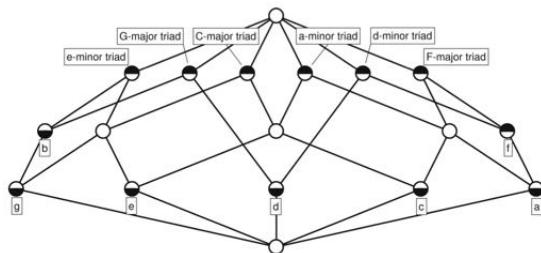


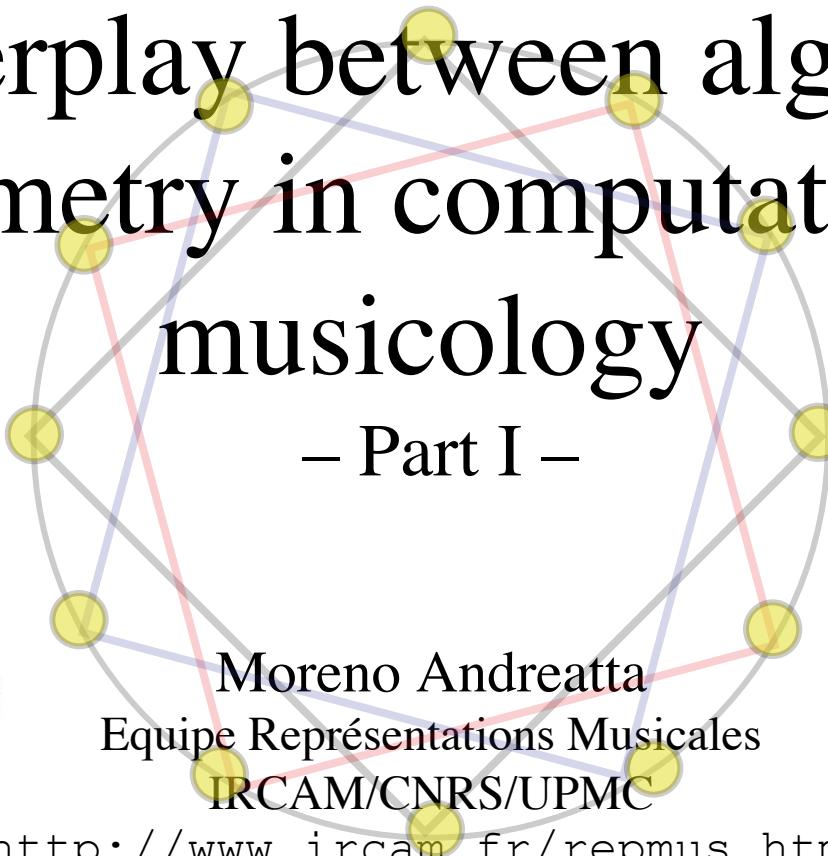


# The interplay between algebra and geometry in computational musicology

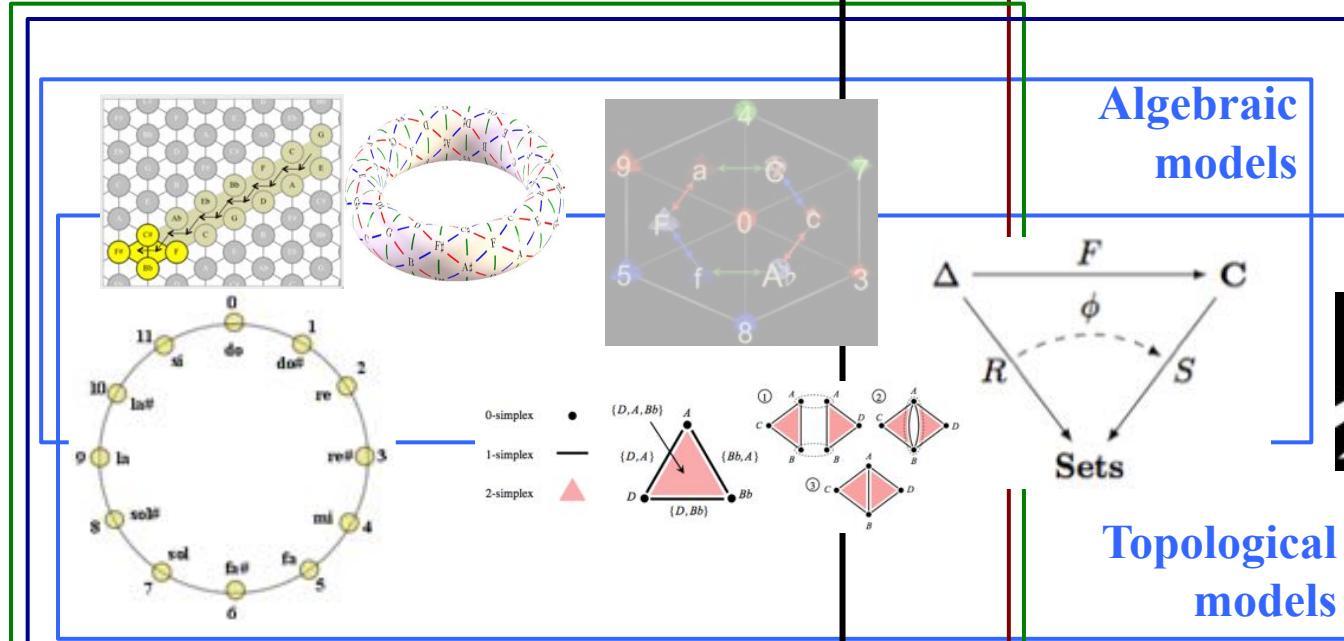
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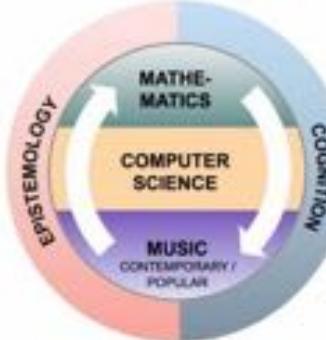


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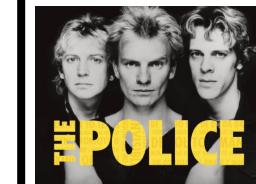
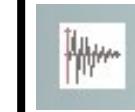
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**Signal-based  
Music  
Information  
Retrieval**



Oleg Berg



# Computational Musicology in academic research

## Conferences of the SMCM:

- 2007 Technische Universität (Berlin, Allemagne)
- 2009 Yale University (New Haven, USA)
- 2011 IRCAM (Paris, France)
- 2013 McGill University (Canada)
- 2015 Queen Mary University (Londres)
- 2017 UNAM (Mexico City)
- 2019 Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)



## Official Journal and MC code (00A65: Mathematics and Music)

- *Journal of Mathematics and Music*, Taylor & Francis  
(Editors: Th. Fiore, C. Callender | Associate eds.: E. Amiot, J. Yust)



## Books Series:

- *Computational Music Sciences Series*, Springer (G. Mazzola & M. Andreatta eds. – 12 books published (since 2009))
- Collection *Musique/Sciences*, Ircam-Delatour France (J.-M. Bardez & M. Andreatta dir. – 16 books published (since 2006))



# Some examples of PhD on maths & music

- **Alessandro Ratoci**, Vers l'hybridation stylistique assistée par ordinateur, PhD in music **composition & research**, Sorbonne University / IRCAM (cosupervised with Laurent Cugny)
- **Sonia Cannas**, *Représentations géométriques et formalisations algébriques en musicologie computationnelle*, PhD in **maths** in cotutelle agreement, **University of Pavia** (L. Pernazza) / **Université de Strasbourg** (A. Papadopoulos & M. Andreatta). To be defended in 2019.
- **Grégoire Genuys**, *Théorie de l'homométrie et musique*, PhD in **maths**, **Sorbonne University** / IRCAM (cosupervised with Jean-Paul Allouche), 2017.
- **Hélianthe Caure**, *Pavages en musique et conjectures ouvertes en mathématiques*, PhD in **computer science**, **Sorbonne University** (cosupervised with Jean-Paul Allouche), 2016.
- **Mattia Bergomi**, *Dynamical and topological tools for (modern) music analysis*, PhD in **maths** in a cotutelle agreement Sorbonne University / University of Milan (cosupervised with Goffredo Haus, 2015).
- **Charles De Paiva**, *Systèmes complexes et informatique musicale*, thèse de doctorat, Programme Doctoral International « Modélisation des Systèmes Complexes », PhD in **musicology** in a cotutelle agreement, **Sorbonne University** / **UNICAMP**, Brésil, 2016.
- **John Mandereau**, *Des systèmes d'Intervalles Généralisés aux Systèmes Evolutifs à Mémoire : aspects théoriques et computationnels*, thèse de doctorat en mathématiques, PhD in cotutelle agreement **University of Pisa** / **Sorbonne University** (cosupervised with F. Acquistapace). PhD in **maths** (aborted).
- **Louis Bigo**, *Représentation symboliques musicales et calcul spatial*, PhD in **computer science**, **University of Paris Est Créteil** / **IRCAM**, 2013 (cosupervised with Olivier Michel and Antoine Spicher)
- **Emmanuel Amiot**, *Modèles algébriques et algorithmiques pour la formalisation mathématique de structures musicales*, PhD in, **Sorbonne University** / **IRCAM**, 2010 (cosupervised with Carlos Agon) **computer science**
- **Yun-Kang Ahn**, *L'analyse musicale computationnelle*, PhD in **computer science**, **Sorbonne University** / **IRCAM**, 2009 (cosupervised with Carlos Agon)



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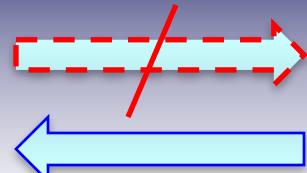


# The double movement of a ‘mathemusical’ activity

## MATHEMATICS



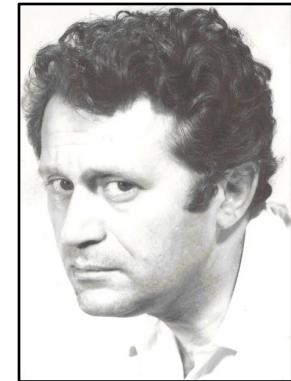
## MUSIC



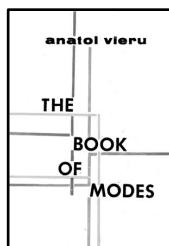
# Periodic sequences and finite difference calculus

$$Df(x) = f(x) - f(x-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= 7 \underset{\backslash}{1} \underset{/}{1} \underset{/}{10} \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{7} \underset{/}{2} 7 \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{10} \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{7} \underset{/}{2} 7 \underset{/}{11} \dots \\
 Df &= 4 \underset{\backslash}{1} \underset{/}{1} \underset{/}{1} \underset{/}{8} \underset{/}{7} \underset{/}{5} 4 \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{1} \underset{/}{8} \underset{/}{7} \underset{/}{5} 4 \underset{/}{11} \dots \\
 D^2f &= 7 \underset{\backslash}{2} \underset{/}{7} \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{10} \underset{/}{11} 7 \underset{/}{2} 7 \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{10} \underset{/}{11} \dots \\
 D^3f &= 7 \underset{\backslash}{5} \underset{/}{4} \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{1} \underset{/}{8} 7 \underset{/}{5} 4 \underset{/}{11} \underset{/}{1} \underset{/}{8} \dots \\
 D^k f &= \dots\dots
 \end{aligned}$$



# Anatol Vieru



<i>dolcissimo</i>	<i>mf</i>	3	8	7	11	0	11	10	6	9	0	9	1	2	9	8	4	3	6
VIII	0	0	0	3	3	7	2	0	0	0	6	3	3	3	4	6	6	0	0
IV	3	3	4	4	1	11	11	8	3	3	9	4	1	7	11	8	11	3	9
IX	0	0	0	0	3	6	[1]	3	3	3	3	3	9	0	3	6	[10]	6	6
IV	0	10	3	9	10	0	9	7	0	6	7	9	6	4	9	3	4	6	3

## Anatol Vieru: *Zone d'oubli* pour alto (1973)

# Reducible and reproducible sequences

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 11 \begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ \backslash \diagup \\ 7 \end{smallmatrix} 7 \ 2 \ 3 \ 10 \ 11 \ 6 \dots \\ Df &= 7 \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ \backslash \diagup \\ 7 \end{smallmatrix} 1 \ 7 \ 1 \ 7 \ 1 \ 7 \ 1 \dots \\ D^2f &= 6 \begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ \backslash \diagup \\ 6 \end{smallmatrix} 6 \ 6 \ 6 \dots \\ D^4f &= 0 \ 0 \ 0 \end{aligned}$$

Reducible sequences:  
 $\exists k \geq 1$  such that  
 $D^k f = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 7 \begin{smallmatrix} 11 \\ \backslash \diagup \\ 10 \end{smallmatrix} 11 \ 7 \ 2 \ 7 \ 11 \dots \\ Df &= 4 \begin{smallmatrix} 11 \\ \backslash \diagup \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} 8 \ 7 \ 5 \ 4 \ 11 \ 1 \dots \\ D^2f &= 7 \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ \backslash \diagup \\ 7 \end{smallmatrix} 11 \ 10 \ 11 \ 7 \ 2 \ 7 \dots \\ D^3f &= 7 \begin{smallmatrix} 5 \\ \backslash \diagup \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix} 11 \ 1 \ 8 \ 7 \ 5 \ 4 \ 11 \ 1 \ 8 \dots \\ D^4f &= 10 \ 11 \ 7 \ 2 \ 7 \ 11 \ 10 \ 11 \dots \\ D^5f &= 1 \ 8 \ 7 \ 5 \ 4 \ 11 \ 1 \ 8 \dots \\ D^6f &= 7 \ 11 \ 10 \ 11 \ 7 \ 2 \ 7 \ 11 \dots \end{aligned}$$

Reproducible sequences:  
 $\exists k \geq 1$  such that  
 $D^k f = f$

# A decomposition property of any periodic sequence

$$Df(x) = f(x) - f(x-1).$$

7 11 10 11 7 2 7 11 10 11 7 2 7 11...

4 11 1 8 7 5 4 11 1 8 7 5 4 11...

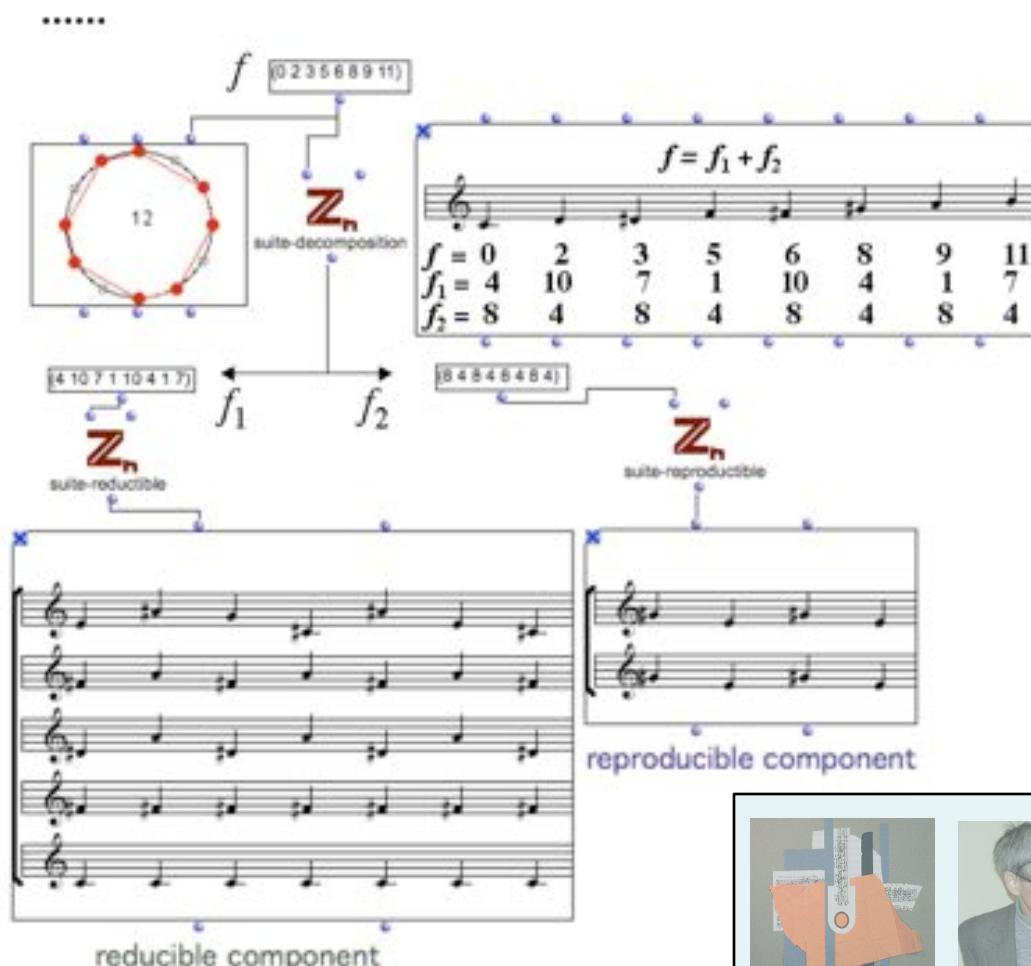
7 2 7 11 10 11 7 2 7 11 10 11...

7 5 4 11 1 8 7 5 4 11 1 8...

.....



Anatol Vieru: *Zone d'oubli* for viola (1973)



Reducible sequences:

$\exists k \geq 1$  such that  $D^k f = 0$

Reproducible sequences:

$\exists k \geq 1$  such that  $D^k f = f$

## • Decomposition theorem

(Vuza & Andreatta, *Tatra M.*, 2001)

Every periodic sequence  $f$  can be decomposed in a unique way as a sum  $f_1 + f_2$  of a reducible sequence  $f_1$  and a reproducible sequence  $f_2$

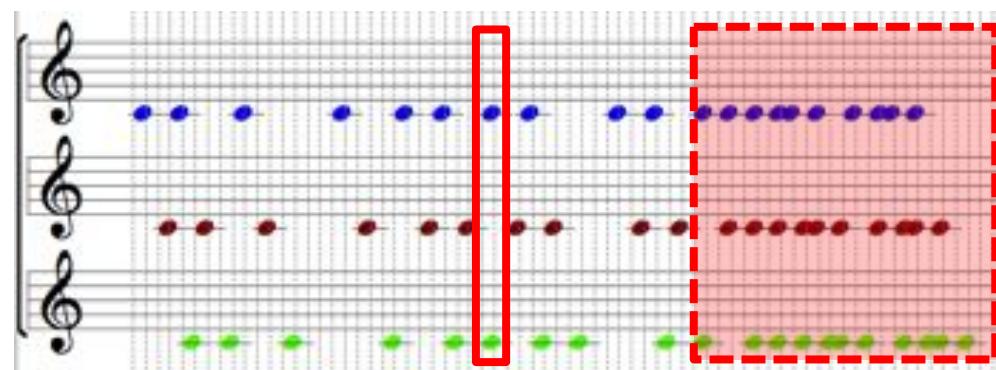


D. Vuza, M. Andreatta (2001), « On some properties of periodic sequences in Anatol Vieru's modal theory », Tatra Mountains Mathematical Publications, Vol. 23, p. 1-15

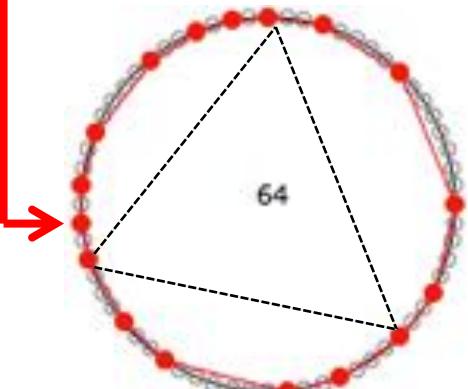
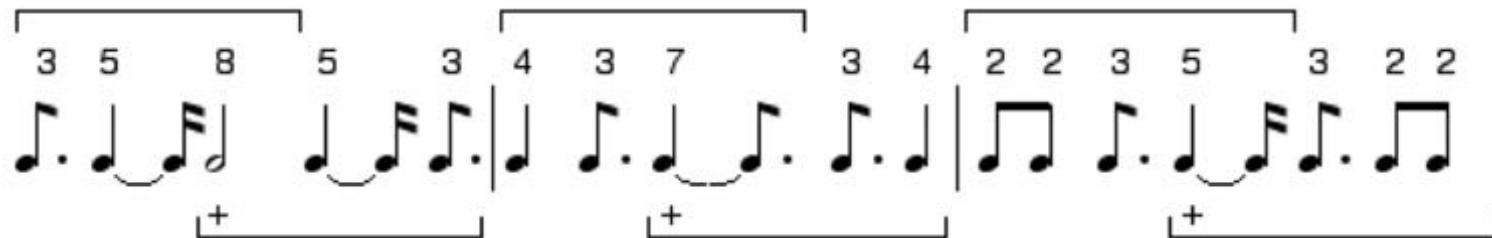
# Periodic rhythmic sequences and tiling canons



聆听 *Harawi* (1945)



*Harawi*: rhythmic reduction



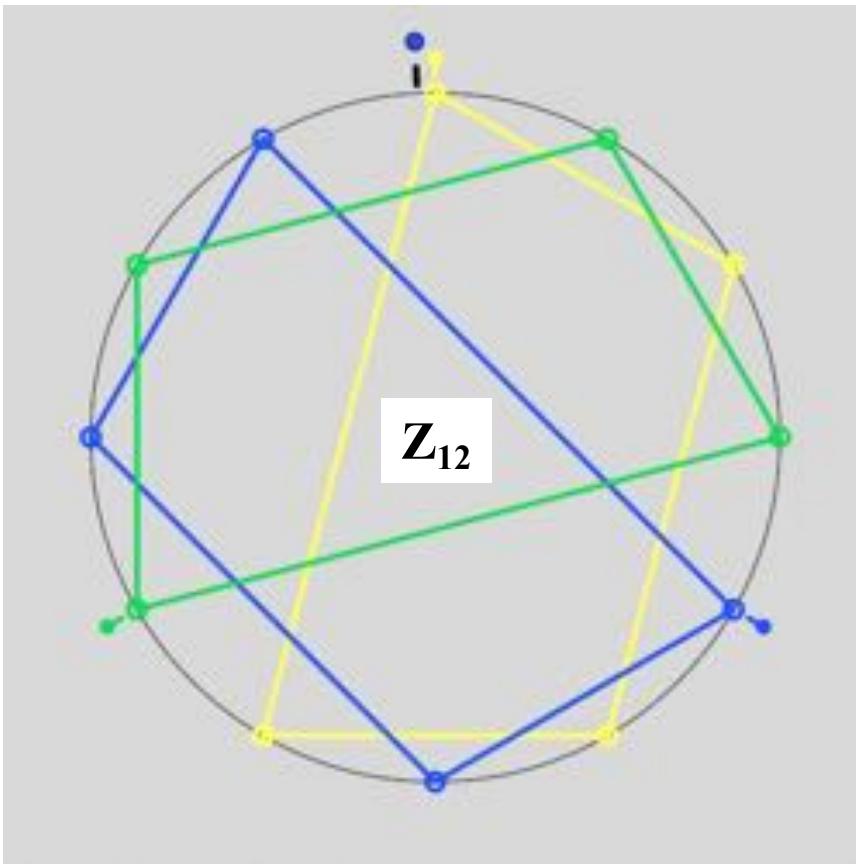
« ...il résulte de tout cela que les différentes sonorités se mélagent ou s'opposent de manières très diverses, jamais au même moment ni au même endroit [...]. C'est du désordre organisé »

O. Messiaen: *Traité de Rythme, de Couleur et d'Ornithologie*, tome 2, Alphonse Leduc, 1992.



Olivier Messiaen

# Formalizing the tiling process as a direct sum of subsets



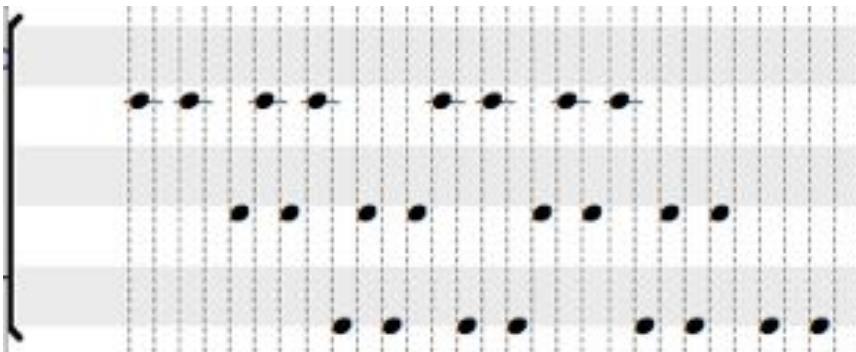
$$A_1 = \{0, 2, 5, 7\}$$

T<sub>4</sub>  
↓

$$A_2 = \{4, 6, 9, 11\}$$

T<sub>4</sub>  
↓

$$A_3 = \{8, 10, 1, 3\}$$



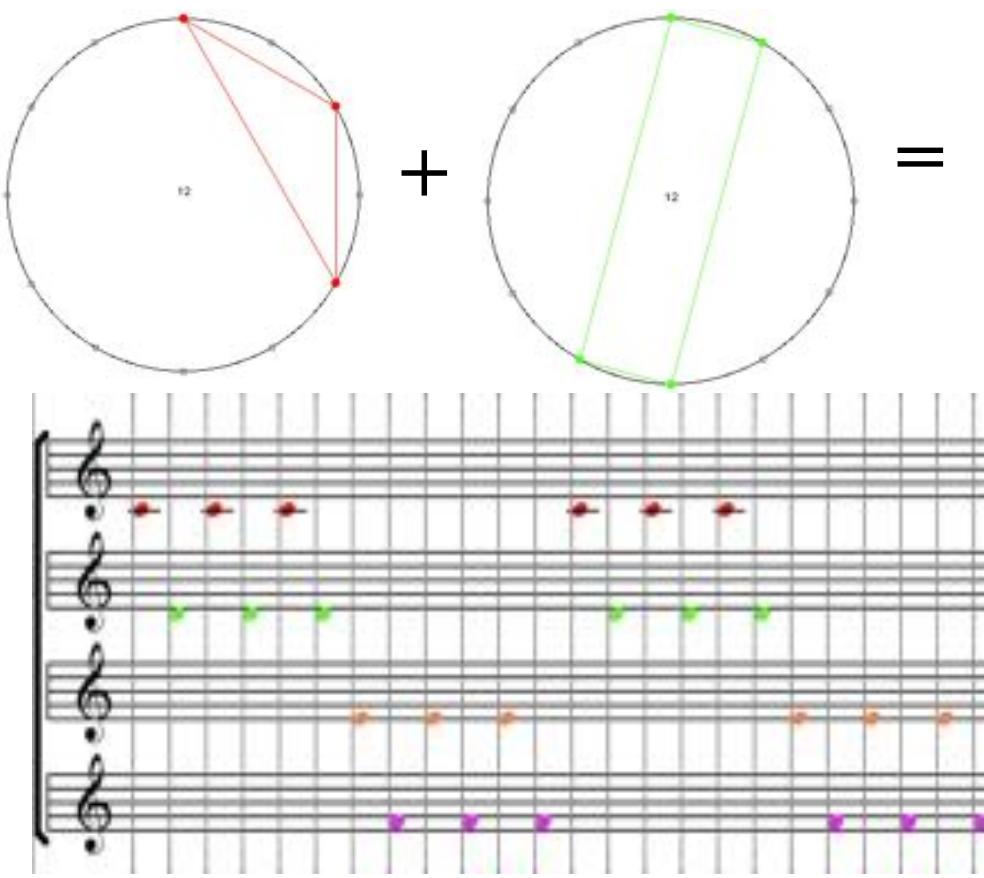
$$Z_{12} = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$$

