

Preparatory Exercises

for acquiring
the greatest possible independence and
evenness of the fingers

ALOYS SCHMITT. Op. 16

Repeat each Exercise at least ten or twenty times, but omit the closing note until the final repetition. At first, practise each hand separately, then both together, always keeping the hands steady and quiet. Practise each Exercise slowly at first; increase the tempo gradually as the fingers acquire the necessary strength and flexibility. It is advisable to practise these Exercises in the keys and without changing the fingering.



11. 12.

13. 14.

15. 16.

17.

18. $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

19. $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

20. 21. C C

22. 23.

24. 25.

26. 27. 28.

29. 30.

31. 32.

The image displays a page of sheet music for Schmitt's Preparatory Exercises, op. 16. It contains ten exercises, numbered 22 through 32, arranged in five rows. Each exercise is presented as a two-measure phrase. The notation is in G major, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment in the bass staff is a steady eighth-note pattern. The exercises are as follows:

- Exercise 22: Treble staff has a half-note G4, quarter-note A4, quarter-note B4, quarter-note C5, quarter-note B4, quarter-note A4, quarter-note G4. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 23: Treble staff has a half-note A4, quarter-note B4, quarter-note C5, quarter-note B4, quarter-note A4, quarter-note G4. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 24: Treble staff has a half-note B4, quarter-note C5, quarter-note D5, quarter-note C5, quarter-note B4, quarter-note A4. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 25: Treble staff has a half-note C5, quarter-note D5, quarter-note E5, quarter-note D5, quarter-note C5, quarter-note B4. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 26: Treble staff has a half-note D5, quarter-note E5, quarter-note F#5, quarter-note E5, quarter-note D5, quarter-note C5. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 27: Treble staff has a half-note E5, quarter-note F#5, quarter-note G5, quarter-note F#5, quarter-note E5, quarter-note D5. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 28: Treble staff has a half-note F#5, quarter-note G5, quarter-note A5, quarter-note G5, quarter-note F#5, quarter-note E5. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 29: Treble staff has a half-note G5, quarter-note A5, quarter-note B5, quarter-note A5, quarter-note G5, quarter-note F#5. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 30: Treble staff has a half-note A5, quarter-note B5, quarter-note C6, quarter-note B5, quarter-note A5, quarter-note G5. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 31: Treble staff has a half-note B5, quarter-note C6, quarter-note D6, quarter-note C6, quarter-note B5, quarter-note A5. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.
- Exercise 32: Treble staff has a half-note C6, quarter-note D6, quarter-note E6, quarter-note D6, quarter-note C6, quarter-note B5. Bass staff has a steady eighth-note pattern from G3 to G4.

33. 34. 35.

This block contains the first three exercises of the set. Exercise 33 features a treble staff with a continuous eighth-note melody and a bass staff with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Exercise 34 introduces a more complex treble staff melody with some sixteenth-note passages, while the bass staff continues with eighth notes. Exercise 35 shows a treble staff with a melody that includes some rests and a bass staff with a consistent eighth-note pattern.

36. 37. 38.

This block contains exercises 36 through 38. Exercise 36 has a treble staff with a melody of eighth notes and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 37 features a treble staff with a more active melody and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 38 shows a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note runs and a bass staff with eighth notes.

39. 40. 41.

This block contains exercises 39 through 41. Exercise 39 has a treble staff with a melody of eighth notes and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 40 features a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note passages and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 41 shows a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note runs and a bass staff with eighth notes.

42. 43. 44.

This block contains exercises 42 through 44. Exercise 42 has a treble staff with a melody of eighth notes and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 43 features a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note passages and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 44 shows a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note runs and a bass staff with eighth notes.

45. 46. 47.

This block contains exercises 45 through 47. Exercise 45 has a treble staff with a melody of eighth notes and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 46 features a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note passages and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 47 shows a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note runs and a bass staff with eighth notes.

48. 49. 50.

This block contains the final three exercises of the set, 48 through 50. Exercise 48 has a treble staff with a melody of eighth notes and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 49 features a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note passages and a bass staff with eighth notes. Exercise 50 shows a treble staff with a melody that includes some sixteenth-note runs and a bass staff with eighth notes.

