

‘AAA-intro.ly’

# Introduction

This document shows examples from the [LilyPond Snippet Repository](#).

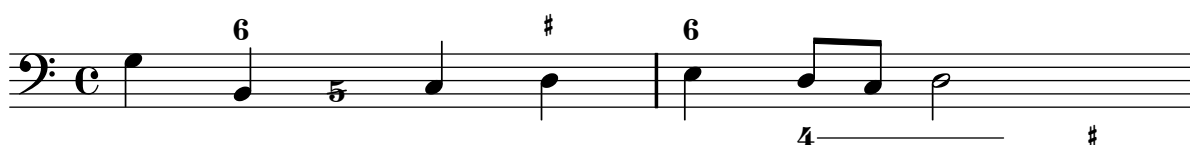
In the web version of this document, you can click on the file name or figure for each example to see the corresponding input file.

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`'adding-a-figured-bass-above-or-below-the-notes.ly'`

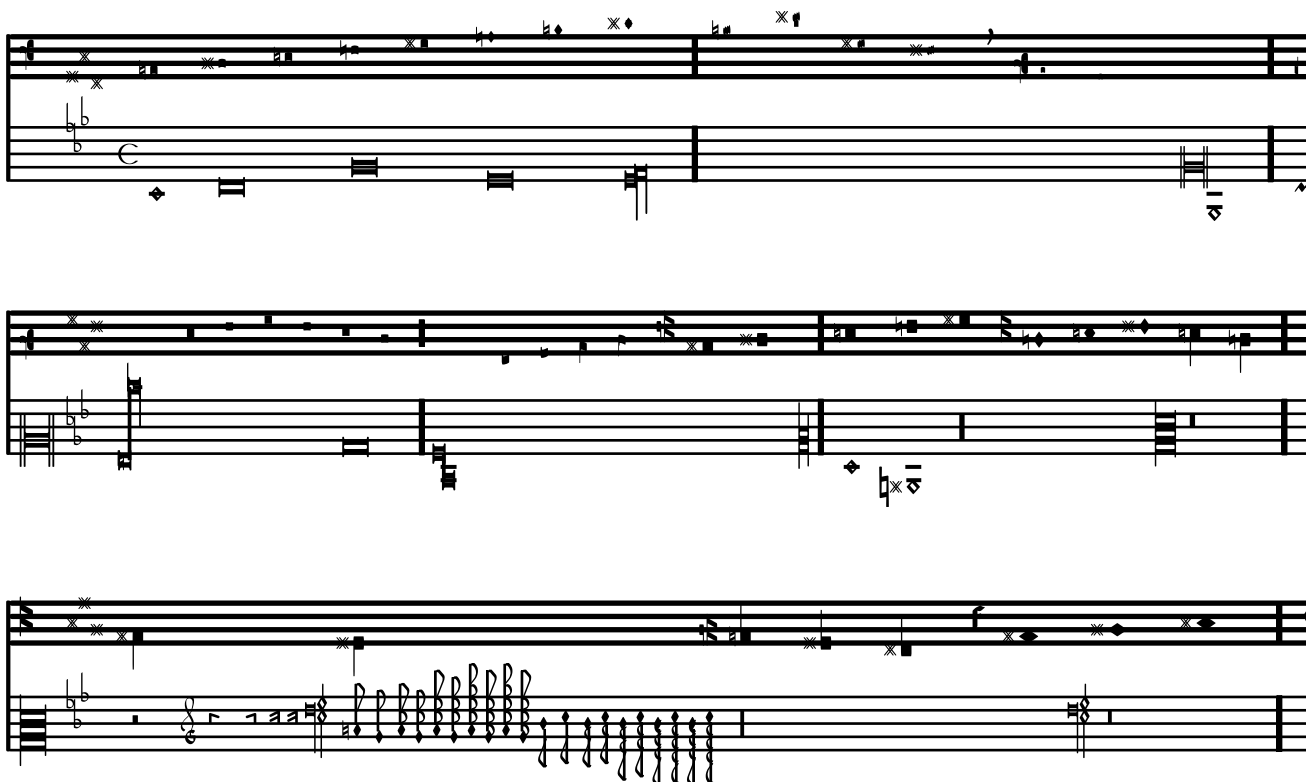
When writing a figured bass, here's a way to specify if you want your figures to be placed above or below the bass notes, by defining the `BassFigureAlignmentPositioning` `#'direction` property (exclusively in a `Staff` context). Choices are `#UP` (or `#1`), `#CENTER` (or `#0`) and `#DOWN` (or `#-1`).

