

Legato Thirds.

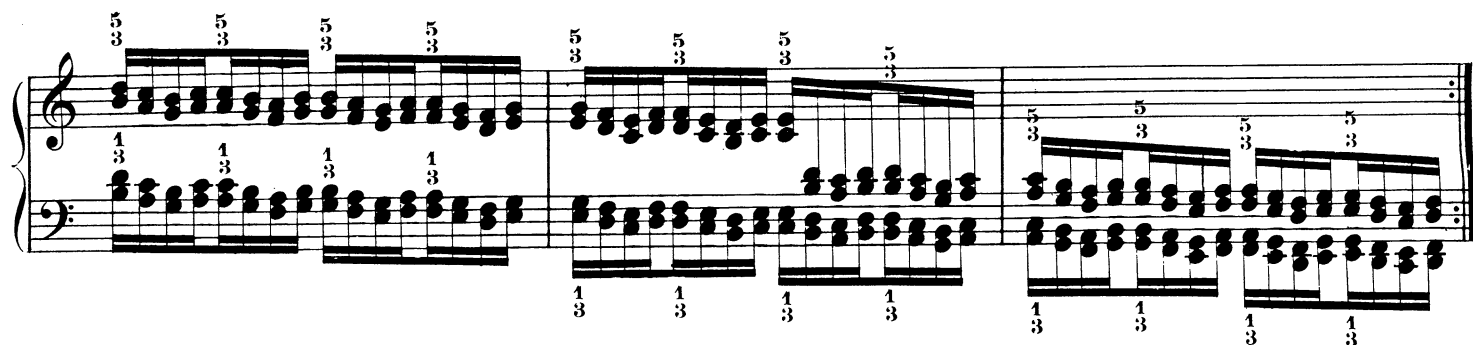
We recommend careful study of this exercise, as Thirds occupy a very important place in difficult music. All notes must be struck evenly and very distinctly.

(M.M. ♩ = 40 to 84)

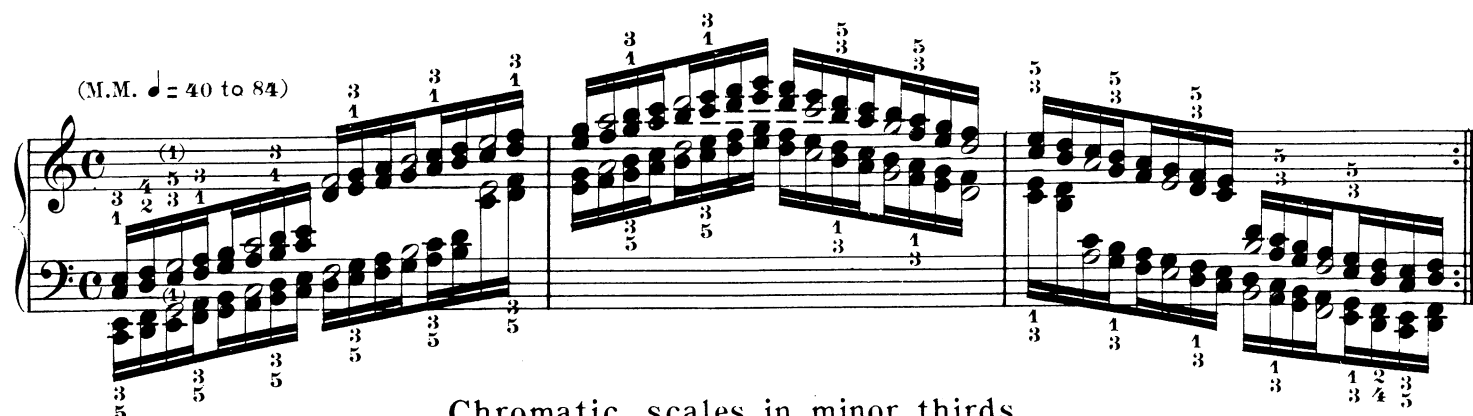
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The exercise consists of six systems of two staves each, containing a total of 35 measures. The notation is as follows:

- System 1 (Measures 50-53):** Treble clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. Bass clef has a common time signature. Measures 50-51 contain eighth-note triplets with fingering 3 4 5 4 3 in the treble and 3 2 1 2 3 in the bass. Measures 52-53 continue the pattern with different fingering.
- System 2 (Measures 54-57):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.
- System 3 (Measures 58-61):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.
- System 4 (Measures 62-65):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.
- System 5 (Measures 66-69):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.
- System 6 (Measures 70-73):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.
- System 7 (Measures 74-77):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.
- System 8 (Measures 78-81):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.
- System 9 (Measures 82-85):** Continues the eighth-note triplet pattern with various fingering combinations.



Scales in Legato Thirds. It is indispensable to practise scales in legato thirds. To obtain a smooth legato, keep the fifth finger of the right hand for an instant on its note while the thumb and 3^d finger are passing over to the next third; in the left hand, the thumb is similarly held for an instant. Notes to be held are indicated by half-notes. Proceed similarly in the chromatic scale further on, and in all scales in Thirds.



Chromatic scales in minor thirds.

