music Menu I will reappear with its original choices.

## **RUNNING NOTE TYPES**

Now you are ready to run a music theory program. In this section of the manual, we'll guide you through a few programs, then describe the unique features of the rest. For the most part, the programs themselves give you all the instructions you need to use them. But we'll point out some details that make it very easy to learn to use them.

From Music Menu I, type 7 to run Note Types. The screen will say first GETTING THE PROGRAM... then



Type Y to get the first screenful of instructions



Press RETURN to view the rest of the instructions. The next screen of instructions is



After you press RETURN again, you should see

YOU MAY BE DRILLED ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: 1.) NOTES ONLY 2.) RESTS ONLY 3.) A MIXTURE OF NOTES AND RESTS NHICH WOULD YOU LIKE? (ENTER A NUMBER 1 - 3) 🔳

#### Type 1

to choose notes only. The screen will then show the abbreviations you must type in response to the questions about note types



Press RETURN for more instructions

AFTER IDENTIFYING THE NOTE TYPE YOU WILL BE ASKED HOW MANY BEATS THAT NOTE OR REST SHOULD BE HELD IN A TIME SIGNATURE IN WHICH A QUARTER NOTE IS HELD FOR ONE COUNT.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

Then press RETURN again for the final instructions

IF A NOTE IS HELD ONLY PART OF A BEAT ENTER THE NUMBER OF BEATS AS A DECIMAL E.G. AN EIGHTH NOTE WOULD RECEIVE .5 BEATS.

HON MANY PROBLEMS DO YOU WANT?

Type the number of problems you want, for example, 5. The screen will present the first problem, which will look like this one



Here are two charts listing the responses to use when you're typing the answers to the problems:

		For this	
Note	Abbreviation	Number of beats	Type this:
whole	W	six	6
half	H	four	4
quarter	Q	three	3
eighth	E	two	2
sixteenth	S	one and one-half	1.5
dotted whole	DW	one	1
dotted half	DH	three quarter	- 75
dotted quarter	DQ	one-half	• 5
dotted eighth	DE	one-quarter	•25

Type your answer, and the screen tells you how you did. It will say

CORRECT PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE

or it will say

NO, THE CORRECT ANSWER IS ... PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE

and fill in the correct answer. Press RETURN to get the rest of the problem:

HOW MANY BEATS DOES THIS NOTE RECEIVE (6, 4, 3, 2, 1.5, 1, .75, .5, .25)?

The screen again tells you if your answer is correct. When you have finished all the exercises, the screen tells you how you did. Because each problem has two parts, your score for Note Types will show 2 correct answers for each problem you answered correctly (e·g-, if you asked for  $1\emptyset$  problems, you get a score for  $2\emptyset$  problems). For example,



After you press RETURN, the screen presents the Rerun Menu. For now, type

to run another program. The screen should say

GETTING THE MENU PROGRAM ...

2

then present Music Menu I again. From Music Menu I, let's look at the programs for Terminology and Notation.

## **TERMINOLOGY AND NOTATION**

The four programs under Terminology and Notation are Name the Note, Enharmonics, Key Signatures, and Terms. All of these programs are on Music Menu I.

#### NAME THE NOTE

This program gives you practice in identifying notes in both treble and bass clefs. You must specify which clef you want to practice and if the exercises will include sharps, flats, and ledger lines.

From Music Menu I, type 6 to run Name the Note. The screen will display



After you press RETURN, the screen displays

THERE ARE FIVE LEVELS OF PROBLEM DIFFICULTY AVAILABLE - THESE ARE
LEVEL 1 - ALL TREBLE CLEF, NO SHARPS, FLATS, OR LEDGER LINES
LEVEL 2 - ALL BASS CLEF, NO SHARPS, FLATS, OR LEDGER LINES
LEVEL 3 - MIXTURE OF TREBLE AND BASS CLEFS, NO SHARPS, FLATS OR LEDGER LINES
LEVEL 4 - MIXTURE OF TREBLE AND BASS CLEFS, SOME LEDGER LINES, NO SHARPS OR FLATS
LEVEL 5 - MIXTURE OF TREBLE AND BASS CLEFS, SOME LEDGER LINES AND SOME SHARPS AND FLATS
WHICH LEVEL DO YOU WANT?

Type the number of the level of difficulty you want. For this example, type 1

The screen will ask

HOW MANY PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE?

Type the number of problems you want.

When you select difficulty level 5, the screen gives directions for typing your answers

RHEN HNSWERING, KEMEMDER INHI:
INE # 15 INE SHAKE STON.
THE '#' (ASTERISK) IS THE FLAT SIGN.
HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF ANSWERS:
ANSHER YOU TYPE
A
A-SHARP A#
A-FLAT A*
PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

After you read those directions and type the number of problems you want, press RETURN to get the first exercise. For example, if you've selected difficulty level 1, you might get a problem like this



After you type the name of the note, the program tells you whether or not your answer is correct. After you answer all the problems, the program tells you how you did, then presents the Rerun Menu. Type 2

to return to Music Menu I.

#### **ENHARMONICS**

This program lets you practice identifying notes that are equivalent in pitch, but that may be written differently (e.g., G-flat or F- sharp). You may choose whether or not to have exercises that use double sharps and double flats.

To run this program from Music Menu I, type 3 The screen will say



Follow the same procedures you used for Name the Note--that is, type Y for yes, N for no, remembering to press RETURN after typing your response, and press the space bar when the screen directs you to.

Whether or not you ask for instructions, the program displays a screen showing what to type to indicate flats (\*) and sharps (#). Then the program asks you

HOW MANY PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE?

For each problem, the program tells you how you did, giving the correct answer if you made a mistake. And, at the end, the program tells you how many problems you answered correctly. It then presents the Rerun Menu.

#### **KEY SIGNATURES**

This program provides drills on recognizing major and minor key signatures. You may choose to answer problems on only major keys, only minor keys, or both major and minor keys. Type 5

to run this program from Music Menu I.

The program offers instructions on how to use it, lets you choose which type of keys and how many problems you want, and reminds you to use the # for sharp and the \* for flat. Then the screen draws a staff with a key signature for you to identify. For example,



You get two tries to answer the problem correctly. However, your final score will show only the number of problems you answered correctly on the first try. The program keeps track of how many problems you answer correctly and tells you your score at the end. Then it presents the Rerun Menu.

#### TERMS

This program quizzes you on the definition of 57 commonly used musical terms, such as arpeggio. You may choose one of three levels of difficulty.

#### Type 9

to run this program from Music Menu I. Type the number to indicate which set of terms you want, then type the number of problems you want. The screen shows directions for typing your answer to the problem and presents the first problem, for example,



You have one chance to answer correctly for each musical term. The program lets you know how you did on each item and on the whole set. Then it presents the Rerun Menu.

To use the rest of the Music Theory programs, follow the same steps you've just been using. Those steps are

- 1. Select a program from the menu by typing its number
- 2. Read or skip the directions on how to use the program
- 3. Choose the level of difficulty (or the type of problems) and the number of problems you want
- 4. Answer the problems
- 5. See how you did on the problems
- 6. Choose from the Rerun Menu which program to run next

The rest of this chapter describes only the unique features of the remaining Music Theory programs.

