

Division Practice in C

Parallel Tenths

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2r 4d a 2r a 4d 2r a 4d 2r a 2r

a 1r 3e a 3e 1r a 3e 1r a 3e a

With lower neighbors, in intervals 3 2 3 or 10 9 10

2r a 2r 4d 2r 4d a 2d a 2r a 2d a 4d 2r 4d

a 1r 3e a 1r a 3e 1r a 3e 1r a 2r

Upper neighbors: 3 4 3 or 10 11 10

2r 4d 2r 4d a 1r a 2r 4d 2r a r a 4d a 4d

a 1r 3e a 1r a 3e a 1r a 3e a 2r

Both lower and upper neighbors 3 2 3 4 3

This section contains two staves of sheet music. The top staff shows a repeating pattern of six measures. Each measure starts with a vertical bar followed by a horizontal bar. The notes are labeled with 'r' (open circle), 'd' (filled circle), and 'a' (cross). The notes in each measure are: r-d-r, d-r-d-a, a-d-a-r-a, r-a-r-d-r, a-d-a-r-a, and d-r-d-a. Below the top staff is a single row of note heads: r, e, a, e, r. The bottom staff shows a similar pattern: r-a-r-d-r, a-d-a-r-a, d-r-d-a, r-a-r-d-r, d-r-d-a, a-d-a-r-a, r. Below the bottom staff is another row of note heads: a, e, r, a.

Reversed, upper and lower neighbors: 3 4 3 2 3

This section contains two staves of sheet music. The top staff shows a repeating pattern of six measures. Each measure starts with a vertical bar followed by a horizontal bar. The notes are labeled with 'r' (open circle), 'd' (filled circle), and 'a' (cross). The notes in each measure are: r-d-r-a-r, d-a-d-r-d, a-r-a-d-a, r-d-r-a-r, a-r-a-d-a, and d-a-d-r-d. Below the top staff is a single row of note heads: a, r, e, a, e, r. The bottom staff shows a similar pattern: r-d-r-a-r, a-r-a-d-a, d-a-d-r-d, r-d-r-a-r, d-a-d-r-d, a-r-a-d-a, r. Below the bottom staff is another row of note heads: a, e, r, a.

When these are smooth and easy, try the following more advanced possibilities.

Passing tone from 3rd to octave and back: 3 2 1 2 3

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Passing tone from 3rd to octave and skipping back: 3 2 1 3

The music consists of two staves of six measures each. Measure 1: r, a, d, r. Measure 2: d, r, a, d. Measure 3: a, d, r, a. Measure 4: r, a, d, r. Measure 5: a, d, r, a. Measure 6: d, r, a, d. Measures 7-12 form a repeat section.

Skipping from 3rd to octave and passing tone back: 3 1 2 3

The music consists of two staves of six measures each. Measure 1: r, d, a, r. Measure 2: d, r, a, d. Measure 3: a, d, r, a. Measure 4: r, a, d, r. Measure 5: a, d, r, a. Measure 6: d, r, a, d. Measures 7-12 form a repeat section.

Passing tone from 3rd to 5th and back: 3 4 5 4 3

The music consists of two staves of six measures each. Measure 1: r, d, a, r. Measure 2: d, a, r, a, d. Measure 3: a, r, e, r, a. Measure 4: r, d, f, d, r. Measure 5: a, r, e, r, a. Measure 6: d, a, r, a, d. Measures 7-12 form a repeat section.

Passing tone from 3rd to 5th and skipping back

Fingerstyle guitar tablature showing a pattern of notes and rests. The first six measures show a passing tone from 3rd to 5th and skipping back. The notes are labeled with letters: 'a' over the 3rd, 'r' over the 2nd, 'e' over the 4th, and 'f' over the 5th. The second half of the pattern repeats the same sequence.

Skipping from 3rd to 5th and passing tone back: 3 5 4 3

Fingerstyle guitar tablature showing a pattern of notes and rests. The first six measures show skipping from 3rd to 5th and passing tone back. The notes are labeled with letters: 'a' over the 3rd, 'r' over the 2nd, 'e' over the 4th, and 'f' over the 5th. The second half of the pattern repeats the same sequence.

You might try combining two of the above as early players did. Try 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 over each note.