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## Extended Fingering Notation

This is an idea of extending fingering notation from just numbers to additional symbols, indicating the kind hand of movement involved.

Symbol	Name	Sense	Description
×	Cross over	Semi-smooth	Cross over finger over thumb or thumb under finger.
↓	Gravity assist	Smooth	Fall in key with gravity, with thumb or other finger.
↷	Pivot	Smooth	Pivot wrist
↘	Jump	Semi-smooth	Jumping sideways.
–	Switch finger	Semi-smooth	Same key pressed 2nd time with different finger.
	Switch finger (in place)	Bit confusing	Existing notation. Example: 1   5
←	Reach sideways	Semi-tense	Reach sideways, let go, move hand.
→	"	"	"
↔	Stretch	Tense	Stretch fingers wider.
↑	Reach towards black keys	Not preferred	Prefer cross over.
↻	Cross over / wrist turn	Not preferred	Cross over fingers with wrist turn assisted by arm. Prefer reach sideways.