A model of major-minor and consonance-dissonance perception emerged when chord cycles were estimated by frequency and period ratios.



Computational outputs for equal-temperament dyads with 5 harmonics. See results panel, below.

The Computational Model

I. Two reference tones were selected **higher** and **lower** than each chord.

II. Each chord's cycle was estimated twice by:
1. frequency ratios relative to the low reference
2. and period ratios relative to the high reference.



III. The **two** estimated cycles formed the **2D** space: **major-minor** and **consonance-dissonance**.



Results

Consonance-dissonance predictions were compatible with massive large-scale behavioral experiments and major-minor predictions matched tradition.







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Major-Minor (m)

•M3

For a preceding two-dimensional model of period versus frequency, see Nemoto & Kawakatsu (2023)

For massive large scale consonance-dissonance experiments, see Marjieh, Harrison, et al. (2023).



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