# OMNIBUS (2)

an ensemble for an indeterminate number
of percussionists and percussion instruments

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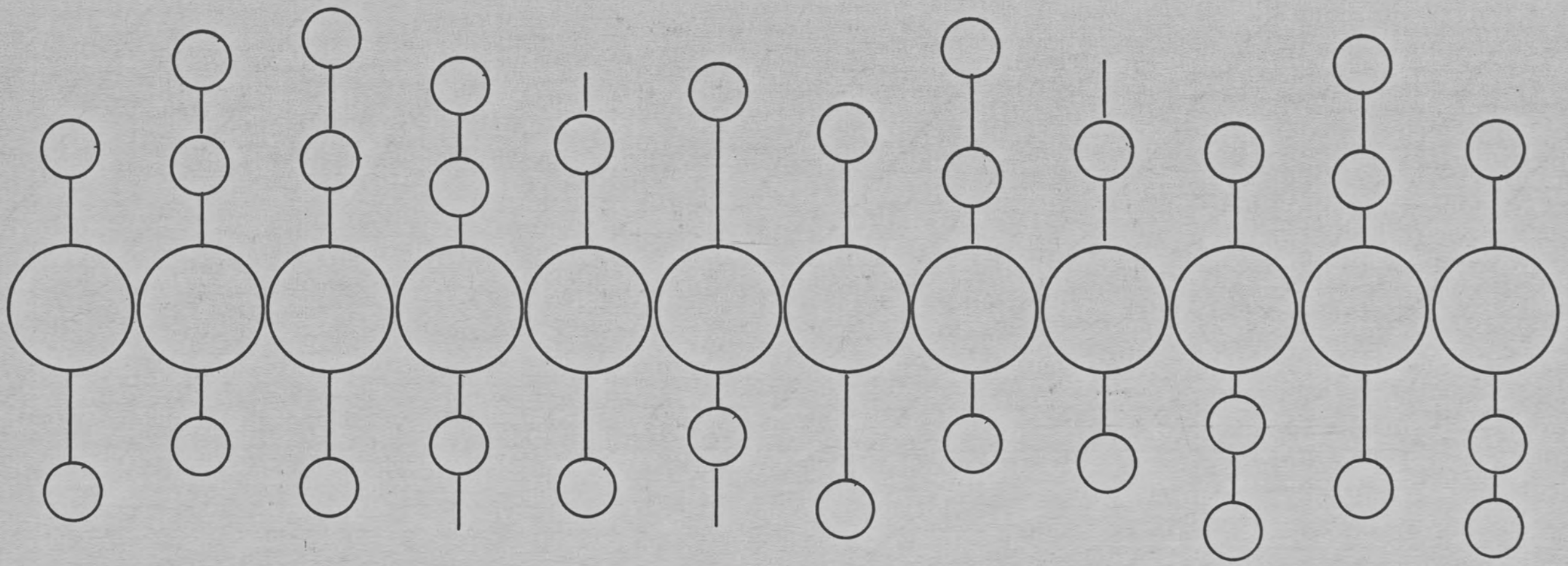
(1971 )



- TREMOLO (SUSTAIN) EACH NUMBERED INSTRUMENT (pp) UNTIL NEXT IS LOCATED. MAINTAIN CONSTANT TREMOLO,TRY NOT TO BREAK.
- STRIKE NUMBERED INSTRUMENTS ONCE (ff), THEN QUICKLY STRIKE INSTRUMENTS TO ONE OR BOTH SIDES (p).
- MAINTAIN EVEN EIGHTH-NOTES (TRIPLETS, DOTTED NOTES) ON EACH NUMBERED INSTRUMENT.MAINTAIN RHYTHM. VARY DYNAMIC LEVEL.
- INSTRUMENT NO. 1 IS RESTRUCK IMMEDIATELY AFTER ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS. NO. 1 BEGINS fff, BECOMES SOFTER WITH EACH REPETITION. THE OTHER INSTRUMENTS ARE ALWAYS mp.
- SHORT TREMOLOS ON EACH NUMBERED INSTRUMENT BECOME LONGER, LOUDER EACH TIME.
- STRIKE EACH NUMBERED INSTRUMENT ONCE (ff), THEN STRIKE DOWN ROW RIGHT OR LEFT (VARY) TO END. BEGIN FAST, SLOW DOWN,DECRESC.
- SINGLE OR DOUBLE STROKES ON EACH NUMBERED INSTRUMENT ARE IMMEDIATELY DAMPENED. DYNAMIC LEVEL IS DIFFERENT EACH TIME.
- STRIKE EACH NUMBERED INSTRUMENT IN MEASURED ACCELERANDO OR DECELERANDO (VARY),SOFT TO LOUD OR LOUD TO SOFT (VARY).

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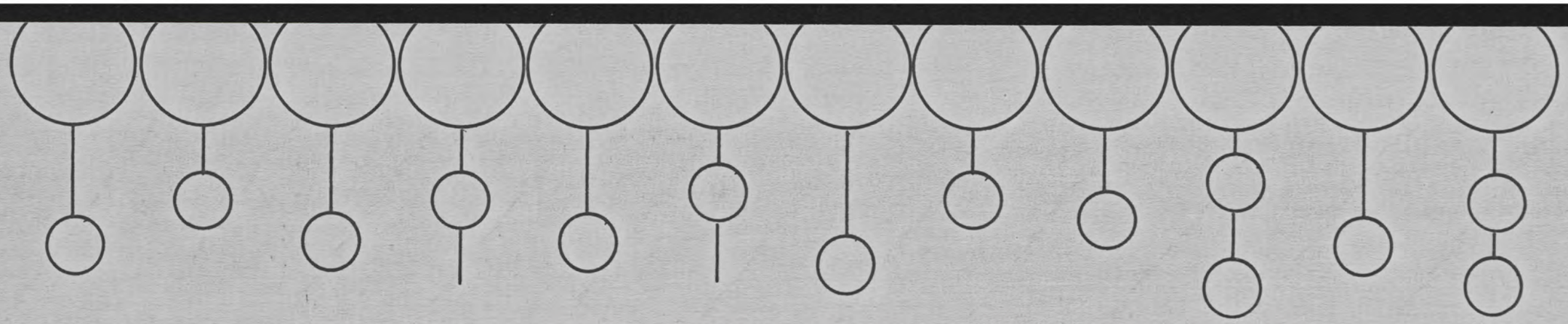

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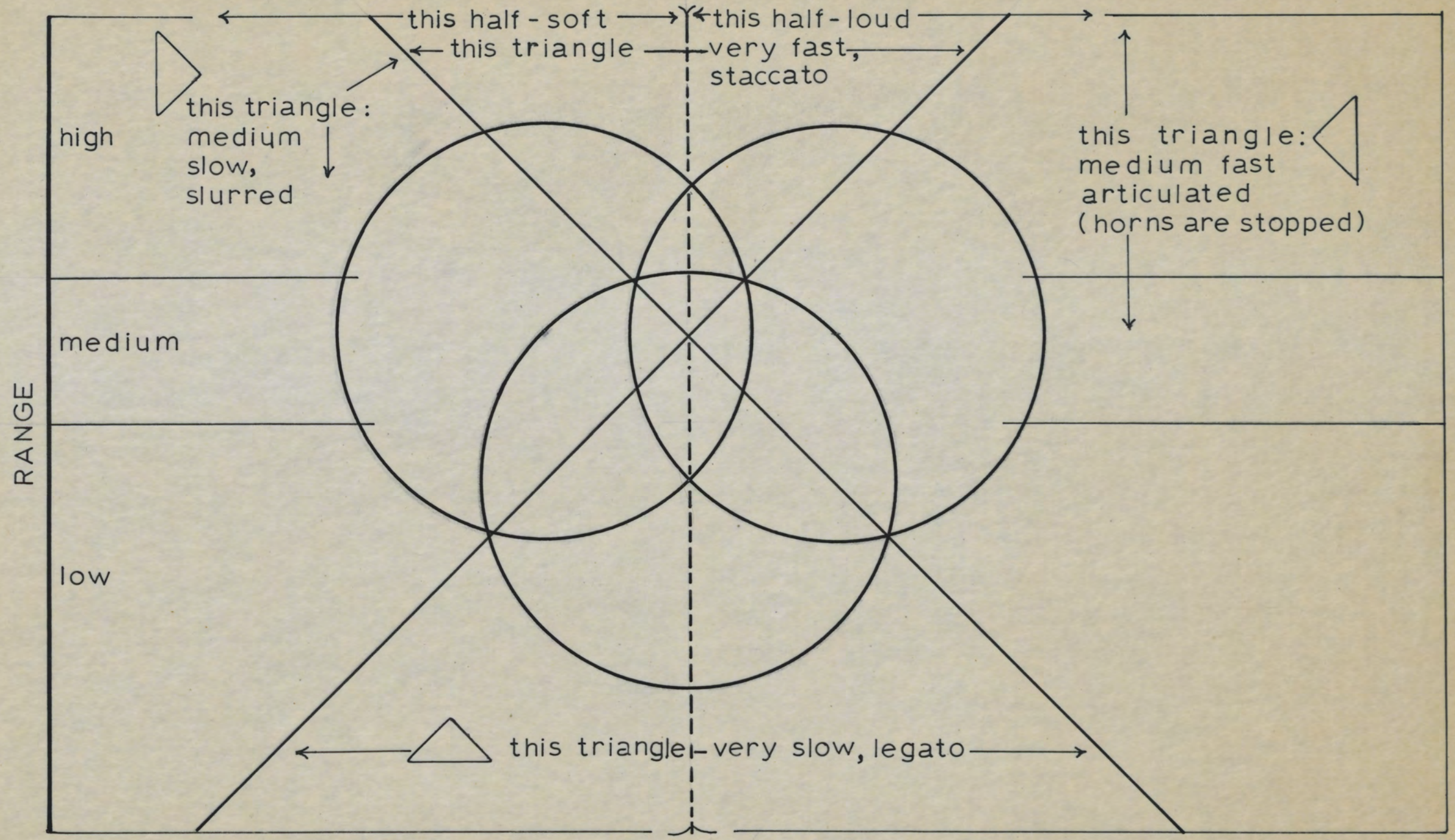
this half - soft
this triangle
this half - loud
very fast, staccato
this triangle:
medium
slow,
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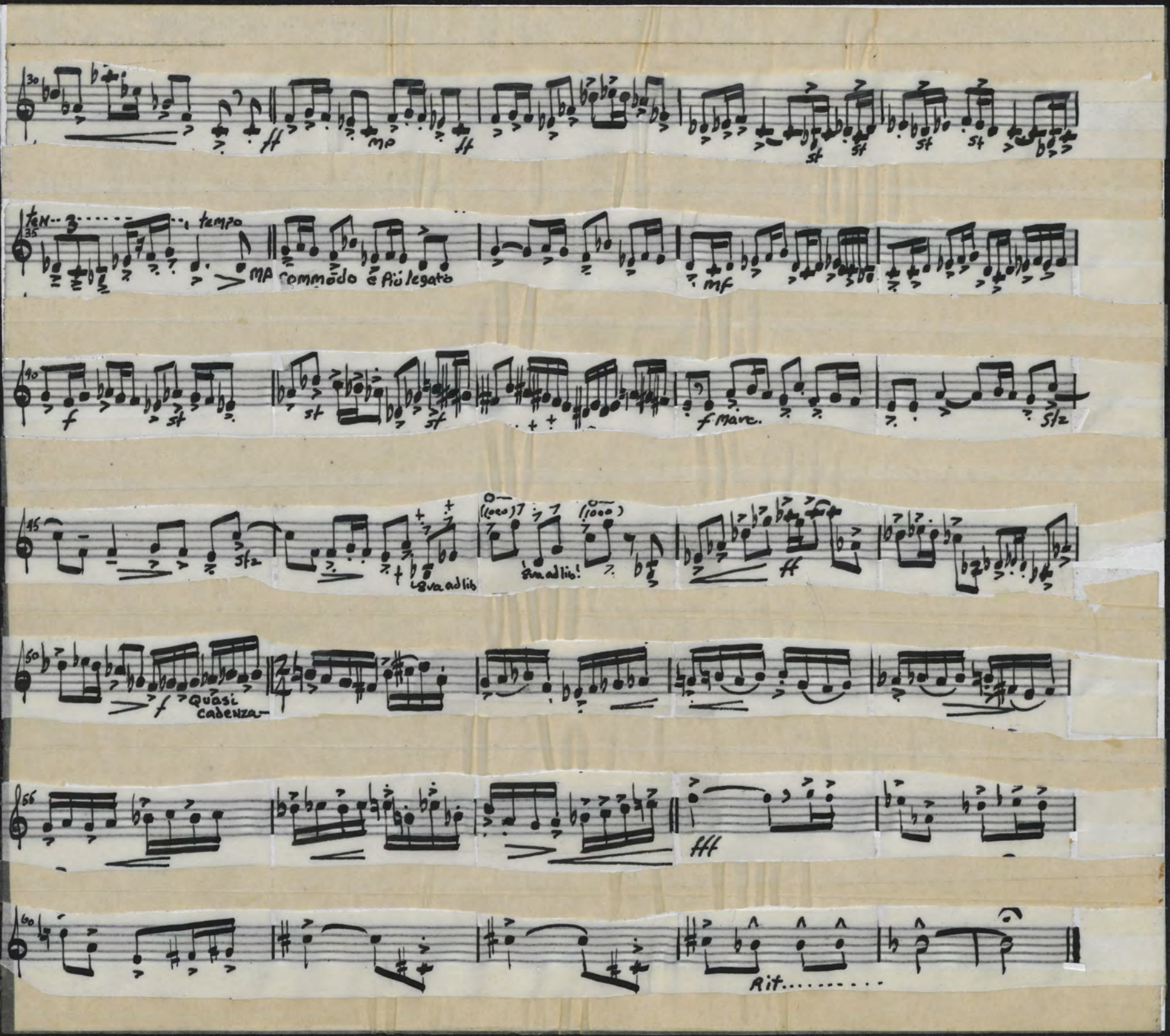
this triangle:
medium fast
articulated
(horns are stopped)
high
medium
low
RANGE
this triangle - very slow, legato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Quasi cadenza
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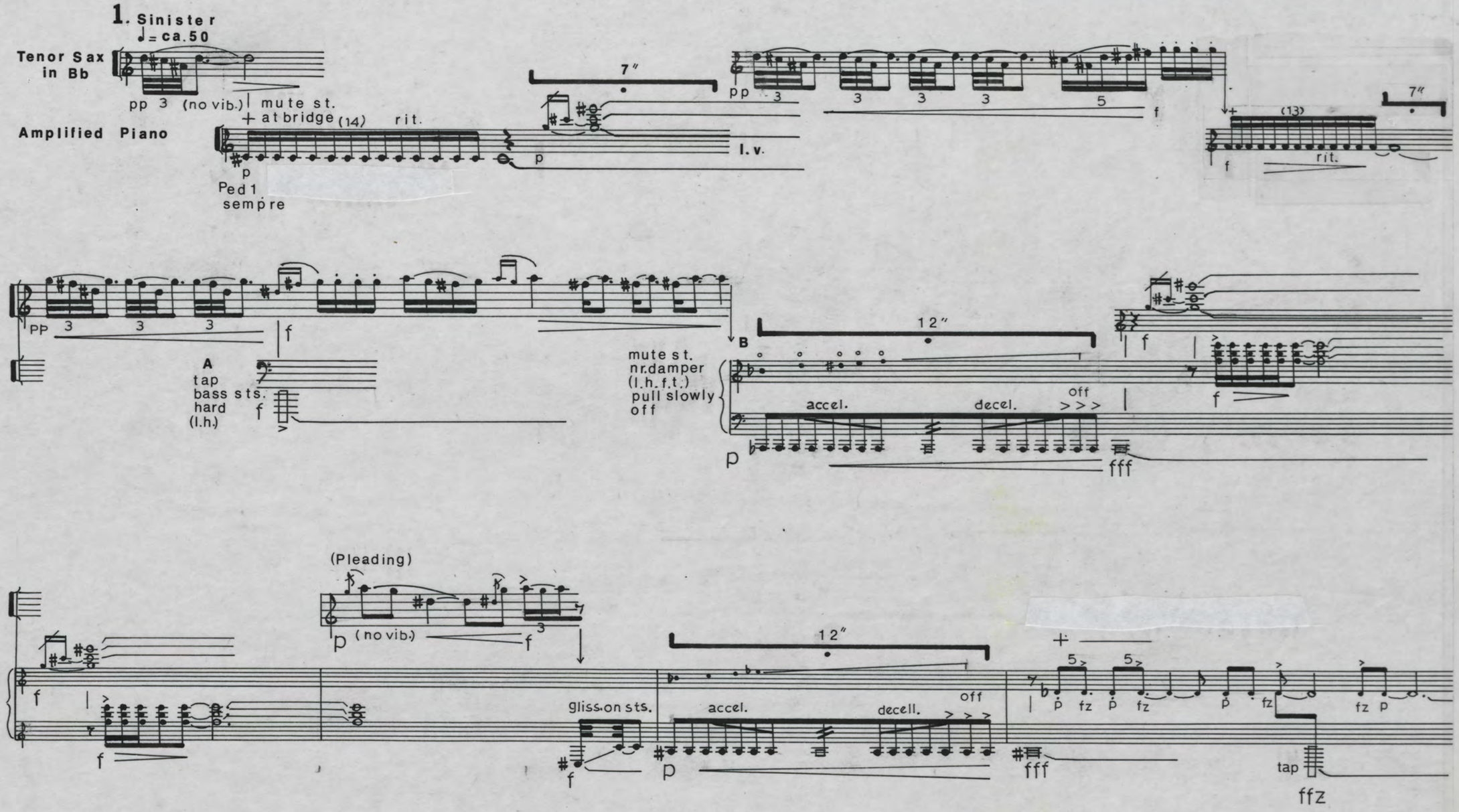