$$Z_{12} = A \oplus B$$

$$A = \{0, 2, 5, 7\}$$

$$B = \{0, 4, 8\}$$

# Rhythmic tiling canons with no regular entries

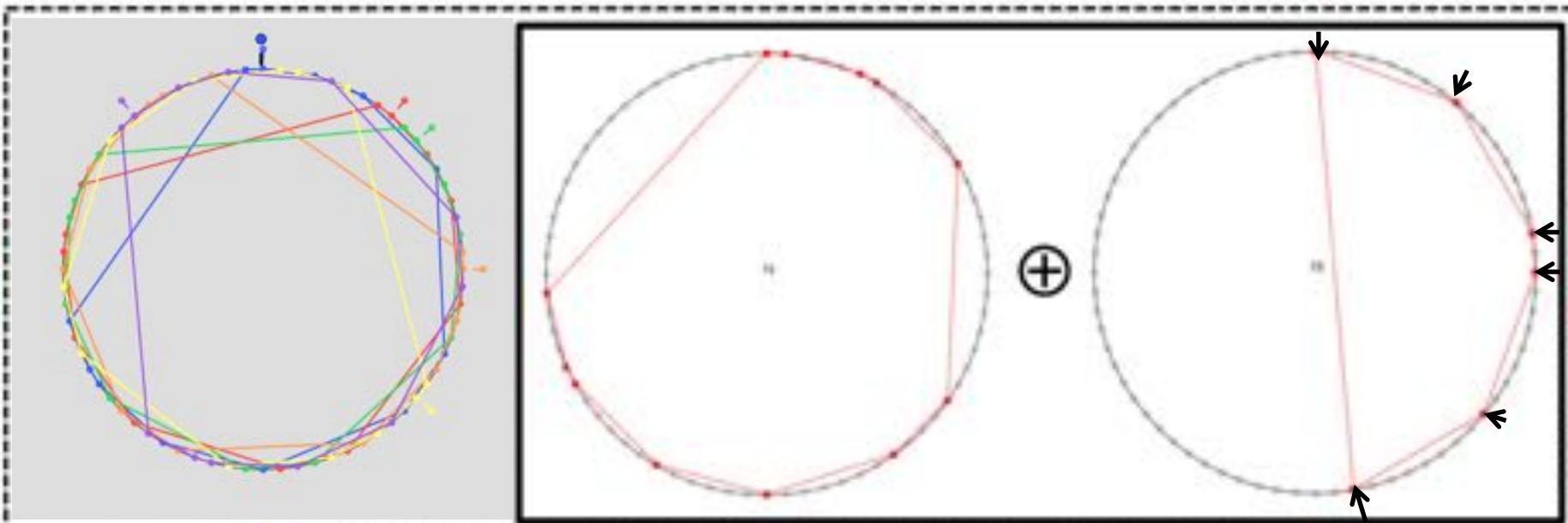


transpositional  
combination

$$\{0,2,4\} \oplus \{0,1,6,7\} = Z_{12} = (2 \ 2 \ 8) \bullet (1 \ 5 \ 1 \ 5)$$

One of the two factors is a Messiaen's mode of limited transposition

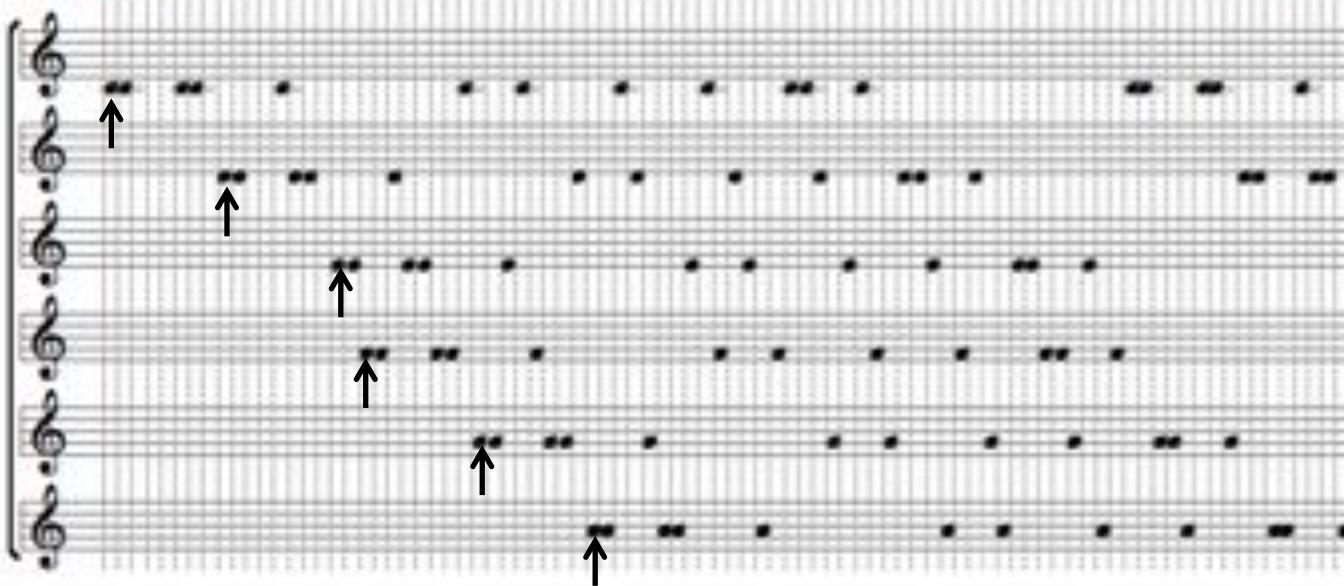
# Aperiodic Rhythmic Tiling Canons (Vuza Canons)



Dan Vuza

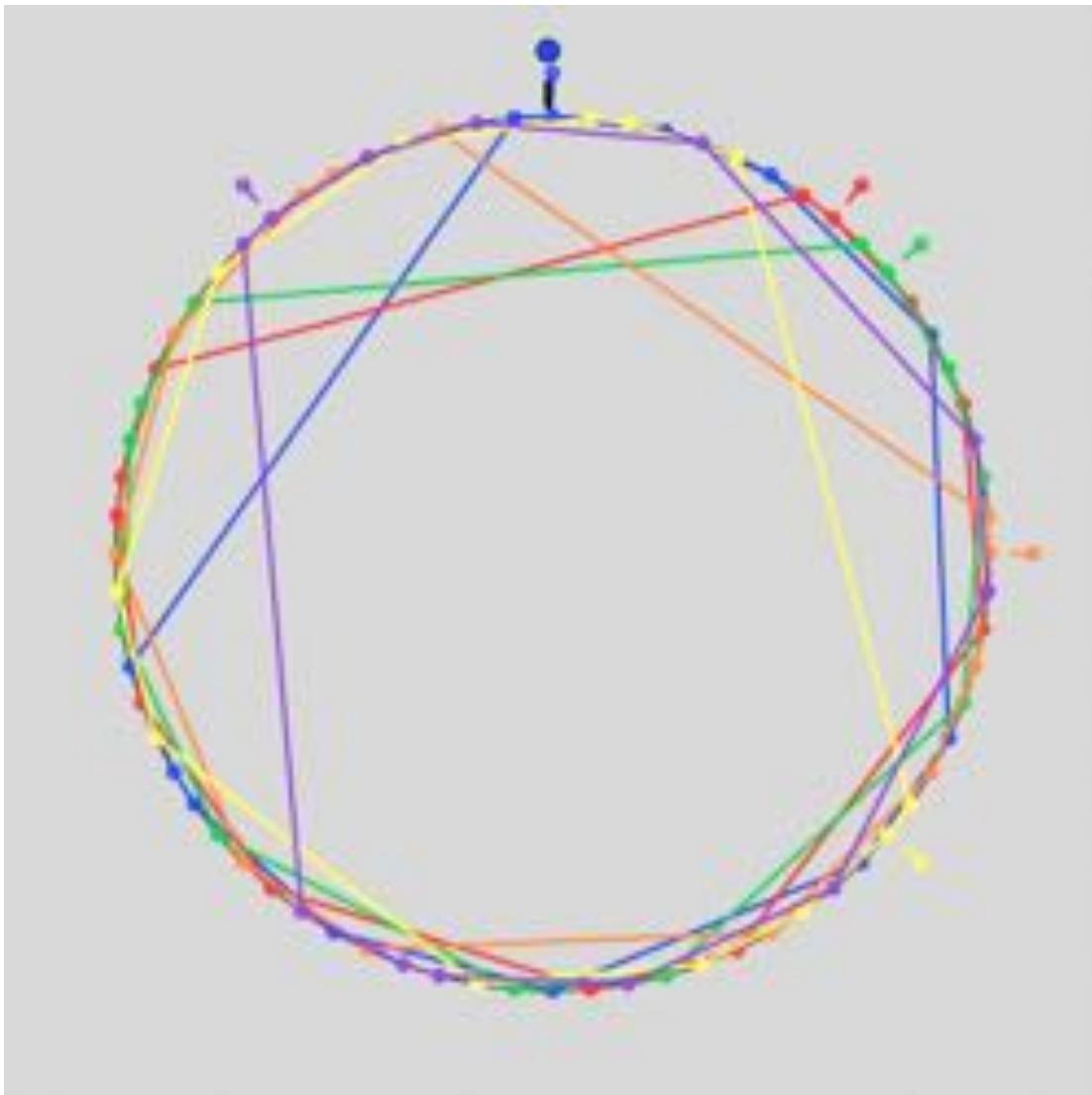
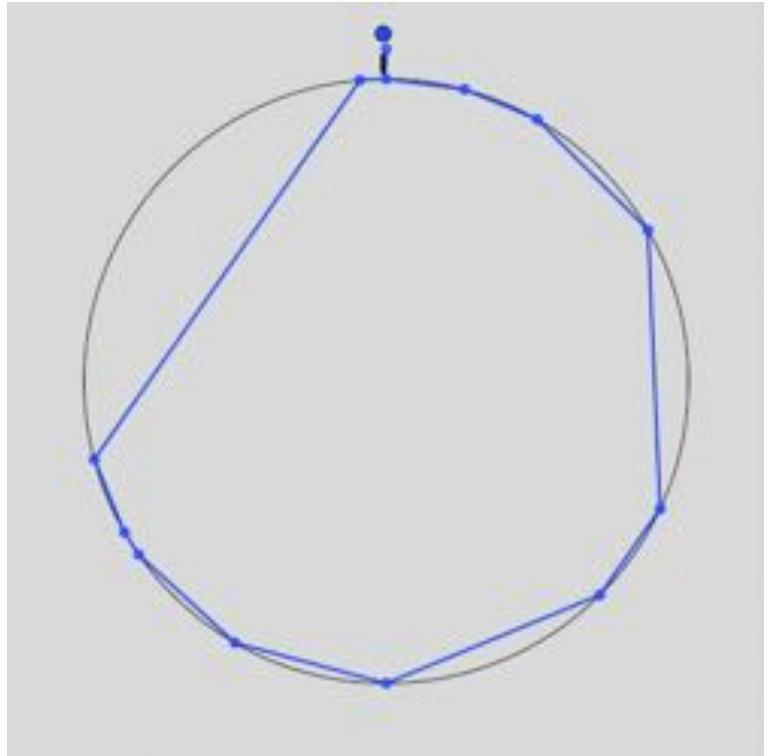


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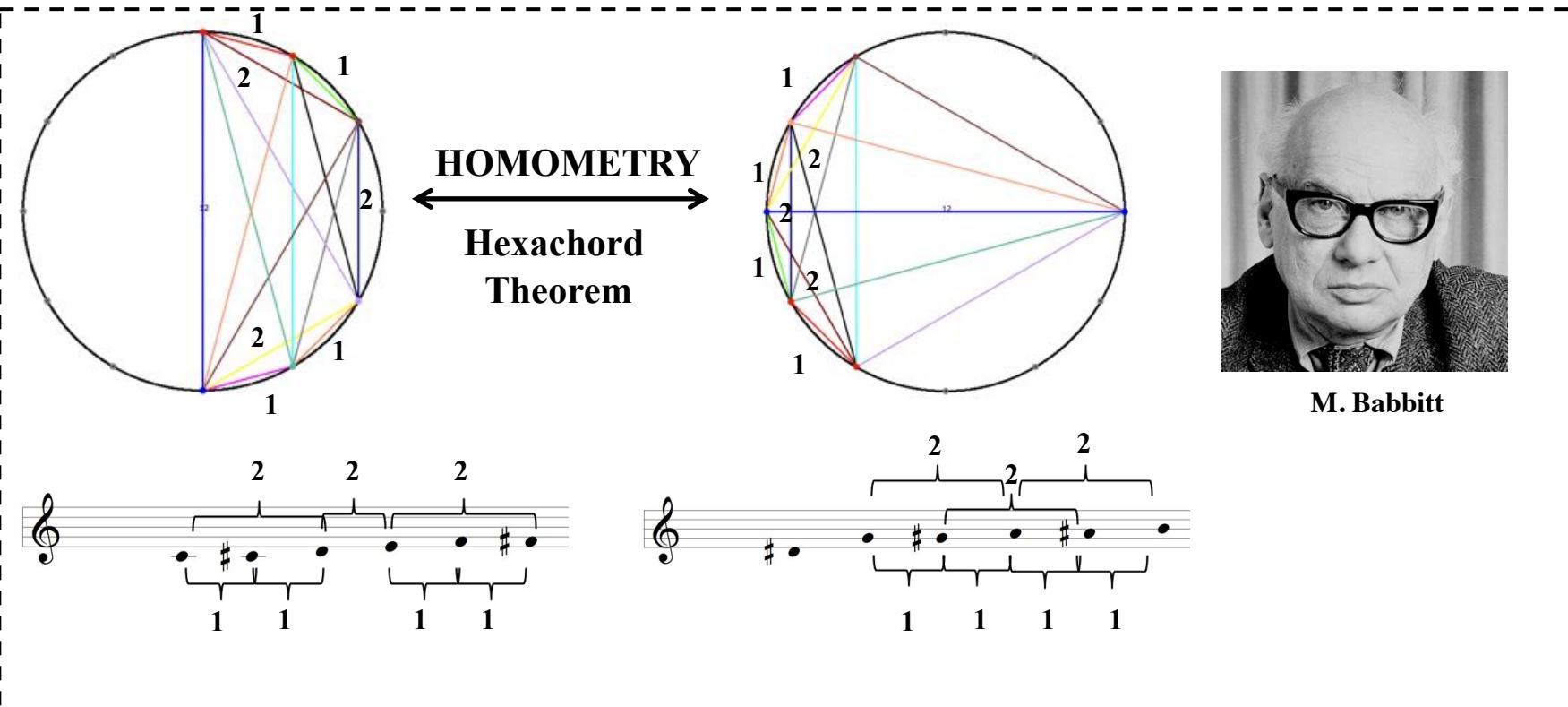
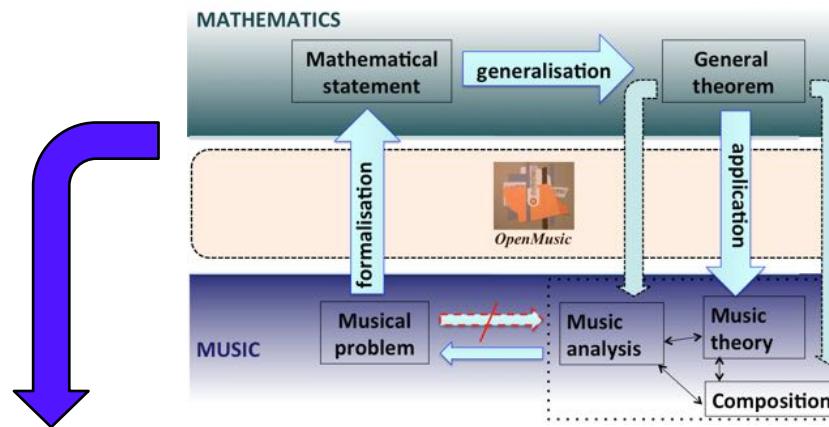


# The melody of a Vuza Canon

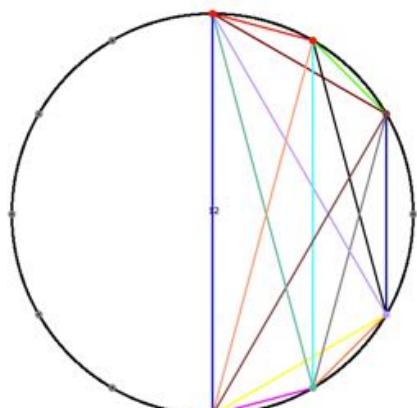
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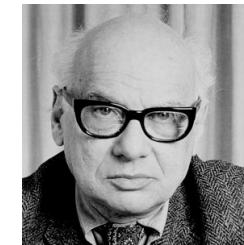
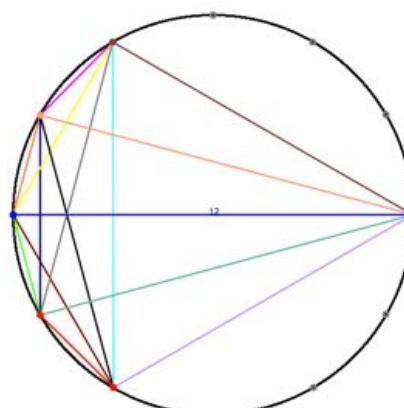
# A historical example of “mathemusical” problem



# The shortest proof of Babbitt's Theorem?



$\approx$   
Hexachord  
Theorem



M. Babbitt

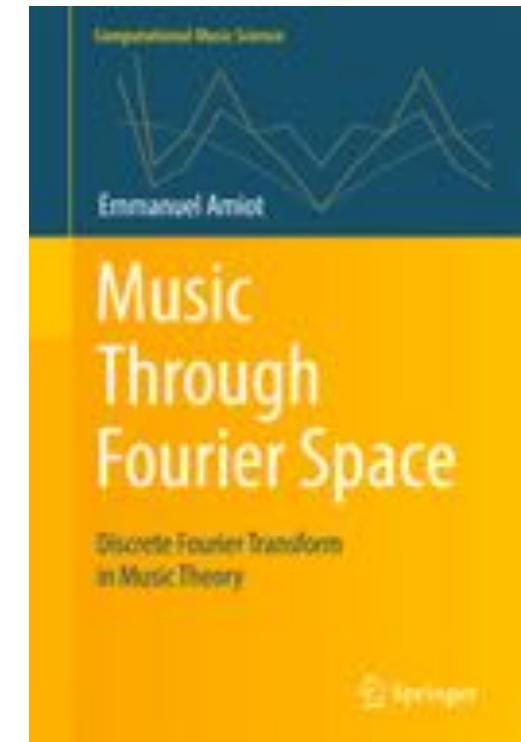
$$IC_A = [4, 3, 2, 3, 2, 1] = [4, 3, 2, 3, 2, 1] = IC_{A'}$$

$$IC_A(k) = (1_A \star 1_{-A})(k)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_A : t \mapsto \sum_{k \in A} e^{-2i\pi kt/c}$$

$$\forall k \quad \mathcal{F}(IC_{\mathbb{Z}_c \setminus A})(k) = \mathcal{F}(IC_A)(k)$$

E. Amiot : « Une preuve élégante du théorème de Babbitt par transformée de Fourier discrète », Quadrature, 61, 2006.



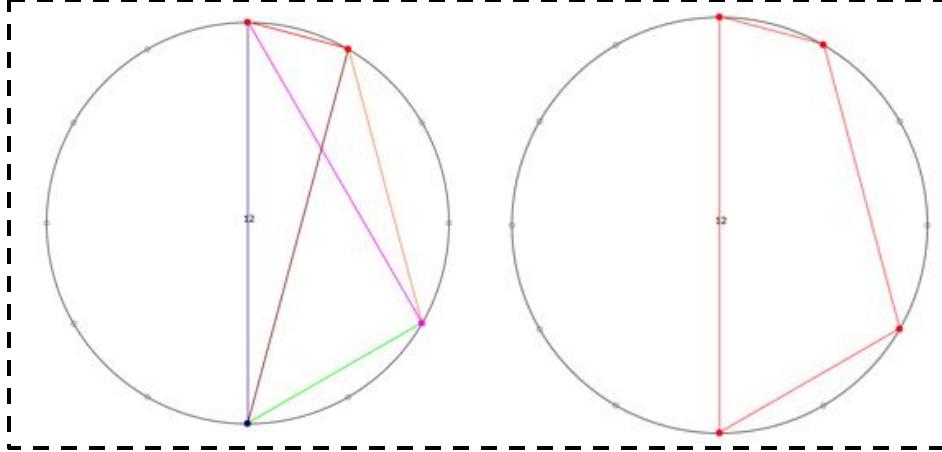
# Z-relation, homometry and phase retrieval problem

- Two sets are Z-related if they have the same module of the DFT

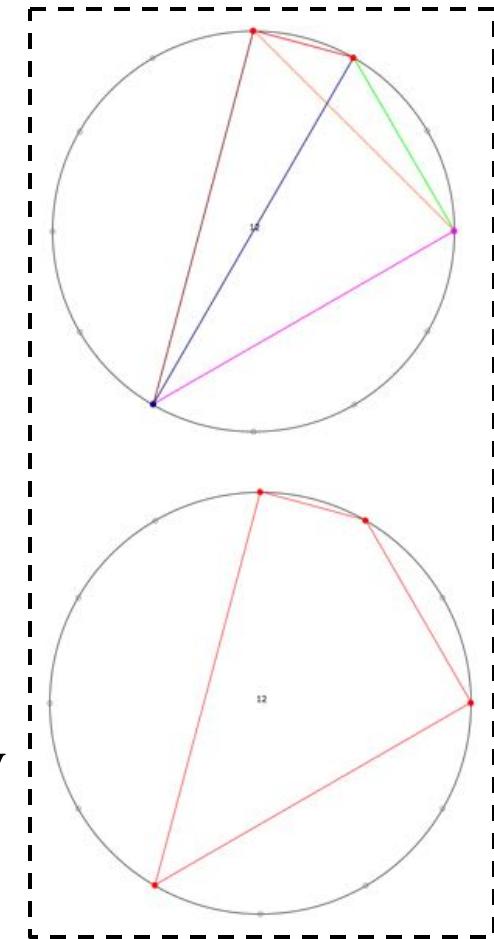
$$IC_A(k) = (1_A \star 1_{-A})(k)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_A : t \mapsto \sum_{k \in A} e^{-2i\pi kt/c}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(IC_A) = \mathcal{F}_A \times \mathcal{F}_{-A} = |\mathcal{F}_A|^2$$



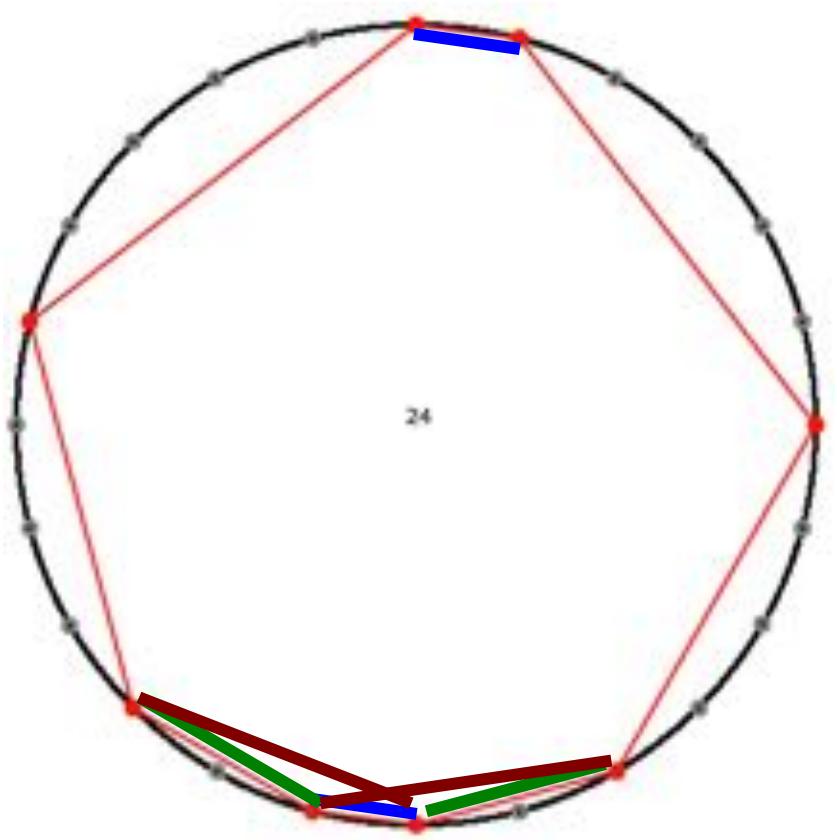
**Z-relation**  
↔  
**homometry**



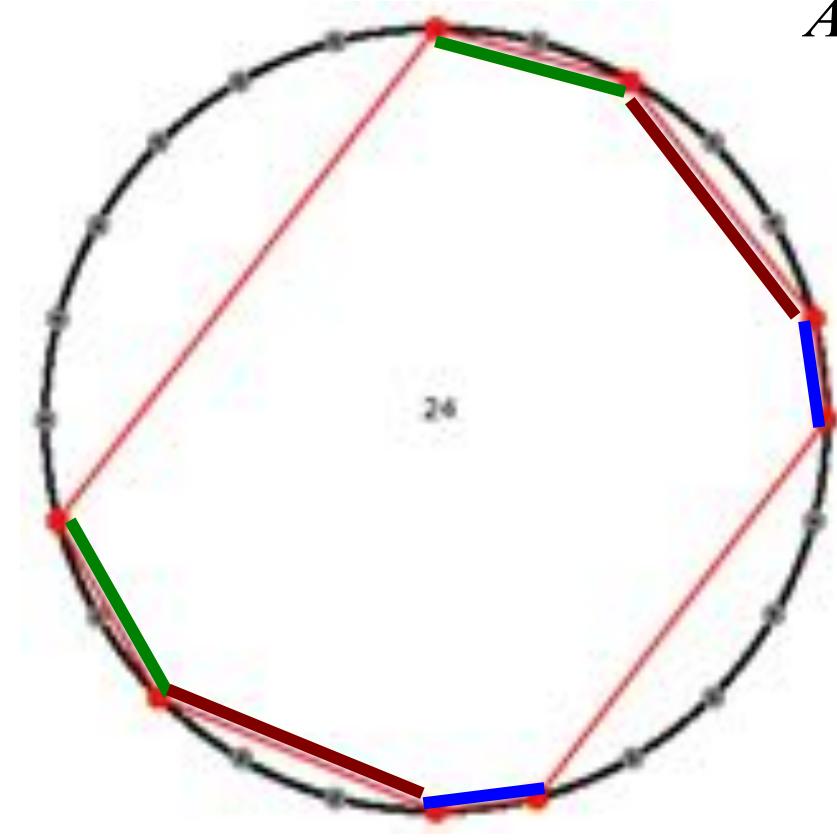
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# Z-relation (music) and homometry (cristallography)