51. 52. 53.

54. 55. 56.

57. 58. 59.

60. 61. 62.

63. 64. 65.

66. 67. 68.

69. 70. 71.

72. 73. 74.

75. 76. 77.

78. 79. 80.

81. 82. 83.

84. 85. 86.

This image displays a page of sheet music for Schmitt's Preparatory Exercises, op. 16, specifically measures 69 through 86. The music is written for piano in a two-staff system (treble and bass clef). The exercises are organized into six groups of three measures each. Measures 69-71, 72-74, 75-77, and 84-86 feature a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and sixteenth notes in the left hand. Measures 78-80 and 81-83 show a more complex rhythmic structure with sixteenth-note runs in the right hand and eighth-note patterns in the left hand. The page is numbered 6 at the bottom center.

87. 88. 89.

90. 91. 92.

93. 94. 95.

96. 97. 98.

99. 100. 101.

102. 103. 104.

105. 106. 107.

108. 109. 110.

111.* 112. 113. 114.

115. 116. 117. 118.

119.** 120. 121.

122. 123. 124.

* Nos. 111 to 118 should also be practised thus:  etc.

** Also practise Nos. 119 to 127 *staccato*.

125. 126. 127.

128. 129. 130.

131. 132. 133.

134. 135. 136.

137. 138. 139.

140. 141. 142.

143. 144. 145.

146. 147. 148.

149. 150. 151.

152. 153. 154.

155. 156. 157.

158. 159. 160.*

★ Nos. 160 to 169 should be played thus:  etc.

161. 162. 163.

164. 165. 166.

167. 168. 169.

These Exercises must be played, ascending and descending, the whole extent of the keyboard.

170.

171.

This image displays a page of sheet music for Schmitt's Preparatory Exercises, op. 16, specifically measures 172 through 189. The music is arranged in a grand staff format, with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. Each measure is numbered at the top left of its respective system. The exercises consist of continuous eighth-note patterns in both hands, often with fingerings indicated by numbers 1-5. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 2/4. The exercises are organized into four systems of three measures each.

Measures 172-189 are shown, each with a treble and bass staff. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. The exercises are organized into four systems of three measures each.

172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189.

190. 191. 192.

193. 194. 195.

196. 197. 198.

199. 200. 201.

202. 203. 204.

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211.

212.

