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Sound, Music and Science
聲與樂的科學

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Music is arts, and also... 音樂是藝術，同時……

- ◆ Music is also physics!
音樂亦是物理！
- ◆ Music is also mathematics!
音樂亦是數學！

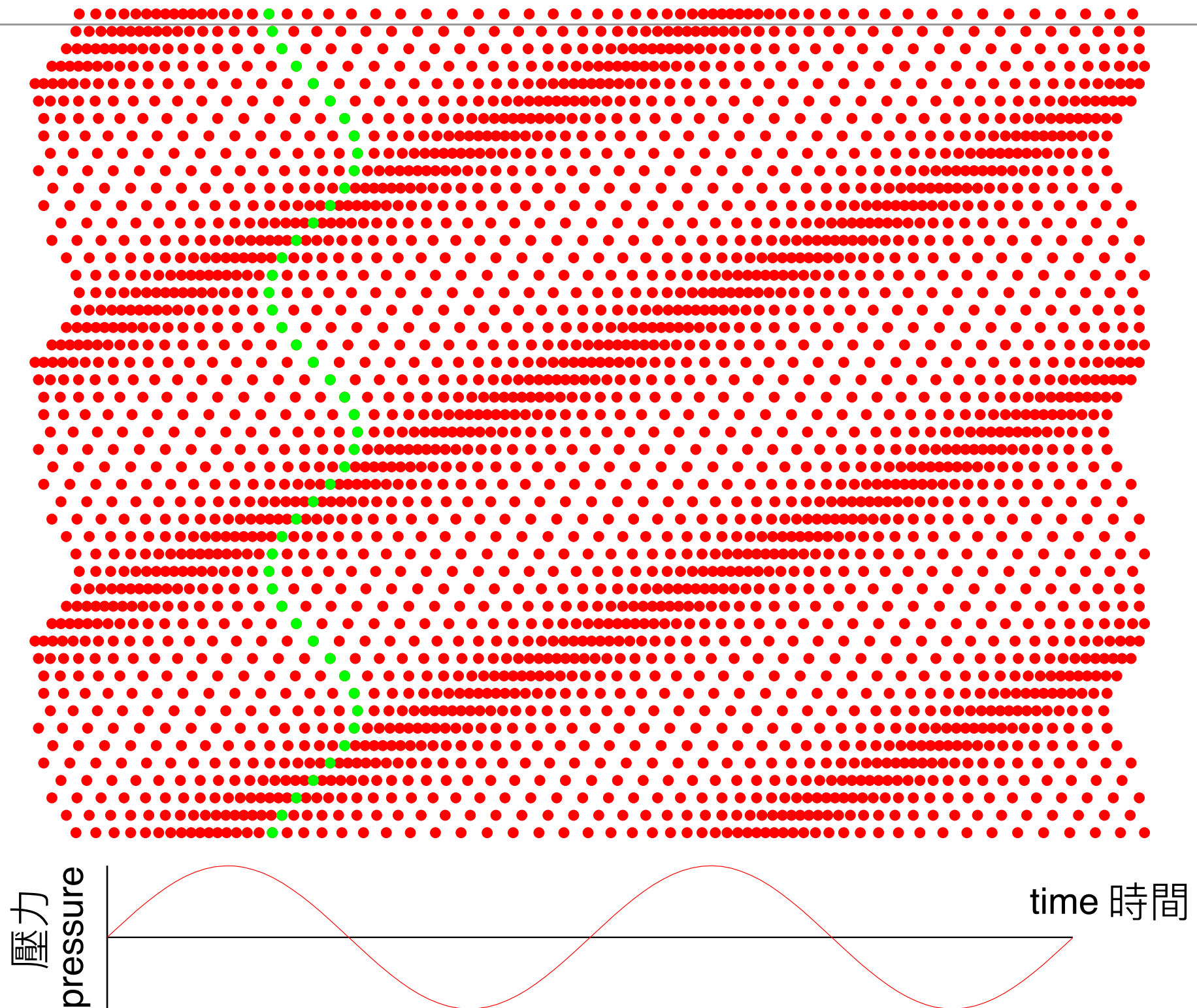
Sound: longitudinal wave

聲音：縱波

- ◆ A sound source generates energy that is propagated to the receiver as longitudinal acoustic waves.
音源產生能量，以縱波的形式傳到接收者。
- ◆ Sound sources are often modelled as a point.
音源常以一點來表達。
- ◆ The receiver is often modelled as two points on two sides of a sphere representing ears.
接收者則以一球體對面之兩點來代表雙耳。