*A*



*A'*



$$IC_A(k) = (1_A \star 1_{-A})(k)$$

$A \sim A'$

$\xrightleftharpoons[\text{Homometry}]{\text{Z-relation}}$

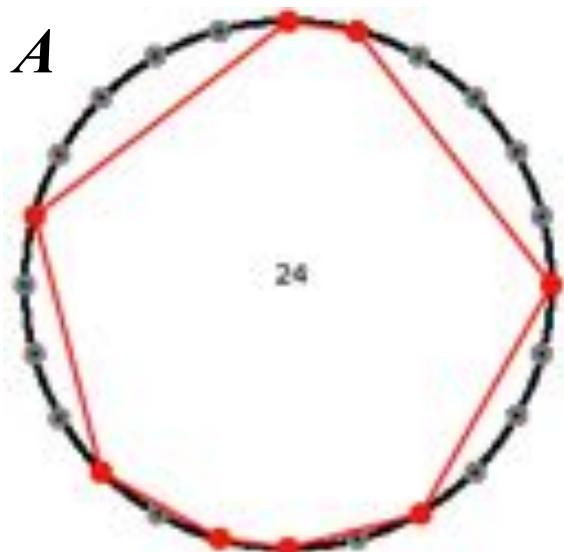
$$IC_A(k) = IC_{A'}(k)$$

$$|F_A|^2 = |F_{A'}|^2$$

# Tiling Rhythmic Canons and Homometry

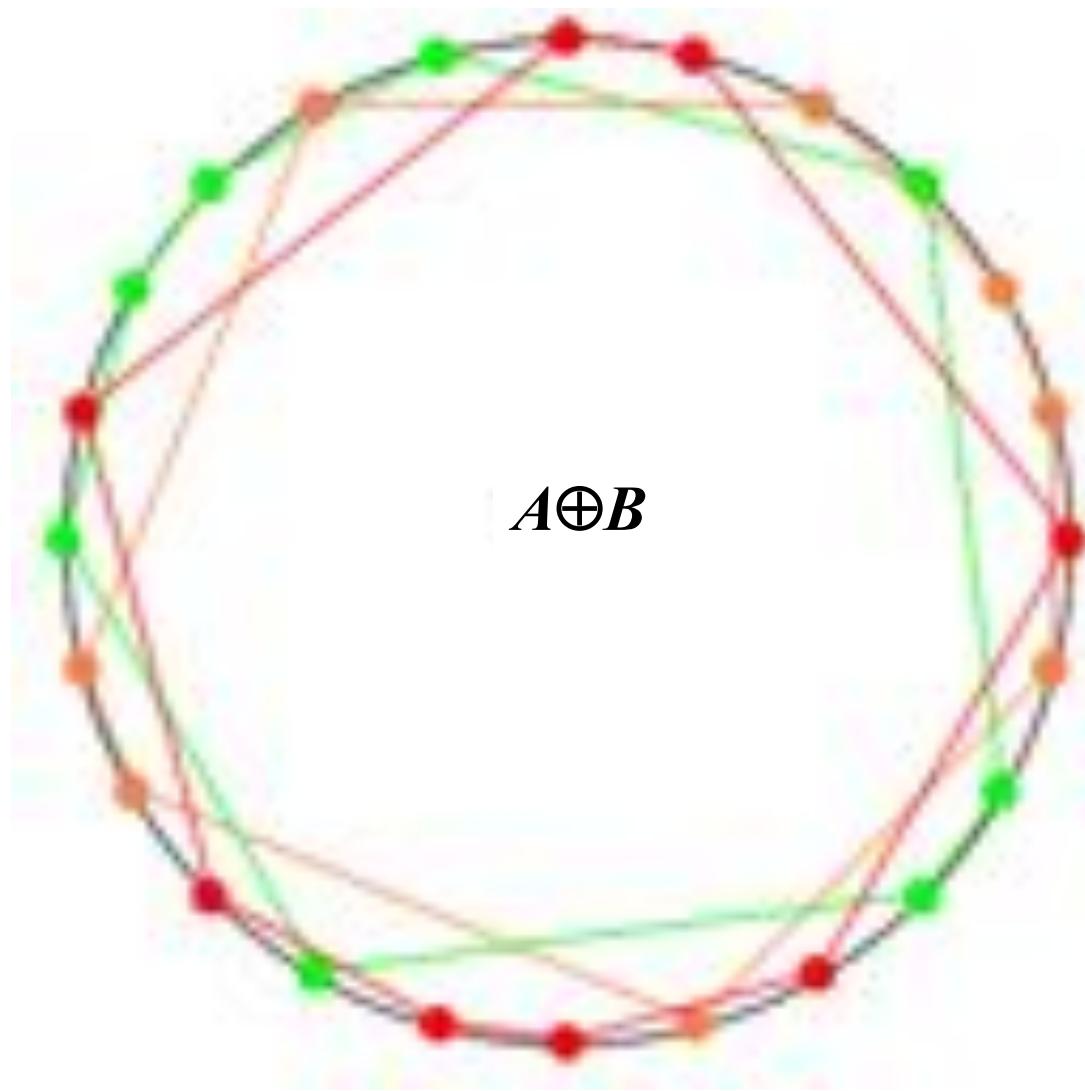
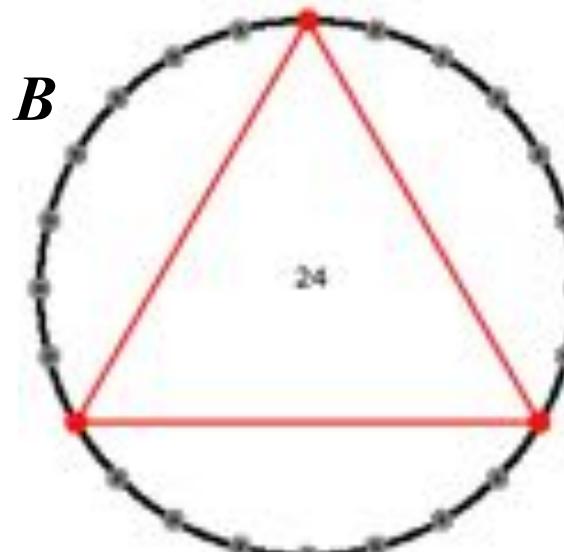
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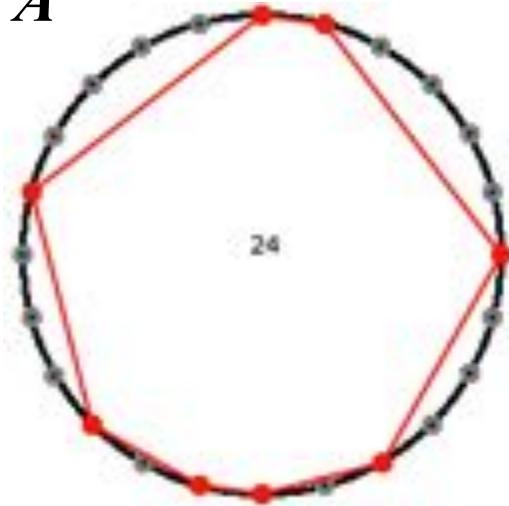
*A*⊕*B*

*B*

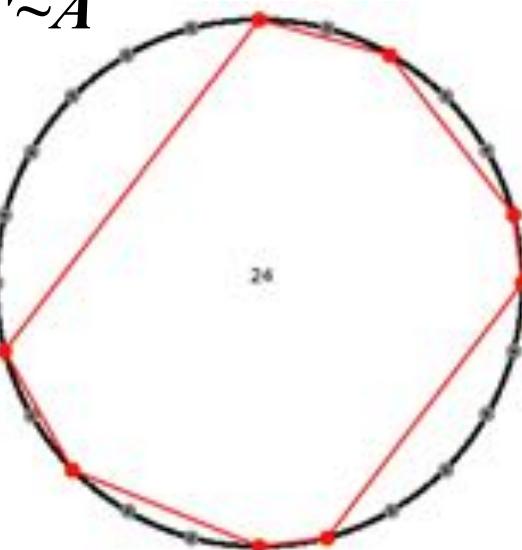


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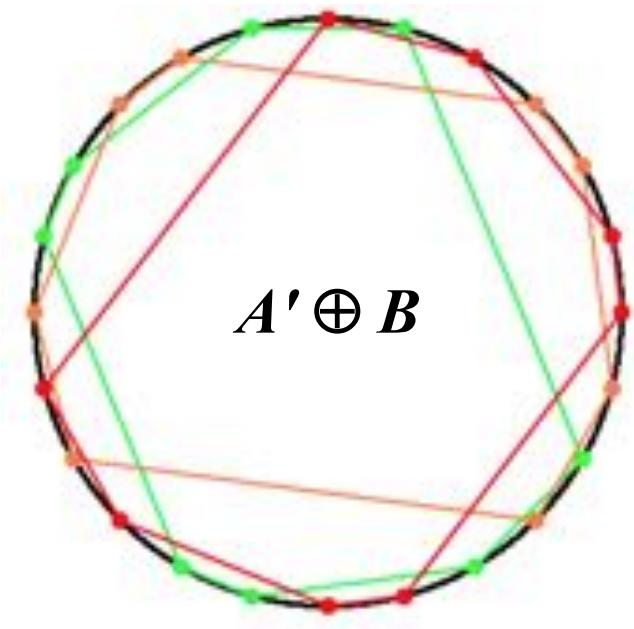
A



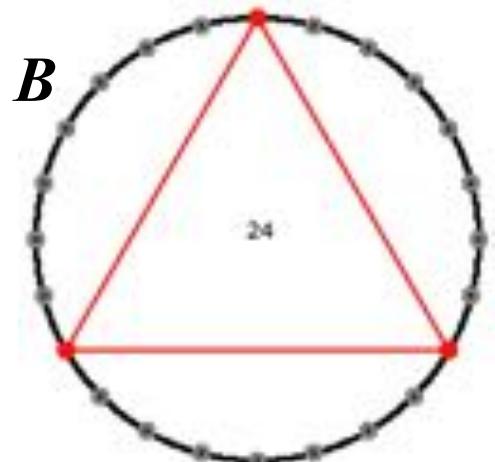
$A' \sim A$



$A' \oplus B$



B

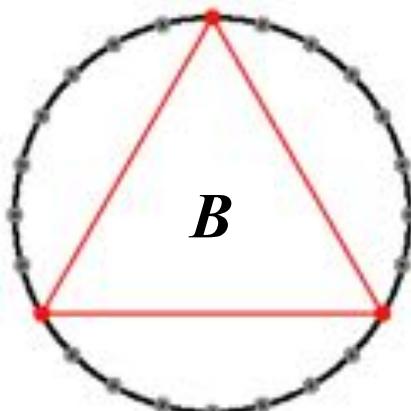
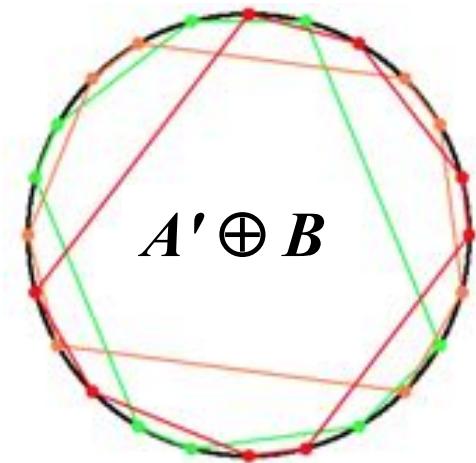
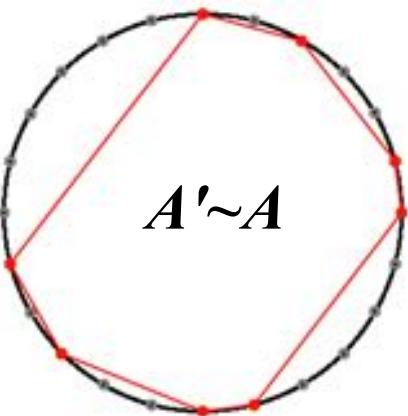
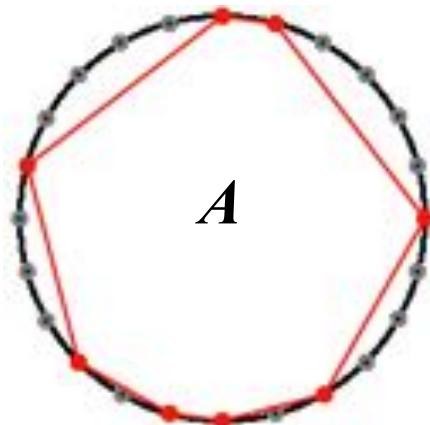


*A musical offering:*

• **Theorem:**

If A tiles with B and  $A'$  has the same IC, then  $A'$  tiles with B, too.

# Tiling Rhythmic Canons and Homometry



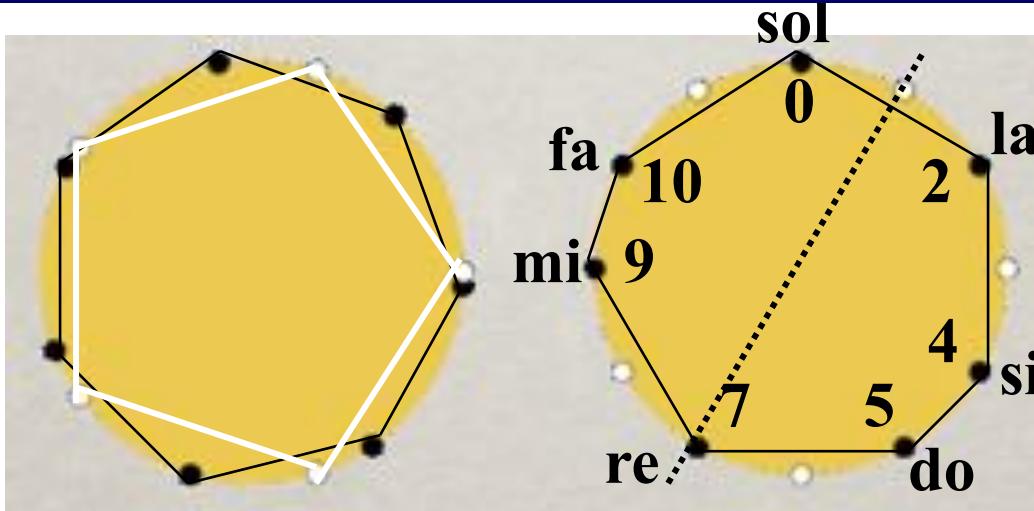
## TILING

Let  $Z_A = \{ t \in \mathbb{Z}_c, F_A(t)=0 \}$

A tiles  $\mathbb{Z}_c$  when equivalently:

- ◻ There exists B,  $A \oplus B = \mathbb{Z}_c$
- ◻  $1_A \star 1_B = 1$
- ◻  $F_A \times F_B (t) = 1 + e^{-2i\pi t/c} + \dots + e^{-2i\pi t(c-1)/c}$  (0 unless  $t=0$ )
- ◻  $Z_A \cup Z_B = \{1, 2, \dots, c-1\}$  AND Card A × Card B = c
- ◻  $IC_A \star IC_B = IC(\mathbb{Z}_c) = c$  and Card A × Card B = c

# Maximally Even Sets



Diatonic scale:  
 $\{0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10\}$

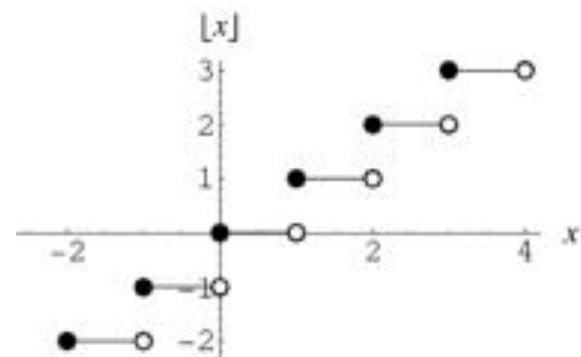
Pentatonic scale:  
 $\{1, 3, 6, 8, 11\}$

**Definition** (Clough-Myerson-Douthett) A set  $A$  with cardinality  $d$  in a given equal tempered space  $\mathbf{Z}_c$  is maximally even if  $A = \{a_k\}$

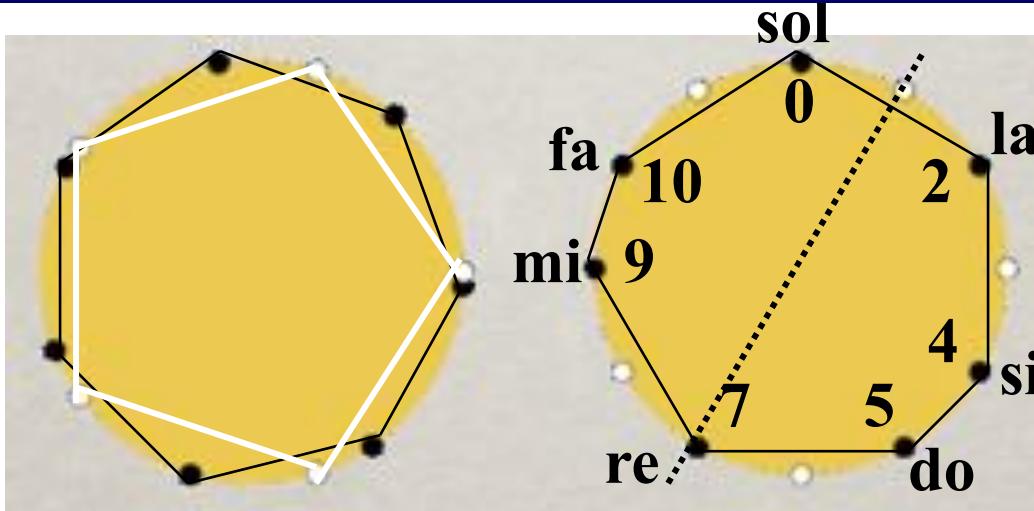
$$a_k = J_{c,d}^{\alpha}(k) = \left\lfloor \frac{kc + \alpha}{d} \right\rfloor \quad \text{where } \alpha \in \mathbf{R}$$

$\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the integer part of  $x$

$$J_{12,7}^5 = \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{12k+5}{7} \right\rfloor \right\}_{k=0}^6 = \{0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11\}$$



# Maximally Even Sets



Diatonic scale:  
 $\{0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10\}$

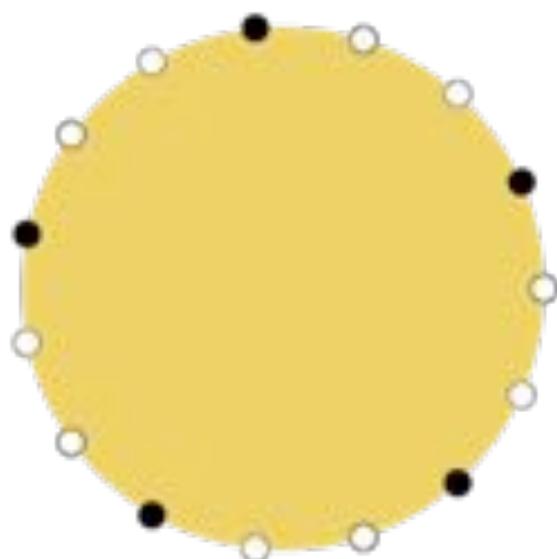
Pentatonic scale:  
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**Definition** (Amiot, 2005) A set  $A$  with cardinality  $d$  given equal tempered space  $\mathbf{Z}_c$  is maximally even if  $|F_A(d)| \geq |F_B(d)|$  for all subsets  $B$  of cardinality  $d$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_c$ .

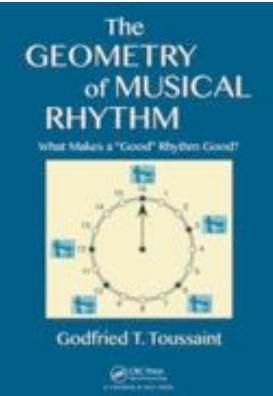
$$\text{where } F_{set}(t) := \sum_{k \in set} e^{2i\pi kt/12}$$

$$|F_A(5)| = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5$$

En général,  $|F_A(t)| \leq \#A$

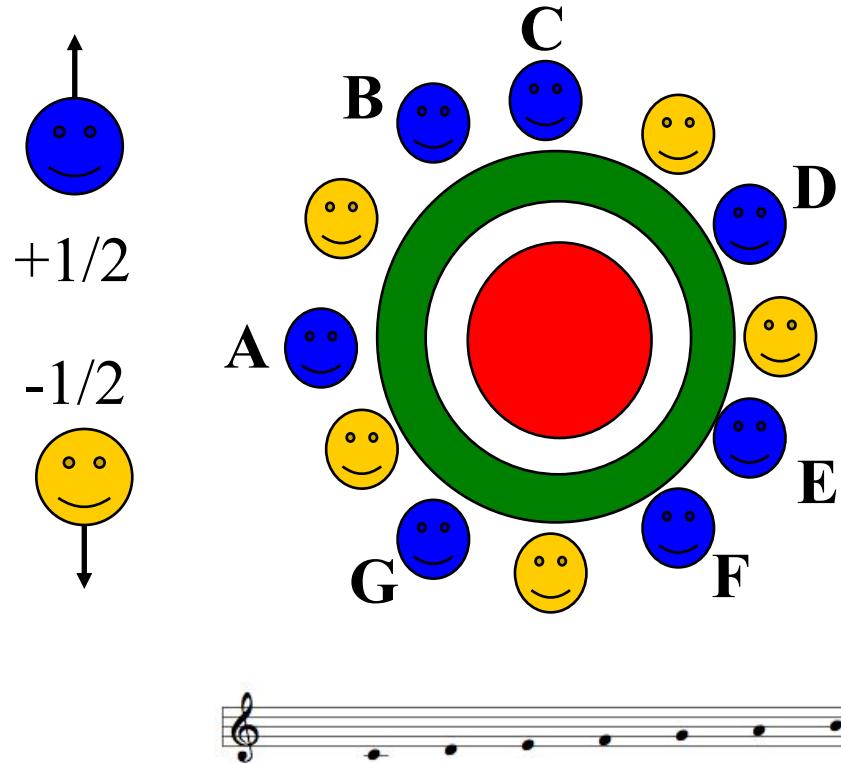
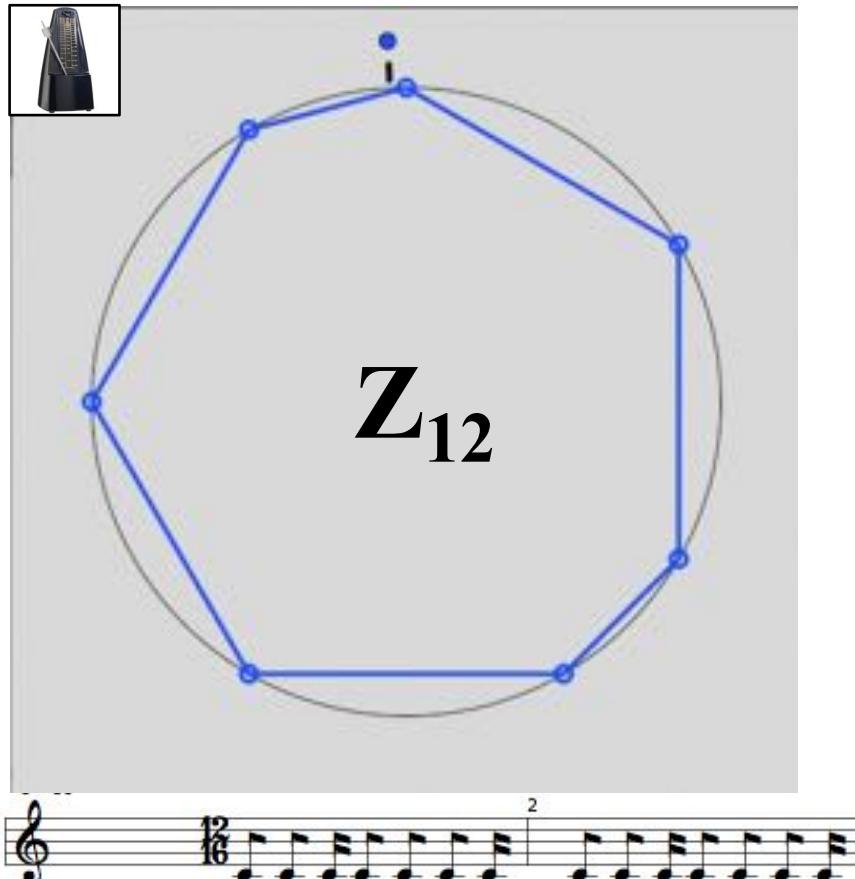


# The pitch-rhythm isomorphic correspondence



“It is well known that there exists an isomorphic relation between pitch and rhythm, which several authors have pointed out from time to time.”

