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Views on Sine Waves

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Part III:

Problems and Possibilities

Please **download the example files now** at:
www.joachimheintz.de/workshops/tehran_2021
-> examples_III.zip

Unpack the examples_III.zip in your working directory.
(I suggest to create a new folder.)

Looking back

What we did so far:

- Created percussive sines
- Learned about envelopes
- How to apply volume and pitch
- How to work with arrays to
- Create different spectra

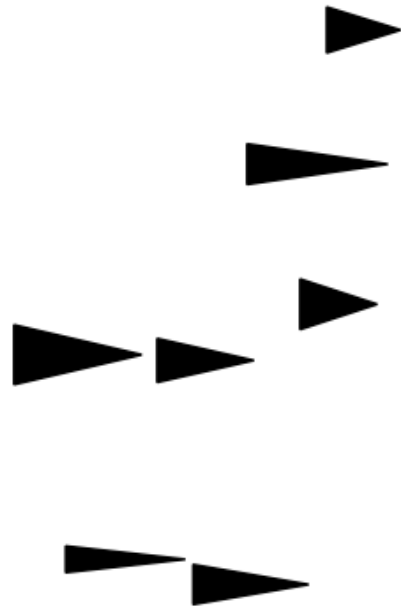
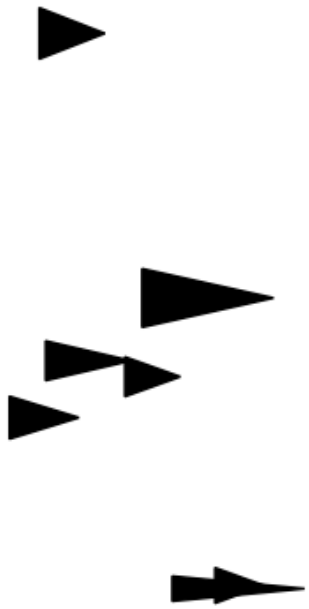
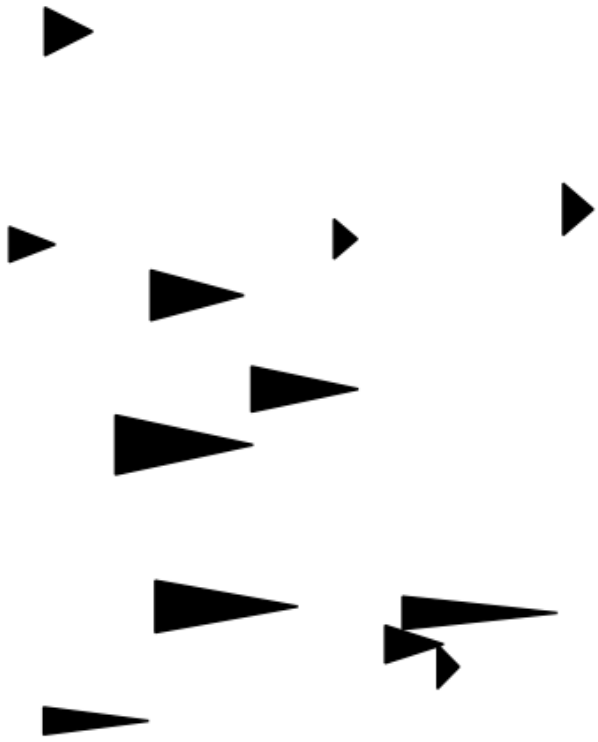
And now?

Place for music and composition but:

What is the idea behind it?

In which way to go on with the Cloud?

(Why actually a cloud?)



The problem

The question, at this point, can only be answered by any of you, individually.

It needs time to get to an idea. (Time and dedication.) And only if the idea is there, programming can work in a serious way (beyond "anything goes").

Not a solution but

I will focus here on rhythm and explore some possibilities how to work on rhythmic structures using arrays.

(You can work in a similar way with arrays for pitches.)

