

Harmonic Radius measures the partials' geometric mean

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Log Radius measures the partials' arithmetic mean

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$$\textit{Log}_2 \textit{Radius} (S) = \log_2 \sqrt[n]{\prod_i P_i} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \log_2 P_i .$$

Odd Radius

Define the odd partial pitch class of a natural number partial P° :

$$\text{div2}(P)$$

$$\text{Odd Radius}(P) = \text{Harmonic Radius}(\text{div2}(P)).$$

Odd radius is especially useful in situations where pitches are “octave-equivalent”, recurring in various octaves: e.g., in common scales and gamuts; in chord inversions.

Prime Limit Radius

Define the greatest prime factor for any natural number:

$$gpf(P), P \geq 2; \quad gpf(1) = 1$$

$$\textit{Prime Limit Radius}(P) = \textit{Harmonic Radius}(\{P, gpf(P)\}).$$

Prime Limit Radius captures the difference introduced by higher primes:

7:8 has a prime limit radius value of 6.06 while 8:9 has 4.56.