(G. Toussaint, *The geometry of musical rhythm. What makes a “Good” Rhythm Good?* CRC Press, 2013, p. xiii)



J. Douthett & R. Krantz, “Energy extremes and spin configurations for the one-dimensional antiferromagnetic Ising model with arbitrary-range interaction”, *J. Math. Phys.* 37 (7), July 1996

# The pitch-rhythm *cognitive* isomorphic correspondence

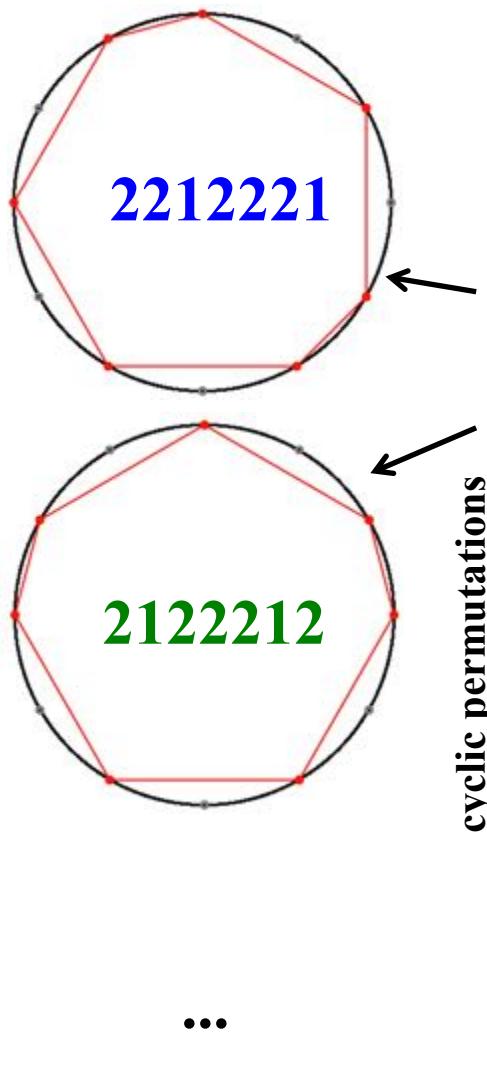


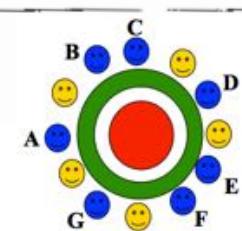
TABLE I  
Comparison of  $M = 7$ ,  $L = 12$  patterns for pitch (scales) and rhythm (time-lines)

pattern	pitch domain name and notation (in C)	rhythm domain notation	examples from West Africa	references
1. 2212221	major scale (Ionian) CDEFGAB	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Ewe (Atsiabek, Sogba, Atsia) also Yoruba	Jones (1959), C. K. Ladzekpo, S. K. Ladzekpo and Pantaleoni, Locke
2. 2122212	Dorian CDE <sup>b</sup> FGAB <sup>b</sup>	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Bemba—Northern Rhodesia	Jones (1965), (Ekwueme)
3. 1222122	Phrygian CD <sup>b</sup> E <sup>b</sup> FGA <sup>b</sup> B <sup>b</sup>	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	—	—
4. 2221221	Lydian CDEF#GAB	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Ga-Adangme (common) also common Haitian pattern, Akan (Ab fo )	C. K. Ladzekpo, Combs (1974), R. Hill, Asiamah
5. 2212212	Mixolydian CDEFGAB <sup>b</sup>	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Yoruba sacred music from Ekiti	King
6. 2122122	Aeolian CDE <sup>b</sup> FGA <sup>b</sup> B <sup>b</sup>	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Ashanti (Ab fo , Mpre)	Koetting
7. 1221222	Locrian CD <sup>b</sup> E <sup>b</sup> FG <sup>b</sup> A <sup>b</sup> B <sup>b</sup>	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Ghana*	Nketia (1963a)
8. 2121222	(#2 Locrian) CDE <sup>b</sup> FG <sup>b</sup> A <sup>b</sup> B <sup>b</sup>	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Ashanti (Asedua)	C. K. Ladzekpo
9. 2112123	— CDD#EF#GA	↓ □ ↓ ↓ ↓	Akan (juvenile song)	Nketia (1963b)

\* clap pattern

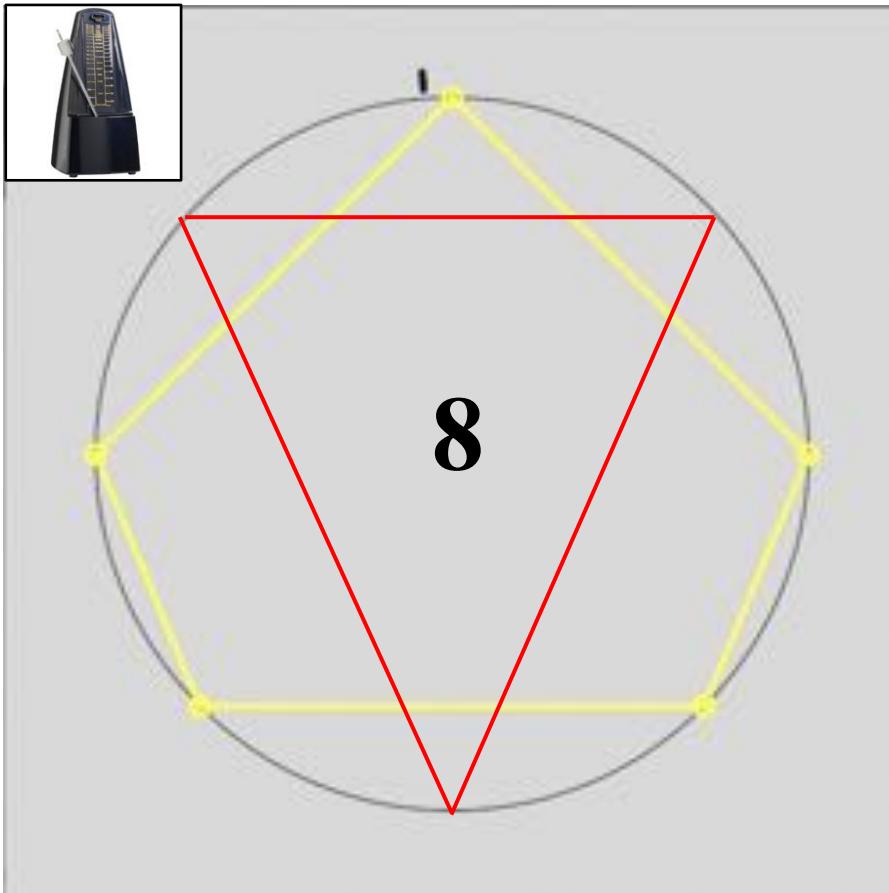
† mute stroke on bell

J. Pressing, “Cognitive isomorphisms between pitch and rhythm in world musics: West Africa, the Balkans and Western tonality”, *Studies in Music*, 17, p. 38-61

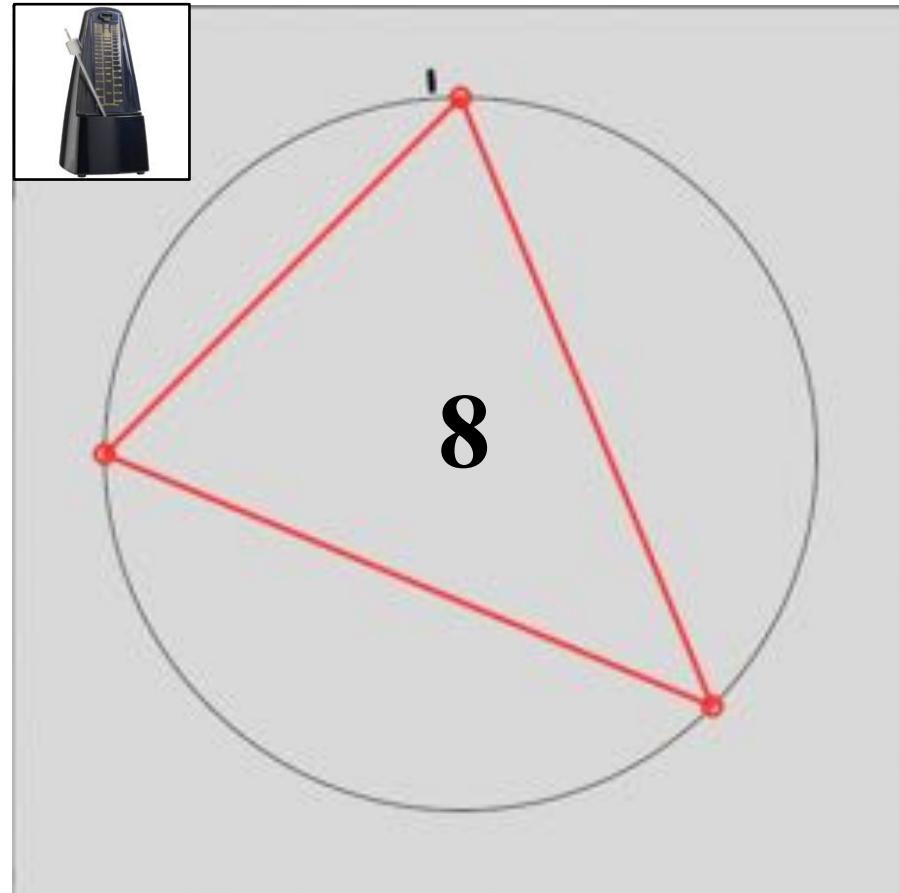


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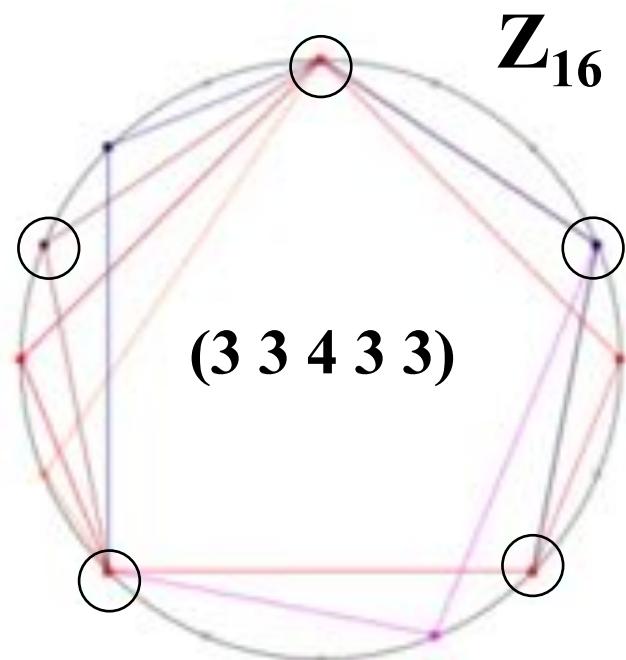
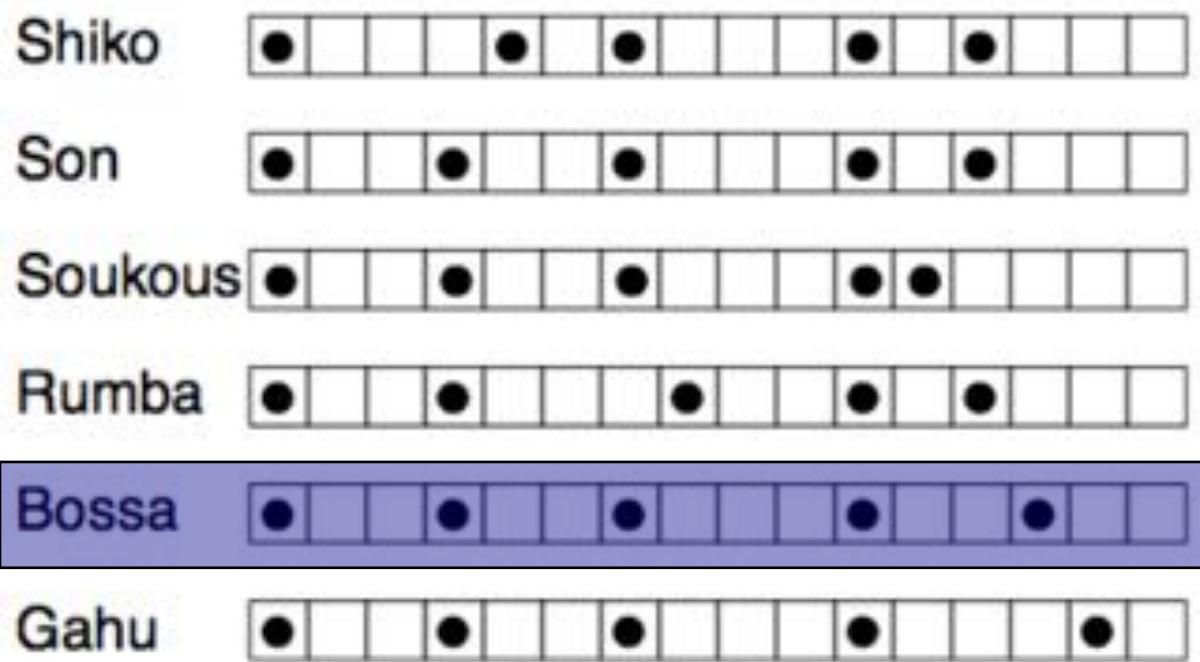
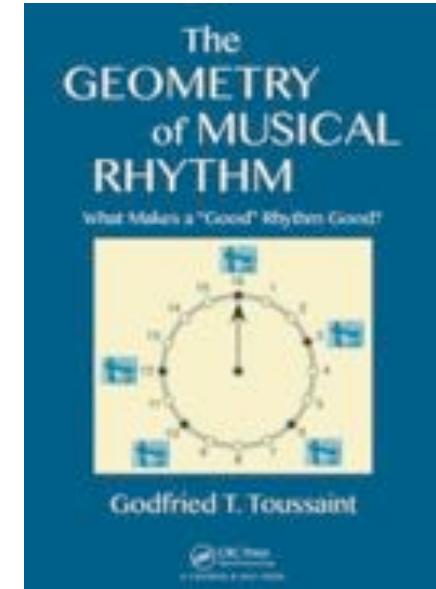
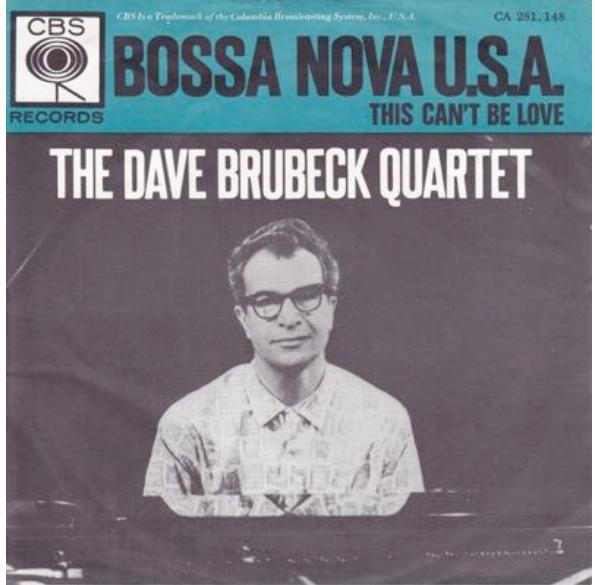
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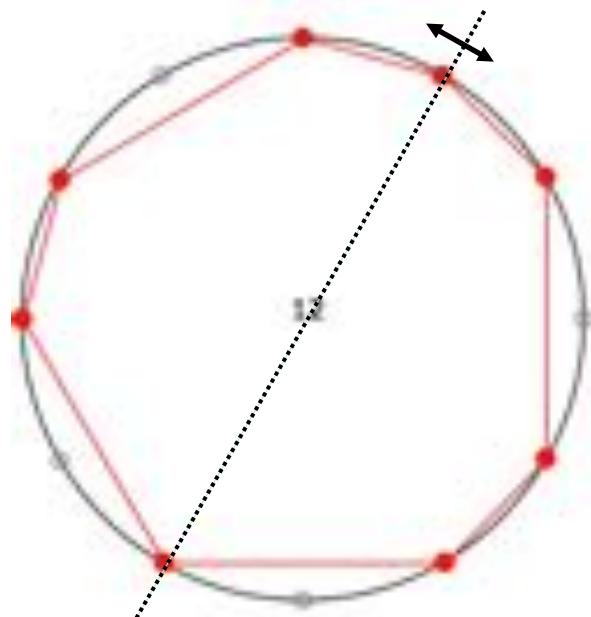
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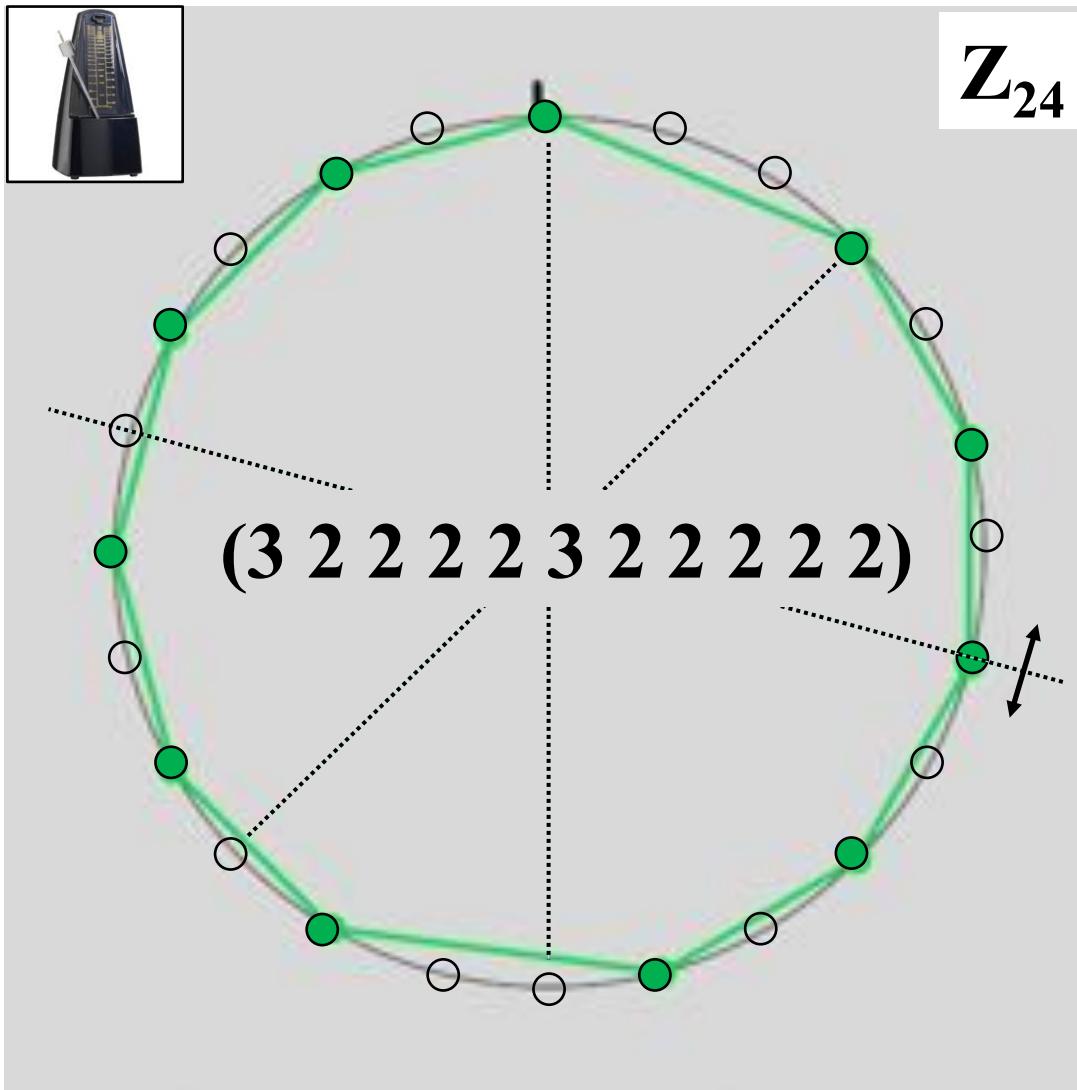
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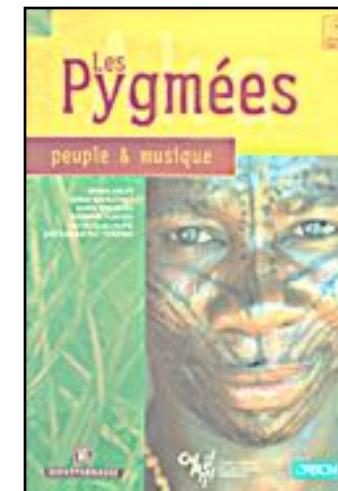
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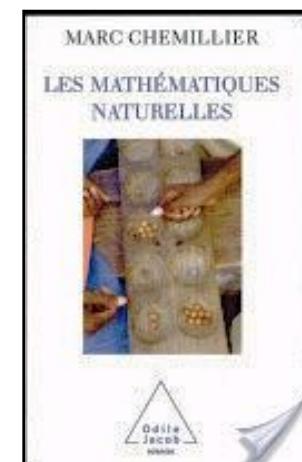
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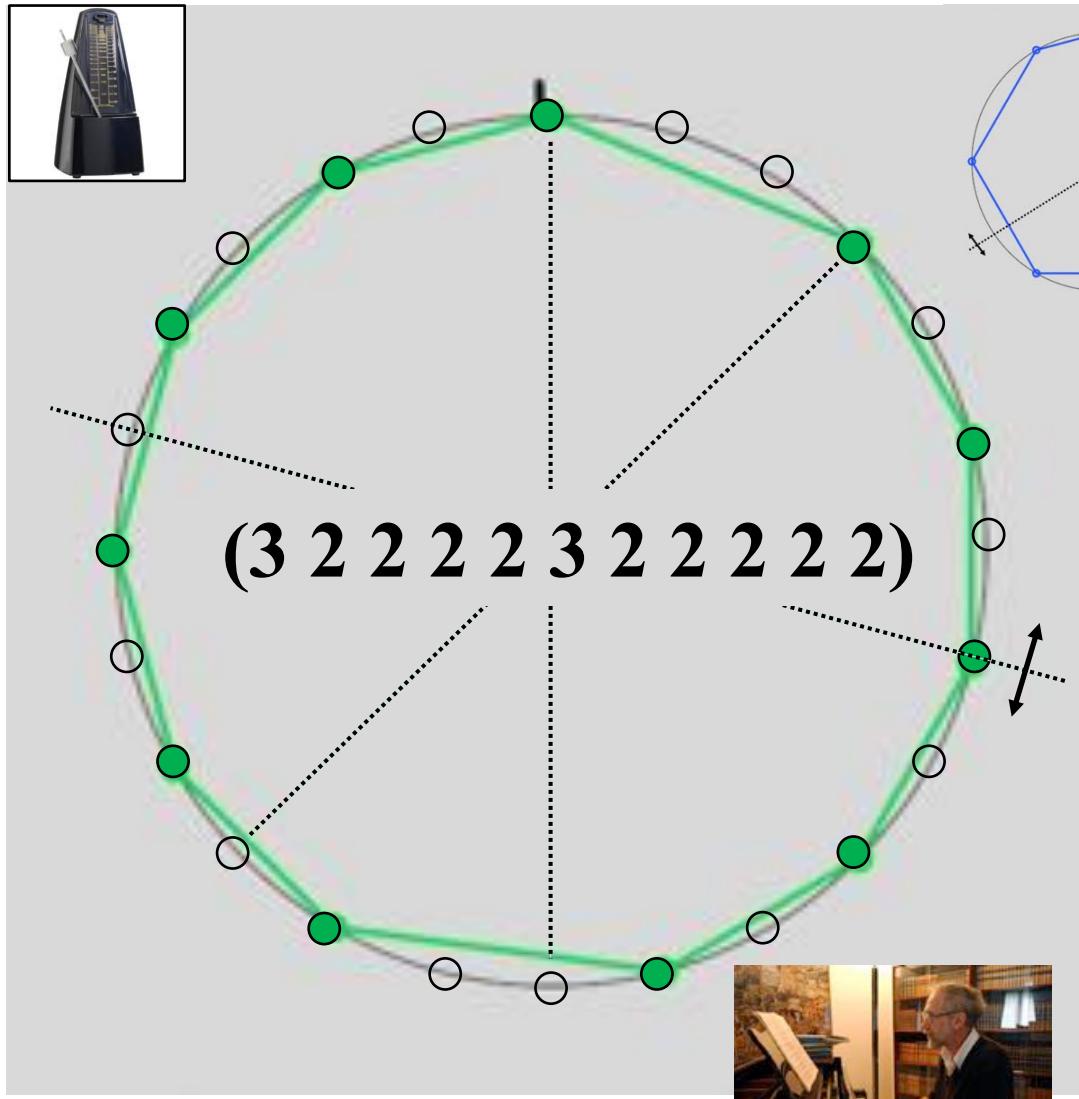
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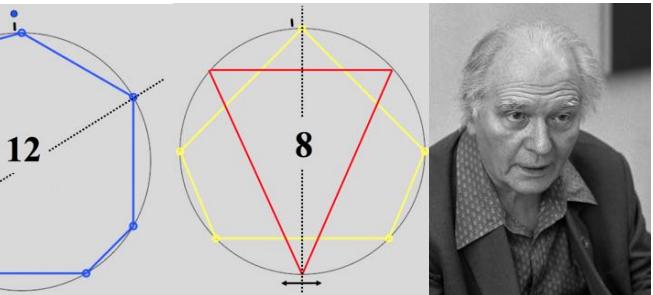
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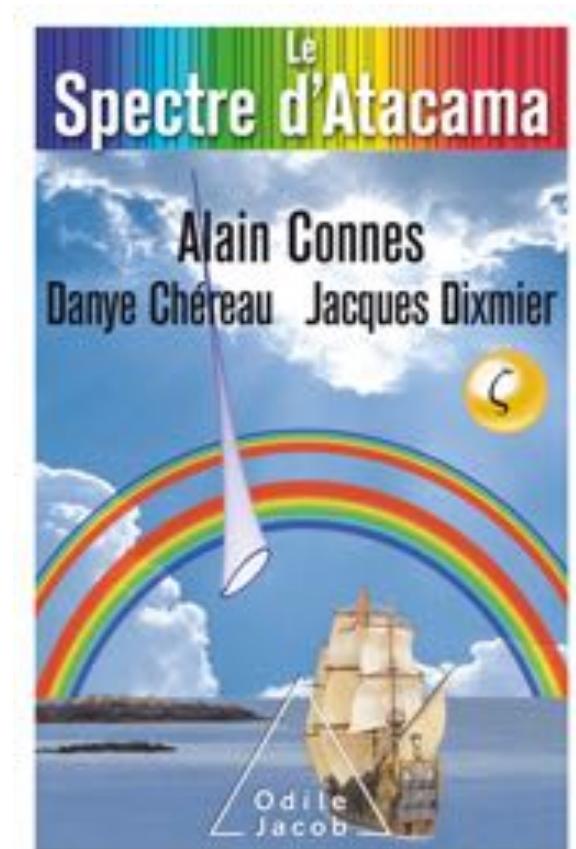
# Olivier Messiaen's non-invertible rhythms



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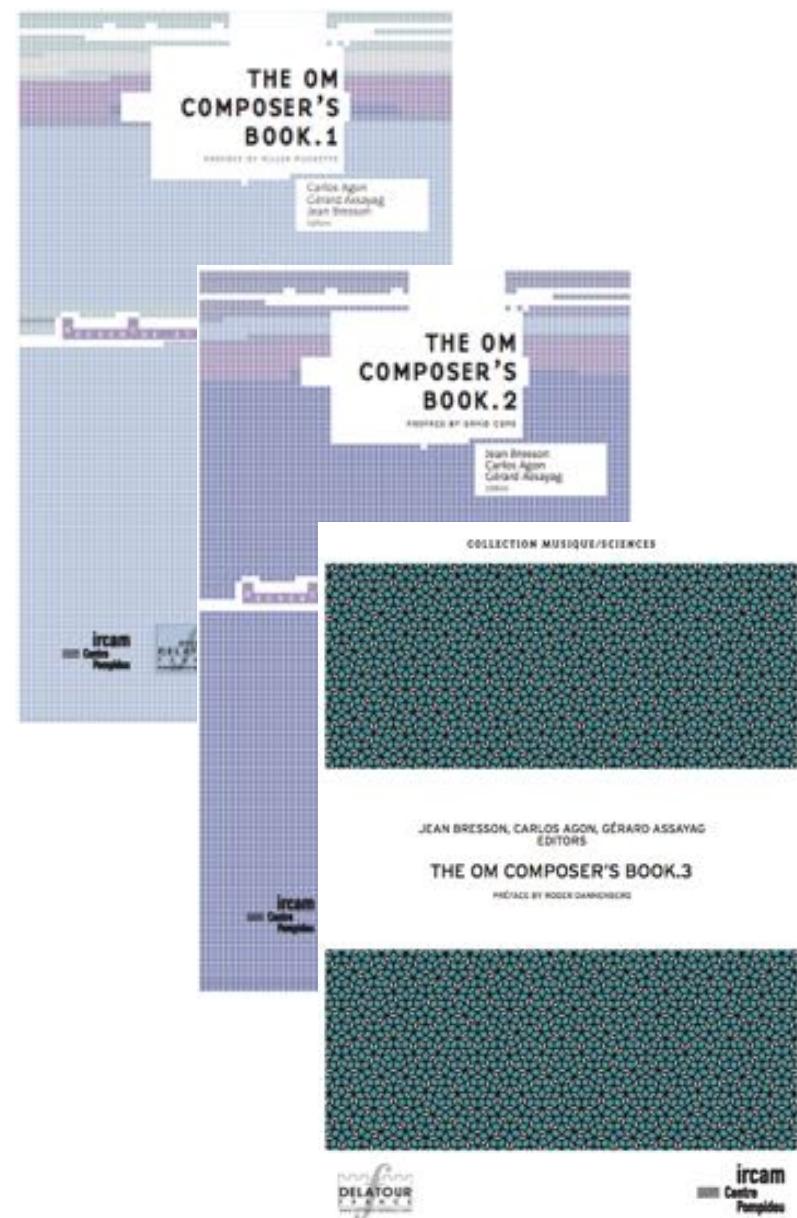
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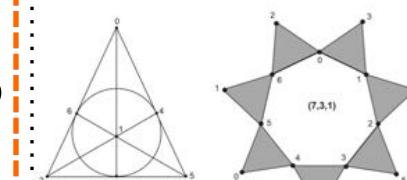
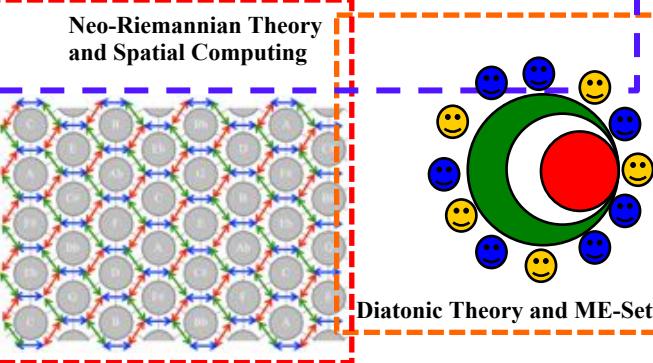
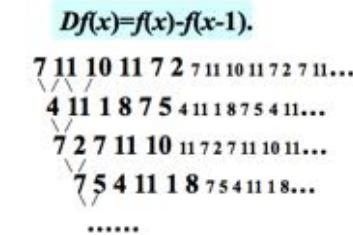
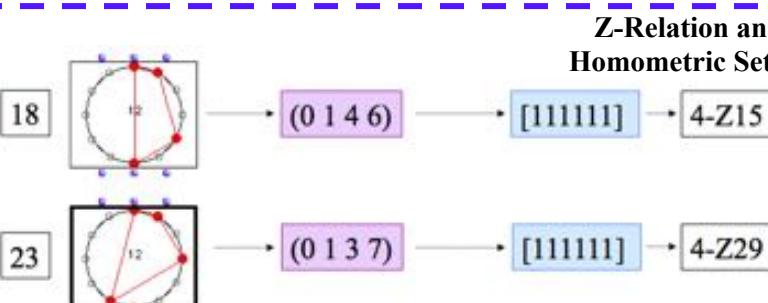
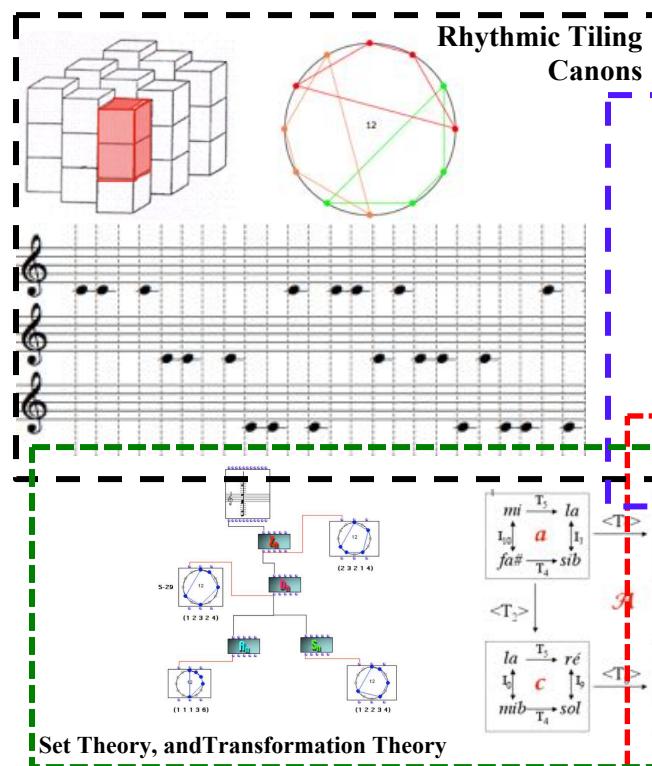
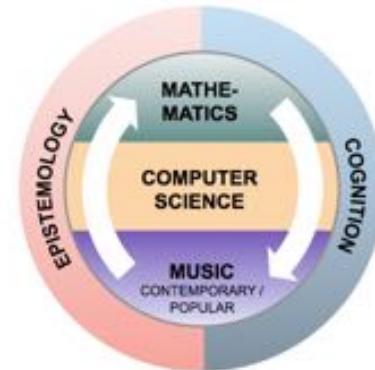
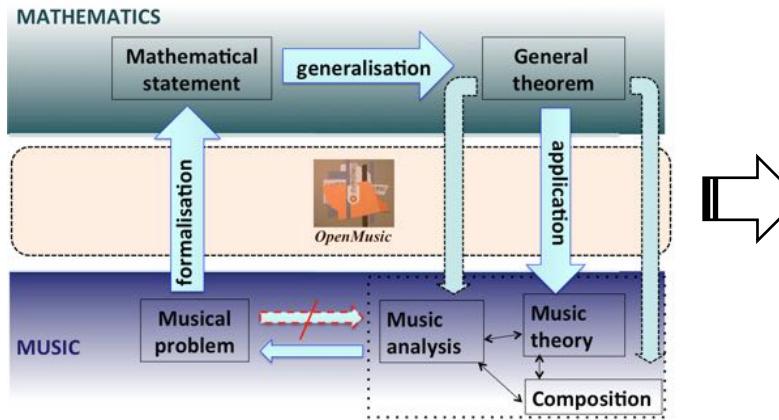


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# A short catalogue of mathemusical problems

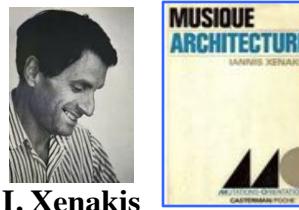
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# Music and mathematics: « prima la musica »!



