

"As used in Jiangnan sizhu, cipher notation uses the numerals one through seven to represent the seven degrees of (approximately) a major scale... A dot above or below a numeral indicates, respectively, a higher or lower octave. The duration of a numeral standing by itself is a quarter note [chosen conventionally as the duration of the tactus]. A single line beneath a numeral makes it an eighth note ..." (Witzleben 1995, 145)