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Writing in $\frac{4}{4}$ Time

Remember: Music has numbers at the beginning called the **TIME SIGNATURE**.

The **TOP NUMBER** tells the number of beats (counts) in each measure.

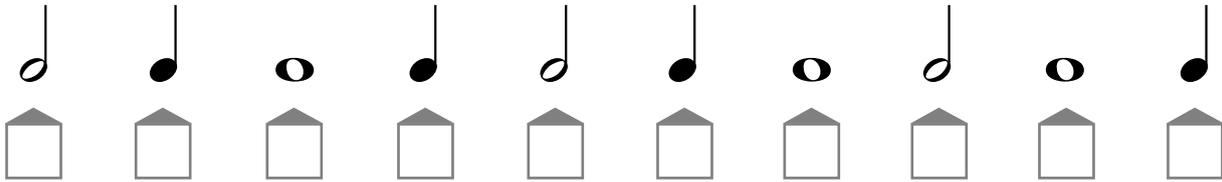
4 = 4 beats to each measure.

The **BOTTOM NUMBER** tells the kind of note that gets ONE beat (count).

4 = **QUARTER NOTE**  gets ONE beat.

	NOTE	COUNT	Total number of counts
QUARTER		"1"	1
HALF		"1 - 2"	2
WHOLE		"1 - 2 - 3 - 4"	4

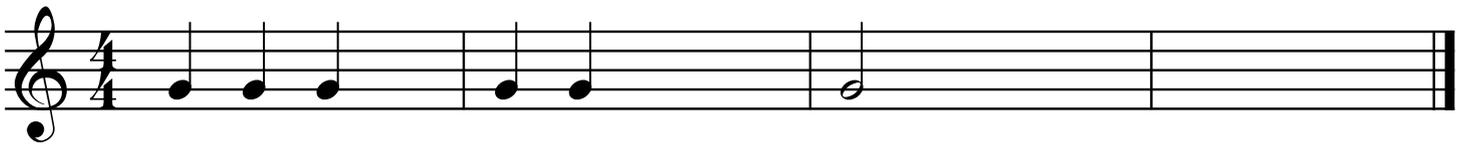
1. In the box under each note, write the number of counts the note receives.



A musical staff with ten notes: quarter, quarter, half, quarter, quarter, quarter, half, quarter, half, quarter. Below each note is a small square box for writing the number of counts.

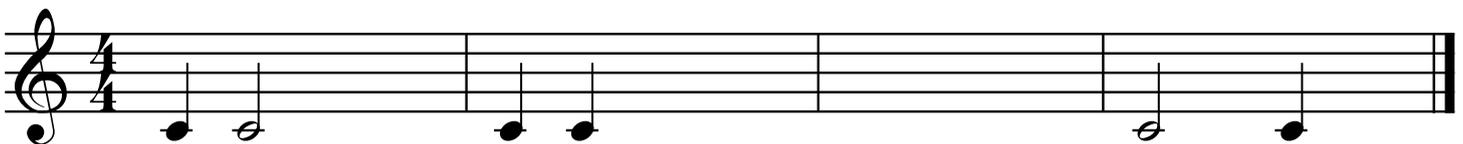
BAR LINES divide the music into MEASURES. Each measure in $\frac{4}{4}$ time has notes adding up to 4 counts.

2. Complete each measure by adding just one **G** to each, so the counts add up to 4:



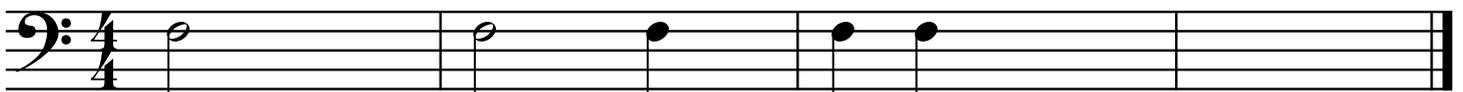
A musical staff in 4/4 time with four measures. The first measure contains three quarter notes (G, A, B). The second measure contains two quarter notes (C, D). The third measure contains one half note (E). The fourth measure is empty.

3. Complete each measure by adding just one **C** to each, so the counts add up to 4:



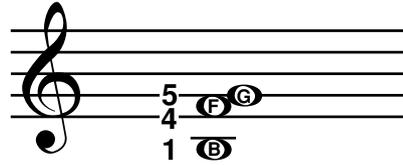
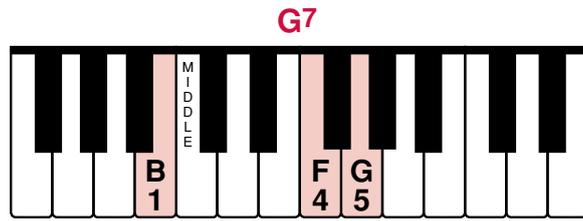
A musical staff in 4/4 time with four measures. The first measure contains two quarter notes (G, A). The second measure contains two quarter notes (B, C). The third measure contains one half note (D). The fourth measure contains one half note (E).

4. Complete each measure by adding just one **F** to each, so the counts add up to 4:

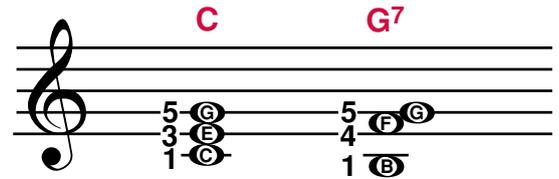


A musical staff in 4/4 time with four measures. The first measure contains one whole note (G). The second measure contains one half note (A). The third measure contains two quarter notes (B, C). The fourth measure is empty.