## MUSIC

**500 B.C.** Pitches and lengths of strings are related. Here music gives a marvelous thrust to number theory and geometry.

No correspondence in music.

**300 B.C.** [...] Music theory highlights the discovery of the **isomorphism between the logarithms** (musical intervals) and **exponentials** (string lengths) more than 15 centuries before their discovery in mathematics; also a premonition of **group theory** is suggested by Aristoxenos.

**1000 A.D.** Invention of the two-dimensional spatial representation of pitches linked with time by means of staves and points [...] seven centuries (1635-37) before the magnificent analytical geometry of Fermat and Descartes.

**1500** No response or development of the preceding concepts.

**1600** No equivalence, no reaction.

**1648** Invention of musical combinatorics by Marin Mersenne (*Harmonicorum Libri*)

**1700** [...] The fugue, for example, is an **abstract automaton** used two centuries before the birth of the science of automata. Also, there is an **unconscious manipulation of finite groups** (Klein group) in the four variations of a melodic line used in counterpoint.

**1773** A first geometric and graph-theoretic representation of pitches (*Speculum Musicum*)

**1900** Liberation from the tonal yoke. First acceptance of the neutrality of chromatic totality (Loquin [1895], Hauer, Schoenberg).

**1920** First radical formalization of macrostructures through the serial system of Schoenberg.

**1929 and 1937-1939** Susanne K. Langer and Ernst Krenek on the role of axioms in music

**1946** Milton Babbitt on group theory and integral serialism

## MATHS

Discovery of the fundamental importance of natural numbers and the invention of fractions.

Positive irrational numbers [...]

No reaction in mathematics. [...]

No parallel in mathematics.

Zero and negative numbers are adopted. Construction of the set of rationals.

The sets of real numbers and of logarithms are invented.

Probability theory by Bernoulli [*Ars Conjectandi*, 1713]

Number theory is ahead of but has no equivalent yet in temporal structures. [...]

Invention of graph theory

The infinite and transfinite numbers (Cantor). Peano axiomatics. [...] The beautiful measure theory (Lebesgue, ...)

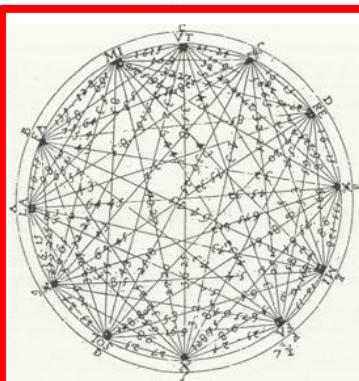
No new development of the number theory.

David Hilbert, *Die Grundlage der Geometrie* (1899)

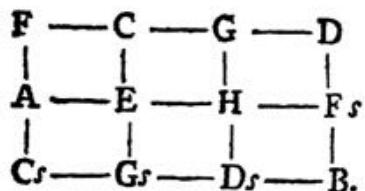
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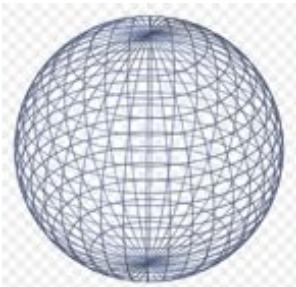
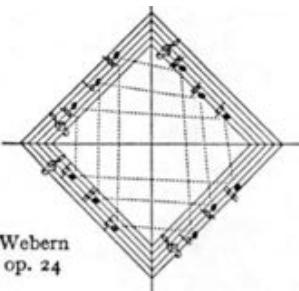
Pythagoras and the monochord,  
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Mersenne and  
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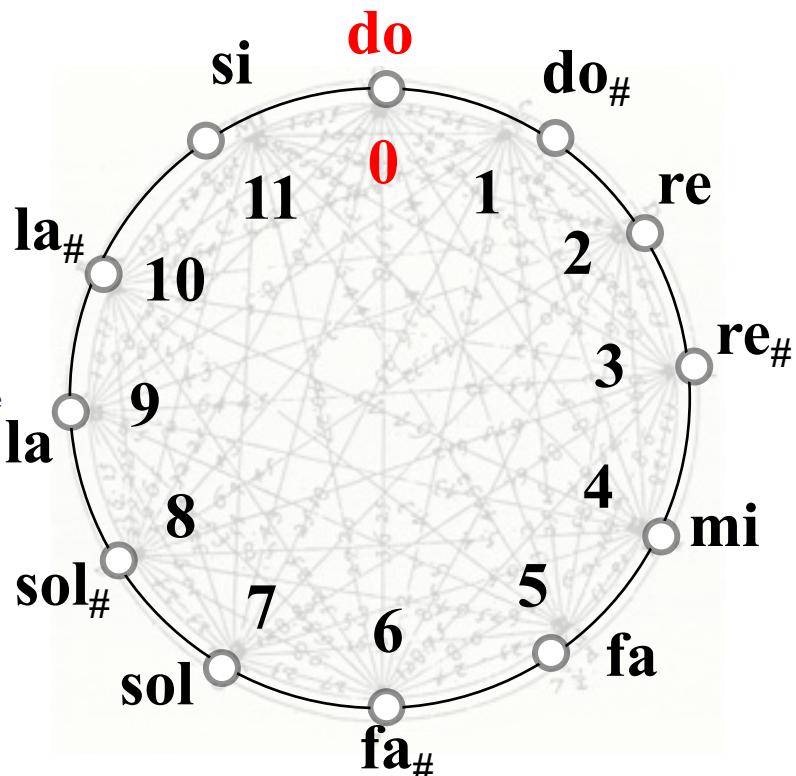
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# The circular representation of the pitch space



Marin Mersenne



*Harmonicorum Libri XII, 1648*

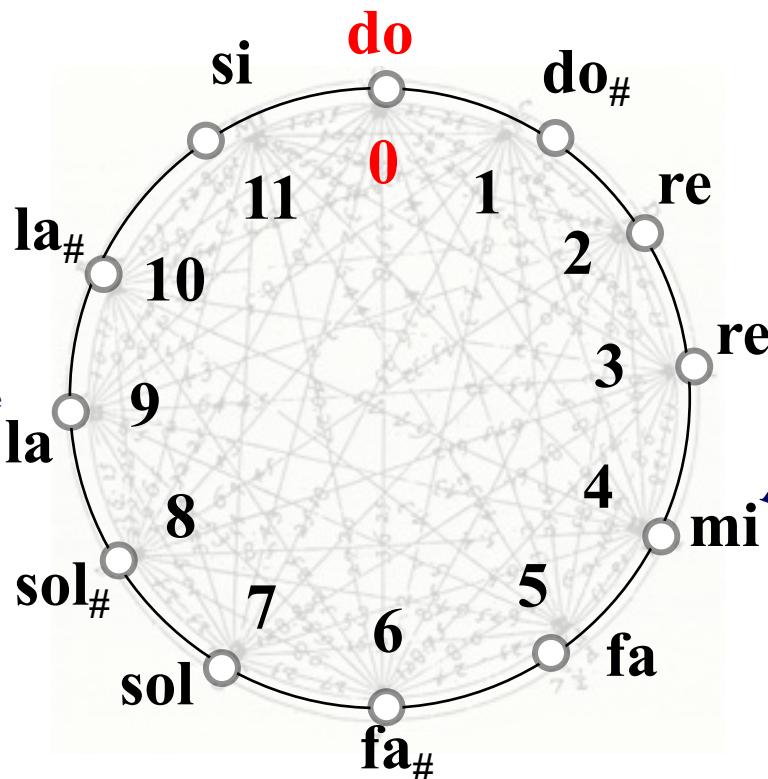


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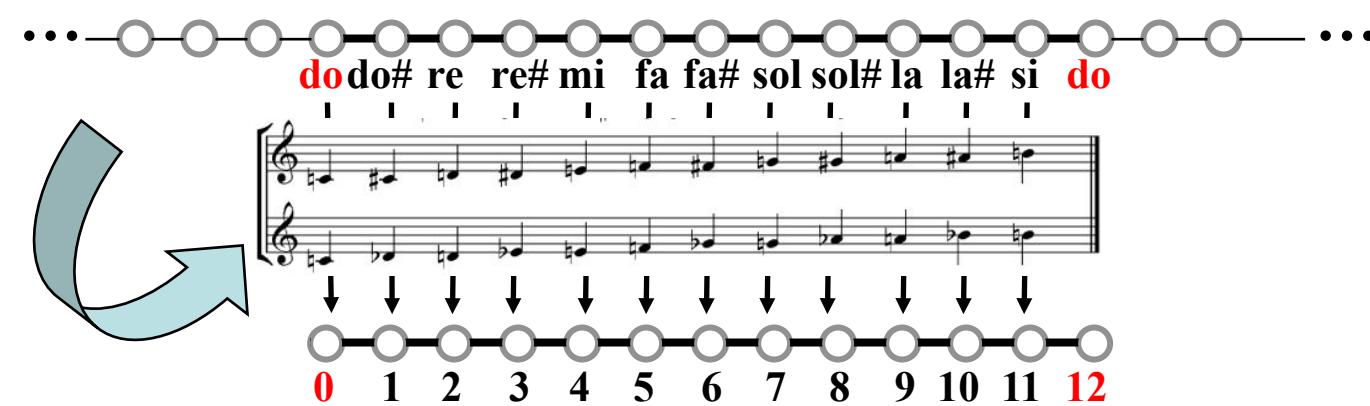
I	1
II	2
III	6
IV	24
V	120
VI	720
VII	10480
VIII	40320
IX	361880
X	3618800
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XII	479004600
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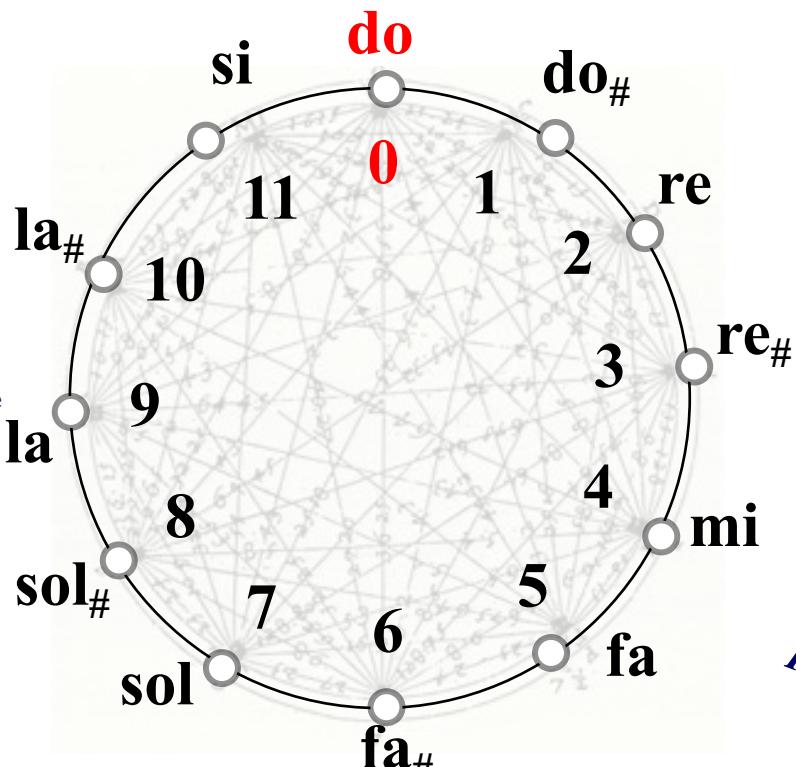
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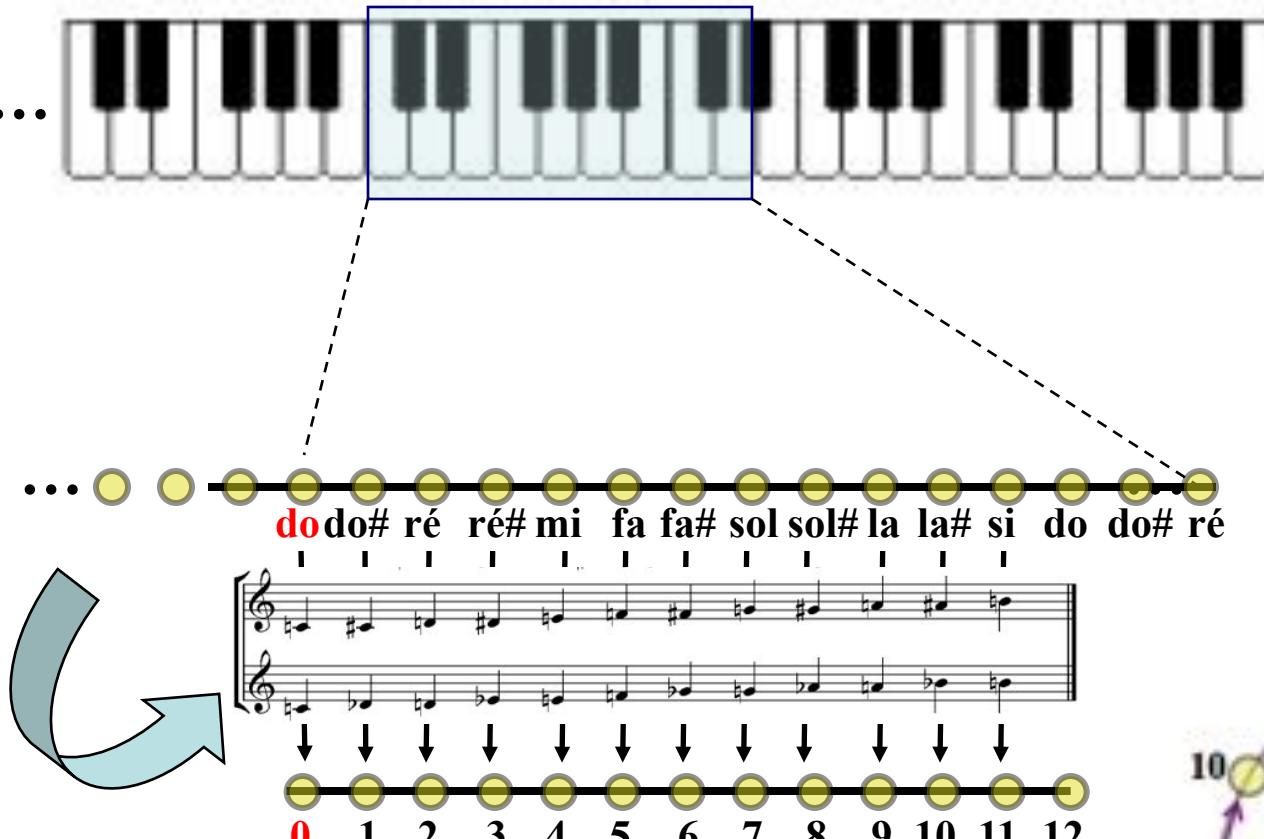


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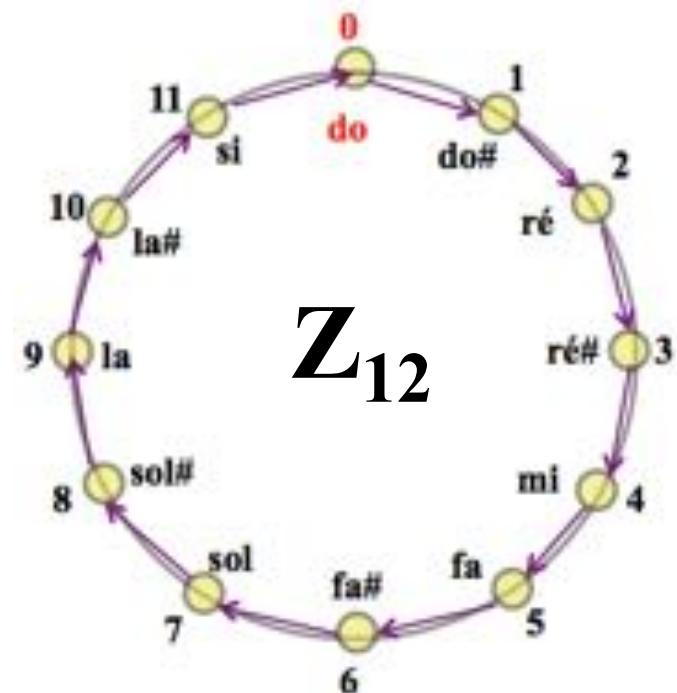
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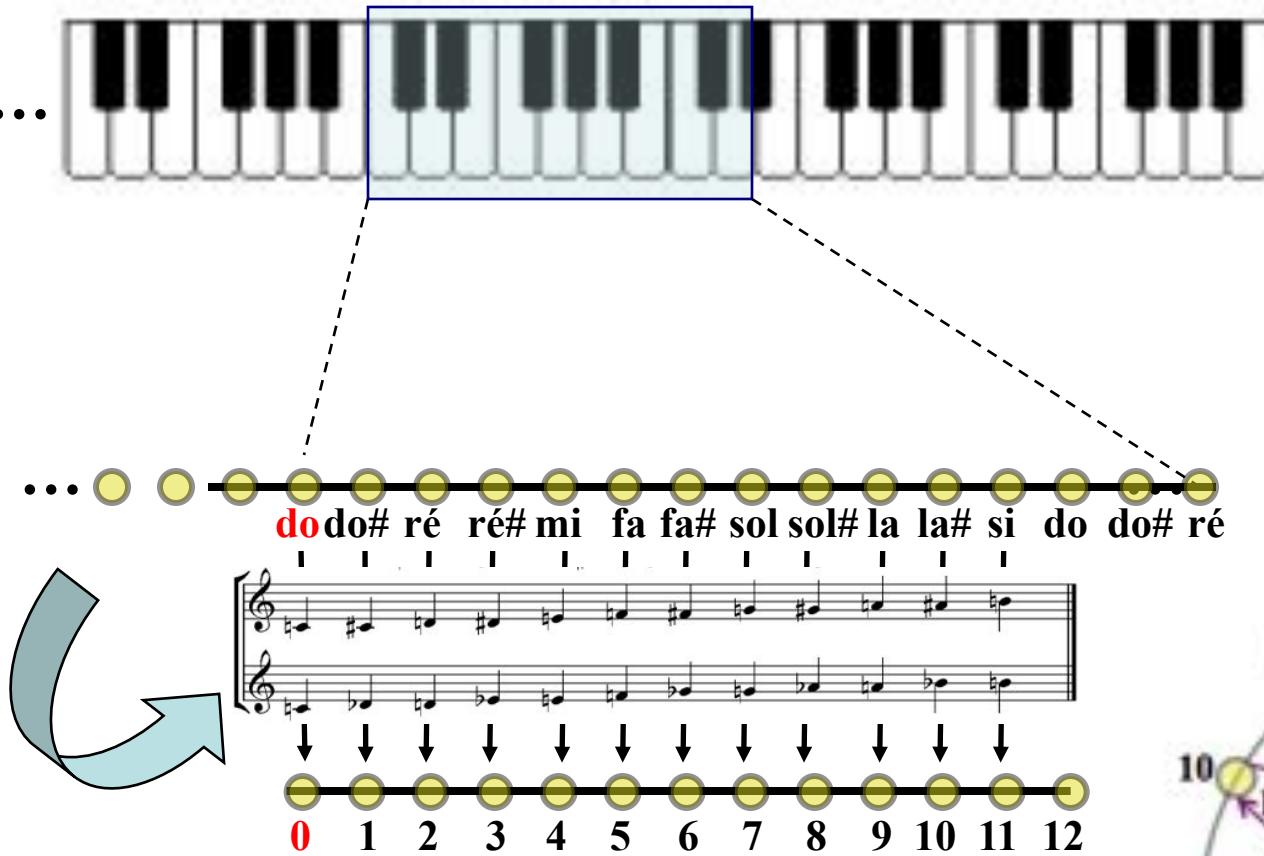
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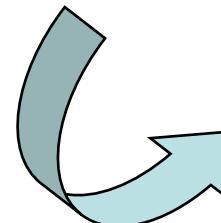
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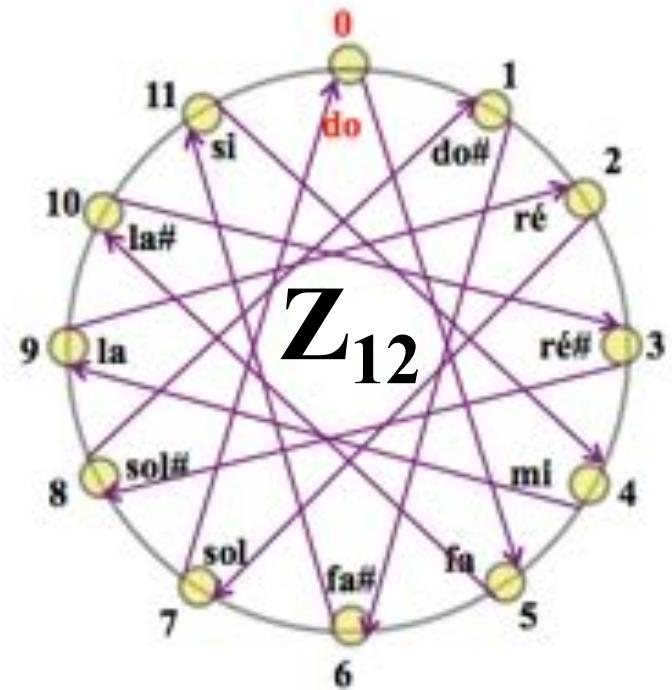


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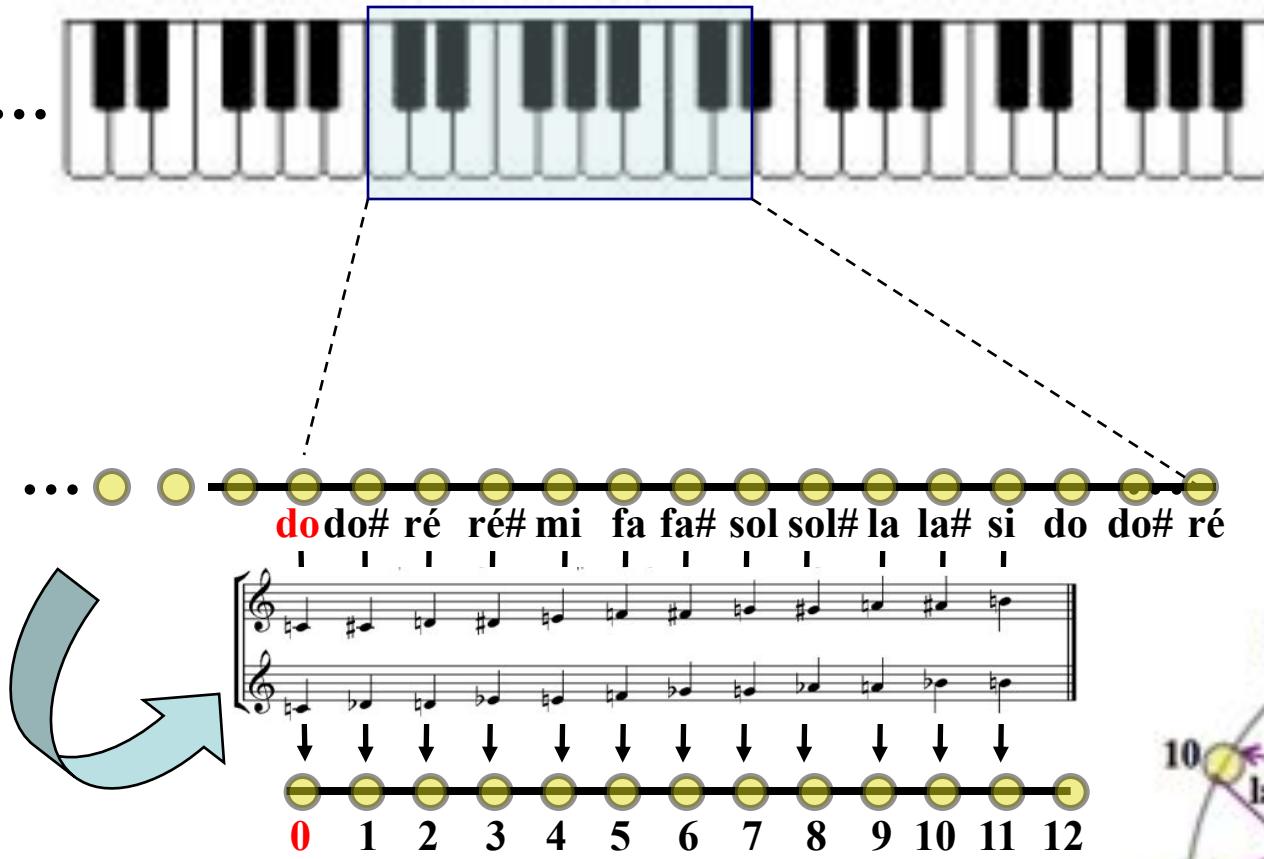