## RHYTHM

In the category of rhythm are four programs: Note Types, Counting, Rhythm, and Rhythm Play. Note Types and Counting are on Music Menu I. Rhythm and Rhythm Play are on Music Menu II.

#### NOTE TYPES

If you have been following the examples in this manual, you've already run Note Types. Here is a little more information about the program.

This program tests your ability to recognize different types of notes and rests. It includes whole, half, eighth, quarter, and sixteenth notes and rests, as well as dotted versions of those notes and rests (except for sixteenth notes and rests). Note Types also asks you to tell how long the note or rest should be held if a quarter note receives one beat. You may choose to answer problems on only notes, only rests, or both notes and rests.

Because each problem has two parts, your score for Note Types will show two points for each problem you answered correctly (e.g., if you answered  $1\emptyset$  problems correctly, you get  $2\emptyset$  points).

## COUNTING

This program provides drill on time signatures, note and rest types, and counting. The screen displays a measure that needs to be completed by adding one note or rest. You must determine the type of note or rest that should be added. You must choose the time signatures for the problems. You may select any combination of these time signatures:

2	3	4	5	6	3	6	9	12
4	4	4	4	4	8	8	8	8

You must also use abbreviations for the type of notes--these are the same abbreviations you used for Note Types. You get one chance to answer each problem correctly. If you make a mistake, the program will show you the correct note or rest.

#### GETTING MUSIC MENU II

The next program, Rhythm, is on Music Menu II. To run Rhythm, or any of the other programs on Music Menu II, type

Ø to select Music Menu II from Music Menu I. Music Menu II should appear on the screen. It looks like Music Menu I with different programs offered as choices.

APPLE MUS MUSIC	SIC THEORY MENU II
1 FIND THE HALF	6 SEVENTHS
2 MISSING NOTE	7 TRIADS
3 RHYTHM	8 WHOLE-HALF
4 RHYTHM PLAY	9 WRONG NOTE
5 SCALES	0 MUSIC MENU I
TYPE THE NUMBER OF	THE PROGRAM YOU WANT.
(IF YOU NEED DESCR)	IPTIONS, TYPE 'D'.
TO END, TYPE 'END'	

Use this menu the same way you use Music Menu I. Type the number of the program you want to run, then press RETURN. For example, to run Rhythm, type

3

then press RETURN. The screen displays the message,

GETTING THE PROGRAM ...

when it's getting a program for you.

#### RHYTHM

Rhythm helps you to practice comparing written and performed rhythmic patterns. For each problem, the screen shows a staff containing a rhythmic pattern. The Apple plays three patterns and you decide which of the patterns you heard matches the one on the screen. You may listen to the three patterns as many times as you like before typing your answer. If you choose the wrong pattern and want to hear the correct pattern, the Apple will play the correct pattern if you press the R key. At the beginning of the program, you specify one of three levels of difficulty for the problems.

#### RHYTHM PLAY

This program, which is on Music Menu II, lets you use the Apple keyboard to practice rhythmic patterns. You may select one of three levels of difficulty. For each problem, the screen displays two measures of music. The first measure always contains four quarter notes. The second measure varies from problem to problem. After looking at the two measures, to produce the rhythmic pattern you see, tap the N key as if the Apple keyboard were an instrument. The first measure you play (four quarter notes) sets the tempo for the two measures--you may play the patterns at almost any tempo. If you play the pattern incorrectly, the screen will show you what you played, and the Apple will play the pattern correctly.

## PITCH

The category of Pitch includes four subcategories: interval recognition, sight and sound correlation, scales, and chords. Within the four subcategories are nine programs:

Subcategories and Programs for Pitch

Interval Recognition	Sight and Sound Recognition
Aural Intervals Visual Intervals	Missing Note Wrong Note
<u>Scales</u> Whole-Half Find the Half Scales	<u>Chords</u> Triads Sevenths

## AURAL INTERVALS

This program, which is on Music Menu I, provides drill in recognizing intervals by ear. The Apple plays two pitches and you must identify the interval between them. You select how many types of intervals will be played and whether the notes are to be played low note to high note or high note to low note. You may hear the interval as many times as you like before you answer the question. If you give a wrong answer, the screen displays the right answer. You may then hear the interval again.

## **VISUAL INTERVALS**

This program, which is on Music Menu I, lets you practice recognizing intervals by sight. The screen shows two notes on a staff, and you determine the interval between the notes. You specify the maximum number of sharps and flats for the problems, and select the intervals that you want to practice. If you give a wrong answer, then the screen shows you the right answer.

## **MISSING NOTE**

This program is on Music Menu II, along with the rest of the programs about Pitch. Missing Note provides drill in elementary melodic dictation. The screen shows a staff with a melodic pattern of four notes and a space. The space represents a missing note, which may occur anywhere in the pattern. After the Apple plays the pattern, you must identify the missing note by name. You specify how many sharps or flats the key signature has and the maximum size of the intervals in the pattern. You may hear the pattern as many times as you like before answering. You get two tries to name the missing note. After you answer, the screen displays the correct note.

## WRONG NOTE

This program helps you practice comparing written and performed pitch patterns. The Apple plays a pattern of five notes, which you see on the screen. One of the notes is played off either a whole step or a half step. You must decide which note was played wrong. You specify the maximum number of sharps or flats in the key signature and the maximum size of the intervals in the pattern.

## WHOLE-HALF

This program provides drill in hearing the difference between whole and half steps. The Apple plays two pitches, and you must determine if the interval between them is a whole step or a half step. You may hear each interval as many times as you like.

## FIND THE HALF

Find the Half provides aural drill in finding the half step in a series of whole steps. The Apple plays a series of from three to five notes. You specify how many notes are in the series. With the exception of one interval, the intervals are whole steps. You determine which interval is the half step, and type the number of the note played just before the half step. For example, if the half step occurs between notes 3 and 4, you type 3 . You may hear the series as many times as you like before answering.

## SCALES

Scales gives you practice in identifying types of scales: major, minor (harmonic, natural, and melodic), and modal (dorian, phrygian, lydian, and mixolydian). You specify whether or not to include modal scales in the problems. The Apple plays the scale both ascending and descending. You may hear the scale as many times as you like before typing your answer. You get two tries to answer correctly. If your answer is wrong both times, the screen tells you the right answer, and you may listen to the scale again.

## TRIADS

Triads provides drill in recognizing arpeggiated major, minor, augmented, and diminished triads. You decide whether or not to include augmented and diminished triads in the problems, and if the root of the triads is to be fixed. The Apple plays the triad as many times as you like before you type your answer. You get one try for each problem. If you answer incorrectly, the right answer appears on the screen.

## **SEVENTHS**

Sevenths helps you practice identifying by ear arpeggiated major, minor, dominant, half-diminished, and fully-diminished seventh chords. You decide whether or not to hear half- and fully-diminished seventh chords, and if you want the same root note for all the problems. The Apple plays the arpeggiated chord as many times as you want before you type your answer.

