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## METER

Rhythm and meter are slightly different aspects of music, but closely related. Where rhythm refers to note values and duration, **meter** refers to the basic underlying beat of strong and weak pulses.

The term meter also corresponds to time signatures, the important numbers found at the beginning of a piece of music for counting purposes. Meter is the fundamental structure of time on which rhythm and tempo are placed.

Three types of meter are *duple* (two beats per measure), *triple* (three beats per measure) and *quadruple* (four beats per measure).

Ex. Simple - Duple Meter

Simple - Triple Meter

Simple - Quadruple Meter

Practice clapping the examples above in duple, triple and quadruple meters, observing the strong beats marked by ">".

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