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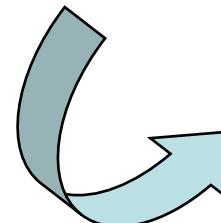
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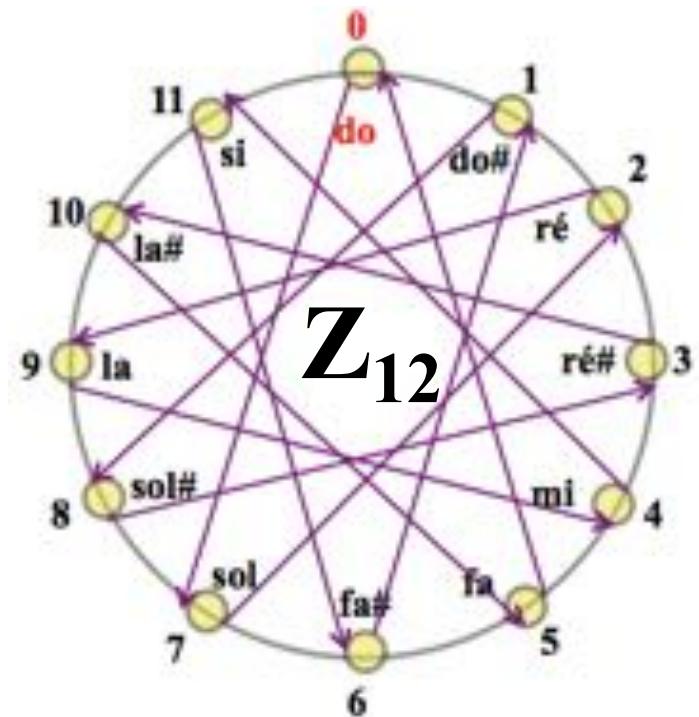


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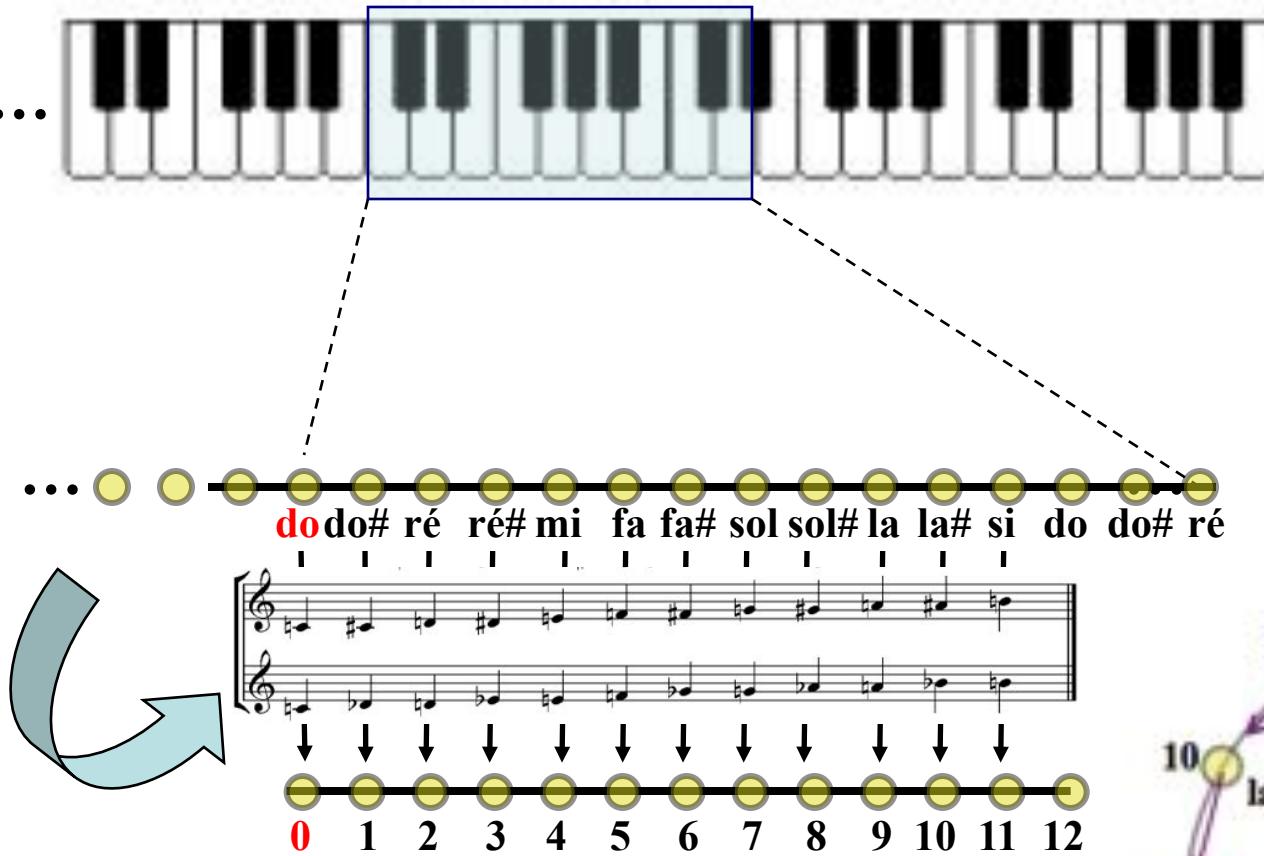


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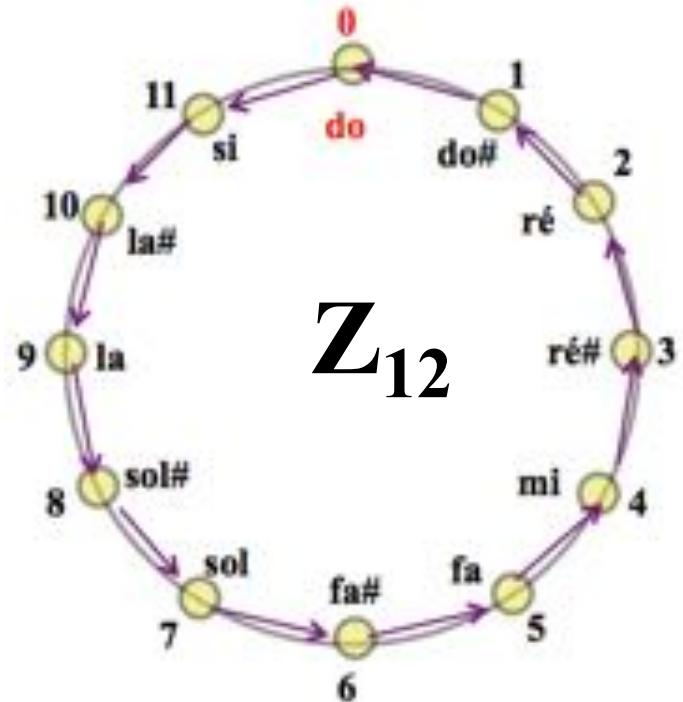


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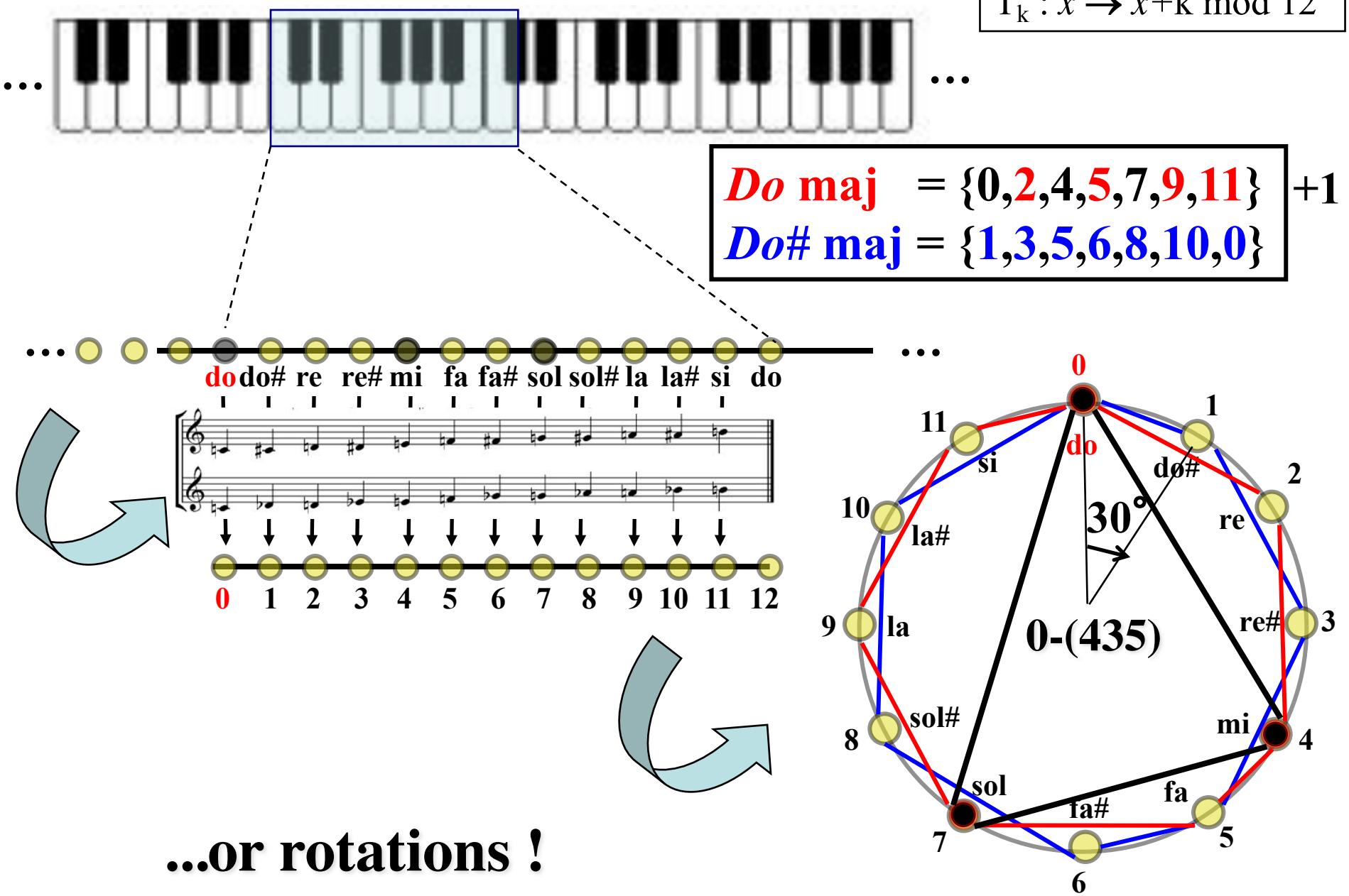


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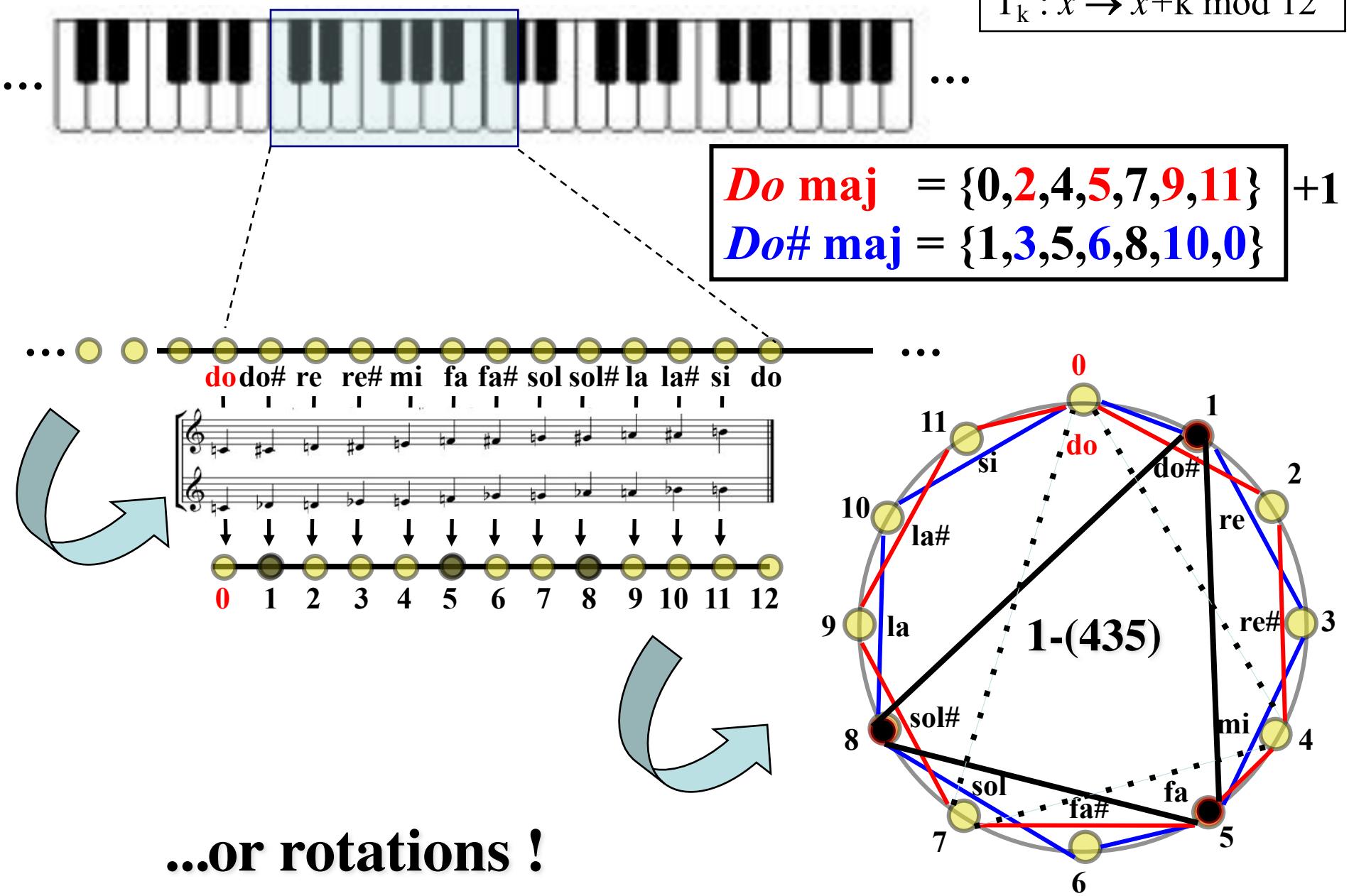
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# Musical inversions are differences...

... or axial symmetries!

The diagram illustrates musical inversions and axial symmetries in a 12-note cycle. It features a piano keyboard at the top, a 12-note cycle diagram in the middle, and a 12-note circle at the bottom right.

**Piano Keyboard:** Shows a segment of a piano keyboard with black and white keys. A blue rectangle highlights a segment of five keys (white, black, white, black, white).

**12-note Cycle:** A horizontal line with 12 yellow circles numbered 0 to 11. Below it is a musical staff with 12 notes. Arrows point from each note name to its corresponding number on the cycle line. The note names are: do, do#, re, re#, mi, fa, fa#, sol, sol#, la, la#, si, do. A large blue arrow points from the 12-note cycle to the 12-note circle.

**12-note Circle:** A circle with 12 points labeled 0 to 11. Points 0, 3, 6, and 9 are red. Points 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 are yellow. Lines connect adjacent points. A red line connects point 0 to point 4. A blue line connects point 0 to point 10. A dashed black line connects point 0 to point 6. A large blue arrow points from the 12-note cycle to the 12-note circle.

**Mathematical Formulas:**

- $I : x \rightarrow -x \bmod 12$
- $Do \ maj = \{0, 4, 7\}$
- $La \ min = \{0, 4, 9\}$
- $I_4(x) = 4 - x$

# Musical inversions are differences...

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The diagram illustrates musical inversions and axial symmetries through various representations of the twelve notes of the chromatic scale.

**Piano Keyboard:** A piano keyboard is shown with a blue box highlighting the notes from C4 to G4. Dashed lines connect this box to the numbered circle and musical staff representations below.

**Numbered Circle:** A circle with twelve points labeled 0 through 11. Points 0, 4, and 7 are highlighted in red. Points 0, 3, and 7 are highlighted in blue. The formula  $I_7(x) = 7 - x$  is shown, indicating the inversion of each note around note 7 (middle C). A large blue arrow points from the numbered circle to the musical staff.

**Musical Staff:** A musical staff shows a melody line with arrows pointing downwards, indicating pitch movement. Below the staff is a horizontal line with twelve points labeled with musical notes: do, do#, re, re#, mi, fa, fa#, sol, sol#, la, la#, si, and do. The notes do, do#, re, re#, mi, fa, fa#, and sol are in red; sol#, la#, la, and si are in black. Arrows point from the numbered circle to the staff, and from the staff to the numbered circle.

**Graph:** A circular graph with twelve nodes labeled 0 through 11. Nodes 0, 4, and 7 are red, while 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are black. Edges connect adjacent nodes. Two specific paths are highlighted: a red path from node 0 to 7 passing through 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and a blue path from node 0 to 7 passing through 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10. Nodes 0, 4, and 7 are also highlighted in red on the numbered circle and staff.

**Equation:**  $I : x \rightarrow -x \bmod 12$

# Musical inversions are differences...

... or axial symmetries!

The diagram illustrates musical inversions and axial symmetries using a piano keyboard, a circle of fifths, and musical notation.

**Piano Keyboard:** A horizontal piano keyboard is shown with a blue box highlighting a segment of keys. Dashed arrows point from this segment to a circle of fifths and a musical staff.

**Circle of Fifths:** A circular diagram showing the 12 notes of the chromatic scale. The notes are labeled: do, do#, re, re#, mi, fa, fa#, sol, sol#, la, la#, si, do. The circle is divided into 12 equal segments, each representing an interval of a fifth. A red arrow labeled  $I_7(x) = 7 - x$  points from the top note "do" to the note at position 7, "sol". A blue arrow labeled  $I_7$  points from the note at position 7, "sol", back to the top note "do".

**Musical Staff:** A musical staff with two staves is shown. The notes are labeled: do, do#, re, re#, mi, fa, fa#, sol, sol#, la, la#, si, do. Arrows point from the notes on the staff down to the corresponding positions on the circle of fifths.

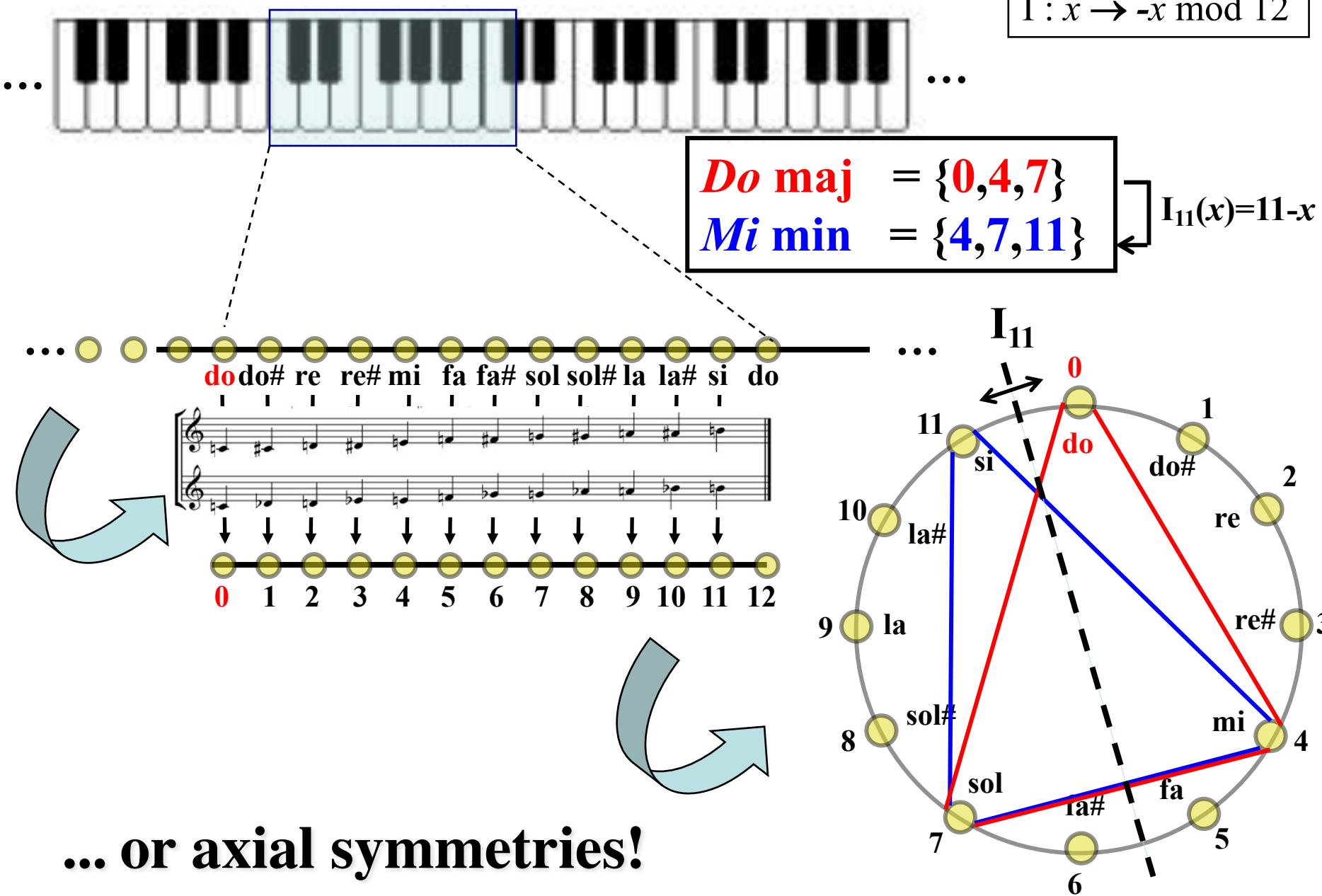
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**Set Definitions:**

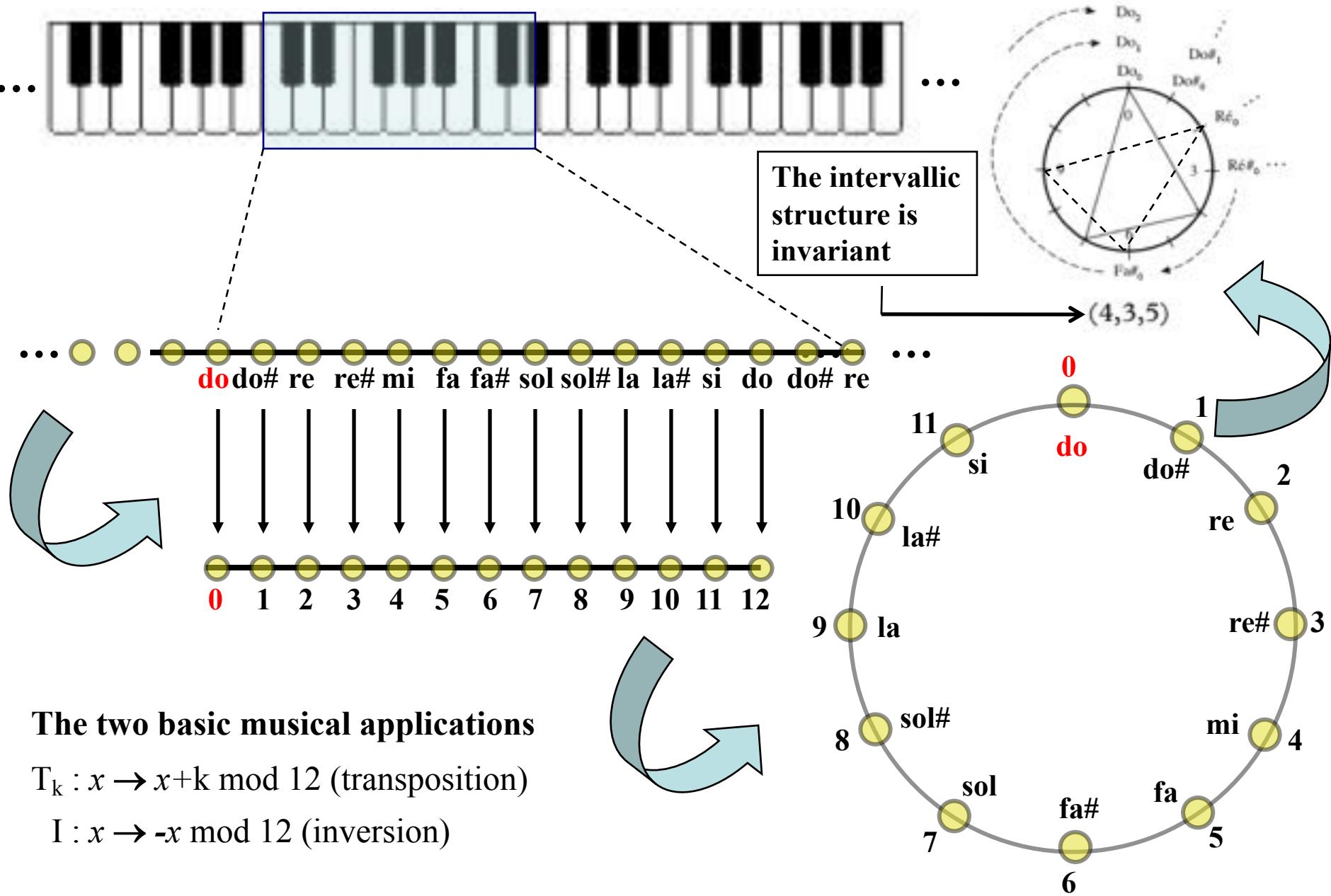
- Do maj** = {0, 4, 7}
- Do min** = {0, 3, 7}

**Equation:**  $I_7(x) = 7 - x$

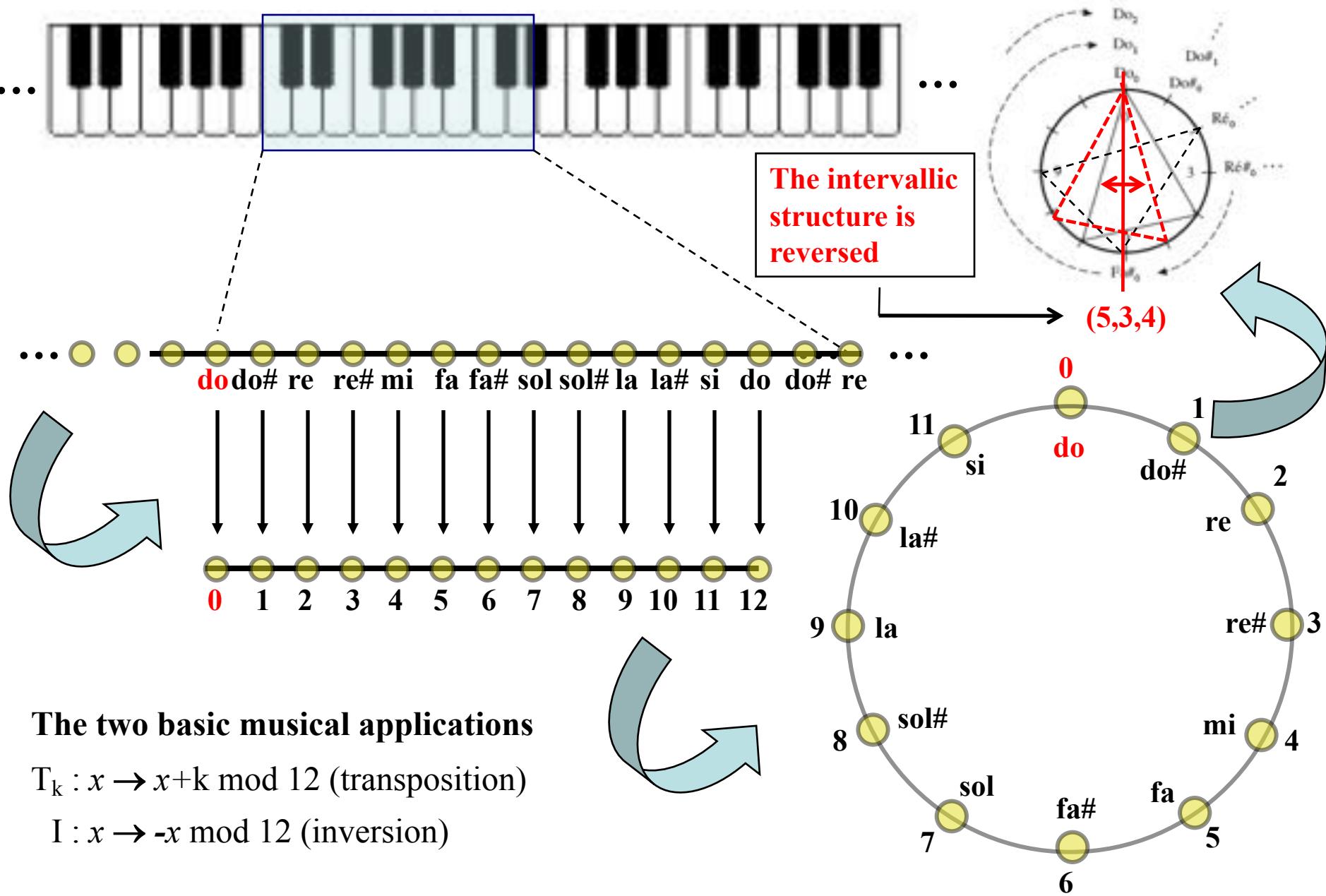
# Musical inversions are differences...



