

Diatonic Intervals

Interval -

**The distance between
two notes**

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Is an interval in which the upper note can be found in the major scale of the lower note.

Chromatic Interval -

Is an interval in which the upper note cannot be found in the major scale of the lower note.

Melodic Intervals - horizontal



Harmonic Intervals - vertical



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Perfect Intervals

1, 4, 5, 8

There is no such thing as

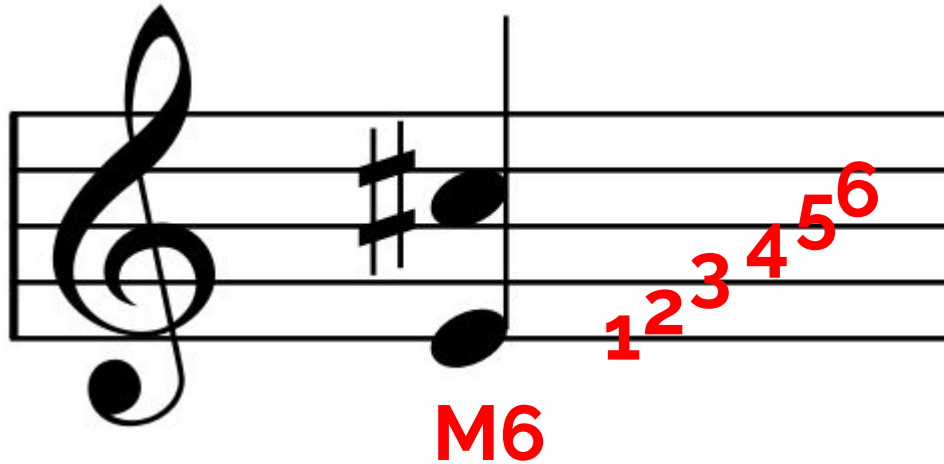
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Perfect Unison is also
called Prime

A Whole Step is also called
a Whole Tone

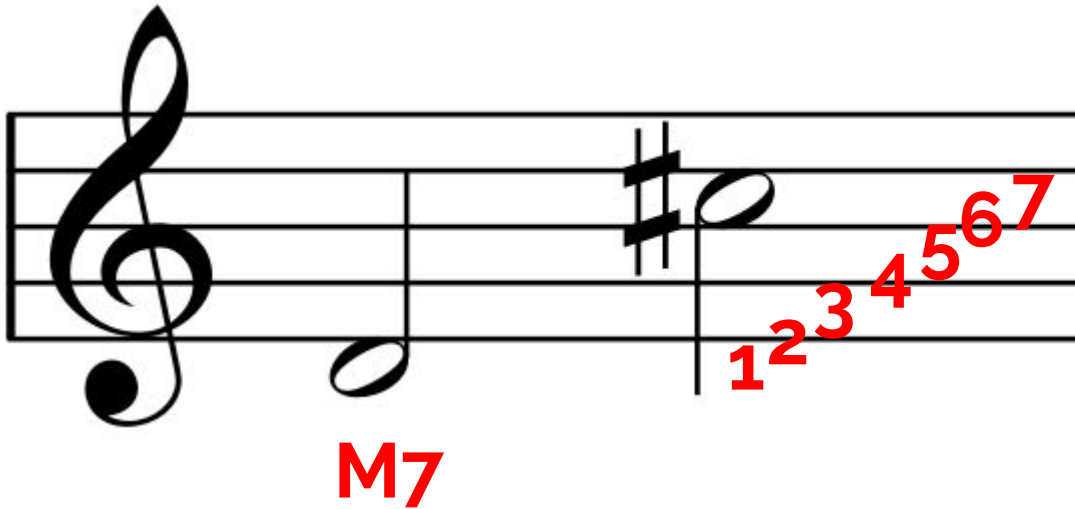
Major Intervals must be
designated with a “M”

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