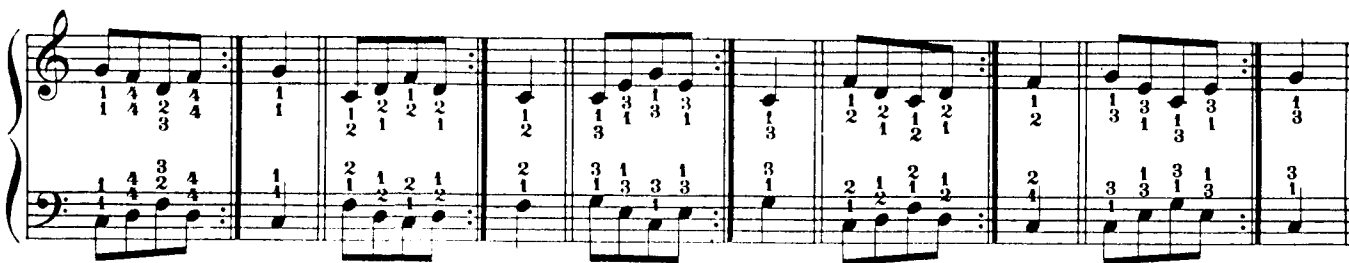
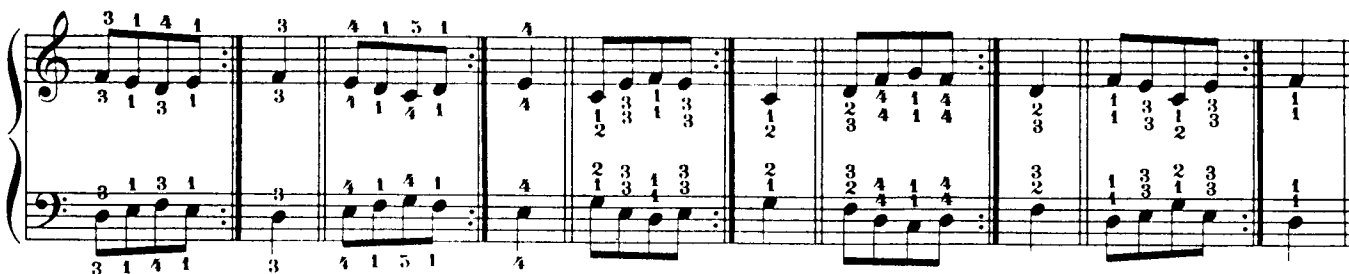
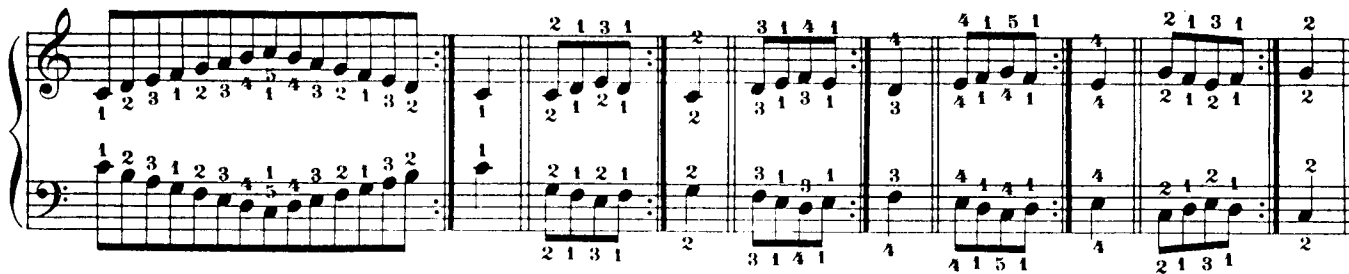
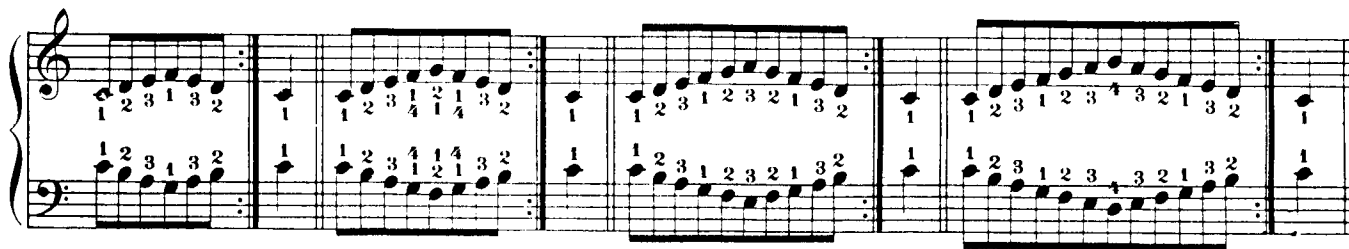
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The image displays a page of sheet music for Schmitt's Preparatory Exercises, op. 16, specifically measures 206 through 213. Each exercise is presented in a two-staff system (treble and bass clef). The exercises are characterized by continuous eighth-note patterns. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1 through 5 above or below the notes. Measure rests are marked with a 'C' in a box. The exercises are numbered 206 through 213. The page is numbered 14 at the bottom.

Exercises

For passing the thumb under the fingers, preparatory to the practice of the
Scales and Arpeggios.

At first, each hand separately.



Each hand alone.

Right Hand.



Left Hand.



R. H.



L. H.



R. H.



L. H.



R. H.



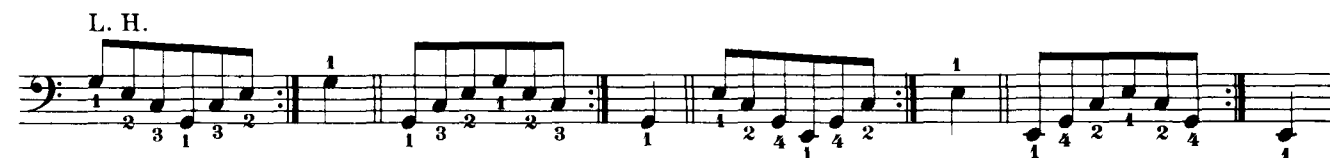
L. H.