1. Sinister
♩= ca.50
Tenor Sax in Bb
pp 3 (no vib.)
mute st. at bridge
(14)
rit.
Amplified Piano
p
Ped 1 sempre
7″
p
l. v.
pp 3 3 3 3 5
f
(13)
7″
f
rit.
pp 3 3 3
f
A
tap bass sts. hard (l.h.)
f
B
12″
mute st. nr.damper (l.h.f.t.) pull slowly off
accel.
decel.
off
p
fff
f
f
(Pleading)
p (no vib.)
f
3
f
f
gliss.on sts.
f
12″
accel.
decell.
off
p
fff
5
5
p fz p fz p fz fz p
tap
ffz

(Threateningly)

pp 3 3 3 5 ff

ff

15

accel. rit.

ff p ff p l.v.

ff 8va

pp 3 f 3 p

(Like an echo)

pp 3 6 f

pp

f (Precise, insistent)

(on sts) gliss. Let pedal up slowly (off)

f tap f

pp3 pp f 6 pp (echo) ppp

mf l.v.

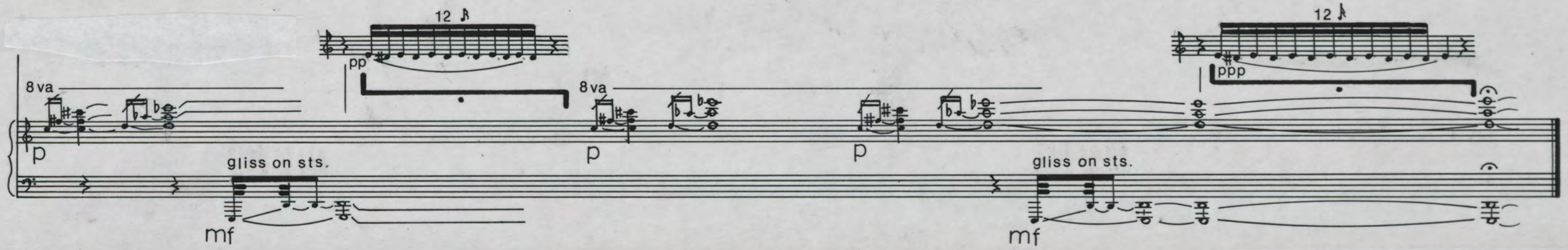
gliss. on sts

f Ped. sempre

C

pizz. (t)

kybd.


12
pp
8va
p
gliss on sts.
mf
8va
p
p
12
ppp
gliss on sts.
mf

**5.** Very freely and exaggerated like a dramatic ritual

Depress silently
hold w/ Ped 2
throughout

Ball point pen-strike on beam (r.h.)

ca.10"

4"

4"

G

f (at f.t.) accel. (draw down to ——— tip)

Wood door wedge
struck l.h. on beam
nr. dampers.

ffz
Ped 1

Tenor sax neck - see notes **H**

mp vib. (—)

gliss w/ r. index f. on back of nail

Ped 1
off !

f

tr.

mp (—) (ff) accel.
hit large end w/ palm

back of r.h. thumb nail

f

mf vib.

b p
pen

(ff) accel decell

ffz
Ped. 1

(ff) accel decel

ffz
Ped 1

Angrily

ff (—) p (—)

fffz
drop wedge on sts ! ——— remove silently
Ped 1

J mute nr. bridge

p

Ped 1
off !

w/ guitar-pick

p (=) (1.5") pp

K rattle register key

p vib. f f (=)

r. index (gliss) (7)

p

r. thumb (pluck)

p vib p (=) p (=)

(ca. 10-12") (2")

b.p. pen accel

Ped. 1

f (=) p (=) ff p

ffz drop wedge on high sts!

Ped. 1 off

p p (3")

(remove wedge silently)

r.h. 3-back of nail

p (=) (2")

L

p

b.p. pen accel rit (ca. 12-14") (3")

Ped. 1 off

Metrically even, like a slow dance

ca

tremolo w/ folded cardboard or felt plectrum, gliss b/tw notes M

p

rattle key hit end

(ff) (ff)

(tremolo)

p

(ff key

hit end

(ff)

p

accel (ca. 8") (2")

hit end

(ff)

p

accel (ca. 8")

(2")

(play)

p

hit end

(ff) accel (ca. 8") (2")

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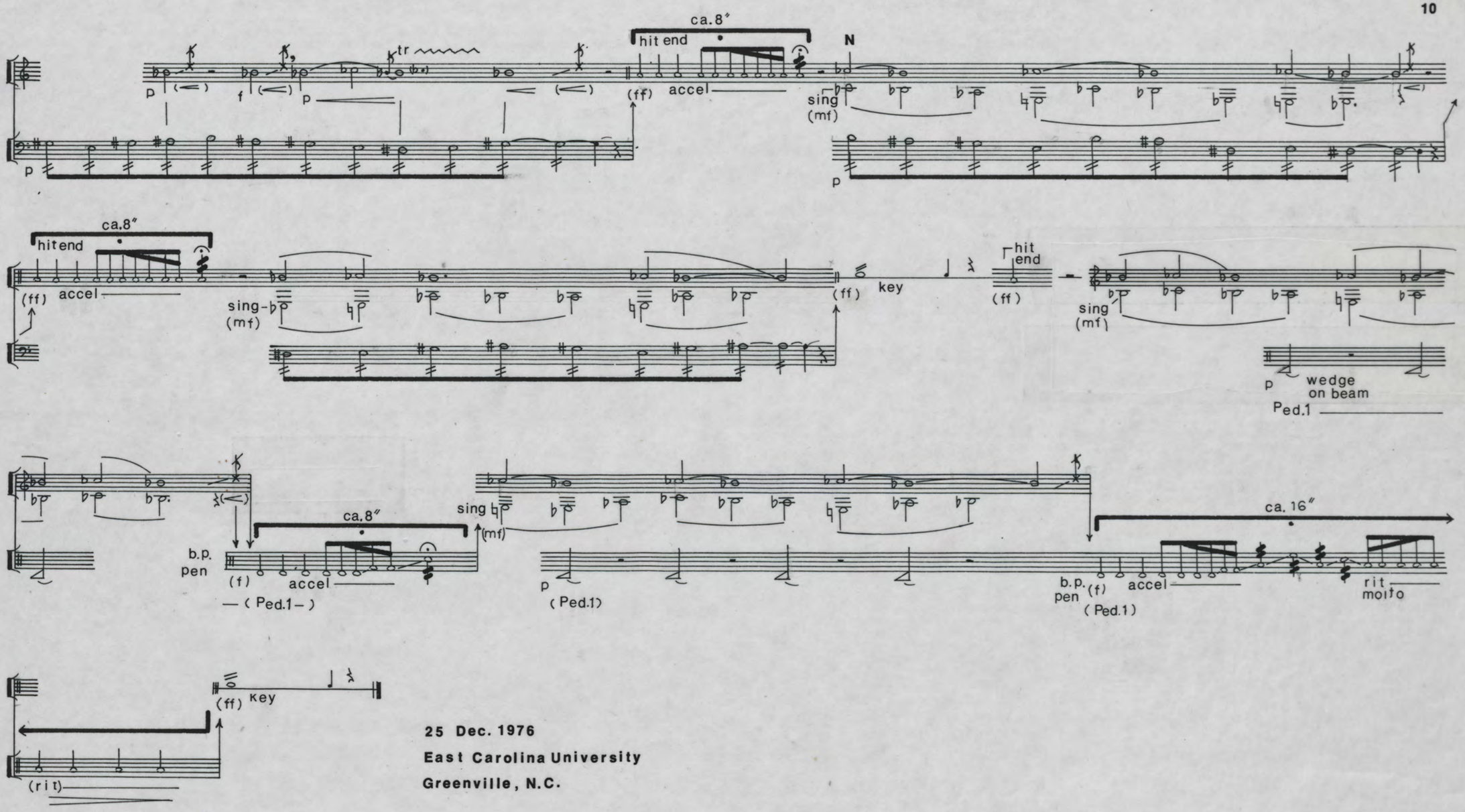


