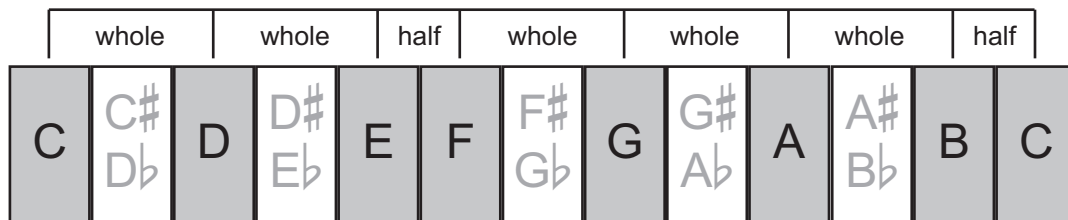


THE DIATONIC YARDSTICK

The Diatonic Major scale is the most important scale in our Western musical system and has become the scale by which all else is measured. The spaces between its notes are like inches and it is *THE* standard used to measure harmonic distances between notes. The distance between notes is called an *interval*.

When numbers replace the lettered notes we can compare the distance between any two notes using what is essentially a ruler that has the spacing of the Diatonic scale.



If we count the notes of the Diatonic scale and assign each note a number, we come up with a yardstick that measures distances between notes.



Every key in the Major scale has the same spacing of notes.

Since each scale begins on a different note, each key consists of a unique set notes.