R. H.



L. H.



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The page contains six systems of music, each with a Right Hand (R. H.) and Left Hand (L. H.) staff. The exercises are written in treble and bass clefs with various fingerings and articulations indicated by numbers and slurs. The first system shows a complex sequence of notes with many fingerings. The second system features a more rhythmic pattern with slurs. The third system has a simpler, more melodic line. The fourth system includes a variety of note values and fingerings. The fifth system shows a more complex rhythmic pattern with slurs. The sixth system features a more melodic line with slurs.

Appendix

Major Scales

A. Knecht

C major
 r.h. 4 on *b*
 l.h. 4 on *d*

G major
 r.h. 4 on *f*[#]
 l.h. 4 on *a*

D major
 r.h. 4 on *c*[#]
 l.h. 4 on *e*

A major
 r.h. 4 on *g*[#]
 l.h. 4 on *b*

E major
 r.h. 4 on *d*[#]
 l.h. 4 on *f*[#]

B major
 r.h. 4 on *a*[#]
 l.h. 4 on *f*[#]

F# major (same as Gb major)
 r.h. 4 on *a*[#]
 l.h. 4 on *f*[#]

Db major
 r.h. 4 on *b*^b
 l.h. 4 on *g*^b

Ab major
 r.h. 4 on *b*^b
 l.h. 4 on *a*^b

Eb major
 r.h. 4 on *b*^b
 l.h. 4 on *a*^b

N.B. In the scales of *B*, *F*[#], *D*^b, *F* major and *B*, *E*^b, *B*^b, *F* minor, the thumbs of both hands fall on the same keys.

B $\flat$ major
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on $e\flat$

F major
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on g

Harmonic Minor Scales

A minor
 r.h. 4 on $g\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on b

E minor
 r.h. 4 on $d\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

B minor
 r.h. 4 on $a\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

F $\sharp$ minor
 r.h. 4 on $g\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

C $\sharp$ minor
 r.h. 4 on $d\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

G $\sharp$ minor
 r.h. 4 on $a\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on $c\sharp$

E $\flat$ minor (same as D $\sharp$ minor)
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on $g\flat$

B $\flat$ minor
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on $g\flat$

For scales in thirds and in sixths the fingering given above is followed in all keys:

F minor
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on g

G minor
 r.h. 4 on b
 l.h. 4 on d

G minor
 r.h. 4 on $f\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on a

D minor
 r.h. 4 on $c\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on e

Melodic Minor Scales

A minor
 r.h. 4 on $g\sharp$
 (g)
 l.h. 4 on b

E minor
 r.h. 4 on $d\sharp$
 (d)
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

B minor
 r.h. 4 on $a\sharp$
 (a)
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

F# minor
 r.h. 4 on $d\sharp$
 (g#)
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

C# minor
 r.h. 4 on $a\sharp$
 (d#)
 l.h. 4 on $f\sharp$

G# minor
 r.h. 4 on $a\sharp$
 l.h. 4 on $c\sharp$
 (f#)

Eb minor
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on $g\flat$

B $\flat$ minor
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on $g\flat$ ($g\flat$)

F minor
 r.h. 4 on $b\flat$
 l.h. 4 on $g\flat$

C minor
 r.h. 4 on b ($b\flat$)
 l.h. 4 on d

G minor
 r.h. 4 on $f\sharp$ (f)
 l.h. 4 on a

D minor
 r.h. 4 on $c\sharp$ (c)
 l.h. 4 on e

Major Triads

C major
 r.h. 1 2 3 5 | 1 2 4 5 | 1 2 4 5
 l.h. 5 4 2 1 | 5 4 2 1 | 5 3 2 1

G major

D major *)

A major

E major

B major

*) Where no fingering is given, follow *C major* as a model.

N.B. The arpeggios are to be practiced also in all keys with the *C major* fingering.

Major Triads

F# major

D^b major

A^b major

E^b major

B^b major

F major

r.h. 1 2 3 5 | 1 2 4 5 | 1 2 4 5
l.h. 5 4 2 1 | 5 4 2 1 | 5 3 2 1

Minor Triads

A minor

E minor

B minor

F# minor

C# minor

G# minor

*) Where no fingering is given, follow *A minor* as a model.