Vibration of air molecules

空氣分子的振動



Making sound: open pipe

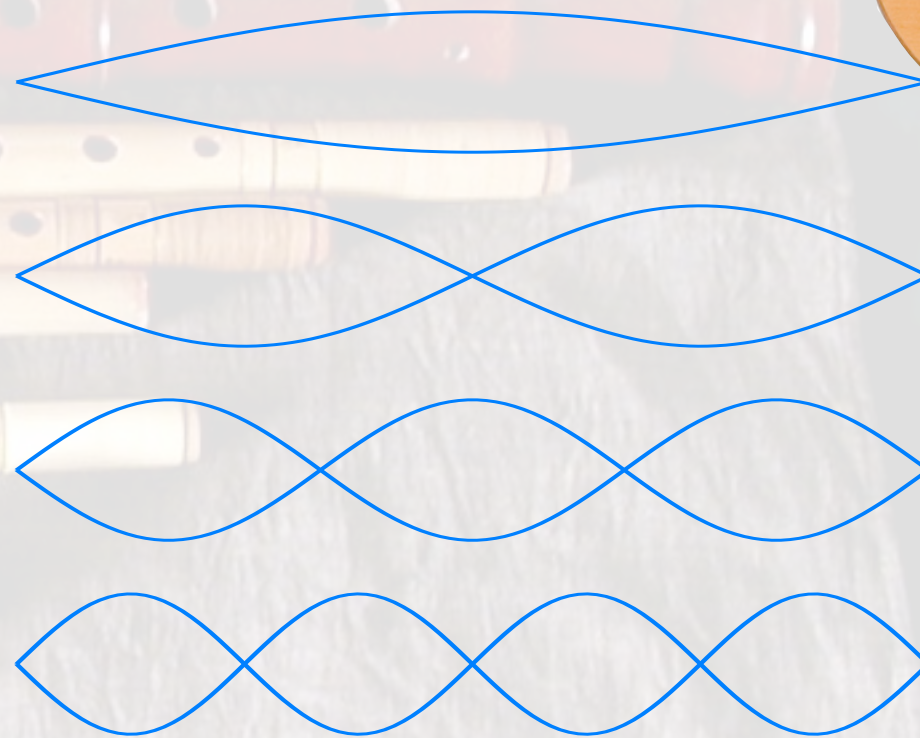
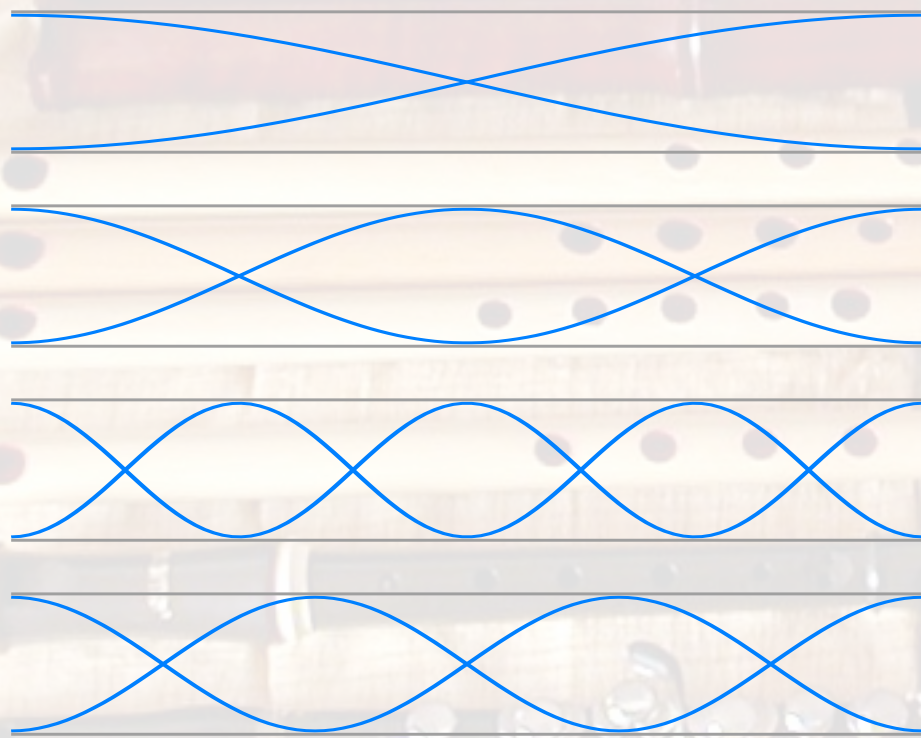
製造聲音：兩面開口的管

- ◆ Try blowing into a drinking straw!
試吹飲管，製造聲音！
- ◆ Vibration of air at the ends of the pipe are free.
管道兩端空氣分子可自由振動。
- ◆ Different environment inside and outside the pipe cause some waves to be reflected.
管內外環境不同，有些聲音會被反射。
- ◆ Interference between incident and reflected waves cause stationary waves are set up in the pipe.
入射波和反射波互相干擾，駐波因而產生。

