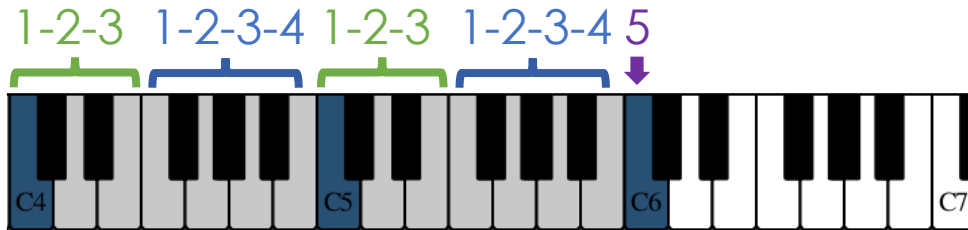




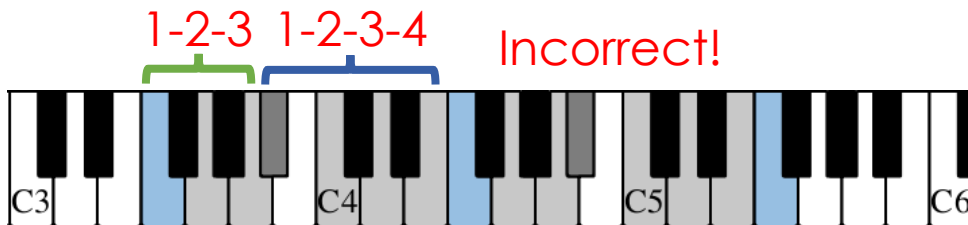
The Regular Family:



Scales of the **Regular Family** all follow the same fingering pattern: **123 - 1234**. The final note of these scales is played by the “lonely fifth” finger.

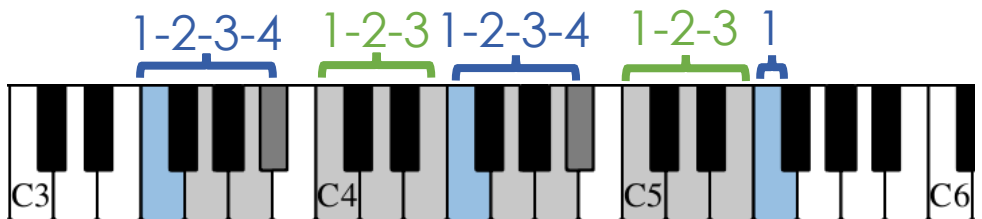
It includes both Major and minor scales in the key of **C, D, E, G, A, and B**.

F is excluded from this pattern. The reason for this is that starting from finger 1 of the first group would require us to use thumb, finger 1, to play a black key, as shown below:



This is in violation of rule #1: **If it’s possible not to use the first finger on a black key, then don’t!**

Instead we play it starting from the first finger of the **second group**, as shown here:



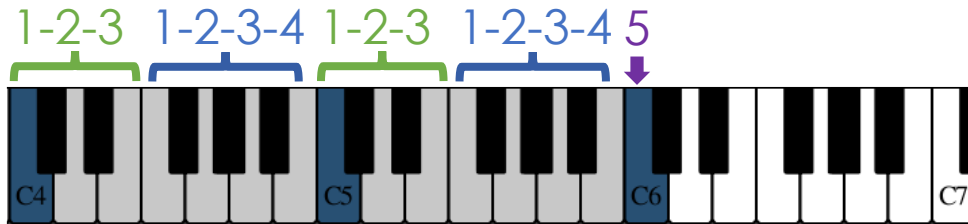
On the following pages you will find fingering patterns for all Major and minor scales in the Regular Family.