D# minor

B^b minor

F minor

C minor

G minor

D minor

Dominant Seventh-Chords

1. To be played up and down through 3 octaves:

C major

G major

D major **A major** **E major** **B major** **F# major**

D^b major **A^b major** **E^b major** **B^b major** **F major**

2. To be played as broken chords, like *C* and *G* major, with the same fingering in all chords:

C major (Triad) **G major**

The image displays the Circle of Fifths in musical notation on a single treble clef staff. The notes are arranged in two rows, each separated by a double bar line. The top row contains the major triads: D major (D, F#, A), A major (A, C#, E), E major (E, G#, B), B major (B, D#, F#), and F# major (F#, A#, C#). The bottom row contains the minor triads: D♭ major (D♭, F, A♭), A♭ major (A♭, C, E♭), E♭ major (E♭, G, B♭), B♭ major (B♭, D, F), and F major (F, A, C). Each triad is represented by three vertically stacked notes on the staff.

3. (Chord of the Seventh)

The image shows musical notation for two scales. The first scale is in C major, starting on middle C (C4) and ascending to C5. The notes are C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C. The fingerings are: C (1), D (2), E (3), F (4), G (5), A (1), B (2), C (3). The second scale is in G major, starting on G4 and ascending to G5. The notes are G, A, B, C, D, E, F#, G. The fingerings are: G (1), A (2), B (3), C (4), D (5), E (1), F# (2), G (3). The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The scales are written on a single staff with a repeat sign at the end.

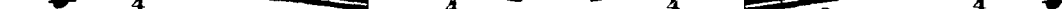
4.

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The image shows a musical exercise labeled '4.' consisting of two staves. Each staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1 through 5 above or below the notes. There are repeat signs (double dots) in the middle of each staff. The first staff has a dotted line above the first measure, and the second staff has a dotted line above the first measure. The exercise is written in a single system.

5.

6.

6. 

Chromatic Scale

a.

1 3 1 3 1 2 3 1 3 1 3 1 2 1 3 1 3 1 3 2 1 3 4 3

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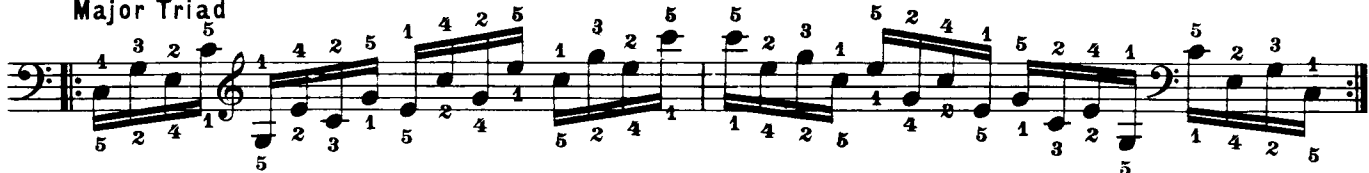
The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a repeat sign. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with various fingerings indicated by numbers 1 through 4. The staff ends with a repeat sign and a final quarter note.

The first system of the musical score is for the treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single staff. The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The notes are grouped into measures by vertical bar lines. There are four measures in total. The first measure contains the first four notes, the second measure contains the next four notes, the third measure contains the next four notes, and the fourth measure contains the last four notes. The notes are written on a single staff.

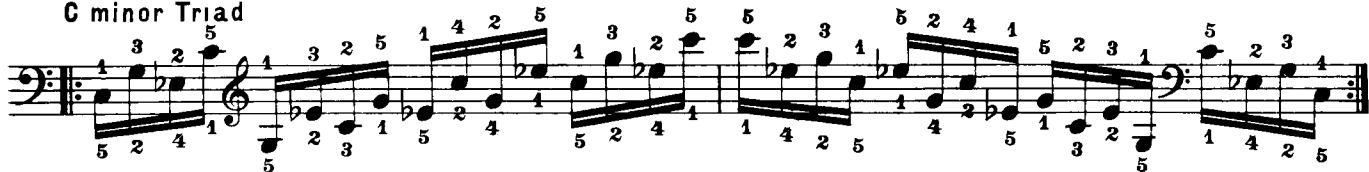
* Fingering *c* is not repeated until the third octave. The fingerings *a* and *b* are the same in every octave.