# CHAPTER 2 A LITTLE STRUCTURE

The purpose of this chapter is to present a framework for using the music theory programs. Although Chapter 1 teaches you how to use the programs, it does not describe when to use them or how to tell when you have completed a program. So Chapter 2 includes a suggested sequence of instruction and some guidelines for evaluation.

Whether you are a teacher using these programs as part of a course, a student learning music theory on your own, or you already know most of the content covered in these programs--but want to practice your skills--you can use this chapter to plan which programs to use first. You can also look at the evaluation forms, which present a system for keeping track of progress.

To review the objectives and prerequisites for each program, see Appendix B, which gives some background for each of the programs.

## **SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION**

Here is a suggested sequence of instruction, divided into 9 levels. The learner first does level one, then moves on to level two, etc. Notice that each level in the sequence may cover a few of the levels of difficulty of a program, and or it may cover all levels of difficulty of a program.

#### LEVEL ONE

NOTE TYPES (all levels) NAME THE NOTE (all levels) ENHARMONICS (all levels)

## LEVEL TWO

TERMS (level 1) KEY SIGNATURES (major only) COUNTING (all levels) AURAL INTERVALS (major and minor 2nds) VISUAL INTERVALS (2nds) WHOLE-HALF (all levels)

#### LEVEL THREE

WRONG NOTE (2nds) MISSING NOTE (2nds) RHYTHM (level 1) RHYTHM PLAY (level 1) AURAL INTERVALS (3rds, and a mix of 2nds and 3rds) VISUAL INTERVALS (3rds, maximum of 1 sharp of flat) KEY SIGNATURES (minor only)

#### LEVEL FOUR

WRONG NOTE (3rds, maximum 1 sharp or flat) MISSING NOTE (3rds, maximum of 1 sharp or flat) RHYTHM (level 2) RHYTHM PLAY (level 2) AURAL INTERVALS (4ths and 5ths) VISUAL INTERVALS (4ths, maximum of 1 sharp of flat) KEY SIGNATURES (all levels)

#### LEVEL FIVE

WRONG NOTE (4ths, maximum 1 sharp or flat) MISSING NOTE (4ths, maximum 1 sharp of flat) RHYTHM (level 3) RHYTHM PLAY (level 3) FIND THE HALF (3 notes) TERMS (level 2) VISUAL INTERVALS (5ths, maximum 1 sharp of flat)

## LEVEL SIX

WRONG NOTE (5ths, maximum 2 sharps or flats) MISSING NOTE (5ths, maximum 2 sharps or flats) FIND THE HALF (4 notes) VISUAL INTERVALS (6ths, maximum 3 flats or sharps) AURAL INTERVALS (sixths) TRIADS (major and minor only, both fixed and random root)

#### LEVEL SEVEN

WRONG NOTE (6ths, maximum 3 sharps or flats) MISSING NOTE (6ths, maximum 3 sharps of flats) FIND THE HALF (5 notes) VISUAL INTERVALS (7ths, maximum 4 sharps or flats) AURAL INTERVALS (7ths, and mixture of 6ths and 7ths) TRIADS (all types, both fixed and random root)

## LEVEL EIGHT

WRONG NOTE (7ths, maximum 4 sharps or flats) MISSING NOTE (7ths, maximum 4 sharps or flats) SCALES (major and minor) SEVENTHS (major, minor, dominant, both fixed and random root) AURAL INTERVALS (all intervals) TERMS (level 3)

### LEVEL NINE

SCALES (major, minor, and modal)
SEVENTHS (major, minor, dominant, half diminished, fully
diminished, both fixed and random root)
VISUAL INTERVALS (7ths, maximum 6 flats and sharps)
WRONG NOTE (7ths, maximum 6 flats or sharps)
MISSING NOTE (7ths, maximum 6 flats or sharps)

The chart on the following page shows the levels of instruction for each program.

#### SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF PROGRAMS BY LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION

PROGRAM					LEVEL				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Aural Int.		maj/min 2nds	3rds 2nd&3rds	4ths 5ths		6ths	7ths 6th&7th	all s	
Counting	al	1							
Enhar- monics	al	1		(					
Find the half					3 notes	4 notes	5 notes	tan ani kaj uni kaj naj kaj kaj	
Key sig.		maj	min	all					
Missing note (s	harp	s/flats)	2nds	3rds 1	4ths 1	5ths 2	6ths 3	7ths 4	7ths 6
Name the note	al	.1							~~
Note types	al	.1				Ĉ			
Rhythm	(d	lifficult	y) 1	2	3				
Rhythm play	(d	lifficult	y) 1	2	3	0			
Scales				(		C		maj min	maj,min, modal
Sevenths								maj,min dom	maj,min, dom, dim
Terms (d	iff	.) 1			2		3		
Triads						maj/min	al1		al tay -10 Pag Ang ang ang ang Ang tay
Visual int. (s	har	2nd ps/flats)	3rd 1	4th 1	5th 1	6th 3	7th 4		7th 6
Whole- half	a	11							
Wrong note (s	shar	ps/flats)	2nd	3rd 1	4th 1	5th 2	6th 3	7th 4	7th 6

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## **EVALUATION**

One purpose of evaluation is to tell how well you are achieving a particular objective. For these programs, we've defined the evaluation objective very generally--to reach a "mastery percentage" for each level of each program. (Appendix B contains more specific objectives for each program.)

This section of the manual presents a system for keeping track of progress toward that evaluation objective. The section includes two sample forms and a description of how to complete them. If you are following only your own progress, you may want to fill in the forms in Appendix C as you do each program. (Appendix C contains a copy of a form for each program.) If you are following the progress of a number of learners, you may want to make enough copies of those forms so that each learner has a copy to use.

#### **TWO SAMPLE FORMS**

The directions for these forms assume that you are completing the forms to follow your own progress. We'll start with the form for the first program of level one--Note Types.

## NOTE TYPES

NAME

NUMBER OF PROBLEMS

MASTERY PERCENTAGE

INPUT

SCORES

MASTERY

										1000		-
NOTES	1	l	1	L, I	1	1			1	1	1	I
												-
RESTS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	I
S & RESTS	I	1	1	I	I	I	I	1	1	1.	I	I
	NOTES RESTS S & RESTS	NOTES   RESTS   S & RESTS	NOTES     RESTS     S & RESTS	notes                   rests                   s & rests	NOTES                         RESTS                         S & RESTS	NOTES     I     I     I       RESTS     I     I     I       S & RESTS     I     I     I	NOTES                               RESTS                               S & RESTS	NOTES     I     I     I     I       RESTS     I     I     I     I       S & RESTS     I     I     I     I	NOTES     I     I     I     I     I       RESTS     I     I     I     I     I       S & RESTS     I     I     I     I	NOTES     I     I     I     I     I       RESTS     I     I     I     I     I       S & RESTS     I     I     I     I	NOTES     I     I     I     I     I       RESTS     I     I     I     I     I     I       S & RESTS     I     I     I     I     I     I	NOTES     I     I     I     I     I       RESTS     I     I     I     I     I       S & RESTS     I     I     I     I     I

To fill in this form, you must

- decide what percentage indicates mastery of the content and fill in that percentage next to "mastery percentage"
- under "mastery", put the date or a check mark in the box to indicate that you have reached the mastery percentage
- decide how many problems are enough to cover the content, and fill in that number next to "number of problems"
- run the program answering the same number of problems at each of the three levels, filling in your percentages until you reach the percentage shown under "mastery"

For example, when you've finished Note Types, your form might look like this:

#### NOTE TYPES

NAME J.B.GOODE

NUMBER OF PROBLEMS 20

MASTERY PERCENTAGE 90

INPUT	SCORES								MASTERY	
ALL NOTES	1100									   ★
ALL RESTS	180 110	01							1	¥
NOTES & RESTS	1901				1					<del>X</del>

The second sample form is for Wrong Note. In addition to the mastery percentage, number of problems, and scores, you must fill in how many sharps and flats you use, and the greatest interval you used. When you finish Wrong Note, your evaluation form might look like the sample on the next page.