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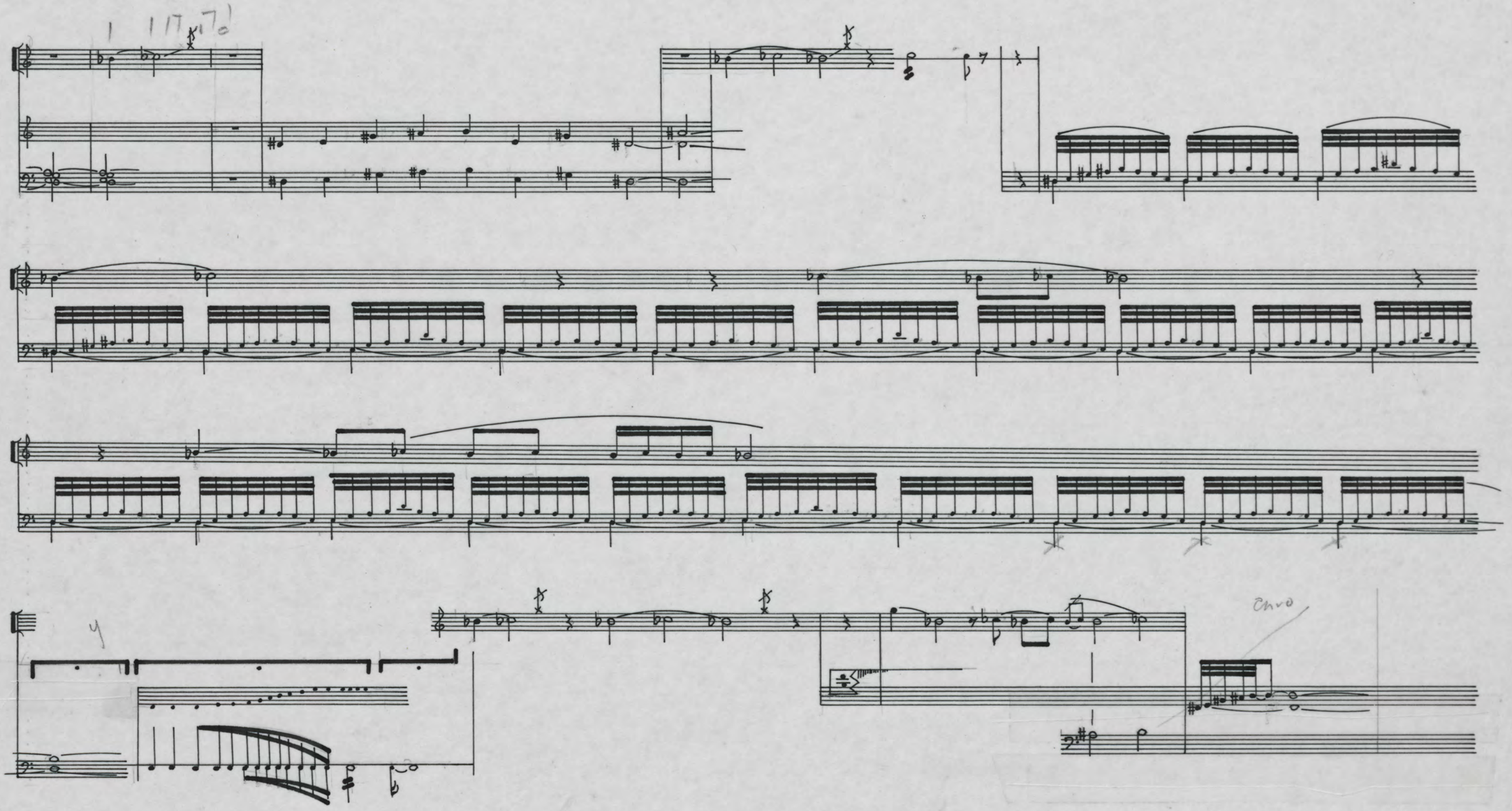
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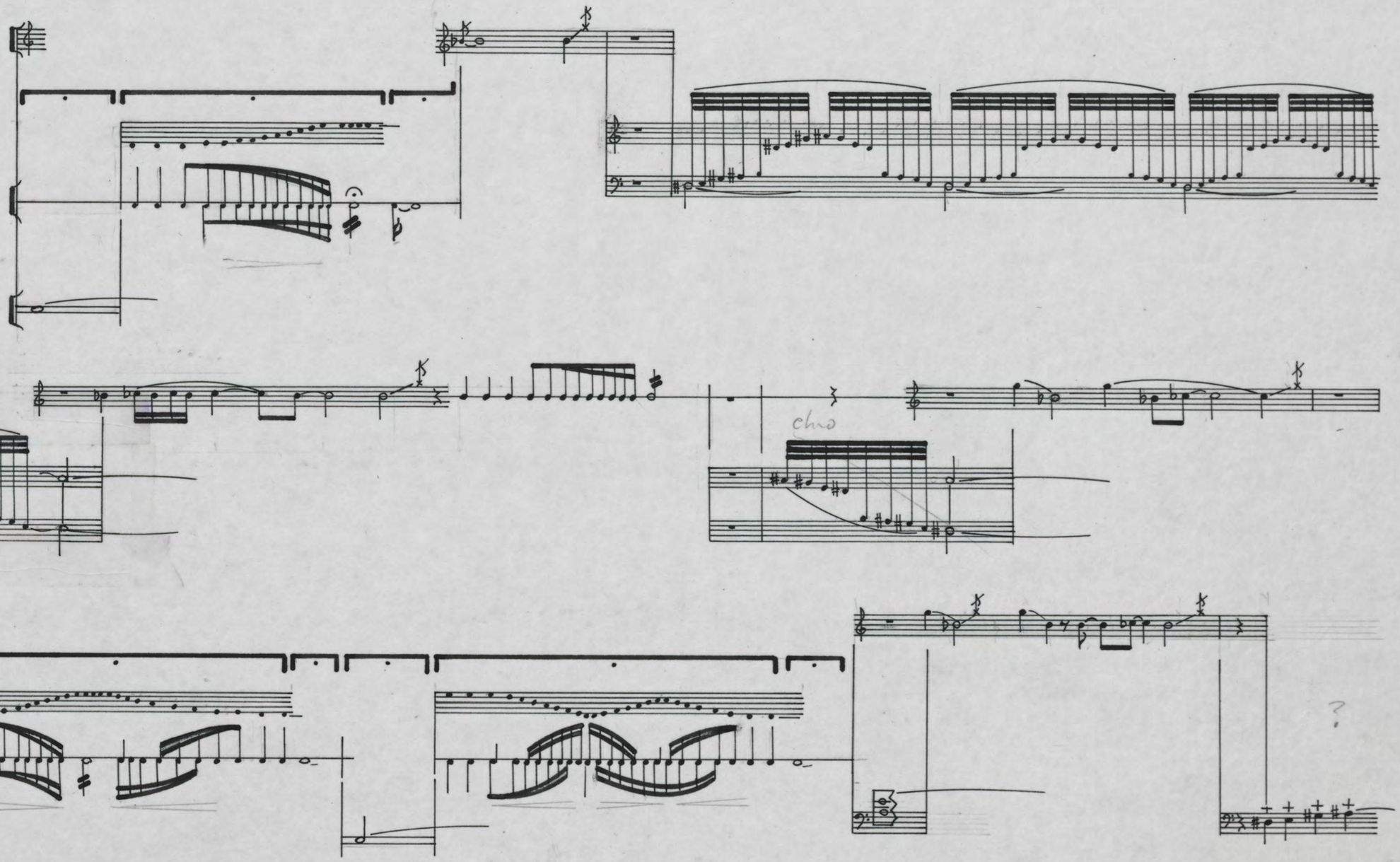
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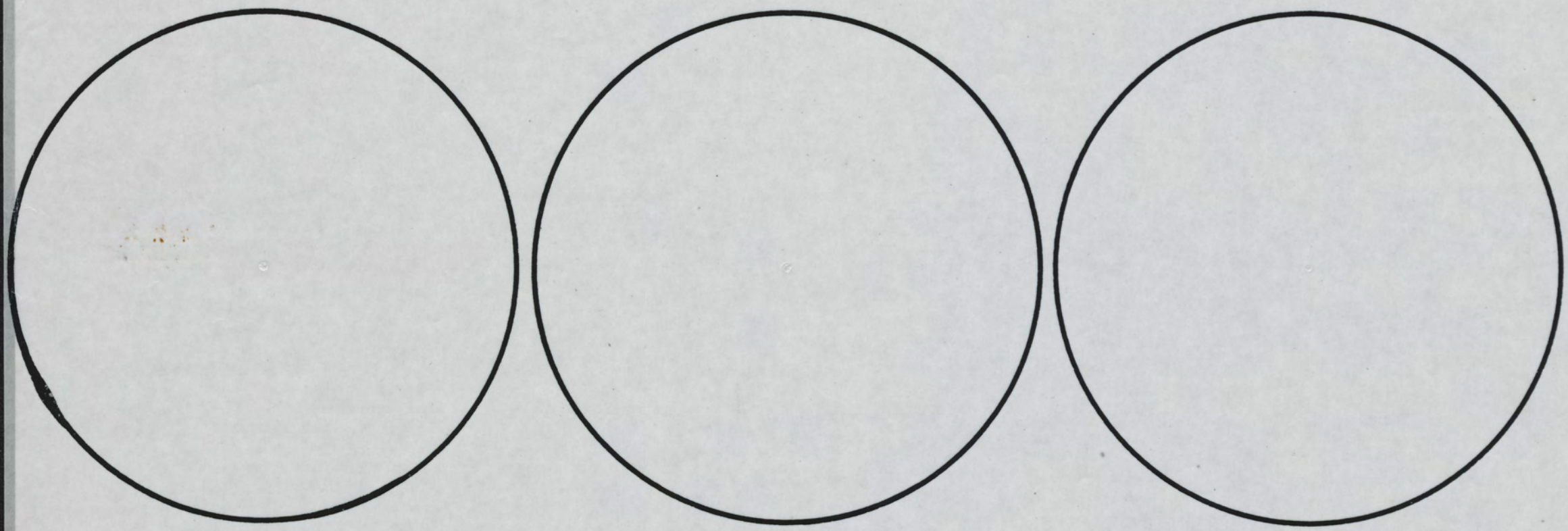