Music is physics! 音樂是物理！

- ◆ Why are holes on a flute arranged in a particular way?
為甚麼長笛的孔要這樣開？

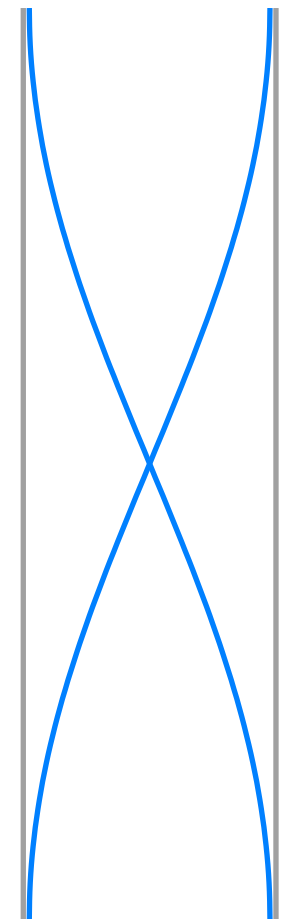
- ◆ Why are the bars on a guitar arranged in a particular way?
為甚麼結他的琴衍要這樣排列？



Making sound: open pipe

製造聲音：兩面開口的管

- ◆ Displacement antinodes are formed at the end of the pipe, nodes in the middle.
管道開口端空氣分子可有最大位移，而最少位移的節點在中間。
- ◆ Frequency of stationary wave depends on:
駐波的頻率取決於：
 - ❖ Length of the pipe 管的長度
 - ❖ Speed of sound in air 聲音在空氣的速度



Making sound: open pipe

製造聲音：兩面開口的管

- ◆ Relationship between wavelength λ , sound speed v and frequency f :

波長 λ 、聲音傳播速度 v 和頻率 f 的關係：

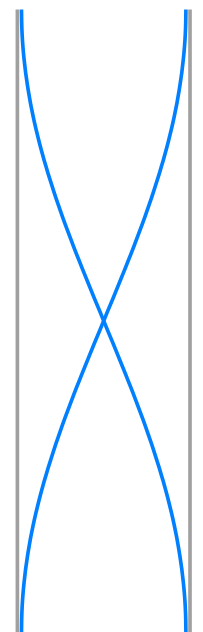
$$v = f \lambda$$

- ◆ Sound speed in air is about 聲音在空氣傳速度大概是 340ms^{-1}

- ◆ Example 例：tube length 管長 10cm

$\lambda = 20\text{cm}$ since only half a wave is contained
in the tube 因管只能容納半個波長

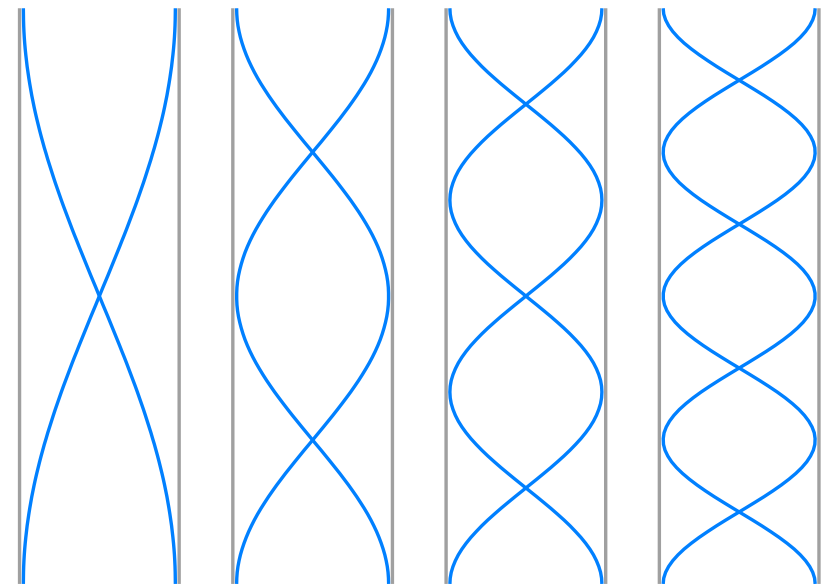
$$f = v/\lambda = 340\text{ms}^{-1} / 0.2\text{m} = 1700 \text{ Hz}$$



Making sound: open pipe

製造聲音：兩面開口的管

- ◆ Excitation of physical objects seldom cause only one mode of vibration.
激發物體振動，很少只有單一振動模式。
- ◆ Simultaneous excitation of different modes of vibration makes the timbre of the instrument.
同時激發不同振動模式，就是樂器音色的來源。
- ◆ Frequency ratio of the first four modes:
首四振動模式的頻率比：
1:2:3:4