All the other forms in Appendix C ask for the same types of information. The differences between forms parallel the differences between the music theory programs (such as whether they cover various intervals, sharps and flats, several levels of difficulty, etc.)

You can also use the forms when you want to review a particular skill you have mastered. Keeping track of your score each time you run each program can help you to decide what goal to set for the next time.

## WRONG NOTE

NAME R. WAGNER

#### NUMBER OF PROBLEMS 2O

MASTERY PERCENTAGE 90

# SHARPS	# FLATS	GREATEST INTERVAL	SCORES	MASTERY
101	101	121	<i>10</i> 0	2/8
101	0	3	85 90	2/9
1/1	/	3	75 75 90	12/91
171	/	4	70 73 87 85 96 1	12/10
101	101	151	82 88 93	12/10
/	/	151	1851901	12/10
121	2	151	90	12/11
101	101	161	85 85 90	12/11
/	/	161	1701751801901 1 1 1	12/12
121	121	161	65 75 80 100 1 1	12/121
131	131	161	60 85 95 1	12/131
101	0	7	1751851901 1 1 1	12/13
171	171	7	1901	2/14
121	121	7	80 90	2/14
131	3	7	170   95	12/14
4	141	171		12/15
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# APPENDIX A SETTING UP THE SYSTEM

This appendix includes a list of the equipment you'll need to use the Apple Music Theory programs on your Apple II. You do not need to read all the manuals, but they should be on hand to answer questions that may arise in operating the equipment (e-g., how to boot a diskette).

## EQUIPMENT

Equipment description	Part Number	Comments
Apple II or Apple II Plus	A2SØØ32 A2S1Ø32	Minimum 32K of memory and must have autostart ROM
Applesoft card or Language card	A2BØØØ9 A2BØØØ6	Optional for Apple II Plus
TV or video monitor	A2MØØØ5	Black and white
Disk drive and Controller Card with 16-sector PROMs	A2MØØØ4	May be purchased separately (PROMs part #341-ØØ27 and #341-ØØ28)

## MANUALS

Manuals	Part Number	Comments
Apple Music Theory: Music Fundamentals from MECC	A2LØØ36	This manual
Apple II BASIC Programming Manual (Integer BASIC)	A2LØØØ5	Setting up the Apple II
Applesoft Tutorial	A2LØØ18	
DOS Manual		How to boot the diskettes

## **PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER**

Here are the steps to follow to put your system together:

1) To set up your Apple II, follow the instructions in the Apple II BASIC Programming Manual or the Applesoft Tutorial. You do not need to attach the Game Controllers or a cassette recorder, although there is no harm in doing so. Your Apple II must have 16-sector PROMs on the disk controller card and have at least 32K of memory for you to use the Apple Music Theory programs.

2) To set up the disk drive with its interface card, follow the instructions in the DOS Manual. The DOS manual expects to find the disk drive interface card in slot #6. You'll need to know how to "boot" DOS and how to care for diskettes . See the DOS manual for that information as well. If the interface card does not have 16-sector PROMS (part  $#341-\emptyset \emptyset 27$ -xx and  $341-\emptyset \emptyset 28$ -xx) for PROM 5A and PROM 6A, contact your Apple dealer to obtain those parts. The last two digits of the part number will change from batch to batch.

Your Apple II is now ready to run the Apple Music Theory programs.
# APPENDIX B BACKGROUND ON MUSIC THEORY

For each of the music theory programs, this appendix presents a description that outlines the objectives, prerequisites, and some music theory background for the program. The description tells which Music Menu contains the program and includes photographs of a sample run of the program. The descriptions of the programs are in alphabetical order.

Program name	Music	Menu	Number
AURAL INTERVALS		I	
COUNTING		I	
ENHARMONICS		I	
FIND THE HALF		II	
KEY SIGNATURES		I	
MISSING NOTE		II	
NAME THE NOTE		I	
NOTE TYPES		I	
RHYTHM		II	
RHYTHM PLAY		II	
SCALES		II	
TERMS		I	
TRIADS		II	
VISUAL INTERVALS		I	
WHOLE-HALF		II	
WRONG NOTE		II	

## AURAL INTERVALS (MUSIC MENU I)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to identify any interval from a minor 2nd to a major 7th by ear.

Prerequisites: The student should be familiar with the concept of an interval and should be able to identify one or two intervals by ear.

Background Information: Being able to identify intervals by ear is an essential skill for the music theory student. Melodic dictation (writing a melody after hearing it) depends almost totally on the ability to identify intervals. There are 11 intervals to be studied. These are:

Interval	Number	of	half	steps	between	notes
				1		
minor 2nd				1		
major 2nd				2		
minor 3rd				3		
major 3rd				4		
perfect 4th				5		
augmented 4th/diminished 5th				6		
perfect 5th				7		
minor 6th				8		
major 6th				9		
minor 7th				1Ø		
major 7th				11		

For the beginning student who is learning intervals, the chart below may be useful:

#### Interval

Played together, the two notes sound

minor 2nd major 2nd minor 3rd major 3rd perfect 4th	dissonant dissonant harmonious harmonious neither dissonant nor harmonious
augmented 4th/diminished 5th perfect 5th	dissonant neither dissonant nor harmonious
minor 6th major 6th minor 7th major 7th	harmonious harmonious dissonant dissonant



THIS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE EAR TRAINING EXERCISES ON INTERVAL RECOGNITION. YOU MAY SPECIFY:

1) THE INTERVALS TO BE DRILLED, 2) WHETHER THE TONES WILL BE PRESENTED GOING FROM LOW TO HIGH OR HIGH TO LOW, 3) THE NUMBER OF PROBLEMS TO BE PRESENTED.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

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THE INTERVALS CAN BE PLAYED:
1. GOING FROM THE LOW NOTE TO THE HIGH NOTE
2. GOING FROM THE HIGH NOTE TO THE
3. A MIXTURE OF 1 AND 2
WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE - 1, 2, OR 3? 3
HOW MANY PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE?1

WHICH INTERVALS WOULD YOU LIKE?
1. MIN 2ND 2. MAJ 2ND 3. MIN 3RD 4. MAJ 3TH 5. PEEF 4TH
6. AUG 4TH/DIM STH/TRITONE 7. PERF 5TH 9. Min 6TH 9. Maj 6TH 10. Min 7TH 11. Maj 7TH 12. Octave 13. All Intervals
ENTER THE NUMBERS OF THE INTERVALS YOU HOULD LIKE, ONE PER LINE, HHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED, JUST PRESS THE RETURN.

