

Simple Binary & Ternary Forms

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Background readings

The Small Ternary: <http://openmusictheory.com/smallTernary.html>

The Small Binary: <http://openmusictheory.com/smallBinary.html>

Questions

1. Examine François Couperin's *Les Concerts Royaux*, Concert No. 1, movement ii., Allemande.

Score: http://ks.petrucmusiclibrary.org/files/imglnks/usimg/1/1f/IMSLP381697-PMLP124164-Couperin_Concert_I.pdf (page 2)

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Audio: [Link not included due to copyright restriction]

- a. Fill in the blanks: The work begins in the key of _____. It modulates, and in measure 8, completes a _____ cadence in the key of _____. Finally, by the end in measure 18, it completes a _____ cadence in the key of _____.
- b. What is the form of this excerpt? (Circle one): Simple binary Simple ternary
Give reasons for your answer:

2. Examine Muzio Clementi's Sonatina Op.36 No.1 in C Major, movement iii., Vivace.

Score: http://ks.petrucmusiclibrary.org/files/imglnks/usimg/b/b5/IMSLP29868-PMLP06617-Clementi_Op36_Schirmer.pdf (Page 3 last system, through all of page 4)

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- a. What term describes the formal unit of mm. 1-4? _____
- b. What term describes the formal unit of mm. 1-8? _____
- c. What term describes the formal unit of mm. 1-16? _____
- d. What term describes the formal unit of mm. 35-50? _____
- e. What term describes the formal unit of mm. 50-66? _____
- f. What term describes the formal unit of mm. 66-70 (last 5)? _____

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- g. What is the form of this excerpt? (Circle one): Simple binary Simple ternary
Give reasons for your answer:

3. The distinction between binary and ternary forms are often blurred. What are some of the best clues that a particular passage of music is in ternary form vs. binary (or rounded binary) form?

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2. Allemande

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