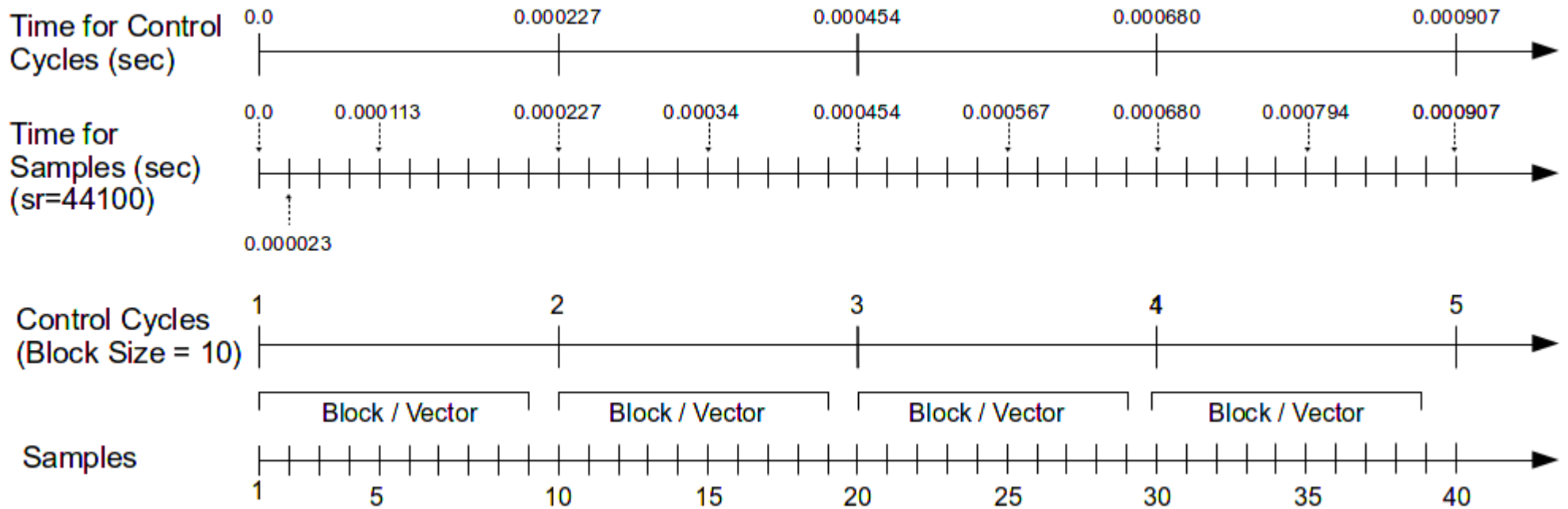
1 Use Csound's internal clock

```
sr = 44100  
ksmps = 10  
nchnls = 2  
odbf = 1
```

number of samples per second
number of samples per
control cycle

Csound's internal clock

for `sr = 44100`
`ksmps = 10`



(find the error in this figure ...)

Enjoy some calculations

Symbol	Meaning	Unit	Example
sr	number of samples per second	Hertz (Hz)	44100
1/sr	time for one sample	Seconds (sec)	$1/44100 = 0.000022675\dots \text{ sec}$
ksmps	number of samples in a control period	Number (always integer)	10 (Csound old default) 32 (better because power-of-two)
sr/ksmps	number of control periods in one second	Number	for ksmps=10: $44100/10=4410$ for ksmps=32: $44100/32=1378.125$