BELOW ARE THE INTERVAL ABBREVIATIONS ABB. INTERVAL MI2 MINOR 2ND MACOR 2N

## COUNTING (MUSIC MENU I)

Objectives: After completing this program, the student should be able to:

- 1. Interpret the meaning of time signatures.
- Determine the number of beats a given note should be held in a specific time signature.

Prerequisites: The student should be able to recognize the various note types and determine their value in a time signature where a quarter note gets one beat (see the program, NOTE TYPES).

Background Information: The number of beats a particular note or rest is held depends on two factors: the note type and the time signature.

The time signature is the pair of numbers placed next to the clef at the beginning of a composition. The top number tells the performer the number of beats in the measure, and the bottom number indicates which type of note receives one beat. In the example below:



the 3 indicates that there are 3 beats in a measure and the 4 tells the musician that a quarter (1/4) note gets one beat. Had the time signature been 3/8, an eighth note would receive one beat.

Some of the time signatures seen in music are:

4	3	2	5	6	7	3	6	3	9	12
4	4	4	4	4	4	2	8	8	8	8

The time signatures, 6/8, 9/8, and 12/8 usually indicate a compound rather than simple meter. In a compound meter, the composer uses the dotted quarter note as the type of note which receives one beat. Conceptually, the time signature, 9/8 could be written as 3/p, where there are three beats per measure and a dotted quarter note receives one beat. Since a dotted quarter note is equivalent to three eighth notes, the compound time signatures, 6/8, 9/8, and 12/8 have 2, 3, and 4 beats per measure respectively.





6 HHICH TYPE NOTE HOULD COMPLETE THIS? PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

## ENHARMONICS (MUSIC MENU I)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to identify note names that are enharmonically equivalent.

Prerequisites: The student should know the function of flats, sharps, double flats and double sharps. Ideally, the student should have access to a keyboard instrument or picture of a keyboard.



Background Information:

Consider the picture of a keyboard above. The white keys are labelled C, D, E, F, etc. The black keys are used for sharps and flats, and may have more than one name. If a note is sharped, it is played one half step (one note) higher than it is written. If a note is flatted, it is played one half step lower than written. For example, the black key between F and G can be called F-sharp because it is one half step higher than F; but it can also be called G-flat because it is one half step lower than G.

A double sharp causes a note to be played a whole step (two notes) higher than written. A double flat causes a note to be played a whole step lower than written. Therefore, F-double sharp is G, and G-double flat is F.

Some special cases to note: C-flat is B, and E-sharp is F. These cases do follow the rules, but are a bit tricky.



THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES DRILL IN RECOGNIZING NOTES WHICH ARE ENHARMONICALLY EQUIVALENT, SUCH AS A-SHARP AND B-FLAT.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

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THERE ARE TWO SETS OF ENHARMONIC SPELLING DRILLS FROM WHICH YOU MAY CHOOSE. SET 1 SET 1

CONSISTS OF SPELLINGS INVOLVING ONLY SHARPS AND FLATS.

CONSISTS OF SPELLINGS WHICH INVOLVE DOUBLE SHARPS AND FLATS.

WHICH SET WOULD YOU PREFER - 1 OR 2?

YOU WILL SEE THE NAME OF A NOTE PRINTED ON THE SCREEN. YOU ARE TO TYPE IN THE SIMPLEST ENHARMONIC SPELLING OF THAT NOTE.

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FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE NOTE GIVEN IS G\* (G FLAT), THE SIMPLEST ENHARMONIC SPELLING WOULD BE F# (F-SHARP).

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

HOW MANY PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE?

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WHEN ENTERING ANSWERS

USE THE '#' (NUMBER SIGN) FOR SHARPS. USE THE '\*' (ASTERISK) FOR FLATS.

EXAMPLES -----B-FLAT G-SHARP

IS B¥ IS G#

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.₽

▼ <--- SHARP SIGN FLAT SIGN ---> ≭ WHAT IS THE SIMPLEST ENHARMONIC SPELLING OF C#? F

## FIND THE HALF (MUSIC MENU II)

Objectives: After completing this program, the student should be able to hear a series of five pitches that ascend by step and identify between which two pitches a half step interval occurred.

Prerequisites: The student should be able to distinguish between a half step and a whole step by ear (see WHOLE-HALF).

Background Information: The ability to identify scales by ear is based on the ability to hear a half step in a series of whole steps.

#### Here is a sample run for this program:



## KEY SIGNATURES (MUSIC MENU I)

Objective: After running this program, the student should be able to identify all major and minor key signatures.

Prerequisites: The student should know the note names (see NAME THE NOTE) and be somewhat familiar with a procedure for identifying key signatures.

Background Information: The key signature (sharps or flats next to the clef) identifies the key in which the music is written--e.g., A-major, B minor, etc.

### MAJOR KEYS

There are several methods for identifing major key signatures. One of the more popular consists of two rules: If there are sharps in the key signature, Do (the key) is one half step up from the last (rightmost) sharp. If there are flats in the key signature, Do is the next to last flat.

The key can also be determined by counting the number of sharps or flats in the key signature. The following table shows the keys as determined by the number of sharps or flats:

Nu	mber			Nar	nes				<u>Major K</u>	ey	<u>Minor Key</u>
7	sharps	F#,	C∦,	G#,	D∦,	A∦,	Е∦,	в∦	C∦		A∦
6	sharps	F#,	C∦,	G∦,	D∦,	A∦,	Е#		F#		D#
5	sharps	F#,	С∦,	G∦,	D∦,	A#			В		G∦
4	sharps	F#,	C∦,	G∦,	D∦				Е		C∦
3	sharps	F#,	C∦,	G∦					A		F#
2	sharps	F#,	C#						D		В
1	sharp	F#							G		E
nc	one										
1	flat	B*							F		D
2	flats	B*,	E*						B*		G
3	flats	B*,	Ε*,	A*					E*		С
4	flats	B*,	E*,	A*,	D*				A*		F
5	flats	B*,	Ε*,	A*,	D*,	G*			D*		B*
6	flats	B*,	E*,	A*,	D*,	G*,	C*		G*		E*
7	flats	в*,	Е*,	A*,	D*,	G*,	C*,	F*	C*		A*

Some things to note in this chart are:

1. The first sharp is always F, the second C, etc.

2. The first flat is always B, the second E, etc.

3. The notes are flatted in the reverse order from the way they are sharped, i.e., the sharps in order are: FCGDAEB. The flats are BEADGCF.

4. The notes are sharped and flatted in a predictable order. Each sharp is a fifth up from the previous sharp and each flat is a fifth down from the previous flat.

A concept called the circle of fifths is useful in studying the order of sharps, flats, and key signatures. Below is a circle of fifths.