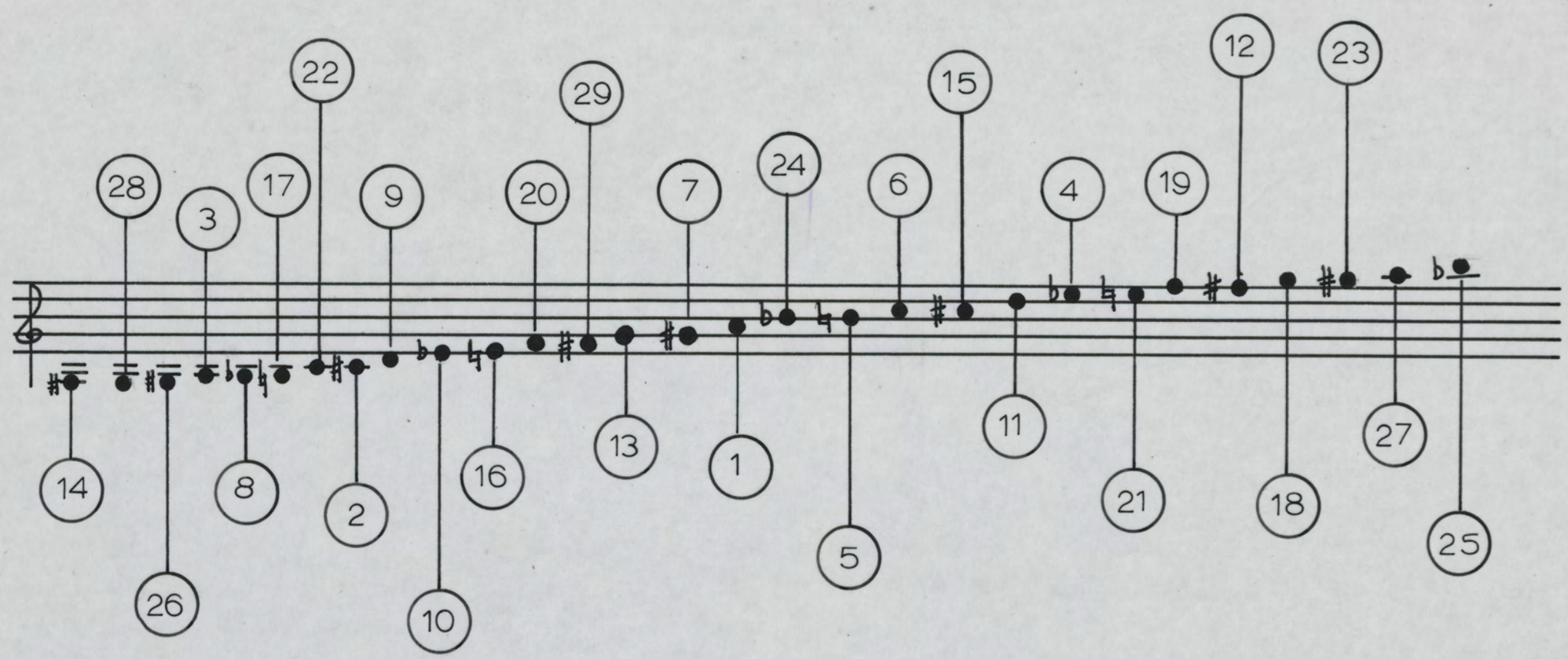
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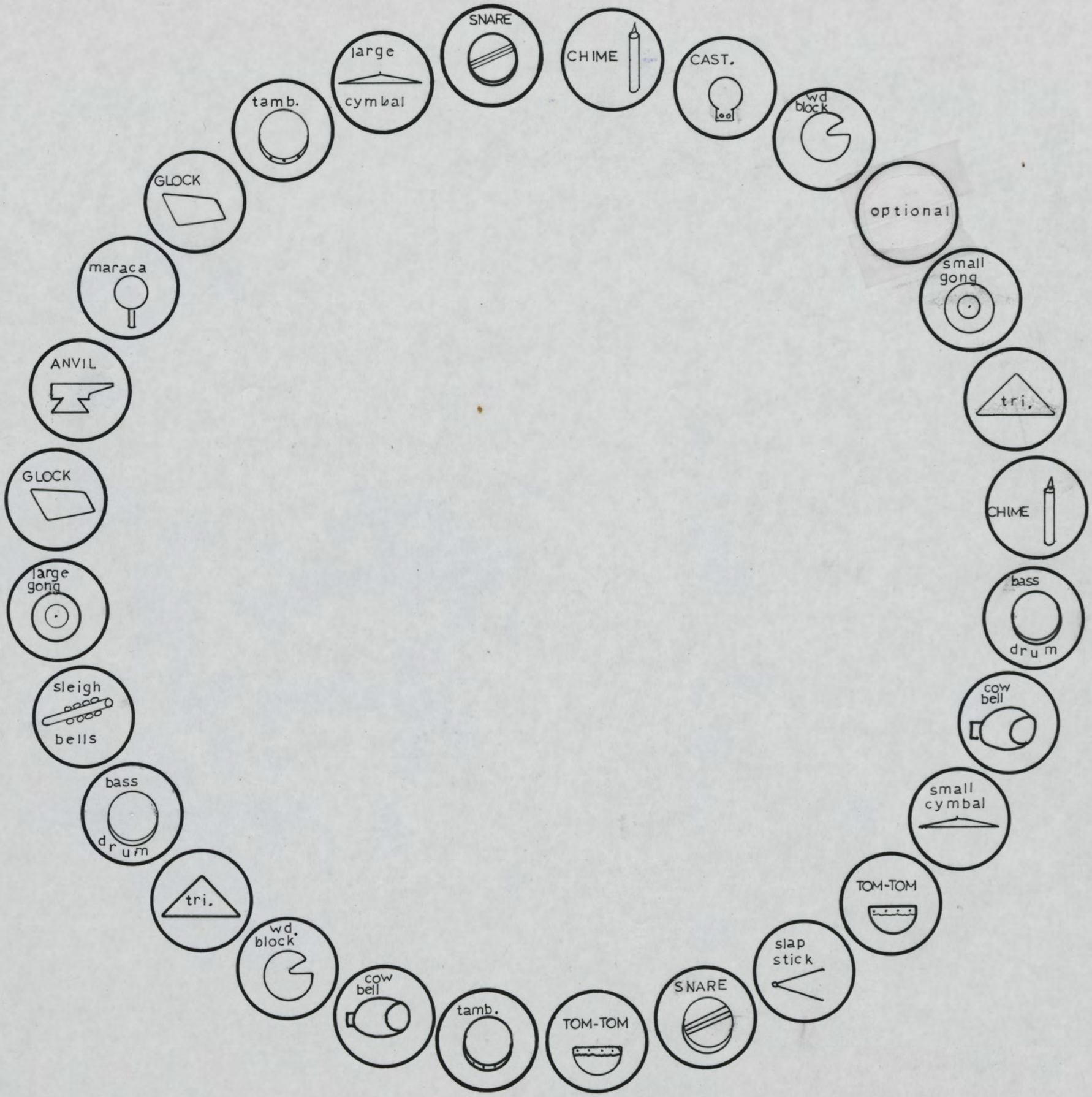
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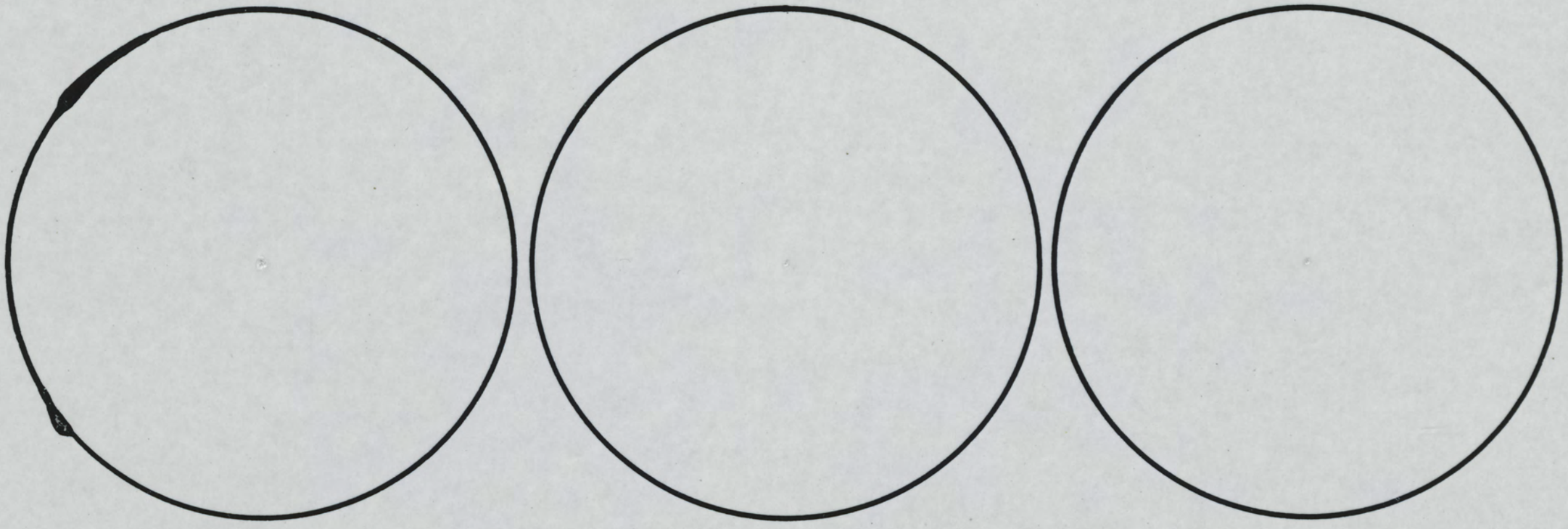

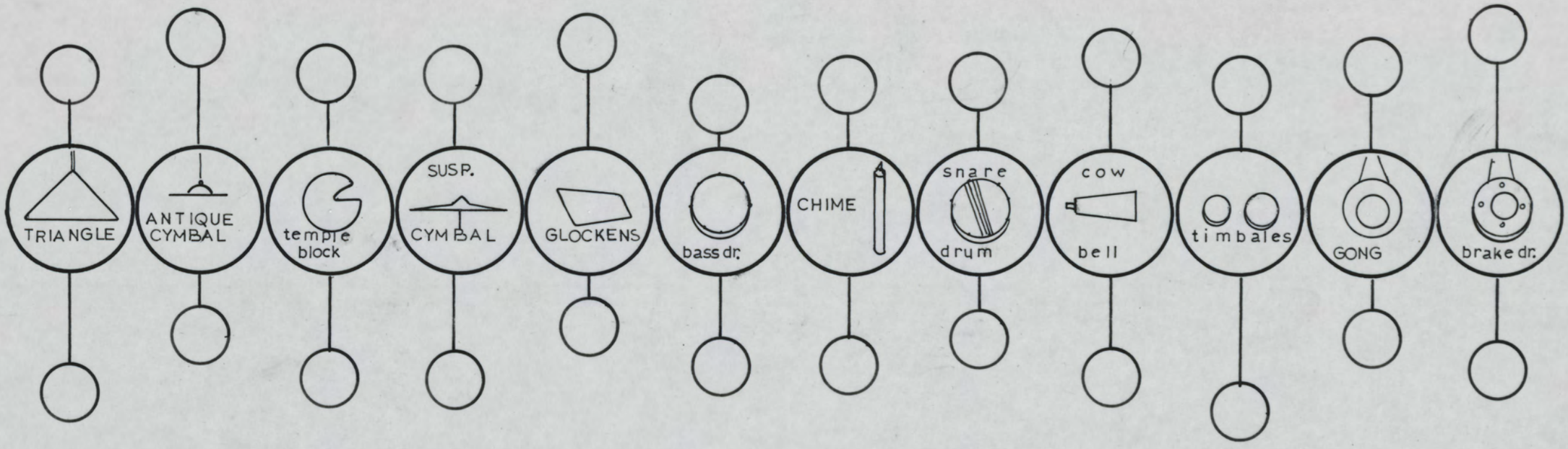
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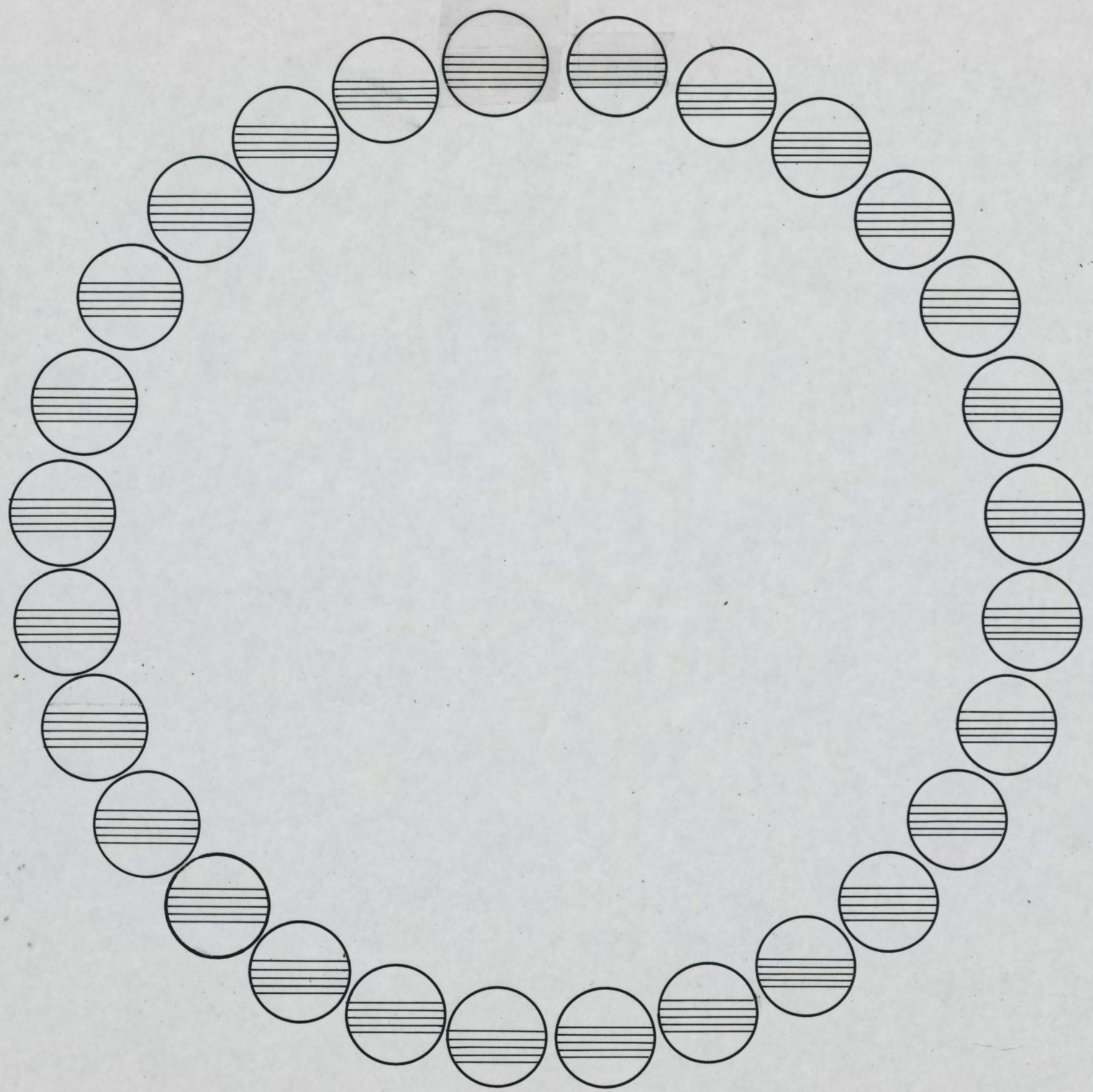

