Tremolo

A The Right Hand:

The **tremolo** technique involves a 4 digit Right Hand (RH) pattern - thumb (p), ring (a), middle (m) and index (i). Begin by practicing slowly and evenly.

Exercise A1: Practice the right hand tremolo technique



Play lightly and focus on gradually increasing the speed and dynamics

Exercise A2: Practice Exercise A1 at the following speeds:

Exercise A3: When practicing Exercise A1 quickly, experiment with dynamic changes:

- (i) beginning p building to f then finishing p
- (ii) beginning **f** building to **p** then finishing **f**
- **p** = piano "soft/quite" and **f** = forte "strong/loud"

The Left Hand:

The left hand generally plays chord shapes giving us distinct bass lines and melodies. Begin by playing the left hand shapes as **two note chords**. Focus on phrasing and playing these chords musically.

Exercise B1: Practice the left hand chord shapes of the tremolo piece you are playing as two note chords. *Excerpt: Recuerdos de la Alhambra (chords)*



Putting Both Hands Together:

After practicing the technique of both hands individually, it will feel natural to add the right hand tremolo technique to the left hand chord shapes.

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