Chord Passages

Major Triad



C minor Triad



Chord of the Diminished Seventh



Chord of the Dominant Seventh, D^b major



Chord of the Dominant Seventh, C major

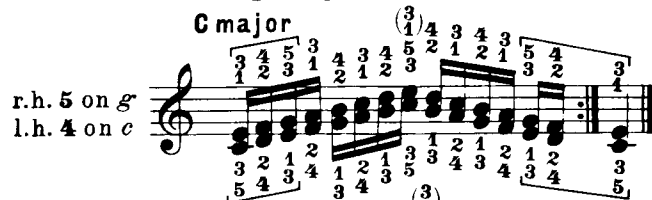


These Chord Passages have the same fingering in all keys.

Scales in Double Thirds

N.B. The same fingering is repeated through each additional octave.

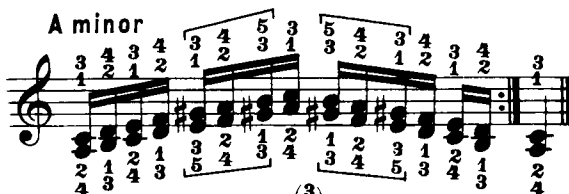
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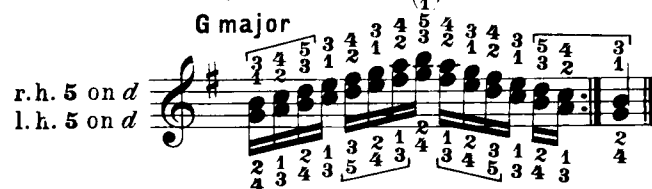
r.h. 5 on *g*
l.h. 4 on *c*