Physics and maths time

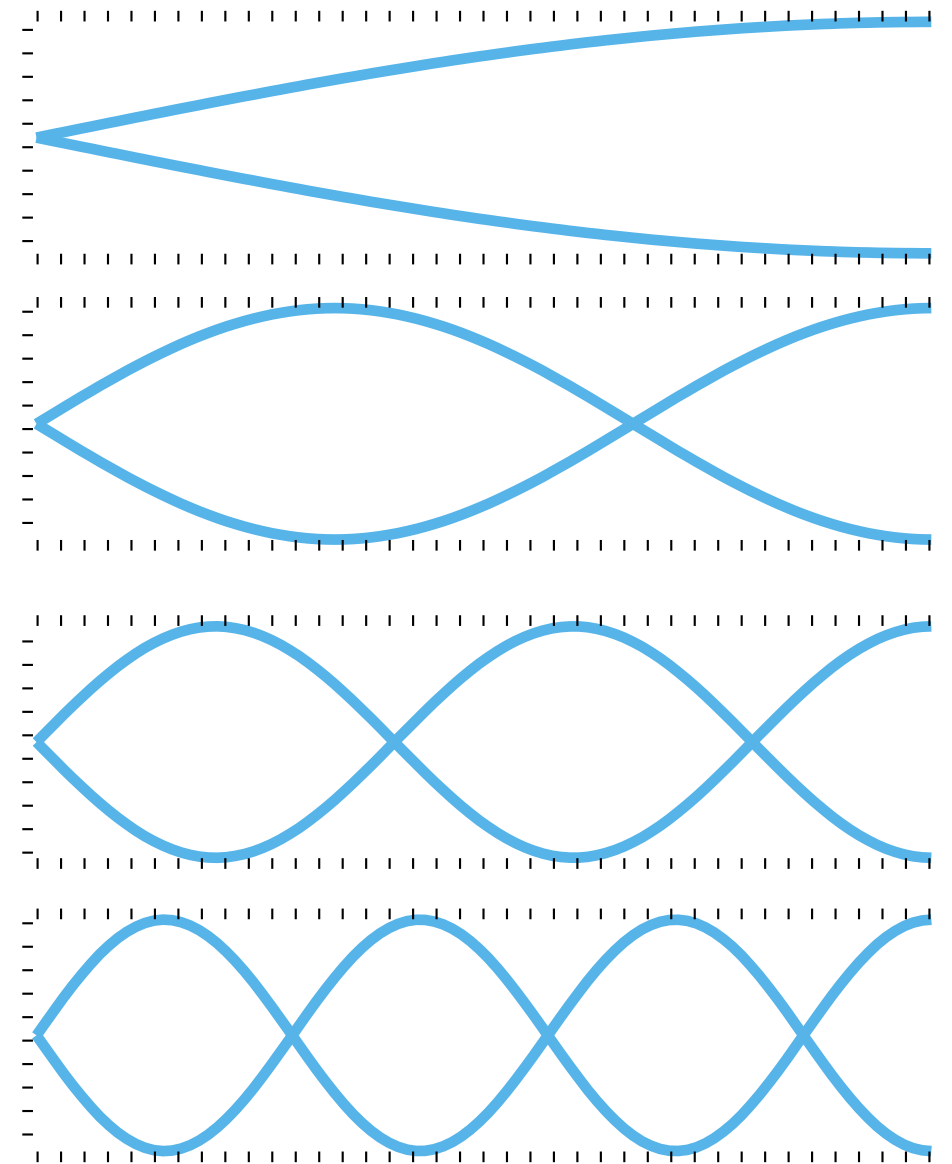
物理和數學時間

- ◆ Suppose a tube with length x produces a frequency of f . What frequency does a tube with length $2x/3$ produce?
假設吹一長度為 x 的管所產生的頻率為 f , 吹一長度為 $2x/3$ 的管所產生的頻率為何？
- ◆ How about one with length $4x/3$?
長度為 $4x/3$ 的呢？

The design matters

設計很重要

- ◆ Calculate the relative frequencies of the different modes for a pipe closed on one end.
計算一面開口的管的各種振動模式的頻率比。
- ◆ The physical design affects the timbre.
物理設計影響音色。



