

# Arpeggio

An **arpeggio** is a type of broken chord, in which the notes that compose a chord are played or sung in a rising or descending order. An arpeggio may also span more than one octave.

The word arpeggio comes from the Italian word **arpeggiare**, which means to play on a harp.

Example of an arpeggio and how it is played:



Those are 3 different types of arpeggios:

- a) 2 half arpeggios, right hand and left hand starting together
- b) full arpeggio distributed over left and right hand
- c) down arpeggio