r.h. 5 on *b*
l.h. 5 on *e*

A minor



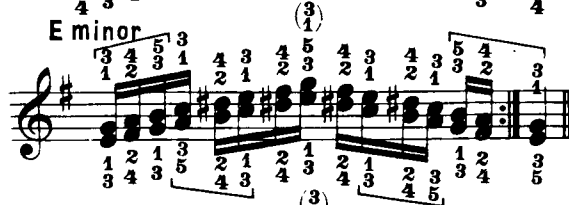
G major



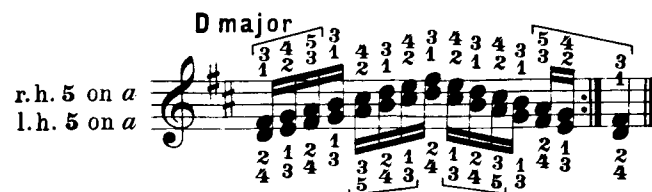
r.h. 5 on *d*
l.h. 5 on *d*

r.h. 5 on *b*
l.h. 5 on *a*

E minor



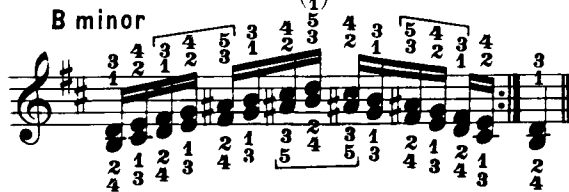
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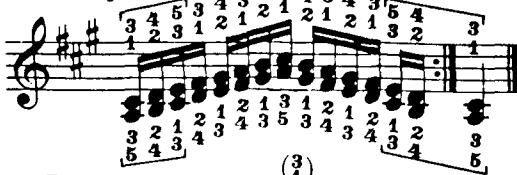
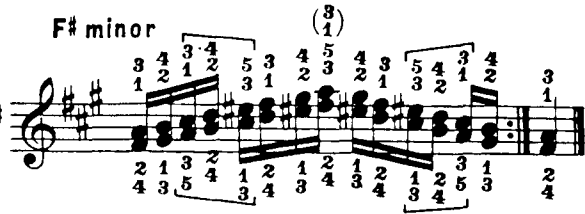
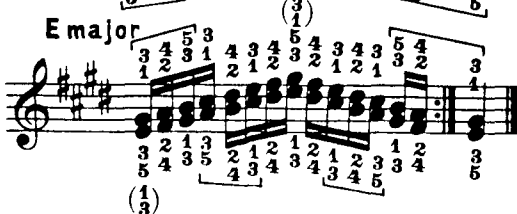
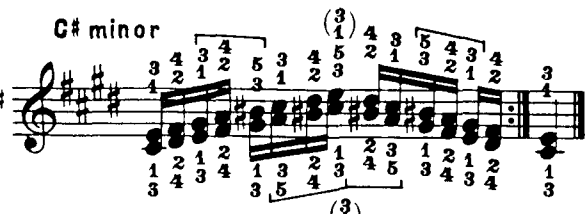
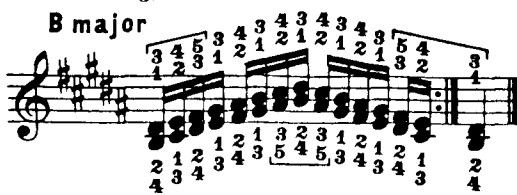
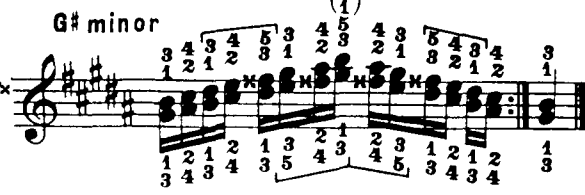
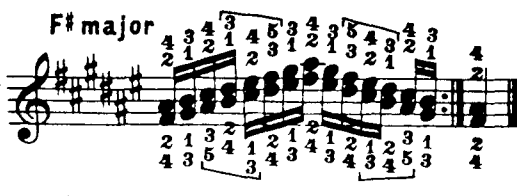
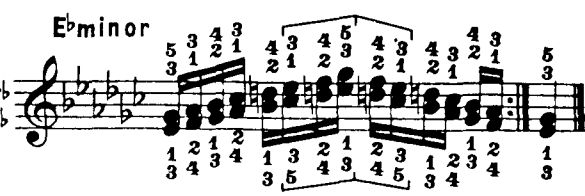
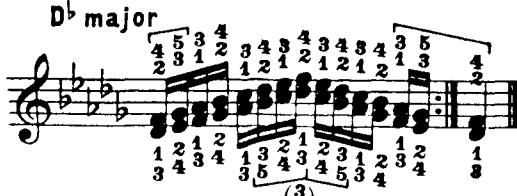
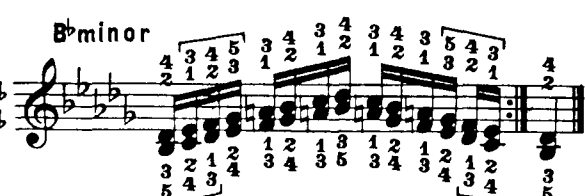
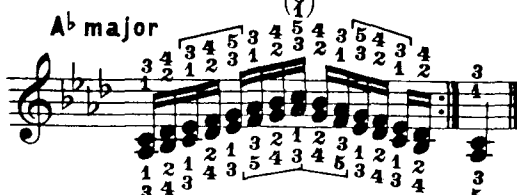
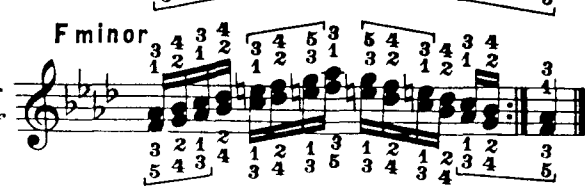
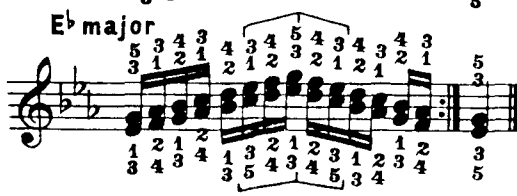
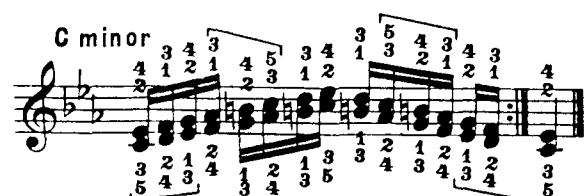
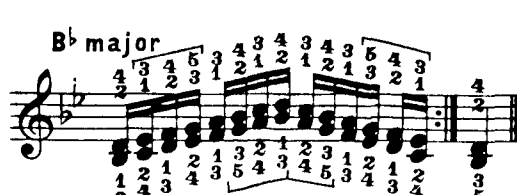
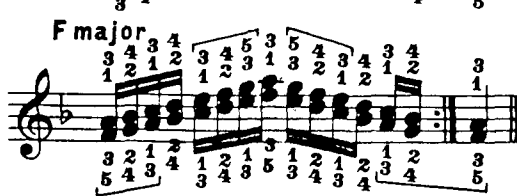
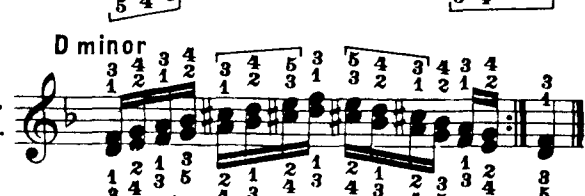


