Form and Analysis Day 5

Patterns!

Motive

Smallest identifiable musical idea

Short melodic fragment used as a constructive element

- Must be used at least twice
- As short as two notes
- Rarely more than 6 or 7 notes

Characterized by contour and rhythm

- The two are separable
- Contour: interval content (up M2, up M2, down P5, e.g.)
- Characterized by metric placement

Using motives (as foundation of melodic construction):

Repeat!

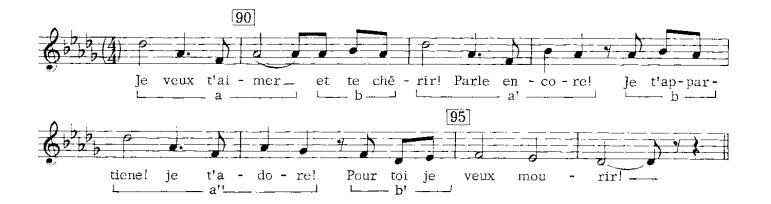
Sequence: repetition of an idea gradually descending or ascending

Change of interval

Variation:

- Ornamentation
- Invert: take each interval in opposite direction
 - Keep exact intervals: real inversion
 - Alter intervals to stay in a key: tonal inversion
- Retrograde: start from end, go backwards

GOUNOD: Faust, Duet, "Il se fait tard"



Example 3–6

BEETHOVEN: Sonata, Op. 14, No. 2, First Movement



SCHUBERT: Sonata, Op. 53, Second Movement

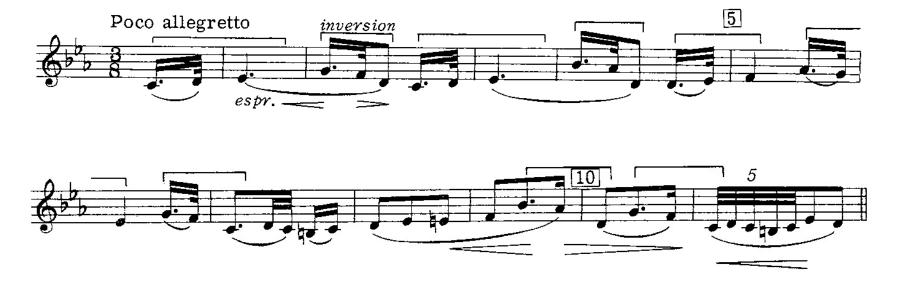


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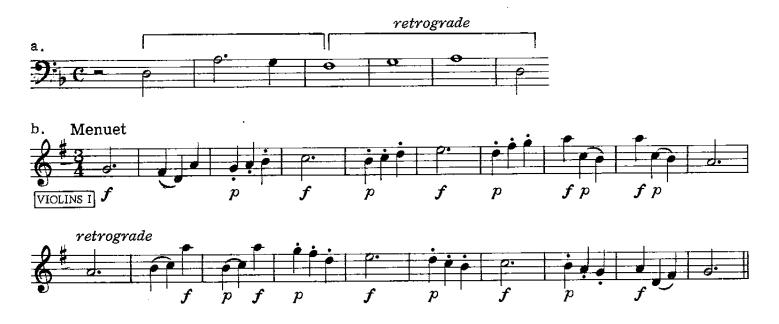
STRAVINSKY: L'Oiseau de feu, Berceuse



BRAHMS: Symphony No. 3, Third Movement

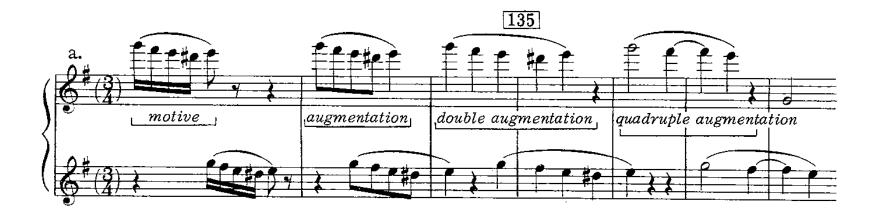


- a. BACH: Art of the Fugue, Contrapunctus No. 19
- b. HAYDN: Symphony No. 47, Third Movement



Augmentation: multiplying rhythmic values (Standard) (modern era: augment by addition values)

Diminution: diminishing duration through division



Compound motive: a motive whose two parts are each developed independently

