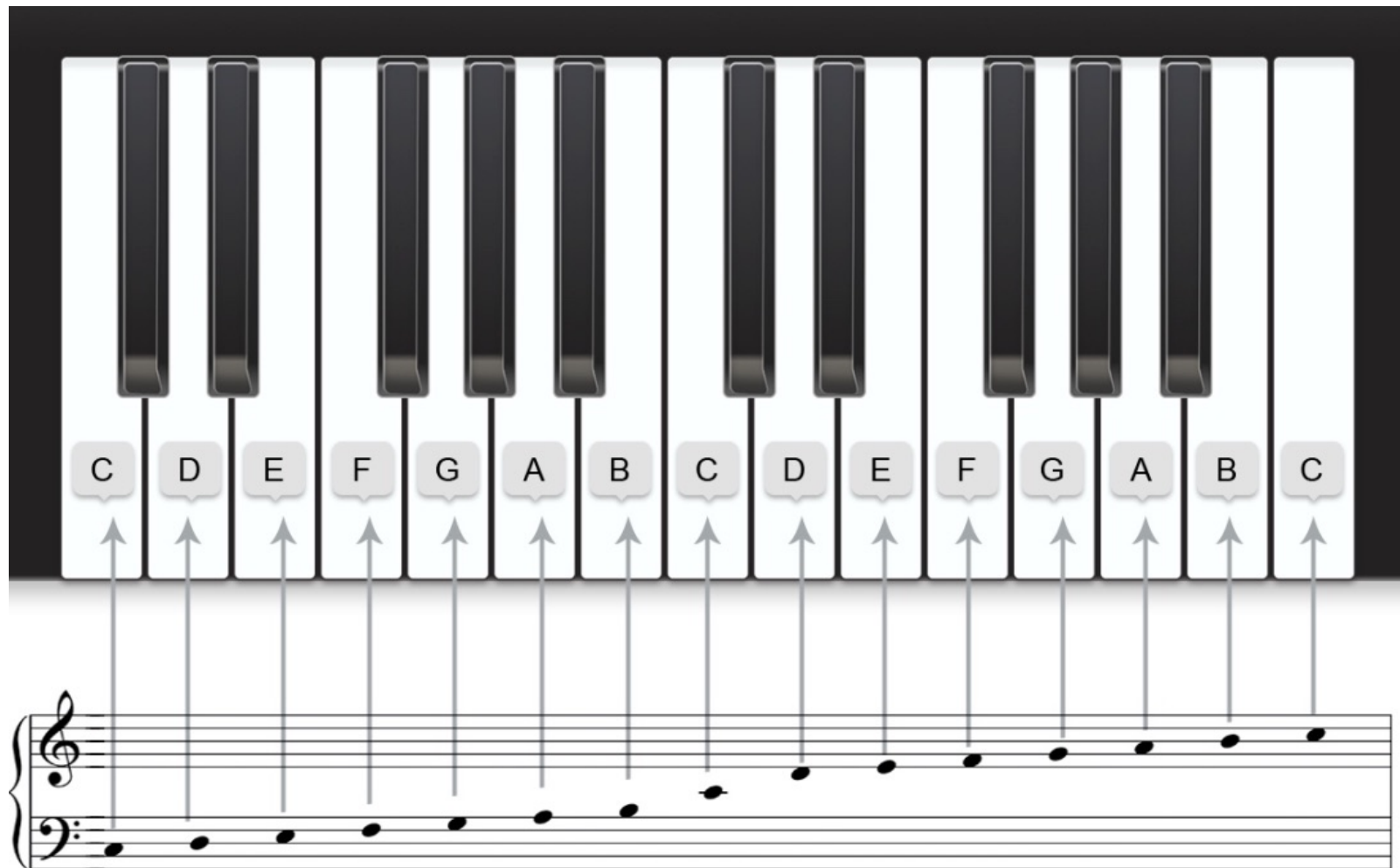


PIANO KEYBOARD



1. Determine Major Key (Sharps):

If the key signature contains sharps, the key is determined by the last sharp in the key signature. Go half a step up from that sharp to find the major key.

- Example: If the last sharp is F#, the key is G major.

2. Determine Major Key (Flats):

If the key signature contains flats, the key is determined by the second-to-last flat in the key signature.

- Example: If the second-to-last flat is E, the key is E flat major.

OR

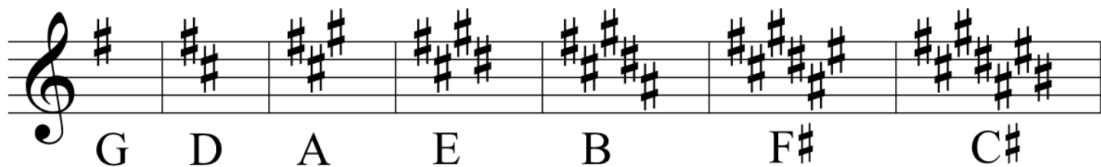


Figure 2.3.2. Major Key Signatures using Sharps



Figure 2.3.3. Major Key Signatures using Flats

Of course, there always has to be an exception. That would be sheet music that has no sharps and flats indicated. In that case, the key is C and just has to be remembered.