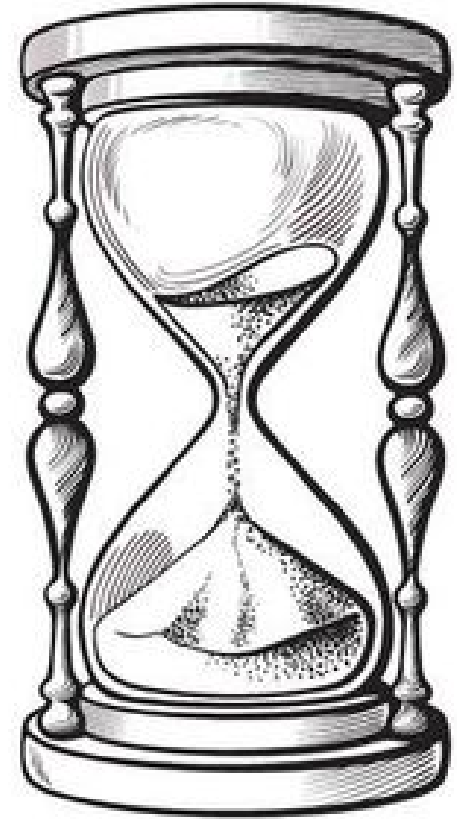
Good news

$sr/ksmps$ is known as **kr** in Csound
so we can write:

Symbol	Meaning	Unit	Example
kr (= $sr/ksmps$)	number of control periods in one second	Number	for $ksmps=10$: $44100/10=4410$ for $ksmps=32$: $44100/32=1378.125$
1/kr	time for one control period	Seconds (sec)	for $ksmps=10$: $10/44100 =$ $0.00022675\dots$ for $ksmps=32$: $32/44100 =$ $0.00072562\dots$

In other words

The $1/k_r$ time is always ticking in any running sound instrument and we can use it like the sand grains in an hour glass



Finally start coding

III_01.csd — measure time by subtracting $1/kr$
(the hour glass mechanism)

2 Repeat the process (create your own metronom ...)

III_02.csd — turn the hour glass once all time units
have been fallen down ...

3 Read an array as rhythmic sequence

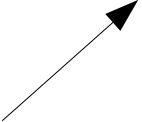
III_03.csd — stepping through an array

DATA	1	1	3/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2
INDEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

start with
index 0 ...

+1 +1 +1 +1 +1 +1

... then continue ...



Typical Csound code for
incrementing the array index:

```
kIndx += 1
```

"set the next value of kIndx
to the current value plus one"

But what to do here?

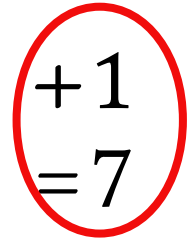
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INDEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6



start with
index 0 ...

+1 +1 +1 +1 +1 +1
=1 =2 =3 =4 =5 =6

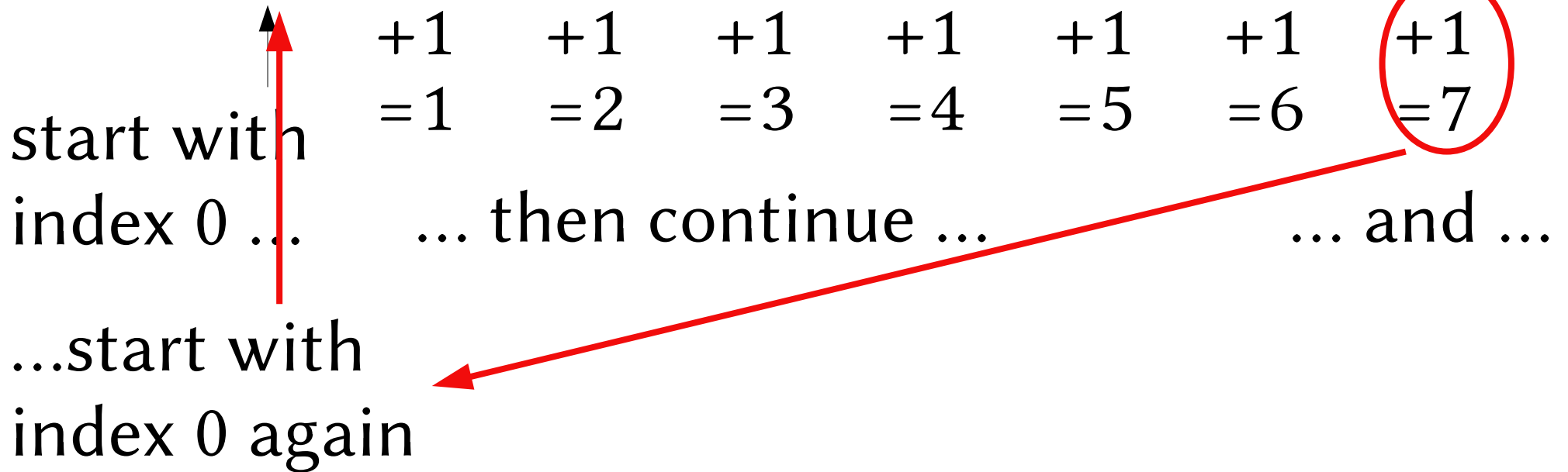
... then continue ...