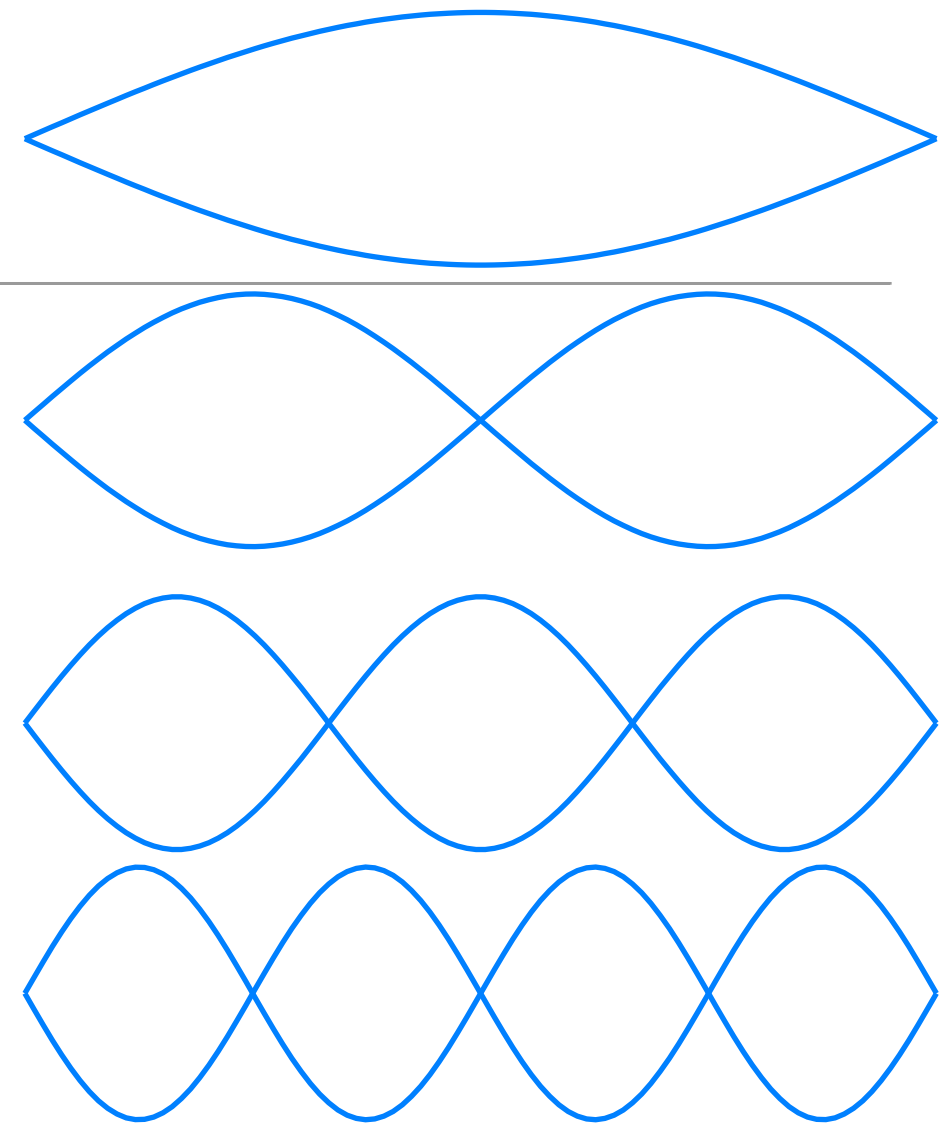
How about strings?

弦樂呢？

◆ Guitars, violins, guqin, yangqin, ...
結他、小提琴、古琴、揚琴……

◆ Fixed ends has to be nodes.
弦線兩端固定，必為節點。

◆ Waves propagate much faster in solids than in air, and depends on tension of the string.
聲波在固體傳送速度比在空氣快得多，並受弦線鬆緊影響。



How about drums and cymbals?

鼓和鈸呢？

- ◆ The vibration modes of the skin of an ideal drum or the body of a cymbal is more complicated.
鼓皮或鈸身的振動模式比較複雜。
- ◆ Two classes of vibration modes 有兩類振動模式：
 - ❖ Diametric mode: vibration nodes coincide with a diameter of the drum.
直徑模式：振動節點與鼓皮的直徑一致。
 - ❖ Circular mode: vibration nodes are arranged as a circle with the same centre of the drum or cymbal.
圓形模式：振動節點鼓邊或鈸邊的圓同心。

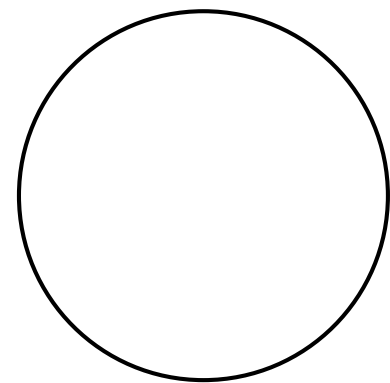
How about drums and cymbals? 鼓和鈸呢？

- ◆ The numbers in the parentheses indicate (diametric mode, circular mode) of vibration.
括號內的數字顯示 (直徑, 圓形) 振動模式。
- ◆ Solid lines indicate vibration node, dashed lines antinode.
實線表示振動節點，虛線表示振動反節點。
- ◆ Different ways of playing excites different modes of vibration differently.
不同奏法令不同振動模式激發度不同。