The best way to succeed in memorizing these scales is to **practice every day!**

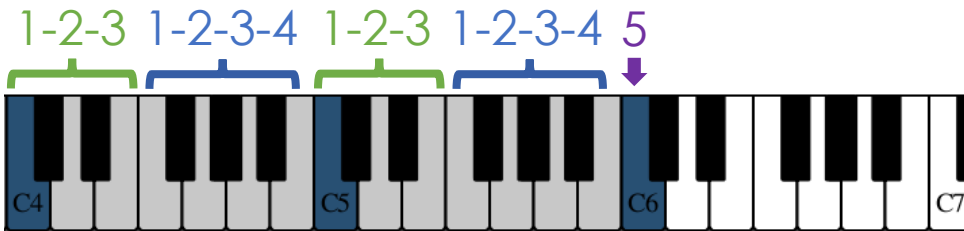


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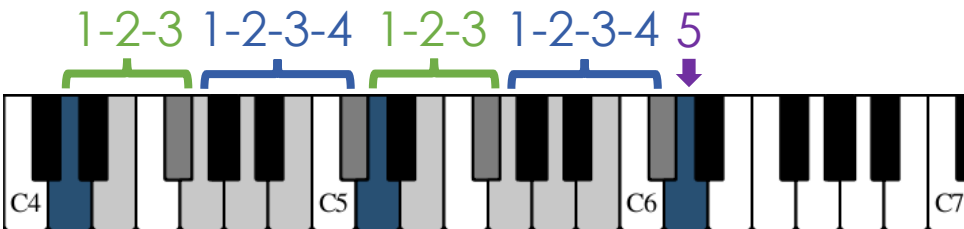
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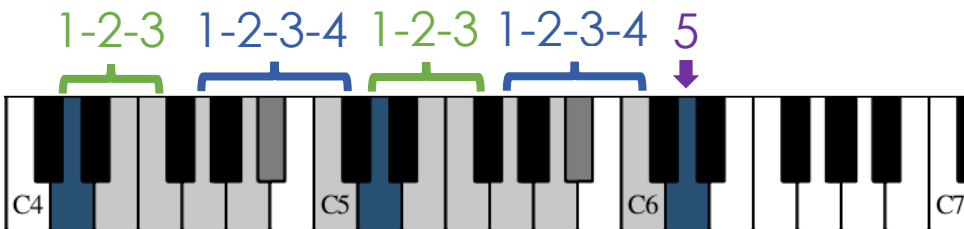
c minor:



D Major:



d minor:



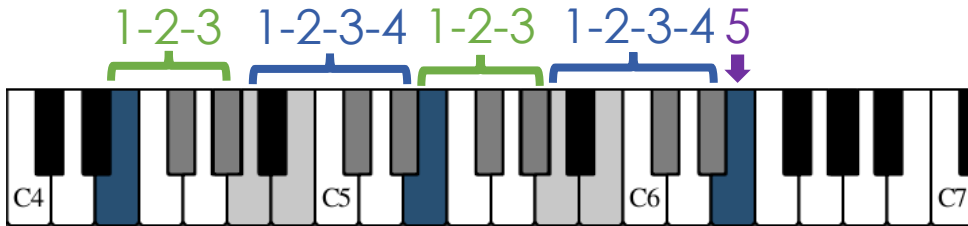


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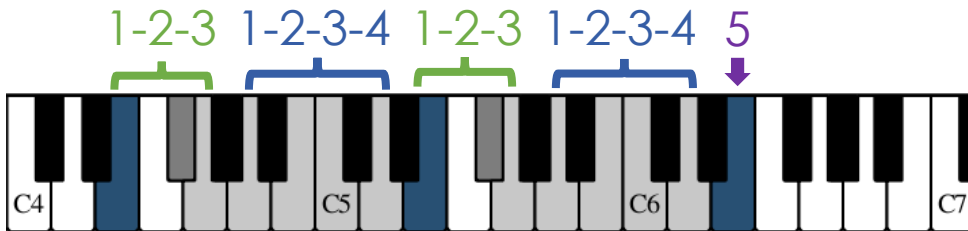
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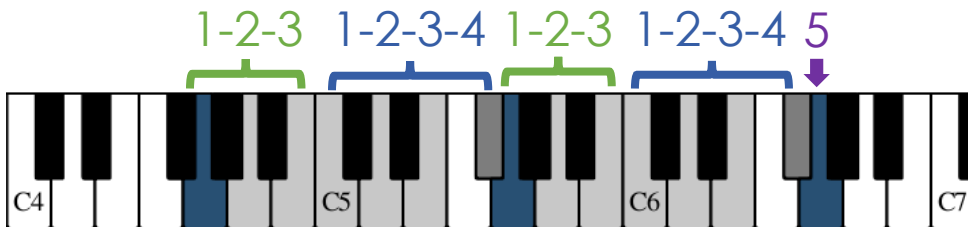
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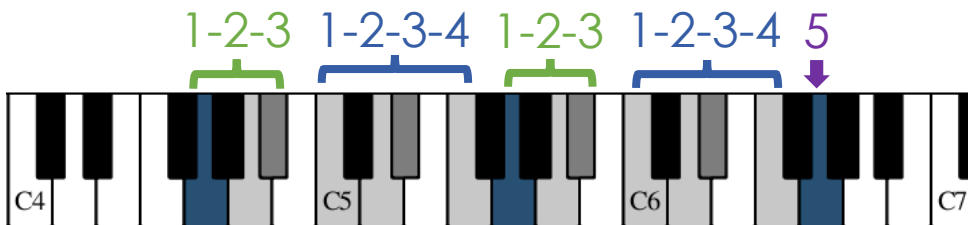
e minor:



