

# Tidal

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 What is a cycle?

- Cyclic notion of time from Indian Classical music
- The end is also the beginning (the *sam*)
- Time in Tidal is based on cycles, rather than beats
- Cycles are ticking over all the time
- Cycles have fixed duration (which you can change with the *cps* command)

## 2 Basics of polyrhythmic sequencing with Tidal

Before we get hands on, lets look at some visual renderings of Tidal patterns.

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"red pink"
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"red pink blue"
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- 3 Introduction to patterns - repetition, symmetry, interference and glitch
- 4 Haskell syntax
- 5 Ensemble play
- 6 More complex patternings
- 7 Strategies for live coding performance
- 8 Composing with tidal
- 9 Superdirt - synths, customisation, multichannel, midi control
- 10 Visualisation
- 11 Community
  - <http://tidalcycles.org/>
  - <http://talk.lurk.org> (e.g. #tidal, #livecode, #algorave channels)
  - <http://algorave.com/>
  - <http://github.com/tidalcycles/>