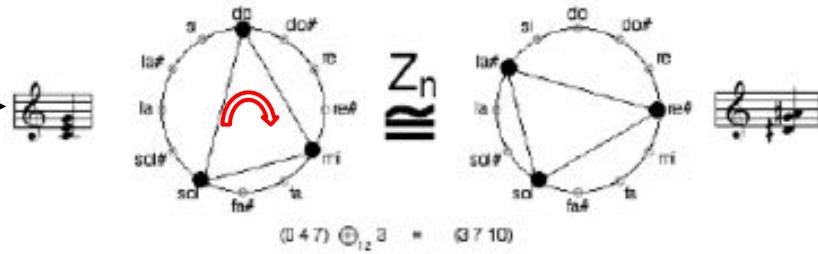
# Circular representation and intervallic structure



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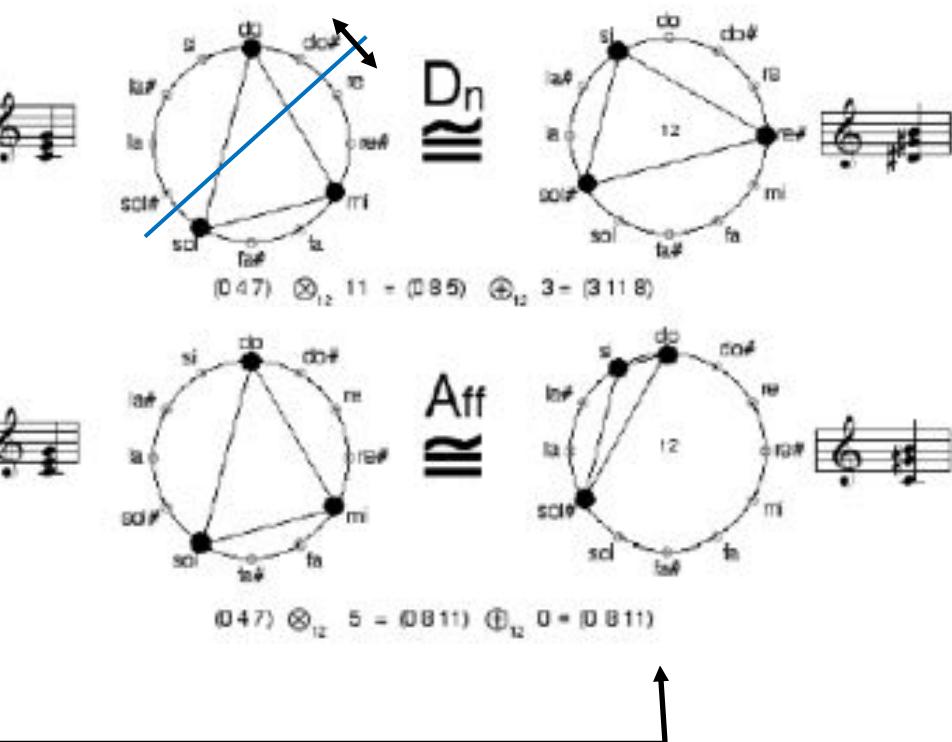
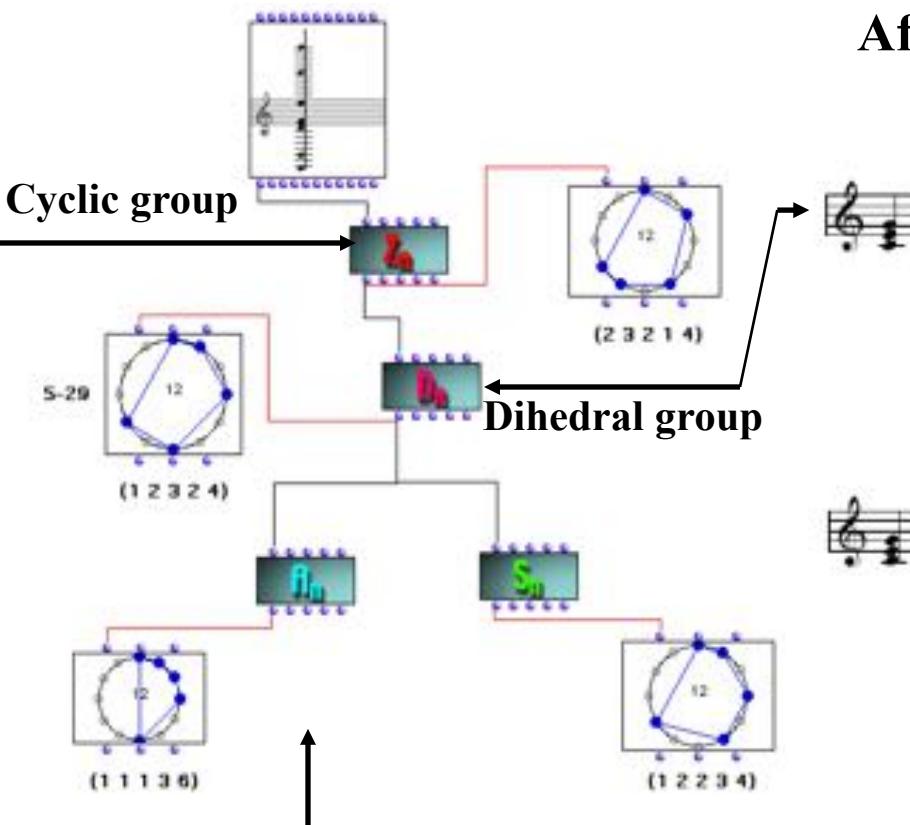


# Equivalence classes of musical structures (up to a group action)



$$Z_{12} = \langle T_k \mid (T_k)^{12} = T_0 \rangle \text{ where } T_k(x) = x+1$$

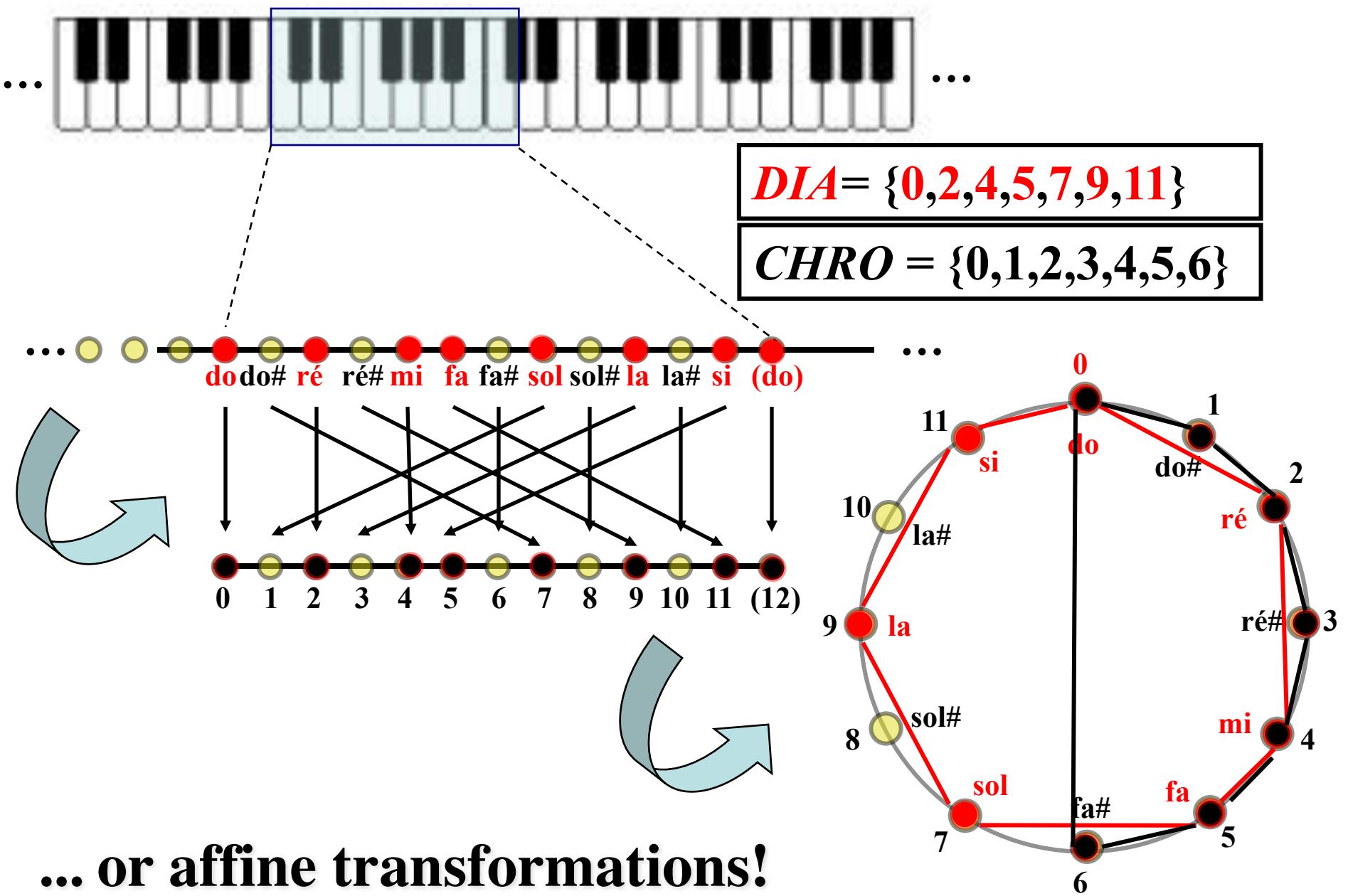
$$D_{12} = \langle T_k, I \mid (T_k)^{12} = I^2 = T_0, ITI = I(IT)^{-1} \rangle \text{ where } I(x) = -x$$



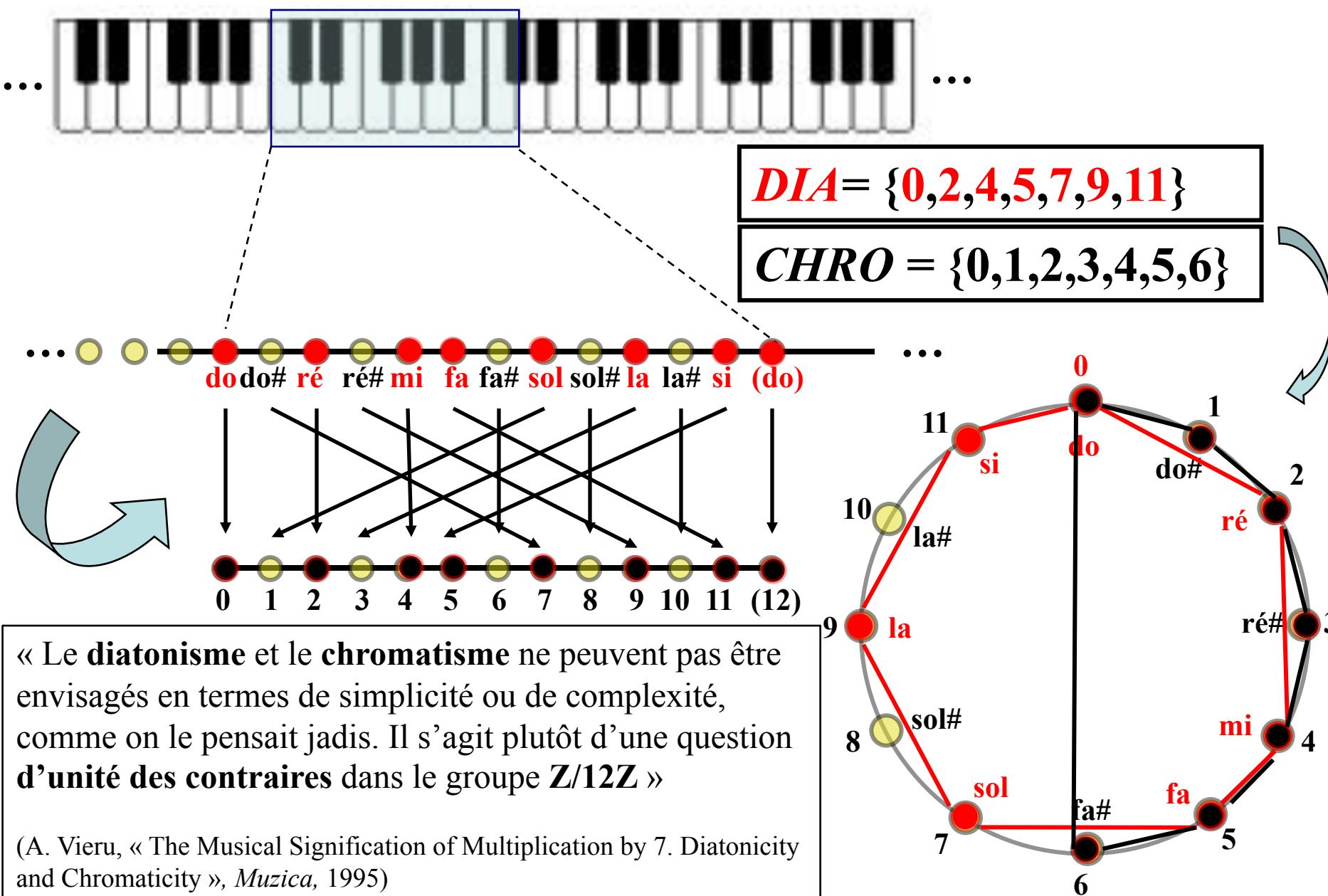
Paradigmatic architecture

Affine group

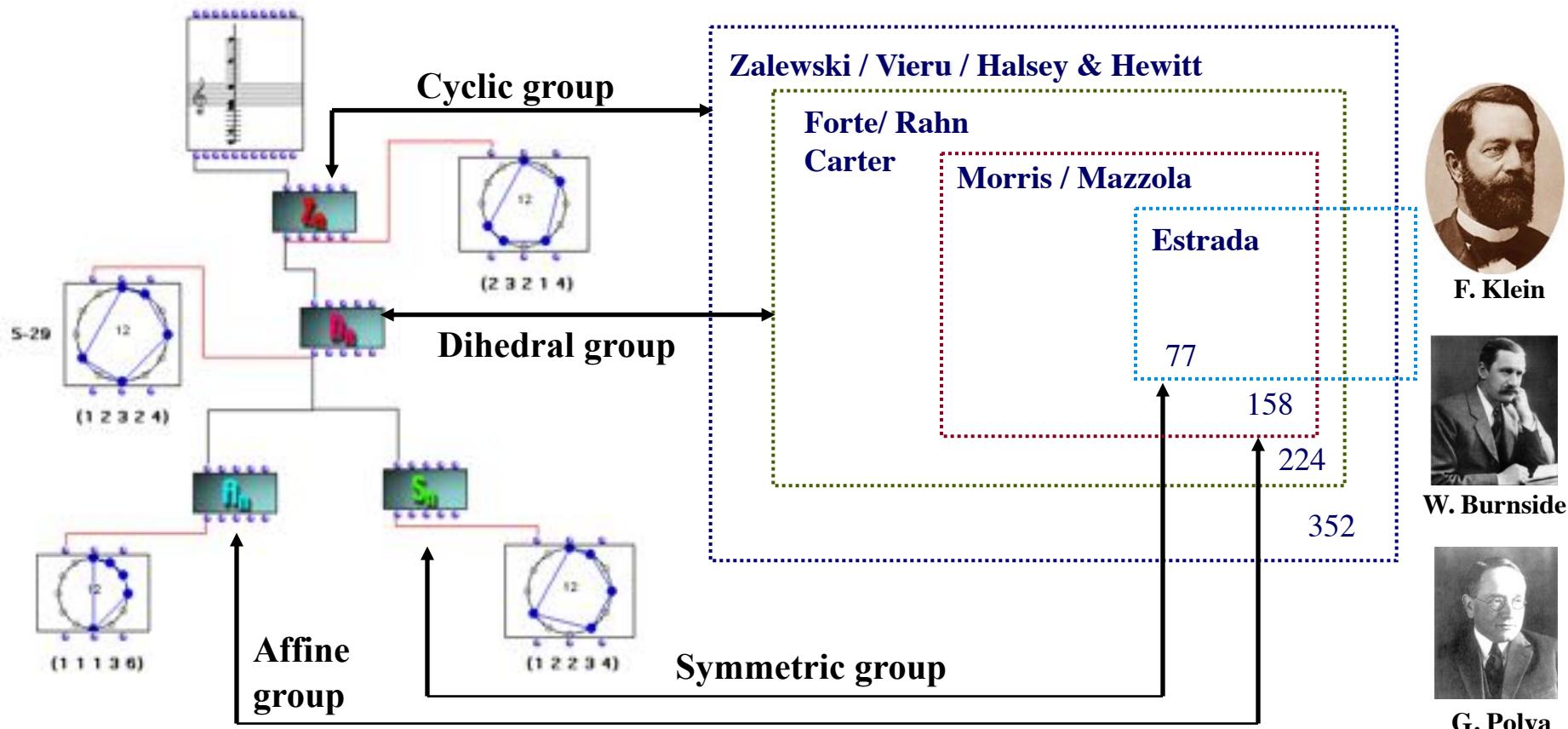
# Augmentations are multiplications...



# Affine transformations and DIA/CHRO duality



# Group actions and the classification of musical structures

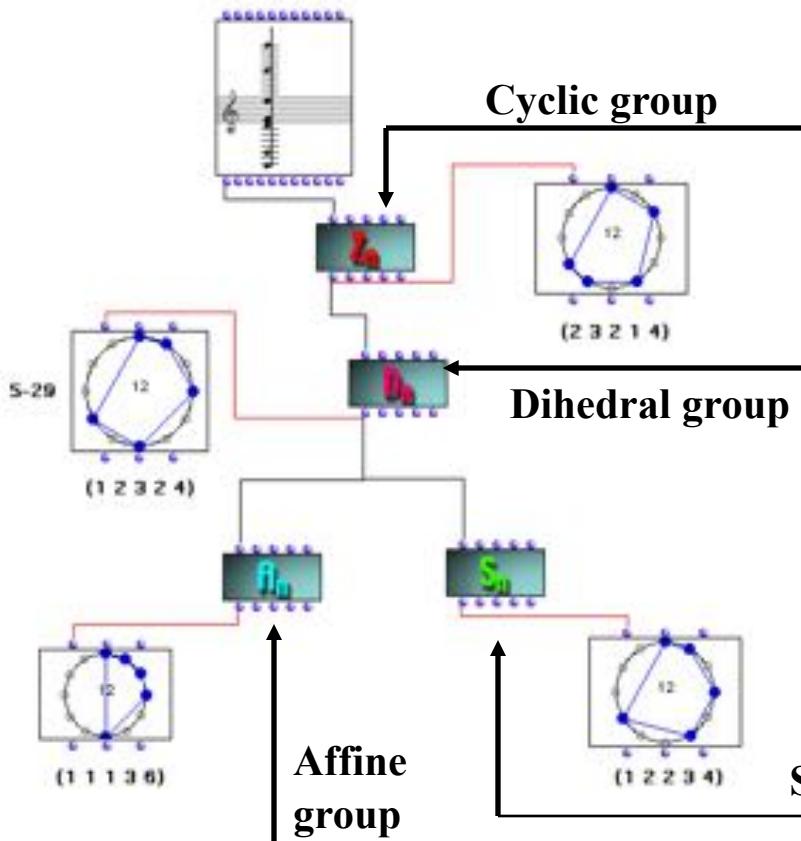


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$Z_n$	1	6	19	43	66	80	66	43	19	6	1	1
$D_n$	1	6	12	29	38	50	38	29	12	6	1	1
$A_n$	1	5	9	21	25	34	25	21	9	5	1	1
$S_n$	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

# A group action based classification of musical structures

$$\# \text{ of } k\text{-chords} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \mid (n, k)} \phi(j) \binom{n/j}{k/j} = \frac{1}{n} \Phi_n(k)$$

*Paradigmatic architecture*



$$\# \text{ of } k\text{-chords} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2n} \left[ \Phi_n(k) + n \left( \frac{(n-1)/2}{[k/2]} \right) \right], & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{1}{2n} \left[ \Phi_n(k) + n \left( \frac{n/2}{k/2} \right) \right], & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } k \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{1}{2n} \left[ \Phi_n(k) + n \left( \frac{(n/2)-1}{[k/2]} \right) \right], & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Zalewski / Vieru / Halsey & Hewitt

Forte/ Rahn  
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Morris / Mazzola

Estrada



F. Klein



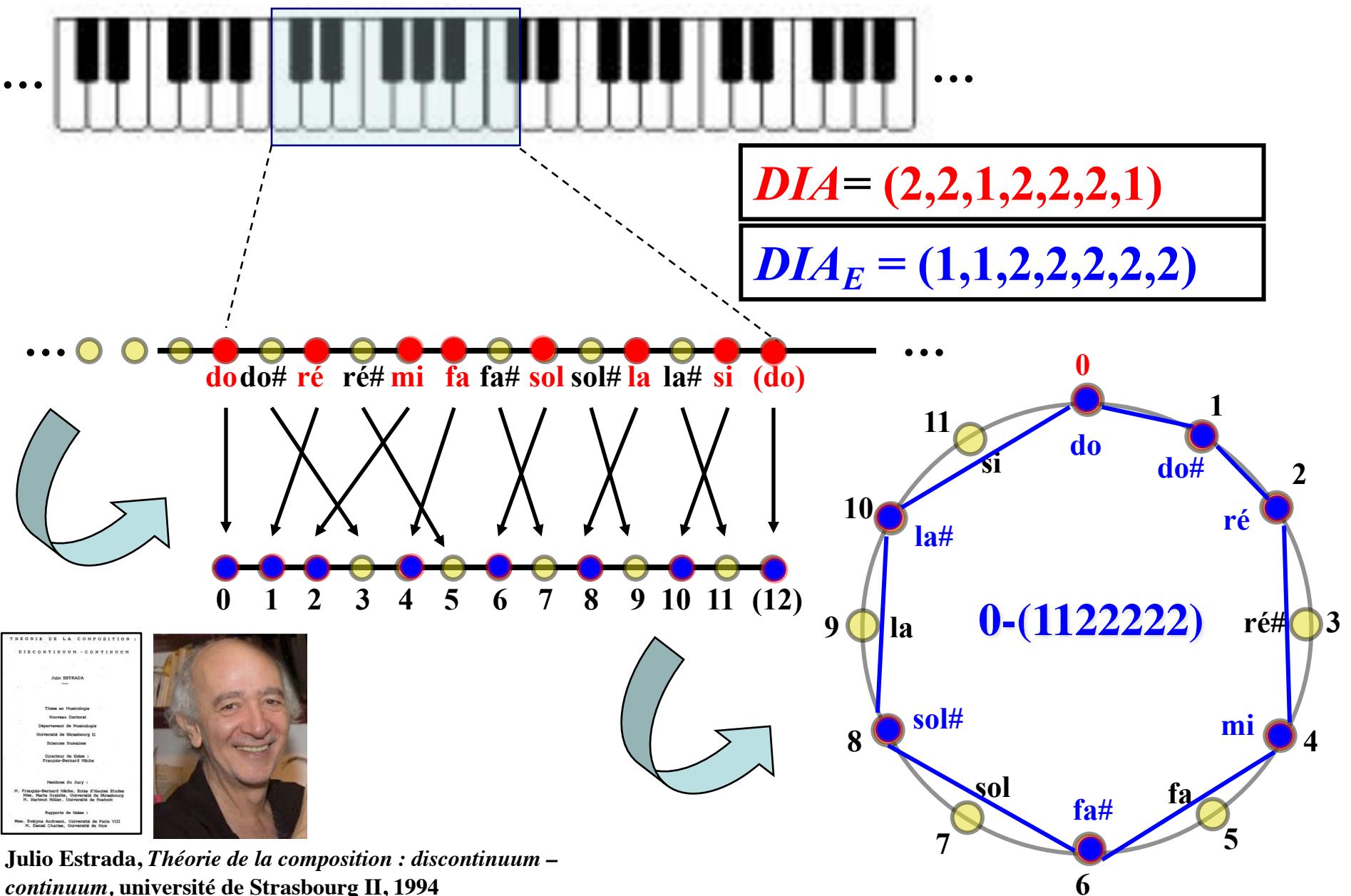
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# Classifying chords up to permutations of intervals



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# The permutohedron as a combinatorial space

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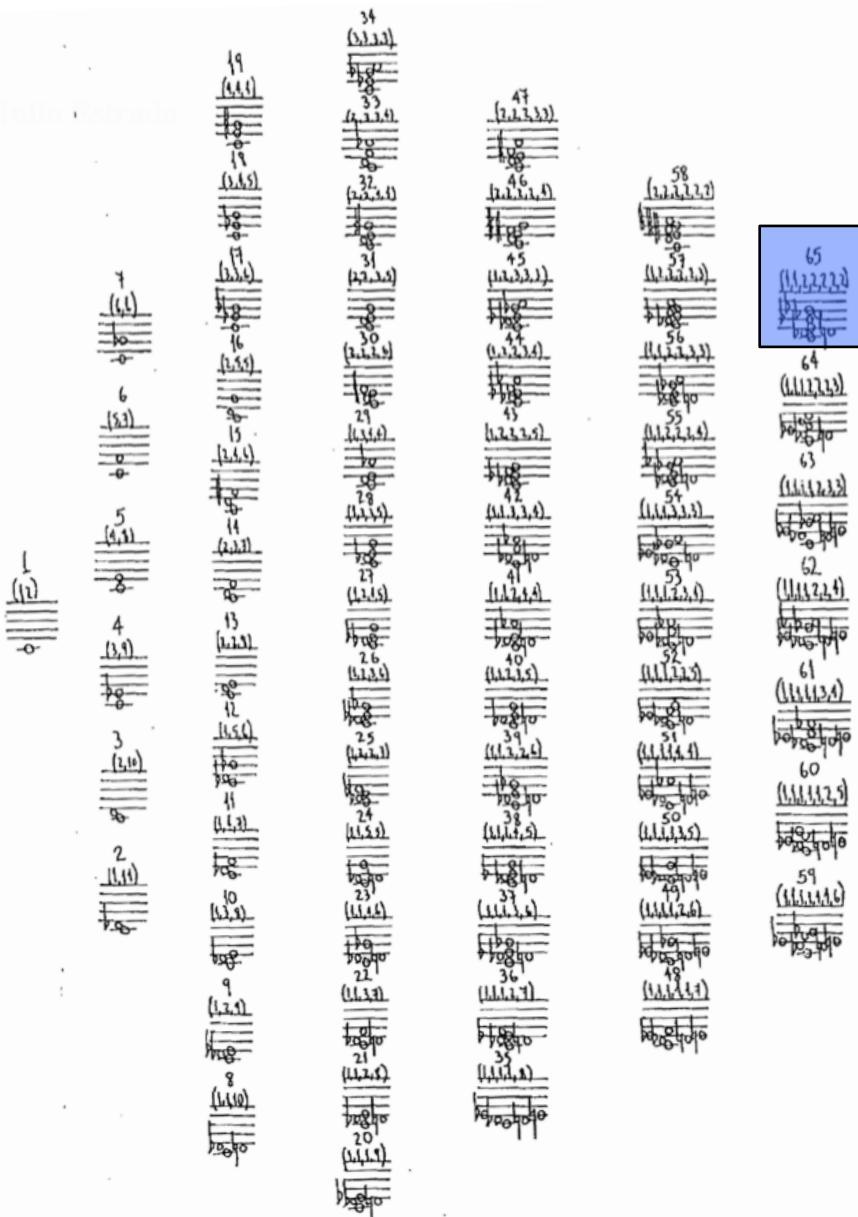
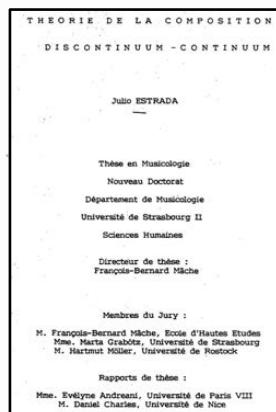
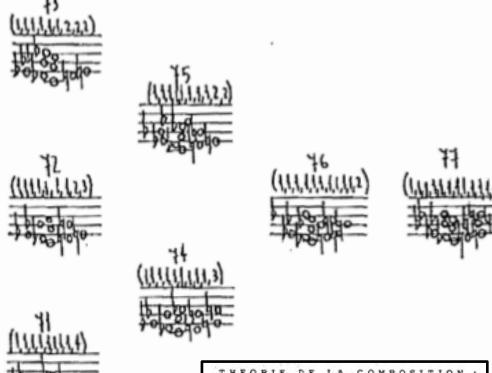


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12 NIVEAUX DE DENSITE, 77 IDENTITES.