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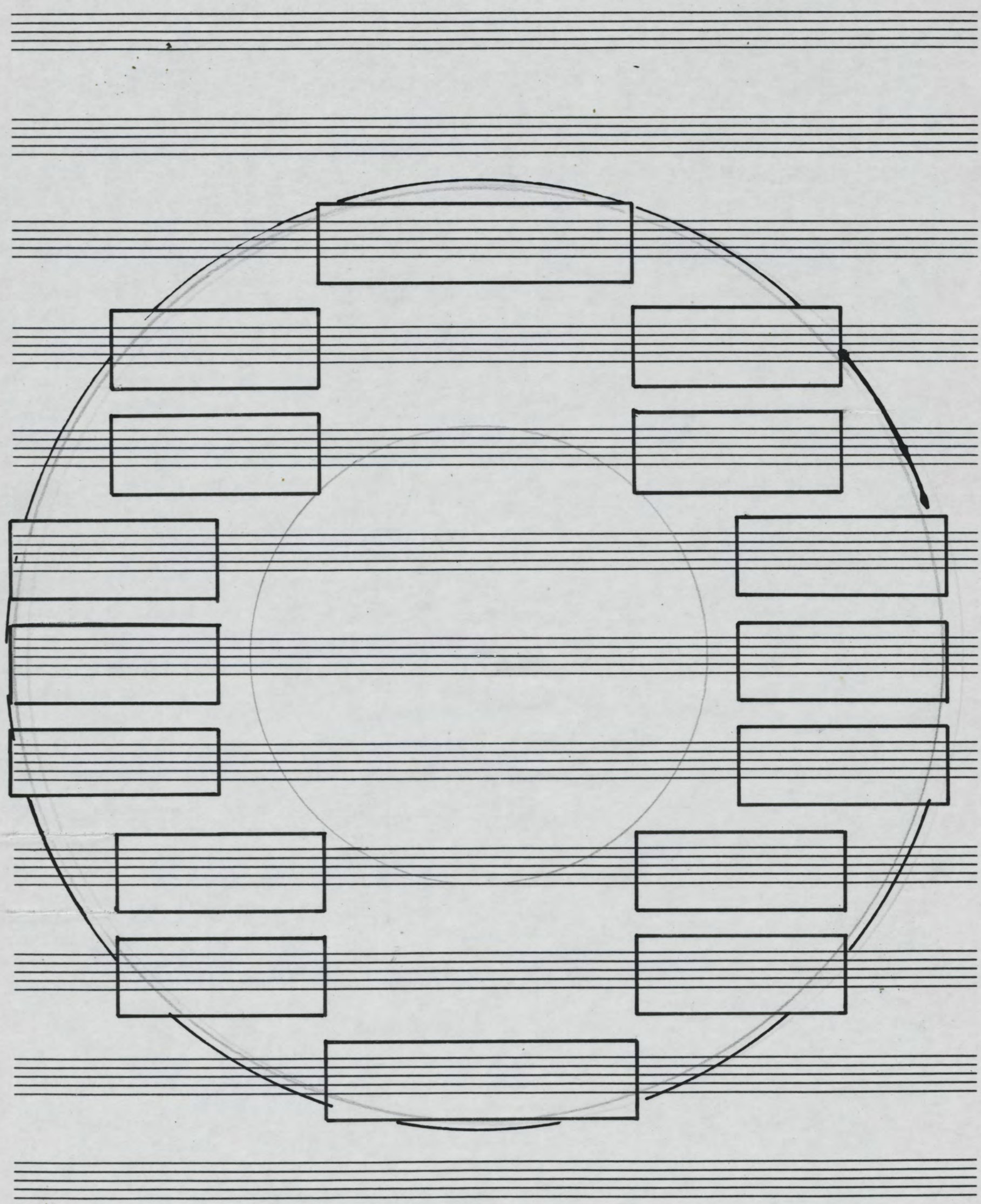

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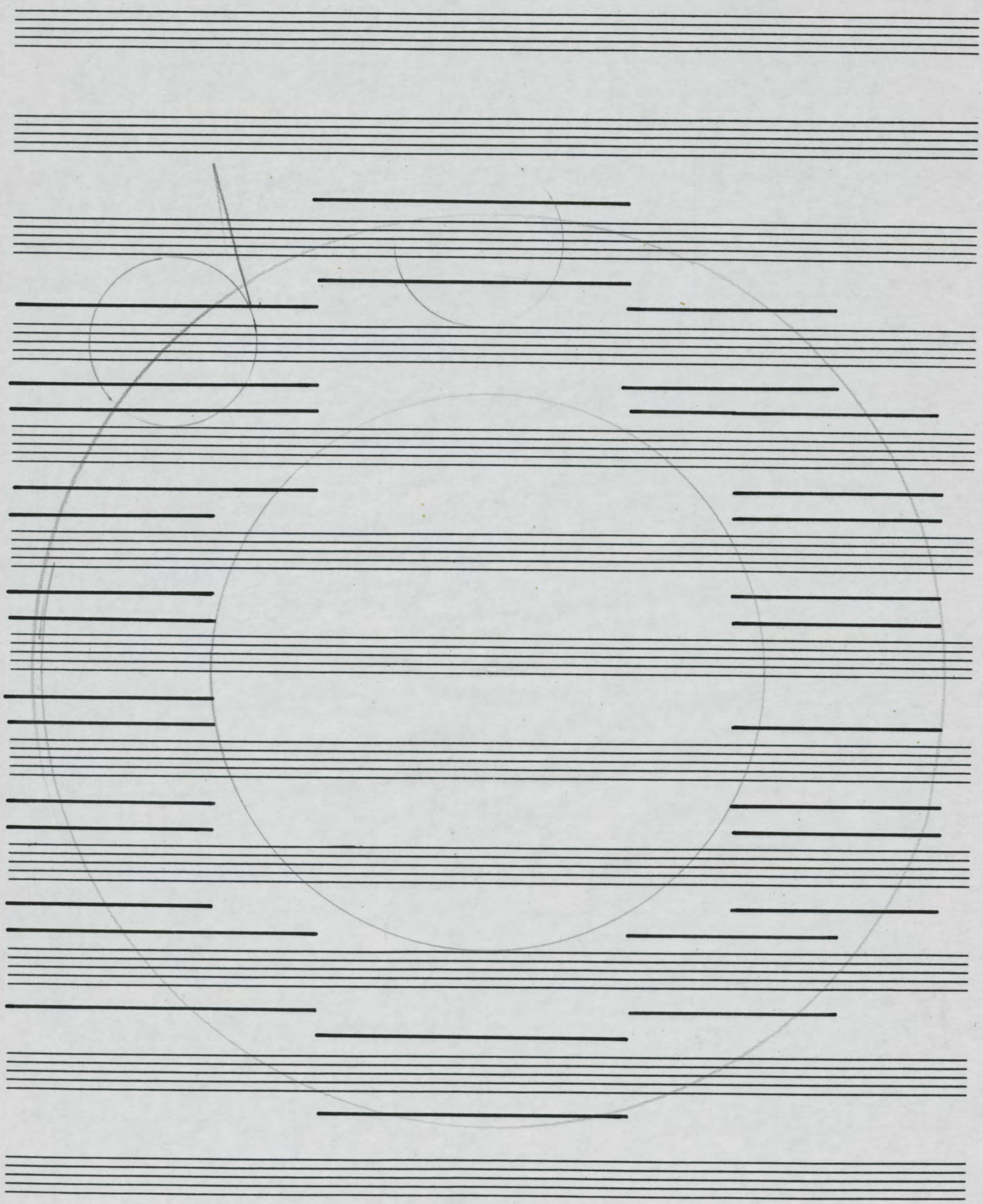