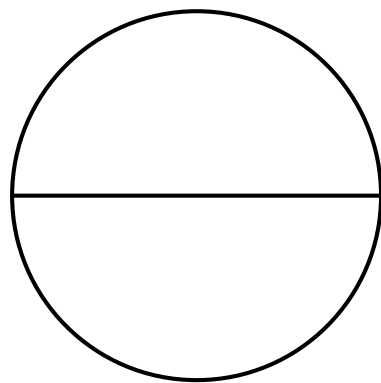
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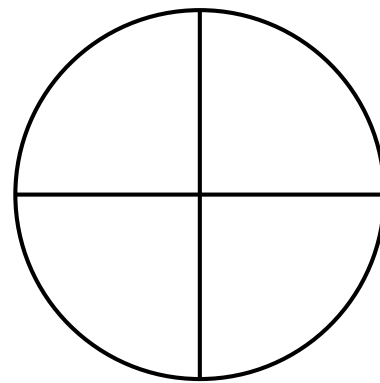
Drum 鼓



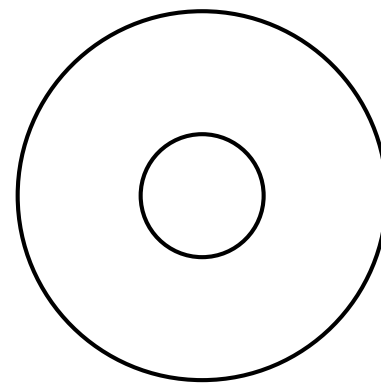
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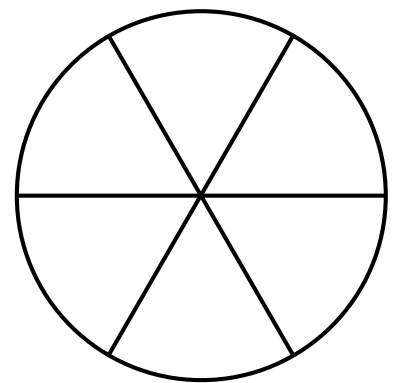
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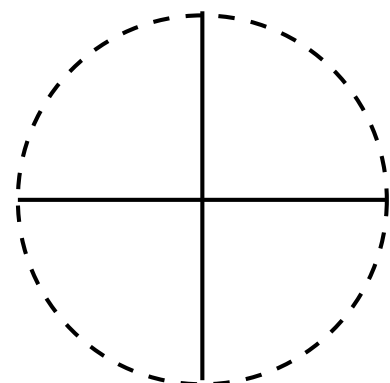


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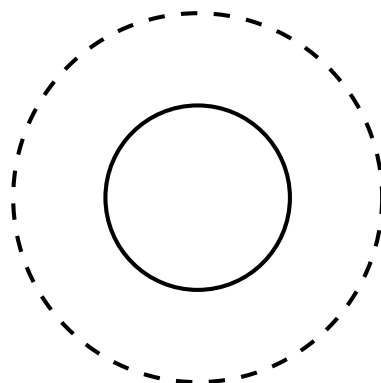


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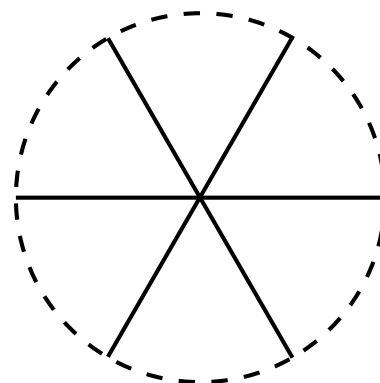
Cymbal 鈸



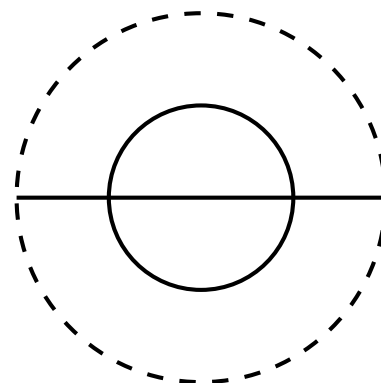
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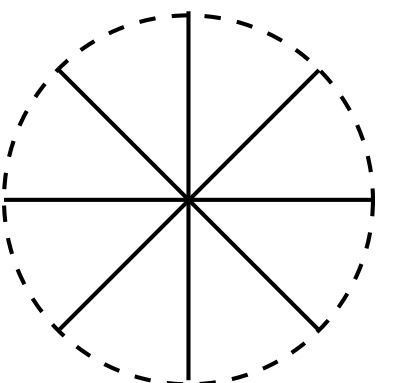
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Focal Press, 1996, ISBN 0-240-51428-9
 - ❖ Introductory and easy to read.
- ◆ Introduction to the Physics and Psychophysics of Music
second edition
Juan G. Roederer
Heidelberg science library, 1975.
 - ❖ Goes deep into the physics.