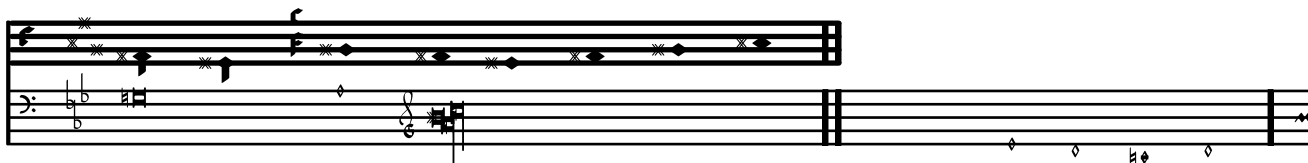
As you can see here, this property can be changed as many times as you wish. Use `\once \override` if you don't want the tweak to apply to the whole score.



`'ancient-fonts.ly'`

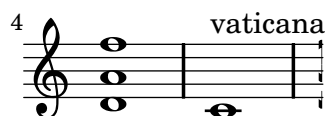
Here are shown many (all?) of the symbols that are included in LilyPond's support of ancient notation.





`'custodes.ly'`

Custodes may be engraved in various styles.



`'demonstrating-lilypond-support-for-figured-bass.ly'`

This snippet shows LilyPond's "limited support" (says the Documentation) for figured bass... well, maybe not so limited after all; moreover, though there are numerous BassFigure objects you can always use text markups instead to get precisely what you need.

You can find all of these examples in the manual; read the "Figured bass" section to learn how to add a figured bass with simple but powerful notation.



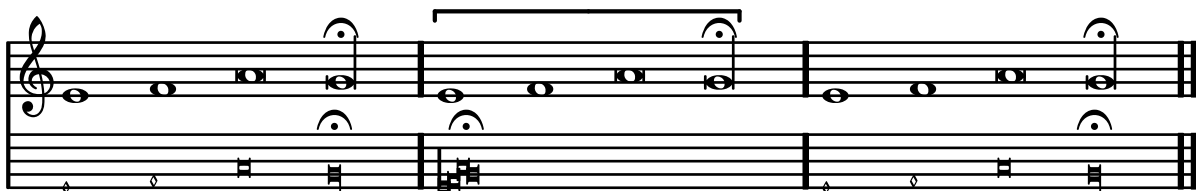
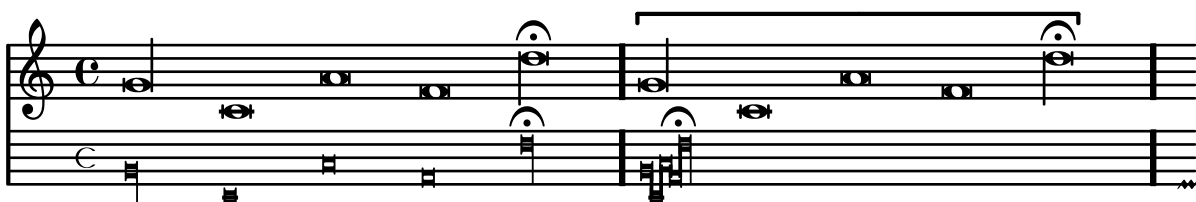
‘gregorian-scripts.ly’

Here is demonstrated a preliminary support of Gregorian Scripts:  
ictus, circulus, semicirculus, accentus, episem.



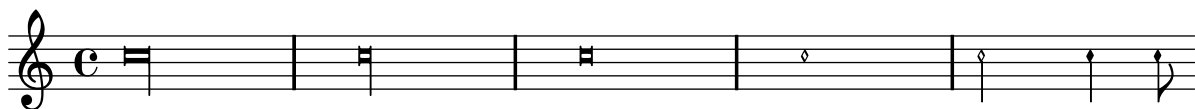
‘mensural-ligatures.ly’

In mensural ligatures, notes with ancient durations are printed in a tight manner.



‘mensural-note-heads.ly’

Mensural notes may also have note heads.



‘vaticana-ligatures.ly’

Vaticana ligature uses four staff lines, special clef, and calligraphic notes.