r.h. 5 on *a*
l.h. 5 on *a*

r.h. 5 on *a#*
l.h. 5 on *a#*

B minor



A majorr.h. 5 on e
l.h. 5 on a**F# minor**r.h. 5 on e#
l.h. 5 on a**E major**r.h. 5 on b
l.h. 5 on a**C# minor**r.h. 5 on b#
l.h. 5 on a**B major**r.h. 5 on f#
l.h. 5 on a#**G# minor**r.h. 5 on f#
l.h. 5 on e**F# major**r.h. 5 on f#
l.h. 5 on a#**Eb minor**r.h. 5 on g#
l.h. 5 on c#**Db major**r.h. 5 on g#
l.h. 5 on db**Bb minor**r.h. 5 on g#
l.h. 5 on db**Ab major**r.h. 5 on g
l.h. 5 on f**F minor**r.h. 5 on g
l.h. 5 on f**Eb major**r.h. 5 on g
l.h. 5 on c**C minor**r.h. 5 on c
l.h. 5 on c**Bb major**r.h. 5 on g
l.h. 5 on g**G minor**r.h. 5 on d
l.h. 5 on g**F major**r.h. 5 on g
l.h. 5 on f**D minor**r.h. 5 on e
l.h. 5 on g

Chromatic Scale in Double Minor Thirds

N.B. The same fingering is repeated through each additional octave.

r.h. 5 on *e* & *a*
l.h. 5 on *c* & *g*

Chromatic Scale in Double Major Thirds

r.h. 5 on *f* & *a*[#]
l.h. 5 on *b* & *f*[#]

Chromatic Scale in Double Minor Sixths

r.h. 3 on *c* & *g*
l.h. 3 on *e* & *a*

Chromatic Scale in Double Major Sixths

r.h. 3 on *c*[#] & *g*[#]
l.h. 3 on *e*^b & *a*^b

Chromatic Scale in Chords of the Sixth

r.h. 3 on *f* & *b*^b

Scale in Double Sixths

All major and minor keys with the same fingering

or the following fingering:

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| r.h. 3 on: | <i>e</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>f</i> [#] | <i>c</i> [#] | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>a</i> | <i>e</i> |
| Major: | C | G | D | A | E | B | F [#] | D ^b | A ^b | E ^b | B ^b | F |
| l.h. 3 on: | <i>g</i> | <i>g</i> | <i>g</i> | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>e</i> ^b | <i>b</i> ^b | <i>f</i> | <i>c</i> |

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|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| r.h. 3 on: | <i>f</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>f</i> [#] | <i>c</i> [#] | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>e</i> ^b | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>e</i> ^b | <i>b</i> ^b |
| Minor: | A | E | B | F [#] | C [#] | G [#] | E ^b | B ^b | F | C | G | D |
| l.h. 3 on: | <i>a</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>g</i> | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>g</i> [#] | <i>a</i> [#] | <i>b</i> ^b | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>a</i> ^b | <i>b</i> | <i>f</i> [#] | <i>c</i> [#] |