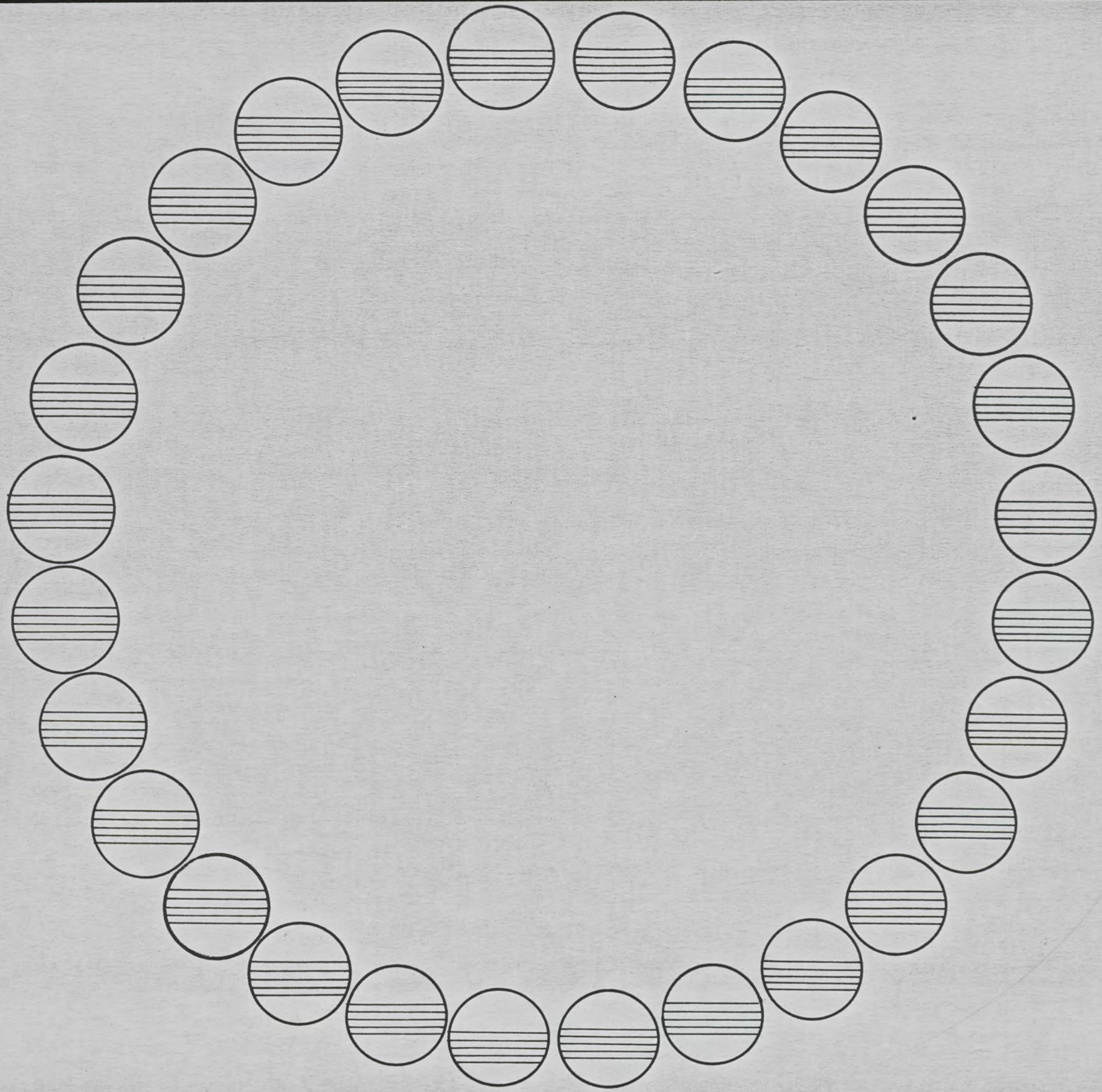

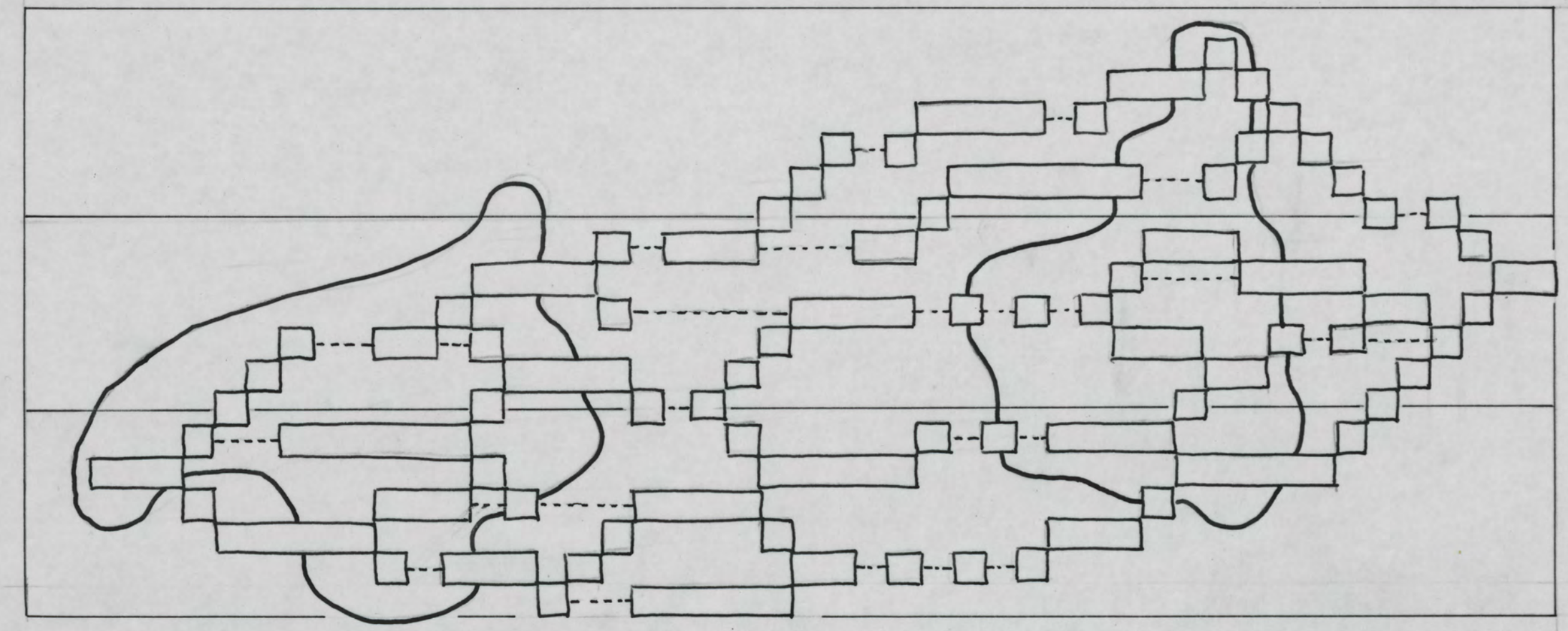

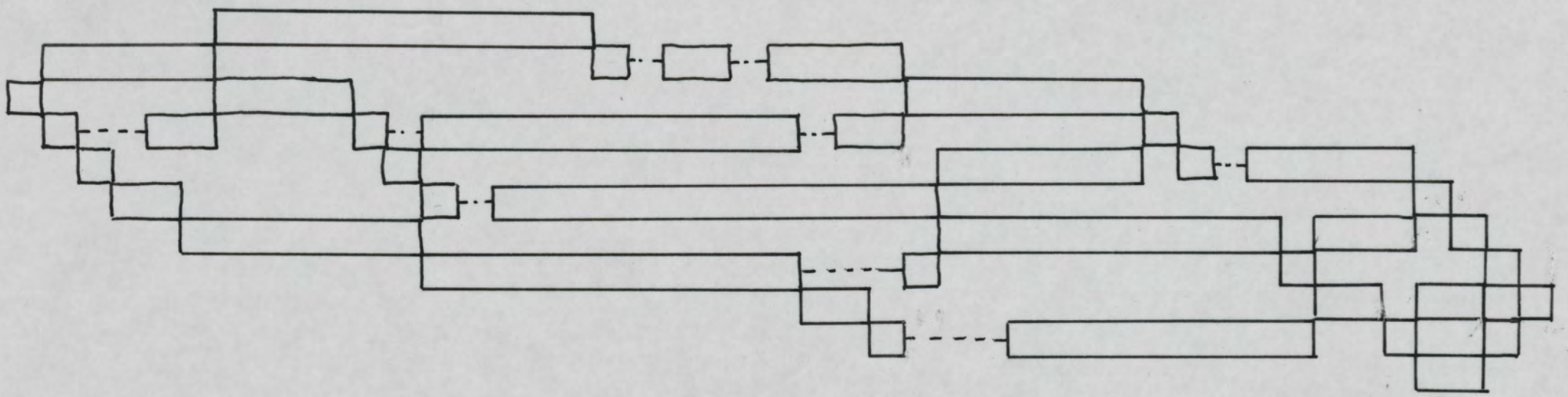

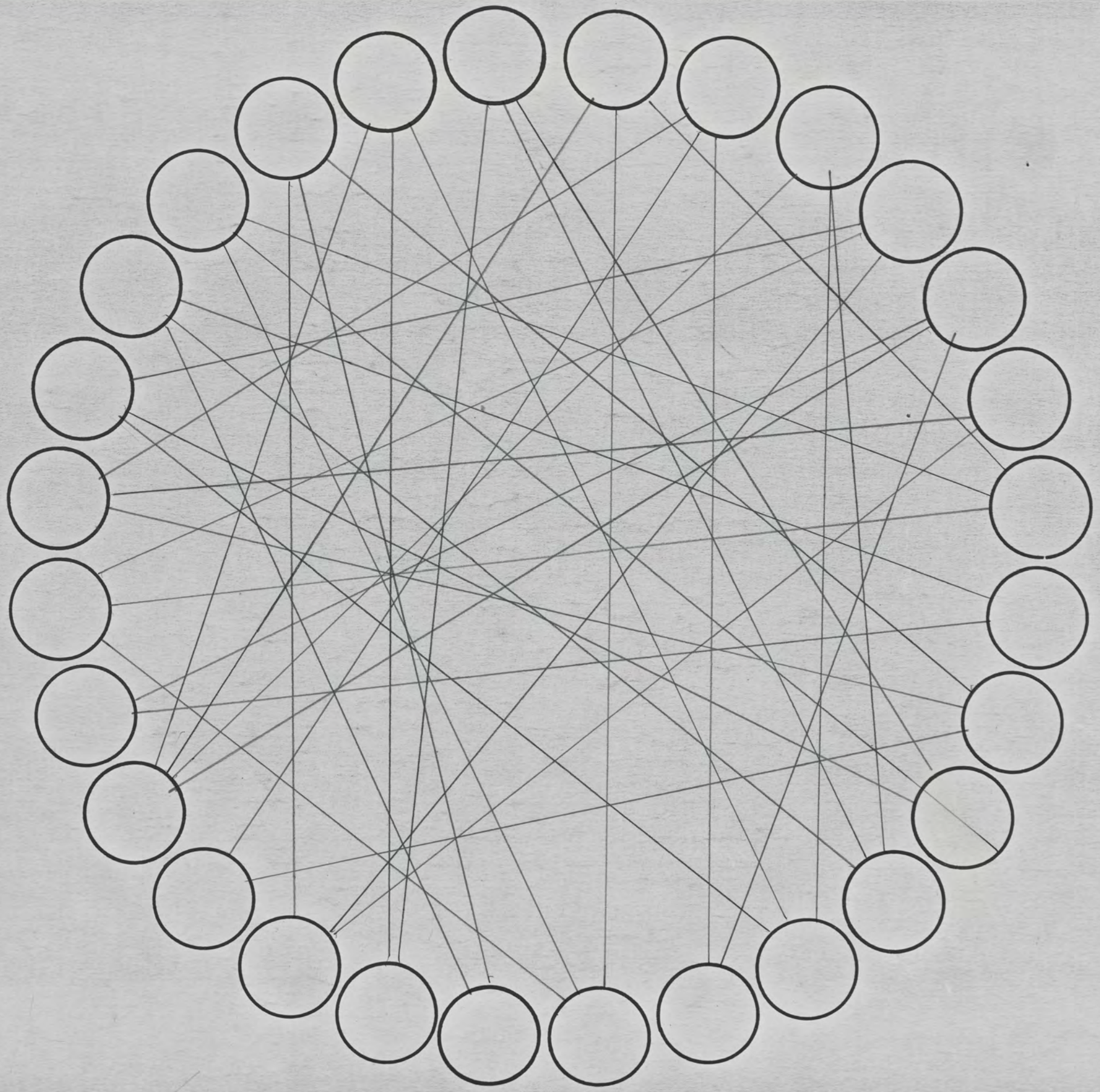

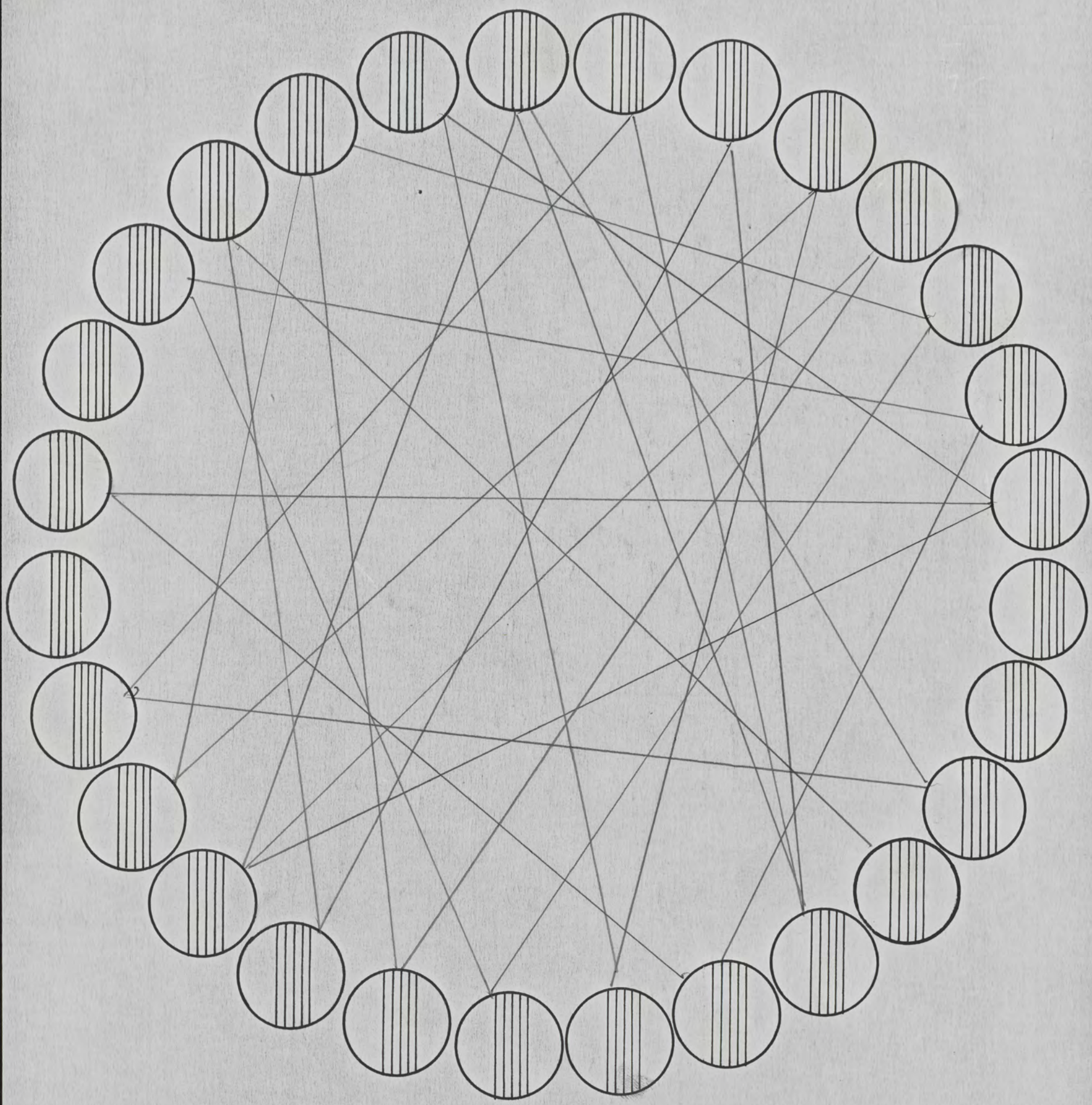

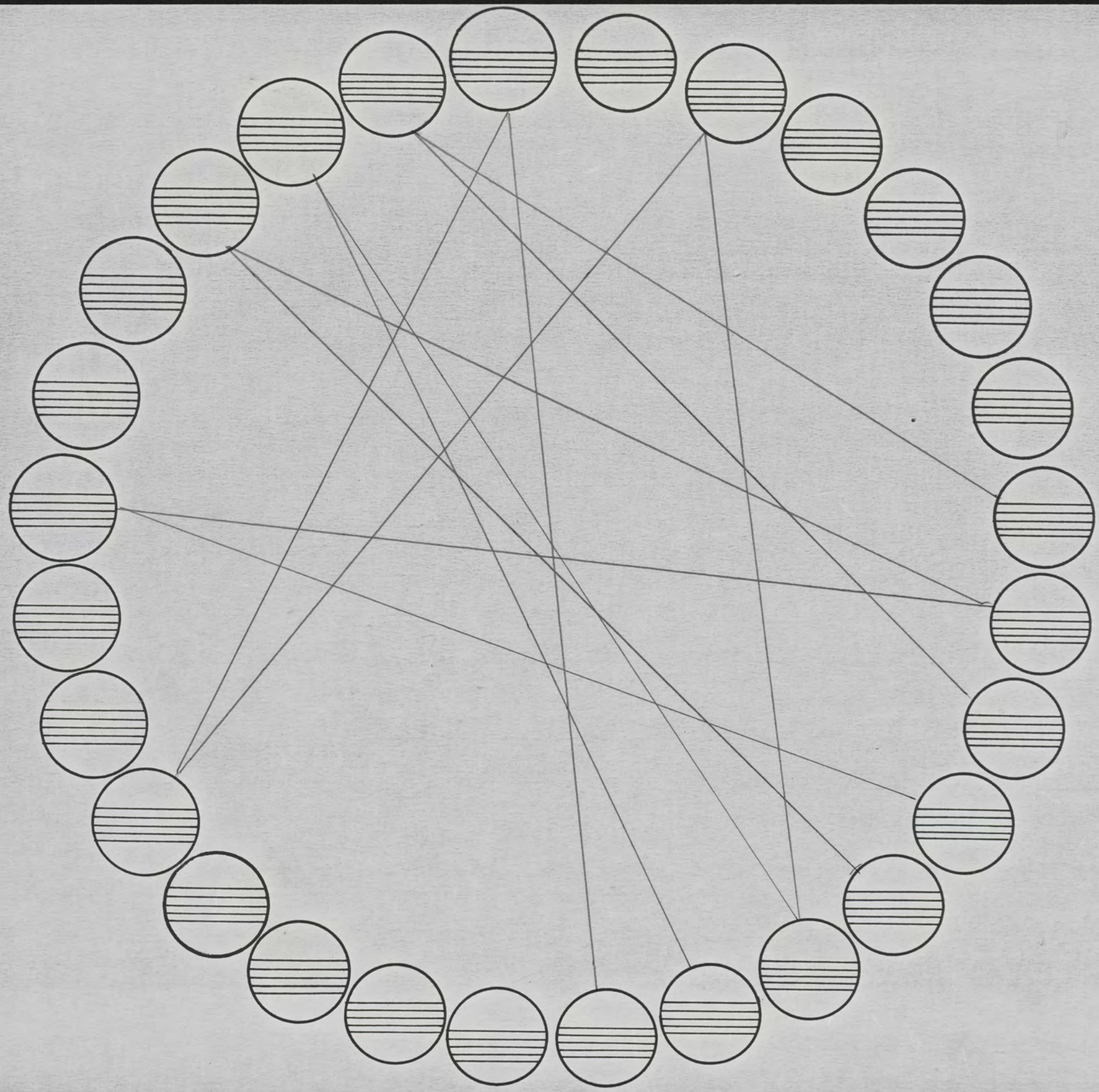