Notice the order of the pitches. They are arranged so that the order of the interval between adjacent pitches is a fifth. C is at the top. G, the note to the right of C, is a fifth higher than C; and F, the note to the left of C, is a fifth lower than C. The circle of fifths can be used to identify a key signature, or to determine the order of sharps and flats in a key signature. Starting at C and going clockwise are all the key signatures which have sharps. For example, G has 1 sharp, D has 2, etc. Starting at C and going counterclockwise are all the key signatures that have flats. F has 1 flat, B\* has 2, etc.

The order of the sharps can be found by starting at  $F^{\#}$  and moving clockwise. The order of flats can be found by starting at B\* and moving counterclockwise.

### **MINOR KEYS**

There are several ways to identify minor key signatures. Perhaps the easiest is to first identify the major key and then move down a minor 3rd (see Intervals). Using this method, if there is one sharp in the key signature, the major key is G. The pitch found a minor 3rd below G is E. Therefore, a key signature that has one sharp is E minor. The relative minor of G major is E minor.

#### Here is a sample run for this program:



## MISSING NOTE (MUSIC MENU II)

Objectives: After completing this program, the student should be able to look at a pattern of 4 notes and a blank space (representing a missing note) and determine the pitch of the missing note after hearing the five notes played.

Prerequisites: The student should know note names (see NAME THE NOTE) and know at least some intervals by ear and sight (see AURAL INTERVALS and VISUAL INTERVALS).

Background Information: This program does not introduce new concepts, but rather reinforces those learned in programs such as VISUAL INTERVALS, AURAL INTERVALS, and NAME THE NOTE.

Skills learned through MISSING NOTE provide a good background for starting work on musical dictation.

#### Here is a sample run for this program:



IN THIS DRILL, YOU WILL SEE A FIVE-NOTE PHRASE OF MUSIC PRINTED ON THE SCREEN. FOUR OF THE NOTES WILL BE WRITTEN AS NORMAL NOTES - THE OTHER WILL BE INDICATED BY A SPACE. STUDY THE PHRASE.

NHEN YOU ARE READY, PRESS THE RETURN Key to hear the melody played. Based on hearing the melody, you will try to identify the missing note.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

YOU MAY SELECT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FLATS OR SHARPS IN THE KEY SIGNATURE, THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF THE INTERVALS, AND AND THE NUMBER OF PROBLEMS.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

NHAT IS THE GREATEST NUMBER OF FLATS YOU WANT IN THE KEY SIGNATURE? (0-7) 1 NHAT IS THE GREATEST NUMBER OF SHARPS YOU WANT IN THE KEY SIGNATURE? (0-7) 1 NHAT IS THE LARGEST INTERVAL YOU WANT IN THE PHRASE? (A 2ND IS INDICATED BY THE NUMBER, 2, <u>A 3RD BY 3, ETC.) 4</u>

HOW MANY PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE?

IN THE EXERCISES THAT FOLLOW, YOU ARE TO IDENTIFY THE MISSING NOTE. ALL NOTES WILL BE WITHIN THE SCALE (NO ACCIDENTALS) AND THEREFORE, YOU NEED ENTER ONLY THE NOTE NAME. NO SHARP OR FLAT SIGNS ARE REQUIRED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE MISSING NOTE IS E-FLAT, YOU SIMPLY ENTER E.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

PRESS RETURN TO HEAR THE MELODY.





## NAME THE NOTE (MUSIC MENU I)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to:

1. Give the names of notes in both treble and bass clefs.

2. Give the names of notes that are written with ledger lines.

3. Give the names of notes when the key signature contains sharps or flats.

Prerequisites: The student should know the scheme for naming notes and the functions of ledger lines and key signatures.

Background Information: The two most commonly used clefs are the treble and bass clefs. The alternate names for these are G-clef and F-clef repectively. A treble clef is shown below:



Notice that the clef seems to focus on the second line of the staff. The treble or G-clef identifies this line as G.

In the drawing of the bass clef below, notice that the focus of the clef symbol is on the fourth line. The bass or F-clef identifies this line as  $F_{\cdot}$ 



The other notes on the staffs can be determined from these starting points as shown below:



### LEDGER LINES

Since all notes cannot be displayed on these staffs, composers use ledger lines to show those notes that go above or below a staff. A ledger line should be regarded as a continuation of the staff. Consider the examples below:



#### **KEY SIGNATURES**

A key signature is a shorthand method for identifying notes to be sharped or flatted throughout the composition. In the key of G major, for example, the note, F, is almost alway played as F-sharp. Rather than placing a sharp sign before each F in the piece, the composer uses a key signature like that below:



Since the sharp sign is placed on the fifth line (F), the perfomer knows that all Fs are to be played as F-sharps. In the example below, notice that there are two sharps: F and C. This means that all F's and C's in the piece are now played as F#'s and C#'s.



#### Here is a sample run for this program:



## **NOTE TYPES** (MUSIC MENU I)

Objectives: After completing this program, the student should be able to:

- Identify dotted whole, whole, dotted half, half, dotted quarter, quarter, dotted eighth, eighth, and sixteenth notes and rests.
- Specify how long a given note or rest should be held if a quarter note receives one beat.

Prerequisites: The student should know something about note and rest types and should know how to determine the number of beats a note or rest is to be held.

Background Information: This program provides drill on recognizing the note and rest types shown below:

### NOTES



The number of beats a rest or note is held depends on both the time signature, and the type of note or rest.

### TIME SIGNATURE

The time signature is the pair of numbers found to the right of the clef at the beginning of the composition. The top number is the number of beats in a measure and the bottom number indicates which type of note receives one beat. In the example below, there are 3 beats in a measure and a quarter (1/4) note receives one beat.



### NOTE TYPE

Our system for naming notes helps the musician determine how long one note should be held relative to another. The half note is held half as long as the whole note, and similarly, the quarter note is held only half as long as the half note and one-fourth as long as a whole note. Looking at things from the other direction, if a quarter note is held one beat, then a half note is held twice as long, or two beats.

If a note is followed by a dot (.), the length of time the note is held is increased by 50 percent. For example, if a half note is held two beats, a dotted half note is held  $(2 \times 1.5)$  or 3 beats.

Here is a sample run for this program:





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## **RHYTHM** (MUSIC MENU II)

Objectives: After completing this program, the student should be able to:

1. Know how a given rhythm pattern should be played.

2. Identify basic rhythm patterns by ear.

Prerequisites: The student should be familiar with the various note types and their interpretations (see NOTE TYPES and COUNTING).

Background Information: See the background information for NOTE TYPES and COUNTING. The following page shows the patterns used in this program.



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#### Here is a sample run for this program:



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YOU WILL BE ASKED WHICH PATTERN YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR. RESPOND WITH A 1, 2, OR 3. YOU MAY HEAR EACH PATTERN AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WISH.

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WHEN YOU DECIDE WHICH PATTERN MATCHES THE PATTERN ON THE SCREEN, TYPE THE LETTER, 'A'. YOU WILL THEN BE ASKED FOR YOUR ANSWER.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

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HOW MANY PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE?

## RHYTHM PLAY (MUSIC MENU II)

Objective: After completing the program, the student should be able to tap out a variety of rhythm patterns accurately in 4/4 time.