G Major:



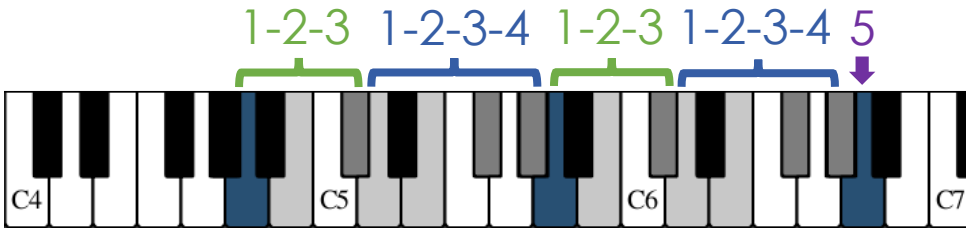
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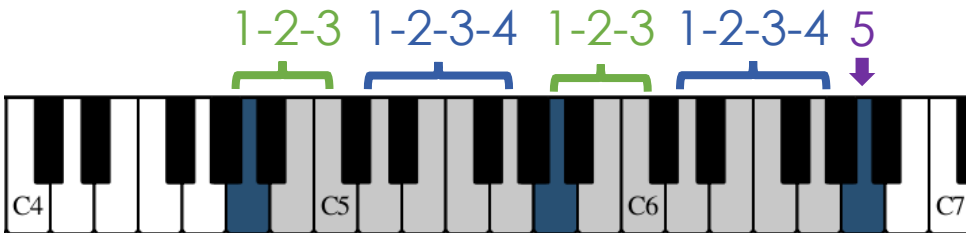


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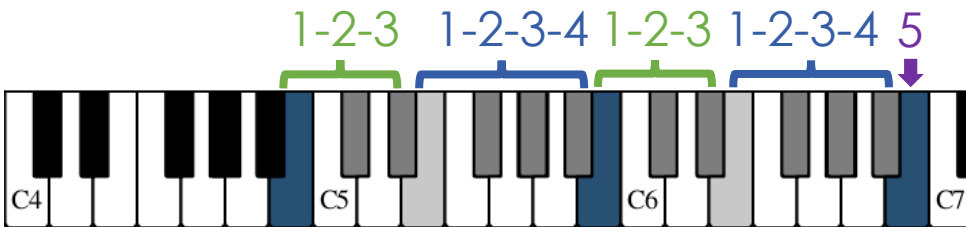
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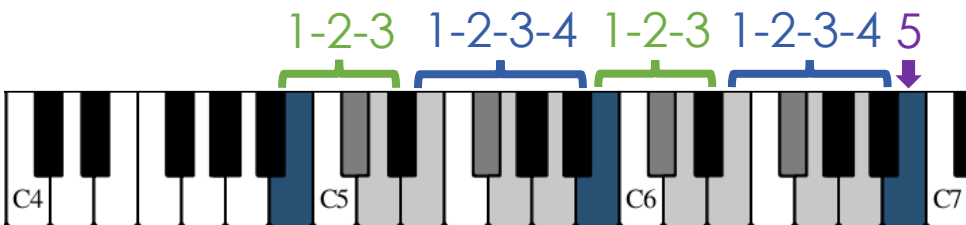
a minor:



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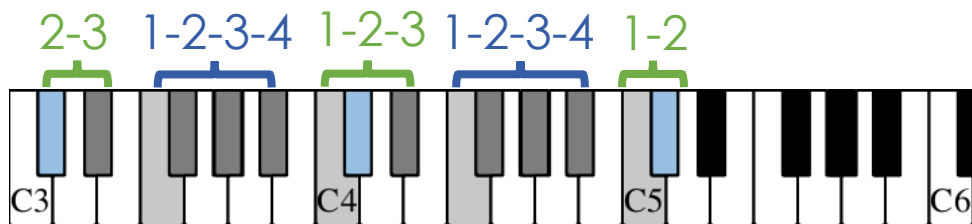
b minor:





The Irregular Family:

D_b Major:



Scales of the **Irregular Family**, like the Regular Family, also make use of the fingering pattern **123 – 1234**. The difference here is that, while the Regular Family scales all start from finger 1 in the first group, the Irregular Family scales **start somewhere else** in the 123 – 1234 pattern.