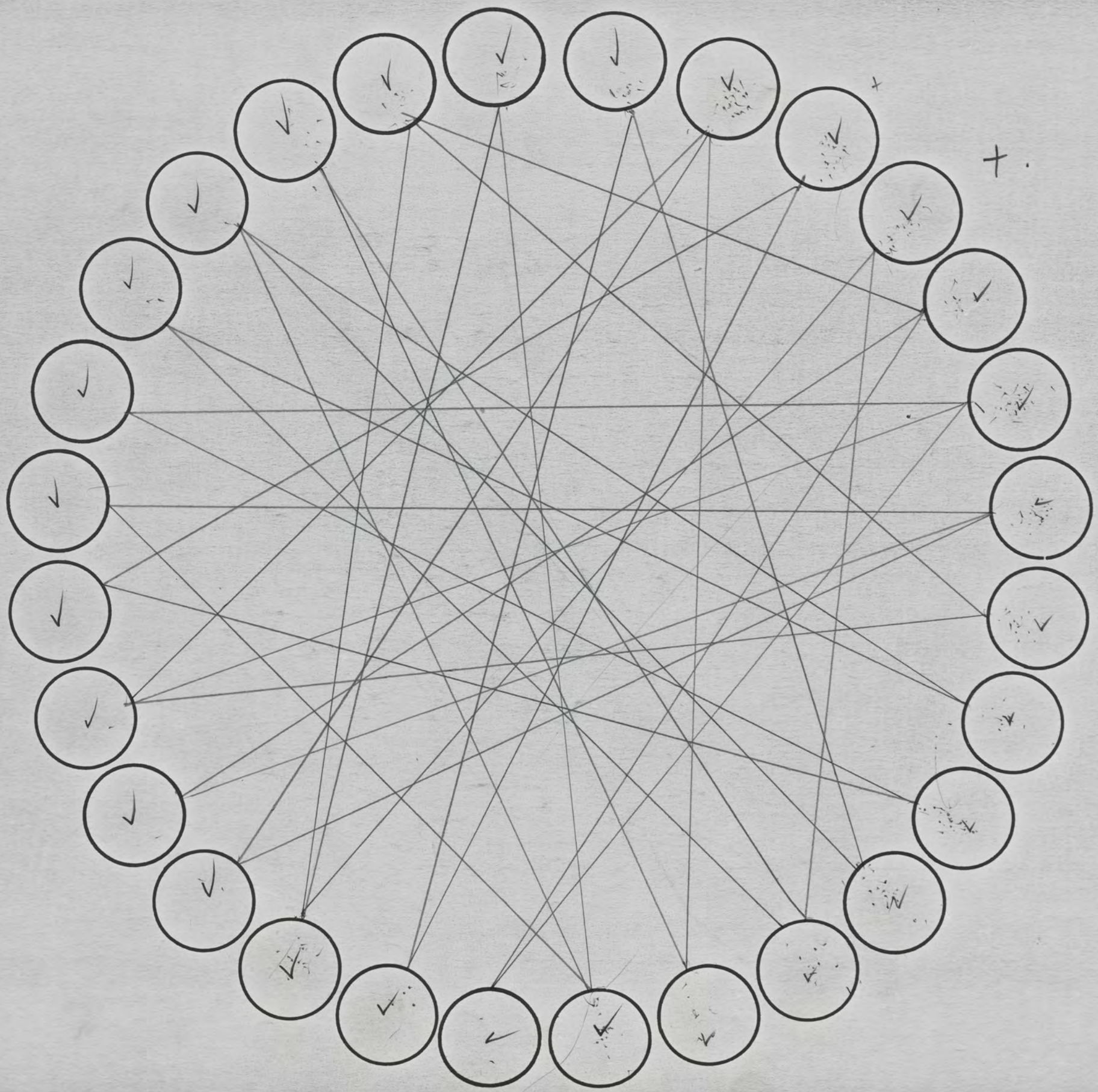

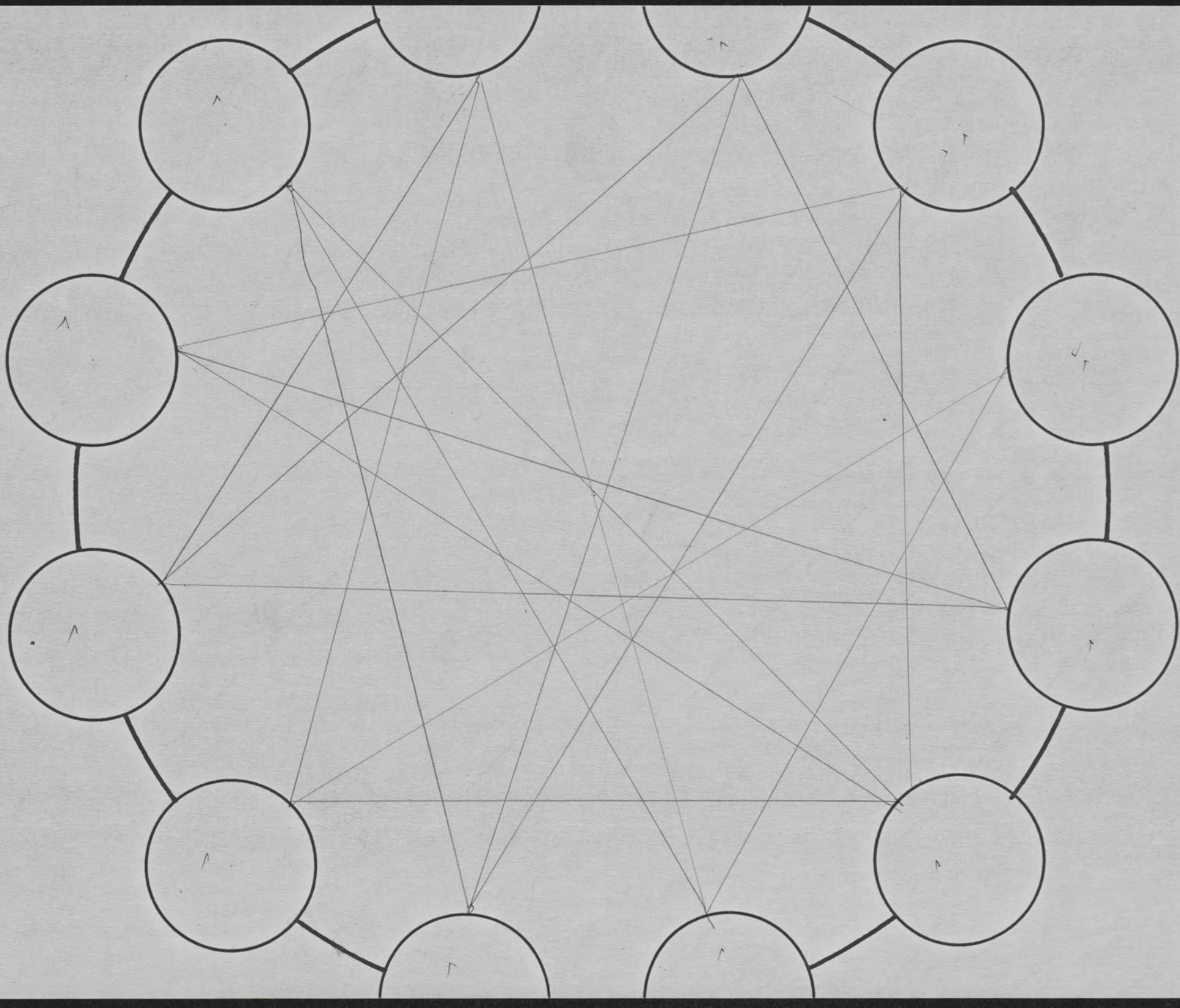

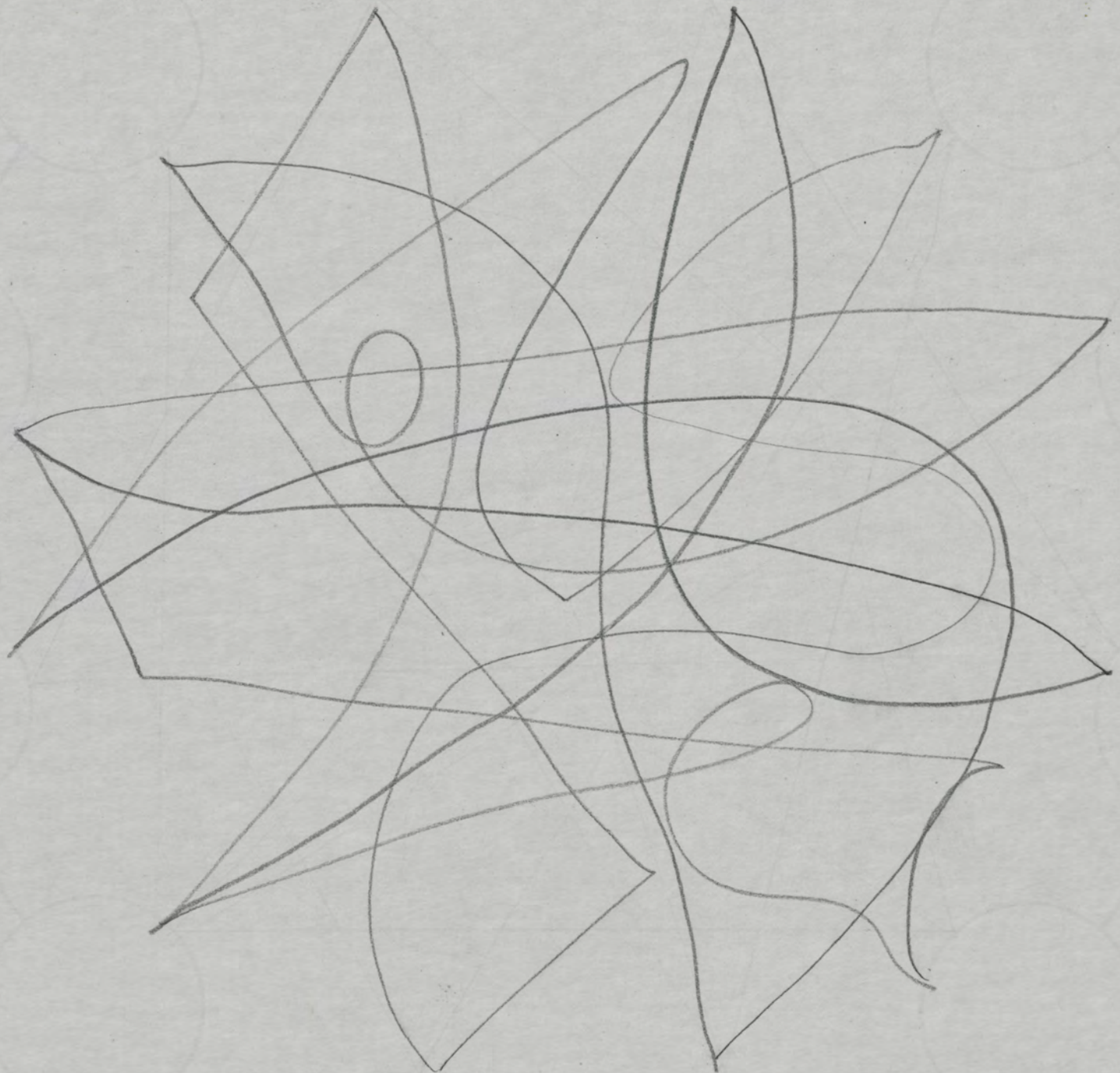

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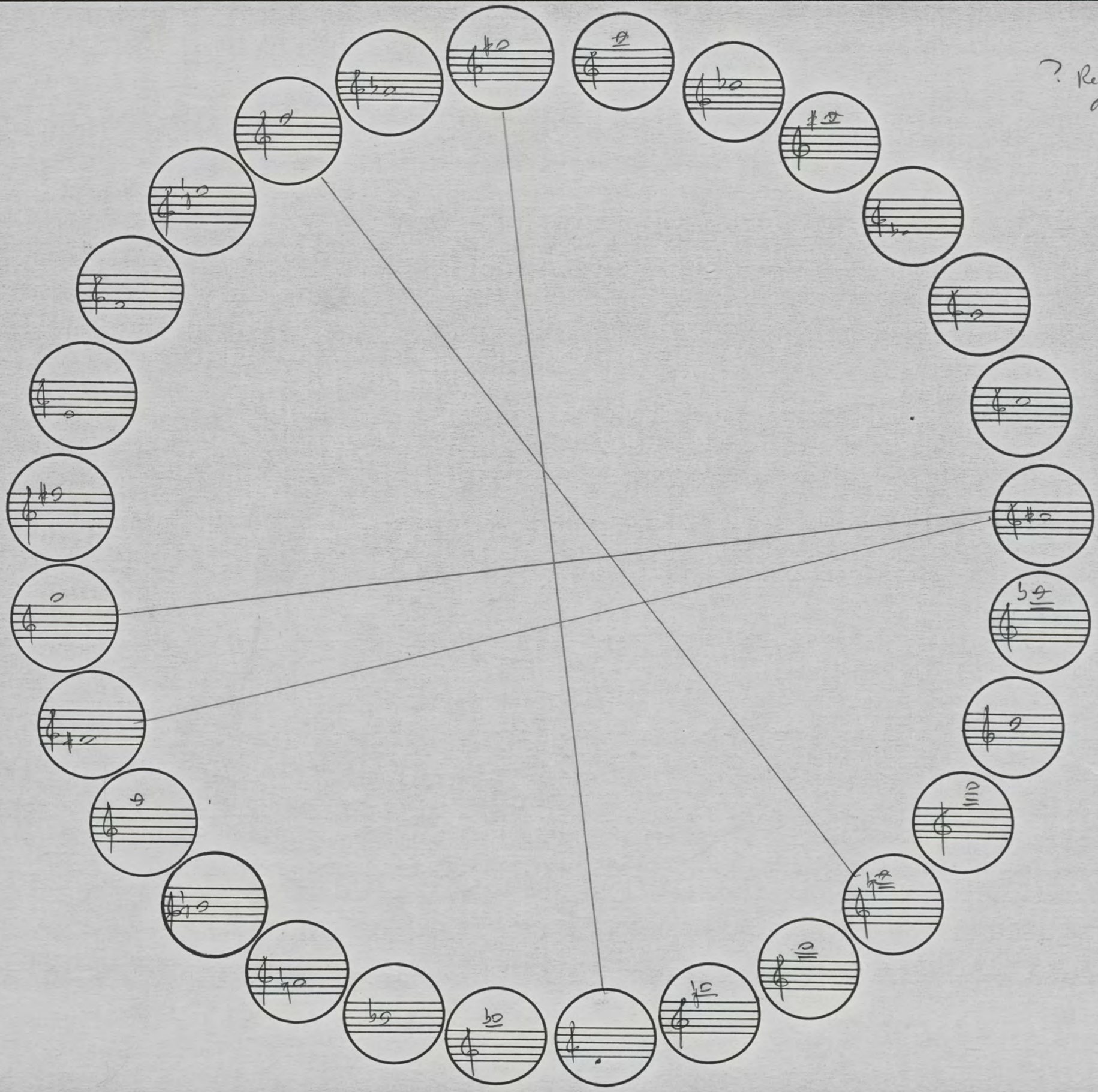

