

Dotted Quarter Notes

In 4/4 time a quarter note gets one count. A dot just after the note adds half the note's value to the note.

Therefore: $\text{quarter} + \text{dot} = 1 + 1/2$, or $\text{quarter} + \text{dot} = \text{one and a half counts}$.

One and a half counts is expressed in the following manner: $\text{quarter} + \text{dot} = 1 \frac{1}{2}$ ($1 = \text{quarter}$, $1/2 = \text{eighth}$)

One and a half = $\text{quarter} + \text{eighth}$ The common denominator here is the eighth note ($1/2$).

Therefore: $\text{quarter} + \text{eighth} = \text{two eighths} + \text{eighth}$

We count three eighth notes thusly: $1 + 2$

Because $\text{two eighths} + \text{eighth} = \text{quarter} + \text{eighth} = \text{dotted quarter}$

A dotted quarter is almost always followed by an eighth note. Hence $\text{dotted quarter} + \text{eighth}$ is counted $1+2+$

#1

1 2 + 3 4 1 2 + 3 4 1 2+ 3 4 1 2+ 3 4

R R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

#2

1 2 3 4 + 1 2 3 4 + 1 2 3 4+ 1 2 3 4+

R L R R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

#3

1 2 + 3 4 + 1 2 + 1 2 + 1 2+ 3 4+ 1 2+ 3 4+

R R L R R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

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