The G⁷ Chord for Right Hand



1. Practice changing from the C chord to G⁷.
The COMMON TONE G is played by 5 in both chords.



2. Write the chord symbols (C or G⁷) in the boxes below.
3. Play and count.
4. Play and say the chord names.

5. Write the correct chord symbols in the boxes below. Notice that when the GRAND STAFF (treble & bass staff together) is used, the chord symbols are written above the TREBLE STAFF.
6. Play and count. Say the chord names as you play.

New Time Signature

3 means 3 beats to each measure.
4 means a **QUARTER NOTE** gets one beat.

Dotted Half Note

A **DOTTED HALF NOTE** gets 3 counts.
 (2 counts for the half note,
 plus 1 count for the dot!)


 COUNT: "1 - 2 - 3"

Clap (or tap) the following rhythm.
 Clap **ONCE** for each note, counting aloud.



ROCKETS

Moderately fast

f Rock - ets go up and they land on the moon!

p Rock - ets will trav - el to oth - er worlds soon!

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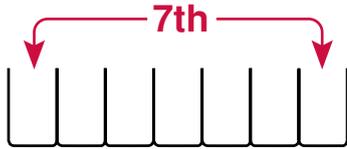
1 G7 C

1 G7 C

IMPORTANT! Play *ROCKETS* again, playing the second line one octave (8 notes) higher. The rests at the end of the first line give you time to move your hands to the new position! Play *ROCKETS* one more time, now with the first line one octave higher than written, and the second line two octaves higher. This is excellent training in moving freely over the keyboard!

Measuring 7ths & Octaves

When you skip 5 white keys,
the interval is a **7th**.



When you skip 6 white keys,
the interval is an **OCTAVE**.



7ths are written
line-line or **space-space**.



OCTAVES are written
line-space or **space-line**.



Say the names of these intervals as you play!

RH MELODIC INTERVALS

2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th OCTAVE

RH HARMONIC INTERVALS

2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th OCTAVE

LH MELODIC INTERVALS

2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th OCTAVE

LH HARMONIC INTERVALS

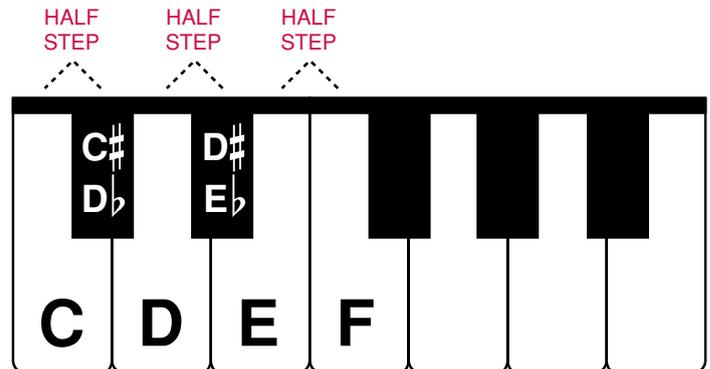
2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th OCTAVE

Measuring Half Steps & Whole Steps

Half Steps

A **HALF STEP** is the distance from any key to the very next key above or below (black or white).

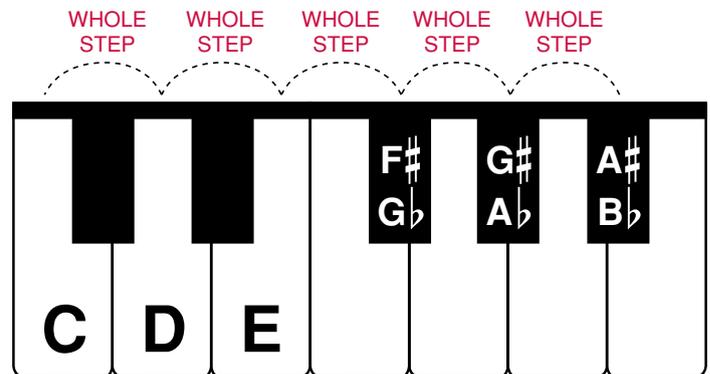
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Whole Steps

A **WHOLE STEP** is equal to 2 half steps. Skip one key (black or white).

WHOLE STEPS • ONE KEY BETWEEN

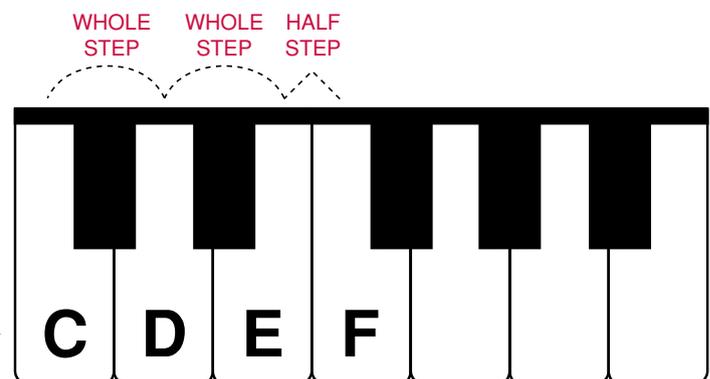


Tetrachords

A **TETRACHORD** is a series of FOUR NOTES having a pattern of

WHOLE STEP, WHOLE STEP, HALF STEP.

The notes of a tetrachord must be in alphabetical order →



and must also have this pattern! →