Prerequisites: The student should be familiar with the various note types and their interpretation as well as being able to identify some simple rhythm patterns by ear (see NOTE TYPES, COUNTING, and RHYTHM).

Background Information: See the background information for NOTE TYPES and COUNTING.

#### Here is a sample run for this program:



IN EACH EXERCISE YOU WILL SEE TWO MEASURES OF MUSIC PRINTED. THE FIRST WILL ALWAYS BE A MEASURE OF 4 QUARTER NOTES. THIS MEASURE WILL ESTABLISH THE TEMPO. THE SECOND MEASURE IS THE ONE WHICH WILL ACTUALLY BE JUDGED. WHEN YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PATTERN, YOU WILL TRY TO PERFORM IT.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

TO PERFORM THE RHYTHM, SIMPLY TAP IT OUT USING THE 'N' KEY. WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED, THE COMPUTER WILL SHON YOU WHAT YOU PLAYED.

PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.





## SCALES (MUSIC MENU II)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to recognize the following by ear:

- 1. Major scale
- 2. Harmonic minor scale
- 3. Natural minor scale
- 4. Melodic minor scale
- 5. Dorian mode
- 6. Phrygian mode
- Lydian mode
- 8. Mixolydian mode

Prerequisites: The student should know the definition of the scales or modes to be studied and should have skill in differentiating between whole- and half-step intervals (see WHOLE-HALF and FIND THE HALF).

Background Information: Four different types of scales and four modes are commonly used in music. This document contains the following information about each scale or mode:

- 1. Definition
- 2. Example, and
- 3. Things to listen for in identifying the scale or mode.

### **MAJOR SCALE**

Ascending pattern: wwwhwwwh (w = whole, h = half) Descending pattern: hwwwhww

Example:



Things to listen for:

- 1. The interval between the 2nd and 3rd degrees is a whole step.
- 2. The interval between the 7th and 8th degrees is a half step.

3. Is most easily confused with mixolydian mode.

### HARMONIC MINOR SCALE

Ascending pattern: w h w w h augmented-2nd h Descending pattern: h augmented-2nd h w w h w

Example:



Things to listen for:

This scale is easily recognized by the augmented 2nd between the 6th and 7th degrees of the scale. The harmonic minor scale is the only scale which has such an interval. The augmented 2nd sounds like a minor 3rd and gives the scale what could be described as an "oriental" sound.

### NATURAL OR PURE MINOR

Ascending pattern: whwwhww Descending pattern: wwhwwhw

Example:



Things to listen for:

- 1. The step between the 2nd and 3rd degrees is a half step.
- 2. The step between the 7th and 8th degrees is a whole step.
- 3. The step between the 6th and 7th degrees is a whole step.
- 4. It is most easily confused with dorian mode.

## MELODIC MINOR SCALE

Ascending pattern: w h w w w w h Descending pattern: w w h w w h w

Example:



Things to listen for:

The ascending and descending scales do not use the same notes. The melodic minor scale is the only scale which does not use the same note for both ascending and descending.

### DORIAN MODE

Ascending pattern: w h w w w h w Descending pattern: w h w w w h w

Example:



Things to listen for:

This sound much like a pure minor scale. The distinguishing feature is the half step between the 6th and 7th degrees.

#### PHRYGIAN MODE

Ascending pattern: h w w w h w w Descending pattern: w w h w w w h

Example:



Things to listen for:

The phrygian mode is the only mode or scale that has a half step between its first and second degrees.

### LYDIAN MODE

Ascending pattern: wwwhwwh Descending pattern: hwwhwww

Example:



Things to listen for:

The lydian mode is the only scale that begins with 3 whole steps.

## MIXOLYDIAN MODE

Ascending pattern: wwhwwhw Descending pattern: whwwhww

Example:



#### Things to listen for:

The mixolydian mode sounds very much like a major scale as the first six degrees are the same. The interval between the 7th and 8th degrees, however, is a whole rather than a half step.

#### Here is a sample run for this program.



PRESS 'R' TO HEAR THE SCALE AGAIN.

## SEVENTHS (MUSIC MENU II)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to recognize arpeggiated major, minor, dominant, half-diminished, and fully-diminished 7th chords by ear.

Prerequisites: The student should be able to identify major, minor, augmented, and diminished triads by ear (see TRIADS).

Background Information: Seventh chords consist of a triad plus the note that is a 7th above the root of the triad.

The type of the 7th chord is determined by the type of triad and the type of 7th. Study the chart below:

Type of Triad	Type of 7th	Type of 7th Chord
major	major	major (or major-major)
major minor	minor	dominant (or major-minor)
diminished~	minor	half-diminished
diminished	diminished	fully diminished

Examples:



The seventh chords that can be constructed on the various degrees of the scale are as follows:

Degree of Scale	Seventh Chord
1	major
2	minor
3	minor
4	major
5	dominant
6	minor
7	half-diminished

Examples:



In sheet music, symbols are used for 7th chords. A plain 7th chord, such as G7, indicates a dominant 7th chord. Major and minor 7ths are marked maj7 and min7 respectively.

#### Here is a sample run for this program.



## TERMS (MUSIC MENU I)

Objectives: Upon completion of this program, the student should know the meanings of 57 commonly used musical terms.

Prerequisites: None.

Term

Background Information: The terms used in this program and their meanings are listed below:

Meaning

a cappella a tempo adagio agitato al fine al segno allegro andante arpeggio brio calore canon cantabile capo comodo coda con crescendo de capo al fine diminuendo dolce dolore fine forte fuoco grazioso grave largo legato lento ma non troppo maestoso marcato meno mezzo molto moto pesante piano piu

#### singing without accompaniment resume the normal tempo slowly and leisurely fast and with excitement to the end to the sign quick, but not so fast as presto at walking speed playing the notes of a chord quickly, one after the other bright warm a round in singing style head or beginning comfortable a final passage closing a composition with become gradually louder return to the beginning and conclude with the word fine becoming gradually softer sweetly sad the end loud fire smooth, elegant with gravity slow and stately smooth slowly but not too much majestically strongly accented less medium or fairly very much motion heavily soft more

pizzicato poco poco a poco presto rallentando ritard rubato segue sempre sforzando sostenuto staccato

stringendo subito tenuto tutti vivace

plucked a little little by little very fast slowly, gradually become gradually slower intentionally deviating from strict rhythm continue always with emphasis held for the full indicated time value with distinct breaks between successive notes accelerating the tempo toward a climax suddenly hold for full value for all instruments or voices lively, spirited
#### Here is a sample run for this program.



# TRIADS (MUSIC MENU II)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to identify by ear arpeggiated major, minor, augmented, and diminished triads.

Prerequisites: Before using the program, the student should know the definitions of major, minor, augmented, and diminished triads and should be able to recognize major and minor thirds by ear.

