

Notes on Distribution Through the Bounds

Distribution is a traditional form of symbolic direction. It takes a point in the chart, most commonly the Ascendant, and moves it forward in time using ascensional times, which is a kind of primary direction.

The point being directed is moved through the **bounds or terms**, an irregular subdivision assigned to each of the five planets within each zodiac sign. The movement is traditionally one degree of ascensional time per year of life.

Since it can take a number of years for the directed point to move through a term, this technique is good for determining major periods or phases in a person's life.

In each term or bound the two most important planets are

- the **Distributor**, which is the lord of the bound. This planet gives the main theme and meaning of the period. The Distributor stays in effect for the entire length of the bound.
- the **Partner**, which is the planet that most recently aspects or conjoins the bound. This planet signifies people, events and activities within the theme of the period. The Partner stays in effect until a new Partner is reached with a new aspect or conjunction. Partners cross bounds.

To interpret the meaning of an activated planet, consider:

- The **nature** of the planet
- the planet's **location**
- the **houses** the planet rules

When a planet is Distributor or Partner, that planet is active as a **Time Lord**, and the meaning of that planet in your chart is activated. The meaning is colored by its placement, condition, rulership and aspects in the natal chart.

When a planet is repeatedly activated as Distributor or Partner, the same kinds of themes tend to re-occur. Looking for repeating patterns over time is a good way to look for the meaning of a given period.

Distribution through the bounds gives the theme or meaning of periods ranging up to several years. Within that framework, annual profections focus on the theme and activity of a given year.

Other predictive techniques such as transits are best interpreted within the framework of the current distribution and profection. The transits of the activated planets, or transits to the activated planets, are particularly significant.