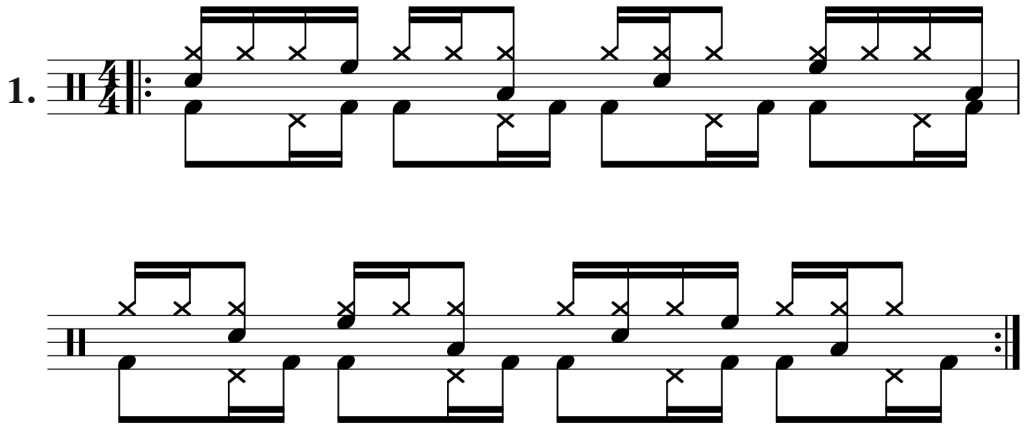Hardcore Independence