Background Information: A triad in root position consists of three notes played together as a chord. The interval between the lowest and middle notes is a third, as is the interval between the middle and highest notes. The type of triad is determined by the types of thirds used. The chart below shows these:

Interval	Between	Interval Be	etween	
Lowest an	d Middle	Middle and H	lighest	Triad Type
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major	3rd	major	3rd	augmented
major	3rd	minor	3rd	major
minor	3rd	major	3rd	minor
minor	3rd	minor	3rd	diminished

Examples:



Here is a chart showing the degrees of the scale and the type of triad for each degree:

Degree of Scale	<u>Triad Type</u>
1	major
2	minor
3	minor
4	major
5	major
6	minor
7	diminished



An augmented triad doesn't occur naturally on any degree of the scale.

#### Here is a sample run for this program.



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PRESS 'RETURN' TO CONTINUE.

(ENTER 1 OR 2)

TRIADS TO BE THE SAME NOTE (FIXED) OR HOULD YOU LIKE A DIFFERENT ROOT NOTE FOR EACH?

5

7

ENTER 'F' FOR FIXED, 'D' FOR DIFFERENT

ENTER YOUR ANSWERS USING THE NUMBERS NUMBER TRIAD MAJOR AUGMENTED DIMINISHED FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE TRIAD YOU HEAR IS MINOR, ENTER THE NUMBER 2. PRESS 'R' TO HEAR THE TRIAD AGAIN. IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE TRIAD, ENTER ITS NUMBER (1-4). 1 CORRECT TO HEAR THE TRIAD AGAIN, PRESS R. TO CONTINUE, PRESS 'RETURN'.

ENTER YOUR ANSWERS USING THE NUMBERS NUMBER TRIAD MINOR AUGMENTED DIMINISHED FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE TRIAD YOU HEAR IS MINOR, ENTER THE NUMBER 2. THE TRIADS WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS YOU PRESS THE RETURN KEY.

# VISUAL INTERVALS (MUSIC MENU I)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to identify any written interval.

Prerequisites: The student should be familiar with note names and key signatures (see NAME THE NOTE and KEY SIGNATURES).

Background Information: Although most interval identification is eventually done by rote recognition, students can learn intervals by using the system described below.

There are two parts to the name of an interval. The first part is a word like major, minor, perfect, augmented, or diminished, and the second is related to a number such as 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.

The second part of the name is the easier part to determine as it can be done by sight. For example:

Interval

G to A G to A\* G\* to A\* G# to A G# to A#

These are all 2nds. These intervals do not all sound alike, but since they move from a G to an A, they are, nevertheless, 2nds.

The difficult part, then, comes in identifying the type of 2nd. The type of interval is determined by the number of half steps between the two notes. Below is a chart showing the number of half steps and the most common interval names.

# of Half Steps	Interval
1	minor 2nd
2	major 2nd
∞ 3	minor 3rd
4	major 3rd
5	perfect 4th
6	augmented 4th/diminished 5th
7	perfect 5th
8	minor 6th
9	major 6th
1Ø	minor 7th
11	major 7th

One can determine the interval by looking at the notes and counting half steps. A way to simplify this further is to consider the intervals relative to the scale.

Looking at the C major scale, the notes are:

C D E F G A B C

In any major scale there are 5 whole steps and 2 half steps. The half steps occur between degrees 3 and 4 and between degrees 7 and 8. Therefore, in the C major scale, the half steps occur between E and F and between B and C.

We can identify most intervals by looking at the number of half (rather than whole) step intervals between them. For example, consider the interval from D to A. Looking at the scale:

C whole D whole E half F whole G whole A whole B half C

There is one interval which is a half rather than whole step between the D and the A, namely, the interval from E to F.

The chart below shows intervals by the number of half (rather than whole) step intervals they contain:

Interval	<u>∦ of</u>	Half	Step	Intervals
minor 2nd			1	
major 2nd			ø	
minor 3rd			1	
major 3rd			ø	
perfect 4th			1	
augmented 4th			ø	
diminished 5th			2	
perfect 5th			1	
minor 6th			2	
major 6th			1	
minor 7th			2	
major 7th			1	
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It is also interesting to investigate the idea of intervals and their inversions. The inversion of an interval is formed by reversing or inverting the order of the notes. For example, the interval formed by going from D up to G is a perfect 4th, while the interval going from G up to D is a perfect 5th. A perfect 5th is the inversion of a perfect 4th, and similarly, a perfect 4th is the inversion of a perfect 5th. The table below lists the intervals and their inversions.

Interval	Inversion
minor 2nd major 2nd minor 3rd perfect 4th augmented 4th diminished 5th perfect 5th minor 6th major 6th minor 7th major 7th	major 7th minor 7th minor 6th perfect 5th diminished 5th augmented 4th perfect 4th major 3rd minor 3rd major 2nd

Understanding inversions can be helpful in identifying intervals. For example, if the interval formed by going from C up to E is a major 3rd, then the interval going from E up to C is the inverson of major 3rd, namely a minor 6th.

#### Here is a sample run for this program.



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TO CONTINUE.

# WHOLE-HALF (MUSIC MENU II)

Objective: After completing this program, the student should be able to distinguish a half step from a whole step by ear.

Prerequisites: The student should know the definitions of whole and half steps.

Background Information: Being able to differentiate between whole and half steps is the key skill in aural scale identification.

#### Here is a sample run for this program.

1

WHOLE - HALF

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES DRILL IN RECOGNIZING WHOLE AND HALF STEP INTERVALS BY EAR.

HON MANY PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE?

YOU WILL HEAR TWO TONES WHICH WILL BE EITHER A WHOLE OR A HALF STEP APART. IF THE INTERVAL IS A WHOLE STEP, ANSWER BY ENTERING THE LETTER, 'W'. IF IT IS A HALF STEP, ANSWER BY ENTERING THE LETTER, 'H'.

2

PRESS 'RETURN' TO HEAR THE NOTES.

3

YOU WILL HEAR TWO TONES WHICH WILL BE EITHER A WHOLE OR A HALF STEP APART. IF THE INTERVAL IS A WHOLE STEP, ANSWER BY ENTERING THE LETTER, 'W'. IF IT IS A HALF STEP, ANSWER BY ENTERING THE LETTER, 'W'. IF YOU NEED TO HEAR THE TONES AGAIN, PRESS 'R'. IS THE INTERVAL A WHOLE OR HALF STEP? (ENTER W OR H) H CORRECT THE NOTES REPEATED, PRESS 'R'. IN CONTINUE, PRESS 'RETURN'

# WRONG NOTE (MUSIC MENU II)

Objectives: After completing the program, the student should be able to look at a 5-note musical passage, hear it played, and determine which of the 5 performed notes did not match its written counterpart.

Prerequisites: The student should have some skills in interval recognition, both visual and aural (see AURAL INTERVALS and VISUAL INTERVALS).

Background Information: This program does not introduce new concepts, but rather reinforces concepts learned in programs such as VISUAL INTERVALS and AURAL INTERVALS.

Skills learned through WRONG NOTE strengthen sight reading ability and help students who may later be involved in teaching or conducting.

#### Here is a sample run for this program.



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# APPENDIX C SAMPLE EVALUATION FORMS

# AURAL INTERVALS

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### **FIND THE HALF**

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# WHOLE-HALF

NAME

#### NUMBER OF PROBLEMS



# WRONG NOTE

NAME

#### NUMBER OF PROBLEMS

MASTERY PERCENTAGE

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