

A Guide to Reading 简谱 *Jianpu****Pitch***

Jianpu is a cipher notation in which each number stands for a pitch in the relative-*do* system, where **1** is *do*, **2** is *re*, **3** is *mi*, and so forth. **0** denotes a rest.

i A dot *above* the number indicates that the note should be performed at the higher octave.

1 A dot *below* the number indicates that the note should be performed at the lower octave.

In Sinitic opera communities, this notation is usually sung using solfege, like so:

5̇ 6̇ 1̇ 2̇ 3̇ 5̇ 6̇ *i*
Sol La Do Re Mi Sol La Do

1 can be set to any pitch, e.g. **1** = C, **1** = D etc.

³⁵**3** Superscripts denote embellishing notes, to be performed rather quickly.

(**6 5 3 5**) Parentheses denote accompaniment material

Rhythm

———— eighth note

===== sixteenth note

1• A dot *beside* the number indicates a dotted value.

Quarter notes are represented by unmarked numerals.

Examples

1 = D

53 **323** **1** **0** is similar to



1 = G

61̇6 53 2 353

is similar to



1 = D

2. 3 12 65 5

is similar to