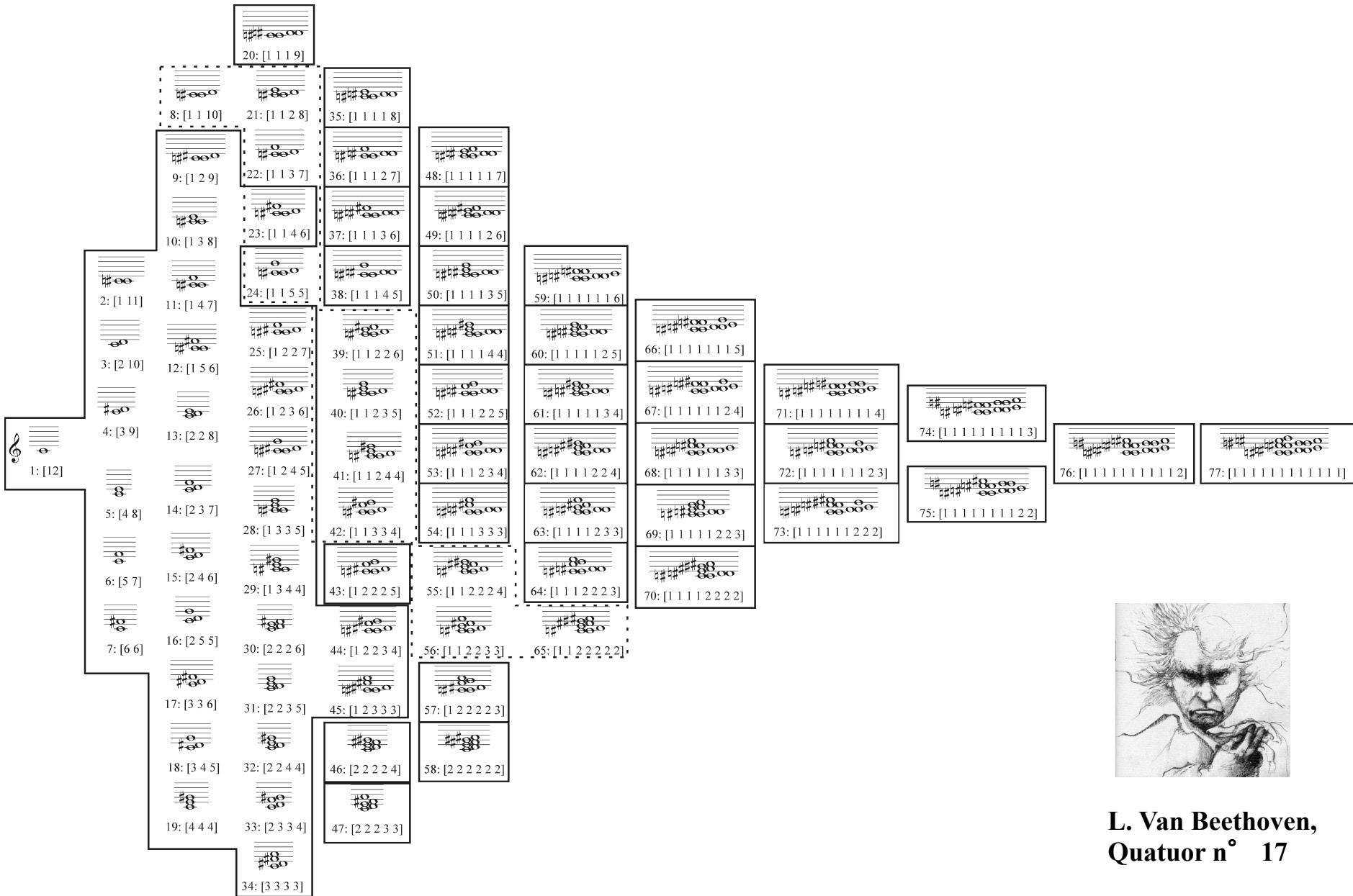


$$DIA_E = (1,1,2,2,2,2,2)$$



J. Estrada

# The permutohedron as a musical conceptual space



L. Van Beethoven,  
Quatuor n° 17

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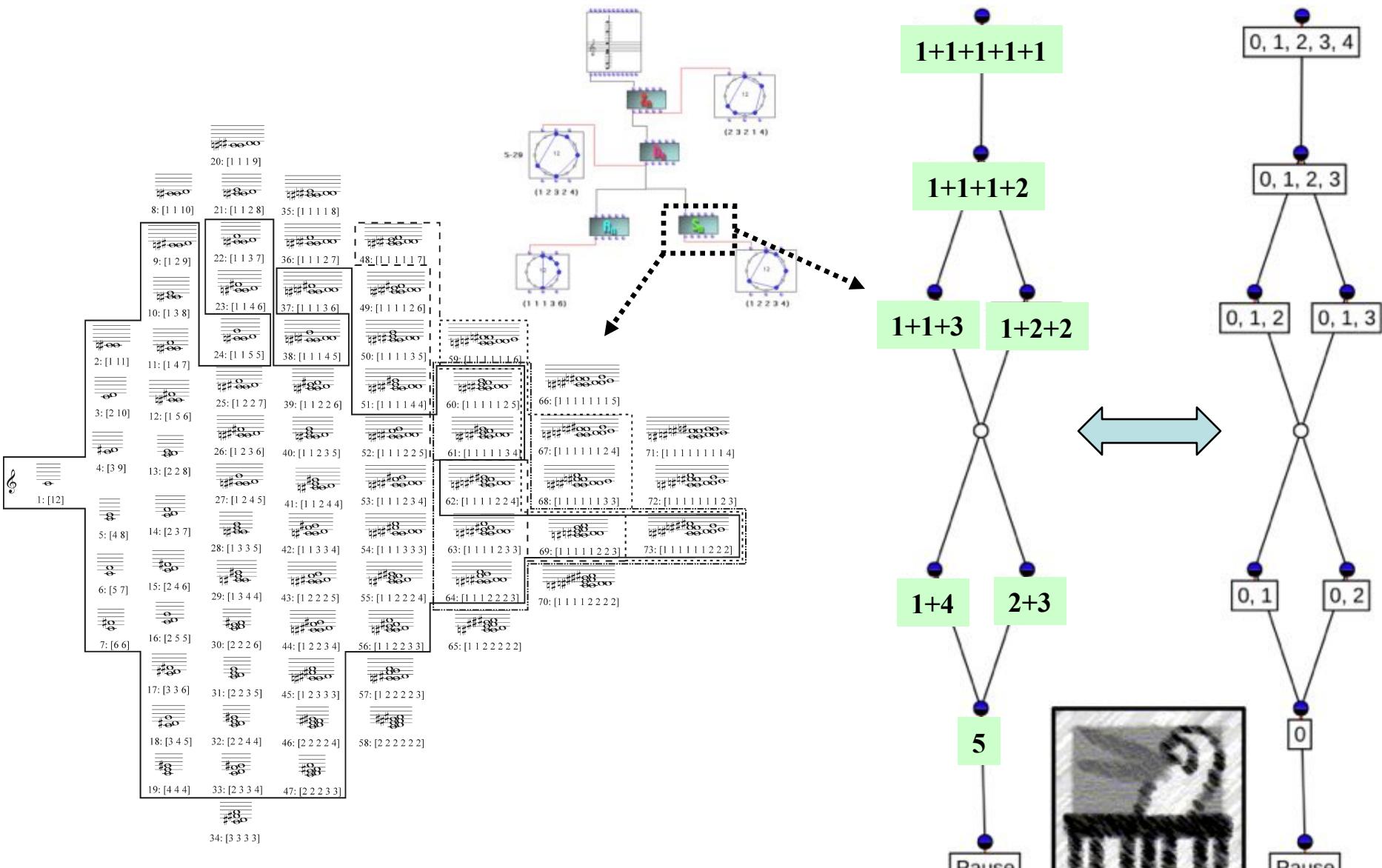
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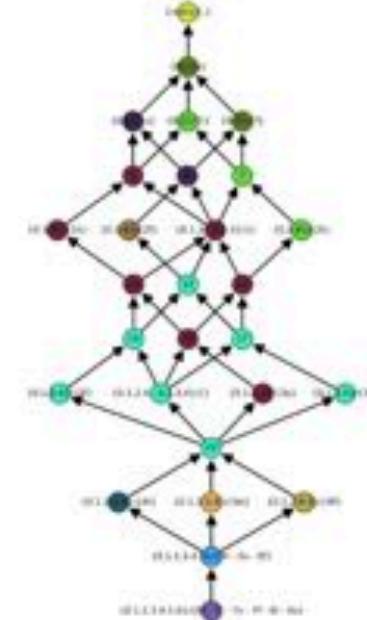
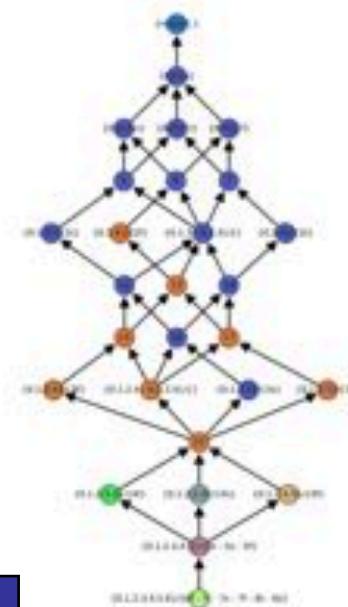
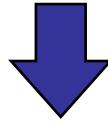
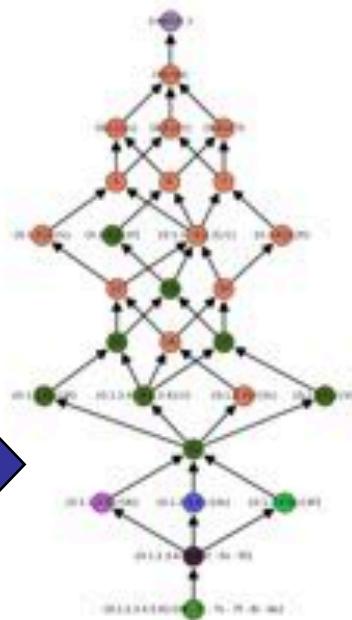
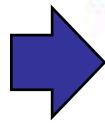
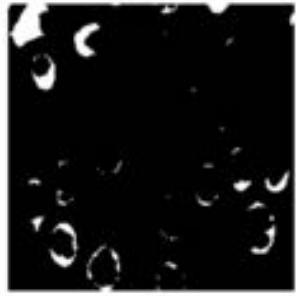
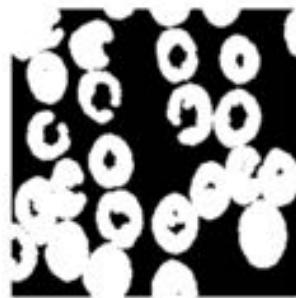
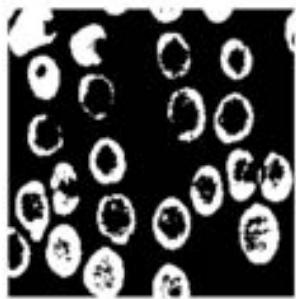


# The permutohedron as a lattice of formal concepts

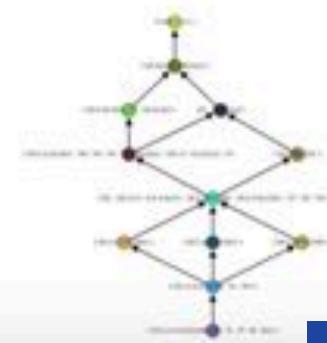
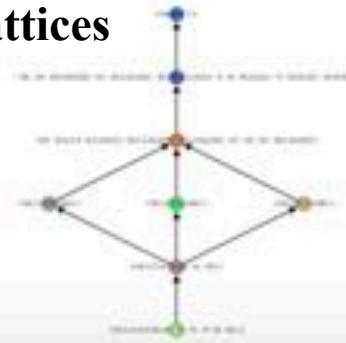
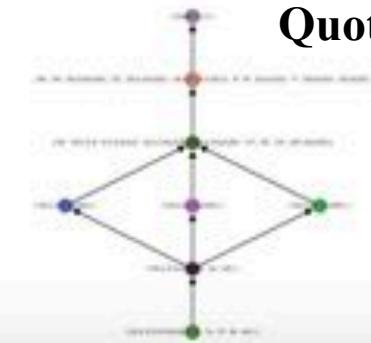


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# Concept lattices & mathematical morphology

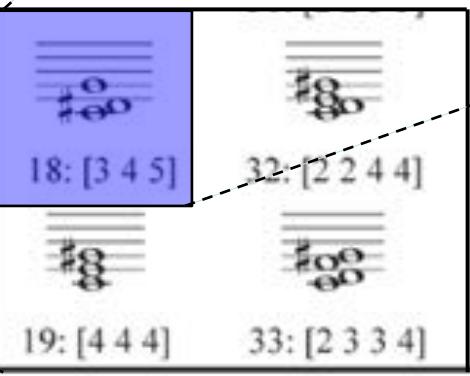
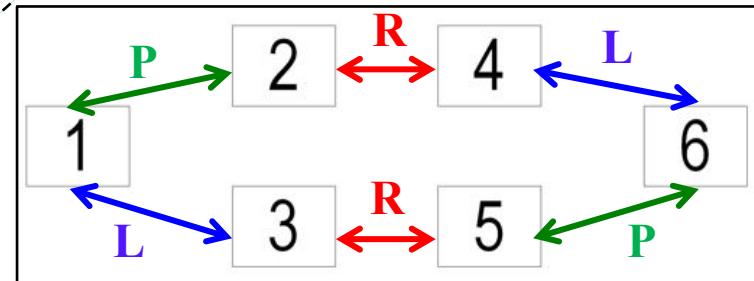
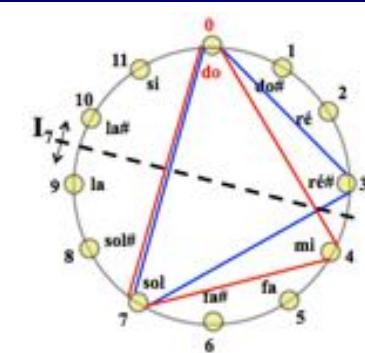
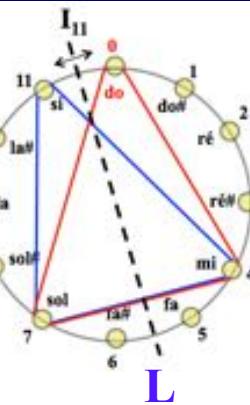
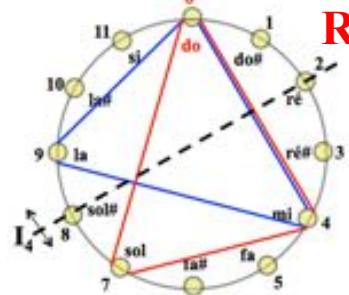
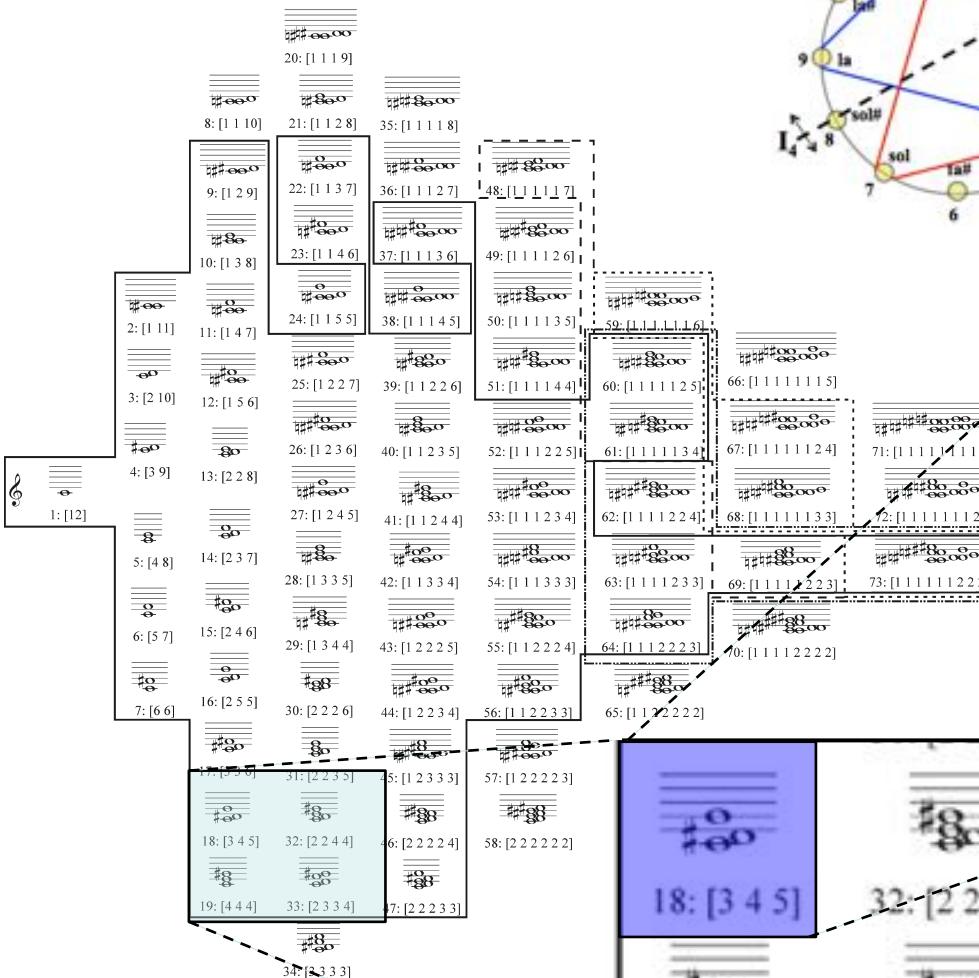


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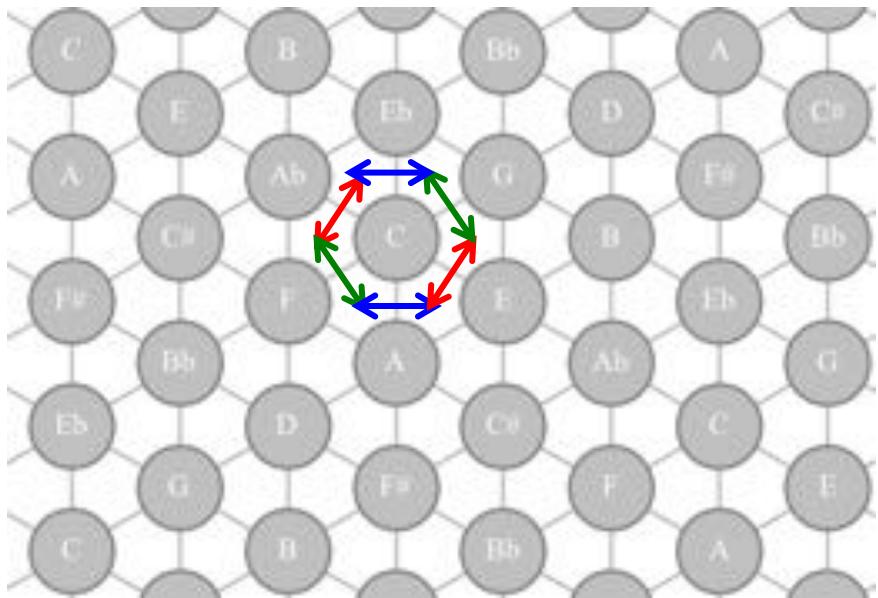
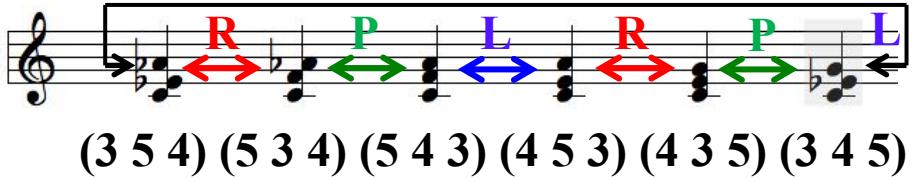
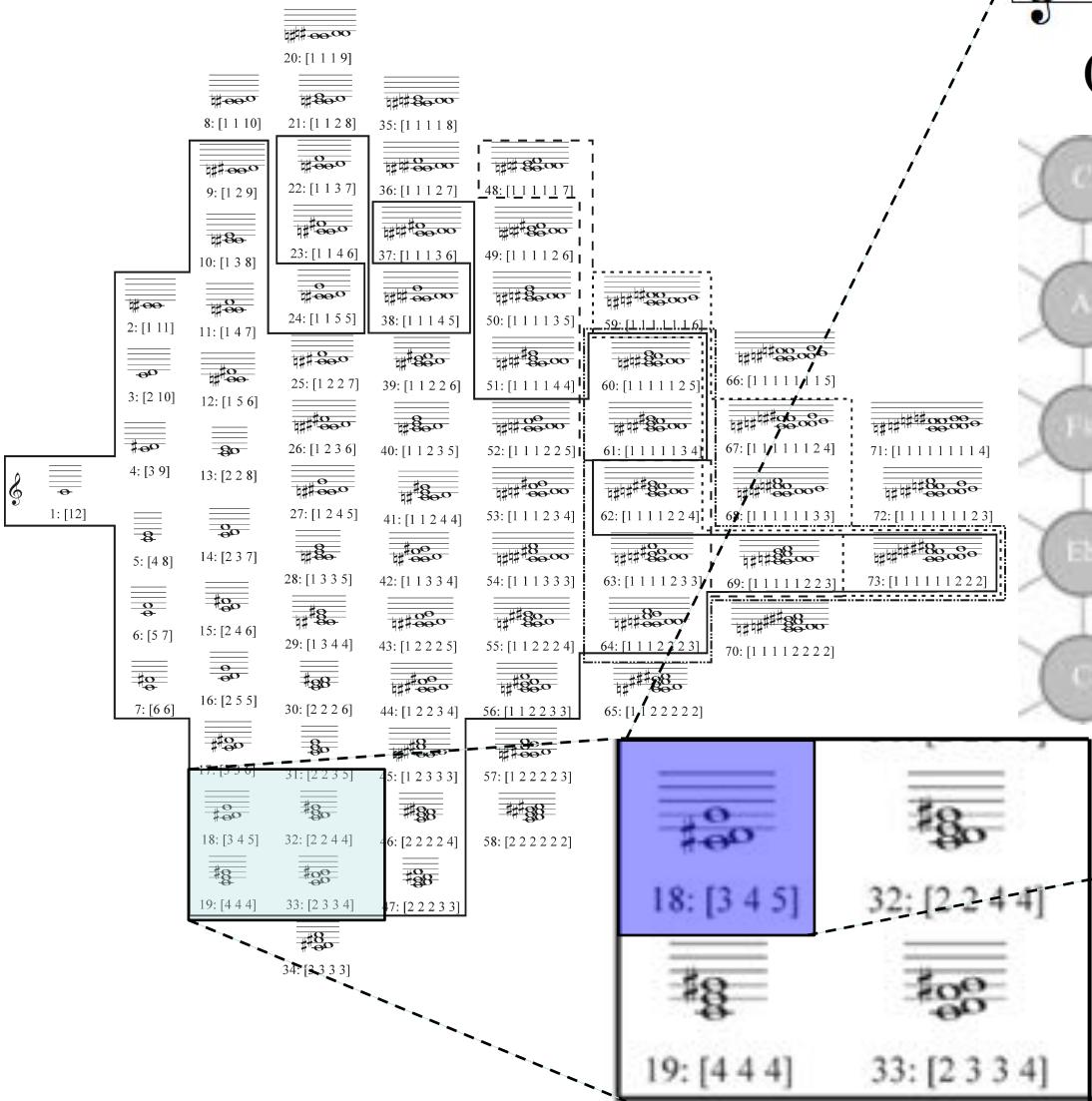
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# Permutohedron and Tonnetz: a structural inclusion



1	=	(3 4 5)
2	=	(4 3 5)
3	=	(3 5 4)
4	=	(4 5 3)
5	=	(5 3 4)
6	=	(5 4 3)

# Permutohedron and Tonnetz: a structural inclusion



**R:** C<sub>maj</sub> → A<sub>min</sub>  
**L:** C<sub>maj</sub> → E<sub>min</sub>  
**P:** C<sub>maj</sub> → C<sub>min</sub>

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