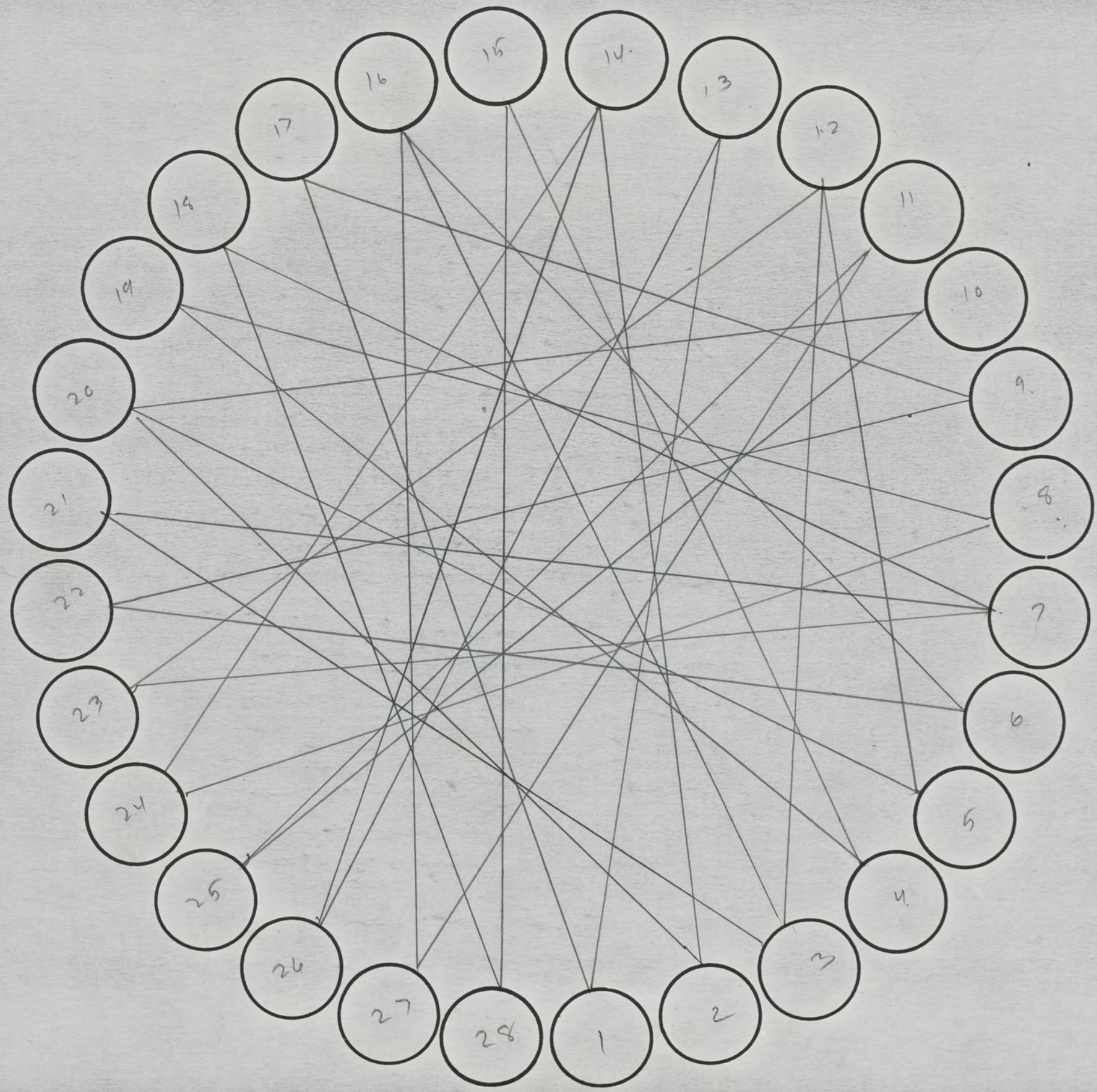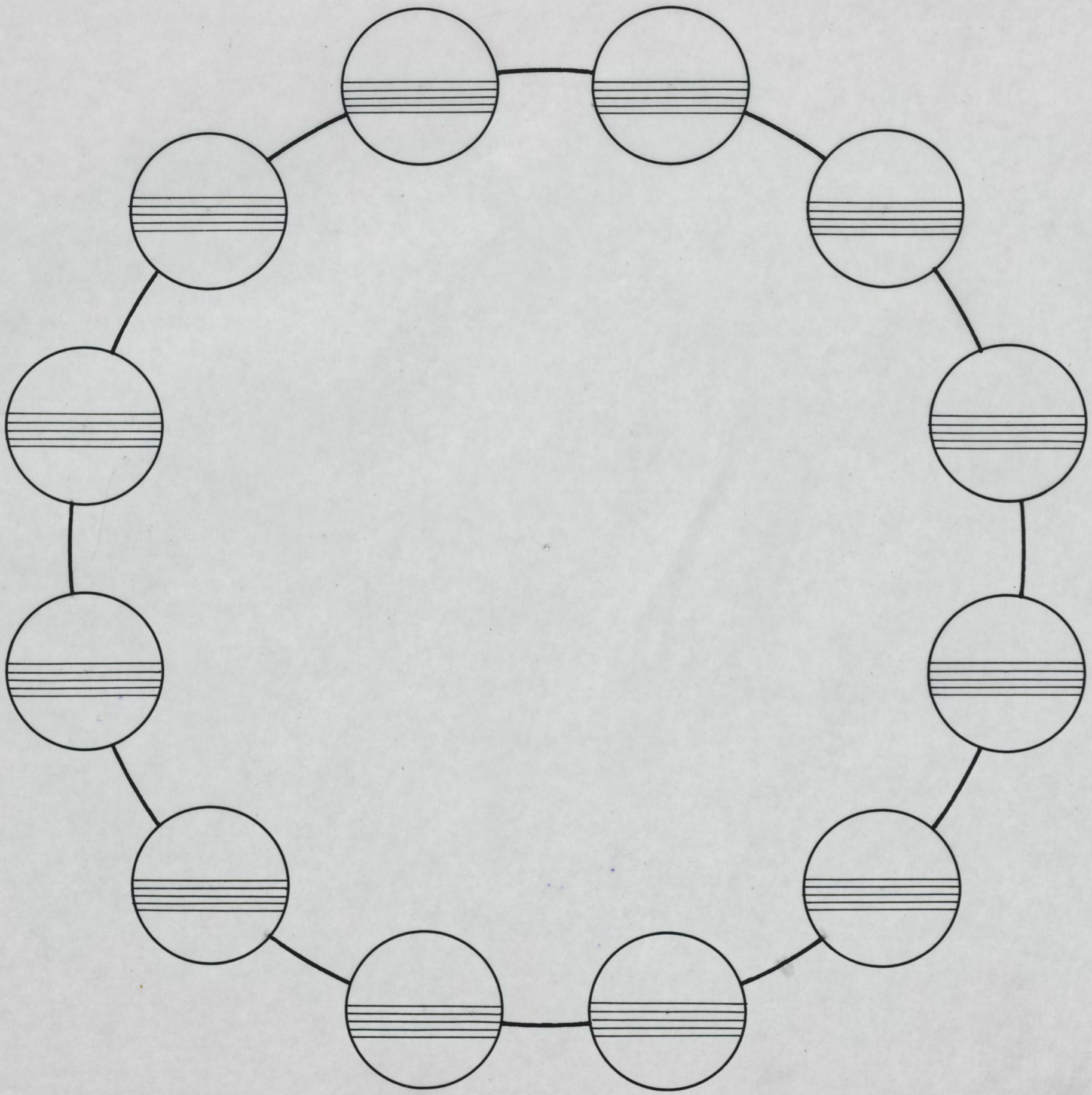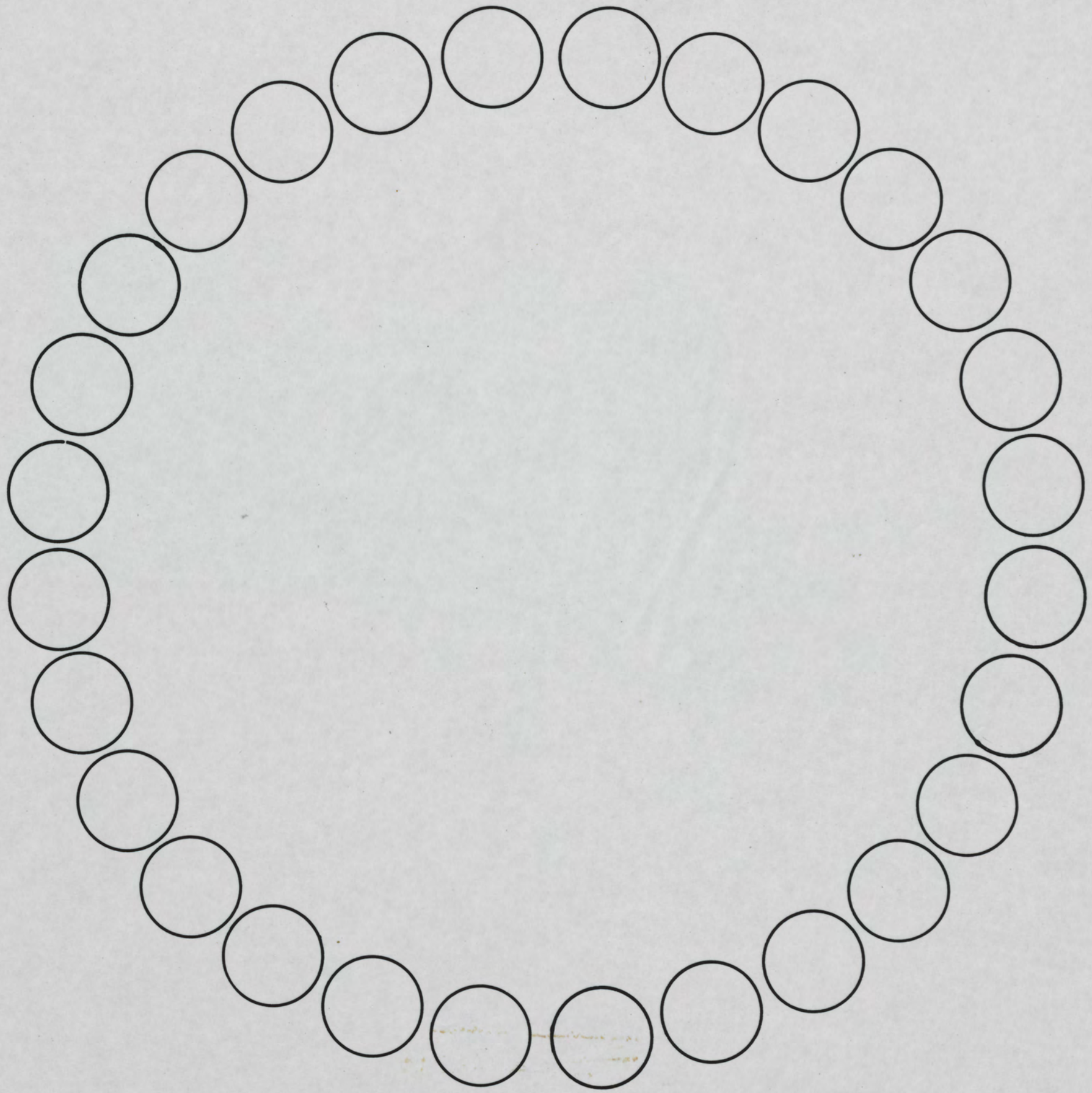
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