How to map note to frequency?

如何找出音的頻率？

Have you been in a concert? 有去過音樂會嗎？

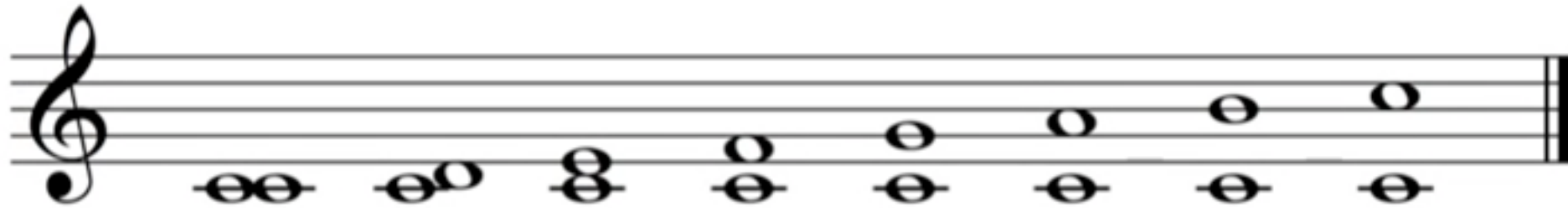
- ◆ Orchestra Tuning / Warm Up - Clean Sound.
Urb Mak. YouTube. 2011-04-08.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfSH1ezevjM>
- ◆ Which note is that at the beginning?
開始的是哪粒音？
- ◆ What is its frequency?
這粒音頻率是多少？

An experiment

做實驗

- ◆ Generate and listen tones of these frequencies:
產生並聆聽以下頻率的音調：
440Hz, 220Hz, 330Hz, 495Hz, 247.5Hz, 371.25Hz,
556.875Hz, 278.4375Hz, 417.65625Hz, 626.484375Hz,
313.2421875Hz
- ◆ What's your observation? 觀察到甚麼？
- ◆ What's the pattern? 有甚麼模式？

Music quiz! 音樂測驗!



- ◆ What is an octave?
甚麼是完全八度?
- ◆ What is a perfect fifth?
甚麼是完全五度?
- ◆ What is a perfect fourth?
甚麼是完全四度?
- ◆ What is a major third?
甚麼是大三度?
- ◆ What is a minor third?
甚麼是小三度?

About intervals 關於音程

- ◆ 八分鐘以內，一次搞懂音程名稱！

NiceChord (好和弦)

YouTube 2015-01-24

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLDktqMxgmY>

Musical intervals 音程

◆ Listen first 先聽聽

Interval 音程	Frequency ratio 頻率比	Bottom note 底音	Top note 頂音
Octave 全八度	2:1	220 Hz	440 Hz
Perfect fifth 全五度	3:2	220 Hz	330 Hz
Perfect fourth 全四度	4:3	220 Hz	293.3 Hz
Major third 大三度	5:4	220 Hz	275 Hz
Minor third 小三度	6:5	220 Hz	264 Hz
Major sixth 大六度	5:3	220 Hz	366.6 Hz
Minor sixth 小六度	8:5	220 Hz	352 Hz

◆ This is Just intonation 這是純律

◆ There is also Pythagorean tuning 還有畢達哥拉斯律式，又叫五度相生律。

Calculate the frequencies!

計頻率！

- ◆ Can you find out the frequencies of the top notes?
你能計出頂音的頻率嗎？

Interval 音程	Frequency ratio 頻率比	Bottom note 底音	Top note 頂音
Major second 大二度	9:8	220 Hz	
Minor second 小二度	16:15	220 Hz	
Augmented fourth 增四度	45:32	220 Hz	
Diminished fifth 減五度	64:45	220 Hz	
Major seventh 大七度	15:8	220 Hz	
Minor seventh 小七度	16:9	220 Hz	

Can you give names
to the notes in the tables earlier?
你可以給之前兩表內的音命名嗎？

e.g., A4=440

Listen again. Is it a bit strange?
再聽。怪怪的？

聽過這首歌嗎？

Do you know this song?

- ◆ 許冠傑演唱會2016 尾場 - 滄海一聲笑 (何傲兒古箏伴奏)
wpw star. 4:38. YouTube. 2016-10-29.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bli46moVug>
Start from 86s 由86秒開始：
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bli46moVug&t=86s>
- ◆ 笑傲江湖 Swordsman - 黃霑的專訪
CosmosEarthManWater. 8:35. YouTube. 2014-08-21.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNYh9YfKjTo>

Tuning systems 律式

- ◆ Mapping between note name and frequency is related to tuning systems.
音名到頻率的對應與律式（調音系統）有關。
- ◆ Note with the same name can have different frequencies and thus sound differently under different tuning systems!
同音名的音在不同的律式下，頻率可以不同，從而聽出來也不一樣。
- ◆ Some tuning systems: 一些律式：
 - ❖ 三分損益法
 - ❖ Just intonation 純律
 - ❖ Pythagorean tuning 畢達哥拉斯律式
 - ❖ Equal temperament tuning 十二平均律

A bit of Chinese music theory: 三分損益法

一些中國音樂理論：三分損益法

- ◆ 司馬遷《史記》「律書第三」：「……九九八十一以為宮。三分去一，五十四以為徵。三分益一，七十二以為商。三分去一，四十八以為羽。三分益一，六十四以為角。」（是為「三分損益法」）
- ◆ Take a tube with 81 units in length as producing the 宮 sound. Cut one third of it, 54 units long, 徵 sound. Add one third to its length, 72 units, 商 sound. Remove one third of it, 48 units, 羽 sound. Add one third of its length, 64 units, 角 sound.

Not only Chinese...

不止中樂……

- ◆ Music in many cultures use pentatonic scales.
很多地方的音樂也用五聲音階。
- ◆ e.g., Indonesian Gamelan, orchestra containing gongs, and metallophones.
例如印尼一種利用銅鑼和鐘的名為甘美蘭的音樂。

Indonesian Gamelan music

印尼甘美蘭音樂

- ◆ Javanese and Balinese gamelans have different musical styles.
爪哇和峇里的甘美蘭音樂風格不同。
- ◆ The notes are different from those in Chinese music.
音階亦與中國音樂的不同。
- ◆ The tuning can be different in different villages!
他們不同村落的律式也可以不同！

Equal temperament tuning

十二平均律

- ◆ Not all notes are equal for tuning systems based on one note.
以一音為本的律式，每音並非平等。
- ◆ Change of key requires tuning the instrument again.
轉調需再對樂器調音。
- ◆ Equal temperament tuning tries to make all notes equal by considering that an octave is double the frequency only.
十二平均律只用八度即兩倍頻率，以致所有音平等。

Equal temperament tuning

十二平均律

- ◆ Up an octave 高八度： $f \rightarrow 2f$
- ◆ Frequency ratio of notes the same interval apart is the same.
音程一樣的任何兩音的頻率比一樣。
- ◆ There are 12 semitones in an octave.
一個八度有12個半音。
- ◆ 半音頻率比為 $2^{1/12} \approx 1.0594630943592953$

Problem!

有問題！

- ◆ What's the frequency ratio of notes a perfect fifth apart under equal temperament tuning?
十二平均律中，大五度的頻率比是甚麼？
- ◆ $2^{7/12} \approx 1.4983070768766815$
- ◆ A bit from the perfectly naturally consonant ratio of 1.5.
與自然而完美的協和音程還差一點點！
- ◆ Tradeoff between easy change of keys and perfect consonance.
轉調容易和完美協和的權衡。

Videos about tuning systems

關於律式的影片

- ◆ 電磁波、七色彩虹和 65 歲的早餐店老闆！
NiceChord (好和弦). 7:12. YouTube 2017-02-18
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqPUfBE4UMQ>
- ◆ 為什麼「八度」很重要，以及住在希臘的聰明男人
NiceChord (好和弦). 8:00. YouTube 2017-02-25
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpZV2YO4LJA>
- ◆ 畢達哥拉斯怎麼找到 Do Re Mi ?
NiceChord (好和弦). 8:25. YouTube 2017-03-04
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6f__AYhqUA

It's Bach!

巴赫！

- ◆ The Well Tempered Clavier. gerubach. Playlist. 1:52:34+2:26:05. YouTube. 2014-12-04.
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmCLUrrx_kSdaPkuU1XOxmWlzoKYo-j3d
- ❖ Shows scrolling score.

Good book

好書

- ◆ Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid
Douglas R. Hofstadter
Penguin Book 1979
ISBN 0140179976

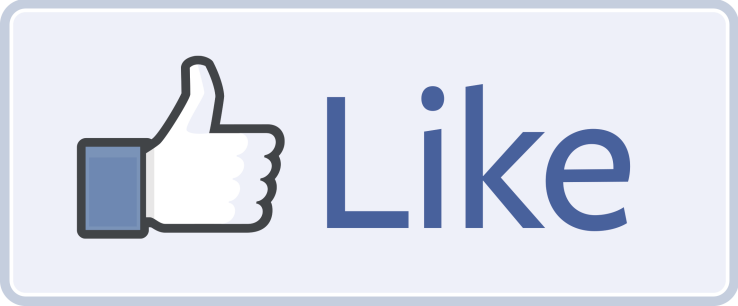
Musicians' reference resources

音樂人的參考資源

- ◆ Grove Music Online

<http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/grovemusic/>

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