... and !?!

Usually we want to wrap around

DATA	1	1	3/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2
INDEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6



Possible code to do it

DATA	1	1	3/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2
INDEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

start with index 0 ...

... then continue ...

... and ...

+1
=1

+1
=2

+1
=3

+1
=4

+1
=5

+1
=6

+1
=7

...start with index 0 again

```
if kIndx == 7 then  
    kIndx = 0  
endif
```

Or more elegant using the modulo

Length of the Array (7 Elements)

LENARRAY

DATA	1	1	3/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	NO!	NO!	NO!
INDEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MODULO as INDEX % LENARRAY	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2

Csound Code:

```
kArray fillarray 1, 1, 3/2, 1/2, 1, 1/2, 1/2
kIndx init 0
if [time is ok] then
  kIndx = (kIndx+1) % lenarray(kArray)
endif
```

4 More comfort ...

III_04.csd — setting an own time unit

III_05.csd — time unit can vary over time **DIY**

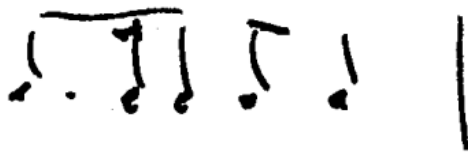
DIY = Do It Yourself!


5 Modifying a rhythmic sequence

Ill_06.csd — simple looping a real (persian) rhythm

DIY

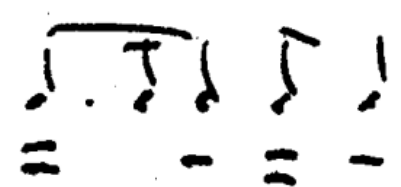
1. = 72

6
8 

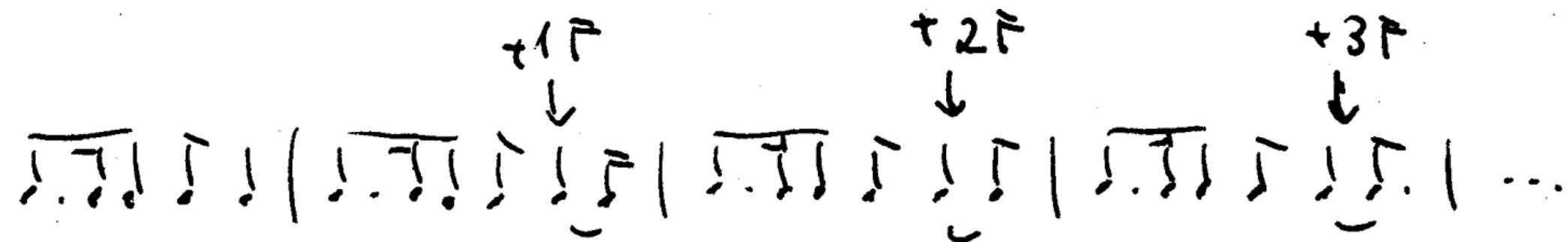
3 1 2 2 4 ← duration
 in F

III_07.csd — applying accents

2 0 1 2 1 ← accents
or
weight



III_08.csd – change one value again and again

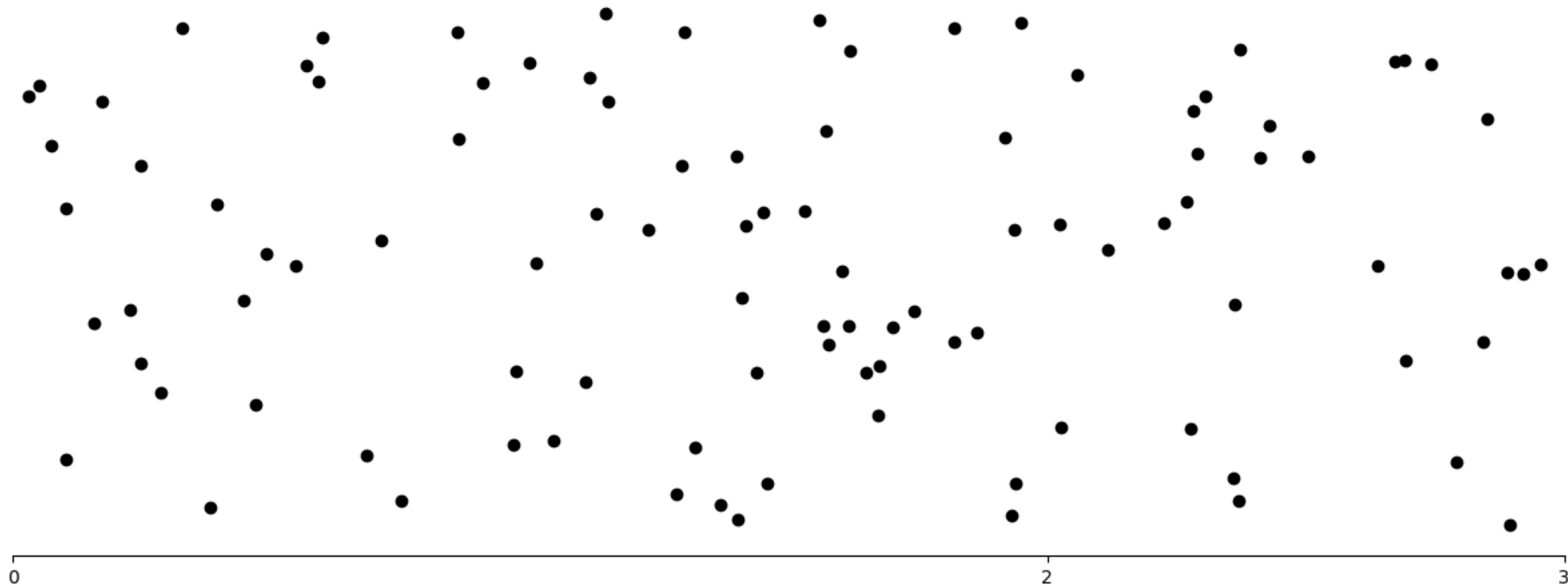


III_09.csd – change always a different element **DIY**

6 More modifications

III_10.csd — add or subtract in probability 2:1

III_11.csd — start the process later



7 Possibilities

III_12.csd — own series for the rhythm changes

$$kChanges = [10, 9, 8, 7, 6]$$

kChnVal: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ⑩ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ⑨ 0 1 2 3

kChnVal: 4 5 6 7 ⑧ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 ⑦ 0 1 2 3 4 5 ⑥ 0 1 2 3 ...

III_13.csd — new pitch for every change **DIY**

III_14.csd — implement Sisyphean pitch movement

- DIY:**
1. move the pitch boundaries
 2. change the values in `kChanges[]`
during performance