Scale:	Starts on finger:	In group:
D _b / c [#]	2	1 (123)
E _b / d [#]	3	
F / f	1	2 (1234)
F [#] / f [#]	2	
A _b / g [#]	3	
B _b / b _b	4	

You will notice that each of these notes of the Irregular Family all belong to the **D_b Major scale** (D_b , E_b , F , G_b[f[#]], A_b, B_b). If you look at the scale above, you will also notice that **each scale's starting finger matches the finger used to play it in the D_b Major scale**. So we use the D_b Major scale as a tool to remember where each Irregular Family scale begins in the 123 – 1234 pattern.

This is simply a tool to help you remember your scales! If you prefer to simply memorize the scales, then that is up to you to decide.

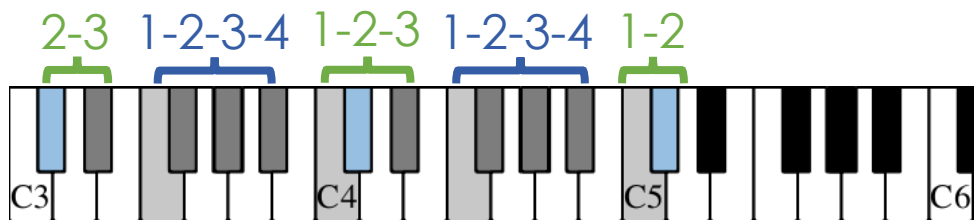


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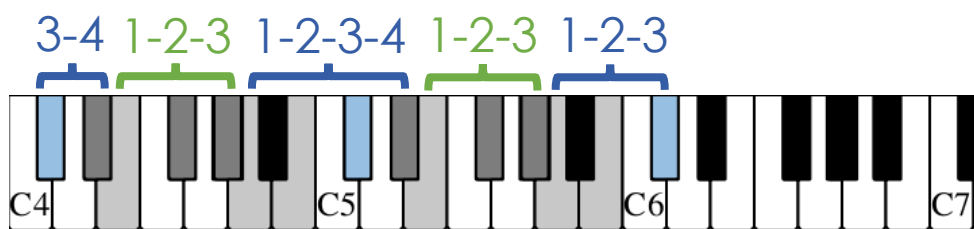
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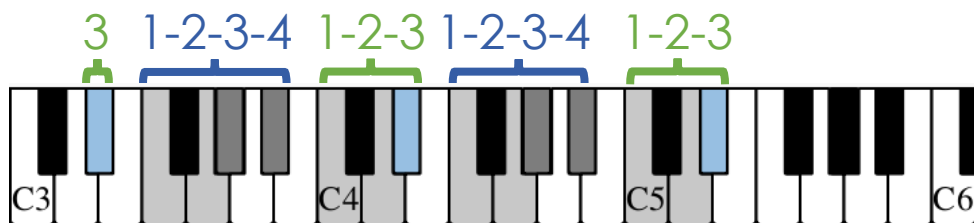
D \flat Major:



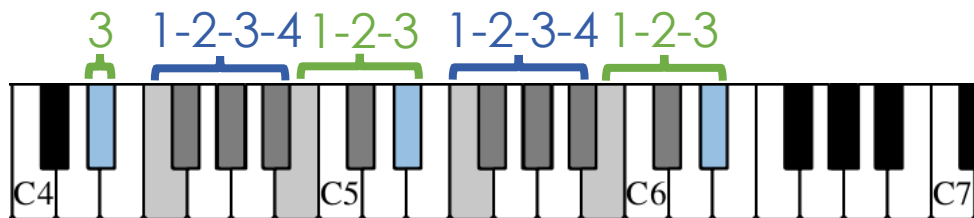
c \sharp minor:



E \flat Major:



d \sharp minor:



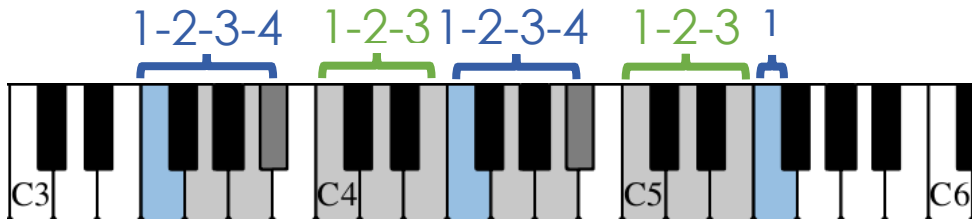


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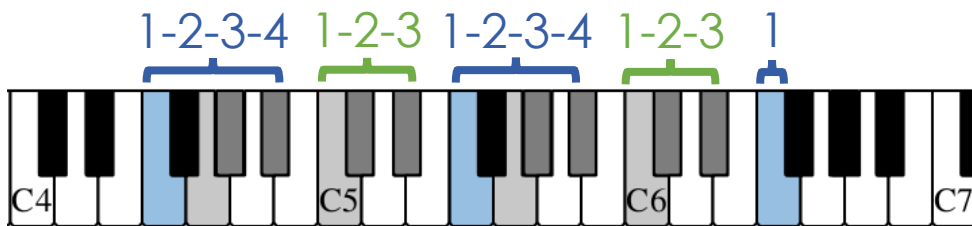
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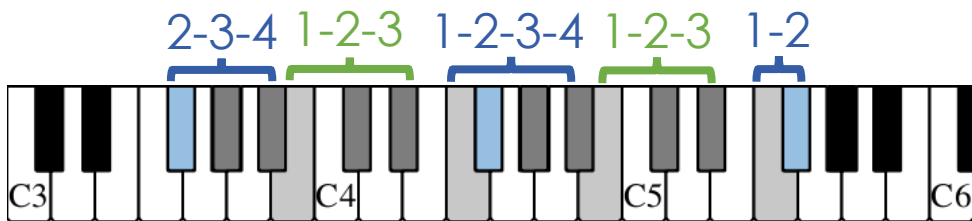
F Major:



f minor:



F# Major:



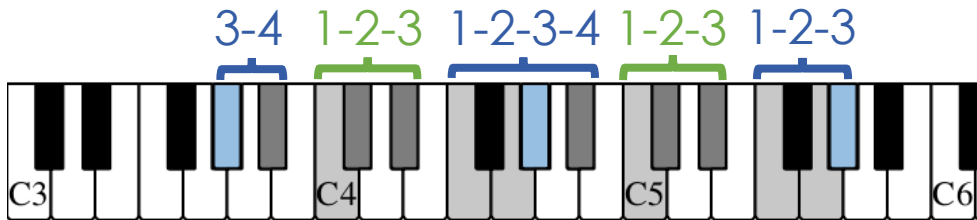
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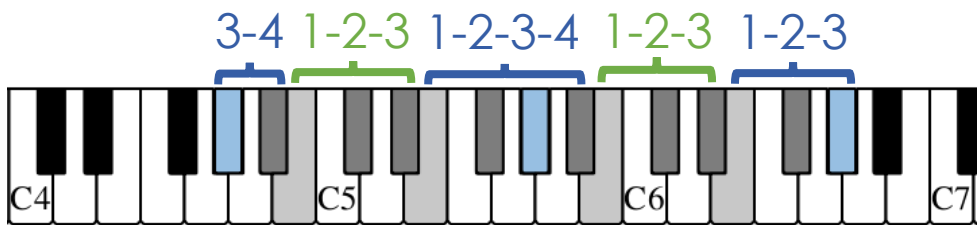


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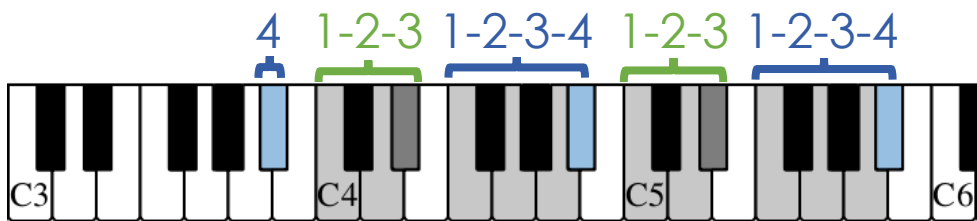
A \flat Major:



g \sharp minor:



B \flat Major:



b \flat minor:

